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**MINUTES
of the
FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

October 10, 1990

Held With

**Sidney Free Will Baptist Church
Belhaven, North Carolina**

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 9, 1991.
The location will be Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, North Carolina.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1990-1991

Moderator, the Rev. Robert May
Assistant Moderator, the Rev. Charlie Overton
Secretary, Mrs. Beulah Whitson
Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Mae Oliver
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 Auxillary Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Fentress Simmons

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

Mr. Ervin Foreman

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Robert May (1991)

The Rev. Charlie Overton (1992)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

The Rev. James Owens (1994)

The Rev. Frankie Baggett (1995)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Mr. Billy Dilday (1991)

The Rev. Frankie Baggett (1992)

The Rev. Joe Griffith (1993)

Mr. Wayne Britt (1994)

The Rev. Dale Weaver (1995)

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
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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 1970, Belhaven, NC 27810
Dale Weaver, Route 2, Box 177-A, Creswell, NC 27928
Joe Ratcliff, Route 2, Box 80-A, Pantego, NC 27860

ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

MARTIN COUNTY

Corinth

Clerk: Mrs. Paul (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, 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: 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, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925

Sound Side

Clerk: Marvin Sawyer, Box 62, Columbia, NC 27925

Pastor: The Rev. Joe Ratcliff, Route 2, Box 80-A, Pantego, NC 27860

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul

Clerk: Mrs. Evie Lamb, 951 Well Field Road, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Pastor: The Rev. Joe Griffith, 1018 Maple Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel

Clerk: Miss Sara 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 27885

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. May Ann Harris, Box 10, Pinetown, NC 27865

Interim Pastor: Dave DeHart, Route 1, Box 318-F, Middlesex, NC 27557

Sidney

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

Pastor: The Rev. Frankie Baggett, Route 2, Box 1970, 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 46th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, NC, on October 10, 1990.

The Conference began at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and then the Rev. Dale Weaver gave the devotions, using the Scripture Acts 8:26-39. He closed with prayer. The welcome was given by Mr. Edward Clayton. The response was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton. The Conference was then called to order by the clerk, using words of the late Oscar Webster who served as clerk of the Conference many years.

The adoption of the program was the first order of business. The enrollment of the churches was next, with all fifteen represented. The enrollment of delegates and ministers, with 9 ministers being present and 3 excused, followed.

Delegates from other church bodies were recognized: The Revs. Walter Reynolds, Bobby Taylor, C. H. Overman, and N. D. Beaman of the Central Conference; the Revs. Walter Sutton, David Charles Hansley, and Ralph Sumner of the Eastern Conference;

the Revs. Harold Jones and David Hines and Mr. Cliff Gray of the Western Conference. The moderator's address was given by the Rev. Robert May, using the Book of Isaiah 1:10. He compared the present-day situation to the day of Israel. (We need to listen more to what the Word of God says and also do what it says.) He then established the rules of the Conference. The Temporary Committees were appointed, with the Rev. Frankie Baggett, Mr. John Mark Windley and the Rev. W. S. Burns serving as the Resolutions Committee. Those serving on the Nominating Committee were the Rev. Joe Griffith, the Rev. Charlie Overton and Mrs. Christine Waters.

An offering was taken for the benefit of the Conference, while the congregation sang "Take Time to Be Holy."

The offertory prayer was given by the Rev. W. S. Burns.

The only report made by the standing boards was the report of the Board of Ordination by the Rev. Charlie Overton. This report was accepted by motion. (See Reports.)

Miss Sara Willoughby, delegate to the State Convention, gave her report. A change was made in the name of the Convention. It is now known as Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Report was received by motion as information.

The Rev. C. H. Overman reported on the office of the General Secretary of the Convention. The report was accepted by motion and carried.

Mr. Cliff Gray, of the Free Will Baptist Press, gave a report from the Press. This report was received as information by a motion.

The Rev. David Hines gave a report from Mount Olive College. He said 24 ministerial students are on campus. One of these students is the Rev. Dwayne Jones of the Albemarle Conference. Report was received as information by motion.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor, of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, gave his report on the Home, requesting prayer for the Home. Report was accepted as information by motion.

The Rev. Walter Reynolds led our hearts in prayer for peace to come among all nations and for the soldiers who have gone to the Persian Gulf area serving our country, while the congregation stood.

We had a report on Foreign Missions by the Rev. Harold Jones. This report was accepted as information by motion.

The Rev. Walter Sutton, of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes, gave his report on the Home and he requested prayer for the Homes. Report accepted as information by motion.

The report on Camp Vandemere was given by the Rev. Ralph Sumner. He said souls were being saved at the camp, and prayer was requested. Report was accepted as information by motion.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley reported on Home Missions and Church Extension. He requested prayer for this ministry. Report was accepted by motion as information.

Business session ended for the morning. We entered into the worship service. The congregation sang "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." Special music was by the host church, who sang very beautifully, "I'm Saved to the Uttermost," "Remind Me of Calvary" and "Steal Away to Jesus." The Rev. Frankie Baggett gave the message. His Scripture was from Deuteronomy 10:12. He began with prayer (with a challenge to be a better Christian with a commitment to Christ). He closed with prayer. After a few moments of announcements, the benediction was prayed by Brother Billy Dilday. Grace for our lunch was included in the prayer.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The evening session of the Conference resumed at 1 p.m., with the devotions by the Rev. James Owens, using Scripture taken from 1 Peter 3:15. He closed with prayer.

The Rev. Joe Griffith gave the memorial service. While the organist softly played "It Is Well With My Soul," he read a poem, and then read the names of all the deceased members of the churches in the past year. He then read from the Book of Psalms and closed with prayer.

The Rev. Joe Griffith reported on the Sunday School Board. He is now President of the Board. Brother Bass Mitchell has resigned as Field Secretary. We then entered our business session.

The Rev. Joe Rafcliff, who had requested by letter to become a member of the Albemarle Conference, was received into the Conference by a motion.

Brother John Mark Windley gave the Resolutions Committee report: WHEREAS, Sidney Free Will Baptist Church has extended its hospitality to the Albemarle Conference in its 46th Annual Session, and WHEREAS, they have provided for our spiritual and physical well being; BE IT RESOLVED that this 46th Annual Conference give a rising vote of thanks to Sidney Free Will Baptist Church. The congregation stood to acknowledge the resolution.

Number One Resolution was accepted by a motion and carried; other resolutions were declared out of order at this time. (See Reports.)

The Nominating Committee report was given by the Rev. Joe Griffith as follows: Mae Oliver was to fill the unexpired term of Tillie Gurganus as Assistant Secretary (1990). The Rev. Frankie Baggett to serve on the Board of Ordination, term ending 1995. The Rev. Dale Weaver to serve on the Board of Missions, term ending 1995. Motion to accept report carried. (See Reports.)

There was a motion to print a revision of the Constitution of the Albemarle Conference and send a copy to the ministers of the Conference. Motion carried. Motion was made that this work be left in the hands of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

There was a motion to accept the invitation for the Conference to meet with Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in 1991. Motion carried.

Mr. Gary Burbage and Mrs. Eunice Sexton were appointed as delegates to the State Convention.

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. then gave the Treasurer's Report. Report was adopted by motion. (See Reports.)

The minutes were read and accepted by motion. We had a motion to adjourn; Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. prayed the benediction.

REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mrs. Mae Oliver to fill unexpired term of Mrs. Tillie Gurganus as Assistant Secretary. The Rev. Frankie Baggett to serve on the Board of Ordination, term ending 1995. The Rev. Dale Weaver to serve on the Board of Mission, term ending 1995.

Respectfully submitted,

The Rev. Charlie Overton

Mrs. Christine Waters

The Rev. Joe Griffith

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Sidney Free Will Baptist Church has extended its hospitality to the Albemarle Conference in its Forty-sixth Annual Session, and WHEREAS they have provided for our spiritual and physical well-being; BE IT RESOLVED that this Forty-sixth Annual Conference give a rising vote of thanks to Sidney Free Will Baptist Church.

WHEREAS, the Ordaining Council of the Albemarle Conference serves to license, examine, and ordain ministers; to intercede with any conflict when called upon by a

member, church, or minister; and WHEREAS, the Ordaining Council is often called with little or no advance notice to effectively and efficiently serve the needs of the Albemarle Conference; and WHEREAS, the Ordaining Council is composed of member ministers who often make sacrifices in their personal time and in their ministry send in their expenses;

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED that the Ordaining Council of the Albemarle Conference be reimbursed at the rate of 20 cents a mile and a meal stipend, when necessary; Further, BE IT RESOLVED that this reimbursement be retroactive to include the work of the Ordaining Council this past Conference year.

(This resolution was accepted by a motion.)

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Frankie Baggett
Mr. John Mark Windley
The Rev. W. S. Burns

BOARD OF ORDINATION

We the Ordination Board of the Albemarle Conference submit the following:

October 21, 1989: The Board met at Mount Zion Church to examine Rev. M. E. Davis to pastor in the Albemarle Conference. He was given an oral examination and he passed.

October 28, 1989: The Board met at Shiloh Church to make plans to ordain M. E. Davis.

November 17, 1989: Met at Shiloh Church to ordain M. E. Davis.

July 29, 1990: The Board met at Union Chapel Church with Harry Jones. We recommended him to Shiloh Church as supply pastor and also pastor should the church call him.

August 11, 1990: Met at Zion Church to give examination to Dwayne Jones; he passed.

August 24, 1990: The Board met at Mount Zion Church and ordained Dwayne Jones.

Faithfully submitted,
The Rev. Charlie Overton
The Rev. Robert May
The Rev. Joe Griffith
The Rev. W. S. Burns
The Rev. James Owens

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 10, 1990

GENERAL FUND 1990

Brought Forward From 1989	\$1,351.33
Amount Received After Conference	44.00
Amount Received From Churches	719.10
Amount Received Public Offering	38.36
Total Received	\$2,152.79
Amount Paid Out	- 750.51
Balance in General Fund	\$1,402.28

MISSIONS FUND 1990

Brought Forward	\$ 924.84
Amount Received During Year	-0-
Bank Interest	43.35
Total	\$ 968.19

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 Members	Average SS Att
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE													
Belhaven	10			15								4	4
Corinth	9							1		2	-3	9	
Free Union	311	116	195	130	1	2		3	1	3	-4	110	78
Gum Neck	53	14	39	25	1	1		1			1	19	12
Hickory Chapel	281	172	109	115	1	6		4			3	109	81
Malachi's Chapel	156	60	90	45	5	1					6	69	55
Mount Zion	84	34	50	23				2	2		-4	18	16
Mt. Tabor	160	63	97	100	3	11			5		9	89	70
Plymouth, First	39	39	64	42								37	20
Shiloh	238			70	1			3	1		-3	75	55
Sidney	182			100	1	3		1			3	85	80
Sound Side	110			80	1			1	3		-3	110	75
St. Paul	103	50	50	50	2	1					3	45	40
Trinity	40			27								29	27
Union Chapel	157	75	82	70		1		2	2		-3	87	60
Albemarle Totals	1933	623	776	892	16	26	0	18	14	5	5	895	673

CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE

Bethel	144			78	1			3	4		-6	100	79
Casey's Chapel	155	83	72	50		1		2			-1	56	40
Daly's Chapel	No Report												
Faith	121	37	84	60	1			2			-1	67	56
Genesis Mission	36	27	9	27	7	6	4				17	28	21
Goldsboro, First	No Report												
Haymount	96			85	3	3	2	1	5		2	42	51
Hopewell	249			102	3			9	17		-23	101	65
Johnston Union	294	208	36	125	3	2		3	2			94	94
Lanwood Chapel	37	37	2	50		6	4			2	8	54	40