

# MINUTES

Of The

**SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

Of The

**ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE OF NORTH CAROLINA**

Of The Original

**Free Will Baptist Church**

Held With

**SOUND SIDE CHURCH**

**TYRELL COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA**

**October 10 and 11, 1951**



The next session will be held at Corinth Church, Martin County, North Carolina, convening on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in Oct. 1952

REV. A. B. CHANDLER, Moderator

H. P. SWAIN, Clerk

REV. J. W. ALFORD, Conference Host



## OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR 1952-53 SESSIONS

Moderator—Rev. A. B. Chandler, Ahsoskie, N. C.

Assistant Moderator—Rev. R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville

Clerk—Harry P. Swain, Columbia, N. C.

Treasurer—Mr. D. H. Furlough, Creswell, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD

Rev. A. B. Chandler, Rev. Harry P. Swain, Rev. R. C. Alexander,  
Mr. R. L. Spencer and Mr. D. H. Furlough.

## STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Rev.  
J. A. Alexander, Chairman.

EDUCATIONAL BOARD—Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. R. L. Spencer.

MISSION BOARD—Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Miss Alice Webster, Mrs. Viva  
Spencer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds,  
Mr. Isaac Furlough.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—Rev. R. C. Ambrose, Rev. W. T. Reynolds,  
Mr. Wilton Dail.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—Rev. W. A. Hales, Rev. T. F. Davenport,  
Rev. R. P. Harris.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Mr. H. P. Swain, Mrs. J. A. Alexander,  
Mr. M. L. Radcliff.

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

R. C. Alexander, Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.

T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C.

L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.

R. C. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.

J. A. Alexander, 2549 Vincent Ave., Norfolk, Va.

C. H. Denton, Vet. Hospital, Kecoughton, Va.

W. E. Richardson, 844 46th St., Norfolk, Va.

W. M. Oliver, Plymouth, N. C.

Joseph Ange, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Charles Craddock, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Walter Reynolds, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

Daniel J. Merkh, 3609 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tenn.

W. T. Reynolds, Columbia, N. C.

A. B. Chandler, Ahsoskie, N. C.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

W. A. Woolard, Pantego, N. C.

## DELEGATES

Western Conference—Rev. R. P. Harris.

Eastern Conference—Mr. Oscar Webster.

Cape Fear Conference—Rev. R. C. Ambrose.

Central Conference—Rev. T. F. Davenport.

State Convention—Mr. R. L. Lineberry, Sr., L. Richard Jones, R. L. Swain, C. A. Volivia, Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Miss Alice Webster.

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND NEWLY-ELECTED PASTORS

### Martin County

Corinth—R. L. Waters, Jamesville, N. C., Clerk; Rev. C. J. Harris, Pastor.

### Washington County

Mt. Tabor—Fentress Simmons, Clerk, Creswell, N. C.; J. R. Forest, Pastor.

Mt. Olive—M. E. Ange, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Pastor.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Marie Marriner, Clerk, 115 E. Water St., Plymouth, N. C.; Rev. E. E. Edwards, Pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, Clerk, Route, Plymouth, N. C.; Rev. E. E. Edwards, Pastor.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Neva Spruill, Clerk, Roper, N. C.; Rev. R. C. Ambrose, Pastor.

### Tyrrell County

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

Sound Side—Mr. J. D. Sawyer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. J. W. Alford, Pastor.

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

Gum Neck—O. B. Cahoon, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; J. W. Alford, Pastor.

### Beaufort County

Free Union—J. T. Keech, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C.; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Pastor.

Trinity—Asa W. Harris, Clerk, Pike Road, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pastor.

Belhaven—Lewis Dillon, Clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; Rev. Graham Baker, Pastor.

Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, Clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pastor.

### Herfort County

Hickory Chapel—W. M. Early, Clerk, Ahoskje, N. C.; Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pastor.

Virginia  
Portsmouth—Mrs. D. G. Grimes, Clerk 1 Reid St., Craddock Portsmouth, Va.; Rev J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

## PROCEEDINGS

The seventh Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina convened with church at Sound Side, Tyrell County, N. C. on October 10th, 1951.

The devotions were conducted by J. W. Alford, pastor of the host church.

The welcome address was made by Bro. W. L. Brickhouse of the local church, and the response was by Bro. W. A. Willoughby.

The retiring Moderator, Rev, L. E. Ambrose, turned the session over to the incoming Moderator, Rev. A. B. Chandler, who made a brief address.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Western: M. L. Johnson, R. P. Harris.

Central: Ralph Osborne.

Eastern: D. W. Hansley, J. W. Alford.

The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

On motion the Constitution was amended to read as follows:

Art. 3. B. This Conference shall hold its Annual sessions on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year.

The Moderator appointed the following named brethren as the Finance committee for this session: D. H. Furlough, W. L. Brickhouse, W. A. Willoughby.

Rev. J. Albert Harris stated that he would not be able to serve as Clerk of the Conference, and tendered his resignation.

On motion his resignation was accepted.

Bros. Harry Swain and W. A. Willoughby were nominated for the position of Clerk of the Conference. By vote Bro. Harry Swain was declared elected, and by motion his election was declared unanimous.

Bro. R. P. Harris stated that he has taken membership with the Western Conference, and requested a letter from this Conference. By motion this letter was granted.

Bro. J. Albert Harris stated that the churches at Fairmount Park, Newport News and Little Creek, Va., and Revs. W. A. Hales, M. C. Roschler, D. W. Cherry and himself, had organized themselves into the Tidewater Quarterly Meeting, of Virginia. He requested that letters of dismission be granted them. On motion letters were ordered issued to the churches and ministers as requested.

On motion the roll of the ministers was called; and the following answered to the roll call: L. E. Ambrose, R. C. Ambrose, J. A. Alexander and A. B. Chandler.

On motion David McAfee be excommunicated for departing from the faith of our church.

On motion the roll of the churches was called. (See table.)

After congregational singing, also a solo by Bro. Albert Harris, and a prayer by Bro. D. W. Hansley, Bro. L. E. Ambrose brought the introductory sermon from Neh. 4:6, after which we recessed for lunch.

### WEDNESDAY P. M.

A very fine lunch was served by the ladies of the local church, after which we re-assembled for the afternoon session.

The afternoon session was opened by devotions, during which Bro. R. P. Harris sang a solo. The devotions were in charge of Bro. M. L. Johnson, who called on Bro. R. C. Ambrose to lead the prayer.

Bro. D. W. Hansley, Chairman of the Board of Education for the State Convention, made a verbal report, which by motion was received as information.

Bro. M. L. Johnson, Chairman-Treasurer of the Superannuation Board reported as follows:

Report of Superannuation Receipts from the Albemarle Conference District for the year Sept. 1, 1950 to Aug. 31, 1951.

#### Receipts:

##### From:

Churches -----	\$184.48
Auxileries -----	11.00
Sunday Schools -----	21.00
Leagues -----	13.25
Individuals -----	10.00
Conference -----	6.00
Union -----	83.00

Total ----- \$328.73

This is a decrease from the previous year of; \$44.40.

M. L. Johnson  
Chairman-Treasurer

On motion the report was adopted.

Bro. Johnson also reported verbally concerning the Church Finance Association, Inc., also as Promotional Secretary for the State Convention, and on motion these reports were received as information.

The retiring Treasurer made a report as follows:

### DISBURSEMENTS

Amount on hand last Conference . . . . .	\$278.64
Received from Albemarle S. S. Convention for Home Missions . . . . .	46.20
Total . . . . .	\$324.84

Deficit 1949-1950 . . . . .	71.20	
Allocated by Conference for denomination enterprise . . . . .	76.05	
Clerk's salary . . . . .	35.00	
Minutes . . . . .	42.50	
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Total . . . . .	\$224.75	\$224.75
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Balance on hand . . . . .		\$100.09
Balance classified:		
General fund . . . . .		\$ 16.00
Home Missions . . . . .		84.09
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Total . . . . .		\$100.09
Bills due: Expense for Executive Board meeting to organize the Washington church . . . . .		13.80
Moderator's phone calls . . . . .		4.50
On motion the report was adopted.		
On motion we adjourned until tomorrow A. M. 9:30 o'clock.		
Dismissed by Bro. J. A. Alexander.		

**THURSDAY**

The Conference was opened at the appointed hour with Bro. J. A. Alexander leading the devotions, consisting of songs, scripture reading, and prayer by Bro. A. M. Reynolds.

The Sunday School Board made the following report:

Since we know of no other recommendations better than those offered at our last Conference, we offer the same report for adoption.

On motion the report was adopted.

The Ordaining Council reported that it had met here at Sound Side, and elected Rev. J. A. Alexander chairman of the Board.

On motion the report was adopted.

The church at Corinth, Martin county petitioned for the next session of the Conference. On motion the next session be held at Corinth, Martin county, convening on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October 1952.

J. W. Alford, Treasurer of the State Mission Board made a verbal report, and on motion this report was received as information.

On motion the Executive Board was appointed to arrange the program for the next session, and they be allowed a normal travel expense.

On motion Bro. R. L. Spencer be elected as a member of the Executive Board.

On motion the Clerk is to notify certain ministers in Virginia that the churches to which they belong have withdrawn from this Conference to become a part of the Virginia State Association, and we wish them to inform us as to their desire for their membership continuing with us.

On motion we strike out sections 2 and 3 of the present church letter.

The Treasurer reported as follows:

Balance receiver from former treasurer . . . . .		\$100.09
General fund . . . . .	\$ 16.00	
Received today, general fund . . . . .	133.50	133.50
Home Mission balance from former Treasurer . . . . .	84.09	
Received today, Home Missions . . . . .	5.00	5.00
Foreign Missions . . . . .	5.00	5.00
Bible College . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Orphanage . . . . .	7.00	7.00
Superannuation . . . . .	3.00	3.00
Church Finance . . . . .	2.00	2.00
Cragmont . . . . .	1.00	1.00
Church Building . . . . .	1.00	1.00
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$258.59</b>	<b>\$258.59</b>

On motion the report was adopted, and all bills ordered paid

Rev. L. E. Ambrose verbally stated that the Executive Board had organized a church in Washington, N. C. and presented it to the conference for enrollment and membership.

On motion the church at Washington was received into the Conference.

The Mission Board reported that there is great need of renewed interest and activity along the line for Home Missions, as there was only about \$747.00 for Home Missions raised in the State last year, and there are many churches needing help, and great need for new churches to be organized.

On motion the report was adopted.

On motion we adjourn, to meet with the church at Corinth, Martin county, on Wednesday before the 2nd Sunday in October 1952.

Rev. A. B. Chandler brought the closing sermon, after which the closing prayer and benediction was made by Rev. J. A. Alexander.

A bountiful dinner was served by the ladies of the church before the people dispersed for their homes.

- A. B. Chandler, Moderator,
- Harry P. Swain, Clerk,
- R. C. Alexander, Assistant Moderator,
- D. H. Furlough, Treasurer.

### CONSTITUTION OF ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

Article 1—This shall be the Constitution of the Albemarle Conference of the original Free-Will Baptist Church of North Carolina.

Article 2—The object of the annual Conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article 3a—This conference shall be composed of the ministers and delegates belonging to the body and from churches within the bounds of this

conference district. The number of delegates being decided upon by the conference, shall represent their churches and other organizations within the bounds of this conference.

Article 3b—This Conference shall hold its Annual Sessions on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year.

Article 4—The delegates from each church shall bear to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

Article 5—The officers of this body shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, treasurer, corresponding and recording secretary and a field secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years, and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon duties of said office.

Article 6—This conference may at each regular meeting, elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of the conference.

