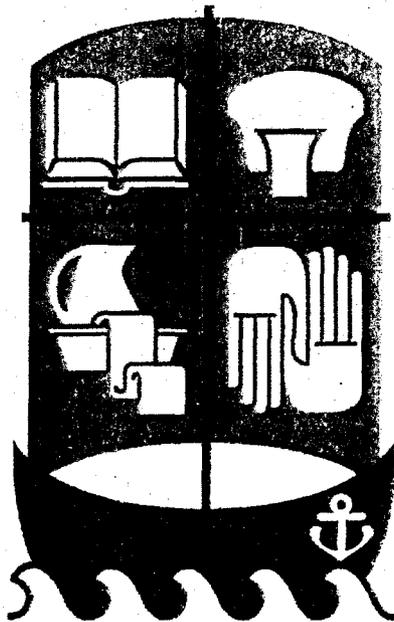


THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST
FOR
2017-2018

OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018

Moderator

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Henry Potter, Maple Hill

Steve Petty, Freedom Way

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Jeff Davis (2019)

William Sealy (2020)

Richard Patterson (2021)

Missions

Lester Cahoon (2019)

Brownie Woolard (2020)

Pat Hall (2021)

Executive

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Treasurer

Sutton Raynor (2019)

Buster Radford (2020)

Mike Gray (2021)

Gordan Hart (2022)

Youth

Devin Cominskie (2019)

Austen Eaton (2020)

Matt Berry (2021)

Coastal Association - Member Churches

	July '17	Oct. '17	Jan. '18	April '18
Angola	P	P	P	P
Bridgeton	P	P	P	P
Calvary	P	P	P	P
Cape Fear	P	P	P	P
Cardinal Village	P	P	P	P
Community	A	P	P	A
Cove City	P	P	A	P
Davis	P	A	P	P
Emmanuel	P	A	A	A
Faith	A	A	P	A
First, Beaufort	A	A	P	P
First, Jacksonville	P	P	P	P
First, Morehead City	P	P	A	A
First, Richlands	P	A	P	P
Freedom Way	P	P	P	P
Grace, Holly Ridge	P	A	A	P
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P
New Life	A	A	P	A
Ruth's Chapel	A	A	A	P
Sherwood Forest	P	P	P	P
Stacy	P	A	P	P

Coastal Association of Original Free Will Baptist Churches of North Carolina

Constitution

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, so 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, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerk, who shall superintend the printing of the minutes, and an Assistant Clerk. These officers shall be elected annually and shall hold their offices until their successors are elected. An Executive Board of four (4) members is to be elected from the laity and/or retired pastors who hold Coastal Association membership. Their term of office shall be as follows: one elected for one (1) year, one elected for two (2) years, one elected for three (3) years and one elected for four (4) years. At the expiration of each of these terms, one shall be elected for four (4) years. The officers of the Association are named: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer who shall be members of the Executive Board, and shall meet with the Board and shall have a vote on any and all matters that come before the Executive Board. There shall be an Assistant Treasurer, who is also an officer, but not a member of the Executive Board. This arrangement will constitute a nine (9) member board and eliminates the possibility of a "tie" vote.
- 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 Practices of the National Association of Free Will Baptists 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 it; and to make any rule 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 conducting of such business as may be deemed necessary. The annual business meeting shall be on the fourth Saturday in April, at which session the Association shall act upon questions and topics as may be referred to its committees and shall transact such other business not repugnant to this constitution or to the usage of the denomination, such business 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 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 needed, and to require an annual written report from each member belonging to this Association.
- VIII. Duties and job descriptions of the Boards of the Coastal Association:
 - A. **The Missions Board:** This board shall promote the cause of North American Ministries, International Missions, and North Carolina State Missions among the churches of the Association through information provided them as the associational meetings 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 Missions Board shall maintain an up-to-date listing of all missionaries with their address and current needs to be used by the churches as a source of information.
 - B. **The Examining Board:** This board shall inquire as to the qualifications of ministers (the candidate must be a natural born male meeting the qualifications of 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9; He must also complete the Association's

approved questionnaire), approving or disapproving them for recommendations accordingly. Its members shall serve as the investigating committee for new churches wishing to unite with this Association, and upon satisfactory recommendations, the church shall be recommended to the Association. This board shall examine the credentials of ministers transferring to this Association and shall make recommendation to the Association as to their reception.

