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**NORTH CAROLINA**  
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## OFFICERS FOR THE 1963 SESSION

Moderator . . . . . Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Assistant Moderator . . . Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pinetown, N. C.  
Secretary . . . . . Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.  
Assistant Secretary . . . . Mr. J. T. Keech, Pantego, N. C.  
Treasurer . . . . . Mr. Isaac Furlough, Creswell, N.C.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. A. B. Chandler (63)                      Rev. Willie Twiddy (64)  
Rev. L. E. Ambrose (65)

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Herbert Bryan (63)                      Mr. Ervin Foreman (64)  
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### BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Charlie Overton (63)                      Rev. Robert May (64)  
Rev. A. B. Chandler (65)

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Rev. L. E. Ambrose (63)                      Rev. Herbert Bryan (64)  
Mrs. Archie Willoughby (65)                      Mrs. Viva Spencer (66)  
Mr. Joe Newberry (67)

### BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Rev. Robert May (63)                      Mrs. Madge Vanhorn (64)  
Mrs. Betty Whitley (65)

## MINISTERS ROLL OF CHURCHES

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.  
Rev. Herbert Bryan, Columbia, N. C.  
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pinetown, N. C.  
Rev. T. F. Davenport, Creswell, N. C.  
Rev. Willie Twiddy, Enfield Apts., Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Rev. J. D. Woodruff, 931<sup>1</sup> B. Street, Portsmouth, Va.  
Rev. Everette Bryan, Kinston, N. C.  
Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.  
Rev. John Owens, Elizabeth City, N. C.  
Rev. Winford<sup>1</sup> Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C.

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

### MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth - Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Rt. 1, Jamesville, N. C.  
Rev. Albert Keech, Jr., Pastor, Jamesville, N. C.

### WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor - Mrs. Howard Ambrose, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 171  
Creswell, N.C. Rev. Robert Rollins; Pastor, Columbia, N.C.

Mt. Zion - Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 21, Ply-  
mouth, N. C.; Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, Ahoskie, N. C.

Piney Grove - Mrs. Ester Barber, Clerk, Roper, N. C.; Rev.  
Winford Brickhouse, Pastor, Columbia, N. C.

First Church of Plymouth - Mrs. Alva Dean Alligood, Clerk,  
113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, N. C. Rev. Earl Menshew,  
Pastor, 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. Robert Rollins, Pastor, Columbia, N. C.

Malachi's Chapel - Mr. W. Braxton Voliva, Clerk, Rt. 1, Columbia, N. C.; Rev. Herbert Bryan, Pastor, Rt. 1, Columbia, N. C.

#### BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union - Mr. Darrell Windley, Clerk, Rt., Pantego, N.C.  
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Pastor, Pinetown, N. C.

Trinity - Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Rt. 1, Plymouth, N. C.  
Rev. R. P. Harris, Pastor, 1200 Tarboro Street, Rocky Mount, N. C.

Belhaven - Mrs. Douglas Spencer, Rt. 1, Belhaven, N. C.  
Rev. Elmer M. Goodwin, Pastor, Belhaven, N. C.

Sidney - Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Rt. 2, Belhaven, N. C.

Shiloh - Mrs. Hallet Harris Clerk, Pinetown, N. C. Rev. John Grimsley, Pastor, Bridgeton, N. C.

#### HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel - Mr. William O. Dilday, Rt. 4, Ahoskie, N.C.  
Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Rt. 4, Ahoskie, N. C.

#### PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul - Mrs. A. F. Ambrose, Clerk, 102 W. Cypress St. Elizabeth City, N. C.; Rev. John A. Owens, Pastor, 107 W. Burgess Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.

#### PROCEEDINGS

The eighteenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina convened with Trinity Church, R. F. D., Pantego, North Carolina, October 11, 1962.

THURSDAY MORNING 9:30 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Robert May; Scripture Psalms 27.

The welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. R. P. Harris; response was given by Rev. David W. Hansby.

## REGISTRATION AND RECOGNITION

The roll of ministers was called with the following present: L. E. Ambrose, Allen Bryon, Herbert Bryan, A. B. Chandler, T. F. Davenport, Charlie Overton and Winifred Brickhouse, licentiate.

Visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

Rev. John Grimsley - Eastern Conference  
Rev. R. P. Harris - Central Conference  
Rev. Robert May - Central Conference  
Rev. David W. Hansley - Eastern Conference  
Rev. Paul Davis - Piedmont Conference  
Rev. M. L. Johnston - Western Conference  
Rev. Bruce Barrow - Central Conference  
Rev. Walter Reynolds - Central Conference  
Rev. Charles Sapp - Central Conference  
Rev. John Owens - Eastern Conference  
Rev. Albert Keech, Jr. - Eastern Conference

A letter was read from Mr. Olive Free Will Baptist Church stating that they had withdrawn from the Albemarle. Came to affiliate with the National Association

A motion was carried to drop Mount Olive Church from the list of Churches upon their request to be dropped.

That we further instruct the Secretary to forward a letter to the church expressing our sorrow and regret that they have chosen to withdraw from the Conference. Further, assuring them that we will be more than glad to receive them back when and if they desire to return to their former Conference.

Minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved. There were seven meetings.

Fourteen Churches and the Albemarle Union Meeting reported to the Conference by delegate or letter.

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Resolutions - Mrs. Betty Whitley and Mrs. Odelle Peele  
Temperance - Rev. Winford Brick and Mr. Octavius R. Wallace  
Nominating - Mr. J. T. Keech and Mrs. Ruth Davenport  
Memorial Service - Rev. David W. Hansley  
Finance - Mr. Ervin Forman and Mr. Isaac Furlough

A report of the Board of Ordination was given by Rev. Charlie Overton.

Motion carried to accept oral report given. The Executive Committee to approve written report.

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina was given by Rev. M. L. Johnston.

A motion carried to receive the report as information. See report.

A report of the Board of Superannuation was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A motion carried to receive the report as information. See report.

A motion carried to accept Rev. Walter Reynolds report on the 50th Annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist.

A report from the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the manager, Rev. Bruce Borrow.

A motion carried to receive report as information.

A letter was read from the Central Conference by Rev. Walter Reynolds, commanding the Rev. Robert May to the Albemarle Conference.

The men present at the Conference sang a hymn.

The Convention sermon was preached by the Rev. Bruce Barrow.

He used as a scripture, Chapter 27 Ephesians.

The subject: Where we were - Where we are - Where we are going.

The session was called off for lunch.

Lunch was served by the host church.

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

A song "Wonderful Words of Life" was sung.

Devotion was given by Rev. L. E. Ambrose. His scripture was Psalms 99.

A report of the Board of Youth Evangelism was given by a member of the board, Rev. Herbert Bryan.

A motion carried to adopt report. See report.

A report of the Board of Christian Education was given by a board member, Rev. Herbert Bryan.

A motion carried to adopt report. See report.



A report of the Mount Olive Junior College was given by the President, Dr. W. Burkett Raper.

A motion carried to adopt the report as read. See report.

A Memorial Service was conducted by the Rev. David W. Hansley.

It was noted in the service that Rev. R. C. Alexander, a member of the Conference, had gone to be with the Lord.

After a moment of silent prayer, prayer was offered by Rev. T. F. Davenport.

A report of the illness of Rev. W. L. Jernigan was given. Prayer in behalf of Brother Jernigan's recovery was offered by Rev. M. L. Johnston. Brother Jernigan later ~~died~~ <sup>died</sup>.

Mr. J. E. Phelps, Mr. Ervin Foreman, Mrs. Mary Furlough, Mr. Isaac Furlough, Mrs. Minnie Mae Chandler were elected delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist.

A motion carried to inform Rev. Luther Burns that his name has been dropped from the list of minister because he has failed to answer to his name for two consecutive years without an excuse.

A report of the North Carolina Mission Board was given by the Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. Allen Bryan.

A motion carried to receive the report as information. See report.

A motion carried to receive Rev. John Owens as an ordained minister into the Conference pending his letters from the Eastern Conference. At which time he will be <sup>received</sup> ~~required~~ into full fellowship of the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by Mr. J. T. Keech.

