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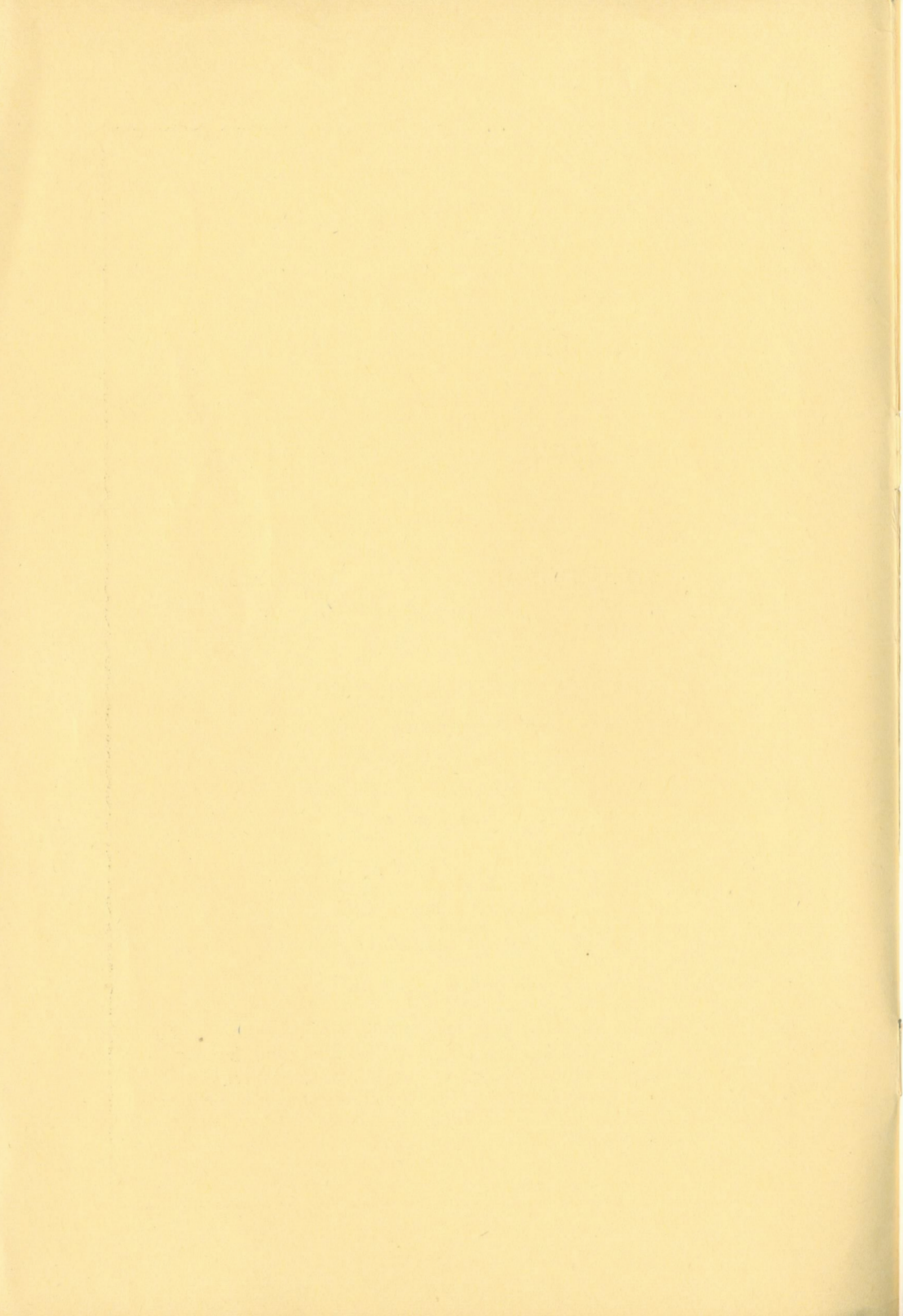
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CHURCH CLERKS' AND PASTORS' NAMES AND ADDRESS AS STOOD IN 1959

Mt. Calvary Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. J. B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Pastor

White Oak Church, Bladen County, N. C.

