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CHURCH CLERKS' AND PASTORS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS STOOD IN 1973

MOUNT CALVARY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337.....Pastor
W. D. Brown, P. O. Box 143, Whiteville, N. C. 28472.....Church Clerk

WHITE OAK CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Lewis Sprouse, Bladenboro, N. C. 28320.....Pastor
Robert E. Adams, Route 2, Box 105, Clarkton, N. C. 28433.....Church Clerk

BEAVER DAM CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. J. A. Hucks, Route 3, Conway, S. C. 29526.....Pastor
Jack Penny, Route 3, Whiteville, N. C. 28472.....Church Clerk

PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Claude Housand, Longs, S. C. 29568.....Pastor
G. B. Benton, Route 1, Box 79, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Claude Housand, Longs, S. C. 29568.....Pastor
Mrs. Esther Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337.....Pastor
Robert Benton, Route 2, Box 283, Whiteville, N. C. 28472.....Church Clerk

EMERSON CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....Pastor
Dallas Byrd, Route 1, Box 213-A, Hallsboro, N. C. 28442.....Church Clerk

OAK GROVE CHURCH, BLADEN COUNTY, N. C.

Not Listed.....Pastor
Wilton G. Pait, Route 2, Box 82-A, Bladenboro, N. C. 28358.....Church Clerk

MOUNT BEULAH CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Pastor
Mrs. Thelma Fowler.....Church Clerk

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Not Listed.....Pastor
F. J. Lee, Route 1, Box 20, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Rev. McLeod Strickland.....Pastor
Jerry Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....Church Clerk

MISSION VALLEY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 28420.....Pastor
Guy Sykes, Route 1, Box 147-A, Clarendon, N. C. 28432.....Church Clerk

THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Ash, N. C. 28420.....Pastor
Grant Gore, Route 1, Box 114, Shallotte, N. C. 28459.....Church Clerk

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. L. Duncan, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. 28455
 Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Box 298, Whiteville, N. C. 28472
 Rev. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. 28455
 Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Route 1, Ash, N. C. 28420
 Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337
 Rev. Robert Sellers, Route 2, Tabor City, N. C. 28463
 Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Clarendon, N. C. 28432
 Rev. Harvey Cribb, Belmont, N. C. 28012
 Rev. James Nobles, Route 1, Box 34-A, Tabor City, N. C. 28463
 Rev. Claude Housand, Longs, S. C. 28568
 Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse, Bladenboro, N. C. 28358
 Rev. Jasper Pernell, Bladenboro, N. C. 28358
 Rev. Archie Smith
 Rev. Reedy Graham

LICENTIATES

Brooks Sykes and Danny Davis.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fourth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina met in session with the Beaver Dam Church in Columbus County on October 20, 1973.

The session opened with the congregation singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer." The Rev. J. W. Byrd brought the devotional service, taking his message from the first verse of John 14. Prayer was offered by the Rev. A. L. Duncan.

The welcome address was given by Howard McPherson. The response was given by Mayo Brown.

The moderator recognized the visitors which included Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, and a group of girls from the Home; the Rev. Joe Ingram of the State Missions Board; and the Rev. David Charles Hansley, a representative from Mount Olive College.

The moderator, the Rev. J. B. Hardee, then announced the house in order for business, inviting the visitors to sit with us.

The moderator then proceeded to find out the delegates and the churches they represented. He also nominated the following committees:

Devotional: Brothers Loyd Thomas, Dallas Byrd, and Jerry Bryan. (They were instructed to excuse themselves after hearing the roll of ministers called to attend to the business of the committee.)

Periodical: Brothers Willard Brown, Ted Nealy, and Roy Storms.

Educational: Brothers Shafter Brown, Deams Godwin, and Micky Brisson.

Sunday School: Brothers Horace Cartrette, Willie Jones, and Robert Adams.

Ministerial: Brothers Arthur Sykes, Guy Long, and Bobby Buffkin.

Obituary: Sisters Ann Hooks, Beth McDaniels, and Thelma Fowler.

Resolutions: Brothers David Pait, Olan Puckett, and Grant Gore.

Finance: Brothers J. P. Edwards, Jackie Soles, and Lacy Nealy.

The *Home Missions Committee* is a standing committee composed of Brothers E. Hayes Pait, Willie Jones, and Loyd Thomas.

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

The roll of ministers was called with the following ministers being present: Revs. A. L. Duncan, J. W. Byrd, I. G. Ward, James B. Hardee, Robert Sellers, William J. Godwin, James Nobles, Lewis Sprouse, Claude Housand, Archie Smith, and Reedy Graham.

Ministers absent were: Revs. Harvey Cribb, Jarome Jenerette, and Jasper Pernell. Licentiates: Brooks Sykes and Danny Davis.

Mr. Sam Weeks brought with him twelve very nice little girls from the

Children's Home. The girls sang two songs for us which the whole congregation enjoyed very much. Mr. Weeks insisted that everyone who possibly could to visit the Children's Home and observe the operations of the home.

The Rev. Joe Ingram brought greetings from the Home Mission Board and gave a report of the progress made on the mission fields. He thanked the association for its support during the past year.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley brought greetings from Mount Olive College and gave a brief report of the operations of the College.

The report of the Devotional Committee was handed to the clerk and read as follows: We, your Devotional Committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. James Nobles bring our message for today.

Respectfully submitted,

Loyd Thomas

Dallas Byrd

Jerry Bryan

The Devotional Committee's report was received by a motion of Horace Cartrette and a vote of the association. The committee was then dismissed.

An offering for the Children's Home was taken in the amount of \$403.41.

The minutes of the last association were read and approved by a motion of Willie Jones and a vote of the association.

Church letters were called for and read as follows:

White Oak: Reported by letter and delegates Arthur Sykes and Robert Adams. Funds \$25. Rev. Lewis Sprouse, pastor; Robert Adams, clerk.

Mount Calvary: Reported by letter and delegates Mayo Brown, Shafter Brown, and Williard Brown. Funds \$20. Rev. J. B. Hardee, pastor; W. D. Brown, clerk.

Beaver Dam: Reported by letter and delegates J. P. Edwards, Horace Cartrette, Ted Nealy, Deams Godwin, and Bobby Buffkin. Funds \$40.14. Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor; Jack Penny, clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Reported by letter and delegate G. B. Benton. Funds \$5. Rev. Claude Housand, pastor; G. B. Benton, clerk.

Pine Level: Reported by letter and delegates Guy Long, Martha Ward, and Geneva Long. Funds \$10. Rev. Claude Housand, pastor; Mrs. Esther Ward, clerk.

Mount Olive: Reported by letter and delegates Larry Batten, Ann Hooks, and Sherry Hooks. Funds \$10. Rev. J. B. Hardee, pastor; Robert Benton, clerk.

Emerson: Reported by letter and delegates Lacy Nealy, Billie Ray Mercer, and Gary McPherson. Funds \$20. Rev. Robert Sellers, pastor; Dallas Byrd, clerk.

Oak Grove: Reported by letter and delegates Roy Storms; Micky Bris-

son, David Pait, and Jerry Bryan. Funds \$25. Pastor not listed; Wilton Pait, clerk.

Cypress Creek: Reported by letter and delegates Willie Jones and Olan Puckett. Funds \$10. Pastor not listed; F. J. Lee, clerk.

Little Bethel: Reported by letter and delegates Loyd Thomas and Jackie Soles. Funds \$20. Rev. McLeod Strickland, pastor; Jerry Hodges, clerk.

Mission Valley: Reported by letter and delegates Thomas McDaniels, Letha McDaniels, and Celia McDaniels. Funds \$5.67. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor; Gary Sykes, clerk.

Thomasboro: Reported by letter and delegate Grant Gore. Funds \$15. Rev. Jarome Jenerette, pastor; Grant Gore, clerk.

Mount Beulah: Reported by letter and delegates Thelma Fowler and Emeline Rhodes. Funds \$6. Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor; Thelma Fowler, clerk.

