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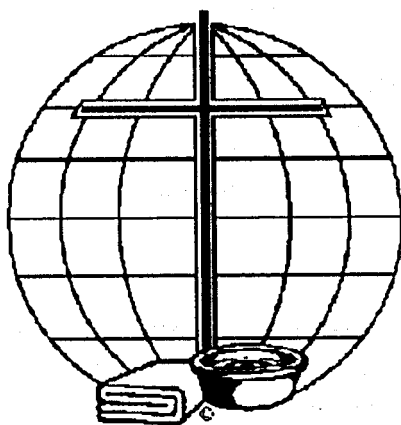
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**Albemarle**

**Minutes of the  
Sixty-Fourth Annual Session  
of the  
Albemarle Conference  
of  
Original Free Will Baptists  
held at  
Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church  
Columbia, NC**

**October 8, 2008**

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 7, 2009. The location will be Mt. Zion Original Free Will Baptist Church in Roper, North Carolina.

**Officers for the Years 2008-2009**

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

**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 the chair of the Board of Missions.

**Board of Trustees**

The Reverend H. P. Norman (2009)  
Mr. Ray Collier (2010)  
Mr. Scott Davis (2011)

**Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Robert May (2009)  
The Reverend Al Markuson (2010)  
The Reverend Billy Reynolds (2011)  
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)  
The Reverend William Mobley (2013)

**Board of Missions**

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze (2009)  
Mrs. Lucy Jones (2010)  
Mr. Don Skinner (2011)  
The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)  
Ms. Becky Jo Sumner (2013)

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**Nominating Committee**

Mrs. Darlene Paul  
Mrs. Leytha Mobley  
Mr. Wayne Britt  
The Reverend Mike Williams

**Ordained Ministers**

Paul Grubbs	127 Zack Circle, Elizabeth City, NC 27909
Raymond Lagcher	P. O. Box 104, Belhaven, NC 27810
Robert M. May	146 Slaughter Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910
William C. Mobley	2306 West 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Washington, NC 27889
H. P. Norman	P. O. Box 723, Farmville, NC 27828
Keith A. Pelletier	195 Gus Town Road, Creswell, NC 27928
Dallas Pinkham	13099 Hwy 264 East, 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	P. O. Box 397, Kenly, NC 27542
David Pooser	5580 Sidney Road, Belhaven, NC 27810
Al Markuson	5993 NC Hwy 32 S, Plymouth, NC 27962
Charles Parrish	433 SW Broderick Drive, Lake City FL 32025
Woodrow Freeze III	808 Jones Bridge Road, Pinetown, NC 27865
Michael Williams	531 NC 561 East, Ahoskie, NC 27910

**Licensed Ministers**

James Yoder	1509 Mainstem Road, Pantego, NC 27860
Jonathan Best	238 Pungo Creek Road, Pinetown, NC 27865

**Proceedings**

Morning Session opened at 9:30 am with hymn 411 *Jesus Saves*.

The Albemarle Conference was welcomed by Rev. Royce Reynolds, pastor of Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

Rev. Michael Williams gave response from the Conference.

Rev. Keith Pelletier gave the morning devotions speaking on "Great Passion." His text was from Psalm 122. We were challenged to come to this conference with great but humble passion and with great faith.

Moderator, the Rev. Bill Mobley called conference to order and the program was approved.

The Roll of Churches was called with 11 present, 3 absent, 2 of which sent letters.

The Roll of Ministers was called with 9 present, 2 absent, 4 excused absences.

The moderator greeted the visiting ministers.

Rev. Bill Mobley presented the Moderator's address. His text was from 2 Corinthians 6:11 urging us to abstain from evil things.

Hymn 198 *Dwelling in Beulah Land* was sung.

The ushers were called to collect the morning offering.

The moderator called to appoint temporary committees. With no nominations from the floor, the moderator appointed the following:

Rev. Al Markuson and Rev. Raymond Lagcher, Memorial Committee

Rev. Mike Williams and Mr. Jim Yoder, Resolutions Committee

The floor was opened for reports.

There was no Executive Committee report.

There was no Board of Trustees report.

Rev. Keith Pelletier reported on the activities of the Ordination Board. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed.

Rev. Woodrow Freeze gave the Nominating Committee report. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed.

Announcements were made:

Rev. Warren Hoover is available to serve.

The following revivals were announced:

Free Union, Malachi's Chapel, Shiloh

Sound Side announced their homecoming Nov. 19.

The floor was opened for reports from the denominational ministries.

- Convention of Original Free Will Baptist, Director of Denominational Services, Rev. Buddy Sasser introduced the directors of the denominational enterprises present

- Rev. David Hansely reported on the work of the Home Missions and Evangelism

- Mr. Cliff Gray reported from Free Will Baptist Press

- Original Free Will Baptist International (Foreign Missions) report was delivered by Rev. Harold Jones

- Rev. Jeff Daughtry reported on Mount Olive College

- Rev. Ronnie Taylor gave the report from Retirement Homes

A short break was called by the Moderator.

Following the break:

- Mrs. Mary Dudley reported on the Sunday School Ministry.

