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MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Robert Bullard, Route 2, Box 141, Clarkton, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C. Pastor

WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

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.

C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Box 483, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Pastor

PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Mrs. Geneva Long, Route 1, Box 83, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Claude Housand, Route 1, Longs, S. C. Pastor

MOUNT 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, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, 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. Joe B. Faircloth, Conway, S. C. Pastor

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

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

MISSIONS VALLEY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Box 147-A, Clarendon, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. C. Pastor

THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, N. C. Church Clerk
Rev. Loyd Gore, Route 1, 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. 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.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Larry Ward
Bro. Archie Smith

PROCEEDINGS

The one-hundred-second annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with the Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina, on Saturday morning, October 16, 1971.

The session opened with the congregation singing "More About Jesus."

The welcome address was given by Rev. Loyd Gore, followed with prayer by Rev. William Jackie Godwin. The response to the welcome was given by Bro. Willard Brown.

The opening devotional was by Rev. Loyd Gore.

The moderator, Rev. James B. Hardee, after making some brief remarks and asking the audience for their cooperation in carrying out this session of the association in order and making it one of the best ever held, then announced the house in order for business. He also invited the visiting brethren and sisters to be seated with us.

The following visitors were recognized at this time: Rev. Joseph Ingram, director-treasurer of the State Mission Board; Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr., superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina; and Rev. Terry Woodard, pastor at the Children's Home.

The minutes of the last association were read by the clerk, Bro. Howard McPherson. By motion they were approved.

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

Rev. Jasper Pernell was excused due to sickness and Rev. Harvey Cribb and Rev. L. J. Ward were absent.

The following were appointed to the devotional committee: Sisters Shirley Brown, Ann Hooks, and Hilda Duncan. They were excused for deliberation of the business of the committee.

Rev. Cedric Pierce Jr. gave a talk on the care and management of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina. He stated that the home at present was taking care of 67 children (37 boys and 30 girls) in addition to one girl in the vocational rehabilitation training program in Kinston, North Carolina. The Home is also assisting three more girls in higher education. Bro. Pierce stated that the operation funds for the Home for the past year amounted to \$250,000, and he suggested a quota of \$1 per member for the coming year in order to reach the budget of \$250,000. Bro. Pierce extended to everyone an invitation to visit the Home anytime it was convenient for them to do so.

Rev. Joseph Ingram brought greetings from the Mission Board of the North Carolina State Convention and from the missionaries on the field. He expressed his gratitude to the Rev. and Mrs. Joe Barrow who are now in their third year of work in Rhodesia; also to Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Timmons for their work in Mexico. He stated that Rev. and Mrs. Harold Jones are very enthusiastic about their work in the Philippines, and they all request your prayers in their future work.

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. Terry Woodard to bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Hooks

Shirley Brown

Hilda Duncan

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

The various committees were appointed by the moderator as follows:

Periodical—Brothers C. A. Hardee, Miles Edwards, and Willie Jones.

Educational—Brothers Wallace Reynolds, Prince McKeithan, and Jeffery McPherson.

Sunday School—Brothers Junior Godwin, David Pait, and Lonnie Ransom.

Ministerial—Brothers Wade Hodges, F. J. Lee, and George Smith.

Obituary—Sisters Nancy Hardee, Ruth Ransom, and Wanda Batten.

Resolutions—Brothers Willard Brown, Grant Gore, and Lacy Nealy.

Finance—Brothers Rudie Cartrette, Joe Smith, and Jackie Spivey.

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

The *Investigation Committee* is also a standing committee composed of Brothers Lacy Nealy, Dallas Byrd, and Thomas Rhodes.

Church reports were called for and read as follows:

Mt. Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Wil-

lard Brown, Lonnie Ransom, Sisters Ruth Ransom, Shirley Brown, and Hilda Ransom. Funds \$20. Rev. J. W. Byrd, pastor.

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Bernice Harden, Jettie Hester, Charlston Smith, and Clifton Kinlaw. Funds \$25. Rev. Frank Brinson, pastor.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Junior Godwin, Homer Mercer, Rudie Cartrette, Jeffery McPherson, and Ted McPherson. Funds \$30. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by letter and delegate as follows: Brother C. A. Hardee. Funds \$10. Rev. I. G. Ward, pastor.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Wallace Reynolds and E. B. Reaves. Funds \$7.62. Rev. Claude Housand, pastor.

Mt. Olive—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sisters Ann Hooks and Wanda Batten. Funds \$15. Rev. J. B. Hardee, pastor.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Lacy Nealy, Billy Ray Mercer, and Jackie Spivey. Funds \$20. Rev. Robert Sellers, pastor.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Miles Edwards and Sisters Nancy Hardee and Minnie Pait. Funds \$20. Rev. J. B. Hardee, pastor.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers F. J. Lee, Prince McKeithan, and Willie Jones. Funds \$15. Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, pastor.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Bill Sarvis, Loyd Thomas, and Wade Hodges. Funds \$15. Rev. W. J. Godwin, pastor.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Archie Smith, Thomas McDaniels, P. A. Smith, Sisters Renda Smith, and Letha McDaniels. Funds \$6. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor.

Thomasboro—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Vance Smith, George Smith, and Grant Gore. Funds \$15. Rev. Loyd Gore, pastor.

Mt. Beulah—No report.

Rev. Terry Woodard brought an inspiring message, reading his text from Galatians 6:1-6.

The association was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Joe Ingram.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation reassembled with the singing of "Standing on the Promises." The moderator then called the house to order and asked for the committee reports as follows:

PERIODICAL

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

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Hardee

Willie Jones

Miles Edwards

This report was received by motion of Brother Hayes Pait and the committee dismissed.

EDUCATIONAL

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,

Wallace Reynolds

Prince McKeithan

Jeffery McPherson

This report received by motion of Brother Homer Mercer 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 every school use literature that is printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Junior Godwin

Lonnie Ransom

David Pait

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

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that as far as we know we find all our ministers in good standing with the exception of the delinquency of Rev. L. J. Ward for the past four years. Rev. Jasper Pernell has been ex-

cused for today's session due to illness, but was absent last year. Also Brother Harvey Cribb is absent today.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Hodges
F. J. Lee
George Smith

This report received by 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 fifteen of our members since the assembling of 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,
Ruth Ransom
Wanda Batten
Nancy Hardee

The report received by motion of Sister Esther Smith 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 Foundation; 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,
Lacy Nealy
Grant Gore
Willard Brown

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

FINANCE

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

Old Funds	\$493.70
New Funds	198.62
Total in Treasury	\$692.32

Respectfully submitted,
Rudie Cartrette
Jackie Spivey
Joe Smith

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

HOME MISSION'S TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Old Funds	\$181.90
New Funds Received on October 19, 1970	36.00

Total to Account For	\$217.90
Paid to Brother Vance Pait	40.00

Balance in Treasury	\$177.90
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Respectfully submitted,

E. Hayes Pait

Larry Ward

C. A. Hardee

This report received by motion of Brother Howard McPherson.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$802.58
New Funds from 1970	182.25

Total to Account For	\$984.83
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Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 36.00
Clerk	30.00
Treasurer	7.00
Minutes	140.08
Postage on Minutes	2.22
C. V. Ward	50.00
Willie Jacobs	50.00
Simon Ward	50.00
A. L. Duncan	50.00
Mrs. Letha Williamson	50.00
Archie Smith	25.00

Total Disbursements	490.30
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Balance in Treasury	\$494.53
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Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

This report received by motion of Brother Hayes Pait.

INVESTIGATION

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we did contact Rev. L. J. Ward concerning his continual delinquency from our association and he told

us that he rather not make any statement at that time, but would turn his license to preach in at this session of the association and would give his statement and reason at that time. We tried but were unable to contact Rev. Jasper Pernell.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake C. Godwin

Homer Mercer

Rev. A. L. Duncan, a member of the ordaining council, stated that sometime prior to this session of the association Rev. L. J. Ward contacted him and handed him an envelope that he had said contained his preaching license without giving any reason whatsoever for him doing so.

There was a motion by Rev. Frank Brinson that this association, since Rev. L. J. Ward was still absent and had not given his reason for turning in his preaching license, accept these license and give the clerk the authority to dispose of them in the usual manner. This motion was carried.

The moderator called for any old or unfinished business to come before the association. There was not any so he called for new business.

