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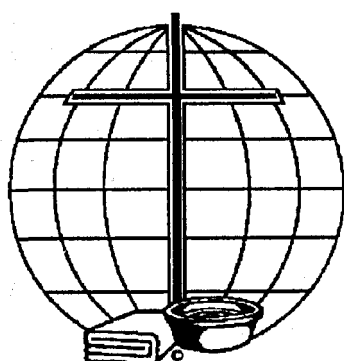
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**Minutes of the Sixty-third Annual Session  
of the Albemarle Conference  
of Original Free Will Baptists  
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church  
Pinetown, North Carolina**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 8, 2008. The location will be at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

**Moderator:** The Reverend William Mobley  
**Assistant Moderator:** The Reverend Keith Pelletier  
**Clerk:** The Reverend David Pooser  
**Assistant Clerk:** Mrs. Lois Askew  
**Treasurer:** Mr. Lloyd Jones

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 the chair of the Board of Missions.

Mr. Scott Davis (2008)                      The Reverend H. P. Norman (2009)  
Mr. Ray Collier (2010)

The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2008)      The Reverend Al Markuson (2010)  
The Reverend Robert May (2009)      The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2011)  
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)

The Reverend Bill Mobley (2008)	Mrs. Lucy Jones (2010)
The Reverend Woodrow Freeze (2009)	Mr. Don Skinner (2011)

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## Proceedings

The 63rd Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist met Wednesday, October 10, 2007 at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Pantego, NC.

The Session began with the singing of "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus," led by Bro. Lloyd Jones and accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Jones. The Reverend Al Markuson brought the devotion from the mission statement of Original Free Will Baptists reminding us of our calling and purpose. The Reverend Keith Pelletier from the host church gave the welcome to the conference and The Reverend Michael Williams gave the response.

The clerk called the 63rd Annual Session to order using the words of the late Oscar Webster, "I, David, Pooser, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptist do declare the 63rd 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 Bill Mobley, moderator, now presiding," and presented the 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 eleven churches present. Three churches were absent.

The roll call of ministers was made with eleven present. Four ministers were excused while absent. Two licensed ministers were present.

The Reverend Bill Mobley gave the Moderator's address from Psalm 27:4, "One thing I have asked from the Lord, that I shall seek: That I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord and to meditate in His temple." We need our hearts to be rended for God and the sacrifice that His Son made for us. We need to do His will more knowing that Satan is working against it all the time. We need to seek God's guidance, have a love for God's house, and have a spiritual vision so that we may work for the glory of God.

We were led in our offertory hymn, "I'll Fly Away," by Bro. Lloyd Jones.

The offering was taken with the Reverend Al Markuson leading in prayer.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees:

*Resolutions Committee:* The Reverend Royce Reynolds  
Mr. Wayne Britt

*Memorial Committee* The Reverend Raymond Lagcher  
The Reverend Robert May

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The Executive Committee and the Board of Trustees had no report to give.

The Board of Ordination report is as follows:

### October 6, 2007

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 AM. Members present included the Reverends Al Markuson, Billy Reynolds, Robert May and Keith Pelletier. Mr. James Yoder was also present.

The Reverend Al Markuson read Psalms 100, the group shared prayer requests and the Reverend Robert May led the group in prayer.

A discussion was held concerning Board concerns and various issues.

The Board then met with Mr. James Yoder and discussed his candidacy as a licensed minister. Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church has requested that the Board approve their licensing of Mr. Yoder.

After thorough discussion The Reverend Robert May moved the Board approve the licensing of Mr. Yoder effective October 6, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Reverend Keith Pelletier.

Respectfully Submitted;  
Keith Pelletier, Secretary  
Al Markuson, Chair

### October 10, 2007

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at 9:00 AM. Members present included the Reverends Al Markuson, Royce Reynolds, Robert May and Keith Pelletier. Also present were the Reverend Woodrow Freeze and licensee candidate, Jonathan Best.

The meeting opened with prayer by the Reverend Royce Reynolds.

The Board met with Mr. Jonathan Best and discussed his candidacy as a licensed minister. Free Union Free Will Baptist Church has requested that the Board approve the licensing of Mr. Best.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds moved that the Board approve the licensing of Mr. Best effective October 10, 2007. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted;  
Keith Pelletier, Secretary

Al Markuson, Chair

During a time for announcements churches shared their upcoming events, revivals and homecoming services.

We moved on into Denominational Reports hearing from the Reverend Buddy Sasser for the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, the Reverend Bobby Taylor for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, the Reverend Bryant Hines for Cragmont Assembly, Bro. Roy Wetherington for Home Missions and Evangelism, Bro. Cliff Gray for the Free Will Baptist Press, and the Reverend Harold Jones for Foreign Missions.

The conference took a short break and then returned for our worship service.

