

# MINUTES

— OF THE —

## FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

— OF THE —

## Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH THE

## MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH

NEAR MARIANNA, FLORIDA

November 4th and 5th, 1949

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ERNEST OWEN, Treasurer .....Chipley, Fla.  
REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Secretary .....Slocomb, Ala.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the Association are the Executive Committee.

The next session will meet with Piney Grove Church, in Washington County, near Chipley, Fla., on November 3rd and 4th, 1950. Rev. H. A. Grubbs to bring the introductory sermon, Rev. D. F. Pelt, on his failure.

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**PROGRAM FOR THE SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FLORIDA  
FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION - 1950**

**FRIDAY MORNING**

Rev. Rufus Hyman in charge of all announcements.

9:30—Devotional, Rev. A. H. Retherford.

9:45—Welcome Address, Ernest Owen.

10:00—Appointment of Credentials, Nominating and Program Committees.

10:15—Report of Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin.

10:45—Recess for Credentials Committee to Compile Report.

11:10—Sermon, Rev. Herman Grubbs; Alternate, Dev. D. F. Pelt.

12:00—Noon Hour.

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

1:30—Devotional, Rev. J. E. Nichols.

1:45—Moderator's Message.

2:15—Credentials Committee Report.

2:30—Report of Board of Education.

4:45—Report of Alabama Children's Home, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

5:00—Adjournment.

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

6:45—Devotional, Rev. J. M. Rich.

7:10—Sermon, Rev. Henry Melvin.

**SATURDAY MORNING**

9:30—Song Service.

9:45—Devotional, Rev. I. O. Cook.

10:00—Report of Woman's Auxiliary, Mrs. Chester Pelt.

10:20—Business Session. (Reports from Committees and Boards.)

11:00—Missionary Service, Rev. Thos. E. Willey of Cuba; Alternate, Mrs. Thos. E. Willey.

12:00—Noon Hour.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON**

1:30—Devotional, Rev. Ruel Johnson.

1:45—Continue Business Session.

2:30—Appointment of Delegates and Report of Nominating Committee.

3:00—Adjournment.

# PROCEEDINGS

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Proceedings of the 5th Annual Session of the Florida State Free Will Baptist Association, which convened with Marvin Chapel Church, near Marianna, Florida, on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 4th and 5th, 1949:

After congregational singing, Rev. I. O. Cook conducted a devotional service, basing his remarks upon John 13: 14, at 10:10 a. m.

Committee on Credentials appointed by the chair as follows: Bros. H. A. Hicks, W. M. Shiver and Ernest Owen.

At 10:35, Rev. Henry Melvin, business manager of the Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tenn., gave a good report of the business conditions of our Bible College.

11:05—Intermission from business session.

At 11:30, Rev. Chester Pelt, host pastor, brought a great message, basing his remarks upon the scripture found in I Cor. 15: 57, 58.

12:30—Dismissed for lunch.

1:45 P. M.—Reassembled for afternoon session and after congregational singing, Rev. Rufus Hyman conducted a short devotional, using as scriptural lesson I Tim. 6: 1-14.

2:10—Report of Credentials Committee, which was adopted. (See reports.)

2:20—Rev. K. V. Shutes gave the report of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.

2:45—Committee on Nominations appointed by the Chair as follows: Rev. Rufus Hyman, chairman; Bro. M. B. Woodlief, Bro. H. E. Holley.

2:50—Treasurer's report read and adopted.

3:15—By motion, constitution and by-laws be amended to read as follows, "We, the Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida, etc."

By motion, foregoing motion be amended as follows, that statement of fees be included in that section of constitution and by-laws dealing with that of election of delegates.

By motion, the foregoing motion lay on table until Saturday.

By motion, all deacons be standing delegates to this body as are all ministers.

By motion, body adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

## SATURDAY SESSION—9:30

Services opened by singing "Lord Send the Power."

Devotions by Rev. Herman Grubbs, using as his scriptural basis II Cor. 7:13,14.

Rev. Rufus Hyman was appointed secretary pro tem. in the absence of Rev. D. W. Poole, the regular secretary.

Moderator called for reports and Mrs. Chester Pelt gave the Woman's Auxiliary report. Motion, report be received and written report be printed. (See reports).

Planning Board made their report. Motion and second the report was accepted.

Educational Board made their report and by motion the report be received by sections. First section read and accepted. Section 2 voted down and referred back to the Board to bring in two names for the Florida camp. Section 3 accepted.

Motion to adjourn business session until 1:30 p. m.

At 11 o'clock the service was opened by Rev. Chester Pelt. Prayer by Rev. Rufus Hyman, and our veteran missionary, Rev. T. H. Willey, from Cuba, brought us a great message on Missions. A nice offering was received for foreign missions by Bro. Ernest Owen following Bro. Willey's message.

Noon—One hour and half for refreshments and relaxation.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The session was opened by Rev. D. F. Pelt and at this time he presented Rev. C. A. Huckaby, who brought the devotions and offered prayer. Scripture for his remarks, Psalms 101.

At this time the moderator stated the house was ready for business and called for report from Educational Board (see Section 4, read and adopted).

By motion we call for cash and pledges for the Training Camp.

Another motion was offered at this time which passed, that we make a register of all ministers present.

Mission Board made their report and it was accepted. (See reports.)

Amendment to Mission Report to read: The Mission Board to be responsible for operation of Church Finance Corporation.

The Superannuation Board made their report and it was accepted. (See reports.)

Nominating Committee made their report. Report accepted and committee released. (See reports.)

Moved and carried, that a report of this session be sent by clerk to Free Will Baptist Press. (All reports of Florida work to be sent to Rev. Chester Pelt, Route 5, Marianna, Fla. Churches please make reports to Bro. Pelt so our people can know of your church activities).

Motion, we represent to National Association of Free Will Baptists in California, 1950, and following laymen were appointed delegates: H. A. Hicks, W. E. Holley, Harvey Gause.

Motion to pay \$30.00 entrance fee and \$40.00 expenses of trip.



Motion to invite National Association to meet with us in 1951.

Motion, that Credentials Committee turn their report in full to the clerk.

Motion, we have 500 minutes printed. The clerk to use his best judgment as to where to have minutes printed.

By motion, we extend our thanks to Marvin Chapel Church and community for hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Motion to adjourn to meet with Piney Grove Church on Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday of November, 1951.

REV. D. F. PELT, Moderator,  
Marianna, Fla., Route 5.

REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Clerk,  
Slocomb, Ala.

List of Ministers who registered:

James W. Roberts, Altha, Fla.

I. O. Cook, Altha, Fla.

H. A. Grubbs, Perry, Fla., Route.

T. U. Bryant, 424 North Border St., Pensacola, Fla.

Chester A. Huckaby, 1513 22nd St., Phenix City, Ala.

A. B. Cook, Route 1, Bonifay, Fla.

Chester H. Pelt, Route 5, Marianna, Fla.

Thomas H. Willey, Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

E. C. Morris, Tifton, Ga.

A. H. Retherford, Chipley, Fla.

Rufus Hyman, Slocomb, Ala.

D. F. Pelt, Route 5, Marianna, Fla.

D. W. Poole, Dothan, Ala.

K. V. Shutes, Leeds, Ala.

## REPORTS

### REPORT OF ALABAMA FREE WILL BAPTISTS' CHILDREN'S HOME, ELDRIDGE, ALA.

(By K. V. Shutes, Chairman, Board of Trustees)

We now have 47 children in our home; six members of the staff; three nice large buildings. We have five milch cows and a number of hogs.

The boys' dormitory needs several hundred dollars of repairs.

Bro. Ernest Owen, of Chipley, Fla., is asked by the Board to represent us in Florida. We need money more than anything else; so we ask our people to give regularly and systematically to the home.

Children from Florida can be received into the home. If you have children that are in need of a home, write Rev. W. H. Ryland, Superintendent, Eldridge, Ala., and he will get the child into the home as soon as case can be cleared up.

**REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, your committee, report the following associations and churches to be seated in our body as follows, with their fees:

By Associations	Fees
North Florida Conference .....	\$10.00
Salem Association, 2 delegates .....	\$10.00
West Florida Association, 5 delegates .....	\$10.00
Liberty Association, 5 delegates .....	\$10.00
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Total fees from Associations .....	\$40.00
By Churches and their fees:	
Christian Home, 2 delegates .....	\$4.00
Piney Grove, 2 delegates .....	\$4.00
Marvin Chapel, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Damascus, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Holley Grove, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Cedar Grove, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
First Church, Pensacola, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
First Church, Malone, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Shilo, 2 delegates .....	\$5.00
East Side, Pensacola, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Midway, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Abigail, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Traveller's Rest, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
Blountstown Church, 1 delegate .....	\$2.00
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Fees from Churches .....	\$41.00
Fees from Associations .....	\$40.00
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Total .....	\$81.00

Note by Clerk: All churches be sure to fill out a letter for 1950 session, giving all information asked for so I can give a complete report in the minutes. In the above report some churches paid their fees but did not give a letter, so I cannot publish who the delegates are as I do not have their names. Thank you!

Moderators and Clerks of the different Associations:

Salem—Rev. I. O. Cook, Moderator, Altha, Route 2. Clerk, Chester Cook, Altha, Fla., Route 2.

Liberty Association—John M. Rich, moderator, W. Jackson, Pensacola, Fla; Clerk, Ennis Chestnut, Bonifay, Fla.

West Florida—Moderator, Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.; Clerk, Mrs. Daisy Wililams, 209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

North Florida—Moderator, Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Perry, Fla., Route 1; Clerk, Louie Fortner, Route 5, Live Oak, Fla.

## REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

To the Fifth Annual Session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists:

Our duty is concerned with all phases of our educational program. We are interested in every part of this essential work, but due to lack of funds and the infancy of our Association, we have not been able to accomplish much. Most of our thoughts and efforts have been directed toward a training camp for the youth of our church. We have done this because of the deep conviction of its importance. Youth neglected is manhood and womanhood lost. When we consider the numbers, talents and means lost by the Free Will Baptist Church because of neglect, we are goaded on to greater effort. We hope our camp will be a means for the promotion of Sunday School and League work. The church of tomorrow is marching by on small feet today. Any church without a Sunday School and a League has no claim on, nor any hope of their future loyalty. May God help us, as a church, to get our eyes open to the importance of a definite constructive educational program.

Another phase of church training that we are most interested in is the education of our ministry. We will be able to aid our young ministers quite liberally when all our churches begin on a sound budget system. Our state budget was made with an eye towards this important task. We sincerely pray that our people will recognize the fact that God does not smile on ignorance. The idea that the "disciples" were poor, unlearned men is false. They sat at the feet of Jesus, the greatest teacher of all ages, for three years. They had the best educational opportunity ever offered. Paul was one of the best trained men of all times and he gave this advice to others, "Study to show thyself approved unto God a workman that needeth not be ashamed rightly dividing the world of truth."—II Tim. 2: 15.

We wish to make the following suggestions:

1. We recommend a Ministers' and Deacons' Conference at our Training Camp annually. Said conference to last a week. The members of this Board will serve as a planning committee for these conferences. The first conference will be planned as soon as the camp is completed. This is not to interfere with the Young People's meetings. We will use it one week each year for Ministers' and Deacons' Conference and this will be planned at times when it is not being used by young people.

2. We are suggesting the following name for the camp: "The Training Camp of the Florida Free Will Baptist State Association, a Memorial to Rev. J. C. Eldridge."

3. It has been suggested to us by the Planning Board that we, the members of the Board of Education, act as a committee on securing workers for the Training Camp.

4. Our present need is money. We will accept any sensible sug-



gestions for raising this money. We are asking each church to contribute one dollar per member to the camp fund annually. This to be paid quarterly.

J. E. NICHOLS, Chairman

W. H. TOOLE

C. E. DAY

BROWARD CROOM

### **REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION**

We, your Board of Superannuation, submit the following report:

First, that we officially unite with the superannuation program of the National Association in all of its endeavors.

Second, that we encourage all ministers under age 55 to apply for the insurance offered by the National Association.

Third, that all churches in the state promote the program locally by sending regular contributions and the names of persons eligible to benefits to our State Board.

Note: Eligible persons are ministers and full-time Christian workers:

1. For insurance under 55 years of age.
2. For retirement benefits, 70 years or over.
3. For disabled benefits at any age if active at the time of beginning disability.

Allocation of State Board: Per \$1.00—75 cents to local state needs; 25 cents to National Board.

### **REPORT OF MISSION BOARD**

We, your Mission Board, make the following recommendations:

1. That all funds for Home Missions be retained in State treasury until we have sufficient money to do something with.

2. We recommend that all possible efforts to win the lost and strengthen our present membership through preaching and teaching of the Word.

3. That we organize in the Florida State Association a Church Finance Association, similar to the one successfully operating in North Carolina, so that we may constantly promote church extension in our state.

