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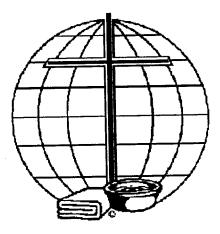
## The 99th Annual Session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

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#### Albemarle Conference

#### Minutes of the Sixty-Sixth Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists held at Free Union Free Will Baptist Church, Pinetown, NC October 6, 2010

The next session will convene Wednesday, before the second Sunday, October 5, 2011.

#### Officers for the Years 2010-11

Moderator: The Reverend Royce Reynolds Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Robert May Clerk: The Reverend Woodrow Freeze 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**

Mr. Scott Davis (2011) The Reverend Robert May (2012) Mr. Wayne Britt (2012)

#### **Board of Ordination**

The Reverend Michael Williams (2011) The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012) The Reverend William Mobley (2013) The Reverend Woodrow Freeze (2014) The Reverend Keith Pellitier (2014)

#### **Board of Missions**

Mr. Don Skinner (2011) The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012) Mrs. Becky Jo Sumner (2013) The Reverend Woodrow Freeze (2014) Mrs. Lucy Jones (2014)

> Nominating Committee Mrs. Darlene Paul Mrs. Leytha Mobley Mr. Wayne Britt 103

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#### The Reverend Mike Williams

#### **Ordained Ministers**

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#### Proceedings

Morning Session opened at 9:30 am with the hymn Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

The Rev. Jonathan Best gave the opening devotion from Psalm 88.

The Albemarle Conference was welcomed by Rev. James Yoder.

Mr. Lloyd Jones gave the response from the Conference.

Moderator, Rev. Royce Reynolds asked the clerk to call the conference to order. A motion and second to approve the program was accepted and passed.

The Roll of Churches was called with 7 present, 7 represented by letter.

The Roll of Ministers was called with 12 present, 2 absent, 0 excused.

The moderator greeted the visiting ministers.

Rev. Royce Reynolds presented the Moderator's address using scripture from Proverbs 27:18.

A hymn was sung, Count Your Blessings.

The ushers were called to collect the morning offering.

Brother Royce Reynolds called for nominations for temporary committees. With no nominations from the floor, the moderator appointed the following:

Miss Becky Jo Sumner and the Rev. Bill Mobley to serve on the Memorial Committee

Rev. Al Markuson and Rev. Keith Pelletier, Resolutions Committee

The floor was opened for reports.

There was no Executive Committee report.

The Executive Committee met once to plan the program for the Annual Conference.

There was no Board of Trustees report.

Rev. Royce Reynolds reported on the activities of the Ordination Board. It was moved and seconded to accept this report. Motion passed. (Report submitted)

There was no Home Missions report.

Announcements from the various churches were made.

The floor was opened for reports from the denominational ministries.

Rev. Harold Swinson came forward to represent the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist.

Mr. Gary Lee reported for the Children's Home.

Rev. David Charles Hansley reported on Home Missions and Evangelism and Disaster Relief.

Mrs. Mary Dudley gave a report from the Sunday School Ministry.

A break was taken in preparation for the worship service.

The worship service was opened by singing the hymn Jesus is Calling.

Miss Liza Paul of Free Union presented special music.

The Rev. James Yoder presented the morning message from Romans 12 regarding commitment in the church.

The conference was dismissed for lunch.

The conference was called back to order with the singing of the hymn Jesus Saves.

Continuation of Denominational Ministries:

Rev. Harold Jones reported on Original Free Will Baptists International. 105 Rev. Mike Williams presented a devotion for the afternoon section from John 3:16.

Dr. Philip Kerstetter presented a report from Mount Olive College.

Mr. Cliff Gray presented a report from The Free Will Baptist Press.

- Rev. Royce Reynolds asked for those who would desire to speak for the following ministries who represented by materials:

> Church Finance (Royce Reynolds) Minister's Program Camp Vandemere (Woodrow Freeze) Retirement Homes Woman's Auxiliary (Becky Jo Sumner) Laymen's League

The Memorial Committee presented the Memorial Service.

Rev. Royce Reynolds opened the Business Section.

No old business

New Business

Resolutions Committee presented a resolution to give the congregation of Free Union Free Will Baptist Church a rising stand vote of thanks. Moved, seconded and passed.

Nominating Committee report was presented by Rev. Michael Williams:

Board of Trustees Rev. Robert May, Mr. Wayne Britt Board of Ordination Mike Williams, Woodrow Freeze, Keith Pellitier Board of Missions Woodrow Freeze, Lucy Jones

Moved and seconded to receive the report of the nominating committee by acclamation. Motion passed.

Rev. Royce Reynolds was nominated to fill the position of Moderator.

Moved, seconded and passed to close nominations.

Rev. Robert May was nominated to fill the position of Assistant Moderator. Moved to accept nomination by acclamation, seconded and passed.

#### Albemarle Conference

#### Brother Lloyd Jones presented the Treasurer's Report:

#### General Fund (2010)

Brought forward from 2009	2911.42	
Amount Received after Conference	1100.00	
Amount Received from Churches	682.50	
Amount Received at Conference Offering	54.83	
Total Received	\$4748.75	
Amount Paid Out	(1384.00)	
Balance in General Fund	\$3364.75	
Mission Fund (2010)		
Brought forward from 2009	\$4068.03	
Amount Received during the year	158.46	
Bank Interest	3.23	
Total Amount transferred to checking (for building in Bulgaria) Balance	\$4229.72 1000.00 \$3229.72	

Moved to accept Treasurer's Report as read, seconded, motion passed.

Moved to give \$900 from the mission fund to Cragmont to the lodge indebtedness, seconded, motion passed.

Moved to send \$1000.00 to Home Missions and Evangelism for home missions work (not disaster relief), seconded, motion passed.

Conference next year will be hosted by Sidney Free Will Baptist Church, October 5, 2011.

Moved to send from the general fund \$500 to the Convention Office, seconded and motion passed.

Minutes were read, moved to accept the minutes, seconded, motion passed.

Moved to adjourn the conference, motion passed and the Albemarle Conference was closed in prayer.

Board of Ordination Report

January 29, 2010

Licensed minister, James Yoder was given the written section of the ordination exam by Rev. Al Markuson, at Union Chapel Free Will Baptist Church.

March 15, 2010

The Board of Ordination of the Albemarle Conference met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church at 2:00 pm. A letter was sent to the Board by the conference secretary informing them that Rev. Al Markuson had resigned his position as chairman of the board and as a board member. Royce Reynolds was then chosen as the new chairman.

Information was received that was sent to all ordination boards from the Commission on Education for Christian Ministry regarding continuing education requirements for conference ministers. A motion was made by Rev. Robert May and seconded by Rev. Bill Mobley that we do not accept these further requirements recommended. The motion passed.

The Board met with Mr. James Yoder to review the written part of the ordination exam he had taken on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Then the oral section was given to Brother Yoder. The board was satisfied that he met the conference requirements for ordination. A motion was made by Rev. Bill Mobley and seconded by Rev. Robert May that we proceed with Brother Yoder's ordination. Motion was passed and the meeting adjourned.

April 9, 2010

The Board of Ordination met at 7:30 pm at Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church for the ordination of Brother James Yoder. A reception was given by Mt. Zion in the fellowship hall after the service.

May 4, 2010

The Board of Ordination met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church at 3:30 pm. There was a discussion concerning the decision of the Central Conference to ordain a woman to preach the gospel. Brother Bill Mobley made the following motion and it was seconded by Brother Robert May: Moved that the Albemarle Conference not authorize the ordination of women into the ministry due to its conflict with the Scriptures (I Timothy 3:2-7; II Timothy 2:15; Titus 1:9 and II Timothy 1:7-2:2), and our Articles of Faith. The motion was passed with a unanimous vote and no further business came before the board. The meeting was adjourned.