

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists

HELD WITH THE

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

NEAR MALONE, FLORIDA

November 2-3, 1951

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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Officers of the Association are the Executive Committee.

The next session will be held with East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla., on Thursday night, Oct. 30, 31, and Nov. 1, 1952. Rev. Chester Pelt to bring the introductory message.

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**PROGRAM FOR THE EIGHTETH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION
To Be Held With The East Side F. W. B. Church, Pensacola, Fla.
October 30-31 and Nov. 1, 1952**

THURSDAY NIGHT

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

- 6:30—Devotional, Host Pastor.
- 6:45—The Need of A State Ministers Association, Rev. Chester Pelt, of Tallahassee, Fla.
- 9:15—Enrolling of Ministers and Deacons. Special Music. Assignment of homes by the Women's Auxiliaries of the West Florida Association. Adjournment.

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions by Host Church.
- 9:45—Address of Welcome by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator of West Florida Association. Response by Ernest Owen.
- 10:00—Appointment of Nominating, Credentials and Program Committees.
- 10:45—Recess for Credentials Committee to compile report.
- 10:50—Devotional and Song Service (To be supplied).
- 11:00—Associational Sermon by Rev. D. C. Dood, National Promotional Secretary, Nashville, Tenn.
- 12:00—Noon Hour. Lunch to be served by Women's Auxiliaries of West Florida Association.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions by Grace Church.
- 1:45—Report of Bible College, Rev. Henry Melvin.
- 2:10—Report of Credentials Committee.
- 2:45—Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. D. C. Dood. Assignment of homes to delegates and visitors, West Florida Woman's Auxilaries in charge.

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 6:45—Foreign Missionary Service in charge of Rev. and Mrs. Thomas H. Willey of Cuba.

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song Service.
- 9:45—Devotions (to be supplied).
- 10:00—Report Woman's Auxiliary Convention.
Report League Convention.
- 10:20—Business Session. Reports from Boards and Committees.
- 11:00—Sermon (To be supplied).
- 12:00—Noon Hour Lunch served by Woman's Auxilaries.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Song Service and Devotional (To be supplied).
- 1:45—Continuation of Business Session.
- 2:30—Appointment of Delegates and Report of Nominating Committee.
- 3:00—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the Florida Free Will Baptist State Association.

The Seventh Annual Session Florida Free Will Baptist State Association convened with Hickory Grove Church, Nov. 2-3, 1951, near Malone, in Jackson County, Florida, with Miss Miranda Ditty leading the song service at 9:45 A.M. Two songs were rendered by Congregation, "Standing on The Promises" and "Showers of Blessing" and a scripture reading.

Prayer by Rev. D. F. Pelt, pastor of host church.

Address of Welcome given by Miss Miranda Ditty. Response by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

At this time the Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt, appointed the following as Credentials and Finance Committee: Mrs. Ernest Owen, Chairman; Rev. I. O. Cook, and brother of H. A. Hicks. This Committee was assigned a Sunday School room to meet in session with delegates, ministers and deacons and register them and their fees for Associational expense.

At 10:20 by motion and second, Rev. W. H. Ryland, Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala., was presented to the State Association to speak for the Home. Brother Ryland first spoke to our women about the value various coupons that can be turned into cash for the Children's Home. The message told of great progress being made from beginning with a large plant, which was almost donated to us. Other denominations began with a small plant, but we have come way up from the top, to where we are now. The home was purchased for \$7,000 that cost over \$100,000 spent to build when things were low. We have around 50 children in the home.

Motion and second we adjourn for Credentials Committee to compile report.

At 11:15 Rev. K. V. Shutes led the Congregation in singing, "Master the Tempest is Raging." Rev. Henry Chesnut was absent who was on program and the Moderator presented Rev. C. A. Huckaby as the Alternate for brother Chesnut.

Scripture lesson, Roman 9:15. At this time brother Huckaby had the tract "The Free Will Baptist Church," passed out to the congregation. The speaker brought on inspiring message on "Saving the Lost." After the message we were served lunch in the building as the weather was raining.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — 1:40

Devotional service with Rev. K. V. Shutes leading the singing. and brother L. C. Granger reading the 100th Psalm and Prayer by Rev. G. W. Jordan.

At 1:45 the Moderator called for Credentials and Finance Committee report. The Committee made a partial report and it was accepted. The Committee then reported that the State Line Association of Alabama and Florida and Union Hill Association were petitioning for membership. Committee report accepted with ammendment the names of all delegates be included in the report. (See reports.)

By motion and second the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to the delegates from the State Line and Union Hill Associations. Both of these Associations have churches in Alabama and Florida.

Th Planning Board made their report and by motion it be accepted, and there a motion was made and carried that the report lay on the table until following day (Saturday). (See reports).

At this time Rev. Thos. H. Willey spoke briefly on the Free Will Baptist Forein Mission work in Cuba.

At this time the Moderator recognized visitors to our body from other states. Rev. Henry Melvin was present from Nashville, Tenn. and Rev. W. H. Ryland and Rev. J. M. Cobb from Eldridge, Ala. From Georgia, Revs. K. V. Shutes, R. C. Houston, Coy Watson and Mr. and Mrs. Bell. By motion all visitors be seated.

The chair appointed the following on Nominating Committee: F. W. Bolin, C. A. Huckaby, R. L. Williams.

For Program Committee for 1952: The clerk, the Moderator, and pasto r of host church, elect.

At 2:35 the Moderator presented Rev. Henry Melvin, (native Floridian) as Business-Manager of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The College is in its 10th year and is getting more firmly established and our Ministry much stronger. We have 135 enrolled in our college, and the college is expanding as fast as possible.

Brother Ernest Owen spoke briefly on the Fla. Budget for support for our denominational program and insisted that each church adopt the budget of the unified programs so our work can be supported more systematically.

At this time the Moderator requested the Committee to read their assignment of delegates, ministers and visitors for the night.

Motion and second adjourn until 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT — 6:45—(Missionary Night)

A good song service was led by Rev. J. M. Cobb, Eldridge, Ala., and prayer Rev. R. M. Hughes, of Pensacola.

The Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt at this time presented Rev. Thos. H. Willey, of Pinor del Rio, Cuba, who brought a fine missionary message from Luke 12:15-21, on "The Rich Fool" who was a farmer.

This was a fine message -and here is what "The Rich Fool" said: (1) "My Ground." It was not his. It belonged to the Lord. He was only a steward on the ground. (2) "My Fruits." It was not his fruits. He was a steward and 10 per cent plus a free will was God's rent money. (3) "My Barns." They were his. They also belonged to God. Again he claimed ownership of all. (4) "My Soul." It was not his soul. It was the Lords by creation and by redemption. He lost his soul because failed to recognize he was not even the owner. (5) "My Time. He said he had much time, but he was mistaken. Time and eternity belong to God and not to man.

SATURDAY MORNING — 9:45

Song service in charge of Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. Henry Melvin at the piano. Scripture lesson read by Rev. J. M. Rich from Matt. 6:31 on putting "First Things First." Prayer by Bro. Rich.

At 10:10 the Credentials and Finance asked to retire and enroll delegates, deacons, and ministers.

Moved and carried that the delegates and ministers names with their address be carried.

At this time the Moderator appointed Miss Ada Holley on Committee in place of Brother F. W. Bolin who was absent.

There was motion and second that The Mission Board make some plans for Church Extension. Motion carried.

There was a motion made and carried that the Educational Board make plans for educational loan fund.

There was a motion made and carried that we elect a temporary Mission Board since some of the members of the Mission

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Board are reported absent. (See reports for all above elsewhere in their minute.)

At this time Rev. Henry Melvin to lead us in a song service.

The Vice Moderator, Rev. R. M. Hughes called for reports and the Mission Board made their report and it was accepted. (See reports.)

By motion we adjourn business session until 1:15 P.M.

At 11:30 preaching service with Rev. Henry Melvin in charge of service. There was a solo by a Mr. Price "I Belong to Him." After which brother Melvin brought a fine message from Gal. 3:1. "Paul was a great writer of letters to Churches and friends who had just recently been converted from heathenism, or either Judaism who were instructed in Christian teaching. The Galatians thought they were saved by law and grace.

"The Bewitched or Charmed Galatians were unthinking Christians."

The two main points of the sermon were: The Christian Re-based on (1) The Crucifixion and (2) The Resurrection of Christ. We recessed for lunch at 12:15 served in Sunday School rooms by the ladies of the host church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — 1:45

Song service led by Brother J. R. Long and the devotional service by Rev. I. O. Cook. Scripture, Rom. 13:12.

At 2:00 o'clock, the Moderator called for the Educational report: It was read and referred back to the Committee for revision since some points were not clear. The Committee retired, re-wrote their report and it was accepted. (See reports.)

The Moderator at this time called for the Woman's Auxiliary report. It was given by Miss Ada Holley. By motion and second we extend our appreciation to the women for their work in our State Association. It was carried that we accept the Woman's Auxiliary report. (See reports.)

The Credentials Committee final report was read and accepted.

There was a letter from newly organized Florida State League Convention and request for minutes to be printed with State Association minute. This request was granted.

Special Mission report (Church Extension) was called for, report read and accepted.

Report from Educational Loan Fund was read and accepted.

Report of Supernuation Board read and accepted.

The Planning Board's report that was read on Friday relative to the Constitution was taken off the table.

At 3:45 Rev. C. A. Huckaby, National member of the Supernuation Board made a talk on supernnuation.

Treasurer's report was called for and it was read and accepted.

By motion the treasurer pay only the 1950-51 part of National Supernuation program.

A motion was passed for the treasurer's record.

Nominating report was called for. Report was read and accepted.

There was a motion carried to pay clerk \$25.00 for his service.

By motion and second all deacons and ministers meet on Thursday night of next State Association in Pensacola to organize a ministers' Conference.

Motion carried we pay Moderator \$25.00 for his services.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Hickory Grove and community for entertainment and bindness shown us while in their midst. The closing prayer by Rev. R. M. Hughes.

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

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815 E. LaRua St, Pensacola, Fla.

REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Recording
Secretary, Slocumb, Ala.

REPORTS

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

To the State Association convenning with Hickory Grove Church:

We your Superannuation Board wishes to recommend the continuation of the payment for another year to Rev. A. W. Cook, Altha, Fla. And we have a new set of By-Laws written up for your adoption, if you see fit.

We also recommend that our pastors recommend to their churches that they support the Superannuation program as much as possible for we feel that it is a worthy cause.

H. A. HICKS, Chairman

STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION FORMED IN FLORIDA

On September the fifteenth, delegates from seven leagues and four churches met together at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church south of Chipley, Florida to organize a league convention. The morning program was a devotional led by Bro. Baxter of Malone, whose subject was "Naaman's Leprosy Cleansed" which was well rendered. Then preaching service at eleven by Rev. Arvil Retherford with the subject "Strength of Youth." Many good points were brought out and the young people encouraged were brought out and the young people encouraged.

The congregation was then dismissed one hour for lunch.

The afternoon session began with a song and prayer then a short scripture reading by a member of Hickory Grove league. Then a short discussion whether to organize a district or state convention. It was moved and carried to organize a state convention. Rev. Rufus Hyman proceeded with the organization until the president was elected which was Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla. Then the president presided and the following officers were elected: Vice President—Bro. Edward Baxter, Malone, Fla.; Recording Secretary—Miss Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Fla.; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Bernard Owens, Chipley, Fla.; Treasurer—Mrs. A. F. Squires, Bonifay, Fla.

It was moved and received that the convention meet annually. The next meeting will be held Saturday before the first Sunday in September 1952 at the Youth Camp near Cottondale.

The congregation was then dismissed until the next annual meeting.

We request that every district send a delegate to the state convention next time. If your church doesn't have a district convention please send a delegate from your league to represent you in the state convention.

We request that minutes of our league convention be printed in your state association minutes.

We send as a delegate to represent us.

Respectively,
Your Corresponding Secretary,
MRS. BERNARD OWENS
Route 4, Chipley, Fla.

MINUTES OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

On Sept. 15, 1951 a group of people met with Piney Grove Church for the purpose of organizing a League Convention.

The group was called to order by the pastor of the church, Rev. C. A. Huckaby. The group sang together several songs after which the league from Malone Church conducted a short devotion service.

Rev. Huckaby announced the program for the day. A gospel message was then given by Rev. A. H. Retherford after which the assembly adjourned for lunch.

The group reassembled at 1:30. A song service and devotion period was enjoyed.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby opened a round table discussion as to a League Convention. It was decided that a State Convention would be better than several district conventions as we have such few leagues in Florida and they are so far apart. Rev. Hyman acted as chairman until a president was elected.

The following leagues and churches were represented:

1. PILGRIM REST LEAGUE, Molina, Fla.
Delegates—Mrs. T. U. Bryant, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Williams.
2. CEDAR GROVE LEAGUE, Greenwood, Fla.
Delegates—Mr. and Mrs. Haze Dickens, Josephus Martin, Mrs. Alva Bruner, Fletcher Perkins, Jr.
3. MALONE LEAGUE, Malone, Fla.
Delegates—Edward Baxter, Caroline Mathis, C. L. Granger, Thelma Grondin, Etheline Womack.
4. HICKORY GROVE LEAGUE, Bascom, Fla.
Delegates—Charlie Howard Hatcher, Bernice Ditty, Jewell Ditty, Lanell Oswald, Leon Baxter.
5. POPULAR HEAD LEAGUE, Bonifay, Fla.
Delegates—Effie Squire, A. F. Squire.
6. PINEY GROVE LEAGUE, Chipley, Fla.
Delegates—Bernard Owens, Donald Elmore, Lois Lassiter, Edward Clark, Johnny Huckaby.

7. MARVIN CHAPEL LEAGUE, Marianna, Fla.

Delegate—C. E. Day.

By Churches—

1. PINELOG CHURCH, Westville, Fla.

2. PLEASANT HILL CHURCH, Bonifay, Fla.

The following officers were elected: President—Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla.; Vice President—Edward Baxter, Malone, Fla.; Recording Secretary—Miranda Ditty, Bascom, Fla.; Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Marie Owens; Treasurer—Mrs. Effie Squire, Bonifay, Fla.—Route 1.

By motion a committee be appointed to draw up a constitution.

By motion the president appointed the committee.

The officers of the convention were appointed by the President to form this committee.

By motion the convention meet annual.

