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CHURCH CLERKS AND POST OFFICES

Mt. Calvary—W. D. Brown, Rt. 1, Bladenboro, N. C.
White Oak—D. E. Hester, P. O. Box 233, Bladenboro, N. C.
Beaver Dam—C. M. Cartrette, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
Pleasant Meadow—Paul Ward, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.
Pine Level—D. N. Long, Nakina, N. C.
Mt. Olive—Robert Benton, Rt. 2, Whiteville, N. C.
Emerson—Robert Sellers, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Mt. Beulah—R. C. Rhodes, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Oak Grove—E. Hayes Pait, Rt. 2, Box 77, Blandenboro, N. C.
Cypress Creek—Ralph Davis, Whiteville, N. C.
Little Bethel—Wade Hodges, Tabor City, N. C.
Cedar Branch—C. V. Ward, Rt. 1, Clarendon, N. C.
Deep Branch—Monnie Register, Rt. 2, Loris, S. C.
Mission Valley—Thomas Fowler, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
Snow Hill—Lula Ward, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
Bethel—Lillie Mae Tatum, Rt. 1, St. Pauls, N. C.
Mill Rock—Tommie Monroe, Abbotsburg, N. C.
Thomasboro—Grant Gore, Ash, N. C.
New Hope—Monnie Howard, 714 North Lee St., Rockingham, N. C.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. L. Duncan, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Cary Cheshire, Bladenboro, N. C.
R. C. Rhodes, Rt. 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Seymour Duncan, General Delivery, Belmont, N. C.
L. M. Ward, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
J. H. Galloway, Rt. 1, Lumberton, N. C.
McLeod Strickland, Tabor City, N. C.
Coy Housend, c/o J. A. Hucks, Rt. 3, Conway, S. C.
Reubin Hilburn, Rt. 1, Tabor City, N. C.
B. J. Ward, Conway, S. C.
H. M. Rodgers, 311 Avon Road, Marion, S. C.
J. W. Byrd, Hallsboro, N. C.
J. B. Hardie, General Delivery, Elizabethtown, N. C.
I. J. Green, c/o C. M. Cartrette, Rt. 3, Whiteville, N. C.
T. C. Cribb, Clarendon, N. C.
I. G. Ward, Rt. 1, Nakina, N. C.
Dan Ward, Rt. 4, Box 124, Whiteville, N. C.
Bernie Player, 210 E. Green St., c/o Buff Cleaners, Rockingham, N. C.
Elbert Sykes, Whiteville, N. C.
J. C. Rodgers, 107 Blenth Ave., Rockingham, N. C.
Jarome Jennerette, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.

SUPERANNUATED MINISTERS

I. J. Green and T. C. Cribb

ABSENT AND SICK EXCUSES

H. M. Rodgers, I. J. Green and T. C. Cribb

Proceedings

The eighty-eighth session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Mt. Calvary Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 18, 1957.

The service was opened by the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was offered by Rev. L. J. Ward. A very cordial welcome address was given by Brother Mayo Brown, followed with a short message of response by Rev. A. L. Duncan. A Scripture lesson was then read by Rev. Reubin Hilburn from the first chapter of St. John.

At this time our esteemed moderator, Rev. Cary Cheshire, made to the audience his morning address, expressing to them his desire in making this one of the greatest and most successful sessions of the association, asking for the cooperation of all present to help make it one of the best.

The moderator then read to the body a letter from our present clerk, Brother E. D. McPherson, stating that he would not be able to attend this session due to circumstances prevailing at present over which he had no control, and by the recommendation of Brother McPherson, Rev. R. C. Rhodes was seated as clerk pro tem for this session by the moderator.

The moderator then announced the house in order for the transaction of business, inviting visiting brethren to seats with us. At this time there was a few minutes of round table discussion as to how many delegates and how many votes each church was entitled to.

The ministers' roll was called and all present in some part of the session except three of our aged ministers: Rev. I. J. Green, Rev. T. C. Cribb and Rev. H. M. Rodgers. They were given sick excuses. Petitionary letters were then called for. At this time New Hope Church in Rockingham, North Carolina, presented before the body a petition for membership into our association. There was a motion by Brother Hayes Pait to seat all the delegates together. There was then a committee appointed to investigate New Hope Church along with pastor and delegates. This committee consisted of the following named brethren: Carson McPherson, Emory Brown, M. L. Baxley, B. J. Ward and D. F. Hester.

