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*MINUTES of the 140th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina*

October 17, 2009

The next session will be held at Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2010 (October 16, 2010) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Fortieth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 17, 2009.

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 Matthew 22: 15-22. Rev. James Howard Nobles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Jackie Strickland, pastor of Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church, gave the welcome address with response by Rev. George 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.

The roll of ministers was called, and Revs. Charles V. Cribb, Freddie Edwards, and Timmy Soles were absent. A petition for excuse was given for Rev. Timothy Soles. Bro. Alfred McPherson made a motion to grant his request. The motion was seconded and carried.

Pee Dee Association

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Dale Beck, Rev. George Benton, & Glenn Cribb

OBITUARY: Shelby Causey, Ken Nealey, & Nelson Soles

RESOLUTION: GC Bryan, Heath Connor, & Woodie Etheridge

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: Wallie Hargrove (Free Will Baptist Press), Rev. David Charles Hansley (Home Missions and Evangelism), Hope McPherson (Mount Olive College), and Gary Lee (Children's Home). Rev. James Howard Nobles 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,
GC Bryan, Jr.
Heath Connor
Woodie Etheridge

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

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,
Dale Beck
Rev. George Benton
Glenn Cribb

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 18 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 Causey
Ken Nealey
Nelson D. Soles

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 18, 2008)	1648.23
Deposit from association	1594.50
Total (October 20, 2008)	\$3242.73
Checks for the past year	
# 427 Rev. Dallas Byrd (Bible)	44.27
# 428 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 429 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 430 Mount Olive College	600.00
# 431 Ronny Settle	50.00
# 432 Children's Home	185.00
# 433 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists	<u>210.00</u>
Total checks written during 2008-09	\$1189.27
Balance (October 17, 2009)	\$2053.46

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Bro. Dale Beck.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Council met December 2, 2008 after receiving a letter from Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to meet with Rev. Ray Cribb from the Piedmont Conference. Since Cypress Creek OFWB Church would like to elect Rev. Ray Cribb as pastor, the Council questioned him on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and recommended that Rev. Cribb be given a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination pending a letter of good standing from the Piedmont Conference. When the Council receives correspondence, they will schedule another meeting with Rev. Cribb.

Pee Dee Association

The Council met February 16, 2009 after receiving a letter from Olive Branch Church in Leland, NC asking the Council for a letter of good standing for Rev. Charles Cribb as an ordained minister of the Pee Dee Association. A letter of good standing was granted by the Council and was mailed February 17, 2009.

The Council met October 13, 2009 after receiving a letter of good standing for Rev. Ray Cribb. Since Rev. Cribb had already been questioned on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and had met or exceeded requirements, the Council issued him a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination.

The Council met October 13, 2009 after receiving a letter from Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. Wade McPherson for ordination. Rev. McPherson successfully passed all tests, and his ordination service is scheduled for Sunday evening, November 1, 2009 at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

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

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that the Association extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Ray Cribb. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Larry Greenwood to preach the Association message.

Rev. Hollon Norris submitted his verbal resignation from the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council to Association Moderator Dean Cartrette—effective June 2009.

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

Rev. George Benton moved to accept the report. The motion carried.

Rev. George Benton moved that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2008 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. Jackie Strickland moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2010. Motion carried. Rev. Brooks Sykes invited the Association to meet at Fireway Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2010 association meeting scheduled for October 16, 2010. Rev. George Benton moved that the invitation be accepted; motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to pay the officers the same as usual; motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Pee Dee Association become a Mount Olive Bridge Builder by donating \$700 to the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builder Campaign. Rev. Bobby Carden seconded the motion, and it carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that the Association take action to fill the vacant position on the Ordaining Council (Rev. Hollon Norris position); motion carried. The moderator opened the floor for nominations, and Rev. Jackie Strickland was nominated. With no other nominations, Rev. Larry Greenwood moved to close the nominations and appointed Rev. Jackie Strickland to the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council. Motion passed.

Rev. James Howard Nobles made a motion to remove Rev. Charles Cribb from the roll of eligible ministers in the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Motion carried.

Rev. Gary Bryan made a motion that the Association reimburse the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the Convention for fuel/gas used in related travel (mileage related to representation of the Pee Dee Association at Executive Committee meetings of the Convention). Appropriate documentation is required. Motion carried.

Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion that henceforth, the Pee Dee Association select its representative to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Convention of Free Will Baptists AND that the representative be selected at the annual Association meeting prior to the end of the current representative's term. Motion passed.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved for the Association to select the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Convention of Free Will Baptists; motion carried. Rev. Bobby Carden nominated Rev. James Howard Nobles. With no other nomination, Bro. Alfred McPherson moved to close the nominations. Motion carried, and Rev. James Howard Nobles was selected as the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Convention of Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Hollon Norris made a motion for the clerk of the Association to send a letter to the North Carolina Convention of Original Free Will Baptists concerning the selection of the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina Convention; motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Association give Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

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

Following the message, the moderator asked Rev. Bobby Carden to return thanks *for the lunch prepared by Pine Level Original Free Will Baptist Church and to adjourn the Annual meeting by benediction.*

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator
Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk

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FREE WILL BAPTIST

DIRECTORY

CHURCHES	Membership Dec. 31, 2007	Active	Inactive	GAIN			LOSS			Membership Dec. 31, 2008	Sunday School	Avg. SS Attend.	Ave. MW Attend.
				Baptism	Letter	Other	Deceased	Letter	Other				

Pee Dee Association

Beavertown	759	759		9	12		4	3		773		425	300
Charity													
Cypress Creek	82	82				2	2			82	59	62	60
Emerson	107	105	2	1	2	2	3		3	106	200	150	153
Little Bethel	46	46					1			45	34	28	28
Macedonia	37	37								37	37	30	35
Mission Valley	126	80	46	3				1	5	123	110	85	85
Mt. Beulah													
Mt. Calvary	117	69	48	5		1				123	98	72	73
Mt. Olive	45	30	15							45	55	50	55
Oak Grove	198	98	100			1				199	45	45	55
Pine Level													
Pireway													
Pleasant Meadow													
Thomasboro	16	6	10							16	16	10	10
Trinity	33	28	5		2	2	1		8	28	28	35	35
White Oak	103	59	44	11				3		111	82	66	80
Pee Dee Totals	1669	1399	270	29	16	8	11	7	16	1688	764	1058	969