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Theme: The Call to the HARVEST

Officers for the Years: 1999-2001

Moderator: the Reverend Harold Swinson
Assistant Moderator: the Reverend William Mobley
Clerk: the Reverend Keith Pelletier
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Judy Cox
Treasurer: The Reverend Tony Parrish

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 (2002) Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2000)
Mr. Charlie Keech (2001)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004) The Reverend Everette Harper (2000)
The Reverend Bill Mobley (2001) The Reverend Robert May (2002)
The Reverend Harold Swinson (2003)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Harold Swinson (2000) The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2001)
Mr. Ray Collier (2002) Mr. James Cahoon (2003)
The Reverend Everett Harper (2004)

Nominating Committee

**The Reverend Harold Swinson, The Reverend Billy Reynolds, Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.,
Mr. Timothy Webster, Mr. Ray Collier**

Ordained Ministers

W. L. Brickhouse, Rt. 2 Box 259, Columbia, NC 27925
Paul Grubbs, 312 Lance Drive, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Everette V. Harper, 128 King Eternity St., Washington, NC 27889
Raymond Lagcher, PO Box 104, Belhaven, NC 27810
Robert M. May, 530 NC 561 E, Ahoskie, NC 27910
William C. Mobley, 2306 West Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27899
H. P. Norman, PO Box 723, Farmville, NC 27928
James R. Owens, 339 Antioch Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530
Tony Parrish, 1159 Mt. Tabor Road, Creswell, NC 27928
Keith A. Pelletier, 506 Ambrose Road, Creswell, NC 27928
Dallas Pinkham, 13099 Hwy 264 E., Pinetown, NC 27865
Billy F. Reynolds, 440 Breezy Bank Road, Roper, NC 27970
Royce L. Reynolds, PO Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Harold Swinson, 808 Jones Bridge Road, Pinetown NC 27865
Licensed Minister: Timothy Webster, 706 Waters Rd., Pinetown, NC 27865

Proceedings

The 55th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met October 6, 1999, with Mt. Zion, Roper, NC.

The session began with singing "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" led by the Reverend Mott Batchelor and accompanied by Sister Mary Lucille Jones. Brother Timothy Webster brought the devotion from John 4:35. Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. of the host church welcomed the Conference and the Reverend Raymond Lagcher responded.

The clerk called the 55th Annual Session to order using the words of the late Oscar Webster ("I Paul Grubbs, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists do declare the 55th annual session of the Conference is now officially in session; for prayer and praise to God, for the preaching of His Word, and the transaction of any business pertinent to the on going ministry of said Conference. May God to our good and to His glory bless our coming together. The Reverend Everette Harper, Moderator now presiding.") and presented the Moderator to preside over the meeting.

Motion was made and passed to adopt the program and to give the Moderator the right to make necessary changes.

Thirteen churches were present. Thirteen churches mailed in letters before the Conference meeting. There were present: twelve delegates, fourteen ordained ministers and one licensed minister of the Albemarle Conference, and eight visiting ministers.

The Reverend Everette Harper gave the Moderator's address using Matthew 7:1-5 saying that to have a harvest we first need a vision or a re-newed vision that all people - all ages are important to God.

We had several testimonies and then prayer at the altar led by Brother Keith Pelletier.

Albemarle

The Resolutions Committee (the Reverend Robert May, Sister Judy Cox, and the Reverend Royce Reynolds) 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 Board of Missions reported no meetings, but Brother Keith Pelletier gave us an up-date on the Point Harbor, Sunrise Landing Mission. He said they have two needs: prayer and financial. He introduced Brother Julian Gallop who gave the property at Point Harbor. Brother Harold Swinson challenged all churches to give money for the construction of a building for Sunrise Landing Mission. The report was accepted by motion.

We took a ten minute break.

We entered into worship by singing "Victory In Jesus." The choir of the host church presented the special music followed by the message from the Word which was delivered by The Reverend Billy Reynolds on I Corinthians 1:25-2:8.

The worship service was closed with an altar call as the congregation sang "Softly and Tenderly."

The conference then broke for lunch.

Afternoon Proceedings

The afternoon proceedings began with the congregation singing "Redeemed." The Reverend Tony Parrish gave the afternoon devotion from John 3:16, Romans 5:8, and Matthew 28:19.

Ministry reports were given: CONVENTION by the Reverend David C. Hansley, CHILDREN'S HOME by the Reverend Dr. Bobby Taylor, CRAGMONT by the Reverend John Williams, FWB PRESS by the Reverend C. H. Overman, HOME MISSIONS AND EVANGELISM by the Reverend Joe Crumpler, RETIREMENT HOMES by the Reverend Bruce Dudley, SUNDAY SCHOOL by the Reverend Paul Grubbs, MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION by The Reverend Harold Swinson, the ALBEMARLE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD by Sister Judy Cox, MOUNT OLIVE COLLEGE by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr., WOMAN'S AUXILIARY by Sister Madge VanHorn, and YOUTH by Sister Madge VanHorn.

Brother David Hansley presented two Lighthouses to the Conference to be used through next year and passed around to the churches to encourage us to be Lighthouses in our communities. We will pass the Lighthouses from church to church in Alphabetical order beginning with Belhaven and Free Union.

The Memorial Service was led by the Reverend Harold Swinson noting that the Conference lost 24 members to death since the last Conference Annual meeting.

The financial report (see attachment) was given by the treasurer, Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He noted that only nine churches are financially supporting the Conference. The report was accepted by motion.

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Unfinished and Old Business:

Tent Revival - Brother Mott Batchelor said nothing has been done.

New Business:

Motion: We donate \$3000.00 to Sunrise Landing Mission Building Project. Motion passed.

Motion: We elect those nominated.

The Resolutions Committee Report (see attachment) was given by Sister Judy Cox. Motion was made to approve all resolutions.

Sisters Eunice Sexton and Judy Cox volunteered to be delegates to the 2000 Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

We accepted the invitation from Free Union to host the October 4, 2000 Annual Conference meeting.

Motion was made and passed to approve the minutes as read.

Closing prayer was voiced by the Reverend David Charles Hansley after we placed our commitments to pray.

Motion was made and passed to adjourn.

the Reverend Everett Harper, Moderator the Reverend Paul Grubbs, Clerk

Nominating Committee Report

We, the Nominating Committee, offer for consideration the following:

Albemarle Conference Officers for the years 1999-2001:

Moderator	the Reverend Harold Swinson
Asst. Moderator	the Reverend William Mobley
Clerk	the Reverend Keith Pelletier
Asst. Clerk	Sister Judy Cox
Treasurer	the Reverend Tony Parrish

Boards

Board of Missions	the Reverend Everett Harper (2004)
Board of Ordination	the Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004)
Board of Trustees	Brother Wayne Britt (2002)

The Nominating Committee for the Year 2000:

the Reverend Harold Swinson; the Reverend Billy Reynolds; Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr.; Brother Timothy Webster; and Brother Ray Collier.

Respectfully submitted,

the Reverend Mott Batchelor, chairman

Albemarle

We, the Resolution Committee submit the following:

1. We resolve to give Mt. Zion a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown our Conference today.
2. We resolve to give our outgoing Conference officers a rising vote of thanks for their leadership and dedication to our Conference and to our Lord.
3. We resolve to prayerfully and financially support the relief effort for Hurricane Floyd victims, and to encourage our churches to do the same.
4. We resolve to actively support the Sunrise Landing Mission with our prayers and finances and to get actively involved with the Celebrate Jesus 2000 Missions to reach the lost.

Robert May
Royce Reynolds
Judy Cox

FINANCIAL REPORT

General Fund 1999

Brought Forward from 1998.....	\$1079.06
Amount received after Conference.....	00.00
Amount received from Churches.....	\$265.00
Amount received from public offering.....	<u>\$110.00</u>
Total Received.....	\$1454.06
Amount paid out.....	<u>-\$211.80</u>
Balance in General Fund.....	\$1242.26

Mission Fund 1999

Brought forward from 1998.....	\$4789.50
Amount received during year.....	\$1676.39
Bank Interest.....	<u>\$93.67</u>
Total.....	\$6559.56

Lloyd Jones, Jr., Treasurer

Executive Committee Report

The Albemarle Executive Committee met at Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church on May 29, 1999 with the following present: Everette Harper; Harold Swinson; Lloyd Jones, Jr.; and Paul Grubbs.

We agreed to give the Reverend Everette Harper a letter of endorsement for musical and evangelistic ministry.

Our next meeting was set for June 8, 1999 at Mt. Zion for 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned.

The Albemarle Executive Committee met at Mt. Zion on June 8, 1999 with the following present: Everette Harper; Harold Swinson; Lloyd Jones, Jr.; and Paul Grubbs.

Brother Everette opened the meeting with devotion from Psalm 113 and Brother Lloyd Jones led us in prayer.

Motion was made and passed that we have a supper-meeting with the Reverends Keith Pelletier and Al Markuson, members of the Albemarle Mission Board, Albemarle pastors and wives, and chairmen of Deacon Boards of Albemarle churches and wives.

Motion made and passed: Upon discussion of the Wall of Honor at the Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters in Ayden, we, the Executive Committee, recommend that the Albemarle Conference place a name to honor or memorialize on the Wall of honor at the OFWB Headquarters.

We discussed the October 6, 1999 meeting of the Albemarle Conference, as follows:

Pianist: Sister Mary Lucille Jones

Song Leader: The Reverend Mott Batchelor

Devotions: (morning) Brother Timothy Webster
(afternoon) The Reverend Tony Parrish

Welcome: Host Church: Brother Robbie Smith

Response: Brother Billy Dilday

Resolutions Committee: the Reverend Robert May, chairman; Sister Judy Cox; and the Reverend Royce Reynolds

Memorial Chairman: the Reverend Harold Swinson and he may choose whom he needsto help.

Special Music: The Host Church

Message: The Reverend Billy Reynolds

Theme: "The Call to the Harvest"

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 passed that we adjourn. Brother Paul led in prayer.

The Reverend Everette Harper, Moderator

The Reverend Paul Grubbs, Clerk

Albemarle Conference Board of Ordination Report

January 4, 1999

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference met on January 4, 1999 at Union Chapel Church, Plymouth, NC at 7:30 p.m. with the following members present: The Reverend's Paul Grubbs, Robert May, William Mobley, Everette Harper, Harold Swinson. The meeting opened with prayer by the Reverend Everette Harper.

Business as follows.

1. Upon request of Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church, the Board of Ordination met with Brother Timothy Webster. The request was for examination and recommendation to the church for license to preach in the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination. After discussion and answering questions by Brother Timothy, motion was made and seconded to accept Brother Timothy.

By motion: The Board of Ordination recommend to Free Union, the Licensing of Brother Timothy Webster to preach in the Original Free Will Baptist.

Motion passed.

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By motion: That Rev. Harold Swinson serve as supervisor for Brother Timothy Webster per request of Licensee.

Motion passed.

2. The Reverend Bob Harber came before the Board of Ordination requesting information and procedures to join the Albemarle Conference. After much discussion, Brother Bob was given the booklet, Steps in Preparation for the Ministry, to complete all that applied to him and return it to the Board.

3. The Application Kit for Brother Charlie Clark was presented to the Board. Copies are to be made and returned to each Board member to examine and at the next meeting discuss the answers.

4. As Brother Tony Parrish is serving at Mt. Tabor as pastor, and has been given the Application kit which has not been returned, to send a not asking for the completion of the kit and its return to the Board of Ordination. With no further business the meeting closed with prayer by Rev. Harold Swinson.

June 1, 1999

The Board of Ordination met June 1, 1999 at St. Paul Original Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: The Reverend's: Paul Grubbs, Everette Harper, Robert May, William Mobley, Harold Swinson. The meeting was opened with prayer. The meeting was to evaluate the Application Kit of Brother Charlie Clark. Following much discussion motion was made to meet with Brother Charlie Clark on June 29, at 7:30 p.m. at Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion passed.

By motion that a letter be sent to the Western Conference Ordination Board concerning the Reverend Bob Harbor holding of two sets of Ordination Credentials.

Motion passed.

By motion to inform Gum Neck Original Free Will Baptist Church that only Ordained Ministers can be listed as pastor. To extend to the church and Mr. Gerald Perry an invitation to meet with the Board of Ordination for discussion of this situation. Also, as The Board or Conference has never had the privilege of meeting Mr. Perry, it would be a great opportunity to meet to discuss their situation.

Motion passed. With no further business the meeting was closed with prayer.

June 29, 1999 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Ordination met at Union Chapel with the following members present: The Reverends: Paul Grubbs, Everette Harper, William Mobley, Harold Swinson.

The meeting was opened with Scripture and prayer was offered by the Reverend Everette Harper.

The meeting was called to discuss with Brother Charlie Clark the Application Kit, Steps in Preparation for the Ministry. After much discussion, the Board of Ordination made the following recommendation to Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church.

By motion: That the request for license to be denied. As the Board of Ordination does not question his call to the ministry and wishes to encourage him to continue working and studying. But the working knowledge of our Denomination, its History, Enterprises, Articles of Faith and Church Government was very limited. There was confusion in dealing with doctrinal issues that are the basis of our Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists. Following more study and Continuing Education Classes the decision for denial will be reconsidered.

Motion passed.

With no further business the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

CHURCHES	1999 Membership	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Albemarle Confrence													
Belhaven													
Free Union	151	194	130	8	6	0	2	3	0	160	110	75	130
Gum Neck	49	10	35	0	0	0	4	0	0	45	11	10	14
Hickory Chapel	267	173	89	0	3	0	5	3	0	262	75	58	95
Malchi's Chapel	156						0	0	0	0	38	30	38
Mt Tabor	164			1	3	0	0	0	0	168			
Mt. Zion	82	49	44	12	0	0	0	0	0	94	42	35	50
Plymouth, First	28	37	25				1	1	2		30	25	25
Shiloh	206	100	104	0	0	0	1	1	0	204	71	60	85
Sidney	212			2	5	0	2	1	0	216	83	83	83
Sound Side	128			5	2	0	0	0	0	135	105	65	75
St. Paul	80	39	7	3	3	0	1	0	0	85	46	36	45
Sunrise Landing													
Trinity	40			0	0	0	1	0	0	39	28	28	30
Union Chapel	249	101		2	2	0	2	2	0	249	65	35	70
Albemarle Totals	1812	703	434	33	24	0	19	11	2	1657	704	540	740