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of the  
Eleventh Annual Session  
of the  
**ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE**  
OF NORTH CAROLINA  
Original Free Will Baptist Church

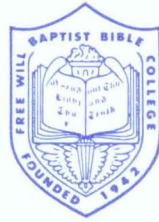
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## OFFICERS FOR 1956 SESSION

**Moderator**—Rev. J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Virginia

**Assistant Moderator**—Rev. Ralph Osborne, Pinetown, North Carolina

**Secretary**—Rev. Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, North Carolina

**Assistant Secretary**—Mr. J. T. Keech, Pantego, North Carolina

**Treasurer**—Mr. Winfred Brickhouse, Columbia, North Carolina

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. J. A. Alexander, Rev. Ralph Osborne, Rev. Walter Reynolds, Mr. J. T. Keech,  
Mr. Winfred Brickhouse, Rev. L. E. Ambrose

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. George Webster ('56), Mr. A. M. Reynolds ('57), Rev. P. C. Wiggs ('58)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. C. H. Overman ('56), Rev. A. B. Chandler ('57), Rev. J. D. Woodruff ('58)

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. J. A. Alexander ('56), Rev. W. T. Reynolds ('57), Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('58)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Willie Twiddy ('56), Rev. Walter Reynolds ('57), Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('58),  
Mr. D. H. Furlough ('59), Rev. Charlie Overton ('60)

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

J. A. Alexander, 300 Hanbury, Portsmouth, Va.

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

L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina

A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, North Carolina

T. F. Davenport, Creswell, North Carolina

J. Albert Harris, 234 Sycamore Avenue, Newport News, Va.

Ralph Osborne, Pinetown, North Carolina

C. H. Overman, Walstonburg, North Carolina

Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, North Carolina

Walter Reynolds, Ahoskie, North Carolina

W. T. Reynolds, Columbia, North Carolina

Willie Twiddy, Enfield Apt. Elizabeth City, N. C.

P. C. Wiggs, Belhaven, North Carolina

J. D. Woodruff, Portsmouth, Virginia

## LICENSED MINISTERS

W. A. Woolard, Pantego, North Carolina

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

### **Martin County—**

Corinth—R. L. Waters, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; J. Albert Harris, pastor.

### **Washington County—**

Mt. Tabor—Mr. Fentress Simmons, clerk, Creswell, N. C.; Marshall Joyner, pastor.

Mt. Olive—M. E. Ange, clerk, Jamesville, N. C.; A. B. Chandler, pastor.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Union Chapel—J. H. Allen, clerk, Route 1, Box 198, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, pastor.

Piney Grove—Mrs. Neva Spruill, clerk, Roper, N. C.; Willie Twiddy, pastor.

Plymouth—Mrs. Edward Woolard, clerk, 403 Winesett Circle, Plymouth, N. C.; Herman Wooten, pastor.

### **Tyrrell County—**

Free Union—Mrs. Viva Spencer, clerk, Route 3, Box 38, Columbia, N. C.; J. D. Woodruff, pastor.

Sound Side—Mr. J. D. Sawyer, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Malachi's Chapel—Mr. C. A. Voliva, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

Gum Neck—Mr. Otis B. Cahoon, clerk, Columbia, N. C.

### **Beaufort County—**

Free Union—Mr. J. T. Keech, clerk, Pantego, N. C.; Sam Kennedy, pastor.

Trinity—Mr. Freeman G. Allen, Route 1, Box 62, Pantego, N. C.; Hubert Burrell, pastor.

Belhaven—Demla R. Tolan, clerk, Belhaven, N. C.; P. C. Wiggs, pastor.

Sidney—Magdalene Brinn, clerk, Ransomville, N. C.; Ralph Osborne, pastor.

Washington—Mrs. W. A. Miller, clerk, Washington, N. C.; Charles Keith, pastor.

### **Hertford County—**

Hickory Chapel—Mr. W. O. Dilday, clerk, Ahoskie, N. C.; Walter Reynolds, pastor.

### **Virginia—**

First Free Will Baptist, Portsmouth, Va.—Elmer E. Pittman, clerk, P. O. Box 48, Churchland, Va.; J. A. Alexander, pastor.



# Proceedings

The eleventh annual session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Portsmouth, Virginia, on October 5 and 6, 1955.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

The ministers and pastors of the Albemarle Conference met in an organizational meeting at which time Rev. Walter Reynolds was elected president of the group. The plans of the ministerial conference included a semi-annual meeting in April of 1956, at the Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, 10:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

The welcome address was given by Mr. F. O. Whitehurst, a member of the local church; the response was given by Mr. Winfred Brickhouse.

In the absence of the moderator, who was ill in the hospital, Rev. Walter Reynolds was elected to serve in his place.

Special prayer was offered for Rev. J. A. Alexander.

The following officers of the conference were present: assistant moderator, R. C. Alexander; secretary, Walter Reynolds; treasurer, Mr. Winfred Brickhouse.

The following members of the various boards and committees were present:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—R. C. Alexander, Walter Reynolds, Mr. Winfred Bickhouse, L. E. Ambrose.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES—none present.

BOARD OF EDUCATION—A. B. Chandler.

BOARD OF ORDINATION—L. E. Ambrose.

BOARD OF MISSIONS—Walter Reynolds and L. E. Ambrose.

The roll of ministers was called with the following present: R. C. Alexander, L. E. Ambrose, A. B. Chandler, T. F. Davenport, J. Albert Harris, Walter Reynolds and J. E. Woodruff.

The roll of churches was called with the following representing: Corinth, Mount Tabor, Mount Zion, Union Chapel, Plymouth, Free Union of Tyrrell County, Sound Side, Malichi's Chapel, Free Union of Beaufort County, Trinity, Belhaven, Washington, Hickory Chapel and Portsmouth.

The visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

T. O. Terry—Eastern Conference.

D. W. Alexander—Central Conference.

Ralph Osborne—Central Conference.

P. C. Wiggs—Central Conference.

Charles Keith—Central Conference.

Fred Rivenbark—Southwest Conference, Virginia.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

OBITUARY—Mr. L. B. Keech and Rev. R. C. Alexander.

TEMPERANCE—Rev. A. B. Chandler and Mr. J. W. Brickhouse.

RESOLUTIONS—Rev. J. Albert Harris and Rev. T. F. Davenport.

NOMINATING—Rev. L. E. Ambrose and Mr. J. A. Etheridge.

FINANCE—Mr. Winfield Brickhouse and Mr. N. A. Wall.

By motion Revs. P. C. Wiggs and Ralph Osborne were received as members of the Albemarle Conference pending their letters from the Central Conference.

On motion that Revs. P. C. Wiggs and Ralph Osborne be granted all the rights and privileges of a member in good standing during this session of the Albemarle Conference. Motion carried.

We were then led in congregational singing by the moderator of the conference.

The introductory sermon was delivered by the Rev. T. O. Terry.

We were dismissed with prayer for lunch.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P. M.

After a very delicious lunch, which was served by the ladies of the local church, we reassembled for the afternoon session.

The afternoon devotions were led by the Rev. Ralph Osborne.

The president of the State Convention, Rev. D. W. Alexander, brought greetings from the convention. He also presented some important matters for adoption by the conference.

The first matter was the revision of the North Carolina Treatise. By motion the revised North Carolina Treatise was adopted.

The second item was a resolution which was passed by the State Convention asking that the church fiscal year be changed from what it is now to begin on September 1, and go through August 31. By motion this was adopted.

The third item was the uniform examination for ministers. By motion this item was adopted.

Mr. L. A. Dunn, business manager of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, brought greetings from the press.

A suggestion from Rev. D. W. Alexander relative to raising the standards of the ministry was referred to the board of ordination.

The report of the Albemarle Union was given. (See reports.)

The report of the League Union was given. (See reports.)

Rev. Walter Reynolds gave a report of the State Convention. This report was received as information.

### BUSINESS PERIOD

Dear Brethren:

We, the Free Will Baptist Church of Washington, are asking for a letter of



dismissal from the Albemarle Conference to unite with Central Conference in November, 1955. Trusting you will grant this, I am,

Yours in His service,

Mrs. W. A. Miller, clerk.

A motion was made that a letter be granted the Washington Church to the Central Conference. Motion seconded.

By motion the previous motion was tabled.

