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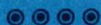
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OFFICERS FOR THE 1960 SESSION

MODERATOR -- Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, North Carolina

ASSISTANT MODERATOR -- Rev. Allen Bryan, Pinetown, North Carolina

SECRETARY -- Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, North Carolina

ASSISTANT SECRETARY -- Rev. Herbert Bryan, Columbia, North Carolina

TREASURER -- Mr. Winford Brickhouse, Columbia, North Carolina

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. Allen Bryan, Mr. Oscar Webster,
Mr. Winford Brickhouse, Moderator of the Albemarle Union
and Presidents of the League, Union, the Sunday School
Convention and Woman's Auxiliary Convention

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. H. P. Swain ('60), Mr. D. H. Furlough ('61), Rev. A. B. Chandler ('62)

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Mr. Seton Swain ('60), Mrs. Maxine Bowen ('61), Rev. Bobby Aycock ('62)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('60), Rev. Allen Bryan ('61), Rev. J. A. Alexander ('62)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Charlie Overton ('60), Mr. Oscar Webster ('61),
Mr. Winford Brickhouse ('62), Rev. L. E. Ambrose ('63),
Rev. Herbert Bryan ('64)

BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Rev. Bobby Aycock ('60), Rev. Dan Gaskins ('61), Rev. Herbert Bryan ('62)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

J. A. Alexander	400 Hanbury Ave., Portsmouth, Va.
R. C. Alexander	Box 301, Robersonville, N. C.
L. E. Ambrose	Creswell, N. C.
Bobby Aycock	Plymouth, N. C.
Robert Breeden	
Allen Bryan	Pinetown, N. C.
Everett Bryan	Belhaven, N. C.
Herbert Bryan	Columbia, N. C.
A. B. Chandler	Ahoskie, N. C.
T. F. Davenport	Creswell, N. C.
Daniel Gaskins	Pinetown, N. C.
Charlie Overton	Ahoskie, N. C.
W. T. Reynolds	Columbia, N. C.
Willie Twiddy	Enfield Apt., Elizabeth City, N. C.
P. C. Wiggs	

LICENSED MINISTERS

Winford Brickhouse Columbia, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth	R. L. Moore, Clerk, Jamesville, N. C.
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WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor	Mrs. Howard Ambrose, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 171, Creswell, N. C.; Ed Miles, Pastor
Mt. Olive	Wendell Ange, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; Willie Twiddy, Pastor
Mt. Zion	Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; L. E. Ambrose, Pastor
Union Chapel	J. H. Allen, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.; Charlie Overton, Pastor
Piney Grove	Mrs. Neva Spruill, Clerk, Roper, N. C.; Willie Twiddy, Pastor
Plymouth	Mrs. Edward A. Woolard, Clerk, 403 Winsett Circle, Plymouth, N. C.; Bobby Aycock, Pastor

TYRELL COUNTY

Free Union	Mrs. Viva Spencer, Clerk, Route 3, Box 38, Columbia, N. C.; Herbert Bryan, Pastor, Columbia, N. C.
Sound Side	Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Charlie Overton, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.
Malachi's Chapel	Mr. C. A. Voliva, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Herbert Bryan, Pastor
Gum Neck	Otis Cahoon, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.; Herbert Bryan, Pastor

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union	Darrell Windley, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C.; Allen Bryan, Pastor
Trinity	Mr. Freeman Allen, Clerk, Route 1, Box 62, Pantego, N. C.; Everette Bryan, Pastor, Belhaven, N. C.
Belhaven	Mrs. Douglas Spencer, Clerk, Rt. 2, Belhaven, N. C.; Everette Bryan, Pastor, Belhaven, N. C.
Sidney	William R. Gaylord, Clerk, Pinetown, N. C.; Daniel Gaskins, Pastor, Pinetown, N. C.

Fellowship

Mrs. Alma Whealton, Clerk, 814 E. Eighth St.,
Washington, N. C.; Daniel Gaskins, Supply Pastor,
Pinetown, N. C.

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel

Mr. Harold Chamblee, Jr., Clerk, Ahoskie,
N. C.; Johnnie Eason, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The fifteenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist Church convened with Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina, October 8, 1959.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Ed. Miles.

The welcome address was given by Brother Isaac Furlough; the response was given by Rev. Ralph Osborne.

The moderator gave an appropriate address.

REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION

The roll of ministers was called with the following present:

L. E. Ambrose, A. B. Chandler, Tom Davenport, Allen Bryan, Herbert Bryan, Bobby Aycock, Everette Bryan, J. A. Alexander, Charlie Overton, Ralph Osborne, and Winiford Brickhouse, licentiate.

The visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

Rev. Walter Reynolds	Central Conference
Rev. Ed. Miles	Central Conference
Rev. Wilbert Everton	Central Conference and Children's Home
Rev. C. D. Hamilton	Central Conference
Rev. Bruce Barrow	Central Conference and President, State Convention
Rev. C. H. Overman	Central Conference and Free Will Baptist Press
Rev. Johnnie Eason	Western Conference
Rev. Roland Cherry	Central Conference
Rev. M. T. Johnson	Western Conference delegate and Mt. Olive College

The report of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds, Chairman-Treasurer.

REPORT TO THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE for the year 1958-1959

- I. We now have 22 ministers who receive regular pension checks. Of this number, two (2) are from your conference.
- II. We have twenty-five (25) minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.

III. Contributions made by the Conference to superannuation:

1. Churches	\$123.61
2. Sunday Schools	179.98
3. Leagues	3.00
4. Auxiliaries	17.00
5. Union	67.07
6. Individuals	10.00
TOTAL	<u>\$400.66</u>

IV. The budget for 1959-1960 is \$20,000.00, based upon 50¢ per member of the churches of this State.

V. October is superannuation month. Please send all superannuation funds to Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

VI. May I say thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation.

In Him,

/s/ Walter Reynolds

WALTER REYNOLDS

CHAIRMAN-TREASURER

Greetings and information from the Children's Home were brought by the Rev. Wilbert Everton, Supt.

The moderator appointed the temporary committees.

A report was given for information from the State Convention by the Rev. Bruce Barrow, President.

Greetings and information from Mount Olive College, along with a report of gifts from the Albemarle Conference, were given by Rev. M. L. Johnson:

Church Name	Amount by Individuals	Church	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Misc.	Total
Belhaven	18.00		14.15			32.15
Corinth			10.00	15.00		25.00
Free Union (B)		18.75				18.75
Gum Neck	7.00	57.59	17.64			82.23
Hickory Chapel	65.00					65.00
Malachi's Chapel	3.00					3.00
Mt. Olive		6.16				6.16
Mt. Tabor	5.00	53.58	19.40	19.00	25.85	122.83
Mt. Zion	5.00			5.00		10.00
Plymouth	105.00					105.00
Shiloh	40.00	25.00				65.00
Sidney	10.00					10.00
Sound Side		36.25			5.00	41.25
Trinity	95.00	109.45	82.00			286.45
Union Chapel		17.10	7.57			24.67

Note: The above is a report of gifts credited as listed. Since the information received with some gifts is not complete, it is possible some are not credited.

Report from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C., was given by Rev. C. H. Overman, Assistant Editor of the Press, as information.

At this time the business of the conference was suspended for the worship hour.

The hymn, "At Calvary," was sung by the congregation.

Rev. C. H. Overman sang "Face to Face."

The conference sermon entitled "Three Steps Leading to a Christian's Downfall" was delivered by Rev. J. A. Alexander. The Scripture read was from Matthew 27:69-75.

We were dismissed for lunch with Prayer by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

THURSDAY 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 devotions were conducted by Rev. Johnnie Eason.

Motion passed that St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, N.C., become a member of the Albemarle Conference, pending a letter from the Central Conference.

An offering was taken for the Albemarle Conference in the amount of \$17.21.

A report of the National Association of Free Will Baptists was given as information by Rev. M. L. Johnson.

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Allen Bryan.

A report of Free Will Baptist Bible College was given as information by Rev. Bobby Aycock.

Delegates appointed to the North Carolina State Convention are as follows: Oscar Webster, Willie Armstrong and Isaac Furlough.

A report on Plymouth, North Carolina, church was given as information by Rev. Bobby Aycock.

The Temperance Committee, Mrs. Amanda Willoughby and Mrs. J. A. Alexander, gave the following report:

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the temperance committee of the Albemarle Conference, wish to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, statistics show that the major cause of crime, broken homes and death on the highways are caused by those who participate in alcoholic beverages which damage the mind and sends souls to hell, we recommend that no person hold office in our churches or its auxiliaries who handle or participate in it in any way. We also recommend that all Christians join hands in prayer to

pledge their support to God in stamping out this evil which exists in our country today.

We also recommend that whenever we as Christians have an opportunity to cast a vote against the sale of alcoholic beverages, cast that vote in order that our youth today will not be influenced by its sale in our State.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. A. Alexander
Mrs. Archie Willoughby

Motion passed to adopt the report.

A prayer of purpose concerning the temperance report was given by Rev. Allen Bryan.

The Resolutions Committee, Rev. Bobby Aycock and Rev. Herbert Bryan, gave the following report:

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following resolutions:

FIRST: This is not a new resolution but we wish to emphasize the resolution adopted last year at the conference about youth:

"Be it resolved in view of the fact that our future depends on our young people, that we urge continued support and promotion by all churches in the Albemarle district to the youth programs adopted by the conference."

SECOND: Be it resolved that we extend Mt. Tabor Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitable and efficient entertainment of this our fifteenth annual session of Albemarle Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Bryan
Bobby Aycock

Motion passed to adopt report of the Resolutions Committee.

The Conference gave the host church a rising vote of thanks for its hospitable and efficient entertainment of this session of the Albemarle Conference.

The report of the Ordination Board was given by the Chairman, Rev. Allen Bryan, as follows:

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE ORDINATION BOARD REPORT

We, the Ordination Board of the Albemarle Conference, have had no work to do during the year. No minister or license minister has petitioned to come before us, nor has any person or persons requested license for the ministry.

We respectfully request that if there are license ministers in the Conference whose license need to be renewed or passed upon, please pass your petition or request to the board.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. A. B. Bryan, Chairman
Rev. Ralph Osborne; Rev. J. A. Alexander

Motion passed to adopt the Ordination Board report.

The report of the Youth Evangelism Committee was given by Rev. Bobby Aycock as follows:

BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM REPORTS TO ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

The board has maintained Youth for Christ rallies for the past year. The Albemarle is divided into two districts -- Columbia and Washington-Plymouth. The rally of the Columbia district has been under the direction of Brother Herbert Bryan. The Washington-Plymouth district has been headed by Brother Daniel Gaskins.

The rallies have met bi-monthly. The services have consisted of a main speaker with a varying program. There have been outstanding Christian films shown on a few occasions.

The rallies have been supported by freewill offerings given at the rallies.

Everett Bryan
Herbert Bryan
Bobby Aycock

Motion passed to adopt the report of the Youth Evangelism Committee.

There was no report given by the Executive Committee of the Conference as no meeting was held.

A report on the Bath Mission was given as information by Rev. Allen Bryan.

Motion passed that the Board of Youth Evangelism be inserted in Paragraph 2 of Article 4 of the Constitution of the Albemarle Conference as one of the standing boards.

The report of the Nominating Committee, composed of Oscar Webster, Rev. J. A. Alexander and Rev. L. E. Ambrose, was given as follows:

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Secretary - Oscar Webster
Assistant Secretary - Rev. Herbert Bryan
Board of Trustee - Rev. A. B. Chandler
Board of Education - Rev. Bobby Aycock
Board of Ordination - Rev. J. A. Alexander (re-elect)
Rev. L. E. Ambrose
Board of Missions - Rev. Herbert Bryan
Board of Youth Evangelism - Rev. Herbert Bryan
Rev. Dan Gaskins
Rev. Bobby Aycock

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. J. A. Alexander
Rev. L. E. Ambrose
Oscar Webster

Motion passed to accept the report of the Nominating Committee.

Report of the Conference Treasurer was given by Rev. Winifred Brickhouse as follows:

Received for Missions for year beginning October 1958 to October 1959:

Received	\$ 157.64
Brought forward	174.15
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	331.79
Paid out - mileage & mission work	172.80
In Treasury	<hr/>
	\$ 158.99

Received for General Fund

Received	\$ 40.00
Brought forward	221.89
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	261.89

Paid out - telephone calls, mileage, moderator fee, Secretary fee, Treasurer fee & minutes	215.54
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In Treasury	\$ 46.35
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Received today from various churches	\$ 103.00
Public offering	17.21
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	120.21

Brought forward	46.35
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Total in Treasury today	\$ 166.56
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Winiford Brickhouse, Treasurer

Motion passed to adopt Treasurer's report.

A report concerning the State Mission Board was given as information by Rev. Allen Bryan.

Remarks concerning missions in the Albemarle Conference were made by Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Rev. Herbert Bryan, Rev. Allen Bryan, and Brother Oscar Webster.

Motion passed that Rev. Ralph Osborne be granted a letter from the Albemarle Conference commending him to the fellowship of the Cape Fear Conference.

A recommendation came from the Board of Youth Evangelism that the Conference authorize the Board to sponsor a Youth Camp.

Motion passed that the Executive Committee of the Conference take final action on this.

Motion passed that Rev. Johnnie Eason be received as a member of the Albemarle Conference pending his letter from the Western Conference.

The minutes of today's session were read and approved as corrected.

The Albemarle Conference was invited to convene with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina, on Thursday, October 6, 1960, by the Pastor, Rev. Charlie Overton.

The Conference adjourned with prayer.

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 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, a board of ordination, and a board of Youth Evangelism consisting of three (3) members 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 (5) members shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be five years, but shall be adjusted to terminate the office of one member annually.

Section 1

Standing boards shall have authority to write their own by-laws 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 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 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.

BY-LAWS

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 ex officio 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 only as often as necessary.

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 by-laws 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.

Church	County	Delegates	Number Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denomi- national Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Minutes	Value of Property
Corinth	Martin										
Mt. Tabor	Washington	L. W. Davenport Sister Iris Jean Ambrose	214	2	1	1,200			10.00	10	20,000.00
Mt. Olive	Washington	Vivian Ayers, Wheeler Ange			1				10.00		
Mt. Zion	Washington										
Union Chapel	Washington	Mrs. David Bowen, Mrs. W. Bowen	86	10	2	955	204.20	1,379.43		5	5,000.00
Piney Grove	Washington										
Plymouth	Washington	Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Myers	127	21	3	2,860	436.68	5,672.96	10.00	10	20,000.00
Free Union	Tyrell	Mrs. Lucy Simmons Mrs. Ada Sikes	21	0	2	300	65.00	835.00	5.00	5	7,500.00
Sound Side	Tyrell										
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrell	Sister Olive Reynolds Sister Bell Alexander	363	28	11	2,100	954.13	3,575.40	10.00	10	33,000.00
Gum Neck	Tyrell	Willie Armstrong							5.00	10	
Free Union	Beaufort	Mrs. L.B. Keech, Mrs. J.T. Keech	401	2	13	3,900	311.50	8,633.65	10.00	10	80,000.00
Trinity	Beaufort	Joe Harris, Oscar Webster	89			1,440	849.29	2,056.00	10.00	10	15,000.00
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Marriner Mrs. Douglas Spencer	49		3	1,440	149.00	2,553.57	5.00	10	
Fellowship	Beaufort										
Sidney	Beaufort										
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Mr. A. B. Willoughby	193	1	10	3,640	943.56	29,936.66	20.00	10	100,000.00