Brother Jake Godwin asked to be relieved from the investigation committee. There was a motion by Brother Howard McPherson that Brother Jake's request be granted. Motion carried. Brother Jake Godwin nominated Brother Lacy Nealy to fill his place. Brother Homer Mercer made a motion that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Brother Homer Mercer also asked to be relieved from the investigation committee. Motion by Brother Lacy Nealy that Brother Mercer's request be granted. Motion carried. Brother Jake Godwin nominated Brother Dallas Byrd to replace Brother Mercer. Motion by Brother Homer Mercer that the nominations be closed. Motion carried.

Since our last association Brother Vance Pait, one of our custodians, has deceased. A nomination by Brother Hayes Pait that Brother Shelton Sarvis fill this vacancy. There was also a nomination made by Brother Homer Mercer that Brother Miles Edwards fill this vacancy. There being no other nominations these two were voted on by the association with Brother Shelton Sarvis being elected by the majority votes.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that we reorganize our officers for the next two years.

There was a motion by Brother Willie Jones that we retain our same officers.

There was a motion by Rev. Frank Brinson that we retain our same officers as they are except the moderator. At this time Rev. J. B. Hardee was nominated, also Rev. William Jackie Godwin was nominated. There being no other nominations, these two were voted on by the association with Rev. J. B. Hardee receiving the majority votes and being reelected as moderator for the next two years.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that we have 400 minutes printed. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother Wade Hodges that we pay the clerk and treasurer the same as usual. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Rev. J. W. Byrd that we give to the Thomasboro Church a standing vote of thanks for its love, friendship, and hospitality that has been shown the association throughout this day. This was carried out by the congregation.

At this time Rev. A. L. Duncan called and presented before the body as licentiates for one year: Brothers Larry Ward and Archie Smith. They were then given the right hand of fellowship.

Due to his convenience Rev. Frank Brinson asked for a letter of recommendation from the Pee Dee Association to the Eastern Conference. His request was granted and his letter signed by the moderator and clerk.

Brother Willard Brown suggested our next meeting place.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that we meet with Mt. Calvary Church in Columbus County on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1972, beginning at 9:15 a.m. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Rev. W. J. Godwin that the association adjourn. Motion carried.

The association was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Loyd Gore.

Rev. James B. Hardee, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Mt. Calvary—Male members, 19; female members, 36; received on confession, 1; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; died, 1; total membership, 55; paid pastor, \$1,300; visiting preachers, \$200; charity, \$240; Children's Home, \$100; mission board, \$50; unions, \$44; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$5,300; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$700; miscellaneous, \$125; total, \$2,679. Robert Bullard, Route 2, Box 141, Clarkton, North Carolina, church clerk.

White Oak—Male members, 33; female members, 60; received by letter, 1; died, 4; total membership, 93; paid pastor, \$5,333.91; visiting preachers, \$165; charity, \$52.91; Children's Home, \$147.92; mission board, \$200; superannuation, \$49.57; Christian education, \$67.31; unions, \$120; association, \$25; Sunday school offerings, \$6,927.81; church offerings, \$2,002.48; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$364.62; miscellaneous, \$824.94; total, \$16,287.47. Mrs. Warren G. Hester, P. O. Box 393, Bladenboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Beaver Dam—Male members 233; female members, 393; received by confession, 4; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 2; baptized, 30; restored, 1; dropped, 4; died, 5; total membership, 626; paid pastor, \$2,165; visiting preachers, \$907.03; charity, \$1,765.29; Children's Home, \$442.04; Christian education, \$996.99; mission board, \$438.46; superannuation, \$100;

unions, \$110; association, \$30; Sunday school offerings, \$13,042.43; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$12,036.68; miscellaneous, \$666.68; total, \$19,658.17. Cleveland Hughes, Route 1, Chadbourn, North Carolina, church clerk.

(Note to association clerk, E. D. McPherson: To our Pee Dee Association custodians; namely, back in 1968 Brother W. L. McPherson, of which is now deceased; Brother D. F. Hester; Brother Vance Pait; Brother Grant Gore; and Brother F. J. Lee endorsed a note with our church deacons to the Waccamaw Bank and Trust Company, Tabor City, North Carolina, in the amount of \$40,000 for the purpose of enlarging our church. I am very proud to announce to you that in our Sunday school on July 11, 1971, Brother Jimmie Huffman presented to me a new pen after he signed this note marked paid in full, of which I will keep, love, and cherish as long as I live. Our church is now free of debt.—Cleveland Hughes.)

