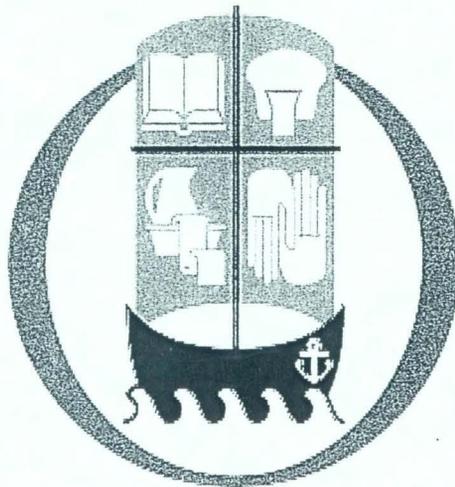


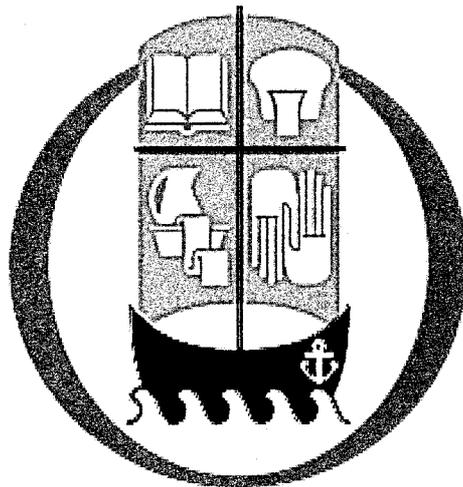
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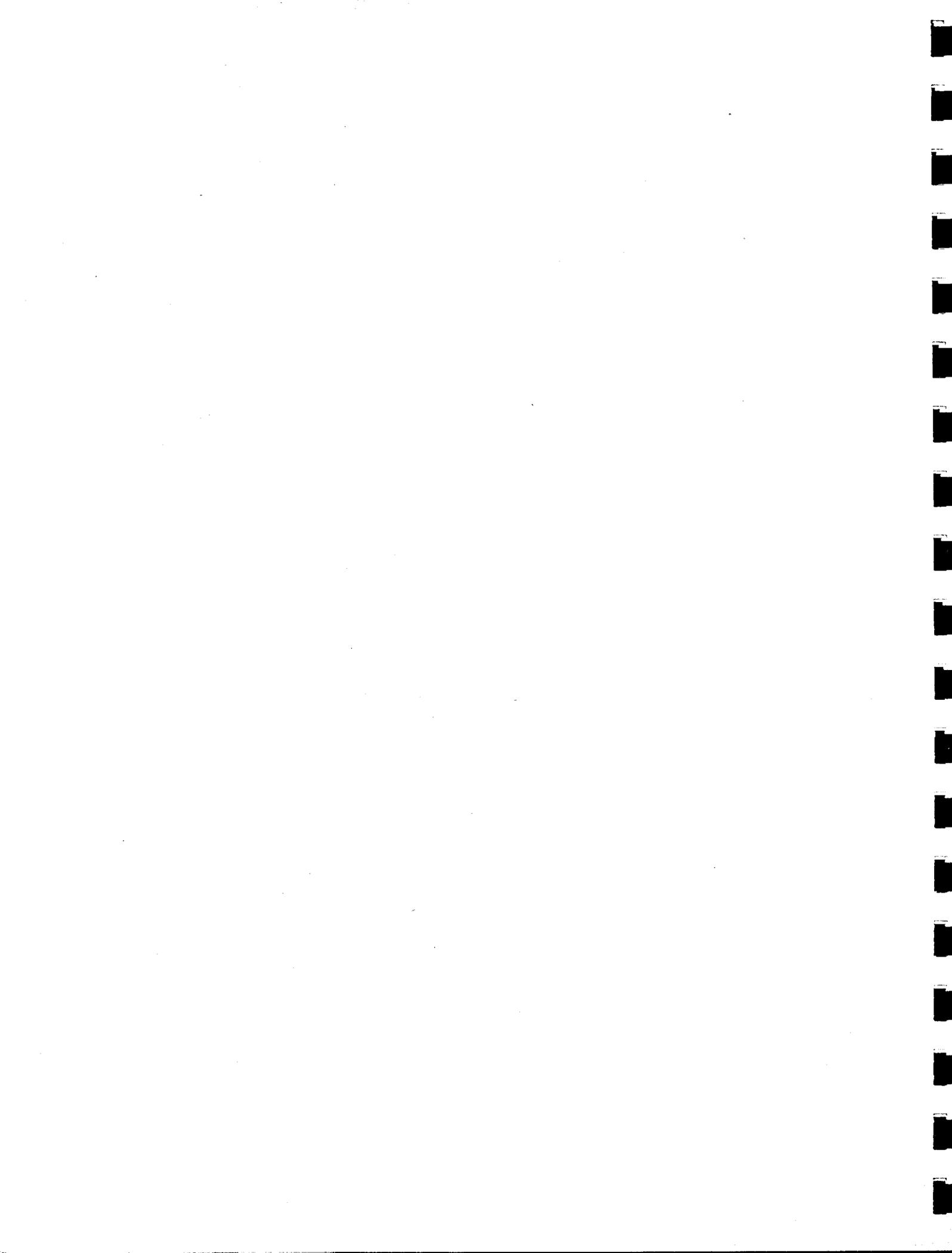
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Officers 2016-2017

Moderator	Jerry Johnson, Morehead City
Assistant Moderator	Ernest Laxton, Stacy
Clerk	Tim Thompson, Jacksonville
Assistant Clerk	David Rackley, New Bern
Treasurer	Henry Potter, Maple Hill
Assistant Treasurer	Chase Bright, Cove City

Boards

Examining

William Sealy	2017
Richard Patterson	2018
Jeff Davis	2019

Executive

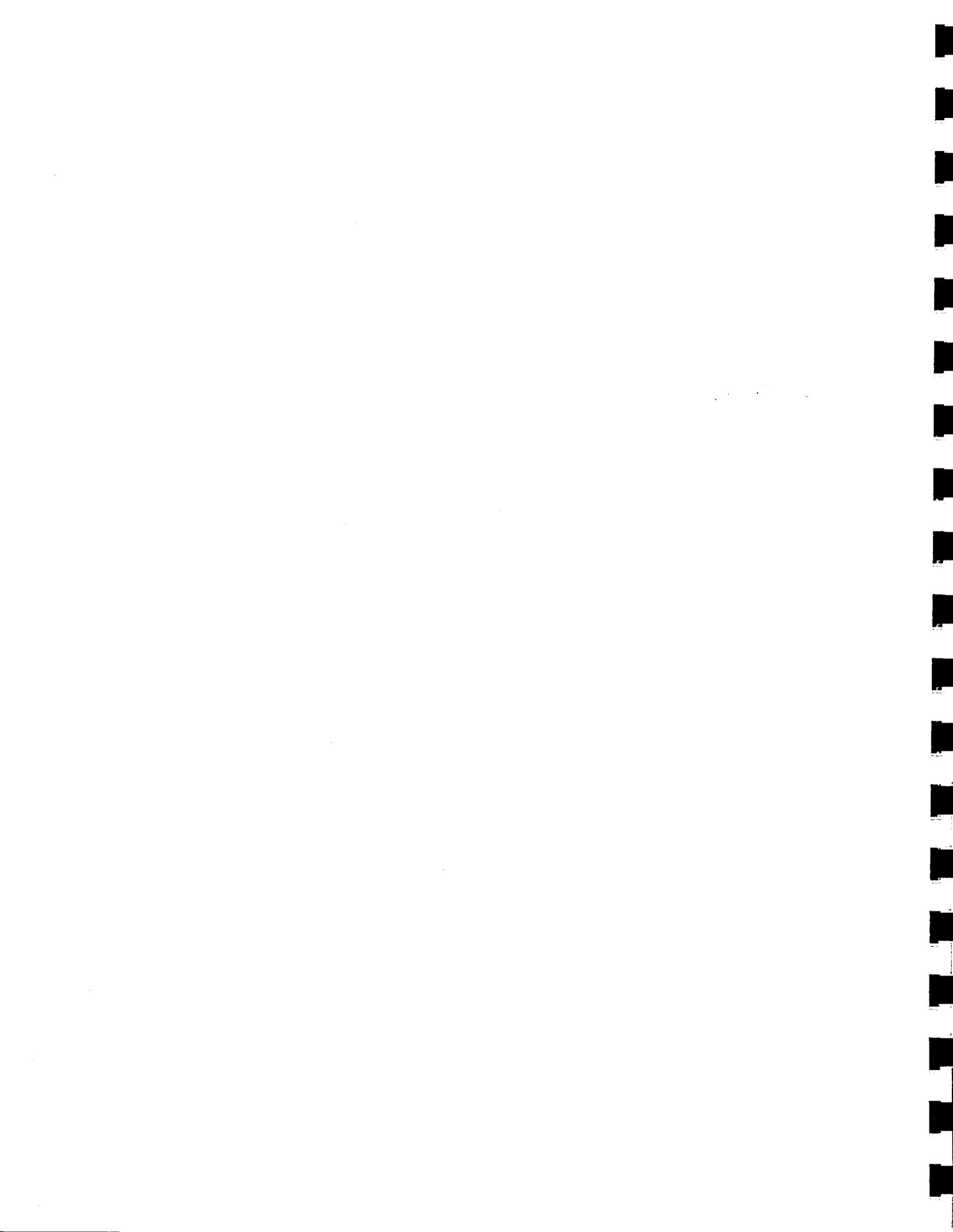
Freeman Edwards	2017
Herbert Thompson	2018
Sutton Raynor	2019
Buster Radford	2020

