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MINUTES
of the
FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
NORTH CAROLINA

October 5, 1988

Held With

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Pinetown, North Carolina

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday in October, 1989. The location will be Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Ahoskie, North Carolina.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1988-1989

Moderator, the Rev. Robert May

Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Overton

Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Whitson

Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gurganus

Treasurer, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is composed of the general officers of the Conference, the Moderator of the 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. Fentress Simmons

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

Mr. Ervin Foreman

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Charlie Overton (1992)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

The Rev. James Owens (1989)

The Rev. Robert May (1991)

The Rev. W. S. Burns (1990)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Rev. W. S. Burns (1990)

Mr. Billy Dilday (1991)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

Mr. Dwayne Jones (1992)

Mr. Wayne Britt (1989)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Laura Webster

Mrs. Mae Oliver

Mrs. Margaret Sheppard

Albemarle Conference

ROLL OF MINISTERS

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W. L. Brickhouse, Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925
W. S. Burns, Route 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865
Joe Griffith, 1018 Maple Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909-3726
Raymond Lagcher, Box 146, Pinetown, NC 27865
Robert May, Route 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, NC 27910
Charlie Overton, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, NC 27910
Billy Reynolds, Route 1, Box 657, Roper, NC 27970
Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Johnny Sexton, Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, NC 27962
James Owens, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, NC 27962

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth

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Pastor, the Rev. Joseph Lehmann, 497 East Church Street, Farmville, NC 27828

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mount Tabor

Clerk, Mrs. Naomi Ambrose, Route 2, Box 169, Creswell, NC 27928
Pastor, the Rev. Dale Weaver (licensed) serving under the Rev. L. E. Ambrose until ordained, Route 2, Box 177-A, Creswell, NC 27928

Mount Zion

Clerk, Mrs. Beulah Whitson, Route 3, Box 29, Plymouth, NC 27962
Pastor, the Rev. W. C. Overton, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Plymouth First

Clerk, Mrs. Edna Smith, 210 Matt-Ransom Drive, Plymouth, NC 27962
Pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, 333 West Avenue, Plymouth, NC 27962

Union Chapel

Clerk, Mrs. Brenda Sue Owens, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, NC 27962
Pastor, the Rev. James R. Owens, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, NC 27962

TYRRELL COUNTY

Gum Neck

Clerk, Mrs. Burvell K. Jones, Route 1, Box 277-B, Columbia, NC 27925
Pastor, Lay Speaker, Mr. Gerald Perry, McCaskey Road, Williamston, NC 27892

Malachi's Chapel

Clerk, W. Braxton Vollva, Box 376, Columbia, NC 27925
Pastor, the Rev. Royce Reynolds, Route 2, Columbia, NC 27925

Sound Side

Clerk, Marvin Sawyer, Box 62, Columbia, NC 27925
Pastor, the Rev. Harry Grubbs, 2903-D Sussex Street, Greenville, NC 27834

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul

Clerk, Mrs. Margie B. Lamb, Box 2178, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Pastor, the Rev. Joe Griffith, 1018 Maple Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

HERTFORD COUNTY*Hickory Chapel*

Clerk, Miss Sara M. Willoughby, Route 4, Box 382, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Pastor, the Rev. Robert M. May, Route 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, NC 27910

BEAUFORT COUNTY*Belhaven*

Clerk, Mrs. Hazel Jarvis, Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Pastor, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925

Free Union

Clerk, Mrs. Matilda Gurganus, Route 1, Box 109, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor, the Rev. W. S. Burns, Route 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865

Shiloh

Clerk, Mrs. Mary Ann Harris, Box 58, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor, the Rev. Wayne Hargrove, Route 1, Box 32, Pinetown, NC 27865

Sidney

Clerk, Mr. Jimmy D. Brinn, Route 2, Box 350, Belhaven, NC 27810

Pastor, the Rev. Frankie Baggett, Route 2, Box 100, Belhaven, NC 27810

Trinity

Clerk, Mr. Talmage O. Cooper, Route 1, Box 175, Pantego, NC 27860

Pastor, the Rev. Dan Beaman, Route 4, Box 400, Snow Hill, NC 28580

PROCEEDINGS**WEDNESDAY MORNING**

The 44th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Shiloh Church of Pinetown, North Carolina, on October 5, 1988.

After the Rev. Robert May had called the Conference to order, the Rev. Dale Weaver gave the devotions. He used 2 Chronicles 1:6-9 and spoke on greatness in the eyes of God. He closed with prayer. The welcome was given by the Rev. Wayne Hargrove, and the response was given by Mr. Billy Dilday.

