

**Minutes of the 62nd Annual Session of the
North Carolina Association of Free Will Baptists**

Not In Vain: 1 Corinthians 15:58

Embassy Suites Hotel; Greensboro, North Carolina June 3-4, 2024

Josh Baer, Moderator; Jeff Silver, Clerk

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 3, 2024, 9:30AM

Brother Chad Donoho led the congregation in the singing of "Lily of the valley." Brother Josh Baer welcomed everyone to the 62nd North Carolina State Meeting. Brother Josh then welcomed Brother Reuben Cason to welcome everyone and open the meeting in prayer. Brother Doug Western introduced Rev. Derek Cominskie as the speaker. Rejoice Ministry Team ministered through music. Brother Derek read from Colossians 2-3 on the topic of A Union With Christ. 1) Union with Christ brings an end to legalism. 2) Broaden us beyond individualism 3) Brings you beyond Consumerism. Brother Josh led the body in singing, "I surrender All" for the altar call.

MONDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 3, 2024, 10:50 AM

Brother Chad Donoho led the congregation in the singing of "He Hideth My Soul." Brother Josh asked Brother Gene Williams to lead us in prayer. Brother Sherman Branch introduced Rev. Chuck Overcash as the speaker. Rejoice Ministry Team ministered through music. Brother Chuck read from John 3:1-3. He used the illustration of a Baseball Diamond. First base of salvation is that you have to be born again. Second Base is your Church Membership. Third Base is your service for the Lord. Home Plate is our journey home , our final destination. Brother Chad led in the singing of "I Will Serve Thee." Brother Josh closed in prayer.

MONDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION June 3, 2024

Brother Josh welcomed everyone back from lunch. He then read 1 Corinthians 15:51-58 and prayed. Brother Josh then seated delegates and lay delegates. M/S/C
Brother Josh welcomed visiting ministries and recognized them.

The following Committees were appointed by the Moderator:

Credentials Committee

Jeff Davis- Chair

Michael Byrd

Devin Cimoniskie

Obituary Committee

Richard Sigmon- Chair

Josh Farley

Travis Moots

Resolutions Committee

Michael Faulker- Chair

Chris Edmonds

Jeff Necessary

Nominating Committee

Jim Marcum- Chairman

James Bradley

Lester Cahoon

Greg Ramsey

Sam Harris

Executive Board Report presented by the clerk, Jeff Silver. He referred to the minutes of the Executive Board meetings as reported on pages 19-20. M/S/C

Brother Reuben, the state Promotional Director presented his report. Thanked the state for hosting the National in 2023. Largest attended meeting since 2012. Invited everyone to take advantage of the Minister's Retreat in September. Recognized the launch of Project Hickory. Thanked those who attended the Marriage Retreat in Asheville. Also recognized Mike Harper for the gift to the Sight and Sounds Theatre for the Marriage Retreat. Praised the Lord that our state is down to 6 churches without pastors.

Finance report found on page 25 for Benevolent Fund and Car Fund. Budget and Expenses report found on page 30. Proposed Budget found on page 31. Brother Josh presented the budget for 2025. M/S/C

Brother Reuben presented the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund. Encouraged others to support. M/S/C

Brother Reuben notified that NC was 2nd in giving to National offices and other ministries. Encouraged pastors to participate in the World Mission Offering. Introduced Darren Walker to present the challenge in WMO, August 25th. The challenge is for every church to raise at least \$1,000.00 each.

Brother Jeff Manning presented the Treasurer's report found on page 22. The Executive Board Proposed Budget is found on page 21. Brother Josh explained the consolidation of all onesies to acquire a better interest rate. M/S/C

Brother Luke Johnson gave the Home Missions Board report. Brother Jimmy Mercer was recognized to give the Missions' Treasurer's report. That report can be found 35. Brother Jimmy was recognized by the giving of a plaque and applause for his service to our state. Brother Luke called Brandon and Jonathon to the stage to give an update on Equip Church. M/S/C

Brother Derek Cominskie presented the Youth Board Report which is found on page 43. Talked about their initiatives from the National Meeting. "Meet a Missionary" One day mission trip in Hickory. Hosted a March Madness for Missions, raised over \$5000.00. M/S/C

NC Women's Ministry- Sister Michelle Sailors presented their report. Raised over \$5000.00 for youth missions. M/S/C

Brother Nate Ange presented a report for Southeastern FWB College. M/S/C
Dr. Moody presented a report from the National office.
Dr. Pinson from Welch College was recognized to bring greetings and a report.

Jeff Davis presented a partial report for the Credentials.

