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MINUTES of the THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION of the ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

OFFICERS FOR THE 1975 SESSION

Moderator	Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
Secretary	Mr. Oscar Webster, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.
Assistant Secretary	Rev. Marvin Waters, Route 1, Pinetown, 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 Auxilliary Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. J. T. Keech (1976)	Rev. L. E. Ambrose (1977)
Rev. Francis Garner (1978)	

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Robert May (1976)	Rev. Francis Garner (1977)
Rev. Charlie Overton (1978)	

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Hilton Simmons (1976)	Mr. Oscar Webster (1977)
Rev. Floyd Burkey (1978)	Mr. Bill Gurganus (1979)
Mr. David Furlough (1980)	

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Beulah Whitson (1976)	Mrs. Laura C. Webster (1977)
Mrs. Pricilla Sexton (1978)	

ROLL OF MINISTERS

Rev. L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N. C.
Rev. Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.

Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
 Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Columbia, N. C.
 Rev. Marvin Waters, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.
 Rev. Royce Reynolds, Dudley, N. C.
 Rev. Johnny Sexton, Plymouth, N. C.
 Rev. Charles L. Renfrow, Fremont, N. C.
 Rev. Francis Garner, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C.
 Rev. Floyd Burkey, Plymouth, N. C.
 Rev. John Melancon, Plymouth, N. C.

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth—Mr. Paul Dan Davis, Clerk, Route 2, Box 97, Jamesville, N. C. 27846
 Pastor, Rev. Frank Grubbs, Tallyho Trailer Park, Willson, N. C. 27893

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor—Mrs. Naomi H. Ambrose, Clerk, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, N. C. 27928
 Pastor, Rev. Stanley Buck, Route 2, Creswell, N. C. 27928
Mt. Zion—Mrs. Ernest Whitson, Clerk, Route 3, Box 29, Plymouth, N. C. 27962
 Pastor, Rev. W. C. Overton, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, N. C. 27910
Piney Grove—Mrs. Lois Krawczyk, Clerk, Route 1, Roper, N. C. 27970
First Free Will Baptist of Plymouth—Mrs. Bill Alligood, Clerk, 113 Latham Avenue, Plymouth, N. C. 27962
 Pastor, Rev. Floyd Burkey, 333 W. Avenue, Plymouth, N. C. 27962
Union Chapel—Dr. C. L. Conner, Clerk, P. O. Box 9, Plymouth, N. C. 27962
 Pastor, Rev. John Melancon, Route 1, Box 370, Plymouth, N. C. 27962

TYRRELL COUNTY

Sound Side—Mr. Marvin Sawyer, Clerk, P. O. Box 62, Columbia, N. C. 27925
 Pastor, Rev. N. D. Wiggs, Route 2, West Downs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501
Gum Neck—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, Clerk, Route 1, Columbia, N. C. 27925
 Pastor, Rev. James Webb, Route 1, Columbia, N. C. 27925
Malachi's Chapel—Mr. William Braxton Voliva, Clerk, Box 394, Columbia, N. C. 27925
 Pastor, Rev. Jimmy Barfield, Kenly, N. C. 27542

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union—Mr. Joseph T. Keech Jr., Clerk, Route 2, Pantego, N. C. 27860

Pastor, Rev. Francis Garner, Route 1, Pinetown, N. C. 27865

Trinity—Mr. Talmage Cooper, Route 1, Pantego, N. C. 27860

Pastor (supply), Rev. Dallas Pinkham, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365

Sidney—Mr. Eugene S. Linton, Clerk, Route 2, Belhaven, N. C. 27810

Pastor, Rev. J. D. Vernelson, Route 2, Belhaven, N. C. 27810

Belhaven—Mrs. Harry Jarvis, Clerk, Engelhard, N. C. 27824

Pastor, Have none at conference time.

Shiloh—Mrs. Mary Ann Harris, Clerk, Route 1, Box 341-A1, Pinetown, N. C. 27865

Pastor, Rev. Marvin R. Waters, Route 1, Box 20-A, Pinetown, N. C. 27865

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel—Mr. J. J. Chamblee Jr., Clerk, Route 4, Box 390, Ahoskie, N. C. 27910

Pastor, Rev. Robert M. May, Route 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, N. C. 27910

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul—Mrs. Eunice Ambrose, Clerk, 806 Greenleaf Street, Elizabeth City, N. C. 27909

Pastor, Rev. John A. Owens, 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, N. C. 27909

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-first (31) annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 4, Ahoskie, North Carolina, October 8, 1975.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Francis Garner. The congregation sang "He Leadeth Me." The Rev. Marvin Waters led in prayer. Brother Garner read Scripture from 1 John 2:4, 5, 6. Prayer and remarks were given by Brother Garner. He also closed with prayer.

