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CHURCH CLERKS' AND PASTORS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS STOOD IN 1974

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 6, Box 118, Whiteville, N. C. 28472.....Church Clerk

PLEASANT MEADOW CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. I. G. Ward, Route 1, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Pastor
G. B. Benton, Route 1, Box 79, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

PINE LEVEL CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Claude Housand, Route 1, Longs, S. C. 29568.....Pastor
Shirley Price, Route 1, Box 60-A, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

MOUNT OLIVE CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Reedy Graham, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....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.

Rev. James B. Hardee, P. O. Box 43, Elizabethtown, N. C. 28337.....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, Route 2, Box 299, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....Church Clerk

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Reedy Graham, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....Pastor
F. J. Lee, Route 1, Box 20, Nakina, N. C. 28455.....Church Clerk

LITTLE BETHEL CHURCH, HORREY COUNTY, S. C.

Rev. William Jackie Godwin, Route 1, Clarendon, N. C. 28432.....Pastor
Jerry D. Hodges, 112 Jones Street, Tabor City, N. C. 28463.....Church Clerk

MISSION VALLEY CHURCH, COLUMBUS COUNTY, N. C.

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

THOMASBORO CHURCH, BRUNSWICK COUNTY, N. C.

Rev. Jarome Jenerette, Route 1, 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, Route 1, 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, Route 1, Longs, S. C. 29568
Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse, Bladenboro, N. C. 28358
Rev. Jasper Pernell, Bladenboro, N. C. 28358
Rev. Reedy Graham, Tabor City, N. C. 28463
Rev. Archie Smith
Rev. Proctor Smith
Rev. Holland Norris

LICENTIATES

Leon Simmons and Levy Ward.

PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred and fifth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at White Oak Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on October 19, 1974.

This session opened with the congregation singing "Blessed Assurance." The Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse brought the devotional service, taking his message from Matthew 25, beginning with Verse 14. Prayer by Brother Sprouse.

The welcome address was given by Sister Mary Belle Pait. The response was given by Brother G. C. Bryan Jr.

The moderator recognized the visitors which included Sam Weeks, superintendent of the Children's Home at Middlesex, North Carolina, and a quartet of girls from the home; the Rev. David Charles Hansley from Mount Olive College; and the Rev. Walter Reynolds from the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, North Carolina.

The moderator, the Rev. James B. Hardee, then announced the house in order for business, inviting visitors to sit with us. He then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Committee: Sisters Edith Bennett, Mary Pearl Pernell, and Vivian Tharp.

Periodical Committee: Brothers Jetter Hester, Leo McPhersons, and G. B. Benton.

Educational Committee: Brothers G. C. Bryan Jr., Robert Benton, and Horace Cartrette.

Sunday School Committee: Brothers Roland McPherson, Thurman Ward, and Billy Ray Mercer.

Ministerial Committee: Brothers Mayo Brown, Donnie Fowler, and Grant Gore.

Obituary Committee: Sisters Marie Long, Faye Starnes, and Peggy McMillan.

Resolution Committee: Brothers W. D. Brown, Jeffrey McPherson, and J. D. Sarvis.

Finance Committee: Brothers Jay Hodge, Windell Wilson, and Richard Fowler.

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

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

The roll of ministers was called and the following were present: The Revs. A. L. Duncan, I. G. Ward, Jerome Jenerette, James B. Hardee, William Jackie Godwin, James Nobles, Claude Housand, Lewis J. Sprouse, Archie Smith, Reedy Graham, and Brooks Sykes. Licentiates Leon Simmons and Levy Ward were present.

Ministers absent were: The Revs. J. W. Byrd, Robert Sellers, Harvey Cribb, Jasper Pernell, and Holland Norris.

The Devotional Committee was excused after the roll call of the ministers.

Mr. Sam Weeks gave a report of progress on the Children's Home. He then introduced the quartet of girls from the Children's Home, and they sang two songs for the congregation.

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

The Devotional Committee came back in and gave their report to the clerk and it read as follows:

We, your Devotional Committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. Reedy Graham bring our message for today.

