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## OFFICERS FOR THE 1962 SESSION

Moderator—Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Allen Bryan, Kinston, N. C.  
Secretary—Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.  
Assistant Secretary—Rev. Herbert Bryan, Columbia, N. C.  
Treasurer—Mr. Isaac Furlough, Creswell, N. C.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. Allen Bryan, Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. Isaac Furlough, the Moderator of the Albemarle Union Meeting, President of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, President of the Albemarle League Union, and the President of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. A. B. Chandler (62), Rev. Willie Twiddy (64)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. Herbert Bryan (63)

## BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. J. A. Alexander (62), Rev. Charlie Overton (63)

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Rev. Winiford Brickhouse (62), Rev. L. E. Ambrose (63), Rev. Herbert Bryan (64), Mrs. Archie Willoughby (65), Mrs. Viva Spencer (66)

## BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Rev. Herbert Bryan (62), Mrs. Madge Vanhorn (64)

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

J. A. Alexander, 400 Hanbury Avenue, Portsmouth, Va.  
L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.  
Bobby Aycock, Mission Field (Brazil)  
Allen Bryan, Kinston, N. C.  
Herbert Bryan, Columbia, N. C.  
A. B. Chandler, Ahoskie, N. C.  
T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C.  
Willie Twiddy, Enfield Apts., Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.  
J. D. Woodruff, 931 B. Street, Portsmouth, Va.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Winford Brickhouse  
M. A. Woolard

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

### MARTIN COUNTY

*Corinth*—Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Jamesville, N. C.  
Rev. Charlie Rice, Pastor, New Bern, N. C.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY

*Mt. Tabor*—Mrs. Howard Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 171, Creswell, N. C.  
Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.  
*Mt. Olive*—Mr. Wendell Ange, Clerk, 116 Luvera St., Plymouth, N. C.  
Rev. Roy L. Carley, Pastor, Kinston, N. C.  
*Mt. Zion*—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Route 2, Box 21, Plymouth, N. C.  
Rev. E. E. Edwards, Pastor, Chocowinity, N. C.  
*Piney Grove*—Mrs. Ester Barber, Clerk, Roper, N. C.  
Rev. M. E. Cox, Pastor, Washington, N. C.  
*First Church of Plymouth*—Mrs. Alva Dean Alligood, Clerk, 113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, N. C.  
*Union Chapel*—Mr. William H. Gurganus, Clerk, Plymouth, N. C.  
Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.

### TYRRELL COUNTY

*Sound Side*—Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, Columbia, N. C.  
Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.  
*Malachi's Chapel*—Mr. C. A. Voliva, Clerk, Route 1, Columbia, N. C.  
Rev. Herbert Bryan, Pastor, Route 1, Columbia, N. C.

## BEAUFORT COUNTY

*Free Union*—Mr. Darrell Windley, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, N. C.  
Rev. David W. Hansley, Pastor, Pinetown, N. C.

*Trinity*—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, N. C.  
Rev. Everett Bryan, Pastor, Kinston, N. C.

*Belhaven*—Mrs. Douglas Spencer, Clerk, Route 1, Belhaven, N. C.  
Rev. C. M. Dixon, Pastor, Chocowinity, N. C.

*Sidney*—Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Route 2, Belhaven, N. C.  
Rev. M. E. Cox, Pastor, Bath, N. C.

*Shiloh*—Mrs. Delsie I. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Box 19, Pinetown, N. C.  
Rev. John Grimsley, Pastor, Bridgeton, N. C.

*Mizpah*—Mrs. Robert Thomas Ramsey, Clerk, Route 2, Box 40, Washington, N. C.  
Rev. M. E. Cox, Pastor, Bath, N. C.

(Church asked for and received a letter of dismissal after setting of conference.)

## HERTFORD COUNTY

*Hickory Chapel*—Mr. William O. Dilday, Clerk, Route 4, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Route 4, Ahoskie, N. C.

## PASQUOTANK COUNTY

*St. Paul*—Mrs. Thomas Nooney, Clerk, 601 D Ehringhouse Street,  
Elizabeth City, N. C.

# PROCEEDINGS

The seventeenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, October 5, 1961.

