

**Piedmont**

**MINUTES  
of the  
78th Annual Session  
of the  
Original Free Will Baptist  
Piedmont Conference**

**Held with  
High Point Free Will Baptist Church  
High Point, North Carolina  
July 24, 2021**

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#### **Proceedings**

The Seventy Eighth annual session of the Piedmont Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist convened at High Point Original Free Will Baptist Church in High Point, North Carolina on July 24, 2021 with the Reverend Audie Tucker as the host pastor.

The business session started at 10:00 am on July 24, 2021 with the opening hymn, "Fill my way everyday with love". The Conference called to order by the Vice-Moderator Rev. John Daniel. Devotions were given by Rev. Audie Tucker **Titled:** God's word – not bond; **Scripture:** II Timothy 2:9-12

#### **Executive Board:**

##### **Camp Meeting:**

Hold until January 2022 to see how the pandemic is at that time and decide if the conference should move forward with scheduling the camp meeting.

#### **OFWB Convention Revising Articles of Faith and Church Covenant:**

Rev. Junior Bingham, Rev. Hillis Burton & Rev. Tim Burton have all attended a meeting. They are still in the process of reviewing and updating the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant. They have broke out into smaller committees and will bring any changes back before the entire committee before submitting them to the Convention.

Rev. Robert Alexander had brought a declaration that the Albemarle FWB Conference has adopted regarding sale/use of Alcohol at the January 25, 2020 Executive Board Meeting. Rev. Tony Parrish removed the wording referencing the Albemarle Conference and placed Piedmont OFWB Conference. Discussed a little then decided at this time to wait and see what changes are made. If negative changes are made, then will take action regarding any updates to the Articles of Faith and Church Covenant.

#### **Church and Minister Dues for the missed meetings:**

Due to COVID-19, the OFWB Piedmont Conference cancelled the following meetings, April 25, 2020, July 25, 2020, October 24, 2020, January 23, 2021 and April 24<sup>th</sup> 2021. Some folks had approached the OFWB Piedmont Conference Treasure regarding the dues due for these meetings. This was discussed and e Moderator Rev. Tim Burton felt as well as the rest of the Executive Board that unless the dues caused a hardship, then the ministers and churches were still required to pay the dues.

#### **In Memory of Dr. Thomas Parrish & Rev. Donnie Huggins:**

Both Dr. Thomas Parrish and Rev. Donnie Huggins passed since our last meeting in January 25, 2020. The OFWB Piedmont Conference Executive Board would like to place Brick Pavers at the Children's Home in memory of both. We are not sure if the Children's Home is still doing this. If not, we can make a donation in memory of both. Suggested to donate \$250.00 or \$500.00. Will bring before the body of the conference for discussion.

- This was brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference for discussion – it was decided and voted on to donate \$500.00 each for Dr. Thomas Parrish & Rev. Donnie Huggins to the OFWB Children's Home via Brick Pavers and just donation. Clerk will get with Brother Gary Lee to see how to handle.
- Clerk was able to reach the Children's Home. They can still do the Brick Pavers for each. Mrs. Skinner from the Children's Home sent Clerk a form to fill out how the Conference wants the wording of the brick Pavers. Clerk Filled out forwarded to Treasure to send check and forms to Children's Home. (In Memory of Dr.

Thomas Parrish Piedmont Conf) & In Memory of Mr. Donnie Huggins Piedmont Conf) 3 lines with only 17 spaces to include blank spaces and punctuation)

**Love Offering for the Executive Board Offices:**

Currently the OFWB Piedmont Conference gives the Moderator \$100.00; Vice-Moderator \$0.00, Treasurer \$50.00 & Clerk \$50.00 Love Offering at yearly annual session. It was suggested to increase the Vice-Moderator & Treasurer's Love Offering to match the Moderator of \$100.00 and to increase the Clerk's Love Offering to \$200.00. The clerk spends approximately 30 hours preparing for meetings, at meetings and updating files after the meetings a year. If the individual in the office prefers, they can return the Love Offering to the OFWB Piedmont Conference. This will be brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference.

- This was brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference for discussion – It was decided and voted on to Increase the Vice-Moderator and Treasurer's Love Offering to \$100.00 at the annual session to match the Moderator's Love Offering and to increase the Clerk's Love Offering to \$200.00

**Reimburse Individuals that Represent the OFWB Piedmont Conference at Ministry Meetings or on Committees for gas and expenses:**

It was suggested to have the OFWB Piedmont Conference to reimburse ministers or individuals who represent the conference on one of the Ministry Boards or attends a committee on behalf of the OFWB Piedmont Conference. The minister or individual can submit to the OFWB Piedmont Conference Treasurer a receipt for gas or expense. The treasurer will then reimburse for the expense. Rev. Audie Tucker is on the Conventions Executive Board, they do not reimburse. Rev. Tim Burton advised for past meetings to get an estimate and give to the treasurer for reimbursement and for future to keep receipt to give to the treasurer. Rev. Hillis Burton, Rev. Tim Burton and Rev. Junior Bingham attending the committee meetings for Articles of Faith. They rode together with Rev. Hillis Burton. Brother Burton has his receipts. Both can submit to the treasurer once brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference.

- This was brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference for discussion – it was decided and voted on to reimburse ministers and/or individuals who represent the OFWB Piedmont Conference on a Ministry Board or Committee as long as they have a receipt to give the Treasurer.

**Obituary:**

Took a moment of silence for Dr. Thomas Parrish, Rev. Donnie Huggins and the loved ones of members of the OFWB Piedmont Conference that had passed away.

**Ordaining Council:**

No Business.

**Denominational Ministries:** *These were present and came forward to give a report.*

Christian Education – Sister Gail not able to make meeting – OFWB Piedmont Conference representative Mr. Wayne Hicks read report from the Christian Education Director.

Convention Services – Brother Gary Bailey not able to attend – OFWB Piedmont Conference representative – Rev. Audie Tucker – gave report. Convention Scheduled for 9/30/21 @ Maxwell Centers in Goldsboro. If planning on attending please file our form mailed and return by August 30, 2021 as the Children's Home is providing lunch to celebrate their 100 years.

Church Planting & Renewal sent a packet of information given out by the OFWB Piedmont Clerk

University of Mt. Olive – No Representative or word

**Nominating Committee** – (Rev. Tim Burton, Rev. Junior Bingham, Rev. Richard Martin, Rev. Audie Tucker & Wayne Hicks) – Read by Clerk Wayne Hicks.

*Offices ending at Annual Session 2020:*

Executive Board: Vice-Moderator:	Rev. John Daniel
Executive Board: Clerk Assistant:	Mrs. Angela Garrett
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Hillis Burton
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Charlie Tyler

- Since the OFWB Piedmont Conference missed the Annual Session in 2020, the officers would complete their next term in 2022

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Executive Board: Clerk	Mr. Wayne Hicks
Ordaining Council: Chairman:	Rev. Jimmy Garrett
Ordaining Council:	Rev. Charlie Garrett

- These offices will go as normal with the next term ending in 2023.

No one has approached the Moderator as not wanting to return. Clerk advised he would stay on for one more year. Suggested to have everyone return, since no one requested to leave. Will bring before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference.

- This was brought before the body of the OFWB Piedmont Conference. Since no one has requested to leave their office and no one was interesting in an office, it was decided and voted on that all officers to return. The officers whose term ended in July 2020 to completed their term in July 2022 and for all officers whose term ended in July 2021, their term will complete in July of 2023.

There were no nominations from the floor. Voted to accept all the above as return with the exception of Rev. Gino Thompson & Rev. Gene Thompson as they withdrew from OFWB Piedmont Conference and turned in their license and credentials. Will not replace these two positions.

**Resolutions:**

*We here by resolve to give High Point Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the 78<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the OFWB Piedmont Conference.*

**Worship Hour:**

The Church singers opened up the worship service and did the special singing. Prayer: Rev. Tim Burton Message by: Rev. Tim Burton, Scripture: Acts 3: 1-9; 10:26; Title of Message: "Look at us", Dismissal Prayer, Rev. Jerry Campbell Do to COVID a lunch was not provided, thank you High Point Grace OFWB Church for your hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Reverend Tim Burton, Moderator  
Wayne Hicks, Clerk