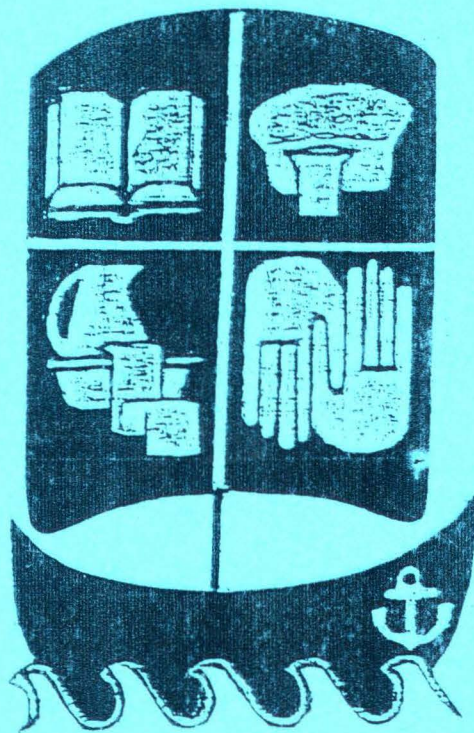
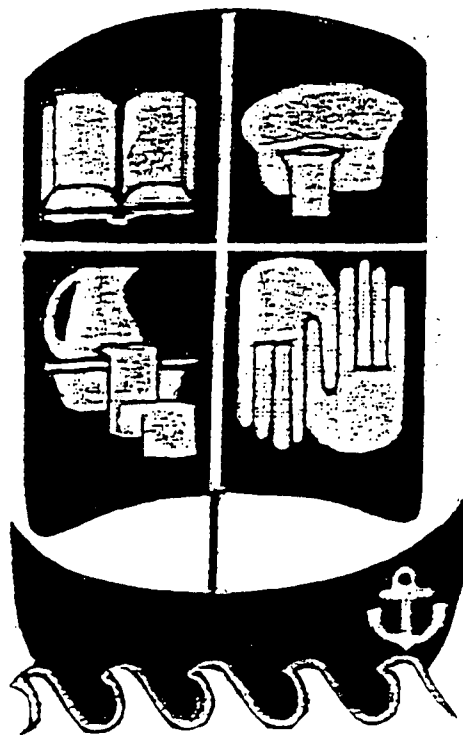


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Officers 2015-2016

Moderator
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Clerk
Assistant Clerk
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Assistant Treasurer

Jerry Johnson, Morehead City
Tommy Bulla, Jacksonville
Tim Thompson, Jacksonville
David Rackley, New Bern
John Moran, New Bern
Henry Potter, Maple Hill

Boards

Examining

Richard Patterson 2018
William Sealy 2017
Mance Cason 2016

Executive

Freeman Edwards 2017
Herbert Thompson 2018
Sutton Raynor 2019
Buster Radford 2016

Missions

Bill Kellum 2016
Brownie Woolard 2017
Jimmy Mercer 2018

Youth

Henry Potter 2016
Stuart Harmon 2017
Pat Hall 2018

List of Ordained Ministers

Baines, Jay
Bragan, Robert
Bryan, Volney
Bulla, Tommy
Cason, Mance
Coghill, Scott
Coleman, Willie
Edwards, Freeman
Golding, Walt
Haggard, Larry
Hall, Joseph
Hall, Pat

Harmon, Stuart
Hart, Gordon
Hodges, Ben
Huffman, Kenneth
Jenkins, Fred
Johnson, Jerry
Kellum, Bill
Kennedy, Glenwood
Kimbrell, Bruce
Laxton, Ernest
Mercer, Jimmy
*Moore, Andy (Brazil)

Moran, John
Outlaw, Rudolph
Patterson, Richard
Petty, Steve
Potter, Henry
Rackley, Jerry
Sealy, William
Tim Thompson
Wiggs, Dennis
*Wolf, Logan (Utah)

National Association of Free Will Baptists
Coastal Association of North Carolina
Ordained Ministers

	Jul. 13	Oct. 13	Jan. 14	Apr. 14	Jul. 14	Oct. 14	Jan. 15	Apr. 15	Jul. 15	Oct. 15	Jan. 16	Apr. 16
Baines, Jay								P				
Bragan, Robert	P	P	A*	P	A	A*	P	A				
Bryan, Volney	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
Bulla, Tommy	A*	A	A*	P	A	A	P	P				
Cason, Mance	P	P	P	A*	P	P	P	A*				
Coghill, Scott	P	A	A*	A*	A	A	P	A				
Coleman, Willie	P	P	A*	P	P	P	A*	A				
Edwards, Freeman	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*				
Golding, Walt	A*	A*	P	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*				
Haggard, Larry	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P	A*				
Hall, Joseph	A*	A*	A	A*	A*	A*	A*	A				
Hall, Pat	P	A	P	P	A*	A	A*	P				
Harmon, Stuart		P	A	P	A	A	P	P				
Hart, Gordan	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*	A*				
Hodges, Ben	A	A	A	A	A	A	A*	A				
Huffman, Kenneth	A*	A*	A*	P	A*	P	A	P				
Jenkins, Fred	A	A	A	A	A	A	A	A				
Johnson, Jerry	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Kellum, Bill	P	P	P	A*	A*	P	A*	A*				
Kennedy, Glenwood	P	P	A	A*	A	P	P	P				
Kimbrell, Bruce								P				
Laxton, Ernest	P	P	P	P	P	A*	P	P				
Mercer, Jimmy	P	A*	P	P	A*	P	P	P				
Moore, Andy (Brazil)												
Moran, John	P	A*	P	P	P	A*	P	P				
Outlaw, Rudolph	A*	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Patterson, Richard	P	P	P	P	P	P	A*	P				
Petty, Steve	A*	A*	A*	P	A*	P	P	A*				
Potter, Henry	P	A*	P	P	A*	P	P	P				
Rackley, Jerry	P	A	P	A*	P	A	P	P				
Sealy, William	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Thompson, Tim	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Wiggs, Dennis	P	A*	P	P	P	A*	P	A*				
Wolf, Logan (Utah)												

*Excused

Coastal Association of North Carolina
Licensed Ministers

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National Association of Free Will Baptists
Coastal Association of North Carolina
Churches

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Angola	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Bridgeton	P	A*	P	A	P	P	P	P				
Calvary	P	A*	P	P	A*	P	P	P				
Cape Fear	P	A*	P	P	A	A	A	P				
Cardinal Village	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P				
Community	P	P	A*	A*	A	P	P	P				
Cove City	P	P	A*	P	P	A	P	A				
Davis	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Emmanuel	A	A*	P	P	A	A	A	P				
Faith	A	P	P	A	A	A	P	A				
First, Beaufort	P	P	P	P	P	P	A*	P				
First, Jacksonville	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
First, Morehead City	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
First, Richlands	P	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P				
Freedom Way	P	P	A	P	P	P	P	P				
Grace, Holly Ridge	A*	A*	A*	P	A*	P	A*	P				
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P				
New Life	P	A*	P	A	A	A	P	P				
Ruth's Chapel	P	P	P	A*	P	P	P	A				
Sherwood Forest	P	A*	P	P	P	P	P	P				
Stacy	P	P	P	P	P	A	P	P				

* Represented by Report

CONSTITUTION

Preamble

From long experience, we, the Original Free Will Baptist Churches, being convinced 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 Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina* and shall be composed of such well-regulated Free Will Baptist Churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.
- II. The acting members of the Association shall be five (5) delegates from each organized church (chosen by the members of the respective church, while in session), associational officers and board members, and all ordained and licensed ministers, whose names appear on the roll of ministers of the Association belonging to any church composing this body.
- III. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a treasurer, and a clerk, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes. These officers shall be elected annually, and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. An Executive Board of four (4) members is elected from the laity, whose term of office shall 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 are named: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer and shall 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 Free Will Baptist Church maintaining gospel order, agreeing with the denomination in doctrine and practice as set forth in the *Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist*, and in favor of benevolent enterprises such as Sunday School, 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 Board, and by 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 or 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 if labor proves unsuccessful; to license and ordain ministers (such as give evidence of qualifications); to settle questions of doctrine and discipline as the churches may refer to it; and to make any rules necessary to its regulation and not inconsistent with its internal regulations. The Association may not exert any ecclesiastical authority over the churches composing it (see National Treatise).
- 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 at which time the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to it committees and transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution, or to the usage of the denomination as in their judgment 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 work 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 require 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 associational meetings, references from the mission boards of the National Association, inquiries 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 recommendations accordingly. They shall be the investigating committee for new churches wishing to unite with this Association, and upon satisfactory recommendation, the churches shall be recommended to the Association. They shall examine the credentials of ministers transferred to 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 C.T.S. 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 to such officers, or as 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 amended by a two-thirds majority of all members voting at any regular session of the Association, written notice having been given at the previous session.

Proposed Guidelines for Organizing and Accepting New Churches into The Coastal Association of North Carolina Free Will Baptists.

- I. When a church or mission church desires the fellowship with the Coastal Association, the following procedures should be followed:
 - A. The church presents a written request at a regularly scheduled association session.
 - B. The church provides 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 doctrinal practices.
- II. If the Examining Board recommends the church to our fellowship, the following procedures should be followed:
 - A. The church coming from other denominations or associations shall be taken under the watch care 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 months.
 - C. After one year's watch care, the Examining Board may recommend that the church be taken into full fellowship of the Coastal Association.
 - D. During the year of watch care, the church should send non-voting representatives to the Coastal Association.
- III. When a Mission Church desires fellowship with the Coastal Association, the following procedures 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 twenty-five charter members, organize 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 Bylaws based upon the National Association Treatise.
 - F. Request to be accepted by the Coastal Association in full fellowship at the next session.

Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists
BYLAWS

1. At every setting of the Association, business shall be opened and concluded with prayer by the moderator or whomever he may request.
2. The clerk shall place these Bylaws in the hands of all delegates immediately after the convening of the Association.
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, or who makes unkind use of personalities.
5. The moderator shall not succeed himself more than once within a period of five (5) years.
6. The body shall elect all committees unless otherwise provided by the Association.
7. While the Association is in session, no member shall absent himself without permission from the moderator.
8. Anyone wishing to speak shall rise 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 and the question having been 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 the majority response is 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 forfeiting of voting privileges for the remainder of the day.

16. A motion to adjourn shall always be in order.
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 should 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 ministry or received into our Association who is divorced or married to a divorcee, homosexual, or immoral in his lifestyle; who uses tobacco, alcoholic beverages, or illegal narcotics; or who has a tolerant attitude toward liberalism, modernism, communism, Catholicism, or 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 must be recommended by his local church to this body for membership. He should possess the same standards as the ordained minister. The license must be for a period of one (1) year.
19. The ministers are required to attend the Coastal Association meetings unless prohibited by a legitimate reason, approved by the body. If a minister does not report to the meetings over a continuous period of two (2) years by presence or letter, or he begins to pastor a church outside 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 (2) consecutive years shall be declared out of fellowship with the Association until such a time as report is made. Churches affected by this action shall be notified by the clerk and given one month to report. If a church fails to respond, a visit shall 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 a time as they report.
21. The rules contained in *Robert's Rules of Order* shall govern this body in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with the Bylaws of this Association.
22. These rules may be amended and the order of business may be temporarily suspended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the body.

(Revised 10/24/98)

August 9, 2014

Convening on August 9, 2014, at Stacy Free Will Baptist Church, the Coastal Association commenced with the congregational "Revive Us Again," led by Moderator/host pastor Ernest Laxton. Following the opening prayer by Richard Patterson and the formal welcome by Pastor Laxton, devotional thoughts were shared by Brownie Woolard. Using Psalm 34:4 and Psalm 139:1-16 as his foundation, Bro. Brownie highlighted the attributes of our omniscient, omnipotent, and omnipresent God, Who is practical, powerful, and personal and always working to positively impact our lives.

After calling our business session to order and following normal procedures, Moderator Laxton received permission to secure committees for the day as follows: Finance (John Moran, Richard Patterson); Digest (Jerry Johnson, Buster Radford); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Dennis Wiggs).

The congregational "Wonderful Words of Life" and opening prayer by Dennis Wiggs began the worship service. Just prior to the message by Jerry Rackley, Meresa Mercer rendered an arrangement of "I Surrender All." Based on the Great Commission of Matthew 28:18-20, Rev. Rackley explored the question, "Are We Holding Back?" Because we Christians have the only genuine message of hope and because God has sent us to share this hope, promising to provide for us, we must be faithful and not timid in promulgating the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Look and Live" was the hymn signaling the afternoon session's commencement, and prayer was offered by Jerry Johnson.

Treasurer Moran reported that total receipts of \$651 and disbursements of \$1,219.60 yield a balance of \$118.40.

The Digest report shared by Jerry Johnson reflected the following: churches reporting (11); number received (14); lost by death (9); lost by transfer (2); membership total (942); baptized (9); Sunday school enrollment (483); Church Training Service (39); Women Nationally Active for Christ (80); Master's Men (50); Mid-week Prayer Service average (276).

A resolution requesting a rising vote of sincere appreciation for the Stacy Church's hosting today's session was enthusiastically endorsed by the body.

A time of testimonies of praise and thanksgiving to our God was encouraged by the Moderator, followed by various special requests for prayer, the motion to adjourn, and the closing prayer by Larry Haggard.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy S. Thompson

October 24, 2014

Assistant Moderator Jerry Johnson's leading the congregational "When We All Get to Heaven" commenced the convening of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists on October 24, 2014, at the Angola Free Will Baptist Church. Prayer by Jimmy Mercer was followed by host Pastor Willie Coleman's formal welcome and devotional thoughts by Buster Radford (Sherwood Forest Church) who, in conjunction with 2 Corinthians 5:17, shared his personal testimony in a miniature autobiography of a "sinner saved by grace."

The business session was called to order by Jerry Johnson who also secured today's committees thus: Finance (Richard Patterson, Willie Coleman); Digest (Mance Cason, Henry Potter); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Jimmy Mercer).

The Treasurer's report read by Assistant Treasurer Richard Patterson showed total disbursements of \$1,219.50 from a balance of \$1,478 left an ending balance of \$258.40.

Henry Potter read the Youth Board report, highlighting the anticipated Youth Camp week slated for June 22-26, 2015.

Missions Board reporter Brownie Woolard provided current information on Danny Elliott in Canada, Fred Carraway in Roanoke Rapids, N.C., and Molly Barker in Uruguay, South America, who though retired, still ministers! Mr. Woolard asked Josh Crowe to share insight relative to his outreach in the country of Japan. Missionary Crowe informed us that 99.6 percent of Japan's populace has never heard the Gospel of Christ. Josh and his wife Alicia plan to return to Tokyo in January.

Assistant Moderator Johnson invited Joseph Ange to share with us the work of Harvest Childcare Ministries in Duffield, Virginia.

The Examining Board report by William Sealy explained the Board's repeated but unsuccessful attempts to meet with Joshua Burgess (former pastor of Faith Church, Maysville) and their recommendation that Pastor Burgess' name be deleted from the Coastal's minister roll. Also, Rev. Robert Bragan being unable to fulfill his term on the Examining Board, the Board recommends that his position be filled by Richard Patterson.

The worship service began with the congregational "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and prayer by Jerry Johnson. David Brown, host church, rendered the solo "When He Reached Down His Hand for Me." Rev. Rudolph Outlaw delivered a stirring message from John 6:60-71. Using the theme, "All the disciples forsook Him and fled," Rev. Outlaw posed some questions for thought concerning our current walk with the Lord.

Following lunch, the Finance Committee's report by Richard Patterson disclosed a beginning balance of \$258.40, total receipts of \$749.40, disbursements of \$609.80 and a remaining balance of \$139.60.

Henry Potter presented the Digest Committee's findings as follows: churches reporting (12); number received (19); lost by death (1); lost by transfer (0); total membership (885); baptized (13); enrolled in Sunday School (776); Church Training Service (121); Women Active for Christ (102); Master's Men (41); Mid-week prayer service average (531).

