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MINUTES **of the** **108TH ANNUAL SESSION** **of the** **PEE DEE ASSOCIATION** **of** **ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in Session with
 Pine Level Church
 Columbus County, North Carolina
 October 15, 1977

The next session will be held with the Little Bethel
 Church in Horry County, South Carolina, on Saturday before
 the third Sunday in October, 1978, beginning
 at 9:30 A. M.

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Horace Ward
Steve Hargrove
James Masterson
Wade Nealey

PROCEEDINGS

The one-hundred-eighth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Pine Level church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 15, 1977.

This session opened with the congregation singing, "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Ransom McAbee brought the devotional service, taking his message from Matthew, Chapter 16. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Stewart Humphrey.

The welcome address was given by Martha Ward. The response was given by the Rev. Willard Bowen, and the congregation sang, "Are You Washed in the Blood."

The moderator then welcomed the visitors and invited them to sit with us during this session. He then announced the house in order for business.

The roll of ministers was called and the following were absent: The Revs. I. G. Ward, Jerome Jenerette, Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, and Jasper Pernel. The roll of churches was called and each church was represented.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Committee: Sisters Cathlene Davis, Peggy Adams, and Letha Mae McDaniels. (This committee was excused to select the speaker for the morning message.)

Periodical Committee: Brothers Roland McPherson, Willard Brown, and Garland Suggs.

Educational Committee: Brothers W. D. Brown, Orbie Ikner, and Sammy Batten.

Sunday School Committee: Brothers Charles Fipps, Elgin Cribb, and J. D. Sarvis.

Ministerial Committee: Brothers Norman Soles, Jackie Soles, and Jay Hodge.

Obituary Committee: Sisters Avary Brisson, Lula Soles, and Vickie Smith.

Resolution Committee: Brothers Jimmy McPherson, Daniel Hewett, and Miles Edwards.

Finance Committee: Brothers J. W. Nobles, Robert Adams, and Steve Suggs.

Home Missions Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Brothers Lloyd Thomas, E. Hayes Pait, and Willie Jones.

Investigation Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Brothers Lacy Nealy, Dallas Byrd, and Horace Cartrette.

The Rev. Stewart Humphrey gave a report on Foreign Missions, and also gave a report of progress on the Children's Home and the Retirement Homes. Brother Humphrey is the superintendent of the Children's Home.

The Devotional Committee came back in at this time and gave the following report:

We, your Devotional Committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. Leon Simmons will bring the morning message for today.

Respectfully Submitted,
Cathlene Davis
Peggy Adams
Letha Mae McDaniels

The Devotional Committee's report was received by motion of Jay Hodge and vote of the congregation and the committee was dismissed.

Harold Herring brought greetings from Mount Olive College and gave a report on the College.

The moderator gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Press, Ayden, N. C.

These reports were received on motion by the Rev. Ransom McAbee.

The congregation then sang, "I'll Fly Away," and an offering of \$250.00 was taken for the Children's Home and given to Stewart Humphrey.

The moderator called for church letters and they were read by the clerk. All churches were present and each reported by letter.

The service was then turned over to the Rev. Leon Simmons who brought a very inspiring message from Matthew 5:20 and Galatians 3:22-24.

The Rev. Willard Bowen dismissed the Association and asked the blessings for the lunch that had been prepared.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association reassembled with the singing of, "Blessed Assurance" and the afternoon devotion was given by Steve Hargrove. He took his text from Matthew 5:14-16. He also offered prayer.

The house was declared in order for business by the moderator.

The committee reports were called for and read by the clerk.

REPORTS

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, N. C., and that we continue to support Mount Olive College. Also, that we continue our weekly prayer service in all of our churches.

Respectfully submitted,
Roland McPherson
Willard Brown
Garland P. Suggs

Motion was made by Roland McPherson that we receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report 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. We also recommend that each church in the Pee Dee Association invite the college to present its program to the local congregation. We also recommend that each church support its education group.

Respectfully submitted,
W. D. Brown
Samuel Batten
Orbie Ikner

Motion was made by W. D. Brown that we 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, Ayden, N. C. and that we do everything possible by God's grace to encourage our children and young people to attend Sunday school.

Respectfully submitted,
Elgin Cribb
J. D. Sarvis
Charles Fipps

Motion was made by Elgin Cribb that we receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

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, N. C. and support our mission program.

Respectfully submitted,
Jimmy McPherson
Miles Edwards
Daniel Hewett

Motion was made by Jimmy McPherson that we 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Soles
Jackie Soles
Jay Hodge

Motion was made by Norman Soles that we receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report eleven deaths, to the best of our knowledge, during the year. We

suggest that the congregation pause and bow their heads in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicky Smith
Lula Soles
Avary Brisson

Motion was made by Vicky Smith that we receive this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

FINANCE

We, your committee beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$278.60	
New Funds	496.00	
TOTAL		\$774.60

Respectfully submitted,
J. W. Nobles
Stevie Suggs
Robert Adams

Motion was made by J. W. Nobles that we accept this report and dismiss the committee. Motion carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$325.68	
New Funds	421.40	
TOTAL		\$747.08

Disbursements

Home Missions	\$ 40.00	
Clerk	30.00	
Treasurer	7.00	
Minutes	382.49	
Postage	8.98	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$468.48
BALANCE IN TREASURY		\$278.60

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Motion was made by William Jackie Godwin that we receive this report. Motion carried.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Balance Brought Forward	\$232.90	
New Funds	40.00	
TOTAL		\$272.90
Paid A. L. Duncan	\$ 50.00	
Paid I. G. Ward	50.00	

TOTAL PAID OUT
BALANCE IN TREASURY

100.00

\$172.90

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Thomas
E. Hayes Pait
Willie H. Jones

Motion was made by Lloyd Thomas that we receive this report. Motion carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council of the Pee Dee Association reports the following meetings during the past year:

1. On December 9, 1976, we met at Cypress Creek church. The Rev. Reedy Graham turned his credentials over to the Rev. A. L. Duncan to give to the Council. The reason he gave was that he was going to another Association. The Council voted to accept his credentials.

2. On January 20, 1977, we met at Emerson church with Horace Ward, concerning his call into the ministry. The Council was satisfied with his answers and recommended him to the church for licensing.

3. On April 17, 1977, we met at Cypress Creek church with Willard Bowen concerning him coming into the Free Will Baptist as a minister from another denomination. The Council was satisfied with his answers and ordained him.

4. On May 29, 1977, we met at Oak Grove church with Roger Johnston concerning his pastoring Cypress Creek church, coming from another Association. The Council was satisfied with his answers and recommended his pastoring Cypress Creek church.

5. On May 29, 1977, the Council met at Oak Grove church with Steve Hargrove concerning his call into the ministry. The Council was satisfied with him and recommended him to his church, White Oak, for licensing.

6. On July 20, 1977, the Council received a letter from the Central Association, asking for a letter of recommendation for Reedy Graham. The clerk contacted the Council members by phone and the Council agreed that it could not give Reedy Graham a letter of recommendation because he is no longer a member of the Pee Dee Association.

7. On October 15, 1977, we met at Pine Level church with Wade Nealey concerning his call into the ministry. The Council was satisfied and recommended him to Beavertown church for licensing.

8. On October 15, 1977, we met at Pine Level church with Herbert James Matherson Jr. concerning his call into the ministry. He was taken under the watch care of Freedom Free Will Baptist Mission and the Pee Dee Association, pending acceptance of the Mission as an organized church in the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leon Simmons, Clerk

Motion was made by Jackie Soles that we receive this report. Motion carried.

INVESTIGATION

No Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee, beg leave to report the following meetings during the past year:

1. On November 3, 1976, we met with Pleasant Meadow church for the purpose of them having a conference. Upon arriving, it was learned that the church had the Rev. Robert Sellers present to moderate the conference. However, when he took the stand there was opposition to him being the moderator and the Rev. James B. Hardee was nominated and chosen by the members present to moderate the conference.

