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OF THE

101th Annual Session

OF THE

PEE DEE ASSOCIATION

OF

Original Free Will Baptists

MET IN SESSION WITH

WHITE OAK CHURCH

BLADEN COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

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Mrs. Warren G. Hester, P. O. Box 396, Bladenboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Frank Brinson, P. O. Box 787, Bladenboro, N. C. Pastor

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.

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Rev. Jerome Jenerette, Ash, N. C. Pastor

PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Geneva Long, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Claude Housand, Route 1, Longs, S. C. Pastor

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Dallas Byrd, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Robert Sellers, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor

OAK GROVE CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

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CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

F. J. Lee, Route 1, Box 20, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, Route 1, Box 370-A, Conway, S. C. Pastor

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. William J. 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, Nakina, N. C. Pastor

THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. 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. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.
Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. 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.
Rev. James Nobles, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
Rev. Lawrence G. Hewett, Shallotte, N. C.
Rev. Frank Brinson, Bladenboro, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The one-hundred-first annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with the White Oak Church, Bladen County, North Carolina, on Saturday morning, October 17, 1970.

The session opened with the congregation singing "At Calvary."

The opening devotional was conducted by Rev. Frank Brinson, taking his text from the fourth chapter of 1 Corinthians; he then led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Frank Brinson, being host pastor, gave the welcome address to the White Oak Church.

The moderator, Rev. James B. Hardee, after making some brief remarks and asking the congregation for their cooperation in carrying out this session of the association in order, announced the house in order for business, inviting visiting brethren and sisters to be seated with us.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional—Sisters Shirley Brown, Alice Davis, and Tressie Stephens.

Periodical—Brothers Robert Adams, John K. Byrd, and Carlyle Strickland.

Educational—Brothers Homer Mercer, F. M. Ward, and Archie Smith.

Sunday School—Brothers Charlston Smith, Willie Jones, and Ernest Bullard.

Ministerial—Brothers D. J. Pait, Arthur McPherson, and Wilton Pait.

Obituary—Sisters Emily Bullard, Doris Penney, and Brother C. A. Hardee.

Resolutions—Brothers Jettie Hester, Azier Cartrette, and P. C. Lanier.

Finance—Brothers Lonzie Godwin, Lacy Nealy, and David Ransom.

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

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

The ministers' roll was called with the following present: Revs. A. L. Duncan, J. W. Byrd, Jarome Jenerette, James B. Hardee, William J. Godwin, James Nobles, and Frank Brinson.

Ministers absent were: Revs. I. G. Ward, L. J. Ward, Robert Sellers, Jasper Pernell, and Lawrence G. Hewett. Rev. Harvey Cribb was excused by a written excuse.

Visiting ministers were recognized as follows: Rev. Ed Miles, superintendent of the Children's Home; and Rev. Joe Ingram, director-treasurer of the State Mission Board.

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

Church reports were called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Jerry Ransom, David Ransom, Ernest Bullard; Sisters Linda Ransom, Emily Bullard, Diane Bullard, and Sue Ransom. Funds \$15.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers David Hester, Jettie Hester, Charlston Smith, David Pait, Robert Adams, and Arthur Sykes. Fund \$25.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Azier Cartrette, John K. Byrd, Arthur McPherson, Homer Mercer, and Lonzie Godwin. Funds \$30.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegate as follows: Brother C. A. Hardee. Fund \$10.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Brig Reaves, F. M. Ward, and Sister Alma Davis. Funds \$7.25.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sisters Tressie Stephens, Doris Penney, and Nettie Mae Sarvis. Funds \$10.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Lacy Nealy, Billy Ray Mercer, P. C. Lanier, Wilbur Ward, Sisters Mary Mercer, Shirley Byrd, and Edna Lanier. Funds \$20.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brother Wilton Pait, Sisters Eldred Davis, and Minnie Pait. Funds \$15.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Willie Jones, Van Rogers, and Tom Rhodes. Funds \$10.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Wade Hodges and Carlyle Strickland. Funds \$15.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Archie Smith, P. A. Smith, Thomas McDaniels, and Sister Letha McDaniels. Funds \$5.

Thomashoro—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Joe Smith, Vance Smith, George Smith, and Grant Gore. Funds \$15.

Mt. Beulah—No report.

The Devotional Committee's report was handed to the clerk and read as follows: We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend Rev. Joe Ingram to bring today's message.

Respectfully submitted,

Shirley Brown

Alice Davis

Tressie Stephens

The Devotional Committee's report was received by motion of Brother Howard McPherson and the committee dismissed.

Rev. Ed Miles gave some very interesting information on the operation and management of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina.

While the congregation stood and sang "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder," Brothers James Nobles and Frank Brinson were given the right hand of fellowship and received into the Pee Dee Association as ordained ministers.

Rev. Joe Ingram then took the stand and brought an inspiring message from the seventeenth chapter of John, beginning with the seventeenth verse.

The congregation was then dismissed for lunch by Rev. A. L. Duncan.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation reassembled with the singing of "Stand Up for Jesus," followed with prayer by Rev. W. J. Godwin.

During a piano solo an offering was taken for the Children's Home in the amount of \$62.28.

The moderator then announced the house in order for business and called for the committee reports as follows:

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend our churches and Sunday schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, North Carolina, and that we also support Mount Olive College. Also that we continue our weekly prayer services in all our churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Adams

John K. Byrd

Carlyle Strickland

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

EDUCATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend we use

every means possible to encourage all our churches to support our educational institutions, and that we encourage our boys and girls to attend our Free Will Baptist colleges.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer Mercer

Archie Smith

F. M. Ward

This report was received by motion of Rev. William J. Godwin 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,

Ernest Bullard

Charlston Smith

Willie Jones

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 high school children furthering their education and recommend that they attend Mount Olive College; that our denomination continue to pray for and help support the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, and also support our mission program.

Respectfully submitted,

Azier Cartrette

P. C. Lanier

Jettie Hester

This report was received by a motion of Brother Howard McPherson 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 twenty 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

Doris Penney

C. A. Hardee

This report was received by a motion of Brother Wade Hodges and the committee dismissed.

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 for the past three years, and Rev. Jasper Pernell for the past two years. We recommend that our Investigation Committee try to find out the reason for their absences.

Respectfully submitted,

David Pait

Arthur McPherson

Wilton Pait

This report was received by motion of Brother Lacy Nealy and the committee dismissed.

INVESTIGATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we have not done any investigating since our last association.

Respectfully submitted,

Homer Mercer

This report was received by motion of Brother Howard McPherson.

FINANCE

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

Old Funds		\$ 3.03
New Funds		182.25
Total in Treasury		\$185.28

Respectfully submitted,

Lonzie Godwin

Lacy Nealy

David Ransom

The report was received by motion of Brother Matha Ward and the committee dismissed.

HOME MISSION'S TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report as follows:

Old Funds		\$191.90
New Funds Received October 18, 1969		30.00
Total to Account For		\$221.90

Paid Out to Brother C. V. Ward October 18, 1969 \$40.00

Balance in Treasury \$181.90

Respectfully submitted,

E. Hayes Pait

C. A. Hardee

This report was received by motion of Rev. J. W. Byrd.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds from October 19, 1968 \$ 14.49

New Funds from October 18, 1969 166.00

Total to Account For \$180.49

Disbursements

Home Missions \$ 33.20

Clerk 20.00

Treasurer 7.00

Minutes 115.36

Total Disbursements 175.56

Balance in Treasury \$ 4.93

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, Treasurer

This report was received by motion of Brother Willie Jones.

Under new business it was discussed that due to the disability of one member of our Custodian Committee, Brother Vance Pait, a motion was made by Brother Mayo Brown that we give Brother Pait a gift of \$40 from the Home Mission's treasury. The motion was carried.

Due to their disability and what their lives had meant to Cedar Branch Church in the past, a motion was made by Brother Willie Jones that we give to the following: Rev. A. L. Duncan, Brothers C. V. Ward, Simon Ward, Willie Jacobs, and Sister Letha Williamson \$50 each from the proceeds received from the sale of Cedar Branch Church. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. J. W. Byrd that we give Brother Archie Smith \$25 to help cover his expense of travel in the assistance of the sale of Cedar Branch Church. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. William J. Godwin that from now on any minister coming into the Pee Dee Association for pastoral work, must first go before the Ordaining Council (whether he joins the association or not), and must present a letter of recommendation from the proper officials of the association he is coming from. Furthermore, if any minister now serving in the Pee Dee Association should leave the association for as much as one year,

then he must come before the Ordaining Council again. The motion was carried.

The moderator, in explaining the special session of the State Convention concerning the Civil Rights Act as it applies to the Children's Home, which is to convene with the First Free Will Baptist Church in Wilson, North Carolina, Monday, November 9, 1970, stated that he felt an urgent need for the delegates of this association to go back to their churches and appoint delegates to attend this called meeting; also, that at least two delegates be appointed to represent the Pee Dee Association.

There was a motion by Brother Robert Adams that Brother Mayo Brown be appointed to represent the association at this meeting. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Brother E. Hayes Pait that Brother E. D. McPherson be appointed to represent the association at this meeting. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we extend our heartfelt thanks to the good ladies of White Oak Church for preparing and placing before us such a wonderful dinner that was enjoyed so very much. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Brother Howard McPherson that we have 400 minutes printed. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we pay the clerk and the treasurer the same amount as before. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. William J. Godwin that we appoint a place for the next association to meet. Rev. Jarome Jenerette asked for the next session to convene with the Thomasboro Church.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that the next session of the Pee Dee Association convene with the Thomasboro Church in Brunswick County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1971, beginning at 9:15 a.m. The motion was carried.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that the association adjourn. The motion was carried.

The body was dismissed with prayer by Rev. J. W. Byrd.

Rev. James B. Hardee, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Mt. Calvary Church—Male members, 17; female members, 35; received on confession, 1; baptized, 5; total membership, 52; paid pastor, \$1,300; visiting preachers, \$250; charity, \$300; Children's Home, \$50; mission board, \$25; unions, \$55; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$5,000; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,000; miscellaneous, \$800; total, \$2,895. Willard Brown, Route 2, Box 79, Clarkton, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. J. W. Byrd, Whiteville, North Carolina, pastor.

White Oak Church—Male members, 28; female members, 48; dismiss-

ed by letter, 1; baptized, 2; total membership, 76; paid pastor, \$1,105.81; visiting preachers, \$220; charity, \$37.91; superannuation, \$41.93; Christian education, \$387.99; Children's Home, \$181.50; mission board, \$189.25; unions, \$51; association, \$25; Sunday school offerings, \$4,660.95; church offerings, \$406.17; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$705.49; miscellaneous, \$2,553.83; total, \$10,566.83. Mrs. Warren G. Hester, Box 396, Bladenboro, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Frank Brinson, P. O. Box 787, Bladenboro, North Carolina, pastor.

Beaver Dam Church—Male members, 220; female members, 384; received on confession, 7; baptized, 25; restored, 3; dropped, 9; joined other churches, 3; died, 11; total membership, 604; paid pastor, \$2,392.80; visiting preachers, \$437.95; charity, \$379.91; Children's Home, \$304.61; mission board, \$256.78; Christian education, \$593.71; unions, \$93.72; association, \$30; Sunday school offerings, \$22,475.12; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$23,755.32; miscellaneous, \$1,001.52; total, \$29,246.12. Cleveland Hughes, Route 1, Chadbourne, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. J. A. Hucks, Route 3, Conway, South Carolina, pastor.

Pleasant Meadow Church—Male members, 6; female members, 13; received on confession, 3; baptized, 5; total membership, 19; paid pastor, \$90.79; visiting preachers, \$63.60; unions, \$16; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$1,467.41; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$806.92; total, \$1,764.59. C. A. Hardee, Hallsboro, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Jarome Jene-rette, Ash, North Carolina, pastor.

