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ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND PASTORS

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Pastor: The Rev. Luther Swinson, 333 West Avenue, Plymouth, NC 27962

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Pastor: The Rev. Everett Harper, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, NC 27962

TYRRELL COUNTY

Gum Neck

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Pastor: The Rev. Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925

Sound Side

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

Pastor: The Rev. W. S. Burns, Route 11, Santree Lot #58, Greenville, NC 27834

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

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

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Belhaven

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

Pastor: The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse, Route 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27885

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Pastor: The Rev. Harold Swinson, Route 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865

Shiloh

Clerk: Mrs. Mary F. Harris, Box 10, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor: The Rev. James Corbett, Route 1, Box 32, Pinetown, NC 27865

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Clerk: Mr. Gary Burbage, Route 1, Box 239-A, Bath, NC 27808

Pastor: The Rev. Richard Holmes, 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 48th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 7, 1992, with Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, of Plymouth, NC.

The Conference began with the congregation singing "Love Lifted Me." The Rev. Frankie Baggett gave the devotions using for his Scripture Matthew 16:24. He spoke on the discipleship of the church and closed with prayer.

The welcome was given by Mr. Bruam Williams. The response was given by Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. The program was then adopted as the order of business. The Conference was then called to order by the clerk, using words of the late Mr. Oscar Webster, past clerk.

The roll of churches was called with all but one representing. The roll of ministers was called with 8 present, one excused, and 5 absent.

The delegates of other church bodies were recognized: The Rev. Harold Jones, executive director of Foreign Missions; the Rev. David Hansley, of Home Missions; the Rev. Walter Sutton, of the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes; the Rev. David Hines, from Mount Olive College. There were also other visiting ministers: The Revs. Dan Beaman and N. B. Barrow. The Revs. Harold Swinson, Luther Swinson, Richard Holmes, and Everett Harper made requests to become members of the Albemarle Conference. A motion was made to receive them into the Conference, motion was carried. These four ministers were later given the right hand of fellowship, while the congregation sang, "Are You Washed in the Blood of the Lamb?"

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, gave his address, using Scripture from Matthew 17:17. He spoke on being better disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ and what it is to be a disciple everyday in the service of the Lord.

The temporary committees were then appointed. The Rev. Frankie Baggett, the Rev. James Owens, and Mrs. Robana Fowler were to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Those serving on the Nominating Committee were the Rev. Joe Griffith, the Rev. Charlie Overton, and Mrs. Salathiel Windley. The rules of the Conference were then given by the Rev. Robert May.

One report of the standing boards was given by the Rev. Charlie Overton, of the Ordination Board. Report was accepted by motion. (See Reports.)

During the announcements, the Rev. C. H. Overman reminded us of the van which was there to pick up all needed supplies for the people who suffered from Hurricane Andrew in Florida.

The Rev. Harold Jones then brought us greetings from the Foreign Missions program. The report was received by motion as information. The Rev. David Hines brought greetings from Mount Olive College. The report was accepted by motion as information.

Mrs. Eunice Sexton, the delegate to the State Convention, gave her report of the Convention, a very good report, which was accepted by motion as information.

The Rev. C. H. Overman, executive administrator of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, gave a report. Report accepted by motion as information. The Rev. Walter Sutton gave his report on the Free Will Baptist Retirement Homes. Report was accepted by motion as information. Mrs. Rebecca Davenport gave a report on the Children's Home. Report was accepted as information. The Rev. John Mark Windley, a young licensed minister of the Albemarle Conference, was recognized by the moderator.

The offering was then taken for the benefit of the Conference, while the congregation sang "Near the Cross." The Rev. W. S. Burns gave the offertory prayer. This ended the business of the morning session. We entered the worship service. Mrs. Coleen Harrison, of the host church, sang two songs. One was "For Every Cross There Is a Crown"; and the second being, "The Only Real Peace I Have, Dear Lord, Is in You."

The Rev. Joe Griffith gave the message. He began with prayer and used Scripture from 1 Timothy 4:16. He spoke on what a minister of the gospel is and what his duties as such are. He closed with prayer. The closing prayer and thanks for the noon meal were given by the Rev. Charlie Overton.

Wednesday Evening

The evening session began at one o'clock with the congregation singing "Look for Me." The Rev. Charlie Overton then gave the devotions, using Scripture from Philipians 4:19; his topic, "God Supplies All Our Needs." The memorial service was given by the Rev. Luther Swinson. He read the names of 10 deceased members of the churches during the year. He read Psalm 23 and a poem entitled "Still Remembering." The congregation sang "Sweet By and By." The Rev. David Charles Hansley closed with prayer.

The Rev. W. S. Burns gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Press. He asked that the churches support the Press for all printing needs. Report was accepted by motion as information.

The report on Cragmont was given by Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. The report on Church Finance was by the Rev. C. H. Overman. The Rev. John Mark Windley reported on the Layman's League Convention. The Rev. Joe Griffith reported on the Sunday School Board. The Rev. David Charles Hansley reported on Home Missions and Evangelism. These reports were accepted by motion as information.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion was made to increase the cost of traveling expense of those who serve the Conference from 20 cents to 25 cents a mile. Motion was carried.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by the Rev. Frankie Baggett. The four resolutions were adopted by a motion. (See Reports.)

The Nominating Committee report was given by the Rev. Joe Griffith. The Rev. Charlie Overton was to succeed himself on the Board of Ordination. The Rev. Kenneth Littleton was to replace the Rev. Frankie Baggett on the Board of Missions. These nominations were accepted by motion.

Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr. then gave the Treasurer's report. This was accepted by motion. (See Reports).

Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Mrs. Robana Fowler were appointed as delegates to the State Convention in 1993. The Rev. W. S. Burns then gave an invitation to the Conference to meet at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church next year. The Conference accepted the invitation.

The Minutes of the meeting were then read and accepted by a motion.

We had a motion to adjourn and the benediction was by the Rev. Richard Holmes.

REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, give the following report:

For the Board of Ordination, the Rev. Charlie Overton to succeed himself, term ending in 1997.

For the Board of Missions, the Rev. Kenneth Littleton is to replace the Rev. Frankie Baggett. His term ending in 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Joe Griffith, *Chairman*
The Rev. Charlie Overton
Mrs. Salathiel Windley

BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, the Ordination Council, submit the following: October 9, 1991, the Board met at Free Union Chapel to examine John Mark Windley for license to preach for a period of one year. We agreed to recommend him to his church to be licensed.

March 28, 1992, we met at Mount Tabor Church to examine Richard Holmes to pastor Sidney Church; he was accepted by the Board.

August 29, 1992, we met with J. Harold Swinson to examine him to pastor Free Union Church. The Board accepted him.

September 6, 1992, Dillon Rogers sent a letter asking the Board to license him for the National Association. He was directed to look to the National Association to be licensed to preach.

The Rev. Charlie Overton
The Rev. Robert May
The Rev. Joe Griffith

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. James Owens
The Rev. Frankie Baggett

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that we give a rising vote of thanks to the members of our host church, Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, of Plymouth, NC, for their hospitality extended to this 48th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists.
2. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle Conference remind all its members of the right to vote and urge each one to vote for the candidate that God directs them to after much prayer.
3. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee send a letter to ministers that have been absent from the Conference for two straight years without excuse, to notify them that their name has been taken off the roll of ministers.
4. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albemarle Conference support all the resolutions passed at the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Respectfully submitted,
 The Rev. James Owens
 The Rev. Frankie Baggett

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 10, 1992

GENERAL FUND 1992

Brought Forward	\$1,429.92
Amount Received After Conference	26.56
Amount Received From Churches	833.84
Amount Received Public Offering	43.50
Total Received	2,333.82
Amount Paid Out	779.06
Balance in General Fund	<u>\$1,554.76</u>

MISSION FUND 1992

Brought Forward	\$1,014.19
Amount Received During Year	0.00
Bank Interest	36.01
Total	<u>\$1,050.20</u>

Respectfully submitted,
 Mr. Lloyd W. Jones Jr
Treasurer

CHURCHES	1991 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1992 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Average SS Att	Average NW Att
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE														
Belhaven														
Corinth	8				2			-2	6	7	6		5	7
Free Union	259	1			4			-3	260	90	119	140	75	90
Gum Neck	53				2			-2	51	19	10	41	12	18
Hickory Chapel	272	4	2		4	3		-1	271	92	172	99	77	100
Malachi's Chapel	147		1		1	1		-1	146	59	57	88		
Mount Zion	77				2	2		-4	73	15	21	53	15	21
Mt. Tabor	170		1		1	2		-2	168	93	70	98	70	90
Plymouth, First	46	1	2	1		2		2	47	37	47	67	26	35
Shiloh	228				1	7		-8	220	73	116	106	40	50
Sidney	186		3		1	3		-1	185	102			79	97
Sound Side	109	6	2		1			7	116	120	100		75	80
St. Paul	51	2			1	2		-1	50	40				
Trinity	40	1			1			0	40	30			30	28
Union Chapel														
Albemarle Totals	1646	15	11	1	21	22	0	-16	1633	777	718	692		
CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE														
Bethel	141				2			-2	139	74			72	68
Casey's Chapel								0						
Daly's Chapel								0						
Faith	123							0	123	63	41	82	55	60
Genesis Mission	57				1	2		-3	54	40	21	33	30	35
Goldsboro, First	235	1	1		1	1		0	235	100	110	125	80	100
Haymount	96	13	5	1		3	2	14	110	67			62	109
Hopewell	246	1	1		1	1		0	246	105			65	91
Johnston Union			3		1			2		92	150		92	125