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# CHURCH CLERK'S AND PASTOR'S NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS STOOD IN 1969

## MT. CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Willard Brown, Route 2, Box 79, Clarkton, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C. .... Pastor

## WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

Hilda Hester, P. O. Box, Bladenboro, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
No pastor listed.

## BEAVER DAM CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Cleveland Hughes, Route 1, Chadbourn, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. J. A. Hucks, Route 3, Conway, S. C. .... Pastor

## PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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

## PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Esther Ward, Route 1, Box 66, Nakina, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. Harvey Cribb, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C. .... Pastor

## MT. OLIVE CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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

## EMERSON CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Box 213-A, Hallsboro, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. Robert Sellers, Tabor City, N. C. .... Pastor

## OAK GROVE CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 82, Bladenboro, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. .... Pastor

## CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

F. J. Lee, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. .... Pastor

## LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Clarendon, N. C. .... Pastor

## MISSION VALLEY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Box 147-A, Clarendon, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. .... Pastor

## THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, N. C. .... Church Clerk  
Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C. .... Pastor

## LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.  
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C.  
 Rev. L. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.  
 Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, S. C.  
 Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C.  
 Rev. L. J. Ward, Tabor City, N. C.  
 Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.  
 Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Clarendon, N. C.  
 Rev. Harvey Cribb, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C.  
 Rev. Jasper Pernell, Bladenboro, N. C.

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. James Nobles, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.  
 Rev. Lawrence G. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.

## PROCEEDINGS

The one-hundredth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday morning, October 18, 1969.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace," followed with prayer by Rev. Harvey Cribb. The introductory sermon was delivered by Rev. William Jackie Godwin, taking his text from the 100th Psalm.

In the moderator's address by Rev. James B. Hardee, he asked the question, "How many of you have given a thought that today is the birthday of our Pee Dee Association that started 100 years ago?" He also asked for the cooperation of the congregation throughout this session so that it may be carried out in an orderly manner.

The welcome address was given by Bro. Leamon Murray; with Bro. Paxton Price giving the response.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business, inviting visiting brothers and sisters to sit with us. He then appointed the various committees as follows:

DEVOTIONAL—Sisters Shirley Brown, Nettie Mae Sarvis, and Shirley Byrd.

PERIODICAL—BROS. C. M. Cartrette, James Nobles, and Prince McKeithan.

EDUCATIONAL—BROS. Lacy Nealy, Willie Jones, and Arthur Sykes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL—BROS. Albert McKeithan, Shelton Sarvis, and P. C. Lanier.

MINISTERIAL—BROS. Troy McPherson, Paxton Pait, and Leo McPherson.

OBITUARY—Sisters Emily Bullard, Minnie Pait, and Tressie Stephens.

RESOLUTIONS—BROS. Eldred Davis, David Pait, and Grant Gore.

FINANCE—BROS. Carson McPherson, Jerry Hodges, and Archie Smith.

The Investigation Committee is a standing committee consisting of Bros. Jake Godwin, Homer Mercer, and Thomas Rhodes.

The Home Mission Committee is a standing committee consisting of Bros. E. Hayes Pait, C. A. Hardee, and Larry Ward.

Due to the absence of Bro. Jake Godwin, Bro. Van Rodgers was appointed to serve on the Investigation Committee for this session of the association.

The ministers' roll was called with the following present: Revs. A. L. Duncan, J. W. Byrd, I. G. Ward, James B. Hardee, Robert Sellers, William Jackie Godwin, and Harvey Cribb. Ministers excused were Revs. Jarome Jenerette and Jasper Pernell. Rev. L. J. Ward was absent. Licensed ministers present were Bros. James Nobles and L. G. Hewett.

The Devotional Committee was excused at this time for its deliberation of business.

The business part of the minutes of the last association was read and received as information by a motion of Bro. Howard McPherson.

