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CONVENTION OF
**ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

*“Being People of Service
in the Community”*

Acts 1:8

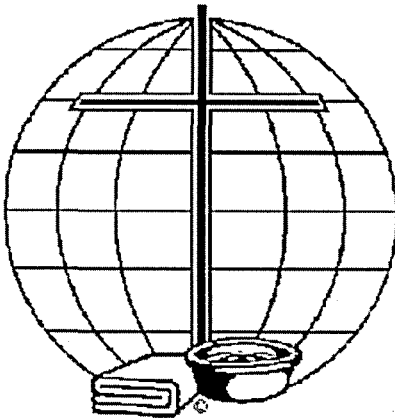


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**Minutes of the
Sixty-Ninth Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
held at
Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbia, NC**

October 8, 2013

Officers for the Years 2013-15

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

Mrs. Sarah Parker (2014)

Mr. Wayne Britt (2016)

Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2015)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2014)

The Reverend William Mobley (2015)

The Reverend Robert May (2016)

The Reverend Al Markuson (2017)

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2018)

Board of Missions

Mrs. Lucy Jones (2014)

The Reverend Al Markuson (2015)

Mr. Don Skinner (2016)

The Reverend James Yoder (2017)

The Reverend Robert May (2018)

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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>
James Yoder	1509 Mainstem Road, Pantego, NC 27860	<i>Present</i>

Proceedings

The 69th annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbia, North Carolina on Wednesday, October 8, 2013, with The Reverend Royce Reynolds moderating. The session convened at 9:30 AM with the singing of the hymn "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" led by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr., with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by The Reverend Keith Pelletier who read from Mark 10:35-45. He spoke on Christ's example of servant leadership and challenged those in attendance to conduct the business of the Conference with an attitude of leadership by servant hood. He then led the session in prayer.

The moderator recognized Brother James Cahoon of the host church for the welcome. The Reverend Al Markuson gave the response thanking Sound Side Church for their invitation and hospitality. 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 69th 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 and seating of delegates. There were eight churches with delegates present. They included First Plymouth, Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Mount Zion, Shiloh, Sidney, Sound Side, and Union Chapel. Five churches were represented by letter only. They included Gum Neck, Malachi Chapel, Mount Tabor, Saint Paul, and Trinity. Belhaven Church was unrepresented.

The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were six ministers present, and three were excused. Seven visiting ministers were recognized. They included The Reverends Jeff Daughtry, Tony Parrish, Mike Scott, Harold Swinson, Bobby Taylor, Ronnie Taylor and Jose Perez.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the moderator's address. He read from Acts 2:41,47; and Acts 4:4,31,33; and spoke on the state of the Conference. He compared

Conference statistics from 2007 and 2012 and emphasized the need for our churches to focus on evangelism, particularly among those age 55 and younger.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing an offertory hymn, "God Will Take Care of You". The Reverend Royce Reynolds led the offertory prayer and Brothers James Cahoon and Ted Stevens served as ushers.

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

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

The Reverend Harold Swinson, President of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, reported on behalf of the Convention, Home Missions Disaster Relief and the Sunday School Ministry. He then introduced other Ministry leaders for their reports.

Brother Gary Lee reported from the FWB Children's Home.

The Reverend Tony Parrish spoke on behalf of Home Missions.

The Reverend Jeff Daughtry, President of the FWB Press Foundation, discussed the work of the FWB Press.

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

The session paused for a short break. Afterwards, the Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing "Near to the Heart of God". Special music was then provided by Sisters Kathy Cahoon and Marie Cuthrell, and Brother James Cahoon of the host church.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the Worship message. The Reverend Reynolds read from I John 5:10-13 and spoke on the subject of "Eternal Life". He talked about the uncertainty of this life compared to the certainty and assurance of eternal life through Jesus Christ. He reminded the congregation that the life and joy of the saved is eternal and that the misery of the lost is also eternal. He charged everyone in attendance to live, preach, hear, pray and witness with eternity on our mind. He then closed the Worship Service with prayer.

