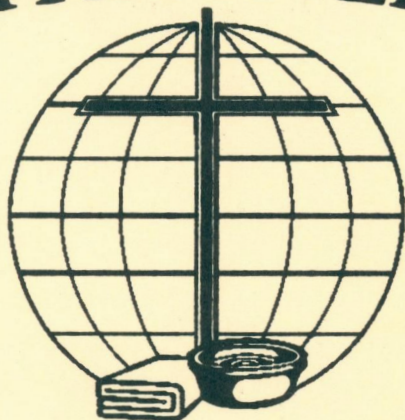


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PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina*

October 16, 2010

The next session will be held at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2011 (October 15, 2011) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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LICENTIATE(S)

None

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Forty-first Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 16, 2010.

The session opened as the congregation sang "When I Make My Last Move." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order gave the devotional services, taking his text from Matthew 5: 1-12. Rev. Henry Ward led the congregation in altar prayer.

Brother Buddy Long of Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Henry Ward.

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/or delegates.

The roll of ministers was called, and Revs. Gary Bryan, Freddie Edwards, and William J. Godwin were absent. Excuses were requested for Rev. Bryan and Rev. Godwin. Rev. Hollon Norris made a motion to grant their requests. The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Elgin Cribb, Marie Long, & Russell Shepherd

OBITUARY: Rev. George Benton, Keith George, & Shane Greenwood

RESOLUTION: Robert Benton, Ken Nealey, & Kenith Shelley

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Rev. Harold Swinson, 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 ministries: Dr. Phillip Kerstetter (Mount Olive College), Gary Lee (Children's Home), and Cliff Gray (Free Will Baptist Press). Rev. Jackie Strickland inquired of Dr. Kerstetter concerning any cooperative agreement between Mount Olive College and Southeastern Community College that might result in MOC courses being taught at SCC. Dr. Kerstetter indicated he had spoken earlier to Dr. Kathy Matlock, President of Southeastern Community College, regarding an articulation agreement and/or offering courses in the future. He was hopeful of future arrangements and would share information if and when available. Brother Elgin Cribb 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.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

Following a brief morning recess, the moderator called the house back to order.

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,

Robert Benton

Ken Nealey

Kenith Shelley

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

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 request that more material referring only to the King

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James Version be made available to local churches and that the material be free of references to other biblical versions.

Respectfully submitted,
Elgin Cribb
Marie Long
Russell Shepherd

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

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,
Rev. George Benton
Keith George
Shane Greenwood

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 17, 2009)	2053.46
Deposit from association	1518.50
Total (October 20, 2008)	\$3571.96
Checks for the past year	
# 434 Mount Olive College	700.00
# 435 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 436 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 437 Children's Home	147.50
# 438 Ron Settle	50.00
# 439 Free Will Baptist Press	32.21
# 440 Children's Home (Commemorative brick)	150.00
# 441 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists (yearbooks)	<u>210.00</u>
Total checks written during 2009-2010	\$1389.71
Balance (October 16, 2010)	\$2182.25

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Bro. David Lee McPherson.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Council met with Rev. Wade McPherson for his ordination service on November 1, 2009 at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Jackie Godwin was selected to preach Rev. McPherson's ordination sermon. Rev. McPherson met or exceeded the requirements of the Ordaining Council, and the Council issued a Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Wade McPherson.

The Council met on January 12, 2010 after receiving a letter from Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the Council to meet with Rev. Buddy Seay from the Central Association of South Carolina. Since Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church would like to vote in Rev. Seay as their associate pastor, the Council questioned him on biblical truths in Free Will Baptist doctrine. The Council found Rev. Buddy Seay to be sound in faith and doctrine and recommended that he be given a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination pending a letter of good standing from the Central Association.

The Council met on August 3, 2010 after receiving a letter of good standing for Rev. Buddy Seay. Since Rev. Seay had already been questioned on biblical truths and sound doctrine, the Council issued a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Buddy Seay.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to accept the report. The motion carried.

Addendum to the Ordaining Council's report

The Ordaining Council has tried to contact Rev. Timothy Soles several times by letter and phone because we have not heard from him for some time. Up to this date, we have received no response from him.

To the best of our knowledge, Rev. Timothy Soles is not attending church and neither is he preaching the gospel at this time.

Therefore, we, your Ordaining Council, recommend that we drop Rev. Timothy Soles' name from the ministers' roll.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

Rev. Robert Sellers made a motion to approve Council's addendum (second by Rev. Hollon Norris); motion carried.