The Conference was then called to order by the assistant clerk; the adoption of the program was the first order of business. The roll call of churches was held with all representing but one. The roll call of ministers was held with six present, four absent, one excused by letter, one had moved, and one dismissed.

Visiting ministers and delegates from other church bodies were welcomed and recognized. They were as follows: the Revs. Harold Jones, Bobby Taylor, Donald Fader, De Wayne Eakes, James Owens, Wayne Hargrove, Luther Swinson, Francis Garner, David Hines, Ralph Sumner, Grady Tucker, J. B. Narron, Frank Harrison, Walter Sutton, Dale Weaver, and Walter Reynolds.

Miss Sara Willoughby, president of the Woman's Auxilliary was also recognized.

The Rev. James Owens was then accepted for membership into the Albemarle Conference by motion.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, gave his address using Matthew 2:8-19. He told what the mission of the church was, the greatest being that of winning the lost to Christ.

The moderator then established the rules for the Conference and appointed temporary committees for the day as follows: *Resolutions Committee*: the Rev. W. S. Burns, Mr. Gary Burbage, Mrs. Tillie Gurganus. *Temperance Committee*: the Rev. Luther Swinson, Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Miss Sarah Willoughby. *Nominating Committee*: Mrs. Christine Waters, the Rev. Charlie Overton and Mr. Billy Dilday.

The congregation sang "Stand Up for Jesus" while the offering for the Conference was taken. The offertory prayer was by the Rev. Francis Garner.

Reports of Standing Boards were called for as follows: Trustees, no report. Executive Board, no report. Ordination report was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. Accepted by motion. (See Reports.) Report on Missions by the Rev. W. S. Burns. Accepted by motion. Education, no report.

We then had announcements from the local churches.

The Rev. Donald Fader reported on the North Carolina Ministers' Program. Report accepted by motion as information.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes, president of the North Carolina State Convention, gave his report, reminding us of the 5-year plan of the Convention, listed on the back of our programs. He said the State Convention had a decrease of \$52,000 this year. Report accepted as information.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor of the Children's Home gave his report. The new building (Whitley Center) is soon to be finished and dedicated. He asked each church to give a special Christmas gift toward the Center. He thanked all for their support and said funds are still needed. Report adopted.

Mr. Cliff Gray of the Free Will Baptist Press stated it had been a good year at the press. He asked for more subscribers to *The Free Will Baptist*. The report was accepted as information.

The Rev. Ralph Sumner represented Camp Vandemere. He said it was growing and needs financial support and our prayers. Report accepted as information.

The Treasurer's report was then given by Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. Report was adopted by motion (See Reports.)

Miss Sara Willoughby gave the report of the State Woman's Auxillary Convention. Report was received as information.

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. gave a report on Cragmont. It still requires help of everyone to meet its financial needs. Report accepted as information.

This ended the morning business. The service was turned over to the Rev. Wayne Hargrove, pastor of the host church. The congregation sang "O Worship the King" led by the Rev. Robert May. After prayer by the Rev. Charlie Overton, the Rev. Harold Jones of the Foreign Missions Board brought the message. He used for his Scripture Revelation 3:14-22, the words of Jesus to the seven churches. After prayer he spoke on the condition of the Laodicean church, comparing it with the churches of today. He closed with prayer. The congregation sang "Just As I Am" and the Rev. Luther Swinson prayed the benediction and gave thanks for our food.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Business resumed at 1 p.m. The Rev. Joe Griffith gave the devotions, using Mark 4:3-5 for his Scripture and closed with prayer.

The Rev. James Owens gave the memorial service to honor and in memory of those whom the Lord had taken away. He used 2 Corinthians 3:4-16. Mr. Owens and Mrs. Christine Waters then sang "Sweet Beulah Land." After the congregation stood for a moment of silence he closed with prayer.

The Rev. David Hines brought greetings from Mount Olive College. He said the College's greatest desire is to prepare the ones called by God and prepare them for His service. Report received as information.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave the report on the Retirement Homes. He thanked all for past support and asked that we continue to support his great cause with our prayers and finances. Report accepted as information.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds reported on the Church Finance Association. Report was accepted by motion.

The Rev. Harold Jones of Foreign Missions gave his report. He asked that we continue in prayers along with our financial support. Report accepted by motion.

The Rev. W. S. Burns gave a report on Home Missions. He reminded us of the all-night prayer service which will help to bring revival to these new missions. Report accepted by motion for information.

The Layman's League Convention report was given by the Rev. Joe Griffith. The report of other state bodies followed.

The Rev. W. S. Burns gave a report on the General Conference. He said it is no longer called the General Conference but is now The Annual Fellowship of Free Will Baptists. It still operates on the same principles as before. Report accepted as information.

