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**MINUTES
of the
116TH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
PEE DEE ASSOCIATION
of
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Met in session with
Oak Grove Church
Bladen County, North Carolina
October 19, 1985

The next session will be held with Mount
Calvary Church in Columbus County, North Carolina,
on Saturday before the third Sunday in October, 1986,
beginning at 9 a.m.

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PROCEEDINGS

The one hundred-sixteenth annual session of the Pee Dee Association of Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina convened at Oak Grove Church in Bladen County, North Carolina, on October 19, 1985.

This session was opened with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises." The Rev. William Jackie Godwin conducted the devotional service, taking his text from Psalm 40:5-10. Prayer was offered by the Rev. Gary Bailey.

The welcome address was given by the Rev. James B. Hardee. The response was given by the Rev. Joseph B. Benton III.

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 Mount Olive.

The roll of ministers was called and the Revs. A. L. Duncan, Jerome Jenerette, Harvey Cribb, Claude Housand, Lewis J. Sprouse, Archie Smith, Brooks Sykes, Leon Simmons, Levy J. Ward, Charles Hilbourn, Vollie Smith, Horace Ward, and Darrell Cartrette were absent. The Revs. Jerome Jenerette and Horace Ward were excused as was A. L. Duncan, as he has a standing excuse due to health. The Rev. Leon Simmons has moved his membership to another Conference and the Revs. Lewis J. Sprouse and Vollie Smith had turned in their ordination papers.

The moderator then appointed the following committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Melvin Bryan, Marvin McPherson and Faye Taylor. (This committee was excused to select the minister to bring the morning message.)

PERIODICAL: Casey Norris, Frank Julian, and Corney Strickland.

EDUCATIONAL: Robert Adams, Elgin Cribb, and Earl Clewis.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Kipling Godwin, Billy Young, and Mary Cribb.

MINISTERIAL: Neil J. Harrelson, Joseph B. Benton III, and Terry Wade Nealey.

OBITUARY: Stewart Norris, James Carroll, and Lloyd Duncan.

RESOLUTION: Hollan Norris, Jimmy Godwin, and Paxton Price.

FINANCE: Tommy Cribb, Vivian Tharpe, and Marie Long.

HOME MISSIONS: This is a standing committee composed of Joseph B. Benton III, Jerry Bryan, and Bud Williams.

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

The Rev. Harold Jones gave a report on Foreign Missions and the Rev. David Charles Hansley gave a report on Home Missions.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melvin Bryan

Marvin McPherson

Faye Taylor

The devotional committee report was received on motion by Marvin McPherson and vote of the Association.

The Rev. Gary Bailey gave a report on the State Convention.

The Rev. Bobby Taylor gave a report on the Children's Home. The congregation then sang "Praise Him, Praise Him" and an offering in the amount of \$150 was taken for the Children's Home.

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

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. Harry Jones brought greetings from the General Conference.

Reports were accepted for information on motion of Robert Adams.

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

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

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Amazing Grace." Prayer was offered by Brother Frank Harrison. The service was then turned over to the Rev. Gary Bailey who brought a very inspiring message from Joshua 1:1-2, 10-18.

The congregation was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Brother Harry Jones, who also asked the blessings for the lunch that had been prepared.

The Association reassembled with the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer was offered by the Rev. Dale Yarborough.

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.

Respectfully submitted,

Cornie Strickland

Casey Norris

Frank Julian

Report received and committee dismissed by motion of Stewart Norris.

EDUCATIONAL

We, your committee, beg leave to report to our churches that we use every means available to us to teach our members God's Word, and make it applicable to our daily living so our lives may be an example to the unbelievers in our community, and to use our influence to upgrade, not only our Sunday School, but also our local school system and our private studies.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Adams

Elgin Cribb

Earl Clewis

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, the members of the Sunday School Committee, wish to report a recommendation that all our churches within our Association strive prayerfully and carefully to promote and maintain an effective Sunday School. We further recommend that our churches use

extreme care in selecting Sunday School officers and teachers and that each church have a special Sunday School Workshop (perhaps during Vacation Bible School) to allow exchange of ideas, planning, and training for teachers and officers to make our Sunday Schools more effective for the education of God's people.

