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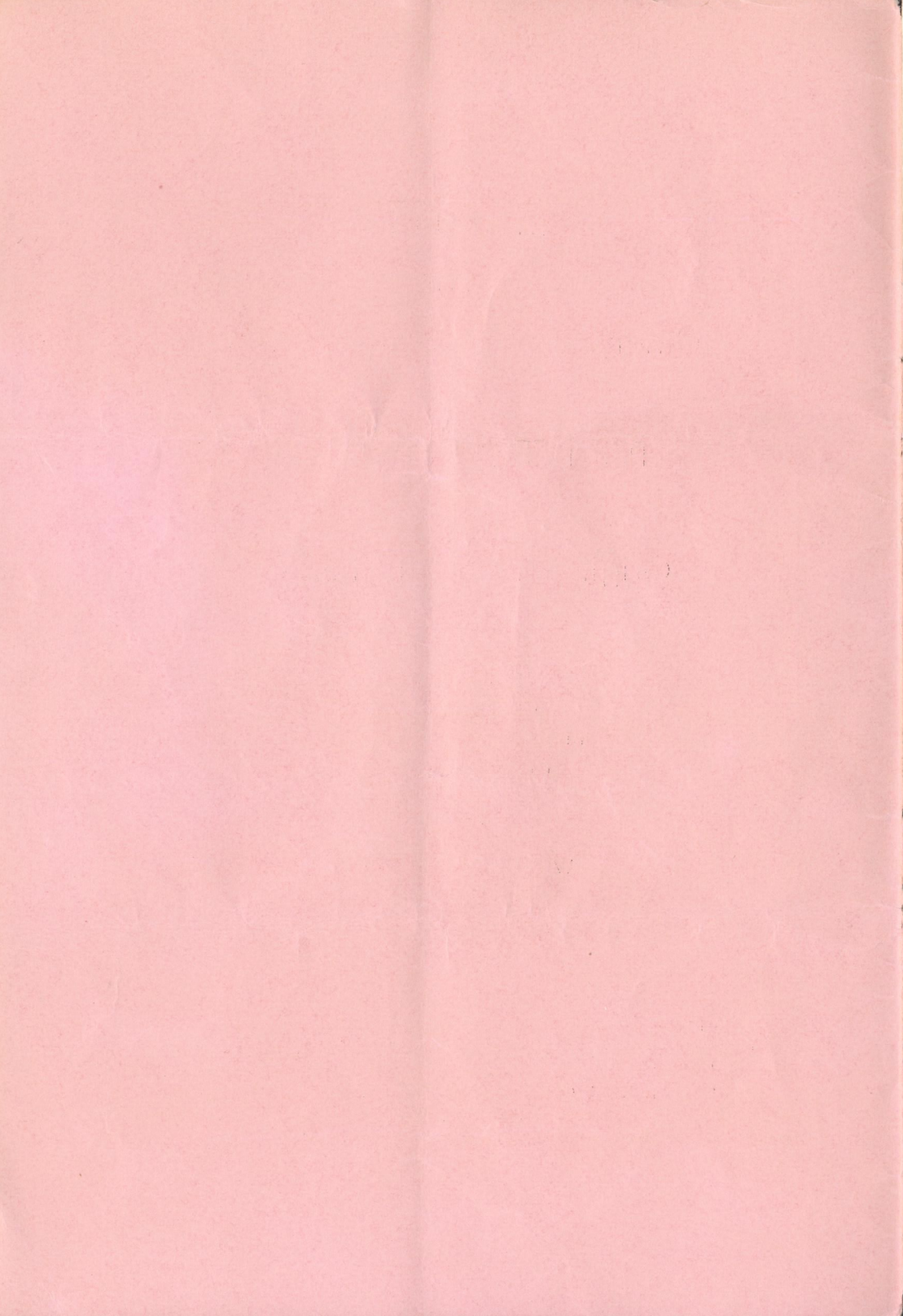
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CHURCH CLERK'S AND PASTOR'S NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS STOOD IN 1961

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

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

White Oak Church, Bladen County, N. C.

