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**MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
of the
ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**October 4, 1995
Held With
Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church
Elizabeth City, North Carolina**

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 9, 1996. The location will be Mount Tabor Free Will Baptist Church, Creswell, North Carolina.

Officers for the Years: 1995-1997

Moderator: The Reverend Everett Harper
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Keith Pellitier
Clerk: The Reverend Paul Grubbs
Assistant Clerk: Mr. Ray Collier
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. Charlie Keech

Mr. Lloyd W. Jones, Jr.

Board of Ordination

The Reverend William Mobley (1996)
The Reverend Charlie Overton (1997)
The Reverend Harold Swinson (1998)
The Reverend Paul Grubbs (1999)
The Reverend Everett Harper (2000)

Board of Missions

Mr. Billy Dilday (1996)
Mr. Ray Collier (1997)
Mr. James Cahoon (1998)
Mr. Gary Burbage (1999)
The Reverend Harold Swinson (2000)

Roll of Ministers

W. L. Brickhouse, Rt. 2, Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925
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
Robert May, Rt. 4, Box 387, Ahoskie, NC 27910
William Mobley, 2306 West 5th St., Washington, NC 27889
James Owens, 121 Pamela St., Plymouth, NC 27962
Keith Pelleitier, Rt. 2, Mt. Tabor Rd., Creswell, NC 27928
Billy Reynolds, Rt. 1, Box 657, Roper, NC 27970
Royce Reynolds, Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Harold Swinson, Rt. 1, Box 97, Pinetown, NC 27865
Luther Swinson, 451 Gurganus Rd., Mapel Hill, NC 28454

Roll of Churches with Their Clerks and PastorsWashington 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:

Plymouth, First

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

Pastor: Raymond Lagcher, P. O. Box 104, Belhaven, NC 27810

Union Chapel

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

Pastor: Everett Harper, 5993 NC Hwy. 32-South, 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: C. H. Overman, 1201 Stokes Dr., Ayden, NC 28513

Pasquotank County

St. Paul

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

Pastor:

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: William Mobley, 2306 West 5th St., Washington, NC 27889

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 51st Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 4, 1995, with the Saint Paul Church of Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "There's Power in the Blood." Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave the devotions using Scripture taken from 2 Chronicles, 7th chapter, verse 14, closing with prayer. The welcome was given by the Reverend Harry A. Jones, Sr., pastor of St. Paul. The response was given by Mr. Billy Dilday.

The Clerk then called the session to order using words of the late Oscar Webster (past Clerk). The printed program was adopted as printed to be changed if deemed necessary.

The Moderator read a letter from Coronth Church. Since it is no longer existing as a Free Will Baptist Church and has disbanded, a motion was made to remove Corinth from the Albemarle Conference roll of churches. Carried, the enrollment of the churches was next with all churches representing by letter but one. We then had roll call of ministers, with 11 present, 3 absent, and 2 excused.

Representatives from our ministries present were the Reverend Harold Jones, Foreign Missions; the Reverend Scott Sowers, Executive Administrator for the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists; the Reverend David C. Hansley, Home Missions and Evangelism; the Reverend Bobby Taylor, Children's Home; the Reverend Frank Harrison, Mount Olive College.

The Reverend May then addressed the Conference using Scripture from Romans 12, verses 1-2. He spoke on the "Call to Renewal," also our need to pray more, have prevailing prayer. He then gave the rules of the Conference and resigned his office as Moderator and as a member of the Board of Ordination. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again."

The Temporary Committees were appointed next. Those on the Nominating Committee were Mrs. Eunice Sexton, the Reverend Charlie Overton, and Mr. Gary Burbage.

Those of the Resolutions Committee were the Reverend Paul Grubbs, the Reverend Keith Pellitier, and Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

The Executive Board Report was given by the Clerk, which was accepted by motion. (See report.) A report of the Board of Ordination was made by the Reverend Overton. Report accepted by motion. (See report.) The Reverend Everett Harper gave a report on missions. Report accepted by motion.

Mrs. Eunice Sexton reported on the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. This was the 83rd Session. A good report and it was accepted by motion. The Reverend Scott Sowers, executive administrator of Original Free Will Baptists, reported on the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. He said we are co-laborers together serving God. Report accepted as information by motion.

The Reverend David C. Hansley gave a report on Home Missions. He thanked us for our prayers and support to help the missions program. He also told about the Tent Ministry and how it is being used. He said some chairs were needed to complete the congregational seating. A motion was later made that the Conference donate \$100 toward the Tent Ministry. Motion was carried.

The Reverend Frank Harrison reported on Mount Olive College and its growth. Report accepted as information by motion.

The Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home and how important it is today to help our children and their needs in life. He asked for prayer. Report accepted as information by motion.

The congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," while an offering was taken for the expense of the Conference. Offeratory prayer by the Reverend Bill Mobley. Various announcements were made by individuals. The Reverend Robert May reported on the Minister's Program and how it works. Everyone was encouraged to support this Ministry. The Reverend Frank Harrison also spoke on the Minister's Program and its importance to retired ministers.

The Reverend Harold Swinson spoke on the presentation of the Christian Flag to the deceased minister's wives. These flags would cost \$70.79. A motion was made and carried that the Conference present the flags to deceased minister's wives or family.

At this time all the ministers present at the Conference came up front and stood and sang "It Is Well With My Soul," a very impressive event. Business for the morning being ended, we entered into the Worship Hour, with the Reverend Harry A. Jones, Sr. bringing the message. His Scripture was taken from Psalm 1-2 verses 1-2, 12. His topic was "Living in a Time of Change." The service closed with the Congregation singing "Just As I Am." Benediction was by Mr. Billy Dilday, who also thanked God for our food.

Afternoon Session

The afternoon session began with devotions by Mr. Mike Gray, using Scripture from the Book of Isaiah, chapter 58, verse 6 and from 2 Corinthians 12 chapter, verse 7. He gave his testimony of his calling into the ministry.

The Memorial Service was given by the Reverend Harold Swinson, using Scripture from 2 Corinthians chapter 5. He read the names of the two deceased ministers and the 34 deceased members of the churches of the Albemarle Conference. He read a poem and a piano solo was given by the Reverend Everett Harper. He closed with prayer.

Mrs. Eunice Sexton and the Reverend Billy Reynolds were appointed as delegates to the next Convention. The Reverend Harold Swinson gave a Missions report and said the Belhaven Church was down to two members and needs help to get this church to grow. He requested special prayer to be made for the church. A motion was made to empower the Mission Board to release funds to send someone to help this church. Motion carried.

The Conference accepted the invitation from Mt. Tabor Church to meet with them in 1996.

The reports of Temporary Committees was next. The Reverend Paul Grobbs gave the Resolutions Committee Report. There were six resolutions made and all six were accepted individually by motion. (See report.)

The Nominating Report was given by Mrs. Eunice Sexton. All nominations of the new officers were accepted by motion. (See report.) Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave a treasurer's report which was accepted by motion. (See report.) A motion was made and carried that next year all church letters and reports be sent to Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. He then will give them to the Clerk.

The minutes were read and accepted. We sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The Conference adjourned.

Reports

Board of Ordination

Oct. 4: Met at Shiloh Church to work with William (Bill) Mobley to pastor said church. The Board requested that he become a member of Shiloh Church, also to surrender his present credentials of the National Association. He then would be issued an ordination certificate by the Albemarle Conference. He also read and signed a copy of the Ministerial Code of Ethics of Original Free Will Baptists.

Oct. 29: Met at Hickory Chapel relative to Kenneth Littleton's license, to be returned to the Board until he could get things in order.

November: Met to discuss a letter from Kenneth Littleton. The Board voted to send in his name to *The Free Will Baptist* paper stating he was no longer an ordained minister of the Albemarle Conference.

April: Met to examine Keith Pelletier to pastor Mt. Tabor Church; he was accepted.

July 29, 1995: Met at Mt. Tabor Church to examine Mike Gray for license to preach; this was granted.

August 5, 1995: Met at Union Chapel Church with Dennis Harris to pastor Plymouth Church. Since he was a Southern Baptist, not ordained, stated he didn't accept the Free Will Baptist doctrine, he wasn't accepted.

Faithfully submitted,
 Charlie Overton
 Robert May
 Everett Harper
 Harold Swinson
 Paul Grubbs

Executive Board Report

I. The Executive Board met April 29 after the Union Meeting to appoint a replacement on the Nominating Committee since Brother Johnny Sexton has passed away. A motion was made and carried that Mrs. Eunice Sexton finish the unexpired term of Brother Johnny Sexton.

II. The Moderator has received a letter from Corinth Church that it wanted to turn the church over to the Albemarle Conference. After some discussion, Brother May was asked to check the deed of the church to see if this could be done or if the property went back to the family since it is no longer being used or active.

Respectfully submitted,
 The Reverend Robert May
 The Reverend Charlie Overton
 Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.
 Mrs. Beulah Whitson
 Mrs. Eunice Sexton

Motion to accept report.

Nominating Committee Officers for the Years 1996-97

Moderator: The Reverend Everett Harper

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Keith Pelletier

Clerk: Paul Grubbs

Assistant Clerk: Mr. Ray Collier

Treasurer: Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Board of Trustees: Mr. Fentress Simmons, Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr., Mr. Charlie Keech

Board of Missions: The Reverend Harold Swinson (2000)

Board of Ordination: The Reverend Everett Harper (2000), The Reverend William Mobley (1996) to replace unexpired term of the Reverend Robert May

Board of Christian Education: dissolved

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Eunice Sexton
 Mr. Gary Burbage
 The Reverend W. C. Overton

Resolutions Committee

1. WHEREAS, The congregation of St. Paul has been a gracious host for this 51st Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference; Let it therefore be resolved, that we give St. Paul a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

2. WHEREAS, The officers of our Conference have served faithfully; Let it therefore be resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks for their dedicated service.

3. WHEREAS, The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists has set "The Call to Renewal" as a 5-year theme; Let it therefore be resolved, that we promote and encourage our churches to promote this 5-year theme.

4. WHEREAS, The Albemarle Conference Ministerial Association has begun work on a scholarship program to recognize the ministers of the Conference which would be given in memory or honor of a minister each year, we would like to ask for the adoption of this program by the Conference upon completion and ask that each church in the Conference assist us with the funds to establish an endowment for this cause. We realize that there is still much work to be done and would ask that we be given this next year to work on the program and to be allowed to present this program for approval at the setting of the 1996 Conference.

Let it be resolved that we support the Albemarle Ministers Association in planning for a scholarship program in memory of or in honor of our ministers.

5. WHEREAS, the Board of Christian Education has been inactive for several years; and WHEREAS, the duties and responsibilities for the members of the Board of Christian Education have been uncertain; and WHEREAS, a more appropriate location for Christian Education ministry may rest with the Albemarle Sunday School Convention;

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED, that the Board of Christian Education of the Albemarle Conference be dissolved and future needs for Christian Education of the Conference be the responsibility of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention and the Albemarle Conference Executive Committee.

6. WHEREAS, the financial statements of the Convention ministries are unable to be printed completely in the Convention report book; LET IT BE RESOLVED that the Moderator of the Albemarle Conference request a complete financial statement from each ministry to be available at the Albemarle Conference meetings in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

Lloyd Jones, Jr.

The Reverend Keith Pelletier

The Reverend Paul Grubbs

Treasurer's Report **October 4, 1995**

General Fund 1995

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------|
| Brought Forward | \$1,428.19 |
| Amount Received After Conference | |
| Amount Received From Churches | 676.25 |
| Amount Received Public Offering | 53.00 |
| Total Received | 2,157.44 |
| Amount Paid Out | <u>786.14</u> |
| Balance in General Fund | \$1,371.30 |

Mission Fund 1995

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Brought Forward | \$1,102.74 |
| Amount Received During Year | - 0 - |
| Bank Interest | <u>26.70</u> |
| Total | \$1,129.44 |

Lloyd W. Jones, Jr., *Treasurer*



| Churches | 1994 Members | Baptism | Gain Letter | Other | Decreased | Lost Letter | Other | Net Change | 1995 Members | Sunday School | Active | Inactive | Avg. SS Atten. | Avg. MW Atten. |
|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|-------|-----------|----------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <u>Albemarle Conference</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Belhaven | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Free Union | 266 | 11 | | | 8 | | | 3 | 269 | 105 | 272 | | 90 | 230 |
| Gum Neck | 47 | | | 4 | 3 | | | 1 | 48 | 16 | 12 | 36 | 14 | 18 |
| Hickory Chapel | 280 | | 1 | | 4 | 4 | | -7 | 273 | 77 | 177 | 96 | 65 | 95 |
| Malachi's Chapel | 156 | | | | 2 | | | -2 | 154 | 50 | | | 38 | 35 |
| Mount Zion | 71 | | | | 1 | | | -1 | 70 | 15 | 16 | 54 | 15 | 18 |
| Mt. Tabor | 167 | | 4 | | 4 | 3 | | -3 | 164 | 87 | 84 | 83 | 64 | 95 |
| Plymouth, First | 43 | 1 | 1 | | | | | 2 | 45 | 39 | | | 28 | 30 |
| Shiloh | 216 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 217 | 49 | 100 | 117 | 38 | 50 |
| Sidney | 188 | 5 | | | 5 | | | 0 | 188 | 75 | | | 75 | 90 |
| Sound Side | 119 | | 2 | | 2 | | | 0 | 119 | 105 | | | 60 | 70 |
| St. Paul | 83 | | 7 | | 4 | | | 3 | 86 | 35 | 32 | 54 | 32 | 50 |
| Trinity | 39 | 1 | 3 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | 40 | 26 | | | 26 | 30 |
| Union Chapel | 208 | 10 | 3 | | | | | 13 | 221 | | | | 45 | 100 |
| <u>Albemarle Totals</u> | 1883 | 30 | 24 | 4 | 35 | 12 | 0 | 11 | 1894 | 679 | 693 | 440 | 590 | 911 |