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**MINUTES of the 138th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Mt. Olive Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina**

October 20, 2007

The next session will be held at Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2008 (October 18, 2008) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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LICENTIATE(S)

Jamey Ward

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-eighth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Mt. Olive Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 20, 2007.

The session opened as the congregation sang "He Set Me Free." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order and gave the devotional services, taking his text from Jeremiah 33: 11-14. Rev. Dallas Byrd led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Brooks Sykes, pastor of Mt. Olive Original Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Buster Benton.

The moderator welcomed everyone and invited visitors to enjoy the association activities but reminded them that they could not take part in any business. Afterwards, the moderator announced the house in order for business.

The roll of churches was called, and all churches were represented by letter and delegates except Little Bethel who was represented by letter only.

Pee Dee Association

The roll of ministers was called, and Revs. Wadus Earl Clewis, Charles V. Cribb, Clyde Reaves, Robert Sellers, Jerry Simmons, and Timmy Soles were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Robert Sellers and Timmy Soles. Rev. George Benton made a motion to grant their requests. The motion was seconded by Rev. James Howard Nobles; motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Ricky Fowler, GC Bryan, & Ken Nealey

OBITUARY: Shelby Causey, Irvin Brown, & Lyn Ward

RESOLUTION: Rev. George Benton, Bobby Cribb, & Jimmy McPherson

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Rev. Charles Renfrow, President of the Convention, addressed the association bringing greetings on behalf of the convention and then introduced the following persons who reported on behalf of their ministry: Mary Dudley (Sunday School Board), Rev. Bryant Hines (Cragmont), Hope McPherson (Mount Olive College), and Frank Flowers (Free Will Baptist Press). Mary Dudley shared information regarding the summer vacation Bible school which occurred among the Laos congregation in California and of which Moderator Dean Cartrette participated. Rev. Bobby Carden moved to accept the reports as information; motion was seconded and 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. We also request that more material referring only to the King James Version be made available to local churches and that the material be free of references to other biblical versions.

Respectfully submitted,

GC Bryan

Ricky Fowler

Kenneth Nealey

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

RESOLUTION

We, the resolution committee present the following resolution for the Association's approval:

Pee Dee Association

Be it resolved that the churches of the Pee Dee Association shall use the King James Version of the Bible for instruction, preaching, and presentation; and

Be it resolved that the Pee Dee Association shall not authorize the ordination of women as preachers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. George Benton
Jimmy McPherson
Bobby K. Cribb

Report was received, the recommendation accepted, and the committee dismissed by motion of Bro. GC Bryan.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 33 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,
Lyn Ward
Shelby Causey
Irvin Brown

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 14, 2006)	1000.14
Deposit from association	1501.50
Total (October 17, 2005)	\$2501.64

Checks for the past year	
# 412 Rev. Garland Suggs	100.55
# 413 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 414 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 415 Mount Olive College	500.00
# 416 Children's Home	170.00
# 417 Ronny Settle	50.00
# 418 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists	<u>245.00</u>

Total checks written during 2006-07	\$1165.55
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Balance (October 20, 2007)	\$1336.09
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Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. William J. Godwin.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met on October 2, 2006, to re-license Rev. Jerry Simmons (Rev. Simmons license had lapsed, and he had requested more time to complete his test). Since Rev. Simmons is no longer faithfully supporting his church, Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church did not send a letter to the Ordaining Council recommending him for ordination. Rev. Simmons license lapsed October 1, 2007.

The Council met on October 18, 2007, after receiving a letter from Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to examine Bro. Jamey Ward for a minister's license. The Council questioned Bro. Ward concerning church doctrine and biblical truths and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The Council approved Bro. Jamey Ward a licensed minister for one year.

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

Rev. Dallas Byrd moved to accept the report. The motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Association extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Jamey Ward. Motion carried. At the same time, the hand of membership was extended to Rev. Don Squires who was absent when his acceptance in the Association was approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Hollon Norris 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. William J. Godwin.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved (seconded by Rev. Godwin) that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2006 minutes. Motion carried.

Pee Dee Association
OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2008. Motion carried. Rev. Gary Bryan invited the Association to meet at Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2008 association meeting scheduled for October 18, 2008. Rev. William J. Godwin moved that the invitation be accepted, and it carried.

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

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Pee Dee Association become a Mount Olive Bridge Builder by donating \$600 to the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builder Campaign and to make the donation in memory of Rev. Garland Suggs, a devoted supporter of Mount Olive College and the Bridge Builder program. Rev. Bobby Carden seconded the motion, and it carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to consider the business of filling the vacancy on the Ordaining Council (due to the death of Rev. Garland Suggs). Motion passed.

Rev. Brooks Sykes moved to appoint Rev. William J. Godwin to the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council filling the position previously held by Rev. Garland Suggs. Motion passed.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to re-elect the same Association officers for November 2007- October 2009: Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator; Rev. Bobby Carden, Assistant Moderator; Ron Settle, Treasurer; Rev. Larry Greenwood, Member at large; and Dr. Danny McPherson, Clerk. Motion carried.

Bro. GC Bryan addressed the Association noting that fewer than 50% of the Association churches currently support the Free Will Baptist Press. He encouraged pastors and church leaders to use the Press for their church needs. Bro. Bryan also encouraged churches to find ways within their church budgets to support all denominational ministries, donating a certain percentage to each ministry, for example.

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

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to recess out of business and enter into the worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Hollon Norris delivered the morning message—John 3: 1-11, “Getting Excited About Jesus”.

Following the message, the moderator asked Rev. Pete Cribb to return thanks for the lunch prepared by Mt. Olive Original Free Will Baptist Church and to adjourn the Annual Meeting by benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette,
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson,
Clerk