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**ORIGINAL
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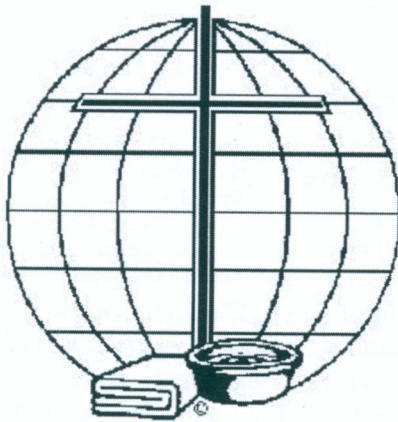


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of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
in session at
Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church
Columbus County, North Carolina*

October 18, 2014

The next session will be held at Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church (Selma, NC in Johnston County) on the Saturday before the third Sunday in October 2015 (October 17, 2015) beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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(for year ending June 30, 2014)

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Cypress Creek	Rev. Eddie Carter
Emerson	Rev. Hollon Norris
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Little Bethel	Rev. Dean Cartrette
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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-fifth Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus County, NC October 18, 2014.

The session opened as the congregation sang "How Beautiful Heaven Must Be." Moderator Rev. Dean Cartrette called the meeting to order and gave the devotional services, taking his text from Psalm 51: 1 – 10. Rev. Gary Bryan led the congregation in altar prayer.

Brother Bo Jones of Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome address with response by Rev. Buddy Seay.

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, except Pleasant Meadow which was represented with delegates only.

The roll of ministers was called; Revs. Tommy Bryson, Pete Cribb, Freddie Edwards, Dewey Hilbourn, Jimmy McNeill, and Edward Spivey were absent. Excuses were offered in behalf of Revs. Freddie Edwards, Dewey Hilbourn, and Edward Spivey. Rev. Jamey Ward made a motion to grant their requests (second by Rev. James Howard Nobles). Motion carried.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Jimmy Edwards, Ricky Fowler, & Eugene Gaskins

OBITUARY: Woodie Etheridge, Rev. Heath Conner, & Lyn Ward

RESOLUTION: Mary Buchanan, Rev. William Hearl, & Ken Nealey

Representatives from denominational enterprises gave brief reports on the work of their particular ministries:

Rev. Jeff Daughtry—Free Will Baptist Press: shared press and printing opportunities; reviewed the recently updated Press website; indicated that the *Free Will Baptist* magazine is now available online; and shared the new online bookstore, mycrossandcrown.com;

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

Mary Dudley—Sunday School Ministries: reviewed the expansion of services and dates for the annual Life Conference—March 6 & 7, 2015.

Rev. Rickey Evans moved to accept the reports as information; motion was seconded and carried.

The congregation sang a hymn and collected an offering for the Children's Home.

Church letters were called for and read by the clerk. NOTE: Pleasant Meadow Original Free Will Baptist Church did not present a letter.

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 committees' reports.

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REPORTS

RESOLUTION

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

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Buchanan
Rev. William Hearl
Ken Nealey

Report was received, and the committee was 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,
Jimmy Edwards
Ricky Fowler
Eugene Gaskins

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 16 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. Heath Conner
Woodie Etheridge
Lyn Ward

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Beginning balance (October 19, 2013)	2631.81
Deposit from association	<u>1825.35</u>
Total (October 21, 2013)	\$4457.16

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Checks for the past year	
# 465 Dr. Danny McPherson	50.00
# 466 Rev. Dean Cartrette	50.00
# 467 Cross & Crown	29.52
# 468 Children's Home	500.00
# 469 Ron Settle	50.00
# 470 Budget Printing	480.00
# 461 Convention of Original Free Will Baptists (yearbooks)	<u>300.00</u>
Balance (October 18, 2014)	\$2997.57

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Settle, Treasurer

Treasurer's report was accepted by motion of Rev. James Howard Nobles.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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 (7:00 p.m.) at White Oak Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Bobby Carden was chosen to preach the ordination sermon. Rev. Priest met or exceeded all the requirements of the Council, and the Council issued a Certificate of Ordination to Rev. William Priest.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. Jimmy McNeill on May 29, 2014 after receiving a letter from Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church recommending Rev. McNeill for ordination as he is in good standing with his church. Rev. McNeill successfully passed all of his tests, and his ordination service was set for June 22, 2014 (6:00 p.m.) at Mt. Calvary Original Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Eddie Carter was chosen to preach the ordination sermon. Rev. McNeill met or exceeded all the requirements of the Council, and the Council issued a Certificate of Ordination to Rev. Jimmy McNeill.

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

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee is thankful that, to the best of our knowledge, all is well among our churches. Still, we urge ministers and local congregations to remain faithful in their unity of the spirit, in their commitment to the local church, in their ministry to the saved and unsaved, and above all, in their absolute devotion to God.

Please note that Rev. Mike Lyles has relocated to Searcy, Arkansas to be near his family and has, therefore, submitted his letter of resignation from the Pee Dee Association, including his position as a member of the Ordaining Council—effective July 30, 2014.

Rev. Brooks Sykes was selected to bring the Association message.

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. Rickey Evans made a motion to accept the report; motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to omit the reading of the 2013 Association minutes because minutes are printed annually and made available to all churches and are also available via the *Yearbook*. Motion carried.

OLD or UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Danny McPherson expressed appreciation to all who attended the Strategic Planning Session sponsored by the Convention of Original Free Will Baptists and held at Beaverdam Original Free Will Baptist Church on September 14, 2014. Seventy-five representatives from the churches of the Pee Dee Association attended, and feedback regarding the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the Original Free Will Baptist denomination was thoughtful and beneficial. McPherson indicated that information would be shared with pastors and churches as the strategic planning process continues.

Danny McPherson moved to select a home for the annual meeting in 2015. Motion carried. Rev. Rickey Evans invited the Association to meet at Branch Chapel Original Free Will Baptist Church for the 2015 annual meeting scheduled for October 17, 2015. Danny McPherson moved that the invitation be accepted; motion carried.

Rev. Hollon Norris moved to pay the officers the same as usual. Rev. Jackie Strickland amended the motion to increase officers' payment from \$50 to \$75. The amended motion carried (officers to be paid \$75).

Danny McPherson moved to select the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the Original Free Will Baptists (a two-year appointment). Motion carried. The moderator called for nominations. Rev. George Benton nominated Rev. James Howard Nobles, who prayerfully declined. Bro. Shannon McMillan nominated Rev.

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Donny Jernigan. With no other nominations, the nominations were closed. The moderator called for action appointing Rev. Jernigan as the Pee Dee representative to the Executive Committee of the Original Free Will Baptists; Rev. Jernigan was approved.

Rev. George Benton moved that the Association give Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Motion carried.

Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to consider the business of replacing Rev. Mike Lyles as a member of the Ordaining Council; motion carried. Bro. Lynn Fairfax moved to accept Rev. Lyles' resignation as a member of the Ordaining Council (noted in the Executive Committee report and accepted previously by the Association); motion carried. The moderator called for nominations to fill Lyles' vacancy. Rev. James Howard Nobles, chairman of the Ordaining Council, nominated Rev. Jamey Ward. With no other nominations offered, Bro. Lynn Fairfax moved to close the nominations; motion carried. Bro. Lynn Fairfax moved to approve Rev. Jamey Ward as a member of the Pee Dee Association Ordaining Council; motion carried.

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

Following the message, the moderator indicated that there was one other order of business that he needed to bring before the Association and, therefore, entertained a motion to reconvene to consider that issue. Rev. George Benton moved to reconvene to consider the additional matter; motion carried. The moderator read a letter from Freedom Original Free Will Baptist Church asking that the Association consider assisting with a building project that would add a porch and "official" entrance to their church sanctuary. Through its offerings and fundraising efforts, the congregation is raising most of the funds. Rev. James Howard Nobles moved to donate \$1000 to Freedom Original Free Will Baptist Church for its building project; motion carried. Delegates from Freedom expressed their sincere appreciation.

The moderator returned thanks for the lunch prepared by Cypress Creek Original Free Will Baptist Church and adjourned the annual meeting by benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Dean Cartrette
Moderator

Dr. Danny D. McPherson
Clerk