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FAIRMONT PARK CHURCH
In the City of
Norfolk, Virginia
October 9 and 10, 1946

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator

Rev. R. P. Harris, Clerk

Rev. W. A. Hales, Conference Host

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Moderator	-----	Rev. W. A. Hales
	2601 Columbia Ave., Norfolk, Va.	
Assistant Moderator	-----	Rev. A. L. Reynolds
	202 Cypress St., Elizabeth City, N. C.	
Clerk	-----	Rev. R. P. Harris
	P. O. Box 324, Kenly, N. C.	
Treasurer	-----	Rev. T. F. Davenport
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STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Ordaining Council	—Revs. R. P. Harris, W. A. Hales, A. L. Reynolds.
Educational Board	—Revs. R. P. Harris, Joseph Ange, and Mrs. D. H. Furlough.
Committee on Finance	—A. M. Reynolds, L. E. Ambrose, H. P. Swain.
Mission Board	—D. R. Harris, Oscar Webster, Rev. J. A. Alexander.
Sunday School Board	—D. H. Furlough, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, Miss Alice Webster.
Resolutions Committee	—L. E. Ambrose, G. W. Swendell, J. A. Harris.
Credentials Committee	—R. P. Harris, Joseph Ange, T. F. Davenport.

ROLL OF MINISTERS

D. M. Ratcliff, Pinetown, North Carolina
R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, North Carolina.
T. F. Davenport, Creswell, North Carolina
R. P. Harris, Kenly, North Carolina
W. A. Hales, 2601 Columbia, Ave., Norfolk, Virginia.
W. E. Richardson, 844 46th St., Norfolk, Virginia.
L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina.
A. L. Reynolds, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.
R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina.
J. A. Alexander, Norfolk, Virginia.
M. C. Roscholer, Norfolk, Virginia.

LICENSED MINISTERS

M. A. Woolard, Pantego, North Carolina
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ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND NEWLY-ELECTED PASTORS

Martin County—

Corinth—L. F. Waters, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C., W. L. Moretz, Pastor.

Washington County—

Mt. Tabor—Miss Mildred Ambrose, Clerk, Creswell, N. C., Herman Wooten, Pastor.

Mt. Olive—L. D. Ange, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C., W. L. Moretz, Pastor.

Mt. Zion—Cedia Ray Phelps, Clerk, Roper, N. C., W. H. Ivey, Pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C., Rev. R. B. Spencer, Pastor.

Piney Grove—J. R. Forest, Pastor.

Tyrrell County—

Free Union—Mrs. Viva Spencer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C., L. E. Ambrose, Pastor.

Sound Side—E. B. Armstrong, Clerk, Columbia, N. C., J. W. Alford, Pastor.

Malachi's Chapel—J. W. Alford, Pastor, C. A. Voliva, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Gum Neck—B. O. Cohoon, Clerk, Columbia, N. C., Route 3, J. W. Alford, Pastor.

Beaufort County—

Free Union—F. H. Woolard, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C., Clinton Lupton, Pastor.

Trinity—Asa W. Harris, Clerk, Roper, N. C., R. B. Spencer, Pastor.

Belhaven—Florence Dillon, Clerk, Belhaven, N. C., L. E. Ballard, Pastor.

Sidney—Agnes Edwards, Clerk, Ransomville, N. C., N. D. Beaman, Pastor.

Pasquotank County—

Elizabeth City (St. Paul)—Mrs. John Copeland, Clerk, Elizabeth City, N. C., O. M. Hilborn, Pastor.

Hertford County—

Hickory Chapel—W. M. Early, Clerk, Ahoskie, N. C., J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

Virginia—

Fairmont Park—Rosco Ange, Clerk, 4817 Westview St., Norfolk 2, Va., W. A. Hales, Pastor.

Little Creek—P. H. Kennedy, Clerk, Norfolk, Va., J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

PROCEEDINGS

The second Session of the North Carolina Albemarle Conference of the original Free Will Baptist Church convened with Fairmont Park Church in the city of Norfolk, Virginia, October 9 and 10, 1946.