Respectfully submitted,
Edith Bennett
Mary Pearl Pernell
Vivian Tharp

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

The Rev. Walter Reynolds from the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation and also gave a talk on the proposed Retirement Homes for Free Will Baptists, which is to be located near the Children's Home, Middlesex, North Carolina.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we ratify the idea of this home. Motion was carried by vote of the association.

Brother Reynolds also discussed the publishing of a Free Will Baptist Yearbook, beginning January, 1976. Then he gave the following report:

Whereas, we are duplicating ourselves in the printing of our annual minutes and are using some of the Lord's money unnecessarily; and, whereas, the cost of printing continues to increase; and, whereas, our Free Will Baptist people need some general information not now available; therefore, be it resolved that instead of annual minutes, we seek the cooperation of all Free Will Baptist conventions, conferences, and associations in the printing of an annual Free Will Baptist Yearbook. Be it further resolved that the yearbook include a church directory, minutes of the annual state convention with the annual reports of the institutions, boards, commissions, committees, the necessary minutes of the annual conventions, conferences, and associations, and a calendar of denominational activities. Be it further resolved that we seek the cooperation of the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. in the publication of this annual Free Will Baptist Yearbook. Be it further resolved that we request the annual conferences and associations to make available to their member churches two or more copies at a reasonable cost

to the conference and/or association, and that the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Inc. make additional copies available at a reasonable cost to all Free Will Baptists.

There was a motion by Brother Howard McPherson that the association support the publishing of this yearbook. Motion was carried by vote of the association.

The congregation sang "At Calvary." Prayer was offered by Brother Leon Simmons, and the Brown Quartet then sang three songs.

The Rev. Reedy Graham brought a very inspiring message from 1 Corinthians, Chapter 13.

The Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse dismissed the association and asked blessings for the lunch which had been prepared.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The association reassembled with the singing of "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was offered by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

The quartet of girls from the Children's Home sang two more songs, and an offering of \$203.56 was taken up for the Children's Home.

The moderator then declared the house in order for business and called for the church letters and they were read as follows:

White Oak: Reported by letter and delegates David L. Hester, David James Pait, Horace Edwards, Jetter Hester, Clifton Kinlaw, and Danny Davis. Funds \$25. The Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse, pastor; Robert E. Adams, clerk.

Mount Calvary: Reported by letter and delegates W. D. Brown and Shafton Brown. Funds \$20. The Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor; W. D. Brown, clerk.

Beaver Dam: Reported by letter and delegates Jeffrey McPherson, Leo McPherson, Roland McPherson, Bobby McPherson, and Horace Cartrette. Funds \$44.15. The Rev. J. A. Hucks, pastor; Jack Penny, clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Reported by letter and delegates G. B. Benton and J. D. Sarvis. Funds \$10. The Rev. I. G. Ward, pastor; G. B. Benton, clerk.

Pine Level: Reported by letter and delegates Guy Long, and Windell Wilson. Funds \$10. The Rev. Claude Housand, pastor; Shirley Price, clerk.

Mount Olive: Reported by letter and delegates Robert Benton, Edith Benton, and Peggy Benton. Funds \$10. The Rev. Reedy Graham, pastor; Robert Benton, clerk.

Emerson: Reported by letter and delegates Jay Hodge, Billy Ray Mercer, Horace Ward, Mike Sellers, Wilbur Ward, Jackie Spivey, Lacy Nealy, Ken McMillan, P. C. Lanier, Dallas Byrd, Camelia Sellers, Joan Hodge, Mary Mercer, Gloria Sellers, Joan Sellers, and Shirley Byrd. Funds \$20. The Rev. Robert Sellers, pastor; Dallas Byrd, clerk.

Oak Grove: Reported by letter and delegates Fay Storm, G. C. Bryan

Jr., and Mary Pearl Pernell. Funds \$20. The Rev. James B. Hardee, pastor; Wilton G. Pait, clerk.

Cypress Creek: Reported by letter and delegates Willie H. Jones and Thurman Ward. Funds \$15. The Rev. Reedy Graham, pastor; F. J. Lee, clerk.

Little Bethel: Reported by letter and delegates Jerry D. Hodges, Jackie Soles, and Lloyd Thomas. Funds \$15. The Rev. William Jackie Godwin, pastor; Jerry D. Hodges, clerk.

Mission Valley: Reported by letter and delegates Danny Fowler and Richard Fowler. Funds \$5. The Rev. Jerome Jenerette, pastor; Gary Sykes, clerk.

Thomasboro: Reported by letter and delegates Marie Long, Stella Mae Jenerette, Vivian Tharp, and Grant Gore. Funds \$15. The Rev. Jerome Jenerette, pastor; Grant Gore, clerk.

Mount Beulah: Reported by letter and delegates Thelma Fowler and Mary Fowler. Funds \$10. The Rev. A. L. Duncan, pastor; Thelma B. Fowler, clerk.

The committee reports were called for by the moderator and were read 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, Inc., Ayden, North Carolina, and that we support our educational institutions. Also that we continue our weekly prayer services.

Respectfully submitted,

G. B. Benton

Jetter Hester

Leo McPherson

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend that each church in the association use every means possible to support our educational institutions. We also encourage our young people who plan to further their education to do so at Mount Olive College. In an effort to set a date in future years for a Pee Dee Association Development Dinner for Mount Olive College, we recommend and urge each church in the association to invite the College to present its program to the local congregation. We also recommend that each church attend and support the study courses on our

denomination to be held on December 3, 1974, at White Oak; December 4, 1974, at Beaver Dam; and, December 5, 1974, at Oak Grove.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. Bryan Jr.

Robert Benton

Horace Cartrette

Motion was made by the chairman of this committee to receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

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,

Roland McPherson

Billy Ray Mercer

Thurman Ward

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive this report and dismiss the committee. 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,

W. D. Brown

Jeffery L. McPherson

J. D. Sarvis

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we find all our ministers in good standing as far as we know, except the Rev. Jasper Pernell, who has not been preaching or attending any of the union meetings or associations. We, your committee, suggest that the Investigation Committee visit with him and make recommendation back to the next association.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayo Brown

Grant Gore

Donnie Fowler

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

OBITUARY

We, the Obituary Committee, beg leave to report that there have been, according to reports, 22 deaths of Free Will Baptist members of our churches since the last association.

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Long
Faye Starnes
Peggy McMillan

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive this report, dismiss the committee, and stand for silent prayer in memory of these 22 persons. Motion carried.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$279.70
New Funds	219.15
Balance	\$498.85

Respectfully submitted,
Windell Wilson
Richard Fowler
Jay Hodge

Motion was made by the chairman of the committee to receive the report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$368.06
New Funds	221.71
Total to Account For	589.77

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 45.00
Clerk	30.00
Treasurer	7.00
Minutes	220.85
Postage	2.88
Ministers' Cards	4.34

Total Disbursements 310.07

Balance in Treasury \$279.70

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, Treasurer

Motion by treasurer that we receive this report. Motion carried.

HOME MISSIONS' TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Old Funds	\$217.90
New Funds Received October 19, 1974	45.00
Balance in Treasury	\$262.90

Respectfully submitted,
Willie H. Jones
Lloyd Thomas

Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that we receive this report.
Motion carried.

INVESTIGATION

No report.

There was a discussion concerning the decreasing balance of the funds in the association's treasury. Motion by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin that each church pay \$30 or more to the association, annually; and also, that the association appoint a committee to study the budget and report to the association next year as to the possibility of changing the money requirements from each church to the association. Motion carried.

Motion was made by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin that the committee for the study of the budget be composed of the moderator, clerk, treasurer, one member of the Ordaining Council, and one member of the Investigation Committee. Motion was carried.

The moderator appointed the Rev. William Jackie Godwin from the Ordaining Council and Brother Dallas Byrd from the Investigation Committee to serve on this committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

It was requested by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin that the right hand of fellowship be given to the Rev. Brooks Sykes and the right hand of welcome be given to licentiates Leon Simmons and Levy Ward. He also requested that the association receive the Rev. Holland Norris as a member, as he was going to pastor a church here. However he could not be present at this association due to being on a trip to the Holy Land, pending him receiving the right hand of fellowship at the next association.

Motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we give the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Brooks Sykes and the right hand of welcome to licentiates Leon Simmons and Levy Ward; also, that we accept the Rev. Holland Norris into the association without him receiving the right hand of fellowship until the next association, as he was unable to be present due to his being in the Holy Land. Motion carried.