A motion carried that the report be adopted and those named become the officers of the Conference for a two year term. See report.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Mr. Octavus Wallace.

A motion carried to adopt the report. See report.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given by Mrs. Odelle Peele.

A motion carried to adopt the report. See report.

Mr. Isaac Furlough gave the Treasurer's report.

A motion carried to adopt the report.

The invitation of Free Union Church Beaufort County, that the Conference convene there in 1963 was accepted by the Conference.

Rev. Allen Bryan asked for a letter of commendation to the Eastern Conference that he might become a member of that Conference.

A motion carried to prove Brother Bryan's request.

The secretary read the minutes of the session.

A motion carried to adopt the minutes.

The Conference closed with prayer by Dr. W. Barkett Raper.

## REPORT OF

### MT. OLIVE JUNIOR COLLEGE

#### Gifts from Albemarle Conference

#### To Mount Olive Junior College

September 1, 1961 - August 31, 1962

	amt. by <u>Individual</u>	<u>Church</u>	<u>Sunday</u> <u>School</u>	<u>Leagues</u> <u>Auxiliary &amp; Misc.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Conference Bodies	\$72.76				\$72.76
Individuals	11.00				11.00
Belhaven	30.00				30.00
Corinth			\$38.09		38.09
Free Union		\$78.95			78.95
Gum Neck		10.00	20.00		30.00
Hickory Chapel	10.00	185.51			195.51
Malachi's Chapel			96.15		96.15
Mount Olive		8.62			8.62
Mount Tabor	20.00		20.83		40.83
Mount Zion	15.00	32.45	46.32		93.77
Plymouth	150.00				150.00
Shiloh	170.00				170.00
Sidney		110.00			110.00
Sound Side	5.00	50.88		\$20.00	75.88
Trinity	105.00		286.89		391.89

**REPORT OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
CHILDREN'S HOME, MIDDLESEX, N. C.**

**Albemarle Conference**

**Report from Sept. 31, 1961 - Aug. 31, 1962**

Belhaven	\$ 84.97
Corinth	112.81
Free Union (Beaufort County)	175.50
Gum Neck	164.11
Hickory Chapel	198.32
Malachi's Chapel	985.38
Mount Olive	92.35
Mount Tabor	112.95
Mount Zion	307.07
Miscellaneous	1,052.38
Piney Grove	10.00
Plymouth	115.44
Shiloh	95.51
Sidney	273.00
Sound Side	180.72
Trinity	261.99
Union Chapel	60.04

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**Total \$4,282.54**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**M. L. Johnson  
Superintendent**

**REPORT OF  
BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION**

**Greetings:**

**We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Albemarle Conference for the year 1961 - 1962.**

I. We now have 14 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks. Of this number one (1) is from your Conference.

II. We have 19 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.

III. Contributions made by the Conference to Superannuation:

1. Churches . . . . .	\$158.03
2. Sunday Schools . . . . .	269.71
3. Auxiliaries . . . . .	71.00
4. Union Meetings . . . . .	70.94
5. Leagues . . . . .	5.00
6. Individuals . . . . .	14.27
Total . . . . .	\$588.95

IV. The budget for 1962 - 1963 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

## REPORT OF BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

We, the Board of Youth Evangelism, report as follows: Since the last session of the Albemarle Conference, to our knowledge there have been no joint Youth for Christ Rallies held. This has been due to, we feel, being spread over such a large area and having to drive such a long distance to get to these meetings. In some instances as much as 75 miles and a lack of what we consider a genuine interest for such rallies. We are hoping that a new interest can and will be kindled soon. Until there

is sufficient interest and concern for these joint Youth for Christ rallies, we, your Board of Youth Evangelism reccomend, 1. That each local church sponsor a rally for its youth. 2. That where two or more churches are conveniently located together, they begin a Joint Youth Rally. 3. That all of us do our very best to win our Youth to Christ. 4. That we admonish our Youth to pattern their lives after Paul's instruction to Timothy, when he said, "Let no man despise ~~the~~ youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Bryan  
Mrs. Madge Vanhorn

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD OF THE  
NORTH CAROLINA STATE CONVENTION  
OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Mission Board is grateful to each church and each one who has contributed to and prayed for the mission program this year.

