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PROCEEDINGS

The nineteenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Free Union Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, October 10, 1963.

THURSDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Robert May. He read for a Scripture text, Galatians 3:13.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. A. B. Chandler; response was given by Mr. Oscar Webster.

The roll of ministers was called with the following being present: Revs. L. E. Ambrose, A. B. Chandler, T. F. Davenport, Willie Twiddy, Charlie Overton, Robert May, John Owens, and W. L. Brickhouse.

Visiting ministers were recognized and the following were present:

Rev. C. H. Overman, Cape Fear Conference
Rev. Hubert Burrell, Central Conference
Rev. M. L. Johnson, Western Conference
Rev. Walter Reynolds, Cape Fear Conference
Rev. R. H. Jackson, Western Conference
Rev. David W. Hansley, Eastern Conference

The moderator appointed temporary committees as follows:

Resolutions—Mrs. Odelle Peele and Mrs. Beulah Whitson.
Temperance—Mr. John H. Allen and Mr. David H. Furlough.
Nominating—Rev. Robert May and Mrs. Laura C. Webster.
Memorial Service—Rev. David W. Hansley.
Finance—Mr. Isaac Furlough and Mr. Willie Armstrong.

Fourteen churches of the Albemarle Union Meeting reported to the conference by delegate or letter.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by Rev. A. B. Chandler. (See report.)

The report of the North Carolina Mission Board was given by Rev. R. H. Jackson. Motion carried to receive the report as information.

The report of Mount Olive Junior College was given by Rev. Robert May. Motion carried to receive report. (See report.)

The report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, Rev. M. L. Johnson. Motion carried to receive the report as information. (See report.)

An oral report of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Rev. Walter Reynolds, vice-president of the convention.

The report of the Board of Superannuation was given by the chairman-treasurer, Rev. Walter Reynolds. Motion carried to receive the report as information. (See report.)

A report of the Free Will Baptist Press was given by the editor, Rev. C. H. Overman. Motion carried to receive report.

Announcements were made.

An offering in the amount of \$33.15 was received for the expenses of the conference.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Frances Brooks.

The convention message was delivered by Rev. M. L. Johnson. He read portions of Scripture taken from 1 Kings, Chapters 17, 18, 19, and 20. His subject was "Under the Juniper Tree." The message was ably delivered. It was very timely, informative, and inspiring.

The benediction was given by Rev. C. H. Overman.

Lunch was served by the host church at the noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Devotions were conducted by Rev. Robert May. He read for the Scripture text, Psalm 27:1. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert Rollins.

The Board of Youth Evangelism had no report to give.

The minutes of the Executive Committee were read and approved. (See minutes as recorded.)

A memorial service was conducted by Rev. David W. Hansley.

The following were elected as delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists: Mr. Tom West, Miss Alice Webster, Mrs. L. E. Ambrose, Mrs. Minnie Mae Chandler, and Mr. Erwin Forman.

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by Mr. John H. Allen. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Mrs. Odelle Peele. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A special report of the Executive Committee on the conference covering the matter of Malachi's Chapel Church was given by the secretary of the conference. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The treasurer's report was given by Mr. Isaac Furlough. Motion carried to adopt report. (See report.)

A motion was carried to place the piano owned by the Albemarle Conference Mission Board in the home of Mrs. Lyda Cooper until such a time as the mission board desired to move it.

By mutual consent the piano was placed in the home of Mr. Linwood Harris, brother of Mrs. Lyda Cooper. The arrangement being the same as they were for Mrs. Cooper.

A report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Robert May. Motion carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The secretary read the minutes of the session. Motion carried to adopt minutes as read.

A motion was carried to adjourn.

The conference closed with prayer.

REPORT AS GIVEN AT THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

EDENTON RESTAURANT, NOVEMBER 16, 1962

At this meeting the following Executive Committee members were present: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Isaac Furlough, Mr. Erwin Forman, and Mr. Oscar Webster. The moderator presided over the meeting.

A letter was read by the secretary from Rev. P. C. Wiggs. In the letter Brother Wiggs took note of the conference's ruling that the failure of a minister to answer to his name for two consecutive sessions of the conference without an excuse, that his name is dropped from the roll of ministers. He pointed out that his health had not been good and that he was unable at one time to continue his work. He stated that his health had improved now and that he was able again to do pastoral work. He asked to be reinstated in the conference and that he be granted a letter of commendation to become a member of the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

After some discussion on Brother Wiggs' request, the following motion was passed: That Rev. P. C. Wiggs be asked to meet with the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference at the next session of the Albemarle Union Meeting which will convene with Mt. Tabor Church on December 29, 1962.

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

MT. TABOR CHURCH, DECEMBER 29, 1962

At this meeting a motion was carried to grant Rev. P. C. Wiggs forgiveness for his continual absence from the conference that resulted in his name being dropped from the roll of ministers of the Albemarle Conference. Also that he be restored in full fellowship in the conference and that a letter of commendation be granted him to the Eastern Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

Members present for this meeting were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Isaac Furlough, and Mr. Oscar Webster.

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

UNION CHAPEL CHURCH, JANUARY 27, 1963

Present for this meeting were Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, and Mr. Oscar Webster of the Albemarle Conference; also present were several members of Malachi's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Charlie Overton presided over the meeting which opened with prayer by Brother Robert Spencer.

A letter from a group of members of Malachi's Church was read by Rev. A. B. Chandler. Comments were made relative to a recent change in the deacons of the church.

Brother Chandler reported briefly on a telephone conversation he had with Rev. C. L. Patrick relative to a recent visit that Brother Patrick and several other ministers made to Malachi's Chapel Church. Their visit was made at the time a special service was held at the church in which Rev. Herman Hersey and Rev. Bill Gardner of the National Association were the principal speakers.

There was quite a bit of discussion by the members of Malachi's Chapel Church in regards to the present condition of the church.

There was no official action of any nature taken on the matter at this session.

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

MT. ZION CHURCH, JULY 21, 1963

The meeting opened with the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton, presiding. Mr. Isaac Furlough led the group in prayer. Members present were Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Isaac Taylor, Mr. Erwin Forman, and Mr. Oscar Webster. Also present was a delegation from Malachi's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church.

A letter signed by Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, the representative for the group, was read. It read as follows:

"Dear Brethren:

"Not being satisfied with the action taken by Malachi's Chapel Church at its last regular conference, we, a few of the members, would like to meet with you at your convenience to discuss with you and perhaps to explain in more detail a petition of protest recently forwarded to you.

"We respectfully suggest that you name a time and place for such a meeting."

The letter was dated July 17, 1963.

A motion was made by Rev. A. B. Chandler and seconded by Mr. Erwin Forman that in the light of the protest presented by Mr. Hilton F. Simmons and others from Malachi's Chapel Church, we, the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference, notify Rev. Herbert Bryan and his group that have attempted to withdraw from the Albemarle Conference and those that are in opposition to their action to meet with a joint session of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Board of the Albemarle Conference at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, R.F.D., Columbia, North Carolina, Friday, August 23, 1963. The motion carried.

A motion was carried to adjourn. Prayer was offered by Mr. Robert Spencer.

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

COLUMBIA AGRICULTURE BUILDING, SEPTEMBER 23, 1964

The meeting opened with the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton, presiding. Prayer was offered by Rev. Robert May.

The members of the Executive Committee present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Erwin Forman, and Mr. Isaac Furlough. Mr. Oscar Webster was absent because of the illness of his wife.

All the members of the Ordaining Board were present.

It was stated that the meeting had been called to hear the issues involving the matter of Malachi's Chapel Church, and that letters had been sent to the following: Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Phillip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woody, Mr. Edmond Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sara Reynolds, and Mr. Marvin Voliva. The letters stated the time and place of the meeting.

The meeting was originally scheduled to meet at Sound Side Church but was changed to the Agriculture Building in Columbia.

The letters informed those to whom they were sent that they and any others who were in sympathy with them would be given full and free privilege to answer the charges that had been made against them. However, none of these persons were present for the meeting. Letters were read from some of them. The letters stated that since there was a church conference at Malachi's Chapel Church the same night they would not be able to attend.

There was a letter read from Rev. Herbert Bryan. He said that the letter he received was not signed. The truth of the matter was that there were two pages of the letter and only one page was signed.

Copies of the letters that were mailed and the replies that were received are on file in the conference records.

Present for the meeting were: Mr. Hilton Simmons, Mr. Ernest Moseley, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Floyd Spencer, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mrs. W. F. Simmons, Mr. Jesse Spencer, Mr. Abram Swain, and others. This is the group that have shown themselves to be faithful to the conference and other church bodies of the district and to the program of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Executive Committee felt that because of the nature of the excuses received in reply to the letters, that another meeting on this matter should be held. The time and place of this meeting to be announced later.

The meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Robert Spencer.

COLUMBIA AGRICULTURE BUILDING, OCTOBER 4, 1963

The meeting was opened and presided over by the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton. Rev. A. B. Chandler led the group in prayer.

Members of the Executive Committee present were: Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. A. B. Chandler, Mr. Erwin Forman, Mr. Isaac Furlough, and Mr. Oscar Webster. Mr. Overton and Mr. Chandler are also members of the Ordaining Board. The other member of the Ordaining Board, Rev. Robert May, could not be present. Others present were: Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Billy Spencer, Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Mrs. W. F.

Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. B. F. Spencer, and others of like mind and purpose, making a total of twenty-three persons present.

The moderator stated the purpose of the meeting, pointing out that the conference was exercising its office, the authority vested in it, in an effort to bring about a right and profitable settlement of the Malachi's Chapel Church matter.

It was further stated by Mr. Overton that in an effort to bring together the two factions of the church that letters were mailed to Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Phillip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodly, Mr. Edmond Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mr. Marvin Voliva, and Mrs. Sara Reynolds asking them to be present for this meeting, assuring them that they would be given full and free opportunity to state their position in the matter. He observed that Rev. Herbert Bryan nor any of the others to whom letters were sent were present. He informed us that one letter was returned, refused, and that he did receive a reply from Mr. Bryan.

This letter, date September 30, 1963, reads as follows:
"Dear Brethren:

"In regards to your communication suggesting a meeting on October 4 at the Agriculture Building in Columbia, North Carolina, may I remind you that I am no longer affiliated with the Albemarle Conference and therefore not subject to her council. In the light of the above, and the fact that the church I pastor is not a member of the Albemarle Conference, I do not feel that I should appear before your board and do not plan to do so. I would that we be left alone to carry on our work for God."

Rev. A. B. Chandler discussed at some length the situation existing in the Free Will Baptist Denomination at the present time, briefly explaining the function of the annual conference in relation to the local church and its minister. He pointed out the authority of the conference over the local church and the minister who is a member of the conference.

The secretary read the minutes of a called conference of Malachi's Chapel Church, called by Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Billy Spencer, Mr. W. T. Reynolds, Mr. W. F. Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. B. F. Spencer, and others of like mind and purpose. The purpose of this meeting was to elect delegates to the Albemarle Union Meeting, the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, and the Albemarle Conference. An effort was made to hold the conference in the church building, but because of objections from those that have departed the old path of Malachi's Chapel Church, it was necessary to conduct the meeting outside the building.

Members of this group expressed their appreciation to the Executive Committee for its intervention in this matter, and for the efforts of the committee in behalf of the conference to bring about a right and profitable settlement of the matter. They stated, as they have on a number of occasions, how troubled they were over the matter and how they longed for the peace, and harmony of position and purpose that heretofore existed in the church.

When it was evident that none of the members of the other factions

were going to be present, the meeting adjourned with prayer by Mr. Robert Spencer.

After the adjournment, the Executive Committee went into an executive session, with the moderator, Rev. Charlie Overton, presiding.

The same members of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Board that were present for the above related meeting were present for this meeting.

The matter of Rev. Herbert Bryan was taken up by the Ordaining Board. Their action on this matter is covered in the annual report to the conference.

The analysis and recommendations of the Executive Committee as it has to do with the schism that has come in the body of Malachi's Chapel Church is covered in a detailed report and will be presented to the conference in the annual session for your scrutinizing and action.