J. Alton Thompson, P. O. Box 5, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. W. L. Jernigan, Route 2, Bladenboro, 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. Hardie, Route 1, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. B. J. Ward, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Pine Level Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Mary Benton, Route 1, Box 46A, 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. B. J. Ward, Route 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Pastor

Emerson Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Ruth Norris, Route 2, Box 22, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
~~Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor~~

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

Franklin Fowler, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Brookie Edwards, Route 4, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C.

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

Cypress Creek Church, Columbus County, N. C.

F. G. Lee, Nakina, N. C. Assistant Church Clerk
Rev. L. P. Brown, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Little Bethel Church, Horrey County, S. C.

Wade Hodges, 119 Floyd Street, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk

Cedar Branch Church, Columbus County, N. C.

C. V. Ward, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk

Bethel Church, Robertson County, N. C.

Mrs. Lillie Mae Tatum, Route 1, Box 346, St. Pauls, N. C. Church Clerk
~~Rev. J. H. Calloway, Route 1, Box 371, Lumberton, N. C. Pastor~~

Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, N. C.
 Grant Gore, Shallotte, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Mission Valley Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Box 147A, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. B. J. Ward, Myrtle Beach, S. C. Pastor

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. *Conover, R1,*
 Rev. J. H. Galloway, Route 1, Box 371, Lumberton, N. C.
 Rev. McLeod Strickland, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Coy Housand, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Route 1, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. B. J. Ward, Route 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Hallsboro, N. C. *Box 166 Rt. 3 Whiteville*
 Rev. J. B. Hardie, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C.
 Rev. I. C. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.
 Rev. Dan Ward, Route 4, Box 124, Whiteville, N. C. *Box 202*
 Rev. Jarome Jennerette, Route 1, Box 259, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Robert E. Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.

Proceedings

The ninety-second annual session of the Pee Dee Association of the Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Friday morning, October 13, 1961.

The service was opened with congregation singing, No. 160, "What a Friend We Have in Jesus." Rev. A. L. Duncan read for introductory sermon the 51st Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. Bruce Barrow. Welcome address was given by Brother E. Hayes Pait; response was given by Brother David Hester.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business inviting visiting brethren and sisters to seat with us. The visitors that were recognized at this time were: Rev. Bruce Barrow, Ayden, N. C., a representative from the Free Will Baptists Press; Rev. Carrol Hansley, Vanceboro, North Carolina, a delegate from the Eastern Conference; Bro. Allen Bryan, Albemarle, North Carolina, representing the State Mission Board; Rev. J. W. Everton, superintendent of the Free Will Baptists Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, and from the Central Conference; Rev. W. B. Raper, president of Mount Olive College and from the Central Conference; Rev. Carey Cheshire, Dunn, North Carolina, and from the Cape Fear Conference.

In absence of one of our custodians, Bro. W. L. McPherson, there was a motion by the clerk to excuse Bro. McPherson as he was undergoing treatment for an infected leg in the Columbus County Hospital; this was granted by the body.

The various committees were appointed by the moderator:

Devotional—Bro. Zeb Butler, Bro. Matha Ward and Bro. G. B. Benton.

Periodical—Bro. Fred McPherson, Bro. C. V. Ward and Bro. C. V. Stephens.

Sunday School—Bro. Josh Ward, Bro. Howard McPherson, Bro. Fussel Strickland.

Finance—Bro. Leavy Ward, Bro. Tom Rhodes and Bro. Leamon Murray.

Obituary—Bro. Simon Ward, Rev. J. H. Galloway and Rev. I. G. Ward.

Resolution—Bro. David Hester, Bro. O. E. Brown and Bro. Sam Ward.

Educational—Bro. George Ward, Bro. Wade Hodges and Sister Mary Ward.

Ministerial—Bro. Willie Bowen, Bro. Carson Bryant and Bro. W. L. Pait.