The Rev. Hardee took the stand, inviting visitors to seats, and then opened the house in order for business. Roll of members was called and minutes of the last conference were read. After some discussion on the minutes, they were approved by motion of J. D. Sarvis and vote of the congregation.

Old business was asked for by the moderator and there was a motion by James Sarvis to re-instate members that were put on an inactive list at the last conference. Motion carried by vote of 17 for, 14 against.

New business was asked for by the moderator and there was a motion by Rudolph Leonard to lower the deaconship of the two present deacons and elect three more in the place of the two. Motion carried by vote of 17 for, 12 against.

The floor was opened for nominations for deacons. Brothers Tom Sarvis, Edgebert Godwin, Archie Thompson, Rudolph Leonard, and Coronel Lee were nominated. They were voted on, with Tom Sarvis getting 17 votes for and 12 against; Edgebert Godwin received 17 for, 13 against; Archie Thompson received 15 for, 12 against; Rudolph Leonard received 17 for, 12 against; and Coronel Lee received 17 for, 12 against.

Motion was made by James Sarvis to amend the motion for the three deacons and add two more, making a total of five deacons. Motion carried.

Brother James Sarvis made a motion to take up the business of calling a pastor. Motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations for pastor and the Rev. Reedy Graham was nominated. Motion by James Sarvis to close the nominations. Motion carried by vote of 16 for, 11 against.

At this time, discussions broke out among the members of the church and no order could be obtained, as they were arguing back and forth, with some calling others the devil, and others calling others liars. Part of the congregation got up and walked out of the church at this time.

After this occurred, the Executive Committee met in a side room of the church and discussed the situation and decided to rule this conference out of order, as there was no getting the people to agree, cooperate, or keep in order. We also decided to give the church 30 days to try and work things out and we would return and see if they had gotten together enough for us to help them. Also, that if they did not change, that we would recommend to the Association at the next meeting that we withdraw fellowship from the Pleasant Meadow church. The moderator informed the church that the conference, that had been started, was void, and things were as they were before the conference started.

2. On November 29, 1976, we met again, as the Rev. James B. Hardee had

been contacted by both sides of the members that were split at Pleasant Meadow church. He related that they were no closer together at this time than they were when we were there, as far as he could tell, after talking with them. After discussing the matter, we decided to go back to the church on December 8, 1976, for a meeting with them. Both sides were notified on this date that the next meeting would be on December 8, 1976.

We also decided that since they were still split and not able to agree on what to do about their problem, that we would recommend to the church at the next meeting that they elect 2 more deacons from the side opposite the one J. D. Sarvis was on. We would also recommend that they take the Rev. Robert Sellers as pastor on a trial or temporary basis and see if things could be straightened out and if they could get together.

3. On December 8, 1976, we met again, prior to going to Pleasant Meadow church, to discuss the procedure that we were going to take. After discussing the matter and learning that the Rev. James B. Hardee had been contacted again about the situation, we decided to go with the plan that was decided on at the meeting of November 29, 1976.

We went to Pleasant Meadow church and found that the Rev. Robert Sellers was present and was going to conduct a prayer meeting. We went in and sat down. The service was started and everything went along well until the Rev. Robert Sellers took the stand to bring the message. Discussion started with the two sides opposing one another.

After several had spoken back and forth, the Rev. James B. Hardee asked for the floor and it was granted. Brother Hardee then related the decision of the Executive Committee to the church members present.

The committee decision was questioned by the side opposite J. D. Sarvis. However, the committee stood firm and told them this was the decision of the committee and if they did not want to abide by it, then we could not help them any further. We would then recommend to the Association at the next meeting that we withdraw fellowship from their church.

More discussion then took place and the committee told them that they should at least try what was recommended. If it did not work, then they would have to do something else. At this time, about half of the members present got up and walked out of the church and left. The others stayed and told us that this was the church and that the ones here now were the ones that attended and contributed to the church. The Rev. Robert Sellers then brought the message and the prayer service continued without further incident. The Executive Committee left after the service.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Hardee
Clifton Kinlaw
E. Hayes Pait
Howard McPherson
Jack Penny

Motion was made by the Rev. J. W. Byrd that we receive this report.
Motion carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that the Association give the right hand of fellowship to the Rev. Willard Bowen and the Rev. Ransom McAbee, and the right hand of welcome to Steve Hargrove, Herbert James Matheson Jr., and Wade Nealey. Motion was carried and this was done.

The reading of the minutes was excluded upon the request of the moderator.

Old or unfinished business : None

New business was called for and the following letter was read by the clerk :

Due to my job as substitute mail carrier, I will no longer be able to serve as a board member. I have enjoyed working with you gentlemen and my prayer will be that God will bless you in your endeavors. I'm sending this letter of resignation because I won't be able to attend the Association, because of my job. I'm sure God has someone who can fill this position. May God bless each of you.

Your brother in Christ,
Clifton Ray Kinlaw

Motion was made by E. Hayes Pait that we accept the resignation of Brother Clifton Kinlaw. Motion carried.

There was a motion from the floor that we take up the business of re-organizing, considering each office individually. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations for moderator. The Rev. William Jackie Godwin and the Rev. James B. Hardee were nominated and the nominations were closed on motion by Robert Adams. On the vote of the Association the Rev. William Jackie Godwin was elected to serve as moderator.

The floor was opened for nominations for assistant moderator. The Rev. Leland Etheridge, the Rev. J. W. Byrd, and Robert Adams were nominated. Nominations were closed by motion of Jay Hodge. On vote of the Association the Rev. Leland Etheridge was elected to serve as assistant moderator.

The floor was opened for nominations for clerk and Brother Jack Penny was nominated and elected to serve in this position by vote of the Association.

The floor was opened for nominations for treasurer and Brother Howard McPherson was nominated and elected to serve as treasurer by the vote of the Association.

The floor was opened for nominations for the other members of the Executive Board and E. Hayes Pait and the Rev. Brooks Sykes were nominated. The Rev. Brooks Sykes was elected to serve by the vote of the Association.

The floor was then opened for nominations for a replacement for the Rev. William Jackie Godwin on the Ordaining Council. The Rev. Robert Sellers made a motion that the Rev. William Jackie Godwin serve both offices. However, this motion was not carried, as it is not allowed in the Association for one person to hold two offices or positions. The Rev. James B. Hardee, Hollan Norris, and James Nobles were nominated and nominations were closed on motion by Jay Hodge. On vote of the Association, the Rev. Hollan Norris was elected to serve on the Ordaining Council.

Motion was made by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin to make the Rev. A.

L. Duncan an honorary member of the Ordaining Council for his lifetime and replace him with someone else. Motion carried. The floor was opened for nominations for this position on the Ordaining Council and the Revs. James B Hardee and James Nobles were nominated. The Rev. James B. Hardee was elected to serve in this position by vote of the Association.

Motion was made by the Rev. Robert Sellers that the Association have the Rev. A. L. Duncan stand at the front of the church and each one present come by and give him a handshake in appreciation for the job he has done in the past on the Ordaining Council. Motion was carried and the congregation sang, "Stand Up for Jesus," and, "When I See the Blood," while this was done.

Motion was made by Roland McPherson that we give a standing vote of thanks to Pine Level church for the fine job they did today in hosting the Association. Motion carried.

Motion was made by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin that we have 450 copies of the Association Minutes printed. Motion carried.

An invitation to hold the next Association at Little Bethel church, Horry County, S. C. next year was extended by delegates present and it was accepted by vote of the Association.

Motion was made by the Rev. Hollan Norris that the Association accept the Freedom Free Will Baptist Mission under our watch care. Motion carried.

The right hand of welcome was given to the Rev. Lewis J. Sprouse and his group that were present from this mission.

Motion was made by Jay Hodge that we pay the clerk and treasurer the same as last year. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jay Hodge that we grant the request of Mount Olive church, for their deed to be given back to the church. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother Willie Jones that the Association adjourn until next year. Motion was carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Ransom McAbee.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Hardee, *Moderator*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLES

Ash: Members, 28; received by baptism, 3; lost, by death, 3. Revival expense, \$200; conferences and unions, \$46; utilities, \$154; literature and supplies, \$231; repairs and improvements, \$440; benevolence, \$141; others, \$87; Home Missions, \$105; total, \$1,849. Vicky Smith, church clerk.

Beaverdam: Members, 686; received by baptism, 17; by letter, 1; dropped, 5; joined other churches, 2; dismissed by letter, 4; died, 2. Conferences and unions, \$272; utilities, \$2,162; literature and supplies, \$3,966; repairs and improvements, \$5,277 church debt, \$5,651; miscellaneous, \$20,819; Children's Home, \$1,747; Mount Olive College, \$250; Foreign Missions, \$1,161; Home Missions, \$200; total, \$41,505. Robert Ward, church clerk.

Cypress Creek: Members, 102; received by confession, 1. Revival expense, \$150; conferences and unions, \$66; utilities, \$734; literature and supplies, \$607; repairs and improvements, \$2,950; benevolence, \$1,515; Children's Home,

\$259; Foreign Missions, \$120; Home Missions, \$120; total, \$8,140. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

Emerson: Members, 86; received by baptism, 2; by letter, 2; excommunicated, 9. Revival expense, \$535; conferences and unions, \$139; utilities, \$920; literature and supplies, \$702; repairs and improvements, \$11,540; benevolence, \$2,344; Children's Home, \$212; Foreign Missions, \$207; visiting preachers, \$949; total, \$24,678. Ricky Hilburn, church clerk.

Little Bethel: Members, 36. Revival expense, \$188; conferences and unions, \$40; Children's Home, \$38; total, \$266. Lloyd Thomas, church clerk.

Macedonia: Members, 82; received by baptism, 6; by letter, 4; lost, deceased, 3; moved, 1; dropped, 1. Revival expense, \$230; conferences and unions, \$165; utilities, \$725; literature and supplies, \$250; repairs and improvements, \$1,345; benevolence, \$500; total \$3,985. Garland Suggs, church clerk.

Mission Valley: Members, 63; received by baptism, 2; lost, dropped, 6. Revival expense, \$125; conferences and unions, \$50; utilities, \$42; literature and supplies, \$781; repairs and improvements, \$7,571; benevolence, \$134; others, \$66; Children's Home, \$20; total, \$9,673. Gary Sykes, church clerk.

Mount Beulah: Members, 13; received, by letter, 2; lost, by request, 5. Revival expense, \$426; conferences and unions, \$63; utilities, \$59; literature and supplies, \$96; repairs and improvements, \$1,779; benevolence, \$177; others, \$90; total \$2,929. Mrs. Lula Soles, church clerk.

Mount Calvary: Members, 118; received by baptism, 5; lost, deceased, 1. Revival expense, \$500; conferences and unions, \$129; utilities, \$684; literature and supplies, \$1,100; repairs and improvements, \$8,496; benevolence, \$300; miscellaneous, \$1,332; Children's Home, \$170; Foreign Missions, \$157; total, \$15,432. W. D. Brown, church clerk.

Mount Olive: Members, 84; received by baptism, 3. Revival expense, \$315; conferences and unions, \$44; utilities, \$215; literature and supplies, \$280; repairs and improvements, \$149; benevolence, \$73; Children's Home, \$50; church finance, \$16; others, \$487; total, \$3,471. Robert Benton, church clerk.

Oak Grove: Members, 160; received by baptism, 5; by letter, 3; lost, moved, 2. Revival expense, \$485; conferences and unions, \$152; utilities, \$1,969; literature and supplies, \$980; repairs and improvements, \$4,540; benevolence, \$1,418; Children's Home, \$1,201; Mount Olive College, \$1,250; Foreign Missions, \$200; Home Missions, \$100; Superannuation, \$200; Retirement Homes, \$10; miscellaneous, \$2,087; total, \$28,345. Jerry Bryan, church clerk.

Pine Level: Members, 29; received by baptism, 3. Revival expense, \$350; conferences and unions, \$70; utilities, \$720; literature and supplies, \$200; repairs and improvements, \$4,550; Children's Home, \$36; miscellaneous, \$124; total, \$7,010. Earnest Wilson Jr., church clerk.

Pireway: Members, 51; received by baptism, 2; by letter, 1; lost, dismissed, 1; deceased, 2. Revival expense, \$328; conferences and unions, \$94; utilities, \$344; literature and supplies, \$331; repairs and improvements, \$1,693;

benevolence, \$337; miscellaneous, \$58; total, \$7,288. Mrs. Magdalene Cribb, church clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Members, 23; lost, dismissed by request, 26. Revival expense, \$190; conferences and unions, \$192; utilities, \$226; literature and supplies, \$75; repairs and improvements, \$308; others, \$855; total, \$1,846. Wanda Spivey, church clerk.

Thomasboro: Members, 52; received by baptism, 5; lost, dropped, 1. Revival expense, \$400; conferences and unions, \$135; utilities, \$811; literature and supplies, \$678; repairs and improvements, \$5,634; benevolence, \$901; Children's Home, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$100; total, \$8,761. Grant Gore, church clerk.

White Oak: Members, 82. Revival expense, \$300; conferences and unions, \$367; utilities, \$1,918; literature and supplies, \$1,227; repairs and improvements, \$1,793; benevolence, \$1,200; Children's Home, \$510; Foreign Missions, \$190; miscellaneous, \$8,737; total, \$15,549. Robert E. Adams, 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.

St. Mary's	396	125		16	25	65		450,000	45,790	5,150	50,940
Sandy Plain	385	167						205,000	18,925	5,173	24,098
Sarecta	100	77	46	9	8	25		65,000	5,608	3,876	9,484
Smith's New Home	209	127		10	12	12		37,000	16,383	1,969	18,352
Smyrna	95	75		22		35		25,000	4,883	200	5,083
Sneads Ferry	72	33				11			5,966	654	6,620
Snow Hill	181	141		15	12	30		75,000	6,236	2,874	9,110
Sound View	95	101		4	19	24			2,522	1,313	3,835
Spring Hope	103	73		15	5	10			16,384	874	17,258
Trent	40	52						35,000	7,618	575	8,193
Vanceboro, First	23	25						15,000	1,919	745	2,664
Verona	100	72				20		40,000	8,652	500	9,152
Warden's Grove	39	67				10		40,000	13,203	1,186	14,389
Warsaw, First	40	72		12		18		50,000	6,196	949	7,145
Welcome Home	86	47				20		30,000	11,940	870	12,810
Whaley's Chapel	214	130		10	8	10		40,000	14,240	2,182	16,422
White Hill	160	90				20		30,000	11,775	608	12,383
White Oak (Jones)	70	60		13		6		50,000	8,452	50	8,502
White Oak Grove	115	111				25		36,000	11,500	600	12,100
Wildwood											
Wilmington, First	89	54				15		70,000			
Wintergreen	333	211	25			38		135,000	65,229	2,740	67,969
Woodington											
Woodrow, First	73	75				15		7,500	15,964	364	16,328
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION											
Ash	40	44				10		\$ 15,000	\$ 1,798	\$ 151	\$ 1,849
Beaverdam	686	530	208	44	23	30		141,000	37,875	3,630	41,505
Cypress Creek	102	110		10	10			50,000	7,642	498	8,140
Emerson	86								24,259	418	24,677
Little Bethel	44	64				10					
Macedonia	82	85						40,000	3,820	160	3,985
Mission Valley	63							40,000	9,563	20	9,673
Mt. Beulah	13	30						10,000	2,929		2,929
Mt. Calvary	118	155						150,000	15,105	327	15,432

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