On motion that a suitable delegation be sent from this conference to meet with the Washington Church in their next regular business meeting (last Wednesday night in October), to try to persuade them to remain in the Albemarle Conference, but if the church does not so desire, then the letter be granted them to the Central Conference. Motion seconded and carried. The executive committee to act as the delegation from the Albemarle Conference to the Washington Church.

By motion we adjourned to meet again Thursday morning at 10:00 a. m.

#### **THURSDAY MORNING, 10:00 A. M.**

The Rev. Walter Reynolds brought the opening devotional.

Special prayer was offered for Rev. J. A. Alexander.

The minutes of Wednesday's session of the Albemarle Conference were read and approved.

The visiting ministers were recognized as follows:

Rev. James A. Evans—Western Conference.

Rev. R. H. Jackson—Eastern Conference.

Rev. A. F. Williamson—Missionary Baptist minister.

The report of the Sunday School Convention was given. (See reports.)

## **Report of Standing Boards and Committees**

The executive committee of the Albemarle Conference gave its report. (See reports.)

By motion that part of the executive committee's report that had to do with the constitutional change was laid on the table until the afternoon session.

The board of education made no report.

On motion we include the report of the board of ordination in the minutes as soon as Rev. J. A. Alexander is able to make it. Motion carried. (See reports.)

The board of missions made its report to the conference. (See reports.)

#### **REPORT OF TEMPORARY COMMITTEES**

Obituary committee had no report.

The temperance committee gave its report. (See reports.)

On motion that someone be elected to serve in Rev. R. C. Alexander's place as assistant moderator since his health has caused him to retire from active ministry. Motion carried.

The nominating committee gave its report. (See reports.)  
Greetings and information from Rev. R. H. Jackson, superintendent of the Orphanage, were received by the conference.  
The convention sermon was preached by Rev. P. C. Wiggs.  
We were dismissed with prayer for lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P. M.

Another delicious lunch was served by the ladies of the local church, after which we reassembled for the afternoon session.

The afternoon devotional was conducted by Rev. J. Albert Harris.

An offering was received for the Orphanage amounting to \$20.05.

The report of the resolutions committee was given. (See reports.)

Rev. James A. Evans was recognized and gave us information concerning the State Mission Board and Cragmont Assembly, Inc.

Rev. James A. Evans, representing the boundary line committee of the state mission board, presented the proposed boundary lines for the Albemarle Conference.

By motion the boundary lines, as outlined by the boundary line committee, was adopted.

The following resolution was presented from the floor of the conference:

Be it resolved that the Albemarle Conference go on record as asking the state executive committee to approve a resolution asking each conference or association in the State Convention to refuse to admit any church to become a member of their conference or association that is within the boundary of another conference or association; except in the forming of a new conference or association within the boundary of an established conference or association.

This resolution was adopted.

The treasurer gave his report. (See reports.)

By motion that part of the executive committee's report that had to do with the constitutional change was taken off the table.

On motion that this recommended constitutional change be adopted and become a part of the constitution. Motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following as delegates to the 1956 session of the State Convention: L. W. Davenport, Winfred Brickhouse and Archie Wiloughby.

On motion that the conference pay the moderator \$15.00 at each annual session of the conference for his services. Motion carried.

By motion we gave a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Portsmouth for the hospitality shown this sitting of the Albemarle Conference.

By motion the responsibility of placing the 1956 session of the Albemarle Conference was left to the executive committee.

By motion we adjourned.

# Reports of Boards and Committees

Report of the Albemarle Union Meeting to the Albemarle Conference convening at Portsmouth, Virginia, October 5, 6, 1955:

Delegate, Mr. Jesse Hurley; amount sent for conference, \$10.00; number union meetings held, 4; average number churches representing in union meeting, 17.

Financial report of Albemarle Union Meeting:

For year 1954, 55 we have received a total of \$718.84; we have paid out for all causes and purposes, \$739.02.

REMARKS: The sessions of the Albemarle Union Meeting this year have been a real spiritual blessing to all who attended. There has been a trend to inspirational services this year, more than ever before, which is a good sign of progress. With the continuance of cooperation among the churches in the Albemarle district, we can do much more for God's glory in the year ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds, Moderator

By motion this report was accepted.