The right hand of fellowship was given to the Rev. Brooks Sykes and

the right hand of welcome was given to licentiates Leon Simmons and Levy Ward.

The minutes of the last association were read and approved by motion of the Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse and a vote of the association.

There was not any old or unfinished business.

New business was called for and there was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we give to White Oak Church a standing vote of thanks of appreciation for the service rendered to us today. Motion carried.

A petition for acceptance to the Pee Dee Association from the Fireway Free Will Baptist Church, Route 3, Box 212, Tabor City, North Carolina, was submitted to the clerk and it read as follows:

Greetings,

We, the members of the church at Fireway, desire to become a member of the Pee Dee Association. We held a called conference on Wednesday night, September 25, 1974, and unanimously voted to apply for membership in your denomination. We have 23 members in our church.

We have already applied to and have been accepted by Union No. 2.

We send as delegates to the association three deacons: Brothers Elgen Cribb, Ozzie Tripp, and Wallace Cribb; also, church members Brother Garland Long and Sister Glacie Tripp.

Please pray for our church that we may grow stronger.

This done by order of the church on Wednesday night, September 25, 1974.

Prayerfully submitted,

Magdalene Cribb, Church Clerk

Motion by Brother Roland McPherson that we accept the Fireway Free Will Baptist Church into the Association. Motion was carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. James Nobles that the next association be held at Cypress Creek Church. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother E. Hayes Pait to give \$50 to the Rev. A. L. Duncan out of the Home Mission's treasury. Motion was carried.

Brother Mayo Brown asked that we take up an offering for the Rev. J. W. Byrd as he had had a heart attack and had been sick, still not being able to do anything. An offering of \$150 was taken up for him.

There was a motion by Brother E. Hayes Pait that we have 400 minutes printed. Motion was carried.

There was a motion by Rev. I. G. Ward that we pay the clerk and treasurer the same as last year. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother Mayo Brown that the association adjourn. Motion carried and the body was dismissed with prayer by Brother Levy Ward.

Respectfully submitted,

James B. Hardee, Moderator

Jack Penny, Clerk

STATISTICAL TABLE

Mount Calvary: Male members, 20; female members, 38; received on confession, 8; restored, 1; baptized, 8; died, 1; total members, 58. Paid pastor, \$1,950; visiting preachers, \$300; charity, \$350; Children's Home, \$215; mission board, \$75; Christian education, \$100; unions, \$44; association, \$20; church offerings, \$7,800; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,000; miscellaneous, \$900; total, \$6,144. W. D. Brown, church clerk.

White Oak: Male members, 56; female members, 71; received on confession, 3; received by letter, 4; baptized, 2; dropped, 5; died, 4; total members, 127. Paid pastor, \$5,184; visiting preachers, \$300; Children's Home, \$892.50; mission board, \$412; Cragmont, \$150; superannuation, \$75; Christian education, \$195; unions, \$60; association \$25; church offerings, \$12,787.75; building repairs and upkeep, \$462.07; miscellaneous, \$648.90; total, \$8,384.47. Robert E. Adams, church clerk.

Beaver Dam: Male members, 240; female members, 395; received on confession, 21; dismissed by letter, 7; restored, 1; baptized, 14; dropped, 24; died, 8; total members, 635. Paid pastor, \$5,057.78; visiting preachers, \$817.10; charity, \$1,299.86; Children's Home, \$2,275; mission board, \$1,703.80; superannuation, \$306; Christian education, \$1,502.49; unions, \$152.15; association, \$50.04; church offerings, \$2,757.08; Sunday school offerings, \$17,779.83; building repairs and upkeep, \$5,104.44. Jack Penny, church clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Male members, 4; female members, 7; received on confession, 2; total members, 11. Paid pastor, \$283.75; visiting preachers, \$100; charity, \$100; Children's Home, \$15; unions, \$32.99; association, \$10; church offerings \$383.75; Sunday school offerings, \$2,967.37; building repairs and upkeep, \$732.89; miscellaneous, \$369.38; total, \$3,351.12. G. B. Benton, church clerk.