This year the Mission Board has met several times to attend to the business which has come before the board.

The Board this year has supported a missionary in the city of Wilmington, helped the Gieger Mission in Jacksonville, helped the Alaskan Mission, handled some funds for the Weldon Mission, and sent designated mission funds to their designation.

The Board has negotiated and passed upon purchasing an Armco metal building to be used in home mission work as soon as funds are available. Plans are being made to help the new missions at Raleigh, Durham, and other places this coming year.

The Board would like to make the following recommendations:

1. That all mission funds be sent to North Carolina Missions, Post Office Box 308, Ayden, N. C.
2. That the churches refrain from "earnmaking" funds to and supporting missionaries who have chosed to withdraw from the North Carolina State Convention and who are under the sponsorship of the National Association.

CHURCHES	COUNTY	DELEGATES	NO. MEMBERS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	MEMBERS LOST	PASTOR'S SALARY	DENOMINATIONAL CAUSES	CHURCH CAUSES	TO CONFERENCE	MINUTES	VALUE OF PROPERTY
Cornith	Martin	Mrs. B. A. Daniels	70	0	0	\$1,212.00	\$112.82	\$1,621.87	\$15.00	5	\$8,000
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Mr. L. W. Davenport Mr. J. E. Phelps	210	2	2	\$1,200.00	\$128.85	\$2,820.33	\$10.00	10	\$20,000
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mrs. Odelle Peele Mrs. Roudahee Davenport	63	0	0	\$1,219.00	\$609.45	\$2,019.00	\$5.00	5	\$6,000
Piney Grove	Washington	Mrs. Easter Barber	75	0	4	\$849.34	\$72.89	\$576.45	\$5.25	5	\$3,000
Plymouth	Washington	Mrs. Daniel S. Windley	130	0	0	\$2,580.00	\$176.64	\$5,167.80	\$5.00	5	\$20,000
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mrs. Elizabeth Brickhouse Mrs. Madeline Brickhouse	153	6	4	\$1,100.00	\$643.94	\$2,636.50	\$10.00	10	\$15,000
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. Phillip Swain Mr. Clarence Hearn	343	6	3	Not Given	Not Given	Not Given	\$10.00	10	\$35,000
Free Union	Beaufort	Mrs. Betty Witley Mr. J. T. Keech	338	0	0	\$3,900.00	\$458.58	\$7,258.70	\$10.00	10	\$75,000
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Laura C. Webster	83	3	1	\$1,440.00	\$1,063.80	\$2,254.53	\$10.00	5	\$15,000
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Mariner Mrs. Douglas Spencer	40	1	3	\$592.66	\$74.00	\$592.66	\$5.00	5	\$5,000
Shiloh	Beaufort	Mr. Ervin Forman Mr. Octavus Wallace	298	1 2	1 0	\$1,200.00	\$238.51	\$3,216.67	\$25.00	10	\$30,000
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Mr. A. B. Willoughby Miss Ethel Willoughby	182	1 1	3 1	\$2,755.00	\$990.70	\$7,584.27	\$15.00	10	\$90,000
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Mr. H. I. Fowler	60	8	3	\$2,665.00	\$36.00	\$4,571.27	\$5.00	5	\$35,000
Union Chapel	Washington	Mr. A. J. Newberry	112	5	0	\$1,200.00	\$231.76	\$2,596.72	\$10.00	5	\$5,000

3. That the churches strive to raise \$75,000.00 this year to be used in all phases of the work.

4. That we pray the Lord of harvest to raise up laborers to go into the great harvest fields of the world.

5. That we pray for and support the missionary candidates who are preparing for the mission fields.

Respectfully submitted by the members of the North Carolina State Convention Mission Board:

R. H. Jackson, Chairman

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE BOARD

A. B. Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer

The Board of Missions, through its Secretary-Treasurer, has handled all mission funds coming into this department.

