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**MINUTES
of the
122ND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Met in session with
Emerson Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 19, 1991**

The next session will be held with White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October 1992, beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Twenty-second 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 19, 1991.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee." The Rev. William Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Daniel 3:17-18. Altar prayer was led by the Rev. Wade Jernigan.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Hollan Norris. The response was given by the Rev. Brooks Sykes.

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

The roll of churches was called and all churches were represented by delegate, except Oak Grove and Trinity, which were represented by letter.

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

Petitionary letters were called for and there were none.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Billy Griffin, Roger Simmons, and Kenneth McMillan. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Woodie Etheridge, J. V. Long, and Harry Norris.

EDUCATIONAL: Jim Edge, Patricia Settle, and Alma Davis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Elgin Cribb, Harold Dean Singletary and Vivian Tharpe.

MINISTERIAL: Charleston Guyton, Bernice Suggs, and George Dudley.

OBITUARY: Kenneth Soles, Casey Norris and Jackie Brock.

RESOLUTION: Brooks Sykes, Robert Sellers and James Howard Nobles.

FINANCE: Wayne Tyler, Craven Phillips and Ron Settle.

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. Wade Jernigan will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Griffin

Roger Simmons

Kenneth McMillan

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs and the committee dismissed.

The Rev. Harold Jones showed an audio-visual for the denominational ministries reports. These reports were received as information on motion by the Rev. Buster Benton.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley talked about the Whiteville Church.

The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace" and an offering in the amount of \$193.43 was taken for the Children's Home.

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

The body was dismissed for a short recess with prayer by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "When the Redeemed Are Gathering In." The altar prayer was led by the Rev. Billy Hardee. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Wade Jernigan, who brought a very inspiring message from Genesis 31:3-13, 28:16-22.

The Association was dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. Bobby Carden. The Rev. Hollan Norris 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 the Rev. Tommy Bryson.

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

REPORTS

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 and that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Woodie Etheridge

Harry Norris

J. V. Long

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the first priority in education shall be the teaching of the King James Version of the Bible, God's Word in the home, the church, and schools, such as Mount Olive College. As Free Will Baptists, we ought to support Mount Olive College.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Settle

Jim Edge

Alma Davis

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend to all our churches in the Association to promote and maintain an effective Sunday School. We also recommend that our teachers encourage and help our youth to become leaders as the will of God is wrought in their life. Extreme care should be taken in selecting officers and teachers, that they be Christians and use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, NC. Through the help of the Lord, our Sunday Schools should shape our future leaders to further the gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

Vivian Tharpe

Elgin Cribb

Harold Dean Singletary

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that there was one minister absent without excuse. We refer this to the Executive Board to follow up. This minister was the Rev. Archie Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

George Dudley

Charleston Guyton

Bernice Suggs

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we have had 17 deaths during this past year. We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,

Casey Norris

Jackie Brock

Kenny Soles

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$2,342.53
New Funds	<u>\$1,185.00</u>
Total	\$3,527.53

Respectfully submitted,
 Ron Settle
 Craven Phillips
 Wayne Tyler

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report to the Pee Dee Association that we have \$402.90 in the bank. We have not issued any checks in the last year.

Respectfully submitted,
 Joseph B. Benton III
 Wilton (Bud) Williams

Reports were received and committees dismissed, with the exception of the Home Missions Committee, on motion of the Rev. Daniel Tyler Jr.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report, that

WHEREAS, God has provided us with a new work (the Whiteville Mission Church); and

WHEREAS, We must be endeavoring to magnify the name of the Lord (growing His church); and

WHEREAS, the Rev. David C. Hansley did challenge this conference, every church, to have a special day in our churches to pray and raise funds to remodel the tin building at the Whiteville Mission Church.

THEREFORE: Be it resolved that we designate the fourth Sunday November 1991, as Challenge Day in our churches to pray and raise funds for the Whiteville Mission Church to remodel the tin building for a sanctuary.

We recommend that the above resolution be adopted.

We recommend that the Ordaining Council be a rotating council, with the oldest member stepping down each year, with a new member put on each year, and that it start today.

We recommend that we give Emerson Church a standing vote of thanks for their warm hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brooks Sykes
 Robert E. Sellers
 James H. Nobles

Report was received and committee was dismissed on motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers and the vote of the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$2,342.53
New Funds	<u>1,185.00</u>
Total	\$3,527.53

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00
Treasurer	30.00
Moderator	30.00
Pages in <i>Yearbook</i>	377.23
Bibles	39.20
Stamps	25.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$531.43</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

ORDAINING COUNCIL

On January 13, 1991, the Council met with the Rev. Steward Norris after one year as a licentiate minister. Mr. Norris was given an examination for ordination. He met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the Pee Dee Association as an ordained minister. Ordination services were carried out at Emerson Church on January 27, 1991.

On January 13, 1991, the Council met with the Rev. Tommy Bryson about his pastoring Cypress Creek Church. Mr. Bryson had a letter from the Central Association of South Carolina reporting him to be in good standing. He was told the requirements of the Pee Dee Association about ministers coming from other conferences and it was agreed to meet with him again at a later date. On April 14, 1991, the council met with Mr. Bryson. He was given the latter part of the examination for ordination. He met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the Pee Dee Association. Mr. Bryson submitted his credentials from the Beaver Creek Conference and was given credentials from the Pee Dee Association.

On March 17, 1991, the Council met with Brother James Howard Nobles, after receiving a letter from Beavertown Church concerning his call into the ministry. After questioning him, he was found to be in sound doctrine and in faith, and he was issued credentials as a licentiate minister for one year.

On March 17, 1991, the Council met with Brother Charleston Smith after receiving a letter from White Oak Church concerning his call into the ministry. After questioning him, he was found to be in sound doctrine and in faith, and he was issued credentials as a licentiate minister for one year.

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

Report was received on motion by the Rev. Billy Hardee and included in the motion was that the Association give the right hand of welcome to Brother James Howard Nobles as a licentiate minister and excuse Brother Charleston Smith, due to his illness, however accept him into the Association as a licentiate minister. Also, that the right hand of fellowship be given to the Rev. Tommy Bryson by the Association and that the Association accept the Rev. Steward Norris, who had taken ill and had to leave this meeting, into the Association as a minister, the right hand of fellowship to be given at a later date to the Rev. Steward Norris. Motion was carried and the right hand of welcome and the right hand of fellowship were given.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that on February 18, 1991, we met concerning a request for a letter by the Rev. Darrell Cartrette, as he wanted to join the Eastern

Conference in South Carolina, where he is now pastoring the New Vision Free Will Baptist Church in Hemingway, South Carolina. As there was a need to talk with the Rev. Cartrette prior to the writing of the letter, it was decided that the clerk would write a letter and set a time and place to meet with him. The letter was written and the proposed meeting was to take place on February 25, 1991.

On February 25, 1991, the Committee met; however, Mr. Cartrette was not present. Mr. Cartrette was contacted by telephone and he stated that he had not received notice of the meeting. A meeting was set for March 2, 1991.

On March 2, 1991, the Committee met with Mr. Cartrette concerning his request for a letter to transfer to the Eastern Conference. After talking with him and obtaining satisfactory answers to questions and events that the committee asked him about, a motion was made by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn, seconded by the Rev. Wade Nealey, that we give him a letter upon the proper request from the Eastern Conference. Motion was carried and a letter was written and mailed to the Eastern Conference, along with Mr. Cartrette's credentials from the Eastern Conference that were being held.

The Committee also discussed the situation of the four ministers that were absent from the last Association meeting without being excused. The Rev. Ricky Fowler was talked to by Brother Jack Penny and it was learned that he was working on the day of the meeting and had forgotten to request to be excused. He stated that in the future if he was not able to attend he would request to be excused. The Rev. Darrell Cartrette stated that he forgot to ask to be excused, as he was working in South Carolina at the church he is now pastoring. Mr. Cartrette stated that he was sorry and that in the future he would request to be excused if he was going to be absent. The Rev. Claude Housand and the Rev. Levy Ward were both sick and disabled, and unable to attend the Association due to health reasons. They asked that they be excused due to this. Family members gave apologies for their absences and will take proper action to correct this in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Charles Hilbourn, *Assistant Moderator*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Terry Wade Nealey, *Member at Large*

Report was received on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

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 request by Brother Woodrow Hinson that he be allowed to resign from the Investigation Committee. His request was granted on motion by the Rev. Wade Nealey and the vote of the Association.

There was a motion by the Rev. Daniel Tyler Jr. that the Association select someone to replace Brother Woodrow Hinson on the Investigation Committee. Motion carried and the Rev. Daniel Tyler was nominated and elected to serve on the Investigation Committee.

There was a motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers that the Association replace the oldest member of the Ordaining Council. Motion carried and the Rev. Brooks Sykes was nominated and elected to replace the Rev. J. W. Byrd on the Ordaining Council.

There was a motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris that the Association take up the business of reorganizing. Motion carried and the following were nominated and elected to serve for the next two years:

Moderator, William Jackie Godwin
Assistant Moderator, Dean Cartrette
Clerk, Jack Penny
Treasurer, Ron Settle
Member at Large, Bobby Carden

Motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs that the Association rent a safety deposit box to store the important papers in (that the Clerk has to keep) at the bank where the Association money is located. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Neil J. Harrelson that we take up the business of finding a home for the Association next year. Motion carried and an invitation was given by White Oak Church, Bladenboro, North Carolina. Motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn that we accept the invitation from White Oak Church. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Tommy Bryson that the Association give a standing vote of thanks to the officers that have served the Association in the past and those who were elected to serve. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn that the Executive Committee do a study and report back to the Association next year concerning a list of proposed ministers to serve on the Ordaining Council, as one member will rotate off each year. This study and list are to consider the possibility of giving each minister a chance to serve on the Council sometime in the future, if they so desire. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that the Association adjourn and leave any other unfinished business to the Executive Committee. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Brother Ron Settle.

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

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