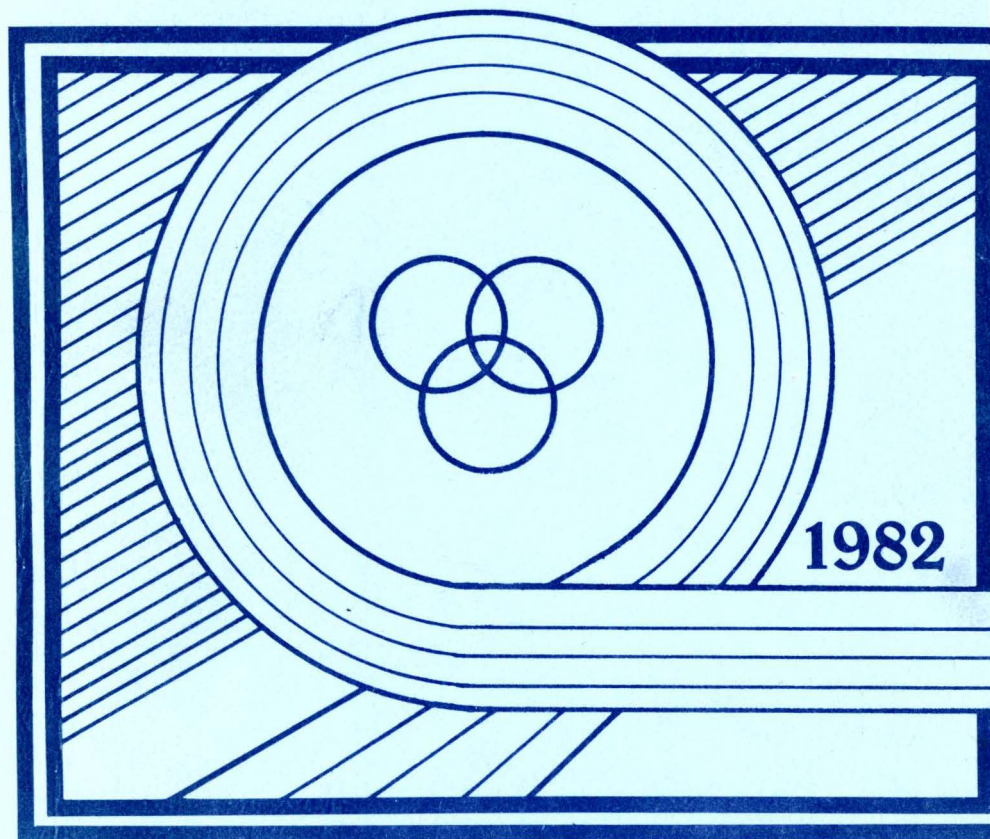


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**MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA
OCTOBER 7, 1981**

Held with First Free Will Baptist Church,
Plymouth, North Carolina

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1982, with St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

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Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Overton
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PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-seventh annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Plymouth, North Carolina, on October 7, 1981.

Wednesday Morning

The Conference began with the congregation singing a hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Devotions were conducted by the Rev. L. E. Ambrose. Brother Ambrose read for a Scripture 1 Peter 1. Prayer was by Brother Ambrose.

Mrs. Phyllis Allen of the host church gave the welcome. The response was given by the Rev. David Thick.

The Conference was called to order by the Conference 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 that he may deem necessary.

The list of churches was called and thirteen reported by letter or with delegates. The list of ministers was called and nine reported.

A letter was read from the Rev. Billy Reynolds stating that he was unable to attend.

A motion was made and carried to enroll the Rev. Joe Griffith on the roll of ministers pending a letter of transfer from the Piedmont Conference.

Visiting ministers were recognized with the following present: the Revs. Walter Reynolds, Central; Scott Sowers, Eastern; Royce Reynolds, Central; D. T. Cleve, Eastern; Walter Sutton, Eastern; Bobby Taylor, Central; Joe Griffith, Piedmont; James B. Hardee, Pee Dee.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, presented the revised *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* (of the English General Baptist Heritage).

The Rev. Robert May gave the moderator's address. His remarks were built around the subject "The Church's Finest Hour." He spoke on the ministry of the church, challenging it to carry out its commitment to witness for Christ. He urged the people present to cooperate for a harmonious session.

The Moderator appointed temporary committees for the day as follows: Resolution: the Rev. David Thick, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., Mr. Ervin Foreman; Temperance: the Rev. Joe Griffith, the Rev. Floyd

Burkey, Mr. David Furlough; Nominating: the Rev. Steve Hargrove, the Rev. Charlie Overton, Mr. Robbie Waters.

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

The reports of standing boards and committees were given as listed below.

The Rev. Ronnie Mohn reported on Cape Colony Mission. He stated that the mission would be organized into a church October 17, 1981, at 7 p.m. Supper will be served at 5 p.m.

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

A report was made on the progress of Mount Olive College by Mrs. Jean Ackiss. Literature was given out stating the dates for the county benefit dinners for the college in 1981 in our area. The report also listed the amounts that each of our churches gave the college for the period July 1, 1980, through June 30, 1981. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave a report on the Retirement Homes of Original Free Will Baptists located on land next to the campus of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. He stated that the home was studying plans to become a rest (nursing) home. Changes were made in the charter at the last sitting of the State Convention that will permit this.

The Rev. James B. Hardee, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, gave a report on the ministry of the home. He stated that the home cared for a total of 60 children last year. There are currently 23 children at the home. Literature was handed out that gave general information on the home. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Steve Hargrove reported on the Ministers' Conference at Cragmont. He urged support for and attendance at Cragmont.

The moderator reported that copies of the Foreign Missions report were mailed to him. These copies were distributed to those present. It was reported that the Rev. Joseph Ingram, who has for a number of years been director-treasurer of the North Carolina Foreign Missions Board, had resigned that office.

The Rev. Floyd Burkey Jr., a member of the North Carolina Home Mission-Church Extension Board, reported on the work of that board.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, director-treasurer of the Church Finance Association, reported on the business of the association. He spent some time explaining the workings of this body. It was reported that the association had given the denomination 81 years of service. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The business of the Conference was called off for worship. The Rev. Floyd Burkey, pastor of the host church, was in charge of the service. A solo was sung by Mrs. Phyllis Allen. Mrs. Floyd Burkey also sang a solo.

The Conference sermon was preached by the Rev. Floyd Burkey. Brother Burkey read Scripture from Matthew 25:42-46. His subject was "These Respectable Sins." The message was very informative and inspiring. Prayer was by Brother Burkey.

The Conference adjourned for lunch.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The devotions were conducted by the Rev. Joe Griffith. For Scripture, he read Deuteronomy 1:9-15. Comments and prayer were by Brother Griffith.

A memorial service was conducted by Mrs. Darlene Oliver. A solo was sung by the Rev. Joe Griffith ("It Is Well with My Soul"). Mrs. Oliver read the following Scriptures: Luke 20:37, 38, John 3:16, John 11:25, 26, John 14:13, and Hebrews 11:8-10. Remarks well suited to the occasion were made by Mrs. Oliver. Prayer was offered by Sister Oliver.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, gave a report on the business of that institution. Brother Reynolds, who has held the position of manager of the press for 15 years, stated that he had resigned that office. He reported that the Rev. David Charles Hansley would become manager on January 1, 1982.

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

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., president of the Albemarle League Union, gave a report on the work of the League Union in the Conference. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See Reports.)

Mr. Ervin Foreman made some remarks about the work of the Layman's League. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

Mrs. Floyd Burkey, one of the delegates to the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, which convened at Lenoir Community College, gave a report on the 69th annual session of the Convention. The report was an item-by-item coverage of the program of the Convention. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The Rev. Steve Hargrove, a member of the Executive Committee of the State Convention, gave a report on the business of the Convention. He stated that the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the convention, regretted being unable to attend this session of the Albemarle Conference. We also were informed that the goal of the Convention was to establish a central headquarters office and employ a full-time executive secretary. A motion was made and carried to receive the report as information.

The proposed *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* were presented to the Conference at this time by the moderator. A motion was made and carried to adopt these *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*. The vote was 21 for and 5 against.

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

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by the Rev. David Thick. There were four resolutions presented. Motions were made and carried to adopt each of these resolutions. (See Reports.)

The report of the Nominating Committee was given by the Rev. Steve Hargrove. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report for the election of those named in the report. (See Reports.)

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made and carried to adopt the report. (See Reports.)

The moderator appointed Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gurganus as delegates to the 1982 session of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Rev. Joe Griffith and Mrs. I. H. Fowler were appointed delegates to the 1982 session of the General Conference.

A motion was made and carried to convene the 1982 session of the Conference with St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The minutes of the thirty-seventh annual session were read by the secretary. 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. W. L. Brickhouse.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert May, *Moderator*
Oscar Webster, *Secretary*

REPORTS

Adopted at the conference to be a part of the minutes

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Board of Ordination submits the following report:

On April 10, 1981, the Board met at Hickory Chapel Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina, to question Paul Melson relative to his license and ordination certificate. It had been rumored that he had ordination papers from some other denomination. This proved to be very untrue.