Amendment: The Mission Board be responsible for the operation of the Church Finance Association.

4. For Missions, we give Romans 10: 9-16 (outline of 14-15):  
We must send missionaries:

- (1) That they might preach.
- (2) That the lost might hear.
- (3) That they might believe.
- (4) That they might call upon Him.
- (5) That they might be saved.

**REPORT OF BUILDING EXPENSES OF FLORIDA TRAINING CAMP**

For Pump .....	\$290.00
Cement .....	100.00
Mortar Mix .....	45.00
Super Blocks and Hauling .....	566.21
Lumber .....	111.32
Sand .....	16.00
Windows .....	441.00
Nails .....	1.50
Rock .....	4.23
Steel .....	20.50
Bolts .....	5.53
Labor for laying blocks .....	190.22
Labor for laying blocks .....	145.17
Delivery charges .....	12.00
Other labor expense .....	83.00
Labor expenses .....	90.00
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$2,158.06</b>

By B. E. CROOMS.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following:

For Officers: Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator; Rev. Rich M. Hughes, Vice-Moderator; Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary; Bro. Ernest Owen, Treasurer.

Planning Board—Rev. D. F. Pelt, Chairman; Bro. Ernest Owen, I. O. Cook, W. E. Holley, Rufus Hyman.

Board of Superannuation—Walter Eldridge, Rev. A. B. Cook, Rev. Herman Grubbs, C. L. Cook, H. A. Hicks.

Board of Missions—J. Ernest Wiggins, D. J. Cook, M. B. Woodlief, J. E. Nichols.

Board of Education—Mike Pelt, B. E. Crooms, J. D. Parham, W. H. Toole, C. E. Day.

We nominate Piney Grove Church, Washington County, for the next session of this Association.

**TREASURER'S REPORT FOR 1949**

Your treasurer begs to make the following report:

**EDUCATIONAL FUND**

Brought forward from 1948 .....	\$237.01
Received 1949 .....	322.48
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	\$559.49
Paid to Rev. Henry Melvin, Treas., Nat. Board of Education .....	161.24
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Balance in State Fund .....	\$398.25

**MISSIONS**

Balance brought forward from 1948 .....	\$241.80
Received in 1949 .....	259.08
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Total .....	\$500.88
Paid to Rev. Winford Davis, Treas., Foreign Mission Board .....	129.54
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Balance .....	\$391.34
Paid to W. H. Ryland, Treas., F.W.B. Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala. ....	38.86
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Balance .....	\$332.48

**GENERAL FUND**

Brought forward from 1948 .....	\$ 71.94
Received in 1949 .....	81.00
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Total .....	\$152.94
Paid Moderator and Clerk .....	30.00
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Balance .....	\$122.94

**CAMP FUND**

Balance brought forward from 1948 .....	\$1,568.70
Received in 1949 .....	490.26
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Total .....	\$2,058.96
Paid out on camp building .....	2,376.91
Leaving an indebtedness to Jan. 1, 1950, of .....	317.98

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST OWEN

**LETTER TO THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST  
STATE ASSOCIATION**

**To Convene With the Church at**

....., Date ....., 195.....

Name of Association .....

We send as delegates to represent us the following: .....

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We send Associational Fee of \$10.00.

**STATISTICAL REPORT**

No. of Churches..... No. of New Churches..... No. of Churches

Dismissed..... Total No. of Churches..... Total Membership.....

No. of Ordained Ministers..... No. of Licensed Ministers.....

No. of Sunday Schools..... No. of Free Will Baptist Leagues.....

No. of Woman's Missionary Societies.....

Paid to Foreign Missions \$..... Paid to Home Missions \$.....

Paid to Pastors \$..... Paid to Bible College \$.....

Paid to Superannuation \$..... Paid for Revivals \$.....

Paid to State Budget Program \$..... TOTAL \$.....

Moderator: .....

Address: .....

Clerk: .....

Address: .....

**LETTER FROM CHURCH**

Date ....., 195.....

Name of Church: .....

We send to represent us the following: .....

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We send as Associational Fee .....\$.....

We have membership of..... No. of Members by Baptism.....

No. of Members by Letter..... No. of Members Dismissed.....

Paid Pastor .....\$.....



