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***MINUTES of the 139th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina***

October 18, 2008

The next session will be held at Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2009 (October 17, 2009) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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LICENTIATE(S)

Wade A. McPherson

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Thirty-ninth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 18, 2008.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Showers of Blessing." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order gave the devotional services, taking his text from Jeremiah 37. Rev. James Howard Nobles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Gary Bryan, pastor of Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Pete Cribb.

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.

The roll of ministers was called, and Revs. Charles V. Cribb, Freddie Edwards, William J. Godwin, Clyde Reaves, Timmy Soles, and William Ward were absent. Petitions for excuse were given for Revs. Freddie Edwards, William J. Godwin, and Henry Ward. 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: Barry Benton, Irvin Brown, & Lyn Ward

OBITUARY: Shelby Causey, Patricia Settle, & Robert Ward

RESOLUTION: Shannon McMillian, Ricky Fowler, & Michael McLawhorn

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), Danny McPherson (Mount Olive College), Gary Lee (Children's Home), Harold Jones (Foreign Missions), and Darren Davenport (Free Will Baptist Press). GC Bryan 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

RESOLUTION

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

Respectfully submitted,
Ricky Fowler
Michael McLawhorn
Shannon McMillian

Report was received, the recommendation accepted, and the committee dismissed by motion of Rev. Hollon Norris.

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,
Barry Benton
Irvin Brown
Lyn Ward

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

OBITUARY

We, your committee, regret to report that to the best of our knowledge, we had 19 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,
Shelby Cause
Patricia Settle
Robert Ward

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 20, 2007)	1336.09
Deposit from association	1457.50
Total (October 22, 2007)	\$2793.59

Checks for the past year	
# 419 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 420 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 421 Mount Olive College	600.00
# 422 Ronny Settle	50.00
# 423 Children's Home	117.00
# 424 Free Will Baptist Press	5.71
# 425 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists	210.00
# 426 Free Will Baptist Press	<u>62.65</u>

Total checks written during 2007-08	\$1145.55
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Balance (October 18, 2008)	\$1648.23
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Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Bro. Irvin Brown.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The council met on May 27, 2008, after receiving a letter from Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to meet with Rev. William Hearl from the Central Conference. Since Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church would like to vote Rev. Hearl in as pastor, the Council questioned Rev. Hearl on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine. The Council found Rev. Hearl to be sound in faith and doctrine and recommended that Rev. Hearl be given a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination pending a letter of good standing from the Central Conference. At this time the Council will schedule another meeting with Rev. Hearl.

The Council consulted with Rev. Clyde Reaves after which he submitted his Pee Dee credentials to the clerk of the Ordaining Council.

The Council met on September 2, 2008, after receiving a letter of good standing for Rev. William Hearl. Since he had already been questioned on biblical truths and doctrine, the Council issued a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Hearl.

The Council met on September 2, 2008, after receiving a letter from Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to examine Bro. Wade McPherson for a minister's license. The Council questioned Bro. McPherson on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The Council approved Bro. McPherson as a licensed minister for one year.

The Council met with Rev. Jamey Ward on October 4, 2008, after receiving a letter from Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending him for ordination. Rev. Ward successfully passed his test, and his ordination service was set for October 12, 2008 at Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The Council met with Rev. Jamey Ward for his ordination service on October 12, 2008, at Mt. Beulah Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Ward met or exceeded the requirements of the Council, and the Council issued a Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Ward.

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. William Hearl and Rev. Jamey Ward and the hand of welcome to Rev. Wade McPherson as a licentiate. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Brooks Sykes to preach the Association message.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator
Rev. Bobby Carden, Assistant Moderator
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Pee Dee Association

Rev. Larry Greenwood, Member at large
Dr. Danny McPherson, Clerk

Report was received by motion of Rev. George Benton.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2007 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2009. Motion carried. Rev. Jackie Strickland invited the Association to meet at Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2009 association meeting scheduled for October 17, 2009. Rev. Hollon Norris 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. Rev. Bobby Carden seconded the motion, and it carried.

Bro. Danny McPherson read a prepared letter addressed to the Pee Dee Association and the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees in which he announced his resignation from the College Board of Trustees effective at the conclusion of 2009 Convention of the Original Free Will Baptists (May 2009).

Rev. Pete Cribb shared materials regarding the disposition of Charity Original Free Will Baptist Mission/Church which is now closed.

Bro. GC Bryan moved that the Association give Mt. Calvary 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. Brooks Sykes delivered the morning message.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk