

MINUTES
OF THE
Eighth Annual Session
OF THE
Albemarle Conference
Of North Carolina
OF THE ORIGINAL
Free Will Baptist Church

HELD WITH
CORINTH CHURCH
MARTIN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 9 AND 10, 1952



The next session will be held at Trinity Church, Beaufort County,
North Carolina, convening on Wednesday before the
2nd Sunday in October, 1953

REV. A. B. CHANDLER, *Moderator*
H. P. SWAIN, *Clerk*

OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE FOR 1953-54 SESSIONS

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Alexander, Robersonville, N. C.

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

Clerk—Harry P. Swain, Columbia, N. C.

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

EXECUTIVE BOARD

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

STANDING BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ORDAINING COUNCIL—J. A. Alexander, L. E. Ambrose, W. T. Reynolds.

EDUCATION BOARD—Oscar Webster and A. B. Chandler.

MISSION BOARD—Mrs. W. A. Willoughby, Mrs. D. H. Furlough, Mrs. Ratie Raber.

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD—Winifred Brickhouse, Mrs. A. M. Reynolds, David Ange.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE—R. C. Ambrose and W. T. Reynolds.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—J. A. Alexander, T. F. Davenport, L. A. Ambrose.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Mrs. J. A. Alexander, M. L. Radcliff, David Furlough.

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.

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

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

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

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

A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, N. C.

LICENSED MINISTERS

W. A. Wollard, Pantego, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND NEWLY-ELECTED PASTORS

Martin County

Corinth—R. L. Waters, Jamesville, N. C., Clerk; D. A. Windham, Pastor.

Mt. Tabor—Fentress Simmons, Clerk, Creswell, N. C.; Herman Wooten, Pastor.

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

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Blanche Cammar, Roper, N. C., Clerk; L. E. Ambrose, Pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, Clerk, Route, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, 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—J. D. Sawyer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. C. H. Overman, Pastor.

Malachi's Chapel—C. A. Voliva, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. C. H. Overman, Pastor.

Gum Neck—O. B. Cahoon, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. C. H. Overman, Pastor.

Beaufort County

Free Union—J. T. Keech, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C.; Rev. Clinton Lupton, Pastor.
Trinity—Linwood A. Harrel, Clerk, Pike Road, N. C.; Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pastor.
Belhaven—Lewis Dillon, Clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; Rev. Graham Baker, Pastor.
Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, Clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pastor.

Hertford County

Hickory Chapel—W. D. Dilday, Clerk, Ahoskie, N. C.; Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pastor.

Pasquotank County

Gethsemane—Mrs. John Copeland, Clerk, Elizabeth City, N. C.; J. A. Alexander, Pastor.

PROCEEDINGS

The eighth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the Church at Corinth, Martin County, on October 9 and 10, 1952.

The devotions were conducted by Bro. D. A. Winborn, former pastor of the Corinth Church. Scripture reading, Psalms 33:33-40. Bro. Winborn also gave the welcome address.

The moderator being absent, the assistant moderator presided over the Conference.

Bro. L. E. Ambrose gave the response to the address of welcome.

The assistant moderator gave a brief address, after which the roll of ministers was called. Those answering to the roll call were as follows: R. C. Alexander, T. F. Davenport, L. E. Ambrose and J. A. Alexander.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Central Conference, D. A. Winborn

Eastern Conference, S. A. Smith and D. W. Hansley.

Western Conference, J. A. Evans, M. L. Johnson and W. E. Anderson.

Piedmont Association, T. C. Smith

French Broad Association, L. H. Clayton

Each visiting minister was granted the courtesies of the floor.

The moderator appointed a Finance Committee consisting of L. E. Ambrose, David Furlough, and J. A. Alexander.

Business Period

The Executive Board of the Albemarle Conference made the following report:

Whereas, a friction had arisen in the St. Paul Church at Elizabeth City, the Executive Board of the Conference was called to Elizabeth City to make investigation and make recommendations to the group which had withdrawn from the St. Paul's Church. Accordingly the Board made a thorough investigation of a proposed new Free Will Baptist church to be located in Elizabeth City, to be known as Gethsemane Free Will Baptist Church. It appearing to the Executive Board that

the organization of the proposed new church was feasible and had great possibilities, we recommended its organization after all requirements of the Church Treatise had been met.

Bro. L. E. Ambrose presented the new church to the Conference for membership which was accepted by the Conference.

Bro. M. L. Johnson gave a verbal report of the State Convention and our United Program, which report was adopted.

At the eleven o'clock hour the congregation sang "To the Regions Beyond," after which Bro. W. E. Anderson brought an inspiring message on the subject, "The Missionary Gospel of Paul."

Then the Conference recessed for lunch.

WEDNESDAY P. M.

A very fine lunch was served by the ladies of the local church after which we reassembled for the afternoon session.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. J. A. Alexander, reading for a Scripture lesson the twelfth chapter of Romans.

At this time a Nominating Committee was appointed, which consisted of Mrs. J. A. Alexander, M. L. Radcliff, and David Furlough.

The minutes of the last Conference were read and approved.

An orphanage report was made by Bro. S. A. Smith, superintendent of the orphanage, and an appeal made to the various churches for sufficient funds to pay off the indebtedness of the orphanage as soon as possible.

Motion made by Bro. J. A. Alexander and carried that the Conference receive the orphanage report as information.

An offering was taken at this time for the orphanage which amounted to \$50.72.

Bro. David Hansley made an oral report on education, during which report he informed the Conference that the Junior College had been put into operation at Cragmont and an appeal was made in behalf of the Mt. Allen Junior College, stating that a quota of \$20,000 had been established.

Bro. J. A. Evans made a report on Cragmont and at the same time made an appeal to the churches to help in paying off the indebtedness of Cragmont.

It was suggested that this Conference name the towns in which Free Will Baptist churches should be organized.

At this time an offering was taken for Cragmont which amounted to \$22.85.

Motion made and carried to pay the clerk \$20.00 to purchase a new record book and for copying old minutes.

THURSDAY A. M.

The Conference was opened at the appointed hour with Bro. R. C. Ambrose leading the devotions consisting of songs, Scripture reading, and prayer led by Bro. David Furlough.

The moderator declared the Conference opened for business.

Bro. George Webster of the Washington Church asked that the Conference

appoint three trustees to work with the existing trustee of the Washington Church. By motion this matter was tabled until 1:30 o'clock p. m.

Bro. Floyd Cherry made a report of the activities of the Free Will Baptist Press and urged members to be prompt in getting news to the press so it could be published while it was news. Bro. Cherry also made a verbal report of the College in Nashville, Tennessee. He reported 160 on the roll.

Bro. D. W. Alexander also made an appeal to the people and the churches to rally to the support of the Bible College in Nashville and discouraged any support for the Mt. Allen Junnor College.

Motion by Bro. J. A. Alexander made and carried that the report and remarks of Bros. Cherry and Alexander be accepted as information.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Sunday School Board Report:

We, the committee on Sunday schools, wish to submit the following report:

1. That all churches in the district insist that all Sunday school teachers stress the plan of salvation in each lesson and give opportunities for repentance as the occasion presents itself.
2. That all churches seek to select consecrated teachers for each class.
3. We recommend that our teachers have a keener interest in their Sunday school classes.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. D. H. FURLOUGH, *Chm.*

MRS. ALTON REYNOLDS

MR. HENRY RADCLIFFE

Ordaining Council Report:

The committee met at Hickory Chapel Church, Nov. 18, 1951, to examine Bro. C. W. Overton for license.

We met again at Elizabeth City, Dec. 11, 1951, to examine Bro. W. M. Twiddy for license.

The committee approved the license for Bro. Overton and recommended that the Gethsemane Church license Bro. Twiddy.

The committee met at Hickory Chapel Church to examine Bro. C. W. Overton for ordination, and, finding him eligible, ordained him at Shiloh Church, Saturday, August 30, 1952, after the business session of the Union Meeting.

J. A. ALEXANDER, *Chairman.*

Report of Mission Board:

Realizing the great need of mission work in the Albemarle Conference, we recommend that each church send regular donations to the Mission Board of this Conference to be used in this Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. RATCLIFF

J. A. ALEXANDER

Motion made by J. A. Alexander and carried that the matter of appointing a Board of Trustees out of the Conference for the Washington Church be taken off the table. The moderator ruled that the matter should be turned over to the Nominating Committee.