Rev. Dallas Byrd moved that the Association extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Buddy Seay. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Correspondence includes but is not limited to the following:

- ✓ December 31, 2009

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- Prepared and mailed letter of good standing to Central Conference of South Carolina for Rev. Don Squires
- ✓ December 31, 200
 - Prepared and mailed letter to Rev. Charles Renfrow, President of NC Convention of Original Free Will Baptists, regarding action of Association regarding selection of Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the Convention
- ✓ December 31, 2009
 - Prepared and mailed letter to Rev. Charles Cribb regarding action of the Association
 - Prepared and mailed letter of good standing to Central Conference of South Carolina for Rev. Wade McPherson

Monday, August 16, 2010 (7:30 p.m.)

Members of the Executive Committee met Monday, August 16, 2010 (7:30 p.m.) at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church. Members present included Rev. Dean Cartrette, Rev. Bobby Carden, Rev. Larry Greenwood, and Dr. Danny McPherson. Other invited guests included Rev. James Howard Nobles, Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the Convention of Original Free Will Baptist; David Lee McPherson, Pee Dee trustee on the Mount Olive College Board of Trustees; Dr. Phillip Kerstetter, president of Mount Olive College; Dr. Kevin Jean, Vice President for Institutional Advancement; and Hope McPherson, Assistant Director for Church Support. Having heard that the college had chosen to employ a female to serve as campus minister/chaplain, the Executive Committee met with college representatives to hear their official actions and perspectives related to the matter and to consider actions related to the forthcoming Pee Dee Association Bridge Builders Planning Meeting and Dinner. Dr. Kerstetter verified that the college had employed a female minister ordained by a conference within the North Carolina Convention of Original Free Will Baptists to serve as campus minister/chaplain. He also shared his vision of how the person in this position would best serve the college, specifically students' needs. Following the conversation, the guests excused themselves after which the Executive Committee considered possible actions from the Pee Dee Association based upon the college's decision—a decision which is counter to the principles, practices, and governances of the Pee Dee. Realizing the Pee Dee Association Bridge Builders Planning Session was scheduled for Friday, August 20, committee members felt it necessary to take action prior to the annual association meeting. Therefore, motion was made by Rev. Larry Greenwood, second by Rev. Bobby Carden, to cancel the 2010 Pee Dee Association Bridge Builders Planning Session and to discuss continuation of the Bridge Builders dinners at the 2010 Pee Dee Association annual meeting. Motion carried.

In other business, members discussed the ministerial service and eligibility of Rev. Timothy Soles. Motion was made by Rev. Bobby Carden, second by Rev. Larry Greenwood, for the clerk to contact Rev. Soles and arrange a meeting with him, the Executive Committee, and the Ordaining Council and that if such meeting did not occur that Rev. Timothy Soles' name would be removed as licensed minister of the Pee Dee Association. Motion carried.

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Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion, second by Rev. Larry Greenwood to plan a joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council of the Pee Dee Association on Sunday, September 12 (2:30 p.m.) at which time both groups could meet with Rev. Soles and also discuss implications and recommendations relative to Mount Olive College's decision. Motion carried.

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Buddy Seay to preach the Association message.

Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion, second by Rev. Larry Greenwood, to adjourn by benediction. Motion carried.

Sunday, September 12, 2010 (2:30 p.m.)

Members of the Executive Committee met Sunday, September 12, 2010 (2:30 p.m.) at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church. Members present included Rev. Dean Cartrette, Rev. Bobby Carden, Rev. Larry Greenwood, Ron Settle, and Dr. Danny McPherson. Also in attendance were members of the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council: Rev. Dallas Byrd, Rev. James Howard Nobles, Rev. Jackie Strickland, and Rev. Brooks Sykes. In reference to Rev. Timothy Soles, McPherson indicated that having been able to contact Rev. Soles that day, Soles had other obligations and was unable to attend. Rev. Soles indicated that he would contact McPherson with a suitable time. Rev. Soles indicated, however, that he was a current member of a church within the Pee Dee Association, but McPherson could not confirm membership with either the clerk or pastor of the specified church. Rev. James Howard Nobles made a motion, seconded by Rev. Brooks Sykes to wait until the 2010 annual association meeting for contact and verification from Rev. Soles, and if no contact was made to remove his name from the ministers' role of the Pee Dee Association. Motion carried.

Next, McPherson reviewed Mount Olive College's recent decision to employ a female minister as college minister/chaplain and the subsequent meeting the Executive Committee had with college officials. Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion, seconded by Rev. Larry Greenwood, that the Executive Committee prepare and present a resolution for the Association's action on Saturday, October 16, 2010 with the position and recommendations of the Committee to be included. Motion carried with all members of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council voting in the affirmative.

Rev. Brooks Sykes made a motion, second by Rev. James Howard Nobles, to adjourn by benediction. Motion carried.

This report...

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.

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Rev. Dallas Byrd moved that because the minutes had been and are available in the *Yearbook* to omit the reading of the 2009 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2011. Motion carried. Rev. Buddy Seay invited the Association to meet at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2011 association meeting scheduled for October 15, 2011. 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. Dallas Byrd presented a petitionary letter on behalf of Pee Dee Union 2.

The Pee Dee Union No. 2 met in session on November 28, 2009 and voted to send a letter to the Pee Dee Association asking the Association to start printing small copies of the minutes as we once did. The reason is so that church members can have a copy to help keep them informed about the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
The Pee Dee Union No. 2
Dallas Byrd, Clerk

Rev. Robert Sellers made a motion (second by Rev. Hollon Norris) to approve the request and to authorize the clerk of the Association to prepare, print, and distribute copies of the Pee Dee Association Annual Meeting minutes to all churches within the Association. Motion carried.

In other business, Dr. Danny McPherson, on behalf of the Executive Committee of the Pee Dee Association, read the following proposed resolution:

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of the
North Carolina Convention of Original Free Will Baptists

WHEREAS, the word of God is "for ever...settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89); and

WHEREAS, "[a]ll scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness" (2 Timothy 3:16); and

WHEREAS, Article 8 of *The Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* states that "We believe the [Holy Scriptures] are the Old and the New Testaments, that they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed word to man. We believe that they are a sufficient and infallibly true rule and guide to salvation and all Christian worship and service"; and

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WHEREAS, God says of himself that “I am the LORD, I change not” (Malachi 3:6) and in Him “is no variableness, neither shadow of turning” (James 1:17); and

WHEREAS, the scriptures affirm that God’s son, “Jesus Christ [is] the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever” (Hebrews 13:8); and

WHEREAS, the Pee Dee Association of the North Carolina Convention of Original Free Will Baptists throughout its history and still today plants itself firmly upon the pure Word of God and specifically the King James Version of the Bible; and

WHEREAS, the Pee Dee Association has fashioned its precepts, rules, resolutions, practices, and general governance consistent with fundamental truths of God’s Word; and

WHEREAS, the Pee Dee Association and its member churches desire “to co-operate in the promotion of denominational ministries” and the Convention as a whole; and

WHEREAS, it would be an error and unacceptable to support the Convention or any of its denominational ministries when one or any knowingly makes decisions contrary to the precepts, rules, resolutions, practices, and general governance of the Pee Dee Association;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pee Dee Association will continue to stand upon the pure Word of God and the conservative application of that Word; and

RESOLVED, that the Pee Dee Association will prayerfully support the Convention, all of its churches, and all denominational ministries;

HOWEVER, BE IT RESOLVED ALSO, that the Pee Dee Association and its member churches shall not accept nor comply with decisions and practices of the Convention nor any denominational ministry that knowingly makes decisions contrary to the precepts, rules, resolutions, practices, and general governance of the Pee Dee Association; and

RESOLVED, that the Pee Dee Association and its member churches shall not financially support the Convention nor any of its denominational ministries that knowingly makes decisions contrary to the precepts, rules, guidelines, practices, and general governance of the Pee Dee Association; and

RESOLVED, that the Pee Dee Association and its member churches shall not financially support Mount Olive College until so deemed by the Association...

SO RESOLVED THE 16TH of OCTOBER 2010.

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McPherson explained events that precipitated the Executive Committee's decision to recommend this resolution to the Association (see Executive Committee minutes recorded in the "Reports" section of these minutes).

Rev. Buddy Seay made a motion, second by Bro. Elgin Cribb, to adopt the resolution. Following discussion, Rev. Bobby Carden made a motion to table the issue until the Pee Dee Association and Mount Olive College could resolve the situation. Rev. Carden's motion died for lack of a second. Moderator Dean Cartrette returned to the original motion to adopt the resolution as recommended. The motion to adopt carried unanimously.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Association give Pireway 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 to enter into worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Buddy Seay delivered the morning message.

Following the message, the moderator returned thanks for the lunch prepared by Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church and adjourned the annual meeting by benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk