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MINUTES
of the
123RD ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Met in session with
White Oak Church
Bladen County, North Carolina
October 17, 1992

The next session will be held with Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1993, beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Twenty-third Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists convened at White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on October 17, 1992.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." The Rev. Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Psalm 40. Altar prayer was led by Bro. Harry McPherson.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Bobby Carden, with response by the Rev. Tommy Bryson.

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 letter.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. Harvey Cribb, Ricky Fowler, Claude Housand, Archie Smith, Brooks Sykes, Levy J. Ward, and Buster Benton were absent. All absent were excused because of illness or work by motion by the Rev. Steward Norris.

Petitionary letters were called for and there were none.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Danny McPherson, Roger Simmons, and Terry Tyler. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Mike Lyles, Craven Phillips, and Robert Benton.

EDUCATIONAL: Bobby Cribb, Elgin Cribb, and Harold Singletary.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Brenda Sykes, Marie Long, and Jonathan Norris.

MINISTERIAL: Charleston Guyton, Owens Ward, and Harry McPherson.

OBITUARY: Patricia Settle, Kip Godwin, and Guy Long.

RESOLUTION: Lonzie Godwin, Jerome Jenrette, and Tommy Bryson.

FINANCE: George Benton, Harry Ransom, and Bernice Suggs.

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 Daniel Tyler Jr.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Danny McPherson

Roger Simmons

Terry Tyler

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

Reports were given on Home and Foreign Missions, Retirement Homes, Convention, Mount Olive College, and the Children's Home by the Revs. David C. Hansley, Harold Jones, Walter Sutton, C. H. Overman, and Garland Suggs.

The congregation then sang "At the Cross" and an offering in the amount of \$218.69 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. Dallas Byrd.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer was led by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Leon Simmons, who brought a very inspiring message from Mark 2:1-5.

The Association was dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. Bobby Carden, who also gave thanks for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Glory to His Name." The altar prayer was led by the Rev. James Howard Nobles.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Mike Lyles

Craven Phillips

Robert Benton

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,

Harold Dean Singletary

Bobby Cribb

Elgin Cribb

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,

Marie Long

Brenda Sykes

Jonathan Norris

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that there was one minister absent without excuse.

Respectfully submitted,

Harry McPherson

Owens Ward

Charleston Guyton

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we have had 21 deaths during this past year. We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Settle

Guy Long

Kip Godwin

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$2,751.85
New Funds	935.00
Total	\$3,686.85

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Suggs

Harry Ransom

George Benton

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report to the Pee Dee Association that we have \$302.90 in the bank. We have issued one check for \$100.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Benton III

Wilton (Bud) Williams

Jerry Bryan

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report, that

WHEREAS, God has blessed us with great churches, missions, and preachers, let us pray for one another. Let us join together and pray that God will send a man to the Whiteville Church and others that do not have a pastor.

We recommend to our people that they withdraw their business from K-Mart Stores as they will not withdraw their stock from Walden Book Stores, where pornography is sold.

We recommend that we rescind the recommendation of the rotation of the Ordaining Council and that it go back to the original Council today.

We recommend that we give the members of White Oak Church a standing vote of thanks for their warm hospitality.

We recommend that we vote on this one by one.

Respectfully submitted,

Tommy Bryson Jr.

Jerome Jenrette

Lonzie Godwin

Report was received as information by motion by Bro. Kip Godwin.

Motion that we accept resolution #1 by the Rev. Billy Hardee. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Billy Hardee that we accept resolution #2. Motion carried.

Motion that we do not accept resolution #3 by the Rev. Charles Hilbourn. Motion not carried.

Motion by the Rev. Steward Norris to accept resolution #3. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Billy Hardee that we accept resolution #4. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the reports and dismiss the committees were as follows:

Devotional—Lonzie Godwin

Periodical—Danny McPherson

Educational—Elgin Cribb

Sunday School—Steward Norris

Resolution—Kip Godwin

Ministerial—Danny McPherson

Obituary—Garland Suggs

Finance—Danny McPherson

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance (January 1, 1992)	\$3,226.17
Check #121 (Bible)	34.32
Check #122 (Yearbook)	440.00
Balance as of October 17, 1992	<u>\$2,751.85</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's report accepted on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

On March 8, 1982, the Council met with the Rev. James H. Nobles after one year as a licentiate minister. Mr. Nobles 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 Beaverdam Church on March 22, 1992.

On August 23, 1992, the Council met with Bro. George Benton after receiving a letter from Cypress Creek Church concerning his call to the ministry. After questioning him, he was found to be in sound doctrine and in faith, and was issued credentials for one year as a licentiate minister.