The various committees were then appointed as follows:

Devotional—Brothers C. V. Ward, R. L. Gainey and Willie Jones.

Home Missions—Brothers Hayes Pait, Cleveland Hughes and Roland McPherson.

It will be noted that these are standing committees.

Periodical—Brothers Shafter Brown, Dewey Nealy and Wade Hodges.

Sunday School—Brothers Simon Ward, Jarome Jennerette and Robert Sellers.

Finance—Brothers F. M. Ward, Irvin Batten and Grant Gore.

Obituary—Sister Carry Suggs, Brothers Vance Pait and Brooks Sykes.

Resolution—Brothers J. V. Cartrette, W. M. Harper and C. A. Hardie.

Educational—Brother Mayo Brown, Sisters Ruby Davis and Minnie Pait.

Ministerial—Brothers Floyd Batten, Coy McPherson and Zeb Butler.

At this time Rev. S. A. Smith brought greetings from the Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina. He discussed in a very encouraging way the work and needs of the different institutions of the Free Will Baptist denomination in the state.

The devotional committee report was read as follows: We recommend that Rev. Elbert Sykes preach today at eleven o'clock; Rev. R. C. Rhodes preach Saturday at eleven o'clock; and Rev. L. M. Ward preach Saturday night.

Submitted by your committee,

C. V. Ward

Willie Jones

R. L. Gainey

A ten minute recess was given.

Reassembled with the singing of a congregational song. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. C. Rhodes. Rev. Elbert Sykes then brought a very inspiring message, reading from Joshua 1:9, using for a subject, "Fully Trusting in God." The body was then adjourned for dinner to meet back at one o'clock.

Friday Afternoon Session

Reassembled with the congregation singing hymn Number 228. Prayer by Rev. L. M. Ward. The moderator then declared the house in order for business. At this time Rev. Crance Hardie was recognized as a welcome visitor from the Carolina Association of the Missionary Baptist church; also Rev. S. L. Bennett from the Waccamaw Association of the Missionary Baptist church. It will also be noted that Rev. S. A. Smith from the Children's Home and Rev. N. B. Barrow from Lucama, North Carolina, were enrolled as welcome visitors.

Church reports were called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Mayo Brown, Shafter Brown and O. E. Brown. Funds \$10. Pastor for 1957, Rev. J. B. Hardie; have called him back for 1958.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Kelly Pait, D. R. Davis, Nelson Pait and Sisters Cornelia Gainey, Ruby Davis and Carry Suggs. Funds \$10. Pastor Rev. Cary Cheshire.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegate, Brother C. A. Hardie. Funds \$4.50. Pastor Rev. J. W. Byrd.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Carson McPherson, Coy McPherson, J. V. Cartrette, Roland McPherson and Dewey Nealy. Funds \$20. Pastor Rev. J. A. Huckes, Route 3, Conway, South Carolina.

Mt. Beulah—Reported by letter, but no delegates. Funds \$5. Rev. Elbert Sykes called pastor for 1958.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Willie Jones, Irvin Batten and Prince McKeithan. Funds \$10. Pastor Rev. L. J. Ward.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and delegates: Brother Floyd Batten and Sister Maude Batten. Funds \$6. Pastor Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

Snow Hill—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Jesse Cribb and Kline Richardson. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. L. M. Ward.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers F. M. Ward, W. M. Harper and D. N. Long. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. Billie Hardie.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers L. C. Duncan and Robert Sellers. Funds \$4.25. Pastor Rev. I. G. Ward.

Thomasboro—Reported by letter and delegate, Brother Grant Gore. Funds \$3. Pastor Rev. McLeod Strickland.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegate, Brother Brooks Sykes. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. Elbert Sykes.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers W. L. Pait, F. M. Hester and Mrs. Hayes Pait. Fund \$10. Pastor Rev. A. L. Duncan.

Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates: Sisters Elizabeth Smith, Lillie Mae Tatum and Florine Barefoot. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. J. H. Gallo-way.

Cedar Branch—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers C. V. Ward and Simon Ward. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. Reubin Hilburn.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates: Brothers Wade Hodges and A. M. C. Fowler. Funds \$5. Pastor Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

New Hope—Not represented as it was just received into this session of the association. Rev. Bernie Player, pastor.

Report of various committees were received as follows:

Finance—We beg leave to present to you the following report: We find in the hands of the treasurer, old funds, \$20.96; new funds, \$114.75; making total funds, \$135.71.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. Ward

A. M. C. Fowler

Lillie Mae Tatum

This report was received by motion and committee discharged.

Home Mission Board—We find in the treasury, old funds, \$25; new funds, \$22.55; making total funds, \$47.55.

Submitted by your committee,

Hayes Pait

Cleveland Hughes

Roland McPherson

This report received by motion of Rev. M. L. Baxley and committee discharged.

Obituary—We beg leave to present the following report: We find that the Lord has called nine of our members to their heavenly reward. These flowers are in their memory. We ask that Mrs. Pait play "When They Ring the Golden Bells" while we offer a moment of silent prayer in their memory.

Submitted by your committee,

Mrs. Carry Suggs

Brooks Sykes

Vance Pait

This report received by motion of Brother D. J. Walton and committee discharged.

Periodical—We, your committee, recommend the same report that was adopted in 1956 which reads as follows: That all our churches use our Free Will Baptist literature that is printed in Ayden, North Carolina, and that we use and read the Free Will Baptist paper so that we may be better acquainted with our denominational work. We also ask that all our churches adopt weekly prayer services, use Christian teachers of our denomination so that our churches might grow stronger.

Submitted by your committee,

Shafter Brown,

Wade Hodges

Dewey Nealy

Received by motion of Brother F. M. Ward and committee discharged.

Sunday School—We, your committee, recommend the report used in 1956 which reads as follows: That all our churches use every means possible granted by God's grace to promote an efficient and effective Sunday school; that we use extreme care in selecting only Christian officers and teachers; and that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina.

Submitted by your committee,

Simon Ward

Jarome Jennerette

Robert Sellers

Received by motion of Brother C. V. Ward and committee discharged.

Educational—We recommend that our churches promote educational training among our children, such as league classes, Sunday school classes, and that our demonination also recommend that our ministers try to create interest among the different churches to enlarge our Free Will Baptist colleges for further education of our children.

Submitted by your committee,

Mayo Brown

Mrs. Ruby Davis

Mrs. Hayes Pait

Ministerial—We, your committee, have carefully considered our duties as best we can and find all our ministers in peace and good standing so far as we know with the exception of Rev. Joe Dean Harrelson.

Submitted by your committee,

Coy McPherson

Zeb Butler

Prince McKeithan

Received by motion of Brother Willie Jones.

Resolution—We, your committee, recommend that our resolutions stand as they are at the present time.

Respectfully submitted,

J. V. Cartrette

W. M. Harper

C. A. Hardie

At this time Mrs. Pait made a very interesting report on the woman's auxiliary work.

The investigation committee, concerning New Hope Church, beg leave to report as follows: That we have investigated with the church and find it sound in faith. We recommend it to the full fellowship of the body.

Submitted by your committee,

M. L. Baxley

B. J. Ward

O. E. Brown

Carson McPherson

D. F. Hester

This report received by motion of Brother F. C. Ward and committee discharged.

At this time a memorial service was conducted in memory of Rev. Edgar Fowler who departed from this life since our last association.

The right hand of fellowship was then given to New Hope Church.

The ordaining council made this report as follows: We have investigated the reports on Rev. Joe Dean Harrelson and find the reports true, and due to his unchristian conduct and disloyalty to his church, we recommend that this association in session at Mt. Calvary Church drop his name and appoint a committee to secure his credentials.

We have duly examined Rev. Elbert Sykes and Rev. Jarome Jennerette and have found them both worthy for ordination and are proceeding to administer same.

We have also investigated Rev. Bernie Player and Rev. J. C. Rodgers of Rockingham, and are recommending them to full fellowship; also Rev. Dan Ward who has been ordained by us since our last association. The report of the council was received by motion of Brother F. M. Ward.

Motion by Brother Hayes Pait that we adjourn until Saturday morning.

Saturday Morning Session

The session was reopened Saturday morning at White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, by the congregation singing "Will Jesus Find Us Watching." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Galloway. The welcome address was given by Brother D. F. Hester, followed with a short message of response by Rev. L. M. Ward. A Scripture reading by Rev. Bernie Player taken from the second chapter of Jonah. After a few brief remarks by the moderator, he then declared the house in order for business, inviting visiting brethren to seats with us.

At this time Rev. W. B. Raper was made welcome in our audience. Brother Raper was a representative from Mount Olive Junior College.

The moderator made his final call for old and unfinished business.

The treasurer's report was read as follows: Old funds, \$29.01; new funds, \$124.95; making total funds, \$153.96; paid clerk, \$15; paid treasurer, \$10; investigation committee, \$3; minutes, \$80; home mission treasurer, Brother Ashley Ward, \$25; left in treasury October 18, 1957, \$20.96.

Hayes Pait

This report received by motion of Brother C. V. Ward.

At this time the body was recessed for ten minutes.

The congregation reassembled and the service was turned into an ordination service led by Rev. A. L. Duncan. Afterwards the right hand of fellowship was given to Rev. Elbert Sykes, Rev. Jarome Jennerette, Rev. Bernie Player, Rev. J. C. Rodgers and Rev. Dan Ward.

Rev. R. C. Rhodes then brought a very inspiring message, reading Revelation 3:7, using for a subject, "An Open Door." After preaching Rev. M. L. Baxley came forward and took up an offering for the Children's Home in the amount of \$26.20. The body was then adjourned for dinner.

Saturday Afternoon Session

Service was opened by the congregation singing "Tell It to Jesus." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Hardie. The moderator then declared the house in order for business. The moderator then appointed the ordaining council as a committee to secure the credentials of Rev. Joe Dean Harrelson.

On motion of Brother D. J. Walton that the clerk write Brother Harrelson a registered letter requesting that he forward his credentials to the clerk, and after a reasonable length of time he fails to do so they are to proceed to secure them personally.

At this time Rev. W. B. Raper gave an address on education, stressing the great need of Christian education among our people. He also gave an interesting talk on the work of Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina.

On motion of Rev. M. L. Baxley that we take an offering for the college. The offering was in the amount of \$25.

The moderator then called for new business. On motion of Brother

Fussel Strickland that hereafter the ordaining council will keep a record of its traveling expenses and make report to the association.

On motion of Brother Wade Hodges that we duplicate Rev. Coy Housend's and Rev. Seymour Duncan's new credentials.

A request was put in by the council for some ordination certificates to be ordered.

A motion by Rev. R. C. Rhodes that we give a standing vote of thanks to Mt. Calvary and White Oak Churches for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Arrangements were made for our next session of the association. On motion of Brother Mayo Brown that Bethel Church in Robertson County, North Carolina, have the Friday session and Little Bethel Church in Horry County, South Carolina, have the Saturday session.

On motion of Brother Wade Hodges that we reorganize our association officers.

Motion by Brother D. F. Hester that we keep our same officers for the next two years.

Motion by Brother D. J. Walton that we pay the clerk \$15 and the treasurer \$10 for their services.

Motion by Brother Hayes Pait that we have 500 minutes printed and distributed as usual among our churches.

Rev. N. B. Barrow requested just a few of our minutes if they could be spared easily.

Rev. R. C. Rhodes and Rev. A. L. Duncan were appointed to gather up as many back numbers of our minutes as possible.

Motion by Brother D. J. Walton that hereafter each church shall be allowed to use its own choice as to how many delegates it sends to the association.

Motion by Brother D. J. Walton that we vote down the resolution concerning the 25c per capita.

The investigation committee made its final report that it had not been called on for any investigation work.

Submitted by your committee,

D. J. Walton

Hayes Pait

Reubin Hilburn

On motion of Brother Mayo Brown to adjourn until our time to meet with Bethel Church in Robeson County, North Carolina, on Friday morning before the third Sunday in October, 1958.

