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**MINUTES
of the
131th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
*Little Bethel Original Free Will Baptist Church
Horry County, South Carolina***

October 14, 2000

The next session will be held at Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 2001 (October 20, 2001) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-First Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Little Bethel Original Free Will Baptist Church in Horry County, SC, October 14, 2000.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Just Over in the Gloryland." In the absence of Rev. William J. Godwin (moderator), Assistant Moderator, Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order, and Rev. Dean Cartrette conducted the devotional services, taking his text from Isaiah 33:13-17. Altar prayer was led by Rev. Larry Greenwood.

Nelson Soles, member and delegate of Little Bethel Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome address, with response by Rev. Carl Barker.

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The assistant 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 Revs. Joseph B. Benton III; Wade Earl Clewis; Charles V. Cribb; Freddie Edwards; William J. Godwin; Claude Housand; Jerome Jenrette; Tommy Martin; Timothy Soles; and Daniel Tyler, Jr. were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Benton, Edwards, and Godwin. (Rev. Tommy Bryson requested to be excused after the morning session due to a funeral in his church-approved). Lynn Fairfax made a motion to excuse these, and the motion passed.

Petitionary letters were called for, and there were none.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Douglas Rogers, Harry Norris, and Paul Nobles
PERIODICAL: Bobby Cribb, James Carroll, and Frankie Reaves
EDUCATIONAL: Lynn Fairfax, Owens Ward, and Charles Sellers
SUNDAY SCHOOL: Patricia Settle, Heath Conner, and Buster Powell
MINISTERIAL: Hollan Norris, Tommy Bryson, and Dewey Hilbourn
OBITUARY: Ken Nealy, Greg McPherson, and Nelson Soles
RESOLUTION: Harris Blanton, Matthew Bryan, and Lloyd McKnight
FINANCE: Bobby Taylor, Walter Cooper, and Lyn Ward
INVESTIGATION: Standing committee composed of Horace Cartrette, Larry Greenwood, and Casey Norris

The Devotional Committee returned and gave the following report: We, your committee, have selected Rev. Carl Baker, to deliver the morning message.

Respectfully submitted, *Douglas Rogers, Harry Norris, and Paul Nobles*

The Devotional Committee report was received by motion of Lynn Fairfax, and the committee was dismissed.

Rev. David Charles Hansley, General Administrator of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, reported on the work of the convention and highlighted projects of particular denominational enterprises. He encouraged all churches to pray for the ministries of the Free Will Baptists and to discover avenues by which each church could enhance its spiritual mission. Rev. Hansley encouraged delegates and guests to attend next year's Convention of Original Free Will Baptists because it would highlight the 50th Anniversary of Mount Olive College as well as the 80th Anniversary of the Sunday School Board. He also advised the association that the convention had initiated a task force to consider moving the meeting time of the convention from September to May; the committee's recommendation will be considered in September 2001. Rev. Hansley also suggested that pastors and delegates contact the Free Will Baptist Headquarters for information on making our churches more user friendly for persons with disabilities, as well as receiving information regarding the convention's "Family Life Ministry". Afterwards, representatives from the other denominational enterprises gave a brief report on the efforts of their particular ministries. Visiting the association from denominational ministries were Rev.

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Bruce Dudley (Retirement Homes), Mary Dudley (Sunday School), Rev. Harold Jones (Original Free Will Baptists International-formerly Foreign Missions), Rev. Al Markuson (Home Missions), and Dr. Bobby Taylor (Children's Home). Mrs. Dudley encouraged all churches to plan to participate in a "mini Sunday School Institute" February 3, 2001, at Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church (more information will be sent to pastors).

Dr. Danny McPherson, trustee of Mount Olive College, reported on the state of the College, including an update on the recent deliberations with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS-the college's accrediting agency) and the upcoming Pee Dee Association Mount Olive College Bridge Builders Dinner. McPherson encouraged all churches to participate in the annual drive and distributed announcements and letters to representatives from all churches. Rev. Henry Ward addressed the association regarding his church's annual revival at Cragmont Assembly. Rev. Ward encouraged everyone to visit Cragmont to see firsthand the facilities that are available. Lynn Fairfax moved to accept the reports as information; motion was properly seconded and passed.

The congregation sang a hymn and collected an offering for the Children's Home. Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

Delegates and guests were dismissed for a short recess with prayer by Rev. Dean Cartrette.

The association reassembled for the morning message. Following prayer, Rev. Carl Barker delivered the morning message.

Following the invocation, the association was dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, the association reconvened, singing "Victory in Jesus." Rev. Bobby Cardin led delegates and visitors in prayer.

The assistant moderator announced the house in order for business and called for the clerk to read the reports of the committees. (Dr. Danny McPherson, clerk of the association, had to leave at lunch to attend a funeral, so Beaverdam delegate Lynn Fairfax served in his absence.)

Lynn Fairfax read the following reports.

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,

Frankie Reaves, James Carroll, Bobby Cribb

Report was received, and the committee was discharged by motion of Rev. Dallas Byrd.

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, 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,
Lynn Fairfax
Owens Ward
Charles Sellers

Report was received, and the committee was discharged by motion of Rev. Michael Lyles.

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,
Heath Connor
Patricia Settle
Buster Powell

Report was received, and the committee dismissed by motion of Rev. Michael Lyles.

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee, submit no resolutions at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Bryan
Harris Blanton
Lloyd McKnight

The report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Rev. Wade Nealey.

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,
Rev. Hollan Norris
Rev. Dewey Hilbourn
Rev. Dr. Tommy Bryson, Jr.

Report was received, and the committee dismissed by motion of Rev. Larry Greenwood.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 32 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,
Greg McPherson
Ken Nealey
Nelson D. Soles

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

FINANCE

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

Old funds.....	\$1131.64
New funds.....	<u>\$1117.00</u>
TOTAL.....	\$2284.64

Respectfully submitted,
Lynn Ward
Bobby Taylor
Walter Cooper

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Rev. Larry Greenwood.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning Balance (October 17, 1998)	1386.07
Deposit from association	1329.50
Balance (October 20, 1997)	2823.14

Checks for the past year

#358	50.00
#359	50.00
#376 Children's Home	182.00
#377 Yearbooks 1998	700.00
#378 Yearbooks 1999	630.00
#379 Flowers for Rev. James B. Hardee	79.50

Total checks written during 1999-00	\$1691.50
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Balance (October 14, 2000)	\$1131.64
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Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. James Howard Nobles.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met on April 16, 2000. Our first order of business was to select a new chairperson due to the passing of Rev. James B. Hardee. Rev. Hollan Norris was selected unanimously.

The council met with Rev. Edward Spivey after receiving a letter from Emerson Church. This letter stated that Rev. Spivey requested to become an ordained minister in the Pee Dee Association. He is now serving as an ordained minister in the General Baptist and would like to become ordained with the Original Free Will Baptists. After questioning Brother Spivey about church doctrine and biblical truths, we (the council) recommend to Brother Spivey that he study our *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government*. We also stated to Brother Spivey that we need a letter from the Kedvale General Baptist

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General Baptist Association of Cicero, Illinois of which he said he was currently a member stating that he is in good standing. We decided to meet back with him at a later date.

The council met again on August 16, 2000, with Rev. Edward Spivey after receiving a letter of good standing from the Kedvale General Baptist Association. This letter stated that he was in good standing and was moderator of the Kedvale Association for 30 years or more. Brother Spivey met or exceeded the requirements of the council. The council issued ordination papers to Brother Spivey and in return, he gave us his credentials for safe keeping.

Respectfully submitted,
Hollan Norris, Chairman
Rev. Garland Suggs, Secretary

Report was accepted by motion of Rev. Michael Lyles.

Rev. Edward Spivey was extended the hand of fellowship by the association.

EXECUTIVE

We, your committee, report that (per the request of the Association) the Executive Committee met December 5, 1999 to discuss the need for the Home Missions Committee of the Association. Members decided that there was no apparent reason to continue the Home Missions Committee and account. Therefore, the Rev. Bobby Carden moved that the balance of the Home Missions Account be transferred to the general account. Motion passed. Rev. Carden moved to recommend to the Association that the Home Missions committee be discharged until such time as it needs to be re-established. Rev. Dean Cartrette seconded the motion. Motion passed. Rev. Dean Cartrette made a motion (seconded by Rev. Carden) that Ron Settle contact the bank to see if officials would be willing to refund the previous charges. Motion passed.

Furthermore, please be advised that the Revs. Casey Norris and Charles Hilbourn have submitted their licenses to the clerk.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. William J. Godwin, Moderator
Rev. Dean Cartrette, Asst. Moderator
Mr. Ron Settle, Treasurer
Rev. Bobby Carden, Member at Large
Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk

Report was received by motion of Rev. Hollan Norris.

INVESTIGATION

No Investigation Committee Report was given.

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

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Hollan Norris moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2001. Motion carried. Rev. Carl Barker from Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church volunteered for the 2001 association meeting scheduled for October 20, 2001.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to pay the officers the same as usual. The motion passed.

Rev. Hollan Norris moved that the association fill the vacant position on the Ordaining Council; motion passed. The floor was opened for nominations, and Rev. Larry

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Greenwood was nominated. No others were nominated, so nominations were closed. Rev. Greenwood was voted in by acclamation and agreed to accept the position.

Rev. Hollan Norris moved to fill the two vacancies on the Investigation Committee; motion passed. Revs. Wade Nealey and Michael Lyles were nominated and approved. Both agreed to serve.

Rev. Hollan Norris moved that the association give Little Bethel Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Rev. Hollan Norris moved that the Pee Dee Association become a Mount Olive Bridge Builder by donating \$100 to the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builder Campaign. Motion passed.

Rev. Bobby Carden moved that if there was no other business to come before the association that the meeting adjourn by benediction. Motion carried and Rev. Pete Cribb dismissed the association with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. William J. Godwin, Moderator
Rev. Dean Cartrette, Assistant Moderator
Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk

CHURCHES	2000	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				
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Beaverdam	721			12	9	2	11	5	4	726	na	429	400
Charity	17			0	0	0	0	0	0	17	14	10	15
Cypress Creek	82	82	0	4	0	3	2	0	1	86	89	88	75
Emerson	116	114		0	2	1	1	2	3	113	144	129	129
Little Bethel	51	51		0	0	0	0	0	0	51	68	42	40
Macedonia													
Mission Valley	114	85	29	6	0	1	5	0	3	113	115	90	85
Mt. Beulah	52	45	7	5	4	0	1	2	0	58	72	80	60
Mt. Calvary	117	62	55	0	0	0	1	0	0	116	80	59	60
Mt. Olive	45	45		0	0	0	1	3	0	41	62	62	50
Oak Grove	222	146	76	0	3	0	1	0	0	224	120	73	85
Pine Level	38	17	21	9	0	0	0	0	0	47	50	43	43
Preway													
Pleasant Meadow	33	33		1	0	0	2	0	3	29	45	32	25
Thomasboro	14	12	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	14	38	38	35
Trinity	56					14	0		12	53	45	60	60
White Oak	126	52	74	0	0	0	3	0	0	123	86	55	75
Pee Dee Totals	1804	744	262	38	18	21	29	12	26	1811	1028	1290	1237