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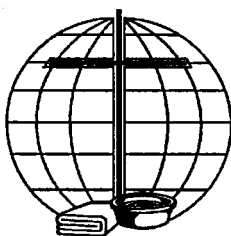
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Albemarle
MINUTES
of the
Fifty-Fourth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
Union Chapel OFWB Church
Plymouth, North Carolina
October 7, 1998

Theme: The Call to WITNESSING

The next session will convene Wednesday before the second Sunday, October 6, 1999. The location will be Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church Roper, North Carolina.

Officers for the Years: 1997-1999

Moderator: the Reverend Everette Harper
Assistant Moderator: the Reverend Keith Pelletier
Clerk: the Reverend Paul Grubbs
Assistant Clerk: Mr. Ray Collier
Treasurer: Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is composed of general officers of the Conference, chairman of the Board of Trustees, chairman of Ordination, and chairman of the Board of Missions.

Board of Trustees

Mr. Wayne Britt (1999)

Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2000)

Mr. Charlie Keech (2001)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Paul Grubbs (1999)

The Reverend Everette Harper (2000)

The Reverend Bill Mobley (2001)

The Reverend Robert May (2002)

The Reverend Harold Swinson (2003)

Board of Missions

Mr. Gary Burbage (1999)

The Reverend Harold Swinson (2000)

The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2001)

Mr. Ray Collier (2002)

Mr. James Cahoon (2003)

Albemarle

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H. P. Norman, PO Box 723, Farmville, NC 27928
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Keith A. Pelletier, 506 Ambrose Road, Creswell, NC 27928
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Proceedings

The 54th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 7, 1998, with Union Chapel Plymouth, NC. The session began with singing *Wonderful Words of Life* led by the Reverend Mott Batchelor and accompanied by Sister Mary Lucille Jones. The Reverend H. P. Norman brought the devotion from Matthew 28:19-20. Brother Johnny Collier of the host church welcomed the Conference and Sister Eunice Sexton of St. Paul responded. The clerk called the 54th Annual Session to order using the words of the later Oscar Webster and presented the moderator to reside over the meeting. Motion was made and passed to adopt the program and to give the Moderator the right to make necessary changes. Eleven churches were present, thirteen churches mailed in letters before the Conference meeting and one church letter was received after the Annual Session. There were present: nine delegates, eleven ministers of the Albemarle Conference, and eleven visiting ministers. The visiting ministers were: Al Markuson, Ray Wells, Bruce Dudley, Leon Grubbs, C. H. Oveman Frank Harrison, N. B. Barrow, Graham Lane, Bob Harber, Dallas Pinkham and Bobby Taylor. The Reverend Everette Harper gave the Moderator's address using Psalm 100 saying "as witnesses for the Lord, we are to praise Him." He concluded by calling for altar prayer which was voiced by the Reverend Harold Swinson. Testimonies were given by the Reverends Frank Harrison, Billy Reynolds, H. P. Norman, and Harold Swinson; and Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. The Reverend Batchelor led the congregation in singing *Take the Name of Jesus With You*.

The Resolutions Committee (the Reverend Bill Mobley, Sister Betty Sawyer, and Brother Fentress Simmons) and the Memorial Committee (the Reverend Harold Swinson) were appointed. The Executive Committee report (see attachment) was read by the clerk and it was accepted by motion. The Board of Ordination report (see attachment) was read by the Reverend Harold Swinson and it was accepted by motion.

The following ministry reports were given:

Convention by the Reverend Leon Grubbs

Children's Home by Dr. Bobby Taylor

Retirement Homes by the Reverend Bruce Dudley.

We entered into worship by singing "Rescue the Perishing." The Reverend Everett Hmper, pastor the host church presented the special music followed by the message from the Word which was delivered by the Reverend Ray Wells based on Matthew 4:19. The Mount Olive College report was given the Reverend Frank Harrison. The conference then broke for lunch.

Afternoon Proceedings

The afternoon proceedings began with the congregation singing *Deeper Deeper*. The Reverend Royce Reynolds gave the afternoon devotion from Acts 4:31-33. Our Home Missionaries, the Reverend Keith and Sister Shirley Pelletier, were commissioned in a special service led by the Reverend Al Markuson and members of the Home Missions and Evangelism Board.

Ministry reports were given:

FWB Press by the Reverend C. H. Overman

Home Missions and Evangelism by the Reverend Al Markuson

Sunday School Board by the Reverend Paul Grubbs

Ministerial Association by the Reverend Harold Swinson

Albemarle Sunday School Board by the Reverend Mott Batchelor.