Richard Edwards, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Paul Brown, Rockingham, N. C. Pastor

Beaver Dam Church, Columbus County, N. C.

C. M. Cartrette, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Pleasant Meadow Church, Columbus County, N. C.

C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Box 389, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. Pastor

Pine Level Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Mary Benton, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Mt. Olive Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Emerson Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Mt. Beulah Church, Horrey County, S. C.

Mrs. Luvenia R. Cribb, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Bill Guiton Pastor

Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C.

E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 129, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. J. B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Pastor

Cypress Creek Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Ralph Davis, Route 4, Whiteville, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Lonnie Brown, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Little Bethel Church, Horrey County, S. C.

Wade Hodges, 119 Floyd St., Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. L. P. Brown, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Cedar Branch Church, Columbus County, N. C.

C. V. Ward, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Mission Valley Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. J. B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Pastor

Bethel Church, Robertson County, N. C.
 Mrs. Lillie Mae Tatum, Route 1, St. Pauls, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. J. H. Galloway, Route 1, Lumberton, N. C. Pastor

Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, N. C.
 Grant Gore, Ash, N. C., This Is as Stood in 1958 Church Clerk
 Rev. J. R. Anderson, 1604 N. Main St., Conway, S. C. Pastor

Deep Branch Church No Report Since 1956

Snow Hill Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Wilbur Richardson, No Address as Listed in 1958 Church Clerk
 Rev. Brookie Edwards, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Mill Rock Church, Bladen County, N. C.
 No Report Since 1956

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. R. C. Rhodes, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. M. L. Baxley, Red Springs, N. C.
 Rev. J. H. Galloway, Route 1, Lumberton, N. C.
 Rev. McLeod Strickland, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Coy Housand, % J. A. Hucks, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. B. J. Ward, Route 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
 Rev. H. S. Rogers, 311 Avon Road, Marion, S. C.
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Hallsboro, N. C.
 Rev. J. B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C.
 Rev. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.
 Rev. Dan Ward, Route 4, Box 124, Whiteville, N. C.
 Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C.

Proceedings

The ninetieth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Beaver Dam Church on Friday morning, October 16, 1959.

The service was opened with congregation singing No. 167, "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Prayer was offered by Rev. M. L. Baxley. In absence of the moderator, Rev. Carey Cheshire, the stand was taken by assistant moderator, Rev. A. L. Duncan.

A welcome address was then given to Beaver Dam Church by Bro. D. J. Walton; response was given by Bro. David Hester. A scripture lesson was then read, beginning at the first verse of the fifteenth chapter of John, by the moderator.

The house was then announced in order for business, inviting visiting brethren and sisters to seat with us.

Visitors recognized and enrolled at this time included, Rev. B. L. Shook from the Western Conference, Rev. W. F. McQuey from the Piedmont Association, Rev. Walter Carter from the Piedmont Association, also a representative from the State Convention, Rev. M. L. Johnson from the Western Conference, and a representative from Mount Olive Junior College, Rev. J. W. Everton from Central Conference, also superintendent of the Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, Rev. R. H. Jackson from Western Conference and a representative from State Mission Board.

At this time the various committees were appointed as follows:

Devotional: Bro. Dillon Nealy and Bro. Willie Jones.

Periodical: Bro. Roscoe Meares, Bro. Willie Bowen and Bro. Emory Ward.

Sunday School: Bro. A. M. C. Fowler, Bro. Tommie Mercer and Sister Lillie Mae Tatum.

Finance: Sister Hayes Pait, Bro. David Hester and Bro. G. W. Jacobs.

Obituary: Bro. Doris Leonard, Bro. C. V. Ward and Sister Jane Gaskin.

Resolution: Bro. W. F. Cartrette, Bro. E. W. Faulk and Sister Neatie Norris.

