# Minutes

# of the

Sebenteenth Annual Session

of the

# Coastal Association

of

# Original Free Mill Baptists

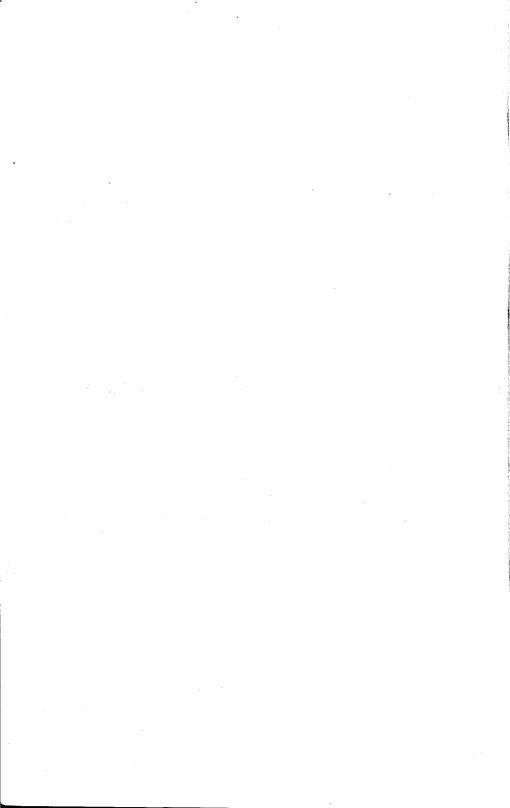
Held with

Sherwood Forest Free Mill Baptist Church

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Included also are the Minutes of the .... July 29, 1978; October 28, 1978 and January 27, 1979 Quarterly Sessions





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# EXAMINING BOARD

# MISSIONS BOARD

Rev.	Dennis Wiggs1980	
Rev.	Bill Reagan1981	
Rev.	Glen Thomas1982	

Rudolph Outlaw	1980
Charlie Dixon	1981
Don Craft	1982

# CHURCH TRAINING AND YOUTH RELATIONS BOARD

Rev. Eddle Riddick	1980
Rev. Terry Hardison	1981
Rev. William Sealy	1982

#### CONSTITUTION

#### Preamble:

From long experience we the Original Free Will Baptists Churches, are convienced of the advantages of cooperative programs and united efforts for advancing the cause of our Lord; do purpose to establish and maintain an association of churches for the purpose of spiritual fellowship, united efforts in missions, Christian education and church extension upon the following plan:

I. This association shall be named the Coastal Association of Original F.W.B. Churches of North Carolina and shall be composed of such well regulated F.W.B. Churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

I. The acting members of this association shall be five (5) delegates from each organized church, chosen by the members of the respective churches while in session, together with all ordained and licensed ministers who appear on the roll of Ministers of the association, belonging to any church composing this body, and associational officers.

III. The officers of this association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk and a treasurer and who shall superintend the printing of the minutes. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their officers until their successors are elected: an Executive Board of four (4) members elected from the laity, whose term of office be as follows; one elected for one year, one elected for two years, one elected for three years, and one elected for four years; and at the expiration of each of these terms, one shall be elected for four years. The Officers of the Association, namely Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall also be members of the Executive Board, and shall meet with the Board and shall have a vote on any and all matters that shall come before the Executive Board.

IV. Any regular organized F.W.B. Church maintaining gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practice as set forth in the Treaties of Faith and Practice of the National Association, in favor of benevolent enterprises such as S. S., Missions, Temperance, Christian education, etc., may be received into this body by presenting a Petitionary letter requesting membership and upon examination and recommendation of the Examining Committee, and by a majority vote of the body in session. Moreover, any church holding membership in this Association reserves the right to participate, or refrain from participating in any of all programs of the body, or may withdraw from the Association at her own pleasure.

V. This Association shall have the power to discipline its churches, exclude them for disorderly conduct, it labor proves unsuccessful; to license and ordain ministers as they are requested to do so by the churches, (such as give evidence of qualification); to settle questions of doctrine and discipline as the churches may refer to it; to make any rules and bylaws necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its constitution, but in no case shall this association reverse a decision of one of its churches, nor in any way interfere with its internal regulations, nor exert any ecclesiastical authority over the churches composing this association. (See National Treaties)

VI. This Association shall convene quarterly at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth Saturday in January, July and October for fellowship and the conducting of such business as may be deemed necessary. The annual business meeting shall be on the fourth Saturday of April beginning at 9:30 a.m. at which time the association shall act upon questions and topics as may referred to it through its committees and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, or to the usages of the denomination as in their judgement may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the churches within the limits of the association. The churches shall make such reports of their works as required by the association.

VII. It is the duty of this association to provide for general union of churches, to point out their interests and to aid them in securing pastors when requested to put evangelists and other ministers in places where the gospel is most needed, and required an annual written report from each minister belonging to this association.

