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MINUTES
of the
FIFTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

October 5, 1994

Held With
Sidney Free Will Baptist Church
Belhaven, North Carolina

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 4, 1995. The location will be Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

Officers for the Year: 1994-1995

Moderator: The Reverend Robert May

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend 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

W. L. Brickhouse

Mr. Lloyd W. Jones, Jr.

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Charlie Overton (1997)

The Reverend Harold Swinson (1998)

The Reverend Robert May (1996)

The Reverend Paul Grubbs (1999)

The Reverend Everett Harper (1995)

Board of Christian Education

Mrs. Laura Webster

Mrs. Margaret Sheppard

Mrs. Mae Oliver

Albemarle Conference

Board of Missions

The Reverend Everett Harper (1995)

Mr. James Cahoon (1998)

Mr. Ray Collier (1997)

Mr. Gary Burbage (1999)

Mr. Billy Dilday (1996)

Roll of Ministers

W. L. Brickhouse, Rt. 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925

W. S. Burns, 2902 Jefferson Dr., Greenville, NC 27834

Frankie Baggett, 3313 Teal Dr., Wilson, NC 27893

Paul Grubbs, Rt. 2, Box 1970, Belhaven, NC 27810

Everett Harper, 5993 NC Hwy 32 South, Plymouth, NC 27962

Raymond Lagcher, Box 146, Pinetown, NC 27865

Kenneth Littleton, Rt. 2, Box 177-A, Creswell, NC 27928

Robert May, Rt. 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Charlie Overton, 811 Academy St., Ahoskie, NC 27910

James Owens, 121 Pamela St., Plymouth, NC 27962

Billy Reynolds, Rt. 1, Box 657, Roper, NC 27970

Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925

Johnny Sexton, 3739 NC Hwy 32 South, Plymouth, NC 27962

Harold Swinson, Rt. 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865

Luther Swinson, 451 Gurganus Rd., Mapel Hill, NC 28454

John Mark Windley, Box 162, Pinetown, NC 27810

Roll of Churches with Their Clerks and PastorsMartin County*Corinth*

Clerk: Faye Davis, Rt. 2, Box 187, Jamesville, NC 27846

Pastor: Joseph Lehmann, 407 East Church St., Farmville, NC 27828

Washington County*Mount Tabor*

Clerk: Michael Harris, P. O. Box 35, Creswell, NC 27928

Pastor: Keith Pelletier, Rt. 1, Box 94-B, Creswell, NC 27928

Mount Zion

Clerk: Beulah Whitson, 1584 US Hwy 64 E., Plymouth, NC 27962

Pastor: W. C. Overton, 811 Academy St., Ahoskie, NC 27910

Plymouth, First

Clerk: Ruth Taylor, 108 Bennett Dr., Plymouth, NC 27962

Pastor: none

Union Chapel

Clerk: Lois Askew, 50 Craddock Rd., Plymouth, NC 27962

Pastor: Everett Harper, 5993 NC Hwy 32 S., Plymouth NC 27962

Tyrrell County

Gum Neck

Clerk: Burvell Jones, Rt. 1, Box 277-B, Columbia, NC 27925

Pastor:

Malachi's Chapel

Clerk: W. Braxton Voliva, Box 301, Elm St., Columbia, NC 27925

Pastor: Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925

Sound Side

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

Pastor:

Pasquotank County

St. Paul

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

Pastor: Johnny Sexton, 3739 Hwy 32 S., Plymouth, NC 27962

Hertford County

Hickory Chapel

Clerk: Sara Parker, Rt. 4, Box 382, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Pastor: Robert May, Rt. 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, NC 27910

Beaufort County

Belhaven

Clerk: Hazel Jarvis, Swan Quarter, NC 27885

Pastor: W. L. Brickhouse, Rt. 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925

Free Union

Clerk: Penny Webster, Rt. 1, Box 35-A, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor: Harold Swinson, NC Rt. 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865

Shiloh

Clerk: Mary Harris, Box 10, Pinetown, NC 27865

Pastor:

Sidney

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

Pastor: Paul Grubbs, Rt. 2, Box 1970, Belhaven, NC 27810

Trinity

Clerk: Talmage Cooper, Rt. 1, Box 176, Pantego, NC 27860

Pastor: Charles Richardson, 1710 St. Delight Church Rd., New Bern, NC 28560

Proceedings

The 50th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 5, 1994, with the Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, of Belhaven, North Carolina.

The Reverend James Owens gave the devotion using scripture from Ephesians 1:17-19, speaking on Christian goals and closing with prayer. The welcome was by Mr. Gary Burbage and the response by the Reverend Charlie Overton. After the congregation sang a hymn, the Conference was then called to order by the clerk, Beulah Whitson, using words of the late Oscar Webster (past clerk).

After the adoption of the program to make changes if necessary, it was accepted by motion. The enrollment of the churches was next with all representing but two. Next was the roll call of ministers with 12 present and 6 absent. Delegates from other church bodies and visiting ministers were welcomed.

The Moderator, Reverend Robert May, then addressed the Conference using Matthew 28:19-20. "The Great Commission" was a very challenging message to all Christians. He then appointed the temporary committees and gave the rules of the meeting.

There were no reports of the standing boards from either the Executive Board or the Ordination Board. The Trustee Board has one member to pass away, Mr. Ervin Foreman. Mr. Billy Dilday reported on Missions. Various announcements were then made.

A welcome was given by right hand of fellowship to the Reverend Paul Grubbs as a new member of the Conference (letter pending).

Mr. Cliff Gray of the Free Will Baptist Press reported on the press. The report was accepted by motion.

Mrs. Eunice Sexton gave a good report on the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and her information was accepted by motion.

The Reverend C. H. Overman, Executive Administrator of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, reported on the convention and denominational ministries.

The Reverend Walter Sutton gave a report on the Retirement Home Ministry. He asked for prayer for this ministry. Report accepted by motion.

The Reverend Walter Reynolds reported on Church Finance Association, report was accepted by motion. The Reverend Bruce Dudley gave a report on Home Missions, report was accepted by motion.

The Reverend C. H. Overman reported on Foreign Missions, Cragmont, and Mount Olive College. He asked for prayer for the Children's Home who will be celebrating 75 years soon. Mrs. Eunice Sexton gave a report on the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the good work it is doing.

An offering for the Conference was then taken while the congregation sang "Jesus Saves." The Reverend W. S. Burns prayed the offertory prayer. The Reverend Burns announced his resignation as pastor of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church ending the 3rd Sunday in October.

The morning business session ended. The host church then blessed the meeting with special music, singing three songs. The Reverend Paul Grubbs, pastor of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, gave the message using Mark 7:1-13, speaking on Tradition and the changes God makes in our lives. He closed with prayer, The benediction and thanks for the food was by the Reverend Luther Swinson.

Afternoon Session

The Reverend Keith Pelletier gave the devotions using scripture from James 5:20. He spoke on reaching out to the cross to be saved. He closed with prayer.

The Memorial Service was by the Reverend Harold Swinson who read John 11:26 and read all the names of the deceased members of the churches. He read a poem by Helen Steiner Rice, "Death Opens the Door to Life." He and Ms. Darlene Paul sang "Sweet By and By," and closed with prayer.

Mr. Lloyd Jones gave the Treasurer's report which was accepted by motion (see report).

Report of Resolution by Mr. Gary Burbage. Resolutions 1,2,3, and 5 were accepted by motion. No. 4 resolution was tables for the Executive Board to settle or study same. Results to be given later (see report). We then elected 3 persons to serve of the Nominating Committee for next year. Mr. Gary Burbage, the Reverend Johnny Sexton, and the Reverend Charlie Overton. These three were accepted by motion (see report).

