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**MINUTES of the 135th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina**

October 16, 2004

The next session will be held at Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2005 (October 15, 2005) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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Jackie Strickland
Jerry Simmons

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-fifth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 16, 2004.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Lord Lead Me On." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order. Bro. Stephen Shotsman, a ministerial student and chaplain from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College (Moore, Oklahoma), conducted the devotional services, taking his text from Romans 8:28. Rev. James Howard Nobles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Alfred McPherson, deacon from Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Robert Sellers.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited visitors to enjoy the association activities but reminded them that they could not take part in any business. A special welcome was extended to Rev. Wade Jernigan, honorary minister of the Pee Dee Association, and four ministerial students from Hillsdale Free Will Baptist College in Moore, Oklahoma. Afterwards, the moderator 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, Freddie Edwards, William J. Godwin, Claude Housand, Wade Nealey, Jackie Strickland, Daniel Tyler, and William Ward were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs., Clewis, Edwards, Godwin, Tyler, and Ward. Rev. Garland Suggs made a motion to grant their requests. The motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Robert Benton, Ervin Brown, & Dale Reaves

OBITUARY: Elgin Cribb, Woodie Etheridge, & Sammy Jones

RESOLUTION: Franklin Floyd, Ricky Fowler, & Rev. Rusty Rogers

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Visiting the association from denominational ministries were Harold Jones (Foreign Missions), Heath Connor (Sunday School Board), Rev. Bryant Hines (Cragmont), Dianne Riley (Mount Olive College), Rev. Bobby Taylor (Children's Home), Graham Lane (Home Missions), plus representatives from the Free Will Baptist Press and Camp Vandemere. Following the Free Will Baptist Press report, Rev. Charles Cribb expressed concern with language in the Press literature that is not doctrinally correct as well as growing references to versions of the Bible other than the King James Version. Likewise, Association delegates in unison voiced much displeasure with the quality of Press literature—its doctrinal accuracy and writers' use of versions of the Bible other than the King James. Rev. Fred Baker, President of the Convention, addressed the association bringing greetings on behalf of the Convention. He also noted that the Convention was in the process of employing a General Administrator of the Convention. Dale Reaves moved to accept the reports as information; Alfred McPherson 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.

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 and that all literature distributed in our churches be of the King James Version only. We also encourage our ministers to further their education at Mount Olive College and be active in supporting the college and its ministries. Similarly, we encourage our deacons of the Pee Dee Association to attend the three-day leadership seminar hosted at Cragmont.

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Benton
Ervin Brown
Dale Reaves

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Alfred McPherson.

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee, have no resolutions to bring at this time but recommend that the congregation give a standing vote of appreciation to Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church for hosting today's annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Franklin Floyd
Ricky Fowler
Rev. Rusty Rogers

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

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,
Elgin Cribb
Woodie Etheridge
Sammy Jones

Report was received, and the committee was dismissed by motion of Rev. George Benton.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 18, 2003)	\$ 907.29
Deposit from association	1485.50
Total (October 18, 2003)	\$2392.79

Checks for the past year	
# 388 Dr. Danny McPherson	32.52
# 389 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 390 Rev. William J. Godwin	50.00
# 391 Mount Olive College	500.00
# 392 Charity	200.00
# 393 Ron Settle	50.00
# 394 Children's Home	157.00
# 395 Free Will Baptist Press	63.70

396 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

630.00

Total checks written during 2003-04

\$1733.22

Balance (October 16, 2004)

\$659.57

NOTE: Receipts from October 16, 2004 are not included.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Carlton Carteret.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met November 21, 2003 after receiving a letter from White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. Rusty Rogers for ordination. Rev. Rogers successfully passed all tests, and his ordination service was scheduled for December 7, 2003 at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The council met with Rev. Rusty Rogers for his ordination service December 7, 2003 at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Rogers met or exceeded the requirements of the council, and the council issued ordination papers to him at that meeting.

The council met June 27, 2004 with Rev. Jackie Strickland after receiving a letter from Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the council to examine Rev. Strickland for a minister's license. At that time, Rev. Strickland had completed his one-year membership at Pine Level as earlier recommended by the council. The council questioned Rev. Strickland concerning church doctrine and biblical truths and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The council approved Rev. Jackie Strickland as a licensed minister for one year.

The council met June 27, 2004 with Bro. Jerry Simmons after receiving a letter from Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the council to examine him for a minister's license. The council questioned Bro. Simmons concerning church doctrine and biblical truths and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The council approved Bro. Jerry Simmons as a licensed minister for one year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Hollon Norris, Chairman
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

Dale Reaves moved (seconded by Rev. Bobby Carden) to accept the report and to extend the hand of fellowship to Rev. Rogers (ordained minister). The motion carried.

Rev. Rusty Rogers was given the hand of fellowship by the association.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Members of the Pee Dee Association Executive Committee (Rev. Bobby Carden, Rev. Dean Cartrette, Rev. Larry Greenwood, and Dr. Danny McPherson) met jointly with members of the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council (Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. James Howard Nobles, Rev. Hollon Norris, and Rev. Garland Suggs) on November 16, 2003 at Beaverdam Free Will Baptist Church. During its 2003 Annual Session, the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists selected Rev. Larry Greenwood to serve on the executive committee of the association. However, in investigating earlier actions of the association, an individual may hold a position on only one of the standing committees. With that information, Rev. Greenwood expressed his desire to remain on the Executive Committee. Following discussion of the group, Rev. Bobby Carden moved that Michael Lyles fill the Ordaining Council position vacated by Rev. Greenwood. Rev. Greenwood seconded the motion, and the motion was passed unanimously by the Executive Committee.

