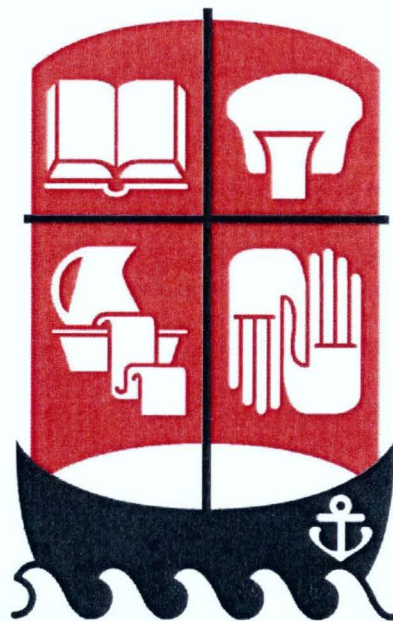


THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST  
FOR  
2020-2021



## OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Jimmy Mercer, Davis

Richard Patterson, Beaufort

Jeff Davis, Sherwood Forest

David Rackley, Bridgeton

Henry Potter, Calvary

James Bradley, Morehead City

## BOARDS

### Examining

Jeff Davis (2022) – Sherwood Forest

William Sealy (2023) – Palmetto Chapel

Richard Patterson (2024) – Beaufort

### Missions

Lester Cahoon (2022) – Cardinal Village

Brownie Wollard (2023) – Morehead City

Pat Hall (2024) – Cape Fear

### Executive

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Assistant Clerk

Treasurer

Gordan Hart (2022) – Palmetto Chapel

Sutton Raynor (2023) - Angola

Buster Radford (2024) – Sherwood Forest

John Savage (2025) - Calvary

### Youth

Devin Cominskie (2022) - Jacksonville

Michael Smart (2023) - Jacksonville

Matt Berry (2024) – New Life

# Coastal Association - Ordained Ministers

	Jul-20	Oct. 2020	Jan. 2021	Apr. 2021
Matthew Berry	P	A	A	A
James Bradley	P	P	E	P
Volney Bryan	A	P	A	A
Tommy Bulla	A	A	P	A
Lester Cahoon	P	P	P	P
Scott Coghill	E	A	A	A
Willie Coleman	A	A	A	A
Devin Cominskie	P	A	P	A
Jeff Davis	P	E	E	P
Larry Haggard	E	P	E	E
Pat Hall	A	A	E	A
Gordan Hart	P	P	E	P
Kenneth Huffman	E	E	E	E
Fred Jenkins	P	A	A	A
Bill Kellum	A	A	A	A
Glenwood Kennedy	P	P	P	A
Ernest Laxton	P	E	P	P
Jimmy Mercer	P	E	P	P
Rudolph Outlaw	P	P	P	P
Richard Patterson	P	P	P	P
Steve Petty	E	E	P	E
Henry Potter	P	P	P	P
Jerry Rackley	P	P	P	P
William Sealy	P	P	P	P
Jason Senn	P	P	A	P
Michael Smart	P	A	A	A
Caleb Smith	E	E	A	P
Tim Thompson	P	P	P	P
Robert Bragan				
Chase Bright				
Joseph Hall				
Jerry Johnson				
Andy Moore (Brazil)				
Dennis Wiggs				
Logan Wolf (Utah)				

## Coastal Association - Member Churches

	"July 2020	Oct. 2020	Jan. 2021	Apr. 2021
Angola	P	P	P	P
Bridgeton	P	P	P	P
Calvary	P	P	P	P
Cape Fear	A	A	A	A
Cardinal Village	P	P	P	P
Community	P	P	P	P
Cove City	P	P	A	P
Davis	P	A	P	P
Emmanuel	P	A	P	A
Faith	A	A	A	A
First, Beaufort	P	P	P	P
First, Jacksonville	P	P	P	A
First, Morehead City	P	P	P	P
First, Richlands	A	P	A	A
Freedom Way	P	P	P	P
Grace, Holly Ridge	A	A	A	A
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P
New Life	P	A	A	A
Ruth's Chapel	A	A	Dropped	Dropped
Sherwood Forest	P	P	A	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

July 25, 2020

Convening at Cardinal Village Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC, on July 25, 2020, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance" and the opening prayer was by Rev. Rudolph Outlaw. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Lester Cahoon.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors we recognized.

