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*MINUTES of the 144th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina*

October 19, 2013

The next session will be held at Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church (Columbus County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2014 (October 18, 2014) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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(for year ending June 30, 2013)

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>
Beaverdam	Rev. Buddy Seay
Branch Chapel	Rev. Rickey Evans
Cypress Creek	Rev. Eddie Carter
Emerson	Rev. Hollon Norris
Freedom	Rev. Michael Lyles
Little Bethel	Rev. Dean Cartrette
Macedonia	Rev. Jamey Ward
Mission Valley	Rev. James Howard Nobles
Mt. Beulah	Rev. William Hearl
Mt. Calvary	Vacant
Mt. Olive	Vacant
Oak Grove	Rev. Henry Ward
Pine Level	Rev. Clifford Strickland
Pireway	Rev. Brooks Sykes
Pleasant Meadow	Rev. George Benton
Thomasboro	Rev. Dallas Byrd
Trinity	Rev. Larry Greenwood
White Oak	Rev. Dr. Bobby Carden

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred Forty-fourth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 19, 2013.

The session opened as the congregation sang "Heaven's Jubilee." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order gave the devotional services, taking his text from Exodus: 34 – 38. Rev. Michael Lyles led the congregation in altar prayer.

Brother Jackie Spivey of Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome address with response by Bro. Ricky Fowler.

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; Revs. Gary Bryan, Bobby Carden, Freddie Edwards, Robert Sellers, Edward Spivey, Brooks Sykes, and William E. Ward were absent. Excuses were offered in behalf of each one. Bro. Elgin Cribb made a motion to grant their requests (second by Rev. James Howard Nobles). Motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Rev. Heath Conner, Elgin Cribb, & David McPherson

OBITUARY: Woodie Etheridge, Marie Long, & Douglas Rogers

RESOLUTION: Curtis Nance, Ken Nealey, & Patricia Settle

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the efforts of their particular ministries. Buddy Sasser, Convention Services Director, addressed the Association bringing greetings in behalf of the convention, after which the following persons reported for their ministries:

Dr. Phillip Kerstetter—Mount Olive College: reviewed current status of the college;

Ronnie Taylor—Retirement Home: reviewed the residential and other related services available to Free Will Baptists;

Mary Dudley—Sunday School Ministries: reviewed the expansion of services; and

Rev. Jeff Daughtry—Free Will Baptist Press: shared press and printing opportunities.

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.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk.

Following a brief morning recess, the moderator called the house back to order. Rev. James Howard Nobles 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,
Curtis Nance
Ken Nealey
Patricia Settle

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 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,
Rev. Heath Conner
Elgin Cribb
David 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 26 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,
Woodie Etheridge
Marie Long
Douglas Rogers

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 20, 2012)	2265.01
Deposit from association	1617.00
Total (October 23, 2012)	\$3882.01

Checks for the past year	
# 458 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 459 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 460 Ron Settle	50.00
# 461 Children's Home	220.00
# 462 Budget Printing	384.00

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# 463 Dr. Danny McPherson (postage)	117.24
# 464 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists (yearbooks)	<u>360.00</u>
Balance (October 19, 2013)	\$2650.77

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. Michael Lyles.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to omit the reading of the 2012 Association minutes because minutes are printed annually and made available to all churches and are also available via the *Yearbook*. Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Heath Conner on April 1, 2013 after receiving a letter from Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. Conner for ordination as he is in good standing with his church. Rev. Conner successfully passed all of his tests, and his ordination service was set for May 26, 2013 (6:00 p.m.) at Mt. Calvary. Rev. Buddy Seay was chosen to preach the ordination sermon. Rev. Conner met or exceeded the requirements of the council, after which the council issued him a certificate of ordination.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Donny Jernigan on April 1, 2013 after receiving a letter from White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. Jernigan for ordination as he is in good standing with his church. Rev. Jernigan successfully passed all of his tests, and his ordination service was set for June 2, 2013 (6:00 p.m.) at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Carden was chosen to preach the ordination sermon. Rev. Jernigan met or exceeded the requirements of the council, after which the council issued him a certificate of ordination.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Jimmy McNeill on June 17, 2013 after receiving a letter from Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the council to meet with Rev. McNeill and consider him as a candidate for a Free Will Baptist minister's license. The council questioned Rev. McNeill on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine. The council approved Rev. Jimmy McNeill as a licensed minister for one year.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Rickey Evans on July 15, 2013 after receiving a letter from Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church asking the council to consider Rev. Evans as a candidate for a certificate of ordination from the Pee Dee Association. Since the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council had already questioned Rev. Evans on biblical truths and Free Will Baptist doctrine and found him to be sound in faith and doctrine, the council issued a certificate of ordination to Rev. Rickey Evans in exchange for his certificate of ordination from the Eastern Conference of South Carolina.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. William Priest on August 29, 2013 after receiving a letter from White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. Priest for ordination as he is in good standing with his church. Rev. Priest successfully passed all

of his tests, and his ordination service was set for October 20, 2013 (6:00 p.m.) at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Carden was chosen to preach the ordination sermon.

Respectfully submitted,
The Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council
Rev. Dallas Byrd, Clerk

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to accept the report. The motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Meetings and actions of the Executive Committee include the following (NOTE: Complete minutes of each meeting are available from the clerk, Dr. Danny McPherson):

January 14, 2013 & February 12, 2013

The Executive Committee and Ordaining Council met jointly to discuss the petitionary request from Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church to transfer membership from the Western Conference to the Pee Dee Association. Since earlier meetings with Branch Chapel representatives, the clerk received and shared a letter from the Western Conference acknowledging Branch Chapel's request and releasing the church from membership in the Western Conference. On February 12, 2013, the Executive Committee and Ordaining Council met again with Rev. Rickey Evans and the Branch Chapel Board of Deacons regarding their request. Rev. Evans and others expressed their appreciation to the Pee Dee committees for the meeting and then shared the rationale for their request. Committee members asked follow-up questions, after which the Branch Chapel representatives were excused.

Following a recess, the committees returned and discussed the request thoroughly. Dr. McPherson made a motion (seconded by Dr. Carden) that the Executive Committee recommend that the Pee Dee Association approve the request from Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to transfer to the Pee Dee and to grant them full membership into the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rev. Greenwood made a motion (seconded by McPherson) to announce and to conduct a called business session of the Pee Dee Association (Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church) for the single purpose of taking action on the Executive Committee's recommendation to approve the request from Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to transfer to the Pee Dee and to grant them full membership into the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Motion carried.

A Called Business Session of the Pee Dee Association was conducted Saturday, March 30, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at Pireway Original Free Will Baptist Church for the stated purpose. The Executive Committee recommended to approve the request from Branch Chapel Free Will Baptist Church to transfer to the Pee Dee and to grant them full membership into the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

Rev. Larry Greenwood made a motion to accept the recommendation, seconded by Rev. George Benton.

The motion was approved unanimously.

Complete minutes of the March 30, 2013 called session, along with the minutes of the 2013 Annual Association meeting, shall be submitted to the Convention of NC Original Free Will Baptists.

January 28, 2013

The Executive Committee and Ordaining Council met with the Mt. Calvary deacon board to review current conditions within the Church and to outline procedures for the licensure of Rev. Jimmy McNeill if the church should choose to pursue his licensure.

October 14, 2013

The Executive Committee discussed filling the Board of Trustees vacancy resulting from the death of Bro. FJ Lee. Rev. Dr. Bobby Carden made a motion, seconded by Ron Settle, to recommend Bro. Ricky Fowler to the Association as Lee's replacement. Motion carried.

Ron Settle made a motion to select Rev. Brooks Sykes to deliver the Association message, Rev. Larry Greenwood seconded, motion carried.

NOTE: Tuesday following this meeting, Rev. Sykes was admitted to the Whiteville hospital and later was transported to Wilmington where it was determined he had had a heart attack. Therefore, the moderator and clerk decided to ask Rev. Dallas Byrd to preach the Association message in Rev. Sykes' absence.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Rev. Jamey Ward made a motion to accept the report; motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. George Benton moved that the Association give the right hand of fellowship to the pastor and delegates of Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church. Motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved that the Association extend the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Heath Conner, Rev. Rickey Evans and, Rev. Donny Jernigan. Motion carried.

NOTE: Rev. Jimmy McNeill was not present and, therefore, could not be extended the right hand of welcome. Rev. William Priest's ordination service has not occurred; therefore, he cannot be extended the right hand of fellowship until the 2014 Annual Association.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

The clerk shared that the death of Bro. F.J. Lee left a vacancy on the Board of Trustees and that, as mentioned in its report, the Executive Committee recommends Bro. Rickey Fowler to fill that position. Rev. Hollon Norris moved to accept the recommendation and to appoint Bro. Rickey Fowler to the Pee Dee Association Board of Trustees. Motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to select a home for the annual meeting in 2014. Motion carried. Rev. Eddie Carter invited the Association to meet at Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2014 annual meeting scheduled for October 18, 2014. Rev. James Howard Nobles moved that the invitation be accepted; motion carried.

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

The clerk announced that this was the year to elect Association officers for the next two years. Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to keep the same officers: 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.

The clerk announced that at the October 14, 2013 joint meeting of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council that Rev. Brooks Sykes submitted his verbal resignation from the Ordaining Council. At that meeting, Rev. Sykes shared that he loved the Pee Dee and its members but that due to his health, he could no longer serve as effectively as he desired.

Rev. James Howard Nobles indicated that the Ordaining Council members had met and discussed the vacancy and had spoken with Rev. Michael Lyles as a possible replacement. Rev. Nobles made a motion (seconded by Rev. Wade McPherson) to accept Rev. Brooks Sykes' resignation from the Ordaining Council and to recommend Rev. Michael Lyles as a member of the Pee Dee Ordaining Council. Motion carried.

On behalf of Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church, Rev. Rickey Evans expressed appreciation to the Pee Dee Association for accepting them into its membership.

Bro. Elgin Cribb moved that the Association give Emerson Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

During the convention reports, great work and great need were expressed on behalf of the Children's Home. Therefore, Rev. Rickey Evans made a motion to add funds from the Association treasury to the Children's Home offering so that the total donation would be \$500 to the Children's Home. Motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to recess out of business and to enter into worship service. Motion carried. Rev. Dallas Byrd delivered the morning message.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk