2003 YEARBOOK FOR ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

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MINUTES OF THE ONE HUNDREDTH AND FORTY NINETH MEETING OF THE CAPE FEAR CONFERENCE OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS HELD AT FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SMITHFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA NOVEMBER 11, 2003

Moderator: The Reverend Roy Clifton (2004) Assistant Moderator: The Reverend Jerry Stephenson (2004) Secretary: The Reverend Jesse Fulcher (2005) Assistant Secretary: The Reverend Otis Hamm (2005) Treasurer: The Reverend Sam Weeks (2004) Member at Large: The Reverend Ken Dabbs (2005)

EXECUTIVE BOARD

Roy Clifton, Jerry Stephenson, Jesse Fulcher, Otis Hamm, Sam Weeks, Ken Dabbs

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J.N. Bryant (2004) Granville Denning (2005) Mosbey Elmore (2006) Kenneth Johnson (2007) Ray Smith (2008)

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Doug Seymour (2004) Ricky Warren (2005) Wayne Puckett (2006) Martha Parsons (2007) Peyton Lee (2008)

ORDAINING BOARD

Sam Weeks (2004) Joe Balance (2005) Frank Harrison (2006) Aubrey Williamson (2007) Roy Clifton (2008)

ORDAINED MINISTERS

(P-Present, A-Absent, E-Excused)

Р	Norman Ard	Р	Ken Dabbs
Е	Henry Armstrong	Р	Jesse Fulcher
Р	Fred Baker	E	Edmundo Gonzalez
Р	Joe Balance	Е	William Barrow
Р	Swade Benson	Р	Otis Hamm
Р	Cecil Blackmon	E	Wayne Hargrove
Ε	Jim Bogle	Р	Frank Harrison
Р	Dewey Boling	Р	Ronnie Hayes
Р	Rayford Byrd	Р	Roger Hill
Р	Braxton Carter	Р	David Hill
Р	Scott Casey	Р	Fred Johnson
Р	Jesse Caton	Α	Earl Johnson
Р	Roy Clifton	Р	Emmitt Jones
Р	C.M. Coats	Р	Dan Jordan
Р	James Corbett	Р	Dean Kennedy
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Е	Alan Lamm	Р	Doug Seymour
Α	Mike Ledbetter	Р	Elijah Smith
Е	John Rayford Lee	E	Hubert Stanley
Ε	Al Markuson	Р	Jerry Stephenson
Р	Donnie Massey	Р	Bobby Tew
Е	Richard McKeel	Е	Charlie Tucker
Р	Tom McLamb	Ε	William Van der Plas
Е	Ed Miles	Α	Sexton Vann
Α	Joe Myrick	Р	Ricky Warren
Р	Billy Nowell	Р	Al Warrick
Р	Kenneth Phillips	Р	Sam Weeks
Р	Dennis Pollock	Р	Aubrey Williamson
Р	Burkette Raper	Α	Pete Ralls
Р	Jeff Scarborough		

LICENSED MINISTERS

- P Barry Croom_ Shady Grove
- P Johnathan Pierce_ Faith
- P Alan Price Powhatan
- P Jimmy Price Riverside
- P Dickie Privette Haymount

- A Scott Satterfield_Pleasant Grove
- P Bryan Williamson_ St. Mary's Grove
- E Kyle Watson_Lee's Chapel
- P Richard Witman_Pleasant Grove

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Forty Ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference of Original Free Will Baptists convened at First FWB Church, Smithfield, North Carolina on November 11, 2003.

The congregation opened in singing 'My Savior's Love' led by song leader, Brother Peyton Lee. Licensed Minister, Dr. Barry Croom from Shady Grove FWB Church offered 'Scripture and Prayer' from 2 Corinthians 12:7. The conference was welcomed by the Reverend Sam Weeks, pastor of host church, First FWB Church, Smithfield. The response was heard from Trustee Kenneth Johnson of Vandora Springs FWB Church.

Moderator, the Reverend Roy Clifton, called the session into order. The rules of registration were then explained by the Credentials Committee Chair, the Reverend Otis Hamm, as adopted by the One Hundred Fourteenth Session of the Cape Fear Conference. Clerk, Jesse Fulcher, called the roll of Officers and Standing Boards, Churches, and Ministers. The moderator recognized our visitors. There were no new members received into the conference during this session.

The Reverend Roy Clifton gave the moderator's remarks. Our churches and the individual believers were challenged to stay focused from the scripture passage, 1 Peter 2:1-5. He said, "A spiritual church needs spiritual people and this comes from the Word of God." We were challenged to become the 'six marks' of a spiritual church though prayer, fellowship, giving, Bible study, praise, and sowing. Brother Moderator closed his remarks with prayer.

The following temporary committees were appointed by Moderator Clifton. *Temperance/Resolutions Committee:* Chair Billy Nowell, Joe Balance, Roger Hill *Obituary Committee:* Chair Dean Kennedy, Jeff Scarborough *Credentials Committee:* Chair Otis Hamm, Ken Dabbs, Johnathan Pierce

Nominating Committee: Chair Jerry Stephenson, Aubrey Williamson, Donnie Massey

Representatives from our denominational ministries were present and given an opportunity to speak on the behalf of each ministry. The following ministries were represented: Sunday School Ministry_Mary Dudley, Retirement Homes Ministry_Bruce Dudley, Children's Home and Minister's Program_Phillip Boykin, Cragmont Assembly_Bryant Hines, Foreign Missions_Chris Singleton, Mount Olive College_Dr. Burkette Raper, Home Missions and Evangelism_David Hansley, FWB Press and Church Finance_Fred Baker, Camp Vandamere_Wesley Taylor, Convention of OFWB_President Fred Baker, and Conference Representative_Sam Weeks. The Moderator extended a challenge to the churches to give water and food to the 'Disaster Relief' fund to help the storm victims. After these reports we moved into a fifteen minute break.

Worship service began with congregational singing 'Sunshine In My Soul' led by Brother Peyton Lee. The conference offering was received and special music was offered by the Blended Fellowship Signing Choir. The Reverend Jerry Stephenson, pastor of Vandora Springs FWB Church, brought the morning message from Romans 1:14-16. He stated "that the mission of the Church is to carry forth the Gospel." The Apostle Paul gave the church three "I ams... I am a debtor... I am ready... to preach the gospel ... and I am not ashamed ... of the gospel." He said "that there are two things that people ought to expect. The first is sound Biblical teaching from the Pastor and the second is that the Pastor ought to expect his people to adhere to sound doctrine." The worship hour was closed with an invitation and with prayer. The blessing for the food was given by Pastor Weeks.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with the congregation singing 'Draw Me Nearer' led by Brother Peyton Lee. 'Scripture and Prayer' was offered by Licensed Minister, Dickie Privette, of Haymount FWB Church. The scripture passage selected was from Psalm 100, "Let us be thankful today."

Moderator Roy Clifton opened the floor for announcements before hearing the report of the Standing Boards (see attached reports for the Standing Boards). The Executive Committee and Mission Committee reports were given by the clerk and approved by the conference. The Ordaining Council report was given by the Reverend Frank Harrison. There was no Woman's Auxiliary report given. The Cape Fear Minister's Conference report was given by the Reverend Sam Weeks. The Cape Fear Youth report was given by Mrs. Martha Parsons as well at the Board of Christian Education report.

The reports of the Temporary Committees were then given (see attached reports for the Temporary Committees). The Temperance and Resolutions Committee had three resolutions that were read and motions made to accept all three. The Obituary Committee gave its report and it was approved as read. The Credentials Committee gave a report of the Annual Conference's attendance. Its report was approved as read. The Nominating Committee made its recommendations to the conference and it was voted by acclamation to accept the committee's recommendations. The Treasurer's report was then given and approved as reported. It was reported by Treasurer Sam Weeks that the conference offering was down this year as well as the contributions to Blended Fellowship Mission. A progress report was given concerning this mission work and a thank you extended to Mr. Kenny Woodard for contributing the framing materials. Volunteer workers will be needed beginning in January, 2004, to help with this work.

The conference then moved to the business session. Moderator Roy Clifton called for Old Business. There being none we moved into New Business. There was no New Business brought before the conference. The One Hundred Fiftieth Anniversary Session of the Cape Fear Conference will be held at the Shady Grove FWB Church in 2004. With no further business to be brought before the conference a motion was made and properly seconded that we adjourn our meeting leaving any unfinished business in the hands of the Executive Committee. The motion was approved and we dismissed with congregation singing 'We Have a Story to Tell All the Nations' and in prayer led by The Reverend Jesse Caton.

Respectfully Submitted, Roy Clifton, Moderator Jesse Fulcher, Clerk

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference met twelve times since the last annual conference. The following business was attended to and the following motions were presented and carried by the committee:

On January 8, by invitation, the Executive Committee met with Covenant OFWB Church to discuss the acquisition of the church property from the Board of Home Missions and Evangelism. By motion, the church was to make all payments that were due and wait until the entire church is made aware of the payoff amount before acquiring the assistance of an attorney and the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference to properly transact the business of purchasing the property. Other concerns were discussed with Covenant Church concerning the organization of the church.

On January 13, the Executive Committee met at Blended Fellowship Mission with representatives from the Mission and Wayne County to discuss building code discrepancies on the site and to devise a plan for complying with these codes. The Mission would need to show progress towards meeting the requirements of the building codes and a report given to the Wayne County Building Inspector by January 31. The Executive Committee discussed means to generate financial support for Blended Fellowship Mission to be able to finance the renovation of their facility to meet building code.

On the January 22 meeting of the Executive Committee, by motion, Otis Hamm was designated by the committee to assist Covenant Church in matters of property issues. It was also suggested that the committee schedule a meeting with Covenant Church to help resolve matters in this church. By motion, Sam Weeks would serve as representative for the Executive Committee in matters concerning the work at Blended Fellowship. By motion an interest free loan from First FWB Church, Smithfield, would be accepted by the conference to help finance the work at Blended Fellowship.

On March 14, the Executive Committee met with representatives of the Covenant FWB Church. The committee made a recommendation that Covenant Church establish a record of its present membership and new members joining with the church would be added to

to this record. By motion, former Clerk Cathy Markuson would be contacted to relinquish any records of Covenant Church to the church.

The Executive Committee met on March 24 at First FWB Church, Smithfield. A report was given by Pastor/Director Doug Seymour presenting the proposed layout of the facility at Blended Fellowship Mission. The committee discussed a letter to be sent to churches and pastors of the Cape Fear Conference concerning the raising of funds for the renovation work at Blended Fellowship. Churches were assigned to each of the committee members to personally follow-up on this request for funds.

The Executive Committee met on April 4 to discuss the celebration of the Cape Fear Conference's 150th Anniversary. The Annual Conference of the Cape Fear would be held at Shady Grove FWB Church, the conference's oldest founding church. By motion, Jesse Fulcher and Otis Hamm were appointed to complete the writing of the conference's history to be presented at the 2004 Session. By motion, Jesse and Otis were to remain to this temporary committee until the work of the committee is completed. Reports were given concerning the work at Blended Fellowship and the Treasurer's report was given. The Executive Committee discussed how the property for Covenant FWB Church should be deeded. Both the Conference and Covenant Church agree that the property should be jointly deeded (a reversal clause to be included in the deed of the property) to Covenant FWB Church and the Cape Fear Conference. It was confirmed that Otis Hamm would be the designated Executive Committee representative to assist Covenant Church in this matter.

