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of the
125th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Met in Session with
Cypress Creek Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 15, 1994**

The next session will be held with Mount Calvary Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1995, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Licentiates

Casey Norris
 Tony Buffkin
 Freddie Edwards
 Dale Manning
 Donald White
 Michael Lyles

Proceedings

The One Hundred Twenty Fifth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Cypress Creek Church in Columbus County, North Carolina on October 15, 1994.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus." The Reverend Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Matthew 18:11-14. Alter prayer was led by the Reverend Hollan Norris.

The welcome address was given by Brother Thurman Ward with response by the Reverend Bobby Carden.

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 Kim Barnes, Wadus Earl Clewis, Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, Terry Wade Nealey, James Nobles, Archie Smith, and Levy J. Ward were absent.

Petitionary letters were called for and there were none.

The Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional: Howard McPherson, Bo Jones, and Terry Tyler. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

Periodical: Darryl Etheridge, Steve Sykes, and Robert Cartrette

Educational: Wayne Vickers, Lynn Ward, and Elgin Cribb

Sunday School: J. D. Sarvis, Jack Thompson, and David Pitsinger

Ministerial: Daniel Tyler, Dewey Hilbourn and Earl Clewis

Obituary: Rhonda Smith, Owens Ward, and Andrew Fowler

Resolution: James Nobles, Eddy Ray, and Thurman Ward

Finance: Floyd Milsap, Roger Tyler, and Donald Godwin

Home Missions: This is a standing committee composed of George Benton, Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams

Investigation: This is a standing committee composed of Dallas Byrd, Horace Cartrette, and James Nobles

The Devotional Committee came back in and gave the following report:

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Reverend Wade Jernigan will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, Bo Jones, Terry Tyler

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion by Thurman Ward and the committee dismissed.

Reports were given on the Convention, Minister's Program, Foreign Missions, Cragmont Assembly, Mount Olive College, Free Will Baptist Press and Church Finance Association by C. H. Overman, Executive Administrator of the Convention. The Children's Home report was given by Dr. Bobby Taylor. The Home Missions report was given by David C. Hansley. The Retirement Homes report was given by Walter Sutton. C. H. Overman introduced The Reverend Ray Wells, newly elected president of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, who made general comments. Reports were received for information on motion by the Reverend Billy Hardee.

The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven" and an offering in the amount of \$119.36 was taken for the Children's Home. Prayer was offered by Robert Benton.

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 Reverend Jackie Godwin.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "It's a Grand and Glorious Feeling." Prayer was led by the Reverend Jackie Godwin. The service was then turned over to the Reverend Wade Jernigan, who brought a very inspiring message from 1 Samuel 16:1.

The Association was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Ron Settle. Billy Hardee gave thanks for the lunch that has been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Amazing Grace." The altar prayer was led by Charles Hilbourn.

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,

Robert Cartrette

Steve Sykes

Darryl Etheridge

Report received and the committee dismissed on motion by Owens Ward.

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, and the church, and schools, such as Mount Olive College. As Free Will Baptists, we ought to support Mount Olive College. We also encourage our teachers and superintendents to participate in the certification program organized by the Sunday School Board, as well as other programs taught by the Free Will Baptist organization.

Respectfully submitted,

Elgin Cribb

Wayne Vickers

Lynn Ward

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Elgin Cribb.

Sunday School

We, your committee, recommend to all our churches in the Association that they use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, NC. We also recommend that all Sunday School teachers encourage and help the youth to become leaders as the will of God is wrought in their lives. We encourage our Sunday School teachers to set a good example for attendance and in studying their lesson during the week.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Thompson

J. D. Sarvis

David Pitsinger

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Thurman Ward.

Resolutions

No resolution presented today as everyone is happy as things currently are.

Respectfully submitted,
James Nobles
Eddy Ray
Thurman Ward

Committee dismissed on motion by Elgin Cribb.

There was a motion at this time by the Reverend Garland Suggs to give Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks. Motion carried.

Ministerial

We, your committee, beg leave to report that, as far as we know, all our ministers are in good standing at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Daniel Tyler
Dewey Hilbourn
W. E. Clewis

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

Obituary

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we have had 18 deaths during this past year. We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,
Rhonda Smith
Owens Ward
Andrew Fowler

Report received and the committee dismissed on motion by the Reverend James Howard Nobles.

Finance

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$3,241.22
New Funds	\$1,016.00
Total	\$4,257.22

Respectfully submitted,

Floyd Milsap

Roger Tyler

Donald Godwin

Report received and the committee dismissed on motion by George Benton.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning Balance-10-16-93	\$3,181.40
Deposit-10-21-93	<u>955.76</u>
Total	\$4,177.16
Check #132 Children's Home	\$129.76
Check #133 Executive Administrator	\$300.00
Check #134 Officer	\$30.00
Check #135 Officer	\$30.00
Check #136 Yearbooks	<u>\$446.18</u>
Total as of 10-15-94	\$3,241.22

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Settle, *Treasurer*

Treasurer's report accepted on motion by David Sarvis.

Home Missions Treasurer's Report

We, your committee, beg leave to report to the Pee Dee Association that we have \$254.10 in the treasury. On 7-12-94, a check was written to Brother Jerry Buffkin for \$50.00.

Respectfully submitted,

George Benton

Wilton "Bud" Williams

Jerry Bryan

Report received on motion by Owens Ward.

Ordaining Council

On March 20, 1994, the ordaining council met with Brothers Casey Norris, Tony Buffkin, and Freddie Edwards. After receiving letters from their churches, council questioned them about their beliefs and found them sound in faith and doctrine and approved them as a licensed minister for one year.

On May 1, 1994, the council met with Brothers Dale Manning and Donald White after receiving letters from their church. The council questioned them about their beliefs and found them sound in faith and doctrine and approved them as a licensed minister for one year.

On June 26, 1994, the council met with Brother Michael Lyles after receiving a letter from his church. The council questioned him about his beliefs and found him sound in faith and doctrine and approved him as a licensed minister for one year.

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

Motion by Wayne Vickers that this report be accepted.

Motion by the Reverend James B. Hardee to accept these 6 men as licensed ministers. Motion carried.

Motion by the Reverend Garland Suggs to extend the right hand of fellowship to those in attendance, which were Casey Norris, Michael Lyles and Freddie Edwards. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

We, your committee, beg leave to report that on January 25, 1994, the committee met for the purpose of getting a clerk for the Association. Motion by the Reverend Bobby Carden that Jack Penny serve through the next association meeting. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the matter of ministers coming into the association being required to turn in their credentials to the Ordaining Council and being issued Pee Dee Association Credentials. The discussion was prompted by comments made at the last Association meeting. Motion by Brother Ron Settle that no action be taken on this matter as it involved the Ordaining Council and that they should be present to discuss this matter prior to any action being taken. Motion carried.

The number of delegates that each church is allowed to send to the association meeting was discussed, as there were comments made at the last association meeting concerning the number allowed. The clerk looked back through the minutes and found where it was left up to each church as to how many delegates they were to send to the association meetings. Motion by the Reverend Bobby Carden that it be recommended to the association that each church be allowed to send a minimum of three (3) delegates and then one (1) per hundred members or a fraction thereof. Motion carried.

In February, 1994, a letter was received from the Central Conference of Free Will Baptists requesting a letter giving the standing of the Reverend Steward Norris with our association as he had united with that conference. The moderator contacted the members of this committee and they approved the request of the letter giving his standing with this Association. Letter was written and sent to the Central Conference of Original Free Will Baptists on February 16, 1994, stating that the Reverend Steward Norris was in good standing with the Pee Dee Association.

On June 22, 1994, the Moderator contacted the members of this committee as the Reverend Tommy Bryson, Jr. has requested his old credentials be returned to him as he was leaving the Pee Dee Association to return to the Beaver Creek Free Will Baptist Minister's Conference. He requested that he be given a letter of recommendation for the said conference. Committee members approved his request and his old credentials were returned to him along with the letter of recommendation, dated June 23, 1994. He gave his Pee Dee credentials to the clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Godwin, Moderator

Dean Cartrette, Assistant Moderator

Jack Penny, Clerk

Ron Settle, Treasurer

Bobby Carden, Member-at-Large

Report was received on motion by Owens Ward.

Investigation Committee

No Report.

The reading on the minutes was omitted on motion by the Reverend 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 Reverend James Nobles to get a home for the association meeting in 1995. Motion carried.

Robert Cartrette invited the association to Mt. Calvary. This invitation was accepted on motion of the Reverend Garland Suggs and the vote of the body.

Motion by the Reverend Hollan Norris that the Pee Dee Association send \$500.00 to assist with the refurbishing of one Retirement Homes apartment in Ayden and challenged each church within the association to donate \$500.00 as well. Motion to amend the amount to \$1,000.00 by the Reverend Billy Hardee was carried. Motion as amended was carried.

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

Motion by the Reverend Hollan Norris that we take up business of replacing Steward Norris on the Investigation Committee. Motion carried and James Nobles volunteered to serve on this committee.

Moderator discussed the need to select a clerk of the association and the Reverend Billy Hardee made a motion for Danny McPherson to complete the unexpired term of Jack Penny. Motion carried.

The Reverend Hollan Norris asked about Minister's Cards and moderator informed the ministers that their cards would be mailed.

The Reverend Garland Suggs introduced Wayne Vickers, new Sunday School Board member, filling the unexpired term of Bobby Carden. Wayne Vickers made general comments.

Motion by the Reverend James Nobles 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 Reverend Neil Harrelson.

Respectfully submitted,

William J. Godwin, Moderator

Jack Penny, Clerk

St. Mary's	428	2	10	4	11	3	425	175	125	180
Trent	64			2		2	66	23	20	20
Verona	45	2	3			5	50	81	50	125
Wardens Grove	47	8		1	3	4	47	60	47	44
Warsaw	30	1	4	1	4	1	31	48	31	44
Welcome Home	93					0	93	35	50	42
Westside	225	6	10	2	6	8	233	140	149	84
Whaley's Chapel	68		2	2	2	2	66	60	68	98
White Hill	75		4	1	3	1	77	30	52	25
White Oak Grove	135	4		2	4	2	133	93	85	50
Wildwood										
Wintergreen	305	7	3	4	3	3	308	150	100	125
Eastern Totals	9475	186	127	18	121	17	9563	4677	4059	3325

Pee Dee Association

Church	1993 Members	Baptism	Gain Letter	Other	Deceased	Lost Letter	Other	Net Change	1994 Members	Sunday School	Active	Inactive	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
Beaverdam	703	12	2	2	5	3	2	6	709	392			392	
Cypress Creek	151	10		1	2	8	3	2	149	100	135	14	87	87
Emerson	108	6	1	3		2	5	3	111	172			147	127
Little Bethel														
Macedonia	104	4	1		2	2		1	105	50	50	55	50	50