Report of the League Union Meeting to the Albemarle Conference convening at Portsmouth, Virginia, October 5, 6, 1955:

Delegate, Mr. J. A. Etheridge; amount sent for conference, \$10.00; number league unions held, 4.

Financial report of Albemarle League Union:

For year 1954, 55 we have received a total of \$298.63; we have paid out for all causes and purposes, \$285.01.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton Herrin, President

By motion this report was accepted.

Report of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention to the Albemarle Conference convening at Portsmouth, Virginia, October 5, 6, 1955:

We are happy to report the success of the past year's work of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention. We have had four quarterly meetings with a very high average of Sunday schools representing. Also financially, the Sunday School Convention has received and paid out to the denominational causes what we consider a very good amount.

Each session has also been a great spiritual blessing through the teaching of the Sunday school lesson and the preaching of the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Ambrose, President

By motion this report was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the executive committee of the Albemarle Conference, wish to submit



the following report to the eleventh annual session of the Albemarle Conference:

We have had five executive committee meetings since the last session of the Albemarle Conference. Minutes were kept of each meeting and anyone wishing to examine them may do so. We have had an average of five members present for each of our meetings, and there has been a splendid spirit of cooperation manifested by each member of the committee.

Since the last session of the Albemarle Conference the executive committee has taken care of all assigned responsibilities and all necessary matters of business.

We have only one recommendation to make: We recommend that Article V of the constitution be amended to read:

#### **ARTICLE V**

##### **Finance**

Each church shall contribute to the conference program according to its membership.

Conference funds shall be used for the work and general expense of the conference. The use of all funds to be approved by the conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Committee

By motion this report was adopted.

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION**

We, the board of ordination, have nothing to report at this session of the Albemarle Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Ordination

#### **REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MISSIONS**

We, the board of missions of the Albemarle Conference, wish to submit the following report to this eleventh annual session of the Albemarle Conference.

Since the last session of the Albemarle Conference the board of missions has maintained a mission point in Edenton, North Carolina. The Albemarle Conference board of missions has been cooperating with the state mission board in trying to bring about an organization of a Free Will Baptist church there. As yet we have been unable to materialize any of our plans because we have been unable to secure a suitable place to conduct a revival. Efforts are still being made and we hope in the near future to be able to accomplish our goal.

We recommend that the churches of our conference support the board of missions in their efforts to establish churches in the Albemarle district.

We request such information from those who might know of Free Will Baptist people living in areas where we do not have Free Will Baptist churches. There is a great need for the establishment of Free Will Baptist churches in our district, but only as we work together and under the leadership of God can we accomplish the task.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Missions

By motion this report was accepted.

## REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee of the Albemarle Conference, recommend that this conference and the churches thereof follow the temperance regulations as laid down in our State Treatise.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Chandler

J. W. Brickhouse

By motion this report was accepted.

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We recommend the following:

Assistant Moderator—Ralph Osborne

Board of Trustees—P. C. Wiggs ('58)

Board of Education—J. D. Woodruff ('58)

Board of Ordination—L. E. Ambrose ('58)

Board of Missions—Charlie Overton ('60)

Respectfully submitted,

L. E. Ambrose

J. A. Etheridge

By motion this report was adopted.

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, there is the need of a more cooperative program, we, your resolutions committee, submit the following resolutions:

**First Resolution:** Be it resolved that we encourage all churches to change the beginning of its fiscal year from what it is at the present time to September 1. (This plan is to enable a more accurate report of the fiscal year and will aid the pastor with a family to get established in his new location before the beginning of public schools.)

**Second Resolution:** Be it resolved that we accept the changes that have been made by the revision committee in the revision of the State Treatise and that we encourage more of our churches and pastors to have study courses on the Articles of Faith.

**Third Resolution:** Be it resolved that we encourage our pastors and churches to be more cooperative in their support of our denominational enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Albert Harris

T. F. Davenport

By motion this report was adopted.