Missions

Brownie Woolard	2017
Jimmy Mercer	2018
Rudolph Outlaw	2019

Youth

Henry Potter	2019
David Hall	2017
Pat Hall	2018



List of Ordained Ministers

Bragan, Robert

Bright, Chase

Bryan, Voliey

Coghill, Scott

Coleman, Willie

Bulla, Tommy

Davis, Jeff

Golding, Walt

Haggard, Larry

Hall, Joseph

Hall, Pat

Hart, Gordon

Huffman, Kenneth

Jenkins, Fred

Johnson, Jerry

Kellum, Bill

Kennedy, Glenwood

Kimbrell, Bruce

Laxton, Ernest

Mercer, Jimmy

*Moore, Andy (Brazil)

Outlaw, Rudolph

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Petty, Steve

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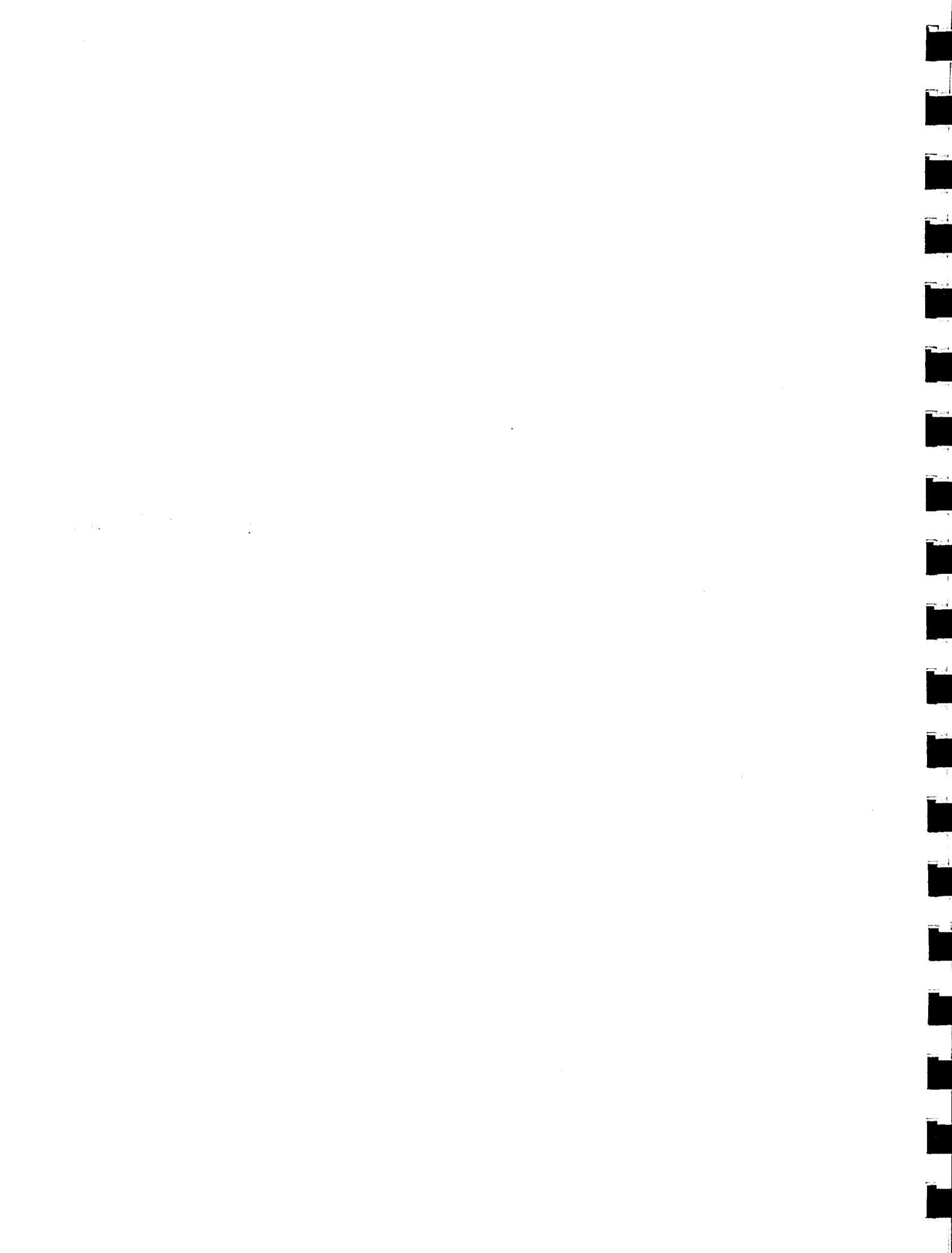
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Sealy, William