VIII. Duties and job descriptions of the Boards of the Coastal Association:

- A. The Missions Board It shall be the responsibility of the Missions Board of this association to promote the cause of Home and Foreign Missions among the churches of the association through information provided them at the association meetings, references from the mission boards of the National Association, inquires from various churches, and actively promoting the actual ministry of various missionaries by scheduling services for them in the churches when requesting them to do so. In addition, the mission board shall maintain an up to date listing of all missionaries, both Home and Foreign, with their addresses and current needs so as to be of use to the churches as a source of information.
- B. The Examining Board It shall inquire as to the qualifications of ministers, approving or disapproving them for recommendation accordingly. They shall be the investigating committee for new churches to unite with this association, and upon satisfactory recommendation, the churches shall be recommended to the association. They shall examine the credentials of ministers transferring into this association and shall make recommendation to the association as to their reception.
- C. The Church Training and Youth Relations Board It shall promote the training program for the youth among the churches of this association; shall be responsible for conducting team and individual competitions for the various youth competitive programs offered by the National CTS Department; and shall be responsible for conducting youth camp sessions on behalf of the youth of this association, the time and frequency to be determined by the Board. They shall encourage area youth rallies.
- D. The Executive Board It shall transact all the business of the association when this body is not in session. If any vacancies occur between sessions of the association the board shall fill such vacancies until the next session of the association; all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve such officers, or directed by the association in session.

E. The general responsibility of all boards of this association shall be to promote the good of the cause of Christ among the churches of the association and seek to help the churches to become more effective in the work of the Gospel.

IX. This constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds majority of all members voting at any regular session of the association, written notice having been given at the last previous session.

#### **BY-LAWS**

1. At every setting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer by the moderator or whomever he may request.

2. These by-laws shall be distinctly read by the clerk immediately after the organization of the association and a copy in the hands of all delegates, both standing and elected.

3 The moderator shall call his assistant to fill the chair when he wishes to speak or otherwise vacate his place.

4. The moderator shall declare out of order any speaker who fails to speak on the subject before the body, or who make use of unkind personalities.

5. The moderator shall not succeed himself more than once within a period of five (5) years.

6. All committees shall be elected by the body unless otherwise provided for by the association.

7. While the association is in session no member shall be absent himself without permission from the moderator.

8. Any one wishing to speak shall arise and address the moderator and be recognized by him before speaking.

9. All visiting brethren may have the privilege to speak on any subject before the body, but not to vote unless ruled otherwise by the body.

10. No person shall speak more than twice on the same subject without leave of the association and not longer than five (5) minutes.

11. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and a second motion and the question stated by the moderator.

12. When a motion has been made and seconded, and stated by the chair, and any member opposes its discussion, the moderator shall put the question, "Shall it be discussed?" If negative, the question shall be dismissed

13. A motion shall be put in writing if any member of the body requests it.

14. No report shall be adopted except by motion and second and a vote to that effect.

15. Any member of the association violating any of these rules shall subject himself to the forteiting of voting privileges for the remainder of the day.

16. A motion shall always be in order to adjourn, but shall not be discussed unless it is necessary to do so.

17. A Minister seeking membership in the Association shall present a petitionary letter to the Association, and after he has been recommended and approved by the Examining Board, and upon a majority vote of the Body in session, his name shall be placed on the roll of Ministers of the Association. Each new minister coming into the Coastal Association shall be contacted by the Examining Board and notified of a date to appear before the Board for approval. This shall be done within two (2) months after he has arrived and begun his Pastorate in the Association.

18. No one shall be licensed or ordained to the gospel or received into our association who is divorced and remarried, or married to a divorcee, one who uses tobacco, alcoholic beverages, narcotics or has a tolerant attitude toward liberalism. modernism, communism, catholicism and tongues speaking as a part of the practice of the Christian life and evidence of the Holy Spirit's Presence and approval. One who seeks to be licensed to preach, his local church should recommend him to this body for membership. He should possess the same standards as the ordained minister. The license must be for one year.

19. The ministers are required to attend the Coastal Association meetings, unless prohibited by a legitmate reason, approved by the body. If a minister does not report to the meetings over a continous period of two years by presence or letter or he begins to pastor a church outside of the Coastal Association, his name shall be dropped from the roll. Before the name is dropped, the moderator must contact him.

20. Each member church shall be required to make an annual report to the association. Any church failing to report for two consecutive years shall be declared out of fellowship with the association until such time as report is made. Churches affected by this action shall be notified by the clerk and given on month to report. If the church fails to respond, a visit will be made by the General Officers to the pastor. Those churches then failing to comply shall be notified that they are out of fellowship until such time as they report.

21. These rules and the order of business may be temporarily suspended or permanently altered by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the body.

### PROPOSED GUIDELINES FOR ORGANIZING AND ACCEPTING NEW CHURCHES INTO THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION OF NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

1. WHEN A CHURCH OR A MISSION CHURCH DESIRE THE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

- A. The church present a written request at a regularly scheduled associational session.
- B. The church provide representatives from the church for this session.
- C. The representatives of the church meet with the Examining Board for questioning pertaining to the church's former association, present organization, purpose, and doctrine and practices.

II. IF THE EXAMING BOARD RECOMMENDS THE CHURCH TO OUR FELLOW-SHIP, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

- A. The church coming from other dominations or associations be taken under the watchcare of the association for one year.
- B. The church submits a statistical report to the Examining Board's chairman at the end of each six month's.
- C. After one year watchcare, the Examining Board may recommend that the church be taken into full fellowship of the Coastal Association.
- D. During the year of watchcare, the church should send non voting representatives to the Coastal Association.

III. WHEN A MISSION CHURCH DESIRES FELLOWSHIP WITH THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION, THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURE SHOULD BE FOLLOWED:

- A. The mission church should follow the above guidelines, with the exception of the one year waiting period, plus:
- B. After becoming established enough to operate as a church and having twentyfive charter members. orgainze into a church with an organizational service. The Coastal Association Moderator, Chairman of the Mission Board, and Examining Board should participate in the service.
- C. Recognize the KJV Bible as the only rule of faith and practice.
- D. Adopt the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant.
- E. Adopt a Constitution and By-Laws based upon the National Association Treatise.
- F. Request to be accepted by the Coastal Association in full fellowship at the next session.

## July 29, 1978

The Quarterly Session of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richlands, on July 29, 1978, with Rev. Sigbee Dilda serving as Moderator. Rev. Eddie Riddick led the congregation in singing, "Victory In Jesus". After Rev. Bill Reagan led in prayer, Rev. Donnie Miles presented the morning devotion from Isaiah 52:1-12.

Rev. Leon Page, the host pastor, presented the welcome.

The session was opened with the Clerk reading the By-Laws, the roll of ordained and licensed ministers and of the churches. The minutes were also read.

The delegates were then seated. Visitors were recognized.

The delegates gave the Moderator the power to appoint the following committees:

DIGESTFINANCERev. O'Dell Harris,<br/>ChairmanRev. Charlie Dixon,<br/>ChairmanLeroy BanksPhilip LongMyron BuckhalterRev. Glenn Thomas

RESOLUTIONS Rev. Eddie Riddick, Chairman Robert Dail James Ausbon

The Treasurer's report was submitted by Rev. Freeman Edwards.

Rev. A. C. Morgan submitted a report as information from the State Mission Board.

The Morning Worship Service was opened with Rev. Eddie Riddick leading the congregation in singing a hymn. Rev. J. V. Johnson led in prayer. Special music was presented by a quartet from the Richlands Church, "Thank You For The Valley" and "The First Look". Rev. Rudolph Outlaw preached from I Thess. 2:1-12, entitled, "Building The Right Kind of Church". Rev. Guy Owens prayed the benediction and the session was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was oped with Rev. Leon Page leading the congregation in singing a hymn. Rev. Terry Hardison led in prayer. Rev. Herbert Winchester presented the devotion from Luke 14:16-24 and Revelation 22:7,12,20, with the message of "Going Out Quickly To Reach The Lost". Rev. Cecil Bpswell led in prayer.

Myron Buckhalter submitted the following Digest Committee Report:

28 churches reported 212 members added 71 members lost by death or letter 3,683 total members (2 churches not reporting) 2,141 Sunday School enrollment (1 church not reporting) 570 C.T.S. enrollment 414 Woman's Auxiliary enrollment 925 Mid-week prayer meeting average \$188.50 representation fees received

Rev. Glenn Thomas submitted the following Finance Committee report, along with the recommended disbursements.

Offering	\$ 59.45
Representation	fees 238.50
Total	\$297.95

Disbursements	
Printed minutes	\$216.32
Missions - Bill Fulcher	50.00
State Promotional Dept	31.63
Total	\$297.95

Rev. Eddie Riddick submitted the following Resolutions Committee report:

- (1) Since the question of standards was recently challenged at our National Association in Kansas City and Since the world continues to exercise its influence on the church in regards to dress, morals, and conduct, Be it resolved, that we, the Coastal Association, reaffirm our committment to Biblical standards in these areas.
- (2) Since an article recently appeared in the Free Will Baptist Witnessstating that Madaline Murray O'Hara has stated her goals to be:
  - (a) To take "in God we trust" off U.S. money,
  - (b) To take religious broadcasting off public stations, and
  - (c) To have her own program on T.V. in the future, Therefore, be it resolved, that we reaffirm our committment to religious freedom that we now have in America and that we urge every Christian in our churches to become personally involved in stopping movements by people like her.
- (3) Be it resolved that we give the Richlands Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of appreciation for their gracious hospitality.

Rev. Guy Owens, Minister-at-large, submitted the following report as information: Only 21 churches of the Coastal Association regularly support the Promotional Dept Many decisions have been made in his meetings. The Rest Home is progressing well. The State Board of Retirement and insurance will now handle the Blue Cross health insurance premiums, effective August 1, 1978. More help is needed to support the expenses of the **Witness**. The State of North Carolina will need to raise \$6,000. for the National Convention in Charlotte in 1979. The slide presentation is nearing completion.

Rev. Eddie Riddick submitted a report as information from the State Board of Retirement and Insurance.

Rev. William Sealy submitted the following Youth Relations Board report:

- The next session of Youth Competition will be Saturday, Sept. 2, 1978. Information in detail will be forthcoming.
- (2) We wish to commend the young people who represented the Coastal Association at the National Youth Conference. They manifested a good spirit and were a testimony for Christ to all who observed them.
- (3) Youth Camp will meet August 7-12. Registration begins at 10:00 a.m. on the 7th. We need more campers. We now have 86 enrolled and we need minimum of 150. On the basis of present enrollment our expenses will be approximately \$3,000. By using the funds now on hand in addition to our proposed income we will still be approximately \$1,000 in deficit. We need the help of all our churches and pastors.

Rev. A. C. Morgan challenged the Coastal Association to adopt a project of supporting the reopening of the Grimesland Free Will Baptist Church that has closed down. A motion by Rev. James Avery to help in the support of the reopening of the Grimesland Church as we have in the past, but to continue under the control of the State Mission Board was adopted.

Rev. Bill Reagan submitted the Examining Board report. Each recommendation was adopted.

- That Rev. Bobby Chandler's name be dropped from our list of ordained ministers because he now pastors a church outside of the Coastal Association.
- (2) That Rev. Guy Hamilton's name be dropped from the list of licensed ministers because he now pastors a church outside of the Coastal Association.
- (3) That Rev. James Avery be added to the list of ordained ministers having accepted the call to the Calvary F.W.B. Church of Jacksonville.

The moderator informed the delegation that Rev. Ronald Creech, Director of Development of Free Will Baptist Bible College, as of June, 1978, \$26,428.90 has been received for the North Carolina project.

Rev. Guy Owens prayed the benediction as the meeting was adjourned.

Rev. Sigbee Dilda, Moderator Rev. Jerry McClary, Clerk

### **TREASURER'S REPORT - JULY 29, 1978**

General Fund:	Brought Forward\$ 39.51
Receipts:	Offering and Dues 368.04
	Late Dues 10.00
	Total Receipts\$378.04
Expenditures:	Bible Book Store\$ 2.56
	Missions - Fulcher 50.00
	North Carolina State Dues 30.00
	Free Will Baptist Bible College 75.00
	Minister-at-large 75.00
	Office Supplies 4.07
	Stamps 15.14
	Total\$251.77
Balance On Hand:	General Fund\$165.78
	Youth Fund 427.23

#### **OCTOBER 28, 1978**

The Quarterly Session of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina, convened at Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church of New Bern on October 28, 1978 with Brother Sigbee Dilda serving as moderator.

Pastor Eddle Riddick led the congregation in singing "At The Cross."

After Pastor Albert Rollins led in prayer Pastor Dennis Wiggs was recognized for the Morning Devotions. He asked Brother Rawlinson from the Beaufort Church to render a message in song. Pastor Wiggs then brought a message from Jude 20-25 entitled, "Seven Instructions."

Pastor Sigbee Dilda, the host pastor, extended a welcome to those attending the session on behalf of the host church.

The session was opened with the assistant clerk reading the By-Laws. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted as read. The roll call of churches, ordained, and licensed ministers was made.

The elected delegates from the churches were seated. Visitors were recognized. The delegates gave the moderator the power to appoint the following committees.

DIGEST	FINANCE	RESOLUTIONS
Pastor Jerry Rackley,	Pastor P. E. Ham,	Pastor Larry Stevens,
Chairman	Chairman	Chairman
Brother R. E. Rawlinson	Pastor Bill Kellum	Pastor Cecil Boswell
Pastor Albert Rollins	Brother Jay Evans	Brother Jerry Heath

Pastor Freeman Edwards was appointed as a proxy for Pastor Bill Reagan on the Examining Committee for this session. Pastor Edwards was also recognized at this time for the treasurer's report.

Petitionary letters were called for Pastor Eddie Riddick, representing the Board of Retirement and Insurance of the N.C. State Association, gave an oral report as information. Pastor Larry Stevens announced that the youth competition will be held Saturday, November 4, 1978, as originally announced.

The morning worship service opened with the congregation singing "His Way With Thee". Pastor Thomas Rolen led in prayer. Special music was presented by Brother Philip Long, Music Director, of Ruth's Chapel Church. He sang "I Shall Know Him." Pastor Jerry McClary preached the message from Hebrews 11:8-16 entitled, "Spiritual Pilgrims."

Pastor Dilda made an announcement concerning the lunch hour. We were dismissed with prayer.

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing, "When We All Get To Heaven." Pastor Glen Thomas led in prayer and Pastor James Avery was called upon for the devotional. He preached a message entitled, "Revival" using Nehemiah 8:1-12 as his Scripture lesson.

Pastor Jerry Rackley was recognized to submit the following report of the Digest Committee.

Members received 67; Members lost by death 8; Members lost by transfer 27; Total number of members 3,194. Sunday School enrollment 2,996; C.T.S. enrollment 632; Women's Auxiliary enrollment 383; Master's Men enrollment 66; Average attendance at mid-week services, 1,236. Amount sent to Quarterly Meeting \$218.50; Number of churches reporting by letter 26.

Motion made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report.

Pastor P. E. Ham submitted the following report of the finance committee.

Balance on hand from last session \$130.87 Offering in worship service today \$61.10; Church gift \$208.50; Total received and on hand \$400.47. The disbursements as follows: Bill Fulcher for Van \$50; Minister-at-large \$100; State Home Missions (Grimesland Mission) \$100; Witness \$70; Total disbursements \$320. Balance in Treasury \$80.47.

Motion made, seconded, and adopted to receive the report.

Pastor Larry Stevens submitted the following report of the Resolutions Committee.

1. Whereas the month of November has been designated by the National Federation for Decency as the month for a nationwide boycott of ABC Television because of its extreme morally offensive television programs,

Be it resolved that we inform our churches of this boycott and write letters of protest to our local stations and ABC Television, 1330 Avenue of Americas, New York, N.Y. 10019, explaining our stand against their programs of indecency.

Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality during this meeting.

Motion made, seconded, and adopted that these resolutions be considered item by item. They were both adopted by the body.

Pastor William D. Sealy was recognized and submitted the following report of the Youth Relations Board.

Our youth encampment was held August 7-12 at Spencewood Christian Campgrounds. There were 119 campers enrolled. These campers came from 15 of the 31 churches that make up the Coastal Association. The churches represented were: Stacy, Davis, Beaufort. Morehead City. Swansboro First, Jacksonville First, Calvary of Jacksonville, Sherwood Forest, Pleasant Acres, Ruth's Chapel, West Craven, Cove City, Peace Chapel, Washington First, and Union Chapel.