## REPORT OF TREASURER

### General Fund

Received from Treasurer .....	\$ 66.00
Received During Year .....	77.51
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Total Received .....	\$143.51



Paid Out Since Last Conference:

Expenses .....\$ 42.75

Minutes ..... 100.00

Total Paid Out ..... 142.75

Balance in Treasury .....\$ .76

Received from Churches at this Session .....\$171.00

Offering for Orphanage ..... 20.05

Total in General Fund .....\$191.05

Mission Funds

Received from Treasurer .....\$264.69

Received During Year ..... 153.81

Total Received .....\$418.50

Paid Out for Expenses ..... 117.42

Total in Mission Fund .....\$301.08

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Winfred Brickhouse

By motion this report was accepted.

# Constitution of Albemarle Conference

## ARTICLE I

### Section 1—Name

This organization shall be known as the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

### Section 2—Purpose

The general purpose of this conference shall be to promote the great cause of Christ among men by means in strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

## ARTICLE II

### Section 1—Composition

This conference shall be composed of the ordained and licensed ministers who are members of churches that belong to the conference, all general officers of the conference, the members of standing boards or committees, the president or moderator of each subordinate general organization and the churches that hold their membership with the conference, together with those that may subsequently be admitted.

### Section 2—Representation

Every church affiliated with the Albemarle Conference shall represent in its annual session with two delegates, and each subordinate general organization shall represent with one delegate. A report from each church and subordinate organization shall be rendered at the annual session of the conference.

## ARTICLE III

### Officers

The officers of this conference shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a secretary, an assistant secretary and a treasurer, each of whom shall be elected for a term of two years. The term of office for all officers shall begin at the close of the annual session at which they are elected.

Temporary officers, representatives or messengers may be elected at the option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed essential.

## ARTICLE IV

### Standing Boards and Committees

It shall be the method of this conference to simplify its work by the assignment of specific work to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and committees.

A board of trustees, a board of education and a board of ordination consisting of three (3) members each shall be elected. The term of office for members of these boards shall be three years but shall be so adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

A board of missions, consisting of five members, shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be five years, but shall be adjusted as to terminate the office of one member annually.

## **Section 1**

Standing boards shall have authority to write their own bylaws and administer their respective programs of work, but each shall remain subject to the authority and approval of the conference.

## **Section 2**

The executive committee shall be composed of the general officers of the conference and the moderator or president of each subordinate general organization.

## **Section 3**

Temporary committees shall be appointed at the option of the conference for whatever purpose deemed necessary.

# **ARTICLE V**

## **Finance**

Each church shall contribute to the conference program according to its membership.

Conference funds shall be used for the work and general expense of the conference. The use of all funds to be approved by the conference.

# **ARTICLE VI**

## **Admission of Churches**

Any properly organized church that gives evidence of adherence to the doctrines of Christianity as taught by Free Will Baptists and desires to help promote the program and work of the Albemarle Conference may submit its petition for membership through an official delegation at any annual session of the conference. If the petition for membership be approved, the moderator shall extend the hand of fellowship to the delegates and declare them duly seated.

# **ARTICLE VII**

## **Fraternal Delegations and Visitors**

Fraternal delegations and visitors shall be extended all the privileges of the conference except that of voting, serving on committees or holding elective offices.

# **ARTICLE VIII**

## **Meetings**

The Albemarle Conference shall meet in annual session on Wednesday and Thursday before the second Sunday in October of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session or by the executive committee. The place of a future meeting thus selected may be changed by an act of the executive committee should such a change become necessary.

# **BYLAWS**

## **Section 1**

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside, according to accepted parliamentary procedure, over the sessions of the Albemarle Conference; to appoint

temporary committees, delegates and representatives; to serve as exofficio member of all standing boards and subordinate general organizations; to sign official documents that require the signature of the moderator.

## **Section 2**

The duties of the assistant moderator shall be the duties of the moderator when that officer is not present and assist the moderator when called upon.

## **Section 3**

The secretary shall record the proceedings of all sessions of the Albemarle Conference and preserve an accurate record of said proceedings in a book provided for this purpose. He shall prepare and cause to be published the minutes of the annual sessions of the conference; hold in trust all documents, not otherwise preserved, and surrender same at the direction of the conference; conduct the official correspondence and sign such documents and instruments as require his signature.

## **Section 4**

The duties of the assistant secretary shall be the duties of the recording secretary when that officer is not present and to assist the secretary when called upon.

## **Section 5**

The treasurer shall hold in trust all money that belongs to the conference and pay out same by order of the conference, the executive committee or any standing board invested with the authority to authorize the disbursement of funds. He shall keep an accurate account of all funds received and paid out and make an annual report accordingly to the conference.

