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of the
119TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in session with
Mission Valley Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 15, 1988

The next session will be held with Thomasboro Church in Brunswick County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1989, beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred nineteenth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Mission Valley Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 15, 1988.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from 2 Corinthians 6:1-13. Altar prayer was led by the Rev. Jackie Godwin.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Ricky Fowler. The response was given by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

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 Mount Olive were represented by delegates.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, Archie Smith, Brooks Sykes, Joseph B. Benton III, Horace Ward, William E. Ward, and Robert W. Travis were absent. The Revs. William E. Ward, Joseph B. Benton III, and Brooks Sykes were excused on motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Roland McPherson, Casey Norris, and David Grainger. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Freda Evers, Eloise Strickland, and Robert Adams.

EDUCATIONAL: Emma Ward, Guy Long, and J. D. Sarvis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: David Pitsinger, Tiger Lovett, and Jake McPherson.

MINISTERIAL: Neil Harrelson, Robert Sellers, and Jerome Jenrette.

OBITUARY: Dean Cartrette, Charles Strickland, and Alice Davis.

RESOLUTION: James Nobles, Archie Smith, and Earl Godwin.

FINANCE: James Carroll, Isaac Fowler, and Gary Cartrette.

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. Kim Barnes will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

David Grainger

Roland McPherson

Casey Norris

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion by the Rev. Jerome Jenrette 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. De Wayne Eakes gave a report on the State Convention and Cragmont.

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

The Rev. David Hines gave a report on Mount Olive College.

The Rev. Ray Wells gave a report on the North Carolina Ministerial Association.

The Rev. Allen Bryan gave a report on the Ministers' Program.

The Rev. Garland Suggs gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Stand Up for Jesus," and an offering in the amount of \$81.62 was taken for the Children's Home.

Reports were accepted for information on motion of the Rev. Kim Barnes.

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

Cypress Creek Church did not send a letter; however, there was a motion by Rev. Earl Clewis that the Association accept their letter, which would be sent to the clerk later. Motion carried.

Macedonia Church did not send a letter; however, there was a motion by the Rev. Wade Nealey that the Association accept their letter, which would be sent to the clerk later. Motion carried.

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 "Kneel at the Cross." Prayer was offered by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Kim Barnes, who brought a very inspiring message from Colossians 3.

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

The Association reassembled with the singing of "More About Jesus." The altar prayer was led by the Rev. James B. Hardee.

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,

Freda Evers

Robert E. Adams

Eloise Strickland

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Earl Clewis.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the first priority in an education should be the teaching and learning of the Word of God, taught as effectively as possible in our churches and homes; and in continuing their education our young people should consider Mount Olive College through our churches in the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Emma Ward

Guy Long

J. D. Sarvis

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Robert Adams.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, wish to report a recommendation that all our churches within the Association strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective Sunday School. We further recommend that our churches use extreme care in selecting Sunday School officers and teachers. We suggest that we have Sunday School workshops to better educate our officers and teachers to further our young peoples' education in God's Word.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pitsinger

Jake McPherson

Tiger Lovette

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Dean Cartrette.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, would like to report that we have no resolutions. We ask that the body of this Association rise or stand in appreciation for the warm welcome and good

hospitality shown to us today by Mission Valley Free Will Baptist Church during the 1988 annual session.

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Godwin
James Nobles
Archie Smith

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

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report to the best of our knowledge that all our ministers are in good standing. We desire your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Neil Harrelson
Jerome Jenrette
Robert E. Sellers

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Jake McPherson.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report 15 deaths to the best of our knowledge during the past year. We ask that the congregation stand and pause for a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Respectfully submitted,
Alice Davis
Dean Cartrette
Charles Strickland

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Earl Clewis.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$1,153.88
New Funds	940.00
Total	\$2,093.88

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Cartrette
James Carroll
Isaac Fowler

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Robert Adams.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$1,153.88
New Funds	940.00
Total	\$2,093.88

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00
Treasurer	30.00
Moderator	30.00

Yearbooks	315.00	
Bibles	<u>25.45</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$430.45

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's report received on motion by Dean Cartrette.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

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

We would like to impress upon each of us our mission at home.

Respectfully submitted,
Jerry Bryan
Bud Williams

Report received on motion by the Rev. James Nobles.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

On November 1, 1987, the council met with Brother Earl Clewis, who was examined for ordination. The Council found him to be sound in faith and doctrine and approved him as an ordained minister. The Ordination Service was carried out later at Pleasant Meadow Church.

On June 11, 1988, the Rev. Shelton Cribb voluntarily submitted his credentials to the council. Brother Cribb requested a meeting with the council. The request was granted on June 26, 1988, at Emerson Church. He agreed to meet with us again in six months. At this time the council will further look into his medical situation.

The Rev. Robert Travis on September 16, 1988, voluntarily submitted his credentials to the council, stating that he was no longer a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in the Pee Dee Association. His old credentials were returned to him.

Credentials of Brothers Shelton Cribb and Robert Travis are being submitted to the clerk with this report.

