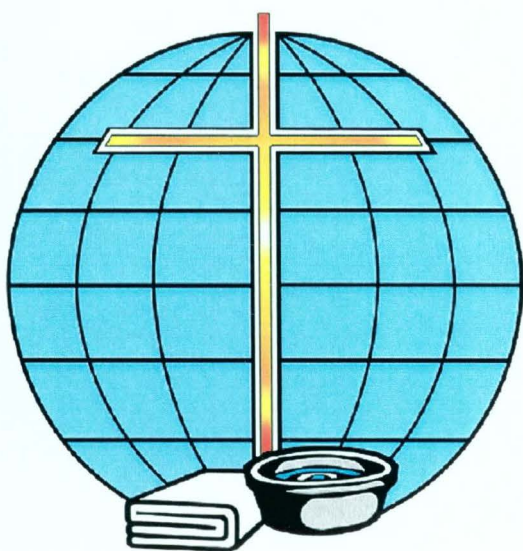


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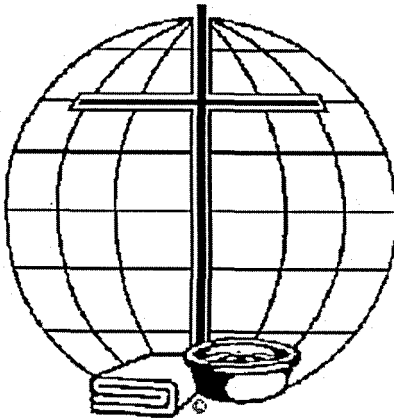
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October 5, 2011

Moderator: The Reverend Royce Reynolds
Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Robert May
Clerk: The Reverend Keith Pelletier
Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Darlene Paul
Treasurer: Mr. Lloyd Jones, Jr.

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.

The Reverend Robert May (2012) Mr. Wayne Britt (2012)
The Reverend James Yoder (2013)

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012) The Reverend William Mobley (2013)
The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2014) The Reverend Michael Williams (2015)
The Reverend Robert May (2016)

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2012)	Mrs. Lucy Jones (2014)
The Reverend Al Markuson (2015)	Mr. Don Skinner (2016)
The Reverend Michael Williams (2017)	

Ordained Ministers

Jonathan Best	1200 NE Miami Gardens Dr. Apt 904W North Miami Beach, FL 33179	<i>Excused</i>
Raymond Lagcher	PO Box 104, Belhaven, NC 27810	<i>Present</i>
Al Markuson	5993 NC HWY 32 South, Plymouth, NC 27962	<i>Present</i>
Robert M. May	146 Slaughter Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910	<i>Present</i>
William C. Mobley	2306 West Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27889	<i>Present</i>
H.P. Norman	3400 Bynum Drive, Farmville, NC 27828	<i>Excused</i>
Keith A. Pelletier	195 Gus Town Road, Creswell, NC 27928	<i>Present</i>
David Pooser	5580 Sidney Road Belhaven, NC 27810	<i>Present</i>
Royce L. Reynolds	PO Box 22, Columbia, NC 27925	<i>Present</i>
Harold Swinson	PO Box 397, Kenley, NC 27542	<i>Present</i>
Michael Williams	531 NC 561 East, Ahoskie, NC 27910	<i>Present</i>
James Yoder	1509 Mainstem Road, Pantego, NC 27860	<i>Excused</i>

Proceedings

The 67th annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church in Belhaven, North Carolina on Wednesday October 5, 2011, with The Reverend Royce Reynolds moderating. The theme for the conference was "Working for God with Endurance". The session convened with the singing of the hymn "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" led by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by The Reverend Al Markuson. He asked the congregation to stand and recite, in unison, John 3:16-17. He then led the session in prayer. The moderator recognized Brother Don Jones of the host church for the welcome. Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave the response thanking Sidney Church for their invitation and hospitality. The session was called to order by Keith Pelletier, acting clerk. The moderator presented the program for the annual session. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the program. The moderator called for the roll call of churches. There were ten churches with delegates present. They included Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Malachi Chapel, Mount Zion, Plymouth First, Shiloh, Sidney, Sound Side, Trinity and Union Chapel. Two churches, Mount Tabor and Saint Paul were represented by letter only. Two churches, Belhaven and Gum Neck, were absent. The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were ten ministers present, and three excused. Six visiting ministers were recognized. They included The Reverends Neal Cox, Jeff Daughtry, David Hansley, Buddy Sasser, Bobby Taylor and Ronnie Taylor.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the moderator's address, speaking on the importance of "Endurance". He quoted from Matthew 10:22 "...he that endureth to the end shall be saved." And from James 5:11 "...we count them happy which endure." Reverend Reynolds spoke on the need for the happiness that comes from enduring with God. He asserted that we need endurance in evangelism, sound doctrine, dealing with the hardness of the work of the Church, in facing the temptations and trials of Christian life, in dealing with affliction, and in receiving chastening from the Lord. He continued that we need to endure to the end, noting that it is nice to have a good start but better to have a good end. Reverend Reynolds closed with Hebrews 10:34-39, "...ye have in Heaven a