Church reports were called for and read as follows:

**MT. CALVARY**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Mayo Brown, Shafter Brown, Vance Pait, Sisters Linda Ransom, Shirley Brown, Hilda Duncan, and Emily Bullard. Rev. J. W. Byrd, pastor. Funds \$15.

**WHITE OAK**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Arthur Sykes, David Pait, and Sister Hattie Bright. No pastor listed. Funds \$25.

**BEAVER DAM**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Leo McPherson, Carson McPherson, Homer Mercer, C. M. Cartrette, and Voll Cartrette. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor. Funds \$26.50.

**PLEASANT MEADOW**—Reported by letter and delegate as follows: Bro. C. A. Hardee. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor. Funds \$10.

**PINE LEVEL**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Jesse Cribb, Matha Ward, and Sister Louise Cribb. Rev. Harvey Cribb, pastor. Funds \$5.

**MT. OLIVE**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sisters Nettie Mae Sarvis and Tressie Stephens. Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor. Funds \$10.

**EMERSON**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Lacy Nealy, Dallas Byrd, Arthur Cribb, Troy McPherson, and P. C. Lanier. Rev. Robert Sellers, pastor. Funds \$15.

**OAK GROVE**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Paxton Price, Eldred Davis, Sisters, Minnie Pait, Stella Pait, Nancy Hardee, Lucille Bryan, and Elizabeth Ann Edwards. Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor. Funds \$15.

**CYPRESS CREEK**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Willie Jones, Van Rodgers, and Prince McKeithan. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor. Funds \$10.

**LITTLE BETHEL**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Jerry Hodges, Bill Sarvis, and Carlye Strickland. Rev. W. J. Godwin, pastor. Funds \$15.

**MISSION VALLEY**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Thomas McDaniels, Archie Smith, and P. A. Smith. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor. Funds \$5.

**THOMASBORO**—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Bros. Joe Smith and Grant Gore. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor. Funds \$5.

**MT. BEULAH**—No report.

**CEDAR BRANCH**—No report.

Visitors that were recognized at this time were: Rev. Harold Jones, representing the State Mission Board; Rev. R. H. Jackson, from the Western Conference; Rev. Edward Miles, superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina; and Rev. Austin Carter, representing Mount Olive College.

The report of the Devotional Committee was handed to the clerk which

he read as follows: We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that Bro. James Nobles preach today; and if the church desires someone to preach tomorrow, they may select someone.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Brown

Nettie Mae Sarvis

Shirley Byrd

This report was received by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan and the committee dismissed.

Rev. Harold Jones, a missionary to the Philippine Islands, brought greetings and made some interesting remarks concerning the State Mission Board.

Rev. Edward Miles brought greetings from the Children's Home and gave some remarks concerning the Home. He invited everyone who will to visit the Home.

Rev. Austin Carter commented on Mount Olive College. He stated that the college now has 328 students enrolled.

While the congregation stood and sang, "Are You Washed in the Blood?" an offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$63. A prayer of thanks was made for the offering by Bro. Miles.

As was appointed by the Devotional Committee, Rev. James Nobles brought an inspiring message taking his text from the eighth chapter of Romans.

The body was dismissed for lunch by Bro. Howard McPherson.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The body reconvened for the afternoon session with the congregation singing "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." The devotional was conducted by Rev. Harvey Cribb. This was followed with prayer by Bro. Carson McPherson.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business. He then called for the reports of the various committees.

#### PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that all our churches and Sunday schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, and that we read and compare this literature with our Bible so we will be better informed of our denominational work. We also recommend that our churches adopt weekly prayer services and that we use Christian teachers of our own denomination so that our churches might grow stronger in Christ and His work.

Respectfully submitted,

C. M. Cartrette

Prince McKeithan

James Nobles

This report was received by motion of Rev. W. J. Godwin and the committee dismissed.

### EDUCATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that all our churches support our educational institutions, and that we encourage our high school students to attend our Free Will Baptist colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

Arthur Sykes

Willie Jones

Lacy Nealy

This report was received by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan and the committee dismissed.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL

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

Respectfully submitted,

Prince McKeithan

P. C. Lanier

Shelton Sarvis

This report was received by motion of Bro. Arthur Sykes and the committee dismissed.

### RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend the use of literature that is printed by the Free Will Baptist Press; that we encourage the importance of our children furthering their education and recommend that they attend Mount Olive College; that our denomination continue to pray for and help to support the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, and also support the Foreign Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Grant Gore

Eldred Davis

David Pait

This report was received by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan and the committee dismissed.

### OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that God in His divine providence has seen fit to call from this earthly life to their eternal reward fifteen of our members since our last association. We recommend that

we stand for a moment of silent prayer in their remembrance and bow our heads in humble submission to Him, our heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Bullard

Minnie Pait

Tressie Stephens

This report was received by motion of Bro. Jerry Hodges and the committee dismissed.

By request of Rev. A. L. Duncan, Revs. Coy Housand and B. J. Ward were also remembered in this moment of silent prayer. While the congregation stood, a moment of silent prayer was conducted in remembrance of our loved ones who had passed away.

### MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that as far as we know all our ministers are in good standing except the delinquency of Rev. L. J. Ward. We recommend that the Investigation Committee find out the reason for his being absent from the association for the past two years.

Respectfully submitted,

Troy McPherson

Paxton Price

Leo McPherson

This report was received by motion of Bro. Willie Jones and the committee dismissed.

### FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find the following in the treasury:

|                   |                |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Old Funds         | \$ 14.49       |
| New Funds         | 185.28         |
| Total in Treasury | <hr/> \$199.77 |

Respectfully submitted,

Carson McPherson

Jerry Hodges

Archie Smith

This report was received by motion of Bro. Matha Ward and the committee dismissed.

### HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following:

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| Old Funds | \$192.84 |
| Interest  | 5.86     |

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|----------------------------------------------|----------|
| New Funds (October 1968)                     | 33.20    |
| New Funds (October 1969)                     | 30.00    |
| Total to Account For                         | \$261.90 |
| Paid to Rev. A. L. Duncan for Bro. Tobe Ward | 40.00    |
| Balance in Home Missions Treasury            | \$221.90 |

Respectfully submitted,

E. Hayes Pait

Larry Ward

C. A. Hardee

This report was received by motion of Rev. A. L. Duncan.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

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|----------------------|----------|
| Old Funds            | \$ 14.49 |
| New Funds            | 166.00   |
| Total to Account For | \$180.49 |

#### PAID OUT

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|---------------|----------|
| Home Missions | \$ 33.20 |
| Clerk         | 20.00    |
| Treasurer     | 7.00     |
| Minutes       | 115.36   |

Total Paid Out 175.56

Balance in Treasury \$ 4.93

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, TREASURER

This report was received by motion of Bro. Carson McPherson.

### INVESTIGATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have investigated the loss of \$20 which was supposed to have been delivered to Bro. Tobe Ward and found no error in this matter. Rev. Coy Housand passed away before we had a chance to contact him regarding his delinquency in attending the association.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer Mercer

Van Rodgers

### ORDAINING COUNCIL'S REPORT

On June 12, 1969, a letter was received from the Emerson Free Will Baptist Church recommending Bro. James Nobles to the Ordaining Council to be licensed to preach. The council met at the Emerson Church and

examined Bro. Nobles concerning his faith in the Free Will Baptist denomination. We found him to be steadfast in the faith and requested the church to grant him license on a twelve-month trial. The council recommended Bro. Nobles to give one service out of each month to the Emerson Church and to visit as many churches of the conference as possible. The council members present were: Revs. A. L. Duncan, W. J. Godwin, Robert Sellers, J. W. Byrd, and Bro. Mayo Brown.

On July 13, 1969, after receiving a letter from the Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church, the Ordaining Council met at the Thomasboro Church on said date and examined Bro. Lawrence G. Hewett for license to preach. Prayer was offered and the council members adjourned with Bro. Hewett to an adjoining Sunday school room for the examination. Rev. A. L. Duncan opened the questioning by asking Bro. Hewett to tell the council about his calling to the ministry, to which he gave an answer. Bro. Hewett's answers to all the questions asked by the council met the approval of the members and they recommended Bro. Hewett to the church for license to preach for twelve months. On July 13, 1970, he is to appear before the council for ordination purposes. Council members present were: Revs. A. L. Duncan, Robert Sellers, I. G. Ward, W. J. Godwin, and Bro. Mayo Brown.

On July 27, 1969, the Ordaining Council met at Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of examining Bro. Jasper Pernell for ordination to preach the gospel. After finding him orthodox and sound in faith, the council administered to ordination. Council members present were: Revs. A. L. Duncan, Robert Sellers, I. G. Ward, and J. W. Byrd.

This report was received by motion of Bro. Paxton Price.

Under old business the clerk read a letter to the body that was received by Rev. James B. Hardee as follows: "To the Pee Dee Association's Executive Committee: We, the members of Pine Level Church, are sending this petition letter asking for the deed to our church and property to be made to the Pine Level Church and its trustees. Our reason for this request is that we want to build a new church as we have the promise of some more land adjoining this property, and if we can get this deed, our members promise to cooperate more. We want to belong to the Pee Dee Association, but we want to own our own property.

"This done by order of the conference on Saturday night before the third Sunday in March, 1969."

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Esther Ward, CHURCH CLERK  
Rev. Harvey Cribb, MODERATOR

The clerk then read a report of the action taken by the Executive Committee as follows: "We, your Pee Dee Association Executive Committee, met in the home of Rev. James B. Hardee on Friday night, July 11, 1969, for the purpose of discussing the above mentioned letter received from the Pine Level Church. We voted to give the association's custodians the

authority to sign the deed back to the Pine Level Church providing the church has at least three trustworthy trustees. It is also to be the understanding of the committee that according to their report the new church will be built back on the same land."

Signed,

Rev. J. B. Hardee

Rev. J. W. Byrd

E. D. McPherson

Howard McPherson

E. Hayes Pait

A copy of this committee's report was mailed to Mrs. Esther Ward, clerk of Pine Level Church, July 14, 1969.

This report was received by motion of Bro. C. M. Cartrette.

At this time Bro. E. D. McPherson presented to the body the deeds of churches and church properties held by the Pee Dee Association which were in the care of one of our custodians, Bro. Luther McPherson, until the time of his death. Bro. Luther's wife requested that the deeds be placed in the proper hands by this association body.

There was then a suggestion that we appoint someone to fill the vacancy left by the passing of Bro. Luther on the Custodian Committee. There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that Bro. Carson McPherson be appointed to fill this vacancy. There were no other nominations, therefore the motion was carried. Brother E. D. McPherson then handed the deeds to Bro. Carson McPherson.

Under new business a report was given that Cedar Branch Church had been abandon, part of the windows broken out, and there had been no services of any kind there for sometime. As far as being a church, Cedar Branch had gone out of existence. Bro. Archie Smith had mentioned being interested in buying the church building, but was not interested in buying the land. After a lengthy discussion, there was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that if Bro. Smith wanted to buy the building, and as we do not have any use for the land if we sell the building, it might be that someone would be interested in the land. Also that Bro. Smith meet with the Custodian Committee, and this committee do a little further investigating, as we feel they will work to the best interest of our association to the best of their ability; and if they can sell the building separate from the land for more money, that they do so. This motion was carried.

Since today being the time to elect our association officers, there was a motion by Bro. Willie Jones that we retain our same officers as they are for the next two years. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. A. L. Duncan that we give the people of Beaver Dam Church a standing vote of thanks for their love and friendship they have shown us throughout the day; and especially the ladies that prepared for us such a wonderful dinner that was placed before us and enjoyed by all. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that we pay the clerk and treasurer the same amount as before. The motion was carried.

There was a request by Bro. Arthur Sykes that the next annual session of the association meet with White Oak Church. Bro. Willie Jones made a motion that the next session of the Pee Dee Association convene with White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1970, beginning at 9:15 a. m. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Bro. Hayes Pait that we have 400 minutes printed. The motion was carried.

At this time the congregation stood and sang while the right hand of fellowship was extended to Bro. James Nobles.

There was a motion by Bro. David Pait that the association adjourn. The motion was carried.

The body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Robert Sellers.

Rev. James B. Hardee, MODERATOR

E. D. McPherson, CLERK

#### CLERK'S NOTE

I feel that I should remind each of you who attended this session of the Pee Dee Association of the pleasure and enjoyment I have received by attending this session. My memory seems to be affecting me somewhat, and if some of you find in your motions and reports some differences of your intentions, I am sure I made the mistake. But from the bottom of my heart, I love all of you, and your advice in making this a better minute for our association would be greatly appreciated. May I say again to Bro. Leamon Murray that his assistance will always be appreciated and I am very grateful.

E. D. McPherson, CLERK

#### STATISTICAL TABLE

MT. CALVARY CHURCH—Male members, 15; female members, 33; received on confession, 11; received by letter, 3; baptized, 8; total membership, 59; paid pastor, \$1,050; visiting preachers, \$275; charity donations, \$300; Children's Home, \$50; unions, \$33; association, \$15; church and Sunday school offerings, \$6,515; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$3,150; miscellaneous, \$300.65; total, \$5,173.55. Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, North Carolina, pastor; Williard Brown, Route 2, Box 79, Clarkton, North Carolina, clerk.

WHITE OAK CHURCH—Male members, 29; female members, 48, dismissed by letter, 5; dropped, 2; died, 1; total membership, 77; pastor's salary, none; paid visiting preachers, \$570; charity donations, \$66.23; Children's Home, \$281.84; Cragmont, \$20; mission board, \$86.05; Christian education, \$275.31; superannuation, \$37.18; unions, \$40; association, \$25; church offerings, \$162.32; Sunday school offerings, \$4,363.65; build-

ings, repairs, and upkeep, \$999.71; miscellaneous, \$832.98; total, \$7,760.27. Mrs. Hilda Hester, P. O. Box, Bladenboro, North Carolina, clerk.

**BEAVER DAM CHURCH**—Male members, 219; female members, 375; received on confession, 5; restored, 1; baptized, 27; died, 8; total membership, 594; paid pastor, \$2,823.58; visiting preachers, \$719.97; charity donations, \$1,555.96; Children's Home, \$181.44; mission board, \$227.39; unions, \$76; association, \$26.50; Sunday school offerings, \$21,077.55; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$19,678.59; miscellaneous, \$461.44; total, \$25,750.87. Rev. J. A. Hucks, Route 3, Conway, South Carolina, pastor; Cleveland Hughes, Route 1, Chadbourn, North Carolina, clerk.

**PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH**—Male members, 5; female members, 12; received on confession, 2; baptized, 1; total membership, 17; paid pastor, \$81.44; visiting preachers, \$142.41; unions, \$23; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$529.07; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$862.73; total, \$1,648.65. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, South Carolina, pastor; C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Hallsboro, North Carolina, clerk.

**PINE LEVEL CHURCH**—Male members, 8; female members, 12; dismissed by letter, 1; total membership, 20; paid pastor, \$443.07; visiting preachers, \$163.86; charity donations, \$51.85; Children's Home, \$36.80; unions, \$34; association, \$5; church offerings, \$49.60; Sunday school offerings, \$649.08; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$111.05. Rev. Harvey Cribb, Route 3, Whiteville, North Carolina, pastor; Mrs. Esther Ward, Route 1, Box 66, Nakina, North Carolina, clerk.

**MT. OLIVE CHURCH**—Male members, 26; female members, 52; received on confession, 1; received by letter, 4; baptized, 1; died, 1; total membership, 78; paid pastor, \$1,160; visiting preachers, \$208.88; charity donations, \$126.98; unions, \$24; association, \$10; church offerings, \$224.89; Sunday school offerings, \$486.60; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,012.75; miscellaneous, \$564.55; total, \$3,818.65. Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, pastor; Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, North Carolina, clerk.

