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CHURCH CLERK'S AND PASTOR'S NAMES AS STOOD IN 1963

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

J. W. Brown, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. Bruce Goodwin, Bladenboro, N. C. Pastor

White Oak Church, Bladen County, N. C.

Mrs. R. L. Gaaney, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. Bruce Goodwin, 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, Route 3, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Pleasant Meadow Church, Columbus County, N. C.

C. A. Hardie, Route 1, Box 385, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. Jarome Jennerette, Route 1, Box 259, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. Pastor

Pine Level Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Mary Benton, Route 1, Box 46, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Pastor

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

Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. J. B. Hardie, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Pastor

Emerson Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Ruth Norris, Route 2, Box 22, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

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

Mrs. Maggie Fowler, Route 1, Box 269, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Pastor

Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C.

E. Hayes Pait, Route 1, 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.

Roy Ward, Route 4, Box 202, Whiteville, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. Lonnie Brown, Conway, S. C. Pastor

Little Bethel Church, Horrey County, S. C.

Wade Hodges, 119 Floyd Street, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. J. B. Hardie, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. Pastor

Cedar Branch Church, Columbus County, N. C.

Mrs. Letha Williamson, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

Bethel Church, Robeson County, N. C.

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

Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, N. C.
 Grant Core, Route 1, Shallotte, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C. Pastor

Mission Valley Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Box 147-A, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.
 Rev. J. H. Galloway, Route 1, Box 371, Lumberton, N. C.
 Rev. McLeod Strickland, Route 3, Box 20-A, Conway, S. C.
 Rev. Coy Housand, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. B. J. Ward, Route 1, Myrtle Beach, S. C.
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.
 Rev. J. B. Hardie, 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 Jennerette, Route 1, Box 259, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Route 3, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. William Jackie Godwin, 1014 W. Burton Street, High Point, N. C.
 Rev. Harvey Cribb, Route 1, Box 94, Tabor City, N. C.

Proceedings

The ninety-fourth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Mt. Beulah Church in Horrey County, South Carolina, on Friday morning, October 18, 1963.

Service was opened with the congregation singing Number 89, "I Would Not Be Denied." Prayer was offered by Bro. David Hester. The introductory sermon was taken from reading the first ten verses of the fifteenth chapter of John, by Rev. A. L. Duncan. Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. B. Hardie. Welcome address was given by Bro. Harvey Cribb; response was given by Bro. Hayes Pait.

The house was then announced in order for business; inviting visitors to seat with us, by the moderator. Visitors that were then recognized were Rev. Bruce Barrow, manager of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina; also Bro. E. D. Miles, a representative of Mount Olive College.

The various committees were then appointed by the moderator as follows:

Devotional—Bro. Simon Ward, Bro. D. C. Nealy, and Bro. Ralph Strickland.

Periodical—Bro. Matha Ward, Bro. Roland Faircloth, and Bro. Dewey Nealy.

Sunday School—Bro. James Nobles, Bro. Homer Mercer, and Bro. Oscar Sarvis.

Finance—Bro. Willie Bowen, Bro. Lee Duncan, and Bro. C. A. Hardie.

Obituary—Mrs. James Duncan, Mrs. Alice Brown, and Mrs. Nettie Mae Sarvis.

Resolution—Bro. David Hester, Bro. D. J. Walton, and Bro. Walter Johnson.

Educational—Bro. I. G. Ward, Bro. David Pait, and Bro. Levi Ward.

Ministerial—Bro. Nelson Pait, Bro. Mayo Brown, and Bro. W. L. McPerson.

The Home Missions Committee is a standing committee composed of Bro. Howard McPherson, Bro. Sam Ward, and Bro. J. W. Byrd.

The Investigation Committee is a standing committee composed of Bro. Hayes Pait, Bro. Wade Hodges, and Bro. Willie Bowen.

A report of the superannuation board was read as follows:

Greetings: We are glad for the privilege to make this report to the Pee Dee Association for the year 1962-63. We now have 12 ministers who receive regular pension checks each month. We have 20 minister's widows who receive regular quarterly pension checks. Of this number two are from your association. Contributions made by your association were \$13.56. The budget for 1963-64 is \$20,000.00, based on 75 cents per member of the churches of this state. October is superannuation month. Please send all superannuation funds to Walter Reynolds, Route 5, Dunn, 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.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Reynolds

The minutes of the business transactions of the last association were read to the body and received in its present form by motion of Bro. Simon Ward.

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

Rev. J. B. Hardie gave an excuse for Rev. Dan Ward. There was a motion by Bro. Sam Ward that Bro. Dan Ward's excuse be granted.

Rev. Bruce Barrow give a talk on the work and management of the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, and informed us that practically all of our much needed literature and supplies were now available for all our churches and Sunday schools.

Bro. E. D. Miles give us some interesting information concerning Mount Olive College.

Ministers' roll was called with following present: Revs. A. L. Duncan, McLeod Strickland, Coy Housand, J. W. Byrd, J. B. Hardie, I. G. Ward, Jarome Jenncrette, and L. J. Ward.

Absentees: Revs. B. J. Ward and Robert Sellers.

Excused: Revs. Dan Ward and J. H. Galloway.

Bro. Simon Ward, chairman of the devotional committee, at this time reported that they recommend Bro. William Jackie Godwin preach today, and they would finish their report tomorrow.

The body was dismissed for 15 minutes.

Reassembled with the congregation singing Number 17, "Standing On the Promises." Prayer was offered by Bro. Nelson Pait. The moderator then turned the service over to Bro. William Jackie Godwin, one of our licentiate ministers. After reading a portion of the thirteenth chapter of Philippians and a portion of the second chapter of Galatians, Bro. D. J. Walton lead us in prayer. Bro. Godwin then brought us a message of inspiration. The body was then dismissed by Rev. Bruce Barrow until 1:15 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Reassembled with the congregation singing Number 13, "Take the Name of Jesus with You." Prayer was offered by Bro. Simon Ward. The house was then announced in order by the moderator. Church reports were called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Mayo Brown, Mrs. Alice Brown, Mrs. Geraldine Brown, and Mrs. Shirley Brown. Rev. Bruce Goodwin, pastor. Funds, \$15.

White Oak—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Mrs.

Cornelia Gainey, Bro. Nelson Pait, Bro. David Hester, Bro. David J. Pait, and Bro. Willie Bowen. Rev. Bruce Goodwin, pastor. Funds, \$30.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Lee Duncan, Bro. Homer Mercer, Bro. Donald Mercer, Bro. Dewey Nealy, and Bro. Carson McPerson. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor. Funds, \$28.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and the following delegate: Bro. C. A. Harris. Rev. Jarome Jennerette, pastor. Funds, \$10.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Matha Ward, Mrs. Annie Ward, Mrs. Maybelle Williams, Mrs. Alma Davis, and Mrs. Janie Duncan. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor. Funds, \$20.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Oscar Sarvis and Mrs. Nettie Mae Sarvis. Rev. J. B. Hardie, pastor. Funds, \$10.

Emerson—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. James Nobles, Bro. Fred Spivey, Bro. Lacey Nealy, Bro. D. C. Nealy, Bro. Troy McPerson, and Bro. Roland Faircloth. Rev. L. J. Ward, pastor. Funds, \$15.

Mt. Beulah—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Mrs. Emeline Rhodes, Mrs. Thelma Fowler, and Mrs. Maggie Fowler. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor. Funds, \$6.10.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. W. L. Pait, Bro. Dock Hester, Mrs. Hayes Pait, and Mrs. Mortie Russ. Rev. J. B. Hardie, pastor. Funds, \$10.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Sam Ward, Bro. Wade Long, and Mrs. Mary Ward. Rev. Lonnie Brown, pastor. Funds, \$10.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Ralph Strickland and Bro. Walter Johnson. Rev. J. B. Hardie, pastor. Funds, \$10.50.

Cedar Branch—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Simon Ward, Bro. G. W. Jacobs, and Mrs. Letha Williamson. Rev. L. J. Ward, pastor. Funds, \$5.

Bethel—Reported by letter. Rev. J. H. Galloway, pastor. Funds, \$5.

Thomasboro—Reported by letter and the following delegates: Bro. Larry Ward and Mrs. Ester Smith. Rev. J. W. Byrd, pastor. Funds, \$5.

Mission Valley—No report.

Old business was called for. There was none reported.

