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**MINUTES**  
**of the**  
**THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION**  
**of the**  
**ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE**

**of**  
**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**of**  
**NORTH CAROLINA**

**Held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1,  
 Pinetown, North Carolina 27865**

**The next session will convene with Sidney  
 Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North  
 Carolina 27810, on Wednesday before the Second Sunday  
 in October, 1977.**

**OFFICERS FOR THE 1976 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.**

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Pastor, Rev. Jack Scarboro (no address given)

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Pastor (no pastor listed)

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Pastor, Rev. Charles Parrish, Route 2, Belhaven, N. C. 27810

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

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

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

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Pastor, Rev. Melvin Moore, 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, N. C. 27909

# PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-second (32) annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, October 6, 1976.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING, 9:30 A. M.

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. L. E. Ambrose. The congregation sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Brother Ambrose read Scripture from Matthew 28:16-20. Comments were made by Brother Ambrose. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Stanley Buck.

The welcome was given by Mr. Ervin Foreman, and the response was given by Mr. Billy Dilday.

The conference was officially opened for business by the conference secretary, Mr. Oscar Webster. The printed program was adopted as the order of business, with any changes deemed necessary to be made by the moderator.

The list of churches was called with fifteen (15) reporting by letter or delegate. One church reported to the secretary after the conference. Thus all the churches reported.

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

Visiting ministers were recongized with the following present: the Rev. Stanley Buck, Western; the Rev. Charles Parrish, Little River Association; the Revs. Joe Ingram and Billy Ray Jordan, Western Conference; the Rev. Sam Weeks, Eastern Conference, the Rev. David Thick, Western Conference; and the Revs. Walter Reynolds, and Hubert Burress, Central Conference.

A motion was made and carried to seat the Revs. Stanley Buck and Melvin Moore by action of the Board of Ordination.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, gave his address. His message was well prepared and delivered and was pertinent to the hour.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

*Nominating*—The Rev. Francis Garner, Mr. Billy Dilday, and Mrs. Lula Daw.

*Resolutions*—The Revs. Marvin Waters and W. L. Brickhouse, and Mr. Bill Gurganus.

*Temperance*—The Revs. John Melancon and L. E. Ambrose, and Mr. Ervin Foreman.

The congregation sang while an offering was taken for the general fund of the conference. Mr. J. T. Keech prayed the Lord's blessing on the offering.

Reports from the standing boards of the conference were called for. There were no reports from the Boards of Trustees and Education.

Mr. Bill Gurganus gave an oral report for the Board of Missions.

The report of the Board of Ordination was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried that all ministers shall be ordained by the conference in which they are licensed. (See Board of Ordination Report.)

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

The Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Foreign Missions, gave a report of the ministry of that board. In addition to



Brother Ingram's remarks, a printed report was handed out. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report as information.

The Rev. Sam Weeks, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Middlesex, N. C., gave a report of the ministry of the Home. The Rev. David Thick, one of the houseparents at the Home, talked about the work and the parents. It was very good. A printed report was handed out. A motion was made and carried to adopt these reports as information.

Brother Weeks, who is also executive director of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, gave a report on the progress of this work. He stated that one of the apartments in the duplex has been completed and is now occupied. A motion was made and carried to adopt this report as information.

Announcements of interest were made by several of the ministers.

At this time the business of the conference was called off for the worship service.

The Rev. Marvin Waters, pastor of the host church, was in charge of the worship service. Special music was presented by the host church. A male quartet sang "Grace, Greater Than All Our Sins." The conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Marvin Waters. Brother Waters read for a Scripture, Acts 1:8. He used for a subject: "Whole Task, Whole Church, Whole Age." His message was informative and inspiring.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds prayed the benediction and asked the Lord's blessing on the food.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, 1:00 P. M.

The devotions were conducted by Miss Alice Webster. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me." Sister Webster read for a Scripture 1 Corinthians 13. Prayer was by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Francis Garner. Prayer, Scripture, two poems, and prayer again were by Brother Garner.

A motion was made and carried to enroll the Rev. Charles Parrish with the list of ministers. This action was taken on the recommendations of the Board of Ordination.

