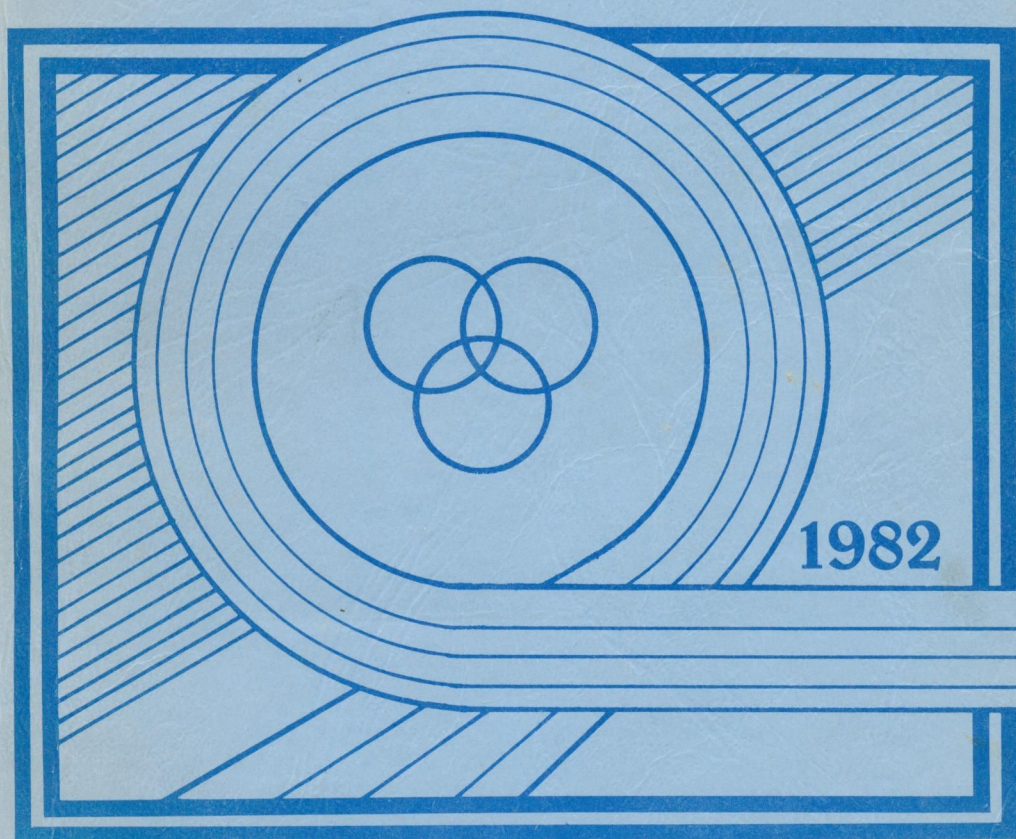


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**MINUTES
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of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in session with
Oak Grove Church,
Bladen County, North Carolina
October 17, 1981

The next session will be held with Beaverdam Church
in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before
the third Sunday in October, 1982, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-twelfth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, October 17, 1981.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The Rev. William Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking the message from Matthew 5:13. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Brooks Sykes.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Billy Hardee. The response was given by Brother Robert Adams.

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

The roll of churches was called and all churches, except Macedonia, were represented by delegates.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. A. L. Duncan, I. G. Ward, Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, Lewis J. Sprouse, Leland

Etheridge, and Vollie Smith were absent. The Revs. A. L. Duncan and I. G. Ward were excused.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Committee: Jerry Bryan, Lonzie Godwin, and Billy Ray Mercer. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

Periodical Committee: Charles Smith, Owens Ward, and Elgin Cribb.

Educational Committee: Wayne Tyler, Jackie Soles, and Lena Prince.

Sunday School Committee: Earl Clewis, Daniel Hewett, and Sherry Hooks.

Ministerial Committee: Charles Hilburn, Jerome Jenerette, and Wade Nealey.

Obituary Committee: Irene Gore, Shirley Byrd, and Ann Hooks.

Resolutions Committee: Buster Benton, Mathea Ward, and Neil Harrelson.

Finance Committee: Jimmy Godwin, James Simmons, and Mike Fowler.

Home Missions Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Lloyd Thomas, Willie Jones, and Bud Williams. Brother Willie Jones was absent, and Odell Hinson was appointed to fill in for him.

Investigation Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Dallas Byrd, Horace Cartrette, and Woodrow Hinson.

The Devotional Committee came back in and gave the following report: We, your committee, beg leave to report that the Rev. Brooks Sykes will bring the morning message.

Respectfully submitted,

Jerry Bryan

Lonzie Godwin

Billy Ray Mercer

The Devotional Committee report was received by motion of the Rev. Leon Simmons and vote of the Association. Committee dismissed.

Missionary candidate to the Philippines, Charles Barnard, gave a report on Foreign Missions.

Jack Penny gave a report on Home Missions.

Dr. Burkette Raper gave a report on Mount Olive College.

The Rev. Billy Hardee gave a report on The Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, Church Finance Association, Board of Superannuation, and the Children's Home.

The Rev. Walter Sutton gave a report on the Retirement Homes.

Sister Susan Dawton and ten children from the Children's Home sang for the congregation. The congregation then sang "Standing on the Promises," and an offering was taken for the Children's Home in the amount of \$313.45.

Reports were accepted on motion by the Rev. Billy Hardee and vote of the Association.

Church letters were called for at this time and read by the clerk. All churches reported by letter except Macedonia, which later gave their letter to the clerk on 11-19-81.

The body was dismissed at this time for a short recess.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Hollan Norris. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Brooks Sykes, who brought a very inspiring message from the Book of Jude.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. Leon Simmons, who also asked the blessing for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "At Calvary." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Garland Suggs.

The house was announced in order for business by the moderator. He called for the committee reports and they were read by the clerk.

REPORTS

PERIODICAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches that we use the King James Version of the Holy Bible in our churches for both preaching and teaching. Also that we use the literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in all our churches, and that we support all our denominational enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

Owens Ward

Elgin Cribb

Charleston Smith

Report was received and committee dismissed on motion of the Rev. Billy Hardee.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we feel that any young person going to college should consider Mount Olive College,

because they are involved with Christian leadership. We also encourage the support of Mount Olive College throughout our churches in the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Lena Prince

Jackie Soles

Wayne Tyler

Report was received and committee dismissed by motion of Brother Paxton Price.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all churches in our Association that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective and efficient Sunday school. We further recommend that the Sunday schools use every means possible, within the will of God, to encourage and help the youth and new converts. Extreme care should be taken to select Christian officers and teachers, and that the Sunday schools use literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation in Ayden, North Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Hewett

Earl Clewis

Sherry Hooks

Received by motion of Brother Lonzie Godwin and committee dismissed.

RESOLUTIONS

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

1. BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pee Dee Association and all the churches affiliated with it adhere to the *Statement of Faith and Discipline of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* in conjunction with its calling and ordaining of men as ministers and deacons within our Association as stated and outlined in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1, so as our Association may prosper more in future years with dedicated leadership.

2. BE IT RESOLVED, that any minister who is called full-time, from another Conference, to a Pee Dee Association church, shall become a member of the Pee Dee Association. The incoming pastor should bring a letter of good standing from the Conference/Association of which he is presently a member. It is the responsibility of the local

church to contact the Ordaining Council and give them the name of the incoming pastor. This is for them to approve him for this pastorate. This incoming pastor must be approved by the Ordaining Council before assuming the pastorate.

3. BE IT RESOLVED, we your Resolutions Committee challenge our fellow ministers and laymen alike to set our goals on higher heights and deeper depths, that our life would be a light for our Saviour, and they might glorify the Father which is in Heaven.

WHEREAS, Oak Grove Church has entertained this Association in a gracious manner, BE IT RESOLVED, that we extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for its fine hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Benton III

Neil J. Harrelson

Mathea Ward

This report was received by three motions. The first part was received by motion of Brother Robert Adams, second part by motion of the Rev. Leon Simmons, and third part by motion of Brother Owens Ward.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that to the best of our knowledge, all ministers are in good standing at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles Hilburn

Wade Nealey

Jerome Jenerette

Received by motion of Brother Jackie Soles and committee dismissed.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report sixteen deaths to the best of our knowledge during the past year. We suggest that the congregation pause and bow their heads in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,

Irene Gore

Ann Hooks

Shirley Byrd

Received by motion of the Rev. Leon Simmons and committee dismissed.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$762.19	
New Funds	<u>568.00</u>	
Total		\$1,330.19

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Fowler
James Simmons
Jimmy E. Godwin

Received by motion of the Rev. Garland Suggs and committee dismissed.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Old Funds	\$483.55	
New Funds	<u>585.00</u>	
Total		\$1,068.55

Disbursements

Minutes	\$283.79	
Home Missions	50.00	
Moderator	30.00	
Clerk	30.00	
Treasurer	<u>7.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		400.79
Balance in Treasury		\$ 667.76

An offering was taken at the Associational Revival in the amount of \$280.08 and was disbursed as follows: Home Missions—\$140.04; Children's Home—\$140.04.