Home Missions is a standing committee consisting of Bro. Roland McPherson, Bro. Hayes Pait and Rev. J. W. Byrd.

Investigation is a standing committee consisting of Bro. Hayes Pait, Bro. Mayo Brown and Bro. Willie Bowen.

At this time the devotional committee was excused for deliberation of its business.

A report of the superannuation was then read as follows:

Greetings: We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Pee Dee Association for the year 1960-1961. We now have 20 ministers who receive regular monthly pension checks; we have 28 ministers widows who receive quarterly pension checks; of this number two are from your association. Contributions made by the association to superannuation: Churches, \$33.00; Sunday schools, \$35.00; union meetings, \$15.00; leagues, \$43.00; making a total of \$126.00.

The budget for 1961-1962 is \$20,000.00 based on 50c per member of the churches of this state.

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

Brother Bruce Barrow gave us a very interesting history of the Free Will Baptist Press at Ayden, North Carolina. He told us of how the press had grown since it was originated 51 years ago at a value of approximately \$200.00, and since that time had grown into a business of today with a \$242,600.00 valuation.

Bro. Allen Bryant expressed to us the fact that we need the work of the State Mission Board and they need our support for the expansion and organization of churches. Not only in the state and national bounds of our Free Will Baptists denomination but in foreign lands as well.

Bro. W. B. Raper, president of the Mount Olive College, gave us a talk on the growth and progress being made at the college, basing his subject on today's education for our boys and girls. The college was started in 1952 with an enrollment of nine students, and today has an enrollment of 187 students. Brother Raper informed us that the college was qualified to meet the standards of a complete education for any of our high school students that might desire to complete their education. Bro. Raper asked for at least the fifth Sundays' offerings from each of our churches and urged us to encourage our boys and girls to go to, and support Mount Olive College.

Bro. J. W. Everton give a cordial invitation to any one who might want to visit the Free Will Baptists Children's Home in Middlesex, North Carolina, and informed us that the Children's Home was now operating with no indebtedness.

There was an offering taken in amount of \$20.00 for the Children's Home.

Bro. D. J. Walton offered a prayer of thanks for the offering taken.

The devotional committee report was then read as follows: We, your committee, recommend that Rev. Bruce Barrow preach today (Friday) and

Rev. J. H. Galloway preach tomorrow. Respectfully submitted, Zeb Butler, Matha Ward and G. B. Benton.

Received by motion of Brother George Ward and committee dismissed.

The body was dismissed for a ten-minute recess.

Reassembled, the congregation singing No. 424, "Take the Name of Jesus with You." Rev. Bruce Barrow, as was appointed by committee, then brought inspiring message taken from first chapter of Thessalonians. The congregation then sang No. 344, "In the Sweet By and By." Body then dismissed until 1:15 o'clock by Rev. J. W. Everton.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled singing No. 276, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer was offered by Rev. Carey Cheshire. The moderator then announced the house in order for business. Ministers roll were then called with following present: Rev. A. L. Duncan, Rev. J. H. Galloway, Rev. B. J. Ward, Rev. J. B. Hardie, Rev. I. G. Ward, Rev. Dan Ward and Rev. I. J. Ward.

Absent were Rev. McLeod Strickland, Rev. Reubin Hilburn, Rev. H. S. Rodgers, Rev. J. W. Byrd, Rev. Jarome Jennerette, Rev. Earl W. Faulk and Rev. Robert Sellers.

Excused was Rev. Coy Housand.

