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**MINUTES  
of the  
FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE  
of  
NORTH CAROLINA  
October 4, 1989  
Held With  
Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church  
Ahoskie, North Carolina**

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 10, 1990. The location will be Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina.

**OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1989-1990**

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

Mr. Ervin Foreman

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

**BOARD OF ORDINATION**

The Rev. W. S. Burns (1990)

The Rev. Charlie Overton (1992)

The Rev. James Owens (1994)

The Rev. Robert May (1991)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

**BOARD OF MISSIONS**

The Rev. W. S. Burns (1990)

The Rev. Frankie Baggett (1992)

Mr. Wayne Britt (1994)

Mr. Billy Dilday (1991)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Mrs. Laura Webster

Mrs. Margaret Sheppard

Mrs. Mae Oliver

## ROLL OF MINISTERS

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  
 Frankie Baggett, Route 2, Box 100, Belhaven, NC 27810  
 Dale Weaver, Route 2, Creswell, NC 27928

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

## MARTIN COUNTY

*Corinth*

Clerk, Mrs. Paul Dan (Faye) Davis, Route 2, Box 187, Jamesville, NC 27846  
 Pastor, the Rev. Joseph A. Lehmann, 407 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, Route 2, 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, Ruth A. Taylor, 108 Bennett Drive, Plymouth, NC 27962  
 Pastor, the Rev. Luther Swinson, 333 West Avenue, Plymouth, NC 27962

*Union Chapel*

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

*Malachi's Chapel*

Clerk, W. Braxton Voliva, 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, Judy Cox, Route 1, Box 468, 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 10, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor, None at present time.

### *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 45th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina was held at Hickory Chapel Church of Ahoskie, North Carolina, on October 4, 1989.

The Conference began at 9:30 a.m. with the congregation singing "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian." The devotion was given by Miss Sara Willoughby. She used Scripture taken from Acts 11. She closed with prayer.

The clerk then called for the Conference to be open and in session for prayer and praise to God, for the preaching of His Word and the transaction of any business pertinent to the ongoing ministry of said Conference. May God to our good and to His glory bless our coming together. The Rev. Robert May of Ahoskie, North Carolina, moderator, presiding.

The adoption of the program was the first order of business. The roll call of churches was held, with all fifteen being represented. The roll call of ministers was held, with eight present, one absent and two excused.

We then welcomed and recognized visiting ministers and delegates from other church bodies as follows, The Revs. Bobby Taylor, Walter Reynolds, David Hansley, Walter Sutton, John Williams, David Hines, Dan Beaman, Luther Swinson, Frankie Baggett and Miss Sara Willoughby of N. C. State Woman's Auxilliary.

The Rev. Frankie Baggett made a request to become a member of the Albemarle Conference. He was accepted by a motion.

The Rev. Robert May gave his address using Scripture from John 1. His topic was "Let Our Light So Shine That Others Might See Christ in Us."

The moderator then established the rules for the Conference and appointed temporary committees for the day.

Resolutions and Temperance Committee: the Rev. Luther Swinson, the Rev. Joe Griffith and Mr. Fentress Simmons; Nominating Committee: the Rev. Charlie Overton, the Rev. W. L. Brickhouse and Mrs. Christine Waters.

The welcome was given by Mr. Billy Dilday, the response by the Rev. Luther Swinson.

An offering was taken for the benefit of the Conference while the congregation sang, "All the Way My Saviour Leads Me." The offertory prayer was by the Rev. Dan Beaman.

The reports of Standing Boards were called for as follows: Executive Committee, given by Mrs. Beulah Whitson. Report accepted by motion. (See Report.) Board of Ordination given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. Report accepted by motion. (See Report.) No other reports were made.

We then had announcements from the local churches. The Rev. John Williams of Cragmont Assembly gave his report giving special dates of interest to all. About 3000 people had attended Cragmont this year. They need \$15,000 for a payment which is due in December. Report accepted by motion as information.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor of the Children's Home gave his report. A celebration of 70 years in the child care ministry is being planned to be held in May of 1990. Report was received by a motion as information.

The Rev. David Hines gave the report on Mount Olive College. By motion the report was received as information.

The Rev. W. S. Burns reported on the Free Will Baptist Press. The Press is making progress and offers their services to all. Report received by motion as information.

The Rev. Walter Sutton of the Retirement Homes gave his report and thanked all for their support the past year. He asked for the prayers of the churches. By motion the report was received as information.

