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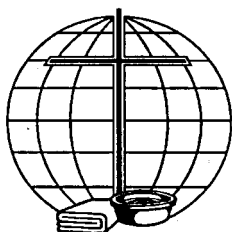
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Albemarle

**MINUTES
of the
Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
Mount Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church
Roper, North Carolina
October 10, 2001
Theme: Celebrating Our Heritage**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 9, 2002.
The Location will be Saint Paul Original Free Will Baptist Church, Elizabeth City,
North Carolina.

Officers for the Years 2001-2003

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 the general officers of the Conference, chair of the Board of Trustees, chair of the Board of Ordination, and chair of the Board of Missions.

Board of Trustees

Mr. Wayne Britt (2002) Mr. Lloyd Jones (2003) Mrs. Teresa Grubbs (2004)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Robert May (2002) The Reverend Harold Swinson (2003)
The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004) The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2005)
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2006)

Board of Missions

Mr. Ray Collier (2002) Mr. James Cahoon (2003)
The Reverend Dallas Pinkham (2004) The Reverend William Mobley (2005)
Mr. Billy Dilday (2006)

Nominating Committee

The Reverend Robert May Mr. Lloyd Jones
Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds Mr. Al Crispin
Mrs. Elaine Swinson

Ordained Ministers

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Everette V. Harper, 128 King Eternity Street, 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 27889
H.P. Norman, PO Box 723, Farmville, NC 27828
James R. Owens, 121 Pamela Street, Plymouth, NC 27962
Charles Parrish, 10554 NC Hwy 92 E., Bath, NC 27808
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 Banks Road, Roper, NC 27970
Royce L. Reynolds, PO Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Harold Swinson, 808 Jones Bridge Road, Pinetown, NC 27865

Licensed Ministers

Robert Alexander, 155 Country Estates Road, Columbia, NC 27925
Scott Jackson, PO Box 528, Columbia, NC 27925

Proceedings

The 57th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met Wednesday October 10, 2001 at Mount Zion FWB Church in Roper, NC.

The session began with the singing of "Victory in Jesus", led by The Reverend William Mobley and accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Jones. Prayer was then offered by The Reverend H.P. Norman. The Reverend Paul Grubbs brought the morning devotion from Psalms 19: 7-14. The Reverend Billy Reynolds of the host church welcomed the Conference and The Reverend Royce Reynolds gave the response.

The clerk called the 57th Annual Session to order using the words of the late Oscar Webster, "I Keith Pelletier, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists do declare the 57th 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 ten churches present. Four churches were represented by letter only. Those in attendance included ten ordained ministers of the Albemarle Conference, and eleven visiting ministers. Five Albemarle Conference ministers were excused.

The Reverend Harold Swinson gave the Moderator's Address using Deuteronomy 20: 1-4 saying "We must focus on our faith and spiritual heritage. Recent events have changed our lives and we are reminded that America needs God. It is our responsibility to allow ourselves to be used by God for the re-building of faith in our nation. We must be brave, obey God and allow God to guide our lives."

The congregation sang "God Is So Good". An offering was collected with The Reverend John Lane leading in prayer.

The following temporary committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Resolutions Committee: The Reverend H.P. Norman, Mrs. Beulah Whitson, and Mrs. Leytha Mobley

Memorial Committee: The Reverend Robert May 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 session entered into a short intermission. The session resumed with The Reverend William Mobley leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Several announcements were shared.

The Reverend David C. Hansley reported on the work of The Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the FWB Minister's Program, the Church Finance Association, and Cragmont Assembly. The Reverend Bobby Taylor reported on behalf of the FWB Children's Home.