Educational: Rev. M. L. Baxley, Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Rev. L. J. Ward, Bro. Wade Hodges and Sister Pearlle Russ.

Ministerial: Bro. Jake Godwin, Bro. George Ward, Bro. Simon Ward and Bro. Willard Brown.

Home Mission: Bro. Hayes Pait, Bro. Cleveland Hughes and Bro. Roland McPherson.

Be it noted that these are standing committees.

The body was dismissed for a ten minute recess.

Reassembled the congregation singing the hymn titled, "Let Him In."

The devotional committee report was called for and read as follows:

We, your committee on devotions, recommend that Rev. W. F. McQuey preach today at eleven o'clock; that Rev. J. B. Hardee preach Saturday at eleven o'clock, and that Rev. J. W. Byrd preach Saturday night.

Respectfully submitted, J. C. Godwin, Dillon Nealy and Willie Jones.

The ministers' roll was then called with ten ministers present and eight absent. Sick excuses were granted by the body to Rev. H. S. Rodgers and Rev. R. C. Rhodes.

Rev. W. F. McQuey then ask the congregation to sing with him the song titled, "Are You Washed in the Blood." Prayer was then led by him. He then brought an inspiring message taken from the twenty-fifth verse of the fifth chapter of Acts.

The body was then dismissed for dinner until 1:30 o'clock, by Rev. R. H. Jackson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Service was reopened with congregation singing No. 281, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer was offered by Rev. R. H. Jackson. The house was then announced in order for business by the moderator.

At this time Bro. J. W. Everton, being superintendent, brought greetings from the Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, and told us of the conditions, welfare and progress being made with the 77 children that are now enrolled. He also told us of the need of our support as the churches, Sunday schools and auxiliary of the Pee Dee Association had only contributed \$525.40 from September, 1958, to August, 1959.

Rev. M. L. Johnson, a representative from Mount Olive Junior College, brought greetings, and in his talk stressed the fact that only one out of ten of our college students are enrolled in Mount Olive and the Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. However, Mount Olive Junior College has only become a reality over a short period of time and is continually growing. They now have 151 students compared with 143 this time last year. Bro. Johnson ask for Sunday, November 1, to be called loyalty day from all our churches for their donations to help the college, and pointed out the need of our support and background in the future if we are to hold the heritage of our Free Will Baptists.

Rev. R. H. Jackson told us of the wonderful work that is being done by the missionaries that are being sent away from home.

Petitionary letters were then called for; there being none. Church reports were then called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates: Rev. Billie Hardee, Bro. Willard Brown, Bro. Emory Brown and Bro. Zeb Butler. Funds \$10.00. Rev. Billie Hardee, pastor.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. George Ward, Bro. Willie Bowen, Bro. Roy Davis, Bro. David Hester and Sister Mary L. Hester. Funds \$10.00. Rev. Paul Brown, pastor.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegate: Bro. C. A. Hardee. Funds \$5.00. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Jake Godwin, Bro. W. F. Cartrette, Bro. Tommie Mercer, Bro. Doris Leonard and Bro. J. C. Godwin. Funds \$33.00. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. F. M. Ward, Sister Mary Benton and Sister Annie Ward. Funds \$4.50. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Earl Faulk, Bro. Oscar Sarvis, Bro. Floyd Batten, Bro. Robert Benton, Sister Edith Benton, Sister Claudie Batten, Sister Nettie Mae Sarvis and Sister Mary Faulk. Funds \$6.00. Rev. R. C. Rhodes, pastor.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Dillon Nealy, Sister Neatie Norris and Sister Elvia Nealy. Funds \$5.50. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor.

Mt. Beulah—Reported by letter and delegates: Sisters Mary Fowler, Thelma Fowler and Grace Fowler. Funds \$5.00. Rev. Billie Guiton, pastor.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Roscoe Meares, Bro. Paxton Price, Sister Hayes Pait and Sister Pearlise Russ. Funds \$10.00. Rev. Billie Hardee, pastor.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Willie Jones, Bro. Prince McKeithan and Bro. Joe Watts. Funds \$10.00. Rev. Lonnie Brown, pastor.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. A. M. C. Fowler, Bro. Wade Hodges and Bro. Fussel Strickland. Funds \$5.00. Rev. L. P. Brown, pastor.