The welcome was given by Mrs. Doris Chamblee.

The response was given by the Rev. Marvin Waters.

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.

Mrs. Doris Chamblee was appointed by the moderator to act as treasurer for today due to the absence of the treasurer, Mr. Billy Wayne Dilday.

The list of churches was called and fifteen (15) reported, either by delegate or letter.

The moderator gave his address. The Rev. Charlie Overton, assistant moderator, was acting in the absence of the moderator, the Rev. Robert May.

The list of ministers was called with eight (8) present.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: The Revs. Walter Reynolds, Hubert Burress, Central Conference; the Revs. James Joyner, Jimmy Barfield,

Joe Ingram, Billy Ray Jordan, John Melancon, Western Conference; the Rev. Floyd Burkey, Union Association Ministers' Conference, Greenville, Tennessee. Brothers Melancon and Burkey are now enrolled with the Ablemarle Conference.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Nominating: Mr. J. T. Keech, Mrs. Beulah Whitson, and Miss Alice Webster.

Resolutions: The Rev. Francis Garner, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, and Mr. Hallet Harris.

Temperance: The Rev. Marvin Waters, Mr. Ernest Whitson, and Mrs. Hallet Harris.

This congregation sang "Near the Cross" while an offering was taken for the general fund of the conference.

The secretary gave the Executive Committee's report. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Reports of the standing boards were called for. The Rev. John Owens gave the Board of Ordination report. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.) The other standing boards had no report.

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

A report of the Church Finance Association was given by the Rev. Hubert Burrress, the secretary-treasurer of the association. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Doris Chamblee, the acting treasurer. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried to enroll the Rev. Floyd Burkey in the conference, the Board of Ordination being in receipt of his letter of transfer.

A motion was made and carried to receive, the Rev. John Melancon, into the conference, pending his letter of transfer from his present conference.

(*Secretary's Note:* His letter of transfer from the Western Conference is now in our files.)

A motion was made and carried to grant the Rev. William Littleton a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference.

A motion was made and carried to grant the Rev. A. B. Chandler a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference.

A motion was made and carried to grant the Rev. John Owens a letter of transfer to the Eastern Conference.

A letter of report was read from the North Carolina Home Missions Board. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

By motion, Mr. Oscar Webster and Mrs. Laura Webster were elected delegates to the 1976 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

By motion, the Revs. Charlie Overton, Marvin Waters, and John Melancon were elected delegates to the General Conference.

A report of Mount Olive College was given by Mr. Harold Herring, Director of Development at the College. The report consisted of printed material and remarks by Brother Herring. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

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

The conference sermon was preached by the Rev. John Owens. He read for a Scripture Matthew 19:1-5 and Matthew 17:1-8. The congregation sang "Just As I Am." The benediction was prayed by the Rev. Charlie Overton.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:15 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by Mr. Oscar Webster. He read for a Scripture Acts 3:1-6. Remarks and prayer were given by Brother Webster.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Charlie Overton. Scripture, remarks, and prayer were by Brother Overton.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, gave a report on the business of the press. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

A report of the 1975 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Miss Alice Webster. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Mr. Sam Weeks, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, gave a report on the ministry of the Home. The report consisted of printed material and remarks by Brother Weeks. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Brother Weeks also gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Retirement Home. He stated that one building had been weathered in.

A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Board of Superannuation, gave a report on the work of this board. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Joe Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina State Foreign Missions Board, gave, by printed material and remarks, a report on the ministry of this board. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the "Standard Ordination Procedures and Requirements" that were recommended by the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The report of the Resolution Committee was given by the Rev. Francis Garner. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. Marvin Waters. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mr. J. T. Keech. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried to convene the 1976 session of the conference with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina.

The minutes of the session were read and approved.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The benediction was prayed by the Rev. John Melancon.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Robert May, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

REPORTS ADOPTED BY THE CONFERENCE

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee held a called meeting at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church on June 28, 1975.

The moderator, the Rev. Robert May, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider a mission work that had been started at Cape Colony, Edenton, North Carolina.