The Reverend Charlie Overton gave the report on the Nominating Committee. After the names of the Board of Ordination were read, a vote was taken to replace the Reverend Billy Reynolds with the Reverend Everett Harper. The report was then accepted by motion. (Reverend Everett Harper to replace the Reverend Frankie Baggett's unexpired term - (1995) (see report).

Mr. Gary Burbage and Mrs. Doris Simmons were appointed delegates to the next Convention of Original Free Will Baptists in 1995. The Reverend Johnny Sexton, pastor of Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City, asked to entertain our next conference. Conference accepted the invitation. Mr. Fentress Simmons asked for the Conference to meet with Mt. Tabor Church in 1996. The minutes were read by the clerk and after some corrections were adopted by motion as read. We then adjourned and the benediction was by the Reverend Everett Harper.

Reports

Nominating Committee

We, the nominating committee, submit the following:

All present officers remain the same for the years 1994-1995.

On the Board of Trustees, Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. to replace Mr. Ervin Foreman.

On the Board of Ordination, Charlie Overton (1997), Robert May (1996), Harold Swinson (1998), Paul Grubbs (1999), Everett Harper (1995).

On the Board of Missions, Everett Harper (1995), Ray Collier (1997), James Cahoon (1998), Gary Burbage (1999), Billy Dilday (1996).

Respectfully submitted,

James Owens

Charlie Overton

Doris Simmons

Resolutions Committee

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following:

1. WHEREAS, the congregation of Sidney Church has been a gracious host for this 50th Annual Meeting of the Albemarle Conference;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that we give Sidney Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

2. WHEREAS, we as citizens of this great country, whom our Lord has blessed, have been given the responsibility and right to vote for our elected officials;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the members of all our churches exercise their right to vote in the November elections.

3. WHEREAS, we have some churches who are in need of help and their memberships are declining;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that we, the Albemarle Conference, petition the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism for assistance on behalf of these churches, upon request by these churches.

4. WHEREAS, our Conference is on the decline in members and activity, and WHEREAS, the present leaders have been serving our Conference faithfully for the past decades;

LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the officers, the member of boards, and the members of standing committees shall serve no more than two consecutive terms.

5. WHEREAS, our conference meets for only one day per year in regular session, and WHEREAS, the Nominating Committee should select and contact qualified persons before placing their names in nomination;

LET IT BE THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Nominating Committee be elected each year during the annual conference to serve a one-year term and bring their report to the next annual session of the Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

Gary Burbage

Robanna Fowler

Everett Harper

**Treasurer's Report
October 5, 1994**

General Fund 1994

Brought Forward	\$1,518.76
Amount Received After Conference	20.00
Amount Received From Churches	583.75
Amount Received Public Offering	34.38
Total Received	2,203.89
Amount Paid Out	<u>728.70</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$1,428.19

Mission Fund 1994

Brought Forward	\$1,078.00
Amount Received During Year	- 0 -
Bank Interest	<u>24.74</u>
Total	\$1,102.74

Lloyd W. Jones, Jr., *Treasurer*



Albemarle Conference

Churches	1993 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1994 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
Belhaven														
Corinth														
Free Union	260	5	4		3			6	266		266		110	235
Gum Neck	48				2			2	46	15	9	37	12	16
Hickory Chapel	275	2	7		4			5	280	77	184	96	70	93
Malachi's Chapel	160				2			2	158	51			40	38
Mount Zion	72						1	1	71	15	16	55	15	20
Mt. Tabor														
Plymouth, First														
Shiloh	219	3	1	1	2	6		3	216	58	100	116	38	50
Sidney	189	5	2	1	3	6		1	188	84			76	89
Sound Side	117		4		4			0	117	77			65	70
St. Paul	90	1	4		1	11		7	83	41	30	53	30	45
Trinity	40								40	30			26	28
Union Chapel	169	25	16		2			39	208	92	104	104	45	100
Albemarle Totals	1639	41	38	2	23	23	1	66	1673	540	709	461	527	784

