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The Thirty (30) Annual Session

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ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

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Original Free Will Baptist

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North Carolina

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Held with Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 3,
Columbia, N. C. October, 9, 1974.

The next session will convene on wednesday before the
second Sunday in October, 1975, with Hickory Chapel
Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, N. C.

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OFFICERS FOR THE 1974 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----- Rev. Marvin Waters, Pinetown, N. C.
Treasure----- 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 Women's Auxiliary
Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. John Owens (1975) Mr. J. T. Keech (1976)
Rev. L. E. Ambrose (1977)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Charlie Overton (1975) Rev. Robert May (1976)
Rev. John Owens (1977)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

~~Mr. Bill Gurganus (1978)~~ Mr. David Furlough (1975) Mr. Hilton
Simmons (1976) Mr. Oscar Webster (1977) Rev. William Littleton
(1978) Mr. Bill Gurganus (1979)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Lucy C. Jones (1975) Mrs. Beulah Whitson (1976)
Mrs. Oscar Webster (1978)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. A. B. Chandler, Oriental, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Roanoke Rapids, N. C.
Rev. John Owens, Elizabeth City, N. C.
Rev. William Littleton, Beulaville, N. C.
Rev. Marvin Waters, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C.
Rev. Royce Reynolds, Dudley, N. C.
Rev. Johnny Sexton, Plymouth, N. C.
Rev. Charles L. Renfrow, Plymouth, N. C.
Rev. Francis A. Garner, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C.
Rev. Fred Bates, Not known

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

Martin County
CORNITH--Mr. Paul Dan Davis, Rt. 2, Jamesville, N. C. 27846
Rev. Frank Grubbs, Pastor, Tally Ho Trailer Park, Wilson, N. C.
Washington County
Mt. Taber---Mrs. Naomi M. Ambrose, Rt. 2, Box 169, Creswell, N. C.
27928. Rev. William Littleton, Pastor, Rt. 2 Creswell, N. C. 27028
Mt. Zion--Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Rt. 3, Box 229, Plymouth, N. C.
27962. Rev. Charlie Overton, Pastor, 811 Academy street
Ahoskie, N. C. 27910
Piney Grove--Mrs. Lois Krawczyk, Clerk, Rt. 1, Roper, N. C. 27970
Mr. Isaac Furlough, Lay Supply, Creswell, N. C. 27928
First Church of Plymouth--Mrs. Bill Alligood, 1113 Latham Avenue
Plymouth, N. C. 27962--No Pastor at time of Conference.
~~Home Chapel--Mr. Bill Gurganus, Clerk, 109 Latham Avenue
Plymouth~~

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ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS
Continued

Union Chapel--Mr. Bill Gurganus, Clerk, 105 Wilts Avenue, Plymouth, N. C.
27962. Rev. Charles L. Renfrow, Pastor, Plymouth, N. C. 27962

Tyrreall County

Sound Side--Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, P.O. Box 62, Columbia, N. C. 27925
Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Pastor, Rt. 2, 25 Crescent Drive (west down)
Kinston, N. C.

Gum Neck--Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Rt. 1, Columbia, N. C. 27925
Rev. Earl Menshew, Pastor, Fremont, N. C. 27830

Malachi's Chapel--Mr. W. A. Braxton Voliva, Clerk, Box 394, Columbia,
N. C. 27925. Rev. Jimmie Barfield, Pastor, Kenly, N. C.

Beaufort County

Free Union--Mr. J. T. Keech Jr., Clerk, Rt. 2, Pantego, N. C. 27860
Rev. Frances A. Garner, Pastor, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C. 27865

Sidney--Mr. Eugene Linton, Clerk, Rt. 2, Belhaven, N. C. 27810
Rev. J. D. Vernelson, Pastor, Rt. 2, Belhaven, N. C. 27810

Belhaven--Mrs. G. L. Maniner, Clerk, Belhaven, N. C. 27810
No Pastor at time of Conference

Shiloh--Mrs. Mary Ann Harris, Clerk, Rt. 1, Box 341-A1, Pinetown, N. C.
27865. Rev. Marvin Waters, Pastor, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C. 27865

Trinity--Mr. Talmage Cooper, Clerk, Rt. 1, Pantego, N. C. 27860
Rev. Dalles Pimkhem, Pastor, Mt. Olive, N. C.