Paid for Revivals .....\$.....  
 Paid to Foreign Missions .....\$.....  
 Paid to Home Missions .....\$.....  
 Paid to Alabama Children's Home .....\$.....  
 Paid to Superannuation .....\$.....  
 Paid to Bible College .....\$.....  
 Paid to State Treas. for State Budget Program .....\$.....  
 Do you operate on the State Budget System? .....  
 Pastor: .....  
     Address .....  
 Clerk: .....  
     Address .....

### CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

We, the Free Will Baptists of Florida, for the sake of power that comes of unity and oneness of purpose; for the advancement of the cause of Christ; for the glory of God and the good of mankind do ordain and establish this constitution and by-laws:

#### ARTICLE I. NAME OF ASSEMBLY.

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as "The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists."

#### ARTICLE 2. OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND FEES.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, a clerk, a treasurer, an executive board, a planning board, and any other officers that the Association, while in session, may decide to add because of changes of necessity.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected from the local associations, belonging to this body, delegates elected from the local churches embraced by the various local associations and all ministers belonging to these local associations and churches.

The delegates shall be elected as follows: One delegate from each local church composed of one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one delegate for each additional hundred members, or fraction thereof; five delegates from each local association composed of fifteen churches, or a fraction thereof, and one additional delegate for each additional four churches or fraction thereof. The additional delegates cannot be used unless the churches are active and are represented in the session in which they are appointed. Fees are \$10.00 for an association, and for churches \$2.00 per delegate.

Section 3. Ministers cannot be appointed as delegates from the local associations or churches. All visitors and ministers who do not belong to or pastor for this body can only be seated as honorary members.

Section 4. All churches and associations representing in this body shall pay entrance fee annually. The amount of this fee shall be deter-

mined by the body while in session and may be changed by a two-thirds vote in any session.

Section 5. All funds coming into this body shall be spent under a budget plan. This budget must be approved by the body while in session and no funds may be used in any way except as budgeted.

Section 6. It shall be the duty and power of the delegates of this body to make all laws which shall be necessary for the carrying on of the work of this Association, and all these laws must be in keeping with this constitution and must be kept on records so conflicting regulations may be avoided.

Section 7. Fifty (50) per cent of the delegates elect shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. All officers except board members shall be elected to serve a term of two years.

Section 9. Any officer may be re-elected as the body shall see fit, but the officers, or nominees, must give his consent to serve willingly.

Section 10. When vacancies occur either by death or removal from office, or by resignation the body shall fill vacancy either by proxy or by election of officer to the vacancy at any regular session of the body and the proxy may be appointed by the body to fill any absentee's place who does not attend the session.

Section 11. Election years shall be odd years. Thus the regular elections shall take place on odd years of the calendar.

Section 12. All standing boards shall be composed of one (1) member from each association and their term of office shall be four (4) years. Two being elected at each election year. The first two named shall be elected for only a term of two years. Thereafter all shall be elected as specified herein.

Section 13. This body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian and business-like manner according to rules of Christian conduct laid down in the teachings of the New Testament. Thus the right to discipline in this body is confined to this body, but a charge against a member of this body and the members of local churches shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly thereby.

### ARTICLE 3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS.

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all the deliberations of this body while in session.

Section 2. The moderator shall have power to rule measures out of order providing this ruling is sustained by one-third of the delegates present.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the moderator in his absence.

Section 4. The Vice-Moderator shall be ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep records of all the business proceedings and activities of this body.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive and keep all funds, pay all bills and keep records of receipts and disbursements.

Section 7. All officers and board members must be Free Will Baptists who are in good standing in their respective churches and associations,

must belong to this body and must, when elected, live within the bounds of the Association. The treasurer must give bond.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the planning board to provide general plans for this Association, make the budget and regulate fees.

Section 9. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer shall act as the Executive Board. This board shall act for the Association when the body is not in session. All action of the Executive Board becomes void when the Association meets unless sustained by two-thirds of the delegates present.

#### ARTICLE 4. AMENDMENTS.

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution must be put before the body while in session one day before voted on, and must be read at least twice and passed by two-thirds of delegates present. All amendments must be ratified by three of the associations now belonging to the body and by a majority of the associations belonging to same, should other associations join us in the future.

#### ARTICLE 5. RATIFICATION.

Section 1. Before this constitution becomes effective it must be ratified by 4 of the 5 associations belonging to this body and by at least 50 of the 82 local churches embraced by the same.