Pine Level: Male members, 10; female members, 19; baptized, 8; dropped, 2; total members, 29. Paid pastor, \$692.91; visiting preachers, \$176; charity, \$238.83; Children's Home, \$45.45; unions, \$24; association, \$10; church offerings, \$4,424.76; Sunday school offerings, \$2,945.66; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,513.69; miscellaneous, \$130.81; total, \$7,370.42. Shirley Price, church clerk.

Mount Olive: Male members, 29; female members, 53; received by letter, 1; baptized, 4; died, 1; total members, 84. Paid pastor, \$1,000; visiting preachers, \$210; charity, \$108.12; Children's Home, \$36.28; unions, \$44; association, \$10; church offerings, \$1,164.91; Sunday school offerings, \$1,035.32; building repairs and upkeep, \$385.30; miscellaneous, \$848.87; total, \$4,842.80. Robert Benton, church clerk.

Emerson: Male members, 24; female members, 59; received on confession, 6; received by letter, 2; baptized, 5; dropped, 2; died, 2; total members, 83. Paid pastor, \$994.80; visiting preachers, \$791.61; charity, \$459; Children's Home, \$126.13; mission board, \$135.57; unions, \$78.95; associa-

tion, \$20; Sunday school offerings, \$4,366.76; building repairs and upkeep, \$881.35; miscellaneous, \$325.05; total, \$7,088.27. Dallas Byrd, church clerk.

Oak Grove: Male members, 55; female members, 82; received on confession, 4; received by letter, 4; dismissed, 9; baptized, 6; died, 2; total members, 135. Paid pastor, \$4,200; visiting preachers, \$727.06; charity, \$1,661.23; Children's Home, \$501.79; mission board, \$145; Cragmont, \$20; superannuation, \$150; Christian education, \$27; unions, \$44; association, \$20; church offerings, \$8,150.30; Sunday school offerings, \$9,217; building repairs and upkeep, \$5,404.65; miscellaneous, \$4,866.57; total, \$17,367.30. Wilton G. Pait, church clerk.

Cypress Creek: Male members, 44; female members, 64; received on confession, 15; dismissed by letter, 1; baptized, 38; total members, 108. Paid pastor, \$1,315; visiting preachers, \$100; charity, \$309; Children's Home, \$153; mission board, \$93; unions, \$44; association, \$15; Sunday school offerings, \$4,074; building repairs and upkeep, \$3,400; total, \$7,475. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

Little Bethel: Male members, 14; female members, 28; dropped, 1; died, 1; total members, 42. Paid pastor, \$1,121.77; visiting preachers, \$246.76; charity, \$36.65; Children's Home, \$60.45; unions, \$40; association, \$15; church offerings, \$1,600.86; Sunday school offerings, \$1,955.13; building repairs and upkeep, \$225.01. Jerry D. Hodges, church clerk.

Mission Valley: Male members, 26; female members, 28; received on confession, 1; restored, 3; baptized, 6; died, 1; total members, 54. Paid pastor, \$290; visiting preachers, \$105.23; Children's Home, \$20; unions, \$32.74; association, \$5; church offerings, \$468.70; Sunday school offerings, \$301.82; building repairs and upkeep, \$1,176.63; miscellaneous, \$224.67; total, \$2,604.84. Gary Sykes, church clerk.

Thomasboro: Male members, 10; female members, 23; received on confession, 12; baptized, 12; total members, 33. Paid pastor, \$365; visiting preachers, \$555.23; charity, \$405; Children's Home, \$100; mission board, \$100; unions, \$41; association, \$15; church offerings, \$3,985.78; Sunday school offerings, \$943.43; building repairs and upkeep, \$2,578.72; miscellaneous, \$582.77; total, \$4,929.18. Grant Gore, church clerk.

Mount Beulah: Male members, 4; female members, 9; received on confession, 1; saved, 18; died, 2; total members, 11. Paid pastor, \$200; visiting preachers, \$300; unions, \$20; association, \$5; church offerings, unknown; Sunday school offerings, unknown; building repairs and upkeep, \$700; flowers, \$50; total paid out, \$1,275. Thelma B. Fowler, church clerk.

Special Committee

The special committee appointed eighteen 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.

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