Rev. Cary Cheshire, *Moderator*

Rev. R. C. Rhodes, *Clerk pro tem*

Statistical Table

Mt. Calvary—Male members, 16; female members, 27; received on confession, 1; baptized, 1; total members, 43; paid pastor, \$500; visiting preachers, \$125; Charity \$105; Orphanage, \$120; Unions, \$15; association, \$10; Sunday school offering, \$743.85; church offering, \$635.43; repairs and upkeep, \$170.85; miscellaneous, \$535; total, \$2,960.50.

White Oak—Male members, 55; female members, 82; received by letter, 4; dropped, 3; total members, 137; paid pastor, \$1,110; visiting preachers, \$148.34; charity, \$87.84; orphanage, \$62.35; unions, \$59; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$2,030.15; repairs and upkeep, \$35.88; miscellaneous, \$1,460.45; total, \$2,937.98.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 118; female members, 246; received on confession, 1; baptized, 14; dropped, 7; died, 3; total members, 364; paid pastor, \$1,240.74; visiting preachers, \$141.23; charity, \$495.55; orphanage, \$115.81; state convention, \$24; unions, \$60.01; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$1,360.64; church offerings, \$2,521.31; repairs and upkeep, \$80.95; miscellaneous, \$927.26; total, \$3,158.79.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 8; female members, 12; dropped, 2; paid pastor, \$60; visiting preacher, \$30; miscellaneous, \$40; association, \$4.50; total, \$168.

Mt. Beulah—Male members, 9; female members, 16; received by letter, 1; total members, 25; paid pastor, \$92.10; visiting preachers, \$8.77; unions, \$20; association, \$5; repairs and upkeep, \$25; total, \$150.97.

Cypress Creek—Total members, 59; Sunday school members, 65; received by letter, 1; baptized, 7; died, 1; expulsion, 9; paid pastor, \$260; visiting preachers, \$44.36; fuel, lights and janitor, \$30; conferences, \$35; literature and supplies, \$68.81; charity, \$35.55; orphanage, \$20; locally, \$464.72; total, \$484.72.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 18; female members, 33; received on confession, 1; dropped, 2; died, 1; total members, 51; paid pastor, \$202.19; visiting preachers, \$40.56; charity, \$101; unions, \$24.25; association, \$6; church offerings, \$137.91; total, \$551.91.

Snow Hill—Male members, 16; female members, 14; died, 1; total members, 30; association, \$5.

Pine Level—Male members, 7; female members, 18; dropped, 4; total members, 25; paid pastor, \$193.37; visiting preachers, \$73.10; orphanage, \$21.30; unions, \$18.50; Sunday school offerings, \$117.65; church offerings, \$364.74; repairs and upkeep, \$144.77; total, \$482.39.

Emerson—Male members, 16; female members, 48; baptized, 1; received on confession, 5; dropped, 4; total members, 64; visiting preachers, \$35.47; charity, \$10; unions, \$17.83; association, \$4.25; Sunday school offerings, \$344.76; total, \$417.31.

Thomasboro—Male members, 11; female members, 12; dropped, 2;

total members, 23; paid pastor, \$124.16; unions, \$12; association, \$3; Sunday school offerings, \$246.80; church offerings, \$180.78; repairs and upkeep, \$1,337.25; miscellaneous, \$149.98; total, \$2,397.29.

Mission Valley—Male members, 23; female members, 27; received on confession, 7; received by letter, 2; baptized, 7; died, 1; total members, 50; paid pastor, \$47.04; visiting preachers, \$21.28; unions, \$24; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$354.38; repairs and upkeep, \$348.48; total, \$578.70.

Oak Grove—Male members, 27; female members, 42; total members, 69; paid pastor, \$926.21; visiting preachers, \$75; charity, \$155.63; orphanage, \$127.35; Cragmont, \$5; Christian education, \$74; superannuation, \$17.25; unions, \$24; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$788.21; church offerings, \$1,556; repairs and upkeep, \$719.21; miscellaneous, \$25; total, \$2,512.25.

