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OF THE

Twenty-Ninth Annual Session

OF THE

ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

OF

Original Free Will Baptists

OF

North Carolina



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OFFICERS FOR THE 1973 SESSION

MODERATOR Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
ASSISTANT MODERATOR Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
SECRETARY Mr. Oscar Webster, Pinetown, N. C.
ASSISTANT SECRETARY Mr. Thomas Nooney, Elizabeth City, N. C.
TREASURER Mr. Billy Dilday, Ahoskie, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert May, Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Oscar Webster, Mr. Billy Dilday, the Moderator of the Albemarle Union Meeting, the President of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention, the President of the Albemarle League Union, and the President of the Albemarle Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. L. E. Ambrose (1974) Rev. John Owens (1975)
Mr. J. T. Keech (1976)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. John Owens (1974) Rev. Charlie Overton (1975)
Rev. Robert May (1976)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Bill Gurganus (1974) Mr. David Furlough (1975)
Mr. Hilton Simmons (1976) (1977)
Rev. William L. Littleton (1978)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. W. L. Brickhouse (1974) Mrs. Lucy Jones (1975)
Mrs. Beulah Whitson (1976)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Winterville, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C.
Rev. John Owens, Elizabeth City, N. C.
Rev. Robert Rollins, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.
Rev. William L. Littleton, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. Marvin Waters, Williamston, N. C.
Rev. Royce Reynolds, Dudley, N. C.
Rev. Bobby Taylor, Dudley, N. C.
Rev. Johnny Sexton, Plymouth, N. C.

Roll of Churches with Their Clerks and Pastors

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth—Mr. R. L. Waters, Clerk, Route 1, Jamesville, North Carolina 27830

Rev. Earl Minchew, Pastor, Fremont, North Carolina 27830

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Naomi Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, North Carolina 27928

Rev. William L. Littleton, Pastor, Creswell, North Carolina 27928

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Route 2, Box 21, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962

Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, North Carolina 27910

Piney Grove—Mrs. Lois Krawczyk, Clerk, Route 1, Box 194, Roper, North Carolina 27976

No regular pastor. Mr. Isaac Furlough, layman, supplies.

First Church of Plymouth—Mrs. Bill Alligood, Clerk, 113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962

Union Chapel—Mr. Bill Gurganus, Clerk, Wises Avenue, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962

Rev. Charles Renfrow, Pastor, Plymouth, North Carolina 27962

TYRRELL COUNTY

Sound Side—Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, P. O. Box 47, Columbia, North Carolina 27925

Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Pastor, Kinston, North Carolina 28501

Gum Neck—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Route 3, Box 120-A, Columbia, North Carolina 27925

Rev. Earl Minchew, Pastor, Fremont, North Carolina 27830

Malachi's Chapel—Mr. W. Braxton Voliva, Clerk, Box 394, Columbia, North Carolina 27925

Rev. Jimmie Barfield, Pastor, Route 3, Kenly, North Carolina 27542

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union—Mr. Darrell M. Windley, Clerk, Pantego, North Carolina 27860

Rev. E. Francis Garner, Pastor, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865

Trinity—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina 27860

Rev. Royce Reynolds, Pastor, Dudley, North Carolina 28333

Sidney—Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810

Rev. J. B. Vernelson, Pastor, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810

Belhaven—No clerk at present.

No pastor at present.

Shiloh—Mrs. Mary Ann Harris, Clerk, Route 1, Box 342, Pinetown,
North Carolina 27865

Rev. Marvin Waters, Pastor, Williamston, North Carolina 27892

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel—Mr. J. J. Chamblee, Clerk, Route 4, Ahoskie, North
Carolina 27910

Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina 27910

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul—Mrs. Eunice Ambrose, Clerk, 806 Greenleaf Street, Elizabeth
City, North Carolina 27909

Rev. John Owens, Pastor, 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City,
North Carolina 27909

PROCEEDINGS

The twenty-ninth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, R. F. D., Plymouth, October 10, 1973.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.

The devotions were conducted by Rev. Robert Rollins. The congregation sang "Footsteps of Jesus," followed by Brother Rollins reading Scripture from Mark 1:14-26. He gave a brief talk on the Scripture and closed the devotions with prayer.

The welcome address was given by the host pastor, Rev. Robert Norville. The response was given by Rev. John Owens.

The conference was called to order by the secretary, Mr. Oscar Webster. A motion was made and carried to adopt the printed program as the order of business, with the moderator having the privilege to make any changes deemed necessary.

