

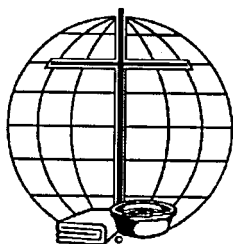
# **Convention of Original Free Will Baptists**



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**Special Note:** This Yearbook contains statistical information for the period July 1, 2001 – June 30, 2002 and church officers as of September 2002. It is compiled from the church letters that were received by the Convention in August and September 2002. The Yearbook also includes the minutes of the 2002 Convention and the Conferences which met in the fall of 2002. It is therefore being published as the 2002 Yearbook of Original Free Will Baptists. This will correct the date on the Yearbook and correctly reflect the time period of the material contained inside for historical purposes.



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**MINUTES**  
of the  
**Fifty-Eighth Annual Session**  
of the  
**Albemarle Conference**  
of  
**Original Free Will Baptists**  
**Saint Paul Original Free Will Baptist Church**  
**Elizabeth City, North Carolina**  
**October 9, 2002**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 8, 2003.  
The location will be Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church in Belhaven, 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: Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

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

**Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Harold Swinson (2003)      The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004)  
The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2005)      The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2006)  
The Reverend William Mobley (2007)

**Board of Missions**

Mr. James Cahoon (2003)      The Reverend Dallas Pinkham (2004)  
The Reverend William Mobley (2005)      Mr. Billy Dilday (2006)  
Mr. Al Crispin (2007)

**Nominating Committee**

Mr. Robert Alexander (2003)      Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2003)  
Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2003)      Mrs. Teresa Grubbs (2003)  
Mrs. Leytha Mobley (2003)

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### 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 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, 195 Gus Town 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 58th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met Wednesday October 9, 2002 at Saint Paul FWB Church in Elizabeth City, NC.

The session began with the singing of "Blessed Assurance", led by Mr. Lloyd Jones and accompanied by Mrs. Lucy Jones. The Reverend Everette Harper brought the morning devotion from Matthew 25 and led the congregation in prayer. Mrs. Eunice Sexton of the host church welcomed the Conference and The Reverend Billy Reynolds gave the response.

The clerk called the 58th 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 58th 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 eleven churches present. Three churches were represented by letter only. A motion was made, seconded and passed to seat the delegates from the churches.

Sunrise Landing Mission was recognized as a "Mission point at work" and The Reverend Harold Swinson issued an official welcome to representatives of the mission.

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Sunrise Landing Pastor/Director Everette Harper reported on the progress of the work at Sunrise Landing. The Reverend William Mobley spoke on behalf of the Albemarle Conference Mission Board.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that Sunrise Landing be officially recognized and received as a mission church of the Albemarle Conference.

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed that the Albemarle Conference support Sunrise Landing with a financial re-commitment from each church to the Albemarle Conference Mission Board, pending outcome of future decisions of the Board of Home Missions of the Convention.

The Reverend James Owens reported on behalf of the Board of Home Missions. A motion was made, seconded and passed that this report be accepted as read.

The roll call of ministers was made with ten ordained ministers and two licensed ministers of the Albemarle Conference present. Five ministers were excused and eight visiting ministers were present.

The Reverend Harold Swinson gave the Moderator's Address using Matthew 9:27 saying "It is important that as we note concerns throughout the world, that we also be attentive to needs close at hand." He called on the congregation to focus on three concepts, "...that we visualize the needs in people's lives the way Jesus saw them - spiritually; that we agonize for the souls of others the way Jesus agonized for us; and that we evangelize others with the same energy and commitment with which Jesus made disciples." The Moderator called on the congregation to accept the call to see the needs that are before us in our own communities.

An offering was collected with The Reverend William Mobley leading in prayer. The following temporary committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Memorial Committee: The Reverend William Mobley

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 followed by several announcements being shared with the congregation.

The session then entered into worship with Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the congregation in singing "Break thou the Bread of Life". Mrs. Juanita Nooney of the host church presented special music and The Reverend Paul Grubbs delivered the Worship Message from the text Revelation 22:20 and 1:1, saying "All of our focus must be on Jesus Christ and His message, His strength, power and forgiveness. If we do this, great things will happen for us as individuals, as a Conference, a denomination and as the world wide Church."

