

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

**Florida State Association of
Free Will Baptists**

HELD WITH
East Side Free Will Baptist Church

IN CARPENTER'S HALL, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

October 30, 31 and Nov. 1, 1952



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THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The General Officers of the Association are the Executive
Committee.

The next Session will be held at the Florida Training Camp,
four miles South of Cottondale, Florida, on the Panama City
Highway on Friday and Saturday, October 30 and 31, 1953. Rev.
Joe Fort to bring the Introductory Message.

OFFICERS OF THE FLORIDA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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REV. JAMES C. PELT, Salem Association, Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
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**PROGRAM FOR THE NINTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE
FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION
To Be Held With The Florida Training Camp on Friday and
Saturday, October 30 and 31, 1953, 4 miles South of
Cottondale, Fla., on the Panama City Highway.**

FRIDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Devotions by Salem Church.
- 9:45—Address of Welcome by Rev. C. H. Pelt, host moderator.
Salem Association.
- 10:00—Appointment of Nominating, Credentials and Program
Committees.
- 10:45—Recess for Credentials Committee to compile report.
- 10:50—Devotional and Song Service by Rev. J. E. Nichols.
- 11:00—Associational Sermon by Rev. Joe Fort.
- 12:00—Noon Hour. Lunch to be served by ladies of the Salem
and Liberty Auxiliaries.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Devotions by Rev. L. V. Pinson.
- 1:45—Report of Promotional Secretary, Rev. D. C. Dood.
- 2:15—Report of Credentials Committee.
- 2:45—Assignment of Homes to visitors, delegates, ministers, by
the Ladies the Salem Auxiliary Convention.
- 3:00—Adjournment.

FRIDAY NIGHT

- 6:45—Foreign Missionary Service in charge of Revs. J. M.
Rich, Thomas H. Willey, Alternate, Rev. D. C. Dood.

SATURDAY MORNING

- 9:30—Song Service—Chester Cook.
- 9:45—Devotions (To be supplied).
- 10:00—Reports: Woman's State Auxiliary Convention.
League Convention.
Ministers and Deacons Conference.
- 11:00—Sermon, Moderator's Message, Rev. D. F. Pelt.
- 12:00—Noon Hour. Lunch to be served by Ladies of Salem and
Liberty District Auxiliaries.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

- 1:30—Song Service and Devotions (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 Eighth Annual Session of The Florida Free Will Baptist State Association which met with East Side Free Will Baptist Church in Carpenter's Hall, Pensacola, Florida, October 31, November 1, 1952.

Song Service by Rev. Chester H. Pelt. The devotions were in charge of Rev. James V. Turman, host pastor. Scripture lesson 1 Timothy 6:1-7.

The Address of Welcome given by Rev. L. V. Pinson, host Moderator of the West Florida Association. The response by Brother Ernest Owen.

At this time the Moderator appointed Alva Brunner, Michael Pelt, Robert Donaldson, and Mrs. Marvin Owens as Credentials Committee. The Association then recessed for committee to compile report of delegates, ministers, and deacons.

The Associational Sermon was brought by Rev. D. C. Dood on Re-Capturing the Power of the Early Church (Scripture Acts 8) Text: "Give Me this Power."

"Simon seeing many converted under this great power of Apostle Peter, believed and was baptised. Later all desire for power re-appears, he offers to buy Holy Ghost Power. Give me this power." We need power. As a denomination. We have never had a nation-wide revival.

Rev. Dood said, "I believe the day will come when we will lead this nation to God. The world was against the early church and she believed, and God's power was sufficient to give victory to them. They always called a prayer meeting when their needs became great and then they serged on to victory." 12 Noon Hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON — 1:30

Song service by Brother Ernest Owen. The devotions by Rev. B. B. Champion, Scripture 2 Cor. 12:9-10.

The first item of business called for was a partial report of Credentials Committee. Motion made to accept the report and delegates be seated.

The Moderator declared the body ready to transact any business that may come before the body.

Moderator asked Clerk to read the Charter of the Florida Free Will Baptist Corporation. Motion Mission Board study this corporation and make report back to this body.

At At this time Rev. D. C. Dood, the National Promotional Secretary made his report. He made reference to our foreign mission work. His message was very encouraging to us as he brought a good report of all phases of our work. "We are growing, and have 4100 churches and 400,000 members in the U. S.," he said. "Our ministers have cleaned themselves up and are moving forward." He asked that we all speak alike from standpoint of doctrine.

Motion made and carried, we accept cooperative program from the National Association. At this time the Nominating Committee made their report. Motion and second report be amended with proper correction. (See reports).

Motion carried we adopt the Treatise of Faith and Practice of The National Free Will Baptist Association.

Brother Ernest Owen requested all to stand who would like for Brother D. C. Dood to run the Camp Meeting at Florida Training Camp, near Cottondale, Fla., in 1953. Many voted for it.

The treasurer made his report. Motion and second report be accepted. (See reports.)

Motion made we recommend to the Planning Board to make plans to raise funds to raise enough money to pay general program expenses.

Motion Brothers Rich and Dood be responsible for Missionary Service tonight.

Motion and second we adjourn business session until Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT — 6:45

The Missionary Service was opened by Rev. J. M. Rich. Prayer by Brother Harvey Henderson. Rev. Michael Pelt brought a special message in song, "Satisfied With Jesus." Then the congregation sang "Throw Out the Life Line."

Brother Rich spoke on foreign mission work briefly, and presented Rev. D. C. Dood, a former missionary to Cuba, spoke from Second Kings 7:9. on "Day of Good Tidings."

After the Missionary Service a business session was called by the Moderator. A motion was adopted to rescind the motion to adjourn to Saturday morning. It was rescinded and the following business was taken up:

Report of Planning Board was read. Motion report be accepted. Motion and second report be tabled until Saturday.

Motion we adjourn till Saturday at 9:45 a.m.

SATURDAY MORNING — 9:45

Rev. Richard M. Hughes, vice moderator, opened the service with congregational singing and the morning's prayer was offered by Rev. W. S. Thomley, pastor of the First Church of Pensacola.

The devotions were led by Rev. W. M. Patrick.

At this time the League Convention made report. Motion to accept report with proper amendment. A verbal report was made of the Woman's Auxiliary and motion that written report be mailed to secretary. (See reports).

Motion and second the program committee arrange for the sermon at the 11 o'clock hour.

Moderator called for Planning Board report to be taken off the table and it be discussed. Motion to take up by sections.

Section 1. Motion to amend report to exempt the deacons and ministers that are 65 years of age. Motion carried.

Section 2. Was adopted as read.

Section 3. Amended to read Associations with 5 churches or less pay \$10.00 annual fee and all other Associations with more than 5 churches it be \$20.00. Adopted as amended.

Section 4. Amended to read: "Funds to be sent each quarter."

Section 5. Offering to be received to pay off general fund shortage. Passed.

Section 6. Budget be changed to comply with cooperative plan of the National Association. Motion to amend to be so worded so it will be understood with the chart. (See reports).

Section 7. Section seven was adopted as read.

Motion, we adopt the new chart. Motion we adjourn morning business session.

The 11 o'clock message was on "The Free Will of Man", by Rev. C. H. Pelt.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON — 1:30

Service opened with song and prayer service by Rev. R. M. Hughes. Moderator appointed a Visitation Committee to visit Rev. T. U. Bryant who is sick in hospital. Brothers C. E. Day and Elvin Wilson were appointed.

Reports called for: (See reports).

The Sunday School Board made report. Motion report be accepted.

Board of Education made report and by motion the report was adopted.

Mission report was made and was accepted. Motion to be amended to include Ministers and Deacons Conference in connection with Camp Meeting.

Motion we hear from Home and Foreign Mission directors and that we endorse Revs. C. A. Huckaby and J. M. Rich as Home and Foreign Mission directors.

Superannuation report was made and it was adopted.

Motion the name of Rev. Joe Fort of Lake Butler, Fla., be added in minutes as since he is Secretary of National Superannuation Board.