The clerk was asked to call the roll of 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 allowed the Moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance – Henry Potter and Richard Patterson; Digest – Jimmy Mercer and Glenwood Kennedy; Resolutions – Tim Thompson and Rudolph Outlaw. The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$880.89, receipts of \$5,630.00 and disbursements of \$5,043.00 and a remaining balance of \$1,467.89.

The Youth Board report was given by Devin Cominskie. He reported that the finances ended in the black. Camp had a total of 68 kids with 30 helpers. He read a statement from NCLL concerning the COVID 19 as related to camp. All financials and the NCLL statement is on file. The Mission Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. He reported on the work with Rex Evans and Dale McCoy. The State Board is investigating a new mission project. Please pray. Molly Barker gave greetings.

Carl Miller representing Harvest Child Care Ministries reported that things were good in spite of COVID 19 which put a stop to his travels. He passed out a school supply list and asked pastors to consider supporting this project. He finished his report by thanking the Coastal pastors for having him come to their churches.

Glenda Fulcher reported from the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund. She reported that \$11,000.00 in scholarship money was awarded to 11 students at Welch College. She encouraged the churches of the Coastal Association to help raise money for the scholarship fund.

After a short recess, the Moderator called for reports from the committees. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's Report. He reported a beginning balance of \$1,467.89, receipts of \$670.00, and disbursements of \$1,222.00 with an ending balance of \$915.89. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee's report was given by Glenwood Kennedy. He reported 12 churches reported; 1 member received; 8 lost by death; 4 by transfer; 938 total membership; 5 baptized; 653 enrolled in Sunday school; 213 enrolled in CTS; 88 enrolled in WAC; 22 enrolled in Mater's Men and 304 average attending Mid-Week Prayer Service. Motion passed to receive the report.

Resolution Committee's report was given by Tim Thompson. He reported:

1. Whereas the Cardinal Village Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we express our gratitude by a rising vote of thanks.
2. Whereas politically, socially, economically, morally and spiritually, our nation is currently in crisis, therefore, be it resolved that a special prayer be offered by this body to our God for a genuine spiritual awakening,

without which our cherished Republic, including our religious freedom, shall perish from the earth. Motion passed and Rev. Richard Patterson led in prayer.

Examining Board had no report.

Nominating Committee report was given by Jeff Davis. He reported the following: All position to remain the same with the following changes: Assistant Treasurer replacing Steve Petty – James Bradley; Replacing William Sealy (Examining Board) William Sealy (2023); Replacing Buster Radford (Executive Board) - Buster Radford (2024); Replacing Brownie Woolard (Mission Board) – Brownie Woolard (2023); Replacing Austen Eaton (Youth Board) – Michael Smart (2023).

The congregation sang “I Must Tell Jesus” to commence the worship service. Prayer was offered by Earnest Laxton. Special music was provided by Cardinal Village Church. Rev. James Bradley, pastor of First FWBC, Morehead City, NC, spoke from Matthew 9:1-8 on the subject, “Pastoring the Desperate and Doubting.”

Next Coastal Association meeting will be October 24, 2020 with the place to be determined.

Motion to adjourn.

Closing prayer by David Thompson

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes  
October 24, 2020

Convening at Cove City Free Will Baptist Church, Cove City, NC, on October 24, 2020, the Coastal Association was called to order by Assistant Moderator Larry Haggard. He also opened in prayer. The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me" with Pastor David Thompson leading the singing. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Rudolph Outlaw. The formal welcome was given by host pastor David Thompson.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized.

1. Linda Steppe – Harvest Child Care - Gave a report
2. Molly Barker
3. Rev. Dale McCoy – Glad Tidings FWB Church
4. Rev. Rex Evans – Freedom FWB Church
5. Rev. Reuben Cason – NC Promoter Director

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion to excuse those requested to be excused. Rev. Henry Potter then made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented in written form. Balance - \$1,467.89, Total receipts - \$2,172.89, Total Disbursements - \$1,222.00, Ending Balance – \$950.89. Motion passed

Offering was taken.