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Received by motion of Brother Jackie Soles and vote of the Association.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee beg leave to report as follows:

Old Funds	\$372.90	
New Funds	<u>50.00</u>	
Balance in Treasury		\$422.90

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Thomas
Odell Hinson
Bud Williams

Received by motion of Brother Jackie Soles.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

1. On January 18, 1981, we met with the Rev. Nat Brown, of the Central Conference in South Carolina, concerning his pastoring Pine Level Church. The council was satisfied with him and recommends him to pastor Pine level Church.
2. On March 29, 1981, the council met with Brother Junior Tyler concerning his call into the ministry. He was questioned and recommended to his church for licensing.
3. On June 13, 1981, the council met at Thomasboro Church and the Executive Committee sat in on the meeting. Council had received a letter from some of the members concerning the Rev. Nedo Eaddy. We sat in their service and were upset that the Rev. Eaddy preached that Christians (saved people) could have devils or unclean spirits. After the service we met with Mr. Eaddy and questioned him about the letter we had received. He said that he had done nothing contrary to the Free Will Baptist doctrine. We asked him about his preaching that Christians had unclean spirits or devils. He claimed that they could, and the Apostle Paul had one concerning his "thorn in the flesh." The Council and the Executive Committee decided to have a later meeting to discuss what action to take concerning this matter.
4. On July 28, 1981, the council and the Executive Committee met with some of the members of Thomasboro Church. After hearing the problems that they had with Mr. Eaddy, a letter was written bringing charges against him and signed by the members.
5. On August 4, 1981, the council met with the Rev. Nedo Eaddy bringing charges against him and informed him that he was no longer in good standing in the Pee Dee Association. We gave the letter of charges to the Executive Committee and they accepted our recommendation concerning the Rev. Nedo Eaddy.
6. On October 17, 1981, the council met with Brother Jessie Jay Hodge concerning his call into the ministry. He was questioned and the Council recommends him to Emerson Church for licensing.
7. On October 17, 1981, the council recommended Junior Tyler and Jessie Jay Hodge to the Association as Licentiate Ministers and gave them the right hand of welcome.

Tommy Simmons voluntarily turned his license in to the clerk of the Ordaining Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leon Simmons, Clerk

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that we accept this report and that the right hand of welcome be given to the licentiates. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, the Executive Committee, beg leave to give the following report:

On June 14, 1981, we went with the Ordaining Council to Thomasboro Church and, at their request, sat in on their meeting with the Rev. Nedo Eaddy. No action was taken by this committee as we were guests and not there in an official capacity.

On July 17, 1981, we met at Beaverdam Church for the purpose of checking over the minutes of the Association concerning the election of officers and other things pertaining to the Association. The findings of the committee are shown in "Old or Unfinished Business."

On July 28, 1981, we went to Piroway and met with the Ordaining Council and some of the members of Thomasboro Church concerning their pastor, the Rev. Nedo Eaddy. During this meeting we received the following letter:

TO: The Executive Committee of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

We, the undersigned, do hereby prayerfully and respectfully request that this committee call a conference or take whatever action necessary to correct the situation in Thomasboro Church concerning the Rev. Nedo Eaddy, presently pastoring this church. (This letter was signed by thirteen members of Thomasboro Church.)

After reading this letter, the committee responded with the following letter that was given to these members:

TO: Members of Thomasboro Church

FROM: Executive Committee of the Pee Dee Association

In response to your letter requesting that we hold a conference at your church to handle alleged charges against your pastor and violations of the Original Free Will Baptist Doctrine of North Carolina, we request that you announce to the church that a conference has been set for August 4, 1981, at 8 p.m. at the church and that this conference will be moderated by the moderator of the Pee Dee Association.

Yours in Christ,

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Leland Etheridge, *Assistant Moderator*

Brooks Sykes, *Member at large*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

On August 4, 1981, the Executive Committee held a conference at Thomasboro Church, Brunswick County, North Carolina. This conference was moderated by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

The conference was called to order by the moderator. He read the letter that the Executive Committee had received from some of the members at Thomasboro Church.

He then read a letter from the Ordaining Council of the Pee Dee Association as follows:

Ordaining Council, Pee Dee Association

August 4, 1981

We have informed the Rev. Nedo Eaddy that he is no longer in good standing in the Pee Dee Association on the grounds that:

1. He has preached doctrine contrary to that of Original Free Will Baptists (casting out devils or unclean spirits out of Christians).
2. He has given false information about what conference he belongs to (Central Conference of South Carolina).
3. The council has never received a letter confirming the Rev. Nedo Eaddy as pastor of Thomasboro Church.

Robert Sellers
Hollan Norris
Woodrow Byrd
James B. Hardee
Leon Simmons

The moderator then asked the chairman of the Ordaining Council for their decision concerning the Rev. Nedo Eaddy.

The Rev. Robert Sellers stated that the council had informed Mr. Eaddy that he was no longer pastor of Thomasboro Church.

At this time there was a discussion as to what church members would be allowed to vote in this meeting. After the discussion it was ruled that all members whose names were on the church book could vote.

The charges were read again on the Rev. Nedo Eaddy.

At this time a recess was called and the Executive Committee met and agreed to go along with the Ordaining Council's decision concerning Mr. Eaddy.

The conference meeting was resumed and the moderator told the church that the Rev. Nedo Eaddy was not a member or a minister in the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina and that if they kept him as their pastor this would be in violation of the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina* and that the church would be out of order.

At this time a vote was called for and all that were in favor of keeping Thomasboro Free Will Baptist Church in the Pee Dee Association and abiding by the *Statement of Faith and Discipline for Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina*, in order to keep the church in good standing, were to please vote by standing to their feet. The information concerning this vote was repeated by the moderator three times, along with it being explained once by the Rev. David Charles Hansley, president of the North Carolina State Convention, who served as parliamentarian.

Twenty members of Thomasboro Church voted in favor of the above.

The moderator of the conference at this time stated that the Pee Dee Association or Conference was the highest tribunal and that it had final disciplinary authority over the local church. It was the ruling of the Association that these twenty members were recognized as Thomasboro Original Free Will Baptist Church, and the church and church property went with what the Association recognized as the church, and that the other persons present were not members in good standing with this church.

The moderator then declared the conference adjourned and that any further discussion or business was out of order.

Respectfully submitted,
William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
Leland Etheridge, *Assistant Moderator*
Brooks Sykes, *Member at Large*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Report was accepted by motion of the Rev. Leon Simmons and vote of the Association.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

We, your committee would like to report that we were not called on to do any investigating this past year. We always desire your prayers.

Respectfully submitted,
Dallas Byrd
Horace Cartrette
Woodrow Hinson

Report received on motion of Brother Dallas Byrd.

The reading of the minutes was omitted on motion of the Rev. Hollan Norris and vote of the Association.

OLD OR UNFINISHED BUSINESS: The report of the Executive Committee on the checking of the minutes for rules and regulations set forth by the Association concerning the election of officers, and other things pertaining to the Association was read as follows:

We, the Executive Committee, have found the following:

1. The Special Committee report that is printed each year in the back of the minutes.

2. At Mount Calvary Church in October 1946, a resolution that we as Free Will Baptist churches call or secure Free Will Baptist members to conduct revivals, preach, lecture, or hold special services of any kind at all times.

If at any time a minister of some other faith and practice, who is not of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, should be desired and considered worthy of conducting such services and meets approval of both the pastor and church, that such invitation shall be extended and delivered by your pastor only.

3. At Oak Grove Church in October 1961, a resolution to use our same resolutions that are at present printed in the minutes with the following addition: That we use preachers from the Free Will Baptist denomination in all our churches.

4. On October 17, 1970, at White Oak Church, that from now on any minister coming into our Association from any other Conference or Association to do pastoral work must come before the Ordaining Council whether he joins the Association or not. He also must bring a letter of recommendation from the proper officials of the Association or Conference of which he is a member. Furthermore, if any minister that is now serving in the Pee Dee Association should leave the Association for as much as one year, then he must come before the Ordaining Council again.

5. October 14, 1972, at Mount Calvary Church, that in future years each church in our Association take up an offering for the Children's Home and bring it with them to the Association meeting.

Report was received by motion of Brother Owens Ward.

New business was called for, and there was a motion by Brother Robert Adams that the report on the rules and regulations given by the Executive Committee be added to the Special Committee report and that they be part of the minutes throughout the coming years. Motion carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that the Pee Dee Association accept and ratify the new revised edition of *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government for Original Free Will Baptists* that was presented to the Conferences by the North Carolina

State Convention. Motion was carried by a vote of 57 for, 2 against. As this was passed, the clerk was to write a letter to the Executive Committee of the North Carolina State Convention informing them of this.

Motion by Brother Owens Ward that we choose the delegates for the State Convention for next year. Motion carried and Brothers Robert Adams, Chester Ward, Odell Hinson, and Jackie Spivey were selected.

Motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers that we elect officers for the Association for the next 2 years and that they be elected individually. Motion carried. Officers elected were: *Moderator*, the Rev. William Jackie Godwin; *Assistant Moderator*, the Rev. J. W. Byrd; *Clerk*, Brother Jack Penny; *Treasurer*, Brother Howard McPherson; *Member at large*, the Rev. Brooks Sykes.

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that we replace Brother Willie Jones on the Home Missions Committee as his health was not good. Motion carried and Brother Jerry Bryan was elected to take his place.

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that we have 400 minutes printed. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James Nobles that we choose the location for the Association meeting next year. Motion carried and invitation was extended by Brother Lonzie Godwin for Beaverdam Church to host the Association next year; this was accepted by motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons and vote of the Association.

Motion by Brother Mayo Brown that we pay the moderator, clerk and treasurer the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Lloyd Thomas that we pay the Rev. A. L. Duncan \$50 out of the Home Missions treasury. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that if there was no more business to come before the Association today that we adjourn until next year. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. William Jackie Godwin.

Respectfully submitted,
William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*
Jack Penny, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLES

Ash: Members, 50; received by baptism, 7; by letter, 1. Conferences and unions, \$91; utilities, \$309; literature and supplies, \$153; repairs and improvements, \$1,825; miscellaneous, \$87; total, \$2,596. Jeannette Simmons, church clerk.

Beaverdam: Members, 721; received by baptism, 28; by letter, 4; lost by death, 6; other, 2. Conferences and unions, \$1,029; utilities, \$3,757; literature, \$6,005; repairs and improvements, \$9,676; miscellaneous, \$40,843; Children's Home, \$2,100; Foreign Missions, \$1,757; Home Missions, \$676; Superannuation, \$100; total, \$65,943. Robert Ward, church clerk.

Cypress Creek: Members, 104; received by baptism, 4; by letter, 0; lost by death 2. Conferences and unions, \$105; utilities, \$1,297; literature, \$1,297; miscellaneous, \$1,095; Children's Home, \$467; Foreign Missions, \$613; Home Missions, \$213; total, \$4,982. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

Emerson: Members, 88; received by baptism, 6; lost by death, 2; by letter, 1; by excommunication, 2. Conferences and unions, \$315; utilities, \$2,463; literature, \$1,502; repairs and improvements, \$17,090; miscellaneous, \$14,436; Children's Home, \$968; Foreign Missions, \$664; Home Missions, \$50; total, \$36,488. Ricky Hilburn, church clerk.

Little Bethel: Members, 44; received by baptism, 2; by letter, 4. Conferences, \$25; Children's Home, \$63; total, \$88. Nelson Soles, church clerk.

Macedonia: Members, 80; lost by letter, 2. Conferences and unions, \$155; utilities, \$661; literature, \$450; repairs and improvements, \$1,450; miscellaneous, \$220; total, \$3,735. Verlie Duncan, church clerk.

Mission Valley: Members, 71; received by letter, 1; lost, 4. Conferences and unions, \$86; utilities, \$959; literature, \$558; repairs and improvements, \$1,663; miscellaneous, \$462; total, \$3,886. Gary Sykes, church clerk.

Mount Beulah: Members, 20; received by baptism, 3; lost by death, 1; other, 1. Conferences and unions, \$243; utilities, \$473; literature, \$340; repairs and improvements, \$1,024; miscellaneous, \$515; total, \$2,694. Linda Perritte, church clerk.