Hertford County

Hickory Chapel--Mr. J. J. Chamblee, Clerk, Rt. 4, Box 390, Ahoskie,
N. C. 27910---Rev. Robert May, Pastor, Rt. 4, Ahoskie, N. C. 27910

Pasquotank County

St. Paul--Mrs. Eunice Ambrose, Clerk, 806 Greenleaf Street,
Elizabeth City, N. C. 27909
Rev. John Owens, Pastor, 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, N. C.
27909.

PROCEEDINGS

The Thirtyth (30) Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist Of North Carolina convened with Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church, Rt. 3, Columbia, N. C. October 9, 1974.

Wednesday Morning 9:30

The Devotions were conducted by Miss Alice Webster. The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me", followed by Sister Webster reading Scripture from Ephesians 3:8-19. Prayer was prayed by Rev. John Owens.

The welcome address was given by Mr. Lin Jones
The response was given by Mr. Isaac Furlough.

The Conference was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Robert May.

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 were called with all reporting (16)
The list of Ministers were called with seven (7) present.

Visiting Ministers were recognized as follows; License Charles Renfrow, ~~Rev. Walter Reynolds, Central~~ Western Conference, Rev. Walter Reynolds, Central Conference, Rev. Jimmy Barfield, Rev. Earl Menshew, Rev. Billy Ray Jordan, Rev. Joe Ingrams all Western Conference, Rev. Jack Mayo, Rev. Hubert Burress, Rev. J. D. Vernelson all Central Conference.

Rev. Robert May Moderator, gave the Moderator's address.
The Moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Nominating: Rev. William Littleton, Mr. Billy Dilday, Mrs. H. I. Fowler.

Resolutions: Rev. John Owens, Mrs. Laura Webster, Mrs. Ruth Davenport.

Temperance: Mr. Bill Gurganus, Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Mr. Isaac Furlough.

The congregation sang "leaning on the Ever Lasting Arms" while an offering was taken for the general fund of the Conference.

The Moderator appointed Mrs. Mae Oliver to do the Memorial Service because of the absence of Rev. Charlie Overton.

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the secretary, Oscar Webster. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report, (see reports)

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by a board member, Rev. John Owens. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report (see reports)

The other standing committees had no reports.

Several announcements of general interest were made.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, Manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, gave a report of the progress of the Press (information). Rev. Reynolds, Director-Treasurer to the Board of Superannuation gave a report on the work of this Board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Walter Reynolds presented to the Conference a resolution passed by the N. C. State Convention of Original Free Will Baptist. The main feature of this resolution is the printing of an Annual Year Book. This Year Book would carry Minutes of the State Convention, of each Conference and other Minutes and material of general interest. This resolution to become a fact has to be passed by the Conference. A motion was made and carried to adopt the resolution.

Rev. Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer, of the N. C. State Foreign Mission Board, gave the report on the ministry of that Board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report.

The Rev. Jack Mayo, gave a report on the work of the "Home Mission, Church Extension Board". Brother Mayo is a member of this Board. A motion was made to accept the report as information.

Rev. Hubert Burress, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Church Finance Association, gave a report on the work of this body. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The business of this Conference was called off for the Worship Service.

Special music was rendered by the host church, Singing, "How Great Thy Art".

The Conference Sermon was preached by the host Pastor, Rev. Earl Menshew. Brother Menshew read for a scripture St. Luke 5: 1-6 His subject, "A Turtle Neck Christian"

The congregation sang "Just As I Am"
The benediction was prayed by Mr. Sam Weeks.

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Marvin Waters. Brother Waters read for a Scripture Luke 15 : 22-24. Remarks remarks and prayer by Brother Waters.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Mae Oliver. Sister Oliver named several, that she had been informed of that had passed to their reward. She read selected Scriptures and made apporbrate ~~the~~ ^{Yend} the occasion. Prayer by Mrs. Oliver.

Mr. Sam Weeks, Superintendent, of the Free Will Baptust Childrens Home, gave a report for the fiscal year ,1974 on the ministry of the Home.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the report.

Rev. Walter Reynolds, Diretor-Treasure to the N. C. Board of Superannuation, presented to the Conference the plans for a Retirement Home for Free Will Baptist. The N. C. State Convention at its annual 1974 session passen an action establinng by constitution amendent a Retairment Home, non- Corpation. This action will become finial and blingng when ratified by a majority of the Conferences.

A motion was made and carried to approve this Constitution amendent.

A majority of the Conferebces did approve the Rétairment Home amendment.

Rev. David Charles Hansley, Special Assistant to the President Of Mount Olive College, gave a report on the accomplishments of the College for the school year 1973-74.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the report.

Delegates were elected to these bodies; General Conference, Mrs. John Owens, N. C. State Convention, Mrs. Oscar Webster, Miss Alice Webster.

Mr. Billy Dilday, Treasure, gave the treasure's report.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (see report)

A motion was made and carried to accept the invitation of Hickory Chapel Church for the 1975 session of the Conference.

A motion was made and carred to grant Rev. Robert Rollings a letter of transfer to another Conference.

A motion was madeand carred to receive into membership Rev. Francis Garner, having received from the Cape Fear Conference a letter of transfer to the Albemarle Conference.

A motion was made and carred that the Conference give the Board of Ordination the authority to receive, or grant letters of transfer or dismissaal during the time the Conference is not in session.

A motion was made and carred to give host church a rising vote of thanksforhentertaining the 1974 session of the Conference.

The Temperence Committee's was read. A motion was made and carred to adpmt the report. (see reports)

The Rev. John Owens, read the Resolution Committee's report. A motion was made and carred to adopt the report. (see reports)

The Rev. William Littleton, read the Nominating Committee's report. A motion was made and carred to adopt the report (see reports)

The Minutes were read and approved.

A motion was made and carred to adjourn.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. David Charles Hansley.

***** R E P O R T S *****

The Executive Committee's Report

The Executive Committee has held two brief meetings since last Conference Session.

The first meeting was to consider a proposal from the Free Will Baptisy Children's Home , To recommend to the Albemarle Conference District the raising of funds to be applied to the renavation of Albemarle Cottage number one (I) at the Home.

The Executive Committee acted favorably on the proposal and did recommend through the Albemarle Union Meeting the Participation of the Churches in this fund raising drive . Many, if not all have done so.

The propose of the second meeting was to grant to Rev. Harry Jones At his request a letter of transfer to another Conference, since he was no longer pastoring a church in our Conferense.

Treasure's Report

General Fund

Brought Forward From 1973 Conference-----	\$ 211.26
Received During Year From Churches-----	70.00
Received From Albemarle Union Meeting-----	200.00
Amount Received From Various Churches-----	220.00
Amount Received From Public Offering-----	37.75
Total Received-----	\$ 739.01
Amount Disbursed-----	414.36
Balance In General Fund-----	\$ 324.65

~~Mission Fund~~

Brought Forward-----	\$ 885.87
Amount Received-----	67.36
Balance In Mission Fund-----	

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Mission Fund

Brought Forward -----	\$ 805.07
Amount Received -----	67.36
Bank Interest -----	42.12
	\$ 914.55

Disbursements

10-10-73-----John Owens ---Mileage-----	\$ 024.00
10-10-73-----Oscar Webster -Secretary's Fee-----	35.00
10-10-73-----Oscar Webster--State Convention Dues ---	10.00
10-10-73-----Charlie Overton--- Moderator's Fee -----	15.00
10-10-73-----Billy Dilday-- Treasure's Fee -----	10.00
11-18-73 --- John Owens -----	31.00
3-19-73----- Free Will Baptist Press -----	288.86
	\$ 414.36

Billy Dilday, Treasure

Nominating Committee's Report

Moderator's -----	Rev. Robert May
Assistant Moderator -----	Rev. Charlie Overton
Secretary -----	Oscar Webster
Assistant Secretary -----	Rev. Marvin Waters
Treasure -----	Mr. Billy Dilday

Board of Trustees-----	Rev. L. E. Ambrose (1977)
Board of Ordination ---	Rev. John Owens (1977)
Board of Mission ---	Oscar Webster (1977) Mr. Bill Gurganus (1979)
Board of Christian Education ----	Mrs. Oscar Webster

Temperance Committee's Report

Be it Resolved;

That we, the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist stand unalterably opposed to the evils of this age; namely, that which stands against our wonderful Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That we, the Albemarle Conference Of Original Free Will Baptist recommend that the delegates go back to their churches recommending that they take a firm stand on the King James Version of the Bible. Also that they take a firm stand against Magines that are being sold which are not fit for christians to look at or read.

Resolutions Committee's Report

Be it resolved " we that are Free Will Baptist" put forth more effort in winning the lost to Christ in the future.

Be it resolved, " That we give this Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Albemarle Conference with such wonderful hospitable love and frindship.

Report Of The Board Of Ordination

We the Board of Ordination submit the following report;

November 2, 1973---The Ordination Board of the Albemarle Conference met at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, Columbia, N. C. the purpose for the meeting was to ordain, Royce Reynolds, Bobby Taylor and Marvin Waters.

The Rev. Robert May brought the message. The Rev. John Owens led in prayer, and presented the Bibles and the Rev. Charlie Overton gave the charge.

The meeting was well attended.

November 3, 1973---The Ordination met at Micro Church, Micro, N. C. with the Western Conference Ordination Board and the Ministerial Character Board of said Conference, for purpose to hear from them relative to reinstating Wayne West as an ordained minister. Motion was made that the Western Conference Ordination Board and Ministerial Character Committee go on record as not sanctioning the reinstatement of the Western Conference Credentials of Mr. Wayne West.

May 4, 1974--- Board of Ordination met at the Tomahawk Restaurant, Ahoakie, North Carolina for the purpose of examining Mr. Dallas Pinkham for license to preach the gospel. After the examination, the Board was satisfied to recommend him to his church to be licensed to preach for a period of one year.

May 30, 1974--- The Ordination Board met at Mount Zion Church, Roper, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss with the Rev. J. D. Vernelson relative to his coming into North Carolina state work and pastoring Sidney Free Will Baptist Church since he had been affiliated with the national work. He stated that he was a member of Sidney Church and that he was willing to accept and abide by the state's rules and to cooperate in its fullness. He further stated that he would comply with the teaching and rules of the Ministerial Code of Ethics.

*** Also at this meeting, Mr. Wayne West appeared before the Board asking the Board to license and ordain him or reinstate him to the gospel ministry. The Board recommended that he go back to the Western Conference for reinstatement. We informed him that the Western Conference held his credentials and that we had no right to over-ride the action taken by them.

*** Mr. Gregg Paul was examined by the Board at this meeting for a license and was passed. The Board recommended him to his Church to be licensed to preach for a period of one year.

June 29, 1974-- The Ordination Board met at Piney Grove Church with Wayne West and a delegation from his Church. The purpose of the meeting was that Mr. West and the delegation wanted the Albemarle Conference to grant Mr. West license to preach. The Board again referred him back to the Western Conference, where his license is being held by said Conference.

Respectfully Submitted, W.C. Overton, Chairman
John A. Owens, Robert May