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

Devotions were conducted by Rev. L. E. Ambrose; Scripture 1 Corinthians 13:1-7.

The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Johnny Eason; response was given by Rev. J. A. Alexander.

## REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION

A motion was carried to adopt the arranged program.

The roll of ministers was called with the following being present: J. A. Alexander, L. E. Ambrose, Everett Bryan, Herbert Bryan, A. B. Chandler, T. F. Davenport, Charlie Overton, Johnny Eason, Allen Bryan, and Winiford Brickhouse. Also M. E. Cox, licentiate.

Visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

Rev. Charles Keith, Central Conference  
Rev. David W. Hansley, Eastern Conference  
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Central Conference  
Rev. C. H. Overman, Central Conference  
Rev. Wilbert Everton, Central Conference  
Rev. Paul Lee, Western Conference  
Rev. Clyde Cox, Blue Ridge Association  
Rev. Ralph Lightsey, Eastern Conference  
Rev. R. H. Jackson, Western Conference  
Rev. L. E. Ballard, Central Conference

Seventeen churches and the Albemarle Union Meeting reported to the conference by delegate or letter.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

*Resolutions*—Rev. Herbert Bryan and Rev. Everett Bryan.

*Temperance*—Rev. Winiford Brickhouse and Mrs. David Furlough.

*Nominating*—Mr. Pearly R. Craddock, Mr. Daniel C. Everett, and Mrs. Dorothy Early.

A report of the Board of Missions was made by Rev. Herbert Bryan. A motion was carried to adopt the report as information. (See report.)

## THE ALBEMARLE MISSION BOARD MEETING

February 10, 1961, at 7:00 a. m., the Albemarle Missions Board met at Simp's Cafe.

This meeting was called by Rev. L. E. Ambrose who is the chairman of this committee.

This meeting was opened by prayer, and called to order by the chairman.

All members of the board were present and are: L. E. Ambrose, chairman; Herbert Bryan, secretary; Isaac Furlough, treasurer; Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Winiford Brickhouse, and Oscar Webster.

The treasurer's report was given for information. Amount on hand, \$471.39.

The secretary was asked to contact Rev. Charlie Overton and find out what our relationship was to the Bath work at present.

The secretary was asked further to contact and secure records pertaining to the Albemarle Mission Board from Rev. Charlie Overton.

A letter from the Albemarle Ministerial Fellowship pertaining to mission work in our conference was read.

A motion was carried that L. E. Ambrose and Herbert Bryan investigate the possibility of establishing a mission point in Edenton, North Carolina, and anywhere in the bounds of the Albemarle Conference.

A motion was carried that this board express to the Albemarle Ministerial Fellowship our thanks for their letter suggesting investigation of mission work in Edenton, North Carolina.

A motion was carried that L. E. Ambrose and Herbert Bryan proceed with and establish mission work in said conference bounds until the next board meeting which will be April 30.

A motion was carried that the mission board treasurer pay to the Fellowship Church of Washington, North Carolina, to help them in an endeavor to move to a new location, the sum of \$30.00 each month February, March and April.

Motion was carried to adjourn.

L. E. Ambrose, Chairman  
Herbert Bryan, Secretary

#### THE ALBEMARLE MISSIONS BOARD MEETING

April 30, 1961, 4:00 p. m., the Albemarle Missions Board met at the Belhaven Free Will Baptist Church.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report concerning the Fellowship Church of Washington, North Carolina, was given. The board was informed that the Fellowship Church did not use the money which was sent to them to help in moving to a new location, because they thought it best not to move. The check which was given by the board for item named above was returned.

A report was given concerning the findings of L. E. Ambrose and Herbert Bryan in the Edenton area, relative to the possibility of a new work there.

A motion was carried that we continue our attempts of establishing a work in Edenton, North Carolina.

A motion was carried the board pay the regular mileage expense to L. E. Ambrose and Isaac Furlough as they labor to establish work in Edenton, North Carolina.



A motion was carried that Herbert Bryan move the piano which belongs to the Mission Board to his home to hold until called for by the Mission Board of the conference, and the expense of said moving be paid by the Mission Board.

Board members present were L. E. Ambrose, Herbert Bryan, Isaac Furlough, Winiford Brickhouse, and Oscar Webster.

A motion was carried to adjourn.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina, was given by Rev. J. W. Everton.

A motion was carried to adopt the report as information.

Because of mistakes in the report, Mr. Everton asked that it not be published.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina, was made by Rev. C. H. Overman, editor. The report was verbal.

A motion was carried to adopt report as information.

A report of the Board of Superannuation was made by Rev. Walter Reynolds, chairman-treasurer.

Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

## BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT

Greetings:

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Albemarle Conference for the year 1960-1961.

I. We now have 20 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks, of this number two are from your conference.

II. We have 28 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.

III. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

1. Churches .....	\$357.42
2. Sunday Schools .....	144.17
3. Auxiliaries .....	38.00
4. Union Meetings .....	74.51
5. Leagues .....	16.00
6. Individuals .....	10.00

Totals .....\$640.10

IV. The budget for 1961-1962 is \$20,000.00, based on 50¢ per member of the churches in this state.

V. 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.

Respectfully submitted,  
Walter Reynolds, Chairman-Treasurer

A report of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists annual session was given by Mrs. Odell Peele and Rev. Walter Reynolds.

Report was received as information.

A report of Mount Olive Junior College was made by the director of public relations, Rev. Ralph Lightsey.

Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

# REPORT OF GIFTS TO MOUNT OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE CREDITED TO CHURCHES OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

September 1, 1960—August 31, 1961

Name of Church	Amt. by Individual	Church	Sunday School	Auxiliary	Total
Conference Bodies	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$112.29
Belhaven	15.00		14.12		29.12
Corinth			21.87		21.87
Free Union (Beaufort)	130.00	65.86			195.86
Hickory Chapel		28.85			28.85
Malachi's Chapel	3.00	22.99	35.00		60.99
Mount Tabor	6.00	10.00	24.15		40.15
Mount Zion		12.80	48.31		61.11
Plymouth	96.10				96.10
Shiloh		100.00		5.00	105.00
Sidney		133.13			133.13
Sound Side	5.00	17.07			22.07
Trinity	85.00	54.70	68.50		208.20
Union Chapel			8.10		8.10

NOTE: The above is a report of gifts credited as listed. Since the information received with some gifts is not complete, it is possible that some gifts have not been properly credited.

A report of the meeting of the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Norfolk, Virginia, was given by Mr. Oscar Webster.

The report was received as information.

An offering was taken for the expense of the conference.

A report of the Board of Ordination was made by Rev. A. B. Bryan, chairman.

Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

# REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION AND MINISTERIAL CHARACTER COMMITTEE TO THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE IN SESSION OCTOBER 5, 1961

We report as follows:

The board has held three official meetings during the year and has taken care of the following business of the conference:

The board met at the Plymouth Church on January 27, 1961. Brother

Winiford Brickhouse came before us for examination for ordination. He was given full examination resulting that he did not pass written examination for ordination.

Motion passed that the board recommend further preparation and study for Brother Brickhouse and that we further recommend that a copy of our recommendation be forwarded to Brother Brickhouse and to the Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member.

Brother Richard Ambrose came before us with recommendation from Mount Tabor Church that he be reinstated as a licensed minister. Motion was passed after considerable discussion with the applicant that he not be licensed at this time due to his unstable background as a former Free Will Baptist minister; however, we give him privilege to come back before us for re-examination at a later date after he has proven himself stable in the faith.

Motion passed to adjourn.

The board met at the Plymouth Church April 5, 1961. Business was transacted as follows:

Motion passed to give Brother M. E. Cox examination for qualifications for ordination pending ordination with approval by the executive board, ordination board and of the conference.

Motion passed that the board of ordination will not consider any request for approval for license for a minister unless he has been a member of the church requesting license for at least one year prior recommendation from said church.

Motion passed that Brother M. E. Cox be licensed for another year beginning April 17, 1961 to April 17, 1962.

Motion passed to adjourn.