Report of Nominating Committee:

We, the Nomination Committee, through prayer and much consecration do hereby make the following nominations:

Moderator—J. A. Alexander
Assistant Moderator—R. C. Alexander

Clerk—Harry P. Swain
Treasurer—D. H. Furlough

Executive Board:

Rev. J. A. Alexander
Harry P. Swain
R. C. Alexander
D. H. Furlough
R. L. Spencer

Sunday School Board:

Winifred Brickhouse
Mrs. A. M. Reynolds
David Ange

Resolutions Committee:

R. C. Ambrose
W. T. Reynolds

Ordaining Council:

J. A. Alexander
L. E. Ambrose
W. T. Reynolds

Credentials Committee:

J. A. Alexander
T. F. Davenport
L. A. Ambrose

Educational Board:

Oscar Webster
A. B. Chandler

Board of Trustees:

A. M. Reynolds
R. C. Alexander
L. A. Ambrose

Mission Board:

Mrs. W. A. Willoughby
Mrs. D. H. Furlough
Mrs. Ratie Raber

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. A. ALEXANDER
M. L. RADCLIFF
DAVID FURLOUGH

The Finance Committee made its report which was adopted by the Conference.

Treasurer's Report:

Total receipts	\$198.87
Total expenditures	74.00

Amount to balance on hand	\$124.87
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Motion by Bro. Oscar Webster that the chairman of the Ordaining Council be responsible for the purchasing of Bibles for the newly ordained ministers.

Motion made and carried that the Conference extend to the host church a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality shown in caring for this sitting of the Conference.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet with Trinity Church in Beaufort County, Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1953.

Signed, HARRY P. SWAIN, Clerk

R. C. ALEXANDER, Vice-Moderator

CONSTITUTION AND BY - LAWS

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 judgment 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 Trinity, Beaufort 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 (.....).

CHURCHES	COUNTY	DELEGATES	DIED	REC'D BY LETTER	BAPTIZED	DISMISSED	EXCOMMUNICATED	NUMBER MEMBERS	CONTRIBUTION	MINUTES	VALUE CHURCH PROPERTY
Corinth.....	Martin	C. G. Gurkin	1	0	0	2	0	\$	10	\$ 4,000	
Mt. Tabor.....	Washington	R. L. Waters	1	0	2	0	0	212	7.50	15	5,000
		David Furlough									
		and wife									
Mt. Olive.....	Washington	Ben Ange	0	0	2	1	0	119	11.42	10	4,000
		John Waters									
Mt. Zion.....	Washington	Julie Singleton	0	0	0	2	0	65	7.00	10	2,500
		Dell Peele									
Union Chapel.....	Washington	Charlie Bowen	0	2	3	4	0	87	10.00	10	5,000
		and wife									
Piney Grove.....	Washington										
Free Union.....	Tyrrell	By Letter	0	0	0	0	0	43	5.00	10	
Sound Side.....	Tyrrell	W. L. Brickhouse	2	1	0	0	8	150	12.50	15	7,500
		L. R. Brickhouse									
Malachi's Chapel.....	Tyrrell	D. K. Sawyer	5	2	3	3	0	352	10.00	15	14,000
		J. P. Swain									
Gum Neck.....	Tyrrell										
Free Union.....	Beaufort	Henry Radcliff	2	4	18	5	0	420		20	20,000
		Milton Radcliff									
Trinity.....	Beaufort	Mrs. Perry Turner	0	0	0	1	0	80	10.00	10	10,000
Belhaven.....	Beaufort										
Sidney.....	Beaufort	C. F. Gordon	0	5	6	0	0	94	10.00	10	
		and wife									
Washington.....	Beaufort										
Hickory Chapel.....	Hertford	A. B. Willoughby	1	6	0	7	0	168	10.00	20	25,000
Portsmouth.....	Virginia	Mrs. J. A. Alexander	0	15	18	2	0	164	10.00	10	30,000
Gethsemane.....	Pasquotank	J. W. Copeland	0	1	0	0	0	25	5.00	5	500