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

Youth Board - No Report

Mission Board: Brownie Woolard

1. Molly Barker – Still waiting to go to Uruguay. Churches in Uruguay opened and then closed because of Covid.
2. Glenda Fulcher- Leah Waddell Scholarship - \$1,019.52 collected so far
3. Rev. Dale McCoy – Glad Tidings –Asheboro – Averaging 20-25 – Pray that insurance will pay for scan - Stage Four Kidney Cancer
4. Rev. Rex Evans – Freedom FWB – Roanoke Rapids – Average 50 – Announced that they will be going self-supporting soon.

Motion and second to accept Mission Board Report

Visitors:

1. Rev. Reuben Cason – NC Promotional Director – Executive Board voted to give \$5,000 to Leah Waddell Scholarship and \$5,000 to the Dolly Stox Scholarship, New Mission work will be announced in January – Thanked Coastal Association for their support of the NC Promotional Department – Nov. 22 North American Ministries Offering – Welch College COVID Student Relief Fund – Jeremiah 29 Initiative – June 7/8 NC State Meeting

Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's Report. He reported a beginning balance of \$950.89, receipts of \$1,325.89, and disbursements of \$1,311.00 and an ending balance of \$14.89. Motion was made to accept report. Second was given.

Digest Committee report was given by Rev. Lester Cahoon. He stated that 12 churches reported; 7 members received; Sunday school enrollment was 406; WAC 58; and the attendance on Wednesday night prayer service was 338. Motion made and second.

Rev. Tim Thompson presented the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Whereas the Cove City Free Will Baptist has so graciously hosted today's Coastal, therefore, be it resolved that we signify our gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.
2. Whereas, from a human standpoint, our country's national elections on November 3, 2020, will doubtless determine the fate of our Constitutional Republic and our ability as believers to freely exercise our faith, Therefore, be it resolved that special prayer by this body be offered this day to our God that He might show Himself strong on our behalf as we vote responsibly and as we plead with Him to heal our land with a genuine revival of Christianity. Rev. James Bradley prayed for the nation.

Examining Board – No report

Rev. Larry Haggard resigned as the Coastal Association's Assistant Moderator  
Move to adjourn the business meeting.

Pastor David Thompson gave a background on the origins of the hymn "At Calvary". The congregation sang, "At Calvary" to commence the beginning of the worship service. Prayer was given by Rev. Henry Potter. There was special singing was provided by David, Marsha and Tim Thompson. Rev. Reuben Cason, the NC State Promotion Director, spoke from Romans 15:14-21 on the subject "Profile of a Passionate Preacher." After the message, instructions for lunch were given by host pastor and there was prayer for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Rackley – Assistant Clerk

Coastal Minutes  
January 23, 2021

Convening at Community Fee Will Baptist Church, Chinquapin, NC, on January 23, 2021, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Rev. Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "At the Cross" with Mrs. Meresa Mercer leading the singing. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Tim Thompson. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Glenwood Kennedy.

Motion carried to seat delegates and visitors were recognized.

1. Carl Miller – Harvest Child Care
2. Molly Barker – Missionary to Uruguay

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion made and second to excuse those requested to be excused. Rev. Henry Potter then made a motion that the minutes be accepted as presented in written form. Balance - \$950.89, Total receipts - \$1,395.89, Total Disbursements - \$1,311.00, Ending Balance – \$84.89. Motion passed

Offering was taken.

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

Youth Board – Devin Cominskie

Gave a report on the Coastal Camp. This year it will be at the Anchorage. The date will be July 5-10 (Monday-Saturday). It is for rising 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to 7<sup>th</sup> graders. The cost will be \$245 per camper and/or sponsor. The limit will be 122. Motion was made and second to accept report.

Mission Board: Lester Cahoon

1. Rev. Rex Evans's church has gone self-supporting
2. Rev. Dale McCoy Cancer Fund – needs support
3. Molly Barker – Still waiting to go to Uruguay – Seminary is on-line. Churches still dealing with COVID. \$700 a month for Cuban pastor
4. Moderator Ernest Laxton read a thank you card from Dale McCoy

Motion made and second to accept Mission Board Report

Moderator asked for petitionary letters.

Early Business:

Ruth's Chapel- A motion was made and second to discuss the issue of Ruth's Chapel's inactivity in the Coastal Association for more than two years. Many attempts have been made to reach out to the pastor on this issue. The pastor has shown no interest in membership of our Coastal Association. Motion was made and second that the Coastal Association break fellowship with regret due to their inactivity. This recognizes that Ruth's Chapel will no longer be a member of



the Coastal Association. However, in the future, if Ruth's Chapel makes changes such as paying their dues, etc. they can petition to rejoin the Association.

Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's Report. Motion was made to accept report. Second was given.

Digest Committee report was given by Rev. Steve Petty. He stated that 12 churches reported; 12 members received; Total Membership 949; Sunday school enrollment was 574; WAC 91; and the attendance on Wednesday night prayer service was 322. Motion made and second.

Rev. Tim Thompson presented the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Whereas the Community FWB Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal, therefore, be it resolved that we signify our gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.
2. Whereas, we are acutely aware that we desperately need our God during these tumultuous times in our nation, Therefore be it resolved that special prayer be offered by this body on this day that our God might sanctify His church, saturate our land with genuine revival and salvage our Constitutional Republic for the cause of Christ, for the sake of truth and for a light to the world.

Respectfully submitted – Tommy Bulla, Tim Thompson Rev. Richard Patterson prayed for God's help.

Examining Board – No report

Moderator Ernest Laxton read an email from Reuben Cason. It discussed the State meeting in June in Greensboro, State Competitions, and number of NC churches needing pastors.

Motion and second for the Examining Committee to be the Nominating Committee.

Offering for the Youth Camp was taken.

Move to adjourn the business meeting.

The congregation sang "Soldiers of the Cross". Prayer requests were given for sick family members. Special music was given by Mrs. Meresa Mercer. She sang "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Rev. Jimmy Mercer preached from II Timothy 2:15, 3:1, and 4:1-5. He preached that we should not buckle during these difficult days. God is stronger than our enemies. Be strong and of a good courage.

Next Coastal meeting will be at Davis FWB Church – April 24<sup>th</sup> 2021

Carl Miller- Harvest - gave a report.

Motion to adjourn and second was given.

Rev. Henry Potter closed in prayer and prayed for lunch.

Respectfully submitted,

David Rackley – Assistant Clerk

## Coastal Minutes

April 24, 2021

Convening at the Davis Free Will Baptist Church, Davis, NC, on April 24, 2021, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Ernest Laxton. The congregation sang, "Nothing but the Blood" and the opening prayer was by Rev. Lester Cahoon. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Jimmy Mercer.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized. (Reuben Cason and Dale and Julie McCoy)

The clerk was asked to call the roll of 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 allowed the Moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance: Henry Potter and James Bradley; Digest: Jason Senn and John Savage; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and Richard Patterson. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$84.89, receipts of \$4,894.00 and disbursements of \$1,079.00 and a remaining balance of \$3,899.89.

The Youth Board had no report. The Mission Board report was given by Brownie Woolard. He reported that Rex Evans has gone self-supporting. Molly Barker gave greetings. She said that COVID had really hit hard in Uruguay. She updated us on her mission account. She does not receive a salary from the account, but sends \$700.00 monthly to support the Cuban pastor and \$500.00 monthly to the caregiver of the camp. Dale McCoy reported that things are still going at Glad Tidings Church in Asheboro. He is still battling health issues and desires continued prayers. They have a goal to be self-supporting April 2022.

Glenda Fulcher gave The Leah Waddell Scholarship report. They had a goal of \$10,000.00 but have exceeded the goal for this year.

