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**MINUTES
of the
115th ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in session with
Cypress Creek Church
Columbus County, North Carolina
October 20, 1984

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

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PASTORS' AND CHURCH CLERKS' NAMES AND ADDRESSES AS STOOD IN 1984

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-fifteenth annual session of the Pee Dee Association Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Cypress Creek Church in Columbus County, North Carolina, on October 20, 1984.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus." The Rev. Joseph B. Benton III conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Isaiah 35:8. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Neil J. Harrelson.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. Leon Simmons. The response was given by the Rev. Leland Etheridge.

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 were represented except Ash.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. A. L. Duncan, Harvey Cribb, James Nobles, Lewis J. Sprouse, Levy J. Ward, and Vollie Smith were absent. The Revs. A. L. Duncan and James Nobles were excused by motion of the Rev. Robert Sellers. The Rev. A. L. Duncan's excuse was to be a standing one as he was totally unable to get out. Also the Rev. I. G. Ward's name was dropped as he is deceased.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

Devotional: Willie Jones, Odell Hinson, and Billy Ray Mercer. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

Periodical: G. C. Bryon, Wayne Hargrove, and Albertine Sarvis.

Educational: Connie Strickland, James Carroll, and Lena Prince.

Sunday School: Shelton Godwin, Jackie Spivey, and Thurman Ward.

Ministerial: Jerome Jenerette, Leland Etheridge, and Garland Suggs.

Obituary: Frank Julian, Vivian Thorpe, and Alice Clewis.

Resolutions: Joseph B. Benton III, Robert Adams, and Darrell Cartrette.

Finance: George Dudley, Kenneth McMillian, and Kim Barnes.

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

Home Missions: This is a standing committee composed of Daniel Tyler Jr., Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Ray Mercer

Willie Jones

Odell Hinson

The Devotional Committee report was received by motion of the Rev. Hollon Norris and vote of the Association.

Cliff Gray gave a report on the Foreign Missions.

Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Amazing Grace" and an offering in the amount of \$127.23 was taken for the Children's Home.

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

Frank Harrison brought greetings from the North Carolina State Convention and gave a report on Mount Olive College.

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

The Rev. Billy Hardee gave a report on the Church Finance Association.

The Rev. David Charles Hansley gave a report on Home Missions and Church Extension.

Reports were accepted on motion of the Rev. James B. 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 Ash.

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

The Association reassembled with the singing of "At Calvary." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert May. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Clarence Ballou who brought a very inspiring message from Job, Chapter 1.

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

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Shall We Gather at the River." Prayer was offered by the Rev. David Charles Hansley.

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 to all our churches that we recommend the use of the King James Version of the Holy Bible in our churches for both teaching and preaching. We also recommend that all literature used in our churches be purchased from the Free Will Baptist Press in Ayden, NC.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. Bryan

Albertine Sarvis

Wayne Hargrove

Report was received by motion of Brother Willie Jones.

EDUCATIONAL

We three thank God for Mount Olive College. We feel that any boy or girl who goes there will get the teaching they really need. We need more colleges like Mount Olive College.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornie Strickland

Lena Prince

James Carroll

Report received by motion of the Rev. Jay Hodge.

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 school 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. We believe that Sunday school should be a point of reviving as well as learning.

Respectfully submitted,
Shelton Godwin
Jackie Spivey
Thurman Ward

Report received by motion of the Rev. Darrell Cartrette.

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that the Pee Dee Association support the actions of the North Carolina State Convention Executive Committee at their October 1984 meeting concerning homosexuality. This Executive Committee reaffirmed the resolution presented by the Rev. Leon Simmons at the 1978-79 session of the State Convention concerning the biblical Scriptures condemning homosexuality in our churches and communities.

That we, the Pee Dee Association, believe 2 Timothy 3:16, "All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness." We believe that the Word of God is infallible and inerrant. 1 Peter 1:21 tells, "But Holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

That we ask the body to rise in appreciation to Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church for this warm and cordial hospitality for entertaining the 1984 Annual Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Joseph B. Benton III
Robert Adams
Darrell Cartrette

Report received on motion of the Rev. James B. Hardee.

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 will all work together in unity and love for the upbuilding of God's Kingdom as would be pleasing to Him.

Respectfully submitted,
Leland Etheridge
Garland Suggs
Jerome Jenerette

Report received by motion of Brother Dallas Byrd.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report twenty (20) deaths to the best of our knowledge during the past year. We suggest that the congregation pause and bow their heads in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Tharpe
Alice Clewis
Frank Julian

Report received on motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

FINANCE

We your committee beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$ 444.15	
New Funds	570.00	
Total		\$ 1,014.15

Respectfully submitted,
George W. Dudley
Kenneth McMillian
Kim Barnes

Report received on motion by the Rev. Leland Etheridge.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$ 444.15	
New Funds	570.00	
Total		\$ 1,014.15

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00	
Treasurer	30.00	
Moderator	30.00	
Minutes	405.49	
Home Missions	50.00	
Service Charges	11.73	
Total Disbursements		\$ 557.22

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Report received by motion of the Rev. Jay Hodge.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We your committee beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$ 422.90	
New Funds	50.00	
Total		\$ 472.90

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Tyler Jr.

Jerry Bryan

Bud Williams

Report received on motion of the Rev. Hollon Norris.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We report the following meetings during the past year:

1. April 8, 1984—Council met with the Rev. Prentice Norton, concerning him pastoring Mission Valley Church. He was questioned and approved subject to a letter from the Central Conference of South Carolina, showing that he is in good standing.

2. April 8, 1984—Council met with Brother Kim Barnes concerning his call into the ministry. He was questioned and approved to his church, Beaverdam Church, for licensing.

3. June 6, 1984—Council met with the Rev. Ricky Fowler of the United Christian Church as requested by the Executive Committee. He was examined and found sound and orthodox in the Original Free Will Baptist Faith. If the Executive Committee approves the United Christian Church for membership to the Pee Dee Association, we, the council will administer ordination to the Rev. Ricky Fowler.

4. August 6, 1984—Council and Executive Committee met with the Trinity Church, they having changed their name from the United Christian Church to Trinity Free Will Baptist Church. The Executive Committee approved and accepted the Trinity Church into the Pee Dee Association, and the Council administered Ordination to the Rev. Ricky Fowler.

5. August 6, 1984—Council met with Brother Pete Cribb, concerning his call into the ministry. He was questioned and approved to his church, the Pireway Church, for licensing.

6. September 16, 1984—Council met with the Rev. Darrell Cartrette and examined him for ordination. He was approved and set his ordination service for September 30, 1984, at Cypress Creek Church.

7. September 30, 1984,—Council met at the Cypress Creek Church and carried out the Ordination Service for the Rev. Darrell Cartrette.

8. October 16, 1984—Council met with the Rev. Mike Tart, concerning him pastoring White Oak Church. He was questioned and we could not approve him pastoring because he was not an ordained minister. He is a member of the Central Conference and will not be ordained for about 6 months. He also expressed a desire to remain a member of the Central Conference until he is ordained.

9. Council recommends the Revs. Darrell Cartrette and Ricky Fowler to the Association as ordained ministers and that we give them the right hand of fellowship and the Revs. Kim Barnes and Pete Cribb the right hand of welcome as licentiate ministers.

Respectfully submitted,
The Rev. Leon Simmons, *Clerk*

Report received on motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

We, your committee beg leave to report the following:

On May 10, 1984, a petitionary letter for acceptance to the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina was received from the United Christian Church, Horry County, South Carolina, by the Moderator, which read as follows:

We, the members of the United Christian Church, Horry County, SC, desire to become a member of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. We held a Church Conference on May 2, 1984, and voted unanimously to apply for membership in your conference and denomination.

Yours in Christ,
Wanda Jones, *Clerk*
Ricky Fowler, *Pastor and Moderator*

On June 6, 1984, we met with the members and pastor of the United Christian Church and the Rev. William Jackie Godwin explained the Free Will Baptist Doctrine as stated in the Church Discipline. The Church agreed to abide by the rules and regulations of our

denomination, that were contained therein. They also changed the name of the church to Trinity Original Free Will Baptist Church.

The Ordaining Council was notified so that they could investigate and question the Rev. Ricky Fowler, pastor of the church.

On August 6, 1984, we met at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of taking the church into the Pee Dee Association subject to the approval of the Pee Dee Association in session.

The service was opened by prayer by the Rev. Leon Simmons. There was a song by the congregation and then the service was turned over to the Rev. William Jackie Godwin, moderator of the Pee Dee Association.

The Church had already elected its officers as follows:

Pastor—The Rev. Ricky Fowler

Clerk—Wanda Jones

Deacon—Thomas Gore

Board of Trustees—Clifford Fowler, Loman Fowler

The Bible was presented as the Word of God and accepted by the church.

The *Articles of Faith and Principles of Church Government* were read and adopted.

Prayer of Consecration was offered by the Rev. Leon Simmons.

The Rev. Ricky Fowler was presented his credentials by the Rev. Robert Sellers.

The right hand of welcome was given to the members present by the Executive Committee, pending acceptance of the Church by the Pee Dee Association in session at which time they are to receive the right hand of fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Rev. Leon Simmons, *Assistant Moderator*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Brooks Sykes, *Member at Large*

Report received on motion of Rev. James B. Hardee.

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

No Report.

The Trinity Free Will Baptist Church was received into the Pee Dee Association on motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee. The members present from the church; along with the Revs. Ricky Fowler and Darrell Cartrette, were given the right hand of fellowship and Brothers Kim Barnes and Pete Cribb were given the right hand of welcome into the Pee Dee Association.

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 the following letter was read by the clerk:

TO: The Free Will Baptist Conference

FROM: Ash Free Will Baptist Church

Monday September 24, 1984

We, the governing body of Ash Church, have decided to withdraw from the Free Will Baptist Conference. This is a decision that we have been thinking about for a while now.

We took a vote by the Church Membership and it was a unanimous decision.

We still desire your prayers because we feel led by the Lord to do His work.

Jeanette Simmons, *Clerk*

A. R. Inman, *Deacon*

Phillip Inman, *Deacon*

There was a motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that we grant the request from Ash Free Will Baptist Church and drop them from the Pee Dee Association.

Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that no one could hold more than one office in the Pee Dee Association at the same time. Motion carried.

The Rev. Leon Simmons requested to be relieved of his duties on the Ordaining Council.

Motion by Brother Thurman Ward that we grant his request. Motion carried.

The Rev. Robert Sellers asked to be relieved of his duties on the Ordaining Council.

Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that we grant his request. Motion carried.

The Rev. Hollon Norris requested that he be relieved of his duties on the Ordaining Council.

Motion by the Rev. Leon Simmons that we grant his request. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother Robert Adams that we fill the vacancies on the Ordaining Council. Motion carried.

The floor was opened for nominations and the Revs. Joseph B. Benton III, Leland Etheridge, Jay Hodge, and Garland Suggs were nominated.

Motion by Brother Thurman Ward to close the nominations. Motion carried.

The Revs. Leland Etheridge, Jay Hodge and Garland Suggs were elected to serve on the Ordaining Council.

The Rev. Daniel Tyler Jr. requested that he be relieved of his duties as Treasurer of the Home Missions Committee.

Motion by the Rev. Jay Hodge that we grant his request. Motion carried.

There was a motion by Brother G. C. Bryan that the Association go to Oak Grove Church next year. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Thurman Ward that we relieve all the committees appointed today except the standing committees. Motion carried.

Brother G. C. Bryan was appointed to represent the Pee Dee Association at the Free Will Baptist Press Foundation meeting in place of the Rev. Jack Lassiter, who has left the Association.

Motion by Brother Robert Adams to select delegates to the State Convention next year. Motion carried.