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

ALBEMARLE LEAGUE UNION REPORT

Mount Zion and Piney Grove have the only leagues that are active in the League Convention. Other churches have leagues but do not attend. We pray that other leagues will become active in our League Convention so that we can have a strong, active League Convention.

At each League Convention, we give \$2 each to the Junior and Teenage Sword Drill winner, and a paid trip to Cragmont for the winners in the Junior and Teenage Sword Drills for the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd W. Jones Jr., *President*
Albemarle League Convention

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, the Apostle Paul teaches that Christians should let their moderation be known among all men, we call upon all Original Free Will Baptists to conform by continuing to oppose (1) the use of intoxicating beverages, (2) acts of violence and immorality, and (3) the use of drugs.

Respectfully submitted,
Joe Griffith, *Chairman*
Floyd Burkey Jr.
David H. Furlough

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the host pastor and his congregation for their excellent facility and delicious meal afforded us at this session of the Conference.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that this body go on record as showing appreciation for the work done by the Revision Committee.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, that this body give a rising vote of thanks to the Executive Committee for the program today.

4. WHEREAS, the State Convention adopted a resolution for the Executive Committee of the Convention to study the establishment and location of a headquarters and the position of executive secretary, BE IT RESOLVED that we, the member churches of the Albemarle Conference, support this decision with our prayers and finances.

Respectfully submitted,

David Thick

Lloyd W. Jones Jr.

E. G. Foreman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Secretary—Oscar Webster

Assistant Secretary—Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Board of Trustees—the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

Board of Ordination—the Rev. Steve Hargrove to replace the Rev. Marvin Waters; the Rev. Charlie Overton to full two-year term

Board of Missions—Mr. Hilton Simmons to full two-year term; Mr. Robbie Waters to replace the Rev. David Thick

Board of Christian Education—Mrs. Margaret Woolard

Respectfully submitted,

Charlie Overton

Robbie Waters

Steve Hargrove

TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund

Balance Brought Forward from 1980		\$498.77
Amount Received from Churches	\$273.50	
Amount Received from Public Offering	<u>79.70</u>	353.20
Total Received		\$851.97
Amount Paid Out		<u>264.54</u>
Balance in General Fund		<u>\$587.43</u>

Mission Fund

Brought Forward		\$453.57
Amount Received During Year	\$ 48.18	
Bank Interest	<u>25.49</u>	73.67
Total		<u>\$527.24</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd W. Jones Jr., Treasurer

Churches	MEMBERSHIP							Total Property Value	TREASURER'S REPORT		
	Church	SS	League	YFA	AFC	WA	LL		Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enterprise	Grand Total
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE											
Belhaven	20									25	25
Cape Colony	52								6,935	420	7,355
Corinth	25	25						20,000	459	398	857
Free Union	290	157		17	12	23		300,000		1,512	1,512
Gum Neck											
Hickory Chapel	284	129	10	3	6	26		365,000	30,382	7,261	37,643
Malachi's Chapel	154	73							6,457	2,670	9,127
Mount Tabor	52	80		7	7	25		150,000	18,217	2,726	20,943
Mount Zion	95	49	23					40,000	18,387	3,704	22,091
Piney Grove	27	31	13					35,000	1,152	273	1,425
Plymouth, First	61	62		6	3	16		150,000	16,457	775	17,232
Shiloh	253	121		15	28	23	17	150,000	35,800	4,250	40,050
Sidney	146	74	40	10	8	18	15	200,000	22,959	2,935	25,894
Sound Side	205	157	25	15	9	20		125,000	15,225	2,238	17,463
St. Paul	139	70		6	6	26	8	100,000	26,462	1,955	28,417
Trinity	43	30	18			12		55,000	5,017	2,200	7,217
Union Chapel	151	111	11	8	6	12	12				
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE											
Bethel	143	93		7	9	16	8	175,000	13,086	3,775	16,861
Casey's Chapel	139	78		20		16		90,000	20,735	1,828	22,563
Catalpa Mission	93	68		18	15	19		125,000	9,236	1,315	10,551
Daly's Chapel	48	35				7		40,000	1,271	987	2,258
Eastover Mission											
Eastwood	23	28		1	3	6	4				
Faith	125	67						195,000	6,420	1,304	7,724