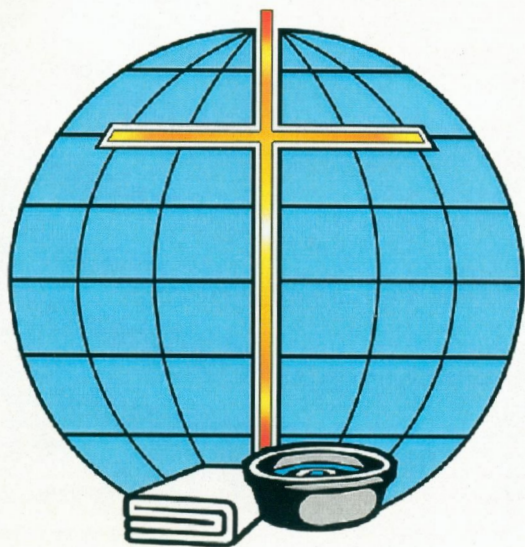


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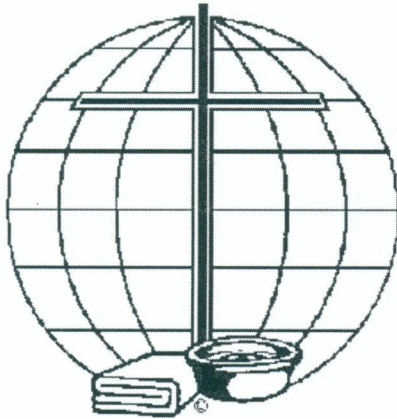
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of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina***

October 15, 2011

The next session will be held at Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church (Bladen County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2012 (October 20, 2012) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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LICENTIATE(S)

None

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Forty-Second 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 15, 2011.

The session opened as the congregation sang "He Set Me Free." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order gave the devotional services, taking his text from Romans 4: 13 – 21. Rev. James Howard Nobles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Rev. Buddy Seay of Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Wade McPherson.

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, William J. Godwin, William Hearl, and Robert Sellers were absent. Excuses were requested for Rev. Godwin and Rev. Sellers. Rev. George Benton made a motion to grant their requests. The motion was seconded and carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: G.C. Bryan, Donny Jernigan, & Harry McPherson

OBITUARY: Heath Connor, Guy Long, & Lynn Ward

RESOLUTION: Rev. George Benton, Nelson Soles, & Mike Worley

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Rev. Buddy Sasser, Director of Convention Services, addressed the association bringing greetings on behalf of the convention and then introduced the following persons who reported on behalf of their ministries:

Mary Dudley—Sunday School ministries: mentioned that the new website has ideas churches could use to recognize Sunday School personnel as well as suggestions to improve Sunday School opportunities/services; also mentioned the new Sunday School mobile ministry which is loaded with Sunday School materials and is available to churches upon request;

Dr. Phillip Kerstetter—Mount Olive College: development of a five-year strategic plan, death of former President Burkette Raper, plans for the college's 60th anniversary;

Ronnie Taylor—Retirement Homes: mentioned available services; indicated that because Mrs. Jean McPherson is no longer able to serve as the Pee Dee representative to the Retirement board that the Association needs to select a replacement;

Gary Lee—Children's Home: reviewed current status as well as the "Friends of Children" program; and

Rev. Jeff Daughtry—Free Will Baptist Press: shared new press website and new on-line materials and asked for ideas/suggestions how the Press could better serve Free Will Baptists.

Sasser provided highlights of the other ministries and announced dates for the Convention's 100th anniversary: May 22 – 24, 2012. Brother G.C. Byran 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. Rev. Bobby Carden offered prayer.

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,
Rev. George Benton
Nelson D. Soles
Mike Worley

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

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

Respectfully submitted,
G.C. Bryan, Jr.
Donny Jernigan
Harry McPherson

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

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,
Heath Connor
Guy Long
Lynn Ward

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 16, 2010)	2182.25
Deposit from association	1644.24
Total (October 18, 2010)	\$3826.49
Checks for the past year	
# 442 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00

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# 443 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 444 Ron Settle	50.00
# 445 Children's Home	182.24
# 446 Budget Printing	894.33
# 447 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists (yearbooks)	<u>350.00</u>

Total checks written during 2010-2011 \$1576.57

Balance (October 15, 2011) \$2249.92

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. Dallas Byrd.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met on March 26, 2011 at Mission Valley Original Free Will Baptist Church after receiving a letter of recommendation for Rev. Eddie Carter. Since he had already been questioned on biblical truths and sound doctrine, the Council issued a Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Eddie Carter.

Certain matters concerning Rev. Dean Cartrette were shared with the Ordaining Council. These matters were not charges because they were not presented to the Council in writing nor signed by the accuser. However, the Ordaining Council decided to take the biblical route and, therefore, met with Rev. Cartrette at his home on April 1, 2011, at which time we learned that all matters had been resolved. The Council finds no fault against Rev. Dean Cartrette.

After receiving a letter of good standing from the Central Conference, the Council met on October 13, 2011 at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Wade McPherson. Rev. McPherson exchanged his Central Certificate of Ordination for his Pee Dee Certificate of Ordination, at which time the Council approved him to become a member of the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Secretary

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee (by consensus) selected Rev. Jackie Strickland to preach the Association message.

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. Hollon Norris moved to omit the reading of the 2010 Association minutes because minutes are now printed annually and made available to all churches and are also available via the *Yearbook*. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the association meeting in 2012. Motion carried. Rev. Henry Ward invited the Association to meet at Oak Grove Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2012 annual meeting scheduled for October 20, 2012. 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.

Bro. G.C. Bryan moved for the Association to donate \$500 to the disaster relief program for relief kits. Motion seconded and carried.

Bro. Harry McPherson moved to fill the board of director's position on the Retirement Homes board vacated by Mrs. Jean McPherson. Motion seconded and carried. Rev. Freddie Edwards volunteered to serve. Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to approve his appointment; seconded and carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to elect the same officers for 2012 and 2013. Motion seconded and carried.

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

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette, Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson, Clerk