Church reports were then called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. O. E. Brown, Bro. Mayo Brown and Bro. Zeb Butler. Funds \$10.00. Rev. J. B. Hardie, pastor.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. David F. Hester, Bro. George Ward and Bro. J. W. Bowen. Funds \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. W. L. Jernigan.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Fred McPherson, Bro. Leamon Murray, Bro. Howard McPherson, Bro. Dewey Nealy and Bro. Josh Ward. Funds \$50.00. Pastor, Rev. J. A. Hucks.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegate: Bro. C. A. Hardie. Funds \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. B. J. Ward.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. G. B. Benton, Bro. F. M. Ward, Bro. E. B. Reaves and Sister Annie Ward. Funds \$10.00. Pastor, Rev. A. L. Duncan

Mt Olive—Reported by letter. Funds \$5.00. Pastor, Rev. B. J. Ward.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Fred Spivey, Bro. Troy McPherson, Bro. James Nobles, Bro. P. C. Lanier and Bro. L. C. Duncan. Funds \$15.30. Pastor, Rev. A. L. Duncan.

Mt. Beulah—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Harvey Cribb, Bro. Alford Rhodes, Bro. Franklin Fowler and Sister Grace Rhodes. Funds \$10.50. Rev. Brookie Edwards, pastor.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. W. L. Pait, Bro.

Hubert Bryan, Bro. Carson Bryan and Sister Annie E. Hester. Funds \$10.00. Rev. J. B. Hardie, pastor.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Sam Ward, Bro. Tom Rhodes and Sister Mary Rhodes. Funds \$10.00. Rev. L. P. Brown, pastor.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Fussel Strickland, Bro. Walter Johnson and Bro. Wade Hodges. Funds \$5.00.

Cedar Branch—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. C. V. Ward and Bro. Simon Ward. Funds \$5.00. We have not had any pastor at Cedar Branch this year. We called Rev. A. L. Duncan and sometime later he accepted the pastorate of Emerson Church on the same Sunday and same hour and would not preach to us and would not give up the church at Cedar Branch. He has not held a conference at Cedar Branch this year. We feel that we have been let down.

Signed,
Leavey Ward, Moderator
C. V. Ward, Clerk

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegate: Bro. Wilbert Stephens. Funds \$5.00. Rev. Bice Ward, pastor.

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

Thomasboro—Reported by letter and delegates: Bro. Vance Smith and Bro. Grant Gore. Funds \$3.00. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor.

(Please note that when the house was announced in order for business at Cypress Creek Church, in Columbus County, on October 14, 1960, that Rev. Carey Cheshire asked for letter of dismissal from the Pee Dee Association to the Cape Fear Conference. This letter was granted by the body and sent to Bro. Carey on October 17, 1960. At this time Rev. Carey Cheshire asked for another letter to become a member of the Cape Fear Conference. In explaining reason for this was that he found out that he had to be a member of a church in the Cape Fear Association before he could pastor a church in that association, and they had been building a parsonage and had just completed this so he could move in, and asked for another letter as the other one was old dated. This was granted by the body.

Minutes of the last association was then read and approved by the body.

Old business was then called for at this time. Bro. E. Hayes Pait, being on the investigation committee, gave the following report: Concerning Deep Branch Church property, he had a check made out for \$25.00 in his possession and was all that he could collect for the property at that time.

We have not been able to collect anything on the Mill Rock or the Snow Hill Church property.

Our investigation concerning a previous report that Mission Valley Church had been abandoned and that they were no longer having services. Church officials, if any, were unknown. We found that church to be organ-

ized and by talking to some of neighbors and church officials that they were still having regular services and regular Sunday school. Their Sunday school board showed fair attendance and offerings each Sunday.

Through our investigation concerning a \$764.27 debt that was owing to the W. F. Cox Co. of Tabor City, North Carolina, by Mt. Beulah Church, we found that there were no church officials to talk to. We could find no one interested in the church or making any efforts to pay off the debt.

There was a motion by Bro. D. J. Dalton that we receive report of investigation committee and drop Deep Branch, Mill Rock and Snow Hill Churches from our list, this was approved by the body.

There was a motion of Bro. D. J. Walton that report given against Mission Valley Church be turned over to investigation committee.

There was a motion of Bro. D. J. Walton that Cedar Branch Church report be turned over to ministerial committee.

Each of above motions were approved by the body.

After much discussion concerning indebtedness to W. F. Cox Co. by Mt. Beulah Church and after hearing statement made by Rev. I. G. Ward that there was at the present time a very nice revival in progress at Mt. Beulah Church, it was decided by the body that Bro. Wade Hodges talk to proper one at the W. F. Cox Co. concerning this debt and let it be known to the body in tomorrow's session of this association.

There was a motion by Rev. J. H. Galloway that we give the good Brethren and Sisters of Oak Grove Church a standing vote of thanks for a wonderful dinner, their kindness and hospitality that they have put forth in making our visit with them a most pleasureable one.

There was a motion by Bro. Sam Ward that we adjourn until our meeting time with White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING

The remaining part of the ninety-second annual session of the Pee Dee Association met with White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday, October 14, 1961.

The service was opened with congregation singing No. 262, "The Way of the Cross Leads Home." Rev. A. L. Duncan read for introductory, first to twenty-sixth verses of the fourth chapter of John. Prayer was offered by Bro. Mayo Brown. Welcome address was given by Rev. Walter Jernigan; response followed by Bro. Tom Rhodes.

Rev. J. B. Hardie, the moderator, then announced the house in order for business, inviting visiting Brethren and Sisters to seat with us. At this time in finishing old business, the report of Bro. Wade Hodges was read, by the clerk that the indebtedness to W. F. Cox Co. was in the sum of \$764.27, including interest up to November 22, 1961, and the statement made by Mr. Paul Rogers was that if he could get as much as \$100.00 on this debt that he would give the people of the community another 12 months and a chance to reorganize and restore the church.

At this point Bro. Troy McPherson volunteered to donate the \$100.00 in order to give the people around Mt. Beulah another chance to restore their church.

There was a motion by Bro. Fred McPherson that from Mt. Beulah Church report sent into this association they had appointed Rev. Brookie Edwards from Conway, South Carolina, as their pastor for coming year, but according to investigation committee report, have done so without even being organized as a church. I don't see how a church can be organized without ample and proper officials, therefore, my motion is that this association appoint a pastor: namely, Rev. I. G. Ward, if he will accept, to go and try to get Mt. Beulah organized as it should be and be their pastor for the next 12 months.

Rev. I. G. Ward accepted and this motion was approved by the body.

The body was dismissed for a ten-minute recess.

Reassembled, the congregation singing No. 1, "Come Thou Almighty King." Prayer by Rev. J. B. Hardie. Rev. J. H. Galloway, as was appointed by committee, then brought inspiring message from the third chapter of James. The body was then dismissed by Brother Richard Edwards until 1:15 o'clock.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled, the congregation singing No. 214. "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Bro. Will Pait. The moderator announced the house in order for business. There was a motion by Bro. Leamon Murray that the \$25.00 check received from Deep Branch Church property be turned over to association treasury as funds. This motion was accepted by the body.

There was a motion by the clerk that the donation made by Bro. Troy McPherson in amount of \$100.00 to go on Mt. Beulah Church debt be turned in to the association treasury then the treasurer pay on debt.

This motion approved by the body.

There was a motion by Bro. Fred McPherson that we take an offering to go on debt owed by Mt. Beulah Church. This offering was in amount of \$31.00.

Committee reports were called for and read as follows:

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report, that we recommend 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, and that we use Christian teachers of our denomination so that our churches might grow stronger.

Respectfully submitted, C. V. Ward, Fred McPherson and Wilbert Stephens.

Received by motion of Bro. Simon Ward, committee dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, recommend that 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 in Ayden, North Carolina, by the Free Will Baptists Press.

Submitted by your committee, Howard McPherson, Josh Ward and Fussel Strickland.

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

FINANCE

We, your finance committee, find as follows: Funds from this association, \$143.80; check received from Deep Branch Church property, \$25.00; donation made by Bro. Troy McPherson, \$100.00; offering, \$31.00; old funds, \$7.90; making total in treasury, \$307.70.

Respectfully submitted, Leamon Murray, Tom Rhodes and Leavy Ward.