**EMERSON CHURCH**—Male members, 17; female members, 64; received on confession, 5; baptized, 5; died, 1; total membership, 81; paid pastor, \$293.43; visiting preachers, \$90.52; visiting singers, \$139.05; Children's Home, \$25; mission board, \$30; unions, \$45; association, \$15; church offerings, \$105.27; Sunday school offerings, \$1,303.57; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,408.84; total, \$2,046.84. Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, North Carolina, pastor; Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Box 213-A, Hallsboro, North Carolina, clerk.

**OAK GROVE CHURCH**—Male members, 60; female members, 81; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 4; baptized, 3; dropped, 2; died, 2; total membership, 141; paid pastor, \$1,300; visiting preachers, \$225; charity donations, \$541.02; Children's Home, \$134.10; mission board, \$169.99; superannuation, \$20.40; unions, \$44; association, \$15; church offerings, \$5,137.60; Sunday school offerings, \$5,513.99; Sunday school literature, 703.57; State Auxiliary Convention, \$10; woman's auxiliary project, \$87;

buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$6,636.11; miscellaneous, \$770; total \$10,651.59. Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, pastor; E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 82, Bladenboro, North Carolina, clerk.

**CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH**—Members marked from the active roll to the inactive roll because of failure to attend church, 19; baptized, 1; died, 1; total membership, 41; paid pastor, \$530; evangelist, \$1.70; mission board, \$25; Children's Home, \$25; association \$10; condition of prayer meeting, fair; condition of Sunday school, good; average number of pupils, 35; officers, 2; teachers, 3. Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, North Carolina, pastor; F. J. Lee, Route 1, Nakina, North Carolina, clerk.

**LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH**—Male members, 10; female members, 23; received on confession, 2; restored, 1; baptized, 2; total membership, 33; paid pastor, \$730.35; visiting preachers, \$66.55; Children's Home, \$23.88; unions, \$40; association, \$15; church offerings, \$1,371.20; Sunday school offerings, \$788.77; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$89; total, \$964.78. Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Clarendon, North Carolina, pastor; Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, North Carolina, clerk.

**MISSION VALLEY CHURCH**—Male members, 15; female members, 23; received on confession, 3; restored, 1; baptized, 2; total membership, 38; paid pastor, \$142.92; visiting preachers, \$13.26; charity donations, \$25.16; unions, \$21; association, \$5; church offerings, \$14; Sunday school offerings, \$81.20; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$90.89; miscellaneous, \$10; total, \$403.43. Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, North Carolina, pastor; Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Box 147-A, Clarendon, North Carolina, clerk.

**THOMASBORO CHURCH**—Male members, 10, female members, 13; received on confession, 1; baptized, 8; died, 1; total membership, 23; paid pastor, \$172.91; visiting preachers, \$466.02; charity donations, \$261.65; Children's Home, \$28.70; mission board, \$197.94; unions, \$20; association, \$5; church offerings, \$983.12; Sunday school offerings, \$434.22; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$84; miscellaneous, \$230.74; total, \$2,884.30. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ocean Drive Beach, South Carolina, pastor; Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, North Carolina, clerk.

### SPECIAL COMMITTEE

The special committee appointed thirteen 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, 1939, 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 or 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 resolutions 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, 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 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.

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,

A. L. Duncan

R. C. Rhodes

Grover McPherson

## Free Will Baptist Church Covenant

Having give ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and public worship and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to give according to our ability for the support of the church and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness,

and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace," to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles and obligations supreme, esteem it our chief business to make Christ known to the world, and constantly pray and toil that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to cooperate in the promotion of denominational institutions and enterprises, the support of the work of the local church, and the evangelization of the world.

May the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### PEE DEE ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

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MODERATOR PRO TEM—Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C.

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Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.

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Rev. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.

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