New business was then called for. There was an invitation from Bro. E. D. Miles from Mount Olive College, then turned into a motion by Rev. Bruce Barrow, that each church in the Pee Dee Association appoint a committee from its church to visit and inspect Mount Olive College and the Free Will Baptist Press.

Bro. Howard McPherson from Beaver Dam Church was appointed chairman of this delegation that is to report its findings to the next session of the association. The date set for this visit was November 7, 1963. Other church appointments were made as follows: Mt. Calvary, Bro. Mayo Brown; White

Oak, Bro. Willie Bowen; Pleasant Meadow, Bro. C. A. Hardie; Pine Level, Rev. A. L. Duncan; Mt. Olive, Mrs. Nettie Mae Sarvis; Emerson, Mrs. Ruth Norris; Mt. Beulah, Rev. Harvey Cribb; Oak Grove, Bro. Hayes Pait; Cypress Creek, Bro. Sam Ward; Little Bethel, Bro. Ralph Strickland; Cedar Branch, Bro. Simon Ward; and Thomasboro, Bro. Larry Ward.

There was a motion by Bro. David Hester that we give the good people of Mt. Beulah Church a standing vote of thanks for a wonderful dinner, also their kindness and hospitality they have shown us throughout the day.

There was an offering taken for the Children's Home in the amount of \$18.

There was a motion by Bro. David Hester that we adjourn until our meeting time with Little Bethel Church on Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The remaining part of the ninety-fourth annual session of the Pee Dee Association met with Little Bethel Church in Horrey County, South Carolina, on Saturday morning, October 19, 1963.

The service was opened with the congregation singing Number 77, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" At this time Bro. W. L. McPherson asked each one to pray with him in answer to a very special request for prayer. He also presented himself on the altar and asked that he be anointed in behalf of Gary McPherson, a young man of his community, that had been in the James Walker Memorial Hospital for two weeks and was still unconscious from injuries received in car wreck. Several more requests were then given. Prayer was made for these requests. The congregation then stood and sang, "Have Thine Own Way Lord." Prayer was then offered by Rev. J. B. Hardie. Rev. A. L. Duncan brought an introductory message taken from the reading of a portion of two chapters of the Book of John. The welcome address was given by Bro. Wade Hodges; response given by Bro. Howard McPherson.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business. Rev. Cary Cheshire from the Central Conference was recognized as a visitor.

A report from Bethel Church in Robeson County, North Carolina, that was received by mail, was read to the body. Along with this report was a letter from the church clerk, stating that their pastor, Rev. J. H. Galloway, was sick; also due to a death in the family their delegates would not be able to attend this session of the association.

There was a motion by Bro. Leamon Murray that we excuse Rev. J. H. Galloway and Bethel Church for their absence from this session of the association.

The rest of the devotional committee's report was read as follows: We, your committee, recommend that Rev. Cary Cheshire preach for us today.

Respectfully submitted,

Simon Ward

Ralph Strickland

Received by motion of Bro. Sam Ward, and committee dismissed.

At this time the ordaining council was excused for deliberation of its business, and a 15-minute recess given.

The service was reopened by singing Number 214, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer was offered by Rev. J. W. Byrd. As was appointed by committee, Rev. Cary Cheshire then brought the morning message of inspiration taken from reading 12 verses of the third chapter of Corinthians.

Bro. William Jackie Godwin and Bro. Harvey Cribb, licentiates since the last session of the association, then went through the ordination service, with the laying on of hands and praying in the five members of the ordaining council board. Then each of them was presented a holy Bible by the Rev. A. L. Duncan, chairman of the board. Each of them was presented a Free Will Baptists Discipline with prayers and best wishes to read and cherish along their way to winning lost souls to Christ by Bro. D. J. Walton. While the congregation stood and sang "Bring Them In," Rev. William Jackie Godwin and Rev. Harvey Cribb were given the right hand of fellowship, making them welcome to our Pee Dee Association as ordained ministers.