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 6; female members, 12; dropped, 2; total membership, 18; paid visiting preachers, \$180; unions, \$28.75; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$1,700.03; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$141.23; total, \$2,060.01. C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Box 483, Hallsboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Pine Level—Male members, 5; female members, 14; total membership, 19; paid pastor, \$482.92; visiting preachers, \$164.49; charity, \$36.45; Children's Home, \$36; unions, \$27.32; association, \$7.62; Sunday school offerings, \$968.50; church offerings, \$1,282.31; building repairs, and upkeep, \$1,233.95; miscellaneous, \$135.07; total, \$2,123.82. Mrs. Geneva Long, Route 1, Box 83, Nakina, North Carolina, church clerk.

Mt. Olive—Male members, 28; female members, 54; received by letter, 1; died, 1; total membership, 81; paid pastor, \$1,480; visiting preachers, \$200; charity, \$100; Children's Home, \$36.60; unions, \$40; association, \$10; Sunday school offerings, \$1,310.29; church offerings, \$353; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$424.94; miscellaneous, \$353.19; total, \$4,308.02. Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, North Carolina, church clerk.

Emerson—Male members, 18, female members, 70; received on confession, 6; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 4; baptized, 6; died, 1; total membership, 88; paid pastor, \$423.45; visiting preachers, \$170.90; charity, \$272.14; Children's Home, \$25; mission board, \$75; unions, \$48; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$2,283.10; church offerings, \$90; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,299.15; miscellaneous, \$50; total, \$3,457.59. Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Hallsboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Oak Grove—Male members, 56; female members, 73; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 1; baptized, 2; dropped, 1; total membership, 130; paid pastor, \$2,000; visiting preachers, \$200; charity, \$248.72; Children's Home, \$359.20; Christian education, \$63.76; superannuation, \$46.72; mission board, \$143.33; unions, \$77; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$7,063.99; church offerings, \$8,000; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$10,804.89; miscellaneous, \$4,259.10; total \$15,063.99. E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 82, Bladenboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 22; female members, 32; received on confession, 13; dismissed by letter, 2; baptized, 13; died, 1; total membership, 54; paid pastor, \$1,340; charity, \$109.32; Children's Home, \$25; mission board, \$35; unions, \$44; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$1,849.03; church offerings, \$1,171.80; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,171.80; miscellaneous, \$231.98; total, \$3,020.82. F. J. Lee, Nakina, North Carolina, church clerk.

Little Bethel—Male members, 23; female members, 47; received on confession, 14; baptized, 14; dropped, 1; died, 2; total membership, 70; paid pastor, \$1,189.81; visiting preachers, \$182; charity, \$133; unions, \$40; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$2,210.65; church offerings, \$3,563.41; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,435.56; miscellaneous, \$173.84; total, \$3,169.11. Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, North Carolina, church clerk.

Mission Valley—Male members, 13; female members, 22; died, 1; total membership, 35; paid pastor, \$125; visiting preachers, \$50; charity, \$10; unions, \$25.25; association, \$6; Sunday school offerings, \$93.20; church offerings, \$211.70; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$134.18; miscellaneous, \$148.96; total, \$804.29. Brooks Sykes, Box 147-A, Clarendon, North Carolina, church clerk.

Thomasboro—Male members, 10; female members, 13; baptized, 6; dropped, 2; total membership, 23; paid pastor, \$154.06; visiting preachers, \$497.21; charity, \$153.15; Children's Home, \$90; mission board, \$141.28; unions, \$20; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$667.17; church offerings, \$1,043.62; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$160.95; miscellaneous, \$376.29; total, \$2,403.34. Grant Gore, Box 100, Shallotte, North Carolina, church clerk.

Special Committee

The special committee appointed fifteen 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 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.

Respectfully submitted,
A. L. Duncan
R. C. Rhodes
Grover McPherson

Pee Dee Association Officers

MODERATOR—Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C.

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

CLERK—Brother E. D. McPherson, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C.

TREASURER—Brother Howard McPherson, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C.

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