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MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
Original Free Will Baptists
of
North Carolina
October 5, 1977

Held with Sidney Free Will Baptist Church,
 Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina 27810.

The next session will convene with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church,
 Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865, on Wednesday
 before the Second Sunday in October, 1978.

Moderator.....Robert May, Ahoskie, N. C.
 Assistant Moderator.....Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N. C.
 Secretary.....Oscar Webster, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C.
 Assistant Secretary.....Marvin Waters, Rt. 1, Pinetown, N. C.
 Treasurer.....Billy Dilday, Ahoskie, N. C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Robert May, Charlie Overton, Oscar Webster, 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

Francis Garner (1978)

J.T. Keech (1979)

L.E. Ambrose (1980)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Charlie Overton (1978)

Robert May (1979)

Francis Garner (1980)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Floyd Burkey (1978)

David Furlough (1980)

Bill Gurganus (1979)

Hilton Simmons (1981)

Oscar Webster (1980)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Pricilla Sexton (1978)

Mrs. Beulah Whitson (1979)

Mrs. Laura Webster (1980)

ROLL OF MINISTERS

L. E. Ambrose, Creswell, N.C. 27928

Charlie Overton, Ahoskie, N.C. 27910

Robert May, Ahoskie, N.C. 27910

W. L. Brickhouse, Columbia, N.C. 27925

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Royce Reynolds, Dudley, N. C. 28333

Johnny Sexton, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

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

Floyd Burkey, Plymouth, N. C. 27962

Dallas Pinkham, Mount Olive, N. C. 28365

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

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

Stanley Buck, Route 1, Creswell, N.C. 27928

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR

CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth: Paul Dan Davis, clerk, Route 2, Box 97, Jamesville, N.C. 27846

Charlie Rice, pastor, Box 445, New Bern, N.C. 28560

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Tabor: Mrs. Naomi H. Ambrose, clerk, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, N.C. 27928

No pastor at time of conference

Mt. Zion: Mrs. Ernest Whitson, clerk, Route 3, Box 29, Plymouth, N.C. 27952

W. C. Overton, pastor, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, N. C. 27910

Piney Grove: Mrs. Lois Krawczyk, clerk, Route 1, Roper, N. C. 27970

Billy Reynolds, pastor, Route 1, Columbia, N. C. 27925

First Free Will Baptist of Plymouth: Mrs. Bill Alligood, clerk, Route 1, Box 849, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

Floyd Burkey, pastor, 333 West Avenue, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

Union Chapel: Mrs. Mivarene Phelps, clerk, Route 1, Box 293, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

Stanley Buck, pastor, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

TYRRELL COUNTY

Sound Side: Marvin Sawyer, clerk, Box 62, Columbia, N.C. 27925

N. D. Wiggs, pastor, Route 2, West Downs, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N. C. 28501

Gum Neck: Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, clerk, Route 1, Columbia, N.C. 27925

Elmo Truitt, pastor, New Bern, N.C. 28560

Malachi's Chapel: William Braxton Voliva, clerk, Box 394, Columbia, N.C. 27925

Billy Reynolds, pastor, Route 1, Columbia, N. C. 27925

BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union: Joseph T. Keech Jr., clerk, Route 2, Pantego, N.C. 27860

Francis Garner, pastor, Route 1, Pinetown, N.C. 27865

Trinity: Talmage Cooper, clerk, Route 1, Pantego, N.C. 27860

Paul Grubbs, pastor (supply), Route 1, Box 549, La Grange, N.C. 28551

Sidney: Jimmy Brinn, clerk, Route 2, Box 350, Belhaven, N.C. 27810

Charles Parrish, pastor, Route 2, Belhaven, N.C. 27810

Belhaven: Mrs. Harry Jarvis, clerk, Engelhard, N.C. 27824

L. E. Ballard, pastor, 1225 Washington Street, Greenville, N. C. 27834

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

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

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel: J. J. Chamblee Jr., clerk, Route 4, Box 390, Ahoskie, N.C. 27910

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

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul: Mrs. Eunice Ambrose, clerk, 806 Greenleaf Street, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909

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

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-third annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Route 2, Belhaven, North Carolina, on October 5, 1977.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Marvin Waters. The congregation sang, "Send the Light." Mr. Waters used for a Scripture, Matthew 5:14-16, followed with remarks and prayer.

The welcome was given by David Burbage. The response was given by the Rev. Francis Garner.

The conference was called to order by the secretary, Oscar Webster. A

motion was made and carried to adopt the printed program as the order of business, with any necessary changes to be made by the moderator.

The roll of churches was called with sixteen (16) reporting by delegate or letter.

The list of ministers was called with nine (9) present.

Visiting ministers were recognized with the following present: Beverly Ballard, J. Stewart Humphrey, Hubert Burruss, Walter Reynolds, and Gary Bailey, Central Conference; A. B. Chandler, Eastern Conference; and Dr. W. Burkette Raper, Cape Fear Conference.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, gave his address. As always, Mr. May's remarks were pertinent to the occasion.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Nominating—Francis Garner, Melvin Moore, and Mrs. Beulah Whitson.

Resolutions—Stanley Buck, Ervin Foreman, and Bill Gurganus.

Temperance—Charles Parrish, Floyd Burkey, and Marvin Waters.

The congregation sang a song while an offering was taken for the General Fund of the Conference.

Reports were called for from the standing boards.

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An oral report was given by the secretary on the work of the Executive Committee. The matter had to do with the selection of the Rev. Robert May and the Rev. Francis Garner to the subcommittee on the revision of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Will Baptists*.

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

The Rev. Hubert Burruss, secretary-treasurer of the Church Finance Association, gave a report on the progress of the Association. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. J. Stewart Humphrey, executive director of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, gave a report on the ministry of the Home. Printed material was handed out and an oral report on the general workings of the Home was given. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Marvin Waters, a member of the North Carolina Foreign Mission Board, gave a report on the ministry of their Board. This report was given orally and with printed material. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

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

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, executive secretary-treasurer of the North Carolina Board of Superannuation, also reported on the work of the Board with oral remarks and printed material. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. A. B. Chandler gave a report on the progress of Cragmont Assembly, Inc. with oral remarks and printed material. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Announcements were made relative to the noon meal by the host pastor, the Rev. Charles Parrish.

Several people made announcements relative to local revivals and other church related activities.

The business was called off for the worship service.

The host pastor, the Rev. Charles Parrish, had charge of the service. The congregation sang, "The Light of the World Is Jesus." The Rev. Charlie Overton led in prayer. Special music was by the host church. Miss Debbie Lynn Parrish sang a solo. The Conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Charles Parrish. He read, for a Scripture, Acts 10:38, 43-47. His subject was, "Current Religious Themes." Parrish, in a daring and challenging way, put into focus current teachings on the work of the Holy Spirit and what the Scripture itself teaches on the subject.

The benediction was prayed by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me."

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Stanley Buck. Mr. Buck read, for a Scripture, Mark 8:38, followed by remarks and prayer.

A memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Charlie Overton. The congregation sang, "Shall We Gather at the River." Scripture, remarks, poem, and prayer were by Mr. Overton. (See Reports, for poem.)

A report on the 1977 annual session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Miss Alice Webster. A motion was made and carried that the report be received as information.

The report on Mount Olive College was given by President Dr. W. Burkette Raper. The report consisted of printed material and oral remarks by Dr. Raper. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

A report of the Albemarle Mission Board was given by Bill Gurganus. This was an oral report. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Temperance Committee's report was given by the Rev. Floyd Burkey. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See Reports)

The Resolutions Committee's report was given by the Rev. Stanley Buck. A motion was made and carried to adopt resolution number one. (See Reports) A motion was made and carried to adopt resolution number two. (See Reports)

The Nominating Committee's report was given by the Rev. Francis Garner. A motion was made and carried to receive the report. The moderator called for nominations from the floor. A motion was made and carried to elect by acclamation those nominated by the Committee. (See Reports)

The 1978 session will convene with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina.

The moderator made the following appointments:

Rev. and Mrs. Stanley Buck, delegates to the General Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Paul, delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Billy Wayne Dilday, conference treasurer, gave his report. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See Reports)

A motion was made and carried to fix twelve (12) cents per mile for travel for conference business.

The minutes of the 1977 annual session of the conference were read. A motion was made and carried to adopt the minutes as read.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn.

The benediction was prayed by the Rev. Gary Bailey.

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 January 8, 1977, the Board met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, to give the examination to Billie Reynolds. The examination was given to Reynolds, oral and written. He passed the exam.

On January 29, 1977, the Board met at the Gum Neck Free Will Baptist Church to ordain Billie Reynolds during the Union Meeting.

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

HOW BEAUTIFUL TO BE WITH GOD

(Poem used by the Rev. Charlie Overton in the memorial service.)

How beautiful to be with God,
When earth is fading like a dream,
And from this mist-encircled shore
We launch upon the unsure stream.

No doubt, no fears, no anxious care,
But comfort by staff and rod,
On the faith brighted hours of death,
How beautiful to be with God.

Then let it fade this dream of earth,
When I have done my life's work here,
For long or short, as seemeth best
What matters, so God's will appear.

I will not fear to launch my bark,
Upon the darkly rolling flood.
'Tis best to pierce the mist and then
How beautiful to be with God.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas, we disapprove of the consumption of alcoholic beverages, we, the Temperance Committee, on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Churches of the Albemarle Conference, voice our disapproval of the new liquor by the drink bill coming up before the next session of the General Assembly. We urge each church to contact their representative, voicing their disapproval of this bill.

2. We wish to voice our approval of the latest piece of legislation concerning pornography. This legislation enables any individual to contact their local district attorney and voice their protest about any establishment that sells pornographic material.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Charles Parrish
 Rev. Floyd Burkey
 Rev. Marvin Waters

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas, the mission money is now used only for the preaching of the gospel, we therefore recommend that the money be used for any part of our missionary endeavor within the Albemarle Conference that the Executive Committee and the Mission Board see fit to use it for.

2. Whereas, the Albemarle Conference has been graciously received by the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, be it resolved that Sidney Free Will Baptist Church be given a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Stanley Buck
 Mr. Ervin Foreman
 Mr. Bill Gurganus

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

| | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|
| Moderator..... | Robert May |
| Assistant Moderator..... | Charlie Overton |
| Secretary..... | Oscar Webster |
| Assistant Secretary..... | Marvin Waters |
| Treasurer..... | Billy Dilday |
| Board of Trustees..... | L. E. Ambrose |
| Board of Ordination..... | Francis Garner |
| Board of Missions..... | Oscar Webster |
| Board of Christian Education..... | Mrs. Laura Webster |

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. Francis Garner
 Rev. Melvin Moore
 Mrs. Beulah Whitson

TREASURER'S REPORT
General Fund

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| Brought Forward From 1976 Conference | | \$ 494.84 |
| Amount Received From Churches | \$ 249.60 | |
| Amount Received From Public Offering | <u>39.58</u> | <u>289.18</u> |
| TOTAL RECEIVED | | \$784.02 |
| Amount Disbursed | | <u>220.31</u> |
| BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND | | \$ 563.71 |

Mission Fund

| | | |
|-----------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Brought Forward | | \$1,121.85 |
| Amount Received | 42.00 | |
| Bank Interest | <u>53.20</u> | <u>95.20</u> |
| TOTAL | | \$1,217.05 |

Respectfully submitted,
Billy Wayne Dilday

| 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 | 17 | 10 | | | | | | \$ | \$ 2,155 | \$ | \$ 2,155 |
| Corinth | 37 | 34 | | 10 | | 15 | | 20,000 | 3,844 | 397 | 4,241 |
| Free Union | 350 | 200 | | 18 | 15 | 25 | | 200,000 | 69,395 | 1,200 | 70,595 |
| Gum Neck | 76 | 34 | | | | 18 | | | 3,685 | 805 | 4,490 |
| Hickory Chapel | 254 | 130 | | | 16 | 32 | | 248,000 | 35,667 | 3,374 | 38,991 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 162 | 74 | | | | | | | 5,503 | 1,699 | 7,202 |
| Mt. Tabor | 164 | 51 | | 9 | 7 | 15 | | 50,000 | 10,733 | 2,297 | 13,029 |
| Mt. Zion | 96 | 56 | 25 | | | 6 | | 25,000 | 6,489 | 1,168 | 7,657 |
| Piney Grove | 28 | 40 | | | | | | 25,000 | 2,272 | 286 | 2,558 |
| Plymouth, First | 113 | 78 | | 6 | 6 | 24 | | 45,000 | 13,580 | 265 | 13,845 |
| Shiloh | 243 | 150 | | 12 | 15 | 22 | 20 | 100,000 | 27,699 | 2,301 | 30,000 |
| Sidney | 166 | 98 | 43 | 18 | | 18 | 18 | 169,000 | 51,864 | 3,220 | 55,174 |
| Sound Side | 197 | 160 | 30 | 25 | | 15 | | | 15,747 | 1,148 | 16,895 |
| St. Paul | 136 | 85 | | | | 21 | | 80,000 | 17,187 | 1,053 | 18,240 |
| Trinity | 50 | 30 | 16 | | | 7 | | 40,000 | 3,241 | 1,605 | 4,846 |
| Union Chapel | 145 | 110 | 10 | | | | | 43,500 | 12,580 | 3,201 | 15,781 |
| CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bethel | 148 | 88 | | 8 | 12 | 16 | 12 | 70,000 | 9,420 | 1,543 | 10,963 |
| Casey's Chapel | 135 | 98 | | 12 | | 16 | | 85,000 | 13,720 | 1,590 | 15,310 |
| Catalpa Mission | 78 | 50 | | | | | | 125,000 | 32,450 | | 32,450 |
| Christian Chapel | 78 | 46 | | | | 6 | | 70,000 | 11,271 | 150 | 11,421 |
| Daly's Chapel | 38 | 36 | | | | 9 | | 36,000 | 5,761 | 128 | 5,889 |
| Eastwood | 54 | 36 | | 9 | 5 | 10 | 7 | 175,000 | 17,220 | 1,559 | 18,779 |
| Faith | 133 | 118 | | | | | | 75,000 | 5,666 | 562 | 6,228 |
| Goldsboro, First | 251 | 170 | | 10 | 15 | 40 | 15 | 250,000 | 41,218 | 5,880 | 47,098 |
| Happiness Mission | 52 | 46 | | 15 | 8 | | | | 2,150 | 1,000 | 3,150 |
| Hopewell | 280 | 184 | | 21 | 8 | 58 | 18 | 147,125 | 25,272 | 5,158 | 30,430 |
| Johnston Union | 290 | 154 | | 15 | 10 | 25 | | 140,000 | 24,975 | 4,306 | 29,281 |