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J. W. Wooten,	Walstonburg, N. C.
C. T. Pugh	New Bern, N. C.
E. L. Abrams	Tarboro, N. C.
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Marshall Joyner	Winterville, N. C.
J. P. Barrow	Snow Hill, N. C.
N. Bruce Barrow	Kinston, N. C.
P. C. Wiggs	Fountain, N. C.

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Heber Joyner	Greenville, N. C.
L. S. Tyson	Farmville, N. C.
C. D. Hamilton	Fountain, N. C.

## ROLL OF CHURCHES WITH THEIR CLERKS AND TIME OF HOLDING ANNUAL MEETINGS

CHURCHES	CLERK	POST OFFICE TIME OF ANNUAL MEETING
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### GREENE COUNTY

Grimsley.....	B. T. Dail,.....	Snow Hill, R1.Oct. 2nd Sunday----
Free Union.....	J. H. Beaman,.....	Snow Hill.....Oct. 1st Sunday----
Little Creek.....	D. R. Forrest,.....	Ayden, R1.....Oct. 1st Sunday----
St. Delight.....	T. E. Skinner,.....	Ayden, R1.....Sept. 4th Sunday----
Friendship.....	Alex Brann.....	Ayden, R1.....Oct. 3rd Sunday----
Hull Road.....	P. L. Barrow, .....	Snow Hill.....Oct. 3rd Sunday----
Howells Swamp.....	Willie Jones .....	Walstonburg..Oct. 2nd Sunday----
Harrells Chapel.....	R. E. Hart,.....	Snow Hill.....Oct. 4th Sunday----
Spring Branch.....	R. R. Bailey.....	Walstonburg..Oct. 1st Sunday----

### PITT COUNTY

Gum Swamp.....	S. M. Harris,.....	Greenville.....Sept. 4th Sunday----
Parkers Chapel.....	Claude Clark, .....	Bethel .....
		Sept. 2nd Sunday----
Hickory Grove.....	J. K. Barnhill, .....	Stokes.....Sept. 3rd Sunday----
Reedy Branch.....	E. W. Smith,.....	Greenville.....Nov. 1st Sunday----
Elm Grove.....	Wilbur Garris,.....	Ayden.....Nov. 2nd Sunday----
Piney Grove.....	A. W. Flake,.....	Greenville.....Sept. 2nd Sunday----
Cross Roads.....	L. A. Fulford,.....	Farmville.....Sept. 3rd Sunday----
Arthur.....	L. B. Willoughby, .....	Bellarthur ....Oct. 1st Sunday----
Marlboro.....	Sam Tugwell, .....	Farmville.....Oct. 4th Sunday----
Pleasant Hill.....	Richard Gaskins, .....	Grimesland....Sept. 1st Sunday----
Black Jack.....	J. S. Dixon,.....	Grimesland....Oct. 3rd Sunday----
Rose Hill.....	F. A. Haddock,.....	Winterville....Oct. 4th Sunday----
Bethany.....	Mrs. K. B. Jolly, .....	Ayden.....Oct. 3rd Sunday----
Ayden.....	T. D.Caton,.....	Ayden.....Oct. 4th Sunday----
Greenville.....	Jesse Boyd .....	Greenville.....Aug. 3rd Sunday----
Winterville.....	E. C. Hines,.....	Winterville....Oct. 2nd Sunday----
Sweet Gum Grove.....	Roy Worthington .....	Stokes.....Sept. 1st Sunday----
Dildy's Grove.....	Benj.Dildy,.....	Fountain.....Oct. 4th Sunday----

### BEAUFORT COUNTY

Free Union.....	Alton Paul,.....	Pinetown.....Sept. 2nd Sunday----
Shiloh.....	G. V. Boyd,.....	Pinetown.....Oct. 3rd Sunday----
Piney Grove.....	J. E. Ingalls,.....	Greenville.....Sept. 4th Sunday----
Belhaven.....	Mrs. Irene Edwards	Belhaven.....Oct. 2nd Sunday----
Union Grove.....	H. C. Davis .....	Pungo .....
		Sept. 1st Sunday----
Bear Creek.....	Mrs. C. T. Godley, .....	Grimesland....Sept. 1st Sunday----

