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for
The 64th Annual Meeting
of the



NORTH CAROLINA
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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**BYLAWS
OF
THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

In compliance with §55A-2-06 of the General Statutes of North Carolina

**Article 1
Name**

The name of this organization shall be the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists.

**Article 2
Purpose**

The purposes of this State Association of churches are to assist in the establishment and maintenance of voluntary associations of autonomous Free Will Baptist churches in fulfilling their ecclesiastical mission; to foster and promote involvement in the state and national associations of Free Will Baptist churches; and to encourage cooperative support, conduct meetings, and create fellowship among district associations of Free Will Baptist churches to further the cause of Christ. This organization operates as an association of churches exclusively for charitable, religious, and educational purposes according to the Bible as interpreted by Free Will Baptist doctrine.

**Article 3
Statement of Faith**

3.01 Incorporation by Reference. This association's statement of faith incorporates by reference parts II and III of The National Association of Free Will Baptist's *A Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*, which lists the statement of faith of Free Will Baptists.

3.02 Additional Faith Provisions. In addition to the beliefs incorporated by reference in section 3.01 of these bylaws, this association also adopts, as part of its statement of faith, the following positions:

(1) Marriage and Sexuality

- a. We believe that the term "marriage" has only one, legitimate meaning, and that is marriage sanctioned by God, which joins one man and one woman in a single, covenantal union, as delineated by Scripture. Marriage ceremonies performed in any facility owned, leased or rented by this association will be only those ceremonies sanctioned by God, joining one man with one woman as their genders were determined at birth. Whenever there is a conflict between the association's position and any new legal standard for marriage, the association's statement of faith, doctrines and biblical positions will govern. (Gen. 2:24; Eph. 5:22-23; Mark 10:6-9; I Cor. 7:1-9)
- b. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage as defined in (a) above. We believe that any other type of sexual activity, identity or expression that lies outside of this definition of marriage, including

those that are becoming more accepted in the culture and the courts, are contradictory to God's natural design and purpose for sexual activity. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1: 26-29; 1 Cor. 5:1; 6:9-10; 1 Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4)

- c. We believe that God wonderfully and immutably creates each person as male or female. These two distinct, complementary genders together reflect the image and nature of God and the rejection of one's biological gender is a rejection of the image of God within that person. (Genesis 1:26-27)

(2) Sanctity of Life

- a. Abortion. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion is murder and constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn human life. (Job 3:16; Ps. 51:5; 139:13-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:36, 44)
- b. Euthanasia. We believe that an act or omission which, of itself or by intention, facilitates premature death, is assuming a decision that is to be reserved for God. We do not believe that discontinuing medical procedures that are extraordinary or disproportionate to the expected outcome is euthanasia. (Ex. 20:13; 23:7; Matt. 5:21; Acts 17:28)

- (3) Love. We believe that we should demonstrate love for others, not only toward fellow believers, but also toward those who are not believers, those who oppose us, and those who engage in sinful actions. We are to deal graciously, gently, patiently, and humbly with those who oppose us. God forbids the stirring up of strife, the taking of revenge, or the threat or use of violence as a means of resolving personal conflict or obtaining personal justice. Although God commands us to abhor sinful actions, we are to love and pray for any person who engages in such actions. (Lev. 19:18; Matt. 5:44-48; Luke 6:31; John 13:34-35; Rom. 12:9-10; 17-21; 13:8-10; Phil. 2:2-4; II Tim. 2:24-26; Titus 3:2; I Peter 3:8-9; 1 John 3:17-18)

- (4) Lawsuits within the Church. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits within the Church. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. (1 Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32)

- (5) Protection of Children. We believe that children are a heritage from the Lord and must be absolutely protected within the body of Christ from any form of abuse or molestation. This association has zero tolerance for any person, whether paid staff, volunteer, member of an affiliated church, or visitor, who abuses or molests a child. (Ps. 127:3-5; Matt. 18:6; Matt. 19:14; Mark 10:14)

3.03 Authority of the Statement of Faith. The statement of faith does not exhaust the extent of our faith; the Bible itself is the sole and final source of all we believe. However, we do believe that the statement of faith, which includes the incorporated provisions and additional positions set forth in section 3.02 above, accurately represents the teachings of the Bible and, therefore, is binding upon all board members, officers, district associations, member churches, delegates, staff, and volunteers. All literature, whether print or electronic, used in the association, shall be in complete agreement with the statement of faith. All activities permitted or performed in any facilities owned, rented, or leased by this association, or engaged in by any staff member of the association (volunteer or paid) and all decisions of the administration of this association shall not conflict with the statement of faith.

Article 4 Membership

4.01 Requirements for Membership in the State Association. District Associations of Free Will Baptist churches may apply for membership in this State Association. A State Association committee, appointed by the State Association's executive board ("executive board"), shall examine the application and make any other investigation it deems appropriate. The committee shall make a recommendation to the executive board as to the appropriate action to take regarding membership. The decision regarding an application for membership shall be made by majority vote of delegates present and voting at the State Association annual meeting.

4.02 Annual Report and Fees. Each District Association holding membership in this State Association shall send in dues established by the State Association and a report of statistics to the annual State Association meeting on a form provided annually by the State Association. Included within these dues are the dues of the National Association which will be sent on to the National Association on behalf of the churches. Failure to complete and return dues and this report for two successive annual membership sessions of the State Association may be the basis for dismissal from the State Association by a majority vote of delegates present and voting at the annual State Association meeting.

4.03 Membership Affiliations. Each local church holding membership in an affiliated district association that is accepted for membership in this State Association shall automatically be a member of this State Association.

Article 5 Representation

5.01 Delegates to State Association Meetings. Voting representation in the State Association, at any session, shall be by delegates from the various District Associations which hold membership in the State Association according to the provisions of Article 4. Delegates are of two kinds: standing delegates, who are the ordained ministers and ordained deacons in good standing with a member church (see 4.03), as well as members of the Standing Boards of the State Association; and lay delegates who are elected representatives of the various District Associations affiliated with the State Association, according to the provisions of the by-laws.

Each affiliated district association shall be entitled to send five (5) lay delegates to the State Association.

5.02 Seating of Delegates at State Association Meetings.

At State Association Meetings, standing delegates are seated by recognition by the Moderator. Lay delegates are seated by a majority vote of the standing delegates present at the meeting.

Article 6 Standing Boards

6.01 Executive Board

- (1) Composition. The executive board shall consist of the officers (moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer) and three members at large elected by the delegates of the State Association in accordance with Article 8 of these bylaws.

- (2) General Duties. The executive board shall (a) arrange the program for the annual meeting and any special meetings of the association; (b) fill by majority vote vacancies that may occur on the executive board or other standing boards between meetings of the State Association; (c) promote the work of the State Association; (d) review the annual reports and proposed budgets of the executive board and any other boards and committees before they are presented to the State Association annual meeting; (e) provide for and give general supervision to State Association sponsored programs and service ministries; (f) decide by majority vote to employ and supervise a promotional director; and (g) determine honorariums or compensation, if necessary and appropriate.
- (3) Authority of Executive Board. The executive board is not authorized to act for the State Association except as provided by these bylaws of the State Association or as specifically directed by majority vote of the delegates from the district associations.
- (4) Creation of Committees. The executive board may, by majority vote, create various committees as it deems necessary and appropriate in compliance with Article 10 of these bylaws.
- (5) Term of Office of Executive Board Members. The moderator and the assistant moderator shall be elected for a term of two years and are eligible for re-election for another two-year term, their tenures not to exceed two complete consecutive terms. The clerk, treasurer, and members-at-large shall be elected to a term of three years and are eligible for re-election for another three-year term, their tenures not to exceed two complete consecutive terms. Each executive board member shall have a term limit of two consecutive complete terms in the same position on the executive board.
- (6) Custodian of Association Property. The executive board shall be the legal custodian of all property belonging to the association, except in the case of the other standing boards of the association, which by action of the association are authorized to incorporate.

6.02 Other Standing Boards

- (1) List of other standing boards. The following standing boards shall exist as part of the State Association:
 - a. North Carolina Free Will Baptist State Missions Board
 - b. North Carolina Free Will Baptist Youth Ministries Board
- (2) Duties of Other Standing Boards. Each of the other standing boards shall:
 - a. Promote the work within the state as would generally be recognized as coming within the purview of the respective board.
 - b. Be responsible to the State Association for all their actions.
 - c. Propose bylaws for the governing of their respective work (the bylaws of each board shall be presented to the State Association for approval).
 - d. Maintain accurate records of all committee meetings and decisions and make an annual report of its accomplishments to the State Association.
 - e. Prepare a budget of proposed expenditures that shall be presented to the State Association for approval.

(3) Election and Terms of Office of Other Standing Board Members

- a. Each of the standing boards listed in section 6.02 shall be composed of five members elected by the State Association members at the annual meeting of the State Association.
- b. No person shall hold membership on more than one standing board at the same time.
- c. The members of the boards listed in 6.02 shall each have a term of office of five years with their terms arranged so that one member's term expires annually, their tenures not to exceed two consecutive complete terms.
- d. Each of the standing boards listed in section 6.02 shall elect among its members a chairman and a clerk.

(4) Meetings of Other Standing Boards

- a. Meetings of other standing boards shall be held at the discretion of each board's chairman.
- b. A quorum for standing board meetings listed in this section shall consist of a majority of current board members. Any one or more standing board members may participate in a meeting of a standing board by means of a conference telephone, web-based conference, or similar communications equipment or device, by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participating by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for purposes of determining if a quorum is present.
- c. Notice of meetings shall be provided by the standing board's clerk at least one week prior to the date of the meeting, when possible, by each member's chosen method of notice (U.S. Postal Mail, electronic mail, text or phone call).
- d. A majority vote of present and voting members of the standing board shall carry the motion or decision being considered. Absentee voting is not permitted, and no voting shall be done by proxy in standing board meetings.

Article 7 Officers and Their Duties

7.01 Corporate Officers. The officers of this State Association shall be members of the executive board and shall include a State Association moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, and a treasurer.

7.02 State Association Moderator. The State Association moderator shall (1) preside at meetings of the State Association and its executive board; (2) call meetings of the executive board of his own volition or upon request of at least three members of the executive board; and (3) fulfill whatever responsibilities that may be commensurate with the office or that may be delegated by the executive board.

7.03 Assistant Moderator. The assistant moderator shall (1) preside at the request of, or in the absence of, the moderator at the meetings of the State Association and its executive board; and shall (2) assist the moderator in such manner as may be requested.

7.04 Clerk. The clerk shall (1) prepare accurate minutes of the proceedings of all meetings of the State Association and the executive board; (2) provide for the safe keeping of such minutes; (3) preserve the record of said proceedings; (4) handle such official correspondence as may be directed by the State Association; (5) sign, certify, or attest documents as may be required by law; (6) see that reports, statements, certificates, and all other documents and records required by law are properly kept and filed; and (7) see that notices are duly given in accordance with the provisions of these bylaws. In the

case of the absence or disability of the clerk, or upon his or her refusal to act, notice may be given by the moderator or the assistant moderator of the executive board.

7.05 Treasurer. The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the State Association or its executive board and, along with the moderator, is invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of State Association funds. He shall keep an account of all funds received and disbursed and make interim reports to the board as requested and to the annual meeting of the State Association.

Article 8 Election of Officers

8.01 Limitations on Officers. No person shall hold more than one State Association elected office at the same time unless an exception is made by a majority vote of the executive board. The offices of moderator and assistant moderator shall be filled on an alternating basis from the eastern and western districts of the state. The eastern districts shall be the Coastal, Palmer, Pamlico, and Randall. The western districts shall be the Blue Ridge, Foothills, Piedmont, and Southern Piedmont. When the moderator is elected from one area, the assistant moderator shall be elected from the other.

8.02 Nominations of Officers. Prior to each annual meeting, the executive board shall elect, by a majority vote, a nominating committee, which shall present their nominations report to the association delegates at the annual meeting. After the nominating committee report is presented, additional nominations for any office may be made from the floor.

8.03 Election of Officers. After nominations have been presented, all officers shall be elected by a majority vote of the association delegates present and voting at the annual State Association meeting.

8.04 Term of Office. Consistent with section 6.01(5) of these bylaws, each officer of the executive board and of this association (moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, and treasurer) shall have a term of office of two years (moderator, assistant moderator) or three years (clerk, treasurer).

Article 9 Meetings of the Executive Board and the State Association

9.01 Annual State Association Meeting. This association shall convene in regular annual session on the first Monday and Tuesday after the first Sunday in June at a place determined by the executive board. In the event of an emergency resulting from a cancellation of the place approved by the State Association during the annual meeting, the executive board shall have the power to make a suitable choice of location for the remainder of the annual meeting.

9.02 Special State Association Meetings. The executive board moderator (or a majority vote of the executive board if the office of moderator is vacant or if the moderator is the subject of possible disciplinary action) may call for special State Association meetings.

9.03 Executive Board Meetings. Executive board meetings shall be held on a semi-annual basis or as determined by the executive board. Special meetings may be called according to the procedures in 7.02.

9.04 Quorum. A quorum for board meetings shall consist of a majority of current executive board members. A quorum for annual or special State Association meetings shall be those qualified members in attendance at such meeting.

9.05 Notice of Meetings

- (1) State Association Meetings. Notice of the annual State Association meeting shall be sent with the date, time, and location of the meeting and be sent via email or U.S. Postal Mail to each State Association at least four weeks preceding the meeting. Notice of special State Association meetings must include the date, time, location, and purpose of the meeting and shall be sent via email or U.S. Postal Mail at least two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.
- (2) Board Meetings. Notice of semi-annual executive board meetings shall include the date, time, and location of the meeting, and be sent to each board member in accordance with his or her preferred written method of notice, whether via email or U.S. Postal Mail, at least one week preceding the meeting. Notice of special board meetings must include the date, time, location, and purpose of the meeting and shall be sent to each board member via email or phone at least twenty-four hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

9.06 Moderation at Meetings

- (1) Moderator. The moderator, or in his absence or unwillingness to act, the assistant moderator, shall preside at all executive board meetings and State Association meetings.
- (2) Rules of Procedure. The moderator, or in his absence or unwillingness to act, the assistant moderator, shall determine the rules of procedure according to his sense of fairness and common sense, giving all members a reasonable opportunity to be heard on a matter. For rules of decorum, Robert's Rules of Order should be used as a guide when applicable, except in cases where Robert's Rules are superseded by the rules of the association. The moderator is the final authority on questions of procedure, and his decision is final and controlling. For any meeting under this article, the moderator, in his sole discretion, shall have full and unilateral authority to require nonmembers (or children, if circumstances so warrant) to leave the meeting room and to order the immediate removal of any member or other person present who is deemed by the moderator to be disruptive to the proceedings by act or presence. If the moderator determines that compliance with his order of removal is unsatisfactory, he may, in his sole discretion, revoke the disruptive person's right to remain on the premises and treat the person as a trespasser.

9.07 Voting at Meetings

- (1) Eligible Persons. Voting at executive board and State Association meetings is limited to eligible persons present at the meeting. "Eligible persons" means, for purposes of executive board meetings, duly elected executive board members and, for purposes of State Association meetings, eligible delegates from district associations who hold membership with the State Association.
- (2) Absentee and Proxy Voting. Absentee voting is not permitted, and no voting shall be done by proxy in any State Association, executive or other standing board, or committee meeting.
- (3) Electronic Means of Participation. Any one or more executive board members may participate

in a meeting of the executive board by means of a conference telephone, web-based conference, or similar communications equipment or device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participating by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for purposes of determining if a quorum is present. Electronic means of participation is not permitted for purposes of quorum or voting at State Association meetings.

- (4) Required Number of Votes. A majority vote will constitute the requisite number of votes for passage of amendments and motions, whether by the executive board voting at a meeting of the executive board or by the delegates voting in a State Association meeting.

9.08 Emergency Meeting Provision.

- (1) Should necessity arise from war, or pestilence or any cause which prevents a regular meeting of the State Association, whether such a condition is of a local or general condition, then a special body shall be privileged to call and act with full authority in all matters pertaining to the general welfare of the State Association, providing whatever transactions passed shall be by two-thirds vote of the members present, and providing that such transactions shall not conflict with the purpose and edicts of the bylaws of the State Association.
- (2) This special body will be comprised of the Executive Board and the Moderators (or their proxy) of the district associations. Each district association shall establish their own procedures to select the proxy (should the Moderator be unable to attend).
- (3) Any one or more of this special body may participate in this meeting of the special body by means of a conference telephone, web-based conference, or similar communications equipment or device by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other at the same time. Participating by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting for purposes of determining if a quorum is present.

Article 10 Committees

10.01 Creation of Committees. Various special committees shall be created by majority vote of the executive board or the State Association delegates when need arises. The number of members of a committee shall be determined by the establishing body (executive board or State Association as a whole). Committee members shall be appointed by the moderator unless otherwise provided by the action creating the committee. Committee members shall serve for the length of time provided in 10.02, until their work has been completed, until they are released, or until their successors are chosen.

10.02 Term of Committee Service. The members of any committees established by the executive board shall each serve a term of office of three years, with their terms arranged so that at least one committee member's term expires annually.

10.03 Standing Committees. Except as otherwise provided below, the following committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator to serve the board and to serve during the annual State Association meeting.

- (1) Credentials Committee. The Credentials Committee shall consist of three members. This committee shall meet with the Promotional Director to verify the registration at the State Association Annual Meeting, the reports and dues from each District Association, and report such to the body. The Credentials Committee will be responsible to investigate any dispute regarding letters to the association, or legitimacy of any delegates.
- (2) Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee shall consist of three members. The Resolutions Committee shall screen resolutions that are presented to the annual association meeting. Only resolutions determined by this committee to be worthy are to be presented to the association by the committee.
- (3) Obituary Committee. The obituary committee will receive names of deceased leaders from the past year. This committee will give a report to the State Association so that these names can be included in the minutes.

10.04 Quorum and Voting at Committee Meetings. For purposes of conducting committee meetings and business, a majority of committee members shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of those members present and voting shall constitute the requisite number of votes for passage of proposals and motions.

10.05 Authority of Committees. Committees, whether standing or special, have no authority to act on behalf of the association. Their primary function is to research and recommend. Committees shall make available upon request all records and materials to the executive board, who shall have the right to overrule any plans or decisions made by the committee. Each committee shall elect among its number a chairman and a secretary. The chairman shall conduct the business of the committee meetings, and the secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting and timely submit the minutes to both the executive board moderator and secretary to be filed with the association's records. If deemed appropriate by the executive board, the committee secretary, in conjunction with the chairman, shall submit an annual report to the executive board of the decisions and plans of the committee.

Article 11 Discipline

This association has no judicial or appellate powers conflicting with the autonomy of the local churches or District Associations constituting this State Association.

This State Association shall have the right to settle any questions of discipline, doctrine, or practice that may properly come before it from any members of the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists, or act upon any appeal that may be made by any member church of the State Association regarding action taken against it by its District Association.

Any question or appeal shall be presented in writing to the Executive Board. The Executive Board shall, at its discretion, hear the question or appeal and shall make a recommendation to the State Association as to the course of action it deems best.

Any action which the State Association may take regarding an appeal cannot reverse the action of any District Association, although it may act in an advisory capacity toward that end. Actual disciplinary action can deal only with the District Association's rights as a member of the State Association; and in this vein the State Association may refuse to seat the delegates from a District Association for a session of the State Association or may ultimately withdraw fellowship from the member.

Article 12

Limitation of Liability and Binding Arbitration

12.01 Limitation of Liability. This association is not responsible for the actions of local member churches or district associations that constitute the members of this association nor for the actions of members or attendees of such local churches or district associations.

12.02 Submission to Arbitration. Delegates to this association, officers, board members, and members of the local churches or district associations that constitute the membership of this association agree to submit to binding arbitration any legal matters that arise between the member churches, district associations, or conventions and this association or between the individuals within the member churches, district associations, or conventions and this association that cannot otherwise be resolved, and they expressly waive any and all rights in law and equity to bring any civil disagreement before a court of law, except that judgment upon the award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

12.03 Arbitration Procedures. The procedures for arbitration shall be as adopted by the executive board. If the executive board has not adopted procedures, the church will use arbitration procedures provided by the National Center for Life and Liberty. This arbitration provision is ecclesiastical and faith-based in nature and is intended to operate under the rules and guidelines of this association. It is not intended to operate under any state or federal guidelines for arbitration.

Article 13

Tax-Exemption Provisions

13.01 Private Inurement. No part of the net earnings of the association shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, officers, board members, or other private persons except that the association shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth above in Article 2.

13.02 Political Involvement. No substantial part of the activities of the association shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and to the extent prohibited by law, the association shall not participate in or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

13.03 Limitation of Activities. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the association shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (IRC) or (b) by an organization contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the IRC.

13.04 Dissolution. Upon the dissolution of the corporation, no part of the corporation's assets shall inure to the benefit of any of its members and shall be distributed to the National Association of Free Will Baptists or to another organization of like faith and practice that is organized for one or more

exempt purposes within the meaning of IRC 501(c)(3) at the time of distribution. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization(s) as said court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

13.05 Nondiscrimination Policy. This association shall not discriminate against member churches, district associations, officers, delegates, board members, or others on the basis of race, color, or national and ethnic origin. As a religious institution, however, this organization reserves the right to deny membership or employment or to terminate the membership or employment of persons whose lifestyle, words, actions, or otherwise do not align with the association's incorporated Treatise of Faith and Practice, additional articles of faith, code of conduct, or other policies of this organization.

Article 14 Amendments

These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member delegates present and voting at a State Association meeting provided the amendment is presented, at a minimum, the day before the vote.

These bylaws were adopted by a majority vote of the member delegates present and voting at a duly called meeting of the State Association in which a quorum was present.

These bylaws supersede any other bylaws of the State Association.

June 6, 2023
Date

Jeff Silver
State Association Clerk

North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists

Overview of 2026 Proposed Changes and Updates to the NCFWB Bylaws

The NCFWB Executive Board is proposing the following changes to our NCFWB bylaws. Per our bylaws, "These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the member delegates present and voting at a State Association meeting provided the amendment is presented, at a minimum, the day before the vote."

8.01 Limitations on Officers. No person shall hold more than one State Association elected office at the same time unless an exception is made by a majority vote of the executive board. ~~The offices of moderator and assistant moderator shall be filled on an alternating basis from the eastern and western districts of the state. The eastern districts shall be the Coastal, Palmer, Pamlico, and Randall. The western districts shall be the Blue Ridge, Foothills, Piedmont, and Southern Piedmont. When the moderator is elected from one area, the assistant moderator shall be elected from the other.~~

***Rationale:** The NCFWB Executive Board believes we are past the era of geographical division in our state and that this limitation is no longer needed. If a brother is qualified to serve, it should not matter where he lives or where his church is located.*

9.01 Annual State Association Meeting. This association shall convene in regular annual session on the first ~~second~~ Monday and Tuesday after the first Sunday in June at a place determined by the executive board. ~~In the event of an emergency resulting from a cancellation of the place approved by the State Association during the annual meeting, the executive board shall have the power to make a suitable choice of location for the remainder of the annual meeting.~~

***Rationale:** The second Monday of June would give us a consistent date on our schedule (always two weeks after Memorial Day), and would keep us in a spot with no schedule conflicts with other State Meetings.*

**Minutes of the 63rd Annual Session of the
North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
*Hold Fast: Hebrews 10:23***

Embassy Suites Hotel; Greensboro, North Carolina June 2-3, 2025
Josh Baer, Moderator; Jeff Silver, Clerk

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 2, 2025, 9:30AM

Brother Kevin Justice led the congregation in the singing of “Oh How I Love Jesus.” Brother Josh Baer welcomed everyone to the 63rd North Carolina State Meeting. Brother Josh then welcomed Brother Reuben Cason to welcome everyone and open the meeting in prayer. Rejoice Ministry Team ministered through music. Brother Sherman Branch introduced Rev. Leonard Bowers as the speaker.. Brother Leonard read from 1 Peter 5:1-9. Three things to help us battle Ugly. 1) Help Me to remember what my work is and who owns the work from verse 2. 2) The Shepherd’s Reward is Sweet from verse 4. 3) Help is Available from verse 1. Brother Kevin led the body in singing, “I surrender All” for the altar call.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 2, 2025, 10:50 AM

Brother Kevin Justice led the congregation in the singing of “The Solid Rock.” Brother Christian Powell introduced Rev. Daryl Grimes as the speaker. Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through music. Brother Daryl read from 2 Timothy 1:13-18 on this thought; Making Sound Doctrine a Priority. 1) Receive Sound Doctrine 2) Guard Sound Doctrine 3) Live Sound Doctrine. Brother Josh closed in prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION June 2, 2025

Brother Josh welcomed everyone back from lunch. He then read Hebrews 10:19-25 and prayed. Brother Josh then seated delegates and lay delegates. M/S/C
Brother Josh welcomed visiting ministries and recognized them.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Credentials Committee

Steve Crank- Chair
Don Droughn
Henry Potter

Obituary Committee

Jack Ward- Chair
Colby Davis
Stuart Harmon

Resolutions Committee

Nate Ange- Chair
Allen Hall
David Murphy

Nominating Committee

Brian Cameron- Chairman
Daryl Grimes
Justin Grigg

Troy Bordeaux
Mike Harper

Executive Board Report presented by the clerk, Jeff Silver. He referred to the minutes of the Executive Board meetings as reported on pages 18-20. M/S/C

Brother Reuben, the state Promotional Director presented his report. Thanked the state for their support and expressed his appreciation for his family. Asked Brother Norman Gordon and his wife to stand and be recognized. He is the pastor of the Northern Free Will Baptist Church from the Original Association has joined us. Reported on the Pastor and Wives Retreat and the Minister's Retreat. Read a card from the Swannanoa Church to express their appreciation for the support. Finance report found on page 24 for Benevolent Fund and Car Fund. Budget and Expenses report found on page 30. Proposed Budget found on page 33. Brother Josh presented the budget for 2025. M/S/C

Brother Reuben presented the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund found on page 55 and 56.. Encouraged others to support. M/S/C

Brother Rueben closed with some personal remarks. Thanked the state for the support during the time of his mother's passing.

Brother Jeff Manning presented the Treasurer's report found on page 21-22. The Executive Board Proposed Budget is found on page 22. M/S/C

Brother Cliff Donoho gave the Home Missions Board report. Brother Jeff Davis was recognized to give the Missions' Treasurer's report. Brother Chuck Overcash was recognized in order to recognize Brother Brian Bird for his service on the NC Mission Board over the last 12 years. M/S/C Brother Josh called Brother Brandon to the stage to give an update on the Equip Church.

Brother Derek Cominskie presented the Youth Board Report which is found on page 43. Talked about the "SHINE" conference. Hosted a March Madness for Missions, raised over \$7928.00. 97 entries at the State competition. M/S/C

NC Women's Ministry- Sister Michelle Sailors presented their report which is found on page 42. M/S/C

Steve Crank presented a partial report for the Credentials.

All 8 associations
149 churches
74 Ordained Ministers
0 Licensed Minister
0 Appointed Delegates
20 Associate Pastors

5 Registered Missionaries
112 Visitors Registered
Registered Deacons 3
214 Total People Registered

Brother Ken Cash presented a report for Southeastern FWB College. M/S/C

Dr. Moody presented a report from the National Executive office.

Brother Todd Parrish from Welch College was recognized to bring greetings and a report.
Brother Josh closed in prayer.

MONDAY EVENING SERVICE-June 2, 2025 6:30 PM

The choir began the service by singing, Surely Mercy. Brother Sam Harris opened the service by leading everyone in the singing of "This is Amazing Grace" and "I Will Say of the Lord Melody." "Brother Chris Truett welcomed everyone to the service. He called for the ushers and indicated that it would go to offset the cost of the State meeting. Brother Sam led the choir in the singing of "All Because of Mercy." Brother Chris Truett introduced Brother Mark Clifton as the speaker for tonight. Rejoice Ministry Team sang and prepared out hearts for the word. Brother Mark read from Luke 3:21-22, Luke 7:18. "Jesus are you the one? 1) Circumstances 2) Listening to outside influences 3) Unmet expectations 4) Incomplete Revelation. Brother Chris closed in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 3, 2025 9:00 AM

Brother Sam Harris led the congregation in the singing of "Love Lifted Me." Brother Doug Western introduced Brother Mark Clifton. Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through a couple of songs. Brother Mark Clifton read from John 4:5-10. Brother Mark closed the session in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 3, 2025 10:20AM

Brother Sam Harris led the congregation in the singing of "Victory in Jesus." Brother Rueben Cason led in prayer and introduced Brother Mark Clifton as the speaker. Rejoice Ministry Team ministered through a couple of songs. Brother Mark How Do you begin to dig the wells? 1) Preach 2) Pray 3) Love 4) Stay" Preparing for the Storm 1) Have a Scripture 2) Have a Song 3) Spiritual Discipline 4) Have a friend. Brother Josh called for Brother Chris Truett to lead prayer as we laid hands on brother Mark.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS- June 3, 2025 1:30PM

Brother Chris Truett opened the afternoon session with scripture reading from Ephesians 5:17-21 and prayer. Brother Josh recognized brother Danny Gasperson from International Missions and all of our foreign missionaries that are present.

Brother Josh recognized Brother Rick Bowling from North American Ministries to give an update.

Brother Josh recognized Dr. Ron Hunter from D6 Family Ministries to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh recognized Chris Compton the Richland Ave. Financial to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh recognized Scott Coghill from the board of FWB Foundations to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh recognized Ruth McDonald from FWB Women's Ministries (WNAC).

Brother Josh recognized brother Carl Miller who represents Harvest Time Child Care Ministries for a ministry update.

Brother Josh recognized brother Jim McComas from FWB Family Ministries to give a ministry update.

Brother Josh recognized Sherman Branch to give a ministry update on "Songs in the Night"

Brother Josh recognized Daryl Grimes to present the Ray of Hope ministries.

Brother Josh recognized Coel Sours to advocate for Youth Camp for your students.

Brother Josh recognized Luke Johnson to promote the Landon Story Foundation.

Mike Harper made a motion from the floor to continue the Pastor and Wives retreat for the funding of 1 night hotel stay for each pastor. M/S/C

Credentials Committee Final Report

149 Churches

8 Associations

72 Ordained Ministers

0 Licensed Ministers

0 Appointed delegates

19 Associate Pastors

5 Missionaries

107 Visitors

Total 205 M/S/C

Stuart Harmon presented the obituary report for 2024-2025

Janice Cason

Bobby Aycock

Sue Aycock

Jared Johnson

Brian Cameron presented the Nominations for the state.

Executive Board

Travis Moots Replacing Jeff Silver as Clerk
Sherman Branch replacing Sherman Branch

NC State Mission Board

The Nominating committee nominated Steve Crank
Daryl Grimes was nominated from the floor and won the vote.
Daryl Grimes to replace Brian Bird whose terms expired.

Youth Board

Cutler Harris replacing Jonathan Reed(moving out of the state)
Jonathan Cribb Replacing Devin Cominski (moving out of state)
Cole Sours replacing Cole Sours

M/S/C

Resolutions Committee

Whereas, North Carolina Free Will Baptist met for the 63rd annual meeting at the Embassy Suites of Greensboro, North Carolina entitled, "Hold Fast", and

Whereas the pastors and lay leaders of North Carolina enjoyed the arrangements, the services, and other accommodations;

Therefore, with a rising vote, we thank Reuben Cason and his family, the Executive Committee, and the Embassy Suites for making this session a great success.

Nate Ange

Allen Hall

David Murphy

M/S/C

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE- June 3, 2025 6:00PM

Brother Kevin Justice began the service by leading the congregation in singing "This is Amazing Grace." Brother Jeff Manning called the Men's Ensemble to the stage and called forth the ushers. He read from Psalm 133 and Ephesians 4. Brother Jeff prayed over the offering and The Men's Ensemble sang, "It will be worth it all." Brother Kevin led the congregation in the singing of "Trust in God." Brother Jeff Manning introduced Brother Scott Coghill as tonight's speaker. The Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through song. Brother Scott read from 1 Timothy 3:14-16. "Purpose of the Church." 1) When we are consumed by Jesus it brings Structure to the body. Verse 14-15. 2) It also brings Unity in the Body 3) It Gives the body purpose. V15b. 4) It brings a purity or integrity to the body. Brother Josh closed out the meeting with prayer.

**North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

September 9, 2025

Text Vote

Voting Members: Josh Baer, Chris Truett, Travis Moots, Jeff Manning, Sherman Branch, Christian Powell, Doug Western, Reuben Cason.

Resolved: Release remaining Helene Relief Funds to Swannanoa FWB Church.

Motion: Josh Baer

Secon: Jeff manning

Unanimously carried

**North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting Minutes**

Hampton Inn – Greensboro, NC 27409

September 22, 2025, 12:30 PM

Attendees: Josh Baer, Chris Truett, Travis Moots, Jeff Manning, Sherman Branch, Christian Powell, Doug Western, Reuben Cason.

Review of Text Discussion and Vote

9/09/25

All members participated and voted via text group.

Resolved: Release remaining Helene Relief Funds to Swannanoa FWB Church. M/S/C.

Devotion and Prayer: Sherman Branch shared a truth from 2 Corinthians 4:6-7 that relates our lives to clay in the Potter's hand.

Resolved: Approve the Minutes from March 18 and September 9.

Motion/Second

Unanimously carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Manning shared the financial report which covers 1/1/25 – 6/30/25. The ending balance for the Truist Bank account on 6/30/25 was \$5,863.97. The ending balance for the C.E.L.F. accounts on 6/30/25: rest home sale \$391,732.39, missions trust \$187,866.76, and the general fund trust \$68,909.74.

Resolved: Approve the financial report.

Motion/Second

Unanimously carried

State Promotional Director's Report

Director Reuben Cason shared his report from the state promotional office. A budget update was provided as well as an overview of our NCAFWB churches. We currently have ten churches without pastors, one church closed, one church was added, five need music or youth leaders, and one needs an associate pastor. 146 churches are currently in the NCAFWB. Two church mergers in the past year have gone well; one is in Lexington, and the other is in Washington.

Resolved: Approve the promotional director's report.

Motion/Second

Unanimously carried

Resolved: Approve the allocation of hurricane relief funds to Swannanoa.

Donated funds for hurricane relief will be sent to Swannanoa FWB Church.

Motion/Second

Unanimously carried

Other Business

NCFWB Seniors Retreat: Holiday Inn Express in Ashville, NC, on November 18-19.

NCFWB State Meeting

A. June 8-9, 2026, at the Embassy Suites in Greensboro, NC

B. The theme for the 2026 meeting will be "Embrace Your Calling." (2 Timothy 4:5)

C. Speakers: Josh Butler (Monday AM), Allen Hall (Monday AM), Brent Patrick (Monday PM), Rusty Russell (Tuesday AM), Cliff Donoho (Tuesday AM), and Henry Horne (Tuesday PM).

State Ministers Marriage Retreat: Established dates are Spring - March 26-27, 2026, at Beach Cove in North Myrtle Beach, SC.

Discussion: NC pastors have been utilizing the NAFWB Executive Office's counseling service, accounting for 25% of their expenses, and counseling continues to be an increasing need for NC pastors. \$10,000 from the rest home account will be sent to the executive office to support this service.

Resolved: Donate \$10,000 from the rest home account to the executive office.

Motion/Second

Unanimously carried

Spring Meeting: Tuesday, March 17, 2026, (9:30am – 1:00pm in Durham).

Closing prayer: Christian Powell

North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Shady Grove FWB Church, Durham, NC 27703
March 17, 2026, 9:30 AM

Attendees: Josh Baer, Travis Moots, Jeff Manning, Christian Powell, Doug Western, Reuben Cason.

Devotion and Prayer: Travis Moots presented a devotion from Philippians 2:4-8 regarding pride and humility.

Resolved: Approve the Minutes from September 22, 2025.

Motion: Jeff Manning

Second: Christian Powell

Unanimously carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jeff Manning shared the financial report which covers 1/1/25 – 12/31/25. The ending balances reported are \$9,920.06 in the general fund checking account, \$337,619.76 in the rest home account, \$193,378.52 in the missions trust, and \$70,391.46 in the general fund trust. It was clarified that the Christmas bonus paid to the promotional director was distributed after Christmas and will be reflected in the 2026 financial statements.

Resolved: Approve the treasure's report.

Motion: Christian Powell

Second: Josh Baer

Unanimously carried

Resolved: Combine all three CELF accounts into one account to be called CELF Reserves, which will serve as a reserve to earn interest that will fund state board expenses as approved by the state.

Motion: Josh Baer

Second: Travis Moots

Unanimously carried

Mission Board Report

Equip Church in Hickory welcomed Isaiah and Anna Smith to become the Next Gen Pastor. The mission board has met with churches about potential revitalization. The board is eagerly searching for a new church planter to begin a new plant in North Carolina. The New Project Fund has a current balance of \$20,334.39.

Resolved: Receive the Mission Board report.

Motion: Jeff Manning

Second: Christian Powell

Unanimously carried

Youth Ministries Board Report

Derek Cominskie presented the report. Youth Ministries plan to raise funds with the March Madness for Missions and a golf tournament. The funds will be used to offset costs for students who compete in the CTS competition at the national convention. 93 students are currently registered to compete in 2026. The board plans to continue organizing childcare during the state meeting to make attendance feasible for younger pastors and wives.

Resolved: Receive the Youth Ministries Board Report.

Motion: Jeff Manning

Second: Christian Powell

Unanimous carried

State Promotional Director's Report

Director Reuben Cason shared his report from the state promotional office. He reported the encouraging news that church services have resumed in Swannanoa, the church severely damaged during Hurricane Helene. In 2025, \$170,115.00 was distributed for hurricane relief (this is the explanation for a -\$142,183.66 income/loss net income), and the ending balance is \$42,244.96 with a reserve (C.E.L.F account) balance of \$77,978.97. We have 12 churches currently looking for a pastor.

Resolved: Receive the promotional director's report and propose the 2027 budget.

Motion: Travis Moots

Second: Josh Baer

Unanimously carried

Resolved: Propose the elimination of the geographical requirements for electing officers.

Motion: Doug Western

Second: Jeff Manning

Unanimously carried

Resolved: Propose the 2027 executive board budget.

Motion: Jeff Manning

Second: Christian Powell

Unanimously carried

North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Email Vote

March 31, 2026

Voting Members: Josh Baer, Travis Moots, Jeff Manning, Christian Powell, Doug Western.

Discussion: In an email to the board, Josh Baer (moderator) presented a request to increase the budget for Ruben Cason's new car. A few more thousand added to his budget would get him in a low-mileage late model rather than a 2022 or older model.

Authorizing Reuben to spend up to \$29,500 on this car purchase, with his \$9,000 trade-in, would give him a total budget of \$38,500 for a newer vehicle and keep his CELF reserves balance at or above \$60,000.

Resolved: Authorize Reuben Cason to spend up to \$29,500 plus the trade-in to purchase a vehicle replacement.

Motion: Jeff Manning

Second: Doug Western

Unanimously carried

North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
Email Vote
April 15, 2026

Voting Members: Josh Baer, Jeff Manning, Christian Powell, Travis Moots, Doug Western, Reuben Cason, Sherman Branch, and Chris Truett.

Resolved: A change to the bylaws setting the State Meeting as the second Monday and Tuesday of June.

Motion: Josh Baer

Second: Chris Truett

Unanimously carried

**NC Association of Free Will Baptists
TREASURER'S REPORT**

January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

General Fund Community Checking Account – Truist Bank

Beginning Balance – 1/1/25	\$ 7,738.32
Total Deposits	\$38,097.53
Total Expenses	\$35,915.79
Ending Balance – 12/31/25	\$ 9,920.06

C.E.L.F. Accounts

Rest Home Sale Balance as of 1/1/25	\$390,680.19
Total Earnings (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 22,139.57
Total Withdrawals (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 35,000.00
Rest Home Sale Balance as of 12/31/25	\$377,819.76

Missions Trust Balance as of 1/1/25	\$182,587.96
Total Earnings (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 10,780.56
Total Withdrawals (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 0.00
Missions Trust Balance as of 12/31/25	\$193,378.52

General Fund Trust Balance as of 1/1/25	\$ 66,977.15
Total Earnings (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 3,954.31
Total Withdrawals (as of 12/31/25)	\$ 0.00
General Fund Trust Balance as of 12/31/25	\$ 70,931.46

TOTAL CASH ASSETS: **\$652,049.80**

Integrity Senior Properties value of our interest:

- **4.1834%** Entity ownership – Current value is unknown (±\$255,000.00)

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeff Manning

NC Association of FWB Treasurer

2027 NCFWB EXECUTIVE BOARD PROPOSED BUDGET

Income/Expenses/Budget

Income	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2027 Proposed</u>
Interest Income CELF	\$36,874.44	\$36,936.86	\$36,800.00	\$34,232.61
Expenses				
	<u>2025 Actual</u>	<u>2025 Budget</u>	<u>2026 Budget</u>	<u>2027 Proposed</u>
NCFWB Vehicle*	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
Reuben Christmas Bonus*	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,500.00
Executive Board Expenses	\$1,610.38	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
State Meeting Honorariums	\$3,498.26	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
NCFWB Youth Board*	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
Scholarships @ Welch	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Scholarships @ SFWBC	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00
Pastor & Wife Retreat**	\$7,709.62	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
NCFWB Office Support***	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
Reserves	\$0.00	\$4,436.86	\$3,800.00	\$232.61
NAFWB Counseling	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$7,000.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$40,318.26	\$36,936.86	\$36,800.00	\$34,232.61
 NET INCOME (LOSS)	 (3,443.82)	 0.00	 \$0.00	 \$0.00

*These were not physically paid out in 2025, but show on the Balance Sheet below for future disbursement

**In 2024 & 2025 State Meeting, body voted to fund a 2025 & 2026 Pastor & Wife Retreat in addition to the adopted budget

***While we have budgeted an amount for extra support for the NCFWB Office, we have not needed to send this over to date

Balance Sheet 12/31/2025

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>12/31/2025</u>	<u>12/31/2024</u>	<u>Gain (Loss)</u>
TRUIST: Checking Account	\$9,920.06	\$7,738.32	\$2,181.74
CELFB: Rest Home Sale	\$377,819.76	\$390,680.19	-\$12,860.43
CELFB: Missions Trust	\$193,378.52	\$182,597.96	\$10,780.56
CELFB: General Fund Trust	\$70,931.46	\$66,977.15	\$3,954.31
TOTAL ASSETS	\$652,049.80	\$647,993.62	\$4,056.18

LIABILITIES & EQUITY

Missions Trust Reserves	\$172,845.68	\$172,845.68	\$0.00
NCFWB Car Reserves	\$7,000.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
NCFWB Youth Ministries Board	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00
Reuben Christmas Bonus	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
All Other Reserves (Undesignated)	\$468,204.12	\$471,647.94	-\$3,443.82
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	\$652,049.80	\$647,993.62	\$4,056.18



NORTH CAROLINA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Josh Baer Moderator	Chris Truett Assistant Moderator	Jeff Manning Treasurer	Travis Moots Clerk
Sherman Branch Member at Large	Christian Powell Member at Large	Doug Western Member at Large	Reuben Cason Promotional Director

Welcome to the 64th Annual Session of the NCFWB State Meeting. Our theme is “Embrace Your Calling” (II Timothy 4:5). We continue to pray for each of you as you faithfully *embrace your calling!*

I want to thank Josh Baer for his dedication, diligence, devotion, and attention to detail in serving the Executive Board and the Promotional Office since 2018—first as clerk and, for the past four years, as moderator. I am truly grateful for his support, encouragement, and faithful service.

On September 28-29, 2025, we held our annual Ministers Retreat at the Sheraton Park FWB Church in Greensboro, NC. We had 31 pastors, including two visitors from Virginia FWB. Dr. Eddie Moody, NAFWB Executive Director, served as our speaker, and we enjoyed a wonderful steak dinner sponsored by FWBNAM. This year’s Ministers Retreat will be September 28-29, with Dr. Shiloh Hackett, pastor of Bethlehem FWB Church in Ashland City, TN, serving as our speaker.

On March 26–27, 2026, 29 couples attended our fourth NCFWB Pastors and Wives Retreat in Myrtle Beach, SC. Christian Powell challenged our hearts from God’s Word on marriage and ministry, and Josh Baer did an outstanding job leading the group in fun and fellowship. Tim and Stephanie McCreight received the \$500 gift package for Sight & Sound Theatre and Hershey Farm Restaurant & Inn, generously provided by Car Pro, owned and operated by Mike and Kim Carper.

On April 20, 2026, we purchased another NCFWB Mobile from Car Pro in Shelby, NC—a practically brand-new 2026 Honda CR-V for the Promotional Office. We are grateful to Bro. Mike Carper and Car Pro for their assistance and continued support.

During 2025, we had the privilege of being in 65 of our churches for Promotional Office services, homecomings, and revivals. We also attended several association meetings, the CTS Competition at Southeastern FWB College, the NCFWB Women’s Ministries State Meeting at White Oak Hill FWB Church in Bailey, NC, and other denominational meetings. It is an honor to represent you as your NCFWB Promotional Director.

There are currently 121 Benevolent Fund members, and we need to increase participation in this much-needed ministry. Membership is only \$25 per person, due when you first join and again whenever a member passes away. I encourage you to join today and help us strengthen this important ministry!

If you are not receiving our text messages or newsletter, we encourage you to sign up and stay connected with NCFWB. We also invite you to follow our Facebook page for updates and denominational news.

Terry and I are extremely grateful for your support, love, and most of all, your prayers. It is an honor to serve and represent you!

Reuben Cason,
Promotional Director

NCFWB Promotional Office

Overview of Accounts

January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Checking Account

Balance Forward	\$183,679.17
Promotional Office	\$173,144.91
Hurricane Relief	\$16,310.07
Benevolent Fund	\$12,560.00
Reimbursements	\$990.39
Total Income	<u>\$386,684.54</u>

Expenses

Promotional Office	\$130,691.58
Hurricane Relief	\$170,115.00
Benevolent Fund	\$12,625.00
National Dues	\$29,800.00
Other	\$1,208.00
Total Expenses	<u>\$344,439.58</u>

Ending Balance **\$42,244.96**

CELF Account (Reserves)

Balance Forward	\$74,183.59
Total Income	\$3,795.38
Total Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$77,978.97

Blue Ridge

Calvery, Rutherford College	\$300.00
Cedar Hill, Asheville	\$585.00
Cedar Grove, Asheville	\$193.00
Homer's Chapel, Black Mountain	\$500.00
Liberty, Marion	\$1,766.00
Marion First	\$1,340.80
Meadowbrook, Black Mountain	\$2,211.98
Rocky Pass, Nebo	\$1,260.00
Total	\$8,156.78

Coastal

Angola	\$204.00
Association	\$300.00
Bridgeton	\$200.00
Cardinal Village, Jacksonville	\$866.21
Cove City	\$600.00
Davis, Davis	\$300.00
First, Beaufort	\$290.20
First, Morehead City	\$250.00
Freedom Way, Hubert	\$650.00
New Life, New Bern	\$2,600.00
Sherwood Forest, New Bern	\$839.00
Total	\$7,099.41

Foothills

Going Home	\$639.53
Harriett Memorial, Forest City	\$637.07
Robertson Creek	\$219.00
Salem, Old Fort	\$650.00
Springwood, Gastonia	\$2,400.00
West 5th Avenue, Gastonia	\$225.00
Total	\$4,770.60

Palmer

Beacon, Farmville	\$1,100.00
Belvoir	\$759.00
Bethel, Kinston	\$100.00
Emmanuel, Sharpsburg	\$200.00
Faith, Goldsboro	\$2,350.00
Freedom, Roanoke Rapids	\$366.39

Friendship	\$600.00
Grimesland	\$700.00
Heritage	\$210.00
Liberty, Ayden	\$2,192.00
Maccripine, Macclesfield	\$600.00
Mt. Calvery, Hookerton	\$170.00
New Beginning, Elm City	\$327.00
Oak Grove, Elm City	\$315.90
Parker's Chapel, Greenville	\$3,996.00
Peace, Wilson	\$500.00
St. Johns, Goldsboro	\$500.00
Trinity, La Grange	\$1,500.00
Unity, Greenville	\$3,600.00
West Duplin	\$250.00
Wildwood, Wilson	\$150.00
Total	\$20,486.29

Pamlico

Ahoskie, Ahoskie	\$2,400.00
Ephesus	\$615.00
Faith, Washington	\$3,005.92
First, Washington	\$1,060.00
Five Points, Washington	\$1,350.00
Hope, Plymouth	\$160.71
Liberty, Ahoskie	\$125.00
Mt. Olive, Plymouth	\$500.00
Peace Chapel, Washington	\$555.00
Sandy Acres FWB Church	\$1,440.00
Union Chapel	\$400.00
Total	\$11,611.63

Piedmont

Bethel, Gastonia	\$168.00
Christian Life, Thomasville	\$1,000.00
Clermont	\$370.00
Faith, Greensboro	\$100.00
Lakeview, High Point	\$300.00
Madison Heights	\$1,543.82
Near Calvery	\$542.00
Pilgrim, Lexington	\$419.16
Prince of Peace, Kannapolis	\$585.00

	Southside	\$340.00
	Total	\$5,367.98
Randall		
	Calvary Durham	\$663.00
	Charity	\$14,285.00
	Faith, Rockingham	\$1,000.00
	Fellowship, Selma	\$320.00
	Garner, Garner	\$2,125.00
	Hilltop, Fuquay-Varina	\$1,800.00
	Immanuel, Durham	\$899.85
	Kendale Acres	\$500.00
	Landmark	\$500.00
	Northern	\$1,000.00
	Oak Grove, Durham	\$742.00
	Prospect, Dunn	\$1,200.00
	Reidsville, Reidsville	\$235.00
	Shady Grove	\$250.00
	Sheraton Park	\$450.00
	Tippett's Chapel, Clayton	\$2,094.31
	West Calvary, Smithfield	\$1,485.00
	White Oak Hill, Bailey	\$1,845.00
	Wildwood, Garner	\$445.00
	Total	\$31,839.16
Southern Piedmont Association		
	Cramerton, Cramerton	\$1,948.35
	Emmanuel, Dallas	\$13.00
	First, Mt. Holly	\$500.00
	Highland Drive, Lincolnton	\$1,800.00
	Shelby	\$900.00
	Total	\$5,161.35
Income-Other		
	Anonymous	\$7,385.00
	Bissette, Trevor	\$126.00
	Bissette, Mr. & Mrs. Randy	\$64.00
	Creech, Bryan	\$200.00
	Davis, Mr. & Mrs. Weldon	\$250.00
	Davis, Trumpy	\$50.00
	Daughtry, Mrs. Lois	\$69.00

Dew, Michael	\$141.00
D6 Family Ministries	\$21,328.71
Eatmon, Steven	\$750.00
Gillen, Michael	\$200.00
Johnston Union	\$150.00
McKeel, Mr. & Mrs. James	\$28.00
NCWAC	\$200.00
Tripp, Pam	\$50.00
Wall, Paul	\$600.00
Weaver, Tory	\$50.00
Whitehead, Rochelle	\$260.00
Woods, Jimmy	\$179.00
Total	\$32,080.71

Income-Association

Association Dues	\$41,650.00
State Meeting	\$3,921.00
Ministers Retreat	\$550.00
NAFWB	\$450.00
Total	\$46,571.00

Grand Total Income \$173,144.91

Benevolence	\$12,560.00
Hurricane Relief	\$16,310.07
Reimbursements	\$990.39
Total	\$203,005.37

NC FWB PROMOTIONAL OFFICE BUDGET vs. EXPENSES
2025 January-December Budget vs. Expenses

	Budget	YTD Expense
EXPENSES		
<u>OFFICE</u>		
Telephone/Internet	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,256.28
Office Support	\$ 2,300.00	\$ 1,845.00
Supplies	\$ 500.00	\$ 476.17
Postage	\$ 400.00	\$ 140.58
<i>Total</i>	\$ 5,700.00	\$ 4,718.03
<u>TRAVEL</u>		
Gas	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,901.56
Auto Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,439.86
Auto Insurance	\$ 1,100.00	\$ 991.83
Motels/Meals	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 3,236.95
National Association	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,463.28
Conferences	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 789.31
<i>Total</i>	\$ 12,100.00	\$ 9,822.79
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		
Minister's Retreat	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,054.76
Ministry Fund	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 1,595.32
State Meeting Expenses	\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,775.10
Clerk Honorarium	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,245.58
Director's Retirement (Up to 5'	\$ 4,700.00	\$ 4,980.00
<i>Total</i>	\$ 22,700.00	\$ 22,150.76
Directors Compensation Budget		
<u>DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION</u>		
Housing	\$ 11,400.00	\$ 11,400.00
Salary	\$ 50,200.00	\$ 46,325.76
Taxes & SS	\$ 10,500.00	\$ 10,500.00
Retirement	\$ 20,100.00	\$ 24,100.00
Life Insurance	\$ 1,800.00	\$ 1,674.24
<i>Total</i>	\$ 94,000.00	\$ 94,000.00
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 134,500.00	\$ 130,691.58
Designated Expenses		
Bank Fees		\$ 228.00
Benevolent Fund		\$ 12,625.00
Hurricane Relief		\$ 170,115.00
National Dues		\$ 29,800.00
Other		\$ 800.00
Reimbursed Expenses		\$ 180.00
Total Non-Budget Expenses		\$ 213,748.00
Grand Total of Expenses		\$ 344,439.58