Dr. McPherson shared a letter from Oak Grove Original Free Will Church dated November 10, 2003 requesting that the Pee Dee Executive Committee contact the Central Conference of South Carolina regarding the establishment of an Original Free Will Baptist Church within two miles of Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church. General consensus was that the Pee Dee Association has no jurisdiction over the activities of the Central Conference. However, Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion (seconded by Rev. Greenwood) that the Dr. McPherson send a letter to the clerk, executive committee, and ordaining council of Central Conference stating that if they desire information regarding recent issues which may have led up to the establishment of "Greater Vision" church, they may make an official request to the clerk who in turn will forward appropriate documentation. Motion carried. Rev. Carden also made a motion (seconded by Rev. Greenwood) for Dr. McPherson to send a letter to Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church stating the action of the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Rev. Garland Suggs updated the group on the recent developments of the Executive Committee of the Convention regarding their deliberations concerning the position of Executive Administrator of the Convention. Rev. Greenwood made a motion (seconded by Rev. Carden) asking that Rev. Garland Suggs share with the Executive Committee of the Association that the Pee Dee Association recommends that the position be re-advertised as a part-time position before it is filled and that our belief is that the position should be filled by an ordained minister of the Original Free Will Baptists. Motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris made a motion to adjourn (seconded by Rev. Garland Suggs), and the motion carried.

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Dallas Byrd to preach the Association message.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator
Rev. Bobby Carden, Assistant Moderator
Ron Settle, Treasurer
Rev. Larry Greenwood, Member at large
Dr. Danny McPherson, Clerk

Report was received by motion of Rev. Garland Suggs.

Rev. Larry Greenwood moved to recess out of business and enter into the worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Dallas Byrd delivered the morning message.

Rev. Bobby Carden gave the blessing for lunch provided by Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Following lunch, the moderator called the business session to order and announced the house in order for business.

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 2003 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved (seconded by Alfred McPherson) that in future Association meetings, one hour be allotted for the presentation of denominational ministry reports, a five-minute presentation per ministry, and one presenter for each ministry. Motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved (seconded by Alfred McPherson) that the Pee Dee Executive Committee prepare a letter and meet with the Executive Committee of the Convention expressing the Pee Dee Association's displeasure with the denominational ministries' use of versions of the Bible other than the King James Version and that the leadership of the Convention and each denominational enterprise be informed and understand that all literature, instruction, and presentations within the Pee Dee Association must be limited to the King James Version of the Bible. Motion carried.

Rev. Garland Suggs moved (seconded by Rev. Hollon Norris) that the Pee Dee Executive Committee develop a resolution stating the reaffirmation of the doctrine and principles as outlined in the *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* and that the resolution be presented to the Executive Committee of the Convention. Motion carried.

Dr. Danny McPherson shared that through the Barrows Endowment, Mount Olive College would be sponsoring a leadership development program for all churches of the association in January 2005—hosted by and at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church. Topics will include personal spiritual development, developing programs for seniors, developing programs for youth, developing church leaders, and ministerial development. Each church is encouraged to send at least ten persons to participate in this program. Information will be mailed to pastors and church leaders in the near future.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved (seconded by Elgin Cribb) that Rev. Michael Lyles fill the vacant position on the Ordaining Council. Motion carried.

Rev. Pete Cribb moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2005. Motion carried. Rev. Hollon Norris invited the Association to meet at Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2005 association meeting scheduled for October 15, 2005. Rev. Garland Suggs moved that the invitation be accepted, and it carried.

Pee Dee Association

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

Bro. Elgin Cribb moved (seconded by Rev. Robert Sellers) that the Association give Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

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

Rev. George Benton moved (seconded by Rev. Hollon Norris) to adjourn the Association with prayer. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk

CHURCHES	2004	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Net Change	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				

Paul Palmer Conference

Jakin													
Zion													
Paul Palmer Totals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

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Pee Dee Association

Beaverdam	736	736		8	3	1	11			737		384	384
Charity													
Cypress Creek	76	76			1		1		8	68	65	55	55
Emerson	112	112		6	3	8	2	2	2	123	184	155	155
Little Bethel	52	52			1			1		52	54	31	30
Macedonia	100	46	54	1			1			100	44	50	55
Mission Valley	119	80	39			1	1		5	114	128	90	85
Mt. Beulah													
Mt. Calvary	110	51	58	4		1	1			114	83	59	59
Mt. Olive	31	31		2					1	32	42	35	34
Oak Grove	239	136	103		1		1		28	210	68	76	76
Pine Level	40	19	21		2		3		5	35	34	25	30
Pineyway													
Pleasant Meadow													
Thomasboro	18												
Trinity	40	25	15				1	1		18	18	11	16
White Oak	119	55	64	2			1	2	1	38	43	40	45
Pee Dee Totals	1792	1419	354	23	11	11	23	6	50	1758	777	1059	1109