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MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MET IN SESSION WITH
CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH
COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.
OCTOBER 13, 14, 15, 1950



Next session to be held with the church at Oak Grove, Columbus County, N. C., beginning on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1951.

Church Clerks and Post Offices

Pleasant Meadow—W. C. Edge, Rt. 4, Whiteville, N. C.
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Mt. Beulah—Grover Todd, Rt. 3, Tabor City, N. C.
Oak Grove—Chadd Russ, Rt. 2, Bladenboro, N. C.
Cypress Creek—J. R. Batten, Whiteville, N. C., Rt. 4.
Little Bethel—Wade Hodges, Tabor City, N. C.
Cedar Branch—C. V. Ward, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.
White Oak—J. W. Bowen, Bladenboro, N. C.
Mill Rock—G. B. Parker, Abbottsburg, N. C.
Deep Branch—Monnie Register, Lois, S. C., R. F. D.
Mission Valley—Calvin Smith.

Ordained Ministers

~~H. C. Adcox, Bladenboro, N. C.~~
W. Russell Millard, Rt. 4, Mt. Olive, N. C.
T. C. Cribb, Clarendon, N. C., Route 1.
Edgar Fowler, Tabor City, N. C.
I. J. Green, Clarendon, N. C., Rt. 1.
Noah Duncan, Route 2, Clarkton, N. C.
R. C. Rhodes, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
A. L. Duncan, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
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~~X~~ W. L. Jernigan, Box 26, Turbeville, S. C.
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L. M. Ward, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
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Coy Housand, Rt. 1, Box 232, Lois, S. C.
J. C. Rogers, P. O. Box 22, Rockingham, N. C.
C. B. Hansley, Bladenboro, N. C.
Cary Cheshire, Bladenboro, N. C.

Licentiate

+ Bro. Semour Duncan

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PROCEEDINGS

The Eighty-First Annual Session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptist met in session with the church at Cypress Creek on Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1950, in Columbus County, N. C.

The service was opened by singing song 47, "I Feel Like Traveling On." Prayer was offered by Bro. Lessie Ward. Rev. Austin Duncan being present as previously appointed, preached the introductory sermon, reading for a lesson, Matthew 16th chapter, 13th through the 20th verse; using for a subject: The Church.

There being no other business to come before the body for the night, a benediction was declared until Friday morning, 9:30 o'clock.

Friday Morning Session

Opening song No. 5, "When They Ring the Golden Bells", was sung by the congregation. Afterwards a prayer was offered by Rev. Z. D. Cains.

The devotion was conducted by Rev. L. M. Ward. He used the 100th Psalm for the Bible reading. This was followed with a prayer by Rev. Reuben Hilburn. The welcome address was given by Rev. W. L. Jernigan, and the response by Bro. J. W. Bowen.

The Moderator then gave the moderator's address, and then declared the house open for business and invited visiting brethren to seats with us. Those enrolled Friday were: Rev. Wade Jernigan from 1st Oklahoma Association, Rev. Barth Thompson, 1st Oklahoma Association, Rev. David Hansley, Eastern Conference.

Petitionary letters were then called for.

There was a motion by Bro. R. C. Rhodes to receive Bro. Semour Duncan upon investigation of the Conference. The committee appointed were: Bro. Sam Ward, Bro. O. E. Brown, Bro. P. A. Smith and Bro. Z. D. Caines.

At this time the various committees were appointed.

Finance Committee—Bro. Porter McPherson, Fred Spivey, G. W. Jacobs.

Ministerial Committee—Bro. Fred McPherson, Hayes Pait, Roy Davis, J. C. Ward, Gore Watts.

Sunday School Committee—Bro. Cleveland Cribb, Ashley Ward, J. C. Reaves.

Obituary—Bro. Grover Todd, Fussle Strickland, Sister Hayes Pait.

Church Extension—Bro. W. H. Ward, D. J. Walton, W. F. Cartrette.

Periodical Committee—Bro. Coley McPherson, Norman Fowler, P. M. Mills.

Education Committee—Bro. Claude Fowler, Sister Oberia Jenrette, Mrs. W. L. Jernigan.

Resolution Committee—Bro. B. H. Reeves, E. D. Ward, Floyd Batten.

At this time the body was adjourned for 30 minutes.

Re-assemble. The devotion was conducted by Rev. I. J. Greene. He

read the 12th chapter of Revelations. Song 102, "Amazing Grace," was sung by the congregation. Rev. C. B. Hansley brought an inspiring message on the subject of the thing which belongs to our peace.

The body was adjourned for dinner until 1:30 o'clock by a prayer by Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

Friday Afternoon Session

Rev. W. L. Jernigan conducted the devotion. The scripture reading was the 1st Psalm. Rev. Noah Duncan conducted a memorial service in memory of the deceased who had departed this life since our last association. This was followed with a silent prayer. At this time the Moderator proceeded with the business session, declaring the house open for business and calling for church reports as follows:

Cypress Creek—Delegates: Bro. J. R. Batten, Sam Ward, Levi Ward. Funds \$20.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. W. L. Jernigan. Called Rev. Malcum Harrelson for 1951.

Beaver Dam—Delegates: Bro. N. P. McPherson, W. F. Cartrette, P. M. McPherson, Coley McPherson, Troy McPherson. Funds \$20.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. J. A. Hucks. Have called him back for 1951.

Pine Level—Delegates: Bro. J. C. Reaves, G. W. Jacobs and J. C. Ward. Funds \$7.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Noah Duncan. Have called him back for 1951.

Mt. Calvary—Delegates: Bro. O. E. Brown, Vance Pait. Funds \$10.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Noah Duncan. Have called Rev. Reuben Hilburn for 1951.

Mt. Olive—Delegates: Bro. Floyd Batten, W. B. Batten and Randall Jernigan. Fund \$6.30. Pastor for 1950 Rev. W. L. Jernigan. Have called Rev. Carey Cheshire for 1951.

Emerson—Delegates: Bro. Fred Spivey, Norman Fowler, Norman Nealey, J. C. Nealey, Cleveland Crimm. Fund \$5.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Reuben Hilburn. Have called Rev. Coy Housand for 1951.

Mt. Beulah—Delegates: Bro. Grover Todd, Sister Mary Fowler, Sme-line Rhodes. Fund \$5.50. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Coy Housand, and have called him back for 1951.

Oak Grove—Delegates :Bro. Willie Bryan, Hayes Pait, Sister Hattie Bryan, Minnie Pait, Nora Jernigan. Fund \$25.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. C. B. Hansley. Have called him back for 1951.

Little Bethel—Delegates: Bro. P. M. Mills, Bro. Fussel Strickland, Bro. Claud Fowler. Fund \$5.50. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Malcom Harrelson. Have called him back for 1951.

Cedar Branch—Delegates: Bro. Ashley Ward, Emery Ward, W. H. Ward, Sister Mandy Ward, Oberia Jennerette. Fund \$2.00. Extension \$3.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. L. M. Ward. Have called Rev. Coy Housand for 1951.

White Oak—Delegates: Bro. Roy Davis, Sisters Ola Hester, Cornelia Gainey, Mary Storm, Mary Bell Pait. \$10.00 Minute fund. \$10.00 Church

Extension Fund. Pastor for 1950 Rev. C. B. Hansley. Have called him back for 1951.

Pleasant Meadow—Delegates: Bro. B. H. Reeves, Tilman Coleman, W. C. Ward, C. A. Hardee, Simon Ward, I. G. Ward, Memory Evans, W. C. Edge. Funds: Minute \$5.75; Orphanage \$5.00; Extension \$5.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. Reuben Hilburn. Have called him back for 1951.

Mission Valley—Delegates: Bro. Archie Smith, P. A. Smith, Ed Ward, Johnnie Singletary, R. B. Hall. Funds: Minute \$3.00; Extension \$3.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. L. M. Ward. Have called Rev. Reuben Hilburn for 1951.

Deep Branch—Delegates: Bro. Gore Watts, Sisters Connie Watts, Monnie Register. Fund \$3.00. Pastor for 1950 Rev. G. C. Gore. Have called him back for 1951.

The Moderator appointed a special committee to investigate Rev. Seymour McPherson. They were Bro. Troy McPherson, R. J. Jernigan, A. L. Duncan, A. R. Smith, J. E. Singletary.

There was a motion by Rev. W. L. Jernigan that we receive the report of the special committee which recommended that the right hand of fellowship as a licentiate until next association and then license if he proves satisfactory to the Ordaining Council. The following were on this committee: Bro. O. C. Brown, Simon Ward, Z. D. Cains.

He was then given the right hand of fellowship.

There was a motion to adjourn by Rev. R. C. Rhodes until Saturday A. M.

Saturday Morning Session

Session opened by singing hymn No. 47, "I Feel Like Traveling On." The devotion was conducted by Rev. W. L. Jernigan who spoke briefly from the 24th Psalm. The Moderator then declared the house open for business inviting visiting brethren to seats with us. Bro. J. P. Lenair was present with us from the Wilmington Conference, also Rev. M. L. Baxley from the Rockfish Association. The Moderator then asked all Christians to pray for Rev. H. C. Adcox. At this time the body adjourned for a thirty minute recess.

