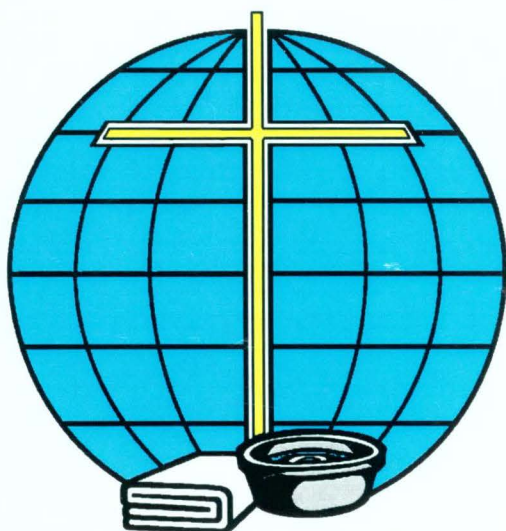


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In the Church
Acts 1:8*

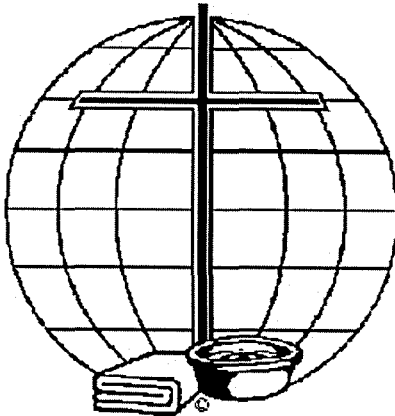


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**Minutes of the
Sixty-Eighth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
held at
Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church
Belhaven, NC**

October 10, 2012

Officers for the Years 2011-13

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.

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

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2013) The Reverend William Mobley (2013)
The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2014) The Reverend Al Markuson (2013)
The Reverend Robert May (2016)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2013) Mrs. Lucy Jones (2014)
The Reverend Al Markuson (2015) Mr. Don Skinner (2016)
The Reverend Michael Williams (2017)

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Ordained Ministers

Jonathan Best	1200 NE Miami Gardens Dr. Apt 904W North Miami Beach, FL 33179	<i>Excused</i>
Al Markuson	5993 NC HWY 32 South, Plymouth, NC 27962	<i>Present</i>
Robert M. May	146 Slaughter Road, Ahoskie, NC 27910	<i>Excused</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>
Michael Williams	531 NC 561 East, Ahoskie, NC 27910	<i>Present</i>
James Yoder	1509 Mainstem Road, Pantego, NC 27860	<i>Present</i>

Proceedings

The 68th annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Plymouth, North Carolina on Wednesday October 10, 2012, with The Reverend Royce Reynolds moderating. The session convened at 9:30 AM with the singing of the hymn "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart" led by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by The Reverend James Yoder who read from Acts 3:1-11. He spoke on the purpose of the Church. He said our friends and neighbors should expect something from us, receive Jesus from us, and see that our churches are excited to serve. He said that when we get people's attention, we can then witness and that we should always ask ourselves, "Do people know we have been with Jesus?" He then led the session in prayer.

The moderator recognized Brother Wayne Britt of the host church for the welcome. Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave the response thanking Union Chapel Church for their invitation and hospitality, noting that he was sure we would enjoy ourselves. The session was called to order by Keith Pelletier, clerk, using the call to order established by the late Brother Oscar Webster, "I Keith Pelletier, clerk of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists, do declare the 68th Annual Session of the Conference is now officially in session; for prayer and praise to God, for the preaching of His Word, and for 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 Royce Reynolds, Moderator, now presiding."

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 six churches with delegates present. They included Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Mount Zion, Shiloh, Sound Side, and Union Chapel. Eight churches were represented by letter. They included Belhaven, First Plymouth, Gum Neck, Malachi Chapel, Mount Tabor, Saint Paul, Sidney and Trinity.

The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were seven ministers present, and three were excused. Seven visiting ministers were recognized. They included The Reverends Buddy Sasser, Jeff Daughtery, Tony Parrish, David Hansley, Harold Swinson, Bobby Taylor and Harold Jones.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the moderator's address, speaking on the Convention theme of "Working for God Effectively". He asked how will we measure how effective we have been and said that our goal should be to multiply disciples by witnessing and discipling. Noting this year's theme of "Working for God with Enjoyment", he encouraged us to enjoy the day because of the importance of the life changing work of the Gospel. He shared that we should depend on the Holy Spirit to fill us with joy because this is vital for us to be effective for God.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing an offertory hymn, "Count Your Blessings." The Reverend Royce Reynolds led the offertory prayer and Brothers Wayne Britt and Lloyd Jones, Jr. served as ushers.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees. The Reverends William Mobley and Al Markuson were appointed to the Memorial Committee. The Reverend James Yoder and Brother Wayne Britt were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

The moderator opened the floor for the presentation of reports. The Reverend Royce Reynolds reported on behalf of the Executive Committee and Board of Ordination. Both reports were accepted by motion. There were no reports provided by the Boards of Trustees or Home Missions.

The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services, introduced Ministry leaders for their reports. The Reverend Harold Jones reported for Foreign Missions, noting successful work in the Phillipines, Liberia, and Haite. He asked for special prayer for Mexico and the United States. He encouraged everyone to get a copy of the Foreign Missions 50th Anniversary book and thanked everyone for their prayers and support.

The Reverend Jeff Daughtery, President of the FWB Press Foundation, discussed upcoming changes to Sunday School literature and introduced "Hands to the Plow", an autobiography of the late Reverend C.H. Overman, recently published by Palmer Press, the new publishing arm of the FWB Press.

The Reverend Buddy Sasser reported on behalf of ministries not represented by other individuals. He then recognized Kathy Cahoon, the Albemarle Conference representative on the Convention Executive Committee.

The Reverend David Hansley reported for Home Missions and Evangelism. He noted that the ministry is working on efforts to address needs of persons with disabilities. He also mentioned J24, a new initiative to strengthen the inclusion of men in the work of the Church.

The Reverend Harold Swinson spoke on behalf of the Disaster Relief ministry, noting updates on continuing Hurricane Irene relief, as well as other disaster relief project efforts. He asked for prayers and for invitations to visit churches.

The Reverend Michael Williams spoke about the work of Harvest Connection Disaster Relief and also about the work of the mission in Leland, NC.

The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services, spoke about the "Century of Grace" celebration. He asked that we pray for our nation, our leaders, the upcoming election, and that our nation return to Godly principles. He led the Conference in prayer for our nation. The Reverend David Hansley encouraged pastors to support the "Century of Grace" campaign.

Sister Sarah Parker, Conference delegate to the Convention, reported on the Convention proceedings, noting that "The Lord blessed all who went."

The session paused for a short break. Afterwards, the Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing "If My People's Hearts are Humbled." Special music was then provided by Sister Colleen Harrison of the host church. She sang "He Grew the Tree".

The moderator introduced The Reverend Al Markuson to bring the Worship message. The Reverend Markuson shared that God wants each of us to do those things that effectively touch the lives of people. He shared a "Vision Initiative" for the Albemarle Conference. Reading from I Corinthians 15:58, he said we have hard realities that we must face and that we need a vision, revival and more connectedness in the Conference. He read from Ephesians 3:20-21 and said that if we will believe God there is nothing that is impossible with Him, including the Great Commission. The Reverend Markuson challenged us to be encouragers, to have open minds, to pray for laborers, and to look to and prepare for the future. He asked if we would make plans, or excuses, and that we need to continue in the faith, find those things that are effective, and continue them. He closed by sharing that his "Vision Initiative" is a call to teamwork, communication, and Christ centeredness and that the future begins right now. He asked all in attendance, as Conference and Church leaders, to join at the altar for prayer. The Reverend Buddy Sasser led the group in prayer. The worship service was then closed in prayer by the moderator.