Mrs. Eunice Sexton gave the delegates' report of the State Convention. The Sunday School will now be a part of the State Convention. Report accepted by motion as information.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds gave the report on the Church Finance Association. It has been serving now for 50 years, helping the needs of churches and other institutions. The past year has been a good year. He asked for our prayers and thanked the people for all that had been done. Report received by motion as information.

The Rev. David Hansley gave the report on Home Missions and Church Extension. His report was accepted by a motion as information.

Business now being ended for the morning session, we entered into the worship service. After the congregation sang "The Lily of the Valley," the Rev. Charlie Overton, a former member of Hickory Chapel Church, brought the message using as his Scripture Acts 1:11. His topic was, "Jesus Is Coming Again." The service closed with the invitation song, "Just As I Am." The Rev. Billy Reynolds prayed the benediction and gave thanks for the food.

#### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The evening session resumed at 1 p.m., with the devotions by the Rev. James Owens. He used several Scriptures giving the "I wills" of Jesus. He closed with prayer.

The Rev. W. S. Burns conducted the memorial service. He read the names of the 34 deceased members, including one minister, the Rev. L. E. Ambrose, in the past year. He then read a poem and a part of Revelation 21 and closed with prayer.

The Rev. Dale Weaver petitioned for membership in the Albemarle Conference pending his letter. Petition was granted by motion.



Miss Sara Willoughby gave the report on Foreign Missions since the Rev. Harold Jones was unable to attend. Report was accepted by motion as information.

Miss Sara Willoughby, president of the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, gave a report on the Auxiliary. Report accepted by motion as information.

The Rev. Frankie Baggett then gave a report on Camp Vandemere. Report accepted as information by a motion.

The reports of Temporary Committees were given. The report of Resolution and Temperance was given by the Rev. Luther Swinson. Report accepted by motion. (See Report.)

The Nominating Committee report was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. On the Board of Ordination, the Rev. James Owens was to succeed himself; on the Board of Missions, Mr. Wayne Britt to succeed himself. The Rev. Frankie Baggett was to replace Dwayne Jones. The report was accepted by motion as given.

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. gave the treasurer's report of the Conference. Report was accepted by motion. (See Report.)

Miss Sara Willoughby and Mrs. Eunice Sexton were appointed as delegates to the State Convention.

Sidney Church invited the Conference to meet with them next year, 1990. The invitation was accepted by a motion.

A motion was made to give Hickory Chapel Church a rising vote of thanks for their splendid way of entertaining the Conference today.

The Rev. C. H. Overman is now serving as General Secretary of the State Convention and needs our support and prayers to continue this work. A motion was made to give \$100 to the office of the General Secretary of the State Convention. Carried.

The Clerk then read the minutes of the Conference. A motion to accept the minutes as read was carried. Conference adjourned.

The Rev. James Owens prayed the benediction.

## REPORTS

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met October 29, 1988, at Mount Zion Church.

The purpose of this meeting was to honor the Rev. Charlie Overton for his 44 years in the ministry of our Lord and his faithfulness and loving service in the Albemarle Conference.

The Committee agreed to give \$50 from the Albemarle Conference to the Endowment Fund being set up for missions by the Mount Zion Church Mr. Overton now pastors.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Robert May, *Moderator*

Beulah Whitson, *Clerk*

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., *Treasurer*

The Executive Board of Albemarle Conference met April 29, 1989, at St. Paul Church, Elizabeth City.

After prayer by Brother Lloyd Jones Jr., the Rev. Robert May explained the purpose of the meeting.

At our last Conference session a resolution was made that consideration be given to changing the Conference meeting time 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.

A motion was then made and seconded to not change the Conference meeting time from Wednesday to Saturday.

After some considerable discussion and inability to find a way which the Conference would benefit by a change, the motion was voted on and carried that the meeting time of the Conference remain as it is now—Wednesday before the second Sunday in October.

Respectfully submitted,

Beulah Whitson, *Clerk*

Mrs. Tillie Gurganus, *Assistant Clerk*

The Rev. Robert May

The Rev. Charlie Overton

The Rev. James Owens

The Rev. Dale Weaver

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.

#### BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, the Ordination Board, submit the following report—October 2, 1989.

October 5, 1988: we met at Shiloh Church to examine Wayne Hargrove's license to pastor in said conference. The board agreed to accept his license on a six-month probation.

The same day, we met to examine Dale Weaver's license; his was accepted by the board.

January 11, 1989: the board met at Plymouth Church with Wayne Hargrove and Dale Weaver to accept them into the Albemarle Conference.

