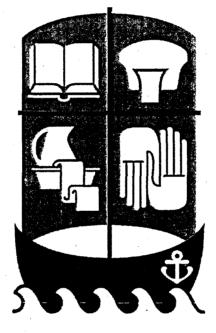
THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST

FOR

2019-2020

OFFICERS FOR 2019-2020

Moderator Assistant Moderator Clerk Assistant Clerk Treasurer Assistant Treasurer

Ernest Laxton, Stacy Larry Haggard, Jacksonville Jeff Davis, New Bern David Rackley, New Bern Henry Potter, Maple Hill Steve Petty, Freedom Way

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William Sealy (2020) Richard Patterson (2021) Jeff Davis (2022)

Executive

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Treasurer

Buster Radford (2020)

John Savage (2021)

Gordan Hart (2022)

Sutton Raynor (2023)

<u>Youth</u> Austen Eaton (2020) Matt Berry (2021) Devin Cominskie (2022)

Brownie Woolard (2020)

Lester Cahoon (2022)

Missions

Pat Hall (2021)

Coastal Association - Ordained Ministers

| | Aug. 2019 | Oct. 2019 | Jan. 2020 | Apr. 2020 |
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| Matthew Berry | P | P | | С |
| James Bradley | F | <u>Р</u> Р | A | |
| | P | <u>Р</u> Р | E P | A |
| Volney Bryan | P E | ····· | | N C |
| Tommy Bulla | | <u>A</u> | A | |
| Lester Cahoon | <u>P</u> | P | P | <u> </u> |
| Scott Coghill | P | Р | A | L |
| Willie Coleman | <u> </u> | <u>A</u> | A | L |
| Devin Cominskie | A` | Р | Α | E |
| Jeff Davis | P | P | E | D |
| Larry Haggard | <u> </u> | P | P | |
| Pat Hall | <u> </u> | A | P | C |
| Gordan Hart | E | P | Р | 0 |
| Kenneth Huffman | A | Р | E | <u>v</u> |
| Fred Jenkins | A | A | A | <u> </u> |
| Bill Kellum | E | E | Р | D |
| Glenwood Kennedy | Р | P | P | |
| Ernest Laxton | Р | Р | Р | 19 |
| Jimmy Mercer | E | P | Р | |
| Rudolph Outlaw | A | Р | Р | |
| Richard Patterson | P | Р | Р | |
| Steve Petty | P | Р | Р | |
| Henry Potter | Р | Р | Р | |
| Jerry Rackley | Р | Р | Р | |
| William Sealy | Р | Р | Р | |
| Jason Senn | E | E | A | |
| Michael Smart | A | A | A | |
| Caleb Smith | E | E | E | |
| Tim Thompson | Р | P | Р | |
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| Robert Bragan | | | | |
| Chase Bright | · | | | |
| Joseph Hall | | | | |
| Jerry Johnson | | | | |
| Andy Moore (Brazil) | | | | |
| Dennis Wiggs | | , | | |
| Logan Wolf (Utah) | | | | |
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Coastal Association - Member Churches

| | Aug. 2019 | Oct. 2019 | Jan. 2020 | Apr. 2020 |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Angola | Р | Р | Р | С |
| Bridgeton | Р | Р | Р | А |
| Calvary | Р | Р | Р | N |
| Cape Fear | А | А | P | C . |
| Cardinal Village | Р | Р | P | E |
| Community | Р | Р | Р | L |
| Cove City | Р | Р | Α | L |
| Davis | А | Р | Р | E |
| Emmanuel | Α | A | А | D |
| Faith | A | А | А | |
| First, Beaufort | Р | Р | Р | С |
| First, Jacksonville | Р | Р | Р | 0 |
| First, Morehead City | Р | Р | Р | V |
| First, Richlands | Р | Р | А | l |
| Freedom Way | P. | Р | Р | D |
| Grace, Holly Ridge | A | Р | А | |
| Palmetto Chapel | Р | Р | Р | 19 |
| New Life | Р | Р | А | |
| Ruth's Chapel | A | A | A | |
| Sherwood Forest | Р | Р | A | |
| Stacy | Р | Р | Р | |
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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.
- 111. 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

- 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 twentyfive 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.

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 twothirds vote of the members present at any regular meeting of the body.

(Revised 10/24/98)

Coastal Minutes

August 10, 2019

Convening at New Life Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, on August 10, 2019, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance" and the opening prayer was by Rev. Henry Potter. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Scott Coghill.

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

- Reuben Cason Promotional Office He gave an update on grandson Landen Johnson. He reported that the State Meeting was wonderful and that during the National Convention North Carolina's own Dr. Eddie Moody was elected the 10th Executive Secretary. He reminded us that the dues are going from \$150.00 per church to \$175.00 per church beginning in 2020.
- Rex Evans Missionary to Roanoke Rapids, Freedom FWB Church He thanked everyone for the prayers and support and reported that the church is scheduled to go self-supporting at the end of the year. They had a very good VBS. The church will be meeting with the Missions Board at the end of the month.
- Molly Barker Missionary to Uruguay Thank you for your support and prayers. A Cuban couple is coming to work in the seminary. Please pray for their meetings and approval to come. The Lancasters have begun a new work in their home. Please pray for them and this new ministry.
- Glenda Fulcher Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund This year they were able to give \$8,000.00 to Welch College for scholarships. Eight students from North Carolina received \$1,000.00 each. Goal for this year is \$10,000.00 so please consider giving to the scholarship fund.

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 the minutes be received as presented in written form. Motion carried. 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 Steve Petty; Digest Committee: Lester Cahoon and Jerry Rackley; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and Larry Haggard. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$526.39, receipts of \$5,244.00 and disbursements of \$4,657.00 and a remaining balance of \$1,113.39.

The Youth Board report was given by Matthew Berry. He reported that camp was held at Southeastern Free Will Baptist College. There was a total of 53 campers and 17 workers for a total of 70 in attendance. The theme was "The Answer". The Missions Board had no report. Rev. Scott Coghill asked permission to share on a few missionaries from the Coastal. Permission was granted and he spoke on Andy Moore (Brazil), Dan Holton (Vermont) and Ken Cash (Bulgary).

Early Business found two items on the table from the April 2019 meeting. Motion passed to remove Item 1 from the table (subject: reorganization of the Coastal Association). Rev. Larry Haggard was asked to give an overview of the program (note: the program was mailed to every church in July). After much discussion, a motion passed that we reinstate the original motion and let the Executive Committee put together a themed meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. for the October 2019 meeting. In January 2020 (Meeting will be as in the past with a 10:00 a.m. beginning time), we will discuss and vote on the format which we feel is ' best for the association.

After a short recess, a motion carried to remove Item 2 from the table (subject: Ruth's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church). It was noted that Larry Haggard had made contact with Ral Allsbrook and was told that since the hurricane they were financial strapped. Because of the wording of By-Law 20, no vote could be taken (note: no vote can be taken until July 2020 if they continue not to report). Motion passed that a letter be sent to the church for the purpose of asking them what their desire would be concerning the Coastal Association. If it was a money issue, the Coastal could help them or do they just not want to be a part of the Coastal.

The Finance Committee report was given by Henry Potter. It reflected a beginning balance of \$1,113.39, receipts of \$334.00 and disbursements of \$622.00 and a remaining balance of \$825.39.

Lester Cahoon presented the following Digest Committee's findings: Churches reporting: 11; Number received: 12; Number lost by death: 12; Number lost by transfer: 0; Total membership: 838; Number baptized: 13; Number enrolled in Sunday school: 598; Number enrolled in CTS: 189; Number enrolled in WAC: 83; Number enrolled in Master's Men: 9; Average Mid-Week Prayer service attendance: 323 (29.36 average attendance).

The Resolutions Committee report given by Tim Thompson reflected one item: Whereas the New Life Free Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Association, Therefore be it resolved that this body signal its gratitude by a rising vote of thanks. Motion passed.

The Examining Committee report was given by William Sealy. He reported that the Committee had examined James Bradley, new pastor of First FWB Church, Morehead City, NC, and recommend that we add him to our list of Ordained Ministers upon a receipt of a letter from the Tidewater Association in Virginia. Motion passed.

The congregational song, "How Great Is Our God" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Special Music was presented by Matthew Berry.

Ken Cash, Associate Pastor of the New Life Free Will Baptist Church, brought the message from John 20:21, entitled, "Every Family Has Been Called".

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

Coastal Minutes

October 26, 2019

Convening at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, on October 26, 2019, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "Brethern, We Have Met to Worship" with Tim Thompson leading and Chelsea Rackley at the piano. The opening prayer was given by Brownie Woolard. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Jeff Davis.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized. The following reports were given by writing: The Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund, the Minutes, the 2020 Coastal Association Dues, and the Financial Report. The Roll Call of Ministers and Churches was by sign-in at the registration table. 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 William Sealy; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and David Thompson. There was no Digest Committee appointed and the Clerk was instructed to tally the statics for the last quarter.

The Youth Board had no report. The Mission Board was granted time to present their report from the floor. Brother Brownie Woolard report on Dale McCoy, missionary to Glad Tidings Church. He reported that the Fall Family Fun Fest was a great success. He expressed thanks for the support and prayers of the churches. Rex Evans at Freedom Church is doing well. He thanks the churches for their support and prayers. The one day missions trip had 14 churches represented and over 900 invitations passed out. As a result, one was saved. Brother Brownie asked Sister Molly Barker to come forward for her report. She expressed prayer as she returns to Uruguay on November 26. She also updated us that the Cuban family had arrived and were busy in the seminary.

After a short recess, the Finance Committee report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$ 957.89, receipts of \$424.00 and disbursements of \$811.00 leaving an ending balance of \$570.89.

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

The Examining board had no report. The Clerk compiled the follow statics for the Digest Report: Number of Churches Reporting: 14 of 21; Number Received: 23; Number Lost by Death: 8; Number Lost by Transfer: 0; Total Membership: 1602; Number Baptized: 10; Number Enrolled in Sunday school: 900; Number Enrolled in CTS: 221; Number Enrolled in WAC: 129; Number Enrolled in Master's Men: 40; Average Number Attending Mid-Week Prayer Service: 45.

Session 1 began with the Congregational song "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Dr. Danny Baer from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College was introduced and presented a seminar entitled "Preaching to Children"

Session 2 began with the congregational song "Redeemed". Brother Marc Holloman from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College presented a seminar entitled "Be Zealous to teach God's Word".

Moderator Earnest Laxton reminded the congregation that at the January meeting we would be discussing this meeting verses the old format and voting on which agenda we would like to follow. The January meeting will begin at 10:00 A.M. He asked for announcements or testimonies. Following several testimonies,

host pastor, Rev. Jeff Davis came and gave instructions for the meal. He also blessed the food and dismissed the congregation in prayer.

LEAH WADDELL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

HAVE YOU GIVEN YOUR OFFERING YET THIS YEAR TO HELP NORTH CAROLINA STUDENTS AT WELCH COLLEGE???? THE SCHOLARSHIP IS A PROJECT OF NC STATE FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OUR GOAL THIS YEAR IS \$10,000. FUNDS HAVE COME IN SLOWLY. AT PRESENT WE HAVE \$2,124.52 IN THE ACCOUNT. PLEASE PRAY ABOUT WHAT GOD WOULD HAVE <u>YOU</u> DO TO HELP PROVIDE SCHOLARSHIPS TO NEEDY STUDENTS.

PRAISE THE LORD FOR THE \$8,000 WE WERE ABLE TO GIVE IN SCHOLARSHIPS LAST SPRING!!!! WE ASK <u>EVERY PASTOR</u> TO LEAD YOUR CHURCH TO SUPPORT THIS PROJECT! HOW WONDERFUL IT WOULD BE IF WE COULD SEND \$10,000 TO WELCH THIS SPRING!!!!

FUNDS SHOULD BE SENT TO THE TREASURER: BETTY HILL 113 SHAD BEND DRIVE WASHINGTON, NC 27889

2020 COASTAL ASSOCIATION DUES TO BE PAID:

| January Coastal Association Meeting: | Coastal Dues | \$ 35.00 | |
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| April Coastal Association Meeting: | Coastal Dues State Dues <u>National Dues</u> Total Due | \$ 35.00 \$ 35.00 <u>\$175.00</u> \$245.00 | |
| July Coastal Association Meeting | Coastal Dues | \$ 35.00 | |
| October Coastal Association Meeting | Coastal Dues | <u>\$ 35.00</u> | |
| Total Dues For Year | | \$350.00 | |

***If you will miss a Meeting and do not forward your Letter and Dues to:

Brother Jeff Davis 2411 Glenwood Ave New Bern, NC 28562 Ph# 252-876-6675

***Please send the Check for Dues "AFTER" the Meeting to:

Brother Henry Potter 1008 Haws Run Rd Maple Hill, NC 28454 Ph# 910-459-2303

We do not like calling to remind you of late dues any more than you like receiving the call.

Thank You and May God Bless

Henry Potter

Coastal Minutes January 25, 2020

Convening at Stacy Fee Will Baptist Church, Stacy, NC, on January 25, 2020, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "Oh How I Love Jesus" with Ernest Laxton lead the singing. The opening prayer was given James Bradley. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Ernest Laxton.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized.

- 1. Molly Barker
- 2. Carl Miller Harvest Home
- 3. Mike Allison Free Will Baptist Family Ministries Greeneville TN
- 4. Rex Evans Roanoke Rapids
- 5. Todd Smith Free Will Baptist Foundation

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion to excuse those requested to be excused. Henry Potter then made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented in written form. Motion passed

Offering was taken.

Motion carried to allow moderator to appoint committee for the day. Appointments were as follows: Finance Committee: Henry Potter and Steve Petty; Digest Committee: Jimmy Mercer and Richard Patterson; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and Lester Cahoon. The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. Motion was made and second to accept report.

Youth Board - No Report

Mission Board: Brownie

- Molly Barker Hopefully to get to Uruguay after release from doctor. There is a seminary there now with 12 students taught by Cuban pastor. Molly gave report on Leah Waddell Scholarship for Glenda Fulcher. Last year \$8,000 was given from NC. This year's goal is \$10,000. The amount raised as of today is \$2,984 dollars.
- 2. Brownie Mentioned the Dale McCoy (Asheboro) has health issues and will have treatment on Feb 3rd. Church is averaging about 30
- 3. Rex Evans (Roanoke Rapids) He has Mike Grant as part time youth minister. They have a renovation project going on. Also the church has a \$2,200 playground that only cost the church \$300 dollars. The church is averaging about 40 on Sunday mornings.
- 4. Jimmy Mercer- asked prayer for Dale McCoy and his health issues.

Motion and second to accept Mission Board Report

- Visitors:
- Carl Miller Gave report on Harvest Home and its spiritual impact on their students' lives.
- Mike Allison from Free will Baptist Ministries Greeneville TN spoke all of their different ministries. 80th year anniversary

3. Todd Smith – Free Will Baptist Foundation – Discussed all the different investments offered to the denomination.

Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's Report. He reported a beginning balance of \$880.89, receipts of \$1,285.00, and disbursements of \$820.00 and an ending balance of \$1,543.89. Motion was made to accept report. Second was given.

Clerk will send a card to be sent to Freeman Edwards' family on behalf of faithful service to the Coastal Association. 43 present at meeting.

Digest Committee report was given by Richard Patterson. He reported 12 churches reported; 3 members received; 4 members lost by death; 0 by transfer; total membership reported was 873; number baptized was 0, Sunday school enrollment was 586; Church Training enrollment was 194; WAC 86; Master's Men 24 and the average attendance on Wednesday night prayer service was 343. Motion made and second.

Tim Thompson presented the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

- 1. Thanks to Stacy FWB Church.
- 2. Tribute to Freeman Edwards Larry Haggard prayed for family
- 3. Pro-life support Thanks for Trump's support Pat Hall prayed for life

Examining Board – No report

Business: Motion to remove item off table about new format

David Rackley read minutes from January 2018 and August 2018 concerning the new format.

Different people expressed their views. Motion made to cease debate – second

Vote was given to keep current format.

Next quarterly meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2020. Palmetto Chapel offered an invitation for the Coastal Association to meet there for the next meeting. Move to adjourn the business meeting.

The congregation sang, "We Have An Anchor" commenced the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was given by Ernest Laxton. There was special singing by members of the Stacy FWB church. They sang "I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary". Pat Hall, pastor of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington spoke from John 13:34. After message, time was given after sermon for congregation of offer testimonies. Instructions for lunch were given by host pastor and Richard Patterson prayed for lunch.

Respectfully submitted, David Rackley – Assistant Clerk

January 25, 2020

Resolutions

1. Whereas, the Stacy Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association; therefore, be it resolved that we indicate our gratitude by a rising vote.

2. Whereas, Rev. Freeman Edwards who served Free Will Baptist churches in several states for many years, and has been a faithful, longstanding honorable member of our Coastal Association who so often added life and laughter to our sessions;

Therefore, be it resolved that a moment of silence be observed in his honor, and that prayer be offered on behalf of his family, currently grieving Bro. Freeman's recent passing.

3.

Whereas, on January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court of the United States circumvented the United States Constitution and legalized abortion in America; and whereas this precarious precedent has resulted in the merciless murder of more than sixty-one million babies; and whereas no nation perpetuating the shedding of innocent blood can expect to escape the vengeance of the "Judge of all the earth" (Gen. 18:25, Prov. 24:11, 12; Jer. 19:4; Heb. 12:29); and whereas this senseless slaughter has continued for forty-seven years;

Therefore, be it resolved that special prayer be offered today by this Body for a nation-wide moral and spiritual revival, a return of the High Court to the rule of Law, and the soon reversal of the reckless ruling in 1973 that created this carnage. Be it further resolved that his Body herein acknowledge its appreciation for President Donald Trump for openly and ardently identifying with the promoting the noble and necessary pro-life movement to protect human life in the womb and for most recently establishing himself as the first U.S. President to both verbally address and physically attend the annual March for Life rally in Washington, D.C.

Be it resolved further still that a copy of this Resolution #3 be sent to our President at his Washington, D.C. address.

Respectfully submitted, Coastal Association Resolutions Committee, Lester Cahoon, Tim Thompson Date: Sunday, January 26, 2020 3:58 PM

From: William Sealy <sealy_william@yahoo.com>

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Subject: APPOINTMENT TO NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Brethren: I received an e-mail this afternoon (1/26/2020) from Brother Ernest Laxton that he failed to appoint a nominating committee at the COASTAL ASSOCIATION meeting on January 25, 2020 but he is expecting the EXAMINING COMMITTEE to serve in this capacity for the April 2020 meeting.

William Romans 8:28-31

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EXAMINING BOARD QUESTIONAIRE

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.

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)

| | <u>Personal</u> | |
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| Date: | | |
| Name: | | |
| Address: | | |
| City: | State: | Zip Code: |
| Date of Birth: | Age: | |
| Telephone: | | |
| Marital Status: | | |
| Wife's Name: | v | |
| 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: |
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| 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

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Testimony of Call to Ministry

<u>Doctrine</u>

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.

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February 6, 2016

Speakers for the Coastal Association

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Annual Report From District Association or Quarterly Meeting

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| Delegates | · · · |
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| A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS | D. BUILDING INFORMATION |
| 1. Number of churches 21 | 1. Number of churches with parsonages |
| 2. Number of churches reporting 20 3. Number of churches: | 2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 1,000,000.00 (?) |
| Within city limits 12 | |
| Rural 8 | E. GENERAL INFORMATION |
| 4. Total number of churches with: | 1. Number of ordained ministers 31 |
| Full-time pastors17 | Licensed ministers |
| Bi-vocational pastors <u>3</u> | (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers) |
| | 2. Number of ordained deacons23 |
| B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION | 3. Number of: DaycaresØ |
| 1. Baptisms 19 2. Members added 20 | Christian Schools |
| 3. Members lost 9 | Bible Institutes |
| 4. Members lost | Colleges |
| C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION | 4. Sunday School enrollment <u>GDD</u> |
| 1. Income of all churches $(?)$ | E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.) |
| 2. Number of churches with budgets14 | |
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