Respectfully submitted,
Kip Godwin
Mary Cribb
Billy Young

Report received and committee dismissed by motion of Brother Corney Strickland.

RESOLUTIONS

That we, the Pee Dee Association believe that altar prayer is very important and should be a part of our Association meetings and we move that we have at least one altar prayer during each Association meeting, preferably in the morning.

That we ask the body to rise in appreciation to Oak Grove Free Will Baptist Church for this warm and cordial hospitality in entertaining the 1985 Annual Pee Dee Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Hollan Norris
Paxton Price
Jimmy Godwin

Report received and committed dismissed on motion of Brother Earl Clewis.

MINISTERIAL

We, your Ministerial Committee, wish to report that as far as we know all our ministers are in good standing in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Wade Nealey
Neil J. Harrelson
Joseph B. Benton III

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Brother Robert Adams.

OBITUARY

We, your committee, beg leave to report that it is with sincere regrets that we report 14 deaths, to the best of our knowledge, during the past year. We ask that the congregation stand and pause for a moment in silent prayer in memory of these.

Respectfully submitted,
Stewart Norris
Lloyd Duncan
James Carroll

Report received and committee dismissed on motion by Brother Paxton Price.

FINANCE

We, your finance committee, beg leave to report:

Old Funds	\$ 89.92
New Funds	736.00
Total	<u>\$825.92</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Marie Long
Vivian Tharpe
Tommy Cribb

Report received and committee dismissed on motion of Brother James Nobles.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Old Funds	\$ 89.92	
New Funds	736.00	
Total		\$825.92

Disbursements

Clerk	\$ 30.00	
Treasurer	30.00	
Moderator	30.00	
Minutes	497.39	
Home Missions	50.00	
Bibles	91.03	
Ministers Cards	22.40	
Leon Simmons	100.00	
Service Charges	73.41	
Total Disbursements		\$924.23

Respectfully submitted,

Howard McPherson, *Treasurer*

Report received on motion by Brother Robert Adams.

HOME MISSIONS TREASURER'S REPORT

We, your committee, wish to report that we are in full agreement with the Home Missions Board to establish a mission point in the Whiteville area. We beg for your prayers and support for this work that the Lord will bless it.

Old Funds	\$472.90
New Funds	0
Total	\$472.90

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph B. Benton III

Bud Williams

Jerry Bryan

Report received on motion by Brother Kipling Godwin.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met with the Rev. Lewis Sprouse at Mount Calvary Church, November 11, 1984, concerning his absenteeism from Unions and Conferences. Brother Sprouse agreed to start attending these meetings regularly and keep records where he attended church and dates where he preached. The council agreed to meet with him six months later, which would have been May 12, 1985. On May 5, 1985, Mr. Sprouse sent the clerk his credentials with a letter of his resignation from the Pee Dee Association.

The Ordaining Council was to meet with the Rev. Vollie Smith, November 11, 1984, but he refused to meet with the Council. He requested his name be dropped from the Pee Dee Association as an ordained minister. The Council sent a letter requesting his credentials. He sent his credentials to the clerk.

The Ordaining Council met with the Rev. Dale Yarborough, November 20, 1984, concerning his pastoring White Oak Church. The Council questioned him about his beliefs and found him to be sound in faith. The Council requested a letter of recommendation from the Palmetto Conference.

The Ordaining Council met with the Rev. Tommy Bryson, December 17, 1984, concerning his pastoring Cypress Creek Church. The Council questioned him about his

beliefs and found him sound in faith. The Council requested a letter of recommendation from the Eastern Conference.

The Ordaining Council met with Brother Kim Barnes, April 9, 1985, to question him for ordination. He was found sound in the faith and was ordained at Beaverdam Church, April 28, 1985.

The Council met with Brother Shelton Cribb, July 9, 1985, to question him for ordination. He was found sound in the faith and was ordained at Fireway Church, August 4, 1985.

The Rev. Leon Simmons moved his membership to another conference.

Respectfully submitted,
James B. Hardee, *Chairman*
Jay Hodge, *Clerk*

Report received on motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

No Report

INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE

No Report

The Revs. Dale Yarborough, Tommy Bryson, Shelton Cribb, and Kim Barnes were given the right hand of fellowship 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 there was a motion by the Rev. Woodrow Byrd that the clerk keep recalled Ministers' Credentials on file for a record until the minister passed on. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Robert Sellers to take up electing officers for the next two years. Motion carried.

