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**Minutes
of the
THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
Original Free Will Baptists
of
North Carolina
October 4, 1978**

Held with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church,
Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina 27865.

The next session will convene Wednesday before the Second Sunday in October, 1979.

The place will be announced by the Executive Committee.

OFFICERS FOR THE 1979 SESSION

Moderator	Rev. Francis Garner, Route 1, Pinetown, N.C.
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Robert May, Ahoskie, N.C.
Secretary	Rev. Marvin R. Waters, Route 1, Pinetown, N.C.
Assistant Secretary	Rev. Charles Parrish, Route 2, Belhaven, N.C.
Treasurer	Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., Route 2, Roper, N.C.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Francis Garner, Rev. Marvin R. Waters, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., 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

Mr. J. T. Keech (1979) Rev. L. E. Ambrose (1980)
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse (1981)

BOARD OF ORDINATION

Rev. Robert May (1979) Rev. Francis Garner (1980)
Rev. Charlie Overton (1981)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Bill Gurganus (1979) Mr. David Furlough (1980)
Mr. Hilton Simmons (1981) Mr. Oscar Webster (1982)
Rev. Melvin Moore (1983)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Beulah Whitson (1979) Mrs. Laura Webster (1980)
Mrs. Margaret Woolard (1981)

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
Marvin R. Waters, Route 1, Pinetown, N.C. 27865
Johnny Sexton, Plymouth, N.C. 27962
Francis Garner, Route 1, Pinetown, N.C. 27865
Floyd Burkey, Plymouth, N.C. 27962
Melvin Moore, 1605 Cooper Street, Elizabeth City, N.C. 27909
Charles Parrish, Route 2, Belhaven, N.C. 27810
Stanley Buck, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, N.C. 27962
Billy Reynolds, Route 1, Box 657, Roper, N.C. 27870
Ransom H. McAbee, Route 2, Creswell, N.C. 27928

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR
CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth—P. Dan Davis, clerk, Route 2, Box 97, Jamesville, N. C. 27846
Charlie Rice, pastor, P. O. Box 445, New Bern, N.C. 28560

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Ransom H. McAbee, pastor, Route 2, Creswell, N.C. 27928

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Beulah Whitson, clerk, Route 3, Box 29, Plymouth, N.C. 27962

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, Box 657, Roper, N.C. 27970

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, P. O. Box 62, Columbia, N. C. 27925

N. D. Wiggs, pastor, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N.C. 28501

Gum Neck—Mrs. Dorothy Brickhouse, clerk, Route 1, Box 260, Columbia, N.C. 27925

Pastor—None listed on report.

Malachi's Chapel—W. Braxton Volliva, clerk, Box 394, Columbia, N. C. 27925

N. D. Wiggs, pastor, 23 Crescent Drive, Kinston, N.C. 28501

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

Bryant Hines, supply pastor, Mount Olive, N. C.

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

Charles Parrish, pastor, Route 2, Box 100, Belhaven, N.C. 27810

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

L. E. Ballard (son Beverly substituting), 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 May, pastor, Route 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, N.C. 27910

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

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

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

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-fourth annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Route 1, Pinetown, North Carolina, on October 4, 1978.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

The devotions were conducted by Mr. Billy W. Dilday. The congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him." Brother Dilday read for a Scripture, 2 Peter 1:1. Prayer was by Brother Dilday.

The welcome was given by Mr. J. T. Keech. The Rev. Marvin Waters gave the response.

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

The list of churches was called. Fifteen (15) reported—by letter and by delegate.

The list of ministers was called and the following reported: L. E. Ambrose, Charlie Overton, Robert May, W. L. Brickhouse, Marvin Waters, Francis Garner, Floyd Burkey, Charles Parrish, Ransom H. McAbee. It was reported that Johnny Sexton was just out of the hospital, and Stanley Buck had a death in his family.

Visiting ministers were recognized with the following present: Frank Harrison, Taylor Hill, Cape Fear Conference; Joe Ingram and Billy Ray Jordan, Western Conference; J. Stewart Humphrey, Hubert Burress, and Walter Reynolds, Central Conference.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, gave the moderator's address. As always, Brother May's message was fitted to the hour.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

Nominating—Rev. Charlie Overton, Rev. Marvin R. Waters, Mr. J. T. Keech

Resolutions—Rev. Floyd Burkey, Rev. Charles Parrish, Mr. Billy Dilday

Temperance—Rev. Ransom H. McAbee, Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Mrs. Mary Furlough

An offering was taken for the General Fund of the Conference.

The congregation sang "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

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 he might deem necessary.

The Rev. Hubert Burress, Secretary of the Church Finance Association, Inc., gave a report on the work of the Association. He reported that the Association had over \$2,000,000,000 in loans. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Joe Ingram, Director-Treasurer of the North Carolina Foreign Mission Board, gave a report on the ministry of that Board. Printed material was given out. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Frank Harrison, Chaplain, Mount Olive College, gave a report on the progress of the College. Printed material was given out. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Taylor Hill, Director-Treasurer of the North Carolina Home Mission-Church Extension Board, gave a report on the ministry of this Board. Printed material was also given out. 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 and the Free Will Baptist Retirement Home, gave a report on the ministry of the Children's Home and a report on the progress of

the Retirement Home. A motion was made and carried to receive these reports as information.