## **Section 6**

The executive committee shall have power to act in the behalf of and for the Albemarle Conference from one regular session to another. It shall organize at will and discharge the administrative duties assigned to it. It shall plan the programs of the conference. The executive committee shall meet not less than two times between the annual sessions of the conference.

## **Section 7**

The board of trustees shall hold title to all property belonging to this conference. It shall have power to convey such property when authorized by the conference.

## **Section 8**

The following temporary committees shall be appointed annually by the moderator and shall render reports during the sitting of the conference: obituary, temperance, resolutions, nominating and finance.

## **Section 9**

All reports, resolutions and recommendations shall be considered properly presented to the conference in written form only.

### Section 10

No minister, officer or delegate shall be at liberty to retire from the building during a session of the conference without the consent of the moderator.

### Section 11

If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his rights during the remaining part of that session of the conference.

### Section 12

This constitution and bylaws may be altered or amended by a two-thirds favorable vote of the members present in a regular session. All amendments shall be on the table not less than three hours prior to adoption and shall, during that time, be read at least one time.



# MINUTES

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## Albemarle Auxiliary Convention, 1955

The Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with the Sidney Church, April 4, 1955.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Agnes Edwards, after which the congregation sang "Give of Your Best to the Master," with Scripture reading and prayer by Mrs. Edwards.

The theme chosen for the day was "Declaring His Glory." The president, Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, presided over the meeting.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Dallas Paul, with the response being given by Mrs. Ralph Osborne.

The president made timely remarks concerning the theme and of the business to follow.

The following committees were then appointed:

**Resolutions:** Mrs. Walter Reynolds, Mrs. Kathleen Sawyer and Mrs. Margarette Woolard.

**Courtesy:** Mrs. J. G. Paul, Mrs. D. H. Furlough and Mrs. Glenn Ferbee.

**Finance:** Mrs. Viva Spencer, Mrs. Ralph Webster and Mrs. Delsie Waters.

We were happy to have the following ministers present: Revs. Ralph Osborne, R. H. Jackson, Charles Keith, J. W. Alford, P. C. Wiggs, James A. Evans, David Hansley, Rashie Kennedy, Bruce Barrow, Raymond Riggs and Burkette Raper.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with eleven auxiliaries present. There were three other auxiliaries represented by letter.

Rev. R. H. Jackson and Mrs. S. A. Smith brought greetings from the Orphanage, after which an offering was taken amounting to \$64.56. Mrs. Smith brought a project to the convention at this time explaining the need of covering the dining room floor. She asked that we carry the thought home to our local auxiliaries and send a donation to help the cause real soon.

Rev. R. H. Jackson told us of his interest in the home and that he would be taking Mr. Smith's place in May. He covets the prayers and support of all Christians.

Mrs. L. E. Ballard spoke to us about the State Convention, stating that it was to be held in Cramerton, North Carolina, on May 18 and 19.

Mrs. J. A. Alexander brought a very inspiring and timely message on "Declaring His Glory Through Field Work." She used as her Scripture reading Acts 11:19. She told us the world was spiritually poor instead of financially poor by getting away from the power of God. Mrs. Alexander challenged everyone to give themselves wholly unto the Lord.

Special music was rendered at this time by a quartet.

Rev. Charles Keith brought the convention message, taking his Scripture reading from Mark 15. His subject was "Are You Willing to Say Yes to Jesus?"

Dinner was served picnic style on the grounds.

### AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with Rev. Rashie Kennedy conducting the devotions, followed with David Hansley leading in prayer.

Rev. Raymond Riggs spoke to us concerning foreign missions. Mrs. Davenport asked that each auxiliary take a love offering and send to Rev. Riggs for mission work.

A motion was made that we entertain the State Auxiliary Convention in May of 1956. An invitation was given by the Free Union Church to meet with them. The invitation was accepted.

### COMMITTEES REPORTS

**Resolutions:** We, the resolutions committee, wish to submit the following:

**First:** Be it resolved that every person here today take the themes of the inspiring messages we have heard back home to our church and urge every member to apply them to his own life.