The Memorial Service was led by the Reverend Harold Swinson noting that the Conference lost 23 members to death since the last Conference Annual meeting. The financial report (see attachment) was given by the treasurer, Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. The report was accepted by motion. Motion to hold a tent revival next year in late spring (May or June) and a committee be appointed. Amendment: and in the event the tent cannot be used that we use an auditorium or such a community place. Amended motion passed. Motion made and passed to give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

The Nominating Committee report was given by the Reverend Billy Reynolds. The Trustees Report was given by Brother Charlie Keech. The Board of Ordination Report was given by the Reverend Harold Swinson. The Board of Missions was given by Brother James Cahoon. The Nominating Report was given by the Reverends Mott Batchelor, Bill Mobley, Sister Doris Simmons, Sister Carolyn Reynolds, and Sister Betty Sawyer. Motion to accept the Nominating Committee Report and elect the nominees passed.

The Resolutions Committee Report (see attachment) was given by the Reverend Bill Mobley. Motion was made and passed to approve all resolutions. Report from the Convention delegates was given by Sister Eunice Sexton.

Sisters Eunice Sexton and Judy Cox volunteered to be delegates to the 1999 Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. Motion was made and passed to accept the invitation from Mt. Zion to host the October 6, 1999 Annual Conference meeting. Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as read. Closing prayer was voiced by the Reverend Robert May.

Executive Committee Report

The Albemarle Executive Committee met at Gum Neck on March 28, 1998 with the following present: Everette Harper; Harold Swinson; Keith Pelletier; Lloyd Jones, Jr. and Paul Grubbs.

Brother Harper gave us notice of his resignation from Moderator of the Albemarle Conference and the Board of Ordination due to his leaving Union Chapel and moving to Florida. Prayerfully and sadly we accepted his resignation.

Our next meeting was set for June 8, 1998 at Mt. Zion for 3:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

The Albemarle Executive Committee met at Mt. Zion on June 8, 1998 with the following present: Everette Harper, Harold Swinson, Keith Pelletier, Lloyd Jones, Jr., and Paul Grubbs.

Brother Keith Pelletier acting moderator opened the meeting by calling on Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. to lead us in prayer. Motion was made and passed that we return Brother Harper letters of resignation to him due to the fact that he was led by the Holy Spirit not to leave Union Chapel and the Albemarle Conference.

We discussed the October 7, 1998 meeting of the Albemarle Conference, as follows:

Pianist: Sister Mary Lucille Jones

Song Leader: the Reverend Mott Batchelor

Devotions: (morning) the Reverend H. P. Norman [alternate: the Reverend (afternoon) the Reverend Royce Reynolds Bob Harber

Welcome: Host church: Brother Johnny Collier Response- St. Paul Church

Resolutions Conunittee: the Reverend William "Bill" Mobley, chairman; Sister Betty Sawyer: and Fentress Simmons.

Nominating Committee: Sister Eunice Sexton, chairman; Brother Lewis Sullivan; Sister Beulah Whitson; Sister Eleanor Moore; and the Reverend Robert May; with the Reverend Billy Reynolds as alternate.

Special Music: the Host Church

Message: the Reverend Ray Wells with the Reverend Leon Grubbs as alternate.

Theme: "The Call to Witnessing"

Motion was made and passed to accept the above roles and persons for our Annual Conference and follow last year's format.

Motion was made and unanimously passed that we grant the Crusade Commiittee's request of \$2,000.00 from the Mission's fund.

Motion was made and passed that we adjourn. Brother Grubbs led in prayer. The Reverend Everette Harper, moderator

The Referend Paul Grubbs, clerk

BOARD OF ORDINATION OF THE ALBEMARLE CONFERENCE

September 17, 1997

The Board of Ordination met at Mt. Olive College with the following members present: The Reverends Everette Harper, William Mobley, Robert May, Paul Grubbs, Harold Swinson. The meeting was called at the request of Brother Dallas Pinkham. Brother Dallas was asking the Board for the correct procedures to follow in returning to the Albemarle Conference and to the Ministry. After discussion the following motion was passed:

By motion: That Brother Dallas return to the Eastern Conference Board of Ordination and follow their requirements to return to fellowship with the Eastern Conference. Upon the completion of their requirements, he may return to the Albemarle Conference and apply for membership. Motion passed.

By motion: that Brother Dallas be allowed to speak as a lay speaker at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church until this process can be completed.