Bethel—Male members, 9; female members, 18; baptized, 4; total members, 27; unions, \$15; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$59.42.

Cedar Branch—Male members, 10; female members, 20; dropped, 4; total members, 30; paid pastor, \$135.11; visiting preachers, \$36.75; charity, \$15.50; Sunday school offerings, \$80; repairs and upkeep, \$50; total, \$316.96.

Little Bethel—Male members, 14; female members, 30; dropped, 3; total members, 44; paid pastor, \$117.44; visiting preachers, \$68.80; charity, \$6; orphanage, \$22.35; unions, \$20; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$153.48; church offerings, \$257.59; repairs and upkeep, \$18; total, \$411.07; total spent, \$314.57.

Mill Rock—No report.

Deep Branch—No report.

New Hope—Newly received.

OFFICERS

Rev. Cary Cheshire, Moderator

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Moderator pro tem

Brother E. D. McPherson, Clerk

Brother E. Hayes Pait, Treasurer

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. A. L. Duncan

Rev. R. C. Rhodes

Rev. J. B. Hardie

Brother D. J. Walton

Brother D. F. Hester

CUSTODIANS

Brother W. L. McPherson

Brother V. C. Pait

Brother D. E. Hester

Brother Leo McPherson

Brother Nelson Pait

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee, appointed three years ago by the association on gathering old resolutions that had been accepted, recommended that the following resolutions be put in the minutes as rules and bylaws of our Pee Dee Association.

In October, 1938, at Pine Level Church, this resolution was made: Be it resolved that we as ministers, members or messengers use our influence against worthless criticism and gossip, and that ministers or members found guilty of such will answer for some to their church or association, this being adopted by motion of Brother D. F. Hester.

A protest resolution: Be it resolved that we do protest the two and three works of grace being preached in our churches. This protest was adopted by motion of Brother C. V. Ward.

At Mt. Calvary Church in October, 1946, the following resolutions were made: (1) That we as Free Will Baptist churches call or secure Free Will Baptist members to conduct revivals, preach, lecture or hold special services of any kind at all times. (2) If at any time a minister of some other faith and practice who is not of the Original Free Will Baptist Church should be desired and considered worthy of conducting such services and meets the approval of both church and pastor; that such invitation shall be extended and delivered by the pastor only.

Submitted by your committee,

Mrs. J. R. Batten

Rev. C. B. Hansley

Brother W. J. Swink

This resolution was adopted by motion of Rev. H. C. Adcock.

At Oak Grove Church in October, 1951, a resolution committee recommended that we use our resolutions that we are using at present time. There was a resolution passed to take a freewill offering for the purpose of creating a budget for all retired ministers in the Pee Dee Association.

At Mission Valley Church in October, 1952, a motion was made by Rev. A. L. Duncan as follows: Be it resolved that from the 18th day of October, 1952, that if any preacher walks disorderly or goes contrary to the Free Will Baptist Discipline, to call in his credentials and turn them over to the clerk to be recorded and then burned.

At White Oak Church in October, 1953, new business was called for. There was a motion by Brother W. F. Cartrette that each church enrolled in our Pee Dee Association be required to be present at forthcoming associations either by letter or delegate or both, and any church failing to report in some way in the future may be subject to committee investigation.

On October 19, 1957, at White Oak Church, a motion by Brother D. J. Walton that each church use their choice as to the number of delegates they send to the association.

We, your committee, recommend that the above resolutions go down

in the minutes continually throughout the years as rules and bylaws of our Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted by your committee,

A. L. Duncan

R. C. Rhodes

Grover McPherson

Church Covenant

Having been brought, as we believe, by Divine Grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour 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 others 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 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.

CLERK'S NOTE

It is with a grateful and thankful heart that I, as your humble servant (clerk pro tem), can express in a small way my thanks to the good Lord for the fine session of the association that has just come to a close. I am thankful for the fine fellowship and expression of Christian love that was so openly manifested all the way through the session, and for the good co-operation of each one, especially our esteemed moderator, Brother Cheshire. May God in His great and wonderful power bless each one of you present with us is my prayer.

Rev. R. C. Rhodes, *Clerk pro tem*