The Rev. Johnny Sexton, Mr. Bill Gurganus, and Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. were present and reported on the work. These brethren are involved as leaders in this effort.

The Executive Committee voted to endorse the Edenton Free Will Baptist Mission and to support the work.

Rev. Robert May, *Moderator*
Mr. Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

(October 2, 1975)

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

On March 4, 1975, the board met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina.

Those appearing before the board were the Rev. James Franklin Grubbs, the Rev. Charles Renfrow, and the Rev. Floyd Burkey. The purpose for the meeting was for the above names to clear their credentials and prove that they were in good standing with the conference they were leaving to become members of our conference. After questions and answers, we, the said board, were satisfied.

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Brought Forward from 1974 Conference	\$ 325.65
Received from St. Paul Church During Year	20.00
Received from Albemarle Union Meeting	50.00
Total to Account For	\$ 395.65

Disbursements

Secretary	\$ 35.00
Moderator	15.00
Treasurer	10.00

Free Will Baptist Press

303.40

Total Disbursements	363.40
Amount Brought to Conference Today	\$ 32.25
Amount Received from Various Churches Today	324.50
Amount Received from Public Offering Today	<u>27.15</u>
Total in General Fund	\$ 383.90
Mission Fund	
Amount Brought Forward	\$ 914.55
Received During Year	55.80
Bank Interest for Year	<u>43.96</u>
Balance in Mission Fund	\$1,014.31

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Doris Chamblee, Acting
 Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Resolution Committee, make the following report:

1. Be it resolved that any church that does not adhere to the "Statement of Faith and Discipline" of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina will not be eligible to vote in the conference.
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. Francis Garner
 Rev. W. L. Brickhouse
 Mr. Hallet Harris

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We recommend that the churches and ministers support the work of the Christian Action League in its endeavor to work against the sale and use of alcohol, pornography, and any vice that hinders the work of Christ.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Marvin Waters
 Mrs. Hallet Harris
 Mr. Ernest Whitson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

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

Board of Trustees: Rev. Francis Garner.

Board of Ordination: Rev. Charlie Overton; Rev. Francis Garner, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. John Owens, who is transferring to the Eastern Conference.

Board of Missions: Mr. David Furlough; Rev. Floyd Burkey, to fill the unexpired term of Rev. William Littleton, who is transferring to the Eastern Conference.

Board of Christian Education: Mrs. Pricilla Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. J. T. Keech
Miss Alice Webster
Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Churches	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprises	Grand Total
ALBEMARLE CON- FERENCE											
Belhaven	39	39				8		\$ 7,000	\$ 1,423	\$ 165	\$ 1,588
Corinth	35	36				12		20,000	3,940	144	4,084
Free Union	350	190		18	15	25		150,000	29,260	1,100	30,360
Gum Neck	90	35	7			12		10,000	2,505	595	3,100
Hickory Chapel	245	127	15	6	10	23			18,980	3,996	22,976
Malachi's Chapel	173	89							6,418	1,372	7,790
Mt. Tabor	167	54	18			15		50,000	11,594	1,754	13,348
Mt. Zion	102	60	21			6		25,000	9,007	995	10,002
Piney Grove											
Plymouth, First	111	70		8	6	16	10	42,000	13,518	462	13,980
Shiloh	217	131		12	10	22	20	65,000	14,273	2,149	16,422
Sidney	166	100	35	15	11	18		100,000	14,210	1,556	15,766
Sound Side	202	160	40			20			7,157	2,197	9,354
St. Paul	121	81		20		17		70,000	12,234	1,025	13,259
Trinity	50	30	15			10		25,000	3,773	661	4,434
Union Chapel	154	129	21					43,500	16,438	3,251	19,689
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE											
Bethel	150	82		8	7	20	13	\$ 65,000	\$ 9,206	\$1,470	\$10,676
Casey's Chapel	123	113		13	10	18			16,811	1,633	18,444
Christian Chapel	60	94						70,000	14,010	225	14,235
Daly's Chapel	71	60				14		12,000	6,333	200	6,533
Eastwood	92	96		15	28	21	15	150,000	31,496	3,722	35,218
Faith	124	146						70,000	5,970	550	6,520
Goldsboro, First	232	163		8	12	25	18		38,318	3,673	41,991
Johnston Union	291	167		9	9	23		95,000	12,793	2,600	15,393
Hopewell	283	160		19	7	53	22	125,000	23,194	4,260	27,454
Lanwood Chapel	54	81				15		6,200	4,290	15	4,305