Ordination board met July 25, 1961, at Simp's Cafe near Sound Bridge in Washington County. Several applicants came before us with recommendation for license by their churches. They were examined according to customary practice and procedure, after which motions were passed as follows:

Motion passed to recommend Brother Neil Hearn for license for one year by Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion passed that we recommend Brother James Noah Webster for full-time Christian work. Brother Webster stated that he felt called to the ministry but due to age and in order to be sure of his calling, taking into consideration the seriousness of the call, he did not desire to commit himself to the ministry at this time. The board asked Brother Webster to come back before us at any time for further commitment and examination for the ministry.

Motion passed that pending letter of confirmation from the Plymouth Church that we recommend Brother Wayne West to be licensed to the ministry for one year by the Plymouth Church.

Motion to adjourn.

This covers the official work of the board during the year.

A. B. Bryan, *Chairman*

Charlie Overton

J. A. Alexander

Proceedings were called off for worship.

A solo was sung by Rev. Johnny Eason with Mrs. Eason at the organ.

The sermon was preached by Rev. Jack Paramore. He used as a Scripture Isaiah 1:1-19.

Benediction was prayed by Rev. T. F. Davenport.

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

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

The devotions were conducted by Rev. Herbert Bryan.

A report of the North Carolina State Mission Board was made by Rev. R. H. Jackson, chairman.

Motion carried to accept report as information.

A motion was carried that the conference print 150 copies of the minutes.

A motion was carried to accept report of the executive committee.

The executive committee met at Union Chapel Church, R. F. D., Plymouth, North Carolina, December 2, 1960. Present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. Johnny Eason, Rev. Allen Bryan, Mr. Isaac Furlough, and Mr. Oscar Webster.

Rev. Allen Bryan read the Scripture and Rev. Johnny Eason prayed.

The matter of the National Association meeting annually or every two years was taken up. Motion carried to support action to meet annually.

Motion carried to attend special session of the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to be held in Ayden, January 3, 1961.

Oscar Webster, Willard Early, and Harry Swain were named as delegates to the National Association.

A motion was carried to accept Mizpah Free Will Baptist Church into the Albemarle Conference subject to approval of conference. The action was taken at the request of Mizpah Church and on permission of the Central Conference.

The executive committee met at Plymouth Church May 23, 1961, with their pastor, the Rev. Owen Ganey, in its regular quarterly meeting. The meeting was called to order by the pastor who also presided over the meeting. Reports were given by the different officers.

The main issue of business was a motion made and passed that Brother Ganey turn in his resignation as pastor to become effective in 90 days; this he agreed to do.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Overton, *Chairman*

The executive board met with the Plymouth Church to help the church with its problems of securing teachers and officers to fill the vacancy of those leaving the church. Charlie Overton presided over the meeting.

Motion made and passed to grant letters to those leaving the church.

We had no trouble to fill the vacancy of all the offices vacant.

The business meeting was conducted in a wonderful spirit. At the close of the service, the moderator of the conference called for an altar prayer of unity and brotherly love. All took part in this prayer service.

Respectfully submitted,

Johnny Eason

A. B. Bryan

Charlie Overton

The Rev. Charlie Overton, chairman of the executive board, met with the Plymouth Church in a regular called meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to see if the church wanted to call the Rev. J. A. Branch as pastor.

Motion made and carried to call Brother Branch as pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Overton, *Chairman*

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. Allen Bryan. Brother Bryan read several verses of Scripture and made comments. Prayer was prayed by Rev. Walter Reynolds.

Prayer for the recovery of Rev. J. A. Branch was prayed by Rev. J. A. Alexander.

A brief report of the Plymouth Church was made by Miss Sybil Boyd.

Delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists were elected as follows: Mrs. Archie Willoughly, Mrs. Odell Peele, Miss Sybil Boyd. Miss Boyd was replaced by Mr. Irving Forman, when she left the Free Will Baptist church.

Rev. A. B. Bryan was appointed delegate to the Eastern Conference.

The resolutions committee made its report. Resolution one was accepted. Resolution two was accepted. Resolution three was tabled. Resolution four was accepted.