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

The Reverend Fred Baker reported on behalf of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the Church Finance Association and the Minister's Program Ministry. Dr. Bobby Taylor reported on behalf of the FWB Children's Home Ministry. Diane Riley reported on behalf of Camp Vandemere and Mount Olive College. Becky Jo Sumner

spoke on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary and the Youth Convention. The Reverend Paul Grubbs reported on behalf of the Albemarle Sunday School Convention. Mary Dudley spoke on behalf of the Convention Sunday School Ministry. The Reverend Bryant Hines reported for Cragmont Assembly. The Reverend Gary Bailey reported for the Foreign Missions Ministry. Mr. Cliff Gray reported for the FWB Press and The Reverend Bruce Dudley spoke on behalf of the Retirement Homes Ministry. The representatives of the ministries concluded their reports by leading the congregation in singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept all reports as given.

The morning session closed with prayer being led by The Reverend Don Venable. The congregation then enjoyed lunch provided by the host church.

The afternoon session began with The Reverend Royce Reynolds giving the afternoon devotion from Ephesians 4-6. He led the congregation in prayer.

The Memorial Service was led by The Reverend William Mobley. He led the congregation in remembering twenty-three persons who have passed away in the Conference in the past year. He spoke from Isaiah 25:8 and Revelation 21:4 and led the conference in prayer.

During the Business Session the following items were transacted.

The Treasurers Report (see attachment) was given by Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. and accepted by motion.

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

A motion was made, seconded, discussed and passed that the Albemarle Conference give Mount Olive College \$500 for the purchase of vinyl for Rodgers Chapel.

The Report of the Nominating Committee (see attachment) was given by Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. A motion was made, seconded, and passed that the nominees be elected.

A report was given by Mrs. Eunice Sexton concerning the 2002 Annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists. A motion was made, seconded and passed that Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Mrs. Judy Cox serve as delegates of the Albemarle Conference to the 2003 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that that the 2003 Annual Conference meeting of the Albemarle Conference would be held on Wednesday October 8, 2003 at Sidney Free Will Baptist Church in Belhaven, North Carolina.

The minutes of the annual conference meeting were read and accepted by motion. Closing prayer was given by The Reverend Billy Reynolds and the Moderator adjourned the Conference.

### **Executive Committee Report**

*August 12, 2002*

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference met at Hickory Chapel Free Will Baptist Church with The Reverend Harold Swinson presiding. Members of the Executive Committee present included The Reverends Harold Swinson, Bill Mobley, Paul Grubbs, Billy Reynolds, Royce Reynolds, and Robert May.

The Moderator shared that the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and

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Headquarters is in financial need immediately and is having difficulty paying the administrative assistant. The Moderator shared that, following the moving of the Conference Treasurer to another conference, he now had the financial records and that his name was on the signature card at the bank.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the position of Treasurer be left unfilled until the annual Conference meeting.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the Albemarle Conference send \$500 from the Missions savings account to the Convention for the Wall of Honor and \$1000 from the Missions savings account to the Convention for general operation.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that the wording for the plaque for the Wall of Honor be left to the Moderator and Clerk.

The Reverend Robert May asked to be removed from the nominating committee and that he be replaced by The Reverend William Mobley.

The program for the annual Conference was discussed.

In the service of the King, Jesus:

*Paul Grubbs, Acting Clerk*

## Board of Ordination Report

*July 11, 2001*

The Board of Ordination met at Hickory Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, Robert May William Mobley, Billy Reynolds and Harold Swinson. Members of the Conference Executive Committee and Brother Robert Alexander were also present.

The meeting opened with prayer.

The meeting was called to discuss supervision of Brother Robert Alexander who was soon to be licensed by Mount Tabor. The discussion was in the direction of speaking engagements, relation of licensed minister to the conference, and direction by Brother Billy Reynolds as supervisor.

Following this discussion, the Executive Committee worked on the Conference program for October.

The meeting closed with prayer.

*July 14, 2001*

The Board of Ordination met at Free Union OFWB Church with the following members present: The Reverends Harold Swinson, William Mobley and Billy Reynolds.

The meeting was called by the pastor of Free Union and members of the board to discuss problems that had arisen with Brother Timothy Webster, licensed minister, who was serving at Trinity OFWB Church as interim speaker. Following the discussion, with the deacons of Free Union and Trinity present, Brother Timothy Webster surrendered his license to the pastor of Free Union.

The meeting closed with prayer.



*August 14, 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 called to review the completed educational records of Brother Scott Jackson, licensed minister, and to review his plans to continue his education and renewal of his license. A letter was presented from Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church requesting Brother Scott's license be renewed. The Reverend Royce Reynolds was also present.

Following a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

*To contact his pastor, and ask guidance from the deacons and pastor before the renewal was completed.*

The motion passed.

Upon contacting Brother Royce, and he having talked to the deacons, the recommendation was to not renew the license of Brother Scott and the secretary was to draft a letter to advise Brother Scott of this action. The letter was not sent because Brother Scott surrendered his license to Brother Royce the following afternoon.

*August 28, 2001*

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

The meeting was a follow up meeting of August 14, 2001 with Brother Scott Jackson, who had, following the meeting, turned his license in to Brother Royce Reynolds. A request was made by Brother Scott for the Board to reconsider the request for renewal of his license. The following action was taken

- 1. For the license of Brother Scott be renewed and that he be allowed to continue serving as interim speaker at Malachi Chapel. That Brother Scott speak only on Sunday morning and Wednesday night which would allow him to attend services at Sound Side for spiritual direction on Sunday night.*
- 2. That Brother Royce no longer be his supervisor. Brother Royce would only supervise Brother Scott with educational assistance and any other assistance needed would be by direction of the Board of Ordination.*
- 3. The deacons of Sound Side and Malachi Chapel are to have care over Brother Scott and encourage him concerning his educational requirements and will advise the Board of ordination of any problems.*

*Motion Passed*

Respectfully Submitted:  
*Harold Swinson*

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**Financial Report**

**General Fund**

Opening Balance	\$ 1,296.61
Received from Churches	815.00
Received in Offering	143.00
Expenditures	<u>891.94</u>

**General Fund Balance** \$ 1,362.67

**Mission Fund**

Opening Balance	\$ 4,286.19
Receipts	578.75
Bank Interest	18.41
Expenditures	<u>3,500.00</u>

(\$2000 - Sunrise Landing)

(\$1500 - Convention)

**Mission Fund Balance** \$ 4,285.19

Respectfully Submitted:

*Lloyd Jones, Jr., Treasurer*

**Nominating Committee Report**

Treasurer	Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2003)
Board of Missions	Mr. Al Crispin (2007)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend William Mobley (2007)
Board of Trustees	Mr. Wayne Britt (2005)
Nominating Committee	Mrs. Teresa Grubbs (2003)
	Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2003)
	Mr. Robert Alexander (2003)
	Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2003)
	Mrs. Leytha Mobley (2003)

Respectfully Submitted:

*William Mobley, Carolyn Reynolds, Elaine Swinson, Lloyd Jones, Jr.*

CHURCHES	2002	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	164			8	0	0	3	4	0	165	103	73	110
Gum Neck	39	10	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	9	9	10
Hickory Chapel	256	172	84	1	0	0	5	3	2	247	53	40	75
Malchi's Chapel	52	40	12	0	6	0	3	0	0	55	34	28	40
Mt Tabor	175			0	0	5	0	0	0	180	79	55	81
Mt. Zion	97	39	58	6	2	0	2	0	0	103		38	53
Plymouth, First	26	26		2	0	0	0	0	0	28	17	11	20
Shiloh	204	100	104	0	0	0	0	0	0	204	70	60	82
Sidney													
Sound Side	141	141		6	4	0	5	1	0	145	93	50	70
St. Paul	82	33	49	0	1	0	1	1	0	81	36	25	32
Sunrise Landing													
Trinity	37	12	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	11	12	15
Union Chapel	219	68	151	3	6	0	4	3	0	221			
<b>Albemarle Totals</b>	<b>1492</b>	<b>641</b>	<b>512</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1505</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>588</b>