On May 9, the Executive Committee met to further discuss the transaction of the property and to discuss the organization of the Covenant Church. It was decided that the committee would meet with Covenant Church to discuss with the officers of this church the duties and responsibilities of the officers of the church and the establishing a constitution and by-laws specific to their church. The Executive Committee met, by invitation, at Covenant FWB Church to discuss this matter with the officers of Covenant Church. A proposed guideline was given for the establishing of a constitution and by-laws specific to Covenant Church and the committee discussed the work of the pulpit committee in the search process. Afterwards, the Executive Committee met in a call business meeting with Covenant church to share the purpose of the previous afternoon meeting and to inform Covenant's members of its outcome. The Reverend Jerry Stephenson brought a message from 1 Corinthians 2:1-2 and 12:12-14 concerning the body of Christ being made up of many spiritual gifts working together. Meeting was closed with prayer and the laying on of hands for the sick.

A progress report was given to the Executive Committee at the June 23 meeting concerning the work at Blended Fellowship Mission. The work is making good progress and at this date approximately \$30,000.00 of the \$70-75,000.00 needed to complete this work has been raised.

The final meeting of the Executive Committee was on August 8, at the First FWB Church, Smithfield. It was reported by Otis Hamm that the transaction of the property for Covenant Church would be handled through Church Finance of OFWB. Closing would be handled by attorney of choice and a letter would be needed to authorize the Trustees of Covenant FWB Church and the Executive Committee of the Cape Fear Conference to sign the

deed. By motion, Otis Hamm would represent the Executive Committee in the signing of the deed. By motion, Secretary Jesse Fulcher, would draft a letter (to be properly notarized) stating as such: A 'Letter of Agreement' between the Cape Fear Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists and the Covenant OFWB Church stating that the church standing will be re-evaluated by the Conference five years after the signing of the deed to determine whether the property would be released solely to Covenant OFWB Church or retained in joint ownership with the Cape Fear Conference. The program for the 2003 Annual Session of the Cape Fear Conference was planned by the committee. First FWB Church, Smithfield, will be hosting the conference for 2003 and contacts would be made concerning the program. A report was given by representative Sam Weeks of the work at Blended Fellowship Mission. It was reported that the renovation work of this facility is progressing on schedule. Financial report was given concerning this work.

Respectfully submitted, Jesse Fulcher, Secretary Cape Fear Conference Executive Committee

Ordaining Council

November 12, 2002

The Ordaining Council met after the Cape Fear Conference meeting with all members present.

Brother Ricky Warren was cleared to serve as Youth Minister at Lee's Chapel for ninety days.

Mr. Johnathan Pierce was cleared to serve as pulpit supply at Smyrna Original Free Will Baptist Church.

February 11, 2003

The Ordaining Council met at Mount Olive College with all members present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a letter from Covenant Church regarding some conflict in the church. The situation was resolved to the satisfaction of all parties.

The Reverend Braxton Carter was approved to serve as pastor of Wooten's Chapel Church.

The Reverend Stephen Prescott was approved to serve as pastor of Johnston Union FWB Church.

March 24, 2003

The Ordaining Council met at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, N.C.

Mr. Ricky Warren was approved as supply minister at Lee's Chapel for ninety days.

Mr. Kyle Watson, a member of Lee's Chapel, met with the Council and was approved to be licensed to preach the Gospel.

Mr. Richard Whitman, a member of Pleasant Grove Church, met with the Council and was approved to preach the Gospel.

The Reverend Joseph ("Pete") Rawls met with the Council and was given a year's approval as an Original Free Will Baptist minister. (Mr. Rawls is transferring from the National Association of Free Will Baptists.)

June 23, 2003

The Ordaining Council met at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, N.C., with all members present.

Mr. Ricky Warren was given permission to extend his work as "supply minister" at Lee's Chapel, with the understanding that he will have completed all his requirements for ordination by the end of October 2003.

August 24, 2003

Mr. Ricky Warren met with the Council, giving a good report on his work at Lee's Chapel and finalizing plans for his ordination in October 2003.

Dr. Barry Croom came before the Council and was given permission to continue his supply work at Covenant Church.

October 6, 2003

The Ordaining Council met at First Free Will Baptist Church, Smithfield, N.C., with all members present.

The ordination exams of Mr. Ricky Warren and Mr. Jimmy Price were reviewed and approved. Both were approved for ordination.

Mr. Warren was ordained on October 26, 2003 and Mr. Price will be ordained on November 16, 2003.

Respectfully submitted, Frank Harrison, Secretary

Other Council Members:

Dr. Sam Weeks The Reverend Roy Clifton The Reverend Joe Balance The Reverend Aubrey Williamson

Minister's Fellowship Association

The Cape Fear Conference Minister's Association met three times since the 2002 Cape Fear Conference Meeting (March, June, August). There are 29 members in our association and our average attendance during this period was 16. Our guest speakers for the three meetings were: The Reverend Frank Harrison_Evangelism, The Reverend Fred Baker_Convention of OFWB, The Reverend Rudy Owens_Carolina Bible Institute. Our next meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 24, 2003 at 10:00 A.M. at the First FWB Church in Smithfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Sam Weeks Secretary/Treasurer

STATE YOUTH PROJECT 2004

Endowed Scholarship Fund "Scholarships for Youth Convention Youth"

Project money from member churches should be sent in between now and April 15, if possible. If any individual or group would like to make a contribution in memory of Blake Cahoon, 18 year old son of Albemarle Youth Director James & Kathy Cahoon who died in October, designate it for the memorial fund under the State Youth Project. See your district leaders for more information.

Report submitted by: Nikki Jones, Cape Fear Youth Fellowship Recording Secretary Approved by: Martha Parsons/Rita Jones, Cape Fear Youth Fellowship Youth Chairs

Board of Christian Education

The Board of Christian Education mailed applications to all Cape Fear Conference Churches referencing the \$500.00 scholarship. We received six (6) applications. We were able to give only two (2). So sorry we could not give all six applicants a scholarship. The first scholarship went to Meredith Ashley Tew from Lee's Chapel Church. The second scholarship went to Roberta Widhalm from Powhatan Church. All scores were very close.

On June 21, 2003, The Reverend Greg Day did a work shop on Church Staffing which was very informative. The work shop was held at Casey's Chapel Church in Goldsboro. Our attendance was not as good as it could have been.

We the Board of Christian Education would like for you to give us some input for work shops. We all so want to encourage all churches to participate since we only have one a year. Our next one will be in May 2004. You will receive more info. after the first of the year.

Respectfully submitted by:

Board of Christian Education, Martha Parsons, Chair Person Peyton Lee, Ricky Warren, Doug Seymour, Wayne Puckett

Temperance and Resolutions Committee

- 1. Be it resolved that the One Hundred Forty Ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference give a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to the First FWB Church of Smithfield for their hospitality and help in hosting this session.
- 2. Be it resolved that the One Hundred Forty Ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference gives thanks and appreciation to all of our veterans and all of our armed forces now on duty on Veteran's Day.
- 3. Be it resolved that the One Hundred Forty Ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference go on record to encourage all ministers, churches, and members to realize the Gospel is spiritual and that we place our efforts on being the spiritual church God intended.

Respectfully submitted, Billy Nowell, Chairman Joe Balance Roger Hill

Obituary Committee

The committee reported that there had been one minister from the conference that had passed on since our last meeting. The Reverend Wilson Parker passed on July 11, 2003. We were also asked to remember all our lay persons in our churches who have passed on since the last conference. The conference paused in silent prayer in memory of these and in memory of the men and women who have given their lives in the armed forces to defend our freedom. The Reverend Scarborough led the conference in prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Dean Kennedy, Chairman Jeff Scarborough

Credentials Committee

Present at the One Hundred Forty Ninth Session of the Cape Fear Conference as follows:

Ordained Ministers	47
Licensed Ministers	7
Delegates	26
Visitors	18
Total	98

Respectfully submitted, Otis Hamm, Chairman Ken Dabbs Johnathan Pierce

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee submitted the following to serve the conference:

1.	Executive Committee_	Jesse Fulcher, Secretary (2005)
		Otis Hamm, Assistant Secretary (2005)
		Ken Dabbs, Member at Large (2005)
2.	Board of Trustees_	Ray Smith (2008)
3.	Board of Education_	Peyton Lee (2008)
4.	Ordaining Council	Roy Clifton (2008)