The Rev. James Nobles brought a very inspiring message from Romans 15:20, 21.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley dismissed the association and asked blessings for the lunch which had been prepared.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled with the singing of "There Is Power in the Blood." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

The moderator then declared the house in order for business and called for committee reports 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,

Willard Brown

Roy Storms

Ted Nealy

A motion was made 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,

Mickey Brisson

Deams Godwin

Shafter Brown

The report was received by motion of Rev. W. 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 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,

Horace Cartrette

Willie Jones

Robert Adams

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

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 ,

David Pait

Olan Puckett

Grant Gore

A motion was made by Brother Willie Jones 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,

Guy Long

Bobby Buffkin

Arthur Sykes

A motion was made by Brother Hayes Pait 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 twelve 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,

Beth McDaniels

Thelma Fowler

Ann Hooks

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

FINANCE

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

Old Funds	\$465.56
New Funds	221.71

Total in Treasury	\$687.27
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Respectfully submitted,

J. P. Edwards

Lacy Nealy

Jackie Soles

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$465.56
New Funds	202.25

Total to Account For	\$667.81
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Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 40.00
Clerk	30.00
Treasurer	7.00
Minutes	200.72
Bibles	20.00
Postage	2.03

Total Disbursements	299.75
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Balance in Treasury	\$368.06
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Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

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

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$177.90
New Funds Received in 1973	40.00
Total in Treasury	\$217.90

Respectfully submitted,
E. Hayes Pait, *Treasurer*

This report was received and carried by a motion of Brother Loyd Thomas.

INVESTIGATION

Brothers Lacy Nealy and Dallas Byrd report that Brother Thomas Rhodes could not be with us due to sickness in his family.

The committee reported that they made a visit to Mount Beulah Church the second Sunday in May, during a revival that was going on. They made their second visit the fourth Sunday in June. They reported a good Sunday school, followed with preaching services on each visit. They stated that the services were decent and in an orderly manner; that the Spirit of God was present. There was good attendance at both services. The Mount Beulah Church is having regular services every Sunday. They are also represented at the Pee Dee Union No. 2. The officers of the church are: Pastor, the Rev. A. L. Duncan; assistant pastor, Brother Brooks Sykes; deacon, Brother Clayton Fowler; clerk and treasurer, Sister Thelma Fowler. All the officers seem very capable of their jobs.

While we were there we noticed that they had a remodeling program. They have painted the church on the outside, replaced the windows where needed, paneled the inside of the church, and added new light fixtures. All this has greatly improved the looks and condition of the church.

Mount Beulah has had a good spiritual spring revival, and they have just completed their fall revival with the Rev. James Nobles as the evangelist. There was good attendance for both revivals and God really poured out His blessings upon the body as well as the visitors. Mount Beulah certainly is going ahead full steam and they are beyond doubt making progress for the glory of God. We feel sure that the body of the Pee Dee Association can help Mount Beulah Church with both your prayers and visits.

Respectfully submitted,
Lacy Nealy
Dallas Byrd

A motion was made by Brother Howard McPherson to accept this report; the motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we met on Sunday, February 4, concerning the conduct of the Rev. Larry Ward for the purpose of making a decision on his case. After a lengthy discussion on doctrinal rules and issues and rules relevant to the matter, there was a motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers and seconded by the Rev. I. G. Ward to call in the credentials of Brother Larry Ward. A vote was taken which passed unanimous.

Council members present were the Rev. A. L. Duncan, chairman; the Rev. William J. Godwin, clerk; the Rev. Robert Sellers; and the Rev. I. G. Ward. Brother Mayo Brown was absent. The council had asked the Revs. J. B. Hardee and Loyd Gore to be present at this meeting, however they were not allowed to vote. Brother Ward was asked to mail his license to the following address immediately: The Rev. William J. Godwin, Route 1, Box 84, Clarendon, North Carolina 28432. In reply Brother Godwin handed over an envelope containing the credentials of Brother Ward and a note that reads as follows: "Dear Sirs: After much prayer, I have been led by the Holy Ghost to start an independent church. Pray for us and all that have been saved under our ministry. A minister for Christ to the lost, Larry D. Ward."

At this time Brothers Brooks Sykes and Danny Davis were presented before the body and given the right hand of fellowship as licentiatees. Also Brothers Archie Smith and Reedy Graham who had just been ordained was received into the association.

There was not any old or unfinished business. New business was then called for. The Rev. Loyd Gore asked for a letter to his present conference since he had moved to Morehead City. A motion was made by Brother Howard McPherson that Brother Gore be granted his request; the motion carried.

Brother Mayo Brown resigned from his position on the Ordaining Council. Brother Brown said he had talked to the Rev. J. W. Byrd and he would accept the position. He recommended that if it pleased the body, they elect Brother Byrd in his place. Brother Brown's resignation was accepted and his recommendation was granted and accepted by the body.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that since today was re-organization time that we keep our same officers for two more years. This motion was carried.

The clerk, Brother E. D. McPherson, then stood and addressed the moderator. He told the audience that he had stood before them every year for the past twenty-two years, and that he had enjoyed and loved his work very much. He said he felt like he had made many friends that he kept thinking of and loved from the bottom of his heart. He stated that he did not want to resign, but due to an accident he had on November 24, 1972, he received a brain injury to the extent that his memory was impaired and he was afraid to trust his own self and did not feel capable of doing the work required of a clerk. Therefore, if it pleased the body, he would like to recommend Brother Jack Penny to take his place.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that the association relieve Brother McPherson and accept his recommendation. Also that the body give a standing vote of heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Brother E. D. McPherson for his twenty-two years of service he has rendered to the association. This motion was carried by a vote of 57 in favor and 7 opposing.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we give to Beaver Dam Church a standing vote of thanks and appreciation for the service rendered to us today. The motion was carried.

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

There was a motion by Brother Robert Adams that the next association be held with White Oak Church. The motion was carried.

Brother E. D. McPherson made a motion that the association adjourn, which was carried. Brother Wade Hodges dismissed the body with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Hardee, *Moderator*

E. D. McPherson, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLE

Mount Calvary: Male members, 17; female members, 33; received on confession, 1; total members, 50; paid pastor, \$1,356; visiting preachers, \$475.55; charity donations, \$125; Children's Home, \$212.13; mission board, \$50; Christian education, \$229.92; unions, \$55; association, \$20; church offerings, \$7,200; building repairs and upkeep, \$4,787.33; miscellaneous, \$134.52; total, \$7,320.45. W. D. Brown, church clerk.

White Oak: Male members, 68; female members, 88; received on confessions, 23; received by letter, 13; dismissed by letter, 1; baptized, 25; died, 2; total members, 156; paid pastor, \$5,616; visiting preachers, \$270; charity, \$90.58; Children's Home, \$550; mission board, \$297.50; Cragmont, \$137.50; superannuation, \$106.25; Christian education, \$197.52; unions, \$147; association, \$25; Sunday school offerings, \$14,076.52; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,975.28; miscellaneous, \$4,668.92; total, \$14,081.55. Robert Adams, church clerk.

Beaver Dam: Male members, 241; female members, 411; received on confession, 17; dismissed by letter, 2; baptized, 14; dropped, 5; died, 7; total members, 652; paid pastor, \$4,013; visiting preachers, \$931.52; evangelists, \$738.83; charity, \$3,629.30; Children's Home, \$1,350; mission board, \$1,134.57; superannuation, \$150; Christian education, \$434; unions, \$116.98; building repairs and upkeep (including lights, fuel, and insurance), \$10,278.41. Jack Penny, church clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Male members, 4; female members, 7; received on confession, 6; baptized, 3; dropped, 4; total members, 11; paid pastor, \$523.11; visiting preachers, \$80; charity, \$240; Children's Home, \$10; unions, \$31.80; association, \$5; Sunday school offerings, \$1,406.66; building repairs

and upkeep, \$1,333.10; miscellaneous, \$150.86; total, \$2,400.01. G. B. Benton, church clerk.

