

MINUTES

Of the

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Of the

**ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

PROCEEDINGS

Of the

NINETIETH ANNUAL SESSION

Held at

**OLANTA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OLANTA, S.C.
OCTOBER 22, 2005**

REV. DOUG MATHIS, Moderator

DANNY JOHNSON, Clerk

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to *God*, by faith in *Christ*, and adopted *The Word of God* as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of *God* in this solemn covenant.

We promise by *His grace*, to love and obey *Him* in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and uphold conformity to the world, from all sanctions of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the *study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions and social worship* and by *self - denial, faith and good works* endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church, conferences, public worship and the observance of the *ordinances of the Gospel*; nor fail to pray according to our ability for the success of the church and of the *Gospel*.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "Keep the unity of the *Spirit*" in the bonds of peace. To be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, as far as we are able, promote the success of the *church and of the Gospel*.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of *Christ* in society, constantly praying and toiling that the *Kingdom of God may come* and *His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven*.

To this end, we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday School, and evangelistic efforts for the *Salvation of the world* And may the *God of peace* sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

THE ANNUAL UNION MEETING OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF SOUTH CAROLINA

MEETING October 22, 2005*****Olanta Free Will Baptist Church Opened with
prayer by Rev. Murrell Young

MORNING DEVOTION: Rev. Jimmy Miller

BUSINESS:

Rev. Doug Mathis, Moderator addressed the conference, seated the delegates, welcomed any visitors and extended them all rights except voting.

Rules of Decorum read by Rev. Bruce Jones

The chair appointed the Finance Committee:

Rev. Tandy Tapp

Bro. Bobby Timmons

Rev. Wayne Rhodes

ROLL CALL OF MINISTERS:

15 present, 11 absent, 8 letter received,* ** There was an invitation given to any minister present who may wish to unite with this body.

ROLL CALL OF CHURCHES:

13 present, 2 absent* * * There was an invitation given to any Church present who may wish to unite with this body.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance on hand	2,829.77
Received	<u>1,342.00</u>
TOTAL	4,171.77

Disbursements:

Promotional Office	100.00
Children's Home	100.00
Youth Board	50.00
Clerk	<u>100.00</u>
Total	350.00

Balance on Hand 10/22/05 \$3,821.77

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wayne Rhodes

Rev. Tandy Tapp

Bro. Bobby Timmons

Motion to accept report and release committee. MSC

Rev. Frank Sedgwick reported about the Youth Board, there were 151 present at the last meeting with four young people getting saved. Please continue praying for God's leadership.

Rev. Mike Jones, Executive Secretary addressed the Conference, shared needs of Our Missionaries. Over \$40,000.00 has been given by F.W.B. for Hurricane relief. We need our Pastors to make sure information about Church addresses is correct. Has enjoyed fellowship of Pastor's and Churches in the Eastern Conference.

Rev. Bennie Turner shared information about the Children's Home. Working on proposed budget, please pray for the Children and Board members at the Home. Motion to accept reports as information. M.S.C.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

1. We find all letters of excuse in order.
2. We receive Rev. Bruce Jones pending a letter of good standing from the South Georgia Association.
3. We recommend a letter of good standing be sent to the South Georgia Association on behalf of Rev. Nathan Barrington and Rev. Phillip Tipton.
4. We recommend a letter of good standing be sent to the Central Conference on behalf of Rev. Ricky Evans.
5. We have received no official information concerning Rev. Rev. Andrew Gleason, but will check into his situation with report at next Conference.
6. Recommend changing by-law # 6 to State that a Minister Must Attend At least One Meeting per Year in Person.

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Larry McAlister

Rev. Tony Lynch

Rev. Johnny Evans

Motion to accept report. MSC

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

MODERATOR: Rev. Brian Tolliver
ASSISTANT: Rev. Stevie McCutcheon
CLERK: Bro. Danny Johnson
READING CLECK: Rev. Murrell Young

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

3 **YEARS Rev. Larry McAlister
2**YEARS Rev. Tony Lynch
1**YEAR Rev. Johnny Evans

YOUTH BOARD:

Rev. Chris Todd
Rev. Frank Sedgwick
Bro. Stacy Altman

Respectfully submitted:

Rev. Brian Tollver

Rev. Jimmy Miller

Motion to accept report and release committee. M.S. C.

Motion to send each Church a reminder to send Gilead FWB Church \$100.00 each for hosting State Association for Eastern Conference. M.S.C.