Thompson, Tim

Wiggs, Dennis

Edwards, Freeman



Add Lester Cahoon

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Ordained Ministers

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

July 16

Cahoon, Lester P
Davis, Jeff P

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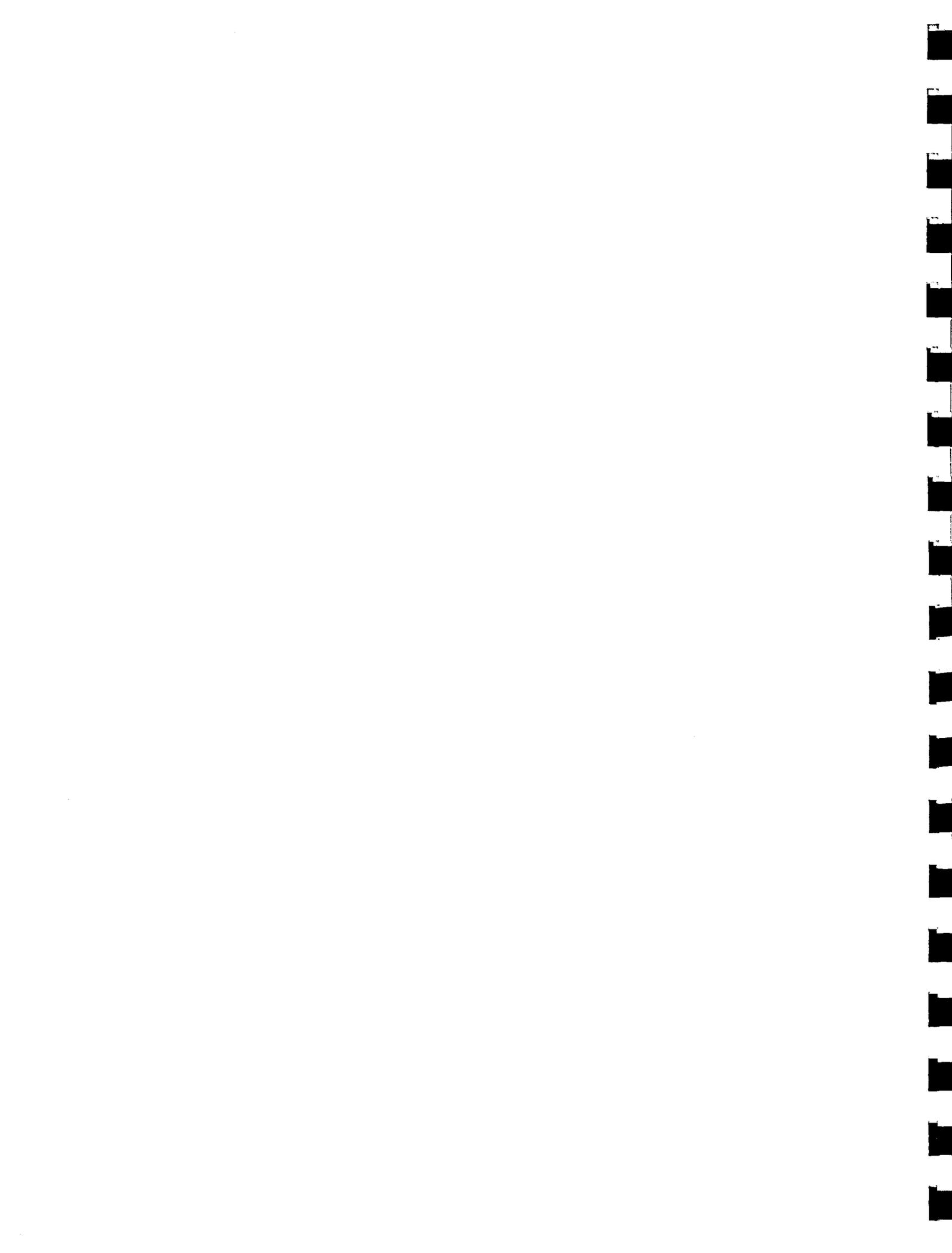
National Association of Free Will Baptists
Coastal Association of North Carolina

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.



