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MINUTES
of the
133rd ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church
Bladen County, North Carolina
October 19, 2002

The next session will be held at Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church (Bladen County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2003 (October 18, 2003) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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MODERATOR: Reverend William J. Godwin, 726 Woodrow Cribb Rd., Clarendon, NC 28432

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Reverend James H. Nobles, 122 Mercer Rd., Chadbourn, NC 28431

Reverend Hollon Norris, 8703 Old Stake Rd., Tabor City, NC 28463

Reverend Garland Suggs, 1280 Crusoe Island Rd., Whiteville, NC 28472

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Pee Dee Association

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Gary Bryan	7832 Albert Street	Dublin, NC
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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-third Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church in Bladen County, NC October 19, 2002.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Moderator Rev. William J. Godwin called the meeting to order. Assistant moderator, Rev. Dean Cartrette, conducted the devotional services, taking his text from II Kings 6:1-7. Rev. Hollon Norris led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Dr. Bobby Carden, pastor of White Oak Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Dallas Byrd.

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 Revs. Joseph B. Benton, Wade Earl Clewis, Dewey Hilbourn, Claude Housand, Wade Nealey, Clyde Reaves, and Timothy Soles were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Benton, Clewis, Hilbourn, and Housand. Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion, seconded by Rev. Garland Suggs, to grant their request. The motion carried.

The moderator then entertained a motion to hear the report of the joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council concerning the restructuring of the Association's committees. Rev. James Howard Nobles made the motion (seconded by Rev. Garland Suggs) to hear the report, and the motion carried. Clerk of the Association, Dr. Danny D. McPherson, gave the following report.

"Per request of the association at its October 20, 2001 annual meeting, the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council met jointly at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, August 18, 2002 (3:00 p.m.). The purpose of this meeting was to review the function and purpose of all committees of the association and then to present any recommendations for restructuring at the 2002 association annual meeting. All members from both committees were present: Executive Committee—Rev. Bobby Carden, Rev. Dean Cartrette, Rev. William J. Godwin, Dr. Danny D. McPherson, and Mr. Ronny Settle; Ordaining Council—Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. Larry Greenwood, Rev. James H. Nobles, Rev. Hollon Norris, and Rev. Garland Suggs.

During its discussion, the group reviewed and discussed the purpose of each committee, the committees' recent annual reports, committee structures from other associations within the state convention, and requirements as outlined in *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists*. After extensive discussion, Rev. Hollon Norris made a motion (seconded by Rev. Bobby Carden) to make the following recommendations to the association:

1. Combine the work of the Periodical, Educational, and Sunday School committees into one committee called the Christian Education Committee;
2. Eliminate the Ministerial Committee and assign related issues (as pertaining to ministers) to the Ordaining Council;
3. Eliminate the Investigation Committee (a standing committee) and assign the Executive Committee and/or the Ordaining Council to perform appropriate duties as necessary and as prescribed *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* or as approved by the association;
4. Eliminate the Finance Committee and allow the treasurer to solicit assistance as necessary;
5. Eliminate the Devotional Committee and allow the Executive Committee to appoint the speaker for the annual association meeting;
6. Continue the Obituary Committee;
7. Continue the Resolution Committee;

8. A. Rename "Custodians" as the Board of Trustees making this group consistent with The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists;
B. Membership of the Board of Trustees
 - » appoint Isaac Norris Jr. to the position currently held by DF Hester (deceased)
 - » appoint Marvin McPherson to the position currently held by Carson McPherson
 - » appoint Nelson Soles to the position currently held by Shelton Sarvis
 - » reappoint FJ Lee to the position he currently holds.
9. Reappoint the Ordaining Council (a standing committee) as specified in *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* and comprised of the following: Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. Larry Greenwood, Rev. James H. Nobles, Rev. Hollon Norris, and Rev. Garland Suggs.
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Dr. McPherson distributed and reviewed a handout that graphically displayed the proposed changes. He and other members of the committees answered questions and clarified specific points. Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion, seconded by Rev. Dr. Tommy Bryson, to accept the report. The motion carried.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Greg Cox, Kenneth Nealey, & Frankie Reaves

OBITUARY: Jerry Brown, Marvin McPherson, & Harold Dean Singletary

RESOLUTION: Glenn Cribb, Rev. Tommy Bryson, & Rev. Freddie Edwards

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Rev. Fred Baker, President of the Convention, first addressed the association bringing greetings on behalf of the convention. Visiting the association from denominational ministries were Rev. Bruce Dudley (Retirement Homes), Mary Dudley (Sunday School Board), Rev. Jeff Daughtry (Mount Olive College), and James Owens (Home Missions). Rev. William J. Godwin distributed the Foreign Missions report, and as Pee Dee Association representative on the Children's Home Board, Ron Settle gave that report. Marvin McPherson moved to accept the reports as information; Rev. Dean Cartrette seconded motion, and it passed.

The congregation sang a hymn and collected an offering for the Children's Home.

Following a brief morning recess, the moderator called the house back to order and asked Rev. Robert Sellers to open the session with prayer.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

The moderator called for the clerk to read the reports of the committees.

REPORTS

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee, recommend that all our churches, homes, and schools use the King James Version of the Bible. We further encourage our ministers to further their education at Mount Olive College and be active in supporting the college and its ministries. We also encourage our teachers and superintendents to participate in the certification program organized by the Sunday School Board. Finally, we recommend that our Sunday Schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press (Ayden, NC).

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Cox

Kenneth Nealey

Frankie Reaves

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

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee, have no resolutions to bring at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Tommy Bryson

Glenn Cribb

Rev. Freddie Edwards

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

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 11 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,

Jerry Brown

Marvin McPherson

Harold Dean Singletary

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Douglas Rogers.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 20, 2001)	\$1,279.51
Deposit from association	1,276.26
Total	\$2,555.77

Checks for the past year	
# 367 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 368 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 369 Rev. William J. Godwin	50.00
# 370 Ron Settle	50.00
# 371 Mount Olive College	500.00
# 372 Children's Home	139.26
# 373 Press	25.76
# 374 Yearbooks 2002	630.00
# 375 Press	29.82

Total checks written during 2001-02	\$1,524.84
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Balance (October 19, 2002)	\$1,030.93
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Received October 19, 2002	\$1,409.82
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Ending Balance	\$2,440.75
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Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. Hollon Norris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met with Rev. Clyde Reaves for his ordination service on January 20, 2002, at Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church. Having met or exceeded the requirements of the council, Rev. Reaves received his license as an ordained minister of the Pee Dee Association.

The council met with Gary Bryan on June 30, 2002, after receiving a letter from Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church announcing Bryan's call into the ministry. The council questioned Bryan concerning his beliefs and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The council approved him as a licensed minister for one year.

The council and clerk of the association met on July 21, 2002, with Rev. Tommy Martin to discuss his not attending any churches in the Pee Dee Association and also not attending the annual association. Rev. Martin explained that recently he had been hospitalized for three surgeries (along with other medical conditions) and was currently unable to pastor. After Rev. Martin expressed his desire to rejoin the Central Conference and attend

a local church, the council returned Rev. Martin's license from the Central Conference and he submitted his Pee Dee credentials to the clerk. Therefore, Rev. Martin is no longer a licensed minister in the Pee Dee Association.

The council met on October 6, 2002, after receiving a letter from Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church stating that the church had called Rev. Davin Johnson as their pastor and that Rev. Johnson requested to join the Pee Dee Association as an ordained minister. After questioning Rev. Johnson regarding church doctrine and biblical truths, the council asked him to request a letter of good standing from the Central Conference and upon receiving it, the council would meet with him again. Subsequently, the council met with Rev. Johnson after receiving the letter of good standing from Central Conference. Rev. Johnson met or exceeded the requirements of the council. The council issued ordination papers (license) to Rev. Johnson, and he returned his original license to the Central Conference.