Mr. Harold Herring, director of development of Mount Olive College, Mount Olive, N. C., gave a report of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists held at Mount Olive Armory with the College as host. Brother Herring then gave an oral report of the program of the College. A printed report was also handed out. A motion was made and carried to adopt the reports as information.

Two reports were given by the Rev. Walter Reynolds. Brother Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Ayden, N. C., first gave a report of the business of the Foundation. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report as information.

Brother Reynolds, who is also director-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, gave a report on the ministry of this Board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report as information.

Reports were received at this time from the Temporary Committees.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Mr. Bill Gurganus. A

motion was made and carried to adopt Resolution Number One (1). A motion was made and carried to adopt Resolution Number Two (2). A motion was made and carried to adopt Resolution Number Three (3). See reports for these resolutions.

Report of the Temperance Committee was given by the Rev. John Melancon. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

A motion was made and carried to give the Christian Action League, Inc. of North Carolina twenty-five dollars (\$25).

The Nominating Committee's Report was given by the Rev. Francis Garner. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See report.)

Mr. Billy Dilday, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. (See report.)

Mrs. Francis Garner and Miss Alice Webster were appointed by the moderator as delegates to the 1977 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to convene at Kenansville, N. C.

The Rev. and Mrs. Charles Parrish were appointed by the moderator as delegates to the 1977 session of the General Conference.

A motion was made and carried to convene the 1977 session with Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the three new ministers: Revs. Stanley Buck, Melvin Moore, and Charles Parrish.

The benediction was prayed by Mr. Billy Wayne Dilday.

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

## REPORTS

*Adopted at the Conference to be a Part of the Minutes*

### REPORT OF BOARD OF ORDINATION

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

On November 8, 1975, we met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to give the examination to Dallas Pinkham. He passed.

November 29, 1975, we met at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to ordain Dallas Pinkham. The Rev. Robert May delivered the ordination message. The Bible was presented by the Rev. Francis Garner. The Rev. Charlie Overton gave the charge and conducted the laying on of hands by the Board. Brother Overton also prayed the prayer of dedication. Then the hand of fellowship was extended to Brother Pinkham by the Board and the congregation.

November 29, 1975, we met at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pantego, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to have the Rev. Stanley Buck to clear his credentials. The board accepted him as a licensed minister pending the outcome of his acceptance of the Treatise of Faith and Government for the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, which he agreed to do.

November 29, 1975 at Trinity Church, the Rev. Melvin Moore met with the

board to clear his credentials, which proved very satisfactory.

November 29, 1975 at Trinity Church, James Edgar Webb met with the Board to clear his credentials. The only thing he had to present to the board was expired license. We informed him we could not accept him as a licensed or ordained minister because of the expiration of his license, and also that he had never been ordained.

December 20, 1975, we met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina. The purpose of the meeting was to examine Mr. Billie Reynolds for license to preach the gospel. The board was satisfied with his answers and we recommend him to his church to be licensed to preach for a period of two years.

On February 28, 1976 we met at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Plymouth, North Carolina. The purpose of this meeting was to answer questions from Mr. James Edgar Webb about his license and ordination. Again, he was turned down by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Charlie Overton, *Chairman*  
Rev. Robert May  
Rev. Francis Garner

Be it resolved that we, as the Ordination Board, recommend that the Albemarle Conference adopt the motion passed by the State Convention convening September 15, 1976 in the National Guard Armory at Mount Olive, North Carolina relative to licensed ministers.

The motion states that all licensed ministers shall be ordained in the same conference where they received their license.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Charlie Overton  
Rev. Robert May  
Rev. Francis Garner

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### General Fund

Brought Forward from 1975 Conference	\$395.00
Amount Received from Various Churches	284.65
Amount Received from Public Offering	45.00
Total Received	725.45
Amount Disbursed	246.51
Balance in General Fund	\$478.94

#### Mission Fund

Brought Forward	\$1,014.31
Amount Received	54.49

Bank Interest	53.05
Total	\$1,121.85

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Billy Wayne Dilday

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator—Rev. Robert May  
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Charlie Overton  
Secretary—Mr. Oscar Webster  
Assistant Secretary—Rev. Marvin Waters  
Treasurer—Mr. Billy Dilday  
Board of Trustees—Mr. J. T. Keech  
Board of Ordination—Rev. Robert May  
Board of Missions—Mr. Hilton Simmons  
Board of Christian Education—Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Francis Garner  
Mr. Billy Dilday  
Mrs. Lula Daw

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas, the Commission of Christ is to tell the world the redeeming message of Christ, and

Whereas, the carrying out of this commission is the responsibility of every individual Christian as well as every church, and

Whereas, the highest privilege and responsibility of the Christian is to lead others to Christ;

Be it resolved, that the churches of our conference begin a concentrated effort to evangelize the communities our churches are located in.

Further be it resolved, that we reaffirm our belief in the words of the great Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:20 "Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, . . ." And we as members of the body of Christ will give priority to winning the lost to Jesus Christ.

2. Whereas, the Christian Action League has done and is doing such an effective work for our Lord in our State:

Be it resolved, that our churches continue to involve themselves with the working of the Christian Action League, working on a local basis if at all possible.

3. Whereas, the Shiloh Church has entertained this conference in a gracious manner, be it resolved, that we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for its fine hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Marvin Waters  
Mr. Bill Gurganus  
Rev. Winifred Brickhouse

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We reaffirm the statements on temperance in the *Statement of Faith and Discipline*.

2. We urge our ministers to commit themselves to stressing to their congregations from the pulpit the evils of alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and pornography.

3. We recommend that we send a letter pledging our support to the Christian Action League in any campaign they may wage against the new "local option" liquor by the drink referendum which will be introduced in the General Assembly next term. Let us urge them to battle this newest effort by the "wet forces" and pledge to them our support in that effort.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rev. John Melancon  
 Rev. L. E. Ambrose  
 Mr. Ervin Foreman

Churches	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprises	Grand Total
<b>ALBEMARLE CON- FERENCE</b>											
Belhaven	20							\$	\$ 922	\$ 260	\$ 1,182
Corinth	35	39				13		20,000	7,269	245	7,514
Free Union	350	200		18	15	25		150,000	30,752	1,351	32,103
Gum Neck	43	29	6			12		20,000	4,845	865	5,710
Hickory Chapel	253	138	15	7	11	23		200,000	18,960	6,351	25,311
Malachi's Chapel	168	82							4,789	1,972	6,761
Mt. Tabor	164	53	15	10	5	14		50,000	7,526	1,899	9,425
Mt. Zion	99	55	22			5		25,000	5,763	1,143	6,906
Piney Grove	27	41						15,000	1,199	306	1,505
Plymouth, First	109	75		9	4	15	11	40,000	13,617	612	14,229
Shiloh	240	150		20	15	25	15	75,000	24,223	2,590	26,813
Sidney	168							100,000	13,111	2,412	15,523
Sound Side	200	165	40			20			16,250	283	17,683
St. Paul	136	85		25		19	10	80,000	14,326	1,424	15,750
Trinity	50	30	15			7		25,000	3,282	1,728	5,010
Union Chapel	151	122	25			15		65,000	9,904	2,197	12,101
<b>CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE</b>											
Bethel	156	94		8	16	17	13	\$ 65,000	12,837	1,191	14,028
Casey's Chapel	136	106		20		16		69,000	14,106	2,865	16,971
Christian Chapel	64	98				8		70,000	11,129	420	11,549
Daly's Chapel	38	35		8		10		35,000	5,118	128	5,246
Eastwood	49	56		8	8	12	13	150,000	30,058	4,296	34,354
Faith	124	140						70,000	3,605	531	4,136
Goldsboro, First	233	165		13	12	60	15	250,000	37,342	4,303	41,645
Happiness Mission	43	52				13			391	57	448
Johnston Union	292	154		12	8	24			17,320	3,180	20,500
Hopewell	288	173		23	12	56	19	137,500	24,229	4,706	28,936
Lanwood Chapel	50	81				20		15,000	5,700	125	5,825