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the resolution committee, wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that we extend to the Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and efficient entertainment of this annual session of the Albemarle Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Herbert Bryan

Rev. Everette Bryan

2. Whereas communism is making great strides to encompass the world with its atheistic teachings and influences, and

Whereas it seeks to infiltrate every American institution whether political, social, educational, economical, religious, secular, and/or any other with its hellish lies and un-American activities, and

Whereas Free Will Baptists are not immune to the possibility of such infiltration, be it therefore resolved that (1) The Albemarle Conference go on record as standing openly against any and all communistic practices or tendencies in our beloved country, denomination and local churches, and

(2) Be it further resolved that we stand solid in opposition to the employment of any individual who is or ever has been associated with any communistic organization, by any of our institutions,

(3) Be it also resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to our periodicals for publication

Johnny Eason

3. Whereas there is much unrest in the state of North Carolina regarding the matter of church government, and

Whereas there is a difference of interpretation regarding the North Carolina treatise on the extent of the authority the conference has over the local church, and

Whereas the National Association of Free Will Baptists has reaffirmed its historic stand on congregational church government, and

Whereas so many boards, committees, and churches are expressing themselves in these matters,

Therefore be it resolved (1) That we reaffirm our historic position on congregational church government.

(2) That we adopt our statement of reaffirmation passed by the National Association when in session in Norfolk, Va., in July of 1961.

(3) That we reaffirm our loyalty to and co-operation with the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

(4) That a copy of this resolution be sent to our periodicals for publication.

Rev. Johnny Eason

4. In as much as each church petitioning the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists and upon being duly received into same becomes a part of said conference.

And in as much as each church in good standing with the conference becomes a vital part, through its duly elected delegates, in the operation of the conference. Also recognizing that each church in its operation, management and affairs, however, independent, becomes an asset or liability to the operation, prestige and respectfulness of the conference as a whole. We also recognize that the conference is made up of duly elected delegates, officers and ministers of said churches in good and regular standing in the conference.

And in as much as each minister, petitioning said conference and being duly received as such is under the watch care of and is a part of said con-

ference. Recognizing that each minister in good standing with the conference becomes a vital part in the operation of the conference. Also, that each minister embraced, received into fellowship or endorsed by the conference becomes an asset or liability to the operation, prestige, fundamental operation and respectfulness of all the churches and the conference, as it relates to Free Will Baptists.

And in as much as it is general and publicized information that two of our church have taken action or through church officials have persuaded their duly elected pastor to resign or terminate his service before his term expired, the cause being by reason of certain defamatory rumors which tend to discredit the integrity and Christian character of their pastor.

And in as much as said charges are of such serious nature until they could wreck a minister's future career and also because they are of such serious nature until complications arising from same has caused unrest and uncertainty in the operation of said churches and also in the relationship and standing of one of our brother ministers who is in good standing in the conference.

Therefore be it resolved: (1) That the Albemarle Conference through its executive and ordination boards proceed with a thorough, impartial and unprejudiced investigation, with the facts at hand, as to the reliability or defamatory nature of said rumored charges.

(2) That the executive and ordination boards determine to the best of their ability, after carefully and prayerfully being engaged, whether the former pastor of the two churches involved was persuaded or asked to terminate his services with them without the true facts at hand or in any way which would be an unwarranted liability to the ministerial profession as it relates to their former pastor.

(3) That when the true facts are known; if known, and conclusions reached, after thorough investigation, that the executive board and ordination board be empowered to deal with the case and make final distribution of same.

(4) That in case of the innocence of said parties and churches, that the executive and ordination boards make a formal statement in as much as they feel it necessary to protect the innocence of persons and churches involved.

(5) That under God and in the spirit of tolerance and Christian respect we request each member of the above mentioned boards to feel it his duty to labor for the common cause of Christ in clearing up this serious matter which could have far and lasting effects upon the Free Will Baptists churches of this area and the denomination at large.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. Bryan, Chairman Ordination  
Board

The nomination committee gave its report. A motion was carried to accept the report of the committee, electing those named by it.

The nominating committee to the Albemarle Conference makes the following recommendations:

For board of trustees, Rev. Willie Twiddy to fill expired term of Mr. D. H. Furlough.

For board of education, Miss Sylvia Boyd to fill expired term of Maxine Bowen.