All 8 associations

151 churches

72 Ordained Ministers

1 Licensed Minister

8 Appointed Delegates

12 Associate Pastors

8 Missionaries

120 Visitors

221 Total People Registered

MONDAY EVENING SERVICE-June 3, 2024 6:30 PM

Brother Zachary Bell opened the service by leading everyone in the singing of "I Stand Amazed in the Presence" and "Jesus Messiah." Brother Josh welcomed everyone back and called the ushers forward; he announced that the offering will go to the expenses of the State meeting. He asked the blessing for the offering. Brother Zachary Bell led the congregation in the singing of "How Great is Our God." Brother Christian Powell introduced Dr. Curtis Linton as the speaker for tonight. Rejoice Ensemble ministered to us through songs. Dr. Linton read from 1 Samuel 4:18-22 Titled "Ichabod." 1) God will not be used V2-3. 2) God Can not Be Captured 5:3. 3) God Will Not Be Managed 20 Years later David wanted to bring it back. Great Men, Methods and Music. 4) God Will Not Be Trivialized 2 Samuel 6:6. Don't take Him lightly. Many live as though He doesn't mean what He says. Don't play games with God, you will lose your life. 5) God Will Not Be Formalized 2 Kings 6. When the presence of the Lord comes into the camp you can't be formal. Don't Name Us Ichabod. Dr. Linton led us in a time of prayer and repentance. Brother Josh closed in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 4, 2024 9:00 AM

Brother Zachary Bell led the congregation in the singing of "Thy Savior's Love For Thee." Dr. Manning introduced Dr. Moody. Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through a couple of songs. Dr. Moody spoke on the topic of First Aid for Anxiety. Dr. Moody closed the session in prayer.

TUESDAY MORNING SERVICE- June 4, 2024 10:15AM

Brother Zachary Bell led the congregation in the singing of "We Will Remember." Brother Chris Truett introduced Brother Darren Walker as the speaker. Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through a couple of songs. Brother Darren read from 1 Corinthians 15:58 "It's Not In Vain." Brother Josh Baer closed in prayer.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON BUSINESS- June 4, 2024 1:30PM

Brother Chris Truett opened the afternoon session with scripture reading from Ephesians 2 and prayer. Brother Josh recognized brother Clint Morgan from International Missions and all of our foreign missionaries that are present.

Brother Josh recognized Brother Rick Bowling from North American Ministries to give an update.

Brother Josh recognized Derek Altom from Randall House now D6 Ministries to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh recognized John Brummet from the Board of Retirement to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh recognized David Brown from FWB Foundations to give a ministry report.

Brother Josh had the video shared for WNAC.

Brother Josh recognized brother Carl Miller who represents Harvest Time Child Care Ministries for a ministry update.

Brother Josh recognized brother Jim McComas from FWB Family Ministries to give a ministry update.

Brother Josh recognized Bob Fowler from Child Evangelism Fellowship.

Brother Josh recognized Daryl Grimes to announce Boot Camp August 2-3 at Meadowbrook.

Brother Josh recognized Sherman Branch to give a ministry update on "Songs in the Night"

Brother Josh recognized David Robinson as he presented a guided trip to Israel.

Brother Josh asked for State Delegates to represent NC in Tampa, Jonathan Cribb. Craig Farmer, Chance Howard, Cole Sowers, M/S/C

Brother Josh presented the Executive Board's recommendation to raise State dues \$15.00 to \$50.00 per church. M/S/C

Mike Harper made a motion from the floor to continue the Pastor and Wives retreat for the funding of 1 night hotel stay for each pastor. M/S/C

Credentials Committee Final Report

151 Churches

8 Associations

70 Ordained Ministers

1 Licensed Ministers

8 Appointed delegates

12 Associate Pastors

8 Missionaries

120 Visitors

211 Total M/S/C

Brother Richard Sigmon presented the obituary report for 2023-2024
Gordon Heat

Ray Stockton
Jack Paramore
Guy Owens
Cecil Tucker
Daniel Hensley

Dr. Lester Cahoon presented the Nominations for the state.

Executive Board

Josh Baer for reelection Moderator
Chris Truett for reelection Assistant Moderator
Jeff Manning for reelection Treasurer
Christian Powell for reelection Member at Large

NC State Mission Board

Jeff Davis to replace Jimmy Mercer whose terms expired.

Youth Board

Daniel Dell for reelection on the Youth Board
.Jonathan Reed fulfilling the term vacated by Caleb Smith
Jim Marcum
Lester Cahoon
James Bradley
Sam Harris
Greg Ramsey

M/S/C

Resolutions Committee

Whereas, North Carolina Free Will Baptist met for the 62nd annual meeting at the Embassy Suites of Greensboro, North Carolina entitled, "Not In Vain."

Whereas the pastors and lay leaders of North Carolina enjoyed the arrangements, services, and other accommodations.

We therefore thank Reuben Cason, the Executive Committee, and the Embassy Suites for making this session a success.

Michael Faulker
Jeff Necessary
Chris Edmonds

TUESDAY EVENING SERVICE- June 4, 2024 6:00PM

Brother Chad Donoho began the service by leading the congregation in singing "This is Amazing Grace." Then brother Chad led us in "Glory To His Name." Brother Josh asked the ushers to come and then Scott Coghill asked the blessing over the service and the offering. The Men's Ensemble sang "It's About the Cross." Brother Chad led the congregation in the

singing of "Living Hope." Brother Josh Baer introduced Brother Jim McComas as tonight's speaker. The Sounds of Praise Ensemble ministered through songs. Brother Jim read from 1 Kings 17:1 18:17 "We Are Not The Problem" The Church is Not The Problem. Brother Josh called anyone that wanted to come forward to lay hands on Brother Reuben Cason as he prepares to preach on Tuesday night at the Nationals in Tampa.