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**MINUTES
of the
128TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Met in Session at
Pireway Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 18, 1997**

The next session will be held at Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1998 (October 17, 1998) beginning at 9 AM.

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Licentiates

Gary Bennett

Proceedings

The One Hundred Twenty-eighth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Pireway Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC, October 18, 1997.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." The Reverend William J. Godwin conducted the devotional services, taking his text from Psalm 115—"Trusting in God." Altar prayer was led by the Reverend Dean Cartrette.

The welcome address was given by the Reverend Charles Hilburn, pastor of Pireway Free Will Baptist Church, with response by the Reverend James Howard Nobles.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited visitors to enjoy the association activities, but reminded them that they could not take part in any business. 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 Reverends Joseph B. Benton, III; Tony Buffkin; Pete Cribb; Claude Housand; Jerome Jenrette. Wade Jernigan and Archie Smith were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for the Reverends Benton, Jenrette, and Jernigan, the Reverend Dean Cartrette made a motion to excuse those for whom excuses were made. Those were excused.

Petitionary letters were called for, and there were none.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional: Shelton Godwin, Clyde Surles, and Isaac Norris Jr.

Periodical: Greg Cox, Jimmy Etheridge, and James Carroll

Educational: Wayne Tyler, Al Nobles, and Robert Benton

Sunday school: Lynn Ward, Elgin Cribb, and JD Sarvis

Ministerial: Charles Hilburn, Terry Wade Nealey, and Robert Sellers

Obituary: Ronnie Brisson, Harris Blanton, and Gene Hinson

Resolution: Freddie Edwards, Sammy Powell, and Jerry Etheridge

Finance: James Carroll, Jr.; Craven Phillips; and Bobby Cribb

Home Missions: Standing committee composed of George Benton, Jerry Bryan and Bud Williams

Investigation: Standing committee composed of Horace Cartrette, Dale Manning, and Casey Norris

The Devotional Committee returned and gave the following report: We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Reverend James Howard Nobles will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelton Godwin

Clyde Surles

Isaac Norris Jr.

The Devotional Committee report was received on motion of the Reverend Hollan Norris, and the committee was dismissed.

Scott Sowers, Executive Administrator of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist, reported on the work of the Convention and highlighted projects of particular denominational enterprises. Sowers emphasized the five-year theme of the Convention, highlighting this year's theme, "Call to the Word." Additionally, he summarized reports for the denominational enterprises including Home Missions, Foreign Missions (with projects in the Philippines, India, Nepal, Bulgaria, and Mexico), Children's Home, Retirement Home, Mount Olive College, Free Will

Baptist Press, Church Finance Association, Ministers' Program, Sunday School Board, and Cragmont Assembly. Sowers mentioned that the Reverend Garland Suggs' term on the Children's Home Board of Directors had expired and that Ronny Settle now represents the Pee Dee Association on that board. Visiting the association from respective ministries were Bruce Dudley (Retirement Homes), Frank Harrison (Mount Olive College), and Mary Dudley (Sunday School Board). The Reverend Dean Cartrette moved to accept the reports as information; motion was properly seconded and passed.

The congregation sang "Jesus Is the One" and collected an offering for the Children's Home (\$156.97).

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

Delegates and guests were dismissed for a short recess with prayer by the Reverend William J. Godwin.

The association reassembled for the morning message. Following prayer, the Reverend James Howard Nobles delivered a sermon using Leviticus 6:8-13 as his text. The message challenged all believers to guard the "fire" so that "it shall never go out."

The association was dismissed for lunch with prayer. The Reverend Charles Hilburn returned thanks for lunch.

After lunch, the association reconvened, singing "Kneel at the Cross." Danny McPherson led delegates and visitors in prayer.

The moderator announced the house in order for business. He called for 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 likewise that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Etheridge

James Carroll

Report was received, and the committee was discharged by motion of the Reverend George 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 Holy Bible (God's Word) in the home, the church, and schools such as Mount Olive College. We encourage our ministers to further their education at Mount Olive College; and 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,

Al Nobles

Robert Benton

Wayne Tyler

Report was received, and the committee was discharged by motion of the Reverend Hollan Norris.

Sunday School

We, your committee, recommend to all our churches that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective and efficient Sunday school. We further recommend that the Sunday school use every means possible (within the will of God) to encourage and help the youth as well as new converts. Extreme care should be taken to select Christian officers and teachers. We recommend that our Sunday schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press (Ayden, NC). Finally, we recommend that churches in the Pee Dee Association utilize the resources provided by the Free Will Baptist Sunday School Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Elgin Cribb

JD Sarvis

Lynn Ward

Report was received, and the committee dismissed by motion of Elgin Cribb.

Resolution

We, the resolution committee, submit the following resolution:

Be it resolved that the Ordaining Council of the Pee Dee Association shall forward the name, address, and phone number of any newly licensed minister to each church in the association.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Etheridge

The Reverend Freddie Edwards

Sammy Powell

The report and resolution were accepted, and the committee was dismissed by motion of the Reverend Charles Hilburn.

Ministerial

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

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend Charles Hilburn

The Reverend Terry Wade Nealey

The Reverend Robert E. Sellers

Report was received, and the committee dismissed by motion of the Reverend Robert Sellers.

Obituary

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 23 deaths during this past year.

We ask the congregation to stand and pause in silent prayer in memory of these brothers and sisters in Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Brisson

Gene Hinson

Harris Blanton

Report was received and the committee dismissed by motion of the Reverend Dale Manning.

Finance

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

Old funds—1,157.78
 New funds—991.00
 TOTAL—\$2,148.78

Respectfully submitted,
 James Carroll, Jr.
 Craven Phillips
 Bobby K. Cribb

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of the Reverend Dean Cartrette.

Treasurer's Report

Beginning balance (October 19, 1996)	1,882.78
Deposit from association	1,121.05
Balance (October 22, 1996)	3,003.83

Checks for the past year	
#153 William J. Godwin	30.00
#154 Danny D. McPherson	30.00
#155 Ronny Settle	30.00
#156 Retirement Home	1,000.00
#157 Children's Home	126.05
#158 Void	
#159 Convention of Free Will Baptists	630.00

Total checks written during 1996-97	\$1,846.05
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Balance (October 17, 1997)	\$1,157.78
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Respectfully submitted,
 Ronny Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report was accepted by motion of the Reverend Dean Cartrette.

Home Missions Treasurer's Report

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have \$254.10 in the treasury. No financial transactions occurred during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend George W. Benton, Treasurer
Jerry Bryan

Report was received by motion of the Reverend Charles Hilburn.

Ordaining Council

On September 14, 1997, the council met with the Reverend Timothy Ray Soles after he had served one year as a licensed minister. He was given an examination for ordination. He met or exceeded the requirements set forth by the Pee Dee Association for ordained ministers. Ordination services were carried out at Little Bethel Original Free Will Baptist Church on September 28, 1997.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend James B. Hardee, Chairman
The Reverend Garland Suggs, Secretary

Report was accepted by motion of the Reverend Michael Lyles.

The Reverend Billy Hardee moved that the Reverend Timothy Soles be received into the full fellowship of the association and that he receive the right hand of fellowship. Motion carried.

Executive Committee

We, your committee, report that no actions warranted the attention of the Pee Dee Association Executive Committee this past year.

Please be advised, however, that the Reverend Kim Barnes voluntarily returned his license (Certificate of Ordination) to the clerk of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend William J. Godwin, *Moderator*
The Reverend Dean Cartrette, *Assistant Moderator*
Dr. Danny D. McPherson, *Clerk*
Ronny Settle, *Treasurer*
The Reverend Bobby Carden, *Member-at-Large*

Report was received by motion of the Reverend Charles Hilburn.

Investigation Committee

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we did not have to perform any investigative duties during the past year. Please remember your Investigation Committee in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Dale Manning
The Reverend Casey Norris

Report was received by motion of the Reverend Dean Cartrette.

The reading of the minutes was omitted by motion of the Reverend Garland Suggs.

Old or Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

The Reverend James B. Hardee moved to select a home for the association meeting in 1998. Motion carried. The Reverend Godwin volunteered Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 1998 association meeting scheduled for October 17, 1998.

The Reverend James Howard Nobles moved to pay the officers the same as usual. Motion carried.

The Reverend Billy Hardee discussed the recent financial dilemma of the Retirement Homes. He indicated, however, that past indebtedness has been caught up. The Reverend Hardee moved to ask the association to contribute \$500 to the Retirement Homes. Motion carried.

The Reverend James B. Hardee moved to take up the business of electing association officers for the new two years. Motion passed.

The Reverend James B. Hardee moved to retain the same slate of officers. Motion carried.

The Reverend Garland Suggs moved that the association give Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

The Reverend James Howard Nobles moved that if there was no other business to come before the association that the meeting adjourn by benediction. Motion carried and the association was dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

The Reverend William J. Godwin, *Moderator*

Dr. Danny D. McPherson, *Clerk*

	1997		Active	Inactive	Gain			Loss			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Atten.	Avg. MW Atten.
	Membership	8750	3326	2409	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
CHURCHES														
Eastern Totals		8750	3326	2409	215	171	23	109	90	9	201	3818	3180	4429
Pee Dee Association														
Beaverdam FWB Church	704				12	2	1	8	4	0	3	390	390	325
Charity	17										0	14	14	14
Cypress Creek FWB Church	164		152	12	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	95	93	93
Emerson FWB Church	103				0	0	5	1	0	3	1	160	140	132
Little Bethel FWB Church	54				0	0	0	2	0	4	-6	64	45	42
Macedonia FWB Church	119		45	74	5	2	0	2	0	1	4	81	50	50
Mission Valley FWB Church	109				10	0	4	0	0	1	13	109	90	85
Mt. Beulah FWB Church	56				0	0	0	2	0	4	-6	60	41	35
Mt. Calvary FWB Church	114		54	60	1	0	1	1	2	0	-1	76	45	50
Mt. Olive FWB Church-Pee Dee	90		38	52	9	0	0	0	0	0	9	61	55	55
Oak Grove FWB Church	214		152	62	6	1	0	1	0	0	6	73	71	95
Pine Level FWB Church	40		35		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	41	35	35
Piraway FWB Church											0			
Pleasant Meadow FWB Church											0			
Thomasboro FWB Church	13		13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	30	30
Trinity FWB Church	74				3	0	3	2	0	0	4	74	70	70
White Oak FWB Church	112		57	58	8	3	0	2	3	0	6	86	56	71
Pee Dee Totals	1983		546	318	57	8	14	22	9	14	34	1416	1225	1182
Piedmont Conference														
Friendly Chapel FWB Church											0			
High Point FWB Church			40		2	0	4	0	0	0	6	46	30	45