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Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C. 28472..... Pastor
W. D. Brown, P. O. Box 143, Whiteville, N. C. 28472..... Church Clerk

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Rev. Lewis Sprouse, Bladenboro, N. C. Pastor
Robert E. Adams, Route 2, Box 105, Clarkton, N. C. 28433..... Church Clerk

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

PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Larry Ward, Shallotte, N. C. Pastor
C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Box 483, Hallsboro, N. C. Church Clerk

PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Claude Housand, Longs, S. C. Pastor
Peggy Reaves, Route 1, Box 85, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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

EMERSON CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. Pastor
Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Box 213A, Hallsboro, N. C. 28442..... Church Clerk

OAK GROVE CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

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

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, Conway, S. C. Pastor
F. J. Lee, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. Church Clerk

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Rev. Earl Johnson, Conway, S. C. Pastor
Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C. Church Clerk

MISSION VALLEY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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

THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Loyd Gore, Route 1, Box 289B, Ash, N. C. Pastor
Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, N. C. Church Clerk

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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, Route 1, 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, Belmont, N. C.
 Rev. James Nobles, Route 1, Box 34A, Tabor City, N. C.
 Rev. Larry Ward, Shallotte, N. C.
 Rev. Loyd Gore, Route 1, Box 289, Ash, N. C.
 Rev. Claude Housand, Longs, S. C.
 Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse, Bladenboro, N. C.
 Rev. Jasper Pernell, Bladenboro, N. C.

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Emerson Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C.
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Oak Grove Church, Bladen County, N. C.
 Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C.
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Cypress Creek Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Rev. Joe B. Faircloth, Conway, S. C.
 M. J. Lee, Route 1, Nakina, N. C.

Little Bethel Church, Horry County, S. C.
 Rev. Ed Johnson, Conway, S. C.
 Jerry Hodges, 111 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C.

Mission Valley Church, Columbus County, N. C.
 Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. C.
 Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C.

Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, N. C.
 Rev. Loyd Gore, Route 1, Box 289, Ash, N. C.
 Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, N. C.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and third annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists met in session with Mount Calvary church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 14, 1972.

The session opened with the congregation singing "We'll Work till Jesus Comes." Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. L. Duncan. The opening devotional was conducted by the Rev. Lewis Sprouse, who gave a brief inspirational message based on Scripture from the fourth chapter of John.

The welcoming address was given by the Rev. J. W. Byrd. Response was by the Rev. Jackie Godwin.

The moderator, the Rev. J. B. Hardee, then recognized two visitors, Brother Graham Lane from the Children's Home, and the Rev. Carol Hansley from the Western Conference.

The house was declared in order for business. The following devotional committee was appointed: Sisters Doris Penny, Peggy Reaves, and Wanda Ward.

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 Larry Ward. Absentees were Revs. Harvey Cribb and Jasper Pernell.

The moderator dismissed the devotional committee for deliberation of their business. He then appointed other committees as follows:

Periodical—Brothers Gary McPherson, Carson Bryant, and Willie Jones.

Educational—Brothers Eugene Albright, Junior Godwin, and Eugene Stevens.

Sunday School—Brothers Willard Brown, Edward Reaves, and Grant Gore.

Ministerial—Brothers Jake McPherson, Lacy Nealy, and C. A. Hardee.

Obituary—Sisters Minnie Pait, Mary Price, and Geneva Long.

Resolutions—Brothers Shelton Sarvis, Thomas McDaniels, and Michael Hester.

Finance—Brothers Horace Cartrette, Miles Edwards, and Loyd Thomas.

The *Home Mission Committee* is a standing committee composed of Brothers 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.

The devotional committee's report was handed to the clerk and read as follows:

We, your committee, recommend that Brother Larry Ward bring the morning message.

Signed:

Doris Penny

Peggy Reaves

Wanda Ward

A motion was made by Brother Jake McPherson that we accept this report and dismiss the committee.

The clerk then read the minutes of the last association. By motion of Brother Mayo Brown, these were approved in present form.

Brother Graham Lane spoke on the operation of the Children's Home and the progress being made by the 66 children now living there. He invited all who could to visit the Home at any time. He further stated that he would like to visit at least one church in the Pee Dee Association with some of the children after revivals in the various churches were over. He made this offer because he would like to demonstrate to us some of the things that the children are capable of doing. Brother Leamon Murray suggested that the children visit Beaver Dam church, and stated that most churches had already had their fall revivals. The night was set for Wednesday, November 29, 1972.