Cedar Branch—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. C. V. Ward, Bro. Simon Ward and Bro. G. W. Jacobs. Funds \$5.00. Rev. Reubin Hilburn, pastor.

Deep Branch—No Report.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Emory Ward and Bro. Wilbert Stephens. Funds \$5.00. Rev. Billie Hardee, pastor.

Snow Hill—No Report.

Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates: Sisters Lillie Mae Tatum and Jean Gasque. Funds \$5.00. Rev. J. H. Galloway, pastor.

Thomasboro—No Report

At this time, by written request from Bro. Walter Reynolds of Snow Hill, North Carolina, the clerk read before the body a report from the superannuation board that reads as follows:

We now have 22 ministers who receive regular pension checks, of this number one is from your association. We have 25 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks, of this number one is from your association. Contributions made by the Pee Dee Association to superannuation for the past year has been \$83.25, from three churches.

The board of superannuation has sent into the Pee Dee Association \$160.00 above the operating expenses of the board. The budget for 1959 and 1960 is \$20,000.00 based on 50 cents per member of the churches of the state. October is superannuation month. Please send all superannuation funds to Walter Reynolds, Route 2, Snow Hill, North Carolina.

May I say, "Thank you for your support, and at the same time urge you to do more in the coming year for superannuation."

Walter Reynolds

At this time there was an offering taken for the Children's Home in amount of \$10.72.

At this time the moderator handed to clerk a letter addressed to Mr. Troy M. Cartrette that was read to body as follows:

Dear Troy, Will you please turn in my license. I cannot go to every meeting. Signed by Rev. Seymour Duncan. His credentials were included in letter.

There was a motion by Rev. M. L. Baxley that we accept the letter and credentials of Bro. Seymour Duncan and drop him from our list. There was then a standing vote of 26 in favor and none against.

Rev. A. L. Duncan then presented before the body, the credentials of Rev. L. M. Ward.

There was a motion by Bro. D. J. Walton that we accept credentials of Rev. L. M. Ward and dismiss him from our list. This motion was approved by the body.

There was then a motion by Bro. D. J. Walton that we dismiss Soccostee Church from our list as the Pee Dee Union had dropped it earlier. This motion was approved by the body.

There was a motion by Bro. David Hester that we give Beaver Dam Church a standing vote of thanks for the dinner that was put before us and for the hospitality that has been shown while in their midst.

The treasurer's report for past year was read as follows:

Treasurer's report of the Pee Dee Association that convened with White Oak Church October 19, 1958, and with Little Bethel Church October 20, 1958. Old funds, \$7.21; new funds, \$135.59; total in treasury, \$142.80; turned over to home mission treasury, \$24.80; paid clerk, \$20.00; treasurer, \$10.00; paid investigation committee, \$8.00; paid for minutes, \$80.00; total paid out, \$142.80; left in treasury, none.

E. Hayes Pait, *Treasurer*

There was a motion by Bro. Hayes Pait that we adjourn until our meeting time with Emerson Church on Saturday morning.

The body was then dismissed by Rev. L. J. Ward.

The remaining part of the nintieth annual session of the Pee Dee Association met with Emerson Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday morning October 17, 1959.

The service was opened by congregation singing the song, "Kneel At the Cross." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. H. Galloway. The moderator read for devotion the 122nd Psalm. Welcome address was given by Bro. Dillon Nealy, response given by Rev. J. B. Byrd.

The house was then announced in order for business by the moderator, inviting visiting brethren and sisters to seat with us.

There was then appointed a committee on committees, namely, Bro. Roy Davis, Bro. Mayo Brown and Bro. Fussel Strickland.