We began worship by singing the hymn, "A Shelter In The Time Of Storm," led by Bro. Lloyd Jones and accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Jones. We were blessed by Mr. and Mrs. Don and Debra Skinner who sang four songs and gave us great encouragement and helped us prepare our hearts for the message.

The message was given by the Reverend Keith Pelletier from Joshua 24:15, *"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which your fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."* We were brought to a point of great appreciation for the wonderful gift that God has given us in being able to choose to follow Him and His ways. We were then challenged to see that there is a right choice. Next, we were to ask ourselves, "What decision will we make when confronted with difficult choices?"

-Do I take up my cross daily and follow Christ?

-Do I submit my will to God's will?

-Do I turn the other cheek?

-Do I pray for those who spitefully use me?

-Do I forgive those who hurt me?

In closing, we were reminded that God created and saved us through His choice, not by chance, and that whoever and however we choose to serve today, the choice is ours.

The conference broke for lunch served by our host church and enjoyed by all.

The conference returned at 1:00 PM with our afternoon devotion. We were led in the hymn, "The Bond Of Love," by Bro. Lloyd Jones, accompanied by Mrs. Lucille Jones.

The Reverend Robert May led our afternoon devotion from Job 1:1 and pointed out to us that we need to be like Job in our right relationship with God, in our reverence for God, and in our hatred of evil. In closing we were challenged to choose what to do not based on any standard other than this: "Does it please God?"

The conference returned to the denominational reports hearing from the Reverend Ronnie Taylor for the Retirement Homes, from Mrs. Mary Dudley for the Sunday School Ministry, from Mr. Wesley Taylor from Camp Vandemere, from Mrs. Becky Jo Sumner for the Woman's Auxiliary, from Bro. Roy Wetherington for the Layman's League, and from Bro. Lloyd Jones for Mount Olive College.

Our memorial service was given by the Reverends Raymond Lagcher and Robert May. The two men led us in prayer and remembrance for the dear brothers and sisters who have gone home ahead of us, who are written in our minds and our hearts, who were faithful soldiers of the cross and it is our place to fill their shoes. Second Timothy 4:1-8 were the verses read and impressed and exhorted us to follow in their footsteps. That we

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might say, "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith," 2 Timothy 4:7.

The conference entered in to business with a Union meeting to election of officers. The officers elected were that the current officers return for another term. The next Union meeting will be March 29, 2008 at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church.

There was no old or new business before the conference.

The Treasurer's Report was given as follows:

General Fund 2007

Brought Forward from 2006	\$2,258.42
Amount Received after Conference	\$560.00
Amount Received from Churches	\$665.00
Amount Received Conference Offerings	+ \$83.00
Total Received	\$3,566.42
Amount Paid Out	- \$752.00
Balance in General Fund	\$2,814.42

Mission Fund 2007

Brought Forward from 2006	\$4,581.68
Amount Received during 2007	\$318.87
Bank Interest	+ \$10.81
Total Received	\$4911.36
Amount Paid Out	- \$500.00*
Balance in General Fund	\$4411.36

\*amount transferred to checking for Sunday School Ministry /VBS California

Motion was made to send \$200.00 to the Bobby Taylor Endowment Fund in honor of his many years of service and his roots in the Albemarle Conference. Motion was seconded and passed.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to send \$100.00 to the Reverend Billy Reynolds to assist with gas expense for his medical visits.

Motion was made, seconded and passed to send \$500.00 the Sunday School Ministry to be used in the ministry in the spring of 2008 for Latino Outreach.

Motion made, second and passed to ask the Reverend David Hansley to come to our March 2008 Union meeting to give a report of monies sent for Point Harbor work that is now no longer in existence.



## Nominating Committee Report

### Officers for 2008-2009

Moderator	The Reverend William Mobley
Asst. Moderator	The Reverend Keith Pelletier
Clerk	The Reverend David Pooser
Asst. Clerk	Mrs. Lois Askew
Treasurer	Mr. Lloyd Jones
Board of Trustees	Mr. Ray Collier (2010)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)

### Nominating Committee for 2008

Chair	The Reverend Woodrow Freeze III Mr. Lewis Sullivan The Reverend Robert May Mrs. Sara Parker
Alternate	Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds

Respectfully submitted;

Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr, The Reverend Paul Grubbs, Mrs. Leytha Mobley, The Reverend Woodrow Freeze III

Motion made, seconded, and passed to accept the nominating committee report as given.

The resolutions committee made recommended these three resolutions:

1. That we resolve to reaffirm our commitment to pray for and financially support all our denominational works and ministries that we may make Christ our Savior known to the world outside the church.
2. That we give Trinity Free Will Baptist a rising vote of appreciation for being such wonderful hosts to this year's conference meeting.
3. That we give the Reverend Bobby Taylor a rising vote of appreciation for his great and faithful service to our Children's Home ministry.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Reverend Royce Reynolds  
Mr. Wayne Britt

The next annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists will be Wednesday, October 8, 2007 at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Motion made, seconded and passed to adjourn.