The list of churches was called with 16 churches represented. The list of ministers was called with seven ministers present. Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Rev. Herman Grubbs, Cape Fear Conference; Revs. Robert Norville, Hubert Burress, and Walter Reynolds, Central Conference; Revs. Billy Ray Jordan, Joe Ingram, and Frank R. Harrison, Western Conference.

Rev. Charlie Overton, assistant moderator, gave the moderator's address.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Resolutions: Revs. Robert Rollins, William L. Littleton, and Mrs. Isaac Furlough.

Temperance: Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Mrs. Seaton Patrick, and Mrs. Fanny Harris.

Nominating: Rev. John Owens, Mrs. Beulah Whitson, and Miss Alice Webster.

An offering was taken for the general fund of the conference.

Reports of the standing boards were called for. Mr. Bill Gurganus reported on missions and Rev. Charlie Overton reported on the Board of Ordination. A motion was made and carried to adopt the reports. (See reports.)

Announcements of interest to the body were made by several persons.

A report of the sixty-first annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Mrs. Laura Webster.

Rev. Hubert Burress, secretary-treasurer of the Church Finance Association, Inc., gave a report of the association. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Rev. Walter Reynolds made some timely remarks about the "Liquor-

by-the-Drink" referendum on November 6, 1973. A motion was made and carried to receive this report as information.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, gave a report on the progress of that board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See Report.)

Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, reported on the work of the foundation. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

A motion was made and carried to dissolve the Board of Youth Evangelism.

The business of the conference was called off for the morning worship service.

Special music was rendered by the choir of the host church, singing "Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love." The conference sermon was delivered by Rev. Frank R. Harrison, campus chaplain of Mount Olive College. Brother Harrison read for a Scripture text 1 Kings 18:17-21, 36-39. Following some inspiring remarks on the Scripture, the congregation sang as an invitation hymn, "Just As I Am." The benediction and blessing for the food was prayer by Rev. Walter Reynolds.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1 P.M.

The afternoon devotions were conducted by Rev. Herman Grubbs. The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing." He read for a Scripture text Hosea 8:1-7, 14. Following a few brief remarks, Mr. Grubbs closed the devotions with prayer.

A report of the North Carolina State Foreign Mission Board was given by Rev. Joe Ingram, director-treasurer. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Laura C. Webster. Sister Webster read Scripture verses taken from John 14. Following a few moments of silent prayer, Mrs. Webster read a poem and closed the prayer. Mrs. Lynn Paul played a piano solo, "Beyond the Sunset."

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Rev. Frank R. Harrison, campus chaplain. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home was given by the superintendent, Mr. Sam Weeks. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Robert Rolins. A motion was made and carried to adopt resolutions Nos. 1 and 2. (See report.)

A report of the Temperance Committee was given by Mrs. Fanny Harris. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A report of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., was given by Rev. Herman Grubbs. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Mr. Billy Dilday, conference treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Mrs. Wilson Bowen and Mrs. Wayne Britt were elected as delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Mrs. Herman Grubbs was elected as delegate to the General Conference.

A motion was made and carried to accept the petition from Gum Neck church for the next conference to be held there.

A report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. John Owens. A motion was made and carried to receive and adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried to receive Rev. Herman Grubbs into the conference, pending a letter from his present conference membership. The right hand of fellowship was given Brother Grubbs while the pianist played "Blest Be the Tie."

A motion was made and carried to adopt the minutes as read by the secretary.

The congregation sang "God Be with You 'Til We Meet Again," followed with the benediction prayer by Rev. Charlie Overton.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Robert May, *Moderator*

Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

REPORTS

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend that the following officers be elected:

Board of Trustees: Mr. J. T. Keech.

Board of Ordination: Rev. Robert May.

Board of Missions: Rev. William L. Littleton.

Board of Christian Education: Mrs. Beulah Whitson.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. John Owens

Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Miss Alice Webster

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Be it resolved:

1. That we, the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, stand unalterably opposed to the evils of this age; namely, that which stands against our wonderful Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

2. That we, the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists,

recommend that the delegates go back to their churches recommending that they stand up against the "Liquor-by-the-Drink" referendum.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse
Mr. R. L. Waters
Mrs. Fanny Harris

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, make the following report:

1. Be it resolved, that each minister coming into the Albemarle Conference, either as a member or to pastor a church in the conference, be required to sign a Ministerial Code of Ethics and to clear himself with the Board of Ordination of the conference before becoming a member or pastor in this conference; that all churches be notified of this action by the conference; and, it also be published in "The Free Will Baptist."

2. Be it resolved, that we give this church a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way they have hosted this Albemarle Conference.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert Rollins
Rev. William L. Littleton
Mr. Isaac Furlough

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, the Board of Ordination, submit the following report:

On October 4, 1972, the board met at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, to question Brother Bobby Taylor in relation to becoming a licensed minister. After questioning Brother Taylor, the board recommended him to his church to be licensed to preach the gospel.

On October 14, 1972, the board met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie. The purpose of this meeting was to give to Brother Johnnie Sexton the examination to preach the gospel. Brother Sexton failed the exam.

On November 4, 1972, Brother Johnnie Sexton met again with the board to take the examination. Brother Sexton passed the exam this time.

On November 14, 1972, the board met at Plymouth High School, Plymouth, to question Brother Royce Reynolds and Brother Marvin Waters in relation to becoming licensed ministers. Both Brother Reynolds and Brother Waters passed.

On December 30, 1972, the board met at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, to ordain Brother Johnnie Sexton.

On August 11, 1973, the board met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, to give examination to Brothers Royce Reynolds, Marvin Waters, and Bobby Taylor. Each of them passed the exam.

The Ordaining Board of the Albemarle Conference met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church September 25, 1973. The purpose of the

meeting was that Wayne West wanted to talk to the board about reinstating his license, which were surrendered to the Western Conference Ordaining Council.

After hearing Brother West's comments and also comments from his pastor, Brother Herman Grubbs, the board thought the best action to take was for Brother West to go back to the place where he surrendered his license for reinstatement, or for recommendation from the Western Conference Ordaining Council, to the Albemarle Conference. The board also thought that if the conference council wanted the Albemarle Ordaining Board to meet at the same time that they would meet with them at a date set by the Western Conference board.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Charlie Overton, *Chairman*
 Rev. Robert May
 Rev. John Owens

TREASURER'S REPORT

<i>General Fund</i>	
Brought Forward from 1972 Conference	\$256.59
Amount Received from Various Churches	160.00
Amount Received by Public Offering	41.03
Total Received	457.62
Amount Disbursed	246.36
Balance in General Fund	\$211.26
<i>Mission Fund</i>	
Brought Forward	\$703.71
Amount Received	69.55
Bank Interest	31.81
Balance in Mission Fund	\$805.07
<i>Recap</i>	
Mission Fund	\$805.07
General Fund	211.26
Balance in Treasury	\$1,016.33

Respectfully submitted,
 Billy W. Dilday, *Treasurer*

REPORT OF CRAGMONT ASSEMBLY, INC.

	<i>Capital Assets</i>	<i>Balance Nov. 30, 1971</i>	<i>Depreciation This Year</i>	<i>Balance Nov. 30, 1972</i>
Land	\$	2,819.76	\$	\$
Buildings		7,000.00		7,000.00

Improvements to Buildings	9,866.56	8,713.57	100.26	8,813.83
Tabernacle	5,633.12	5,069.88	281.66	5,351.54
Motel Building	17,909.66	10,298.02	895.48	11,193.50
Dwelling	3,850.00	826.41	116.67	943.08
Dormitory Building	34,858.05	1,016.68	1,742.90	2,759.58
Water and Sewer Lines	1,577.30	45.99	78.87	124.86
Ground Improvements	873.14	29.11	58.21	87.32
Furniture and Equipment	23,853.00	14,707.32	1,472.10	16,179.42
Totals	\$108,240.59	\$47,706.98	\$4,746.15	\$52,453.13

All depreciation computed by the straight-line method.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Herman Grubbs

REPORT OF GIFTS TO MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE

(July 1, 1972—June 30, 1973)

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Challenge Gifts</i>	<i>Chapel Gifts</i>	<i>Total Gifts</i>	<i>Per Capita (a)</i>	<i>1973-74 Challenge (b)</i>
Belhaven	\$ 60.00	\$	\$ 60.00	\$ 1.54	\$ 100.00
Corinth	169.49	6.29	175.78	3.58	175.00
Free Union	1,043.00	1,318.81	2,361.81	12.69	1,000.00
Gum Neck	170.50		170.50	1.33	175.00
Hickory Chapel	1,107.59	155.20	1,262.79	5.68	1,200.00
Malachi's Chapel	232.17		232.17	1.14	275.00
Mount Tabor	295.49	5.00	300.49	1.63	300.00
Mount Zion	179.00		179.00	1.86	200.00
Piney Grove	228.50	72.50	301.00	4.12	250.00
Plymouth, First	228.00		228.00	2.81	250.00
Saint Paul	175.00		175.00	1.70	225.00
Shiloh	598.65		598.65	7.04	600.00
Sidney	323.00	110.00	433.00	3.09	400.00
Sound Side	383.08	105.00	488.08	2.82	400.00
Trinity	886.00		886.00	13.63	900.00
Union Chapel	344.00	99.16	443.16	3.38	375.00
Virginia Beach					
Totals	\$6,423.47	\$1,871.96	\$8,295.43	\$ 3.76	\$6,825.00

(a) The per capita for North Carolina was \$4.59.