While the congregation stood singing, an offering was taken for the Children's Home in the amount of \$211.13.

Church letters were called for and read as follows:

White Oak—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Gene Albright, Jettie Hester, Charleston Smith, David Hester, David Pait, Paul Sawyer, and Michael Hester. Funds \$25. Rev. Lewis Sprouse, pastor; Robert E. Adams, clerk.

Mount Calvary—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Mayo Brown, Shafter Brown, W. D. Brown, Willard Brown, Bill Bullard, and Ernest Bullard. Funds \$20. Rev. J. W. Byrd, pastor; Brother W. D. Brown, clerk.

Beaver Dam—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Leamon Murray, Junior Godwin, Gary McPherson, Jake McPherson, and Horace Cartrette. Funds \$36. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor; Cleveland Hughes, clerk.

Pleasant Meadow—Reported by delegate as follows: Brother C. A. Hardee. Funds \$15. Rev. Larry Ward, pastor; C. A. Hardee, clerk.

Pine Level—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sisters Geneva Long and Peggy Reaves, Brother E. B. Reaves. Funds \$8. Rev. Claude Housand, pastor; Peggy Reaves, clerk.

Mount Olive—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sisters Peggy Benton and Loris Penny. Funds \$10 for Children's Home. Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor; Robert Benton, clerk.

Emerson—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Lacy Nealy, Billy Ray Mercer, Jackie Spivey, Sisters Mary Mercer and Alice Cribb. Funds \$20. Rev. Robert Sellers, pastor; Dallas Byrd, clerk.

Oak Grove—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Sister Minnie Pait, Brothers Carson Bryan and Miles Edwards. Funds \$20. Rev. J. B. Hardee, pastor; Brother E. Hayes Pait, clerk.

Cypress Creek—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers

Leamon Cribb, Willie Jones and Sister Lanny Jones. Funds \$10. Rev. J. B. Faircloth, pastor; Brother F. J. Lee, clerk.

Little Bethel—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Loyd Thomas and Bill Sarvis. Funds \$15. Rev. Earl Johnson, pastor; Jerry Hodges, clerk.

Mission Valley—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brothers Thomas McDaniels, P. A. Smith, Gene Stevens and Sister Retha Smith. Funds \$8.25. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor; Brooks Sykes, clerk.

Thomasboro—Reported by letter and delegates as follows: Brother Grant Gore and Sister Beulah Smith. Funds \$15. Rev. Loyd Gore, pastor; Brother Grant Gore, clerk.

Mount Beulah—No report.

Rev. Larry Ward brought an inspiring message based upon the question, "Whom do you love?" Scripture was taken from parts of the fifth and sixth chapters of Matthew.

Grace was asked for dinner by the Rev. Carol Hansley. The association was then dismissed.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation reassembled with the singing of "Love Lifted Me." The opening prayer was offered by the Rev. Jarome Jenerette.

The moderator announced the house in order for business. Committee reports were called for and read by the clerk as follows:

PERIODICAL

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gary McPherson
Willie Jones
Carson Bryan

A motion was made by Brother Gary McPherson to receive this report and to dismiss the committee; the motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that we use every means possible to get all our churches to support our educational institutions, and that we encourage our high school boys and girls to further their education by attending our Free Will Baptist colleges and to be faithful to God always.

Respectfully submitted,
Junior Godwin
Eugene Albright
Eugene Stevens

The report was received by motion of Brother Junior 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 granted by God's grace to promote an effective and efficient Sunday school. Extreme care should be used in selecting Christian officers and teachers; also that we use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Willard Brown

Edward Reaves

Grant Gore

A motion was made by Brother Willard Brown to receive the report and dismiss the committee; the motion carried.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know.

Respectfully submitted,

Jake McPherson

C. A. Hardee

Lacy Nealy

A motion was made by Brother Jake McPherson to receive the report and dismiss the committee. The motion carried.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find that God in His providence has seen fit to call from this earthly life to their eternal reward nine of our members since the assembling of our last association. We recommend that in their remembrance we stand and bow our heads in humble submission to Him, our heavenly Father that doeth all things well.

