



1984 MINUTES OF THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptist was held with Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, North Carolina, June 18, 19, 20, 1984. The Rev. T.C. Farmer, host pastor.

Conference officers for 84-85: president, the Rev. Steve Hargrove; vice president the Rev. Mike Scott; treasurer, the Rev. Joe Griffith;

The General Board includes the forenamed officers, and the Revs. Jackie Godwin, Ransom H. McAbee, Arnold Price, Wayne Watson Harry A. Jones, Tom Price, David Jarrell; the Credentials Committee, the Revs. David Ricks (86), T.C. Farmer (87); the Chaplain's Committee, the Revs. Mike Scott (85), Noah Brown (86), Foy Futrell (87).

TUESDAY NIGHT JUNE 19, 1984

At 6:30 P.M. the registration of ministers, delegates, and visitors began. The service began with opening remarks by President, Steve Hargrove. The congregation joined in singing the hymn, "Have Faith in God." Rev. Mike Scott prayed the opening prayer. The congregation then sang, "Love Lifted Me."

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. T.C. Farmer. The response was given by Rev. Mike Scott. The President then recognised all the ministers who were present and the congregation sang, "Revive Us Again." The evening offering was then received. Special music was presented by the Woodall Family from Tee's Chapel which was the host church.

The Rev. David Ricks introduced the speaker, Dr. Floyd Cherry, president of Carolina Bible Institute. Dr. Cherry's text was from Luke 24:49 and his subject was "Where Is The Power?" An invitational hymn was sung and we were dismissed in prayer by President Hargrove.

Wednesday Morning, June 20, 1984

The Service opened with the congregation singing the hymn, "At the Cross." Everyone was welcomed by President, Steve Hargrove, who then delivered the president's Message. His Subject was, "United We Stand - Divided We Fall", and his text was from Matthew 12:25.

Secretary Jack Lassiter then read the minutes of the last meeting.

Motion was made by Harry Jones to move the date of the General Conference to the Monday after the fourth (4th) Sunday in June. Motion was seconded and approved.

The treasurer's report was given by Joe Griffith. The report was adopted. Then the credentials committee gave their report that 21 ministers, 18 delegates, and 19 visitors were present; 25 Churches and 5 enterprises had reported. This report was given by Joe Griffith and adopted by the body.

The Obituary Committee report was presented by John Owens and Jackie Godwin. The report was adopted.

The Chaplains Report was presented by Mike Scott and adopted by the body.

Mrs. Rachel Duncan (Woman's Auxiliary president) gave a report from the Woman's Auxiliary.

The Resolutions Committee recommended that we give a rising vote of thanks to Tee's Chapel for hosting the General Conference. This was approved and carried out by the body.

The Nominating Committee made the following report:

Credentials committee: David Ricks (86)
T. C. Farmer (87)

Chaplains Committee: Mike Scott (85)
Noah Brown (86)
Foy Futrell (87)

This report was adopted.

Old Business: There was discussion on ways to improve contact with those out of state churches. There was no action taken on this matter.

New Business: All ministers present were recognized and representatives from the enterprises.

The congregation joined in singing, "I Am Thine, O Lord," followed by the morning offering.

Carolina Bible Institute invited the General Conference to meet in its facilities for the 1985 session. This was accepted by motion.

Special music was presented by Rev. Jack Lassiter and Rev. Joe Griffith. Also singing by The Rev. Bruce Jones and wife Judy.

Dr. Floyd Cherry presented the Morning Message titled, "Regaining the Power." His text was from Ephesians 5:15-18.

The service ended with the congregation singing, "Blest Be the Tie," led by President Hargrove.

Minutes of the General Board

The General Conference Board met June 19, 1984 at Tee's Chapel Church near Smithfield, North Carolina. The following members were Present: Steve Hargrove, President- Mike Scott, Vice President- Joe Griffith, Treasurer- Jack Lassiter, Secretary, Harry A. Jones, Ransom McAbee, T.C. Farmer, Jasckie Godwin.

The opening prayer was by Joe Griffith. The following committees were selected: Nominating Committee: T.C. Farmer, David Ricks, Ransom McAbee. Resolutions Committee: Harold Jones, Charles Parrish, C.M. Coates. Obituary Committee: John Owens, Alton Howard, Jackie Godwin.

The poor attendance at the recent meetings of the General Conference was the subject for discussion. A motion was made by Ransome McAbee to recommend to the body that we move the date for the meeting of the General Conference to Monday after the fourth (4) Sunday in June. Motion was seconded by Harry Jones. There was discussion about changing the format of the conference program. This was tabled until a later meeting.

Harry A. Jones dismissed the Board with prayer.

The General Conference Board and the Ladies Executive Committee met at Tee's Chapel Wednesday, June 20, 1984 immediately following the adjournment of the 1984 session of the General Conference.

Harry Jones led the discussion recommending that the format of the General Conference be changed. A Motion was made that the Boards meet again in the near future for the purpose of condensing the format.

The Motion was accepted and the meeting adjourned.

The General Conference Board and the Ladies Auxiliary Executive Committee met during the meeting of the State Convention to continue the discussion of changing the format of the General Conference. Rev. Harry A. Jones was elected secretary due to the fact that Rev. Jack Lassiter has left the N.C. State Convention, and pastoring out side the Convention.

After much discussion no concrete decision was made, so the meeting was properly adjourned until another time.

THE TWENTIETH SESSION OF THE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTIST

The General Conference Convention met at Tee's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfiel, North Carolina, June 18, 19, 1984.

Monday night, June 18

Youth night began at 7:00 p.m. with registration and song time. This years theme was "Come and Hear," Psalm 66:16-20. Our M.C., Tony Reep, read scripture before each response. Ps. 144:16, "O Lord, Come and Hear our Prayer," by Rev. Ted Bryant. Psalm 98:1, "Come and Hear Our Song of Praise," lead by Durwood Woodall and painoist Susan Woodall. Psalm 122:1, "Come and Hear Your Welcome," By Tee's Chapel, Jean Farmer. Plalm 66:8, "Come and Hear as we Respond," by Oak Grove, Rev. Billy Hardee. Acts 30:25, "Come and Hear Recognition of Pastors, Youth Sponsors and Visitors." An offering was taken up; the offertory prayer given by Gary Patterson. Come and Hear the Bible Bowl Quiz, O Lord: Presented by our Youth Chairman, Edna Fowler and trophies by Rachel Duncan, President of the Woman's Auxiliary.

AFC - First Place Winners: Western District.

Piney Grove - Team Members:

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| 1. Richie Cuddington | 3. Anthony Pittman |
| 2. Rebecca Ferrall | 4. Thomas Roland Jackson, 111 |

YFA - First Place Winners: Pee Dee District.

Oak Grove Church - Team Members:

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| 1. Gary Bryant | 3. Margie Bryant |
| 2. Wendy Edwards | 4. Bobby Cain |

YFA - Second Place Winners: Cape Fear District.

Pleasant Grove Church - Team Members:

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| 1. Wanda Faircloth | 3. Janet Rose Howell |
| 2. Robin Dennings | 4. Herman Cottle |

Come and Hear Tee's Chapel Youth Choir lead by Durwood Woodall, pianoist, Jonnie Mae Edwards. Special singing by Leann McLamb and Darrell Robbins. Come and Hear What God Hath Done, Station S.S.H.H. (Saved, Santified, Headed for Heaven).

Barbara Walters (Mrs. Edna Fowler), interviewers were Darrell Robbins, The Silver Spoon Son, Tony Reep. The Prodical Son ; the camera people, Gary Patterson and Ann Reep. We had testimonies from the congregation and an alter call was given by Rev T.C. Farmer.