- C. **The Church Training and Youth Relations Board:** This board 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:** This board 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.

This Constitution was revised and adopted at the Annual Session of the Coastal Association on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, NC

Guidelines for Organizing and Accepting New Churches into the *Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*

- I. When a church or mission church desires the fellowship with the Coastal Association, the following procedure should be followed:
 - A. The church presents a written request at a regular scheduled association session.
 - B. A meeting between the Examining Board and the church representatives shall be scheduled.
 - 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 procedure should be followed:
 - A. The church coming from another denomination or association 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 of 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 procedure should be followed:
 - A. The mission church should follow the above guidelines with the exception of the one year waiting period.
 - B. After becoming established enough to operate as a church and having twenty-five charter members, they should organize into a church with an organizational service. The Coastal Association Moderator, Chairman of the Missions Board and the Examining Board should participate in the service.
 - C. Recognize the King James Version of the 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.

Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists

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. The Clerk shall place these By-laws 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 the 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 privileged 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 be 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 towards liberalism, modernism, communism, Catholicism, or tongue-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 on one (1) year.
19. The ministers are required to attend the Coastal Association meeting 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 will 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 By-laws 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)

Coastal Minutes

October 28, 2017

Convening at the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC, on October 28, 2017, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Rudolph Outlaw and the opening prayer was by Larry Haggard. Delegates were seated and visitors were recognized.

Reuben Cason, North Carolina's Promotional Director, gave us greetings and a good report from the State Office. He included in his report that he had visited nine (9) churches in the Coastal Association, the Annual Minister's Retreat had an attendance of 28 with all eight (8) associations represented, his grandson Landon continues to do well and thank you for your prayers, the North Carolina Missions Board has reorganized and Jimmy Mercer is now the Treasurer. All monies for North Carolina Missions needs to be sent to him at P.O. Box 34, Davis, NC 28524. Brother Reuben also reminded us of the CTS competition, the Benevolent Fund, North American Missions Offering on November 19 and to join the Remind App and Newsletter email list.

The formal welcome was given by host pastor Pat Hall. Moderator Outlaw then called for the Clerk to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused. Clerk, Jeff Davis, then read the minutes from the July 2017 meeting. The following letter was read by Moderator Outlaw from former Clerk, Tim Thompson: "Dear Moderator Outlaw, I was truly surprised and humbled by the generous financial gift I received from our churches at the Coastal session in July. It was my privilege to serve as Association clerk for many years, and I am so grateful to our God and our good people who helped to fill a very real need for my wife and me at this juncture in our life and ministry. Thank you and may God bless you for your thoughtfulness and generosity. Tim Thompson Numbers 6:24 and Hebrews 6:10

The Morning offering was received. A motion and second to allow moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: (Finance Committee – Henry Potter and David Rackley; Digest Committee – Lester Cahoon and Steve Petty; Resolutions Committee – Tim Thompson and Glenwood Kennedy). The Treasure's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$380.79, receipts of \$1,333.00, disbursements of \$1,512.80 and a remaining balance of \$200.99.

The Youth Board report was given by Pat Hall. He stated that the current facilities owned by The Woodman of the World would not be available this year for camp. They have the facility for sale and unless and buyer comes along that will continue to rent to Christian camps, a new location would need to be secured. The financial report showed and beginning balance of \$4,881.80, disbursements of \$668.00, and a remaining balance of \$4,213.80.

The Missions Board report was given by Brownie Woolard. He gave us updates on the Elliott's in Canada as they continue to seek permanent resident cards, Molly Barker coming home on Thursday, November 2, 2017, Victoria Little made it to Kenya, and the North Carolina Missions Board is looking at a location today, October 28, 2017, to begin a new work.

After a short recess, the Finance Committee's report was given by Henry Potter reflected an ending balance \$709.99 and a projected disbursement of \$600.00. A total balance of \$109.99 remains.

Steve Petty presented the following Digest Committee's findings: churches reporting: 13; number received: 9; number lost by death: 4; number lost by transfer: 2; total membership: 683; number baptized: 5;

number enrolled in Sunday school: 637; number enrolled in CTS: 98; number enrolled in WAC: 84; number enrolled in Master's Men: 42; average number attending mid-week prayer service: 381.

The Resolution's Committee report given by Tim Thompson reflected two (2) items as follows: (1) Whereas on October 18, 2017, North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper issued a stunning executive order, allowing men to enter ladies' public restrooms. Locker rooms and showers owned by the state government or any local government entity, and

Whereas the unconscionable, sweeping mandate includes our public schools, depriving our children of their most basic right to privacy and security in these public accommodations, and

Whereas such a reckless and reprehensible order represents an egregious assault on the dignity and decency of the myriad individuals comprising our state population, a vicious attack on the very Judeo-Christian heritage upon which our national/state Republic rests, and an un-Constitutional personal and purposeful misinterpretation of federal anti-discrimination law,

Therefore, be it resolved that the North Carolina Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists (representing twenty-one churches), in sending a copy of this Resolution directly to the governor's office, does express its deepest disappointment in Mr. Cooper's determination to issue such a dangerous, decadent, deplorable and illegal order, which overtly offends the millions of decency-driven citizens and necessarily casts a negative reflection on that office occupied by the highest ranking official in the Old North State.

(2) Whereas the Cape Fear Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore, be it resolved that we signify our sincere appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.

Our next Coastal Association Meeting will be at the Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church in Swansboro, NC on January 27, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

The congregational song "Victory in Jesus" commenced the beginning of the worship service. The opening prayer was given by Rudolph Outlaw. A special welcome was given by host pastor Pat Hall. This was a special day for the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church as they are now debt free and this was going to be the note burning service. A group for the church sang "I love Him" followed by the congregation singing "What a Day That Will Be." Another special was sung entitled "God's Been Good." Pastor Pat Hall then introduced the morning preacher, Johnny Hudson. Brother Hudson used several scriptures for the book of Nehemiah to develop his remarks for the historic day. He mentioned that in order to reach a day like today we must first count the cost, realize there is a work to be done and have a willingness to work and readiness to fight.

At the conclusion of Brother Hudson's sermon, all preachers were invited to gather at the altar for a special prayer which was led by Dennis Wiggs. Pastor Hall then called for Reuben Cason and Johnny Hudson to assist him in burning the note.

Instructions were given by the host pastor concerning lunch and a prayer of thanksgiving was offered.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

January 27, 2018

Convening at the Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church, Hubert, NC, on January 27, 2018, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Rudolph Outlaw. Gary Goodfellow led the congregation in singing 'Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus' and the opening prayer was by Lester Cahoon. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Steve Petty.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized. The following reports were given by visitors:

- Harvest Child Care Ministries represented by Carl Miller reported that a great Christmas celebration was held in December for the children. Carl has visited 104 churches in 2017 and he thanked the Coastal churches for what they are doing for Harvest Child Care.
- Dale McCoy, new mission pastor for the revitalization project at the Glad Tidings Free Will Baptist Church, Asheboro, NC gave greetings. He told of his goals for the church and asked to come and speak at our churches.
- Representing Haiti Gospel Missions, William Thompson gave a good report concerning the work going on in Haiti. He had just returned from a trip and asked for prayers for Joel and April Hess, the missionaries on the field.
- Rex Evans, missionary to Roanoke Rapids, reminded us that the church is debt free but that does not mean they are self-supporting. Please continue to give through the State Missions Board for their account. He also reminded us that he is available for services.
- Our Promotional director, Rueben Cason thanked the Coastal for giving around \$7,000 to his office in 2017. He gave the following dates as upcoming events: April 20-21 (State Youth Competition at Tippett's Chapel); April 27-28 (State WAC Meeting); June 4-5 (State Meeting). He shared several prayer request, encouraged us to sign up for the remind app and the weekly newsletter.

The Clerk was asked to call the roll of the Preachers and Churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused. Clerk Jeff Davis then read the minutes from the October 2017 meeting. The morning offering was received.

A motion and second to allow the moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: (Finance Committee – Henry Potter and David Rackley; Digest Committee – Glenwood Kennedy and Lester Cahoon; Resolutions Committee – Tim Thompson and Mike Gray). Motion passed that the Examining Board serve as the Nominating Committee. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$200.99, receipts of \$579.00, disbursements of \$600.00 and a remaining balance of \$179.99.

The Youth Board report was given by Pat Hall. He remarked that he had some great news concerning camp this summer. They have secured Camp Vandamere in Vandamere, NC for the week of June 11-15. More information will be forthcoming concerning camp. He also stated that District Youth Competition will be Saturday, March 24 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church in New Bern. The financial report reflected a beginning balance of \$4,213.80, disbursements of \$12.00 and an ending balance of \$4,201.80.

This Missions Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. He said it was good to have so many missionaries with us this morning giving their reports. He is the new treasurer for the State Mission Board and requested that all funds be mailed to P.O. Box 34, Davis, NC 28524.

After a short recess, the Finance Committee's report was given by Henry Potter. It reflected a beginning balance of \$179.99, receipts of \$898.00, disbursements of \$719.60 and a remaining balance of \$358.39.

Lester Cahoon presented the following Digest Committee's findings: churches reporting: 13; number received: 7; number lost by death: 11; number lost by transfer: 6; total membership: 1,099; number baptized: 10; number enrolled in Sunday school: 633; number enrolled in CTS: 151; number enrolled in WAC: 83; number enrolled in Master's Men: 26; average number attending Mid-week service: 217.

The Resolutions Committee report given by Tim Thompson reflected one item as follows: "Whereas the Freedom Way Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore be it resolved that this body signal its sincere gratitude by a rising vote of thanks."

Larry Haggard presented an item from the floor recommending that we look into revising the format of the Coastal Association Meetings. This could include stream lining the business, themes for the meetings, special training/teaching, etc. Motion to name the Executive Board as a committee to look into this was seconded. After some discussion, the motion and second was dropped and a new motion passed that a committee be appointed from the attendees. Those committee members were named as follows: Larry Haggard (Chair), Jason Senn, Pat Hall and Steve Petty. Motion passed that these be the members.

The congregational song, "At the Cross" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was by Pat Hall, followed by the Goodfellow Family singing "Nail It to the Cross".

Larry Haggard, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC, brought the morning message from Matthew 16:24-26, entitled, "What's Right with the Church." In the message he reminded us that we better be right about the Bible, Jesus Christ, Sin, Conversion and our ongoing relationship with Christ.

Chelsea Rackley (Chicago) and Hope Davis (Brazil) were given time to give a report about their upcoming ETEAM trips. Richard Patterson suggested that an offering plate be placed at the front for anyone who would like to make a contribution to Chelsea and Hope's account.

Announcements were given. Instructions were given by host pastor Steve Petty concerning lunch and he offered the blessing and dismissal prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

April 28, 2018

Convening at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, on April 28, 2018, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Rudolph Outlaw. Mike Rice led the congregation in singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" and "Because He Lives". The opening prayer was by Tim Thompson and the formal welcome by host pastor, Jeff Davis.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized. The following reports were given by visitors:

- Harvest Child Care Ministries represented by Carl and Mary Miller reported that they had just returned from meetings in Virginia. While they were there, they witnessed one individual saved. Currently serving 21 children in Virginia and 32 in Mexico.
- Willie Thompson represented Haiti Gospel Mission. He reported that on May 14 a team would be going down to do some work projects. They will also be going down in July to rebuild the school. He would love to come to our churches and give a report.
- Brother Outlaw read a letter from Chelsea Rackley and Hope Davis thanking the Coastal Association for their support in their upcoming ETEAM trips.