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

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to amend the report to include that Rev. Neil Harrelson had recently submitted his Pee Dee Association license and returned the Central Conference. Rev. Garland Suggs seconded the amendment, and it carried. Marvin McPherson moved (seconded by Rev. Dean Cartrette) to accept the amended report, and it carried.

Rev. Davin Johnson was extended the hand of fellowship, and Rev. Gary Bryan was given the hand of welcome by the association.

EXECUTIVE

We, your committee, report that the clerk of the association met with members of the Ordaining Council and Rev. Roy T. Martin on Sunday, July 21, 2002 (3:00 p.m.) at Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church. Persons present included Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. Larry Greenwood, Rev. James Howard Nobles, Rev. Hollon Norris, Rev. Garland Suggs, Rev. Roy T. Martin, and Dr. Danny McPherson. Following discussion between members of the Council and Rev. Martin, Rev. Martin submitted his Pee Dee Association license to the association clerk who then returned Rev. Martin's original license to him. The meeting was adjourned by benediction.

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The motion carried unanimously.

Rev. Garland Suggs made a motion (seconded by Ronny Settle) that once the moderator had announced the house in order for business and the clerk had called the roll of churches and ministers that he entertain a motion to hear and take action on the report of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council regarding committee restructuring. The motion passed.

Pee Dee Association

The meeting was adjourned by benediction.

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

Report was received by motion of Rev. Hollon Norris.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved (seconded by Rev. Carden) that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2001 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Dean Cartrette moved (seconded by Rev. James H. Nobles) to select a home for the association meeting in 2003. Motion carried. Rev. Davin Johnson invited the Association to meet at Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2003 association meeting scheduled for October 18, 2003.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to pay the officers the same as usual. The motion passed.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that the Association give White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Rev. Bobby Carden moved that the Pee Dee Association become a Mount Olive Bridge Builder by donating \$500 to the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builder Campaign. Rev. James Howard Nobles seconded the motion, and it passed.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to adjourn out of business and enter into the worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Bobby Carden delivered the morning message.

Rev. Dean Cartrette gave the blessing for lunch provided by White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church and dismissed the Association with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. William J. Godwin
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk

CHURCHES	2002	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				

Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam	735			6	8	0	8	8	0	733		417	417
Charity													
Cypress Creek	81	81		5	0	1	0	0	2	85	72	60	60
Emerson	118	118	0	0	0	4	0	0	14	108	108	135	135
Little Bethel	52	52		0	0	0	0	0	0	52	54	36	32
Macedonia	100	46	54	2	0	1	0	1	0	102	44	48	50
Mission Valley	118	81	37	9	2	0	0	0	4	125	126	95	90
Mt. Beulah	65	60	5	2	0	0	1	2	5	59	57	55	57
Mt. Calvary	118	57	61	0	0	0	0	1	0	117	81	53	56
Mt. Olive	42	42	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	41	50	45	45
Oak Grove	224	155	69	3	0	0	0	0	0	227	224	80	90
Pine Level	46	29	17	4	1	3	0	0	8	46	41	45	45
Piraway													
Pleasant Meadow													
Thomasboro	16	10	6	0	1	0	1	0	0	16	25	25	25
Trinity	41	24	17	0	1	4	1	7	2	36	48	45	45
White Oak	123	53	70	1	2	0	0	5	0	121	86	55	75
Pee Dee Totals	1879	808	336	32	15	13	12	24	35	1868	1016	1194	1222

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Paul Palmer Conference

Jakin	45	15	30	0	0	0	1	1	0	43	19	13	27
Zion	122	55	67	1	0	0	0	0	0	123			58
Paul Palmer Totals	167	70	97	1	0	0	1	1	0	166	19	13	85