Two resolutions were unanimously adopted by the body:

1. Whereas, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn," and

Whereas, so many of our nation's leaders have proven themselves wicked (their policies and practices further eroding the moral and spiritual roots of our once great Republic), and

Whereas, the ability for America's citizens to choose their leaders is a sacred opportunity from God, thus necessitating a solemn obligation to Him, and

Whereas, "it is required in stewards that a man be found faithful," and

Whereas, a national election impacting critical leadership on federal, state, and local levels looms just ten days hence,

Therefore, be it resolved that we, as pastors and leaders in our respective churches, stress to our congregants the necessity to practically exercise their dire responsibility on November 4 and further to sincerely implore our good God to grant our nation a spiritual "Great Awakening," without which our blessed Republic will not recover from the contemptible curse under which we currently reside.

2. Whereas the Angola Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore, be it resolved that, by a rising vote, we acknowledge our sincere appreciation.

A time for announcements was followed by a motion to adjourn and closing prayer by Richard Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Thompson

January 24, 2015

Convening on January 24, 2015, at the Bridgeton Free Will Baptist Church, the Coastal Association opened with host Pastor Jerry Rackley's leading the congregational "The Lily of the Valley" and prayer by Moderator Ernest Laxton. Jerry Rackley's formal welcome the congregants and was followed by devotional thoughts from N.C. State Promotional Director Billy Keith, who using Nehemiah 6:1-4, stressed the need for the laborers in God's work to remain faithful "on the wall" at their respective stations, continuing consistently to help build the "wall" for the honor of our God.

Calling our morning business session to order, Moderator Laxton ultimately was granted the power to secure committees: Finance (John Moran, Henry Potter); Digest (Jerry Johnson, Stuart Harmon); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Rudolph Outlaw).

The Treasurer's report by John Moran reflected an ending balance of \$1,089.40, disbursements of \$609.80, and an ending balance of \$479.60.

Henry Potter provided a brief update for the Youth Board. On behalf of the Missions Board, Jimmy Mercer reported that Fred and Linda Carraway, Roanoke Rapids, are both experiencing health concerns. Steven Kimbrell shared his plans to transfer his family to California to plant a church in Irvine, a community that has grown in population from zero in 1971 to 245,000 currently; Irvine is the third fastest growing city in the United States.

The morning worship service began with the congregation's singing "Victory in Jesus" and special prayer on behalf of Bill Kellum in the Jacksonville hospital and Rudolph Outlaw's son Donnie, who recently lost his house in a fire.

Special music came in the form of a piano and harmonica trio playing "In the Sweet By and By."

Based on Samuel's anointing David as Israel's king (I Samuel 16:1-13), Steven Kimbrell delivered a timely sermon on "God's Plan for Your Life," stressing that God's plan is bigger than your limitation, your situation, your expectation, and your imagination.

The afternoon session was begun by the congregation "Blessed Assurance" and prayer by Tommy Bulla.

Stuart Harmon presented the Digest Report of the 15 churches represented: number received (42); number lost by death (12); lost by transfer (10); total membership (2,033);

Sunday school enrollment (1,181); enrolled in C.T.S. (167); WNAC (141); Master's Men (41); average mid-week service attendance (916).

A resolution was made that we honor the Bridgeton Church for hosting today's Coastal and signify such by a rising vote of thanks.

A time for announcements preceded a motion to adjourn by Henry Potter. Scott Coghill offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Thompson, Clerk

April 25, 2015

The Coastal Association, convening at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Maple Hill, on April 25, 2015, commenced with Johnny Savage's leading the congregational hymn "Redeemed" and the opening prayer by Rudolph Outlaw. Rev. Outlaw interceded especially on behalf of Fred Anderson (Sherwood Forest Church), who currently lies at the point of death in the New Bern hospital.

The official greeting by host pastor Henry Potter was followed by today's guest speaker Todd Smith's sharing the ministry of the Free Will Baptist Foundation and reminding us that what matters to God is not so much what we have but rather what we do with what we have.

Committees secured for the day by Moderator Laxton were these: Finance (John Moran, Richard Patterson); Digest (William Sealy, Buster Radford); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Jerry Johnson).

John Moran's Treasurer's report revealed an ending balance of \$1,131.00, disbursements of \$949.60, and a balance total of \$181.40.

The Youth Board's financial report by Pat Hall evidenced a balance of \$2,603.51. Bro. Pat emphasized the life-long positive impact Camp W.O.W. has had on the lives of many youth, who otherwise might have missed God's calling to salvation and service.