On October 17, 1992, the Council met with Bro. Dallas Byrd after receiving a letter from Emerson Church concerning his call into the ministry. After questioning him, he was found to be in sound doctrine and in faith and was issued credentials as a licentiate minister for one year.

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

This report was received by motion of Bro. Kip Godwin.

It was requested at this time by the Rev. Billy Hardee that the Association give the Rev. James Howard Nobles the right hand of fellowship into the Association and Bros. Dallas Byrd and George Benton the right hand of welcome into the Association. This request was granted and carried out.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that on June 14, 1992, we met in accordance with the motion passed at the last Association meeting for the purpose of doing the study for making the list of proposed ministers to serve on the Ordaining Council, as the oldest member is to rotate off each year.

After much discussion on this matter, the Committee came to the agreement that they should not be the ones to make or prepare a list, as it was felt that the minister elected should be selected or nominated by the Association in session.

The Committee does recommend that much prayer and thought be given prior to nominating and electing a minister to serve on the Ordaining Council, as the person selected should be established and sound in the faith, having proven himself, and should be fully qualified.

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

Report was received on motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs.

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 the Rev. Daniel Tyler Jr. that he be allowed to resign from the Investigation Committee. His request was granted on motion by Bro. Alfred McPherson and the vote of the Association.

The Rev. Steward Norris was nominated and elected to serve on the Investigation Committee.

There was a motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs that the Association make the Rev. Wade Jernigan an honorary member of the Pee Dee Association in name only, as he would not be able to take part in the business or have voting rights.

Motion by the Rev. James Howard Nobles that we find a home for the Association next year. Motion carried and an invitation was extended by Oak Grove Church.

Motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs that we accept the invitation from Oak Grove Church and have the Association there next year. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs that we pay the officers the same as usual and that we turn all unfinished business over to the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Motion by Bro. Alfred McPherson that if there was no more business to come before the Association that we adjourn by benediction. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Bobby Carden.

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

CHURCHES	1991		Gain		Lost		Net		1992		Active	Average	
	Members	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other	Change	Members	Sunday School		Inactive	Average SS Att NW Att
Saints Delight	405	15	6		4	3		0	419	180	234	185	200
Sandy Plain								14					
Sarecta								0					
Silver Creek								0					
Smith's New Home	90			1		1	0	0	90	64	90	48	55
Smyrna	172	0	0	0	1	1		-2	170	91	105	65	85
Sneads Ferry	89	1	3	1	2			3	92	50		40	50
Snow Hill	100		2		4	2		-4	96	83	100	88	65
Sound View	154		1	2	1	4		-2	152	62	52	100	62
Spring Hope	65	2	3					5	70	78		78	85
St. Mary's	416							0	428		250		
Trent	61	1	2			1		2	63	21		20	25
Verona	65							0	65	79	65	65	130
Wardens Grove	63	3			1	2		0	63	65	63	65	70
Warsaw								0					
Welcome Home	87	5	1	0	0	1	0	5	92	40	78	14	65
Westside	207	4	4		2	3		3	210	116	138	72	116
Whaley's Chapel	75	2				2		0	75	65	75	99	40
White Hill	83	1			6			-5	78	40	51	27	45
White Oak Grove								0					
Wildwood	74							0	74		25		25
Wintergreen	312		3		5			-2	310	150		100	125
Eastern Totals	8241	101	109	11	89	66	3	63	8124	3997	3533	2668	

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

Beaverdam	114	18	8	14	2	3		0			149	100	100
Cypress Creek								35	149	125		149	140
Emerson	114	5	2		2	5	3	-3	111	165			
Little Bethel								0					
Macedonia								0					

CHURCHES	1991 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Met Change	1992 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Average SS Att	Average MW Att
Mission Valley									0					
Mt. Beulah	30	8		1	2	2		2	5	35	52		40	35
Mt. Calvary	66				1	2		-3	63	63	36	104	45	48
Mt. Olive	84		2		1			1	85	60	55	30	50	50
Oak Grove	212		2		1			1	213	165	141	63	90	102
Pine Level									0					
Pineyway									0					
Thomasboro	34	1			1				0	34	30	34	6	30
Trinity	40			8				4	44				60	60
White Oak	100				3	3		-6	94	63	52	42	65	70
Whiteville Mission	12					4		-4	8				10	10
Pee Dee Totals	806	32	14	23	13	17	9	30	836	731	467	245		

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Christ														
Community														
East Rockingham														
Faith														
Friendly Chapel														
Good News														
Gospel Light														
Hickory Grove														
High Point														
House of Prayer														
Northside														
Sweet Haven														
Wayside Tabernacle														
Piedmont Totals	19	10	2	0	1	0	0	11	30	40	32	0		