## WILSON COUNTY

Saratoga.....J. B. Eason,.....Stantonburg...Sept. 3rd Sunday...  
 Aspin Grove.....Clifton Gardner,.....Fountain.....Sept. 2nd Sunday...  
 Owens Chapel.....J. E. Baker,.....Elm City, R3...Oct. 4th Sunday...  
 Daniels Chapel.....J. R. Pittman,.....Black Creek...Sept. 4th Sunday...

## MARTIN COUNTY

Cedar Grove.....J. A. Rawls,.....Robersonville...Oct. 3rd Sunday...  
 Rose of Sharon.....Jesse Bailey,.....Williamston...Oct. 2nd Sunday...  
 Corinth.....W. W. Waters,.....Jamesville...Oct. 4th Sunday...

## TYRRELL COUNTY

Gum Neck.....Paul Jones,.....Columbia.....Oct. 3rd Sunday...  
 Malachi's Chapel...C. A. Voliva,.....Columbia.....Oct. 4th Sunday...  
 Sound Side.....C. B. Armstrong, ..Columbia.....Oct. 1st Sunday...

## WASHINGTON COUNTY

Mt. Olive.....L. D. Ange,.....Jamesville...Sept. 3rd Sunday...  
 Union Chapel.....J. H. Allen,.....Plymouth...Oct. 2nd Sunday...  
 Mt. Zion.....Delma Peel,.....Roper .....Oct. 1st Sunday...  
 Mt. Tabor.....J. J. Ambrose,.....Creswell.....Sept. 2nd Sunday...  
 Piney Grove.....Ed Patrick, .....Mackeys.....Oct. 4th Sunday...

## EDGECOMBE COUNTY

Otters Creek.....J. E. W. Glover, ..Macklesfield...Sept. 4th Sunday...  
 Edgewood.....J. F. Abrams,.....Macklesfield...Sept. 1st Sunday...  
 Rocky Mount.....N. E. Harris .....Rocky Mt. ...Oct. 1st Sunday...  
 Riverside.....Mrs. Martha Newell, Tarboro, R2.....

## WAYNE COUNTY

Watery Branch.....R. H. Jones,.....Stantonburg...Oct. 2nd Sunday...  
 Antioch.....Barney Kirby,.....Pikeville...Sept. 1st Sunday...  
 Walnut Creek.....Leslie Rollins,.....LaGrange.....Sept. 4th Sunday...

## LENOIR COUNTY

Hugo.....Mrs. Ada Phillips, ..Grifton.....Oct. 2nd Sunday...  
 LaGrange.....J. W. Wilson.....LaGrange.....

## PASQUOTANK COUNTY

Elizabeth City.....J. M. Hopkins,.....Elizabeth City...Oct. 4th Sunday...

## HERTFORD COUNTY

Hickory Chapel.....L. C. Dilday, .....Ahoskie.....Aug. 1st Sunday...

## HALIFAX COUNTY

Dawsons Grove.....W. D. Harris,.....Enfield.....Sept. 3rd Sunday...

## STATE OF VA.

Johnson Grove.....A. L. Cook,.....Branchville.....



## Proceedings

The One Hundred and Ninetieth Annual Session of the Central Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened with Spring Branch Church, Greene County, on November 8-11, 1938.

Devotional services were conducted by Elder Clarence Bowen. Prayer by Elders J. P. Barrow and W. A. Dail.

Elder Marshal Joyner and Brother L. A. Fulford were appointed as ushers.

The Introductory Sermon was preached by Elder J. E. Wooten. Text: 2 Corinthians 12:9, "For my strength is made perfect in weakness."