The Clerk was asked to call the roll of the Preachers and Churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused. Clerk Jeff Davis then made a motion that since the minutes were mailed to every church and copies are available here at the association that they be passed as presented. Motion carried. The morning offering was received.

A motion and second to allow the moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance Committee – Henry Potter and Chase Bright; Digest Committee – Mike Gray and Lester Cahoon; Resolutions Committee – Tim Thompson and Steve Petty. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$179.99, receipts of \$1,838.00, disbursements of \$719.60 and a remaining balance of \$1,298.39.

The Youth Board report was given by Pat Hall. He remarked that he had camp information with him for those in the third through seventh grades. Camp will be held at Camp Vandamere on June 11-15. The financial report reflected a beginning balance of \$4,201.80, disbursements of \$12.00 and an ending balance of \$4,189.80.

The Missions Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. He reported that Clint Morgan (IM) reports that all accounts ended 2017 in the black. Great reports coming in from Kenya, Japan and France. North American Ministries are seeing good works as well. Molly Barker is in

William Sealy gave the Examining committee's reports as follows: The Examining Board met on April 16, 2018 at the First FWBC, Beaufort, NC. We examined Brother Michael Smart from the First FWBC, Jacksonville, NC and recommend that he be added to our list of Ordained Ministers upon a receipt of a letter of recommendation from the Palmer Association of FWB of North Carolina. (Clerk: rev. Milton Worthington, 4885 Ayden Golf Club Road, Ayden, NC 28513).

The Nominating Committee's report was given by William Sealy. Moderator: Rudolph Outlaw; Assistant Moderator: Larry Haggard; Clerk: Jeff Davis; Assistant Clerk: David Rackley; Treasurer: Henry Potter; Assistant Treasurer: Steve Petty; Examining Board: Richard Patterson (2021); Missions Board: Lester Cahoon (2019) and Pat Hall (2021); Executive Board: Gordan Hart (2022); Youth Board: Devin Cominskie (2019), Austen Eaton (2020) and Matt Berry (2021).

The congregation recognized Pat Hall and Henry Potter for their years of service on the Youth Board.

The congregational songs "There's Within My Heart a Melody" and "I Will Sing Praise" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was offering by Jeff Davis followed by special music sung by Rachel and Bryan Rice.

Earnest Laxton, pastor of the Stacy Free Will Baptist Church, Stacy, NC, brought the morning message. He spoke on the subject "A Faithful Preacher".

Announcements were given. Instructions were given by host pastor Jeff Davis concerning lunch. Henry Potter offered the blessing and dismissal prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

July 29, 2017

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Richlands, NC, on July 29, 2017, the Coastal Association began with David Rackley leading the congregation in singing, "Victory in Jesus" and the opening prayer was by Pat Hall. The formal welcome was by host pastor Volney Bryan.

Moderator Rudolph Outlaw called the session to order. Delegates were seated and the Clerk called the roll of Preachers and Churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused. Former Clerk, Tim Thompson, then read the minutes from the April 2017 meeting. The morning offering was received.

A motion and second to allow moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: (Finance Committee – Henry Potter and Pat Hall; Digest Committee – Ernest Laxton and Lester Cahoon; Resolutions Committee – Tim Thompson and David Rackley). The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$1,628.39, receipts of \$3,607.00, disbursements of \$4,854.60 and remaining balance of \$380.79.

The Youth Board report was given by Pat Hall. He remarked that they had a good year at camp with around 105 students and 12 giving their hearts to the Lord. He also thank us for our prayers and asked that prayer continue as Woodmen of the World has decided to sale the camp facilities. At this time no decision has been made concerning camp for next year.

The Missions Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. He made many contacts with our missionaries at the National Convention and they seem to be doing well. Rex and Brenda are doing well but need to increase in attendance and in tithers. Just because they are debt free does not mean they are self - supporting. Please continue to support with your finances. The Board of Free Will Baptist International Missions, Inc. made a proposal at the National Convention that will be voted on next year at the National Convention to change their name to IM, Inc.

Carl Miller representing Harvest Child Care Ministries in Duffield, VA gave greetings mentioning that this year the home is celebrating 25 years of caring for children. They are also celebration 10 years of caring for children in Mexico. He thanked the Coastal Churches for partnering with them.

North Carolina promotional director, Reuben Cason, could not attend due to a conflict with the WAC Celebration with the African Ladies in Durham, NC sent greetings by the way of Moderator Outlaw. The Association was recessed so the committees could meet.

After a short recess, the Finance Committee's report given by Henry Potter reflected an ending balance of \$1,498.79 and a projected disbursement of \$1,437.80. A total balance of \$60.99 remains.

Lester Cahoon presented the following Digest Committee's findings: churches reporting: 15; number received: 15; number lost by death: 4; number lost by transfer: 0; total membership: 773; number baptized: 15; number enrolled in Sunday school: 741; number enrolled in CTS: 173; number enrolled in WAC: 102; number enrolled in Master's Men: 46; average number attending Mid-week prayer service: 437.

The Resolutions Committee report given by Tim Thompson reflected one item as follows: "Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church of Richlands has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore, be it resolved, that this body signal its sincere appreciation by a rising vote of thanks." Motion was unanimously accepted.

Our next Coastal Meeting will be at the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC on October 28, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. The Woman Active for Christ District meeting will be September 23, 2017 at Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church in Hubert, NC.

The congregational song, "Love Lifted Me" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was by Kenny Huffman, followed by Sister Janet singing, "If I Was More Like Him."

Moderator Rudolph Outlaw brought the morning message from Acts 1:7-8, entitled "Five Ways to Grow the Church". In this message, Brother Outlaw reminded us that God uses People, Places, Providence, Provision and Power to grow His church.

Instructions were given by the host pastor concerning lunch and Brother Dennis Wiggs offered the blessing and dismissal prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Leading and Laboring for our Lord

(1 Corinthians 3:9)

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To be received in the fellowship of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Please use black or blue ink.

Please fill out this form completely. (Type, Blue or Black Ink)

Present the completed form to the Chairman of the Examining Board.

Would you consent to the Examining Board questioning you to determine its recommendation to the Association? (Yes or No)

Personal

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Name:

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City:

State:

Zip Code:

Date of Birth:

Age:

Telephone:

Marital Status:

Wife's Name:

How would you interpret the scripture "the husband of one wife"?

Traditionally and historically the Coastal Association does not accept divorced and remarried ministers.

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Education

Grade School:

Years:

High School:

Years:

College:

Years:

Graduate School:

Years:

Member of what Church:

How long:

Present Employment:

How long employed:

Are you licensed/ordained?

By whom?

Testimony of Salvation

Testimony of Call to Ministry

Doctrine

Write a brief statement about your definition and position on the following:

1. Explain your views of the Genesis account of Creation:

2. Fall of man/origin of sin:

3. God:

4. Inspiration of the Bible:

5. Virgin Birth of Christ:

6. Death of Christ:

7. Resurrection of Christ:

8. The Holy Ghost (Spirit):

9. Salvation:

10. When does a believer receive the Holy Spirit:

11. Second-Coming of Christ:

12. The Church:

13. The Lord's Supper:

14. The Washing of the Saint's Feet:

15. Hell:

16. Heaven:

17. Perseverance:

Please submit a brief statement explaining why you feel a need for license/ordination. (For those that are referred by the local church for examination for license or ordination as well as Association membership).

Have you read and do you agree to abide by the Coastal Association Constitution and By-laws? (Yes or No). If "No", state the reasons.

Revision adopted by the *Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*

February 6, 2016

