

THE COASTAL ASSOCIATION
OF
NORTH CAROLINA FREE WILL BAPTISTS



ANNUAL DIGEST
FOR
2022-2023

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Richard Patterson (2024) – Beaufort

Jeff Davis (2025) – Sherwood Forest

William Sealy (2026) – Palmetto Chapel

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Pat Hall (2024) – Cape Fear

Tim Thompson (2025) - Angola

Jimmy Mercer (2026) – Davis

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Michael Fulcher (2026) – Stacy

Sutton Raynor (2027) - Angola

Youth

Matt Berry (2024) – New Life

Moises Colop (2025) – New Life

Caleb Smith (2026) - Beaufort

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Michael Smart (2028) - Jacksonville

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Pat Hall (2024) – Cape Fear
5350 Holly Tree
Wilmington, NC 28546

Tim Thompson (2025) - Angola
1348 Gould Rd
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Jimmy Mercer (2026) - Davis
P.O. Box 41
Davis, NC 28524

Youth

Matt Berry (2024) – New Life
2911 Old Cherry Point Rd
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

Devin Cominskie (2027) - Jacksonville
919 Gum Branch Road
Jacksonville, NC 28540

Executive Board (cont.) Members-at-Large

Youth Board (cont.)

Buster Radford (2024) – Sherwood Forest

Michael Smart (2028) - Jacksonville

2601 Neuse Blvd

919 Gum Branch Rd

New Bern, NC 28562

Jacksonville, NC 28540

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

Sutton Rayner (2027) – Angola

c/o Tim Thompson

1348 Gould Rd

Jacksonville, NC 28540

Holding for 2028 - 2029

Robert Bragan
Chase Bright
Joseph Hall
Jerry Johnson
Andy Moore
Dennis Wages
Logan Wolf

Coastal Association - Ordained Ministers

	Jul-22	22-Oct	Jan. 2023	Apr. 2023
Matthew Berry	P	A	P	A
James Bradley	P	E	P	P
Tommy Bulla	A	A	P	A
Lester Cahoon	P	P	P	E
Scott Coghill	A	A	P	A
Devin Cominskie	A	A	A	A
Jeff Davis	P	P	P	P
Larry Haggard	A	E	Deceased	Deceased
Pat Hall	A	A	A	A
Gordan Hart	A	A	A	E
Kenneth Huffman	P	A	P	A
Fred Jenkins	A	A	A	A
Bill Kellum	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased	Deceased
Glenwood Kennedy	P	E	P	P
Ernest Laxton	P	P	E	A
Jimmy Mercer	P	P	P	P
Richard Patterson	A	P	P	P
Steve Petty	A	P	P	P
Henry Potter	P	P	P	P
Jerry Rackley	P	P	E	E
William Sealy	P	P	P	P
Jason Senn	A	A	A	A
Michael Smart	P	A	P	A
Caleb Smith	P	E	A	P
Tim Thompson	P	P	E	P
Jeremy Verret			P	A

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 2022	Oct. 2022	Jan. 2023	Apr. 2023
Angola	P	P	A	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	A	P	P
Cove City	P	A	A	P
Davis	P	P	P	P
Emmanuel	A	A	P	A
Faith	A	A	A	A
First, Beaufort	P	P	P	P
First, Jacksonville	P	A	P	P
First, Morehead City	P	A	P	P
First, Richlands	A	P	P	P
Freedom Way	A	P	P	P
Grace, Holly Ridge	P	A	P	A
Palmetto Chapel	P	P	P	P
New Life	P	A	P	P
Sherwood Forest	P	P	P	P
Stacy	P	P	A	A

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 30, 2022

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Morehead City, NC, on July 30, 2022, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Jimmy Mercer. The Congregation sang, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Opening prayer was by Jerry Rackley. The formal welcome was given by host pastor James Bradley. Moderator presented a devotion from Mark 5.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized (Carl Miller – Harvest Child care Ministries and Reuben Cason – NC Promotional office).