Respectfully submitted, Jerry Stephenson, Chairman Aubrey Williamson Donnie Massey

Treasurer's Report November 11, 2002 – November 10, 2003

I.	Balance on hand as of November 11, 2002:						
П.	Receipts: 2002 Conference (offerings and letters) 2002 Conference (late and early) Union offerings and letters (Mar/Jun/Aug) Late Union receipts Union/Conf. (Blended Fellowship) (\$1,650 tractor pull)	\$2,661.00 \$1,805.00 \$1,127.15 \$175.00 <u>\$25,753.00</u>					
	Total Receipts:	\$31,521.15					
	Total to account for:		\$34,424.81				
III.	Disbursements: Conf/Union Expenses (Postage, travel, honorariums) Foreign Missions Home Missions Educational Scholarships (Tew and Widhalm) Blended Fellowship (Building Project) Blended Fellowship (Designated gifts) Love gifts (4) Convention of OFWB (2003 Yearbook – 12 pages) Total Disbursements:	\$603.53 \$332.50 \$332.49 \$1,000.00 \$11,008.92 \$1,650.00 \$750.00 \$40.00 \$16,517.44					
IV.	Balance of hand as of November 10, 2003:		\$17,907.37				
V.	Formula for disbursements: Missions = 25% (half to Foreign and half to Home) Christian Education Fund = 20% Union and Conference expenses = 55%						

Respectfully submitted, Sam Weeks, Treasurer

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CHURCHES	2003	Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
Cape Fear Conference													
Bethel	147	91	56	2	1	0	2	3	0	145	86	59	75
Blended Fellowship (Missid	64	64		16	5	0	0	0	0	85	115	45	71
Casey's Chapel	141	64	141	0	0	0	2	1	0	138	40	25	68
Covenant	27	13	14	0	0	0	2	0	0	29	67.5	16.8	20
Faith	150	66	56	1	2	0	0	1	30	122	87	65	78
Goldsboro, First	205	87	118	0	0	0	2	3	0	200	83	62	81
Haymount	80	70	10	3	0	0	2	1	0	80	50	45	110
Hopewell	249			1	1	0	4	1	12	234	104	63	76
Johnston Union	162	[0	2	0	0	1	0	163		57	65
Lanwood Chapel	60	50	10	0	1	7	0	1	0	67	40	35	65
Lee's Chapel	352	250	102	12	3	0	2	2	0	363	171	94	162
Mount Olive	7	7			1					7			
Oak Grove	159			2	0	0	3	0	0	158	132	51	75
Palmer Memorial	170	51	119	1	1	0	1	4	0	167	34	27	
Pleasant Grove	196	100	96	2	4	0	4	5	0	193	75	60	
Powhatan	284	108	176	5	5	7	3	13	0	285	107	73	90
Riverside	56	50	6	6	0	0	1	0	0	61	60	50	60
Robert's Grove	246			7	0	0	3	0	0	250	154	107	118
Shady Grove	265			11	0	1	5	2	0	270	125	70	88
Smithfield, First	80	62	18	2	1	0	0	Q	0	83	30	20	42
Smyrna	186			3	0	0	0	0	0	189	91	75	85
St. Mary's Grove	256	225	31	5	6	0	4	0	0	263			132
St. Paul	145	95	50	2	3	0	0	0	0	150	100	45	60
Steven's Chapel	145	45	100	0	0	0	0	2	0	143	43	30	50
Tee's Chapel	379	347	32	4	9	0	8	4	D	380	206	162	225
Vandora Springs	149	113	36	4	0	1	4	2	4	144	52	50	85
West Clinton													
Wooten's Chapel	200	30	170	0	0	0	0	5	0	195	27	18	40
Yelverton Grove	130	61	69	1	2	0	1	3	0	129	87	60	55
Cape Fear Totals	4690	2049	1410	90	46	16	53	54	46	4693	2166.5	1464.8	2076