Through March 29, 1962, all mission funds were handled as usual; however, on this date the Convention in special session chose to withdraw completely from the National Association and set up a complete mission department, both home and foreign missions. This decision necessitated some negotiations and/or changes.

And honest and sincere effort was then made to negotiate with the National Association's Mission departments with an attempt to work out and arrive at a mutual and honorable agreement concerning the support of missionaries and mission stations. This effort and attempt met with complete failure to receive favorable recognition from the National Association's mission departments.

The Mission Board then notified the National Association's mission department and all missionaries receiving funds through this department that in view of the refusal, that missionaries would receive allocations directly from the Mission Department of State Convention.

Subsequently, it was announced by the Executive Department of the National Association that there were no missionaries under their supervision that wanted to agree or come under the sponsorship of the State Convention.

Beginning as of March 29, 1962 all funds earmarked for missionaried (home or foreign) working under the supervision of the National Association's mission departments have been

promptly forwarded to the benefit of the National Association's mission program.

All general foreign mission funds received since March 29, 1962 have been retained in the foreign missions account of the State Convention to aid in the setting up and in support of a complete foreign missions program.

Our books and accounts are open for inspection by anyone who desires to examine the records and accounts.

As far as we are able to determine, our records are in order and honorable to the State Convention.

We submit the financial statements of August 31, 1962 as prepared by Rodman and Jennette, C. P. A., of Washington, N. C. covering September 1, 1961 through August 31, 1962.

## BALANCE SHEET

August 31, 1962

Exhibit "A"

### ASSETS

#### CURRENT

Cash in Bank Ayden, N. C.	\$4,988.99
Notes Receivable (Schedule 2)	950.00
Total Current Assets	\$5,938.99

#### FIXED

Adding Machine	\$225.00
File Cabinets	72.50
Total Fixed Assets	297.50

#### TOTAL ASSETS

\$6,236.49

#### MEMBERS EQUITY

\$6,236.49

## STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

From September 1, 1961 to August 31, 1962

Exhibit "B"

#### RECEIPTS

State Home Missions	\$ 2,302.66
National Home Missions	3,124.33



Foreign Missions (National and State)	8,656.87
Payments on Notes Receivable \$1,000.00	
Interest <u>84.45</u>	1,084.45
Missions - General Purposes	3,612.70
Total Receipts	\$18,781.02
Balance September 1, 1961	2,736.46
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$21,517.48</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS

National Foreign Missions	\$ 7,497.29
National Home Missions	3,105.50
State Home Missions	3,870.00
Board of Missions:	
Secretary-Treasurer's Salary \$720.00	
Promotion, Telephone, Supplies	
& Postage	145.07
Board Meetings, Travel, Etc.	666.61
Other Mission Functions	472.66
Audit Report	51.36
	<u>\$ 2,055.70</u>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$16,528.49</b>
<b>BANK BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1962 (Schedule 1)</b>	<b>4,988.99</b>
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b><u>\$21,517.48</u></b>

#### SUMMARY OF BALANCE AND OBSERVATION

Foreign Missions Account, State Convention	1,435.59
General Missions, State & Special Accounts	3,553.40
Total	4,988.99

It is observed that the Mission Department of the State Convention shows \$2,936.68 greater income during the current year than in 1960-61.

During 1960-61 we handled, receipted, and forwarded \$26,716.67 to the National Association.

However, during 1961-62, we have handled and receipted and forwarded \$10,602.79 to the benefit of the program of the National Association.

## REPORT OF

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Board of Christian Education, make the following report: Since there is a growing educational consciousness, among us and an awareness of the need for trained christian leadership in our churches and places of public life and since the local church has the obligation of giving to its membership a Christian Education, Pre: 22:6. Train up a child in the way he should go . . . recommend, 1. That each local church organize all the auxiliaries, such as, Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliary, YPA, GTA, and Missionary Midgets. 2. That each of these auxiliaries have at least the minimum number of required study courses each year. 3. That each local church be encouraged to secure the services of the field secretaries of their respective departments, for work shops, and new ideas in promotion and growth.