The body was then dismissed until 1:15 p. m. by Bro. Hayes Pait.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The body reassembled singing Number 202, "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer by Rev. Harvey Cribb. The house was then announced in order by the moderator and committee reports were called for and read as follows:

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that all our churches use our Free Will Baptist literature that is printed in Ayden, North Carolina, and that we read the Free Will Baptist paper, in order that we might 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,

Roland Faircloth

A. D. Nealy

Received by motion of Bro. Wade Hodges and committee dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Respectfully submitted,

Homer Mercer

James Nobles

Oscar Sarvis

Received by motion of Bro. W. L. McPherson and committee dismissed.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find in the treasury the following: Old funds, none; new funds, \$174.50; total in treasury, \$174.50.

Respectfully submitted,

Willie Bowen

Lee Duncan

C. A. Hardie

Received by motion of Bro. W. L. McPherson 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 earthly life to their eternal reward ten of our members since our last association. May we bow in humble submission to Him that doeth all things well. We recommend a moment of silent prayer in their remembrance.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Alice Brown

Mrs. James Duncan

Mrs. Nettie Mae Sarvis

Received by motion of Bro. David Pait and committee dismissed.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we use the same as last year that reads as follows: That we reaffirm our endorsement of Mount Olive College, and if your high school students plan to go away for higher education that we use our influence for them to attend Mount Olive College. We endorse the loyalty fund campaign currently being conducted. We also recommend that we use preachers from the Free Will Baptist denomination in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hester

D. J. Walton

Walter Johnson

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

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that all our churches support our educational institutions as liberal as possible; and that we encourage our high school students to attend Mount Olive College.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Ward

David Pait

I. G. Ward

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

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have not had time to complete our report at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Nelson Pait

Mayo Brown

W. L. McPherson

There was a motion by Bro. D. J. Walton that the ministerial committee make its report to the next session of the association.

HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have in the treasury: Old funds, \$10.68; new funds, \$32.90; total in treasury, \$43.58.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson

Sam Ward

J. W. Byrd

INVESTIGATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we are very thankful that we have not had anything to investigate throughout the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Hayes Pait

Wade Hodges

Willie Bowen

Received by motion of Bro. Howard McPherson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Fund as of Today	\$ 10.83
Received in New Fund	151.00
Total to Account For	\$161.83

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 32.17
Clerk	20.00
Treasurer	7.00
500 Minutes (1962)	105.49
Total Disbursed	\$164.66
This leaves no money in the treasury.	

Respectfully submitted,

E. Hayes Pait, *Treasurer*

This report received by motion of Bro. Lee Ward.

Rev. J. B. Hardie stated to the body that his ordination certificate was issued to him eight years ago today, and that two of the ordaining council

members that signed it were now deceased. He stated he had carried it with him until it was pretty well worn, and asked permission that the association body issue him a new certificate and use the same names of the ordaining council members that signed his worn out certificate that was still in his possession, in order that he might put it in a frame.

There was a motion by Bro. Howard McPherson that we grant Bro. Hardie his request of issuing him a new ordination certificate and filling in the names of some council members that signed his old one.

There was a motion by Bro. Hayes Pait to have 400 minutes printed.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that we retain our same officers for the next two years.

Bro. Sam Ward petitioned for the next session of the association to convene with Cypress Creek Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1964.

Bro. Larry Ward petitioned for the next session of the association to convene with Thomasboro Church in Brunswick County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1964.

There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan to pay the clerk and treasurer as usual.

There was a motion by Bro. Mayo Brown that we adjourn. The body then stood and sang "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

The body was dismissed by Rev. Cary Cheshire.

Rev. J. B. Hardie, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

Statistical Table

Mt. Calvary—State of religion, good; members died, 1; total membership, 30; condition of prayer meeting, poor; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 80; number of officers, 3; number of teachers, 6; paid pastor, \$700; paid evangelist, \$200; building and repairs, \$2,300; association funds, \$15.

White Oak—Male members, 59; female members, 88; received on confession, 7; received by letter, 3; baptized, 7; dismissed by letter, 5; died, 3; total members, 147; paid pastor, \$1,560; visiting preachers, \$130; charity donations, \$10; Children's Home, \$97.18; foreign missions, \$66.77; unions, \$75; association, \$30; Sunday school offerings, \$5,451.45; church offerings, \$381.74; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$676.31; total receipts, \$6,527.29; total disbursements, \$6,157.14; balance in treasury, \$370.15.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 141; female members, 294; received on confession, 28; joined other churches, 3; restored, 1; baptized, 30; dropped, 18; died, 2; total members, 435; paid pastor, \$1,734.82; visiting preachers, \$349.09; charity donations, \$1,876.27; children's home, \$150; unions, \$79.85; association, \$28; Sunday school offerings, \$2,179.25; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$5,762.93; miscellaneous, \$1,308.15; total, \$11,181.26.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 6; female members, 11; died, 1; total members, 17; paid pastor, \$53.45; visiting preachers, \$117.76; unions, \$14.50; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$56.86; church offerings, \$15.15; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$23.90; miscellaneous, \$10.07; total, \$291.69.

Pine Level—Male members, 5; female members, 19; received on confession, 1; baptized, 1; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 24; paid pastor, \$229.90; visiting preachers, \$145.35; charity donations, \$39.08; Children's Home, \$40.96; unions, \$32.85; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$505.71; church offerings, \$776.34; building, repairs and upkeep, \$105.10; total, \$1,282.05.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 13; female members, 31; total members, 44; paid pastor, \$417.64; visiting preachers, \$105.38; charity donations, \$30.06; unions, \$24; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$390.30; church offerings, \$572; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$382.58; total, \$1,931.96.

Emerson—Male members, 24; female members, 50; received on confession, 23; baptized, 19; total members, 74; paid pastor, \$300.82; visiting preachers, \$53.52; charity donations, \$210.54; Children's Home, \$10; unions, \$57; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$872.36; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$717.19; total, \$2,236.43.

Mt. Beulah—Male members, 7; female members, 10; dismissed by letter, 2; total members, 17; paid pastor, \$53.32; visiting preachers, \$18.50; unions, \$19.60; association, \$6.10; Sunday school offerings, \$3.40; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$149.32; total, \$221.14.

Oak Grove—Male members, 46; female members, 85; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 1; baptized, 6; dropped, 2; died, 2; total members, 131; paid pastor, \$1,085.29; visiting preachers, \$185.57; charity donations, \$179.89; Children's Home, \$128.35; Christian education, \$35.50; superannuation, \$13.56; unions, \$50; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$6,293.01; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$3,710.14; miscellaneous, \$859.61; total, \$6,293.01.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 25; female members, 33; received by letter, 2; baptized, 5; dropped 3; total members, 58; paid pastor, \$450; charity donations, \$97; Children's Home, \$10.30; Christian education, \$30; unions, \$18; association, \$10; church offerings, \$1,185.20; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$106.85; miscellaneous, \$20.93; total, \$1,928.28.

Little Bethel—Male members, 18; female members, 31; baptized, 2; dropped, 4; total members, 49; paid pastor, \$480.19; visiting preachers, \$50; unions, \$21.37; association, \$10.50; Sunday school offerings, \$830.99; church offerings, \$898.71; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$229.55; paid out by Sunday school, \$658.27; total spent, \$1,444.38; balance in church treasury, \$112.00; balance in Sunday school treasury, \$172.72.

Cedar Branch—Male members, 7; female members, 13; dismissed by letter, 1; total members, 20; paid pastor, \$45; visiting preachers, \$6; unions, \$20; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$75; church offerings, \$12; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$126; total, \$283.

Bethel—Male members, 3; female members, 3; total members, 6; unions, \$12; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$16.97; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$20.40; miscellaneous, \$9.17.

Thomasboro—Male members, 8; female members, 11; received on confession, 3; baptized, 2; dropped, 4; total members, 19; paid pastor, \$270.03; visiting preachers, \$86.04; charity donations, \$249.16; Children's Home, \$75; unions, \$11.38; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$304.08; church offerings, \$371.42; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$46.03; miscellaneous, \$95.68; total, \$1,502.44.

Mission Valley—No report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed seven 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 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 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 Oak Grove church in October, 1951, a resolution committee recommended that we use our resolutions that we are using at the 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, 1962, 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 in the association record book and then burn his 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. 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 Brother D. J. Walton that each church use their choice as to the number of delegates they send to the association.

Respectfully submitted,

A. L. Duncan

R. C. Rhodes

Grover McPherson

OFFICERS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES

Rev. J. B. Hardie, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C., Moderator
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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 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 general spread of the gospel.