Brother Fentress Simmons gave the report on the State Convention. Report accepted as information.

The reports of the three temporary committees (Temperance, Resolutions, and Nominating) were accepted by motion. (See Reports.)

The Rev. James Owens, pastor of Union Chapel Church, was then accepted in the Albemarle Conference and given the right hand of fellowship.

The Conference was invited to meet with Hickory Chapel Church in Ahoskie, North Carolina, in 1989.

Miss Sara Willoughby and Mrs. Eunice Sexton were elected as delegates to North Carolina State Convention. A motion was made and carried to combine the Temperance and Resolutions Committees into one committee.

By motion when a memorial service is given, the names of the deceased during the year are to be called. The clerk is to ask for the names of the deceased on the church letter next year.

The clerk then read the minutes of the meeting. After a correction was made the minutes were accepted as read.

A motion to adjourn was passed and we were dismissed in prayer. The closing prayer was by Mr. Billy Dilday.

REPORTS

BOARD OF ORDINATION

To whom it may concern:

We the Ordination Board submit the following report July 30, 1988. The Board met at Mount Tabor Church in Creswell, North Carolina. The Board voted to accept Frank Thigpen's license which he voluntarily surrendered.

Respectfully submitted,
 Charlie Overton
 Robert May
 Bobby Brown
 Joe Griffith
 W. S. Burns

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that since the Bible admonishes us to be temperate in all things; may we recommend that we use God's Word as taught in Galatians 5:1-26 to direct our lives for God in Christ as His witness before the world today.

Respectfully submitted,
 The Rev. Luther Swinson
 Mrs. Eunice Sexton
 Miss Sara Willoughby

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. We have received a resolution that consideration be given to changing the Conference time of meeting from Wednesday to Saturday. The Resolutions Committee feels that this is a recommendation that deserves more study; therefore we pass it on to the Executive Board of the Conference and ask them to study it and report their findings to the Conference next year.

2. Since our nation will soon be having a national election to elect a President, Vice President and several national leaders, we encourage all our people to register and vote their choices in this election. Monday, October 10, is the day to register to vote in this election. You must register if you have not voted since 1980.

3. We offer a vote of thanks to Shiloh Church for the fine way they have entertained the Conference today.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. W. S. Burns
Mr. Gary Burbage
Mrs. Tillie Gurganus

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee selected the following officers for the year 1988-1989:

Moderator, the Rev. Robert May
Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Overton
Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Whitson
Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Tillie Gurganus
Treasurer, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.

On the Board of Ordination the Rev. Joe Griffith is to succeed himself; his term expires 1993. The Rev. James Owens is to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Bobby Brown; the term expires 1989.

On the Board of Missions: the Rev. Joe Griffith is to succeed himself, term ending 1993. Mr. Dwayne Jones, filling the unexpired term of Frank Thigpen, which ends 1992. Mr. Wayne Britt is to fill the unexpired term of the Rev. Bobby Brown; the term expires 1989.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Christine Waters
Rev. Charlie Overton
Mr. Billy Dilday

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	SS Members	Average SS Att
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE													
Belhaven											0		
Corinth	9			10				2	1	1	-4	12	9
Free Union	322	135	187	135				2	4	27	0	101	80
Gum Neck	56	12	44	20				1			-1	15	15
Hickory Chapel	283	173	110	125	9	9		2	1		15	107	90
Malachi's Chapel	147	54	93	47							0	78	53
Mount Tabor	156	56	100	65	2			1	1		0	75	48
Mount Zion	88	37	51	33				1	1		-2	23	24
Plymouth	40	40	63	50	1	2		1			2	42	30
Saint Paul	48	45	25	40		5		2			3	45	45
Shiloh	242			100				1	2		-3	115	85
Sidney	172			80		2			1		1	86	72
Sound Side	118	118	0	85							0	120	90
Trinity	41									2	-2	28	
Union Chapel	164				1	11		5			7	100	
Albemarle Totals	1886				13	29	0	18	11	30	16	947	
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE													
Bethel	147			75				2	1		-3	102	85
Casey's Chapel	159	89	70	60		3	3	1	1		4	69	50
Daly's Chapel	43	23	20	40							0	23	23
Faith	116	45	71	58				1			-1	87	64
Genesis Mission	26	14	12	26		3			2		1	29	20
Goldsboro, First	251	118	133	105	0	2	0	1	0	7	-6	110	85
Haymount	80			85	4	4		3	5		0	70	55
Hickory Grove											0		
Hopewell	281			109	1			1	4		-4	110	65