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**CONVENTION OF
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Through Community Service*

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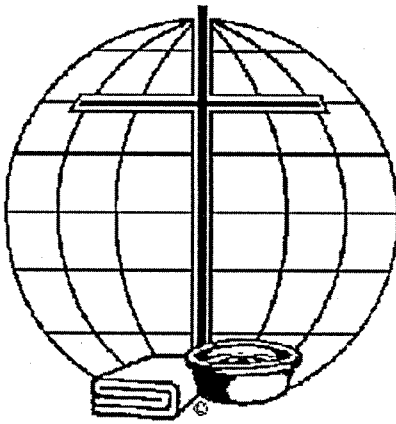


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**Minutes of the
Seventy-First Annual Session
of the
Albemarle Conference
of
Original Free Will Baptists
held at
Union Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church
Plymouth, NC**

October 7, 2015

Officers for the Years 2016-17

Moderator: The Reverend Al Markuson

Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Royce Reynolds

Clerk: Mrs. Shirley Pelletier

Assistant Clerk: Mrs. Kathy Markuson

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

Mr. Wayne Britt (2016)

Mr. James Cahoon (2017)

Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2018)

Board of Ordination

The Reverend James Yoder (2016)

The Reverend Al Markuson (2017)

The Reverend Royce Reynolds (2018)

The Reverend David Pooser (2019)

The Reverend Keith Pelletier (2020)

Board of Missions

Mrs. Sarah Parker (2016)

The Reverend James Yoder (2017)

Mr. Wayne Britt (2018)

Mrs. Lucy Jones (2019)

Mrs. Carolyn Reynolds (2020)

Ordained Ministers

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|--------------------|---|----------------|
| Jonathan Best | 1200 NE Miami Gardens Dr. Apt 904W North Miami Beach, FL 33179 | <i>Excused</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> |
| William C. Mobley | 2306 West Fifth Street, Washington, NC 27889 | <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>Excused</i> |

Proceedings

The 71st 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 7, 2015, with The Reverend Royce Reynolds moderating. The session convened at 9:30 AM with the singing of the hymn "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" led by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr., with Sister Lucy Jones serving as pianist. The morning devotion was brought by Brother Santiago Arias who read from Luke 9:1-2. He spoke on the idea of "Pray for Everybody"

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. 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 71st 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 Free Union, Hickory Chapel, Mount Tabor, Mount Zion, Sidney, Sound Side, St. Paul, Trinity and Union Chapel. Two churches were represented by letter only. They included First Plymouth and Malachi Chapel. Gum Neck and Shiloh Churches were unrepresented. A motion was made, seconded and passed to seat delegates.

The moderator called for the roll call of ministers. There were five ministers present and three were excused.

The Reverend Royce Reynolds brought the moderator's address. He read from I Kings 20 and said we have become so busy and yet our denomination is shrinking. He commented that we do a lot of good things but we've got to do something different and pray that God will lead us in the right direction so our churches will grow. He reminded us that we should focus on the main job of bringing people to Jesus Christ. He then led the meeting in prayer.

Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. led the session in singing an offertory hymn, "Victory in Jesus". Brother Wayne Britt led the offertory prayer and Brothers Britt and Jones served as ushers.

The moderator recognized visiting ministers. Ten visiting ministers were present. They included The Reverends Mike Williams, Tim Heath, Ronnie Taylor, Mike Scott, Tony Parrish, Jose' Perez, Santiago Arias, Buddy Sasser, Mike Scott, and Jim Skipper.

The moderator appointed the following temporary committees. The Reverend David Pooser and Brother Wayne Britt were appointed to the Memorial Committee. Sisters Shirley Pelletier and Carolyn Reynolds were appointed to the Resolutions Committee.

The moderator opened the floor for the presentation of reports. The Reverend Keith Pelletier reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Reverend Al Markuson reported for the Board of Missions. There were no reports provided by the Boards of Trustees or Board of Ordination.

Original Free Will Baptist Ministry reports followed. Reports were presented by representatives of the Minister's Program, FWB Press, Children's Home, Home Missions, Disaster Relief, University of Mount Olive, Retirement Homes, Christian Education, Foreign Missions, and Convention Services.

Sister Lynn Paul reported as the Albemarle Conference representative on the Convention Executive Committee.

Reports were also received from the Albemarle Women's Auxiliary and Youth.

The Conference Memorial Service was led by The Reverend David Pooser and Brother Wayne Britt. Brother Britt read from Luke 11:25-26 and Reverend Pooser read the names of nine brethren who passed away in the Conference during the last year. He then led the session in prayer.

The moderator called for the Resolutions Committee report which was given by Sister Shirley Pelletier. Two resolutions were presented. A motion to adopt all resolutions was made, seconded and passed with a rising vote of thanks to Union 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 \$ 4562.09 and a Missions Fund balance of \$ 1332.17. The report was accepted by motion.

The moderator called for old business. Conference officers are still investigating the disposition of the Belhaven Church property

The moderator then called for new business and the following business was transacted.

