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MINUTES
of the
132nd ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church
Horry County, South Carolina
October 20, 2001

The next session will be held at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church (Bladen County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2002 (October 19, 2002) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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LICENTIATES

Clyde Reaves

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church in Horry County, SC, October 20, 2001.

The session opened as the congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On." Due to

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Moderator Rev. William J. Godwin's recent heart surgery, both he and Assistant Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette facilitated the association meeting. Rev. Godwin called the meeting to order and conducted the devotional services, taking his text from Ephesians 3:7-12, relating the terrorist attacks of September 11th to Christians' purpose, mission and effectiveness in America. Altar prayer was led by Rev. James Howard Nobles.

Rev. Henry Ward, pastor of Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address, with response by Rev. Neal Harrelson.

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. George Benton; Wade Earl Clewis; Dewey Hilbourn; Claude Housand; Jerome Jenrette; Wade Jernigan; Tommy Martin; and Timothy Soles were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Benton and Jenrette. Their requests were granted.

Petitionary letters were called for, and there were none.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Jack Cartrette, Frankie Reaves, and Owens Ward

PERIODICAL: LB Clewis, Greg Cox, and Ken Nealey

EDUCATIONAL: James Carroll, Shane Greenwood, and Craven Phillips

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Robert Benton, Chris Cotton, and Paul Cribb

MINISTERIAL: Revs. Charles Cribb, Freddie Edwards, and Neal Harrelson

OBITUARY: Karen Buffkin, Mary Dowless, and JD Sarvis

RESOLUTION: Rev. Buster Benton, Harris Blanton, and Rev. Henry Ward

FINANCE: Ronnie Brisson, Rusty Fowler, and Douglas Rogers

INVESTIGATION: Standing committee composed of Horace Cartrette, Rev. Michael Lyles and Rev. Wade Nealey

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

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Cartrette,

Frankie Reaves

Owens Ward

The Devotional Committee report was received by motion of Rev. Michael Lyles, and the committee was dismissed.

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Visiting the association from denomination ministries were Rev. Bruce Dudley (Retirement Homes); Mary Dudley (Sunday School Board); Rev. Frank Harrison (Mount Olive College); Rev. Bryant Hines (Cragmont Assembly); and Dr. Bobby Taylor (Children's Home).

Dr. Danny McPherson, trustee of Mount Olive College, reported on the state of the College, including 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. Neal Harrelson 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. Henry Ward delivered the morning message. Rev. Ward began his message with recitations followed by his text from Luke 5:2-7: "When Jesus Steps Aboard".

Following the invocation, the association was dismissed for lunch.

After lunch, the association reconvened, singing "Revive Us Again." Rev. Hollan Norris 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.

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,

Greg Cox

LB Clewis

Ken Nealey

Report was received, and the committee was discharged by motion of Rev. James Howard Nobles.

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,

James Carroll

Shane Greenwood

Craven Phillips

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend to all our churches that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective 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,
Robert Benton
Chris Cotton
Paul Cribb

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

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee, submit the following resolution:

Whereas our nation is under terrorist attacks, and

Whereas the days in which we live are more perilous than ever before;

Therefore, be it resolved that as Christians, we should (more than ever before) pray for each other, our nation, and our leaders.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Joseph B. Benton, III
Harris Blanton
Rev. Henry Ward

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

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that to the best of our knowledge, all ministers are in good standing at this time and furthermore request that all ministers use the King James Version of the Bible in study, preparation, and presentation of the Word of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Charles Cribb
Rev. Freddie Edwards
Rev. Neal Harrelson

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

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 24 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,

Karen Buffkin

Mary Dowless

JD Sarvis

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

FINANCE

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

Old funds	\$1,279.51
New funds	<u>1,137.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,416.51

Respectfully submitted,

Ronnie Brisson

Russell Fowler

Douglas Rogers

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 14, 2000)	\$1,131.51
Deposit from association	1,259.00
Balance (October 18, 2000)	\$2,390.51

Checks for the past year

# 360 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 361 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 362 Ron Settle	50.00
# 363 Mount Olive College	100.00
# 364 Children's Home	142.00
# 365 Lynn Fairfax (Banner for MOC)	159.00
# 366 Yearbooks 2001	560.00

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Total checks written during 2000-01	\$1,111.00
Balance (October 20, 2001)	\$1,279.51

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. Dallas Byrd.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met on November 19, 2000, after receiving a letter from Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we meet with Rev. Neal Harrelson. After examining Rev. Harrelson, and upon receiving a letter from the Central Conference of South Carolina, we recommend that he be licensed in the Pee Dee Association. We gave Rev. Harrelson a new license of this date. His old license had expired due to the fact that he had not been a member of an Original Free Will Baptist Church for some time. He is now a member of Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The council met on January 7, 2001, after receiving a letter from Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church announcing the call of Brother Clyde Reaves to the ministry. The council questioned Brother Reaves concerning his beliefs and found him to be sound in his faith and doctrine. The council approved him as a licensed minister for one year.