By motion the next session be held at the Youth Camp near Cottdale, Fla.

By motion Saturday before the first Sunday in September be the designated time to meet.

By motion all reports be turned in to Recording Secretary.

By motion this organization send a delegate to the Florida State Association. Delegate—Herman Williams, Pensacola. Alternate—Lewie Patrick.

By motion President appointed a delegate to the National League Convention. The President said that he would appoint the delegate later.

An inspirational talk was given on Foreign Mission by Rev. Rich and one on Home Mission by Rev. J. M. Hyman.

By motion an offering be taken at this time for expenses. \$5.04 was received.

By motion a vote of thanks was extended to Piney Grove Church for entertainment for the day.

By motion we adjourn.

REV. C. A. HUCKABY, President
Chipley, Fla.

MIRANDA DITTY, Rec. Secretary
Bascom, Fla.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

Statistics of Work Done By WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

I. Membership Report:

Number of auxiliary organizations—8 local; 2 district.

Number of members—Oct. 1, 1950—148.

Number of new members—32.
Number members reinstated—0.
Total number members received this year—32.
Number of inactive members—3.
Number members dropped from roll—2.
Total loss of members—
Total membership—Oct. 1, 1911—113.
Increase in membership for year—0.

II. Financial Report:

1. Offerings for:

- (1) Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer Fund—0.
- (2) Convention dues (10c per member)—\$37.20.
- (3) Convention Literature.
- (4) Special Offerings:
 - Orphanage—0.
 - Scholarship or Student Loan Fund—0.

2. Disbursements:

- (1) Fifty Thousand Co-Laborer Fund—0.
- (2) Convention expense—\$13.70.
- (3) National Convention Delegate—\$10.00.
- (4) Convention Literature—0.
- (1) Other purposes—Unified Budget—\$24.20.

3. Total offerings for year—49.20.

4. Total disbursements for year—\$45.50.

Balance on hand—Oct. 1, 1951—\$3.70.

III. Miscellaneous Activity Report:

- 1. Stewardship study classes conducted—5.
- 2. Mission study classes conducted—4.
- 3. Mannual of Methods study classes conducted—3.
- 4. Evangelism classes conducted—1.
- 5. Stewardship declamation contests held—0.
- 6. Number of Auxiliaries observing pre-Easter week of prayer—0; nine o'clock Prayer Hour—0; one o'clock Prayer Band Hour—0; Tues. before Thanksgiving—0.
- 7. Number of Auxiliaries sponsoring YWA's—0; GA's—1; BA's—1.
- 8. Number Auxiliary members subscribing to F.W.B. Church papers—52.
- 9. Numbers of tithers in auxiliary organizations—19.
- 10. Number Auxiliaries having personal service committee.
- 11. Number Auxiliary members engaged regularly in directed personal service—34.

13. Number "A-1" Auxiliaries—0.
Number "B" Auxiliaries
Number "C" Auxiliaries—2.
12. We send to the annual convention the following as our delegates: Miss Ada Holly, Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mrs. Chester Pelt—President, 2011 Charter Oak Dr., Tallahassee, Fla.

Our next state convention meets at Holly Grove near Marianna, Florida, 1952.

We report the following progress as a result of the \$15.00 donated to Woman's State Association Convention in 1950:

4 new local auxiliaries organized; 1 girls' auxiliary; 1 new district auxiliary. And \$10.00 invested in Literature which will be used to effect still other new organizations.

At the suggestion of Brother Huckaby we set aside \$10.00 to help defray the expenses of a delegate to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention in Oklahoma next July. We are asking the State Association of Churches to give us \$10.00 to add to this amount.

We request the State Association to print our minutes with theirs without charge.

MRS. CHESTER PELT, President
2011 Charter Oak Dr., Tallahassee, Fla.
MISS ADA HOLLEY, Rec. Secretary
Blountstown, Fla.

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Which Met With ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, Near Bonifay, Fla.

The President, Sister Chester Pelt, asked all delegates and officers to sit in center section of building and register.

The Congregation sang "Work For the Night is Coming," led by Sister Chester Pelt, and Sister Florence Cook, at the piano.

Scripture reading by the president of St. John's Auxiliary.

Prayer by Sister Owens.

The president appointed the following committees:

FINANCE—

Ada Holley. Chr.; Ada Boon, Mrs. Myrtle Shores.

NOMINATING—

Mrs. Omer L. Denkins, Chr.; Mrs. Etha Mae Owens, Mrs. Millie Donaldson.

PLAN OF WORK—

Mrs. Bertha Belle, Chr.; Mrs. Daniel Pelt, Mrs. Lona Glisson.

Then the President very ably brought a discussion on "Stewardship" using the parable of the Talents as taken from Matt. 25:14. The theme—"According to his Capacity." This message was a source of inspiration and was enjoyed by all.

At this time it was announced that lunch was to be spread on tables for all.

Brother C. A. Huckaby announced he was here in the interest of the National Home Mission Fund. He had FWB tags for cars for sale. The proceeds to go to the National Home Mission Fund.

President called for reports:

1st Vice President—Report received.

2nd Vice President—No report.

3rd Vice President—Report received.

4th Vice President—Report received.

5th Vice President—Report received.

Field Worker's report was received.

The Plan of Work was received.

The Financial report was received.

The Nominating report was received. All these reports were accepted as made.

Motion carried to ask the State FWB Association to print our minutes in their minutes.

The Ministers present were Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. A. B. Cook. Other men present were Brothers Chester Cook and some visitors from Pensacola whose names the clerk did not get.

Delegates and visitors gave a rising vote of thanks to St. John's Auxiliary and for the wonderful way in which they entertained this convention.

Moved and carried to enter a round table discussion of helpful activities for local auxiliaries.

We discussed — Pre-Easter prayer service, Taster Sunrise service, and ways of making money, etc.

The meetin adjourned to meet with Holley Grove near Mari-anna on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in Octoger 1952.

MRS. CHTSTER PELT, President
2011 Charter Oak Dr., Tallahassee, Fla.
MISS ADA HOLLEY, Secretary and
Treasurer, Blountstown, Fla.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We the committee on the Board of Education do hereby submit the following report.

1. We should recognize the fact that there is power in education, and as a denomination we need to put forth every effort possible to acquire an education in order to cope with the age in which we live.

2. We not only need education, but that which is more important, Christian education. Therefore, we should support every effort put forth for the purpose of giving our young people a Christian education.

3. Since we recognize the need of Christian education for our young people we have started building a youth training camp near Cottondale, Fla. This camp consist of ten acres of land upon which we have placed a deep well and one building partically completed. Our present need is money to complete this building so classes can be held there next summer.

4. We suggest this Associational Body appoint a Finance Committee to help raise the necessary funds to complete this building.

W. H. TOOL

W. W. EILAND

C. E. DAY

J. D. PARHAM

D. J. COOK

CHURCH EXTENSION REPORT

We your committee on Church Extension make the following suggestions:

1. That the funds now on hand be made available for loan without interest for the first to any properly constituted church with securities (abstract title) sufficient to guarantee repayment after the first year interest at the rate of 4% per annum will be charged.

2. That each church contribute at least \$20.00 each year to the church Extension fund.

3. That the State Association, now in session elect Brother Daniel F. Pelt as State Promotional Secretary upon proposition which he is offering to the Mission Board as follows:

(a) That he be sent out on the field as part time promotional work.

(b) That he take two public Free Will offerings in each church visited, one for promotional work and one for

his expense and services.

4. That this body appropriate funds from the home mission treasury for purchase of a typewriter and memograph machine and other necessary secreterial supplies for the use of the Promotional Secretary and that he send out monthly news bulletins to each church clerk and minister in the State Association in order that total denominational program be kept before our people.

REPORT ON EDUCATION

We your Board offer the following to ministerial education.

For applicants to be eligible to receive a loan from the Student Fund must meet the following requirements:

1. Be a licensed minister of the Free Will Baptist Church.
2. Be a high school graduate, or have at least 2 year's ministerial service.
3. Be recommended by his home church in regular conference.
4. Have three or more endorse legal loanpaper.
5. All loans are to be repaid monthly in the same amount as advanced monthly to student while attending college. These payments to begin 1 year after college course has been completed, and be subjected to 5% interest per annum 1 year after course has been completed.

By,
W. W. EILAND
W. H. TOOLE
D. J. COOK
C. E. DAY

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

We your Board make the following recommendations:

1. The funds sent for Missions to the National Association be equally divided between National Home Missions and Foreign by the State Treasurer.
2. That no person hold more than one office in the State Association, with the exception of the Executive Board which is composed of the general officers of the Association.
3. That the Constitution state the number and nature of the various boards functioning in this Association; Namely, the executive board, the planning board, the mission and educational boards and board of supernuation.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your committee on nominations nominate the following for officers of the Florida State FWB Association:

- Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator, Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
- Rev. Richard M. Hughes, Vice Moderator, Pensacola, Fla.
- Rev. Rufus Hyman, Recording Secretary, Slocumb, Ala.

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- Ulas Granger (4 years), Cottonwood, Ala.
- Rev. Herman Grubbs (4 years), Perry, Fla.
- Rev. Wesley Cockerel (4 years), N.W. 171 St. & 29 Ave.,
Miami, Florida.
- H. F. Farmer (4 years), Route 2, Bonifay, Fla.

DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—

Bro. W. E. Holley, Sister Chester Pelt.

The East Side FWB Church of Pensacola, request the next session of the State Association. We nominate East Side Church for the next session.

Your Committee,
REV. C. A. HUCKABY
ROBERT WILLIAMS
MISS ADA HOLLEY

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We the Mission Board make following recommendations:

1. That all missions funds from Florida State Association to the National Association equally divided between home and foreign missions.
2. We suggest that the pastors and deacons of each church to stand behind the training camp for the next year, and donate \$1.00 per member per annum.