Elder J. A. Evans, pastor, made a few remarks assuring all present a hearty welcome.

Dismissed by Elder R. E. Tripp.

### WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:00 o'clock. Conference was called to order by the moderator, Elder M. E. Tyson. Devotions by Elder W. B. Nobles. Prayer by Elder D. W. Alexander.

Duet by Elder R. P. Harris and Sister Elma Hines.

The Moderator made a few appropriate remarks relative to carrying on the work of the Conference, after which he declared the conference open for business.

The following ministers were present: M. E. Tyson, R. P. Harris, D. W. Alexander, J. P. Barrow, J. H. Edwards, C. J. Harris, J. W. Wooten, M. A. Woodard, W. L. Hart, R. C. Alexander, W. B. Nobles, J. E. Wooten, L. W. Humbles, L. B. Manning, R. H. Mason, W. A. Dail, P. C. Wiggs, E. L. Abrams, Marshall Joyner, C. H. Denton, W. L. Jernigan, N. L. Gupton, J. P. Woodard, D. A. Windham, D. M. Ratcliff, N. D. Beaman and J. C. Moye.

The following delegates and visitors were present and made a few remarks:

*Western Association*—Elders Clarence Bowen, J. A. Evans, J. H. Worley, L. T. Phillips.

*Eastern Association*—Elders L. H. Wetherington, J. R. Bennett, W. R. Williams.

*Florida Salem Association*—Elder Chester Pelt.

*Cape Fear Association*—Elder R. B. Spencer.

*Free Will Holiness*—Elder W. L. Brantley.

*French Broad Association*—Elder W. L. Moretz.

*Baptist Association*—Elder R. E. Tripp.

*Beaver Creek Association*—Elder Paul Jenkins.

The Moderator appointed the following to fill the places on the various boards made vacant by the death of Elder R. F. Pittman:

*Ordaining Council*—Elder D. W. Alexander.

*Educational Board*—Elder J. E. Wooten.

*Ministerial Character*—Elder M. E. Tyson.

*Committee on Finance*—Brother L. A. Arnold.

*Program Committee*—Elder R. P. Harris.

*Mission Board*—Elder J. P. Barrow.

In place of Elder A. L. Davidson, also made vacant by his death, Elder W. B. Nobles was appointed to represent stock in the F. W. B. Press.

The Moderator appointed the following committee to arrange a short memorial service for Elders A. L. Davidson and R. F. Pittman at 10:30 o'clock Friday: Committee—Elders D. W. Alexander, C. J. Harris and M. A. Woodard.

On motion Elder L. W. Wetherington be retired from the list of active ministers.

Elder D. W. Alexander made a few remarks about Elder W. T. Pollard. The following committees were appointed:

*Devotional*—Elder J. A. Evans, Brothers R. R. Bailey and Jessie Gay.

*Orphanage*—Elders J. E. Wooten, J. P. Barrow and W. L. Hart.

*Obituary*—Elders M. A. Woodard, C. J. Harris and J. C. Moyer.

*Ways and Means*—Elders R. P. Harris, W. A. Dail and Marshall Joyner.

*Temperance*—Elders E. L. Abrams, R. H. Mason and W. B. Nobles.

*Resolutions*—Elders D. W. Alexander, J. W. Wooten and L. W. Humbles.

The resolution offered by Elder M. A. Woodard relative to the pastor was adopted. (See report)

Devotional Committee reports Elder R. P. Harris to open, and Elder Chester Pelt preach at the 11:00 o'clock service, also that Rev. Charlie Hamilton open at 2:15 and Elder Paul Jenkins preach at 2:30 at the stage tomorrow.

On motion Conference adjourn till tomorrow morning 9:30 o'clock. Dismissed by Elder Chester Pelt.

#### THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled at 9:30. Devotional service led by Elder P. C. Wiggs and Elder Clarence Bowen.

Duet by Elder R. P. Harris and Sister Elma Hines.

The Moderator declared the business of the house in order.

The following were elected on the Superannuation Board; Elders W. A. Dail, Marshall Joyner and L. B. Manning.

Elder M. E. Tyson made a splendid report of the Orphanage, also giving an outline of the building program just launched. An offering was taken for the same amounting to \$72.50.

Elder R. B. Spencer, speaking in the interest of the Press, stated that the subscriptions to the paper had increased during the year.

On motion the Mission Board be known as the General Mission Board and the funds to be used at the discretion of the board.

The 11:00 o'clock sermon was preached by W. L. Jernigan. Subject: Four Anchors.

Dismissed for dinner by Elder J. R. Bennett.

Dinner.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:00 o'clock. Special musical program arranged by Elder R. P. Harris. Quartette by Elder R. P. Harris, E. D. Griffin, Sisters Ethel Moye and Carlos Walston.

Devotional committee reports, Elder Charlie Hamilton open and Elder Paul Jenkins to preach at 2:30 at the stage.

The following officers were elected for the coming year; Moderator, Elder W. L. Hart, Assistant Moderator—Elder R. P. Harris, Clerk—E. C. Hines—Assistant Clerk, Leo Tripp. Executive Board—Elder M. A. Woodard, Treasurer—Brother M. H. Whichard. General Board—Elder J. C. Moye. Ordaining Council—Elder M. E. Tyson.

On motion all members of all boards be elected for a period of two years. The Clerk was asked to send a word of greeting from the Conference to Elder E. T. Phillips. Elder Chester Pelt was asked to lead a special prayer in his behalf.

Elder M. Joyner made a few remarks about the condition of Elder W. T. Pollard and there was an offering taken. Elder E. T. Phillips and Elder W. T. Pollard each received \$17.32.

On motion the name of Elder L. S. Tyson be placed on the list of our licensed preachers.

On motion we accept the resignation of Elder D. A. Windham and Sister M. A. Woodard on the Young People's hour.

The Devotional committee reports Elder J. H. Edwards open and Elder W. L. Moretz preach tonight at 7:30 o'clock.

Elder J. H. Worley of the Western Association made an appeal for help to finish a church at Selma.

Conference adjourned till 9:30 tomorrow morning.

Dismissed by Elder M. E. Tyson.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Reassembled at 9:30 o'clock. Devotional services conducted by Elder R. P. Harris.

On motion a rising vote of thanks was given the Ladies Auxiliary of our conference for their splendid work.

Petitions were taken for the next conference. After discussion it was

voted to go to Black Jack and Elder J. C. Moye was asked to preach the Introductory Sermon and Elder R. P. Harris on his failure.

On motion this conference go on record as indorsing the movement started by the Ministers Institute relative to placing a marker on the grave of our deceased ministers, and that we indorse the committee appointed by the Institute namely, Elders J. C. Moye, J. E. Wooten and D. W. Alexander.

A memorial service was conducted for Elders A. L. Davidson and R. F. Pittman by Elders D. W. Alexander and C. J. Harris.

On motion this conference designate from 11:00 to 11:30 o'clock on Friday of each Conference for a memorial service for ministers having died during the year, and that Brother E. D. Griffin and Sisters Ethel Moye and M. A. Woodard be a committee to arrange for same.

The 11:00 o'clock sermon was preached by Elder D. W. Alexander. Subject: My Code of Ministerial Ethics.

Elder J. A. Evans expressed thanks to all who had helped entertain the Conference in any way.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Elder C. L. Coats.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Reassembled at 1:00 o'clock. Devotions were led by Elder R. P. Harris.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Evans.

On motion the Finance Committee retire and settle with the treasurer. Elder J. C. Moye was asked to serve on this committee, in place of Elder W. G. Ennis.

On motion the name of C. D. Hamilton be added to our list of licensed ministers.

On motion we indorse the resolution offered by the Ways and Means Committee relative to the system of representing to the Conference.

On motion this resolution was tabled.

On motion the clerk have a copy of our envelope run through the Baptist Paper two weeks before the Conference.

On motion this Conference give to Rev. M. E. Tyson a rising vote of thanks for the splendid manner in which he has carried on the conference work.

On motion we adopt the Identification card plan for our ministers, and the clerk is to have some printed to hand to each minister at each Conference.

On motion this Conference give a rising vote of thanks to this church and community for their hospitality shown this Conference.

The following delegates were appointed to the various conferences:

*Cape Fear Association*—Elder Charlie Hamilton.

*Western Association*—Elder L. B. Manning.

*Eastern Association*—Elder C. J. Harris.

*French Broad Association*—Elder J. E. Wooten.

*Rock Fish Conference*—Elder M. Joyner.

*Eastern General Association*—Elder D. W. Alexander, Brother E. D. Griffin, alternate.

On motion Conference adjourn to meet with Black Jack Church, Pitt County in November 1939.

Elder M. E. Tyson, *Moderator*,

E. C. Hines, *Clerk*.

The following reports and resolutions were adopted:

*Ordaining Council*—We, the Ordaining Council, submit the following report: We have examined Brother J. C. Varnell and find him unqualified in present day qualifications, and such as the conference demands. Therefore we recommend that he give himself one year of careful study and we each pledge to him our assistance in this endeavor.

A few days after the sitting of the Central Conference at Reedy Branch Church, November 1937 the Ordaining Council met in Greenville at the home of Mrs. Sophia Hardy and duly ordained to the ministry Brother P. C. Wiggs of Walstonburg, N. C. We immediately advised the Clerk, Brother E. C. Hines that his name be enrolled on the ministerial list as a regular ordained minister. His name now appears in our minutes in orderly call. No call for service since.

C. J. Harris, *Chairman*,

M. E. Tyson,

J. P. Barrow,

D. W. Alexander,

W. A. Dail.

*Ministerial Character*—We, your committee on Ministerial Character, beg leave to submit the following: In view of the circumstances regarding Elder Alex Brann, he having offered to surrender his license and credentials, we recommend that same be adopted. We recommend further that his pastor, Elder W. A. Dail, be authorized to secure them.

M. E. Tyson,

L. A. Fulford,

J. L. Barnhill,

D. W. Alexander.

*Orphanage Report*—We, your Orphanage Committee, wish to report that we are in full accord with the present orphanage administration, and we urge that this body, representing the churches of the Central Conference, pledge its support to the Superintendent in his present program and other programs that he may launch in the interest of the institution for its growth and development; that this support be a continuous and constant support during the entire year.

We further suggest that this body in turn urge its member churches

to fully co-operate with the Superintendent and the Orphanage Board in the present building program, striving to raise the necessary amount for the building by January 1, 1939.

J. E. Wooten,  
W. L. Hart,  
J. P. Barrow.

*General Mission Board Report*

Total receipts ----- \$171.00

*Payments:*

Rev. I. J. Blackwelder ---- \$ 25.00  
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder ---- 75.00  
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder ---- 25.00  
Rev. J. K. Warkentin ---- 5.00  
Rev. J. K. Warkentin ---- 10.00

Total ----- \$140.00    \$140.00

Balance on Hand ----- \$ 31.00

Elders W. L. Jernigan,  
J. C. Moye,  
J. P. Barrow,  
Sister Bertha Tripp,  
Sister M. A. Woodard.

*Resolution*—Resolved that this Conference recommend all its member churches to pay the pastor's salary directly to the minister who fills appointment on all occasion, except at such times when sickness, death or providential hindrances may prevent the pastor from serving.