## REPORT OF

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolution Committee wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that we extend to Trinity Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitable and efficient entertainment of their annual session of the Albemarle Conference.
2. Be it resolved that the <sup>light</sup>~~height~~ and faith of the Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina will never be dimmed. But will always <sup>shine</sup>~~show~~ foreth to the glory of God. Further, that we give our loyal support and prayer to its program. Too, 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 as we fight communism on every hand.

Where as; we request all of our churches to cooperate with all programs of our church Conference and State Convention and that we reaffirm our Faith in the North Carolina Discipline of Faith and Practices.

3. Be it also resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our Periodical for Publication.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Betty Whitley  
Mrs. Odelle Peele

## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Temperance Committee of the Albemarle Conference wish to submit the following report:

Since the world is looking on the Church of today 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 church will work for no other purpose than the saving of Souls. For in that way all evils will be stamped out. One of the chief of which, is the use of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Octavus Wallace  
Rev. Winford Brickhouse

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

This is the report of the Nominating Committee:

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Charlie Overton
Assistant Moderator . . . . .	Rev. A. B. Chandler
Secretary . . . . .	Mr. Oscar Webster
Assistant Secretary . . . . .	Mr. J. T. Keech
Treasure . . . . .	Mr. Isaac Furlough

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## BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Joe Newberry (67)

## BOARD OF YOUTH EVANGELISM

Rev. Robert May (63)

Mrs. Madge Vanhorn (64)

Mrs. Betty Whitley (65)

## REPORT OF

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SESSIONS

A Total of Seven

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at the Breezewood Motel, Williamston, N.C., November 14, 1961.

Present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Bryan, Oscar Webster, Rev. J. C. Alexander, a member of the Board of Ordination.

Present also from the Eastern Conference were: Rev. S. A. Smith, Rev. Lloyd Vernon and Rev. David Hansley.

Present from Shiloh Church were: Mr. Ervin Forman and Mr. John Latham.

Present from Sidney Church were: Mr. Lee Paul and Mr. Dallas Paul.

The business for consideration at this meeting was the examining of certain alledged charges against Rev. Daniel Gaskins.

The matters was discussed at some length by the Albemarle Conference Board. Brother Alexander and Overton reported to Conference that the Board of Ordination had had with Rev. Gaskins. No definite action was taken by the board on the matter at that time.

The Albemarle Conference Board then met with the Eastern Conference officials. Again ~~there~~ <sup>there</sup> was discussion but no definite action was taken.

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met again and passed the following action.:

"That the Executive Committee and the Board of Ordination

go on record affirming that we have investigated certain rumored charges in relation to the Pastoral services of Shiloh and Sidney Churches and find that the Churches or Boards acted in good faith by recommending that the Pastoral services of their Pastor be terminated.

The Conference secretary was directed to inform these churches of their action.

This was done by the secretary. The letters were dated Nov. 20, 1961.

Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at Free Union Church, Tyrell County, December 31, 1961.

Present for the meeting were Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Ervin Forman and Oscar Webster.

The meeting was opened with prayer after which the following business was transacted.

Motion made and carried to declare vacant the office on the Board of Ordination occupied by the Rev. Johnny Eason.

The secretary was directed to inform Rev. Eason of the action.

Meeting was closed with prayer.

Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at Union Chapel Church, R.F.D., Plymouth, N.C., March 6, 1962.

Present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Isaac Furlough, and Oscar Webster and Mr. Ervin Forman.

The meeting was opened with prayer.

Motion made and carried that we notify the Conference where the Rev. Daniel Gaskins is preaching in Florida, that we have dismissed him at his request as an ordained minister of the Albemarle Conference. This action resulted from certain alleged charges that were brought against Rev. Gaskins. These charges and evidence in their support will be furnished the Conference on request.

Motion carried that the Rev. Johnny Eason, having allied himself with a work contrary to the effort of the Albemarle Con-

ference and having shown a spirit of insubordination to the Conference and its Boards, be excommunicated from the Albemarle Conference.

Motion carried that Rev. Luther Burns be contacted and informed that we have learned that he has joined the alleged General Conference. We would like to know Rev. Burns wishes as to his membership in the Albemarle Conference.

