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Acts 16:5 (NKJV)

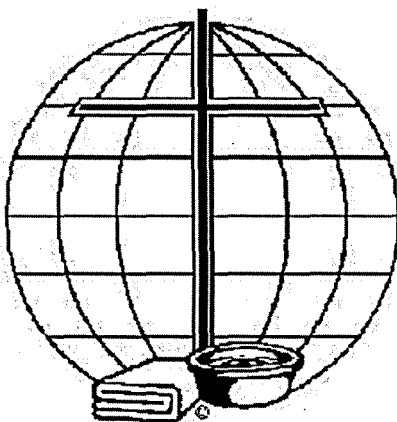


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Minutes of the Seventieth Annual Session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists held at Hickory Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church Ahoskie, NC

October 8, 2014

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, and the chairs of the Board of Trustees, Board of Ordination, and Board of Missions.

Board of Trustees

Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2015) Mr. Wayne Britt (2016) Mr. James Cahoon (2017)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend William Mobley (2015) The Reverend Robert May (2016)
The Reverend Al Markuson (2017) The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2018)
The Reverend David Pooser (2019)

Board of Missions

The Reverend Al Markuson (2015) Mr. Don Skinner (2016)
The Reverend James Yoder (2017) The Reverend Robert May (2018)
Mrs. Lucy Jones (2019)

Ordained Ministers

Jonathan Best	1200 NE Miami Gardens Dr. Apt 904W North Miami Beach, FL 33179	<i>Absent</i>
Raymond Lagcher	19225 US HWY 64 East, Pinetown, NC 27865	<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>Excused</i>
William C. Mobley	2306 West Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27889	<i>Excused</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>

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Proceedings

The 70th annual session of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held at Hickory Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Ahoskie, North Carolina on Wednesday October 8, 2014, with The Reverend Royce Reynolds moderating. The session convened at 9:30 AM with the singing of the hymn "Higher Ground" led by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr., with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by The Reverend Al Markuson who read from II Corinthians 8:5 and Luke 6:38. He spoke on the key word "Give" noting that God is a giver. He reminded us that as God's servants, we must be active givers also. He challenged us to give ourselves to God, others, the Church, the Lord's work and to always give our time and talents. He then led the session in prayer.

The moderator recognized Sister Phyllis Hoggard of the host church for the welcome. Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. gave the response thanking Hickory Chapel 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 70th 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 nine churches with delegates present. They included First Plymouth, Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Mount Tabor, Mount Zion, Sidney, Sound Side, St. Paul and Union Chapel. Two churches were represented by letter only. They included Malachi Chapel and Trinity. Gum Neck and Shiloh Churches were unrepresented.

The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were six ministers present, one was absent and three were excused. Nine visiting ministers were recognized. They included The Reverends Jeff Daughtery, Harold Jones, Tony Parrish, Jose' Perez, James Santiago, Buddy Sasser, Mike Scott, Jim Skipper, and Bobby Taylor.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the moderator's address. He read from Matthew 13:23 and asked "How much impact does God want your life to have on the people around you?" He reminded us that we bring glory to God by bearing much fruit. We accomplish this internally when people see Christ in us, and externally when we lead people to acceptance of Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. He said God wants to do something big in our lives and churches. He said that if we want to bear much fruit we need to ask ourselves five questions. They are: 1. Who am I serving?; 2. Who am I praying for?; 3. Who am I helping?; 4. Who am I lifting up?; and, 5. Who am I witnessing to? He then charged us to pray four prayers: 1. God, I want to be closer to you.; 2. God, put hurting people in my path.; 3. God, bring workers to my church.; and 4. God, here am I, send me. He then led the session in prayer.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing an offertory hymn, "Have Faith in God". The Reverend James Yoder led the offertory prayer and Reverends James Yoder and David Pooser served as ushers.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees. The Reverends Raymond Lagcher and James Yoder were appointed to the Memorial Committee. Brothers Wayne Britt and Donald Parker were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

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 Missions.

The Reverend Buddy Sasser, Convention Services Director of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, reported on behalf of the Convention, Cragmont, Retirement Homes, Camp Vandemere and the Sunday School Ministry. He then introduced other Ministry leaders for their reports.

The Reverend Harold Jones spoke on the work of Foreign Missions, particularly recent events in Liberia.

The Reverend Jeff Daughtery, President of the FWB Press Foundation, discussed the work of the FWB Press. He discussed new website features and noted the addition of The Reverend David Pooser as the Albemarle Conference representative on the FWB Press Board of Directors.

The Reverend Mike Scott spoke on behalf of the FWB Minister's Program.

Brother Gary Lee reported from the FWB Children's Home. He shared the core values of the ministry and noted that there are 49 children currently under the care of the ministry.

Dr. Phillip Kerstetter brought a report from the University of Mount Olive.

Brother Wayne Britt represented the Home Missions and Disaster Relief ministries.

Sister Kathy Cahoon reported as the Albemarle Conference representative on the Convention Executive Committee.

The session paused for a short break. Afterwards, the Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing "O Worship the King". Special music was then provided by Sister Linda Chamblee of the host church. She sang "I Know Where I'm Going"

The Reverend Royce Reynolds then introduced The Reverend Tony Parrish to deliver the Worship message. The Reverend Parrish spoke from Jonah 1:1-4. He said God has given each of us a directive to go "into all the world" and "into the highways and hedges" to preach the Gospel, but too often we, like Jonah, fail to follow God's direction. He read II Chronicles 7:14 and said if we are going to reach people we must first humble ourselves and seek God's face with sincere prayer. He reminded us that we are God's people and that it is time for God's people to become God's people, taking God's directions and following them in our churches and communities. He said if we are willing to seek God's face He will use us to change people's lives. He closed by asking, "Are you willing?" The Moderator asked that the session gather around the Altar in prayer for our churches and pastors. The Reverend Harold Jones was asked to lead the group in prayer and did so.

The moderator called on The Reverend Jose' Perez to report on the work of FWB Hispanic Missions and The Reverend James Santiago to report on the Hispanic Church work at Union Chapel FWB Church. The morning session then closed with prayer from The Reverend Royce Reynolds, and the Conference enjoyed a wonderful lunch and fellowship.

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The afternoon session convened after lunch with The Reverend Bobby Taylor bringing a devotion from Philippians 3, charging us to always seek, like the Apostle Paul, to know Christ. He then led the session in prayer.

Sister Sarah Parker, Conference delegate to the Convention, reported on the 2014 annual session of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by The Reverends Raymond Lagcher and James Yoder. The Reverend Yoder read the names of seventeen brethren who passed away in the Conference during the last year. The Reverend Lagcher then spoke from II Timothy 4:1-8, charging us that the best memorial we can give is to be faithful to the ministry to which we are called. He then led the session in prayer.

The moderator called for the Resolutions report which was given by Brother Wayne Britt. Three resolutions were presented. A motion to adopt all resolutions was made, seconded and passed with a rising vote of thanks to Hickory Chapel Church for their hospitality in hosting the annual session of the Conference.

The moderator asked for the Treasurer's report which was given by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. He reported a general fund balance of \$ 3592.93 and a Missions Fund balance of \$ 1332.04. The report was accepted by motion.

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 to authorize the Board of Trustees to investigate the disposal of the Belhaven Church property and report to the Executive Committee. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The Reverend Keith Pelletier moved that the Conference Executive Committee be given the authority to make decisions for the Albemarle Union which is currently without a moderator or assistant moderator. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The Reverend Al Markuson moved that the 2015 Albemarle Conference consist of a morning session only, followed by lunch. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The moderator called for nominations to fill vacancies on Conference Boards. One nomination for each vacancy was presented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to accept the nominations by acclamation. Those elected, along with the expiration date of their terms, included Mr. James Cahoon to the Board of Trustees (2017), Sister Lucy Jones to The Board of Missions (2019), and The Reverend David Pooser to the Board of Ordination (2019).

Union Chapel Church extended an invitation to host the 2015 Annual Session on Wednesday October 7, 2015. 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 September 6, 2014 at Union Chapel FWB Church to make plans for the 2014 meeting of the Albemarle Conference.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Board of Ordination

The Albemarle Conference Board of Ordination met at the University of Mount Olive on May 21, 2014 at 12:30 PM. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a request from Brother Raymond Lagcher to reinstate his ordination after having recovered from some health issues. Brother Lagcher shared his request in the meeting and a motion was passed to reinstate his ordination pending the approval of Board members who were unable to attend the meeting. Approval was granted by phone and Brother Lagcher's ordination was reinstated.

Royce L. Reynolds, Chair

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

Brought forward from 2012	\$3386.50
Amount received after Conference	50.00
Amount received from churches	534.24
Amount received in Conference offering	<u>90.00</u>
Total Received	\$4060.74
Amount Paid Out	<u>- 467.81</u>
Balance in General Fund	\$3592.93

Mission Fund

Brought forward from 2010	\$1331.90
Amount received during year	0.00
Bank Interest	<u>.14</u>
Total Received	\$1332.04

Respectfully Submitted:

Lloyd Jones, Jr.

Report of Resolutions Committee

Resolution One

We do hereby resolve that we give Hickory Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the Albemarle Conference.

Resolution Two

We do hereby resolve that we pray for all our denominational ministries.

Resolution Three

We do hereby resolve that we pray that our Original Free Will Baptist denomination will work together in order to grow spiritually and numerically.

Respectfully Submitted;

Donnie Parker, Wayne Britt