Jimmy Mercer introduced missionary to Brazil, Andy Moore, who urged us to continue praying for the building program in Juiz De Fora, two and one-half miles north of Rio De Janeiro. The construction is about half-way from its completion and has proved a long, difficult project. The Moore family has ministered in South America for the past fifteen years.

The hymn "Glad Reunion Day" began our worship service; prayer was offered by Buster Radford. Special music by the host church's ladies trio and quartet included the songs "Preacher" and "Soon We'll See."

Using I Thessalonians 4:13-18 as his setting, Todd Smith pointed us to four basic promises relative to Christ's Second Coming: the promise of His return, of the resurrection of the dead saints, the rapture of the living saints, and the reunion of all the saints.

Immediately following the congregational "What a Day That Will Be!", William Sealy offered the afternoon session's opening prayer.

The Finance report by John Moran reflected a receipts total of \$2,889, and projected disbursements to be designated on the reception of the forthcoming dues from seven Associational churches.

Buster Radford reported the following for the Digest Committee: churches reporting (143), received (13), lost by death (2), lost by transfer (3), membership total (1,075), baptized (6), Sunday school (835), C.T.S. (40), WNAC (115), Master's Men (32), and mid-week service average (41).

Two resolutions were unanimously adopted by the body:

- I. Whereas the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we acknowledge our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.
- II. Whereas the United States Supreme Court is currently countenancing closing arguments relative to the institution of marriage and is scheduled shortly to render its ruling regarding the right of states to regulate this sacred, God-ordained institution by Constitutionally confining such to one man and one woman (Gen.2:24),

And whereas, given the Biblical teaching concerning the relationship between God's providence and man's choices, this particular ruling possesses the potential for determining our fate as a nation (civilization itself resting upon this priceless pillar of Divinely-designed marriage and family),

Therefore, be it resolved that the pastors and leaders of the Coastal Association, together with the delegates representing our churches, do corporately covenant on this 25th day of May, 2015, to pray fervently and frequently during the following few days that, God-willing, the Court might rule favorably regarding marriage and the right of the states to legally safe-guard this sacred bond between husband and wife.

Recommendations presented from the Examining Board by William Sealy were that, upon reception of letters of recommendation from the South Carolina Conference and the Mid-Atlantic Conference relative to Bruce Kimbrell and Jay Baines, respectively, the names of these brethren be added to our roll of ordained ministers and also that the Board be allowed an extended time frame on its review of the duties for the members of the Examining Board.

Richard Patterson presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for the 2015-2016 officers as follows: Moderator (Jerry Johnson), Assistant Moderator (Tommy Bulla), Clerk (Tim Thompson), Assistant Clerk (David Rackley), Treasurer (John Moran), Assistant Treasurer (Henry Potter); the recommendations were accepted.

A time for announcements was followed by a motion to adjourn and the closing prayer by Richard Patterson.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy S. Thompson

Leading and Laboring for our Lord
(I Corinthians 3:9)

Church

Angola
Bridgeton
Calvary
Cape Fear
Cardinal Village
Community
Cove City
Davis
Emmanuel
Faith
First, Beaufort
First, Jacksonville
First, Morehead City
First, Richlands
Freedom Way, Hubert
Grace
Palmetto Chapel
Pleasant Acres
Ruth's Chapel
Sherwood Forest
Stacy

Pastor

Willie Coleman
Jerry Rackley
Henry Potter
Pat Hall
Rudolph Outlaw (Interim)
Glenwood Kennedy
Chase Bright
Jimmy Mercer
Tommy Bulla
Terry Thompson (Interim)
Richard Patterson
Larry Haggard
Jerry Johnson
Volney Bryan
Steve Petty
Kenneth Huffman
William Sealy
Scott Coghill
Ral Alsbrook
John Moran
Ernest Laxton

Clerk

Fanny Autry
T.J. Herring
Annie King

Joyce Johnston
Donna Kennedy
Sonja Gaskins
Nancy Grice
Hope Morton
Vicky Riggs
Gaye Atwood
Andi Atoigue
Peggie Hoffman
Tammy Justice
Elanor Watson
Cindy Woolard
Amy Hudson
Larry Moore
Beverly Adams
Linda Simons
Beth Nelson