Pine Level Church—Male members, 7; female members, 12; died, 1; total membership, 19; paid pastor, \$479.75; visiting preachers, \$159.78; charity, \$69.48; Children's Home, \$36; unions, \$25.35; association, \$7.25; Sunday school offerings, \$942.50; church offerings, \$48.88; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$42.26; miscellaneous, \$132.73. Geneva Long, Route 1, Nakina, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Claude Housand, Route 1, Longs, South Carolina, pastor.

Mt. Olive Church—Male members, 27; female members, 53; received on confession, 1; received by letter, 1; baptized, 1; died, 1; total membership, 79; paid pastor, \$1,165; visiting preachers, \$200; charity, \$49.65; unions, \$40; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$1,132.35; church offerings, \$398.95; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$203.21; miscellaneous, \$201.49; total, \$3,400.65. Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. James B. Hardee, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, pastor.

Emerson Church—Male members, 17; female members, 66; received on confession, 5; baptized, 1; dropped, 1; died, 2; total membership, 83; paid pastor, \$295.44; visiting preachers, \$228.47; charity, \$19.47; mission board, \$71; unions, \$60; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$1,549.55; church offerings, \$139.57; total, \$2,303.50. Dallas Byrd, Hallsboro, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Robert Sellers, Tabor City, North Carolina, pastor.

Oak Grove Church—Male members, 61; female members, 80; received on confession, 1; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; baptized, 4; died, 2; total membership, 141; paid pastor, \$2,050; visiting preachers, \$275;

charity, \$340.50; superannuation, \$17; Children's Home, \$153.41; mission board, \$166.66; unions, \$48; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$5,593.77; church offerings, \$7,000; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$301.91; payment on church, \$7,000; miscellaneous, \$2,538.20; total, \$12,593.77. E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 82, Bladenboro, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. James B. Hardee, Elizabethtown, North Carolina, pastor.

Cypress Creek Church—Male members, 16; female members, 23; died, 1; total membership, 39; paid pastor, \$610; visiting preachers, \$160; charity, \$54.40; Children's Home, \$45; mission board, \$25; unions, \$35; association, \$10; Sunday school and church offerings, \$1,482.40; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$150; miscellaneous, \$194.18; total, \$1,283.58. F. J. Lee, Box 20, Nakina, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, Route 1, Box 370-A, Conway, South Carolina, pastor.

Little Bethel Church—Male members, 11; female members, 25; received on confession, 2; received by letter, 2; baptized, 2; restored, 3; died, 1; total membership, 36; paid pastor, \$850.72; visiting preachers, \$76.35; charity, \$25.05; Children's Home, \$25.05; unions, \$40; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$1,696.64; church offerings, \$2,860.71; buildings, repairs, and upkeep, \$4,138.03. Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. William J. Godwin, Clarendon, North Carolina, pastor.

Mission Valley Church—Male members, 14; female members, 20; received on confession, 2; dismissed by letter, 1; dropped, 2; died, 1; total membership, 34; paid pastor, \$135; unions, \$16; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$49.51; church offerings, \$264.13; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$99.63; miscellaneous, \$173.46; total, \$725.03. Brooks Sykes, Clarendon, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. A. L. Duncan, Nakina, North Carolina, pastor.

Thomasboro Church—Male members, 10; female members, 13; received on confession, 2; dropped, 2; total membership, 23; paid pastor, \$181.78; visiting preachers, \$329.57; charity, \$224.32; Children's Home, \$75; mission board, \$171.95; unions, \$24; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$397.52; church offerings, \$750; miscellaneous, \$474.82; total, \$1,681.50. Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, North Carolina, clerk; Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, North Carolina, pastor.

Special Committee

The special committee appointed fourteen 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 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, 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 given 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.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. James B. Hardee, Elizabethtown, N. C.
Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Whitesville, N. C.
Brother E. D. McPherson, Chatham, N. C.
Brother Howard McPherson, Chatham, N. C.
Brother E. Hays, Route 2, Bladenboro, N. C.

Pee Dee Association Officers

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