NC FWB PROMOTIONAL OFFICE PROPOSED BUDGET JANUARY - DECEMBER 2027

Office Operation's Budge

INCOME

State Dues and Meeting Support	\$7,600.00	
Randall House	\$22,000.00	
State Meeting Expenses	\$4,000.00	
Other Income	\$775.00	
Interest Income	\$7,000.00	
Promotional Office Income	\$97,775.00	
Total		\$139,150.00

EXPENSES

OFFICE

Telephone/Internet	\$2,500.00	
Office Support	\$2,000.00	
Supplies	\$500.00	
Postage	\$200.00	
<i>Total</i>		\$5,200.00

TRAVEL

Gas	\$2,500.00	
Auto Maintenance	\$1,500.00	
Auto Insurance	\$1,200.00	
Motels/Meals	\$3,000.00	
National Association	\$2,000.00	
Conferences	\$1,000.00	
<i>Total</i>		\$11,200.00

MISCELLANEOUS

Minister's Retreat	\$2,500.00	
Ministry Fund	\$200.00	
State Meeting Expenses	\$12,000.00	
Clerk Honorarium	\$500.00	
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$1,500.00	
Director's Retirement (Up to 5% match)	\$5,050.00	
<i>Total</i>		\$21,750.00

Director's Compensation Budget

DIRECTOR'S COMPENSATION

Housing	\$11,400.00	
Salary	\$57,200.00	
Taxes & SS	\$10,500.00	
Retirement	\$20,100.00	
Life Insurance	\$1,800.00	
<i>Total</i>		\$101,000.00

Total Expenses		\$139,150.00
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North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists Minister's Benevolent Fund Membership

Carolyn Barnes	Carol Dixon	Tammy Lindsey	Kay Rose	Leslie Williams
Richard Barnes	Rubena Dobbs	Jim Marcum	Carolyn Sealy	Jimmy Woods
Eunice Bell	Angie Duncan	Vicki Marcum	William Sealy	Teresa Woods
Leonard Bowers	Jeff Duncan	Anita Messer	Johnny Sexton	David Young
Sherman Branch	Glenda Fulcher	Howard Messer	Jeff Silver	Deborah Young
A.B. Brown	Barbara Haas	James Messer	Traci Silver	
Barbara Brown	Eugene Hales	Juanita Messer	Leon Simmons	
Beverly Brown	Rose Hales	James Messer, Sr.	Kathy Simmons	
Gary Brown	Laura Hall	Marie Messer	Bobbi Smith	
Etta Butler	Joseph Hall	Carl Miller	Linda Stepps	
Michael Byrd	Bernice Hanna	Mary Miller	Blanche Stox	
Nikki Byrd	Earl Hanna	Lisa Miller	Ann Summerlin	
Mary Calvert	Betty Hill	Steve Miller	Willie Summerlin	
William Calvert	Michael Hill	Pat Nolen	Julie Thomas	
Brian Cameron	Stephanie Hill	Chuck Overcash	Sonny Thomas	
Katie Cameron	Jason Hurt	Mary Overcash	Cathy Travis	
Frank Cantrell	Lynn Hurt	Sterl Parramore	Robert Travis	
Marie Cantrell	Pat Johnson	Todd Parrish	Sybil Tripp	
Reuben Cason	Cindy Jones	Merinda Parrish	Jim Turnbough	
Terry Cason	Hal Jones	Dann Patrick	Julie Turnbough	
Ted Cole	Billy Keith	Richard Patterson	Darren Walker	
Lisa Cole	Sheila Keith	Tammy Patterson	Melinda Walker	
Larry Collins	Christine Kellum	Johnny Pike	Joe Wallis	
Patricia Collins	Carolyn Lawson	Jessie Pittman	Nancy Wallis	
Carroll Cullipher	David Lawson	Steve Pryor	Jack Ward	
Diane Cullipher	Ernest Laxton	Jerry Rackley	Jackie Ward	
Dennah Davis	Judy Laxton	Rita Rackley	Betty Wiggs	
Jeff Davis	Loretta Lilly	Vic Redding	Dennis Wiggs	
Wayne Dills	Freddy Lindsey	Ann Redding	Gene Williams	



REPORT FOR 2026

We want to THANK the God of Heaven for His wonderful grace in blessing North Carolina Home Missions!

We would like to introduce and welcome Isaiah & Anna Smith, (no relation to Brother Brandon). Isaiah is the “Next Gen Pastor” at Equip Church in Hickory.

We have met with several churches exploring church revitalization. It seems the issue of relinquishing all jobs and authority is a deal breaker. A revitalization pastor must have full authority to replant a church. Our mission board is excited to announce that we are seeking God’s man to lead our next church plant here in North Carolina.

Last year our board announced the “New Project Fund.” We now have \$20,334.39 in that fund. Please Lord, lead us to pray fervently and to give liberally to that fund so our next church planter can start strong. Please send gifts to 2411 Glenwood Ave. New Bern, NC 28562.

Thank you again, for your faithfulness to pray and for your financial support! Together, let’s keep reaching North Carolina for the cause of Christ!

God’s Richest Blessings, North Carolina Home Missions Board.

Cliff Donoho – Chairman

Chuck Overcash

Luke Johnson

Jeff Davis- treasurer

Daryl Grimes



NC State Mission Board of FWB

Balance Sheet
as of 01/05/2026

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
Assets		
1000	BB&T Checking	\$25,726.23
1010	Church Extension Loan Fund 1584	\$53,444.15
Total Assets		\$79,170.38
Liabilities		
Total Liabilities		\$0.00
Equity		
3000	General Operating Fund Balance	\$6,102.74
3400	Church Extension Loan Fund Balance	\$53,444.15
3600	New Mission Fund Fund Balance	\$19,623.49
Total Equity		\$79,170.38
Total Liabilities + Total Equity		\$79,170.38



NC State Mission Board of FWB
Income Statement
 for the period of 01/01/2025 to 01/05/2026

Account Number	Account Name	General Operating Fund	Church Extension Loan Fund	New Mission Fund	Amount
Income					
4000	Contributions Income	\$17,166.15	\$0.00	\$11,714.36	\$28,880.51
4100	Interest Income	\$0.00	\$2,635.58	\$0.00	\$2,635.58
Total Income		\$17,166.15	\$2,635.58	\$11,714.36	\$31,516.09
Expense					
5600	Office Overhead	\$3,952.41	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,952.41
5450	Missions Board Travel	\$2,890.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,890.93
5200	Bonus	\$1,326.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,326.13
5425	Missionary Benevolence	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
5500	Missions Support	\$2,490.63	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,490.63
5700	Outreach Fund	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total Expense		\$11,460.10	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$13,460.10
Net Income (Loss)		\$5,706.05	\$635.58	\$11,714.36	\$18,055.99
Summary					
	Beginning Fund Balance	\$396.69	\$52,808.57	\$7,909.13	\$61,114.39
	+ Other Fund Balance Movements	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	+ Net Income / (Loss)	\$5,706.05	\$635.58	\$11,714.36	\$18,055.99
	= Ending Fund Balance	\$6,102.74	\$53,444.15	\$19,623.49	\$79,170.38



NC State Mission Board of FWB
 Donations by Contact
 for the period of 01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025

Name	Donation Amount	NTD	Total
Anchor FWB Church JAX	\$1,735.00	\$0.00	\$1,735.00
Anonymous	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
Bethel FWB Church	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,600.00
Blue Ridge FWB Association	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00
Calvary FWB Church GDS	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Reuben & Terry Cason	\$650.00	\$0.00	\$650.00
Cedar Grove FWB Church	\$853.40	\$0.00	\$853.40
Cedar Hill FWB Church	\$778.00	\$0.00	\$778.00
Church Extension Loan Fund 1584	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Coastal Association of FWB	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Corinth FWB Church	\$1,490.27	\$0.00	\$1,490.27
Cornerstone FWB Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Cornerstone FWB SWATT	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Cramerton FWB Church	\$3,782.85	\$0.00	\$3,782.85
Fred Curtin JR	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Davis FWB Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Ephesus FWB Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Faith FWB Church GLB	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
Faith FWB Church MRG	\$140.00	\$0.00	\$140.00
Faith FWB Church WSH	\$2,476.21	\$0.00	\$2,476.21
First FWB Church BFT	\$1,559.00	\$0.00	\$1,559.00
First FWB Church WSH	\$1,470.00	\$0.00	\$1,470.00
Five Points FWB Church	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
Freedom FWB Church	\$600.00	\$0.00	\$600.00
Freedom Way FWB Church	\$2,546.50	\$0.00	\$2,546.50
Friendship FWB Church CTS	\$510.29	\$0.00	\$510.29
Charity FWB Church	\$14,285.00	\$0.00	\$14,285.00
Trinity FWB Church LaGrange	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Harriett Memorial FWB Church	\$325.32	\$0.00	\$325.32
Haven FWB Church	\$697.80	\$0.00	\$697.80
Jacqueline Helms	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Ellen Hilderbrand	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Homers Chapel FWB Church	\$1,580.00	\$0.00	\$1,580.00
Hope FWB Church	\$652.13	\$0.00	\$652.13
Immanuel FWB Church	\$3,131.69	\$0.00	\$3,131.69
Landmark FWB Church	\$350.00	\$0.00	\$350.00
Liberty FWB Church MRN	\$2,101.00	\$0.00	\$2,101.00
Living Water FWB Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Maccripine FWB Church	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
Marion First FWB Church	\$1,686.20	\$0.00	\$1,686.20
Meadowbrook FWB Church	\$5,288.94	\$0.00	\$5,288.94
International Mission Board	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Mt Calvary FWB Church HKN	\$506.25	\$0.00	\$506.25
Mt Olive FWB Church PLY	\$2,700.00	\$0.00	\$2,700.00
New Life FWB Church	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00

Name	Donation Amount	NTD	Total
North American Ministries	\$2,327.50	\$0.00	\$2,327.50
Oak Grove FWB Church DRH	\$3,740.00	\$0.00	\$3,740.00
Parkers Chapel FWB Church	\$3,996.00	\$0.00	\$3,996.00
Peace Chapel FWB Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Piedmont Association of FWB	\$2,066.00	\$0.00	\$2,066.00
Prince of Peace FWB Church	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Prospect FWB Church	\$4,870.00	\$0.00	\$4,870.00
Riddick Revocable Living Trust	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Rocky Pass FWB Church	\$2,030.00	\$0.00	\$2,030.00
Sandy Acres FWB Church	\$1,625.00	\$0.00	\$1,625.00
Sherwood Forest FWB Church	\$3,359.81	\$0.00	\$3,359.81
South Point FWB Church	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00
Springwood FWB Church	\$2,400.00	\$0.00	\$2,400.00
St John FWB Church	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Linda & Albert Thomas	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
Trinity FWB Church GRN	\$2,166.71	\$0.00	\$2,166.71
Union Chapel FWB Church	\$4,185.00	\$0.00	\$4,185.00
Unity Church	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00
West Calvary FWB Church	\$90.00	\$0.00	\$90.00
White Oak Hill FWB Church	\$1,285.00	\$0.00	\$1,285.00
Wildwood FWB Church GRNR	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Harold Williams	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Total	\$121,071.87	\$0.00	\$121,071.87



Equip FWB Church in Hickory, NC is a joint project between the North Carolina State Mission Board and the Free Will Baptist North American Ministries Board. Here is a breakdown of the account for The Equip Church for fiscal year 2025.

Beginning Balance – January 1, 2025	\$110,103.13
Income for January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025	\$180,907.04
Income - \$91,758.31 through NCSHM Office	
Income - \$89,148.73 through FWBNAM Office	
Total to be Accounted For	\$291,010.17
Expenses for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025	\$179,314.64
Ending Balance on December 31, 2025	\$111,695.53



NCFWB State Home Missions Board

2027 Proposed Budget

General Fund	\$12,000.00
Equip Church Support Fund	\$125,000.00
New Work Fund	\$20,000.00
Total	\$157,000.00

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward May 1, 2025	\$	6,261.02
Total Receipts	\$	37,410.23
Total Disbursements	\$	36,913.37
Balance in account as of April 30, 2026	\$	6,757.88
Funds held in General Account for Emphasis E-Team/CMP	\$	3,913.23
Funds held in General Account for Pastor's Gifts	\$	110.00
Balance available as of April 30, 2026	\$	2,734.65

Receipts

State Projects:

International Missions - IMpact Togo (24-25 State Project)	\$	457.00
North American Ministries - Elliott's (24-25 State Project)	\$	607.00
Welch College -Chairs & Metal Plate Covers (24-25 Project)	\$	214.00
Southeastern FWB College - Generator (24-25 Project)	\$	205.00
International Missions - Impact Japan Kei Truck	\$	10,909.97
North American Ministries - The Huff's (II)	\$	8,628.90
Welch College - Chapel Chairs	\$	2,550.00
Southeastern FWB College - Prophet's Chamber	\$	3,973.95
State Emphasis - NC E-TEAM/CMP Students	\$	4,154.32
State Meeting Offering	\$	977.00
Emphasis Offering	\$	677.00
NCWAC - Love Offering & General Fund	\$	1,339.50
WNAC - Giving Tree	\$	60.00
WNAC - General Fund	\$	1,217.72
WNAC - Scholarships	\$	90.00
Welch College Kettelman Scholarship	\$	30.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$	130.00
International Missions	\$	420.00
North American Ministries	\$	30.00
VOIDED Checks	\$	558.87
Pastors Gifts	\$	180.00
	\$	37,410.23

Disbursements

NCFWB Promotional Office	\$	150.00
Harvest Childcare Ministries	\$	150.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund	\$	280.00
WNAC	\$	1,567.72
Tim & Lydia Awtrey (Honorarium)	\$	1,000.00
Steve & Lori Torrison (Honorarium)	\$	250.00
Equip Church (Honorarium)	\$	250.00
Pastor's Gifts for NCFWB Meeting	\$	150.00
E-Team/CMP Members (2025)	\$	5,029.83
International Missions	\$	11,786.97
North American Ministries	\$	9,265.90
Southeastern FWB College	\$	4,178.95
Welch College	\$	2,794.00
Bank Service Charge	\$	60.00
	\$	36,913.37

Cindy Bird

Respectfully Submitted

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

TREASURER'S REPORT

Blue Ridge District

State Project:

International Missions	\$ 1,794.00
North American Ministries	\$ 972.00
Welch College	\$ 475.00
Southeastern FWB College	\$ 325.00
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$ 850.00
NCWAC	\$ 150.00
Pastor's Gift	\$ 30.00
WNAC	\$ 100.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$ 4,696.00

International Missions	\$ 744.00
North American Ministries	\$ 1,225.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$ 3,678.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$ 5,647.00

Coastal District

State Project:

International Missions	\$ 1,497.79
North American Ministries	\$ 1,723.90
Welch College	\$ 446.87
Southeastern FWB College	\$ 216.95
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$ 115.07
NCWAC	\$ 60.00
Pastor's Gift	\$ 30.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 100.00
WNAC	\$ 60.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$ 4,250.58

International Missions	\$ 480.00
NAM	\$ 120.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 180.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$ 780.00

Palmer District

State Project:

International Missions	\$ 1,700.00
North American Ministries	\$ 1,300.00
Welch College	\$ 430.00
Southeastern FWB College	\$ 400.00
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$ 450.00
NCWAC	\$ 200.00
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International Missions	\$ 420.00
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Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 30.00
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Steve & Lori Torrison (Honorarium)	\$	250.00
Equip Church (Honorarium)	\$	250.00
Pastor's Gifts for NCFWB Meeting	\$	150.00
E-Team/CMP Members (2025)	\$	5,029.83
International Missions	\$	11,786.97
North American Ministries	\$	9,265.90
Southeastern FWB College	\$	4,178.95
Welch College	\$	2,794.00
Bank Service Charge	\$	60.00
	\$	36,913.37

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NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

TREASURER'S REPORT

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North American Ministries	\$ 972.00
Welch College	\$ 475.00
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NCWAC	\$ 150.00
Pastor's Gift	\$ 30.00
WNAC	\$ 100.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$ 4,696.00

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Coastal District

State Project:

International Missions	\$ 1,497.79
North American Ministries	\$ 1,723.90
Welch College	\$ 446.87
Southeastern FWB College	\$ 216.95
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$ 115.07
NCWAC	\$ 60.00
Pastor's Gift	\$ 30.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 100.00
WNAC	\$ 60.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$ 4,250.58

International Missions	\$ 480.00
NAM	\$ 120.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 180.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$ 780.00

Palmer District

State Project:

International Missions	\$ 1,700.00
North American Ministries	\$ 1,300.00
Welch College	\$ 430.00
Southeastern FWB College	\$ 400.00
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$ 450.00
NCWAC	\$ 200.00
Pastor's Gift	\$ 60.00
International Missions	\$ 420.00
North American Ministries	\$ 30.00
Leah Waddell Scholarship	\$ 30.00
WNAC	\$ 532.72
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$ 5,552.72

NORTH CAROLINA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

TREASURER'S REPORT

International Missions	\$	600.00
NAM	\$	30.00
WNAC	\$	300.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$	930.00

Pamlico District

State Project:

International Missions	\$	3,202.00
North American Ministries	\$	2,680.00
Welch College	\$	325.00
Southeastern FWB College	\$	2,064.00
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$	1,350.00
NCWAC	\$	225.00
Pastor's Gift	\$	30.00
WNAC	\$	125.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$	10,001.00

International Missions	\$	1,400.00
Welch (State Project Sent Direct)	\$	75.00
Southeastern (State Project Sent Direct)	\$	75.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$	2,670.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$	4,220.00

Randall District

State Project:

International Missions	\$	3,123.18
North American Ministries	\$	2,510.00
Welch College	\$	1,189.00
Southeastern FWB College	\$	1,173.00
State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$	917.38
NCWAC	\$	404.50
Pastor's Gift	\$	30.00
WNAC	\$	550.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$	9,897.06

Unity FWB Church - Greenville

State Project:

State Emphasis - E-Team/CMP	\$	400.00
NCWAC	\$	200.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$	600.00
Miscellaneous Gifts	\$	55.00
TOTAL SENT DIRECTLY	\$	55.00

Grifton FWB Church

NCWAC	\$	100.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$	100.00

Dennis & Carol Keen

State Emphasis - International Missions	\$	50.00
State Emphasis - North American Ministries	\$	50.00
TOTAL SENT THROUGH TREASURER	\$	100.00



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Derek Cominskie - Chairman
Daniel Dell - Treasurer
Cole Sours
Cutler Harris
Jonathon Cribb

NCFWB Youth Ministries Board
Annual Report
May 7, 2026

The NCFWB Youth Ministries Board is dedicated to aiding Free Will Baptist churches in nurturing the spiritual growth of the next generation. We provide opportunities for biblical and theological education, ministry training, fellowship, and evangelism to help young believers flourish in their faith. We believe that a comprehensive approach to ministry, incorporating all of these elements, is crucial for building a strong Christian foundation.

Here are a few of the things we've been up to this year:

I. Childcare for NCFWB State Meeting

We have been pleased to offer childcare at the NCFWB State Meeting for the past several years. By offering this service we hope to encourage young pastors and associates to prioritize coming to the state meeting with their families. We believe that connection with other ministerial families is crucial for healthy pastors and pastor's wives. We are also making plans to offer fellowship opportunities for these families to facilitate connection.

By offering resources to and connecting churches with wider denominational initiatives, we aim to support their mission of preparing and equipping young people to know, love, and follow Christ. We would love to partner with your church as well. Please connect with any of our board members for more information.

II. March Madness for Missions

We were thrilled to host **March Madness For Missions** again this year to raise funds for our **Free Will Baptist Missionaries**.



This year, **158 individuals** from **80 churches** in **19 states** and **5 foreign countries** participated! With their help, as well as generous donations from multiple churches and organizations, we were able to raise **\$7,219.79** for **65** of our active Free Will Baptist missionaries serving with North American Ministries, International Ministries, & The Hanna Project. Since it's inception MM4M has raised over \$23,000.

Here are this year's winners:

1st Place Individual
Bracket
David Reeves*
France

As an active
International
Missionary,
David participated for
free and earned
\$2,736.15 for
fellow IM Missionary
Lauren Williams France

1st Place Youth Group
Bracket
Jacksonville Christian
Academy Sr. Class
Jacksonville, NC

JCA earned \$330 for
IM Missionaries
Sam & Lauren Riggs
Spain

2nd Place Individual
Bracket
Brenton Driscoll*
Bulgaria

As an active
International
Missionary,
Brenton participated for
free and earned
\$1,368.07 for
Brenton & Debbie's
own missions account!

2nd Place Youth Group
Bracket
Zephyr Hills FWB
Church Youth Group
Asheville, NC

Zephyr Hills earned
\$165 for
IM Missionaries
Cody & Lauren Herren
France

3rd Place Individual
Bracket
Robin Howell
New Bern, NC

Robin earned \$684.04
for
THP Missionaries
Shane & Meg

3rd Place Youth Group
Bracket
Bethel FWB Church
Youth Group
Kinston, NC

Bethel earned \$82.50
for
NAM Missionaries
Amos & Melissa Dillard
San Diego, CA

An additional \$684.04 will be split between the remaining missionaries who were selected.

Each missionary will also receive \$10 per Individual Bracket and \$40 per Youth Group Bracket that was designated to them.