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

Report was accepted by motion of Rev. Dallas Byrd.

Rev. Neal Harrelson was extended the hand of fellowship, and Rev. Clyde Reaves was given the hand of welcome by the association.

EXECUTIVE

We, your committee, report that the chairman of the Executive Committee received a letter on January 10, 2001, from the Ordaining Council requesting a joint meeting of the two groups to discuss processes and procedures for investigating issues related to ministers of the Association.

The two groups met January 28, 2001 (3:00 pm) at Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church. Persons present included Rev. William J. Godwin, Rev. Bobby Carden, Ron Settle, and Danny McPherson of the Executive Committee along with Rev. Hollan Norris, Rev. Garland Suggs, Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. James Howard Nobles, and Rev. Larry Greenwood of the Ordaining Council.

The Ordaining Council expressed a need to clarify the process, procedures, and responsible parties for conducting investigations as related to ministers of the association. Following discussion, Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion to the Executive Committee to allow the Ordaining Council to conduct investigations in accordance with the proce-

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dures as outlined in the Executive Committee Report of the 1999 minutes of the Pee Dee Association—adding that once the chairman of the Executive Committee receives such request from the Ordaining Council that the Executive Committee will grant permission for an initial investigation. The motion passed.

On August 5, 2001, Danny McPherson (Clerk of the Association) and Rev. Garland Suggs (Secretary of the Ordaining Council) met with Rev. Carl Barker to exchange his ministerial license.

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. Hollan Norris.

INVESTIGATION

No Investigation Committee Report was given.

The Reading of the minutes was omitted by motion of Rev. James Howard Nobles.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved (seconded by Rev. Norris) to select a home for the association meeting in 2002. Motion carried. Rev. Bobby Carden from White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church volunteered for the 2002 association meeting scheduled for October 19, 2002.

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

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to elect officers for the next two years (2002-2003), and the motion passed. Rev. Hollan Norris moved to keep the same officers. The motion was seconded and passed. Officers include Rev. William J. Godwin, Moderator; Rev. Dean Cartrette, Assistant Moderator; Mr. Ron Settle, Treasurer; Rev. Bobby Carden, Member at Large; and Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk.

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

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

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that the Executive Committee review the function and purpose of all committees of the association and present any recommendations for

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restructuring at the 2002 association. Rev. Hollan Norris seconded the motion. Rev. Robert Sellers moved to amend the motion by including the Ordaining Council as well as the Executive Committee; seconded by Elgin Cribb. The amendment 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. Dean Cartrette dismissed the association with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. William J. Godwin, Moderator

Rev. Dean Cartrette, Assistant Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk

CHURCHES	2001	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
		Active	Inactive	Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased				
Pee Dee Association											
Beaverdam	726			14	5	3	9	735		417	435
Charity											
Cypress Creek	86	86	0	0	0	0	3	81	73	58	55
Emerson	113	113	0	1	4	4	1	118	149	133	140
Little Bethel	51			1	1	0	1	0	68	35	32
Macedonia	100	46	54	2	0	1	2	0	91	42	52
Mission Valley	113	81	32	7	0	0	0	0	120	105	100
Mt. Beulah	66	58	8	12	0	0	0	74	69	72	72
Mt. Calvary	116	56	60	4	2	0	4	118	80	53	55
Mt. Olive	45								62		
Oak Grove	220	148	72	0	4	0	3	221	95	79	80
Pine Level	47	36	11	0	0	4	0	46	50	52	50
Piney	34			1			1	33	60		
Pleasant Meadow	33			4	0	0	0	0	37	41	
Thomasboro	12	12	0	0	0	5	1	0	16	0	35
Trinity	41			4	0	0	1	1	27	31	
White Oak	126	54	72	0	0	0	2	123	86	54	78
Pee Dee Totals	1929	690	309	50	16	17	28	1892	1032	1108	1184