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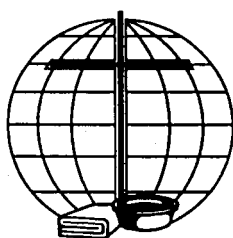
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**MINUTES
of the
Fifty-Sixth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
Free Union Free Will Baptist Church
Pinetown, North Carolina
October 4, 2000**

Theme: Being God's People

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 10, 2001. The location will be Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Roper, North Carolina.

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. (2003)

Mr. Charlie Keech (2001)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004)

The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2005)

The Reverend Bill Mobley (2001)

The Reverend Robert May (2002)

The Reverend Harold Swinson (2003)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Dallas Pinkham (2004)

The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2001)

Mr. Ray Collier (2002)

Mr. James Cahoon (2003)

Nominating Committee

The Reverend Royce Reynolds

Mr. Billy Dilday

Mrs. Lucy Jones

Mrs. Teresa Grubbs

Mrs. Ann Collier

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Ordained Ministers

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Proceedings

The 56th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met Wednesday, October 4, 2000 at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church in Pinetown, NC.

The session began with the singing of "There Shall Be Showers of Blessings", led by the Reverend William Mobley and accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Jones. The Reverend Mike Quintas brought the morning devotion from Galatians 6:7-10. The Reverend Harold Swinson of the host church welcomed the Conference and Mr. Billy Dilday gave the response.

The clerk called the 56th Annual Session to order using the words of the late Oscar Webster, "I Keith Pelletier, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists do declare the 56th 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 ongoing business of said conference. May God, to our good and his glory, bless our coming together. The Reverend Harold Swinson, Moderator now presiding.", and presented the Moderator to preside over the Session.

A motion was made by and passed to adopt the program and to give the Moderator the power to make necessary changes.

The Roll Call of Churches was made with twelve churches present. Two churches were represented by letter only. Those in attendance included thirteen registered delegates, twelve ordained ministers and two licensed ministers of the Albemarle Conference, and eleven visiting ministers. Three Albemarle Conference Ministers were excused due to health considerations.

The Reverend Harold Swinson gave the Moderator's Address using II Timothy 1:7 asking, "Where does God want us to go?" God has given us opportunities to reach people in the Albemarle area. The Moderator challenged us that if we have a belief and faith in what we are called by God to do, we can go where God has promised to take us. He called upon us to set our eyes on the future, and to listen and be obedient to God as His people.

The congregation sang choruses of "His Name is Wonderful" and "I Will Serve Thee". Following prayer by the Reverend Dallas Pinkham, an offering was collected.

The following temporary committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Resolutions Committee: The Reverend Paul Grubbs, Mr. Lloyd Jones, and The Reverend Billy Reynolds.

Memorial Committee: The Reverend Dallas Pinkham and The Reverend Everette Harper.

The reports of the Standing Committees and Boards were given. The Executive Committee report (see attachment) was read by the Clerk and accepted by motion.

The Board of Ordination Report (see attachment) was given by the Reverend Harold Swinson and accepted by motion.

The Board of Trustees and Board of Missions gave no reports.

At this time, several announcements were shared. The Reverend Raymond Lager moved to give the Reverend Everette Harper a rising vote of thanks for his service to the Conference. The motion was seconded and passed. The Moderator introduced new licensed and ordained ministers and welcomed them to the work of the Conference. The session then entered into a short intermission.

The Session then entered in worship with the Reverend William Mobley leading the congregation in singing "Breathe on Me". Pam Keech of the host church presented special music and The Reverend Harold Swinson delivered the Worship Message entitled "Obedience Without Compromise". He spoke from the text Exodus 5:1-9 noting how Moses refused to compromise with the Pharaoh in Egypt and how we must today refuse to compromise with the present day world. He called on us to be committed to the authority of God in our lives, to be focused on Jesus Christ, and to stand steadfast against compromising any part of God's plan for the Christian life.

The worship service closed with the song "Just As I Am", and prayer from the Reverend David C. Hansley. The congregation then enjoyed lunch provided by the host church.

The afternoon session began with the Reverend William Mobley giving the afternoon devotion from II Corinthians 5:7.

The following reports were given by representatives of the ministries: The Convention, Children's Home, Church Finance, Home Missions and Evangelism, Minister's Program, Woman's Auxiliary and Layman's League by the Reverend David C. Hansley; Cragmont Assembly by The Reverend John Williams; Foreign Missions by The Reverend Harold Jones; The Free Will Baptist Press by Mr. Cliff Gray; Mount Olive College by The Reverend Frank Harrison; Retirement Homes by The Reverend Bruce Dudley; Sunday Schools by Mrs. Mary Dudley; and Camp

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Vandemere by Mr. Mike Williams.

The Memorial Service was led by The Reverend Dallas Pinkham. He led the congregation in remembering twenty-five brothers and sisters who have passed on in the Conference in the past year. He spoke from Peter 1:10 and The Reverend Everette Harper provided special music.

The Treasurer's Report (see attachment) was given by the Reverend Tony Parrish and accepted by motion.

A motion was made and passed to place a plaque on the Convention Wall of Honor.

A motion was made and passed to give Free Union Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the annual session of the Conference.

The report of the Nominating Committee (see attachment) was given by Mr. Lloyd Jones and accepted by motion. The Report of the Resolutions Committee (see attachment) was given by the Reverend Paul Grubbs. One resolution was proposed and accepted by motion.

A report on the 2000 Annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was given by Mrs. Eunice Sexton. Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Mrs. Judy Cox were named as delegates of the Albemarle Conference to the 2001 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

It was announced that the 2001 Annual Conference meeting of the Albemarle Conference would be held on Wednesday, October 10, 2001 at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Roper, North Carolina. The Reverend Keith Pelletier gave a report on the work at the Sunrise Landing Mission.

The minutes of the annual conference meeting were read and accepted by motion.

Closing prayer was given by The Reverend Tony Parrish, and the Moderator adjourned the Conference.

Executive Committee Report

December 20, 1999

A joint meeting of the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held on December 20, 2000 at the Western Sizzlin' restaurant in Plymouth, North Carolina. The meeting was called to order by Conference Moderator Harold Swinson at 10:00 am. Those in attendance included The Reverends Harold Swinson, Bill Mobley, Tony Parrish, Paul Grubbs, Everette Harper, Robert May, and Keith Pelletier.

The first activity was prayer. The prayer was led by Paul Grubbs.

Moderator Swinson then read from Isaiah 40:29-31 commenting that "The Lord is the source of our strength. We have much work, and golden opportunities ahead. And, we can move forward only with the help of God. We need to continue in prayer for our conference and work with patience, waiting upon the Lord."

A discussion was held concerning the placing of a name on the Wall of Honor at FWB Headquarters. Robert May moved to table this issue until the next annual conference. The motion was passed.

There was discussion only of the following topics: status and planning for the Sunrise Landing Mission/Church; current events; the present status of Mount

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Olive College; the Vacancies in the pastorates of Malachi's Chapel, Plymouth First, and Union Chapel FWB Churches.

Robert May moved to invite the Reverend Fred Baker to deliver the worship message at the 2000 annual conference to be held at Free Union on October 4, 2000. The motion was passed.

Following a discussion on the status of Everette Harper as a member of the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council, Paul Grubbs moved that any elected person might serve as long as they hold active membership in a church in the conference. The motion was passed.

The Ordaining Council addressed several issues they felt were of consequence to the Executive Committee.

The meeting adjourned for lunch and fellowship. No further business was transacted.

July 29, 2000

The Executive Committee met at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church with the Reverend William Mobley presiding. Due to the unavailability of the Reverend Fred Baker as speaker of the upcoming Conference, the committee chose to ask the Reverend Harold Swinson to bring the Worship message.

August 21, 2000

The Executive Committee received and accepted a letter from the Reverend Everette Harper resigning his positions on the Board of Ordination and the Board of Missions.