**Second:** We, the resolutions committee, recommend that each delegate urge their local auxiliaries to take part in the covering of the dining room floor at the Orphanage.

**Courtesy:** In behalf of this session of the Albemarle Conference, we are thanking those who took part on the program. We also thank the auxiliary that entertained us so graciously with a nice dinner and beautiful flowers. Our thanks go to the minister, visitors and friends who encouraged us with their presence and prayers.

Submitted by,

Mrs. Glenn Ferbee

Mrs. D. H. Furlough

**Finance:** We recommend that the following be paid: Convention expenses, \$15.00; representation to State Convention, \$8.00; superannuation, \$5.00; Mt. Allen Junior College, \$5.00; missions, \$15.00; for minutes, \$33.00; Nashville Bible College, \$5.00; leaving a balance in the treasury of \$20.00.

By motion these reports were accepted.

Rev. Burkette Raper, representing Mt. Allen Junior College, spoke to us concerning the need of a denominational college. He stressed to us the fact that we are losing our young people to other denominations which provide higher education.

Reports were given by each chairman along with a short talk.

We are to meet with Sound Side Auxiliary on October 13, 1955.

Prayer was made in behalf of the P. C. Wiggs' family, followed by dismissal.

Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, President

Mrs. Cecil J. Waters, Secretary

## AUXILIARY CONVENTION—OCTOBER 13, 1955

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle District met October 13, 1955, with Sound Side Church.

The theme for the day was "Prayer." The devotions were given by Mrs. Neva Brickhouse. A gracious welcome was given by Mrs. Betty Lou Brickhouse with the response being given by Mrs. Ceaten Swain.

Mrs. Lonnie Davenport presided over the meeting.

We were glad to have the following ministers present: Revs. C. H. Overman, W. B. Raper and P. C. Wiggs. Also present among our number was Mrs. R. H. Jackson from the Orphanage at Middlesex, and representatives from the Western and Eastern District.

Mrs. Davenport appointed the following committees: resolutions and hospitality.

By motion we adopted the program for the day as printed and scheduled.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The roll was called with thirteen auxiliaries present. One auxiliary was absent, but was represented by letter.

Mrs. R. H. Jackson brought greetings from the Orphanage. She said there were seventy-four children enrolled at the home. She also brought the projects before us as follows: 1. That we buy a piano for the chapel. 2. That the home was in need of beef calves for food preservation. 3. An invitation was extended to everyone to attend the Thanksgiving services at the Orphanage.

Rev. Overman conducted the singing, after which prayer was offered by Mrs. Edwin Roper.

We were favored with special music by the local church.

Rev. C. H. Overman brought us a message on "The Power and Privilege of Prayer." He chose for his Scripture reading Acts 4.

Lunch was served picnic style on the grounds.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Overman.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler gave us a timely and inspiring talk on "Blessings of Prayer."

We were favored with special music from the local church.

By motion we take \$20.00 out of the treasury to add to the \$50.00 previously sent to the orphanage, to buy Gene Page's clothes, in order to buy her a suit.

The following committees' reports were given and accepted.

**Resolutions:** We, the resolutions committee, wish to submit the following:

1. That we ask each member to take the message back to her local auxiliary and urge each member to pray that we may become better Christians.

2. That we ask our delegates to take the needs of our orphanage to our women and ask their support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Alton Furlough  
Mrs. Walter Reynolds  
Mrs. Nancy Sawyer

**Hospitality:** We, the hospitality committee, wish to submit the following:

1. We wish to say, "Thanks," for the fine dinner, special music, sermons and friendship of the day.

2. A rising vote of thanks be given to the host church.

Mrs. J. A. Alexander gave a report of her field work and presented two of the groups she had worked with.

By motion the convention pay for the literature for the Piney Grove Auxiliary as a love gift.

An appeal was made for the support of the State Convention. All auxiliaries close enough bring a basket of food and other send \$5.00 to help buy commodities needed during the convention.

Rev. W. B. Raper spoke to us about Mt. Allen Junior College. He said that it had been necessary to purchase more furniture and urged that each district furnish a room. Our district is small so we took a single room for \$150.00.

Congregational singing was followed by adjournment to meet again in the spring with the good ladies at Trinity Church.

Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, President  
Mrs. Cecil J. Waters, Secretary