The following persons were elected to serve:

Moderator—The Rev. William Jackie Godwin

Assistant Moderator—The Rev. Hollan Norris

Clerk—Jack Penny

Treasurer—Howard McPherson

Member at Large—The Rev. Wade Nealey

Motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers to take up the business of getting a home for the Association for next year. Motion carried.

Mount Calvary Church and Mission Valley Church offered to host the Association next year, and Mount Calvary was chosen.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris to give the Ordaining Council a vote of thanks by standing. Motion carried.

The Rev. Jay Hodge requested that he be relieved of his duties on the Ordaining Council.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris that we grant his request. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Garland Suggs that we fill the vacancy on the Ordaining Council. Motion carried, and the Rev. Neil Harrelson was elected to serve on the Ordaining Council.

Motion by the Rev. Hollan Norris that the officers of the Association be paid the same as usual. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that the ministers and delegates go back to their churches and recommend to them that they pay the Rev. Charles Crisp's expenses to Minnesota, where he went to work with the H'mong people. Motion carried.

Motion by the Rev. Robert Sellers to have 400 minutes printed. Motion carried.

Motion by Brother Howard McPherson that if there was no more business to come before the Association that we adjourn until next year. Motion carried and the Association was dismissed with prayer by Brother Kipling Godwin.

Respectfully submitted,

William Jackie Godwin, *Moderator*

Jack Penny, *Clerk*

STATISTICAL TABLES

BEAVERDAM: Members 716; received by baptism, 4; by letter, 7; lost by death, 2; by letter, 7; other 1. Membership: Sunday School 455 Average; Cherubs 20; WA 32; YFA 49; AFC 30; FWBL 196 Average. Total value of church property, \$350,000. Local use: utilities, \$5,908.75; literature, \$5,331.78; repairs and improvements, \$55,869.70; church debt payments, \$3,000; miscellaneous, \$45,523.52. Total local use, \$115,633.75. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$1,375; Home Missions, \$653.50; Superannuation \$226; conferences, unions, etc., \$718; total denominational enterprises, \$2,972.50. Grand total this church year, \$118,606.25. Contribution to Association, \$75. Delegates, Brothers Kipling Godwin, Vester Cartrette, Marvin McPherson, and Jimmy Godwin. Kipling Godwin, church clerk.

CYPRESS CREEK: Members 103; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; lost by death, 1. Total value of church property, \$90,000. Local use: utilities, \$3,003.30; literature, \$1,498.34; church debt payment, \$6,180; miscellaneous, \$5,685.67. Total local use, \$16,367.31. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$690.38; Home Missions, \$690.38; Church Finance Association, \$6,180; conferences, unions, etc., \$115. Total denominational enterprises, \$7,675.76. Grand total this church year, \$24,043.07. Contribution to Association, \$35. Delegates: Faye Taylor and Mary Cribb. F. J. Lee, church clerk.

EMERSON: Members 120; received by baptism, 10; by letter, 8; lost: other, 1. Sunday School membership, 150. Local use: utilities \$2,215.31; literature, \$1,481.55; repairs and improvements, \$23,744.50; miscellaneous, \$28,177.18. Total local use, \$43,408.03. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$1,690.70; Home Missions, \$1,484.17; conferences, unions, etc., \$315. Total denominational enterprises, \$3,489.87. Grand total this church year, \$46,897.90. Contribution to Association, \$100. Delegates: Casey Norris and Stewart Norris. Dallas Byrd, church clerk.

LITTLE BETHEL: Members 47; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 3; lost: other 3. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$167.21. Total denominational enterprises, \$167.21. Contribution to Association, \$25. Delegates: Bud Williams and Bill Sarvis. Nelson Soles, church clerk.

MACEDONIA: Members 84; received by baptism, 5; Sunday School membership, 76; WA, 12. Total value of church property, \$80,000. Local use: utilities, \$662.01; literature, \$364.74; repairs and improvements, \$2,500; church debt payments, \$1,380; miscellaneous, \$50. Total local use, \$4,956.75. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$78.34; conferences, unions, etc., \$105. Total denominational enterprises, \$183.34. Grand total this church year, \$5,130.09. Contribution to Association, \$25. No delegates. Berniece Etheridge, church clerk.

MISSION VALLEY: Members 66; received by baptism, 4; by letter, 1; lost by letter, 14; other, 5. Sunday School membership, 86. Total value of church property, \$150,000.

Local use: utilities, \$2,073.97; literature, \$836.85; repairs and improvements, \$7,389.06; miscellaneous, \$995.50. Total local use, \$11,295.38. Denominational enterprises: Foreign Missions, \$25, Home Missions, \$25, conferences, unions, etc., \$124. Total denominational enterprises, \$174. Grand total this church year, \$11,469.38. Contribution to Association, \$25. Delegates: James Carroll and Frank Julian. Ricky Fowler, church clerk.

MOUNT BEULAH: Members, 29; received by baptism, 3; by letter, 5; lost by death, 1; by letter, 2; other, 9. Sunday School membership, 60, WA, 15; YFA, 15; LL, 7. Total value of church property, \$15,000. Local use: utilities, \$1,030.43; literature, \$426.72; repairs and improvements, \$7,100; miscellaneous, \$1,347.74. Total local use, \$9,904.89. Denominational enterprises: conferences, unions, etc., \$124. Total denominational enterprises, \$124. Grand total this church year, \$10,028.89. Contribution to Association, \$30. Delegates: Cornie Strickland and Lloyd Duncan. Linda Perritte, church clerk.

MOUNT CALVARY: Members 98; received by baptism, 3; lost by death, 3. Sunday School membership, 65. Total value of church property, \$175,000. Local use: utilities, \$3,156.42; literature, \$1,052.96; repairs and improvements, \$65; miscellaneous, \$11,180.51. Total local use, \$15,454.89. Denominational enterprises: Children's Home, \$200; Mount Olive College, \$100; Foreign Missions, \$175; Home Missions, \$150; Retirement Homes, \$100; conferences, unions, etc., \$182.22. Total denominational enterprises, \$907.22. Grand total this church year, \$16,362.11. Contribution to Association, \$40. Delegates: Robert Adams, Jim Edge and Thelma Edge. Jim Edge, church clerk.

MOUNT OLIVE: No report.

OAK GROVE: Members 205; received by baptism, 4; by letter, 4; lost by death, 1; by letter, 2. Sunday School membership, 205; WA, 15; YFA, 20; AFC, 12; FWBL, 99. Total value of church property, \$330,000. Local use: utilities, \$3,012.23; literature, \$2,872.05; repairs and improvements, \$6,164.10; church debt payments, \$32,980.51; miscellaneous, \$681.11. Total local use, \$4,571. Denominational enterprises: Children's Home, \$1,319.01; Mount Olive College, \$924.10; Church Finance Association, \$5,500; Retirement Homes, \$186.35; conferences, unions, etc., \$228. Total denominational enterprises, \$9,081.38. Grand total this church year, \$54,791.38. Contribution to Association, \$45. Delegates: Paxton Price, Melvin Bryan, and Jerry Bryan. Jerry Bryan, church clerk.

PINE LEVEL: Members 37; received by baptism, 2; lost by death, 1; Sunday School membership, 50. Total value of church property, \$100,000. Local use: utilities, \$861.95; literature, \$341.96; repairs and improvements, \$456.88; church debt payments, \$3,032; miscellaneous, \$1,953.28. Total local use, \$6,647.07. Conferences, unions, etc., \$80. Total denominational enterprises, \$80. Grand total this church year, \$6,646.07. Contribution to Association, \$10. No delegates. Ernest Wilson, church clerk.

PIREWAY: Members 51; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 1; Sunday School membership, 60; WA, 8. Total value of church property, \$30,000. Local use: utilities, \$1,084.80; literature, \$392.89; miscellaneous, \$3,404.43. Total local use, \$4,882.12. Conferences, unions, etc., \$78. Total denominational enterprises, \$78. Grand total this church year, \$5,960.12. Contribution to Association, \$30. Delegates: Elgen Cribb and Tommy Cribb. Magdalene Cribb, church clerk.

