

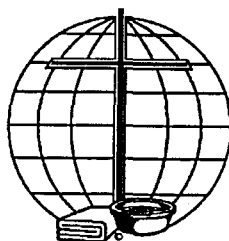
# **Convention of Original Free Will Baptists**



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**Minutes  
of the  
Sixtieth Annual Session  
of the  
Albemarle Conference  
of  
Original Free Will Baptists  
Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church  
Pinetown, North Carolina**

**October 6, 2004**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 5, 2005. The location will be at Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, North Carolina.

**Officers for the Years 2004-2005**

Moderator: The Reverend William Mobley  
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Keith Pelletier  
Clerk: The Reverend David Pooser  
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.

**Board of Trustees**

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

**Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2006)  
The Reverend William Mobley (2007)  
The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2005)  
The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2008)  
The Reverend Robert May (2009)

Albemarle

**Board of Missions**

The Reverend Dallas Pinkham (2004)

The Reverend William Mobley (2005)

The Reverend H. P. Norman (2006)

Mr. Al Crispin (2007)

**Nominating Committee**

The Reverend Keith Pelletier

Mrs. Carylton Reynolds

Mrs. Estell Register

Mr. Al Crispin

Alternate: Mrs. Sara Parker

**Ordained Ministers**

Paul Grubbs	127 Zack Circle, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
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Robert M. May	530 NC 561 E., Ahoskie, NC 27910
William C. Mobley	2306 West Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27889
H. P. Norman	P.O. Box 723, Farmville, 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	P.O. Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925
Harold Swinson	808 Jones Bridge Road, Pinetown, NC 27865
David Pooser	5580 Sidney Road, Belhaven, NC 27810
Al Markuson	6033 NC Hwy 32 S., Plymouth, NC 27962
Charles Parrish	Florida

**Proceedings**

The 60th Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist met Wednesday October 6, 2004 at Free Union Original Free Will Baptist Church in Pinetown, NC.

The session began with the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross", led by Brother Lloyd Jones and accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Jones. The Reverend Al Markuson brought the morning devotion from Col. 1:1-11. The Reverend Harold Swinson from the host church welcomed the Conference and The Reverend H. P. Norman gave the response.

The clerk called the 60th Annual Session to order using the words of the late Oscar Webster, "I Harold Swinson, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist do declare the 60th 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 Keith Pelletier, assistant moderator, now presiding.", and presented the assistant moderator to preside over the session.

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 twelve churches present. Two churches were absent.

## Albemarle

The roll call of ministers was made with eleven ordained ministers of the Albemarle Conference present. Two were excused and five ministers were present.

The Reverend Keith Pelletier gave the Moderator's Address from Hebrews 11:1 and spoke of our work as churches, members, and the conference stressing the unity, love and attitude of each member and church being that which Christ would have us be and to be Christ-like in all that we do.

An offering was collected with the Brother Raymond Lagcher leading in prayer.

The Moderator appointed the following temporary committees.

*Resolutions Committee:* The Reverend Royce Reynolds

*Memorial Committee:* The Reverend Harold Swinson

The reports of the Standing Committees and Boards were given. The Board of Trustees had no report.

The Executive Committee had no report but announcements were made about meetings that had been with the Ordination Board.

The Ordination Board gave its report as follows:

### February 28, 2004

The Board Of Ordination met at the Union Meeting at Sidney with the following members present: The Reverends William Mobley, Keith Pelletier, Royce Reynolds, Billy Reynolds and Harold Swinson.

We met with the Reverend Al Markuson, who had been elected to pastor Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Plymouth, NC pending clearance of the Board. Clearance was given and Brother Al was welcomed to the Conference. Movement of membership from the Cape Fear Conference was discussed but no decision was made.

Discussion was also shared concerning the license of Brother Warren Hoover, licensed minister at St. Paul, and the decision was to wait until the situation at St. Paul was settled.

Discussion was made concerning Brother Bob Alexander's license and a meeting was planned to allow the new board members to go over the materials.

Meeting closed with prayer.

### April 19, 2004

The Board of Ordination met at Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: The Reverends Harold Swinson, William Mobley, Royce Reynolds, Keith Pelletier, Billy Reynolds.

The following items were discussed and action taken.

Discussion on the renewal of Brother Bob Alexander's license. Recommendation to Mt. Tabor not to renew the license. Motion passed.