By The Board of Missions
J. E. NICHOLS, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

We have the following funds as listed:

For Camp	\$439.24
General Fund	64.99

Educational Fund	233.50
Mission Fund	138.10
Supernuation Fund	78.07
Church Extension Fund	451.17
Operating Fund for Camps	376.97
Student Loan Fund	376.97

ERNEST OWEN, Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.

DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA CHURCHES

With the Moderators of District Associations and Clerks,
and Addresses of Church Clerks

SALEM ASSOCIATION—

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator, Tallahassee, Fla.

Chester L. Cook, Clerk. Altha, Fla., Route 2.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

SALEM—J. R. Barnes, Marianna, Fla. RFD.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Marianna, Fla.

CYPRESS CREEK—F. L. Locke, Marianna, Fla., RFD.

BLOUNTSTOWN—Mrs. Joe Holley, Blountstown, Fla.

DAMASCUS—L. J. Sexton, Marianna, Fla.

LOVEWOOD—W. J. Justice, Rt. 1, Cottondale, Fla.

CEDAR GROVE—GREENWOOD—MALONE — Gertrude Smith,
Malone, Fla.

ALLEN CHAPEL—T. B. Horne, Rt. 1, Bascom, Fla.

NEW HOPE—Mrs. Mildred Mears, Rt. 1, Bascom, Fla.

COTTONDALE—Mrs. Otis Hayes, Cottondale, Fla.

TRAVELER'S REST—J. W. Parham, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor, Blountstown, Fla.

PINE GROVE—Myrtle Adams, Blountstown, Fla.

ABES SPRING—Mrs. Emma Clark, Blountstown, Fla.

PLEASANT HILL—J. D. Stone, Blountstown, Fla.

HICKORY GROVE—J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.

Total Membership (1951)—1,460; No. Churches—22; No. Sunday
Schools—12; WMS—6.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Moderator, Rt. 2,
Chipley, Fla.; Archie Cook, Clerk, Veron, Fla.

PINEY GROVE—Early Peele, Route 2, Chipley, Fla.

LIBERTY—Inez Cook, Veron, Fla.

ST. JOHNS—Mrs. Velma Livingstone, Bonifay, Fla.

BEULAH—Mollie Skinner, Route, Chipley, Fla.

HAPPY HILL—Ruby Parish, Caryville, Fla.

PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Ethel Harrell, Route 1, Bonifay, Fla.

POPLAR HEAD—A. F. Squires, Route 1, Bonifay, Fla.

Total Membership—538; No. S. S.—7; No. Leagues—3; No. WMS—3; No. Churches—7.

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION—Rev. W. S. Thomley, Moderator, Robertsdale, Ala. | Mrs. Daisy Williams, Clerk, 144 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

GRACE—J. A. Stevens, Pensacola, Fla.

MT. ZION—Mrs. Carrie Hobbs, Century, Fla.

PILGRIM REST—Mrs. Nettie Patrick, P. O. Box 61, Molina, Fla.

TRAVELER'S REST—Miss Dilla Vean Brooks, Rt. 1.

FIRST CHURCH—R. B. Coltrain, 4219 W. Gafney St. Pensacola.

SHILOH—R. P. Amerson, Route 1, Box 222, Atmore, Ala.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Mrs. Emma Lee, Route A, Box 114, McDavid

NEW HOME—Mrs. Nettie Jones, Star Route A, Box 134, Atmore.

RAINBOW—Mrs. Jack Dunlap, Route 1, Robertsdale, Ala.

Membership—581; No. Churches—11; Ordained Ministers—12; and 3 Licensed Ministers; 10 S. S., FFWB Leagues and 2 new churches but names not given; No. WMS—5.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION of ALA. and FLA.—Moderator, Rev. G. H. Jordan, Cottonwood, Ala.; Mrs. Edna Brown, Route 4, Dothan, Ala., clerk.

PROSPECT—Mrs. Irell Ingram, Rt. 4, Box 229, Dothan, Ala.

NEW HARMONY—Mrs. James Callaway, Cottonwood, Ala.

HOWARD'S GROVE—A. C. Womack, Cottonwood, Ala.

PLEASANT HOME—Lloyd Bottoms, Geneva, Ala., Route

HICKORY HILL—Center Hill, Fla.

SHILOH—COLUMBIA, ALA.—CORINTH—S. Jackson, Midland City, Ala.

GRANGERBURG—Mrs. Brannon West, Cottonwood, Ala.

PITTMAN CREEK—I. D. Sowell, Black, Ala., Route 1.

SPRING FIELD—Miss Dorothy Lamb, Route 2, Box 29, Ashford, Ala.

UNION SPRINGS—Leona White, Pansey, Ala.

NEW HOPE—Z. A. Ammons, Midland City, Ala.