Special singing by Olanta Youth

Morning message brought by Rev. Tony Lynch

There was a rising vote of thanks given to the host Church.

Closing prayer and blessing on the noon meal by Rev. Joe Cagle

Moderator: Rev. Doug Mathis
Clerk: Bro. Danny Johnson

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St. John Free Will Baptist Church
Pamplico, S.C.
January 21, 2006

9:30 a.m.	Song:
9:35 a.m.	Devotion: Rev. Ron Ogle
9:45 a.m.	Rules of Decorum
10:00 a.m.	Appointing or Electing of Committees
10:15 a.m.	Roll Call of Ministers and Churches
11:00 a.m.	Morning Message: Rev. Daniel Stone

THE ANNUAL EASTERN CONFERENCE TREASURERS REPORT:

Balance January 22, 2005	3,286.43
Church and Ministers Dues Received	5,866.00
Total	9,152.43

DISBURSEMENTS

Clerk	400.00
Children's Home	400.00
SC FWB	400.00
Youth Board	200.00
Postal Service	45.00
Copy Paper/Labels	45.66
Carlisle Hanna	1,000.00
Jenny Pinkerton	200.00
State Association	2,640.00
Total Disbursements	5,330.66

Balance January 21, 2006	3,821.77
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Respectfully submitted:

Danny Johnson

Danny Johnson

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BYLAWS

1. No minister of the Eastern Conference shall pastor a church that is not in fellowship with the Original Free Will Baptist denomination without permission of the Ordaining Council. No church shall call a man who is not licensed or ordained as a Free Will Baptist minister. (according to Free Will Baptist Treatise Part. V., Chapter I, Section IV.)
2. No brother shall receive credentials except he has been a member of a church in the Original Free Will Baptist denomination for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months or more, proceeding his recommendation for license. He must be licensed for twelve (12) consecutive months before he can be ordained.
3. He that desires to be licensed must come with a letter or recommendation stating whether or not he had tithed during said period, signed by his pastor and church treasurer. Also bringing a personal record of work to be presented to the Ordaining Council. The same applies to his ordination. Each minister who is licensed by the Eastern Conference shall read the following before he can be ordained. Free Will Baptist Minister's Manual, Free Will Baptist Doctrines, a survey of New and Old Testaments, the Free Will Baptist Treatise, and the Bible.
4. Any minister who makes a shipwreck of his life or brings a reproach upon himself or conference, the accuser shall present a written charge properly signed to the Ordaining Council. If proven guilty, shall surrender his credentials.
5. *From this, The Lord's Day December 7, 1963, the Ordaining Council shall not license, ordain, or accept anyone who has two (2) living wives or if wife has two (2) living husbands. Scripture: Titus 1:6 and Timothy 3:1-2.*
6. Each minister of said conference shall report in person at least once annually to each union or conference meetings. Any minister who does not report in person must report by letter no later than one week from the date of said conference meeting. Each letter will be referred to the Ordaining Council who shall make recommendations to the conference at the next regular meeting.
7. These bylaws may be amended by two-thirds (2/3) majority vote at any regular conference.
8. All visiting ministers will be given a seat in our conference (*with this restriction – they will not be privileged to vote.*)
9. The dues of this conference are one dollar (1.00) per quarter payable each quarter at the regular conference.
10. The clerk is to inform the Ordaining Council of all ministers of said conference who do not confirm to rule number six by these bylaws.
11. The minutes of all minister's meetings are to be published in the Association minutes rather than just the minutes of the annual meeting as has been done in previous years.
12. The Executive Committee shall attend Conference business between meetings, bringing a full report to the next meeting. A majority of the Executive Committee, three (3), is required on decisions at all times. This Committee should meet in advance of the conference meetings, whenever necessary, to give prayerful consideration to important business that should come before the Conference body, bring appropriate recommendation. Therefore grievance and appeals or any major business by member churches and individuals, should be presented to this Committee for advance consideration whenever possible.
13. "The South Carolina Free Will Baptist statement of faith was adopted by the Eastern Conference on July 30, 2005."

ARTICLE 2 - STATEMENT OF FAITH AND COVENANT

SECTION 1- STATEMENT OF FAITH

- (A) **The Bible.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testament was given by inspiration of God and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.
- (B) **God.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are to love, adore, and obey supremely.
- (C) **Christ.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh in His divine nature truly God, in human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified and is our ever-present Savior and Lord.
- (D) **The Holy Spirit.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.
- (E) **The Government of God.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.
- (F) **The Sinfulness of Man.** Man was created innocent but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherits a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God.