better and an enduring substance.”, and with the hope that God give us the grace to have endurance in this life.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing an offertory hymn, “He Keeps Me Singing” The moderator led the offertory prayer and Brother Wayne Britt and The Reverend Michael Williams served as ushers.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees. The Reverend Al Markuson and Brother Wayne Britt were appointed to the Memorial Committee. The Reverends Harold Swinson and Michael Williams were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

The moderator opened the floor for the presentation of relevant reports. He presented the report of the Executive Committee, and then noted that there was no reported activity from the Conference Boards of Ordination, Trustees or Home Missions.

The moderator recognized The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services. Reverend Sasser spoke about the Century of Grace campaign, the new Convention website, and Convention services. He asked ministers to submit an updated data sheet and to update their email addresses. He spoke about the upcoming 100th annual Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to be held May 22-24, 2012, and he introduced Sister Kathy Cahoon as the Albemarle Convention representative on the Convention Executive Committee.

The Reverend Harold Swinson, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists spoke concerning the uniqueness of the upcoming 100th annual Convention. He said we should celebrate the last 100 years but that we also need to look to the future.

Dr. Philip Kerstetter, President of Mount Olive College shared that the College is celebrating 60 years of service and will hold Founder’s Day on November 3, 2011. He reported that the College seeks to update and make relevant its work without changing its core values, vision and purpose. He said, “...with God’s help and guidance we will be remarkably successful.”

The Reverend Ronnie Taylor, Director of Retirement Homes, shared that difficult economic times are putting extra strain on retirees and called upon each minister and church to support the work of the Retirement Homes ministry. He asked that we “...continue to lift up clients and the ministry in prayer.” He also recognized Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. as the Albemarle Conference member of the Retirement Homes Executive Committee.

The Reverend Jeff Daughtry, President of the FWB Press Foundation recognized The Reverend Royce Reynolds as Secretary of the FWB Press Board of Directors. Reverend Daughtry spoke about Press services including Sunday School literature, *The Free Will Baptist Magazine*, printing, the FWB Bookstores, and the new Press website *fwbpress.com*. He asked that we share any ideas that might help the Press better serve its constituents.

The Reverend David Hansley, Director of Home Missions and Evangelism recognized Brother Wayne Britt as the Conference representative on the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism. Reverend Hansley then shared that the Ministry has a goal of starting a new mission in each of the eight conferences. He then gave updates on Hispanic, Bike and Prison Ministries and on OFWB affiliation with the boy Scouts of America, American Heritage Girls and Joni & Friends. He also gave an update on Disaster Relief efforts and the status of churches affected by Hurricane Irene.

The session paused for a short break. Afterwards, the Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing “Victory in

Jesus.” The moderator asked for prayer requests and, following the mentioning of a number of prayer requests and concerns, asked The Reverend Neal Cox to lead in prayer. Following the prayer, the moderator introduced The Reverend David Pooser to bring the Worship message. Reverend Pooser introduced his wife, Sister Dawn Pooser, who provided special music by playing “My Tribute” on the violin. Reverend Pooser then preached from Matthew 23:1-13, 15 and Matthew 15:3-9, saying we are not to be good but to be holy and to be His. He cautioned against placing tradition before the gospel of Jesus Christ. Reverend Pooser closed with prayer, also asking God to bless the upcoming meal and fellowship. The Conference enjoyed a wonderful lunch and fellowship at the Jimmy Brinn Farm.

The session resumed after lunch with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the singing of the first verse of “Have Thine Own Way Lord.” The Reverend Robert May then brought the afternoon devotion from I Corinthians 13:1-13, reminding the session that “...without Him we can do nothing.” Reverend May shared that love is one of the greatest needs we have in the church today because God is love. He then led the Conference in prayer.

