

THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST
FOR
2021-2022

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Henry Potter, Calvary

James Bradley, Morehead City

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William Sealy (2023 – Palmetto Chapel

Richard Patterson (2024) – Beaufort

Jeff Davis (2025) – Sherwood Forest

Missions

Brownie Wollard (2023) – Morehead City

Pat Hall (2024) – Cape Fear

Lester Cahoon (2025) – Cardinal Village

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John Savage (2025) - Calvary

Michael Fulcher (2026) - Stacy

Youth

Michael Smart (2023) - Jacksonville

Matt Berry (2024) – New Life

Moises Colop (2025) – New Life

Caleb Smith (2026) - Beaufort

Devin Cominskie (2027) - Jacksonville

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Brownie Wollard (2023) – Morehead City
P.O. Box 866
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Pat Hall (2024) – Cape Fear
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Wilmington, NC 28546

Lester Cahoon (2025) – Cardinal Village
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Jacksonville, NC 28540

Youth

Michael Smith (2023) – Jacksonville
919 Gum Branch Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Matt Berry (2024) – New Life
2911 Old Cherry Point Road
New Bern, NC 28560

Moises Colop (2025) – New Life
2911 Old Cherry Point Road
New Bern, NC 28560

Caleb Smith (2026) – Beaufort
P.O. Box 2069
Beaufort, NC 28516

Members-at-Large

Sutton Raynor (2023) – Angola

C/O Tim Thompson

1348 Gould Road

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Buster Radford (2024) – Sherwood Forest

2601 Neuse Blvd

New Bern, NC 28562

John Savage (2025) – Calvary

C/O Henry Potter

1008 Haws Run Road

Maple Hill, NC 28454

Michael Fulcher (2026) - Stacy

1247 Hwy 70

Stacy, NC 28581

Youth Board (cont.)

Devin Cominskie (2027) - Jacksonville

919 Gum Branch Road

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Coastal Association - Ordained Ministers

	Jul-21	Oct. 2021	Jan. 2022	Apr. 2022
Matthew Berry	A	A	A	A
James Bradley	E	P	P	P
Volney Bryan	P	DECEASED	DECEASED	DECEASED
Tommy Bulla	P	P	A	A
Lester Cahoon	P	P	P	P
Scott Coghill	A	A	A	A
Willie Coleman	A	A	A	DECEASED
Devin Cominskie	A	P	A	A
Jeff Davis	P	P	P	P
Larry Haggard	E	P	A	E
Pat Hall	E	P	A	P
Gordan Hart	E	P	A	A
Kenneth Huffman	A	A	A	A
Fred Jenkins	P	A	A	A
Bill Kellum	A	P	A	A
Glenwood Kennedy	P	E	P	P
Ernest Laxton	P	A	E	E
Jimmy Mercer	P	E	P	P
Rudolph Outlaw	E	E	E	DECEASED
Richard Patterson	P	P	P	P
Steve Petty	E	P	E	E
Henry Potter	P	P	P	P
Jerry Rackley	E	E	P	E
William Sealy	P	P	P	P
Jason Senn	A	A	A	A
Michael Smart	A	P	P	A
Caleb Smith	P	A	P	E
Tim Thompson	P	P	P	P

Holding but moved to another Association				
Robert Bragan				
Chase Bright				
Joseph Hall				
Jerry Johnson				
Andy Moore (Brazil)				
Dennis Wiggs				
Logan Wolf (Utah)				

Coastal Association - Member Churches

	"July 2021	Oct. 2021	Jan. 2022	Apr. 2022
Angola	P	P	P	P
Bridgeton	A	A	P	A
Calvary	P	P	P	P
Cape Fear	A	P	A	P
Cardinal Village	P	P	P	P
Community	P	A	P	P
Cove City	A	P	A	A
Davis	P	A	P	P
Emmanuel	P	P	A	A
Faith	A	A	A	A
First, Beaufort	P	P	P	P
First, Jacksonville	A	P	P	A
First, Morehead City	P	P	P	P
First, Richlands	P	P	A	P
Freedom Way	A	P	A	A
Grace, Holly Ridge	A	A	A	A
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P
New Life	A	A	A	A
Sherwood Forest	P	P	P	P
Stacy	P	A	A	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 31, 2021

Convening at the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC, on July 31, 2021, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Jimmy Mercer. The congregation sang, "The Blood Will Never Loose It's Power." Opening prayer was by Tim Thompson. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Rev. Tommy Bulla. Moderator Jimmy Mercer presented a devotion from 2 Corinthians 12:9.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and there were no visitors to recognize.

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused for the day. 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 Ernest Laxton; Digest: Lester Cahoon and Glenwood Kennedy; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and Richard Patterson. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$3,899.89, receipts of \$2,176.00 and disbursements of \$5,461.00 and a remaining balance of \$614.89.

There was no Youth Board report. The Mission Board report was given by Lester Cahoon. He reported that Dale McRoy's surgery to remove a kidney went well and that Dale is recovering. He also announced that the State Mission Board has appointed two new missionaries to Hickory, NC. The Smith's and the Huff's are raising support now. He encouraged our churches to get behind them. Molly Barker was asked to come forward to present her report. She is ready to go back to Uruguay as soon as the country opens again.

Molly Barker gave the Leah Waddell Scholarship report. The fund sent \$12,000 to Welch College in May to be distributed among North Carolina students. Eight students received \$1,500 each (2 students being from the Coastal Association). A goal of \$12,500 has been set for 2021-2022. The new address for the Treasurer is Shelby Cominski, 108 Browning CT., Clayton, NC 27520.

There was a special time of prayer for Rev. Larry Haggard, pastor of the First FWBC, Jacksonville, NC, as he is undergoing kidney dialysis. He had stopped in to deliver his letter on his way to dialysis.

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 \$614.89, receipts of \$527.00 and disbursements of \$755.00 with an ending balance of \$386.89. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee's Report was given by Lester Cahoon. He report 13 churches reporting; 4 members received; 8 members lost by death; 1 member lost by transfer; total membership - 928; Number baptized - 3; Number enrolled in Sunday school - 599; Number enrolled in CTS - 177; Number enrolled in WAC - 57; Number enrolled in Master's Men - 24 and average attendance in Mid-week service - 277 (21.3). Motion passed to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee Report was given by Richard Patterson. There were four resolutions.

Resolutions 1 and 2 were from the National Association Meeting in Memphis, TN. (see attached resolutions).

Number 3 stated, "Whereas the Emmanuel Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore be it resolved that we indicated our sincere appreciation by a rising vote of thanks."

Number 4 stated, "Whereas according the Holy Scriptures, prayer (individual and corporate) is the means by which we communicate with our God in expressing our praise and petitions (Matthew 7:7; Philippians 4:6; 1 Peter 5:7) and whereas Christ reminds us that "men ought always to pray and not to faint" (Luke 18:1), Therefore, be it resolved that this body call upon our God this day in special prayer regarding the following concerns: our nine NC Free Will Baptist churches in need of pastoral leadership; our own Coastal ministers currently sustaining severe health issues; and our beloved nation in desperate need of a genuine revival of true Christianity, without which we are destined for destruction (Psalm 9:17)."

Each item was voted on individually and passed. There was no report for the Examining Board.

The Congregation sang, "When We All Get To Heaven" to commence the worship service. Special music was provide by a Ladies Duet from the church. They sang, "I am Blessed" and "Finish Well". Rev. Caleb Smith, youth pastor from the First FWBC, Beaufort, NC spoke from Judges 6:15 on the subject, "The Gospel is for all People – How Can I Save Israel?"

Announcements:

God's Man Conference at New Life Church, New Bern, NC on August 6-7, 2021

The next Coastal Meeting will be at First FWBC, Jacksonville, NC on October 23, 2021 at 10:00

Motion passed to adjourn. Closing prayer was given by Molly Barker.

Lunch was served by the host church in their fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

October 23, 2021

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Jacksonville, NC, on October 23, 2021, the Coastal Association was called to order by Assistant Moderator Richard Patterson. A prayer was offered by David Williford, Vice President of Institution Advancement, Welch College. The official welcome was given by Larry Haggard, host pastor. The congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus."

Motion carried to seat the 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 for the day. Motion then passed that the minutes be accepted as printed. An offering was received.

A motion and second allowed the Assistant Moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance: Henry Potter and William Sealy; Digest: Buster Radford and Steve Petty; Resolutions: Tim Thomson and Lester Cahoon. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$614.89, receipts of \$527.00 and disbursements of \$755.00 and a remaining balance of \$386.89.