The Reverend Keith Pelletier moved that the Conference give Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. the authority to move the Conference bank account to Southern Bank in Plymouth. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The Reverend Raymond Lagcher moved to send \$100 to the Harvest Connection Disaster Relief Ministry. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The moderator called for nominations to fill vacancies in Conference Offices and Boards. Nominations were voted on and the following officers and board members were elected for the terms indicated. Moderator-Al Markuson (2017), Assistant Moderator - Royce Reynolds (2017), Clerk - Shirley Pelletier (2017), Assistant Clerk - Kathy Markuson (2017), Board of Trustees - Carolyn Reynolds (2018), Board of Ordination - James Yoder (2016) and Keith Pelletier (2020), Board of Missions - Sarah Parker (2016), Wayne Britt (2018) and Carolyn Reynolds (2020).

The session paused for a short break. Afterwards, the Conference Worship Service began with Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr. leading the session in singing "Trust in Jesus". Special music was then provided by Sister Kathy Markuson of the host church. She sang "Whatever it Takes."

The Reverend Royce Reynolds then introduced The Reverend Al Markuson to deliver the Worship message. The Reverend Markuson spoke from Joshua 24:1-21 and focused on verse 15 "...as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." He said it is time for Christian families to take a stand for the Lord. He said God reminds us daily that we are to serve Him in word and in deed. He used the acronym SERVE saying we are to be Serious, Examples, Ready, Visionary and Excited about serving God and that this creates a life changing commitment. He then closed with prayer.

Mount Zion Church extended an invitation to host the 2016 Annual Session on Wednesday October 5, 2016. 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 led the Conference in closing prayer.

The Conference then enjoyed lunch and fellowship with the host church.

Respectfully Submitted:

Keith A. Pelletier, Clerk

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Report of the Executive Committee

January 22, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Mount Zion FWB Church in Roper, NC on Thursday January 22, 2015. Conference Moderator The Reverend Royce Reynolds called the meeting to order at 6 PM. The Reverend Keith Pelletier led the group in an opening prayer. Those attending included Sister Darlene Paul, Brother Wayne Britt, Brother Lloyd Jones, The Reverend Al Markuson, The Reverend Royce Reynolds and The Reverend Keith Pelletier. The stated purpose of the meeting was to discuss the status and future of the Albemarle Union Meeting. There was much discussion among the members concerning the decline of interest in the Union Meeting as well as the need for worship and fellowship events for the people of the Conference.

The Reverend Al Markuson moved that the Conference hold a Conference Revival Service at Union Chapel FWB Church on Sunday April 26, 2015 at 6 PM, with the Executive Committee in charge of planning the service. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The Reverend Al Markuson moved that meetings of the Albemarle Union be suspended and the Union Meeting Treasury be transferred into the Conference account. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee will be Tuesday February 24, 2015 at 5 PM at Mount Zion FWB Church to plan the Conference Revival Service.

After the sharing of prayer requests, the meeting was closed with prayer led by The Reverend Al Markuson.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Keith Pelletier, Clerk

April 24, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Union Chapel FWB Church in Plymouth, NC on Sunday April 24, 2015 following the conclusion of the Conference Revival service. Those attending included Sister Darlene Paul, Brother Wayne Britt, Brother Lloyd Jones, The Reverend Al Markuson, The Reverend Royce Reynolds and The Reverend Keith Pelletier. The committee discussed an appointment to the Convention Executive Committee. After discussion, a consensus decision was made to appoint Mrs. Lynn Paul as the Albemarle Conference representative on the Convention Executive Committee.

Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator

Keith Pelletier, Clerk

September 7, 2015

The Executive Committee of the Albemarle Conference of Original Free Will Baptists met at Mount Zion FWB Church in Roper, NC on Monday September 7, 2015. Conference Moderator The Reverend Royce Reynolds called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM. The Reverend Al Markuson led the group in an opening prayer. Those attending included Brother Wayne Britt, Brother Lloyd Jones, The Reverend Al Markuson, The Reverend Royce Reynolds and The Reverend Keith Pelletier. The purpose of the meeting was to plan the program for the annual session of the Albemarle Conference. After discussion, a conference program and agenda was adopted. The meeting closed with prayer by Brother Lloyd Jones, Jr.
Royce L. Reynolds, Moderator
Keith Pelletier, Clerk

Report of Resolutions Committee

Resolution One

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

Be it resolved that we give thanksgiving to God for all our pastors and ministers serving in the Albemarle Conference and pray God's hand of blessing be upon all ministers.

Respectfully Submitted;

Shirley Pelletier

Carolyn Reynolds

Treasurer's Report

General Fund

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| Brought forward from 2014 | \$3592.93 |
| Amount received after Conference | 49.08 |
| Amount transferred from Union Meeting | 844.58 |
| Amount received from churches | 410.78 |
| Amount received in Conference offering | <u>115.00</u> |
| Total Received | \$5012.37 |
| Amount Paid Out | <u>- 450.28</u> |
| Balance in General Fund | \$4562.09 |

Mission Fund

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| Brought forward from 2014 | \$1332.04 |
| Amount received during year | 0.00 |
| Bank Interest | <u>.13</u> |
| Total Received | \$1332.17 |

Respectfully Submitted:

Lloyd Jones, Jr.