The total cost of camp was \$4,400 rent, \$150 for the evangelist (\$75 received from offerings) and \$35.78 for promotional materials. In order to pay our indebtness we had to secure a loan of \$320. This loan was from eight of our churches.

We are open to suggestions concerning future encampments.

Youth competition will be at Pleasant Acres Church on November 4, 1978 beginning at 10 a.m. There will be Bible Bowl, Bible Tic Tac Toe, Bible Memory,

Sword Drill, Respective groups will be responsible for all the materials in their catagories.

Motion made, seconded, and adopted to receive the report.

Pastor Dennis Wiggs submitted the following report of the Examining Board.

We move that Delmas Walker's name be removed from the list of ordained ministers upon his request. He has turned in his ordination papers.

We move that Gary Silence's name be added to our list of licensed ministers. He is a student at Bible College and a member of Calvary Church.

The above motions were seconded and adopted item by item.

Pastor A. C. Morgan submitted an oral report from the State Home Missions Board as information and Pastor James Stepps gave us a report of his work with the Grimesland Mission.

Pastor William D. Sealy was elected to fill the unexpired term of clerk since Pastor Jerry McClary has resigned.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn. We were dismissed prayer.

### TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 28, 1978

### **General Fund**

Balance Brought Forward from last session	\$165.78
Offering and dues for July	302.95
Total to account for before expenses	\$468.73

#### Expenditures

Printing of minutes	6216.32	
Fulcher Account	50.00	
Stamps - Clerk	15.00	
Supplies and phone	24.91	
Total expenses	\$337	.86
Balance in Treasurery		

#### YOUTH FUND

Balance Brought Forward\$ 4	27.23
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#### Receipts

Campers Fees\$	3,849.90
Campers Offerings	
Davis (gift)	
Sherwood Forest	70.00
Calvary	40.00
West Craven	40.00
Cove City	40.00
Jacksonville First	40.00
Stacy	40.00
Richlands	40.00
Total Received	\$4,295.90
Total to account for before expenses	\$4,723.13

#### Expenses

Postage	\$ 6.45
Spencewood Campgrounds	
Youth Camp Evangelist	
Total expenses	\$4,556.45
Balance in Treasurery	\$ 166.68

Pastor Sigbee Dilda, Moderator Pastor William D. Sealy, Assist. Clerk

#### **JANUARY 27, 1979**

The Quarterly Meeting of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 27, 1979 with the Sandy Acres Church of Columbia, N.C. The session began with Pastor Sigbee Dilda presiding.

Pastor Eddie Riddick led the opening hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and Pastor James Stepps led the opening prayer.

Pastor Larry Stevens, who serves the Pleasant Acres Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern brought the morning devotional using I Timothy 4:12,13 as his Scriptural lesson.

Pastor A. C. Morgan representing the host church extended a warm welcome to those in attendance at the session.

The clerk called the session to order and read the By-laws of the Conference. The minutes of the last session were read. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the minutes as read. The clerk then called the roll of churches, ordained, and licensed ministers. A letter from Brother James Dixon was read which requested he be excused from this session due to his having to work. He was excused by a motion seconded and adopted by the body. A verbal request was made by Brother Freeman Edwards that Brother Odell Harris also be excused. Brother Harris was also excused by vote of the body following a properly sustained motion to that effect.

Pastor Eddie Riddick, chairman of North Carolina Board of Retirement and Insurance gave an oral report. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report as information.

At eleven o'clock we began the morning worship hour. Brother Riddick led the opening hymn, "At the Cross." Brother Jerry McClary led our hearts in prayer. An offering was received. Special music was from the host church. Brother Guy Owens, minister-atlarge of N.C. was recognized to share with us the burden of his heart. Brother Owens showed a slide presentation of the Coastal Asociation and the work of his office. He then went to the pulpit and delivered a very timely message entitled, "The Devil and the Servants of God" using Luke 22:31-34 as a Scriptural basis. He reminded us of Satan's Desire, The Savior's Defense, and The Servant's Deception.

Following the announcment concerning lunch by Pastor Morgan, Pastor Dennis Wiggs led the prayer of benediction and thanksgiving for the food.

The afternoon session began following a delicious meal with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Pastor Cecil Boswell led the opening prayer.

Pastor Bill Regan of Morehead City was recognized for our afternoon devotions. He used I Thess. 1:5 to point out the Power of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor James Stepps of the Grimesland Mission was recognized for an oral report of that work. A motion was seconded and adopted to receive the report as information.

Pastor Leon Page was recognized to give the report of the digest committee. He presented the following information. Total members received 57; Total lost by death 8; Total lost be transfer 15; Total S.S. Enrollment 3,251; C.T.S. Enrollment 635; Total received from church fees \$241.00; Total Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment 419; Total average attending mid-week Prayer service 1,151; Total Master's Men Enrollment 85; Number of churches reporting 26. Respectfully submitted, Washington Miles, chairman; John Goss, Leon Page. Motion, Seconded, and Adopted to receive the report.

Pastor Jerry Rackley was recognized to present the finance committee report as follows. Balance brought forward \$105.67: Morning offering \$68.01; Received from churches \$241.00; Total to account for \$414.68 to be distributed as follows: Bill Fulcher's \$50; National Convention expense \$60.00; Ministers-at-large \$60; Jerry McClary \$60; Grimesland Mission \$60 for a total of \$290.00 leaving a balance of \$124.67 in the treasury. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept this report with its recommendations.