The moderator resumed denominational ministry reports and The Reverend Buddy Sasser spoke on behalf of Foreign Missions and the Sunday School ministries.

Sister Sarah Parker was recognized as the Albemarle Conference delegate to the 2011 Convention. She also spoke on behalf of the Ladies Auxiliary, encouraging ministers and churches to support Women’s Auxiliary district conventions and activities.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. spoke on behalf of Cragmont, giving thanks for those who support the ministry.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. and The Reverends Harold Swinson and David Hansley gave updates on Camp Vandemere, its extensive damage from Hurricane Irene and current discussions about possible repairs.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by The Reverend Al Markuson who spoke from II Timothy 4:7-8. Brother Wayne Britt read the names of deceased members and led the session in prayer. The following brethren were remembered -Alice Webster and Dorothy Waters from Free Union OFWB Church; Pat Waters from Hickory Chapel OFWB Church; Joyce Snell from Malachi Chapel OFWB Church; Larry Newton, Walton Earl Paul, Sr., Mina Potter Ross, Ruth Barnes Smith, and The Reverend Dallas Pinkham from Sidney OFWB Church; Marvin Sawyer from Sound Side OFWB Church; Gerald Furbee from Trinity OFWB Church; and Shamma Ivachiew and Maxine B. Edwards from Union Chapel OFWB Church.

The moderator asked churches to share announcements of upcoming events. Following announcements, the moderator called for the report of the Nominating Committee. The Reverend Michael Williams presented the report. The moderator asked for any nominations from the floor and there were none. The Reverend William Mobley moved that the nominees be elected by acclamation. The motion was seconded and passed.

The moderator asked for the Treasurer’s report which was given by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He reported a general fund balance of \$3144.75 and a missions fund balance of \$1331.08. The Reverend Robert May moved that the report be accepted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The moderator called for the Resolutions Committee report which was given by The Reverend Harold Swinson. Three resolutions were presented. Brother Wayne Britt moved that all resolutions be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed.

The Reverend Harold Swinson shared news about Hurricane Irene damage to the Belhaven Original Free Will Baptist Church and discussed options that the church might be considering for continuing its work.

The moderator called for old business and there was none. The moderator then called for new business and there was none. Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church extended an invitation to host the 2012 Annual Session on Wednesday October 10, 2012. Without objection, the invitation was accepted.

The moderator asked for the reading of the minutes. The minutes were read by acting clerk, The Reverend Keith Pelletier. The Reverend Robert May moved that the minutes be accepted as read. The motion was seconded and passed. The moderator called for a rising vote of thanks for the host church and the response was unanimous. The moderator then recognized The Reverend Al Markuson who led the Conference in closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith A. Pelletier, Acting Clerk

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on September 9, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Mount Zion FWB Church to plan the schedule for the 67th annual Albemarle Conference meeting.

The theme for the conference is "Working for God with Endurance" and the meeting will begin at 9:30 AM at Sidney FWB Church near Belhaven, NC.

The meeting was planned according to former protocol. Rev. David Pooser was chosen to preach the conference message in the morning worship.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM after all the plans were made.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Board of Ordination

There was no business conducted by the Board of Ordination since our last conference meeting.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$3364.75
Amount received after Conference	1900.00
Amount received from churches	675.00
Amount received in Conference offering	<u>50.00</u>
Total Received	\$5989.75
Amount Paid Out	<u>- \$2845.00</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$3144.75

Mission Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$3229.72
Amount received during year	0.00
Bank Interest	<u>1.36</u>
Total Received	\$3231.08
Amount transferred to Checking	<u>- \$1900.00</u>
Balance in Mission Fund	\$1331.08

Respectfully Submitted:

Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolution One: Be it resolved that we give Sidney Original Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the Albemarle Conference.

Resolution Two: Be it resolved that we, the Albemarle Conference, support an amendment for one man and one woman in marriage and that we affirm that this is God's plan for marriage.

Resolution Three: Be it resolved that the Albemarle Conference seek ways to assist the Belhaven Church in their recovery process.

Respectfully Submitted;

Mike Williams

Harold Swinson

Nominating Committee Report

Trustee: Jim Yoder (2013)

Clerk: Keith Pelletier (2012)

Assistant Clerk: Darlene Paul (2012)

Board of Ordination: Robert May

Board of Missions: Al Markuson, Don Skinner, Michael Williams

Respectfully Submitted;

Michael Williams, Chair