- 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.

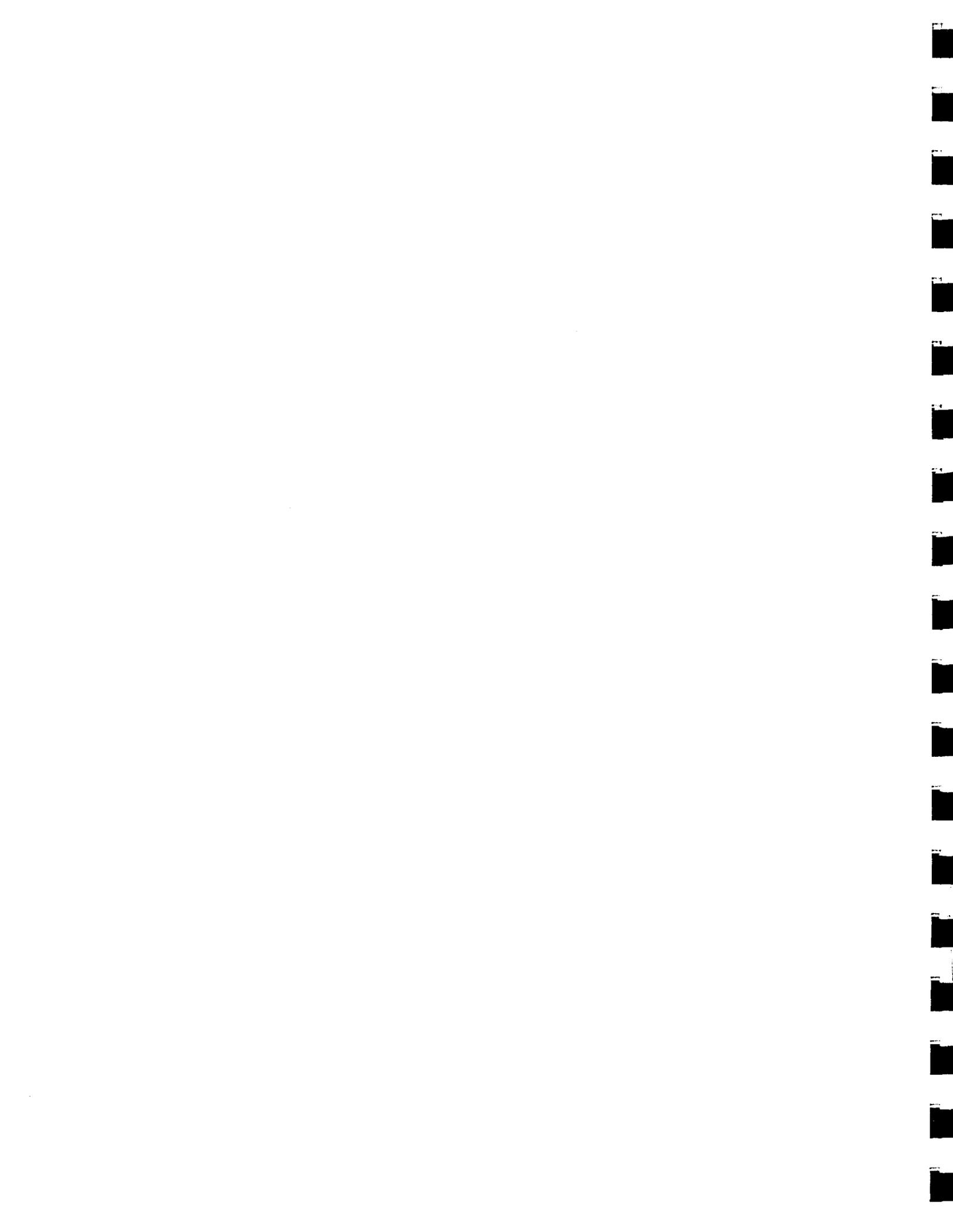
- V. This Association shall have the power to discipline its churches; exclude them for disorderly conduct if labor proves unsuccessful; to license and ordain ministers (such as give evidence of qualifications); to settle questions of doctrine and discipline as the churches may refer to it; and to make 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.

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 that 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 1, 2015

With an approximate attendance of sixty, the Coastal Association convened at the Cardinal Village Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, and commenced with Richard Whitehearst's leading the congregational "When We All Get to Heaven" and the opening prayer by Mike Gray. Ray Johnston, host church, extended the formal welcome.

Moderator Jerry Johnson called the session to order, and after seating the delegates, receiving the offering, and superintending preliminary procedures, he recognized visitors Carl Miller (Harvest Child Care Ministries) and Billy Keith (N.C. Promotional Director), allowing each, respectively, to provide an update on his particular ministry. Bro. Carl reviewed the history of Harvest outreach and Bro. Keith reported that, for the first time in eight years, our state office was showing a financial surplus.

