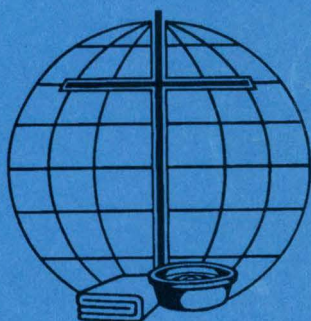


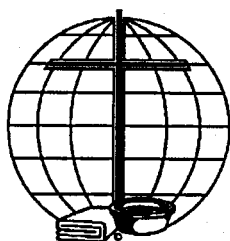
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**MINUTES
of the
Fifty-Ninth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church
Belhaven, North Carolina
October 8, 2003**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 6, 2004. The location will be Sunrise Landing Original Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Point Harbor, North Carolina.

Officers for the Years 2004-2005

Moderator: The Reverend William Mobley
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Keith Pelletier
Clerk: The Reverend Paul Grubbs
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Iris Jones
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.

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Mrs. Teresa Grubbs (2004) Mr. Wayne Britt (2005) Mrs. Lucy Jones (2006)

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The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2004) The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2005)
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2006) The Reverend William Mobley (2007)
The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2008)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Dallas Pinkham (2004) The Reverend William Mobley (2005)
The Reverend H.P. Norman (2006) Mr. Al Crispin (2007)
The Reverend Harold Swinson (2008)

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The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2004) Mr. Wayne Britt (2004)
Mrs. Estelle Register (2004) Mrs. Sara Parker (2004)
Mrs. Madge VanHorn (2004)

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Proceedings

The 59th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met Wednesday October 8, 2003, at Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church in Belhaven, NC.

The session began with the singing of "Count Your Blessings", led by the Reverend William Mobley and accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Jones. The Reverend H.P. Norman brought the morning devotion from II Timothy 1: 6-7. The Reverend David Pooser of the host church welcomed the Conference and the Reverend Royce Reynolds gave the response.

The clerk called the 59th 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 59th 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.

The Reverend Billy Reynolds led the Conference in prayer.

A motion was made 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 thirteen churches present. One church was represented by letter only. One church was absent.

The roll call of ministers was made with ten ordained ministers and one licensed minister of the Albemarle Conference present. Three ministers were excused and six visiting ministers were present.

The Reverend Harold Swinson gave the Moderator's Address entitled "Let's Fight Goliath", from I Samuel 17: 16 and 24 saying "As the church, we must see ourselves in the role of David today to face the unbelief and scorn of the world. Like David, victory can come to us through the power of God. We must become burdened for lost souls and fight the battle with the proven weapons of the power of prayer, work of the Holy Spirit, and the power and ability of God to accomplish His will. The Reverend Swinson called us to be committed to

the call that God has extended to us to defeat the Goliaths before us in the world today."

An offering was collected with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading in prayer.

The Moderator presided over the presentation of "Excellence in Leadership" Awards to the Reverend Robert May and the late Reverend Charlie Overton. The Reverend May was recognized for 41 years of faithful service and a plaque was accepted on his behalf by Mrs. Sarah Parker. An identical plaque was also presented to Hickory Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church for display at the Church. The late Reverend Overton was recognized for 51 years of faithful service and a plaque was accepted on behalf of his family by Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. An identical plaque was presented to Mount Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church for display at the Church.

The following temporary committees were appointed by the Moderator.

Resolutions Committee: The Reverend Paul Grubbs

Memorial Committee: The Reverends Royce Reynolds and Everette Harper

The Reports of the Standing Committees and Boards were given. The Board of Trustees report was given by the Reverend Harold Swinson. He read a letter from the FWB Press Foundation transferring a membership certificate, previously held by Corinth FWB Church, to the Albemarle Conference.

The Executive Committee report (see attachment) was read by the Clerk and accepted by motion.

The Board of Ordination Report (see attachment) was read by the Clerk. Several revisions were suggested. The report as revised was accepted by motion.

Several announcements were shared by those in attendance and the session entered into a short intermission.

The session then resumed with the Reverend William Mobley leading the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises". The Moderator introduced and welcomed the Reverend Jerry Evans as a new member of the Conference.

Several reports were given by representatives of denominational ministries. They included reports from: the Reverend Harold Swinson on behalf of the Convention; the Reverend Frank Harrison on behalf of Mount Olive College; the Reverend James Owens on behalf of Home Missions and Evangelism; Mr. Cliff Gray on behalf of the Free Will Baptist Press; and Mrs. Mary Dudley on behalf of the Sunday School Ministry; and Cragmont Assembly.

The session then entered into Worship with the Reverend William Mobley leading the congregation in singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus". Mrs. Karen Clayton and Mrs. Dawn Pooser of the host church presented special music and the Reverend David Pooser delivered the Worship Message entitled "What Can I Do for You?" from the text John 13: 34-35. He spoke, saying "We have an obligation to live in a way that our love for one another identifies us as Christ's disciples. He called us to live, and to give of ourselves selflessly, to have a spirit of forgiveness, a spirit of love for others, and to ask, "What can I do for you?" as we seek to transform the lives of others through the transforming love of Jesus Christ."

The Moderator thanked the Reverend Pooser and welcomed him as a new member of the Conference.

The Reverend Bruce Dudley gave a report from the Retirement Homes Ministry. The morning session closed with prayer by the Reverend Paul Grubbs and the congregation enjoyed lunch provided by the host church.

The afternoon session began with the Reverend Jerry Evans giving a devotion from John 5. The Reverend Everette Harper then gave a report from Sunrise Landing Original Free Will Baptist Mission.

The following reports were given by representatives of the denominational ministries. The Reverend Bobby Taylor reported on behalf of the FWB Children's Home Ministry. The Reverend Chris Singleton reported for the Foreign Missions Ministry. Sister Becky Jo Sumner reported on behalf of the Women's Auxiliary and the Youth Convention.

The Memorial Service was led by the Reverends Royce Reynolds and Everette Harper. The Reverend Reynolds read from John 14 and the Reverend Harper read from Psalms 23 as they led the congregation in remembering thirteen persons who have passed away in the Conference in the past year. The Reverend Harper led the conference in prayer.

During the Business Session the following items were transacted.

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

A report was shared concerning the wording selected for the Albemarle conference plaque on the Wall of Honor at Original Free Will Baptist Headquarters.

A motion was made, seconded and passed that Mrs. Eunice Sexton and Mrs. Judy Cox serve as delegates of the Albemarle Conference to the 2004 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The report of the resolutions Committee was given by the Reverend Paul Grubbs. Two resolutions (see attachment) were accepted by motion.

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

It was announced that the 2004 Annual Conference meeting of the Albemarle Conference would be held on Wednesday October 6, 2004 at Sunrise Landing Original Free Will Baptist Mission Church in Point Harbor, North Carolina.

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

Executive Committee Report

February 27, 2003

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at 7 PM at Malachi Chapel FWB Church. Members in attendance were Harold Swinson, Lloyd Jones, Paul Grubbs and Keith Pelletier. The Executive Committee met in conjunction with the Albemarle Conference Board of Ordination. The meeting was called at the request of Malachi Chapel Church and included representatives of Malachi Chapel and Soundside churches.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Billy Reynolds. Discussion and action at the meeting focused on the status of the preaching license of Scott Jackson. The Executive Committee took no action and decisions of the Board of Ordination can be found in the minutes of that Board.

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The meeting adjourned with prayer by Keith Pelletier.

Respectfully Submitted

Keith Pelletier, Clerk

Board of Ordination Report

February 11, 2003

The Board of Ordination met at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, Royce Reynolds, William Mobley, and Harold Swinson. The meeting opened with prayer and the following business followed.

1. Motion made and passed that all churches in the Albemarle Conference be sent a letter concerning the 90-day limit on all licensed ministers. Licensed ministers may stay in any church for 90 days and then must be replaced by someone else. There must be more than a week or two-week break. The motion passed.
2. Motion made that Brother Scott Jackson, licensed minister, be sent a letter terminating his license to preach in the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists. His license is to be returned to the Board of Ordination. Letters of this action are to be sent to Sound Side FWB Church and Malachi's Chapel FWB Church.
3. Motion was made to send a letter to Sidney FWB Church approving Brother David Pooser as pastor of the church and sending greetings to Brother David by the Chairman of the board welcoming him to the Conference and to the work at Sidney.

With no other business the meeting closed with prayer.

February 27, 2003

The Board of Ordination, along with the Executive Committee, met with a committee from Malachi's Chapel at the church. The following members were present: The Reverends Billy Reynolds, Royce Reynolds, Paul Grubbs, and Harold Swinson. Members of the Executive Committee present were Brother Lloyd Jones and the Reverend Keith Pelletier. The meeting was held at the request of the church who wished to ask the Board to reconsider reinstating brother Scott Jackson's license.

Following much discussion and several ideas suggested, the following motion was made.

1. Motion made that Brother Scott complete another book in his continuing education plan and meet with the Board of Ordination at the Union March 29, 2003 at Mt. Tabor. As Brother Scott has another book complete he is to have both books to present to the Board of Ordination and at that time the Board will consider reinstating the license for another 90 days. **Motion passed.**
2. Motion made that Brother Scott be allowed to speak at Malachi's Chapel on March 2, 2003 and following that service remain out of the pulpit and church until April. Following the decision of the Board at the next meeting. **Motion passed.**

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3. Motion made to change the Educational Supervisor of Brother Scott to the Deacons of Malachi's Chapel and they are to contact the Board of Ordination concerning Brother Scott's progress. Motion passed.

March 29, 2003

The Ordaining Council of the Albemarle Conference met on March 29, 2003, at Mt. Tabor with Scott Jackson and members of Malachi's Chapel OFWB Church. Present were William Mobley, Billy Reynolds and Paul Grubbs, chairman.

Mr. Jackson showed us two lessons (books) that he had completed in the Sound View School of Theology.

Malachi's Chapel & Mr. Jackson requested his license to preach be returned.

Mr. Jackson informed the Council that he did not attend Malachi's Chapel or Sound Side during the required thirty (30) days while showing anger and contempt to the pastor of Sound Side OFWB Church and the Council. He blamed the Council for hurting his daughter who really wanted to attend Malachi's Chapel.

Malachi's Chapel and Mr. Jackson again accused certain Council members of being against him.

No decision was given, as a number of board members were absent.

April 7, 2003

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference met at St. Paul OFWB Church with the following members present: The Reverends Paul Grubbs, chairman, William Mobley, Harold Swinson, Billy Reynolds and Royce Reynolds. The meeting was opened with prayer and the following business discussed.

1. Examination of Brother Warren Hoover, member of St. Paul, for transfer of license from the Western Conference to the Albemarle Conference.
Motion: To send letter of request to the Western Conference Board of Ordination for information and working procedure to complete this process and for St. Paul to complete what is needed for license in the conference.
2. Discussion concerning Brother Scott Jackson and the meeting with Malachi's Chapel at the Union Meeting at Mt. Tabor.
Motion: To advise Brother Scott that his license would not be reinstated and to inform Malachi's Chapel that they were out of compliance with the Articles of Faith concerning their process of allowing other denominational speakers to fill the pulpit. To begin the selection for a pastor from the duly ordained ministers in the Original Free Will Baptist.

With no other business the meeting was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:
Harold Swinson, Secretary
Paul Grubbs, Chairman

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Financial Report

General Fund

Opening Balance	\$1362.67
Received after Conference*	2080.00
*Trans, from savings - \$2000	
* Refund of charges - \$80	
Received from Churches	765.00
Received in Offering	117.41
Expenditures	<u>3040.00</u>

General Fund Balance \$ 1285.08

Mission Fund

Opening Balance	\$1383.35
Receipts	2610.89
Bank Interest	8.05
Expenditures*	<u>2000.00</u>
*\$2000 - Sunrise Landing	

Mission Fund Balance \$2002.29

Respectfully Submitted:
Lloyd Jones, Jr., Treasurer

Resolutions Committee Report

Resolution Number One

Whereas, donation and transplantation save lives. As of May 2003 more than 81000 men, women, and children were on the organ transplant waiting list. The need for organs far exceeds the supply. On the average, every 13 minutes a new name is added to the waiting list. In 2002, an average of 68 people each day received a transplant for a total of more than 24000 organ transplants. Yet, thousands more critically ill individuals could have been helped if more organs were available. Each day 17 people die, on average, because the healthy organ that could have replaced their failing heart, kidney, liver, lung or pancreas is not available.

Be it resolved, that we, the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, recognize the life-giving benefits of organ and tissue donation, and thereby encourage all Christians to become organ and tissue donors by signing and carrying cards or driver's licenses attesting to their commitment of such organs upon their death, to those in need, as part of their ministry to each other in the name of Christ; and we encourage each Original Free Will Baptist Church to honor national Donor Sunday, November 16, 2003.

Resolution Number Two

Whereas, Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church has been a gracious host for the fifty-ninth annual session of the Albemarle Conference.

Be it resolved, that we, the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, give a rising vote of appreciation to Sidney Original free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul Grubbs, Chair

Nominating Committee Report

Moderator	The Reverend William Mobley (2005)
Assistant Moderator	The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2005)
Clerk	The Reverend Paul Grubbs (2005)
Assistant Clerk	Mrs. Iris Jones (2005)
Treasurer	Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr. (2005)
Board of Missions	The Reverend H.P. Norman (2006)
	The Reverend Harold Swinson (2008)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2008)
Board of Trustees	Mrs. Lucille Jones (2005)
Nominating Committee	The Reverend Billy Reynolds, Chair (2004)
	Mr. Wayne Britt (2004)
	Mrs. Estelle Register (2004)
	Mrs. Sara Parker (2004)
	Mrs. Madge VanHorn (2004)
	Mrs. Lucy Jones, Alternate (2004)

Respectfully Submitted:

Lloyd Jones, Jr., Robert Alexander, Carolyn Reynolds, Teresa Grubbs, Leytha Mobley

CHURCHES	2003	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	165			4	1	0	5	1	0	164	103	73	100
Gum Neck	39	8	31	0	0	0	2	0	0	37	7	7	12
Hickory Chapel	247	163	84	0	0	0	7	6	0	234	50	38	55-60
Malchi's Chapel	52	40	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	30	26	33
Mt Tabor													
Mt. Zion	99	43	56	12	1	0	2	0	0	110	30	38	48
Plymouth, First	28			0	0	0	0	2	1	25	9	9	12
Shiloh	188	95	93	0	0	0	1	1	0	186	52	45	100
Sidney													
Sound Side	141	100	41	4	4	0	0	0	0	149	90	48	70
St. Paul	82	33	49	0	2	0	0	0	0	84	38	32	35
Sunrise Landing				6	10	0	0	0	0	16			16
Trinity	37	12	25	0	0	0	0	1	0	36	16	13	15
Union Chapel													
Albemarle Totals	1078	494	391	26	18	0	17	11	1	1093	425	329	452