The body re-assembled and the devotion was conducted by Rev. M. L. Baxley. There was a song and then a prayer by Rev. L. M. Ward. Rev. Wade Jernigan preached a very inspiring message using as a text, We Learn a Lesson from the Little Boy. Scripture reading was John 6, verse 9. The body then adjourned until 1:30 P. M.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The devotion was conducted by Bro. Willie Jones. Songs No. 1, Heavenly Sunlight, and 147, The Glory Land Way, were sung. There was a prayer by Rev. Green. Bro. Walter D. Croom was then enrolled as a visitor.

There was an offering of \$69.76 taken for the tornado victims of Old Dock.

There was a motion that Bro. J. R. Batten take the money to B. A. Marlow. There was an Orphanage report made by Bro. Willie Bowen, and Bro. Croom. An offering of \$27.00 was taken for the Orphanage.

There was no old business and new business was called for.

The various committees made their report.

EDUCATION—We the Committee on Christian Education, ask that this Association go on record in sponsoring the program as outlined for our churches and Sunday School work. Signed: Bro. Claude Fowler, Mrs. Obe-ria Jenrette, Mrs. W. L. Jernigan.

PERIODICALS—We, your Committee, make the following report: 1. That all our churches use our own Free Will Baptist literature, printed at Ayden, N. C. 2. That we take and read our church paper that we may better acquaint ourselves with our denominational work. 3. That our Sunday School avail themselves of copies of Youth's Banner paper, especially prepared and printed at our Free Will Baptist Press. Submitted by your committee: Coley McPherson, P. M. Mills, Norman Fowler.

OBITUARY—We, your Obituary Committee, beg leave to present the following report: We find that God our Heavenly Father has seen fit to call 11 of our number to their final reward. We trust our loss is heaven's gain. May we ever be humble and obedient to his great will knowing that he does all things well. Submitted by your Committee: Grover Todd, Mrs. Hayes Pait, Fussel Strickland.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—That we adopt the same report of previous years, reading as follows since 1943: 1. We give the various Sunday school superintendents the privilege to appoint teachers for various classes in case the regular teacher is absent. 2. We recommend that all our Sunday schools use our own Free Will Baptist literature that is printed at Ayden, N. C. 3. We recommend that the teachers in our Sunday School be Christian and members of some Free Will Baptist Church. Respectfully submitted: Cleveland Cribb, Ashley Ward, J. C. Reeves.

FINANCE—We, your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report as follows: We find in the hands of the treasurer: Old funds \$30.00; New funds \$157.05; Total \$187.05. Deduct from this amount for Extension \$46.00; Orphanage \$5.00; Leaves total regular fund \$136.05. Signed: Porter McPherson, Fred Spivey, Norman Nealy.

RESOLUTION—We recommend that we discontinue using resolutions made in 1949. Signed: Floyd Batten, E. H. Reaves, E. D. Ward.

MINISTERIAL CHARACTER—We, your Committee on Ministerial Character, beg to present the following report: That all ministers are in good standing with the exception of Bro. Semour McPherson. We recommend since the doctrine of sanctification and baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second and third work of Grace is not included in our doctrine as Free Will Baptist and tends to bring confusion in our churches. Be it therefore Resolved, that the Association demand all our ministers and churches to refrain from its use and teaching. Respectfully submitted by your Committee: Hayes Pait, W. T. Coleman, J. C. Ward, D. R. Davis.

CHURCH EXTENSION—Old funds none. New funds \$46.00. We

recommend paid to the following churches: Cypress Creek \$16.00, Cedar Branch \$15.00, Little Bethel \$15.00; Total \$46.00. W. H. Ward, D. J. Walton, W. F. Cartrette.

There was a move and second that we approve the reports and discharge the committee.

Mrs. C. B. Hansley then gave a very interesting report of our Ladies Auxiliary work. There was a motion to give the Orphanage \$25.00 from the regular fund. There was a motion to have 500 Minutes printed. There was a motion to give a rising vote of thanks to Cypress Creek Church for the fine way they have entertained us while in their midst.

The next session was allocated to be at Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, N. C. There was a motion to accept Rev. W. L. Jernigan's resignation as member of the Ordaining Council. There was a motion by Rev. Austin Duncan that Rev. L. M. Ward replace him.

There was a motion to pay our Clerk \$15.00 for his service. There was a motion to pay Bro. McPherson and Bro. Batten for blanks. There was an offering of \$15.15 for Rev. H. C. Adcox, and \$9.15 for Bro. Matthew Ward.

There was a motion to receive the report concerning Rev. Seymour McPherson and dismiss the committee. After hearing the report of the committee the Conference voted 26 to three for him to turn in his license.

On motion that we be adjourned until our time to meet with Oak Grove Thursday night before the third Sunday in October, 1951.

Rev. Noah Duncan, *Moderator*
J. R. Batten, *Clerk*

Statistical Tables

Beaver Dam—Male members 113. Female 244. Dropped 2. Died 5. Received on confession 7. Baptized 9. Paid pastor \$718.54. Visiting preachers \$216.55. Orphanage \$42.47. Charity \$829.55. Spent on church \$1,500. Total \$16,807.11.

Mission Valley—Male members 20, female 21. Paid pastor \$80.66. Visiting preacher \$41.72. Charity \$20.87. Orphanage \$23.00. Paid on seats \$99.00. Paid on church \$307.00. Lights \$12.00. Total \$584.25.

Mt. Calvary—Total membership 30. Sunday School enrollment 102. Amount paid pastor \$259.32. Evangelistic work \$50.00. Building and repairs \$35.00. Home Missions \$75.80. Amount for Orphanage \$125.00.

Mt. Olive—Male members 19, female 32. Baptized 2. By letter 1. Died 1. Paid pastor \$200.00. Building repair \$215.00. Insurance \$14.10. Lights \$12.00. Charity \$5.00. Orphanage \$26.00. Sunday School literature \$30.00. Balance in treasury \$101.50.

Oak Grove—Male members 51, female 73. Total 124. Paid pastor \$600.00. Evangelist \$107.15. Mission \$20.61. Union \$36.00. Education \$15.50. Literature \$53.31. Orphanage \$116.32. Building and repair \$646.32. Insurance \$30.90. Lights \$15.74. Total \$1,641.85.

Little Bethel—Male members 18, female 43. Members restored 1. Received 5. Baptized 4. Died 0. Paid pastor \$177.15. Paid visiting ministers \$25.45. Money in treasury for building Sunday School rooms \$146.25.

Mt. Beulah—Male members 13, female 40. Received 11. Baptized 1. Dropped 1. Died 2. Paid pastor \$60.29. Pastors help \$38.83. Paid to union and conference \$22.17. Miscellaneous items \$21.50.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members 18, female 32. Died 1. Received 15. Paid pastor \$90.07.

Deep Branch—Male members 18, female 16. Received 4. Paid pastor \$36.19. Visiting pastor \$6.50. Union \$12.00. Other items \$7.50.

Pine Level—Male members 12, female 29, total 41. Active members 24. Received by letter 6. Dismissed 0. Paid pastor \$101.76. Paid in treasury \$75.01. Paid out treasury \$67.86. Paid Orphanage \$46.06. Balance in treasury \$7.16.

Emerson—Male members 39, female 68, total 107. Dismissed 5. Died 1. Paid pastor \$110.00. Visiting preacher \$35.48. Minute fund \$15.00. Charity \$23.30. Orphanage \$50.00

White Oak—Male members 54, female 89, total 143. Received by baptism 2. By letter 0. Restored 1. Died 1. Dismissed by letter 6. Expelled 5. Net loss for year 9. Value of property \$20,000.00. Received from offering and various enterprises \$661.89. Donated by Sunday School \$2,023.43. Total paid in \$2,685.32. Paid pastor \$556.09. Paid evangelist \$115.01. Paid on church and pews \$1,448.30. Paid Orphanage \$128.22. Paid Foreign Missions \$21.98. Paid to Union \$27.89. Miscellaneous \$265.83. Cragmont Assembly \$10.00.

Cypress Creek—Total membership 95. New members 1. Paid pastor \$211.43. Orphanage \$52.00. Repairs and building \$447.35. Union fund \$25.00. Association fund \$20.00. Total \$755.88.

Ministers Present

R. C. Rhodes, Z. D. Cains, Coy Housand, Reuben Hilburn, I. J. Greene, Seymour McPherson, A. L. Duncan, Edgar Fowler, W. L. Jernigan, W. Russell Millard, Rt. 4, Mt. Olive.

Sick Excuses

Luther Inman

H. C. Adcox

Ordaining Councillors

Rev. A. L. Duncan

C. B. Hansley

H. C. Adcox

L. M. Ward

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Nelson Pait

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