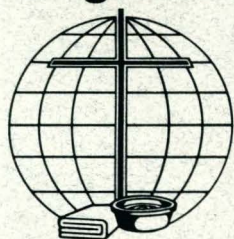


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**MINUTES
of the
FORTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
of
NORTH CAROLINA**

**October 6, 1993
Held With
Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church
Columbia, North Carolina**

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 5, 1994. The location will be Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, Belhaven, North Carolina.

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR 1994-1995

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 Auxiliary Convention.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Fentress Simmons

Mr. Ervin Foreman

The Rev. W. L. Brickhouse

BOARD OF ORDINATION

The Rev. Charlie Overton (1997)
The Rev. James Owens (1994)

The Rev. Robert May (1996)

The Rev. Harold Swinson (1998)
The Rev. Frankie Baggett (1995)

BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Rev. Kenneth Littleton (1997)
Mr. Wayne Britt (1994)

Mr. Billy Dilday (1996)

The Rev. Richard Holmes (1998)
The Rev. James Corbett (1995)

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mrs. Laura Webster

Mrs. Mae Oliver

Mrs. Margaret Sheppard

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 Raymond Lagcher, Box 146, Pinetown, NC 27865
 Charlie Overton, 811 Academy Street, Ahoskie, NC 27910
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 Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
 Johnny Sexton, Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, NC 27962
 James Owens, 121 Pamela Street, Plymouth, NC 27962
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 Kenneth Littleton, Route 2, Box 177-A, Creswell, NC 27928
 Joe Ratcliff, Route 2, Box 80-A, Pantego, NC 27860
 James Corbett, Route 1, Box 32, Pinetown, NC 27865
 Everett Harper, Route 1, Box 301, Plymouth, NC 27962
 Richard Holmes, Route 2, Box 1970, Belhaven, NC 27810
 Luther Swinson, 333 West Avenue, Plymouth, NC 27962
 Harold Swinson, Route 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865
 John Mark Windley, Box 162, Pinetown, NC 27865

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: Michael S. Harris, Box 35, Creswell, NC 27928
 Pastor: The Rev. Kenneth Littleton, Route 2, Box 177-A, Creswell, NC 27928

Mount Zion

Clerk: Mrs. Beulah Whitson, Route 2, 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. Lois Askew, Route 1, Box 229, Plymouth, NC 27962
 Pastor: The Rev. Everett Harper, 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 301, Elm Street, 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. W. S. Burns, 1902 Jefferson Street, Greenville, NC 27834

PASQUOTANK COUNTY

St. Paul

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

Pastor: The Rev. Johnny Sexton, Interim Pastor, Route 1, Box 254, Plymouth, NC 27962

HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel

Clerk: Mrs. Sara W. Parker, 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. Penny A. Webster, Route 1, Box 139, Pinetown, NC 27865

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

Sidney

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 176, Pantego, NC 27860

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

PROCEEDINGS

The 49th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 6, 1993, with Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church, of Columbia, North Carolina.

The congregation sang "There's Power in the Blood" and the Rev. Frankie Baggett gave the devotions using Scripture from Ezekiel 37:1-10. It was a very inspiring message, "Still Serving the Same God." He closed with prayer.

The Rev. Robert May gave the welcome and Bro. Lloyd Jones gave the response. Mr. May brought to our attention that the Rev. Charlie Overton and wife were sick and in the hospital. This was the first Conference he had missed since it was first organized. The Clerk called the Conference to order by using words of the late Mr. Oscar Webster (past Clerk). The adoption of the program was by motion. The enrollment of ministers was next with twelve present, three absent, one sick, and two excused.

A welcome was given to visiting ministers, the Rev. James B. Hardee, of the Pee Dee Association; and the Rev. John Mark Windley, a newly ordained minister of the Albemarle Conference. He asked to become a member of the Conference and was accepted by motion.

The Rev. Robert May, moderator, addressed the Conference, using Scripture from Matthew 18, speaking on the lost sheep and some conditions of our churches today. We need to put Christ first and leave off the world. He then gave the rules of the Conference for the day and appointed the temporary committees: Resolutions and Nomination.

No reports of the standing boards were given except the report of Ordination prepared by the Rev. Charlie Overton (who was sick) was given by the Rev. Frankie Baggett. Report was accepted by motion. (See Reports.)

After various announcements, the roll call of churches were made, with all represented but two. The congregation then sang "Love Lifted Me," while the Executive Board met to reinstate two ministers who had been absent from the Conference for two years without excuse.

The Rev. C. H. Overman gave the report of the Convention. Other reports were given as follows: Home Missions and Evangelism, the Rev. David Charles Hansley; Retirement Homes, the Rev. Walter Sutton; Child Care Ministry of the Children's Home, Dr. Bobby Taylor; Mount Olive College, Mr. Lloyd Jones Jr.; Foreign Missions, Cragmont, Church Finance, and the Free Will Baptist Press, the Rev. C. H. Overman. These reports were accepted by motion as information.

An offering was taken for the benefit of the Conference. The Rev. John Mark Windley prayed the offertory prayer and a prayer for the sick: the Rev. Charlie Overton and his wife, and the family of the Rev. Ken Hardison who passed away.