Brothers Robert Adams, George Dudley, G. C. Bryan, and Wayne Hargrove were selected.

There was a motion by Brother Bud Williams to replace the Rev. Daniel Tyler Jr. on the Home Missions Committee as Treasurer. Motion carried and the Rev. Joseph B. Benton III was nominated and elected by acclamation on motion by Brother Robert Adams.

Motion by Brother Robert Adams that the Association bear the expense of the Clerk of the Ordaining Council, especially the phone bills. Motion carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee to reimburse the Rev. Leon Simmons \$100 for telephone bills he has paid. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Dallas Byrd that we have the same number of minutes (400) printed as last year. Motion carried.

There was a motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers to pay Association officers the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. James B. Hardee that if there was no more business to come before the Association that we adjourn until next year. Motion was carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by the Rev. Leland Etheridge.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLES

BEAVERDAM: Members, 715; received by baptism, 9; lost by death, 5; by letter, 6; other, 7. Conferences and unions, \$554; utilities, \$4,856.02; literature, \$5,454.48; repairs and improvements, \$6,534.94; miscellaneous, \$51,635.51; Mount Olive College, \$700; Foreign Missions, \$1,850; Home Missions, \$1,006.39; Superannuation, \$200; Cragmont, \$200; total, \$73,066.34. Robert Ward, church clerk.

CYPRESS CREEK: Members, 130; received by baptism, 18; lost, other, 1. Conferences, and unions, \$150; utilities, \$1,976.21; literature, \$1,319.06; church debt payments, \$515/month; miscellaneous, \$5,597.44 Foreign Missions, \$755.43; Home Missions, \$905.43; Church Finance Association, \$6,180; total, \$16,883.57. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

EMERSON: Members, 105; received by baptism, 9; lost by letter, 1; other, 3. Conferences and unions, \$310; utilities, \$2,480.40; literature, \$1,037.36; repairs and improvements, \$16,037.65; miscellaneous, \$20,538.32; Foreign Missions, \$1,194.60; Home Missions, \$1,099.36; total, \$49,387.69. Ricky W. Hilburn, church clerk.

LITTLE BETHEL: Members, 46; received by letter, 3. Nelson Soles, church clerk.

MACEDONIA: Members, 79; received by baptism, 9; by letter, 1; lost by death, 1; letter, 2. Conferences and unions, \$150; utilities, \$544; literature, \$305; repairs and improvements, \$525; church debt payments, \$3,000; miscellaneous, \$739.50; Mount Olive College, \$100; Home Missions, \$40; total, \$5,403.50. Verlie Lee Duncan, church clerk.

MISSION VALLEY: Members, 80; received by baptism, 11; lost by death, 2. Conferences and unions, \$84; utilities, \$1,298.13; literature, \$492.18; repairs and improvements, \$5,225; miscellaneous, \$3,250.60; Foreign Missions, \$25; Home Missions, \$25; total, \$10,399.91. Ricky Fowler, church clerk.

MOUNT BEULAH: Members, 34; received by baptism, 9; by letter, 3; lost by death, 1; other, 5. Conferences and unions, \$324; utilities, \$805.09; literature, \$473.74; repairs and improvements, \$5,885; church debt payments, \$825.44; miscellaneous, \$2,553.76; total, \$10,867.03. Linda Perritte, church clerk.

MOUNT CALVARY: Members, 118; lost by death, 2. Conferences and unions, \$140; utilities, \$1,200; literature, \$850; repairs and improvements, \$2,500; miscellaneous, \$3,000; Children's Home, \$400; Mount Olive College, \$175; Foreign Missions, \$200; Home Missions, \$225; Retirement Homes, \$175; total, \$8,835. Jim Edge, church clerk.

MOUNT OLIVE: Members, 79. Conferences and unions, \$67; utilities, \$604.99; literature, \$366.08; repairs and improvements, \$485; miscellaneous, \$793.44; total, \$2,316.51. Robert Benton, church clerk.