Worship services consisting of Scripture, Hymn, and prayer were conducted by Joseph Ange.

The Address of Welcome was delivered by Joseph Ange and Rev. L. E. Ambrose made the response.

Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator of the Conference, made many favorable remarks concerning the work of the Conference. He recommended that all churches in the conference support the program of the Free Will Baptist as it is set forth by the North Carolina State Association. The moderator also emphasized the need of spiritual unity in all sessions of the Conference.

A business session was declared in order and the minutes of the last Conference were read, corrected and approved.

The roll of ministers was read and the following were in attendance: Revs. W. A. Hales, R. P. Harris, T. F. Davenport, L. E. Ambrose, J. A. Alexander, M. C. Roscholer, A. L. Reynolds, R. C. Ambrose. The last four named preachers being received as licensed ministers.

ELECTION OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES COMPLETED

Board of Education—Rev. R. P. Harris, Mrs. J. W. Copeland, Mrs. D. H. Furlough.

Board of Trustees—Oscar Webster, W. A. Willoughby, M. L. Ratcliff.

Board of Finance—A. M. Reynolds, Rev. L. E. Ambrose, H. P. Swain.

Mission Board—Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, Rev. W. E. Richardson.

Sunday School Board—D. H. Furlough, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, T. B. Everton.

Resolutions Committee—Rev. R. C. Alexander, Mrs. Earl Jones, Mrs. H. P. Swain.

Visiting ministers were recognized and invited to speak: Rev. J. W. Alford, Eastern Conference; Rev. M. L. Johnson, Western Conference; Rev. L. B. Manning, and Rev. P. C. Wiggs, Central Conference.

Roll call of churches.

Special music by the Fairmont Park church consisting of "Thy Brother Calls to Thee," "Camping in Canaan," and "Wonderful Grace of Jesus," was enjoyed by all.

Rev. M. L. Johnson of Lucama, N. C., led in prayer.

Rev. W. A. Hales introduced Tommy Steele, Evangelist, who led in prayer.

Rev. W. A. Hales introduced the speaker of the hour, Rev. A. L. Reynolds, who preached an inspiring message on the subject "God's Promises," using as a text II Peter 3:9, and other passages.

The congregation sung the hymn "In the Sweet Bye and Bye," after which we were dismissed with prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

Lunch was served picnic style on the church lawn.

Worship services consisting of Hymn, Scripture, prayer and remarks were conducted by Rev. J. A. Alexander.

Business session re-assumed.

Re-calling of the list of churches.

Rev. L. B. Manning, chairman of the State Mission Board made a talk on missions urging that all churches and auxiliaries send their offerings for missions to Rev. J. W. Alford, Columbia, N. C., who is treasurer of the State Mission Board.

Rev. J. W. Alford made a brief report on the work of the Mission Board in North Carolina.

Rev. M. L. Johnson made a report on Superannuation and stressed the need of making offerings to retired and needy ministers in the month of October. He explained that 25% of all funds for this cause goes to Rev. Joe Fort who is national treasurer and is used to help pay retirement insurance to Ministers of our denomination. The other 75% is kept within the state and is used as a pension to all retired ministers in the state.

A solo by Mrs. Ruth Whipple, formerly of Elizabeth City, entitled "Some Day He'll Make It Plain To Me," was enjoyed by all.

Joseph Ange of the Fairmont Park church presented several of the young people of the church who made testimonies thanking the Lord for saving their souls from sin. Special music was given by the choir and a duet, "Have You Counted the Cost" was sung by two members of the church choir. Songs sung by the choir included "No Tears in Heaven," and "Anchored on the Rock."

A. L. Reynolds led in prayer.

The following young people made testimonies: Cubin Wiles, Florine Swain, Ann Wiles, and Claybourn Hawley.

Rev. W. A. Hales reviewed the crowded condition of the Norfolk church and urged every one to help the church build much needed Sunday School rooms. An offering was taken for this cause and \$88.55 was finally received.

Benediction by Rev. R. P. Harris.

Evangelist, Tommy Steele, brought a very touching message on the subject, "The Temple of the Lord," at the evening service.