Pastor Earl Sutton was recognized to give the following report of the resolutions committee. Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the fine hospitality and the delicious food. Respectfully submitted, Earl Sutton, chairman; Lloyd Dennis; Billy Jackson.

Pastor Larry Stevens was recognized for the report of the Youth Relations Board. The youth camp tentative dated are August 6-11 at Spencewood Christian Campgrounds. The cost will propably be \$40 per campter. Youth Competition will be held Saturday, February 3, 1979 at Sherwood Forest Church, New Bern beginning at 10:00 A.M. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report. Pastor Dennis Wiggs presented the following report from the Examining Board. We move that: Jim Grezslo be received into our fellowship as an ordained minister. He was ordained at First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville in November 1978. Gienwood Kennedy be received into our fellowship as a licensed minister. He has been licensed by Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville. John E. Floyd, Sr. be received into our fellowship as a minister and pastor of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, pending a letter from the John Wheeler Association, Marion, Va. A letter of transfer be granted Ron Ivey to Tidewater Quarterly Meeting, Va. The motion was seconded, and adopted item by item.

Announcements were made concerning the Valentine Banquets this year. The "Southern kingdom" banquet will be February 9, 1979 at Sherwood Forest Church Fellowship Hall at 7:00 P.M. The "Northern Kingdom" banquet will be February 9, 1979 at Five Points beginning at 7:00 P.M.

The moderator reminded the body that the next session is the annual session at Sherwood Forest Church on April 28, 1979 beginning at 9:30 A.M. and a nominating committee needed to be provided today to function in the interim.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted that the moderator appoint the nominating committee. The following were appointed: Cecil Boswell, Freeman Edwards, and Larry Stevens.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn. Pastor Earl Sutton led the prayer of benediction.

# TREASURER'S REPORT

General Fund:	
Balance Brought Forward	\$130.87
Offering & Dues	\$269.60
Late Dues	
Total Receipts	\$399.60
Total To Account For Before Expenses	\$530.47

Fulcher's	\$ 50.00	
Minister-at-large	100.00	
Grimesland Mission		
Witness	70.00	
Stamps	4.80	
Total Expenses		\$324.80
Balance on hand		\$150.67

Youth Fund:	
Balance Brought Forward	\$173.13
Expenses	
Balance on hand	\$166.68
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Sigbee Dilda, Moderator Wm. D. Sealy, Clerk

#### April 28, 1979

The seventeenth annual session of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met on April 28, 1979 at 9:30 a.m. with the Sherwood Forest Church in New Bern, N.C.

The session began with the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven" followed by prayer led by Pastor Dennis Wiggs. The devotions were brought by Pastor Terry Hardison who used Philippines 3:10 as the Scriptural basis of his remarks on the subject "That I May Know Him".

Pastor Eddie Riddick welcomed the session to Sherwood Forest on behalf of the host church. The session was called to order by the clerk and the by-laws were read. The minutes of the last quarterly session were read and approved as read by a motion which was seconded and then adopted by the body.

The roll call was made of churches, ordained ministers, and licensed ministers. A motion was made and seconded and adopted to excuse James Grezslo from today's session. The elected delegates from the churches were seated according to an adopted motion to that effect.

Visitors to our meeting were asked to stand for recognition. Pastor James Stepps from Grimesland Mission, Pastor Ed Hill, the new pastor of Peace Chapel Church, and Brother Perry Temple, representative of Bible Literature International were extended all privileges of the day except that of voting.

The moderator then called for all petitionary letters that may not have already been turned in for consideration today.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to empower the chair to appoint the digest, finance, and resolution committees for today. The following were appointed:

Digest	Finance	Resolution
Bro. Rudolph Outlaw,	Bro. Glenn Thomas,	Bro. Tom Lilly,
Chm.	Chm.	Chm.
Bro. Lee Ziegler	Bro. Don Craft	Bro. Eddie Riddick
Bro. Bill Kellum	Bro. Freeman Edwards	Bro. L. Campbell

Brother Freeman Edwards was recognized to give the Treasurer's report. A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report as read.

Brother Perry Temple was given time to report on some projects in which Bible Literature International (BLI) is assisting Free Will Baptists. He also gave a brief history and overview of what BLI is and is doing.

The morning worship hour began with the singing of the hymn "Christ Returneth". An offering was received and Brother Philip Long, Music Director of Ruth's Chapel Church

sang a couple of songs accompanied by Mrs. Carolyn Riddick. Pastor Freeman Edwards was introduced by the moderator for the morning message. Pastor Edwards used Ezekiel 37:1-5 and Psalm 51:8 as the Scriptural lessons for the message. He then spoke about "Bones in the Church". In the process of the message he pointed out the: Lazy-bones, Wish-bones, Jaw-bones, Knee-bones, and Back-bones.

Brother A.C. Morgan led the prayer of benediction and the blessing on the food. A very delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

The afternoon session began with the singing of the hymn "Footsteps of Jesus". The devotions were brought by Pastor Ed Hill using Deuteronomy 29:29 as his text. He pointed out that we should claim the following revealed things. "Salvation thru Christ", "Separtion from the World". and "Second Coming"

Brother Guy Owens, minister-at-large of N.C. was given time to present his report. Motion was seconded and adopted to receive it as information.