The committee reports were then called for and reads as follows:

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend the same report that was adopted in 1958, that all our churches use our Free Will Baptists literature that is printed in Ayden, North Carolina, and that we 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; that we use Christian teachers of our denomination so that our churches might grow stronger.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. Bowen and Emory Ward.

Received by motion of Bro. A. M. C. Fowler and committee discharged.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend that all our churches use every means possible granted by God's grace to promote an effective and efficient Sunday school. That we use extreme care in selecting Christian officers and teachers and that we use literature that is printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted by your committee, A. M. C. Fowler, Roscoe Meares and Lillie Mae Tatum.

Received by motion of Bro. D. J. Walton and committee dismissed.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee on education, would like to report that we recommend our churches to support our educational institutions as liberal as possible; and we further recommend that we encourage our students to attend our own educational institutions.

Respectfully submitted, M. L. Baxley, Reubin Hilburn, L. J. Ward, Wade Hodges and Mrs. Pearlle Russ.

Received by motion of Rev. J. B. Hardee and committee dismissed.

RESOLUTION

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: (1) That we reaffirm our endorsement of Mount Olive Junior College; (2) that if our young people are to go away for higher education, we use our influence for them to attend Mount Olive Junior College; (3) that we endorse the loyalty fund campaign currently being conducted; (4) that all our churches and

Sunday schools observe Sunday, November 1, as Mount Olive Junior College loyalty fund day.

Submitted by your committee, E. W. Faulk, W. F. Cartrette and Neatie Norris.

Received by motion of Rev. M. L. Baxley and committee dismissed.

INVESTIGATION

We, your committee on investigation, are pleased to announce that at this time we do not have anything to report.

Respectfully submitted, E. Hayes Pait and Reubin Hilburn.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, are pleased to report that all our ministers are in good standing as far as we know.

Respectfully submitted, Jake Godwin, George Ward, Simon Ward and O. E. Brown.

Received by motion of Bro. Mayo Brown and committee dismissed.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that God has seen fit in His divine providence to call from this life to their eternal reward eight of our members since last association, may we bow in humble submission to Him who doeth all things well.

Humbly submitted, Doris Leonard, C. V. Ward and Jane Gaskins.

Received by motion of Rev. I. G. Ward and committee dismissed.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find in the treasury, old funds, none; new funds, \$139.00.

Respectfully submitted, David Hester and Mrs. Hayes Pait.

Received by motion of Rev. M. L. Baxley and committee dismissed.

HOME MISSION

We, your home mission committee, report as follows: Old funds, \$72.35; give Mount Beulah Church, \$35.00; leaving in treasury from 1958 association a total of \$37.35; new funds from 1959 association, \$25.80; leaving total in treasury, \$63.15; voted out for general funds, \$50.00; leaving in treasury, \$13.15.

Respectfully submitted, Hayes Pait and Cleveland Hughes.

Received by motion of Bro. Willie Jones and committee dismissed.

A ten-minute recess.

Reassembled the congregation singing hymn, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Old business was then called for.

At this time Rev. M. L. Baxley, who wanted a year ago to make a try in seeing if he could make any progress in a revival of Mill Rock Church

which had gone down considerably, brought the subject before the body and explained that his efforts toward reviving Mill Rock Church seemingly had been fruitless and put the case before the body to do as they saw fit.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that the case of Mill Rock Church be turned over to investigation committee, for them to go to church and in their investigation, look into the conditions and situation of all that is involved concerning church and property, and while there settle case if possible as they see best.

At this time Rev. J. B. Hardee brought a very inspiring message taken from the reading of the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth verses of the twenty-second chapter of Luke.

The body was then dismissed for dinner until one o'clock by Rev. Dan Ward.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body was reassembled by congregation singing No. 169, "Leaning On the Everlasting Arms." The house was then announced in order for business by the moderator. New business were then called for.

There was a motion by Rev. I. G. Ward that from reports and also being on delinquent list that an investigation into the condition and situation of Deep Branch Church and property also be turned over to investigation committee, and if possible make settlement while there.