M. A. Woodard.

*Finance Committee and Treasurer's Report:*

Paid into this Conference from all sources ----- \$396.36

*Disbursements as follows:*

Mrs. Sibley Rogers ----- \$ 10.00  
Clerk ----- 25.00  
Minutes ----- 60.00  
Rocky Mount Church ----- 10.00  
Kinston Church ----- 10.00  
Ministers' Institute ----- 30.00  
Young People's Work ----- 5.00  
To Orphanage ----- 246.36

Total ----- \$396.36    \$396.36

Balance in Treasury ----- \$000.00

M. H. Whichard, *Treasurer.*

*Temperance Report*—We recommend as a committee to adopt the same resolutions of last conference and we urge our people to practice same as written in our minutes.

E. L. Abrams,  
R. H. Mason,  
W. B. Nobles.

*Report of the Central Conference Women's Auxiliary Convention*

Number of Societies 24; Number of members 586; Amount raised since last conference \$2,149.70; Amount sent to convention by societies as contributions \$104.80; Amount sent to Orphanage by societies for the year \$381.41; Amount used for education \$64.10; Amount used for Foreign Missions \$84.39; Amount used for Home Missions \$6.00; Amount used for Superannuation \$17.00; Amount used for benevolence \$169.68; Number of subscriptions for F. W. B. Paper 117; Number of Orphan children adopted 8.

The following report shows what the women of the Central Conference have done for the Orphanage, Education, Missions, (Foreign and Home), Superannuation, and Benevolence, directly and indirectly through our Women's Auxiliary Convention.

Total amount given to the Orphanage .....	\$431.67
Total amount given to Education .....	71.93
Total amount given to Foreign and Home Mission..	144.79
Total amount given to Superannuation .....	32.53
Total amount given to Benevolences .....	182.60

Mrs. Frank Shirley, *President*,  
Mrs. Carl Barrow, *Secretary*.

## OBITUARIES

### REV. ARTHUR LEE DAVIDSON

I wish to say in the beginning that I do not feel worthy to undertake to write the obituary of such a worthy minister as Brother Davidson, but being called on by the chairman of the Obituary Committee of the Central Conference I will proceed to do the best I can.

Brother Davidson was born on July 2, 1892, in Wilcox County, Georgia. In 1916 he was married to Miss Daisy Adams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Adams of Cordelle, Georgia. To this union were born, and now survive the following sons and daughters: Mrs. F. A. Nobles of Greenville, N. C., Elbert, Myra Nell, Nada and William Franklin Davidson, all residing in Ayden, N. C. He is also survived by the following brothers: Rev. J. R. Davidson, Bryan, Texas, E. C. and Albert Davidson of Glennville, Georgia.

He was ordained as a minister of the Free Will Baptist Church in the year 1921 and served as pastor of several churches in the state of Georgia.

In the year 1928 he moved to this state where he was actively engaged in pastoral work until his death, January 14, 1938, making his stay on earth 45 years, 5 months and 14 days.

At the time of his death he was pastor of the following churches: Hickory Grove and Elm Grove in Pitt County, Little Creek in Greene County, and Smiths New Home in Lenoir County.

In conclusion we will apply this verse to his life of faithful service:

Servant of God, well done,  
Thy glorious warfare passed,  
The battle fought the victory won,  
And thou are crowned at last.

M. A. Woodard, *Writer*

#### REV. ROBERT FRANKLIN PITTMAN

The subject of this sketch was born December 18, 1883. He united with Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church sometime during the summer of 1903. In a very short while after his conversion he felt divinely impressed to preach the gospel of Christ his Savior. In obedience to that call, he was licensed to preach on September 18, 1904.

In the early part of his ministry Brother Pittman realized that the harvest was truly great but the qualified laborers were few. Seeing the urgent need of a better qualified ministry, he entered the Free Will Baptist Seminary at Ayden in the fall of 1905, and became a student under the teaching of Dr. Thomas E. Peden. On October 3, 1905 he was fully ordained to the public ministry of the gospel of Christ.

Brother Pittman made great and telling efforts to fit himself for the high and noble work to which he aspired, and which he finally achieved. He attended the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. Later he taught in the Seminary at Ayden of which he was a former student.

On June 10, 1913, he was married to Miss Jimmie L. Davis of Ayden. To this union two sons were born who, with their mother, survive.

In the year 1927 Brother Pittman attended the Peabody Conservatory of Music in Baltimore, Maryland. He was pastor of the Ayden, Bethany and Sweet Gum Grove Churches from fifteen years to more than twenty years. He organized the Sweet Gum Grove Church, and led the way at Bethany and at Ayden in the construction of splendid, substantial brick churches.

As an outstanding revivalist, Rev. R. F. Pittman was known far and near. In song service he was greatly admired by those who heard him. On the Fourth Sunday in May, 1938, he preached his last sermon in the Ayden Church, which was the dedicatory sermon in the new brick building. On the First Sunday in June, 1938, he preached his last in this life in the Sweet Gum Grove Church.



On July 15, 1938, death claimed him in the hospital in Kinston, N. C. In his death, our church has suffered an irreparable loss. He possessed a fine personality, and his place will be hard to fill. He was congenial and tolerant in his church relations, in his home and in the community in which he lived. His death brought to a close a noble, consecrated life, but he will continue to live and bear fruit in the lives of those with whom he lived and labored, and through those who heard his message in word and song. May his work tell on through the ages, and tell for the Lord!

May God's richest blessings rest upon his dear family, his relatives and friends! Let us all bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well! "For we know that all things work together for good to them that love God." God will supply all our needs in Christ Jesus. May we look to Him for comfort and consolation!

"Servant of God, well done!  
Thy glorious warfare's past,  
The battle's fought, the race is won,  
And thou art crowned at last.

"The pains of death are passed,  
Labor and sorrows cease;  
And life's long warfare closed at last,  
His soul is found in peace.

"Let faith exalt her joyful voice,  
And now in triumph sing:  
'O Grave, where is thy victory?  
And where, O Death, is thy sting?'"  
C. J. Harris, *Writer*

Committee:

C. J. Harris, *Chairman*,  
D. W. Alexander,  
M. A. Woodard.

# STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Counties	Delegates	Died	Rec. by Letter	Baptized	Dismissed	Excommunicated	No. Members	Contribution	Value of Church Property	No. of Minutes
Friendship	Greene	R. A. Beaman, Fay Craft	1	1				142	\$ 5.00	\$ 1,000.00	20
Hull Road	Greene	J. M. and T. G. Harrison	2	2		3		434	30.00	2,700.00	35
Howell Swamp	Greene	Sisters Henry White, Cora Walston	2	2		6		143	10.00	2,500.00	23
Saint's Delight	Greene	Edward Bowen, J. I. Mooring	2	2	15			400	10.00	2,000.00	25
Little Creek	Greene	D. R. Forrest, Mrs. W. M. May	1	1	4			56	10.00	2,000.00	15
Grimsley	Greene	B. S. Taylor, Owen Jones	2	1	9			138	10.00	1,500.00	20
Spring Branch	Greene	Charlie Walston, R. R. Bailey	2	2	5			204	10.00	2,000.00	20
Harrell's Chapel	Greene	T. E. Ham, R. E. Hart			8			128	5.15	600.00	20
Free Union	Greene	W. C. Hinson, R. A. Harrell, John Murphy			11			204	12.50	3,500.00	30
Piney Grove	Pitt.	J. H. Tucker, J. L. Nobles	8	1	7			150	10.00	2,000.00	30
Reedy Branch	Pitt.	C. C. Jackson and Wife, R. L. Worthington & Wife		1				350	25.00	5,000.00	40
Sweet Gum Grove	Pitt.	C. G. Little			12			228	20.00	2,000.00	30
Rose Hill	Pitt.	J. T. Roberson, Johnnie Edwards	5		2			243	10.00	2,000.00	20
Marlboro	Pitt.	C. N. Allen, Jim Joyner	2	3	3		2	165	10.00	2,000.00	25
Ayden	Pitt.	J. E. Jones, Mrs. S. K. Jackson	2	4	6			150	10.00	10,000.00	30
Greenville	Pitt.	E. D. Griffin, W. F. Owens	1	4	3			127	5.00	2,000.00	20
Elm Grove	Pitt.	J. W. Garriss and Wife	1	2	12			250	10.00	2,500.00	30
Hickory Grove	Pitt.	Sisters Annie Whithurst, W. R. Rollins	6		3			90	5.00	2,000.00	20
Winterville	Pitt.	J. H. Manning, Mrs. M. C. Sermons			1			131	10.00	2,000.00	30
Arthur	Pitt.	Ode Turner, J. L. Nanney			5		1	65	5.00	1,000.00	15
Kings Cross Roads	Pitt.	L. A. Fulford and Wife	3			1		142	10.00	1,000.00	25
Pleasant Hill	Pitt.	W. L. Haddock and Wife	1	1	9			87	5.00	1,000.00	20
Gum Swamp	Pitt.	N. E. and Noah E. Simpson	2		6			422	10.00	800.00	30
Parkers Chapel	Pitt.	D. S. Harris, Gus Briley	1		7			75	3.00	2,500.00	15
Black Jack	Pitt.	D. J. Spain, W. B. Harper	1		6	2		270	25.00	10,000.00	35
Bethany	Pitt.	B. T. Nobles, Exum Dail	1					170	10.00	8,000.00	30
Dildy's Grove	Pitt.	A. A. Edwards, Benjamin Dildy	1		1			24	5.00	750.00	10
Antioch	Wayne	Barney Kirby, M. L. Bartlett		2	14			98	5.00	1,500.00	20
Watery Branch	Wayne	J. S. Jones and Wife			2			75	5.00	1,500.00	20
Owen's Chapel	Wilson	J. E. Baker, Richard Barnett						70	5.00	700.00	15
Daniel's Chapel	Wilson	J. R. Pittman			3	2		110	5.00	3,000.00	20
Saratoga	Wilson	J. B. Eason, Jim Howard			5	2	2	143	10.00	3,000.00	25
Aspin Grove	Wilson	J. P. Killebrew, Raymond Owens	1		10			110	5.00	1,000.00	20
Hugo	Lenoir	Sisters Ada Phillips, C. A. Eubanks		3	11	1		135	5.00	1,200.00	25
LaGrange	Lenoir	Myrtle, John, Nora Rhodes		1	11			54	3.50	2,000.00	10
Union Grove	Beaufort	E. C. Marvin Barnett						76	5.00	800.00	15
Shiloh	Beaufort	B. G. Pinkham, David Waters	4		4			279	10.00	1,000.00	30
Free Union	Beaufort	Henry Webster, M. L. Radcliff	1			6		292	20.00	1,000.00	35
Piney Grove	Beaufort	C. M. Whitehurst, J. E. Ingals		4	6			55	3.00	1,000.00	15
Corinth	Martin	By Pastor	1	1	12			80	5.00	1,000.00	15
Rose of Sharon	Martin	T. L. Roberson, M. S. Cowan	1	1	10	2		75	3.20	1,500.00	15
Union Chapel	Washington	J. H. Allen, A. J. Newberry						69	3.01	2,000.00	10
Mt. Olive	Washington	By Letter	3		3	3		107	5.00	1,200.00	15
Riverside	Edgecombe	W. R. Williams		1	2	8	3	16	2.00	500.00	5
Edgewood	Edgecombe	J. F. Abrams	1		15			96	4.00	1,000.00	15
Otter's Creek	Edgecombe	May and Zebbie Everette	1		10			75	5.00	1,000.00	15
Dawson's Grove	Halifax	J. H. Harris			5	1		50	5.00	2,000.00	15
Hickory Chapel	Hertford	By Letter	2	1	8			167	5.00	3,500.00	25





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