

THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST  
FOR  
2018-2019

*2018-2019*  
**OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018**

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Rudolph Outlaw, Hubert

Larry Haggard, Jacksonville

Jeff Davis, New Bern

David Rackley, New Bern

Henry Potter, Maple Hill

Steve Petty, Freedom Way

**BOARDS**

**Examining**

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 - Ordained Ministers

	Aug. 2018	Oct. 2018	Jan. 2019	Apr. 2019
Volney Bryan	E	P	E	P
Tommy Bulla	A	A	E	A
Lester Cahoon	P	A	P	P
Scott Coghill	A	A	E	A
Willie Coleman	A	A	E	A
Devin Cominskie				A
Jeff Davis	P	P	P	P
Freeman Edwards	A	A	A	A
Walt Golding	E	E	E	E
Larry Haggard	A	P	P	P
Pat Hall	A	A	P	A
Gordan Hart	P	P	P	E
Kenneth Huffman	P	P	E	P
Fred Jenkins	A	A	P	A
Jerry Johnson	P	A	P	A
Bill Kellum	A	P	A	E
Glenwood Kennedy	P	E	E	P
Ernest Laxton	P	P	P	P
Jimmy Mercer	P	A	P	E
Rudolph Outlaw	P	P	A	P
Richard Patterson	A	A	E	P
Steve Petty	P	P	E	E
Henry Potter	P	P	P	P
Jerry Rackley	E	E	P	P
William Sealy	P	P	P	P
Jason Senn	E	P	P	P
Michael Smart	A	A	A	P
Tim Thompson	P	P	P	P
Dennis Wiggs	P	E	P	P
Robert Bragan				
Chase Bright	A	A		
Joseph Hall				
Andy Moore (Brazil)				
Logan Wolf (Utah)				

## Coastal Association - Member Churches

	Aug. 2018	Oct. 2018	Jan. 2019	Apr-19
Angola	P	P	P	P
Bridgeton	P	P	P	P
Calvary	P	P	P	P
Cape Fear	A	A	P	A
Cardinal Village	P	A	P	P
Community	P	A	A	P
Cove City	P	A	P	P
Davis	P	A	P	A
Emmanuel	A	A	P	A
Faith	A	A	A	A
First, Beaufort	A	A	A	P
First, Jacksonville	A	P	P	P
First, Morehead City	P	P	P	P
First, Richlands	P	P	A	P
Freedom Way	P	P	A	P
Grace, Holly Ridge	P	P	A	P
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P
New Life	A	A	P	A
Ruth's Chapel	A	A	A	A
Sherwood Forest	P	P	P	P
Stacy	P	P	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.

Lester Cahoon present the following Digest Committee's findings: Churches reporting: 12; Number received: 7; Number lost by death: 4; Number lost by transfer: 5; Total membership: 650; Baptized: 3; Sunday school: 610; CTS: 103; WAC: 77; Master's Men: 37; Mid-week prayer service: 346.

The Resolutions Committee report given by Tim Thompson reflected two items as follows: (1) "Whereas the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore, be it resolved that we express our sincere gratitude by a rising vote." (2) Whereas the recent retiring of Justice Anthony Kennedy has created a vacancy on the bench of the United States Supreme Court, a seat that must soon be filled, and, Whereas upon the recommendation of our President and the hand and grace of our God, a rare opportunity has presented our nation with the possibility of filling this vacancy with a highly qualified, principled constitutionalist, whose worldview is informed, not by politics and social engineering, but by the Judeo-Christian ethic, and Whereas a Justice on this particle Court will help determine decisions and set powerful precedents directly affecting our country, perhaps for years to come, Therefore, on behalf of ourselves he sake of liberty and truth, be it resolved that a special prayer to our God be offered this day by this body for the swift confirmation of a just Justice to this post waiting to be filled."

The congregation song, "Mansions Over the hilltop" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Special music was presented by the Trio from the church.

Jimmy Mercer, pastor of the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, NC, brought the message from Lamentations 1:12, entitled, "Is It Nothing to Thee?"

A time for announcements was given. Instructions were given by the host pastor concerning lunch and he offered the blessing and dismissal prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

## Coastal Minutes

October 27, 2018

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC, on October 27, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. the Coastal Association was called to by Moderator Rudolph Outlaw. The congregation sang, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" and the opening prayer was by Buster Radford. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Larry Haggard.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized. The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused. Jeff Davis then made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented in written form. Motion passed.

Motion carried to allow moderator to appoint committee for the day. Appointments were as follows: Finance Committee: Henry Potter and Steve Petty; Digest Committee: Jeff Davis and David Rackley; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and Kenny Huffman. The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$445.39, receipts of \$959.00 and disbursements of \$820.00 and a remaining balance of \$584.39.

Youth Board report was given by Devin Cominskie. He reported that there would be camp this coming summer. There was no Missions Board Report. Glenda Fulcher gave the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund Report. She reported that a goal of \$10,000.00 was set for this year. Today date \$2,379.52 had been raised.

After a time of recess, Molly Barker gave a report from Uruguay. She reported that during her last visit, a church had been repaired. She also stated that a Cuban pastor was coming to work with one of the churches. Prayer that he can get out of Cuba and into Uruguay. She thanked us for our prayers.

The morning offering was received. Prayer was by Tim Thompson.

The Digest Committee Report was given by David Rackley. He reported that 10 churches reported; 1 member received; 6 members lost by death; 1 by transfer; total membership reported was 700; number baptized was 1; Sunday school enrollment was 496; Church Training enrollment was 135; WAC 63; Master's Men 23 and average attendance on Wednesday night prayer service was 307.

Tim Thompson presented the resolutions Committee Report. Two items were reflected in the report as follows: (1) Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore, be it resolved that we indicate our sincere gratitude by a rising vote of thanks. (2) Whereas the process of voting in America is both a right and a responsibility (Matt. 22:21), and, if exercised wisely and prayerfully, a critical means of preserving our republic; and whereas a national slate of leaders is scheduled to be selected from the millions of ballots cast on November 6; Therefore, be it resolved that this Coastal Association body offer a prayer to our God on behalf of this crucial election (ten days hence) and for a national revival that will find us repenting of our sins and returning to our holy God, Who has thus far spared us the decimation we deserve and has mercifully allowed us to remain "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's Report. He reported a beginning balance of \$584.39, receipts of \$442.00, and disbursements of \$820.00 and an ending balance of \$206.39.

Larry Haggard made a motion that Devin Cominskie be brought into the association. Motion was seconded. After discussion, the congregation was reminded that proper procedure was to be followed with the Examining Committee to bring him into the association. A time will be set up for that interview. Motion

was withdrawn. There was a question concerning the new format of the Coastal Meetings. Clarification was given as follows: January meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. with the same format; April meeting will be at 9:00 A.M. with a theme chosen by the Executive Committee; July meeting will be at 10:00 A.M. in which we will discuss the two formats and vote on one.

David Rackley was asked to pray for the upcoming election as stated in resolution number 2.

The congregation song, "Tell It to Jesus" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was by Rev. William Sealy. Moderator Rudolph Outlaw introduced Steve Petty as the morning speaker. Special music was presented by Devin Cominskie.

Steve Petty, pastor of the Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church, Hurbert, spoke on the subject "Encouragements for Trying Times." He used Psalm 139:1-12 as his text. He spoke on (1) Lord is always with us (v. 7); (2) Lord knows everything you are going through (vs. 1-4); (3) Lord has power to see us through (v. 10).

A time for testimonies and announcements was given. Instructions for lunch were given by host pastor and he offered the dismissal and blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

## Coastal Minutes

January 26, 2019

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, NC, on January 26, 2019 at 10:00 A.M., the Coastal Association was called to order by Assistant Moderator Larry Haggard. The congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus" lead by Jerry Johnson, pastor of the First FWBC Morehead City, and the opening prayer was by Larry Haggard. The formal welcome was by Jerry Johnson, host pastor.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized. The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion was carried to excuse those ministers that asked to be excused from the conference meeting. Jeff Davis, clerk, then made a motion to receive minutes as printed. Motion passed.

The morning offering was received. Motion passed to allow Moderator to appoint committees for the day. Appointments were as follows: Finance Committee: Henry Potter and David Rackley; Digest Committee: Earnest Laxton and Jimmy Mercer; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and Jerry Johnson; Nominating Committee: Examining Board. The Treasure's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance \$584.39, receipts of \$547.00, and disbursements of \$820.00 and a remaining balance of \$311.39.

The Youth Board report was given by Devin Cominskie. He reported that the opening balance in the treasury was \$4221.00, disbursements of \$734.00 and an ending balance of \$3141.00. Camp will be held at New Life FWB Church, New Bern with a cost of \$110.00 per camper. The date will be set at a later date. After discussion and questions, the report was received as information.

The Missions Board Report was given by Lester Cahoon. He mentioned the World Missions Offering coming in April and made packets available to the pastors. Molly Barker gave a report from Uruguay. She will be leaving on Saturday, February 2 to go back for two months. She asked for prayers. Teen Camp was recently held with 60 campers. Please pray concerning a Bible Institute to be established. Rex Evans, missionary to Roanoke Rapids, gave a report. He thanked to conference for their faithful support. The plans are to go self-supporting by the end of 2019. Please pray for this item.

Glenda Fulcher gave the Leah Waddle Scholarship Fund report. She reminded us this is a North Carolina State Project and not a WAC project. She asked every church to give \$100.00 by April 20. Current balance in the fund is \$2,824.52.

Carl Miller gave a report from Harvest Child Care Ministries. He thanked everyone for their support and allowing him to come visit the churches. They had a great Christmas at the home this year and are working towards total private placement for the children in 2019.

North Carolina Promotional Director Reuben Cason gave his report. In this report he included that over \$40,000.00 come through his office for Hurricane Florence Relief Efforts. He gave some important dates coming up: April 28 – WMO; D6 Days online: February 11-13; Revive Youth Conference at Unity Church, Greenville – March 15-16; State CTS Competition – April 12-13; State WAC Meeting – April 26-27; State Meeting – June 3-4. He noted some fee changes up coming. \$500.00 per conference to help offset expenses for the State Meeting; \$35.00 State Dues; \$150.00 national Dues; 2020 National Dues will be \$175.00; 2015 national Dues will be \$200.00; 2023 the National will be in Raleigh and the Executive Committee of the State is asking that each church send in \$75.00 per year for the next 5 years to offset the cost of hosting the National. He also encouraged church to completely fill out their report forms so that we could have an accurate record of what is going on in the state.

After a short recess, the Moderator asked for reports from the following committees: Finance Committee report was given by Henry Potter. He reported a beginning balance of \$311.39, receipts of \$795.00 and disbursements of \$1010.00 and a remaining balance of \$96.39.

Jimmy Mercer present the following Digest Committee findings: Number of Churches reporting: 13; Number received: 9; Number lost by death: 7; Number lost by transfer: 2; Total membership: 819; Number baptized: 4; Number enrolled in Sunday school: 567; Number enrolled in CTS: 138; Number enrolled in WAC: 92; Number enrolled in Master's Men: 42; Average number attending mid-week prayer service: 398.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Tim Thompson. It reflected two items (1) Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore be it resolved that we indicate our sincere gratitude by a rising vote. (2) Whereas, on January 22, 1973, by a vote of 7-2, the United States Supreme Court declared abortion legal in our land, and Whereas forty-six years of this barbaric brutality has resulted in the ruthless murders of 60,000,000 of the most innocent and defenseless members of the human race, and Whereas no nation can condone the continual slaughter of innocent humans without paying costly consequences (Genesis 1:27; 9:6; Proverbs 24:11-12), and Whereas this egregious evil has not escaped the notice of our just God to whom belongeth vengeance (Deut. 32:35); Therefore, be it resolved that this body of the Coastal Association offer this day a passionate prayer to our God that this horrendous holocaust be halted and that we will seek the face of our God for a genuine national revival (regardless of the price we are required to pay), a revival without which we are destined for destruction (Psalm 9:17). Motion passed to consider item by item. (1) Motion passed and a rising vote of thanks was given. (2) Motion passed and prayer was given.

William Sealy gave the Examining Committee report. He reported that the Examining Committee of the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 21, 2019 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, NC with Brother Devin Cominskie and recommend that he be added to our list of licensed ministers.

The congregational song, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Jerry Johnson offered the opening prayer. Special music was provided by Rod, a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Morehead City, NC.

Pat Hall, pastor of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC, brought the morning message from 2 Chronicles 7:14, entitled, "Fasting and Praying." He encouraged us to Fast and Pray (1) for our nation, (2) for individual needs, (3) in times of great distress and (4) in times of spiritual decisions.

A time for announcements was given. The Youth Board announced that they had met during the break and Camp will be held June 24-28, 2019 for grades 2-6. Jimmy Mercer asked for prayers as the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, NC is raising their building following Hurricane Florence.

Instructions for the meal were given and a blessing was pronounced by Jimmy Mercer.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

## Coastal Association

April 27, 2019

Convening at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Holly Ridge, NC, on April 27, 2019 at 10:00 A.M. the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Rudolph Outlaw. The congregation sang, "What a Day That Will Be" and the opening prayer was by David Rackley. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Kenny Huffman.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized. Lorenzo Stox, evangelist from Greenville was welcomed. Jeff Davis gave the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund report in the absence of Glenda Fulcher. He report that the committee was only \$2400.00 away from their goal of \$10,000.00 and encouraged each one to consider giving before Wednesday to this account.

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion carried to excuse those ministers that asked to be excused from the conference meeting. Jeff Davis, clerk, then made a motion to receive minutes as printed. Motion passed.

The morning offering was received. Motion passed to allow Moderator to appoint committees for the day. Appointments were as follows: Finance: Henry Potter; Digest: Lester Cahoon and David Rackley; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and Glenwood Kennedy. The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$311.39, receipts of \$1,225.00 and disbursements of \$1,010.00 and a remaining balance of \$526.39.

The Youth Board Report was given by Larry Haggard. He reported that camp was still scheduled for June but only two churches had sent any information concerning campers.

The Missions Board Report was given by Brownie Woolard. He reported that the Elliott's were moving from Canada to Buffalo, NY because of the government issues they were having beginning a church. He reminded us that tomorrow is the time for receiving the World Missions Offering for International Missions. Molly Barker is back home and many projects were completed while she was in Uruguay for two months. Rex Evans is doing well. Please continue to pray for him as well as Dale McCoy's work.

Larry Haggard asked what we were going to do about the restructuring of the Coastal Association. Moderator suggested that we wait another month and vote of it in July. Larry gave out the proposal (see attached). Henry Potter brought to the attention of the Association a concern about Ruth's Chapel FWBC, New Bern, NC. They have not lettered or paid dues in some time. A letter was sent to them concerning this matter with no response. Motion was made that we follow the guidelines in the By-Laws (#20). Motion passed and will be carried out before next session.

After a short recess, The Moderator asked for report from the following committees: Finance Committee Report was given by Henry Potter. He reported a beginning balance of \$526.39, receipts of \$4,629.00, and disbursements of \$222.00 and a remaining balance of \$4,933.39. (Note: some churches paid the recommended fee to host the National before the State informed us that they were not going to ask the churches for money, so that money will be used towards next year's dues).

The Digest Committee Report was given by David Rackley. He reported that number of churches reporting: 13; number received: 11; number lost by death: 5; Number lost by transfer: 0; total membership: 769; number baptized: 10; number enrolled in Sunday school: 661; number enrolled in CTS: 163; number

enrolled in WAC: 80; number enrolled in Master's Men: 9; average number attending Mid-Week Prayer Service: 32.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Tim Thompson. It reflected one item: Whereas the Grace Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore, be it resolved that we signal our sincere thanks by a rising vote. Motion passed and a rising vote of thanks was given.

William Sealy gave the Examining Committee Report and the Nominating Committee Report. The Examining Committee met with Caleb Smith on April 11, 2019 at New Life Church, New Bern. We recommend that he be added to the Coastal Association list of licensed ministers. He is currently working with the First FWBC, Beaufort. Motion passed. The Examining Board met with Matthew Berry on April 11, 2019 at New Life Church, New Bern. We recommend that he be added to the Coastal Association list of ordained ministers. He is currently working with the New Life Church in New Bern. Motion passed.

Nominees for the Coastal Association 2019-2020: Moderator: Ernest Laxton to replace Rudolph Outlaw; Assistant Moderator: Larry Haggard to replace himself; Clerk: Jeff Davis to replace himself; Assistant Clerk: David Rackley to replace himself; Treasurer: Henry Potter to replace himself; Assistant Treasurer: Steve Petty to replace himself; Examining Board: Jeff Davis (2022) to replace himself; Executive Board: Sutton Raynor (2023) to replace himself; Executive Board: Mike Grey (2021) who passed away will be elected from the floor; Mission Board: Lester Cahoon (2022) to replace himself; and Youth Board: Devin Cominski (2022) to replace himself. Motion to receive all nominees and elect passed. Motion made and passed to elect John Savage (2021) to fulfill the unexpired term of Mike Grey.

The congregation song "I Never Shall Forget the Day" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Dennis Wiggs offered the opening prayer. Special music was provided by a trio from the church.

Kenny Huffman, pastor of the Grace FWBC, Holly Ridge, NC brought eh message form Matthew 16:13-18 entitled, "Somethings the Church Cannot Afford to Lose". His main points were: 1) Christ Centered Services; 2) Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit; 3) Convictions about what we believe; 4) Altars and Pulpit; 5) Vision for the lost. An invitation song was given.

A time of announcements was given and newly elected Moderator His main points were: 1) Christ Centered Services; 2) Presence and Power of the Holy Spirit; 3) Convictions about what we believe; 4) Altars and Pulpit; 5) Vision for the lost. An invitation song was given.

A time of announcements was given and newly elected Moderator Ernest Laxton closed the service. He called on Rudolph Outlaw to close in prayer after instructions for the meal was given.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

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## Proposal to Re-Structure the Coastal Association of Free Will Baptist Quarterly Meetings

- I. Purpose
  - A. To provide information and examples for all of our church ministries.
  - B. To give people tools that they can take home to be more effective in ministry.
  - C. To connect our local ministries to other ministries outside our area.
  - D. To encourage our ministers, delegates, and attendees.
- II. The Moderator and Executive Committee will select the agenda/format of each meeting.
- III. Advertisement- The clerk can develop an effective way to advertise these meetings. A bulletin would not be necessary. Flyers, e-mails, and texts would seem to work better. Example: texts and e-mails to regular attendees would reach more than one letter to the pastor. The pastor would be the key to getting more people involved in the meetings.
- IV. Location and Times of the Meetings
  - A. Meeting begins at 9:00 am and ends at noon for lunch (unless extended prior to the meeting).
  - B. Number of meetings per year- 2 meetings in the Spring & Fall. (The idea is to have 2 profitable meetings per year. )
- V. Finance- The Coastal Association should pay for the cost of the meeting though offering and fees. The need may arise to request a special church offering to cover extra expenses. Associational dues will remain at \$140 per year.
- VI. Business
  - A. All Correspondence is sent to appropriate person in advance of meeting.
    1. We need to write our policies and procedures.
    2. We need to state a deadline. Committees could meet by phone, e-mail, or prior to meeting.
    3. Eliminate the obituary committee.
  - B. Correspondence could be presented and passed out, possibly sent to churches in advance.
  - C. Very few reports need to be read before the body.
- VII. Effective Date is Passed October 2018
- VIII. We in no way are suggesting the elimination of the noon meal.
- IX. If Adopted, the Coastal Association Constitution would need to be amended at Article VI to say- 'This Association shall convene semiannually at 9 am on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday in April and October.'

Committee Founded 1/27/18- by Coastal Association

Committee Recommendations 2/8/18

Moderator Rudolph Outlaw met with Committee

Committee: Jason Senn, Pat Hall, Steve Petty, Larry Haggard

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

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Clerk</u>
Angola	Tim Thompson	Fanny Autry
Bridgeton	Jerry Rackley	T.J. Herring
Calvary	Henry Potter	Annie King
Cape Fear	Pat Hall	No Clerk
Cardinal Village	Lester Cahoon	Joyce Johnston
Community	Glenwood Kennedy	Donna Kennedy
Cove City	No Pastor	Sonja Gaskins
Davis	Jimmy Mercer	Nancy Grice
Emmanuel	Tommy Bulla	Hope Morton
Faith	Jason Bell	Vicki Riggs
First, Beaufort	Richard Patterson	Gaye Atwood
First, Jacksonville	Larry Haggard	Andi Atoigue
First, Morehead City	No Pastor	Peggie Hoffman
First, Richlands	Volney Bryan	Tammie Justice
Freedom Way	Steve Petty	Phyllis Gray
Grace	Kenneth Huffman	Cindy Woolard
New Life	Scott Coghill	Larry Moore
Palmetto Chapel	William Sealy	Carolyn Sealy
Ruth's Chapel	Ral Alsbrook	Beverly Adams
Sherwood Forest	Jeff Davis	Linda Simons
Stacy	Ernest Laxton	Beth Nelson

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252/729-8961

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Tommy Bulla

Lester Cahoon

Scott Coghill

Willie Coleman

Jeff Davis

Freeman Edwards

Walt Golding

Larry Haggard

Joseph Hall

Pat Hall

Gordon Hart

Kenneth Huffman

Fred Jenkins

Jerry Johnson

Bill Kellum

Glenwood Kennedy

Ernest Laxton

Jimmy Mercer

Andy Moore (Brazil)

Rudolph Outlaw

Richard Patterson

Steve Petty

Henry Potter

Jerry Rackley

William Sealy

Jason Senn

Tim Thompson

Dennis Wiggs

Logan Wolf (Utah)

### EXAMINING BOARD QUESTIONNAIRE

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

Date:

Name:

Address:

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.

Children's Names:

#### 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

# Annual Letter From Quarterly Meeting to District Association or District Association to State Association

Meeting Location Embassy Suites - Greensboro Date 06 / 3-4 / 2019 (month/day/year)  
 Reporting Period April / 2018 to April / 2019 (month/year)  
 Present Moderator Ernest Laxton Phone (252) 225-7711  
 Address PO Box 1247 Email elaxton@ec.rr.com  
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## DELEGATES

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## ALTERNATES

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_

## A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 21
2. Number of churches reporting 21
3. Number of churches: City/Town 13 Rural 8
4. Total number of churches with:  
 Full-time pastors 18  
 Part-time pastors 3

## B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Number of baptisms 18
2. Members added 28
3. Members lost 30
4. Membership 1232

## C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 750,000.00 (?)
2. Number of churches with budgets 14

## D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 6
2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 1,000,000.00 (?)

## E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 27  
 Licensed ministers 2  
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 23
3. Number of churches with:  
 Daycare 0  
 Kindergarten 1  
 Christian School 1  
 Bible Institute 0  
 College 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 583
5. CTS enrollment 135

District association minutes requested \_\_\_\_\_ State association minutes requested \_\_\_\_\_

Representation fees enclosed: Quarterly \$ \_\_\_\_\_ District \$ \_\_\_\_\_ State \$ \_\_\_\_\_ National \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: Clerk Jeff Davis Phone (252) 876-6675  
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Print completed form and send to district or state association as appropriate. Please attach recommendations and requests to this form.