Reports from the standing boards were called for.

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

A report was given by the Rev. Floyd Burkey, a member of the Mission Board, on an action taken by that Board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See reports.)

The Rev. Charlie Overton, Chairman of the Board of Ordination, gave a report on the actions taken by that Board. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See reports.)

Business was called off for worship.

Special music was given by Free Union church. A group of four (4) sang: "Follow Along" and "How Long Has It Been."

The Conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Francis Garner. Brother Garner read for a Scripture, Philipplians 1:12-18, with Verse 18 as his text. His subject was "So What." Brother Garner challenged the Christians present to commit themselves more fully to God's will, emphasizing that we have a glory to be desired and a message to deliver.

The congregation sang "Have Thine Own Way, Lord."

Announcements were made relative to the noon meal.

Prayer was prayed by the Rev. Francis Garner.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Ransom H. McAbee. The congregation sang "There Is Power in the Blood." Brother McAbee read for a Scripture 2 Chronicles 7:14 and Romans 12:1, 2. Remarks were by Brother McAbee. We were lead in prayer by the Rev. Walter Reynolds.

The memorial service was conducted by the Rev. Charlie Overton. The congregation sang "In the Sweet By and By." Brother Overton prayed and read one verse of Scripture, Mark 14:9. Remarks were made by Brother Overton. A motion was made and carried to adopt as a part of the minutes the printed portion of the service. (See reports.)

Mrs. Floyd Burkey gave a report on the 1978 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists held at Cumberland County Memorial Auditorium in Fayetteville, North Carolina. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, Free Will Baptist Press Foundation Manager, gave a report on the business of the Press. He reported that a new book store had been opened in Kinston, North Carolina.

Brother Reynolds, who is also Director-Treasurer of the North Carolina Superannuation Board, gave a report on the ministry of that Board. A motion was made and carried to receive these reports as information.

The Rev. Marvin Waters shared with us a letter from Mrs. A. B. Chandler, Treasurer of Cragmont Assembly, Inc., on the progress of the new building program there. He also gave out printed material. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

BUSINESS SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE

A motion was made and carried to refund the secretary \$10 that was made to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists as an offering to the annual session of the Convention.

A motion was made and carried to adopt the amount of \$10 as the annual offering to the Convention.

A motion was made and carried that the Albemarle Conference sponsor the 1979 annual session of the State Convention.

The Treasurer's report was given by Mr. Billy W. Dilday, treasurer. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See reports.)

Report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. Floyd Burkey. A motion was made and carried to adopt the two (2) resolutions offered by the committee. (See reports.)

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

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. A motion was made and carried that the year 1978 be used as the base year for the election of the General Officers of the Conference from this year forward.

The persons nominated by the Committee to the offices of Assistant Moderator and Secretary did not choose to be candidates for these offices. The Rev. Robert May was nominated from the floor for the office of Assistant Moderator and the Rev. Marvin R. Waters to the office of Secretary. These two nominees, along with the others named by the Nominating Committee, were presented for election. A motion was made and carried to adopt the Nominating Committee's report as presented. (See reports.)

The moderator appointed Mrs. Floyd Burkey and Mrs. Laura Webster as delegates to the 1979 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Rev. Ransom H. McAbee was appointed delegate to the General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists.

A motion was made and carried to give the retiring officers a rising vote of thanks for their services.

A motion was made and carried to adjourn. The benediction was prayed by the Rev. Charlie Overton.

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

REPORTS

Adopted by the Conference to be a Part of the Minutes

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee, on the recommendation of the Conference Mission Board, approved the giving of \$1,000 to Cape Colony Mission from the Conference Mission Fund.

This decision was made via telephone.

The Executive Committee has held no formal meeting during the year.

ALBEMARLE MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

The Board met at the Plymouth church on June 2, 1978, for the purpose of helping Cape Colony.

A motion was made by Brother Simmons to give \$1,000; second was by Brother Burkey. The motion carried and the Executive Board was notified of this motion.

Bill Gurganus, *Chairman*
Floyd Burkey, *Secretary*

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ORDINATION

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

October 29, 1977, the Board met at Mount Tabor church, Creswell, North Carolina, to question Brother Benny Hampton relative to his license. He was pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church at Virginia Beach, Virginia. After the examination, the board was satisfied to accept him.

January 28, 1978, the Board of Ordination was to meet at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Roper, North Carolina. The purpose of said meeting was to examine Craig Simmons for license to preach. Due to the fact that Robert May and Francis Garner were absent, Charlie Overton, Chairman of the Board, met with Mr. Simmons giving him a later date to appear before the Board.

February 11, 1978, the Board of Ordination met at Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, to examine Mr. Craig Simmons for license to preach the gospel. The Board recommended him to Mount Tabor church to be licensed.

The Board met at Hickory Chapel church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, to release Rev. Benny Hampton from the list of ministers because he wanted to withdraw from our beliefs and faith.