March 17, 1998

The Board of Ordination met at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, N.C. at 7:30 P.M. with the following members present. The Reverends: Paul Grubbs, Robert May, Harold Swinson, William Mobley, Everette Harper. The meeting was to meet with Mr. Frank Thigpen who had requested a meeting to consider his reinstatement as an Original Free Will Baptist Minister. After much discussion concerning this situation, the following motion passed. By Motion: That Brother Frank become a member, in good standing, of an Original Free Will Baptist Church and then the case can be reopened. Motion Passed.

March 28, 1998

The Board of Ordination met at Gum Neck on March 28, 1998 following the Union Meeting with the following members present. The Reverends Everette Harper, Paul Grubbs, Harold Swinson, Robert May, William Mobley.

The purpose was to discuss the process with Brother Frank Thigpen returning to the ministry in Original Free Will Baptist. After much study of the Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptist, the Board of Ordination determined that the only way to assist him would be for him to begin with the process by becoming a member of an Original Free Will Baptist Church. By motion that Brother Frank be notified of this. Motion Passed.

July 13, 1998

The Board of Ordination met at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church with the following members Present: Rev. Paul Grubbs, Chairman, Harold Swinson, William Mobley, Robert May, Everette Harper.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet with Brother Charlie Clark, member of Sidney Free Will Baptist church. The board had received a letter requesting that Brother Charlie be approved for License Minister in the Free Will Baptist. At the meeting, Brother Charlie was presented the application "Steps In Preparation" for the Ministry of the Albemarle Conference. With much discussion, Brother Charlie was advised to complete the application and return all contents to the Chairman. Upon completion and the board receiving the information, another date would be scheduled for the board to meet with him.

With no further business, we were dismissed with prayer.

Albemarle

September 16, 1998

The Board of Ordination met at Mt. Olive College with the following members present: The Reverend Paul Grubbs, Chairman; the Reverend Everett Harper, the Reverend William Mobley. The meeting was called to meet with Reverend Tony Parish, who had been called to pastor Mt. Tabor Original Free Will Baptist Church. By motion, the Reverend Tony Parish asked to be a member of the Albemarle Conference and was cleared to serve as pastor to Mt. Tabor Free Will Baptist Church.

Albemarle Conference Resolution Committee

We the Resolution Committee submit the following:

1. Whereas Union Chapel OFWB Church has been a gracious host for "Conference. Be it resolved that we give a rise of thanks.
2. We ask- that we in the Albemarle Conference dedicate ourselves to the theme of Harvest 2000, that we commit ourselves to Reaching Everyone in Our Communities by the Year 2000.
3. We thank the members of Union Chapel for allowing the Harvest 2000 Crusade to be hold in there church.

Bill Mobley, Betty Sawyer, and Fentress Simmons

Financial Report General Fund 1999

Brought Forward from 1997	\$1134.91
Amount received after Conference	-0-
Amount received from Churches	945.00
Amount received from public offering	<u>87.00</u>
Total Received	\$2166.91
Amount Paid out	<u>1087.85</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$1079.06

MissionFund 1999

Brought forward from 1997	\$3775.25
Amount received during year	933.10
Bank Interest	<u>81.15</u>
Total	\$4789.50

Harvest 2000 Revival Aug. 29 - Sept 4, 1998

Amount received from six churches	\$1948.48
Amount received from offerings	<u>1023.16</u>
Total	\$2971.64
Amount paid out.	<u>1927.47</u>
Balance to go to Mission Fund	\$1044.17

Lloyd Jones, Treasurer

CHURCHES	1998 Membership	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Albemarle Conference													
Belhaven													
Free Union	151	135	120	3			2	1		151	104	92	150
Gum Neck	44	12	31				1			43	12	10	15
Hickory Chapel	269	174	93	1	3		4	2		267	76	60	100
Malchi's Chapel	156						2			156	38	31	39
Mt Tabor													
Mt. Zion	70	35	47	8	4		2	2		82	25	23	45
Plymouth First	37	37	25								32	25	25
Shiloh	206	100	106	3			3			206		55	77
Sidney	187			19	6		3			213	93	90	100
Sound Side	122				4		1	2		123	100	60	75
St. Paul	83	38	45				1	2		80	38	38	45
Sunrise Landing													
Trinity	40									40	25	25	
Union Chapel	247	101		1	4		2			249	67	48	
Albemarle Totals	1612	632	467	35	21	0	21	9	0	1610	610	557	671