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**MINUTES
of the
118TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in session with
Emerson Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 17, 1987

The next session will be held with Mission Valley Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1988, beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-eighteenth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Emerson Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 17, 1987.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Psalm 1. Altar prayer was led by the Rev. Brooks Sykes.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Hollan Norris. The response was given by the Rev. Joseph B. Benton III.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited the visitors to sit with us during the session. He announced the house in order for business.

The roll of churches was called and all churches, except Macedonia, were represented by delegates.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. Jerome Jenrette, Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, Archie Smith, Levy J. Ward, and Pete Cribb were absent. The Revs. Jerome Jenrette and Archie Smith were excused on motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Jack Thompson, Jackie Spivey, and Bobby Taylor. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Lena Prince, Hattie Bright, and Charles Strickland.

EDUCATIONAL: David Strickland, Dean Cartrette, and Kipling Godwin.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Mary Alice Clewis, Jackie Watts, and Barbara Bryan.

MINISTERIAL: Buster Benton, Charles Hilbourn, and Robert Sellers.

OBITUARY: Alma Davis, Wilma Storms, and Vivian Tharpe.

RESOLUTIONS: Robert Adams, Brooks Sykes, and Henry Ward.

FINANCE: Elgin Cribb, George Dudley, and Casey Norris.

HOME MISSIONS: This is a standing committee composed of Joseph B. Benton III, Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams.

INVESTIGATION: This is a standing committee composed of Dallas Byrd, Horace Cartrette, and Woodrow Hinson.

The Devotional Committee came back in and gave the following report: We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. Robert Travis will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Jackie Spivey

Bobby Taylor

Jack Thompson

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion by Lonzie Godwin and the committee dismissed.

The Rev. Harold Jones gave a report on Foreign Missions.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley gave a report on Home Missions.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave a report on the Retirement Homes.

Clayton Everett gave a report on Mt. Olive College.

The Rev. De Wayne Eakes gave a report on the State Convention, Free Will Baptist Press, and Cragmont.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and an offering in the amount of \$150.90 was taken for the Children's Home.

Reports were accepted for information on motion of the Rev. Jay Hodge.

Church letters were called for at this time and read by the clerk.

The body was dismissed at this time for a short recess, with prayer offered by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Robert Travis, who brought a very inspiring message from Acts 27:15-31.

The congregation then sang "Just As I Am," and was dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. Neil Harrelson, who also asked the blessings for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Just a Little Talk With Jesus." The altar prayer was led by Brother G. C. Bryan.

The house was announced in order by the moderator. He called for the committee reports and they were read by the clerk.

REPORTS

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches that we use the King James Version of the Holy Bible in our churches for both teaching and preaching. Also that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Lena Prince
Charles Strickland
Hattie Bright

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Lonzie Godwin.

EDUCATIONAL

The Educational Committee has nothing to report at this meeting. We recommend that the report in the 1987 *Yearbook* be kept.

Respectfully submitted,
David Strickland
Dean Cartrette
Kipling Godwin

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective Sunday School. We further recommend that the Sunday School use every means possible within the will of God to encourage and help the youth and new converts. Extreme care should be taken to select Christian officers and teachers. We believe that Sunday School should be a point of reviving as well as learning.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Alice Clewis
Barbara Bryan
Jackie Watts

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, report that we have no resolutions to report. We ask the body to rise in appreciation of Emerson Church for the warm and cordial hospitality in entertaining the 1987 Annual Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Brooks Sykes
Henry Ward
Robert Adams

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Robert Adams.

MINISTERIAL

We, the Ministerial Committee, recommend that the Executive Committee pay a visit to Brothers Harvey Cribb and Levy J. Ward. This is due to their failure to comply

with attendance rules of our Association on non-excused absences. We recommend that the Clerk of the Association write a letter to the other unexcused absent ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Benton III

Robert E. Sellers

Charles Hilbourn

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report 18 deaths, to the best of our knowledge, during the past year. We ask the congregation to stand and pause for a moment of silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Tharpe

Alma Davis

Wilma Storms

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Wadus Earl Clewis.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$ 564.33
New Funds	<u>1,020.00</u>
Total	\$1,584.33