PLEASANT MEADOW: Members 22; received by baptism, 5; by letter, 3; lost by death, 1; by letter, 2; other, 6; Sunday School membership, 34. Total value of church property, \$25,000. Local use: utilities, \$539.39; literature, \$100.73; repairs and improvements, \$1,304.07; miscellaneous, \$1,604.53. Total local use, \$3,548.72. Denominational enterprises; Home Missions, \$25; conferences, unions, etc., \$150. Total denominational enterprises, \$175. Grand total this church year, \$3,898.72. Contribution to Association, \$25. Delegates: Harold Dean Singletary, Archie Evans, and Earl Clewis. Brenda Piver, church clerk.

THOMASBORO: Members 38; received by baptism, 5; lost by death, 1; Sunday School membership, 30. Total value of church property, \$40,000. Local use: utilities, \$1,064; literature, \$422.78; repairs and improvements, \$2,000; miscellaneous, \$1,478.34. Total local use, \$8,565.12. Denominational enterprises: Children's Home, \$50; conferences, unions, etc., \$175. Total denominational enterprises, \$225. Grand total this church year, \$8,790.12. Contribution to Association, \$75. Delegates: Vivian Tharpe and Marie Long. Mary I. Gore, church clerk.

TRINITY: Members 39; received by baptism, 6; lost by death, 1; by request, 2. Total value of church property, \$50,000. Local use: utilities, \$662.57; literature, \$895.04; repairs and improvements, \$3,277.15; miscellaneous, \$3,165.84. Total local use, \$8,000.60. Conferences, unions, etc., \$60. Total denominational enterprises, \$60. Grand total this church year, \$8,060.60. Contribution to Association, \$75. Delegate: Billy Young. Eva Mae Cartrette, church clerk.

WHITE OAK: Members 121; received by baptism, 1; by letter, 6; lost by death, 2; by letter, 3; Sunday School membership, 112; WA, 22; YFA, 6; AFC, 8; LL, 14. Total value of church property, \$250,000. Local use: utilities, \$3,932.67; literature, \$1,950.83; repairs and improvements, \$9,917.46; miscellaneous, \$10,230.06. Total local use, \$26,031.02. Denominational enterprises: Children's Home, \$120; Foreign Missions, \$345.80; Home Missions, \$155; conferences, union, etc., \$270. Total denominational enterprises, \$890.80. Grand total this church year, \$26,926.82. Contribution to Association, \$121. Delegate: Ruby Davis. Janet Hester 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 regulations were approved and are to be added to this Special Committee report 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.

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Wilmington, first	34	24		4	2				6	0	19	424	18778	19202
Wintergreen	309		4	1		3	5		-3	0				0
Woodrow, first	55	49	16	40	0	6	1	0	6	51	35	746	23115	23861

TOTALS	9602	3663	3316	4375	144	150	9	107	123	108	-35	3527	3643	189895	1707590	1893082
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Cypress Creek	102			90	6		2	2	6		0	0	98		0	
Emerson	120	120	0	145	7	8	4	0	3	1	15	191	153	2490	44308	46798
Little Bethel	47			50	1	3	0	0	0	3	1	0	50	167	0	
Macedonia	84	50	34	50	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	76	60	113	3552	3665
Mission Valley	79			60	5	0	1	0	7	0	-1	93	70	50	10092	10142
Mount Beulah	29	29		50	3	5	2	1	0	12	-3	58	60	30	7459	7489
Mount Calvary	98			60	2	0	0	3	0	4	-5	112	60	786	15600	16386
Mount Olive	46			45	5	0	0	0	0	0	5	46	45		0	
Oak Grove	203			125	4	3	0	1	2	0	4	160	131	4555	49373	53928
Pine Level											0	0			0	
Pireway											0	0			0	
Pleasant Meadow	28			20	4	3	5	0	0	6	6	30	20	175	641	816
Thomasboro											0	0			0	
White Oak											0	0		740	46355	47075

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PIEDMONT CONFERENCE																
Calvary	62	62		80	0	0	0	0	4	0	-4	117	84	1176	15179	16355
Cathedral											0	0			0	
Christ	51	20	31	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	17	521	0	