THURSDAY MORNING

Worship services consisting of Hymn, Scripture, and prayer was conducted by Rev. J. A. Alexander. Rev. T. F. Davenport led in prayer.

Visiting ministers were recognized and given an opportunity to speak. Rev. F. A. Rivenbark, Western Association; Rev. C. H. Denton, Central Conference, and Rev. James A. Evans of the Western Association were present, and spoke briefly.

List of churches called.

REPORTS

Mission Board

God's word says "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8.

As your committee on missions, we wish to recommend that this conference launch a definite Home Mission program in this district, that the Gospel may be preached and non-enlisted souls be brought into the kingdom of God.

We further recommend that this Conference join with our State and National program of Home and Foreign mission work.

Rev. W. A. Hales,

Rev. A. L. Reynolds,

Rev. W. E. Richardson.

On motion report of Ordaining Council be received.

On motion report of the Mission Board be adopted.

On motion the report of the Board of Education be adopted.

On motion the report of the Sunday School Committee be adopted.

The Credential Committee reports they have no report to make.

The following delegates were appointed:

To Western Conference—Rev. R. P. Harris.

To Eastern Conference—Rev. J. A. Alexander.

To Cape Fear Conference—Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

To Central Conference—Rev. T. F. Davenport.

To State Association—Rev. M. C. Roscholer.

Report of Ordaining Council

The Ordaining Council met yesterday in the church office and examined the following licensed ministers finding them worthy of preaching the Gospel. We therefore recommend that they be ordained to the full Gospel ministry: A. L. Reynolds, M. C. Roscholer, R. C. Ambrose, and J. A. Alexander.

Ordination Service

By a special vote of the conference, Rev. F. A. Rivenbark of Wilson was asked to assist in the ordination service. Rev. Rivenbark delivered the charge, Rev. W. A. Hales presented the Bible and Rev. R. P. Harris made the ordination prayer.

On motion the report of the Resolution Committee was adopted.

Rev. C. H. Denton of the Central Conference having moved to the City of Norfolk, Va., to make his home, offered himself for membership in this Conference. By a vote of the Conference he was admitted.

A devotional consisting of two hymns by the congregation and a prayer by Rev. P. C. Wiggs preceded the worship services.

Rev. W. A. Hales, host pastor, brought the conference message, using as a text various portions of scripture and using as a topic "Looking Unto Jesus."

After congregational singing, the conference was dismissed for lunch which was served on the lawn in picnic style.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Worship services consisting of a hymn, scripture, and prayer was directed by Rev. M. C. Roscholer.

An offering was taken up for the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., and \$29.94 was received.

Address by Evangelist Tommy Steele.

Orphanage address by Rev. J. A. Evans, Supt. of the Orphanage.

On motion all officers of the conference be re-elected for the term of two years by acclamation.

The election of Boards and Committees were as they appear elsewhere in the minutes.

On motion the Sunday School Committee be re-elected.

On motion the report of the treasurer be received.

On motion we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for the fine way in which they have entertained this conference.

Mrs. Earl Jones made a talk concerning Cragmont Auxiliary meeting in August, urging the women of this conference to attend the meeting next year.

On motion we adjourn to meet at the Belhaven Church at the usual time next year.

After the congregation sung the hymn "When we all get to heaven," Rev. A. L. Reynolds made the closing prayer in which special objects of request were mentioned.

R E P O R T S

Board of Education

Realizing the need of a better prepared ministry, and since there is an ever increasing need of other trained Christian workers in our ranks, we, the Educational Board, recommend that all pastors, Sunday School teachers, and League and Auxiliary directors urge the support of our Bible College during the month designated as Christian Education Month.

Sunday School Committee

We, the Sunday School Committee, recommend that our churches be very careful in the selection of teachers and officers for our Sunday Schools as they will be the leaders of our young people. We recommend, also, that every Sunday School try to conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School and a Teachers'

Training Course some time during the year. We urge all churches not having a Sunday School to organize one as early as possible.

Mr. D. H. Furlough, Chairman,
Mrs. Alton Reynolds,
Mr. T. B. Everton,
(acting for Miss Alice Webster).

