

MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

of the

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

of the

Original Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT

BEAVER DAM, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

October 15-17, 1942

Next session will be held with the Church at Mt. Beulah,
Horry County, South Carolina, commencing Thursday night before
the Third Sunday in October, 1943.



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LIST OF CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POST OFFICES

CHURCHES	CLERKS	POST OFFICES
White Oak	J. W. Bowen	Bladenboro, N. C.
Oak Grove No. 2	R. E. Johnston	Gresham, S. C.
Beaver Dam	Thomas McPherson	Chadbourn, N. C.
Mt. Beulah	R. C. Rhodes	Tabor City, N. C.
Mt. Calvary	W. D. Brown	Clarkton, N. C.
Little Bethel	A. McFowler	Tabor City, N. C.
Pine Level	J. C. Ward	Nakina, N. C.
Emerson	Mrs. Lissie Nobles	Tabor City, N. C., Rt. No. 2
Mt. Ariel	R. F. Norris	Conway, S. C.
Oak Grove No. 1	W. M. Bryant	Bladenboro, N. C.
Mt. Olive	A. J. Penny	Whiteville, N. C.
Cedar Branch	Moses Ward	Nakina, N. C.
Cypress Creek	Furney Jones	Whiteville, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND POSTOFFICES

H. C. Adcox	Bladenboro, N. C.
Ransom Fowler	Tabor City, N. C.
M. C. McPherson	Clarendon, N. C.
T. C. Cribb	Clarendon, N. C.
Edgar Fowler	Tabor City, N. C.
I. J. Greene	% Pink McPherson, Clarendon, N. C.
Noah Duncan	Tabor City, N. C.
Norman Hilburn	Bladenboro, N. C.
Dock T. Gore	Laurinburg, N. C.
R. C. Rhodes	Tabor City, N. C.
A. L. Duncan	Tabor City, N. C.
Luther Inman	Conway, S. C.
J. A. Hucks	Conway, S. C.
W. A. Hill	Gallivants Ferry, S. C.
L. L. Moore	Gresham, S. C.
L. P. Brown	Conway, S. C.
W. L. Jernigan	Warsaw, N. C.

LIST OF CUSTODIANS

J. C. Ward, W. S. Wilson, Luther McPherson, V. C. Pait, Louis Ward

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. C. Adcox Rev. Luther Inman Rev. J. A. Hucks
Bro. John McPherson Bro. W. L. Pait

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. C. Fowler ----- Loris, S. C., Route 2
C. V. Ward ----- Clarendon, N. C.
R. E. Johnston ----- Gresham, S. C.
W. L. McPherson ----- Chadbourn, N. C.
David Hester ----- Bladenboro, N. C.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Ransom Fowler, R. C. Rhodes, T. C. Cribb, W. L. Jernigan, A. L. Duncan,
Edgar Fowler, Luther Inman, L. L. Moore, J. A. Hucks, I. J. Greene, Norman
Hilburn, Noah Duncan.

ABSENT BUT EXCUSED

L. P. Brown, M. C. McPherson.

ABSENT NO EXCUSES

D. T. Gore, W. A. Hill, Luther Inman.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met in session with the church at Beaver Dam in Columbus County, N. C., on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1942.

The service was opened by singing Hymn No. 57, "In the Shadow of the Cross." Prayer was offered by Bro. G. C. Cartrett.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan filled the stand at the appointed hour, reading for a lesson Romans 12, using for a text, Romans 12th chapter and the first verse, words, "I beseech you therefore brethren by the mercies of God."

After preaching, a benediction was declared until Friday A. M., 9:30 o'clock.

Friday A. M. Session

The devotional service was conducted by the Moderator, reading for a morning lesson the 17th Chapter of St. John. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ransom Fowler. Hymn No. 64, "Won't It Be Wonderful There" by the congregation. The house was then declared in order for business and visiting brethren were invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters were called for. Mt. Beulah Church presented a letter asking for next session. The various committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional Exercises—Brethren Albert Godwin, R. I. Batten, Hays Pait.

Finance Committee—Brethren M. C. Nealey, J. C. Ward, W. H. Ward.

Ministerial Character Committee—Bros. C. V. Ward, W. C. Fowler, Chad Russ, G. W. Jacobs, D. F. Hester.

Sabbath School Committee—Brethren E. D. Todd, H. L. Wattson, Ashley Ward.

Obituary Committee—Brethren A. T. Cribb, R. E. Johnson, A. McFowler.

Periodicals Committee—Brethren A. J. Penny, P. M. McPherson, Rev. L. L. Moore.

Educational Committee—Rev. J. A. Hucks, Rev. A. L. Duncan, Rev. I. J. Greene, Bro. Wade Hodge, Rev. Ransom Fowler.

The body was recessed for ten minutes.

Reassemblance

Devotional Committee reported for Friday noon, recommending that Rev. Ransom Fowler open the service and Rev. L. L. Moore preach. Rev. Moore's text was St. Mark 1: 15, words, "Repent ye and believe the gospel."

Adjournment was declared until after lunch 1:30 o'clock.

Friday P. M. Session

Hymn sung by congregation, "In the Sweet Bye and Bye." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. A. Hucks. The house was announced in order for busi-

ness. A Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. I. J. Greene in honor of Rev. H. P. M. Todd.

There was an Educational Board appointed as follows:

Bro. D. F. Hester, Chairman

Bro. R. E. Johnston, Secretary

Bro. James Mercer, Treasurer

This board was appointed by motion of Bro. R. I. Batten.

The churches were enrolled as follows:

Beaver Dam—By letter and delegates, Brethren O. H. McPherson, N. P. McPherson, Albert Godwin, P. M. McPherson, Jessie Simmons and with them \$8.00 as funds for Minute purposes, also \$2.25 for Education purposes. We report an evergreen Sabbath School and the Church in normal condition. We had the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Hucks for the past year and feel like the Lord has blessed his labors. We have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

White Oak Church—By letter and delegates as follows: Brethren R. I. Batten, J. W. Bowen, D. F. Hester and with them \$6.00 as funds for Minute purposes, also \$10.75 for Educational purposes. We report an evergreen Sabbath School. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. W. L. Jernigan for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Oak Grove Church No. 2—Represented by and delegate, Brother R. E. Johnston and \$4.00 for Association funds, also \$1.00 for Educational funds. We have retained Rev. L. L. Moore for our pastor for 1942.

Cypress Creek Church—Represented by Bro. Louis Ward and letter and \$3.10 for funds. We have had the labors of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Cedar Branch Church—Represented by letter and delegates as follows: Brethren Ashley Ward and W. H. Ward and with them \$2.00 as funds for Association, also 25c for Educational funds. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Noah Duncan for the past year and have called Rev. Luther Inman for the ensuing year, 1943. We report an evergreen Sabbath School.

Mt. Beulah Church—Representing by letter and delegate as follows: Brethren W. C. Fowler, C. M. Wattson, E. D. Todd, M. C. Nealey and \$5.75 Association funds and \$3.00 for Education fund. We report an evergreen Sabbath School. Our church is in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Hucks for the past year. We have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Mt. Olive Church—Represented by letter and delegate as follows: Brethren M. F. Holoman, A. J. Penny and \$3.00, Association funds, and \$2.90, Education funds. We have an evergreen Sabbath School. Our church is in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. R. C. Rhodes for the past year and have called Rev. W. L. Jernigan for the ensuing year, 1943.

Oak Grove No. 1 Church—Represented by letter and delegates as follows: Brethren Chad Russ, Hays Pait, F. M. Hester. We send \$6.00 regular

funds and \$7.00 for Educational funds. We report an evergreen Sabbath School. Our church is in normal condition. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. W. L. Jernigan for the past year. The Lord has blessed his labors. We have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Little Bethel Church—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brethren A. McFowler, Wade Hodge and \$2.10 regular funds and \$1.30 Educational funds. We report an evergreen Sabbath School. Our church is in normal condition so far as known. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. J. A. Hucks for the past year and we have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Mt. Calvary Church—Reported by letter and delegates as follows. Brethren W. D. Brown, Vance Pait and \$2.12 for Associational fund. We report an evergreen Sabbath School. We have had the pastoral care of Rev. Noah Duncan for the past year and called him back for 1943.

Pine Level Church—Reported by letter and delegates Brethren J. C. Ward, G. W. Jacobs, C. V. Ward and with them \$2.00 for Association funds. We report a good Sabbath School. We have been under the pastoral care of Rev. Luther Inman for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Emerson Church—Reported by letter and delegates Brethren H. L. Wattson, Ardle Nobles, Arthur Cribb. We are sending \$3.00 for Association funds. We report a good Sabbath School. We have had the pastoral care of Rev. G. W. Howell for the past year and have called him back for the ensuing year, 1943.

Mt. Ariel Church—No report.

At this time the Devotional Committee made their report for tonight recommending that Rev. R. C. Rhodes open and Rev. A. L. Duncan preach.