April 29, 1989: the board met at Saint Paul Church in Elizabeth City to examine Wayne Hargrove because his six-months' probation was ended. He was accepted on grounds he work toward preparing his study to take the exam, in order to have license that would be approved by all State Conferences.

The same day, we met for the purpose of examining Harry Grubbs's license, this making the third time he had not appeared to meet with the board. The board recommended to write him a final letter stating he needed to meet with the board to clear his credentials. However, he did call the night before asking to be excused at this meeting.

June 23, 1989: we met at Mount Zion with a delegation from Shiloh Church to hear complaints against Wayne Hargrove. No action was taken.

July 3, 1989: the board met at Mount Zion Church with Wayne Hargrove to discuss with him about the necessity of taking the exam. We asked him to try to prepare to take the examination in two months. The board also recommended that he resign from Shiloh Church because of a great number against his work there. This he agreed he would do.

July 29, 1989: the board met at Shiloh Church with Harry Grubbs to examine his license to pastor in this conference, and he was accepted.

The same day the board met at Shiloh Church with Billie Reynolds and Dale Weaver to hear their complaint against Harry Grubbs, stating that he was not true to the gospel. No action was taken.

July 29, 1989: at Shiloh, we met with the church pastoral committee about the proper procedure in selecting a pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Charlie Overton

The Rev. Robert May

The Rev. Joe Griffith

The Rev. W. S. Burns

The Rev. James Owens

# RESOLUTIONS AND TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Whereas we have not received any resolutions, we have none to report.

Whereas temperance applies to Christian living, we recommend that we give reference to the Bible and our *Statement of Faith and Discipline* for guidance and in doing this be an example for other people.

The Rev. Joe Griffith  
The Rev. Luther Swinson  
Mr. Fentress Simmons

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee selected the following officers for the year 1989-1990.

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

On the Board of Ordination the Rev. James Owens is to succeed himself; his term expires 1994.

On the Board of Missions: Mr. Wayne Britt is to succeed himself; his term expires 1994. The Rev. Frankie Baggett is to replace Mr. Dwayne Jones; his term expires 1992.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Rev. Charlie Overton  
The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse  
Mrs. Christine Waters

## TREASURER'S REPORT

October 4, 1989

### GENERAL FUND 1989

Brought Forward From 1988	\$1,212.76
Amount Received After Conference	18.00
Amount Received From Churches	594.74
Amount Received Public Offering	51.50
Total for Which to Account	\$1,877.00
Amount Paid Out	525.67
Balance in General Fund	\$1,351.33

### MISSIONS FUND 1989

Brought Forward	\$ 880.15
Amount Received During Year	
Bank Interest	44.69
Total	\$ 924.84

Respectfully submitted,  
Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr., *Treasurer*

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Baptism	Add by Letter	Add By Other	Death	Lost by Letter	Lost by Other	Net Change	SS Average Members	SS Att
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ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE													
Belhaven	10			15								4	4
Corinth	19	12	7	9				1			-1	12	10
First, Plymouth	39	3969	69	37	3	2					5	37	29
Free Union	315	129	156	129	1			6	2		-7	100	73
Gum Neck	54	12	42	20	1			3			-2	15	12
Hickory Chapel	276	169	109	115				4	1		-5	102	83
Malachi's Chapel	146	55	93	48				2	1		-3	75	55
Mount Tabor	157	61	96	100				3			-3	66	58
Mount Zion	66	35	51	29					2		-2	22	21
Plymouth													
Saint Paul	50	50	25	45		5	2	2			5	45	38
Shiloh	241			75		3		1	3	4	-5	111	65
Sidney	179			100	4	3	1	2	1		5	80	79
Sound Side	113			84				1	4		-5	120	80
Trinity	40			29					3		-3	30	29
Union Chapel	160	70	90	75				3	1		-4	91	60
Albemarle Totals	1959	4562	768	910	9	13	3	28	18	4	-25	930	696
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CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE													
Bethel	150			75	1	7		7	1		0	99	80
Casey's Chapel	157	85	72	55		1		3			-2	68	45
Daly's Chapel													
Faith	122	36	54	50	5	4			3		6	62	56
First, Goldsboro	244			105	2	1	0	2	5	0	-4	102	88
First, Smithfield	128			50	1	11		2	3		7	53	30
Genesis Mission	19	15	4	23		2			4	4	-6	25	19
Haymount	94			85	8			1	4		3	73	55
Hickory Grove													
Hopewell	272			105	3	1			13		-9	104	68