Leave from this meeting was taken and the benediction was prayed by Mr. Oscar Webster.

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*

Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

SPECIAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

During the nineteenth session of the Albemarle Conference which convened with Free Union Church, October 10, 1963, the Executive Committee gave this special report during the course of the day's business. The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Malachi's Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Columbia, North Carolina, is a charter member of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the church has ably and actively represented at each of the previous eighteen sessions of the Albemarle Conference; and

Whereas, Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was before the organization of the Albemarle Conference a member in good and regular standing in other conferences that were in good and regular standing in North Carolina; and

Whereas, this church has been a member of the Albemarle Union Meeting and the Albemarle Sunday School Convention since their beginning. The cooperation of support and leadership that she has over the years given to these bodies have been of inestimable value to their success; and,

Whereas, the Albemarle Union Meeting, the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, and the Albemarle Conference have at the invitation of the church convened their regular sessions at Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. On these occasions all present were appreciative of the hospitality shown by this people. Not only that, but the harmony of fellowship and purpose among the membership of the church caused us to think of them in terms of the ideal; and

Whereas, until a few months ago no one would have dreamed that there would come a schism, or division in this body;

Whereas, it soon became evident to certain members of the church that certain other members of the church, with the pastor, were beginning a course of action that, if carried to its conclusion, would constitute a departure from the doctrine of faith, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in the church treatise of the Free Will Baptist and would take the church out of the main stream of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina; and

Whereas, Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Ernest Moseley, Mrs. W. P. Simmons, and others did call to the attention of the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference this infection of discord that was beginning to spread; and

Whereas, the secretary of the Albemarle Conference did receive from Mr. Braxton Voliva, clerk of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, a letter that told of a conference held at the church, and of a resolution that was passed at this meeting. The resolution stated that the church was withdrawing from the Albemarle Conference to become a member of the Coastal Association and of the National Association. It was further stated that the vote on this resolution was forty-eight (48) in favor and twenty (20) against. The reason given for this action was that they could not accept the form of government now subscribed to by the conference; and

Whereas, the records show that the present form of government is the same as the conference was organized with, and has held to and administered for all of the eighteen years of its existence, nineteen including this session; and

Whereas, Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Ernest Moseley, Mr. Abram Swain, and Mr. Floyd Spencer did give to the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference a petition signed by a total of eighty (80) members of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. (This petition in notarized form is in the hands of the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference.)

The petition stated that the Rev. Herbert Bryan, pastor of the church, with Mr. Philip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley, Mr. Edward Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, Mr. Marvin Voliva, and others with them associated had attempted to withdraw Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church from the Albemarle Conference, the Albemarle Union Meeting, the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, and the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists; and that this behavior was a departure from the historical position of the church, and from its customs, usages, and practices; and

Whereas, the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference did on two occasions attempt to bring together the two factions of the church in an effort to hear out the matter in question; and

Whereas, letters signed by the conference's moderator and secretary

were mailed to Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Philip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley, Mr. Edward Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, and Mr. Marvin Voliva asking them to meet with the Executive Committee of the conference in Columbia, North Carolina, August 23, 1963. The letters stated that at this meeting they would be given an opportunity to answer the charges that had been brought against them. These letters were sent by certified mail with return receipt requested. The records of this meeting are in the Executive Committee's minutes and have been approved by the conference.

Whereas, when the committee was informed by some of those to whom letters were mailed that they would not be able to attend because of a church conference scheduled for that date, it did, in an effort to be fair and considerate in its action, schedule another meeting for October 4, 1963. Letters were again sent to Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Philip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley, Mr. Edward Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, and Mr. Marvin Voliva, informing them of the time, date, and place of this meeting. It was again stated that they would be given full freedom and opportunity to state their position in the matter; and

Whereas, the meeting was held in the Agriculture Building in Columbia, North Carolina, October 4, 1963, at 7:30 p.m. Rev. Herbert Bryan was not present at this meeting. None of those to whom letters were sent attended; neither were there present at this meeting any of those members known to be in sympathy with them; and

Whereas, there were present at this meeting Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Billy Spencer, Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Mrs. W. F. Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. B. F. Spencer, and others of like mind and purpose with them associated, for a total of twenty-three (23).

The records of this meeting are in the Executive Committee's minutes and have been approved by the Conference.

Whereas, the North Carolina Church Treatise of Original Free Will Baptists sets forth that "The Annual Conference, being the highest tribunal, shall have final jurisdiction over the local church." This authority has been sustained and upheld by the courts of North Carolina. In fact, the courts have ruled that the annual conference has in cases of division in the local church the authority to decide which faction constitutes the true and rightful body of that church. Also, there is in the minutes of this conference records where the conference has exercised this authority over the local church and ministers who were members of the conference, and it was heard and complied with;

Therefore be it resolved:

Resolution 1: That in the judgment of the Albemarle Conference, the Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Philip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley, Mr. Edward Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, Mr. Marvin Voliva, and those in sympathy with and support of and with them associated have by their actions caused a schism, or division to exist in the body of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; that they have in truth departed from the

doctrine of the faith, practices, and usages of the Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in the Church Treatise of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

This is shown by:

(1) Their attempt to withdraw the church from the Albemarle Conference without the expressed consent and will of the conference.

(2) By joining themselves to an association not recognized by the Albemarle Conference, nor, in fact, recognized by any church body that is in good and regular standing with the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

(3) By their repeated refusal to meet with the Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference that the matter might be dealt with in a peaceful and Christlike manner to the profit of all concerned.

(4) By their utter lack of respect for and appreciation of the position and purpose of the conference and their insubordination to its authority.

Resolution 2: That in the judgment of the Albemarle Conference, Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Billy Spencer, Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Mrs. W. F. Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. R. F. Spencer, Mr. Ernest Forbes, and others of like mind and purpose and with them associated have held to, contended for, and endeavored to promote the historical position of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church as it has lived through the years in harmony and with able and fruitful teaching, preaching, and dedicated living proclaimed the doctrines of the faith, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists as set forth in the Church Treatise of the Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

This is shown by:

(1) Their desire and efforts to remain a part of the Albemarle Conference, Union Meeting, Sunday School Convention, and the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

(2) The fact that they have through great difficulty continued without a break to represent in the church bodies of the district meetings and did represent at the 1963 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Free Will Baptists.