Article 7—Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of the conference, through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received, the moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

Article 8—The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Article 9—This constitution may be amended at any regular session of the Conference by vote of four-fifths of the members present.

Article 10—No minister shall be ordained by the Ordaining Council of this Conference unless he has been licensed by his church for a period of one year, has retained his membership in the same church, and has come before the Ordaining Council by recommendation of the church by which he was licensed.

#### BY-LAWS OF THE CONFERENCE

Article 1—A general conference shall be annually held.

Article 2—Every minister and delegate shall duly attend.

Article 3—If any member in the judgement of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

Article 4—No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

Article 5—The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Article 6—There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference.

Article 7—The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to vote in the annual conference.

Article 8—No minister or delegate shall, during the sitting of the general conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

Article 9—Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise to God.

Article 10—The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

### CHURCH LETTER

To the Albemarle Conference of the original Free Will Baptist Church to be held with the church at Corinth, Martin County, N. C., commencing on Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 19-----.

We, the church at \_\_\_\_\_  
County, N. C., (or Virginia), send our beloved brethren \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ as delegates to your  
honorable body.

1. Died \_\_\_\_\_; Received by letter \_\_\_\_\_; Baptized \_\_\_\_\_; Dis-  
missed, \_\_\_\_\_; Excommunicated, \_\_\_\_\_; Total Membership, \_\_\_\_\_.

2. Contributions to Conference: \_\_\_\_\_; a. General Treasury \$ \_\_\_\_\_;  
Total finances raised, \_\_\_\_\_.

4. Valuation church property: \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

Elder \_\_\_\_\_ was our pastor from  
19 \_\_\_\_\_, to \_\_\_\_\_, 19 \_\_\_\_\_, and filled \_\_\_\_\_  
of his appointments. Elder \_\_\_\_\_  
is our present pastor. Pastor's salary \$ \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk.  
Post Office \_\_\_\_\_ N C.. (Va.)

If your church petition for the Conference next year check here (---).

Church	County	Delegates	Died	Rec'd by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	Number Members	Contribution	Minutes	Val. Church Property
Corinth	Washington	R. L. Waters and wife	0	1	1	1	0	84	\$10.00	10	\$ 3,000
Mt. Tabor	Martin	Sisters Mary Furlough, Elsie Phelps	3	0	3	1	0	215	\$ 6.50	15	\$ 8,000
Mt. Olive	Washington	W. F. and Ben Ange	1	0	0	0	0	118	\$10.00	10	\$ 4,000
Mt. Zion	Washington									10	
Union Chapel	Washington										
Piney Grove	Washington	By Letter	1	0	1	0	0	49	\$ 3.00	10	\$ 3,000
Free Union	Tyrrell	Viva Spencer, Eva Spear	1	0	0	0	0	43	\$10.00	10	\$ 3,000
Sound Side	Tyrrell	O. D. Sawyer, W. L. Brickhouse	0	3	1	1	0	156	\$12.00	15	\$ 7,500
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	A. M. Reynolds, H. P. Swain	0	0	0	3	0	356	\$10.00	15	\$12,000
Cum Neck	Tyrrell	Len T. Jones, Mrs. Minnie Alexander	2	0	1	0	0	193	\$10.00	10	\$12,500
Free Union	Beaufort	Oscar Webster, J. T. Keech	3	0	4	12	0	405	\$25.00	20	\$ 6,000
Trinity	Beaufort									10	
Belhaven	Beaufort									10	
Sidney	Beaufort	By Letter	2	0	0	4	0	86	\$10.00	10	\$ 5,000
Washington	Beaufort										
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	W. A. Willoughby and Wife	4	8	0	0	0	162	\$10.00	20	\$20,000
Portsmouth	Virginia	By Letter	0	31	36	1	0	131	\$ 6.00	10	\$30,000
Fairmont Park, Newport News and Little Creek, Va., took letters of withdrawal. They contributed											
									\$35.00		\$