Respectfully submitted,

George Dudley

Elgin Cribb

Casey Norris

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Kipling Godwin.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$ 564.33
New Funds	<u>1,020.00</u>
Total	\$1,584.33

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00
Treasurer	30.00
Moderator	30.00
Yearbooks	387.00
Service Charges	<u>12.30</u>
Total Disbursements	\$ 489.30

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's report received on motion by Kipling Godwin.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$502.90
New Funds	<u>-0-</u>
Total	\$502.90

We would like to remind each of you of our Mission on Pecan Street in Whiteville. Services are at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday and 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday night. Pray and visit with us.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph B. Benton III
Jerry Bryan
Bud Williams

Report received on motion by Robert Adams.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council received a letter from Pleasant Meadow Church stating that Brother Wadus Earl Clewis was in good standing and recommended him for license. Council met with him at Pleasant Meadow Church on November 9, 1986, questioned him about his beliefs and found him to be sound in faith and approved him for license for one year.

The Ordaining Council received a request from Cypress Creek Church to meet with the Rev. Robert W. Travis on August 9, 1987, at Cypress Creek Church concerning his pastoring Cypress Creek Church. Council questioned him about his beliefs and found him to be sound in the faith. Council told Mr. Travis that he must turn in his credentials and receive new ones from the Pee Dee Association and must receive a letter of recommendation from the Blue Ridge Association. On September 2, 1987, council received a letter of recommendation for Mr. Travis from Dale McCoy, clerk of the Blue Ridge Association.

On May 29, 1987, the Rev. Leland Etheridge voluntarily turned in his Credentials for personal reasons. The Credentials were forwarded to the Clerk.

The Ordaining Council recommends the Rev. Robert W. Travis to the Association to be given the right hand of fellowship into the Association and Brother Wadus Earl Clewis to the Association as a licentiate, to be given the right hand of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Hardee, *Chairman*
Garland P. Suggs, *Clerk*

Motion by Rev. Hollan Norris that we accept the report, and that the Rev. Robert W. Travis and Brother Wadus Earl Clewis be given the right hand of fellowship by the Association.

Motion carried and the right hand of fellowship was given.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that on January 8, 1987, a letter was sent to the three ministers concerning their absence without being excused from the Association meeting last year.

On February 13, 1987, the Rev. Garland Suggs called the Clerk and requested a letter for the Rev. Tommy Bryson Jr. He was leaving to go to Beaver Creek Conference in South Carolina for health reasons. He stated that he knew of no reason he was not in good standing. Members of the Executive Committee were contacted and the letter was written February 16, 1987.

On May 18, 1987, the Rev. Garland Suggs brought the Clerk a letter from the Eastern Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of South Carolina, requesting a letter of good standing for the Rev. Darrell Cartrette, who had united himself with them pending same. Members of the Executive Committee were contacted and letter was written June 5, 1987.

On June 29, 1987, the Rev. Garland Suggs brought the Rev. Leland Etheridge's credentials to the Clerk, as he had turned them into the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
 Jack Penny, *Clerk*
 Hollan Norris, *Assistant Moderator*
 Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*
 Wade Nealey, *Member at Large*

Report received on motion by the Rev. Jay Hodge.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

No report.

The reading of the minutes was omitted on motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee and the vote of the Association.

Old or unfinished business—none.

New business was called for and there was a motion by the Rev. Wade Nealey that we take up the business of reorganizing. Motion carried.

The following were selected to serve the Association as officers:

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
 Charles Hilbourn, *Assistant Moderator*
 Jack Penny, *Clerk*
 Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*
 Wade Nealey, *Member of Large*

The Rev. Hollan Norris was elected to serve on the Ordaining Council replacing the Rev. Leland Etheridge.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris that we take up the business of getting a home for the Association meeting for next year. Motion carried.

An invitation was extended to have the next Association at Mission Valley Church and was accepted on motion by the Rev. Wade Nealey.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris to get delegates for the State Convention next year. Motion carried, and Robert Adams, George Dudley, David Strickland, and Dean Cartrette were selected.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris to pay the Association officers the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris that if there was no more business to come before the Association that we adjourn until next year. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Woodrow Hinson.

Respectfully submitted,
 William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
 Jack Penny, *Clerk*