Resolutions Committee

Seeing the great need for more funds to provide for the advancement of God's Kingdom within the bounds of this conference, we, the undersigned recommend that each church raise seventy-five cents (75c) for each male member and fifty-cents for each female member to be sent to the conference. We urge the pastors to respond carefully in the raising of this amount.

J. A. Harris,
Mrs. Earl Jones,
Mrs. H. P. Swain.

Finance Committee's Report

Received from churches -----	\$134.00
Offering for Norfolk Church -----	138.55
Offering for Orphanage -----	30.00

Total received at this conference ----- \$302.55

Disbursements

Total for Norfolk Church -----	\$138.00
Total for Orphanage -----	45.00
Clerk -----	35.00
Minutes -----	30.00
Printing and mailing -----	3.50
Superannuation -----	15.00
Christian Education -----	15.00

Total paid out ----- \$282.05

We, the Finance Committee, will be pleased when we can support the entire program.

Mr. H. P. Swain,
Rev. L. E. Ambrose,
Mr. A. M. Reynolds.

Treasurer's Report

Received at this conference -----	\$302.55
Received for Christian Education -----	112.50
Balance on hand -----	32.00

Total ----- \$446.55

Paid out

394.55

Balance on hand

\$ 52.00

Rev. T. F. Davenport, Treasurer.
 Rev. W. A. Hales, Moderator,
 Rev. R. P. Harris, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	County	Delegates	Died	Rec'd. by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contribution	No. Minutes
Corinth	Martin	Sisters Hilda Water & Mildred Peele	-	1	1	-	-	52	\$10.00	15
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Lonnie Davenport & Sam Furlough	6	1	4	2	-	220	10.00	15
Mt. Zion	Washington	Not Represented	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	5
Mt. Olive	Washington	By Letter	-	-	-	11	-	93	10.00	10
Free Union	Tyrrell	By Letter	-	-	-	3	-	41	5.00	10
Sound Side	Tyrrell	A. W. Brickhouse	-	1	9	2	-	137	12.00	15
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Swain	2	4	3	2	-	354	10.00	20
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	D. K. Sawyer	-	-	4	-	-	108	10.00	10
Free Union	Beaufort	M. L. Radcliff & Oscar Webster	5	2	12	1	-	371	20.00	20
Trinity	Beaufort	Sisters Carl Heynen & C. B. Cooper	1	1	1	1	-	73	15.00	10
Belhaven	Beaufort	Not Represented	-	-	-	-	-	50	-	10
Sidney	Beaufort	By Letter	-	1	9	3	-	243	5.00	15
Union Chapel	Washington	A. J. Newberry	-	2	-	-	-	50	5.00	5
Elizabeth City	Pasquotank	John Copeland and Wife	1	1	3	1	-	115	5.00	10
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	By Letter	1	1	4	4	-	165	10.00	15
Norfolk	State of Va.	T. B. Everton	-	64	27	2	2	157	15.00	15
Little Creek	State of Va.	Sister M. F. Kennedy	-	1	3	-	-	24	2.00	5

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THE MINUTES OF THE AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE ALBEMARLE DISTRICT

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle district met with St. Paul Church in Elizabeth City, October 3, 1946. The Theme for the day was "Laborers Together with God."

The devotions were conducted by Mrs. J. F. Waters and the address of welcome was given by Mrs. H. I. Fowler. Mrs. Jennie Brinson gave the response.

The president, Mrs. Edwin Roper, made some very interesting remarks, offered prayer and called the meeting to order.

The following committees were appointed: Time and Place, Mrs. Alton Reynolds; Friendship, Mrs. John Forman. Mrs. Laura Smith was appointed to assist the treasurer, Mrs. Jennie Brinson.