PLEASANT RIDGE—Sidney Tindel, Cottonwood, Ala.

Route 1.

MAGNOLIA—Nell Rose Etheridge, Midland City, Ala.

ROCKY GROVE—Miss Alice Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.

COWARTS CREEK—Billie Joe Fowler, Rt. 1, Ashford, Ala.

Membership—2,689; No. of Churches—16; No. S.S.—15; No. Leagues—6; No. WMS—5.

NORTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Bro. John E. Wood, Moderator, Perry, Fla. | Roy Roberts, Clerk, Box 1187, Plant City.

MACEDONIA—Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton, Fla.

MT. CARMEL—Hugh Davis, Live Oak, Fla.

ST. JOHNS—J. W. Mathis, Perry, Fla.

PINE LEVEL—R. A. Stapleton, Live Oak, Fla.

OAK HILL—Mrs. J. G. Brim, Live Oaks, Fla.

Membership—352; No. Ordained Ministers—11; No. S.S.—5;
No. New Churches—3.

UNION HILL ASSOCIATION—Rev. Rufus Hyman, Moderator,
Slocumb, Ala.; Huey Doriety, Clerk, Hartford, Ala.

BETHEL—Hartford, Ala.

UNION HILL (Near Slocumb)—Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Bonifay, Fla.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Miss Fairbee Collins, Hartford, Ala., Rt. 1.

PINE LOG—Eddie Carpenter, Geneva, Ala.

ANTIOCH—Reece Register, Graceville, Fla.

No. Churches—7; Membership—400.

SOUTH FLORIDA CONFERENCE—Rev. Wesley Cockerel, Mod-
erator, N.W. 17th St. and 29th Ave. Miami; Rev. L. O. Mc-
Bryde, Clerk, Route 1, Box 1992, Miami, Fla.

FIRST CHURCH—V. V. Mitchel, Miami, Fla.

GOLDEN GLADES—Pernie Thrift, Miami, Fla.

OLYMPIA HEIGHTS—Fredna Reed, Miami, Fla.

Ministers—11. Here are some of their ministers: J. T. Buck,
2467 N.W. 171st St. and 29th Ave., Miami; K. L. Warren,
Oppa Locka, J. A. Sykes, 2900 N.W. 91st St., Miami, Fla.

This is a young association which was organized about two
years ago. Membership—89; No. WMS—1; No. Churches—3;
No. Sunday Schools—3.

This Association is our youngest association. It has 3 church-
es and all 3 have Sunday Schools. They report 1 WMS and a
membership of 89. We have around 6100 or more in membership
and 66 churches and 5 churches are new ones. The West Florida
reported 2 new churches and the North Florida 2 new churches,
and 1 church newly organized church in the Salem. Okay, Bre-
thren, let's see how many more we will have of new churches in
our next report. Last year \$813.00 to Foreign Missions. For 1952
our goal is \$900.00 for Foreign Missions and \$350.00 for National
Home Missions. To all Associations clerks, please send me your
1951 minute or better than that report name of all churches and
clerks with addresses. Help me make a better directory for 1953
by making corrections if any errors in list of churches and their
clerks.

Note by Secretary: If all the Association Clerks would give me
full address of churches it would help. Send me your latest min-
ute, please.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your committee, report the following Associations and
their respective churches to be seated in our body as follows,

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

with their fees:

(1)	West Florida Association	\$10.00
	First FWB Church—2 delegates	4.00
	East Side FWB Church—2 delegates	4.00
	Christian Home—1 delegate	2.00
	Shiloh—1 delegate	2.00
(2)	Liberty Association	\$10.00
	Piney Grove—2 delegates	4.00
	Agagail—1 delegate	2.00
	St. John—2 delegates	4.00
(3)	South Florida Association	\$15.00
	Mrs. Carrie Mitchell	
(4)	Salem Association	\$10.00
	Holly Grove—1 delegate	2.00
	Cottondale—1 delegate	2.00
	Love Wood—1 delegate	2.00
	Hickory Grove—5 delegates	10.00
	Marvin Chapel—1 delegate	4.00
	Green Head—1 delegate	2.00
	Midway—1 delegate	2.00
	Christian Home—1 delegate	2.00
	Damascus—1 delegate	4.00
(5)	The Ala.-Fla. State Line Association and Union Hill Association comes to us with petetionary letters asking to be seated in our midst.	
	Ala.-Fla. State Line Association	\$10.00
	Delegates—G. H. Jordan, James Calloway, Mrs. James Calloway, Mrs. Ulas Granger.	
(6)	Union Hill Association	\$10.00
	Delegates—Mrs. Rufus Hyman, Mrs. F. W. Bolin, W. D. Bell.	
(7)	North Florida Association	\$10.00
	J. L. McDaniel	

We have 7 associations and 18 churches represented, and have collected the sum of \$1.59.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Credentials Committee