Nominating Committee made final report and it was accepted with to include Home Mission and Foreign Mission directors.

Motion we extend our thanks to Pensacola Free Will Baptists for hospitality shown to us.

Motion clerk write Mr. N. S. Bass, general business agent, Carpenter's Hall, Pensacola, our appreciation for use of building.

Motion that Moderator and Secretary fee be a permanent fee of \$25.00 each.

Motion, we print same number of minutes as in 1951.

Motion and second we pay \$50.00 on delegates expenses to National Association for 1953.

Motion we appoint committee to look for place for meeting of National Association in 1955. Revs. C. A. Huckaby, Rufus Hyman, R. M. Hughes, and Brother W. E. Holley are the committee.

Motion we adjourn to meet in 1953 at Training Camp, near Cottdale, Fla.

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

REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Secretary,
Slocumb, Ala.

REPORTS

Nominating Committee makes the following report:

I—Sunday School Board.

1. James C. Pelt, Salem Association, Route 5, Marianna, Fla.
2. T. C. Mitchel, South Fla. Association.
3. T. U. Bryant, West Fla. Association.
4. S. L. Adams, North Fla. Association.
5. C A. Huckaby, Liberty Association, Route 2, Chipley, Fla.
6. Rufus Hyman, Union Hill Association, Slocomb, Ala.

II—League Board.

1. Jimmie Sullivan, Salem Association.
2. Elton Coleman, North Fla. Association.
3. Michael Pelt, South Fla. Association.
4. Thelma Wiggins, West Fla. Association.
5. Robert Owen, Liberty Association, Chipley, Fla.
6. Beth Hyman, Union Hill Association, Slocomb, Ala.

III—National Association Delegates: Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Owens.

IV—Alva Brunner to take place of H. A. Hicks on the board of Superannuation to serve 4 years.

V—That the next State Association be held at the Florida Training Camp, 4 miles South of Cottondale. Fla. as guests of the Salem Association.

By the Committee,

C. H. Pelt

Q. Hansley

J. M. Rich.

SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We your board on Superannuation make the following:

We have approved Rev. Lewis Milton Thomley, age 72, who has been an active Free Will Baptist minister for about 43 years and who is now disabled to serve churches for Superannuation and that he be placed on our Superannuated list to receive \$10.00 a month as long as he is retired.

We also recommend that December be adopted as superannuation month in honor of our aged ministers, their wives and widows and that each pastor have a memorial service in his church in their honor and the glory of God and that each church that does not operate on the State budget plan take an offering for superannuation and mail it to our state treasurer and every

church take one if they will during superannuation month.

We feel that our state superannuation is a "great" asset to our church by offering protection to our ministry for retirement and disability in harmony with our National board and we urge all ministers to study this program and support it.

Respectfully Submitted,
Grady Burkett
Alva Brunner
Chester A. Buckaby.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We report the following:

We have 21 ministers registered with their addresses and fees.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala.
Rev. Q. Hansley, Jacksonville, Fla.
Rev. W. S. Thomley, 304 East Gov. St., Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. A. C. Wiggins, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. B. B. Champion, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. E. T. Williamson, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. H. T. Williams, College Hill, Fla.
Rev. John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.
Rev. J. V. Turman, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. R. M. Hughes, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. Michael Pelt, Miami, Fla.
Rev. D. W. Poole, Dothan, Ala.
Rev. W. N. Patrick, Molino, Fla.
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. H. T. Coleman, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. E. A. Breedlove, Pensacola, Fla.

Total fees \$21.00

We have registered 12 deacons as follows with fees of \$12.00 total.

W. C. Pettis, Cottondale, Fla.
Ernest Owen, Chipley, Fla.
Robert Owen, Chipley, Fla.
W. W. Eiland, Marianna, Fla.
C. E. Day, Marianna, Fla.
Alva Brunner, Greenwood, Fla.
J. G. Toney, Bratt, Fla.
R. L. Williams, Pensacola, Fla.