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

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that we accept the report, and that the Rev. Wadus Earl Clewis be accepted into the Association and given the right hand of fellowship, and that Brother Robert Travis' name be dropped from our list of Ordained Ministers.

Motion carried and the right hand of fellowship was given.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that on December 22, 1987, letters were written to the Rev. Claude Housand and the Rev. Pete Cribb concerning their absence at the last Association meeting.

On August 23, 1988, we met to appoint an ordained minister to hold conference at Cypress Creek Church to take care of the business of dropping 40 members from the

church roll as per letter received from the church. The pastor of the church resigned and they no longer have a pastor. Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that the Rev. William Jackie Godwin go and moderate the Conference. Motion carried.

On August 27, 1988, Brother Howard McPherson, as directed by the Association, visited the Rev. Harvey Cribb concerning his absence from the last two Association meetings.

On September 23, 1988, Rev. Charles Hilbourn, as directed by the Association, visited the Rev. Levy Ward concerning his absence from the last two Association meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

Charles Hilbourn, *Assistant Moderator*

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Wade Nealey, *Member at Large*

Report received on motion by the Rev. Jerome Jenrette.

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. James Nobles that we take up the business of getting a home for the Association meeting next year. Motion carried.

An invitation was extended to have the next Association at Thomasboro Church; this invitation was accepted on motion by the Rev. Neil Harrelson and the vote of the body.

At this time a letter was presented to the Association as follows:

TO: The Pee Dee Association of the North Carolina State Convention of Original Free Will Baptists.

FROM: Whiteville Original Free Will Baptist Mission/Church

SUBJECT: Annual Association

DATE: October 15, 1988

We, the Whiteville Original Free Will Baptist Mission/Church, send greetings to the Pee Dee Association.

We are sending as delegate our Brother Owens Ward to sit with you during your business session.

We ask you to all pray for us as we continue our endeavor to "grow a church in Whiteville." We are doing well.

Sunday School Enrollment	13	Average	15
League Enrollment	10	Average	12
Mid-Week Bible Study	8	Average	8

We are sending twenty-five dollars for you to use as needed in God's service.

Owens Ward, *Superintendent*

Carolyn Ward, *Treasurer*

Mark Heflin, *Secretary*

Joseph B. Benton III, *Pastor/Director*

The following request was also submitted at this time, as the Rev. David Charles Hansley, director of the Home Missions and Evangelism, encouraged, suggested and recommended that the Whiteville Mission/Church of Original Free Will Baptists petition the Pee Dee Association for membership at its Annual Session at the Mission Valley Original Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, October 15, 1988.

I, as delegate of the Whiteville Mission/Church do so submit our application for membership in this Pee Dee Association and ask that you accept our Mission/Church letter and donation of \$25.

Sincerely submitted,
Owens Ward, *Delegate*

Motion by Brother Robert Adams that we accept the Whiteville Mission into the Association as a Mission along with their report. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that the Clerk and Treasurer be allowed to change the Finance Committee and Treasurers' Reports to reflect the additional money received from the Mission and the Churches that are to send their letters later, in order for them to reflect the correct amounts. Motion was carried by vote of the Association.

Motion by Brother Robert Adams to appoint delegates for the State Convention next year. Motion carried and Brothers Robert Adams, Dean Cartrette, and Jack McPherson were selected.

Motion by the Rev. Neil Harrelson that the officers of the Association be paid the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that if there was no more business to come before the Association that we adjourn until next year, and if any other business comes up that it be handled by the Executive Committee. Motion carried, and the Association was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Neil J. Harrelson.

Respectfully submitted,
William J. Godwin, *Moderator*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*

CHURCHES	Church Members	Active	Inactive	Average MW Att	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	SS Members	Average SS Att
Wintergreen	317					3	6			-3	156	95
Woodrow										0		
Eastern Totals	9449				82	92	22	88	17	1	5139	
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION												
Beaverdam	699	402	168	402	15	1	1	5	9	-3	402	402
Cypress Creek	102			100	14	5			1	19		104
Emerson	113	113			4	1	1	3	3	0	184	157
Little Bethel	50				1			2		-1	57	
Macedonia	99	50	53	40	2	1		3	1	-1	48	48
Mission Valley	78				2	0	0	2	0	0	97	
Mt. Beulah	25	25		30				1		-1	34	34
Mt. Calvary	95	51	44	55				2		-2		55
Mt. Olive	49			45			1	1	1	-1	45	45
Oak Grove	216			112				4		-4	218	121
Pine Level	38			25				1		-1		25
Pireway	51									0	65	50
Pleasant Meadow	26			25			1	2	2	-3	34	25
Thomasboro	32	32	7	23	8			1		7	35	23
Trinity	66			30			17	2		15	50	50
White Oak	90				2	2	0	1	0	3	72	
Pee Dee Totals	1829				48	10	22	18	15	27	1341	
PIEDMONT CONFERENCE												
Good News	34			35			7		2	5	30	30
Gospel Light	88			75	7	10	0	1	0	16	55	55
Highland Pines	63	63		65	1	3	1	1	10	-6	63	55