The license of Brother Warren Hoover were expired and a letter to be sent to him asking if he planned to remain in the Albemarle Conference or return to the Western Conference. Letter was sent and Brother Hoover's license have been transferred back to the Western Conference.

### May 24, 2004

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference at Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: The Reverends Harold Swinson,

William Mobley, Keith Pelletier, Billy Reynolds and Royce Reynolds. After much discussion the meeting closed with prayer.

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

The session then resumed with the Moderator asking several of the representatives of the denominational ministries to give reports as we were ahead of schedule.

The Denominational reports were closed and we entered into the worship service, which began with the hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life." The host church presented special music and The Reverend Robert May delivered the morning message from Hebrews 5:12. Brother Robert spoke on the title "Motivating Gods People" asking the congregation several questions, "Where is God today? Is he real today as he was 2000 years ago? What has happened to our church people today? Then transition was made to Exodus 3:14. We were reminded of the situation with Israel and Moses. Things then were somewhat like today, people not interested in God's presence and are not motivated by the Holy Spirit who must dwell within all of us to allow us to work for God.

The service closed with the singing of "Just As I Am" and directions were given for lunch.

The afternoon session began with the singing of "What A Friend We Have In Jesus."

The following Denominational Ministries gave reports:

Retirement Homes, The Reverend Bruce Dudley; Home Missions and Evangelism, The Reverend David Hansley; Free Will Baptist Convention, The Reverend Buddy Sasser; Children's Home, Dr. Bobby Taylor; Foreign Missions, The Reverend Harold Jones; Free Will Baptist Press, Mr. Cliff Gray; Mount Olive College, Mrs. Dianne Riley; Camp Vandemere, Mr. Wesley Taylor; Woman's Auxiliary, Ms. Becky Jo Sumner; Layman's League, Mr. Russell Tyson.

The Memorial Service was given by The Reverend Harold Swinson from 1 Corinthians 15:2 which spoke of remembering those who have been called home with the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Business session was opened with the following business being transacted.

#### **Treasurer's report:**

##### **General Fund**

Brought forward from 2003	\$1285.08
Amount received after Conference	130.00
Amount received from Churches	773.40
Amount received public offerings	68.25
Total Received	\$2256.73
Amount Paid Out	771.24
Balance in General Fund	\$1485.49

##### **Mission Fund 2004**

Brought Forward from 2003	\$2002.29
Amount Received during year	\$1113.95
Bank Interest	\$5.13
Total	\$3121.37

Albemarle

Business:

Motion to accept Brother Al Markuson into the Albemarle Conference.

Motion Passed.

Motion to allow the Board of Ordination to use the memo that has been sent to all church clerks and churches addressing divorce and remarriage of ministers. (see attached letter)

Motion to table the letter until next conference. Motion failed.

Vote was taken on the original motion by polling the church delegates and ministers and Motion passed.

Motion made to give Free Union a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality in hosting the Conference.

Announcement of the next Conference was made. Union Chapel asks to host the Conference October 5, 2005.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given with the following resolutions being presented:

That, due to the decline in active church membership, that we rededicate ourselves to seeking the lost and sharing the gospel beginning next door and then going throughout the world.

That we reaffirm the Biblical standard of marriage and that it is exclusively a union between one man and one woman.

Motion made and passed to adopt resolutions.

The minutes of the annual session were read and approved by motion.

The Moderator closed the Conference and The Reverend Royce Reynolds closed with prayer.



CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
Albemarle Conference													
Belhaven	10	10								10			9
Free Union	165	125		2			1	1		166	80	65	125
Gum Neck	37	8	29							37	12	12	15
Hickory Chapel	234	151	83				8	13		213	48	33	45
Malchi's Chapel	52	30	22				2	5		45	30	21	28
Mt Tabor	175	100	75			3	2			176	55	42	75
Mt. Zion	110	46	64				2	2		106	41	33	40
Plymouth, First	25	10	15				3	2		20	4	4	14
Shiloh	185	93	92	2			2	2		183	50	44	95
Sidney													
Sound Side	141	100	46		7		1	1		146	75	50	75
St. Paul	84	33	49	2			1	5		80	19	13	32
Sunrise Landing													
Trinity	36	14	22	1	1			3		35	21	18	21
Union Chapel	237	63	174				1	11		225	47	30	75
Albemarle Totals	1491	783	671	7	8	3	23	45	0	1442	482	365	649