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of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Met in session with
Pireway Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 15, 1983

The next session will be held with Cypress Creek Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1984, beginning at 9 a.m.

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No report.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-fourteenth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at

Pireway Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 15, 1983.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace." The Rev. Wade Nealey conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Deuteronomy 10:16. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Wade Nealey.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Brooks Sykes. The response was given by Brother Jack Penny.

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

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

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. A. L. Duncan, I. G. Ward, Lewis J. Sprouse, Archie Smith, Levy J. Ward, were absent. The Revs. A. L. Duncan and I. G. Ward were excused by motion of Brother Dallas Byrd.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional Committee: Joseph B. Benton III, G. C. Bryan, and Wallace Cribb. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

Periodical Committee: J. R. McPherson, Willie Andrews, and Stewart Norris.

Educational Committee: Joe Clewis, Orbie Ikner, and J. W. Nobles.

Sunday School Committee: Robert Adams, Hazel Williams, and Elmer Singletary.

Ministerial Committee: Brooks Sykes, Leland Etheridge, and Hollon Norris.

Obituary Committee: Marie Long, Elgin Cribb, and Ervin McPherson.

Resolutions Committee: Charles Hilburn, Vester Cartrette, and Harvey Cribb.

Finance Committee: Darrell Cartrette, Billy Ray Mercer, and Chester Ward.

Home Missions Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Lloyd Thomas, Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams.

Investigation Committee: This is a standing committee composed of Dallas Byrd, Horace Cartrette, and Woodrow Hinson. (Woodrow Hinson was absent and Jerome Jenerette was appointed to fill in for him today.)

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

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph B. Benton III
G. C. Bryan
Wallace Cribb

The Devotional Committee report was received by motion of Robert Adams and vote of the Association. Committee dismissed.

The Rev. Gary Bailey brought greetings from the North Carolina State Convention.

The Foreign Missions Report was given by the Rev. Harold Jones, the director.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," and an offering in the amount of \$111.23 was taken for the Children's Home.

Jack Penny gave a report on Home Missions.

The Rev. Frank Harrison gave a report on Mount Olive College.

Cliff Gray gave a report on the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation.

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

Reports were accepted on the motion of the Rev. Hollon Norris and vote of the Association.

Church letters were called for at this time and read by the clerk. All churches reported by letter except for Ash.

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

The Association reassembled with the singing of "The Glory Land Way." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Jack Lassiter. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Jerome Jenerette who brought a very inspiring message from 2 Timothy 3:10-17.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch with prayer by the Rev. Neil Jackson Harrelson, who also asked the blessings for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Standing on the Promises." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Walter Sutton.

The house was announced in order 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 literature printed by the Free Will Baptist Press in all our churches, and that we support all our denominational enterprises.

Respectfully submitted,

J. R. McPherson

Stewart Norris

Willie Andrews

Report was received by motion of Brother Jay Hodge and committee dismissed.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that the first priority in an education should be the teaching and learning of the Word of God, taught as effectively as possible in our churches and homes; and in continuing their education our young people should consider Mount Olive College through our churches in the Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Joe Clewis

J. W. Nobles

Orbie Ikner

Report received by motion of the Rev. Hollon Norris and committee dismissed.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your committee, beg leave to report that we recommend to all our churches in the Association that they strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective 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. We believe that Sunday school should be a point of reviving as well as learning.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Adams

Elmer Singletary

Alma Davis

Report received and committee dismissed by motion of Brother J. W. Nobles.

RESOLUTIONS

We, the resolutions committee, ask to give Piroway Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality in this Associational meeting.

We also submit the Ministerial Code of Ethics, to be accepted and signed by each minister, and practiced, if accepted by the Association.

Whereas, we as Free Will Baptist ministers, are to live above reproach, let us walk worthy of our vocation by:

1. Attendance of our churches for worship,
2. Attendance of our Unions,
3. Attendance of our Association,
4. Attendance of our State Convention,

as far as we are able. These are to take care of our Lord's business. This is much needed due to the slackness of some of our brother ministers.

Be it resolved, that due to the inactivity of some of our ministers within our Association in their attendance at church, Union meetings, and Association meetings in providing stewardship in the ministry in which they are called, that our Association ask the Ordaining Council to tighten its standards on our ministers within the Pee Dee Association to the point of correction.

Respectfully submitted

Charles Hilburn

Vester Cartrette

Harvey Cribb

Report received and committee dismissed on motion of the Rev. Leon Simmons.

MINISTERIAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report to the best of our knowledge that all our ministers are in good standing. We desire your prayers that we all work together in unity and love that God's work be done as pleasing to Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Leland Etheridge

Hollon Norris

Brooks Sykes

Report received and committee dismissed by motion of Brother Jay Hodge.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report ten 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

Marie Long

Elgin Cribb

Ervin McPherson

Report received and committee dismissed on motion of Brother Joe Clewis.

FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$869.47	
New Funds	<u>540.00</u>	
Total		\$1,409.47

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Ward

Darrell Cartrette

Billy Mercer

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Brother Stewart Norris.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$869.47	
New Funds	<u>540.00</u>	
Total		\$1,409.47

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00
Treasurer	7.00
Moderator	30.00
Minutes	402.11
Home Missions	50.00
Postage	23.54
Bibles	28.95
Donation to the Rev. J. W. Byrd	100.00
Donation to the Free Will Baptist Press	<u>300.00</u>

Total Disbursements	\$917.60
Balance in Treasury	<u>\$491.87</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Report received on motion by Brother Jay Hodge.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$322.90	
New Funds	<u>50.00</u>	
Total		\$372.90

Respectfully submitted,
Lloyd Thomas
Bud Williams

Report received on motion by Brother Stewart Norris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

No Report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Report.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

The reading of the minutes was omitted on motion of the Rev. James B. Hardee and vote of the Association.

Old or Unfinished Business—None

New Business was called for and there was a motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee to accept a gift of \$100 to the Association from someone who wished to remain unknown, and that this \$100 be used to purchase one membership in the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation, and someone be selected to attend the annual Press Meeting and represent the Association. Motion was carried and the Rev. Jack Lassiter volunteered to represent the Association at the Press meeting.

There was a motion by the Rev. James Nobles that we get a home for the Association meeting next year. Motion carried and Cypress Creek Church extended an invitation.

Motion by Brother Robert Adams that we accept the invitation from Cypress Creek Church. Motion carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers that the Association reorganize. Motion carried.

The following were elected to serve the next two years in the offices shown:

Moderator—William Jackie Godwin
Assistant Moderator—Leon Simmons
Clerk—Jack Penny
Treasurer—Howard McPherson
Member at large—Brooks Sykes

Brother Lloyd Thomas requested that he be relieved of his job as Home Missions Treasurer. His request was granted on motion of Brother Junior Tyler and vote of the Association.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that we have 400 Minutes printed. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. J. W. Byrd that we pay the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer \$30 each. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. J. W. Byrd 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: No Report

BEAVERDAM: Members, 727; received by baptism, 28; by letter, 0; lost by death, 5; by letter, 0; other, 8. Conferences and unions, \$589; utilities, \$4,731.81; literature, \$4,977.05; repairs and improvements, \$13,734.18; miscellaneous, \$35,887.12; Children's Home, \$3,100; Foreign Missions, \$1,125; Home Missions, \$2,080.55; Superannuation, \$400; Cragmont, \$270.16; total, \$66,305.87. Robert Ward, church clerk.

CYPRESS CREEK: Members, 106; received by baptism, 13; lost by letter, 1. Conferences and unions, \$190; utilities, \$1,113.75; literature, \$1,203.90; repairs and improvements, \$24,567.06; miscellaneous, \$2,955.67; Children's Home, \$145.47; Foreign Missions, \$1,213.83; church debt payment, \$1,030; Home Missions, \$501.33; total, \$32,731.01. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

EMERSON: Members, 101; received by baptism, 8; by letter, 3; other, lost 1 by excommunication. Conferences and unions \$260; utilities, \$1,328.53; literature, \$1,307.39; repairs and improvements, \$14,116.04; miscellaneous, \$21,867.32; Children's Home \$200; Foreign Missions, \$1,652.27; Home Missions, \$756.17; total, \$41,597.72. Ricky Hilburn, church clerk.

LITTLE BETHEL: Members, 40; received by baptism, 1; lost by letter, 5. Utilities, \$731.79; literature, \$346.39; repairs and improvements \$2,201.45; miscellaneous, \$2,349.07; Children's Home, \$40; total, \$5,668.70. Nelson Soles, church clerk.

MACEDONIA: Members, 80; received by baptism, 9; by letter, 5; lost by death, 1; by letter, 1. Conferences and unions, \$135; utilities, \$390; literature, \$400; church debt payment \$2,576.77; miscellaneous, \$1,800; total, \$5,201.77. Verlie Duncan, church clerk.

MISSION VALLEY: Members, 74; received by baptism, 2; by letter, 9. Conferences and unions, \$84; utilities, \$1,049.35; literature, \$612.59; repairs and improvements, \$6,385; miscellaneous, \$163.79; Children's Home, \$25; Foreign Missions, \$25; Home jissions, \$25; Retirement Homes, \$25; total, \$8,394.73. Ricky Fowler, church clerk.

MOUNT BEULAH: Members, 29; received by baptism, 10; by letter, 1. Conferences and unions, \$388; utilities, \$587.25; literature, \$390.82; repairs and improvements, \$3,086.48; miscellaneous, \$1,757.77; total, \$6,210.32. Linda Perritte, church clerk.

MOUNT CALVARY: Members, 105; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 3. Conferences and unions, \$35; utilities, \$1,296.10; literature, \$1,273.55; repairs and improvements, \$1,406.68; miscellaneous, \$15,544.60; Children's Home, \$100; Mount Olive College, \$40; Foreign

Missions, \$115; Home Missions, \$40; Retirement Homes, \$40; total, \$16,014.60. W. D. Brown, church clerk.

MOUNT OLIVE: Members, 40. Conferences and unions, \$59; utilities, \$499.74; literature, \$464.90; repairs and improvements, \$7,563.01; miscellaneous, \$2,414.10; Children's Home, \$100; total, \$11,100.75. Robert Benton, church clerk.

OAK GROVE: Members, 190; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; lost by death, 1; by letter, 3. Conferences and unions, \$134; utilities, \$2,564.27; literature, \$2,047.83; repairs and improvements, \$61,736.12; church debt payments, \$24,732.48; miscellaneous, \$1,065.46; Children's Home, \$2,356.65; Foreign Missions, \$1,501.65; Home Missions, \$1,501.65; Superannuation, \$83; Church Finance Association, \$1,500; total, \$99,223.11. Jerry Bryan, church clerk.

PINE LEVEL: Members, 34; received by; baptism, 5; lost by letter, 8. Conferences and unions, \$74; utilities, \$1,100; literature, \$280; repairs and improvements, \$750; church debt payments, \$3,750; total, \$5,954. Buddy Wilson, church clerk.

PIREWAY: Members, 48; received by baptism, 8; lost by death, 1; other, 1. Conferences and unions, \$94; utilities, \$978; literature, \$322; miscellaneous, \$2,810; total, \$4,194. Magdalene Cribb, church clerk.

PLEASANT MEADOW: Members, 27; lost other, 5. Conferences and unions, \$120; utilities, \$403.66; literature, \$176.90; repairs and improvements, \$99.12; miscellaneous, \$2,449.76; Children's Home, \$25; Foreign Missions, \$30; Home Missions, \$30; total, \$3,334.44. Brenda Piver, church clerk.

THOMASBORO: Members, 30; received by baptism, 2. Conferences and unions, \$175; utilities, \$954.09; literature, \$330.18; repairs and improvements, \$1,545.51; miscellaneous, \$6,593.10; Children's Home, \$500; total, \$10,007.88. Grant Gore, church clerk.

WHITE OAK: Members, 107; received by baptism, 35; by letter, 6; lost by death, 2; by letter, 3. Conferences and unions, \$350; utilities, \$3,380; literature, \$1,200; repairs and improvements, \$4,027.37; miscellaneous, \$21,356.56; Children's Home, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$368; Home Missions, \$200; total, \$30,981.88. 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 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 following rules and resolutions were approved and are to be added to this special committee report per Conference held at Beaverdam Church on October 16, 1982.

At Beaverdam Church on October 16, 1982, new business was called for and there was a motion by Robert Adams that the following resolutions be put in the Special Committee 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 that 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.

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 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.

Churches	MEMBERSHIP										Total Property Value	Total Used Locally	Denom. national Enterprises	Grand Total
	Church	SS	YFA	AFC	WA	LL	Scouts	CA	League					
White Hill	83	45			12						5,000	4,449	709	5,158
White Oak (Jones)	29	24			4				10				397	397
White Oak Grove	121	95	15		26						60,000	18,965	1,775	20,740
Wilmington, First	20	25									175,000	9,621	243	9,864
Wintergreen	311	125			25	15			40					
Woodrow, First	43	52	10		8						65,000	6,174	316	6,490
Totals	9,753	6,170	446	278	1,241	208	69	64	196		6,984,814	1,400,617	237,256	1,637,873
PEE DEE CONFERENCE														
Ash														
Beaverdam	727	453	57	28	30				167		200,000	59,330	6,976	66,306
Cypress Creek	106	110	15	10	11			10			80,000	30,870	1,861	32,731
Emerson	101	130			20	12			58			38,629	2,868	41,497
Little Bethel	40	40										5,629	40	5,669
Macedonia	80	90			15						75,000	5,167	135	5,302
Mission Valley	72	94									150,000	8,211	184	8,395
Mount Beulah	29	52			14	9					12,000	5,822	388	6,210
Mount Calvary	105	120									175,000	15,545	470	16,015
Mount Olive	40										50,000	10,942	159	11,101
Oak Grove	190	190	18	12	20				88		250,000	92,146	7,077	99,223
Pine Level	34	50									100,000	5,880	74	5,954
Pireway	48	60			7						25,000	4,100	94	4,194
Pleasant Meadow	27										25,000	3,129	205	3,334
Thomasboro	30	45									30,000	9,423	675	10,098
White Oak	107	123	15	12	27	10		10			90,000	29,964	1,018	30,982
Totals	1,736	1,557	105	62	129	31		20	313		1,262,000	324,787	22,224	347,011

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