

MINUTES
Of The
Palmetto Conference
of the
Original Free Will Baptist

Proceedings
Of The
THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

Held At
UNA FIRST FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH

MAY 17, 1974
Rev. Henry King—Moderator

CONSTITUTION, RULES AND BY-LAWS

ARTICLE 1.

The Conference shall be called the Palmetto Conference of the general conference of the Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 2.

The conference shall be composed of the following officers: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer.

ARTICLE 3.

Each Church shall be entitled to three (3) delegates and one additional delegate for every (50) members over one hundred.

ARTICLE 4.

Every Licensed and ordained minister of this conference in good standing is a standing delegate.

ARTICLE 5.

Each church being a member of this conference shall send a church report at each conference meeting.

ARTICLE 6.

The ordaining council shall consist of five (5) ordained ministers, they shall elect their own chairman and secretary.

ARTICLE 7.

Each church being a member of this conference shall pay a conference fee for minutes and other expense as follows:

50 or more members	\$15.00	30 members or more	\$10.00
under 30 members	5.00		

ARTICLE 8.

The executive board shall consist of the moderator, clerk, and the treasurer.

ARTICLE 9.

These are to be elected at the close of each annual session by the body.

ARTICLE 10.

The executive board shall take care of all business while the conference is not in session.

ARTICLE 11.

The executive board shall make a report to the conference at each meeting of their work.

ARTICLE 12.

Any church needing the executive board to come must vote for them to come and be responsible for their expense.

ARTICLE 13.

The Palmetto conference shall have three (3) trustees to serve and their successors.

ARTICLE 14.

The Palmetto conference believes and practices congregational church government and assumes no higher authority than in that capacity, the highest authority that this conference has over any church in our fellowship is the power voted by the body to withdraw fellowship from a church.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The clerk or assistant clerk or senior minister in years may call the conference to order, and take charge in the absence of the moderator and assistant moderator.
2. The conference shall be opened and closed with prayer and any suitable devotions, providing a quorum of nine (9) members are present.
3. This body shall decide all questions by majority of the members present.
4. There shall be no conversation by any one, so as to interrupt business while in session.
5. Any person wishing to speak must first rise and address the moderator and be recognized before speaking.
6. No person shall interrupt another while he is speaking.
7. All motions made with a second shall be opened for discussion, but debate may be stopped at any time by a vote of the majority, when a question is called or stop debate is made.
8. No one shall speak more than twice (2) on the same subject, unless special permission from the moderator.
9. No one shall absent themselves from the meeting without permission from the moderator.
10. No one shall speak more than ten (10) minutes on any one subject unless given special permission by the moderator.
11. All motions made and lost shall not be recorded in the minutes.
12. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak on any subject as any one else providing the chair is filled.
13. By a two thirds vote the decision of the moderator may be overruled.
14. Visitors may be given a seat in our conference without the right to vote.
15. No motion shall be discussed without a second.
16. Any one breaking these rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
17. These rules can be changed at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

AMENDMENT

As of 8-14-1972, the Palmetto Conference will withdraw fellowship from any church or minister in our conference who does not believe and practice Free Will Baptist Doctrine.

RULES GOVERNING MINISTERS OF THIS CONFERENCE

1. The candidate must be a member of a Free Will Baptist church of this conference for a period of one (1) year.
And come before the ordaining council with a letter from his church signed by his pastor and clerk or treasurer as to his faithfulness and record, this letter must state how long he has been a member of this church and whether or not he is a tither of his income.
2. No candidate will be considered for ordination unless he preaches and practices tithing. II Corin. 16:2, Matt. 23:23, Mal. 3:8-10.
3. If a candidate has been a member of more than one church in the past year, he must come before the ordaining council with a letter of each church he has been in recommending him, or wait one year where he is.
4. A candidate must serve under license one (1) year before he can be ordained unless, however, he is called to pastor a church and he is recommended by his pastor and church. Then he can be ordained any time.
5. The ordaining council will deal with any minister according to a charge brought by his pastor and church whether licensed or ordained.
6. No minister will be dealt with without a written charge properly signed by the accused.
7. The ordaining council will give reports of all their work at each conference meeting. This work must be approved by the body.
8. Any minister coming to this conference from another denomination must come under the watch care of this conference for a period of one (1) year and the exchanging of ordination papers.
9. No candidate will be ordained unless his appearance is approved by the ordaining council of this conference, such as 1. dress, 2. hair cuts, 3. personality.
10. Any reproach brought on this conference and other ministers by talk or accusations of any ministers of this conference, shall be investigated by the ordaining council and acted according to evidence.
11. These rules and qualifications must be kept and enforced by the ordaining council of this conference.

AMENDMENT

As of 6-19-1972, The Palmetto Conference will no longer license or exchange papers with or ordain any man with two living wives or married to a woman with two living husbands.

UNA FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

August 18, 1973

Opening Song: "When the roll is called up yonder."

Opening Prayer: Rev. Harold Gierach

Welcome: Rev. Belton Laws, Host Pastor

Response: Rev. David Anders

Devotion: Rev. Jimmy Dixon—Scripture: Eccles. 5:13 Multitudes of business

Session called to order by the Clerk

Reading of the Constitution, Rules and By-Laws, Rules of Decorum and Rules Governing Ministers

Recognition of Visitors

Roll Call of Churches:

Bright Light Free Will Baptist Church
Twin Pines Free Will Baptist Church
Airport Free Will Baptist Church
Riverside Free Will Baptist Church
York First Free Will Baptist Church
Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
Old Fashion Free Will Baptist Church
Una First Free Will Baptist Church

Roll Call and Dues of Ministers:

Rev. Johnnie Bullman
Rev. Belton Laws
Rev. Paul Roland
Rev. R. H. Barnette
Rev. David Anders
Rev. Jimmy Bowers
Rev. Harold Gierach
Rev. Henry King
Rev. C. Messeldine
Rev. R. P. Terry
Rev. T. B. Hardin
Rev. Phillip Wayne Thornton
Rev. Jimmy Dixon
Rev. R. H. McAbee
Rev. Odell Holcome
Rev. Ronnie Wilson
Rev. Coleman Pate

Fellowship before song: "Amazing Grace"

Message by: Rev. Odell Holcombe

Text taken from St. Matt. 21:21-22

Subject: The things that we get if we exercise our faith

Motion to Recess 15 minutes M. S. A.

Returned to Conference after recess

Motion to accept minutes of Annual Meeting in May, 1973 M. S. A.

Report of the Executive Committee; move to accept M. S. A.

Report of Youth Program, a written report given by Mrs. Libby Thorton on of all activities; a real good report

Move to accept report with two recommendations:

1. That all the churches get their money to Rally
2. Also their young people above all. M. S. A.

Report of Home Missions; moved to accept report as read M. S. A.

Motion made to pay Ayden F.W.B. Press for song books that are in mobile home and for them to become property of Home Mission M. S. A.

Motion made to pay for having air condition at mobile unit repaired at a cost of not to exceed \$400.00 and that each treasurer of the Conference pay \$100.00 and Hearon Circle F.W.B. pay \$100.00 M. S. A.

Motion made to recess for lunch M. S. A.

Conference began after lunch with song: "I'll fly away"

Report of Foreign Mission; report was as read beginning with balance of the tickets for Rev. David Anders to go to Mexico; accept report as read M. S. A.

Treasurer's report: \$521.42—Paid out \$834.44—Bal. in treasury \$211.98 M.S.A.

Report of Ordaining Council: We the council #1: recommend Rev. Louie Allen to be ordained this day with Rev. Jimmy Bowers to preach the charge M. S. A.

New business:

Move to have Clerk write to Rev. Boyce Lee Blackwell and Rev. Johnnie Norris requesting their presence at the Conference. M. S. A.

Move made not to license or ordain anyone from a local church who is not up to date with their dues in all phases of the church. M. S. A.