There was a motion by Bro. George Ward that we give Emerson Church a standing vote of thanks for a good dinner and the hospitality shown us while being at their church.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that we take up the business of electing our new officers for the next two years.

There was then a motion by Bro. David Hester that we retain our officers as they are with the exception of our moderator, and one to fill vacancy of Rev. L. M. Ward on investigation committee.

In filling vacancy of our present moderator, Rev. Carey Cheshire, in whom had left this state and moved to Oklahoma, there were nominations of Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Rev. J. B. Hardee and Rev. A. L. Duncan. Rev. J. B. Hardee was appointed moderator for next two years by vote.

Bro. Mayo Brown was then appointed by vote over two more nominations to fill vacancy of Rev. L. M. Ward on investigation committee list.

At this time Bro. Cleveland Hughes gave in his resignation from the home mission committee. Be it noted that this is a standing committee.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that very much to our regret that we accept Bro. Hughes' resignation.

Rev. J. W. Byrd was then appointed by vote over two more nominations to fill vacancy left by Bro. Cleveland Hughes on the home mission committee.

At this time, Rev. Reubin Hilburn gave in his resignation from the investigation committee. This is also noted to be a standing committee.

There was a motion by Rev. J. B. Hardee that much to our regret that we accept Bro. Hilburn's resignation.

Bro. Willie Bowen was then appointed by vote over two more nomination to fill vacancy left by Rev. Reubin Hilburn on investigation committee list.

Motion to have 500 minutes printed.

Bro. Willie Jones petitioned for next session of the association to be held with Cypress Creek Church.

Rev. J. W. Byrd also petitioned for next session to be held with Mt. Olive Church.

Rev. J. B. Hardee, at this time, expressed his thanks to the body for the confidence that they had placed in him, and ask for their prayers that he might carry out his duties as their moderator in the future as God and the body would be pleased in whatever he did, and assured the body that his help was available at any time that he was needed.

There was a motion by Bro. George Ward that we adjourn until our next meeting time with Cypress Creek Church on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1960, and with Mt. Olive Church on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1960.

Rev. A. L. Duncan, *Moderator.*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk.*

Statistical Table

Mt. Calvary—Male members, 20; female members, 31; received on confession, 2; baptized, 2; total members, 51; paid pastor, \$750.00; visiting preachers, \$250.00; charity donations, \$50.00; Children's Home, \$100.00; unions, \$24.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$1,644.24; church offerings, \$642.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$642.00; miscellaneous, \$140.00; total, \$3,610.24.

White Oak—Male members, 53; female members, 79; died, 2; total members, 132; paid pastor, \$1,085.00; visiting preachers, \$150.00; charity donations, \$117.75; Children's Home, \$44.80; foreign missions, \$63.25; college, \$9.70; unions and association, \$44.00; Sunday school offerings, \$2,861.94; church offerings, \$387.07; building repairs and upkeep, \$175.36; miscellaneous, \$1,987.08; total, \$6,881.95; church building, \$30,000.00; lot, \$5,000.00; equipment, \$5,000.00.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 131; female members, 249; received on confession, 3; dismissed by letter, 3; baptized, 11; dropped, 4; total members, 380; paid pastor, \$1,209.46; visiting preachers, \$259.89; charity donations, \$1,054.64; Children's Home, \$126.00; superannuation, \$40.00; unions, \$61.10; association, \$33.00; Sunday school offerings, \$1,513.38; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,138.66; miscellaneous, \$729.59; total, \$4,652.34.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 7; female members, 13; received on confession, 1; baptized, 1; total members, 20; paid pastor, \$39.89; visiting

preachers, \$25.30; charity donations, \$10.00; unions, \$18.00; association, \$5.00; Children's Home, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$4.00; miscellaneous, \$86.65; total, \$198.84.

Pine Level—Male members, 4; female members, 25; dropped, 5; died, 1; total members, 29; paid pastor, \$87.88; visiting preachers, \$44.42; Children's Home, \$14.01; unions, \$14.80; association, \$4.50; Sunday school offerings, \$225.60; church offerings, \$132.30; repairs and upkeep, \$175.46; charity donations, \$12.50.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 16; female members, 35; received on confession, 2; baptized, 3; total members, 51; paid pastor, \$579.97; visiting preachers, \$18.45; charity donations, \$11.15; unions, \$20.00; association, \$6.00; Sunday school offerings, \$77.09; building repairs and upkeep, \$113.83; total, \$826.49.

Emerson—Male members, 6; female members, 24; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 2; baptized, 1; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 30; paid visiting preachers, \$105.78; unions, \$20.75; association, \$5.50.

Mt. Beulah—No statistical report from Mt. Beulah Church.

Oak Grove—Male members, 35; female members, 59; received on confession, 3; baptized, 12; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 94; paid pastor, \$834.11; visiting preachers, \$218.03; charity donations, \$71.55; Children's Home, \$206.05; Cragmont Assembly, \$3.87; Christian education, \$93.07; superannuation, \$23.50; unions, \$24.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$752.97; church offerings, \$2,158.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,323.89; miscellaneous, \$39.25; total, \$2,910.97.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 29; female members, 27; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 2; died, 1; total members, 56; paid pastor, \$389.00; visiting preachers, \$50.00; charity donations, \$60.00; Children's Home, \$20.00; superannuation, \$10.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$872.62; church offerings, \$87.60; building repairs and upkeep, \$396.10; total, \$955.10.

Little Bethel—Male members, 15; female members, 33; received on confession, 1; baptized, 2; total members, 48; paid pastor, \$230.96; visiting preachers, \$36.50; charity donations, \$13.00; Children's Home, \$8.00; unions, \$20.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$144.41; church offerings, \$534.57; building repairs and upkeep, \$259.73; literature, \$72.19; total spent, \$534.57.

Cedar Branch—Male members, 8; female members, 20; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 2; dropped, 1; total members, 28; paid pastor, \$96.00; visiting preachers, \$35.00; charity donations, \$6.00; unions, \$20.50; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$31.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$30.00; total, \$186.50.

Mission Valley—Male members, 20; female members, 26; received by letter, 3; dropped, 8; total members, 46; paid pastor, \$240.00; visiting preachers, \$25.00; unions, \$16.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$95.15; building repairs and upkeep, \$93.00.

Bethel—Male members, 6; female members, 14; baptized, 2; died, 2; total members, 20; Children's Home, \$12.00; unions, \$12.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$48.61; building repairs and upkeep, \$36.36; total, \$113.97.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed four years ago by the association on gathering up 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 same to their church or association. This being adopted by motion of Bro. 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 Bro. 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. 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 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 this the eighteenth 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 burn credentials.

At White Oak Church in October, 1953, new business was called for. There was a motion by Bro. W. F. Cartrette that each church enrolled in our Pee Dee Association be required to be present at forthcoming association either by letter or delegates 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 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.

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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, or 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

At the close of this session of the Pee Dee Association that has been being held annually since was organized by our forefathers 90 years ago, I am glad to have had just a little part. As I have said before, I feel my weakness and unworthiness as your clerk, but your confidence and friendship have been most enjoyable to me. I thank God for the good of life and its blessings. Sometimes we cannot escape the difficulties in life, but a thankful heart can find the materials for a song in the time of trouble.

I am very thankful for the chance of being with you good people and being able to help in my weak way and more so being helped by you.

I thank God for a faith in which makes us believe, that even through our mistakes and suffering, that humanity is heading for ages of better understanding and spiritual brotherhood, and for a hope which Christ lifts like a light in the skies, a hope that this life on earth is but the beginning of life eternal, and that death is not a trap door, but a portal opening to the heavenly life.

May I ask an interest in your prayers, that my duties might be performed in the way that our Lord and Saviour would have them be for the next two years.

E. D. McPherson, Clerk