For board of ordination, Rev. Johnny Eason to fill expired term of Rev. A. B. Bryan.

For board of missions, Mrs. Viva Spencer to fill expired term of Oscar Webster.

For board of youth evangelism, Mrs. Madge Vanhorn to fill expired term of Rev. Dan Gaskins.

Pearly R. Craddock  
Daniel C. Everett  
Mrs. Dorothy Early

#### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee of the Albemarle Conference, wish to submit the following report: Since the world is looking on the church of to-day for guidance, let all who have named the name of Christ stand true to His teachings and uphold only His blood-stained banner before the world, letting no worldly thing creep into our church and its place in our lives. Let's pray that our churches will work for no other purpose than saving souls for in that way all other evils will be stamped out.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Winiford Brickhouse  
Mrs. David Furlough

Mr. Isaac Furlough, treasurer, gave his report. A motion was carried to accept report. (See report.)

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

(Beginning October 1, 1960—Ending October 1, 1961)

Received for Missions for Year	\$308.20
Brought Forward	369.45
Total	\$677.65
Paid Out for Mileage and Piano	17.92
Balance in Treasury	\$659.73
<i>General Fund</i>	
Amount Received	\$180.87
Brought Forward	1.66
Total	\$182.53
Received from Church	185.00



Public Offering	19.66
Grand Total	<u>\$387.19</u>
Paid Out for Expense of Conference (Phone Calls, Moderator, Treasurer and Secretary Fees, Mileage and Envelopes)	161.52
Net Total	<u>\$225.67</u>

A motion was carried to convene the 1962 session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

By motion the conference adjourned with prayer.

Churches	County	Delegates	No. Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Minutes	Value of Property
Corinth	Martin	Mrs. R. H. & M. G. Waters	73	4	1	\$1,266.22	\$ 502.00	\$ 1,969.34	\$15.00	5	\$ 8,000
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Mrs. Mary Furlough, Mr. Richard Ahbrose	206	1	2	1,200.00	73.85	1,350.00	10.00	10	
Mt. Olive	Washington	Letter	127	1	2	2,006.15	32.01	2,006.15	10.00	10	15,000
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mrs. Ruth Davenport, Mrs. Odell Feele	63	0	1	1,174.50	401.01	3,757.63	5.00	5	6,000
Piney Grove	Washington	Rev. M. E. Cox	80	0	1	849.34	72.89	576.45	5.00	5	3,000
Plymouth	Washington	Rev. & Mrs. Daniel C. Everett	143	2	2	1,275.00	142.00	2,143.85	10.00	10	20,000
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Rev. Winiford Brickhouse	143	2	2	1,275.00	506.88	3,331.06	10.00	10	15,000
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. J. P. Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley	364	1	6	2,226.68	603.89	3,829.06	10.00	10	33,500
Free Union	Beaufort	Mr. & Mrs. L. B. Keech	338	0	0	3,900.00	458.58	2,258.70	10.00	10	7,000
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Laura Webster, Mrs. Ellen Barnette	88	0	0	1,440.00	1,249.94	3,671.97	10.00	10	15,000
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Mariner	43	0	1	960.00	131.70	1,292.11	5.00	5	5,000
Sidney	Beaufort	Letter	0	0	0	1,300.00	1,281.90	3,120.00	10.00	10	30,000
Shiloh	Beaufort	Gordon Boyd	296	4	13	1,740.00	1,223.00	3,800.39	15.00	10	30,000
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Mr. Lloyd Dilday, Mrs. Dorothy Early	204	11	5	3,895.00	848.80	11,322.09	15.00	10	80,000
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Mr. Alrein F. Ambrose, Mrs. H. I. Fowler	72	13	4	3,055.00	99.01	3,716.74	5.00	5	35,000
Mizpah	Beaufort	Letter	80	28	1	1,040.00	131.00	2,125.75	5.00	5	11,000
Union Chapel	Washington	Letter	116	0	0	1,200.00	204.00	1,200.00			

# 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 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 as 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 member 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 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 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.

## 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 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 as often as necessary for the good 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-third 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.

A REMINDER: Every 20 sessions of the conference minutes shall be bound together into a book for the permanent records of the conference.