Reuben Cason presented the Promotional Office report. He reported on the following items:

2020 North Carolina was the top giving state to national Ministries

Thank you for your continued support

CTS Competition (7 churches with 70 categories headed to Memphis)

WAC State Meeting - May 1 at White Oak Hill Church

State Meeting – June 7-8; Greensboro

Minister's retreat – September 27-28; Glad Tidings Church

Prayer Request and burden – 13 churches need pastors

After a short recess, the Moderator called for the reports from the committees. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee's report. He reported a beginning balance of \$3,899.89, receipts of \$2,176.00 and disbursements of \$5,461.00 with an ending balance of \$614.89. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee's report was given by Jason Senn. He reported 12 churches reporting; 12 members received; 10 member lost by death; 0 members lost by transfer; total membership of 952; 0 baptized; 544 enrolled in Sunday school; 227 enrolled in CTS; 69 in WAC; 2 in Master's Men and an average attendance on Wednesday of 369. Motion passed to receive the report.

Resolution Committee report was given by Tim Thompson. He reported: Whereas the Davis Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we express our gratitude by a rising vote of thanks.

Examining Board had no report.

Nominating Committee report was given by William Sealy. He reported that the following: all positions to remain the same with the following changes: Moderator - Jimmy Mercer; Assistant Moderator – Richard Patterson; Examining Board – Richard Patterson (2024); Mission Board – Pat Hall (2024); Executive Committee – John Savage (2025); Youth Board – Matt Berry (2024). Motion passed to elected submitted names from the Nominating Committee.

The congregation sang "In Christ Alone" to commence the worship service. Prayer was offered by Rudolph Outlaw. Special music was provided by Addison, a young lady from the Davis Church. Rev. Jeff Davis, pastor of the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, spoke from Isaiah 40:31 on the subject, "Wait."

The next Coastal Association will be held in July with the place to be determined.

Altar prayer for our country by the ministers closed the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

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	David Thompson	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	James Bradley	Peggie Hoffman
First, Richlands	Volney Bryan	Judy Weaver
Freedom Way	Steve Petty	Phyllis Gray
Grace	Kenneth Huffman	Cindy Woolard
New Life	Scott Coghill	Larry Moore
Palmetto Chapel	William Sealy	Carolyn Sealy
Sherwood Forest	Jeff Davis	Linda Simons
Stacy	Ernest Laxton	Beth Nelson

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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

## Speakers for the Coastal Association

"July 2017	Rudolph Outlaw
"October 2017	Johnny Hudson
"January 2018	Larry Haggard
"April 2018	Ernest Laxton
"August 2018	Jimmy Mercer
"October 2018	Steve Petty
"January 2019	Pat Hall
"April 2019	Kenny Huffman
"August 2019	Ken Cash
"October 2019	Danny Baer
	Marc Holloman
"January 2020	Pat Hall
"April 2020	Cancelled Covid 19
"July 2020	James Bradley
"October 2020	Reuben Cason
"January 2021	Jimmy Mercer
"April 2021	Jeff Davis

# Annual Report From District Association or Quarterly Meeting

Association Name Coastal Association  
 Meeting Location Davis FWBC Date 04 / 24 / 2021 (month/day/year)  
 Reporting Period April / 2020 to April / 2021 (month/year)  
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## Delegates

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

## A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 20
2. Number of churches reporting 14
3. Number of churches:  
 Within city limits 8  
 Rural 6
4. Total number of churches with:  
 Full-time pastors 11  
 Bi-vocational pastors 3

## B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 7
2. Members added 23
3. Members lost 35
4. Membership 1122

## C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 638,000.00
2. Number of churches with budgets 12

## D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 6
2. Value of all church property including  
 parsonages \$ 4,290,000.00

## E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 28  
 Licensed ministers 0  
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 18
3. Number of:  
 Daycares 0  
 Christian Schools 1  
 Bible Institutes 1  
 Colleges 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 537

## E. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

- Name N/A  
 Value \$ 0

☒ I am submitting, with the report, two copies of the latest association minutes to be sent, along with the reports, to the state clerk (who will forward them to the NAFWB Executive Office).

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

Print completed form and send to district or state association as appropriate. Please attach recommendations and requests to this form.