(3) They have from the beginning sought the council and support of the Albemarle Conference, attending in various numbers several meetings with the Executive Committee of the conference. They have on these occasions expressed their hope that the matter could be settled in a peaceful manner to the good of all concerned.

(4) They have in their every activity shown respect and appreciation for the position of the conference and have expressed a willingness to honor and abide by the authority of the conference.

Resolution 3: That on the basis of Resolutions 1 and 2, it is the judgment of the Albemarle Conference that the faction composed of Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Mr. Ernest Moseley, Mr. Billy Spencer,

Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Mrs. W. F. Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. B. F. Spencer, and other of like mind and purpose and with them associated constitute the true and real body of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; that as such they are to cause the pulpit to be filled, that they are entitled to all property, assets, and records of said Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, to have, to use, and to be the guardian of to the glory of God.

Resolution 4: That on the basis of Resolutions 1 and 2, it is the judgment of the Albemarle Conference that the Rev. Herbert Bryan, Mr. Philip Swain, Mr. Wallace Woodley, Mr. Edward Phelps, Mr. Robert Barnes, Mrs. Sarah Reynolds, Mr. Marvin Voliva, and others of like mind and purpose who support and encourage and are associated with them, have departed from the old paths of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church; that they have no right, real or ecclesiastical, to be its custodian, to occupy her pulpit, or cause it to be occupied, to hold or disburse the records, property, or assets of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

Resolution 5: That on the basis of Resolutions 1, 2, 3, and 4, the Albemarle Conference does specifically direct its Executive Committee that upon the adoption of all of these resolutions (total of 6), and following the close of this nineteenth annual session of the Albemarle Conference, they are in cooperation with and in support of Mr. Hilton F. Simmons, Mr. Robert Spencer, Rev. W. T. Reynolds, Mr. Billy Spencer, Mr. Floyd Spencer, Mrs. Ernest Moseley, Mrs. W. F. Simmons, Mrs. Abram Swain, Mr. B. F. Spencer, and others of like mind and purpose who are with them associated, to take the necessary steps, proper and effective, to cause the decisions and judgments of the Albemarle Conference to become a reality.

Resolution 6: The conference pleads the cooperation and support of all of those churches who are members of the Albemarle Conference and all other individuals, churches, and church bodies who are of like mind and purpose.

We believe our position to be right, our purpose Christ-centered, and that those who are in opposition are hindering the work which God has assigned to our hands.

With the contribution of those who have gone before crying to us for defense and promotion, we must at whatever the cost in effort, time, and expense carry through to a right and fruitful conclusion. "God being our helper, we can do no other."

Rev. Charlie Overton, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

BOARD OF ORDINATION'S REPORT

1962-1963

We, the Ordaining Committee of the Albemarle Conference, wish to submit the following report to the nineteenth session of the Albemarle Conference:

February 23, 1963, W. C. Overton and Robert May met at Hickory

Chapel Church to examine W. L. Brickhouse for ordination. Brother Brickhouse failed to finish the examination.

March 2, 1963, W. C. Overton and Robert May met W. L. Brickhouse at Columbia, North Carolina, in order to give W. L. Brickhouse the opportunity to complete the examination.

March 8, 1963, W. C. Overton, Robert May, and A. B. Chandler met in the study of the Hickory Chapel Church parsonage, Ahoskie, North Carolina, to examine W. L. Brickhouse's examination papers. He made a passing grade.

March 30, 1963, the Ordaining Board ordained W. L. Brickhouse at the Union Meeting held at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church.

The Board of Ordination met at Edenton, North Carolina, with Charlie Overton and A. B. Chandler present. The purpose was to discuss with Herbert Bryan the trouble that existed in Malachi's Chapel Church. However, after much talking to Brother Bryan, he stated that he was not guilty concerning the present trouble.

Brother Bryan was asked the question why was there so much trouble now when the church had been in harmony prior to his pastorate, and was also in perfect harmony with the Albemarle Conference, and also the State Convention. To this he gave no answer.

He was also asked if he intended to pull the church out of the state work and into the national. He stated that his number one objective was to do God's will, then to please his group whether it be state or national work.

He was asked the question was he now a member of the Coastal Association. This he denied. He stated if he intended leaving the Albemarle Conference that he would get a proper letter to transfer to another conference.

After much discussion with Brother Bryan, we asked him if he didn't think it would be best for him and the church if he would resign and leave. He stated that he didn't care anything about his accusers and that they did not mean anything to him.

The Ordaining Board of the Albemarle Conference met in a called meeting at Sims Restaurant in Plymouth, North Carolina, Friday, July 26, 1963, at 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of examining Brother James N. Webster of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pantego, North Carolina, to determine his fitness to be licensed to the gospel ministry. Members present were Revs. Charlie Overton, A. B. Chandler, and Robert May.

After a thorough questioning of the candidate, it was mutually agreed that he be recommended to his church as a qualified candidate for the gospel ministry.

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference met in a called session at the Agriculture Building, Columbia, North Carolina, at 8 p.m., September 23, 1963, for the purpose of hearing evidence supporting the charges brought against Rev. Herbert Bryan, pastor of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, N. C., by the Hilton F. Simmons fac-

tion of Malachi's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, North Carolina, and to give Rev. Herbert Bryan an opportunity to present evidence in his defense.

Members present were Revs. Charlie Overton, A. B. Chandler, and Robert May. The meeting was called to order by the chairman, Rev. Charlie Overton. Opening prayer by Rev. Robert May.

A letter from the chairman of the Board of Ordination, Rev. Charlie Overton, to Rev. Herbert Bryan was read to the board. A reply from Rev. Herbert Bryan to Rev. Overton was read to the board.

A motion was made and approved that another meeting be called for this purpose at 7:30 p.m., October 4, 1963, at the Agriculture Building in Columbia, North Carolina.