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 say then passed. Appointments were as follows: Finance: Henry Potter and James Bradley; Digest: Ernest Laxton and David Rackley; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and David Thomson. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$2207.89, receipts of \$3,330.00 and disbursements of \$5,025.42 and a remaining balance of \$512.47.

The Youth Board report was given by Michael Smart. He reported that Camp was held July 4-9 with 112 campers representing 8 churches. John Johnson was the speaker with 10 salvations. He reported a beginning balance of \$2,847.93 with an ending balance of \$2,777.68.

The Mission Board report was given by Lester Cahoon. Molly Barker spoke about her upcoming eye surgery and her plans to return to Uruguay to settle some business. An update on Project Hickory was given (Brandon Smith and Jonathan Huff).

The Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund report was given by Glenda Fulcher. She reported that \$10,350.00 was divided between 8 students at Welch College. She encouraged the churches to get involved and help raise the \$10,500.00 goal for 2023.

Harvest Child Care Ministries report was given by Carl Miller. He reported that he was able to attend the National Convention working the booth and meeting many folks. The home is still working to eliminate all debt and are looking for cottage parents.

The North Carolina Promotional Office report was given by Reuben Cason. He reported that the State Meeting was a wonderful time together. The Project Hickory church now has a name "Hope Church". He reminded us of the World Missions Offering. Information was given concerning the Hispanic Institute moving to Parker's Chapel Church in Greenville.

After a short recess, Jeremy Verret reported on a book he had written and offered free copies to all in attendance. Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$512.47, receipts of \$445.00 and disbursements of \$700.00 with an ending balance of \$257.47. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee report was given by David Rackley. He reported 13 churches reporting; 9 members received; 2 members lost by death; 0 members lost by transfer; total membership – 890; Number baptized – 3; Number enrolled in Sunday school – 526; Number enrolled in CTS – 160; Number enrolled in WAC – 72; Number enrolled in Master's Men – 17; Average number attending Mid-week – 22. Motion carried to receive the report.

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

1. Whereas the Morehead City Church has graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we indicate our sincere gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.
2. Whereas the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling on abortion returns this issue to the states, their citizens and elected representatives, and

Whereas this rendering is a positive response from our God to the periodic prayers over many years offered by this Associational body,

Therefore be it resolved that we this day render our corporate thanks to God for this correct and courageous ruling in favor of freedom, Constitutional Law and the sanctity of human life.

Each item was voted on individually and passed. There was no report from the Examining board.

The congregation sang "It Is Well with My Soul" to commence the worship service. Prayer was offered by Henry Potter for the family of Rev. Bill Kellum who recently passed away. Kenneth Huffman offered a prayer for the service and remembered Resolution number 2.

Special music was provide by the host church. They sang "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

NC Promotional Director, Reuben Cason brought the morning message. He spoke from 2 Timothy 4:1-8 on the subject "Sold Out." He noted that we need to Rely on the Scriptures; Respond to the Spirit; rest in the Savior; Resolve to Stand. Many responded to the invitation.

Announcements:

October 22 meeting will be at the Sherwood Forest FWBC, New Bern, NC. The Meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m. (Go Global Meeting)

James Bradley gave instructions for the meal and asked the blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

October 22, 2022

Convening at the Sherwood Forest Free Will Baptist Church, New Bern, NC, on October 22, 2022, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Jimmy Mercer. Due to the nature of the meeting several things were conducted differently. To begin with, the congregation counted off in numbers between 1 and 5 (for group sessions later).

Jerry Gibbs from Free Will Baptist International Missions opened in prayer. Jeff Davis, host pastor, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Motion carried to seat the delegates. Visitors were recognized and Linda Stepps gave greetings from Harvest Child Care Ministries.

A motion passed that the minutes be accepted as presented in writing. 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. 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; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and Lester Cahoon.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$512.47, receipts of \$900.00 and disbursements of \$700.00 and a remaining balance of \$712.47. The Examining Board report was given by William Sealy. The Examining Board met with Brother Jeremy Varret and recommend that we ratify his ordination. Motion passed.

The clerk was asked to prepare the Digest Committee report and place the findings in the minutes. The following was found: Number of churches reporting: 14; Number received: 46; Number lost by death: 3; Number lost by transfer: 2; Total membership: 1071; Number baptized: 17; Number enrolled in Sunday school: 603; Number enrolled in Church Training Service: 128; Number enrolled in WAC: 101; Number enrolled in Master's Men: 39; Average number attending Wednesday prayer service: 28.79.

Tim Thompson gave the Resolution Committees Report. There were two items. 1. 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 rising vote of thanks. 2. Whereas over the next sixteen days millions of American citizens will cast votes relative to our national, state and local mid-term Election Day, and Whereas, from the human standpoint and involvement, this election will likely determine wither the ultimate rescue or utter ruin of our Constitutional Republic, Therefore, be it resolved that special prayer by this body be rendered this day to our God regarding this critical election on November 8. Both motions passed.

Henry Potter gave the final Treasurer's Report. He reported a beginning balance of \$712.47, receipts of \$455.00, and disbursements of \$1,100.00 with an ending balance of \$67.47.

The service was turned over to Jerry Gibbs and several missionaries to present the Go Global program for Free Will Baptist International Missions.

Announcements:

Next Meeting will be at Richlands First Free Will Baptist Church in January 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Jeff Davis gave instructions for the meal and asked the blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

January 28, 2023

Convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Richlands, NC, on January 28, 2023, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Jimmy Mercer. The Congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus". Opening prayer was by Host pastor, Jeremy Verret. The formal welcome was given by host pastor Jeremy Verret. Moderator presented a devotion from Matthew 16:13, 24-26.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized (Carl and Mary Miller – Harvest Child Care Ministries and Southeastern Free Will Baptist College).

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 James Bradley; Digest: Glenwood Kennedy and Jeremy Verret; Resolutions: Scott Coghill and David Rackley; Nominating Committee for 2023 – Examining Committee. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$712.47, receipts of \$490.00 and disbursements of \$1,100.00 and a remaining balance of \$102.47.

The Youth Board report was given by Matthew Berry. He reported that Camp will be held July 3-8. The cost will be \$280.00 if paid by June 1, the \$300.00 after June 1.

The Mission Board report was given by Lester Cahoon. Project Hickory is 102% funded in commitments and the team is looking for a place to meet. Molly Barker is coming back to the U.S. in February. Please pray that she can tie up loose ends there in Uruguay.

Under Early Business, the conference recognized the passing of Pastor Lester Cahoon's wife, Darlene, and Pastor Larry Haggard. A time of prayer was given for their memory and for their families.

Harvest Child Care Ministries report was given by Carl Miller. He reported that the Coastal Association had given \$5,000.00 from January 2006 – January 2023. February is Have a Heart for Harvest Month. All monies will be directed towards debt reduction. Goal is to have all debt paid in August of 2023.

The Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund report was given by Glenda Fulcher. She encouraged the churches to get involved and help raise the \$10,500.00 goal for 2023. As of date, \$7,298.55 has been given.

After a short recess, Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$102.47, receipts of \$1,118.00 and disbursements of \$560.00 with an ending balance of \$30.47. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee report was given by Jeremy Verret. He reported 16 churches reporting; 57 members received; 8 members lost by death; 3 members lost by transfer; total membership – 1553; Number baptized – 36; Number enrolled in Sunday school – 548; Number enrolled in CTS – 153; Number enrolled in WAC – 86; Number enrolled in Master's Men – 17; Average number attending Mid-week – 43. Motion carried to receive the report.

Resolutions Committee report was given by David Rackley. There was one resolution:

1. Whereas the Richlands First Free Will Baptist Church has graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we indicate our sincere gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.

Motion passed. There was no report from the Examining board.

Prayer by Matthew Berry commenced the worship service. The congregation sang "Down at the Cross" and the Southeastern Sounds of Praise were introduced. The ensemble provided music for the day with "preacher boys" bring the messages between song sets. The men who preached were Zach Tilghman, Lane Cash, and J.J. McCreight.

Invitation was given and the service closed with an altar prayer over the students from Southeastern.

Announcements:

April 22 meeting of the Coastal Association will be at the Freedom Way FWBC, Hubert, NC.

The State Association is hosting a Pastor and Wife Retreat in Gatlinburg, TN on March 23-24.

Jeremy Verret gave instructions for the meal and asked the blessing.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Davis, Clerk

Coastal Minutes

April 22, 2023

Convening at the Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church, Hubert, NC, on April 22, 2023, the Coastal Association was called to order by Moderator Jimmy Mercer. The Congregation sang, "To God Be the Glory". The formal welcome and prayer was given by host pastor Steve Petty. Moderator presented a devotion from John 16:28-33.

Motion carried to seat the delegates and visitors were recognized (Dr. Eddie Moody – NAFWB Executive Department).

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. Henry Potter 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: Glenwood Kennedy and Brian Huffman; Resolutions: Tim Thompson and Richard Patterson. The Treasurer's report was given by Henry Potter. He showed a beginning balance of \$102.47, receipts of \$3,218.00 and disbursements of \$560.00 and a remaining balance of \$2,760.47.

The Youth Board report was given by Moises Colop. He reported a Youth Rally will be held on April 28, 2023 at First Church, Jacksonville. He also said that three categories of competitors from the Coastal will advance to the National competition.

The Mission Board report was given by Jimmy Mercer. An update on Project Hickory was given (Brandon Smith and Jonathan Huff). Molly Barker spoke about her recent trip to Uruguay and her plans to return to Uruguay to settle some business.

Dr. Eddie Moody reported from the Executive Office of the National Association. He presented a t-shirt to Brother Jimmy for a fine job done as moderator.

A letter from Reuben Cason, Promotional Director was read. He announced the following: State Meeting (June 5-6); National Meeting (July 16-19); NCFWBWAC Meeting (April 29) and thanked the churches of the Coastal for financial support to the office. He said most of all, thanks for your prayers.

The Leah Waddell Scholarship Fund report was given by Glenda Fulcher. She reported that over \$10,500.00 was given this year which surpassed the goal. She encouraged the churches to get involved and help.

The moderator announced to the body that the Faith Free Will Baptist Church in Maysville, NC has voted to withdraw from the Coastal Association.

After a short recess, Henry Potter presented the Finance Committee report. He reported a beginning balance of \$2,760.00, receipts of \$2,314.00 and disbursements of \$4,940.00 with an ending balance of \$134.47. Motion to receive report passed.

The Digest Committee report was given by Glenwood Kennedy. He reported 12 churches reporting; 35 members received; 6 members lost by death; 2 members lost by transfer; total membership – 835; Number baptized – 9; Number enrolled in Sunday school – 462; Number enrolled in CTS – 159; Number enrolled in WAC – 60; Number enrolled in Master's Men – 2; Average number attending Mid-week – 32. Motion carried to receive the report.

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

1. Whereas the Freedom Way Free Will Baptist Church has graciously hosted today's Coastal Association, therefore be it resolved that we indicate our sincere gratefulness by a rising vote of thanks.
2. Whereas Thursday, May 4, is designated as the National Day of Prayer, and whereas our nation has never been in more dire need of prayer than it is today, Therefore, be it resolved that the Leadership in our Coastal churches continue to periodically encourage and engage our congregants in prayer for America and especially to join our hearts with millions of other believers on May 4 to plead with our God to bless us (regardless of the possible cost to our country in general and to us in particular) with a genuine spiritual/moral awaking for the sake of Truth, the cause of Christ, the honor of our God, and the very survival of our Constitutional Republic.

Each item was voted on individually and passed. There was no report from the Examining Board. The Nominating Committee [resented the following report:

Moderator – James Bradley

Assistant Moderator – Richard Patterson

Clerk – Jeff Davis

Assistant Clerk – David Rackley

Treasurer – Henry Potter

Assistant Treasurer – Tommy Bulla

Examining Board – William Sealy (2026)

Executive Board – Sutton Raynor (2027)

Mission Board – Tim Thompson (2025)

Jimmy Mercer (2026)

Youth Board – Michael Smart (2028)

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" and "He Touched Me" to commence the worship service.

Special music was provide by the Gary Goodfellow and his family.

Dr. Eddie Moody brought the message. He spoke form Luke 10:25-37 with a message entitled, "Answer the Call." Invitation was given.

Announcements:

James Bradley was introduced as the new moderator and asked the blessing on the food.

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	No Clerk
Calvary	Henry Potter	Annie King
Cape Fear	Pat Hall	No Clerk
Cardinal Village	No Pastor	Joyce Johnston
Community	Glenwood Kennedy	Donna Kennedy
Cove City	David Thompson	Sonja Hill
Davis	Jimmy Mercer	Nancy Grice
Emmanuel	Tommy Bulla	Jessica Cole
First, Beaufort	Richard Patterson	Gaye Atwood
First, Jacksonville	Curtis Linton	Amanda Atiogue
First, Morehead City	James Bradley	Peggie Hoffman
First, Richlands	No Pastor	Judy Weaver
Freedom Way	Steve Petty	Phyllis Gray
Grace	Kenneth Huffman	Nell Rodgers
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:

Rudolph Outler

Johnny Hudson

Larry Ingrand

Ernest Lamm

Johnny Miller

Charles Smith

Paul

16. Heaven:

Paul

Ernest

Johnny

Charles

Paul

Charles

Johnny

17. Perseverance:

Paul

Johnny

Charles

Johnny

Charles

Johnny

Charles

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

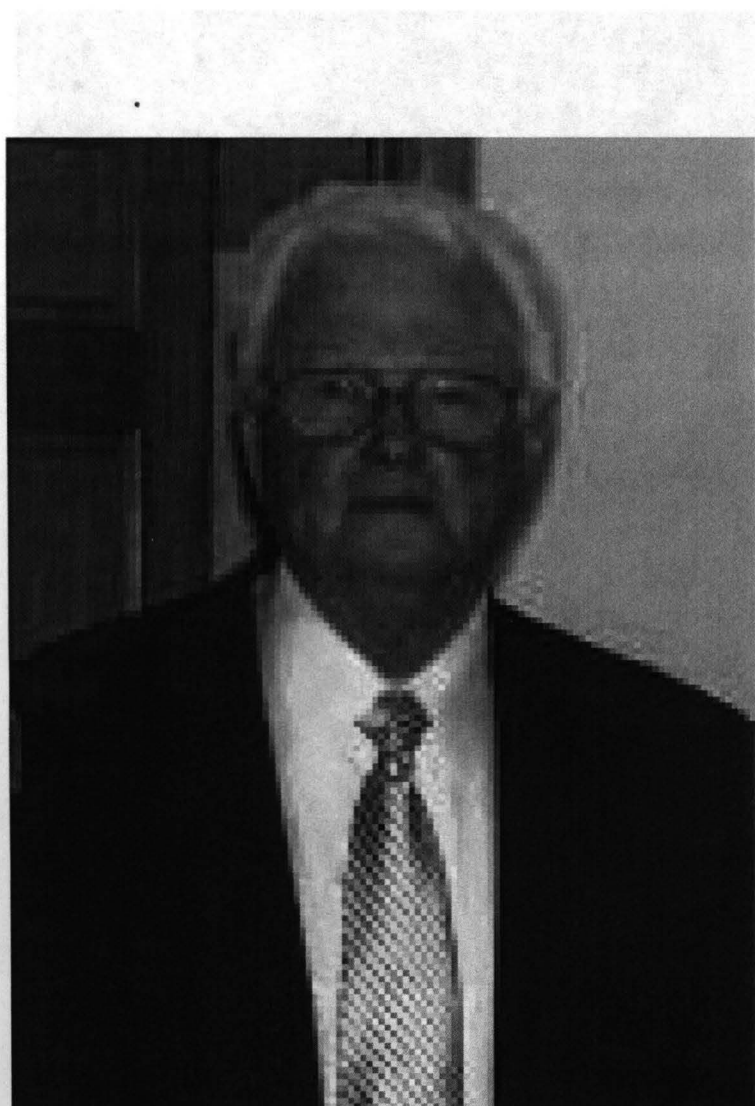
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"August 2019	Ken Cash
"October 2019	Danny Baer
	Marc Holloman
"January 2020	Pat Hall
"April 2020	Cancelled Covid 19
"July 2020	James Bradley
"October 2020	Reuben Cason
"January 2021	Jimmy Mercer
"April 2021	Jeff Davis
"July 2021	Caleb Smith
"October 2021	Welch College
	Todd Parrish
"February 2022	Richard Patterson
"May 2022	Pat Hall
"July 2022	Reuben Cason
"October 2022	Go Global (IM)
"January 2023	Southeastern FWB College
"April 2023	Dr. Eddie Moody

Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists

Obituary Report

Rev. Rudolph Outlaw

April 8, 1938- April 17, 2022

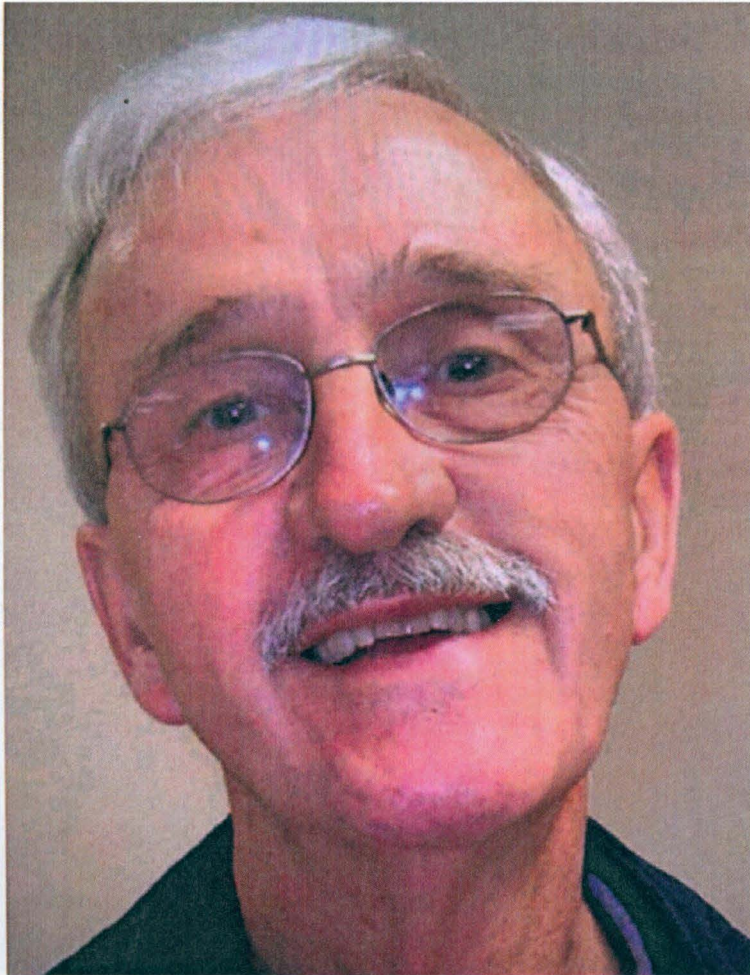


Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists

Obituary Report

Rev. Willie Coleman

November 20, 1936 – April 29, 2022



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Obituary Report

Rev. Bill Kellem

August 31, 1928 – July 22, 2022



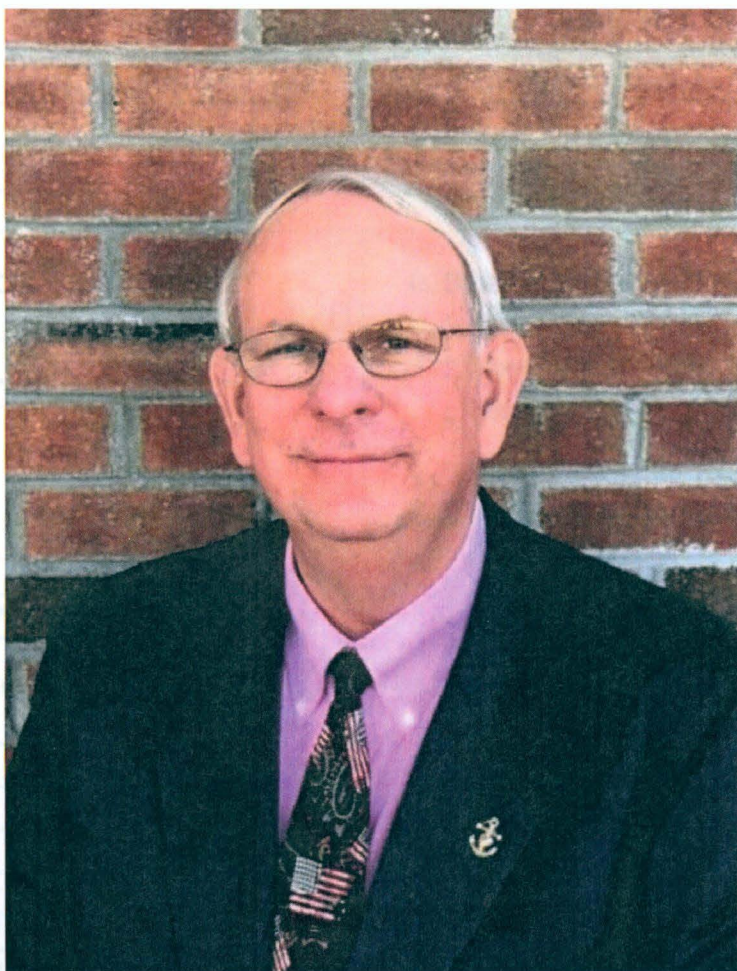
Annual Report From Coastal Association or Quarterly Report

Coastal Association of Free Will Baptists

Obituary Report

Rev. Larry Haggard

July 29, 1955 – December 24, 2022



Annual Report From District Association or Quarterly Meeting

Association Name Coastal
 Meeting Location Freedom Way FWBC Date 04 / 22 / 2023 (month/day/year)
 Reporting Period April / 2022 to April / 2023 (month/year)
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 Clerk Jeff Davis Phone (252) 876-6675
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 City New Bern State NC Zip 28502

Delegates

1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____
 4. _____
 5. _____

A. CHURCH CHARACTERISTICS

1. Number of churches 19
 2. Number of churches reporting 18
 3. Number of churches:
 Within city limits 13
 Rural 5
 4. Total number of churches with:
 Full-time pastors 15
 Bi-vocational pastors 3

B. MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

1. Baptisms 50
 2. Members added 114
 3. Members lost 26
 4. Membership 1683

C. STEWARDSHIP INFORMATION

1. Income of all churches \$ 558,452.00
 2. Number of churches with budgets 14

D. BUILDING INFORMATION

1. Number of churches with parsonages 6
 2. Value of all church property including parsonages \$ 13,511,420.00

E. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Number of ordained ministers 23
 Licensed ministers 0
 (Attach names, addresses, and phone numbers)
 2. Number of ordained deacons 25
 3. Number of:
 Daycares 1
 Christian Schools 1
 Bible Institutes 0
 Colleges 0
 4. Sunday School enrollment 656

F. ASSOCIATIONAL PROPERTY (Camp, school, etc.)

Name N/A
 Value \$ N/A

☒ 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.