OAK GROVE: Members, 200; received by baptism, 9, by letter, 6. Conferences and unions, \$279; utilities, \$4,127.95; literature \$8,340.94; repairs and improvements, \$7,609.03; church debt payments, \$29,495.19; miscellaneous, \$829.42; Children's Home, \$2,434.07; Mount Olive College, \$896.36; Foreign Missions, \$1,344.07; Home Missions, \$1,344.07; Church Finance Association, \$7,000; total, \$63,700.10. Jerry Bryan, church clerk.

PINE LEVEL: Members, 38; lost by death, 1. Conferences and unions, \$75; utilities, \$850; literature, \$285; repairs and improvements, \$350; church debt payments, \$3,750; miscellaneous, \$300; total, \$5,610. Earnest Wilson, church clerk.

PIREWAY: Members, 48; received by baptism, 2; lost by death, 1, other, 1. Conferences and unions, \$94; utilities, \$688.27; literature, \$370.36; repairs and improvements, \$2,152.94; total, \$6,100. Madgalene Cribb, church clerk.

PLEASANT MEADOW: Members, 22; received by baptism, 4; lost by death, 1, other, 7. Conferences and unions, \$25; utilities, \$263.53; literature, \$109.79; miscellaneous, \$1,896.30; Children's Home, \$25; Foreign Missions, \$30; Home Missions, \$30. Brenda Piver, church clerk.

THOMASBORO: Members, 35; received by baptism, 5; lost by death, 1. Conferences and unions, \$175; utilities, \$1,141.95; literature, \$401.35; miscellaneous, \$8,515.26; Children's Home, \$50; Home Missions, \$200; total, \$10,483.50. Mary I. Gore, church clerk.

WHITE OAK: Members, 120; received by baptism, 8; by letter, 1; lost by death, 3, by letter, 4. Conferences and unions, \$402; Children's Home, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$449.75; Home Missions, \$200; total, \$50,291.10. Janet H. 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										Other	SS	YFA	AFC	CA	WA	LL	Total Used Locally	Denomi- national Enter- prises	Grand Total
	Church Members	Ave. Atten- dance	GAIN		LOST															
			Bap- tism	By Letter	By Death	By Let- ter														
White Oak (Jones)	28	15						21										1,078	1,078	
White Oak Grove	113			2				110		12		24		21,057	2,310			23,367		
Wildwood	82			3			3							5,111	131			5,242		
Wilmington, First	28	18	4	4				20						18,832	115			18,947		
Wintergreen	312	130	2	2	2	2		127				30	15							
Woodrow, First	49	30	2	2																
Totals	10,833	4,196	160	144	108	100	11	5,980	385	264	81	1,236	231	1,801,662	211,262			2,012,924		
PEE DEE CONFERENCE																				
Beavertam	715	450	9		5	6	7	450	30	36		22		68,481	4,585			73,066		
Cypress Creek	130	122	18				1	115	13	10		14		15,073	1,811			16,884		
Emerson	105	132	9		1		3	125	39			15	15	40,094	2,294			42,388		
Little Bethel	46							61												
Macedonia	79		9	1	1	2		75				12		5,114	290			5,404		
Mission Valley	80	65	11		2			89						10,266	134			10,400		
Mount Beulah	34	50	9	3	1		5	52				14	10	10,543	324			10,867		
Mount Calvary	118	63			2			102	25					7,520	1,315			8,835		
Mount Olive	79	40												2,250	67			2,317		
Oak Grove	200	142	9	6				200	15	14		16		50,402	13,298			63,700		
Pine Level	38	30			1			50						5,535	75			5,610		
Pleasant Meadow	48		2		1		1	60				8		6,006	94			6,100		
Thomasboro	22	20	4		1		7	35						3,072	85			3,157		
White Oak	35		5		1			30						10,059	425			10,484		
Totals	120	100	8	1	3	4		124	7	6	4	26	10	49,139	1,152			50,291		
	1,849	1,214	93	14	18	13	24	1,568	129	66	4	127	35	283,554	25,949			309,503		