The moderator called for committee reports. Brother Ziegler gave the digest report as follows: 29 churches reported today, value of those churches' properties \$2,719,260.00; Number of baptisms were 211, Total church membership 3,378, Total Sunday School enrollment 2,904, Women's Auxiliary enrolled 400, Master's Men enrollment (5 churches) 59, Representation fee \$205.00. Motion made, seconded, and adopted to accept the report.

Brother Glenn Thomas gave the finance report as follows: Balance on hand \$152.28, offering today \$272.73 for a total of \$425.01 to be disbursed as follows: Bill Fulcher \$50, Minister-at-large \$100, National Association expense \$60, Youth account \$50 Outstanding bill \$50. Motion made and seconded to adopt. During the discussion an amendment was made, seconded, and adopted to also give BLI \$50. The original motion as amended was then adopted. The total disbursements will be \$360 leaving a balance of \$65.01 in the treasury.

Brother Tom Lilly gave the report of the resolutions committee. He reported as follows:

1. Be it resolved that the Coastal Association of F.W.B. go on record as being in appreciation of our state representatives and senators for their positive vote on the church-school bill and that all local pastors be encouraged to write their senators and representatives and personally express their appreciation for this action.

2. Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality and delicious meal during this annual session.

Motion made, seconded and adopted to adopt the report and consider the resolutions item by item. Both resolutions were adopted by motion properly sustained

The moderator then called the reports of the conference boards. Brother Terry Hardison gave the following report of the Youth Relations Board.

Youth Competition will be at Beaufort Church on May 5th. Entry fee will be \$5 for individual competitiors and \$10 for group competitors. Youth camp will be at Spencewood Christian Campgrounds August 6-11. Cost will be \$40 per camper which covers cost insurance, food, room, and fees for sports events.

Motion made, seconded and adopted to accept report.

For the missions Board report Brother James Stepps gave an oral report on the work at Grimesland. Brother A.C. Morgan spoke briefly on behalf of the N.C. State Mission Board. Motion was made, seconded, and adopted that these reports be received as information. (Examine Board Report Below)

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to elect the delegates to the N.C. State Association which will convene on June 11, 12, at Tabernacle Church, Kinston. The following were elected: Bro. Joe Etheridge, Bro. Lloyd Dennis, Mrs. John Floyd, Sr., Mrs. Thomas Rolen, and Mrs. James Avery.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to empower the moderator to fill any vacancies in the delegation to the State Association.

The nominating committee which was selected at the last quarterly session was called upon for their report. They placed the following in nomination for the respective vacancies:

Moderator	Bro. Sigbee Dilda
Assistant Moderator	Bro. Earl Sutton
Clerk	Bro. Eddie Riddick
Assistant Clerk	Bro. Glenn Thomas
Treasurer	Bro. Freeman Edwards
Assistant Treasurer	Bro. Billy Jackson
Examining Board Member (1982)	Bro. Glenn Thomas
Missions Board Member (1982)	Bro. Don Craft
Missions Board Member (1981)	Bro. Charlie Dixon
Youth Relations Board (1982)	Bro. William Sealy
Youth Relations Board (1980)	Bro. Eddie Riddick
Executive Board Member (1983)	Bro. Joe Etheridge

The floor was opened for further nominations. Those nominated by the committee were elected by acclamation.

Bro. Bill Reagan made the following report for the examining Board.

- 1. We recommend that Pastor O'dell Harris' letter be transferred to Georgia Union Association at their request.
- 2. We recommend that Pastor Ed Hill, new pastor at Peace Chapel Church, Washington, be received into our fellowship as an ordained minister from the Tidewater Association, Virginia pending a letter from the Association.
- We recommend that Pastor Herbert Winchester be received into our fellowship as an ordained minister, having been on the licensed ministers roll prior to his ordination. He is pastor of Wright's Creek Church.
- 4. We recommend that Wright's Creek FWB Church, Belhaven, be received into our fellowship as a church having served one year of watchcare.
- We recommend that Emmanuel FWB Church, Washington, be received into our fellowship having served one year's watchcare.

Motion made, seconded, and adopted to receive the report and consider it item by item. Each item was adopted by motion properly sustained.

A motion was made, seconded, and adopted to adjourn. The prayer of benediction was led by Bro. Eddie Riddick.

# COASTAL ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT April 24, 1978 to April 28, 1979

General Fund:		
Balance Brought Forward\$	26.24	
Receipts-Letter & offerings 1,	330.37	
To acct. for\$1,	356.61	
Expenditures:		
Stamps-supplies-phone	\$	66.38
Missions-Fulcher		200.00
State Program		336.63
Bible College		75.00
State Dues		30.00
Minutes printing		216.32
Grimesland Mission		160.00
National Association		60.00
Missions-Jerry McClary		60.00
TOTAL EXPEND.	\$1	,204.33
Balance on hand \$152.28		
Youth Fund:		
Brought Forward\$	427.23	
Receipts:		
Campers Fees\$3,	849.90	
Camp Offering	75.00	
Gifts from Churches	371.00	
Youth Rally	46.18	
Total Receipts\$4,	,342.08	
Brought Forward	427.23	
To Acct. for\$4,	,769.31	
Expenditures:		
Spencewood Camp\$4,	.400.00	
Evangelist	150.00	
Supplies and Postage	45.00	
Total Expenditures\$4	,595.23	
	174.00	
Balance on Hand\$	174.08	