The Conference enjoyed a wonderful lunch and fellowship.

The session resumed after lunch with The Reverend David Poozer bringing the afternoon devotion from Psalms 119. The Reverend Poozer cited the testimony of Corrie Ten Boom from "The Hiding Place", noting that God knows what He is doing and we should always trust Him.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by The Reverend William Mobley who spoke from Revelation 21:1-8. He read the names of deceased members and The Reverend Al Markuson led the session in prayer. Twenty-one brethren were remembered.

The moderator called for the Resolutions Committee report which was given by The Reverend James Yoder. Two resolutions were presented. A motion was offered that all resolutions be adopted. The motion was seconded and passed, indicated by a rising vote of thanks to Union Chapel Church.

The moderator called for old business and there was none. The moderator then called for new business and the following business was transacted. A motion was made, seconded and passed to adopt the "2020 Albemarle Conference Vision Initiative" shared by The Reverend Al Markuson. A motion was made, seconded and passed to send \$500 to the North Carolina Foundation for Christian Ministry Scholarship Fund. A motion was made, seconded and passed to allow any ordained minister who is in good standing as a member of the Conference to serve on any Conference board or committee or in any office.

The moderator asked for the Treasurer's report which was given by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He reported a general fund balance of \$ 3367.75 and a Missions Fund balance of \$ 1331.77. The report was accepted by motion.

A Nominating Committee report was unavailable and a motion was made, seconded and passed to allow the Executive Committee to fill any current openings.

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The moderator asked churches to share announcements of upcoming events.

Sound Side Church extended an invitation to host the 2013 Annual Session on Wednesday October 9, 2013. Without objection, the invitation was accepted.

The moderator asked for the reading of the minutes. The minutes were read by the clerk, The Reverend Keith Pelletier. The minutes were accepted as read. The moderator then recognized The Reverend Tony Parrish who led the Conference in closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith A. Pelletier, Clerk

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on August 16, 2012 at 5:00 PM at Mount Zion FWB Church to make plans for the 2012 meeting of the Albemarle Conference. This was a joint meeting with the Board of Ordination who helped to plan the program for the meeting. This was the only meeting for the year.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Board of Ordination

April 28, 2012

The Board of Ordination met at Sound Side Free Will Baptist Church after the Union Meeting. The chairman reviewed business that was transacted by mail. Reverend Woodrow Freeze was contacted and asked to turn in his ordination credentials to the board because he has moved to another denomination. Reverend Harold Swinson was released to move his membership to the Eastern Conference. Reverend Raymond Lagcher surrendered his credentials to the chairman citing personal reasons preventing him from continuing in the ministry.

Reverend Mike Williams was appointed secretary of the Board of Ordination and Reverend Al Markuson was appointed to serve on the board until the conference meeting.

August 16, 2012

The Board of Ordination met and discussed the upcoming conference meeting to be held at Union Chapel FWB Church on October 10, 2012. The chairman reported that we have received ordination credentials from Reverend Woodrow Freeze and that Tony Parrish was given clearance to pastor at Free Union FWB Church.

The board joined with the Executive Committee in helping to plan the 2012 Conference meeting.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

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Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$3144.75
Amount received after Conference	0.00
Amount received from churches	510.00
Amount received in Conference offering	<u>79.00</u>
Total Received	\$3733.75
Amount Paid Out	<u>- 366.00</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$3367.75

Mission Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$1331.08
Amount received during year	0.00
Bank Interest	<u>.69</u>
Total Received	\$1331.77

Respectfully Submitted:

Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Report of the Resolutions Committee

Resolution One

Whereas Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church has been a gracious host for the 2012 Conference session, therefore,

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

Resolution Two

Whereas the upcoming election has great consequence for our nation, state and local communities, therefore,

Be it resolved that we, the Albemarle Conference, encourage all ministers and laypersons to pray continually that God's will be done in the 2012 elections and that our leaders will look to God for direction.

Respectfully Submitted;

James Yoder

Wayne Britt