Pine Level: Male members, 7; female members, 18; received on confession, 2; total members, 27; paid pastor, \$526.80; visiting preachers, \$170.35; Children's Home, \$58; charity, \$154.86; building, \$1,283.92; spent, \$1,385.83; upkeep, \$152.11; Sunday school offerings, \$1,163.77; spent, \$1,191.68; miscellaneous, \$126.56; unions, \$3; associations, \$10. Esther Ward, church clerk.

Mount Olive: Male members, 30; female members, 54; received by letter, 3; total members, 84; paid pastor, \$1,475; visiting preachers, \$3.15; Children's Home, \$22; unions, \$44; association, \$10; church offerings, \$719.76; Sunday school offerings, \$865.67; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,877.48; miscellaneous, \$621.86; total, \$5,328.91. Robert Benton, church clerk.

Emerson: Male members, 21; female members, 57; received on confession, 8; received by letter, 1; baptized, 3; dropped, 2; died, 2; total members, 79; paid pastor, \$734.44; visiting preachers, \$386.82; charity, \$400; Children's Home, \$70.48; mission board, \$86.79; unions, \$83; association, \$20; church offerings, \$42.62; Sunday school offerings, \$3,569.09; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,262.09; total \$6,372.60. Dallas Byrd, church clerk.

Oak Grove: Male members, 59; female members, 79; received on confession, 2; received by letter, 5; baptized, 2; died, 1; total members, 138; paid pastor, \$2,000; visiting preachers, \$653.91; charity \$1,776.34; Children's Home, \$507.31; mission board, \$339.47; superannuation, \$36.49; unions, \$141; association, \$25; church offering, \$140.71; Sunday school offerings, \$15,017.97; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,872.62; miscellaneous, \$22,559.45; total, \$29,038.97. Wilton G. Pait, church clerk.

Cypress Creek: Male members, 24; female members, 34; received on confession, 4; baptized, 1; dropped, 3; total members, 58; paid pastor, \$1,300; visiting preachers, \$150; charity, \$125; Children's Home, \$25; mission board, \$25; unions, \$44; association, \$10; Sunday school offering, \$2,710.77; building repairs and upkeep, \$740; miscellaneous, \$25; total, \$2,444. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

Little Bethel: Male members, 15; female members, 29; received on confession, 2; baptized, 2; total members, 44; paid pastor, \$800.51; visiting preachers, \$120.05; Children's Home, \$22.45; unions, \$40; association, \$20; church offerings, \$3,917.27; Sunday school offerings, \$2,400.24; building repairs and upkeep, \$2,402.02; miscellaneous, \$123.95; total, \$2,525.97. Jerry Hodges, church clerk.

Mission Valley: Male members, 25; female members, 28; received on confession, 14; baptized, 13; total members, 53; paid pastor, \$330; visiting preachers, \$133; unions, \$22; association, \$5.67; church offerings, \$505.98; Sunday school offerings, \$787.44; building repairs and upkeep, \$497.83; miscellaneous, \$60.50; total, \$2,342.42; Gary Sykes, church clerk.

Thomasboro: Male members, 8; female members, 14; dismissed by let-

ter, 2; dropped, 3; total members, 22; paid pastor, \$998.40; visiting preachers, \$437.80; charity, \$169; unions, \$15; association, \$15; church offerings, \$2,488.44; Sunday school offerings, \$643.74; miscellaneous, \$376.85; total, \$3,132.18. Grant Gore, church clerk.

Special Committee

The special committee appointed seventeen 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: Bt 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 the 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, recommended 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 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

MODERATOR: Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina

CLERK: Brother Jack Penny, Route 3, Whiteville, North Carolina

TREASURER: Brother Howard McPherson, Clarendon, North Carolina

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

Brother E. Hayes Pait, Route 2, Bladenboro, North Carolina

Brother Loyd Thomas

Brother Willie Jones, Nakina, North Carolina

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

Brother Lacy Nealy, Route 1, Chadbourne, North Carolina

Brother Dallas Byrd, Hallsboro, North Carolina

Brother Thomas Rhodes, Route 3, Whiteville, North Carolina

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, North Carolina

Rev. J. W. Byrd, Route 1, Whiteville, North Carolina

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