The moderator called on the Reverend Ronnie Taylor to bring a report from FWB Retirement Homes. The morning session then closed with prayer from The Reverend James Yoder, and the Conference enjoyed a wonderful lunch and fellowship.

The afternoon session convened after lunch with The Reverend William Mobley bringing a devotion from Romans 5:1, Colossians 1:20, Ephesians 2:17 and John 14:27; saying that the only one way to true and eternal peace is that which comes through Jesus Christ. The Reverend Mobley then led the Conference in prayer.

The moderator then called for other ministry reports.

The Reverend Mike Scott spoke for the FWB Minister's Program, Camp Vandemere and the Layman's league.

Sister Sarah Parker, Conference delegate to the Convention, reported on the 101st annual session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, noting that "It was a good convention and appeared to be a time of unity and togetherness."

The Reverend Jose Perez then spoke on the work of the Hispanic Missions within the Convention and Conference.

The moderator called for the Resolutions report which was given by The Reverend Al Markuson. One resolution was presented. A motion to adopt the resolution was made, seconded and passed with a rising vote of thanks to Sound Side Church.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by The Reverends William Mobley and James Yoder. The Reverend Mobley read the names of twelve brethren who passed away in the Conference during the last year. The Reverend Yoder then spoke from John 14:1-7 saying "...let not your heart be troubled." and led the session in prayer.

The moderator asked churches to share announcements of upcoming events.

The moderator called for old business and there was none. The moderator then called for new business and the following business was transacted.

The Reverend Al Markuson moved that the Conference Executive Committee and Conference Board of Missions meet jointly to examine circumstances surrounding the status of Belhaven Church. The motion was seconded and passed.

The moderator called for nominations to fill three vacancies on the Conference Board of Trustees. Three nominations were presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominations by acclamation. Those elected, along with the expiration date of their terms, were Sister Sarah Parker (2014), Sister Carolyn Reynolds (2015) and Brother Wayne Britt (2016).

The Reverend William Mobley moved to suspend the rule, for this Conference only, that ordained ministers cannot succeed themselves on the Conference Board of Ordination. The motion was seconded and passed.

The moderator called for nominations to fill three vacancies on the Conference Board of Ordination. Three nominations were presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominations by acclamation. Those elected, along with the expiration date of their terms were The Reverend William Mobley (2015), The Reverend Al Markuson (2017) and The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2018).

The moderator called for nominations to fill two vacancies on the Conference Board of Missions. Two nominations were presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominations by acclamation. Those elected, along with the expiration date of their terms were The Reverend James Yoder (2017) and The Reverend Robert May (2018).

The moderator asked for the Treasurer's report which was given by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He reported a general fund balance of \$ 3386.50 and a Missions Fund balance of \$ 1331.90. The report was accepted by motion.

Hickory Chapel Church extended an invitation to host the 2013 Annual Session on Wednesday October 8, 2014. 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. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the minutes as read. The moderator then recognized The Reverend David Pooser who led the Conference in closing prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith A. Pelletier, Clerk

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

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Report of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee met on August 27, 2013 at Mount Zion FWB Church to make plans for the 2013 meeting of the Albemarle Conference.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Brought forward from 2012	\$3367.75
Amount received after Conference	140.00
Amount received from churches	620.00
Amount received in Conference offering	<u>96.00</u>
Total Received	\$4223.75
Amount Paid Out	<u>- 837.25</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$3386.50

Mission Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$1331.77
Amount received during year	0.00
Bank Interest	<u>.13</u>
Total Received	\$1331.90

Respectfully Submitted:
Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Report of Resolutions

Resolution One

Whereas Sound Side Original Free Will Baptist Church has been a gracious host for the 2013 Conference session, therefore,

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

Respectfully Submitted;
Al Markuson