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

OBITUARY

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

Respectfully submitted, Simon Ward, J. H. Galloway and I. G. Ward.

Received by motion of Bro. George Ward and committee dismissed.

At this time by request of moderator, there was a moment of silent prayer in memory of loved ones passed away.

RESOLUTION

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: (1) That we reaffirm our endorsement of Mt. Olive College; (2) that if our young people are to go away for higher education to use our influence for them to attend Mt. Olive College; (3) that we endorse the loyalty fund campaign currently being conducted; (4) that all our churches and Sunday schools observe Sunday, November 5, as Mt. Olive College loyalty fund day; (5) and that we use preachers from the Free Will Baptist denomination in all our churches.

Submitted by your committee, Mayo Brown, David F. Hester and Sam Ward.

Received by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan and committee dismissed.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, report as follows: We recommend that all our churches support our educational institutions as liberal as possible. We further recommend that we encourage our high school students to attend Mt. Olive College.

Respectfully submitted, Wade Hodges, Mary Ward and George Ward.
Received by motion of Bro. C. V. Ward and committee dismissed.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following: First, in the case of Cedar Branch Church report and Rev. A. L. Duncan, it was admitted that this should not of come up in the association, but since it was, has been settled quietly and peacefully. This being done we find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know.

Respectfully submitted, Willie Bowen, W. L. Pait and G. C. Bryan.
Received by motion of Brother Wade Hodges, committee dismissed.

INVESTIGATION

The report given against Mission Valley Church have been peacefully settled.

E. Hayes Pait, Willie Bowen and Mayo Brown.

Received by motion of Rev. J. H. Galloway, committee dismissed.

HOME MISSIONS

Home missions committee report for 1960 was read as follows: Old funds, \$13.15; new funds, \$26.00; making total of \$39.15 in treasury. Turned over to Rev. Reubin Hilburn, \$39.15 to go on debt owed to W. F. Cox Co. by Mt. Beulah Church, leaving in treasury none.

Roland McPherson, Hayes Pait and J. W. Byrd. Received by motion of Bro. Mayo Brown.

With this report Bro. Roland McPherson sent in his resignation from Home Missions Committee.

Association treasurer's report was read as follows: For the year 1960, old funds, \$35.00; new funds, \$130.75; total in treasury, \$165.81; paid clerk, \$20.00; paid treasurer, \$7.00; paid home missions, \$26.00; paid investigation committee, \$7.00; paid for 500 minutes, \$97.41; total paid out, \$157.91; left in treasurer, \$7.90.

E. Hayes Pait

New business called for: The clerk read a letter addressed to Rev. A. L. Duncan as follows:

Dear Bro., Please accept this as my resignation from the Free Will Baptist denomination, as I am now connected with another denomination.

Sincerely, Earl W. Faulk, Hallsboro, N. C.

In this letter were his credentials.

There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that we accept Bro. Faulks resignation and his credentials and clerk follow through regular procedures. This was approved by the body.

The clerk read a letter addressed to Rev. A. L. Duncan as follows:

Dear Bro. Duncan, I was glad to hear from you and was real happy to

hear that the good Lord was still blessing you all and making you able to keep the good work going on.

Bro. Duncan, no one knows how bad I have missed you all, and those wonderful prayers and songs we used to pray and sing together, and again those wonderful talks we have had about the Lord and His tender love. I don't think it will be long before we will meet again on the other side of Jordan. Then we can walk together forevermore and talk over all of our wonderful blessings. Bro. Duncan, I am feeling some better and as soon as I can I am going to try and come down. I want to go to Mt. Beulah one more time and I want to go to Emerson. I dearly love all the people down there and the only reason I ask for my membership to be mailed down here, the church is very close to where I live, and I believe we have some good mmbers here.

Now about my license: I would be glad if you would send them to the conference. I really do want you and Sister Duncan to come and spend the day. I want us to get off where we can talk together, you know there are not many people that believe like we do.

Will close by saying, God be with you all and may you have a good Christmas and a happy New Year.

Your brother in Christ,
Harvey Rogers

In this letter were the credentials of Rev. Harvey Rogers.

There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that we accept the resignation and credentials of Bro. Rogers, and clerk follow through regular procedures. This was approved by the body.

Please note that in special committee report that in October, 1938, at Pine Level Church, a resolution was made as follows: 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.

There was a motion by Bro. Fred McPherson that the following be added to this resolution: That if any dispute should arise between a member and his or any other church, let this be settled between member and church if possible; if not, the investigation committee be contacted, and unless this committee deem it necessary, no more through church reports, writing or through talk, or gossip be brought into our association body that would jeopardize the feelings or throw any reflection or discrimination on any one of our members or ministers, and that this resolution be strictly enforced.

This motion was approved by the body.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that we reorganize and appoint our association officers for next two years.

At this time Bro. Hayes Pait resigned from home missions committee.

Brother Mayo Brown resigned from the investigation committee.

There was a motion by Bro. David Hester that we retain our same officers for the next two years and replace the ones resigned.

There was a motion by Bro. George Ward that Bro. Wade Hodges fill vacancy left by Bro. Mayo Brown on investigation committee.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that Bro. Howard McPherson fill vacancy left by Brother Roland McPherson as treasurer of home mission board.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that Bro. Sam Ward fill vacancy left by Bro. Hayes Pait on home mission committee.

There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that we give the good ladies of White Oak Church a standing vote of thanks for a wonderful dinner.

There was a motion by Rev. J. H. Galloway to pay for trips made by investigation committee.

There was a motion by Bro. Fussel Strickland to have 500 minutes printed.

Bro. Wilbert Stephens petitioned for the next session of the association to convene with Mission Valley Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1962.

Bro. F. M. Ward asked for next session to be held with Pine Level Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1962.

There was a motion by Rev. J. H. Galloway that we adjourn. The congregation sang song No. 11, "God Be With You." The body was then dismissed by Rev. A. L. Duncan.

Rev. J. B. Hardie, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

Statistical Table

Mt. Calvary—Male members, 18; female members, 31; total members, 49; paid pastor, \$640.00; visiting preachers, \$200.00; charity donations, \$50.00; Children's Home, \$75.00; unions, \$25.00; associations, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$1,500.00; church offerings, \$500.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$2,500.00; miscellaneous, \$50.00; total, \$5,550.00.

White Oak—Male members, 61; female members, 74; received on confession, 15; received by letter, 6; dismissed by letter, 5; baptized, 15; died, 1; total members, 150; paid pastor, \$1,140.00; visiting preachers, \$300.00; charity donations, \$130.39; Children's Home, \$182.43; Cragmont Assembly, \$390.00; foreign missions, \$134.39; Christian education, \$165.88; superannuation, \$12.52; unions, \$24.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$3,356.51; church offerings, \$205.52; building repairs and upkeep, \$399.15; miscellaneous, \$320.52; total, \$6,771.23.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 119; female members, 265; received on confession, 45; dropped, 28; dismissed by letter, 5; baptized, 45; died, 3;

total members, 384; paid pastor, \$1,540.56; visiting preachers, \$271.04; charity donations, \$1,420.49; Children's Home, \$205.00; Christian education, \$5.00; superannuation, \$35.00; unions, \$70.50; association, \$50.00; Sunday school offerings, \$2,023.52; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,431.29; miscellaneous, \$1,113.97; total, \$6,142.85.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 6; female members, 12; dismissed by letter, 2; total members, 18; paid pastor, \$45.00; visiting preachers, \$51.24; charity donations, \$10.00; unions, \$9.25; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$95.46; building repairs and upkeep, \$92.46; total, \$197.17.

Pine Level—Male members, 6; female members, 27; received by letter, 1; total members, 32; paid pastor, \$210.21; visiting preachers, \$130.91; charity donations, \$37.05; Children's Home, \$33.50; Superannuation, \$2.00; unions, \$27.85; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$409.65; church offerings, \$138.97; building repairs and upkeep, \$294.19; total, \$790.67.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 15; Female members, 33; dropped, 3; total members, 45; paid pastor, \$109.05; visiting preachers, \$32.56; charity donations, \$32.99; unions, \$24.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$300.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$281.75; total, \$785.35.

Emerson—Male members, 16; female members, 35; received on confession, 25; baptized, 8; dropped, 1; died, 3; total members, 51; paid pastor, \$241.53; visiting preachers, \$141.16; charity donations, \$57.88; unions, \$43.67; association, \$15.30; Sunday school offerings, \$218.45; church offerings, \$3,444.16; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,237.55; total, \$4,163.15.

Oak Grove—Male members, 42; female members, 76; received on confession, 3; dismissed by letter, 1; baptized, 17; died, 1; total members, 118; paid pastor, \$1,029.00; visiting preachers, \$278.34; charity donations, \$192.30; Children's Home, \$107.53; foreign missions, \$8.50; Christian Education, \$64.74; superannuation, \$81.48; unions, \$24.00; association, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$4,023.92; church offerings, \$3,600.00; building repairs and upkeep, \$920.15; miscellaneous, \$186.17; total, \$7,623.92.

Mt. Beulah—Male members, 6; female members, 15; received on confession, 3; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 21; paid pastor, \$28.25; visiting preachers, \$61.10; unions, \$20.00; association, \$10.50; Sunday school offerings, \$67.23; building repairs and upkeep, \$891.20; total, \$949.15.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 22; female members, 24; dropped, 6; total members, 44; paid pastor, \$390.00; visiting preachers, \$75.00; charity donations, \$100.00; Children's Home, \$10.00; Sunday school offerings, \$987.58; building repairs and upkeep, \$275.00; miscellaneous, \$35.00; total \$915.00.

Little Bethel—Male members, 15; female members, 33; total members, 48; paid pastor, \$295.77; visiting preachers, \$6.00; charity donations, \$8.60; unions, \$20.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$151.16; church offerings, \$356.32; building repairs and upkeep, \$18.60; miscellaneous, \$148.05; total, \$502.02.

Cedar Branch—Male members, 8; female members, 10; total members,

18; visiting preachers, \$10.00; unions, \$20.50; association, \$5.00; Sunday school offerings, \$35.85; total, \$53.35.

Bethel—Dropped, 2; total members, 10; unions, \$16.00; association, \$5.00; Sunday School offerings, \$62.31; Building repairs and upkeep, \$150.00; miscellaneous, \$29.00.

Thomasboro—Male members, 9; female members, 15; total members, 24; paid pastor, \$227.97; visiting preachers, \$140.84; charity donations, \$33.67; Children's Home, \$11.00; unions, \$9.00; association, \$3.00; Sunday school offerings, \$273.73; church offerings, \$25.32; building repairs and upkeep, \$121.00; miscellaneous, \$190.80; total, \$1,036.33.

Mission Valley—Total members, 58; paid pastor, \$105.45; Children's Home, \$5.00; total paid out for all purposes, \$368.03.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed six 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 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 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 Baptists 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 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, there was a motion by Bro. D. J. Walton that each church use their choice as to the number of delegates they send to the Association.

Respectfully submitted by your committee, A. L. Duncan, R. C. Rhodes and Grover McPherson.

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CLERK'S NOTE

At the close of this session of the Pee Dee Association that has been being held annually since being organized by our forefathers 92 years ago, I am glad to have had 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 am 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.

As we read and hear the news of today, of the hate that is occurring between people, nations and races, we often wonder if our nation's leaders have the faith in love which is referred to in the commandments, that we should love our God with our whole heart, and that we should love our neighbor as ourselves, and of how enough of this could mean peace.

Let us thank our 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.

Brethren, may I ask an interest in your prayers?

E. D. McPherson, Clerk