The Session then entered into worship with The Reverend William Mobley leading the congregation in singing "Sweet Sweet Spirit". The choir of the host church presented special music and The Reverend Billy Reynolds delivered the Worship Message entitled "Go". He spoke from the text II Kings, Chapters 6 and 7, saying "We have a spiritual famine in our nation, but as Christians we have received the blessing of God and the good tidings of salvation. We must carry this news to others in the attempt to win souls for God." The worship service closed with the song "Softly and Tenderly", and prayer from The Reverend Tony Parrish. The congregation then enjoyed lunch provided by the host church.

The afternoon session began with The Reverend Tony Parrish giving the afternoon devotion from II Chronicles 7:14. He led the congregation in prayer.

The following reports were given by representatives of the denominational ministries:

The Reverend Al Markuson and Mr. Ronnie Drake reported on behalf of Home Missions and Evangelism and Sunrise Landing Mission Church. A special offering was collected for the purpose of purchasing chairs for Sunrise Landing Mission. The Reverend Harold Swinson reported that there is currently inquiry concerning the establishment of two Hispanic ministries within the conference.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to give \$2000 to Home Missions and Evangelism for the purpose of buying chairs for Sunrise Landing.

The Reverend C.H. Overman reported on behalf of the FWB Press. The Reverend

Frank Harrison reported on behalf of Mount Olive College and The Reverend David C. Hansley reported on the passage of a resolution in the North Carolina General Assembly commemorating the fiftieth anniversary of the establishment of Mount Olive College. The Reverend Bruce Dudley reported on behalf of FWB Retirement Homes. Mrs. Mary Dudley reported for the Sunday School Board. The Reverend Harold Swinson reported on behalf of Camp Vandemere and The Reverend Everette Harper shared information on Renewed Visions Ministry, Inc.

The Memorial Service was led by The Reverend Robert May. He led the congregation in remembering twenty-three persons who have passed away in the Conference in the past year. He spoke from II Timothy 4: 1-8, and led the conference in prayer. The Reverend Everette Harper provided special music.

The Treasurers Report (see attachment) was given by The Reverend Tony Parish and accepted by motion.

A motion was made and passed to give Mount Zion Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality as hosts of the annual session of the Conference.

The Report of the Nominating Committee (see attachment) was given by Mrs. Lucy Jones. Mrs. Teresa Grubbs was nominated from the floor to serve on the Board of Trustees. A motion was made, seconded and passed to close nominations. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the Nominating Committee report.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that that the 2002 Annual Conference meeting of the Albemarle Conference would be held on Wednesday October 9, 2002 at Saint Paul Free Will Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Mrs. Judy Cox serve as delegates of the Albemarle Conference to the 2002 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee (see attachment) was given by The Reverend H.P. Norman. Two resolutions were proposed and both were accepted by motion.

The minutes of the annual conference meeting were read and accepted by motion. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adjourn the Conference. Closing prayer was given by The Reverend Everette Harper.

Executive Committee Report

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.

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March 28, 2001

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met to moderate a called meeting of Sidney Free Will Baptist Church on March 28, 2001. Members of the Executive Committee present included The Reverends Harold Swinson, Bill Mobley, Paul Grubbs, Tony Parrish, and Mrs. Judy Cox.

The Executive Committee moderated the meeting of Sidney Church at the request of the Board of Deacons of the Church. The subject of the meeting was the resolution of several issues concerning the termination of the relationship between the Church and its Pastor.

The Church was able to make decisions that resolved the issues in question. The meeting was adjourned with prayer by The Reverend Paul Grubbs.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith A. Pelletier

Board of Ordination Report

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.

December 30, 2000

The Board of Ordination met at Sound Side OFWB Church with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, Harold Swinson, and Billy Reynolds.

The meeting opened with prayer. The meeting was with The Reverend Mike Quintas who was the new pastor-elect at Sidney OFWB Church. After discussion with Brother Mike he was given clearance to work with Sidney OFWB Church as pastor pending his clearance with the Eastern Conference Board requirements for transfer.

The board also met with Scott Jackson, licensed minister serving at Malachi's Chapel for its 90 day update on his work at the church. The meeting closed with prayer.

May 11, 2001

The Board of Ordination met at Golden Corral, Edenton with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, William Mobley, Robert May, Billy Reynolds, and Harold Swinson.

The meeting opened with prayer. The meeting was called to discuss the application of Brother Robert Alexander, with Brother Tony Parrish, pastor of Mt. Tabor OFWB Church who had petitioned the Board of Ordination for Licensing. Following the discussion a motion was made to proceed with the oral examination and to set up a meeting for May 29th for the examination. With no further business the meeting closed with prayer.

May 29, 2001

The Board of Ordination met at Hickory Chapel OFWB Church with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, William Mobley, Robert May, Billy Reynolds, and Harold Swinson.

The meeting was to meet with Brother Robert Alexander of Mt. Tabor OFWB Church concerning a request from the church to examine Brother Robert for license to preach in the Original Free Will Baptist. Having completed the Application Kit and the oral examination the following motion was passed:

By motion: *The Board of Ordination recommends to Mt. Tabor licensing of Brother Robert Alexander to preach the Gospel in the Original Free Will Baptist Denomination*. Motion passed.

By motion: *That Reverend Billy Reynolds be assigned to Brother Robert as supervisor and to work with Brother Robert in preparation for ordination.* Motion Passed.

With no further business the meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Harold Swinson

Financial Report

Mission Fund

Opening Balance	
Expenditures	\$ 4,479.53
Deposits and Interest	408.11
Balance	<u>213.77</u>
	\$ 4,285.19

General Fund

Opening Balance	
Expenditures	\$ 1,230.11
Received	808.50
	825.00
Balance	
	\$ 1,246.61

Respectfully Submitted:
Tony Parrish, Treasurer

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Nominating Committee Report

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
Board of Missions	The Reverend William Mobley (2005) Mr. Billy Dilday (2006)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2006)
Board of Trustees	Mrs. Teresa Grubbs (2004)
Nominating Committee for 2001	The Reverend Robert May, Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds, Mr. Al Crispin, Mr. Lloyd Jones, Mrs. Elaine Swinson

Respectfully Submitted:

Royce Reynolds, Billy Dilday, Lucy Jones, Teresa Grubbs, Ann Collier

Resolutions Committee Report

Resolution Number One

"Whereas Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church has been a gracious host for the 57th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists;
Be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks."

Resolution Number Two

"Whereas we appreciate the messages delivered today to remind us of our responsibilities as Christians to witness, pray and be acceptable to God's call as we pray for our nation and enemies; Be it resolved that we pray more, love others as ourselves, have more faith in God to supply all our needs as we help to supply the needs of others, and to win others for Christ."

Respectfully Submitted:

Beulah Whitson, Leytha Mobley, H. P. Norman

CHURCHES	2001	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Albemarle Conference													
Belhaven												11	
Free Union	166	166	0	2	0	0	2	2	0	164	104	75	110
Gum Neck	39	10	29	0	0	0	2	0	0	37	9	6	10
Hickory Chapel	259	173	86	0	4	0	2	4	1	256	60	50	80
Malchi's Chapel													
Mt Tabor	174	100	75	1	4	0	4	0	0	175	65	47	78
Mt. Zion	95	39	58	0	4	0	0	1	1	97	33	28	44
Plymouth, First	26	26	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	24	14	10	15
Shiloh	204	100	104	0	1	0	2	0	0	203	70	60	85
Sidney	227			1	3	0	6	1	12	212	53	47	70
Sound Side	138	138	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	141	85	50	70
St. Paul	80	38	42	1	0	0	1	0	0	80	34	29	40
Sunrise Landing	12												12
Trinity	38			0	2	0	2	1	0	37	31	27	30
Union Chapel	248			1	4	0	1	2	0	250	60	35	80
Albemarle Totals	1706	790	394	9	22	0	22	13	14	1676	618	475	724