- (G) **The Work of Christ.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection affected for all redemption for sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.
- (H) **The Terms of Salvation.** The conditions of salvation are: (a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (b) Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith, the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin, and becomes a child of God. (c) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
- (I) **Election.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence, by faith in Christ, men become His elect.
- (J) **Freedom of Will.** The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit or to resist them and perish.
- (K) **Salvation Free.** God desires the salvation of all; the Gospel invites all; the Holy Spirit strives with all; and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.
- (L) **Perseverance.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have the promise of eternal salvation.
- (M) **Gospel Ordinances.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel. Feet Washing, an ordinance which teaches humility and reminds the believers of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin, is to be ministered to all true believers.

(N) Tithing. God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus endorsed it in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23); and the apostle Paul said, "*Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him.*" (I Corinthians 16:2). Both the Old and the New Scriptures teach tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work. We believe that every Christian, as a steward of that portion of God's wealth entrusted to him, is obligated to support his local church financially. We believe that God has established the tithe as a basis for giving, but that every Christian should also give other offerings sacrificially and cheerfully to the support of the church, the relief of those in need, and the spread of the Gospel. We believe that a Christian relinquishes all rights to direct the use of the tithe or offering once the gift has been made (Gen. 14:20; Prov. 3:9-10; Acts 4:34-37; I Cor. 16: 2; 2 Cor. 9:6-7; Gal. 6:6; Eph. 4:28; I Tim. 5:17-18; I John 3:17).

(O) The Christian Sabbath. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and personal communion with God.

(P) Resurrection, Judgment, and Final Retribution. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have trusted Christ as their Savior will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have rejected Christ into the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "*go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.*"

(Q) The Church.

The Local Church

1. The local congregation of believers is the only visible form of the "church" founded by the direct authority of Scripture. Free Will Baptists, therefore, recognize the local church as the sole source of authority possessed and exercised within the visible church.
2. The local church is an independent and self-governing body, with full authority to transact its business, choose its pastor and officers, receive, discipline, and dismiss members, hold free title to all its properties and conduct all its internal affairs.

(R) Separation. We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord; and, that separation from all religious apostasy, all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices and associations are commanded of God (Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; I John 2:15-17; 2 John 9-11).

(S) The Second Advent of Christ. We believe in that “blessed hope,” the personal, Imminent return of Christ Who will rapture His Church prior to the seven-year tribulation period. At the end of the Tribulation, Christ will personally and visibly return with His saints, to establish His earthly Messianic Kingdom which was promised to nation of Israel (Ps. 89:3-4; Dan. 2:31-45; Zech. 14:4-11; I Thess. 1:10; I Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:13; Rev. 3:10; 19-11-16; 20:1-6).

(T) Civil Government. We believe that God has ordained and created all authority consisting of four basic institutions: (1) the home; (2) the church; (3) the state and; (4) employment. Every person is subject to these authorities. but all (including the authorities themselves) are answerable to God and governed by His Word. God has given each institution specific Biblical responsibilities and balance.

(U) Human Sexuality.

1. We believe that God has commanded that no intimate sexual activity be engaged in outside of marriage between a man and a woman. We believe that any form of homosexuality, lesbianism, bisexuality, bestiality, incest, fornication, adultery and pornography are sinful perversions of God’s gift of sex. Any employee of the church becoming pregnant or causing pregnancy as a result of consensual intercourse, outside of the marriage relationship, shall be terminated from employment. (Gen. 2:24; Gen. 19:5, 13; Gen. 26:8-9; Lev. 18:1-30; Rom. 1:26-29; I Cor. 5:1; 6:9; I Thess. 4:1-8; Heb. 13:4).
2. We believe that the only legitimate marriage is the joining of one man and woman. (Gen. 2:24; Rom. 7:2; I Cor. 7:10; Eph. 5:22:23

(V) Family Relationships

1. We believe that men and women are equal in position before God that God has ordained distinct and separate spiritual functions for men and women in the home and the church. The husband is to be the leader of the home and men are to be the leaders (pastors and deacons) of the church. Accordingly, only men are eligible for licensure and ordination by the church. (Gal. 3:28; Col. 3:18; I Tim. 2: 8-15; 3:4-5, 12).
2. We believe that God has ordained the family as the foundational institution of human society. The husband is to love the wife as Christ loves the church. The wife is to submit herself to the scriptural leadership of her husband as the church submits to the headship of Christ. Children are an heritage from the Lord. Parents are responsible for teaching their children spiritual and moral values and leading them, through consistent lifestyle example and appropriate discipline, including scriptural corporal correction. (Gen. 1:26-28; Ex. 20:12; Deut. 6:4-9; Ps. 127:3-5; Prov. 19:18; 22:15; 23:13-14; Mk. 10:6-12; I Cor. 7:1-16; Eph. 5:21-33; 6:1-4; Col. 3:18-21; Heb. 13:4; I Pet. 3:1-7).