Benediction by Rev. A. B. Chandler.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charlie Overton
Rev. A. B. Chandler
Rev. Robert May

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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 of us who believe in the name of our Lord and Saviour be temperate in all things and abstain from the use of strong drink.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. John H. Allen
Mr. David H. Furlough

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Nominating Committee, wish to make the following report:

Board of Trustees: Rev. A. B. Chandler (66)

Board of Christian Education: Mrs. A. B. Chandler (66)

Board of Ordination: Rev. Charlie Overton (66)

Board of Missions: Rev. L. E. Ambrose (68), Rev. John Owens (64)

Board of Youth Evangelism: Mr. Tom West

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert May
Mrs. Laura C. Webster

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Whereas, the customs, practices, and position of Original Free Will Baptists, relative to recognition of and assistance to churches or other organizations which may become victims of new doctrines or practices which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church, was reduced to writing in a resolution adopted by the General Conference of Original

Free Will Baptists of the United States on Friday, May 26, 1922, which reads as follows:

Resolved, That Conference go on record and pledge itself to stand by and support in case of division that part of any church conference or association that contends for the original faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist church, even though it be in the minority, when such division is caused by the advent of new doctrines, which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church.

We further declare it to be our judgment that we will not recognize the doctrines of a second definite work of grace, nor the doctrines allied with it under the guise of sanctification or holiness. But it is our purpose to recognize and we do hereby recognize the doctrine of the Original Free Will Baptist church with all its ordinances unmodified.

Whereas, Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina were represented, when the above resolution was adopted, by official delegates from the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists as well as the Central Conference, of which the Albemarle Conference was then a part, the Cape Fear, Eastern, and Western Conferences, the French Broad Association, and the Woman's Home Mission of the Eastern Conference (see minutes for 1922); and

Whereas, the above resolution correctly states the customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina from time immemorial; and

Whereas, in more recent years some who hold themselves out as Original Free Will Baptists have repudiated the principle of the above resolution; and

Whereas, we believe the principle of the above resolution to be vital to the future preservation of our denomination;

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we do hereby reaffirm our adherence to the principle of the above resolution by declaring that we will continue to recognize, stand by, and support, in case of division, that part of any church, conference, or association, whether it be a majority or minority, that contends for and remains loyal to the original faith, polity, customs, practices, and usages of Original Free Will Baptists, when such division is caused by the advent of new doctrines, polity, customs, practices, or usages, which might disturb and destroy the harmony and life of the church, conference, or association; or in the event of division caused by the departure from those doctrines, customs, practices, polity, and usages adhered to by Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

2. That we immediately impliment this resolution by urging all Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina to recognize, stand by, and support those churches, conferences, and/or associations which are now in a distressed condition as a result of conditions as mentioned in Paragraph 1. above.

3. That we urge our members, individuals, churches, and other organizations to make liberal donations to the Heritage Preservation Fund of the North Carolina State Convention as early as possible.

4. That we further advise our member churches to respect, abide by, and be governed by our Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

I. Be it resolved: that we strive to do the will of our Father and be drawn closer together in fellowship and love one to another.

To be on guard for Communism and stand up against its forces in every way.

To keep and hold fast and practice the Discipline of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina in its entirety.

II. That we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality and fellowship shown us in entertaining this conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Odelle Peele

Mrs. Beulah Whitson

TREASURER'S REPORT

1962-1963

Received for Missions, October, 1962—October, 1963	\$ 124.88
Brought Forward	854.09

Total for Missions	\$ 978.97
Received for General Fund from Various Churches	\$ 135.00
Public Offerings	32.66
Piney Grove Church	5.25
Brought Forward	88.92

Total for General Fund	\$ 261.83
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Expenditures

Mileage, Phone Calls, Minutes, Salaries of Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer	257.57
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Balance in Treasury	\$ 4.36
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Received at 1963 Session

Various Churches	\$ 135.00
Public Offering	33.15

Total 1963 Session	\$ 168.15
Brought Forward	4.36

Total	\$ 172.41
Received for Corinth Church	15.00
Received from Trinity Church	10.00

Received from Union Meeting	15.00
Balance in General Fund Treasury Close of 1963 Session	\$ 212.51
Total in Missions Fund Treasury Close of 1963 Session	978.97
Total in Treasuries Close of 1963 Session	\$1,191.48

MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

Report of Gifts and Recommended Quotas for the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists

Churches	Approximate Membership	Total Gifts 1962-1963	Recom. Quotas 63-64	
			Gen. Fund	Dev. Fund
Belhaven.	40	\$ 7.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Corinth	73	23.30	50.00	50.00
Free Union	400	73.16	300.00	250.00
Gum Neck	128	60.00	75.00	75.00
Hickory Chapel	181	288.35	200.00	200.00
Malachi's Chapel	343	165.49	125.00	25.00
Mount Tabor	210	145.00	200.00	100.00
Mount Zion	63	47.19	75.00	50.00
Plymouth	142	126.00	150.00	100.00
Saint Paul	59	0	50.00	50.00
Shiloh	300	161.77	200.00	100.00
Sidney	122	117.00	125.00	125.00
Sound Side	147	42.30	100.00	75.00
Trinity	85	230.34	250.00	150.00
Piney Grove	73	0	50.00	50.00
Union Chapel	116	0	25.00	25.00
Conference, etc.		289.24	200.00	50.00
Totals	2,482	\$1,776.14	\$2,200.00	\$1,500.00

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Albemarle Conference for the year 1962-63:

1. We have 12 ministers who receive regular pension checks. Of this number one (1) is from the Albemarle Conference.

2. We have 20 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks.

3. Contributions made by the conference to superannuation:

(1) Churches	\$255.20
(2) Auxiliaries	9.00
(3) Sunday Schools	323.82
(4) Leagues	11.27
(5) Individuals	150.50

(6) Union 64.05

Total \$813.84

4. The budget for 1963-1964 is \$20,000, based on 75c per member of the churches of this state.

5. October is Superannuation Month. Please send all superannuation funds to: Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, North Carolina 28334.

6. 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

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Receipts from September 1, 1962 to August 31, 1963

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Belhaven	\$ 55.55
Corinth	137.50
Free Union	160.24
Gum Neck	100.49
Hickory Chapel	298.45
Malachi's Chapel	1,467.36
Mount Olive	26.46
Mount Tabor	413.14
Mount Zion	159.91
Miscellaneous	941.07
Piney Grove	65.00
Plymouth	64.88
Shiloh	89.05
Sidney	285.47
Sound Side	293.88
Saint Paul	105.41
Trinity	259.50
Union Chapel	21.90

Total \$4,945.26

Respectfully submitted,

M. L. Johnson, *Superintendent*

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.

MINUTES

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 17, 1963

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference of North Carolina met with the Trinity Church near Pantego, North Carolina, October 17, 1963. The theme for the day was "Draw Nigh to God" (James 4:3).

The session opened with the group's singing "Near to the Heart of God." The devotional was conducted by Mrs. Frank Daw.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Asa Harris; the response by Mrs. Jay (Mildred) Leggett.

The president made some timely remarks and outlined the day's events. She also appointed the following committees:

Finance: Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, Mrs. Estell West, and Mrs. Emma Marriner.

Hospitality: Mrs. Nancy Sawyer, Mrs. Mildred Leggett, and Mrs. Henry White.

Resolutions: Mrs. Dallas Paul, Mrs. Alice Webster, and Mrs. Doris Rae Simmons.

The ministers and visitors was then recognized. There were six ministers present as follows: Revs. W. L. Brickhouse, L. E. Ambrose, Robert Rollins, T. F. Davenport, R. P. Harris, and Bruce Barrow.

The visitors' list included Mrs. David C. Hansley from the Eastern Conference, our president's mother; Mrs. Burkette Raper from the Cape Fear

Conference; Mrs. C. L. Patrick from the Central Conference; Mrs. Willoughby; Mrs. Carl Dudley; and Mrs. J. C. Moye, the state president.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The roll was called with eleven auxiliaries being represented.

The delegate that was sent to Cragmont, Mrs. Lydia Cooper, gave a report of her trip. Her report was wonderful and it made us all want to go the next time.

Greetings and news from the Children's Home were given by Mrs. J. C. Moye.

By the request of the president, the vice-president took the chair.

The president, Mrs. A. B. Chandler, made a motion to rescind the previous motion of sending \$25 twice a year to superannuation. The motion was carried. Mrs. Chandler then returned to the chair.

Mrs. Burkette Raper gave a report on Mount Olive College. She reported a present enrollment of 226 students. Also that progress is being made to start building in April.

The Rev. Bruce Barrow gave a report on the work at the Free Will Baptist Press. He stated that the Manuals were ready for sale as of today.

Mrs. J. C. Moye, representing the Children's Home, reported that there are 72 children living at the Home. All of these are well and in school except one which is not old enough for school. She asked us to remember the children with tokens of love. She also asked that we send to the Home money for bed spreads.

An offering was received and thanks were given by the Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

Mrs. Douglas Spencer rendered a beautiful solo at this time.

The Rev. R. P. Harris, pastor of Trinity Church, brought the convention message.

After the benediction, the group gathered into the community building where a bountiful lunch was served by the host auxiliary.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session opened with the group's singing "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me." Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Madeline Brickhouse, using Psalm 95 and a beautiful poem, "Near to Thee."

The Rev. R. P. Harris brought a message in song, "I Walk With the King."

The Rev. L. E. Ambrose spoke on missions in the Albemarle Conference. He stated that we had missions in Edenton, Hertford, and Williamston. He ask if anyone knew of Free Will Baptists living in any of these areas to please send their names to either Mr. Ambrose, Creswell, North Carolina, or Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Pinetown, North Carolina.

Mrs. Carl Dudley, the state field worker, spoke on her work throughout the state. She asked that we send all monies to our district treasurer, and

she in turn could send it monthly to the state treasurer, Mrs. Raymond Sasser. She asked that the secretary get cards to use as receipts to send to the local auxiliaries. She requested that each auxiliary send \$5 to Cragmont to pay on a freezer. This money to be sent to Mrs. L. E. Ballard, earmarked Freezer Fund. She reminded us that we still have the projects of the piano for Mount Olive College and the aluminum church which are about one half accomplished. Another small project was presented: stainless steel pitchers. Eighteen of these are needed at a price of \$8 each.

The announcement was made that the new secretary and treasurer record books will be ready in the near future.

For information and literature for the youth work contact Mrs. D. W. Hansley, Kenly, North Carolina.

It was reported that the Christian Service Fund takes the place of the Co-Laborers Fund.

The following business was transacted during the business session:

A motion was made and adopted that we keep the same months for the local auxiliaries to remember our adopted daughter, Brenda Batts, with cards, letters, and tokens of affections.

A motion was made and adopted to have an auxiliary workshop. The time being Monday night after the third Sunday, November 18. It was reported that each auxiliary would have to have 50 percent of its members present to get credit for the workshop. A supper will be held at 6:30 p.m., with the workshop beginning at 7:15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved, that all go back to our local auxiliary and encourage them to send \$10 to the Children's Home to help buy chest of drawers for the Home.

2. Be it resolved, that we all go back to our local church and encourage our people to support the building program at Mount Olive College for buildings there are needed so badly.

3. Be it resolved, that we all send a card to Mrs. Katie Roper, a former president, to let her know that we are thinking of her and love her.

4. Be it resolved, that for the faithful service Mrs. Nancy Foreman has rendered, we suggest that she be given a Life Award pin for this year, and that this be done annually to some worthy auxiliary member.

Alice Webster

Verena Paul

Doris Simmons

Motion made and carried to accept this report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We wish to submit the following report:

Children's Home	\$5.00
Cragmont	\$5.00
Superannuation	\$5.00
Library Book for Mount Olive College	\$5.00

Submitted by,
Mrs. Estell West
Mrs. Emma Marriner

Motion made and carried to receive this report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward from Last Convention	\$ 17.82
Adopted Child's Clothing Fund	50.02

Total Brought Forward	\$ 67.84
Paid Out in September, 1963, Adopted Child's Clothing Fund	60.00

Balance in Treasury	\$ 7.84
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Received at this Convention

Convention Dues	\$ 60.00
Mount Olive College \$1,000 Club	59.00
Piano Fund for Mount Olive College	10.00
Aluminum Church	5.20
Christian Service Fund	7.00
Adopted Child's Clothing Fund	7.00
Cragmont	2.00
Promotional Work	2.00
Education	2.00
Offering for Children's Home	57.12
Cragmont (Service Award Pin)	25.00

Total Received	\$237.41
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Paid Out Today

Mount Olive College \$1,000 Club	\$ 59.00
Piano Fund for Mount Olive College	10.00
Aluminum Church	5.00
Christian Service Fund	7.00
Officers and Youth Chairman	25.00
Cragmont (Service Award Pin)	25.00
Promotional Work	2.00
Education	2.00
Superannuation	5.00
Children's Home	5.00

Library Book for Mount Olive College 5.00

Total Paid Out 150.20

Balance in Convention Treasury \$ 23.09

Adopted Child's Clothing Fund 64.12

Grand Total in Treasury \$ 87.12

Motion made and carried to receive the treasurer's report.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

We, the Hospitality Committee, wish to thank the Woman's Auxiliary of Trinity Church for the nice way it has entertained us today. For the special singing, the inspiring sermon, the beautiful flowers, and the delicious lunch, for all these things, we wish to say, "Thank You." We wish to extend a rising vote of thanks to these women at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. T. Leggett

Mrs. Henry White

A motion was made and carried to receive the report and give the rising vote of thanks.

The next convention is to meet with the Bellhaven Church in April, 1964.

The Rev. Robert Rollins led the convention in singing the closing hymn and Mr. Joe Harris asked to Lord's blessings to rest upon us.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, *President*

Mrs. C. J. Waters, *Secretary*

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at Shiloh Church Saturday, March 28, 1964, at 10 a.m.

The president read for the devotional Luke 6:28, and Mrs. D. H. Furlough led in prayer.

Those present were Mrs. A. B. Chandler, president; Mrs. D. H. Furlough, vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Woolard, program chairman; Mrs. Betty Whitley, youth Chairman; and Mrs. Madeline Brickhouse, orphanage chairman.

Mrs. Chandler read a letter from Mrs. Robert May asking that she be relieved of her duties. A motion was made and carried to accept Mrs. May's resignation.

The group was reminded to please get their minutes in so they could be printed as they should. The minutes of the April and October meetings should be published and all executive meeting minutes also.

We were asked to remind the auxiliaries to send \$5 to the State Con-

vention in order to be represented. Also the per capita dues must be paid to the district convention.

A motion was made and carried that we have our minutes read at the close of our district auxiliary convention for adoption if we have time.

A motion was made and carried that we get receipt cards for the district treasurer to use so the auxiliaries will have a receipt for money sent to the treasurer.

A motion was made and carried that we suggest to the local auxiliaries that if they so desire that they bring their pre-Easter offerings to the district convention and place them on the altar as a gift for mission work.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, *President*
Mrs. Madeline Brickhouse,
Acting Secretary

MINUTES

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

APRIL 16, 1964

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention of the Albemarle Conference met on April 16, 1964, with the Belhaven Church, Belhaven, North Carolina. The theme was "We Can Do All Things Through Christ."

The service opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him! Praise Him!" The Rev. Robert Rollins led the group in prayer.

Mrs. D. H. Furlough gave the devotional.

The welcome address was given by Mrs. Douglas Spencer; response by Mrs. Marvin Barnett.

The president gave some timely remarks concerning the day's program and appointed the following committees:

Finance: Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, Mrs. Fannie Harris, and Mrs. Annie Jane Ambrose.

Resolutions: Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Mrs. Roy Waters, and Mrs. Robert Rollins.

Hospitality: Mrs. Florence Liverman, Mrs. Thomas Nonney, and Mrs. Lula Day.

The ministers and visitors were recognized at this time. Ministers present were: Revs. Bruce Barrow, R. H. Jackson, Robert Rollins, Burkette Raper, L. E. Ambrose, and Robert May. The visitors included Miss Bonnie Farmer, Mrs. J. C. Moye, Mrs. David Hansley Sr., Miss Brenda Batts, and Mrs. C. L. Patrick.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The roll of the auxiliaries was called with 12 of the 13 auxiliaries being represented.

Mrs. Luke Whitley presented the pin (award for the contest) to Phyllis Sullivan. In her absence, her grandmother received it for her. Mrs. Whitley also made an appeal for used clothes to send to the Arizona-Mexico Missions. She closed her remarks with a report on the executive workshop held at Plymouth, North Carolina.

Miss Bonnie Farmer brought greetings and news from the Children's Home. She said she had a surprise for us, then presented Miss Brenda Batts, our adopted daughter. In her report she stated that the Home now has 77 children: 41 boys and 36 girls. There is now three children in the Home unsponsored. There will be five graduating from high school this spring. She also commented on the progress of Sandra Mercer who has been quite sick with a kidney ailment. She requested the prayers of all Christians in her behalf and all the children of the Home.

Miss Farmer reminded us that May has been designated as Children's Home Month. She asked that each member send one dollar to help with the expenses of the Home. She made an appeal for each auxiliary to send \$20 this spring to help purchase beds which are urgently needed to go with the mattresses purchased earlier.

Mrs. J. C. Moya also spoke on the behalf of the Home. She brought us up-to-date on the condition of the Rev. S. A. Smith, a former superintendent of the Home. She stated that he was now a patient at the Memorial Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina.

Miss Brenda Batts then sang a solo for us.

While the congregation sang "I Gave My Life for Thee," an offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$62. Mrs. Nancy Foreman gave thanks for the offering.

The Rev. Bruce Barrow brought news and greetings from the Free Will Baptist Press. He stated, "People are what they are because of what they read." We were reminded that the Free Will Baptist paper is 81 years old, and at present the press is reaching 25 states with literature. He told of the services offered through and by the press, even including church furniture. The press has recently received an award for its good service and clean literature.

Dr. Burkette Raper brought news and greetings from Mount Olive College. He expressed his personal appreciation for the support the college received in 1963 from the people of the Albemarle Conference. He gently reminded us that we were behind in our \$1,000 Club fund for the college. Dr. Raper announced that the college choir would be at Free Union Church, Beaufort County, May 10, and invited all the sister churches to hear the choir at 3 p.m.

He also stated that the college was about ready to begin building. The college began in 1954 with 22 students; today there is a student body of 260. He stated that the library project was progressing slowly and that they had only about one half of the books that were required.

The local church rendered a special in song at this time.

A special mission offering was placed on the altar at this time by the auxiliaries. Thanks for the offering were given by the Rev. R. H. Jackson.

The Rev. L. E. Ambrose brought the convention message in keeping with the theme for the day.

The Rev. Robert May prayed the benediction.

The group then assembled in the recreation center for a bountiful lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The convention reassembled with the congregation singing "In the Service of the King," and Mrs. Tom West brought the devotions.

The Rev. R. H. Jackson brought news from the mission board and the missionary workers. He urged our continual support and prayers. He reminded us of the great opportunities in Mexico and also of the big job here closer at home. He stated that North Carolina has plenty of towns and cities with no Free Will Baptist churches.

We were favored with a special in music by the Shiloh Women's Quartet, "Love Is Why."

During the business session a motion was made and adopted to accept Mrs. Robert May's resignation as study course chairman.

A motion was made and carried to have our minutes read at the close of the meeting if we have time.

A motion was made and carried to buy receipt cards to be used by the treasurer.

Mrs. J. C. Moye spoke of the work and needs of Cragmont Assembly. She urged more women to spend a week at Cragmont this summer.

The Finance Committee gave its report at this time. It reads as follows:

Receipts

Per Capita Dues	\$18.50
Convention Dues	31.50
Total Received	\$50.00

Disbursements

Aluminum Church	\$10.00
Superannuation	\$10.00
Cragmont	\$10.00
Mount Olive College	\$10.00
Mount Olive College General Fund	\$10.00
Children's Home (Beds)	\$10.00

Motion made and adopted to accept this report.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

1. Be it resolved, that each auxiliary work together with our district youth chairman to sponsor a youth convention this year.

2. Be it resolved, that each auxiliary make a special effort this spring to give \$20 to the Children's Home for the purpose of buying beds.

3. Be it resolved, that we work to bring our \$1,000 Club fund for Mount Olive College up-to-date.

4. Be it resolved, that all our auxiliaries teach and participate in study courses on our Manual and other phases of our denominational work.

5. Be it resolved, that the auxiliaries stress the importance of using Free Will Baptist literature in our churches and our auxiliaries.

Submitted by,

Mrs. Archie Willoughby

Mrs. Roy Waters

Motion made and carried to accept this report.

The president appointed as a nominating committee: Mrs. Archie Willoughby, Mrs. Robert Rollins, and Miss Alice Webster.

Delegates to the State Convention were elected as follows: Mrs. Luke Whitley, Mrs. Florence Furlough, Mrs. Clifton Cooper, Mrs. Lonnie Davenport, and Mrs. Archie Willoughby.

The Hospitality Committee would like to thank the Belhaven Woman's Auxiliary for the wonderful day we have had with them. Many thanks for the lovely flowers, the wonderful messages in song, and the bountiful and delicious lunch. We are all reminded of the theme for today: "We Can Do All Things Through Christ." Remembering this, let us undertake our different tasks.

Submitted by,

Mrs. Thomas Nooney

Mrs. Florence Liverman

Mrs. Frank Daw

Motion made and carried to accept this report.

The treasurer gave her report. By motion this report was received.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. Benediction by the Rev. L. E. Ambrose.

Mrs. A. B. Chandler, *President*

Mrs. J. C. Waters, *Secretary*

Churches	County	Delegates	No. Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Minutes	Value of Property
Corinth	Martin		71	2	1	\$2,260.00	\$ 157.50	\$2,830.60	\$15.00	6	\$ 8,000
Mr. Tabor	Washington	Mrs. David Furlough, Mr. David Furlough	214	7	1	1,060.00	764.20	2,528.77	10.00	10	
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mrs. Ruth Davenport, Mrs. Odelle Peele	66	7	3	1,160.00	438.76	1,956.00	5.00	6	
Piney Grove	Washington	Mrs. Lena Alexander		0	2	655.80	88.00	1,283.97	5.00	6	
Plymouth	Washington	Mrs. David Windley, Mr. David Windley		1	3				5.00	8	
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mrs. Bernice Motuland	158	6	1	1,176.00	630.37	6,020.31	5.00	11	18,000
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	Mr. Willie Armstrong	122	0	7	650.00	105.84	1,499.01	10.00	5	
Free Union	Tyrrell										
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mrs. Hilton Simmons, Mr. Hilton Simmons		11	2	3,000.00	130.00	3,510.00	10.00	11	50,000
Free Union	Beaufort	Mr. L. B. Keech	400	7	2	3,117.00	390.74	7,145.44	10.00	11	40,000
Sidney	Beaufort	Letter	122	1	1	1,265.00	1,238.10	2,015.90	10.00	6	25,000
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Laura Webster, Mr. Jesse Harris				1,440.00	1,192.34	2,653.52	10.00	7	
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. Emma Marriner	41	0	8	93.00	93.00	122.00	5.00	5	5,000
Shiloh	Beaufort	Mrs. Nan Foreman, Mr. John Foreman	263	17	54	1,200.00	525.98	3,242.41	25.00	11	30,000
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	Letter	188	6	1	3,900.00	1,007.79	8,826.36	15.00	11	90,000
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Mrs. J. W. Beals, Mr. H. I. Fowler	70	6	0	3,510.00	58.00	4,319.23	10.00	7	35,000
Union Chapel	Washington	Mrs. Minnie Spencer, Mr. Johnnie Allen	112	0	0	1,220.00	290.24	2,105.92	10.00	7	