The delegate's report of the Convention, by Mrs. Eunice Sexton, was accepted by motion. The Rev. Ralph Summer reported Camp Vandemere had a good year: Many young people were saved; it will soon be celebrating its 25th year of service. Report accepted by motion as information.

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

This ended the business of the morning session. We entered into worship by the congregation singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Mrs. Connie Liverman sang "I Need No Mansion Here Below" and "The Only Real Peace I Have Is in You."

The Rev. W. S. Burns brought a very inspiring message, using Scripture from John 1:14: And "The Word Was Made Flesh and Dwelt Among Us." He closed with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The benediction and thanks for the meal were given by the Rev. Robert May.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven." The Rev. Dan Beaman gave the devotion, using Scripture taken from Matthew 5:14-16: "Ye are the light of the world." He asked, "Would you like to make a change as an individual in the world today?", closing with prayer.

A memorial service was given by the Rev. John Mark Windley, using Scripture from Romans 14:7-9. He closed after the reading of all names of the deceased members of the churches and the deceased ministers of the Convention.

A motion was made to revise the rules and regulations of the Ordination Examination given to a candidate to become an ordained minister; motion carried. Those appointed on this committee were the Revs. Charlie Overton, Frankie Baggett, and James Owens.

The Rev. James Corbett reported on the Albemarle Ministerial Association. Report carried by motion as information.

Delegates to the 1994 Convention will be Mr. Gary Burbage and Mrs. Eunice Sexton; accepted by motion.

The Rev. Richard Holmes, pastor of Sidney Church, invited the Conference to meet with them next year. The Conference accepted the invitation. The Rev. Richard Holmes will give the message.

The Rev. Everett Harper gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. Number I was accepted by motion; Number II was accepted by motion; Number III was accepted by a standing vote of appreciation to Sound Side Church for their hosting the Conference in a great way. (See Reports.)

Mr. Billy Dilday gave the report of the Nominating Committee. All the officers were to remain the same except: on the Board of Ordination, the Rev. Harold Swinson was to replace the Rev. Joe Griffith; and the Rev. Richard Holmes to replace the Rev. Joe Griffith on the Board of Missions. Report accepted by motion. (See Reports.)

A motion was made to send \$100 to the Rev. C. H. Overman, executive administrator, for the Convention; \$50 to be sent to the Children's Home to help with Smith Cottage; \$50 to be sent to the Retirement Homes. Motion carried.

The Minutes of the Conference were read and accepted.

Upon proper motion to adjourn, benediction was by Mr. Billy Dilday.

REPORTS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following:

All present officers to remain the same for the years 1993-1994.

On the Board of Ordination, the Rev. Harold Swinson replaces the Rev. Joe Griffith.

On the Board of Missions, the Rev. Richard Holmes replaces the Rev. Joe Griffith.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Billy Dilday
Mrs. Mary C. Jones
The Rev. Harold Swinson

BOARD OF ORDINATION

We, the Ordination Council, submit the following: *October 7, 1992*, the Board met at Union Chapel Church to examine Everett Harper in order for him to pastor Union Chapel Church; he was accepted.

October 31, 1992, we met at Mount Zion Church to give John Mark Windley exam; he passed.

October 31, 1992, the Board examined Rusty Ambrose for license to preach; he was rejected.

October 31, 1992, the Board met with the Rev. Luther Swinson to hear his remarks relative to a member that was a problem. The Board advised him what they thought best to do--the problem soon left the church, his problem was ended.

November 20, 1992, the Board met at Shiloh Church to ordain John Mark Windley.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Charlie Overton
The Rev. Robert May
The Rev. Joe Griffith
The Rev. James Owens
The Rev. Frankie Baggett

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. WHEREAS, God has established human government for the good of mankind; and

WHEREAS, for all U.S. citizens the most basic political involvement is the vote;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Albemarle Conference encourage its members to be loyal, obedient, and involved by being registered to vote by *October 11, 1993*, and to cast their vote on *November 2, 1993*, whereby we help to fulfill our obligation to be both salt and light in a decaying society.

2. WHEREAS, officers of the Albemarle Conference are elected to serve this Conference;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that any person elected, hereafter, not only be a member in good standing of the Albemarle Conference, but also presently serve (at the time elected) in this Conference.

In addition, if any officers ceases to serve a church within this Conference, they tender their resignation in order that someone else may serve.

3. WHEREAS, Sound Side has hosted this Convention in such a great manner;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that we give this church a rising vote of thanks.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Everett Harper
Mrs. Eunice Sexton
The Rev. Franklin L. Baggett Jr.

TREASURER'S REPORT

October 6, 1993

GENERAL FUND 1993

Brought Forward	\$1,554.76
Amount Received After Conference	
Amount Received From Churches	610.00
Amount Received Public Offering	39.13
Total Received	2,203.89
Amount Paid Out	685.13
Balance in General Fund	\$1,518.76

MISSIONS FUND 1993

Brought Forward	\$1,050.20
Amount Received During Year	
Bank Interest	27.80
Total	\$1,078.00

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd W. Jones Jr.
Treasurer