Committees secured by the Moderator were these: Finance (John Moran, Richard Patterson); Digest (Jimmy Mercer, William Sealy); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Ernest Laxton).

The Treasurer's report by John Moran revealed an August 1 balance of \$805.00.

Henry Potter reported thirteen salvation decisions at Youth Camp W.O.W. and numerous attendees surrendering their lives to Christ for full-time service.

Missions Board spokesman Brownie Woolard allowed John Moran to introduce his anticipated missions church ministry in Apex, N.C. Bro. Brownie provided updates on the Danny Elliotts in Canada and Molly Barker in Uruguay.

A break before the worship service provided time for committee meetings to effect their reports. William Sealy shared the Digest Committee statistics as follows: churches reporting (13); number received (12); lost by death (3); lost by transfer (0); membership total (956); baptized (12); enrolled in Sunday school (705); C.T.S. (185); WNAC (101); Master's Men (45); mid-week service average (35).

The body unanimously adopted the following resolution: Whereas the Cardinal Village Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore, be it resolved that we signal our sincere gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.

Richard Patterson's motion that Assistant Treasurer Henry Potter assume the office of Treasurer (vacated by John Moran) was received by unanimous acclamation.

The worship service began with the two congregational "What a Friend!" and "Standing on the Promises." Richard, Sue, and Langdon Whiteheart (host church) blessed us with a beautiful rendering of the song "Just Beyond the River Jordan."

Proverbs 3:1-13 provided the foundation for John Moran's powerful, practical, and passionate plea on the subject of prayer, stressing that this exercise in contact and communion with our God is absolutely essential for our spiritual survival and well-being. Bro. John reminded us that prayer is worship, prayer is work, and prayer is war.

A time of special prayer at the altar was offered by Rudolph Outlaw. Closing prayer for the day, including thanksgiving for the noon meal, was rendered by Moderator Johnson.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Thompson, Clerk

October 31, 2015

Convening on October 31, 2015, at the Emmanuel Church, Jacksonville, the North Carolina Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists commenced with the congregational "Victory in Jesus," led by Moderator Jerry Johnson. Host pastor Tommy Bulla led in prayer, then extended the formal welcome.

The business session being called to order by the Moderator, he soon recognized visitors attending our session and allowed each one to provide a word of greeting to the body: Billy Keith, having served for eight years as our state promotional director and soon to assume pastorate of the Prospect Church, Dunn, provided a salutation from the state office; Linda Stepps spoke on behalf of Harvest Childcare Ministries, Duffield, Virginia; and Nathan Kimbrell shared his plans to serve with missionaries Andy/Andrea Moore in Brazil, where seventy-five percent of the residents are Roman Catholic.

Committees for the day were secured as follows: Finance (Henry Potter, David Rackley); Digest (William Sealy, Buster Radford); and Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Jimmy Mercer).

The early Treasurer's report by Henry Potter revealed a disbursements total of \$1,019.60 and a current balance of \$538.40. Moderator Johnson announced that Scott Coghill has agreed to serve as Assistant Treasurer, and the body signaled its unanimous consent.

Reporting for the Youth Board, Henry Potter announced that our Youth Camp week is tentatively scheduled for June 27-July1.

On behalf of the Missions Board, Jimmy Mercer reported that Molly Barker, veteran missionary to Uruguay, is back in the states; he then requested prayer for the families of Stephen Kimbrell (Irvine, California), Nathan Kimbrell (Brazil), John Moran (Apex, NC), and Rex Evans (Roanoke Rapids, NC).

William Sealy explained the Examining Board's updated questionnaire for our prospective ministers. The body then agreed to table ratification of the upgrade until our January, 2016, session.

Having recently assumed the pastorate of the Sherwood Forest Church and having petitioned the Coastal for membership, Rev. Jeff Davis received the formal "right hand of fellowship" by our Moderator and today's attendees.

Following the break for Committees and Boards to deliberate, Treasurer Potter reported a beginning balance of \$538.40, church dues totaling \$490, a morning offering of \$171.69, disbursements of \$1,019.60, and a treasury balance of \$180.49.

William Sealy reported the following Digest Committee statistics: churches reporting (15); number received (26); lost by death (6); lost by transfer (2); total membership (1,338); baptized (16); Sunday school enrollment (1,031); Church Training Service (165); Women Nationally Active for Christ (77); Master's Men (50); Mid-week prayer service average (696).

The resolution to extend a rising vote of thanks to the Emmanuel Church for their gracious hospitality in hosting today's Coastal was adopted unanimously.