(W) Separation We believe that all the saved should live in such a manner as not to bring reproach upon their Savior and Lord. God commands His people to separate from all apostasy, and all worldly and sinful pleasures, practices, and associations, and to refrain from immodest and immoderate appearances. (Rom. 12:1-2; 14:13; 2 Cor. 6:14-7:1; 2 Tim. 3:1-5; I John 2:15-17; 2 John 911; Lev. 19:28; I Cor. 6:19-20).

(X) Divorce and Remarriage. We believe that God hates divorce and intends marriage to last until one of the spouses dies. Divorce and remarriage is regarded as adultery except on the grounds of fornication. Although divorced and remarried persons or divorced persons may hold positions of service in the church and be greatly used of God for Christian service, they may not be considered for the office of pastor or deacon. (Mal. 2:14-17; Matt. 19:3-12; Rom. 7:1-3; I Tim. 3:2, 12; Titus 1:6).

(Y) Abortion. We believe that human life begins at conception and that the unborn child is a living human being. Abortion constitutes the unjustified, unexcused taking of unborn life. Abortion is murder. We reject any teaching that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother that abortions of pregnancies due to rape, incest, birth defects, gender selection, birth or population control, or the mental well-being of the mother are acceptable. (Job 3:16; Psalms 51:5; 139:14-16; Isa. 44:24; 49:1, 5; Jer. 1:5; 20:15-18; Luke 1:44).

(Z) Missions. We believe that God has given the church a great commission to proclaim the Gospel to all nations so that there might be a great multitude from every nation, tribe, ethnic group, and language group who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. As ambassadors of Christ we must use all available means to go to the foreign nations and not wait for them to come to us. (Matt. 28:1920; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 20:21; Acts 1:8; 2 Cor. 5:20).

(AA) Lawsuits Between Believers. We believe that Christians are prohibited from bringing civil lawsuits against other Christians or the church to resolve personal disputes. We believe the church possess all the resources necessary to resolve personal disputes between members. We do believe, however, that a Christian may seek compensation for injuries from another Christian's insurance company as long as the claim is pursued without malice or slander. (I Cor. 6:1-8; Eph. 4:31-32).

CONSTITUTION OF THE EASTERN CONFERENCE OF ORGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I

This conference shall be called the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina.

ARTICLE II

The officers of this conference shall be: a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk and treasurer, an assistant clerk, reading clerk, and an Ordaining Council consisting of three (3) duly ordained ministers to be elected or re-elected yearly.

ARTICLE III

The Executive Committee of this conference shall consist of: The Moderator, Assistant Moderator, the Clerk-Treasurer, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer and Reading Clerk. The Moderator shall be the chairman and the Clerk shall be the secretary to keep minutes of meetings.

ARTICLE IV

Any brother desiring to be licensed or ordained must have a letter of recommendation from the church of which he is a member. Said church must be a member of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina.

ARTICLE V

A minister coming from another conference or association must come by letter from his former conference or association.

ARTICLE VI

Each minister duly licensed or ordained of said conference may have the privilege to vote.

ARTICLE VII

This constitution shall be revised at any annual conference by a vote of two-thirds majority.

RULES OF DECORUM

1. The Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. There shall be no conversation by the members, one with another as to interrupt business while in session.
3. Every member speaking shall first rise and address the moderator.
4. No member shall interrupt another member while they are speaking.
5. We shall admit no other title while in session but that of "Brother" or "Sister."
6. Every member speaking shall attend to the subject under consideration.
7. No member shall speak more than twice on any one subject.
8. Every motion made and seconded shall be attended unless withdrawn by the person who made it.
9. No member shall absent himself from the body without leave of the moderator.
10. On motion made where the vote of the body is taken a majority shall prevail.
11. The moderator shall have the same privilege to speak as any other member, provided the chair is filled.
12. Any members transgressing the above rules shall be admonished by the moderator.
13. Not less than nine members shall constitute a quorum.