Derek Cominski presented the Youth Board report. He noted two new members had been added to the board (Moises Colop of New Life and Caleb Smith of First Beaufort). He gave a brief report of camp and reported that 16 professions of faith were noted in 2021. Finances are good with a balance of \$2,847.93. The Mission Board report was given by Pat Hall and Reuben Cason. They noted the Dale McCoy Offering, Project Hickory and Molly Barker. Reuben Cason also gave his Promotional Director's report. He said this has been a good year for the office. He noted appreciation to all pastors and reported on the Minister's Retreat. There was a special time of prayer for the Mission works.

In early business, Paul Hansen from the First Church, Morehead City, reported that we need to stand with those who stand for the right. He mentioned Lt. Governor Mark Robinson. He said he had information for anyone who desired to write or call government leaders.

After a brief recess, the Assistant Moderator called for the reports from the committees. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$386.89, receipts of \$484.00, and disbursements of \$800.00 with an ending balance of \$70.89. Motion passed to receive the report.

The Digest Committee report was given by Steve Petty. He reported 12 churches reporting; 7 members received; 10 members lost by death; 0 members lost by transfer; total membership of 927; 3 baptized; Sunday school enrollment of 370; CTS enrollment of 66; Master's Men enrollment of 12; id-week average attendance of 358. Motion passed to receive the report.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Tim Thomson. There were three resolutions.

1. Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, Therefore be it resolved that by a rising vote of thanks we signal our sincere appreciation.

2. Whereas we continue to painfully witness the relentless deliberate dismantling of the moral and spiritual foundations upon which our historically rare Republic rests, such devastation being wrought by the enemies of God and good, Therefore, be it resolved that our Coastal church leaders continue urging their congregations to plead with our God for a genuine nationwide revival of Christianity, without which our once God-blessed country will collapse under its own condemnation and corruption.

3. Whereas rev. Rudolph Outlaw, one of our own Coastal ministers, has faithfully followed our Lord as pastor and evangelist and has served various terms as our Association's moderator and whereas our beloved brother is currently battling the critical cancer that threatens his life, Therefore, be it that this body offer unto our God a special prayer on behalf of this man, who for the past approximately fifty years, has proved a faithful warrior in the cause of Christ and Truth.

Each item was voted on individually and passed. The Examining Board had no report.

The worship service was opened with David Williford presenting from Welch College, Gallatin, TN. The Rejoice Ministry Team presented several musical numbers. Todd Parrish, Welch College, preached the morning from 1 Corinthians 16:9.

Larry Haggard gave instructions for lunch. Motion passed to adjourn.

Coastal Association

February 5, 2022

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Beaufort, NC, on February 5, 2022, the Coastal Association was called to order by the Moderator Jimmy Mercer. The congregation sang, "The Longer I Serve Him" led by Richard Patterson. A prayer was offered by James Bradley.

Moderator Jimmy Mercer offered a devotional from Philippians 4 and we had special prayer for the Dale McCoy Family and the Leonard Lindsey Family.

Motion carried to seat the 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 for the day. Motion then passed that the minutes be accepted as printed. An offering as received.

A motion and second allowed the Moderator to appoint committees for the day then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance Committee: Henry Potter and James Bradley; Digest Committee: Lester Cahoon and Glenwood Kennedy; Resolutions Committee: Tim Thompson and Richard Patterson; the Examining Committee will serve as the Nominating Committee for the April Meeting. The Treasure's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$386.89, receipts of \$484.00 and disbursements of \$800.00 with a remaining balance of \$70.89.

Caleb Smith presented the Youth Board report. He noted that the youth camp this year will be held July 4-9 at the Anchorage Camp. The speaker will be John Johnson. The cost is \$255.00 per camper if registered before June 1 (\$275.00 after this date). Camp is for those rising third graders through seventh graders. A love offering was requested, which was granted. The offering was \$140.00 which was given directly to the Youth Board).

Mission Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. He reported that the Glad Tidings Church had called Mark Cahoon to be pastor. This is Lester Cahoon's son. He gave us an update on Project Hickory and Molly Barker.

Moderator asked the question what it would take to get more participation in the Coastal Association. Then he encouraged every church and every minister to please attend these meetings.

Carl Miler was recognized to give the Harvest Child Care report. He noted that the home has ministered to over 2,000 children since it started. They also are helping 32 children in Mexico. He also noted that February is "Have a Heart for Harvest" month. Monies raised this month will help offset the debt of the home. Save your 'H' dollars for Harvest and consider donating to the Walkway of Hope (\$1,000.00 per brick).

Glenda Fulcher gave the Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund report. This is a special project of the NC State Association to help students at Welch College that attend churches in North Carolina. 2022 goal is \$12,500.00. To date, \$7,185.55 has been collected. Please consider to give a special offering to the fund before May.

Announcements before the recess: Sympathy card for the McCoy Family was passed around for folks to sign; Seminar with Dr. Eddie Moody next Saturday at the Davis Church beginning at 9:30. A special announcement cards was passed out.

After a brief recess, the Moderator called for the reports from the committees. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$70.89, receipts of \$822.00 and disbursements of \$400.00 with an ending balance of \$492.89. Motion passed to receive the report.

The Digest Committee report was given by Lester Cahoon. He reported 12 churches reporting; 3 members received; 0 members lost by death; 1 member lost by transfer; a total membership of 728; 5 members baptized; Sunday school enrollment of 531; CTS enrollment of 64; WAC enrollment of 54; master's Men enrollment of 22 and average attendance on Wednesday night of 281 (23). Motion passed to receive the report.

The Resolution Committee report was given by Tim Thompson. There were two resolutions.

- I. Whereas the Beaufort Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore, be it resolved that we signal our sincere appreciation by a rising vote of thanks.
- II. Whereas Scripture exhorts us that "in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving [to let our] requests be made known unto God" (Phil. 4:6);

Therefore, be it resolved that this body exercise this obligation and opportunity relative to the following fronts:

- A. To render thanks to our God for granting grace to Rudolph Outlaw concerning his health and healing,
- B. To pray again for the Dale McCoy family (Asheboro Church), especially Mrs. Julie, as they sustain the sadness associated with Bro. Dale's so recent passing,
- C. To remember those in our Coastal churches who are experiencing serious health challenges, and
- D. To plead with our God to influence our United States Supreme Court to issue a ruling favorable to life in the Mississippi Dobbs case, as we reflect that over the past forty-nine years legalized "abortion on demand" in America has resulted in the mass murder of 63,000,000 of the most innocent and defenseless members of the human race.

Each item was voted on individually and passed. The Examining Board had no report.

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "I Know Who Holds Tomorrow." Sister Nancy Tillman sang the special entitled, "When Peace like a River." Richard Patterson, pastor of the First FWB Church, Beaufort, NC, preached the morning message from Titus 2:11-15. At the conclusion, he gave instructions for lunch and dismissed.

Coastal Association

May 7, 2022

Convening at the Calvary Free Will Baptist Church, Maple Hill, NC, on May 7, 2022, the Coastal Association was opened with a congregational song, "When the Roll is called up yonder." Prayer was by Jeff Davis. The official welcome was given by host pastor, Henry Potter. Jimmy Mercer read scripture from Matthew 3 and presented the morning devotion. Moderator Jimmy Mercer called the meeting to order.

Motion carried to seat the delegates. There were no visitors present.

The clerk was asked to call the roll of preachers and churches. Motion carried to excuse those that requested to be excused for the day. Motion carried to honor three ministers that have passed from our Coastal this past year (Rev. Volney Bryan, Rev. Rudolph Outlaw, and Rev. Willie Coleman). Each one was honored by an individual and prayer for their families.

The clerk then called the roll of churches. Motion carried to receive minutes as written. The morning offering was received. Motion was made for the Moderator to appoint committees for the day. Appointments were as follows: Finance – Henry Potter and James Bradley; Digest – Glenwood Kennedy and Michael Fulcher; Resolutions – Tim Thompson and Lester Cahoon.

The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$70.89, receipts of \$2,537.00 and disbursements of \$400.00 with a remaining balance of \$2,207.89.

There was no Youth Board report. The Mission Board report was given by Lester Cahoon. He reported that Project Hickory was doing well with about 80% of their support raised. He called on Molly Barker to present her mission. She reported that she would be returning to Uruguay at the end of May. She is going to come back to the states for eye surgery on August 2.

Under Early Business, Richard Patterson announced that the Go Global Conference would be at the October 2022 Coastal Association. Under the leadership of Jerry Gibbs, International Missions would put the program on during our meeting. There will be morning and afternoon sessions. Missionaries would then speak in our churches on Sunday, October 23. Please let Richard know if you are interested in having a missionary.

After a brief recess, the Moderator called for the reports from the committees. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$2,207.89, receipts of \$2,390.00 and disbursements of \$ 4,925.42 with an ending balance of -\$327.53. He explained that 4 churches owe for quarterly dues and annual dues. This amount is \$1,120.00. Letter and phone call would be sent this week. He noted that last year everyone paid their fees and he didn't foresee a problem this year. Motion passed to receive the report.

The Digest Committee report was not given because they forgot to meet. Motion passed that the Clerk compile the report. Number of churches reporting - 15; Number received - 7; Number lost by death - 6; Number lost by transfer - 2; Total membership - 1035; Number baptized - 9; Number enrolled in Sunday school - 640; Number enrolled in CTS - 157; Number enrolled in WAC - 88; Number enrolled in Master's Men - 19; Average number attending Mid - Week - 441 (29.4).

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Tim Thompson. There were two resolutions.

1. Whereas the Calvary Church has so graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we indicate our gratitude by a rising vote.
2. Whereas a slight majority of justices on the current United States Supreme Court appear poised to overturn the un-Constitutional ruling of the 1973 Court (a decision resulting in the merciless massacre of sixty-two million babies), Therefore, be it resolved that prayer by this body be offered this day to our God that the noble and necessary resolve of these ruling judges might indeed materialize, helping to halt this unconscionable holocaust and reflect a semblance of moral sanity for a confused and corrupt culture in desperate need of truth.

The report was received as a whole and passed. The Examining Committee had no report.

The Nominating Committee report was given by William Sealy. Motion passed to elect by acclamation.

Moderator Jimmy Mercer – Jimmy Mercer

Assistant Moderator Richard Patterson – Richard Patterson

Clerk Jeff Davis – Jeff Davis

Assistant Clerk David Rackley – David Rackley

Treasurer Henry Potter – Henry Potter

Assistant Treasurer James Bradley – James Bradley

Examining Board Jeff Davis – Jeff Davis (2025)

Executive Board Gordan Hart – Michael Fulcher (2026)

Mission Board Lester Cahoon – Lester Cahoon (2025)

Youth Board Devin Cominskie – Devin Cominskie (2027)

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was offered by Henry Potter, who also sang the special "I Call It Home."

Pat Hall, pastor of the Cape Fear Free Will Baptist Church, Wilmington, NC preached the morning message from Revelation 21:1-27. An invitation and prayer time was offered.

Henry Potter gave instructions for lunch and dismissed in prayer.

Upcoming Associational meetings:

July 30, 2022 – First Morehead City FWBC at 10:00

October 22, 2022 – Sherwood Forest FWBC at 10:00 (Go Global Conference)

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	
Calvary	Henry Potter	Annie King
Cape Fear	Pat Hall	
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	Jessica Cole
Faith	Jason Bell	Vicki Riggs
First, Beaufort	Richard Patterson	Gaye Atwood
First, Jacksonville	Larry Haggard	Amanda Atiogoue
First, Morehead City	James Bradley	
First, Richlands		Judy Weaver
Freedom Way	Steve Petty	Phyllis Gray
Grace	Kenneth Huffman	Patty Padgett
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.

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
"July 2021	Caleb Smith
"October 2021	Welch College
	Todd Parrish
"February 2022	Richard Patterson
"May 2022	Pat Hall

Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists

Obituary Report

Rev. Volney Bryan

December 21, 1931 – August 20, 2021 (age 88)

Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church, Richlands, NC



Annual Report From District Association or Quarterly Meeting

Association Name Coastal
 Meeting Location Calvary FWBC Date 5 / 7 / 22 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period April / 2021 to April / 2022 (month/year)
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Delegates

- | | |
|----------|----------|
| 1. _____ | 4. _____ |
| 2. _____ | 5. _____ |
| 3. _____ | |

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 20
2. Number of churches reporting 15
3. Number of churches:
 Within city limits 9
 Rural 6
4. Total number of churches with:
 Full-time pastors 10
 Bi-vocational pastors 5

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 15
2. Members added 28
3. Members lost 19
4. Membership 973

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 473881.03
2. Number of churches with budgets 11

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 5
2. Value of all church property including
 parsonages \$ 10,160,960.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 16
 Licensed ministers 0
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
2. Number of ordained deacons 24
3. Number of:
 Daycares 0
 Christian Schools 1
 Bible Institutes 0
 Colleges 0
4. Sunday School enrollment 599

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.

