

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Conference Board met June 25, 1985, 5:30pm at Carolina Bible Institute. Members present were Rev. Steve Hargrove, Rev. H.R. McAbee, Rev. Mike Scott, Rev. Harry A. Jones, Rev. F. Joe Griffith, Mrs. Edna Fowler, Mrs. Edna McAbee, Mrs. Sadie Daughtry, Mrs. Rachel Duncan, and Mrs. Dola Dudley.

Motion was made and carried that the General Conference pay for printing of the Women's Auxiliary Conference minutes.

The Conference format was decided as follows:

Monday night-6:00pm Registration

-6:30pm Youth Auxiliary

Tuesday -10:00am Women's Auxiliary

-2:00pm Conference Registration

-4:30pm Preaching and Fellowship

-7:00-9:00pm Preaching and Fellowship

Registration form to be changed to list: (1) Youth Auxiliary, (2) Women's Auxiliary, (3) Preaching and fellowship, with the total Conference program on one bulletin.

It was decided that the 1986 session of the General Conference will meet with Beaverdam Church, Chadbourn, N.C. at their invitation.

The following committees were selected:

Nominating Committee: Rev. Mike Scott

Rev. R. H. McAbee

Rev. James Owens

Obituary Committee: Rev. Noah Brown

Rev. Jerry Campbell

Resolutions Committee: Rev. James Rogerson

Rev. Foy Futrell

Rev. Ronnie Mohn

Motion was made and carried that as of this 1985 session of the General Conference that the General Board consist of the Executive Committee:

1. President

2. Vice President

3. Secretary

4. Treasurer

5. Chaplains Committee

6. Credentials Committee

7. Youth Chairman

8. Auxiliary Chairman

9. Layman's League Chairman

until such time as our general attendance increases to where we have sufficient numbers to fill the five members at large positions.

The meeting was adjourned.

1985 MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held with Carolina Bible Institute, Pine Level, North Carolina, June 24, 25, 26, 1985. The Rev. Floyd B. Cherry, host pastor.

TUESDAY NIGHT JUNE 25, 1985

Registration of ministers, delegates, and visitors began at 6:30PM. The Conference was opened by the Rev, Steve Hargrove, President. The congregation sang the hymn, "At Calvary". Rev. James Rogerson led in prayer.

The welcome was given by the Rev. Keith Cobb of Carolina Bible Institute, and the response by the Rev. Ransom McAbee. Attending ministers were recognized. The congregation sang "I Stand Amazed in the Presence". The evening offering was then received. Special music was presented by Lucy Hemingway, followed by Wayne Hargrove and Kenny Barnes.

The Rev, Steve Hargrove introduced the Speaker, the Rev. O. B. Jones who preached from Matt. 16:18, "The Local Church". Dr. Jones' message inspired many to go forward to the altar while Kenny Barnes and Wayne Hargrove sang the invitation. The prayer was led by the Rev. Steve Hargrove, The Conference was adjourned until the following morning.

WEDNESDAY MORNING JUNE 26, 1985

The Conference opened with President Steve Hargrove leading the congregation in singing "There Shall Be Showers of Blessing". The Rev. Mike Scott led in prayer. Rev. Hargrove gave the President's Message from Nehemiah.

General Board minutes were read and approved. The Treasurers report was given and approved. The credentials committee gave their report: 32 ministers, 14 delegates, and 19 visitors attended, along with a total of 54 churches reporting. This report was adopted.

The chaplains report was given and adopted.

The resolutions committee reported and a standing vote of appreciation was given to Carolina Bible Institute for hosting the Conference.

The obituary report was given and adopted. Prayer in honor of the lives and service of our departed fellow-servants was led by David Crockerman.

The nominating committee made the following report for officers:

President- Rev. Harry A. Jones
Vice President- Rev. Noah Brown
Secretary- Rev. James Rogerson
Treasurer- Rev. Joe Griffith
Chaplains Comm.- Rev. Mike Scott (85)
Rev. Ransom McAbee (88)
Rev. James Owens

This report was adopted.

New Business: Motion was made and carried that the Conference donate a set of 4 offering plates to Carolina Bible Institute. The choice of metal finish is to be left with Dr. Floyd B. Cherry.

Dr. Cherry gave information concerning the schedule of coming events at Carolina Bible Institute.

The congregation sang the hymn "Send The Light" followed by the morning offering. Rev. Ronnie Mohn led in offeratory prayer.

Rev. Ransom McAbee sang a special hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross". Inspiring testimonies were given to the Glory and Power of God.

Rev. Hargrove introduced the Rev. Ray Wells to deliver the morning message.

Rev. Wells informed the Conference that any minister who would like to spend a week in a national park may do so without cost by serving as a Chaplain in that park. Brother Wells preached from Numbers 13:30-31, "The Challenge Before Us".

The final treasurer's report was given and adopted.

The new officers gathered at the altar. Rev. Mike Scott led in prayer to commission the new officers in God's work for the conference.

The new Vice President, Rev. Noah Brown, challenged all present to contact and invite all of our people to represent at the 1986 General Conference.

The assembly sang "Blest Be The Tie" for the Benediction and the 1985 session of the General Conference was adjourned.