Rev. Duncan used for a text Psalms 23: 4, center clause, "Thou Art with me."

The Moderator declared an adjournment until Saturday A. M. 9 o'clock.

Saturday A. M. Session

Opening song by congregation, "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. Noah Duncan. Moderator declared house in order for business and invited visiting brethren to seats with us.

At this time the various committees reported.

Devotional Committee reported recommending that Rev. Ransom Fowler open Friday and Rev. L. L. Moore preach, Rev. R. C. Rhodes open Friday night and Rev. A. L. Duncan preach, Rev. Edgar Fowler open Saturday noon and Rev. J. A. Hucks preach, and Rev. I. J. Greene open Saturday night and Rev W. L. Jernigan preach.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. Albert Godwin,

Bro. R. I. Batten,

Bro. Hays Pait.

Finance Committee Report:

Old funds from last year	\$ 3.00
New funds this session	47.07
Total	\$50.07
Ordered paid Clerk	10.00
On Hand	\$40.07

Submitted,

Bro. M. C. Nealey,
Bro. J. C. Ward,
Bro. W. H. Ward.

Ministerial Character Committee reported as follows: We find all of our ministers in good standing so far as known. We recommend that the churches of our Association use our own preachers for pastors.

Submitted,

Bro. C. V. Ward,
Bro. Chad Russ,
Bro. G. W. Jacobs,
Bro. D. F. Hester,
Bro. W. C. Fowler.

Sabbath School Committee reports with the following recommendation: That we use our own literature printed at Ayden, N. C., and that we be careful how our children are taught.

Submitted,

Bro. H. L. Wattson,
Bro. Arthur Cribb,
Bro. E. D. Todd.

Obituary Committee reports as follows: We find that God has through his divine providence called from this earthly life twelve of our number to their final reward, one of them being our esteemed Brother Minister, Rev. H. P. M. Todd. Seeing that God doeth all things well let us bow in humble submission to his great will.

Submitted,

Bro. A. T. Cribb,
Bro. R. E. Johnston,
Bro. A. McFowler.

Periodical Committee reports recommending that we re-adopt the report of last year and strive to get it in more practice. Last year's report as follows:

I. We recommend that our Free Will Baptist people be careful of harmful literature that is being circulated in our communities.

II. We urge that our people at large get more interested in Sunday

School work and Bible reading and that our people take and read the Free Will Baptist paper printed at Ayden, N. C.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. A. J. Penny,

Bro. L. L. Moore,

Bro. P. M. McPherson.

Educational Committee reports recommending that we re-adopt the report of last year, 1942, and the report go down on our minutes in the same manner. Also we recommend that our pastors put forth more effort in collecting the 10c per capita for Educational purposes.

1941 report reading as follows: Seeing the great need of better trained leadership that would help our progress in Christian discipleship we sincerely ask not only our forthcoming applicants for the ministry but all to avail themselves of every possible opportunity of better preparing themselves in every educational way they can especially in history, doctrine, discipleship and also in terminology; in order that we may better understand each others positions in the walks of Christian discipleship, that each pastor be asked to raise not less than 10c per capita for the purposes of assisting our present ministry in obtaining a reasonable course in the studies set forth in this resolution.

Submitted,

Rev. J. A. Hucks,

Rev. A. L. Duncan,

Rev. I. J. Greene,

Bro. Wade Hodge,

Rev. Ransom Fowler.

On motion of Bro. D. F. Hester we received the reports of the committees and discharged them.

Rev. A. L. Duncan reported that he failed to get to the State Convention. He was duly appointed to go next year, 1943.

At this time a public collection was taken up for Mt. Beulah Church to help in extension work to the amount of \$16.21.

A committee was appointed to get up some letter blank forms and get them printed and distributed to the various churches. Committee as follows: Rev. L. L. Moore, Chairman; Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Secretary; Rev. J. H. Hucks.

On motion of Bro. C. V. Ward we gave Mt. Beulah Church in Horry County, S. C., the next session of the Association. Rev. Noah Duncan was appointed to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. Edgar Fowler, his alternate. A recess was given at this time for 10 minutes.

Rev. J. A. Hucks used for a text Saturday noon, II Kings 3: 14, words, "Where is the Lord God of Elijah."

At this time a public collection was taken for the Orphanage at Middlesex, N. C., to the amount of \$40.01.

Adjournment for preaching and lunch.

Saturday P. M. Session

Opening song sang by congregation, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder."

Prayer was offered by Bro. D. F. Hester.

The house declared in order for business.

New business called for. On motion of Bro. R. I. Batten, we pay 25¢ per capita for church extension work, motion carried.

The clerk was duly authorized to have 500 Minutes printed and distributed in the usual manner.

On motion of Rev. L. L. Moore each church hold their own deed to property.

The treasurer was authorized to pay the clerk \$10.00 for his service.

On motion of R. C. Rhodes, we returned our heartfelt thanks to Beaver Dam Church and community for their kindness shown us. Rev. I. J. Greene was appointed to open the service Saturday night and Rev. W. L. Jernigan to preach; Rev. T. C. Cribb to open the service Sunday and Rev. I. J. Greene to preach.

On motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan, we adjourned by a benediction until our time to meet with the church at Mt. Beulah in Horry County, S. C., Thursday night before the 3rd Sunday in October, 1943.

The benediction was announced by Bro. Louis Ward.

Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Moderator,
Warsaw, N. C.

Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Secretary,
Tabor City, N. C.

Bro. W. L. McPherson, Treasurer,
Chadbourn, N. C.

STATISTICAL TABLE AS FOLLOWS:

Beaver Dam Church—Male members 63, females 162, total membership 225, baptized 10, received on confession 2, excluded 15, dismissed by letter 3, died 3, Minute fund \$8.00, Education \$2.35, paid Pastor \$338.16, visiting preachers \$27.00, Charity \$13.25, the tenth of pastor's salary given by pastor back to church \$27.49, total pastor's salary \$310.67.

Mt. Olive Church—Male members 11, females 21, total membership 32, baptized 3, received by experience 1, died 2, excluded 1, Preacher's salary \$64.30, Minute fund \$3.00, Education \$2.90.

Emerson Church—Male members 9, females 30, total membership 39, excluded 1, received by experience 1, received by letter 1, paid pastor \$65.00, visiting preachers \$3.55, building expense \$150.00, Minute funds \$3.00.

Oak Grove No. 1—Male members 25, females 45, total membership 70, paid pastor \$276.86, painting church \$140.29, visiting ministers \$14.00, work on church \$63.64, new pews for church \$135.18, insurance \$25.80, light bill \$13.00, Orphanage \$67.00, total paid out \$735.77, Minute fund \$6.00, Educational fund \$7.00.

Ceader Branch—Male members 6, females 25, total membership 31, died 0, received 2, paid pastor \$24.00, Minute fund \$2.00.

Pine Level—Male members 10, females 20, total membership 30, members received 3, dismissed 1, paid pastor \$97.18, repairs \$41.35, Minute fund \$2.00.

Mt. Calvary—Male members 45, females 31, total membership 76, received 1, died 1, paid pastor \$115.00, Orphanage \$24.00, Charity \$46.75, S. S. literature \$25.00, each first Sunday S. S. collection goes to Orphanage, Minute fund \$2.12.

Cypress Creek—Male members 29, females 49, total membership 78, paid pastor \$80.00, Minute fund \$3.10.

White Oak Church—Male members 54, females 98, total membership 152, received on confession 2, excluded 18, died 2, paid pastor \$358.52, Union Meeting \$10.00, paid on piano \$140.00, heater and flue \$58.00, Evangelistic work \$83.08, Thanksgiving to Orphanage \$25.20, Orphanage Class \$59.72, paid reg. monthly \$99.76, running church \$3.50, Foreign Missions \$33.45, Home Missions \$8.12, altogether S. S. funds \$189.60, paid on Parsonage \$158.84, heating purposes \$50.00, Education \$10.74, Conference fund \$6.00, for brick \$16.50, paid Orphanage \$95.60, Foreign Missions \$33.45, Home Missions \$8.12, all other expense \$189.63, Total paid out \$1,325.10.

Mt. Beulah Church—Male members 13, females 43, total membership 56, paid pastor \$110.00, visiting preachers \$15.00, Charity \$3.65, miscellaneous \$12.00, on extension work \$200.53, members died 1, recieved by letter 1, sent in to Conference \$5.75, Educational \$3.00.

Little Bethel—Members died 1, Minute fund \$2.10, Education \$1.30.

Oak Grove No. 2 Church—No statistical report, Conference fund \$4.00, Education \$1.00.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe by Divine Grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Savior and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree by God's help to walk together, in brotherly love.

We, therefore enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by Divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice, to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our agreements, and exemplary in all our deportment; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church; that we will contribute cheerfully according to our ability, to the support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.