April 29, 1978, the Board met at Piney Grove Church, Route 1, Roper, North Carolina, to examine Mr. Paul Melson relative to becoming a licensed minister. He was also recommended to his church to be licensed.

July 29, 1978, the Board met to enroll the Rev. Ransom McAbee into our conference.

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Hymn—"Sweet By and By"

Prayer—Rev. Charlie Overton

Scripture—Mark 14:9

"Verily I say unto you, wherever this gospel shall be preached throughout

the whole world, this also that she hath done, shall be spoken of for a memorial of her."

"Memorial" comes from a Latin word pertaining to memory. Today we pause for a few minutes from our business session to remember all the deceased loved ones that have gone on before us.

For many years they traveled the same valleys, climbed the same hills, walked the same journeys that we are traveling. However, they paved the pathway for us, and by their faithfulness and hard endeavor, facing many encounters, they took new courage and pressed on. By their hard work, they made it possible for us to have this heritage today.

When I look back on these faithful ones, they remind me of Job, who was willing to suffer for God's glory; the Psalmist David, who could praise; the Weeping Prophet Jeremiah; even of Peter who could speak quickly and boldly; John the beloved disciple, and Paul a man of great courage.

May their past lives help us to press onward, because the fields are white unto harvest, and the laborers are few.

Charlie Overton

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Brought Forward from 1977 Conference	\$ 588.71
Amount Received from Churches	300.00
Amount Received from Public Offering	39.40
Total Received	<u>928.61</u>
Amount Disbursed	<u>473.34</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$ 455.27

Mission Fund

Brought Forward	\$1,217.05
Amount Received During Year	56.08
Bank Interest	57.09
Total	<u>1,330.22</u>
Paid out—Cape Colony Mission	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance in Mission Fund	\$ 330.22

Respectfully submitted,
Billy W. Dilday, *Treasurer*

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas our Moderator, the Rev. Robert May, has served our State Convention for the past four years and whereas he performed these duties in an excellent manner as to bring honor and glory upon the Lord Jesus Christ whom we serve, be it resolved that we extend to him our warmest appreciation and love for a job well done.

2. Whereas, the Free Union church has entertained this Conference in such

a gracious manner and received us so well, be it resolved that we extend to the church a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Floyd Burkey
Rev. Charles Parrish
Mr. Billy W. Dilday

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

1. We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that the pastors preach against and use their influence more against the liquor bill that has been passed, for we know that the Bible teaches very strongly against it.

2. We wish to voice our disapproval of the obscene literature that is being displayed on the book stands. It could have a very bad influence on our children and will at a very young age lead to the destruction of their minds.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Mary Furlough
Rev. W. L. Brickhouse
Rev. Ransom McAbee

NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Moderator—Rev. Francis Garner

Assistant Moderator—Rev. Robert May

Secretary—Rev. Marvin Waters

Assistant Secretary—Rev. Charles Parrish

Treasurer—Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.

Board of Trustees—Rev. W. L. Brickhouse to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Francis Garner.

Board of Ordination—Rev. Charlie Overton to succeed himself.

Board of Missions—Rev. Melvin Moore to fill the expired term of Rev. Floyd Burkey.

Board of Christian Education—Mrs. Margaret Woolard to fill the expired term of Mrs. Priscilla Sexton.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charlie Overton
Rev. Marvin Waters
Mr. J. T. Keech

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	20	10						\$	\$	\$	\$
Corinth	39	39				14		20,000	3,944	340	4,284
Free Union								300,000			
Gum Neck	43	31				14		10,000	1,430	280	1,710
Hickory Chapel	271	124						200,000	22,394	2,830	25,224
Malachi's Chapel	161	65							5,245	2,063	7,308
Mount Tabor	164	65		8	6	22		60,000	9,740	2,084	11,824
Mount Zion	50	51	23			6		25,000	5,973	2,443	8,416
Piney Grove	28	41	36					25,000	7,672	434	8,106
Plymouth, First	112	78		7	8	21		45,000	12,331	869	13,200
Shiloh	241	148		12	10	23	15		30,700		30,700
Sidney	177	98	40	24		20	18	172,000	22,763	2,419	25,182
Sound Side	196	146	25						13,872	1,312	15,184
St. Paul	133	50				15		80,000	15,120	997	16,117
Trinity	50	30	12					25,000	3,277	1,533	4,810
Union Chapel	151	117	11					48,500	24,373	2,875	27,248
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE											
Bethel	149	95		9	12	17	13	80,000	19,836	1,380	21,216
Casey's Chapel	135	94		12		16		85,000	12,628	947	13,575
Catalpa Mission	78	50		6	5			125,000	8,000		8,000
Christian Chapel	77	46						70,000	8,402	331	8,733
Daly's Chapel	48	45				13		36,000	5,755	686	6,441
Eastwood	67	48		8	5	11			16,745	1,278	18,023
Faith	134	98						70,000			
Goldsboro, First											
Haymount Mission	58	52		15	7	10	8	30,000	6,200	1,866	8,066
Hopewell	269	193		19	9	57	19	157,424	30,167	7,589	37,756
Johnston Union	280	253		15	10	25		200,000	16,352	4,685	21,037