(b) The "challenge" does not include gifts to the chapel fund. Gifts to this project go with a separate account.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Frank R. Harrison, *Campus Chaplain*

REPORT OF GIFTS TO FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Listed below is a report of gifts received from the Albemarle Conference

for the year 1972-73, compared with 1971-72, and a challenge for 1973-74. The challenge is based on \$6 per church member. If each church will meet its challenge, then the Home will be able to provide for the needs of its children.

<i>Churches</i>	<i>1972-73</i>	<i>1971-72</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
Belhaven	\$ 278.00	\$ 170.00	\$ 294.00
Corinth	169.20	130.40	294.00
Free Union	175.24	296.71	1,200.00
Gum Neck	220.00	290.00	522.00
Hickory Chapel	948.18	530.05	1,326.00
Malachi's Chapel	473.60	669.00	1,284.00
Mount Tabor	836.91	917.53	1,116.00
Mount Zion	225.00	301.00	588.00
Piney Grove	50.00	50.00	438.00
Plymouth	405.00	430.95	498.00
Shiloh	603.40	284.02	1,332.00
Sidney	350.00	405.00	840.00
Sound Side	373.72	317.44	1,098.00
Saint Paul	350.00	110.00	714.00
Trinity	319.00	100.00	390.00
Union Chapel	650.90	685.62	840.00
Virginia Beach	374.18	382.54	500.00
Albemarle Union Meeting	78.36	95.75	100.00
Sunday School Convention	285.66	205.53	250.00
Albemarle Auxiliary Convention	397.67	262.90	325.00
Miscellaneous	56.00	43.00	51.00
Totals	\$7,620.02	\$6,677.44	\$14,000.00

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Sam Weeks, *Superintendent*

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

(July 1, 1972—June 30, 1973)

We are very grateful for your prayers and support for the work of the Board of Superannuation.

Even though this was another good year in our work, we still need more funds to increase every phase of our program. We need to meet our budget of thirty thousand dollars in gifts from our churches. This past year we received less than half of this amount.

There seems to be an increase in interest among our ministers, and more and more are participating in one or more phases of the program. While this is good, there are many not participating; and, we urge all of our ministers to take advantage of the program offered them.

Your Help Is Needed

1. Pray for the work of superannuation and for the members of the

Board of Superannuation. Pray for the ministers of our denomination, and especially for your pastor.

2. Remember the request of the State Convention that our churches assist their pastor in preparing for retirement through the superannuation program with minimum assistance as follows:

a. A full-time church pays \$150 per year on pastor's retirement.

b. A part-time church pays \$75 per year on pastor's retirement.

Note: This minimum assistance should either be increased by the church or matched by the minister.

3. Be sure your church is making regular offerings to this most worthy cause. Include the work of superannuation in the budget of your church in proportion to meet our needs. To insure the benefits we are offering to our ministers, we need the support of every Free Will Baptist.

4. Remember that the State Convention designated October as "Superannuation Month" and the third Sunday in June, Father's Day, as "Superannuation Day." Send your contributions to: North Carolina Board of Superannuation, P. O. Box 474, Ayden, North Carolina 28513.

<i>Churches</i>	<i>Contributions</i>	<i>Challenge</i>
Belhaven	\$ 8.00	\$ 50.00
Corinth		50.00
Free Union		175.00
Gum Neck	50.00	125.00
Hickory Chapel		200.00
Malachi's Chapel	29.65	200.00
Mount Tabor	20.00	175.00
Mount Zion	80.00	100.00
Piney Grove		75.00
Plymouth, First	30.00	75.00
Saint Paul		75.00
Shiloh	135.79	125.00
Sidney	212.50	250.00
Sound Side	140.67	175.00
Trinity		75.00
Union Chapel		100.00
Virginia Beach	56.00	200.00
Sunday School Convention	48.00	50.00
Union Meeting	71.34	75.00
Totals	\$881.95	\$2,350.00

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Walter Reynolds, *Secretary-Treasurer*

REPORT OF THE CHURCH FINANCE ASSOCIATION, INC.

(August 31, 1973)

The Church Finance Association, Inc. is owned and operated by Free

Will Baptists of North Carolina. The association has been serving the needs of our people since 1940.

We give thanks to God for the blessings bestowed on our work. We would like to thank everyone who has supported the work of our association with his prayers, funds, and time. We thank those who have used the services of our association.

Loans made as of August 21, 1973, for this year were \$118,761.28—a record year. Another first this year was passing the one million dollar mark in loans since April 20, 1940. Total loans made now stands at \$1,072,759.99. Our deposits have increased about 15 percent, but not enough to meet the demands. We now need funds to make loans that have been approved. Will you help us meet these needs?

Services offered by the association are as follows:

1. Loans for denominational needs.
2. Deposits for individual funds. (5¼ percent interest paid on \$500 or more.)
3. Endowments can be set up for:
 - a. Children's Home
 - b. Missions
 - c. Mount Olive College
 - d. Board of Superannuation
 - e. Churches
4. Retirement Fund. (Example, each \$1,200 will provide \$5 per month on present interest.)
5. All profits remain in the association to better serve Free Will Baptists of North Carolina.

How can you help the Church Finance Association? *Pray* for the ministry of the Church Finance Association, Inc.; *deposit* your funds with the association and experience the joy of having your money working for our Lord; *purchase* memberships in the association at \$25 each; and *use* the services of the association.

We are proud of the repayment record of our people. Many are paying off their accounts ahead of schedule, which helps to make more loans available. All accounts are in good standing.

For information write: Church Finance Association, Inc.; Drawer 336; Pinetops, North Carolina 27864; or phone Hubert Burress (919) 827-4139, residence; (919) 827-5402, office.

Respectfully submitted,
S. A. Smith, *President*
Hubert Burress, *Secretary-Treasurer*

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 works by the assignment of specific work to representative units of authority which shall hereafter be known as standing boards and committees.

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

A board of missions, consisting of five members shall be elected. The term of office for members of this board shall be for 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 Wednesday before the second Sunday in October of each year. The host church shall be selected by vote of the conference in annual session 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; and 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 the conference in written form only.

SECTION 10

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

SECTION 11

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

SECTION 12

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

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

Churches	Counties	Delegates	No. Members	Members Received	Members Lost	Pastor's Salary	Denominational Causes	Church Causes	To Conference	Value of Property	No. Minutes
Corinth	Martin	Mr. R. L. Waters	45	2	1	\$1,800.00	\$ 266.43	\$2,180.79	\$15	\$ 10,000	6
Mt. Tabor	Washington	Mr. Isaac Furlough	186	2	1	4,680.00	1,119.32	7,187.10	10	40,000	10
Mt. Zion	Washington	Mr. Ernest Whitson, Mrs. Beulah Whitson	107	11	1	3,395.00	781.65	6,600.12	5	25,000	8
Piney Grove	Washington	Mr. Seaton Patrick	24	1	1	596.53	310.00	781.53	10	10,000	8
Plymouth	Washington	Mrs. Frances Spruill, Mrs. Ruth Spruill	87	1	1	4,732.00	590.00	9,431.07	5	53,000	8
Union Chapel	Washington	Mrs. Elaine Britt, Mrs. Ruby Bowen	142	3	3	4,820.20	944.40	6,775.35	5	20,000	10
Sound Side	Tyrrell	Mrs. Winifred Brickhouse	195	6	1	1,785.00	1,190.08	5,009.24	10	10,000	10
Gum Neck	Tyrrell	By Letter	43			1,100.00	633.00	1,571.41	10		10
Malachi's Chapel	Tyrrell	Mr. and Mrs. Robert Midgett	220						10		10
Free Union	Beaufort	Miss Alice Webster, Mrs. Mary Keech	225	30	5				10	93,000	10
Trinity	Beaufort	Mrs. Fannie Harris, Mrs. Lynn Paul	55			1,680.00	1,604.00	3,915.00	10	15,000	10
Sidney	Beaufort	By Letter	8	8	3	2,876.13	1,674.75	8,776.82	10	78,000	7
Belhaven	Beaufort	Mrs. G. L. Marriner	39	7	3	700.20	178.00	782.09	5	6,000	10
Shiloh	Beaufort	Mrs. Salethial Windley, Mrs. Rachel Foreman	214	7	1				25	30,000	10
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	By Letter	26	7	1	6,885.00	3,301.54		10	135,000	8
St. Paul	Pasquotank	Mrs. Robana Fowler, Mrs. June Banks	117	7	14	4,805.00	733.60	9,179.96	10	70,000	10

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