Respectfully submitted,

Geneva Long

Minnie Pait

Mary Price

A motion was made by Sister Geneva Long that we accept this report and dismiss the committee; the motion carried. The congregation then stood as recommended for a moment of silent prayer.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend using our literature that is printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation; that

we encourage our high school graduates to attend Mount Olive College; and that we pray for and support the Children's Home and mission board.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Nealy

Grant Gore

Willard Brown

A motion was made by Brother Lacy Nealy to receive the report and dismiss the committee; the motion carried.

FINANCE

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

Old Funds	\$465.56
New Funds	202.25
Total in Treasury	\$667.81

Respectfully submitted,

Horace Cartrette

Loyd Thomas

Miles Edwards

A motion was made by Brother Horace Cartrette to accept the report and dismiss the committee; the motion carried.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Old Funds	\$177.90
New Funds	40.00
Total in Treasury	\$217.90

Respectfully submitted,

E. Hayes Pait

Larry Ward

C. A. Hardee

A motion to receive the report carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$493.70
New Funds	198.62
Total to Account for	\$692.32

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 40.00
Clerk	30.00
Treasurer	7.00

Total Disbursements	226.76
Balance in Treasury	\$465.56

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

A motion was made by Brother Junior Godwin to receive the report; the motion carried.

INVESTIGATION

Brother Lacy, a member of the Investigation Committee, reported that there had been no work for the committee to do since the last association.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON (CONT.)

The moderator called for any old business to come before the association. There was none. He then called for new business.

Rev. William Jackie Godwin, being a member of the Ordaining Council, called Brother Larry Ward, a licentiate, and Revs. Loyd Gore, Claude Housand, and Lewis J. Sprouse. Pending letters of recommendation from their conference, they were presented before the body as full pledge ordained ministers of our Pee Dee Association. They were given a welcoming handshake receiving them into our association.

A motion was made by Brother E. D. McPherson that in future years each church bring an offering for the Children's Home to the association. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait that we give the people of Mount Calvary church a standing vote of thanks for their kindness shown in placing such a wonderful dinner before us today. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother Leamon Murray that the clerk and treasurer be paid the same as usual. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother E. D. McPherson that the next association be at Beaver Dam church; the motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother E. D. McPherson that we have 400 minutes printed; the motion carried.

A special song by Brother Mayo Brown followed.

A motion to adjourn was made by Brother Mayo Brown. He then offered the adjourning prayer.

Rev. James B. Hardee, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Mount Calvary—Male members, 17; female members, 32; received by letter, 1; dismissed by letter, 3; transferred to another faith, 4; total members, 49; paid pastor, \$1,325; visiting preachers, \$350; charity, \$92.50; Chil-

dren's Home, \$146.43; mission board, \$50; union fees, \$44; association, \$20; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$7,309.50; miscellaneous, \$770.27; Sunday school offerings, \$10,107.67; total, \$10,400. W. D. Brown, P. O. Box 143, Whiteville, North Carolina, church clerk.

White Oak—Male members, 48; female members, 75; received on confession, 16; received by letter, 10; dismissed by letter, 1; baptized, 16; died, 1; total members, 124; paid pastor, \$3,024; visiting preachers, \$615; charity, \$165.15; Children's Home, \$383.87; mission board, \$225; Cragmont, \$75; superannuation, \$55.75; Christian education, \$208.25; unions, \$135; association, \$25; church offerings, \$1,289; Sunday school offerings, \$9,824.92; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$3,067.03; miscellaneous, \$1,523.30; total taken in, \$11,115.12; total, \$9,502.95. Robert E. Adams, Route 2, Box 105, Clarkton, North Carolina, church clerk.

Beaver Dam—Male members, 241; female members, 408; received on confession, 2; dismissed by letter, 3; restored, 1; baptized, 42; dropped, 3; died, 6; total members, 649; paid pastor, \$2,510; visiting preachers, \$1,209.21; charity, \$2,273.47; Children's Home, \$528; mission board, \$400; superannuation, \$129; Christian education, \$1,669; unions, \$102; association, \$36; Sunday school offerings, \$15,141.14; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$8,979.50; miscellaneous, \$1,041.73; total, \$34,019.05. Cleveland Hughes, Route 1, Chadbourn, North Carolina, church clerk.