We look forward to raising even more for missions and would love to have you participate next year as well!



III. 2026 CTS State Competition | Saturday, April 18, 2026 SFWBC



CTS stands for Church Training Service and is a national program that has existed among Free Will Baptists for over 50 years. It is a tool for churches to help students develop a deeper knowledge of Scripture while also identifying and honing talents for use in the local church. Students select categories for development and then engage in a competition style exhibition at the local, state, and national levels. This program is designed to be a ministry development tool and is recommended to be part of an overall discipleship plan.

The 2026 NC CTS Ministry Expo will held on Saturday, April 18th at SFWBC. We had 11 churches participate with a total of 92 entries registered. We would like to thank Southeastern College for allowing us to use their campus, our judges for giving their time to invest in the lives of our young people, the students who participated, and you all for pouring into them. CTS is helping our students prepare for lifelong impact within our churches for the kingdom of Christ.

Scan the QR code below for a list of the students who will represent North Carolina at the National CTS Ministry Expo in Columbus, Ohio, from July 19–22 at the Vertical Three Conference.

For information on getting your church involved in CTS, please visit our website at ncyouthmin.org/cts

Scan below for a list of our 2026 NCFWB CTS Winners



I. 2026 NCYM Golf Tournament | Thursday, April 23, 2026



The first annual NCFWB Youth Ministry Golf Tournament on April 23 was a tremendous success. Eleven teams competed, with six Free Will Baptist churches represented, in a great day of fellowship and competition. “The Gideons” led by Brady Pinner, secured first place with an impressive score of 58. Wedgewood Golf Course in Wilson, NC, served as an outstanding host site, with head teaching professional Brady Pinner providing exceptional hospitality throughout the event.

We are grateful for the many generous donations that helped make this tournament possible. Through this event, nearly \$3,500 was raised to support students traveling to Columbus, OH this July 19-22 to represent our state at the National CTS Ministry Expo at the Vertical Three Conference. The Youth Board also voted to donate additional funds to make the total scholarship \$5000!

We thank the Lord for beautiful weather, a strong turnout, and a successful inaugural tournament.

We look forward to seeing this event continue to grow in the years ahead.

Respectfully Submitted,

NCFWB Youth Ministries Board

Derek Cominskie, Chairman

Daniel Dell, Treasurer

Cole Sours

Jonathon Cribb

Cutler Harris



NCFWB State Youth Ministries Board

Derek Cominskie-Chairman
Daniel Dell-Treasurer
Cole Sours
Cutler Harris
Jonathon Cribb

May 2025 - March 2026 Financial Report

Tuesday, May 6, 2025	PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$	14,684.37
Thursday, May 08, 2025	Youth Board Donation	\$	500.00
Thursday, May 08, 2025	CTS State Competition - Hotel Reimbursement	\$	(181.19)
Monday, May 12, 2025	CTS State Competition - Judging Stipend	\$	(40.00)
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	March Madness for Missions NAM Recipients	\$	(4,900.86)
Tuesday, May 20, 2025	March Madness for Missions IM Recipients	\$	(3,027.76)
Wednesday, May 21, 2025	D6 Family Ministries - CTS Entry Fees	\$	(3,595.00)
Thursday, May 22, 2025	State Meeting - Childcare Worker Hotel Room	\$	(354.77)
Wednesday, June 04, 2025	State Meeting - Childcare Worker	\$	(150.00)
Wednesday, June 04, 2025	State Meeting - Childcare Worker	\$	(150.00)
Thursday, June 05, 2025	State Meeting - Youth Board Lunch	\$	(134.31)
Monday, June 09, 2025	State Meeting - Childcare Worker	\$	(150.00)
Tuesday, June 17, 2025	State Meeting - Insurance & Room (Childcare)	\$	(775.00)
Monday, July 28, 2025	Youth Board Website (ncyouthmin.org)	\$	(79.95)
Tuesday, February 17, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	35.00
Monday, March 02, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	500.00
Monday, March 09, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	425.00
Monday, March 16, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	175.00
Monday, March 23, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	6,150.00
Monday, March 30, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	190.00
Wednesday, April 1, 2026	Check Donation Deposit (MM4M)	\$	6,000.00
Monday, April 6, 2026	Zeffy (CTS Registration/MM4M Payout)	\$	350.00
Thursday, April 16, 2026	Check Donation Deposit (MM4M)	\$	1,500.00
Friday, April 17, 2026	State CTS Bible Competition Kit Purchase	\$	(27.98)
Friday, April 17, 2026	Snack Purchase for State Competition	\$	(252.44)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State Competition Youth Board Lunch	\$	(141.49)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Monday, April 20, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Tuesday, April 21, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Friday, April 24, 2026	State CTS Competition Judging Stipend	\$	(50.00)
Friday, April 24, 2026	Youth Board Golf Tournament Lunch Reimbursement	\$	(293.56)
Friday, April 24, 2026	Youth Board Golf Tourney-Course Payment	\$	(2,250.00)
Monday, April 27, 2026	Zeffy (Youth Board Golf Tourney Payout)	\$	2,200.00
Monday, April 27, 2026	Youth Board Golf Tourney-Snacks Reimbursement	\$	(223.13)
Tuesday, May 5, 2026	Deposit (Golf Tourney & MM4M)	\$	4,605.79
Monday, March 16, 2026	CURRENT BALANCE	\$	20,187.72

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Dell
NCFWB Youth Board Treasurer



Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund Report

Who we are:

The Leah Waddell Scholarship was adopted by the North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists in 1964. The fund was established to assist students from North Carolina and descendants of Leah Waddell who desire to attend Welch College. It is funded entirely through gifts: projects adopted by Sunday School classes, WAC's, Vacation Bible School, individuals, etc. The Waddell Scholarship is awarded annually to a worthy student selected by the college administration. Students from North Carolina or the Waddell family can apply for the scholarship at <http://welch.edu/admissions>

Annual Report:

We are grateful for the continued faithfulness of our churches, associations, WACs and businesses, along with several individual donors, who have given to the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund this year. Due to your generosity, we were able to send a check of \$10,000 to Welch College to support students from our state! A list of contributors can be found below in our financial report.

The recipients for the Leah Waddell Scholarship this year are:

Alauna Mefford	Jack Postlewaite
Anna Donoho	Jules Gibbs
Caleb Carroll	Luke Donoho
Daisy Villegas	Madison Masters
Dani Dawson	Olivia Gibbs

We are so thankful for these students who are “preparing to serve Christ, His Church, and His world through biblical thought and life.”

Looking Forward:

The Leah Waddell Scholarship Committee (Shelby Cominskie, Treasurer; Glenda Fulcher, and Terry Cason) has set our goal at \$10,000 for the upcoming year.

Contributions may be sent to our treasurer, Shelby Cominskie, at:
108 Browning Ct.
Clayton, NC 27520

Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund Financial Report

May 1, 2025 through May 1, 2026

Thursdsday, May 1, 2025	STARTING BALANCE	\$	489.00
Contributors for this period:			
	Betty Hill	\$	100.00
	Buster Radford	\$	5.00
	Coastal Association of FWB	\$	100.00
	David and Lynda Rackley	\$	30.00
	First FWB Church, Morehead City, NC	\$	210.00
	Glenda Fulcher	\$	75.00
	Lena Golding	\$	500.00
	Michael and Josephine Gillin	\$	200.00
	NC Association of FWB	\$	5,000.00
	NCWAC	\$	210.00
	Pamlico Distric WNAC	\$	100.00
	Peace Chapel FWBC Washington Ladies Bible Class:	\$	560.00
	In Loving Memory of Mrs. Linda Brooks \$100.00		
	In Loving Memory of Mrs. Betty Lou Furlough \$50.00		
	In Loving Memory of Mrs. Elizabeth McRoy \$50.00		
	In Honor of Mr. Scott Brooks \$72.00		
	In Honor of Linda Batchelor \$72.00		
	In Honor of Ann Ross \$72.00		
	In Honor of Dorothy Elks \$72.00		
	In Honor of Lynn Jansen \$72.00		
	Reuben and Terry Cason	\$	100.00
	Richard Patterson	\$	5.00
	Robin Howell	\$	100.00
	Sherwood Forest FWB Church, New Bern, NC, WAC	\$	125.00
	Sherwood Forest FWB Church, New Bern, NC	\$	2,515.00
	Tippett's Chapel FWB Church, Clayton, NC	\$	740.52
Monday, April 27, 2026	Check Mailed To: WELCH COLLEGE	\$	(10,000.00)
Friday, May 1, 2026	CURRENT BALANCE	\$	1,164.52

Respectfully submitted,

Shelby F. Cominskie, Treasurer

Other Committee Members: Glenda Fulcher & Terry Cason

**The North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
2025-2026 Officers and Board Members**

Executive Board

Moderator:	Josh Baer (2026)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Asst. Moderator:	Chris Truett (2026)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Treasurer:	Jeff Manning (2027)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Clerk:	Travis Moots (2028)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Member at large:	Doug Western (2026)	<i>serving 1st term</i>
Member at large:	Christian Powell (2027)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Member at large:	Sherman Branch (2028)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>

NC State Mission Board

Luke Johnson (2026)	<i>serving 1st term</i>
Cliff Donoho (2027)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Chuck Overcash (2028)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Jeff Davis (2029)	<i>serving 1st term</i>
Daryl Grimes (2030)	<i>serving 1st term</i>

Youth Board

Derek Cominskie (2026)	<i>serving 2nd term</i>
Cutler Harris (2028)	<i>serving unexpired term</i>
Jonathon Cribb (2028)	<i>serving unexpired term</i>
Daniel Dell (2029)	<i>serving 1st term</i>
Cole Sours (2030)	<i>serving 1st term</i>

**The North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists
Election of 2026-2027 Officers and Board Members**

Executive Board

Moderator:	_____ (2028) replacing Josh Baer	served 2 nd term
Asst. Moderator:	_____ (2028) replacing Chris Truett	served 2 nd term
Treasurer:	Jeff Manning (2027)	serving 2 nd term
Clerk:	Travis Moots (2028)	serving 1 st term
Member at large:	Christian Powell (2027)	serving 2 nd term
Member at large:	Sherman Branch (2028)	serving 2 nd term
Member at large:	_____ (2029) replacing Doug Western*	served 1 st term

NC State Mission Board

Cliff Donoho (2027)	serving 2 nd term
Chuck Overcash (2028)	serving 2 nd term
Jeff Davis (2029)	serving 1 st term
Daryl Grimes (2030)	serving 1 st term
_____ (2031) replacing Luke Johnson*	served 1 st term

Youth Board

Cutler Harris (2027)	serving unexpired term
Jonathon Cribb (2028)	serving unexpired term
Daniel Dell (2029)	serving 1 st term
Cole Sours (2030)	serving 1 st term
_____ (2031) replacing Derek Cominskie	served 2 nd term

**Eligible to replace himself*