- Rev. John Hill reported on the activities of the Youth Commission.

- Rev. Buddy Sasser concluded the ministry reports.

The worship service was opened by the singing of hymn 518, *Sweet Bye and Bye*.

Rev. Royce Reynolds introduced Rev. Phil Smith of Sandy Acres Free Will Baptist Church who brought special music singing *Have You Visited Heaven Lately*.

Moderator, the Rev. Bill Mobley, introduced Rev. Robert May who brought the morning message. Bro. May spoke from Mark 4:35-41, speaking of "Faith for the Storm."

Invitational hymn was number 334, *Just As I Am*.

Following the worship service, Brother Bill opened the floor for any questions for denominational enterprises.

Bro. Bill turned the floor to Rev. Harold Swinson who spoke on behalf of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

Bro. Bill called upon Bro. Royce Reynolds to give directions for the noon meal who also offered the blessing for the meal.

Lunch was served by Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church.

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The afternoon session of the 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists was opened in singing hymn 511 *On Jordan's Stormy Banks*.

Devotions were delivered by Rev. Royce Reynolds who read from Matthew 9 and spoke on the need for evangelism.

The memorial service was presided over by Rev. Al Markuson and Rev. Raymond Lagcher. Brother Al read the names of those who passed during the year and the floor was opened for other names. There were no ministers lost. Brother Raymond Lagcher read from John 19:25-30 and offered prayer.

The moderator, Rev. Bill Mobley, opened the business session.

Bro. Lloyd Jones presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved and seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion passed.

### Treasurer's Report

#### General Fund

Brought Forward from 2007	\$ 2814.42
Amount Received after Conference	63.00
Amount Received from churches	550.00
Amount Received from offering	+ 61.00
Total Received	3488.42
Amount Paid Out	-1146.00
Balance in General Fund	\$ 2342.42

#### Mission Fund

Brought Forward from 2007	\$ 4411.36
Amount Received During Year	311.20
Bank Interest	+ 8.84
Total	4731.40

A discussion was held regarding the Yearbooks.

It was moved and seconded to send from the missions account \$500.00 to Foreign Missions and \$500.00 to Disaster Relief earmarked for the Texas work. Following discussion the motion passed.

A discussion was held regarding the reporting of deaths.

Rev. Michael Williams reported for the Resolutions Committee.

It was resolved to give Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote thanks for hosting this conference and a wonderful meal.

Mrs. Sarah Parker expressed thanks to all of the Albemarle Conference ministers.

Rev. David Hansley invited all to come to Home Missions Office in Kinston, NC.

It was reported that the Mount Olive College dinner would be held at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Oct. 23 at 7:00 pm.

October 18, the Mount Olive College Dinner would be held at Southside High School at 7:00 pm.

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Rev. Royce Reynolds spoke about the Free Will Baptist Press. Brother Lloyd Jones also commented on the Free Will Baptist Press.

Next Year, the Albemarle Conference will meet at Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church on Oct. 7, 2009.

Mrs. Mary Dudley rose to speak about the information prepared by the Convention for our meeting.

The minutes were read and corrected.

Brother Mobley expressed his appreciation.

It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes. Motion passed.

The motion to adjourn was seconded and passed. Meeting was adjourned.

### Deceased Members:

Anges Edwards, Philip Jones, Thomas Windley, Bessie Ann Watson, Margaret Paul, Mertie Everton, Victoria Cooper, Alice Smith Rose, Betty Jo Hines, Julia Wright

### Board of Ordination Report

December 28, 2007

The members of the Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists conferenced via phone with Board Chairman Al Markuson. The Board granted approval for Dr. Bobby Taylor, a member in good standing of the Western Conference, to work in the Albemarle Conference. Dr. Taylor has accepted the pastorate of the First OFWB Church of Plymouth, pending his clearance to work in the conference.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith Pelletier, Secretary

Al Markuson, Chair

June 28, 2008

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Trinity OFWB Church on June 28, 2008 following the Albemarle Union. Members present included the Reverends, Al Markuson, Robert May and Keith Pelletier.

The Board discussed the status of licensed minister James Yoder and his mentor, The Reverend Billy Reynolds. The Board recommended that The Reverend Billy Reynolds continue to serve as mentor for Brother Yoder.

The Board received letters from both the Eastern Conference Board of Ordination and from Mr. Everette Harper requesting his credentials. The Board agreed to research the matter further before responding.

The meeting closed with prayer by the Reverend Al Markuson.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith Pelletier, Secretary

Al Markuson, Chair



**Nominating Committee Report**

Board of Missions	Ms. Becky Jo Sumner (2013)
Board of Ordination	The Reverend William Mobley (2013)
Board of Trustees	Mr. Scott Davis (2013)
Nominating Committee	Mr. Wayne Britt (2009)
	Mrs. Leytha Mobley (2009)
	Mrs. Darlene Paul (2009)
	The Reverend Michael Williams (2009)

**Respectfully Submitted:**

The Reverend Woodrow Freeze III, The Reverend Robert May, Mrs. Sara Parker, Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds