

1987 MINUTES OF THE
GENERAL CONFERENCE OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The General Conference of Original Free Will Baptists was held with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro on June 29 and 30, 1987. The Rev. Stanley Buck was the host pastor.

Tuesday Afternoon June 30, 1987, 2:00 pm

The afternoon session was opened by the Rev. Noah Brown, conference vice president. Brother Brown led the congregation in singing "At Calvary" followed by "Praise God" to the tune of "Amazing Grace". Prayer was made on behalf of President Harry Jones' wife who is suffering severe pain. Rev. Grady Tucker sang "How Great Thou Art".

Vice President Noah Brown introduced the speaker, Rev. Harry Glenn Brown. His message was entitled "6 Things That Satan Has Stolen From Us", 1Kings 14:25, 26, 28 and John 10:10. Brother W. S. Burns closed with prayer.

Mrs. McDonald Bennett sang "Treasures Unseen" followed by the congregation singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". Brother Noah Brown introduced the Rev. Walter Sutton. His text was taken from 2 Timothy 4:1-2 entitled "Preach The Word". Rev. Billy Hardee dismissed with prayer.

Tuesday Evening June 30, 1987, 6:30 pm

Brother Noah Brown opened the business session of the conference. The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven". Rev. Joe Griffith led in prayer. Brother McDonald Bennett prayed the offeratory prayer and the offering was received. Minutes from the 1986 General Conference were read and adopted.

Brother Noah Brown appointed Rev. D. C. Hansley as parliamentarian. The nomination committee report was adopted, along with the reinstatement of the five men at large positions:

President - Rev. W. S. Burns

Vice President - Rev. Frank Thigpen

Secretary - Rev. James Rogerson

Treasurer - Rev. Joe Griffith

Five Members at Large - Foy Futrelle

Wallie Hargrove

David Kriger

Mrs. James Joyner

Joseph Ratcliff

Chaplains Committee - Rev. Stanley Buck (1990)

Rev. James B. Hardee (1989)

Rev. Mike Scott (1988)

Credentials Committee - Rev. James Owens (1989)

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On motion the General Board was elected as nominated. Rev. Noah Brown installed the new officers. The Treasurer's report was adopted. The Credentials Committee report was received. Four resolutions were presented and voted upon separately. They were adopted. The Obituary report was given by D. C. Hansley, Velma Morris, and Joe Griffith. Noah Brown introduced the Journeymen for special singing. The congregation sang "Dwelling In Beulah Land". Rev. Joe Griffith introduced Rev. James Rogerson whose text was Psalm 61 - "Facing The Darkness". Brother Brown dismissed with prayer.

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL BOARD

The General Board met on Monday, February 22, 1988 at 11:35am. at First Free Will Baptist Church of Tarboro. President Burns called the meeting to order. Rev. Stanley Buck led in prayer. Members present were W. S. Burns, Foy Futrelle, David Kriger, Stanley Buck, Virginia Joyner and James Rogerson. Rev. Burns expressed his concerns for our conference as well as the Free Will Baptist denomination. He suggested that we let the 1988 conference focus on beliefs and doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Church. The date for the conference was established for June 27 and 28 and would be held at Free Union Church (Beaufort). Rev. James Joyner blessed the meal as the board dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, the conference program was decided upon. There being no other business, the conference was adjourned.