Move to proceed with advertising on a billboard at a cost of \$100.00 per month for advertisement of conference and churches in conference. M. S. A.

Move made that the Moderator appoint a committee to get this advertisement; the following men to serve: Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Chairman, Rev. Paul Roland and Rev. Ransom McAbee to serve with him. M. S. A.

Place of next meeting: move was made to go to York 1st F.W.B. Church. M.S.A.

Sermon of Ordination preached by Rev. Johnnie Bullman—1st Timothy 3:17; Prayer by Rev. Henry King

Closing Prayer: Rev. David Anders

EXECUTIVE AND ORDAINING COUNCIL MEETING

Held at Royal Villa Restaurant, Kings Mountain, N. C.

November 23, 1973

Present were:

Rev. Henry King
Rev. Johnnie Bullman
Rev. Odell Holcombe
Rev. Ronnie Wilson
Rev. Jimmy Bowers
Rev. Edgar Diese
Rev. Belton Laws
Mr. Bobby Melton, Deacon, Twin Pines

Meeting was called to order by the Clerk at 8:00 p.m.

Opened in prayer by Moderator

Removed from Table of Conference move where Rev. Bullman had resigned the Moderator. It was turned over to Rev. Bullman to give reason for offering his resignation. His answer: there is no cooperation in the youth rallies, singings, revivals, committees will not meet regularly, and no cooperation in bringing money to the Conference.

LADIES NIGHT MEETING

At Royal Villa Restaurant at Kings Mountain, N. C.

December 14, 1973

The Annual Christmas Supper was held for the preachers and their wives tonight at 8:00 p.m.

We had dinner and devotions

There was a short business meeting held with the Council opened in prayer by Rev. Johnnie Bullman.

Letter of Charge read on Rev. Jimmy Bowers by Mr. Coy B. Robinson.

MINUTES OF THE PALMETTO CONFERENCE

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Una, S. C.

February 16, 1974

10:00 a.m.—Roll of Pastors:

Rev. Johnnie Bullman
Rev. Belton Laws
Rev. Paul Roland
Rev. R. H. Barnette
Rev. David Anders
Rev. Jimmy Bowers
Rev. Henry King
Rev. C. Messaldine
Rev. R. P. Terry
Rev. T. B. Hardin
Rev. Phillip Wayne Thornton
Rev. Jimmy Dixon
Rev. R. H. McAbee
Rev. Odell Holcombe
Rev. Ronnie Wilson
Rev. Coleman Pate

Opening Songs: "Victory in Jesus," "Amazing Grace"

Opening Prayer: Rev. Belton Laws

Welcome by Host Pastor: Rev. Paul Roland

Response: Rev. Belton Laws

Message: Rev. Ronnie Wilson; Text taken from Amos 5:1-6

Topic: The Church's Fault

Song: "I Want to Know More About My Lord"

Meeting called to order

Rules and By-Laws, Rules of Decorum and Constitution and By-Laws

Roll Call of Churches present:

Airport F.W.B. Church
Hearon Circle F.W.B. Church
Twin Pines F.W.B. Church
Riverside F.W.B. Church
Trinity F.W.B. Church
Una First F.W.B. Church
Bright Light F.W.B. Church
Campobello F.W.B. Church
York First F.W.B. Church
Fort Lawn F.W.B. Church

Roll Call of Ministers present:

Rev. Johnnie Bullman
Rev. Belton Laws
Rev. Paul Roland
Rev. R. H. Barnette
Rev. David Anders
Rev. Jimmy Bowers
Rev. Henry King

Rev. C. Messaldine
Rev. R. P. Terry
Rev. T. B. Hardin
Rev. Phillip Wayne Thornton
Rev. Jimmy Dixon
Rev. R. H. McAbee
Rev. Odell Holcombe
Rev. Ronnie Wilson
Rev. Coleman Pate

Reading of minutes of last meeting; read and approved

Moved to recess for 10 minutes for Ordaining Council. M.S.A.

Returned to meeting with song: "Eastern Gates"

Reading of Executive Committee report to be accepted as read and be entered into minutes. M.S.A.

Report of Foreign Missions by Rev. David Anders and to accept his resignation from the Foreign Mission Board. M.S.A.

Report of Youth Work to be suspended until there be more interest shown. M.S.A. (21 for 3 opposed—majority rules)

Report of Home Mission: treasury got too low to pay Hearon Circle payment so it was carried over and now we owe two at this time; bal. in treasury \$453.12; our obligations are \$608.00; Brother Harold Geirach resigned from Home Mission Board; move to accept as is. M.S.A.

Move made to accept Brother Harold Geirach resignation. M.S.A.

Motion made to transfer \$500.00 from Foreign Mission to Home Mission to help offset deficit in Home Mission. M.S.A.

Report of the Treasurer: with the return of the \$50.00 from the Youth Rally, total now \$739.02; moved to accept as read. M.S.A.

Move to transfer \$300.00 of General Treasury to Home Mission to help it get started in the right direction. M.S.A.

Report of Ordaining Council was as read on December 14, 1973. The Ordaining Council met on December 14, 1973.

Move made to remove from the table question about Rev. Johnnie Bullman's resignation from all offices to be discussed. M.S.A.

Move made to accept Rev. Johnnie Bullman's resignation as of this date from all offices in Conference. M.S.A.

Move made to set a two mile radius for the organizing of a new church. Received a second. Rev. Odell Holcombe made amendment to read as it should have a six mile radius. Amendment received a second vote on amendment (16 for, 4 opposed)

Motion made for Rev. Henry King to appoint someone to fill unexpired term of Asst. Moderator, Rev. Belton Laws: Ordaining Council, Rev. David Anders: Home Mission, Rev. Harold Gierach: Foreign Mission, Rev. David Anders.

Move to accept as information. M.S.A.

Place of next meeting: Una First Free Will Baptist Church. M.S.A.

ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Una First Free Will Baptist Church
May 17, 1974, 10:00 A.M.

Devotions: Rev. Jimmy Bowers—Scripture taken from Hebrews 9:22-25, also opened in prayer

Song: "I Never Shall Forget That Day"

Welcome: By host pastor, Rev. Belton Laws

Response: Rev. Odell Holcombe

Session Called to Order: By Clerk Rev. R. H. Barnette

Move made to have program flexible. M.S.A.

Reading of Constitution and By-Laws: Clerk Rev. R. H. Barnette

Roll Call of Churches:

Twin Pines
Bright Light
Campobello
York First
Fort Lawn
Trinity
Riverside
Una First
Airport

Recognition of Visitors:

Mr. Thomas E. Morgan, Jack Scarboro, John F. Clark, Ray E. Gaskins, Stanley Buck, Dennis Harper, Bobby Blantan, John W. Morgan, Otis A. Bowman.

Roll Call of Ministers:

Belton Laws
Paul Roland
R. H. Barnette
Jimmy Bowers
Henry King
C. Messeldine
R. P. Terry
T. B. Hardin
Jimmy Dison
Odell Holcomb
Ronnie Wilson
Coleman Pate

Move made that any minister that reached age 65 not pay any dues and that anyone who is disabled not pay any dues every three months. M.S.A.

Moved to recess for 10 minutes for the Ordaining Council to meet. M.S.A.

Reading of minutes of last meeting to accept as read for information. M.S.A.

Recessed to Evening Service.

Closed in prayer by Rev. Pike Terry

Evening Service begins at 7:10, opened in prayer at altar with Rev. Mitchell leading the prayer.

Opening Song: "At Calvary and Heaven Jubilee"

Song by Rev. and Mrs. Mitchell Davis: "I'm Living in Canaan Now"

Song by Rev. Ranson McAbee: "I Know a Man Can"

Message by Rev. Jimmy Dixon: "The Use of Witch Crafts" (Deut. 18:9-15, 20-22)

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SATURDAY MORNING SESSION—May 18, 1974, 10:00 A.M.