Registration Report given by Erika Lyons:

ministers	11
Youth Sponsors	13
Youth	21
Visitors	41
Officers	5
Other States	2 (Spartenburg, S.C.)
Total	93
Offering	\$51.00

We would like to thank Erika Lyons for taking care of registration and Mrs. Jean Farmer for counting our offering.

Memory verses for 1985 were given out by Mrs. Edna Fowler. Come and Hear Psalm 150 by Darrell Robbins. Dismissed in prayer by Mr McLamb.

Respectfully Submitted
Mrs. Edna Fowler, Youth Chairman
Mrs. Diana Lyons, Secretary

Tuesday Morning, June 19, 1984

The Twentieth Session of the General Conference Woman's Auxiliary opened with congregational singing lead by Velma Wadesworth, accompanied on the piano by Connie Eason. Devotion and prayer by Frances Phillips. Welcome by Beatrice Overman. Response By Amy Scott. Special music by Connie Eason.

The Convention was declared in session by Diana Lyons, Secretary. Rachael Duncan, president, recognized officers, delegates, ministers and visitors. The minutes were read and approved. Connie Eason sang "Plenty of Time." Resolutions and Hospitality Committees were appointed. We had Testimony Time and Diane Riley from Mt. Olive College spoke and sang "To God Be The Glory," pianoist Charlotte Griffin.

Mrs. Addie Starns so graciously brought our message for the day, using our theme "Love One Another," John 15:17.

Ushers were Amy Scott and Ruth Warrick. Hymn "Oh How I Love Jesus". Report from Youth Chairman, Edna Fowler. The treasurer, Dola Dudley, gave the financial report and Sadie Daughtery gave the registration report. officers 5 - Ministers 12 - Delegates 12 Visitors 24 - Auxiliary reporting 15 - late reports 4. The Resolutions and Hospitality Committees given by Edna McAbee. Be it resolved that we:

1. Encourage and remember in our prayer our youth ministers in their work.
2. Encourage all F.W.B. Churches to emphasize the importance of attending the General Conference.
3. That we Love One Another.
4. Give a rising vote of appreciation to Tee's Chapel for their hospitality.

We had testimony and closing from our President Rachael Duncan. Benediction by Rev. T.C. Farmer.

Ministers Attending Conference

Gary Bailey	T. C. Farmer	Bruce Jones	Charles Parrish
Noah Brown	Foy C. Futrelle	Harold Jones	Arnold Price
Stanley Buck	William Godwin	Harry A. Jones	David Ricks
Dr. Floyd Cherry	Joe Griffith	Jack Lassiter	James M. Rogerson, Jr.
C. M. Coats	Alton Howard	John A. Owens	Mike Scott
Edward C. Taylor	J. Elmer Thompson		Steve Hargrove

Churches Representing At Conference

Beaverdam F. W. B. Church	Piney Grove F. W. B. Church
Belhaven F. W. B. Church	Pleasant Hill F. W. B. Church
Catalpa F. W. B. Church	Pleasant Plain F. W. B. Church
Christian Chapel	Riverside F. W. B. Church
Edgewood O. F. W. B. Church	Saints Delight F. W. B. Church
Elm Grove F. W. B. Church	Saint Mary's F. W. B. Church
First F. W. B. Church Rocky Mount	Saint Paul O. F. W. B. Church
First F. W. B. Church Warsaw	Sandy Plain F. W. B. Church
First Vanceboro F. W. B. Mission	Sidney F. W. B. Church
Free Union F. W. B. Church	Sneads Ferry F. W. B. Church
Gethsemane F. W. B. Church	Snow Hill F. W. B. Church
Heritage F. W. B. Church	Sound Side F. W. B. Church
Holy Cross F. W. B. Church	Tarboro First F. W. B. Church
Johnston Union F. W. B. Church	Tee's Chapel F. W. B. Church
Juniper Chapel F. W. B. Church	Whaley's Chapel F. W. B. Church
May's Chapel F. W. B. Church	Wilmington First F. W. B. Church
Piney Grove F. W. B. Church	Winterville F. W. B. Church