Mount Calvary: Members, 130; received by letter, 2; lost by letter, 1. Conferences and unions, \$105; utilities, \$900; literature, \$475; repairs and improvements, \$6,000; miscellaneous, \$1,500; Children's Home, \$300; Mount Olive College, \$25; Foreign Missions, \$75; Home Missions, \$650; Church Finance, \$25; Retirement Homes, \$25; total, \$10,080. W. D. Brown, church clerk.

Mount Olive: Members, 78. Conferences and unions, \$70; utilities, \$497; literature, \$400; miscellaneous, \$467; total, \$2,179. Robert Benton, church clerk.

Oak Grove: Members, 184; received by baptism, 14; lost by death, 1. Conferences and unions, \$134; utilities, \$2,211; literature, \$2,386;

repairs and improvements, \$7,219; miscellaneous, \$26,381; Children's Home, \$2,341; Mount Olive College, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$2,390; Home Missions, \$2,390; Cragmont, \$30; total, \$45,582. Jerry Bryan, church clerk.

Pine Level: Members, 38; received by baptism, 2; lost by death, 1; by letter, 8; other, 1. Conferences and unions, \$44; utilities, \$976; literature, \$158; repairs and improvements, \$669; church debt payments, \$4,266; miscellaneous, \$600; total, \$6,713. Earnest Wilson Jr., church clerk.

Pireway: Members, 41; received by baptism, 3; lost by death, 1. Conferences and unions, \$94; utilities, \$574; literature, \$412; repairs and improvements, \$1,223; church debt payment, \$2,750; miscellaneous, \$2,126; total, \$7,214. Magdalene Cribb, church clerk.

Pleasant Meadow: Members, 25; received by baptism, 4; other, 5. Conferences and unions, \$101; utilities, \$268; literature, \$115; repairs and improvements, \$1,323; miscellaneous, \$163; total, \$1,971. Brenda Piver, church clerk.

Thomasboro: Members, 45; received by baptism, 29; lost by death, 1. Conferences and unions, \$175; utilities, \$1,600; literature, \$481; other, \$13,150; miscellaneous, \$127; Children's Home, \$100; total, \$15,634. Grant Gore, church clerk.

White Oak: Members, 81; received by baptism, 2; by letter, 2; lost by letter, 3. Conferences and unions, \$290; utilities, \$3,394; literature, \$1,033; repairs and improvements, \$2,739; church debt payments, \$2,000; miscellaneous, \$4,265; Children's Home, \$525; Foreign Missions, \$158; Home Missions, \$90; Superannuation, \$23; Mount Olive College, \$14; total, \$14,530. Mrs. Jan Smith, 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 resolutions 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 the 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

The following rules and resolutions were approved and are to be added to this Special Committee per Conference held at Oak Grove Church on October 17, 1981.

In October 1946 at Mount Calvary Church the following resolution was adopted: That we, as Free Will Baptist Churches, call or secure Free will Baptist Members to conduct revivals, preach, lecture, or hold special services of any kind at all times. If at any time, a minister of some other faith and practice, who is not of the Original Free Will Baptist Church, should be desired and considered worthy of conducting such services and meets approval of both the pastor and church, that such invitation shall be extended and delivered by your pastor only.

In October 1961 at Oak Grove Church a resolution to use our same resolutions that are at present printed in the minutes with the following addition: That we use preachers from the Free Will Baptist denomination in all our churches.

On October 17, 1970, at White Oak Church a ruling that from now on, any minister coming into our Association from any other Conference or Association to do pastoral work must come before the Ordaining Council whether he joins the Association or not. He also must bring a letter of recommendation from the proper officials of the Association or Conference of which he is a member. Furthermore, if any minister that is now serving in the Pee Dee Association should leave the Association for as much as one year, then he must come before the Ordaining Council again.

On October 14, 1972, at Mount Calvary Church a resolution that in future years each church in our Association take up an offering for the Children's Home and bring it with them to the Association meeting.

The Rev. Carol B. Hensley

The Rev. J. Frank Shubbs

The Rev. Stanley E. Beck Jr.

The Rev. A. Graham Lane

Mr. S. Wendell McCoy

MINISTERIAL EXAMINING BOARD

The Rev. David W. Hensley (1960)

The Rev. Francis Garner (1961)

The Rev. Clifton Rice (1962)

The Rev. W. H. Wills (1963)

The Rev. James A. Evans (1964)

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.

Church on October 17, 1945.

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