Our worship service began with two renderings in song by a ladies trio from the host church: "Dove of New Life" and "It Is Well." Host pastor Tommy Bulla shared insights from Malachi chapter 2 regarding the need for God's people to live lives above reproach, for God's ministers to stand on the Rock of the Truth of God's Word and to proclaim such Truth without compromise, and for us to do quickly whatever we must, remembering that if we stand on the Solid Rock, God will take care of us. Moderator Johnson led the congregation in a special prayer that we might finish well the race that has been set before us.

A time for announcements preceded the motion to adjourn for lunch and the dismissal prayer by Larry Haggard.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Thompson, clerk

February 6, 2016

The usual session for January having been postponed with respect to inclement weather, the Coastal Association convened on February 6, 2016, at the Community Free Will Baptist Church, Chinquapin. Moderator Jerry Johnson led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace," and host pastor Glenwood Kennedy offered the opening prayer and then extended the formal welcome.

The business session was called to order by the Moderator. After being seated, the delegates agreed to allow the Examining Committee to double as the Nominating Committee in securing suggested officers/board members for the new year, then allowed Moderator Johnson to secure committees for the day as follows: Finance (Henry Potter, Richard Patterson); Digest (Jimmy Mercer, Dennis Wiggs); Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Jeff Davis).

Henry Potter reported a current treasury balance of \$440.49. On behalf of the Youth Board, Pat Hall announced that Youth Camp is scheduled for June 20-24 and encouraged us to remember to pray for the camp week as real spiritual warfare is necessarily involved in rescuing kids for Christ who hail from difficult environments and backgrounds.

Missions Board reporter Brownie Woolard provided updates on the Danny Elliotts in Canada, Rex Evans (Roanoke Rapids), John Moran (Apex) and International Missions and their decision to return to the policy of honoring "designated giving" from our churches. Mr. Woolard then introduced visiting veteran missionary to Uruguay, Mollie Barker, who shared insights and prayer requests regarding the outreach in South America.

William Sealy reported that Chase Bright (Cove City Church) has met with the Examining Board and has petitioned the Coastal for membership. Rev. Bright then received the "right hand of fellowship" from the Moderator and congregants.

Committee reports began with Henry Potter's revealing a Coastal treasury balance of \$440.49, total receipts of \$675, disbursements of \$600, and a balance total of \$515.49.

The Digest report by Jimmy Mercer indicated 16 churches reporting; number received (13); lost by death (15); lost by transfer (0); membership total (1,224); baptized (1); enrolled in

Sunday school (851), Church Training Service (187); Women Active for Christ (103); Master's Men (38); midweek prayer service average (525).

The resolution to express our thanks to the Community Church for hosting today's session was enthusiastically endorsed and expressed by a rising vote of thanks. William Sealy's motion to remove from the table the draft of the revised Examining Board's questionnaire was adopted by the body.

Tom Boehm, visiting from the Freedom Way Church, shared a video presentation from the Haiti Gospel Mission and solicited our prayers for and interest in the ministry of Joel and April Hess as they labor in that spiritually dark and economically difficult island environment, dubbed by many as the "voodoo capital of the world."

"Victory in Jesus" was the hymn commencing the worship service. Prayer by Jimmy Mercer was followed by a duet rendering of "He Touched Me," sung by host church ladies Donna Kennedy and Denise Whaley.

Using Acts 5:14 as a foundation verse and the question "What is your name?", Larry Haggard, First Church, Jacksonville, issued a challenge for us to consider the various characteristics that we display and with which we are associated in the eyes of the world as we represent Christ in our culture. Our names would include such terms as believers, brothers, disciples, Christians, saints, servants, witnesses, and followers.

A time for announcements followed the worship service, and Moderator Johnson offered the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Tim Thompson

April 23, 2016

Convening at the Cove City Free Will Baptist Church on April 23, 2016, the Coastal Association commenced with host Pastor Chase Bright's leading the congregational "Victory in Jesus." Pastor Bright then extended the formal welcome and led in prayer.

The business session was called to order by Moderator Jerry Johnson who, after the seating of the delegates, introduced visitors Carl Miller from Harvest Child Care Ministries and our State Promotional Director Reuben Cason. Each of these provided relevant information regarding his ministry.

Committee members for the day secured by the Moderator were these: Finance (Henry Potter, Jeff Davis); Digest (Jimmy Mercer, Brownie Woolard) Resolutions (Tim Thompson, Ernest Laxton).

The Treasurer's report by Henry Potter revealed a beginning Balance \$440.49; total receipts of \$1,175; disbursements of \$600; and a balance of \$1,015.49.