Board of Ordination Report

April 29, 2000

The Board of Ordination met following the Union Meeting at Shiloh on April 29, 2000 with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, Everette Harper, Harold Swinson, Robert May, and William Mobley.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the following items were discussed:

1. By motion:

The letters and application kits for Brother Wayne Adkins and Brother Scott Jackson from Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church were reviewed. Upon review, a date was set for May 15, 2000 to meet with the candidates at Hickory Chapel. The purpose of the meeting would be to examination for license in Original Free Will Baptist Denomination. The motion was passed.

2. The board also met with the Reverend Charles Parrish upon the request of the Eastern Conference. Brother Parrish had requested permission from the Eastern Conference to pastor Dublin Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. As Brother Parrish had transferred his membership and credentials to Georgia, and the Albemarle Conference was his last membership and pastorate; he was referred back to us.

Upon review of the request and with a letter of recommendation from Little River Association of Free Will Baptist, Millwood, GA., the

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following motion was passed:

"Brother Charles Parrish was welcomed back into the Albemarle Conference with formal welcome being at the Conference in October 2000. That letter of good standing be passed to the Eastern Conference to assist with the request to pastor Dublin Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church."

With no other business the meeting was closed with prayer.

May 15, 2000

The meeting at Hickory Chapel was canceled because one of the candidates was unable to meet and the other has not completed the requirements for membership 1 year at the present church.

Dates to be set for meeting with the other candidate.

July 29, 2000

The Board of Ordination met following the Union meeting at Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church on July 29, 2000 with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, Everette Harper, Robert May and William Mobley.

The meeting was opened with prayer and the following item was discussed. Upon review of the application kit of Brother Scott Jackson from Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church, the Board of Ordination makes the following recommendation:

By motion, The Board of Ordination is pleased to recommend to Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church the Licensing of Brother Scott Jackson to the ministry of the Gospel in the Original Free Will Baptist Church. Motion passed.

Respectfully Submitted:

Harold Swinson

Financial Report

Opening Balance 10-6-99	\$1177.26
Deposit 10-2-00	\$1219.18
Received 10-3-00	\$96.07
Total Received	<u>\$2492.51</u>
Amount Paid Out	<u>-\$1292.40</u>
Balance 10-4-00	\$1200.10

Respectfully Submitted:

Tony Parrish, Treasurer

Nominating Committee Report

Board of Missions	The Reverend Dallas Pinkham to fill the unexpired term of The Reverend Everette Harper (2004)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2004)
Board of Trustees	Mr. Lloyd Jones (2004)
Nominating Committee for 2001	The Reverend Royce Reynolds, Mr. Billy Dilday, Mrs. Lucy Jones, Mrs. Teresa Grubbs, Mrs. Ann Collier

Respectfully Submitted:

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

Resolutions Committee Report

Resolution Number One:

"Whereas Free Union Free Will Baptist Church has been a gracious host for the 56th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists; Be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks."

Respectfully Submitted:

Paul Grubbs, Billy Reynolds, Lloyd Jones, Jr.

CHURCHES	2000	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Albemarle Conference													
Belhaven	4	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	6	0	0	11
Free Union	160	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	0	166	106	75	130
Gum Neck	42	10	32	0	0	0	1	0	2	39	10	8	10
Hickory Chapel	262	173	89	3	2	0	6	2	0	259	66	52	90
Malchi's Chapel	53	40	13	1	0	0	2	0	0	52	39	32	38
Mt Tabor													
Mt. Zion	95	39	56	0	5	0	2	1	0	97	36	31	46
Plymouth, First	38	27	11	0	0	0	0	2	0	36	20	16	21
Shiloh	204	100	104	0	2	0	0	1	0	206	70	60	85
Sidney	217	90	127	10	1	0	2	0	0	226	85	73	85
Sound Side	128	128	0	13	0	0	2	0	0	139	90	55	70
St. Paul	80	30	50	1	0	0	1	6	0	74	36	32	50
Sunrise Landing													
Trinity	40	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	30	28	28
Union Chapel	249	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	0	248	56	30	80
Albemarle Totals	1572	641	482	35	14	0	18	14	2	1586	644	492	744