Pleasant Meadow—Male members, 3; female members, 6; restored, 1; baptized, 12; dropped, 10; total members, 9; paid pastor, \$861.33; visiting preachers, \$176.63; charity, \$397.81; unions, \$23.50; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$4,197.60; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$2,451.64; total, \$5,661.87. C. A. Hardee, Route 1, Box 483, Hallsboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Pine Level—Male members, 6; female members, 16; received by letter, 1; dropped, 2; total members, 22; paid pastor, \$472.50; visiting preachers, \$147.50; charity, \$102.86; Children's Home, \$36; unions, \$32.50; association, \$8; church offerings, \$1,166.19; Sunday school offerings, \$882.12; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$680.20; miscellaneous, \$60; total, \$1,539.50. Peggy Reaves, Route 1, Box 85, Nakina, North Carolina, church clerk.

Mount Olive—Male members, 28; female members, 51; received on confession, 2; received by letter, 1; baptized, 2; died, 2; total members, 80; paid pastor, \$1,280; visiting preachers, \$200; charity, \$50; Children's Home, \$7; unions, \$44; association, \$10; church offerings, \$606.52; Sunday school offerings, \$599; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,891.65; miscellaneous, \$553.91; total, \$5,242.08. Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, church clerk.

Emerson—Male members, 20; female members, 73; received on confession, 4; restored, 1; baptized, 1; total members, 93; paid pastor, \$626.11; visiting preachers, \$393.85; charity, \$35.50; Children's Home, \$100; mission board, \$103.84; unions, \$64; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$2,381.23; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,835.87; miscellaneous, \$535.06;

total, \$3,830.96. Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Box 213, Hallsboro, North Carolina 28442, church clerk.

Oak Grove—Male members, 56; female members, 72; received by letter, 2; dismissed by letter, 2; baptized, 2; total members, 128; paid pastor, \$2,650; visiting preachers, \$305; charity, \$714.54; Children's Home, \$437.69; mission board, \$227.03; superannuation, \$88.35; unions, \$128.80; association, \$20; church offerings, \$6,894.52; Sunday school offerings \$10,000; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$11,448.63; miscellaneous, \$62.40; literature, \$1,048; total, \$16,854.92. E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Box 82, Bladenboro, North Carolina, church clerk.

Cypress Creek—Male members, 23; female members, 32; received on confession, 4; baptized, 4; dropped, 12; died, 1; total members, 55; paid pastor, \$1,210; visiting preachers, \$20; charity, \$164.84; Children's Home, \$25; unions, \$44; association, \$10; church and Sunday school offerings, \$3,005.94; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$990; miscellaneous, \$186.94; total paid out, \$2,640.78. F. J. Lee, Nakina, North Carolina, church clerk.

Little Bethel—Male members, 17; female members, 33; received on confession, 2; baptized, 1; dropped 5; total members, 50; paid pastor, \$1,244.95; visiting preachers, \$151.11; charity, \$43.92; Children's Home, \$33.86; unions, \$40; association, \$15; church offerings, \$2,665.17; Sunday school offerings, \$2,208.51; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$3,352.44; miscellaneous, \$262.87; total, \$3,615.31. Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, North Carolina, church clerk.

Mission Valley—Male members, 14; female members, 25; received on confession, 4; received by letter, 2; baptized, 3; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 39; paid pastor, \$170; visiting preachers, \$84.57; charity, \$49.16; Children's Home, \$25; unions, \$24.01; association, \$8.25; church offerings, \$142.77; Sunday school offerings, \$569.93; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$69.85; miscellaneous, \$231.44; total, \$1,374.98. Brooks Sykes, Route 1, Clarendon, North Carolina, church clerk.

Thomasboro—Male members, 11; female members, 16; received on confession, 5; baptized, 4; dropped, 3; total members, 27; paid pastor, \$578.68; visiting preachers, \$125.80; unions, \$20; association, \$15; church offerings, \$3,732.85; Sunday school offerings, \$795.10; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$40; miscellaneous, \$379.31; total, \$4,907.26. Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 100, Shallotte, North Carolina, church clerk.

Emerson—Male members, 20; female members, 73; received on confession, 4; baptized, 1; dropped, 1; total members, 93; paid pastor, \$328.11; visiting preachers, \$222.50; charity, \$232.50; Children's Home, \$100; mission board, \$103.84; unions, \$64; association, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$25; building, repairs, and upkeep, \$1,838.12; total, \$3,825.00.

Special Committee

The special committee appointed sixteen 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 live 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 Matthews

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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Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C.

Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 1, Box 6-A, Tabor City, N. C.

Brother Mayo Brown, Route 2, Clarkton, N. C.

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

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