On behalf of the Youth Board, Pat Hall requested prayer for safety and for spiritual reviving during Youth Camp, scheduled for June 20-24.

Brownie Woolard shared updates on Rex Evans progress at the Roanoke Rapids Church and on John Moran, who has raised slightly more than one-half of his needed support for the new work in Apex. Mr. Brownie then introduced Molly Barker, veteran missionary to Uruguay, South America, who recounted for us the devastation of the recent tornado in one of the cities of that country.

Following the morning break, committee reports began with Treasurer Henry Potter's summary: beginning balance: (\$1,015.49); total receipts: (\$3917); projected disbursements: (\$619.60); total balance after disbursements, including the State Association expenses: (\$77.89).

The Digest report by Jimmy Mercer, from 16 churches, revealed the following: number received (17); lost by death (8); lost by transfer (6); total membership (1,574); baptized (3); enrolled in Sunday School (993); Church Training Service (290); Women Active for Christ (113); Master's Men (40); mid-week prayer service average (651).

Two resolutions were adopted by the body: (1) to express thanks to the Cove City Church for so graciously hosting today's session, (2) to approve and send a letter of support (enclosed) to Gov. Pat McCrory.

For his years of faithful service as a member of the Examining Board, Mance Cason was presented a special plaque. William Sealy had Dennis Wiggs present the plaque to Reuben Cason, acting as proxy for his father Mance.

The Nominating Committee's suggestions for officers/board members for the new year were unanimously approved: Moderator (Jerry Johnson); Assistant Moderator (Ernest Laxton); Clerk (Tim Thompson); Assistant Clerk (David Rackley); Treasurer (Henry Potter); Assistant Treasurer (Chase Bright); Examining Board (Jeff Davis, 2019); and Youth Board (David Hall, 2018).

"Are You Washed in the Blood?" was the congregational signaling the commencement of the worship. Prayer by Pat Hall was followed by a duet rendered by host Pastor Bright and wife Rachel as they sang "I Have Been Blessed."

The message from Ephesians 6:12-18 by Richard Patterson was "A Call to Suit Up and to Stand Firm." Rev. Patterson traced for us the history of the demise of Christianity in our country and challenged us to stand firm and ready for the spiritual conflicts ensuing. The belt of truth, the breastplate of Christ's righteousness, the boots of war, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, the sword of the Spirit, and the weapon of prayer are all absolute essentials for us as soldiers of Christ as we contend for the faith in a culture of decay.

A special closing prayer, especially on behalf of our nation, was offered by Dennis Wiggs.

A special reminder relative to the missionary services scheduled at the various churches along Highway 70, preceded the meeting's adjournment.

Sincerely,

Timothy S. Thompson

1348 Gould Road
Jacksonville, N.C. 28540
April 27, 2016

The Honorable Pat McCrory and Members of the State Legislature
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The North Carolina Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists is composed of twenty-one churches in the southeastern section of our state.

While in conference on Saturday, April 23, 2016, this association unanimously passed two resolutions, one of which we share with you, Governor McCrory and our State Legislature:

“Whereas Governor Pat McCrory and the North Carolina State Legislature recently enacted House Bill 2, a move that, by law, was necessary to prevent men from entering ladies’ restrooms, showers, and locker rooms in statewide accommodations, and

Whereas these courageous lawmakers are currently enduring an unsolicited, unprecedented, and unconscionable nationwide slander, malicious maligning, and uncivil negative caricaturing, along with threats and belligerent bullying from the extreme liberal left element of our culture, who appear bent on destroying the very Judeo-Christian foundation upon which our state and nation were clearly constructed,

Therefore, be it resolved that this body today, representing our Coastal Association, submit to our God a special prayer on behalf of our state leaders in the General Assembly and furthermore that we encourage them in their resistance to evil and their defense of common decency by forwarding a copy of this Resolution, enthusiastically adopted this day by the North Carolina Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists.”

Respectfully submitted,
Ernest T. Laxton, Stacy
Timothy S. Thompson, Jacksonville
Proverbs 14:34



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

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Angola	Willie Coleman	Fanny Autry
Bridgeton	Jerry Rackley	T.J. Herring
Calvary	Henry Potter	Annie King
Cape Fear	Pat Hall	
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Community	Glenwood Kennedy	Donna Kennedy
Cove City	Chase Bright	Sonja Gaskins
Davis	Jimmy Mercer	Nancy Grice
Emmanuel	Tommy Bulla	Hope Morton
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First, Jacksonville	Larry Haggard	Andi Atoigue
First, Morehead City	Jerry Johnson	Peggie Hoffman
First, Richlands	Volney Bryan	Tammy Justice
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