Opening Song: "At Calvary"

Message by Rev. R. P. Terry: "What Is Man" (II Cor. 6:1; I Kings 8:2, Psalms 8:3-4, I Cor. 10:1, Gen. 1:26, Heb. 7:1)

Song: "Just As I Am"

Motion to accept program flexible and to permit visiting preachers to be flexible; motion by Rev. Johnnie Bullman, seconded by Jimmy Bowers. M.S.A.

Home Mission Report—presented as information by move to accept as information see Rev. Anders

Move to give Rev. Harold Gierach a standing vote of appreciation; move made by Rev. R. H. Barnette. M.S.A.

Foreign Mission Report: \$786.00 before \$500.00, after \$286.00 plus \$355.90=\$641.90=\$658.19 total in treasury as of now; move made that we accept it as information by Sec. Brother Gierach.

Move made for recess for 15 minutes for Ordaining Council. M.S.A.

Ordaining Council report: We the Council recommend Bro. Dennis Harper and Bro. Bobby Blaton for Lic. have letter from their church as to their faithfulness. Recommend that Rev. Louie Allen and Rev. Yancey Broughton ordaining papers be revoked. Bro. Edgar Dease continue to keep his papers. Recommend that Rev. Coleman Pate papers be reinstated. Move to accept Ordaining Council report as read.

Move made by Rev. Bullman to support Rev. Harold Jones in the Philippines and for one church to have this man so that we might be able to meet him send one \$75.00 per month earmarked especially for him. M.S.A.

Convened with a song: "Some Glad Reunion Day"

Treasurer's report:

\$742.02 paid out 450.00 to Home Mission Bal brought Fund \$296.02 in treasury

Took in	\$309.00
Home miss.	50.00
	<u>\$359.00</u>
Bro. fun.	<u>397.02</u>
Balance in Treasury.....	\$656.02

Message by Rev. Jack Scarborough: "Death" (Isaiah 38:1-7; Rev. 2:48)

Motion from Rev. Odell Holcomb that a love offering be received, seconded by Rev. Wilson. M.S.A. (Money received \$28.31)

Old Business:

Motion made by Rev. Johnny Bullman that the mission on Reidville Rd. be operated under the Palmetto Conference and that they handle their own finance and business, seconded by Rev. Odell Holcombe. M.S.A.

Motion made by Rev. Henry King that we do away with the Friday service from their conference so others may be able to attend; Odell Holcombe seconded the move. M.S.A.

GENERAL CONFERENCE

Hearon Circle F.W.B.

June 24, 25, 26

New Business:

Rev. Bullman made motion that this Conference not receive a charge from any layman against any minister of this Conference except he be an ordained minister; motion seconded by Rev. Odell Holcombe, amended to read that he also be in good standing with this Conference, seconded by Rev. Harold Gierach. M.S.A.

Move by Rev. J. Bullman to adjourn seconded by Rev. David Anders.

Move to go to Bright Light for next meeting by Rev. Bullman, seconded by Rev. Odell Holcombe. M.S.A.

Report of Nominating Council:

H. Gierach, J. Bowers, D. Anders

Moderator—Rev. Henry King

Asst. Moderator—Rev. Odell Holcombe

Clerk—Rev. R. H. Barnette

Asst. Clerk—Rev. Jimmy Dixon

Foreign Mission—Rev. Belton Laws, Rev. David Anders, Rev. Jimmy Bowers

Home Mission—J. Dixon, Chairman, Harold Sec. & Treasurer, Rev. Johnnie Bullman, Rev. Ronnie Wilson

Treasurer—Rev. Paul Roland

Song Leader—Rev. Jimmy Dixon

Pianist—Carl Linder

Ordaining Council—Rev. R. H. Barnette, Rev. Ransom McAbee, Rev. Jimmy Bowers

Nom. Comm.—Rev. Odell Holcombe, Rev. Ransom McAbee, Rev. Belton Laws

Program Comm.—Rev. Harold Gierach, Rev. Belton Laws, Rev. T. B. Hardin