Sigbee Dilda, Moderator William D. Sealy, Clerk

•	FOREIGN MISSIONS	HOME MISSIONS	F.W.B.B.C.	RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE	COOPERATIVE PLAN	LAYMAN'S BOARD	C.T.S.	EXECUTIVE OFFICE	DISTRICT AND/OR STATE MINISTRIES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	
Ahoskie	\$ 364	\$ 480	\$\$ 680	\$ 0	\$300	0	\$139	0	\$ 725	\$200,000	
Calvary	127	181	0	0	831	0	0	· 0	0	88,000	
Cardinal Village	1,189	104	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	
Cedar Grove	155	618	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65,000	
Cove City	1,427	515	918	0	0	0	0	0	372	78,000	
Davis	2,758	1,646	2,118	0	0	0	0	633	288	175,000	
Emmanuel-Jacksonville		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	55,000	
Emmanuel-Washington	405	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	320	40,000	
Faith-Maysville	162	162	0	0	0	0	0	0	350	35,000	
Faith-Washington	150	714	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	
First-Beaufort	8,000	1,000	2,000	0	0	0	0	75	100	600,000	
First-Jacksonville	8,000	4,000	0	0	0	· 0	0	0	0	200,000	6
First-Morehead City	5,513	394	940	0	0	0	0	0	670	178,000	C
First-Richlands	246	414	246	0	0	0	0	0	64	65,000	
First-Swansboro	276	0	276	0	0	0	0	0	0	75,000	
First-Washington	3,146	1,336	1,523	0	0	0	0	0	450	273,000	
Five Points	1,745	550	345	0	0	0	0	0	714	187,000	
Friendship	300	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	
Норе	0	115	243	0	0	0	0	0	0	50,000	
Mt. Olive	150	210	60	0	0	0	0	0	140	90,000	
Palmetto Chapel		-	-	-	-	-	-	-		25,000	
Peace Chapel	180	180	180	0	0	0	0	0	410	100,000	
Pleasant Acres	1,848	832	720	25	0	0	0	o	940	128,000	
Ruth's Chapel	6,552	960	3,100	0	0	0	0	0	1,034	200,000	
Sandy Acres	0	0	0	0	Ō	0	0	0	147	107,660	
Sherwood Forest	2,824	2,059	1,945	126	0	474	178	211	1,847	405,000	
Stacy	1,839	1,037	481	0	0	0	0	0	867	75,000	
Union Chapel	1,531	2,939	350	520	Ō	0	0	0	241	150,000	
West Craven	227	283	308	1,300	0	0	0	0	19	27,000	
Wright's Creek	0	98	0	0	Ō	0	0	0	0	0	

	MEMBERS ADDED	BAPTISMS	MEMBERS LOST LETTER, DEATH, ETC )	PRESENT MEMBERSHIP	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	C.T.S ENROLLMENT	WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	MASTER'S MEN ENROLLMENT	TOTAL LOCAL ENROLLMENT	PASTOR'S SALARY	TOTAL INCOME
Anoskie	1	÷ 4	1	149	168	20	11	0	\$101,107	\$ 9,801	\$ 82,467
Calvary	12	14	60	97	110	0	17	0	26,150	7,185	26,395
Cardinal Village	1	5	14	92	75	0	15	0	23,529	6,760	
Cedar Grove	0	0	3	126	80	0	23	12	16,005	7,431	18,596
Cove City	2	2	6	81	76	26	20	0	17,982	10,400	23,753
Davis	0	2	3	143	100	56	21	0	16,983	6,765	32,000
Emmanuel-Jacksonville	0	0	4	-	106	0	0	0			
Emmanuel-Washington	5	14	2	78	95	-	18	0	37,500	9,100	38,269
Faith-Maysville	15	12	3	34	30	0	7	0	6,953	2,520	6,578
Faith-Washington	2	1	1	47	57	0	6	0	12,960	8,000	14,600
First-Beaufort	8		6	206	215	75	22	0		8,840	
First-Jacksonville	58	70	33	196	350	-	31	0	75,500	10,300	82,400
First-Morehead City	6	11	13	314	178	71	19	15	41,184	9,100	54,037
First-Richlands	9	9	3	92	61	10	14	0	12,015	9,620	14,007
First-Swansboro	20	0	0	96	-	0	23	-	3,942	10,200	16,588
First-Washington	4	9	1	362	215	0	36	0	37,516	10,173	48,205
Five Points	5	3	0	174	132	0	23	11	21,807	11,412	
Friendship	16	13	8	97	-	-	14	0		8,300	35,000
Норе	7	4	2	109	88	0	0	0	11,400	10,400	23,236
Mt. Olive	0	0	1	159	96	58	-	-	19,238	7,800	12,903
Palmetto Chapel	2	1	0	48	28	0	12	0			
Peace Chapel	3	4	9	126	-	-	-	0	20,800	9,100	22,000
Pleasant Acres	18	12	9	315	195	54	15	0	42,836	9,180	50,636
Ruth's Cahpel	6	0	26	184	224	95	20	0	160,468	10,255	165,934
Sandy Acres	2	5	2	•	103	-	10	0	22,903	9,388	22,912
Sherwood Forest	16	8	14	26 <b>9</b>	125	35	25	12	81,807	11,862	56,004
Stacy	0	5	8	210	80	38	34	0	21,438	10 140	26,520
Union Chapel		5	7	550	290	15	•	0	22,374	9,100	42,303
West Craven	7	8	3	47	43	25	8	9	7,708	3,785	10,816
Wright's Creek	3	10	1	38	53	20	-		6,047	603	6,650