Motion carried electing Mr. Ervin Foreman as delegate to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist. Mr. Foreman replaced Miss Sybil Boyd who is no longer a Free Will Baptist.

Motion carried that the secretary contact Sidney Church about their Pastorial Services of the Church.

Meeting was closed with Prayer.

Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at Gum Neck Church, April 28, 1962.

Present for the meeting were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Isaac Furlough, Mr. Ervin Foreman, and Oscar Webster.

Meeting was opened with Prayer.

A letter was read from Rev. M. E. Cox asking for a letter of dismissal from the Conference.

Motion carried that Rev. M. E. Cox be given a letter of dismissal from the Albemarle Conference.

A letter was read from Mizpah Free Will Baptist asking to be dismissed from the Conference.

Motion carried that Mizpah Church be dismissed from the Conference.

Meeting closed with prayer.

Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met June 9, 1962 at the home of Rev. J. A. Branch in Plymouth, N.C. Members of the board present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Ervin Foreman, Mr. Isaac Furlough and Oscar Webster.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton. Prayer by Brother Isaac Furlough. A letter

was read by the secretary from Brother Tom West. The letter called to the attention of the board to certain conditions in the First Free Will Baptist Church in Plymouth.

Present at the meeting along with Rev. Branch were the Board of Deacons of the Church.

Brother West stated in his letter that it was the purpose of Rev. J. A. Branch to ask the church to decide at a business meeting to be held that night (June 9, 1962), if they wished to pull out of the Union Conference Meeting and State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist of North Carolina.

Brother Overton asked Rev. Branch if this was his intentions. In reply he stated it was. He said that since the church had voted previously that it was congregational, that he had no other alternative.

The remainder of the meeting consisted largely of Rev. Branch talking. Informing us as to how right he, and those who supported him were, and how wrong we were.

It was pointed out to Rev. Branch that the Church was under the watch care of the Conference. That ~~their argument~~ came about by the action of the church itself. *this was original*

However, in the face of this information, Rev. Branch stated that the Executive Committee of the Conference would not be welcome at the business meeting that night. In fact he said, that we had better not attend.

Rev. Branch closed the meeting himself by praying.

Charlie Overton, Moderator

Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, N. C. August 15, 1962.

Present for the meeting were Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Ervin Foreman and Oscar Webster.

A devotional service was conducted by the folk of the church.

The meeting was called for the purpose of helping the folk reestablish the work of the Church. The Board met at the request of the people of the Church.

Rev. Charlie Overton, Moderator made a few remarks pertaining to the meeting.

Motion carried that the Executive Committee assist the people

in re-organizing the work of the church.

The body of the church took the following actions.

Elected as Trustees: Mr. Tom West, Mr. Dwight Miller, Mr. Lewis Sullivan.

Elected as Clerk: Mr. Alva Dean Alligood; Treasurer: Mr. Larry Cooper:

Elected as Deacons: Mr. D. W. Windley, Mr. Tom West and Mr. Lewis Sullivan.

Elected Mr. Lewis Sullivan Superintendent of Sunday School and Mrs. Mary Miller Assistant Superintendent.

Elected Deacon Board to serve as Pastorial Committee with the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference.

Church voted to remain under the watch care of the Conference.

Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, N. C., July 28, 1962.

Present for the meeting were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Ervin Foreman and Oscar Webster.

A letter was read by the Moderator from a Law Firm in Plymouth, N. C. inquiring as to the Status of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Plymouth in the Albemarle Conference. The letter stated that the group there in the Church Building had voted to withdraw from the Conference and wished to borrow money on the Church. That the Loan Firm where they had applied for the loan wanted to know if the Conference would relieve all hold that it might on the Church.

A motion was carried to inform the Law Firm that there did exist in the First Free Will Baptist Church at Plymouth, N. C. a group of at least 26 people who wished to remain in the Conference. That since there was pending before the North Carolina Supreme Court, a case that involved matter similar to condition in the Plymouth Church. That the Executive Committee of the Conference would not make any decision on the matter until the church had handed down its decision.

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Charlie Overton, Moderator  
Oscar Webster, Secretary



# 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.