Mrs. Ballard explained the new report blanks to the delegates. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The list of churches were called and the following responded:

Mt. Olive, by letter	\$ 2.00
Free Union, Miss Nellie Webster and Mrs. B. M. Radcliff	15.50
Malachi's Chapel, Mrs. J. D. Spencer	5.85
Sidney, Margie Daw and Mrs. Ruth udnell	6.75
Mt. Tabor, Mrs. L. E. Ambrose	1.00
St. Paul, Mrs. Roy Hilly and Mrs. C. J. Cutheral	4.80
Sound Side, Mrs. R. R. Swain and Mrs. J. R. Swain	1.00
Fairmont Park, Mrs. Earl Jones	15.00
Malachi's Chapel, Welcome S. S. Bible Class, Mrs. Ida Simmons	5.00
Shiloh, Mrs. Nancy Foreman and Mrs. Margaret Wooldard	5.00
Belhaven, Mrs. J. H. Harrison	5.00
Total	\$66.90

Disbursements

Gene Page's clothing and Christmas Gift	\$ 35.00
Albemarle Cottage	25.00
Co-Laborers' Band	16.00
Per Capita dues	13.90
Convention expense	1.50
Christian Education	10.00
Superannuation	5.00
Missions, (Foreign \$10, Home \$10)	20.00
Cragmont Assembly	9.00

\$135.40

The following ministers were present: A. L. Reynolds, W. A. Hales, J. W. Alford and J. A. Alexander.

Mrs. Ballard expressed the need of a library in each church.

A very interesting talk was given by Mrs. Delsie Waters, using as a subject, "Laborers in Unity and Love." Prayer was offered by Rev. A. L. Reynolds.

Special music, "Take Up Thy Cross," was rendered by Miss Sara Reynolds.

Greetings were read by the secretary from Mrs. M. A. Woodard from the Central Conference Auxiliary Convention.

Mrs. Ballard brought greetings from the Orphanage and an offering amounting to \$40.00 was received. Rev. J. A. Alexander offered thanks for the offering and dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON

The afternoon session was opened by singing "Take Time To Be Holy." Mrs. W. A. Howette conducted the devotions using II Cor. 6 for the scripture lesson. Rev. W. A. Hales led in prayer.

A very interesting talk was made by Miss Lonie Weatherly on the subject "Laborers Through Worship," and offered prayer. Mrs. Ballard and Mrs. Ruth Whipple sung "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be."

Business session:

We paid Mr. Alton Reynolds \$29.84 which we borrowed from him at the last meeting to finish our \$100 gift to Cragmont Assembly to furnish a room. An offering was received amounting to \$13.92 to be used on this fund.

Mr. Evans informed us in a letter that Gene Pages' clothing would be thirty dollars instead of twenty-five as heretofore.

Mrs. Delsie Waters was elected third vice-president to fill the vacancy of Mrs. Robert Gradeless, who had resigned.

A motion was made not to have printed programs, but to use the ones published in the Baptist paper.

Mrs. Earl Jones gave a report of the Auxiliary work at Cragmont.

Mrs. John Copeland gave a report on the work of the State Auxiliary convention.

Reports of Vice-Presidents

First—Mrs. Maude Harrison, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Second—Mrs. Alton Reynolds, Columbia, N. C.

Third—Mrs. Delsie Waters, Pinetown, N. C.

Fourth—Mrs. W. A. Rhem, 226 Langley Blv'd., Norfolk, Va.

Fifth—Mrs. John Copeland, Elizabeth City, N. C.

Sixth—Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Creswell, N. C.

Mrs. Ruth Whipple gave a solo entitled "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus."

Rev. Hales made a few timely remarks regarding Superannuation urging us to contribute to this fund until all retired ministers were receiving one hundred dollars a month each.

Mrs. Alton Reynolds gave a report designating Shiloh Church as the next meeting place of the Convention which will be held in April, 1947.

Mrs. John Foreman gave her report requesting that a rising vote of thanks be given to St. Paul church for the fine way they have entertained the convention.

The report of the treasurer was read and accepted.

The Sixth Vice-President stated that each Aid Society is to raise five dollars for Superannuation and send it to Mrs. Georgia Frost Barnes, Lucama, N. C.

Mrs. Ballard asked that Christmas boxes be sent to our Missionaries and that they be sent by November 15, 1946.

Mrs. Ruth Whipple sang another solo, "Alone," and Rev. A. L. Reynolds dismissed with prayer.

Mrs. Edwin Roper, President,
Miss Alice Webster, Secretary.