MINISTERS

Rufus Hyman, Slocomb, Ala.	\$1.00
Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla.	1.00
Daniel Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	2.00
A. B. Cook. Bonifay, Fla.	1.00
J. M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.	1.00
W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.	1.00

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

L. V. Pinson, Atmore, Ala., Rt. 1	1.00
Richard W. Hughes, 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.	1.00
James Roberts, Cypress, Fla.	1.00
D. W. Poole, Dothan, Ala.	1.00
Chester H. Pelt, 12011 Chester Dr., Tallahassee, Fla.	1.00

DEACONS

I. O. Cook, Altha, Fla.	\$1.00
J. L. McDaniel, Perry, Fla.	1.00
W. M. Brown, Cottondale, Fla.	1.00
Chester Cook, Altha, Fla.	1.00
Ernest Owen, Chipley, Fla.	1.00
W. C. Pettis, Cottondale, Fla.	1.00
J. D. Parham, McDavid, Fla.	1.00
H. C. Gause, Blountstown, Fla.	1.00
F. W. Bolin, Slocomb, Ala.	1.00
Houston Toole, Chipley, Fla.	1.00
W. D. Bell, Graceville, Fla.	1.00
H. A. Hicks, Greenwood, Fla.	1.00

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 II. OFFICERS, DELEGATES AND FEES

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator, secretary, an executive board, a planning board, a board of missions (Home and Foreign), an edu-

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 the 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

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 III. 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 all funds, pay all bills and keep records of receipts and disbursements.

cational 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 association, belonging to this body, delegates elected by 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 from each additional one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one delegate from each local association composed of fifteen 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. All deacons and ministers are standing dele-

gates. Fees are \$1.00 for deacons and ministers.

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 determined 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 budket 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 twoyears.

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 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 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 budket 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.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Mission Board to make plans for church extension and operate any state mission work and also work in the interest of the foreign mission program of

the National Association. It shall be the duty of Mission Board to help make our people missionary minded.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the educational board to make plans for operating the Florida Training Camp and Christian education for Christian workers. This board shall keep our National and State educational work before our people. It shall be their duty to create interest in Christian education.

Section 12. It shall be the duty of the supernuation board to make general plans for supernuation for aged ministers, and to cooperate the National Association in providing insurance protection for our younger ministers.

BY-LAWS TO SECTION 12

PURPOSE—

The purpose of the program is to make possible for active Free Will Baptist Ministers and full-time Christian Workers the following benefits:

1. Protection for loved-ones in case of untimely death. (Face value of insurance policy with accumulated dividends.)
2. A regular income in case of total and permanent disability.
3. Income from retirement age to death.
4. The above benefits shall be provided through and by the provisions of the State and National Superannuation program.

PLAN—

The National board has a working agreement whereby all Ministers and full time Christian Workers can be insured for the the above benefits. (Insurable ages 21 through 52).

FINANCES—

The National board finances this program with funds sent from the State Superannuation boards. The State Treasurer keeps 75 per cent of these funds for the operation of the State program, and will send 25 per cent to the National Treasurer.

AMOUNTS OF BENEFITS FROM STATE TREASURER—

The amount of monthly benefits shall be governed by the following rules:

1. The amount shall be \$10 per month to the disabled Minister or Christian Worker, and to be increased (not to exceed \$25) if the total amount in the State treasure permits, but in no case shall this be done if it will prevent all payments to be made for the Associational year to all those receiving benefits.

ELIGIBILITY—

The above benefits shall be paid monthly to the following:

1. To any Free Will Baptist minister or full-time Christian Worker. Who has a total and permanent disability or upon reaching the age of 70.
2. The titles given above Free Will Baptist Minister or full-time Christian Worker shall be as follows to Free Will Baptist Ministers who have either pastored or done full time Evangelistic or Teaching work for 10 years. Christian Workers shall be Free Will Baptists although not Ministers, but shall have done full time Christian work as teachers or Missionaries (Home and Foreign) or Evangelistic work for 10 years for the Free Will Baptist Church.
3. Applications must be made to and approved by the Florida State Superannuation Board, while in private session.
4. That the traveling expense of Board members shall be paid for all Board meetings by the board.

ARTICLE IV. 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 the 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 V. 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.

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

LETTER TO THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST
STATE ASSOCIATION

To Convene With the Church at

_____, Date _____, 195____

Name of Association _____

We send delegates to represent us the following: _____

We send Associational Fee of \$10.00.

STATISTICAL REPORT

No. Churches _____ No. New Churches _____ No. Churches

Dismissed _____ Total No. Churches _____ Total Membership _____

No. Ordained Ministers _____ No. Licensed Ministers _____

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

No. 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: _____

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 Bible College _____ \$ _____

Paid to Bible College _____ \$ _____

Paid State Treas. for State Unified Budget Program \$ _____

Do you operate on the State Budget System? _____

Pastor: _____

Address: _____

Clerk: _____

Address: _____