R. L. Donaldson, Pensacola, Fla.

W. C. Standford, Pensacola, Fla.

H. L. Henderson, Pensacola, Fla.

We have 19 churches with their delegates as follows:

SALEM ASSOCIATION:

Cottondale Church, W. C. Pettis, \$2.00.

Christian Home Church, \$4.00, Blountstown, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Grady Burkett.

Marvin Chapel, Marianna, Fla., James Pelt.

Cedar Grove, Greenwood, Fla., Alva Brunner, \$2.00.

Damascus, Marianna, by letter.

Hickory Grove, Bascom, by letter \$4.00.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

Piney Grove, Chipley, Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Marvin Owens, \$4.00.

Pleasant Hill, by letter, \$2.00, Bonifay, Fla.

Abaigail, Mrs. A. B. Cook, \$2.00.

Poplar Head, by letter, \$2.00.

Grace Church, Bonifay, Mrs. J. M. Rich, \$2.00.

WEST FLA. ASSOCIATION:

First Church, Pensacola, R. L. Donaldson, \$2.00.

Pilgrim Rest, Molino, \$2.00.

Grace Church, Pensacola, H. L. Henderson, \$2.00.

East Side, Pensacola, Mrs. Leonard Nelson, \$5.00.

Bethel Tabernacle, Marjorie Grimes, \$2.00.

Christian Home, Tommie Long, \$2.00.

NORTH FLA. ASSOCIATION:

Friendship, Jacksonville, Miss Nancy Hansley, \$5.00.

Mt. Carmel, Wilmer D. Wood, \$2.00.

BY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS:

1. West Fla. Association. Delegate, T. D. Long. Fee, \$10.00.

2. Liberty Association. Delegate, M M. Owens. Fee, \$10.00

3. North Fla. Association. Delegate, S. L. Adams. Fee, \$10.00.

4. South Fla. Association. Delegate, Mrs. Gertie Cockrell. Fee, \$10.00 - \$5.00.

5. Salem Association. Delegates, W. C. Pettis, Alva Brunner. Fee, \$10.00.

6. Union Till Association. Delegate, by letter. Fee, \$10.00.

We have six associations represented, nineteen churches, twenty-one ministers, and twelve deacons. Amount of money received in fees: \$154.00.

By Your Committee.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, the committee on the Board of Education, do hereby submit the following reports:

We have completed the following items to the building: Poured a cement floor, wired the building for electricity, installed window glasses, and doors.

The grounds have been cleared and graded with a bulldozer.

Equipment acquired for camp, one Secretarial Desk, Twenty one Pews, Three Gas Ranges, and four large cooking boilers.

The Camp was Dedicated Sunday, July 20, 1952.

A one week Training Session was held the First Week in August, with an average attendance of 66 Students.

During the past associational year \$810.50 has been spent on the Camp, bringing the total investment in Camp building site to \$3,874.39.

C. E. Day, Chairman

W. W. E. Eiland, Clerk

D. W. Poole

TREASURER'S REPORT

CAMP BUILDING FUND — \$439.24 Balance 1951; \$1013.84 taken in 1952; \$1453.08 Total; \$810.60 spent in 1952; \$642.48 in Treasury.

GENERAL FUND — \$64.99 Balance 1951; \$89.10 taken in 1952; \$154.09 Balance; \$225.00 spent; \$70.91 in red.

EDUCATION — \$50.62 taken in 1952; \$250.31 to be sent to Bible College; \$250.31 divided as follows: \$125.15 Camp Maintenance; \$125.15 Student loan Fund.

MISSIONS — \$414.00 taken in 1952; \$103.50 sent to Foreign Missions; \$103.50 sent to Home Missions \$103.50 Church Extension; \$62.10 Orphanage; \$41.40 Superannuation.

SUPERANNUATION — \$78.07 Balance 1951; \$114.79 taken in 1952; \$192.86 Balance; \$120.00 sent to Rev. A. W. Cook in 1952; \$72.86 Balance; \$28.69 National Superannuation Board; \$44.17 Balance.

CHURCH EXTENSION — \$451.17 Balance 1951; \$103.50 taken in 1952; \$554.67 Balance.

OPERATION YOUTH CAMP — \$376.97 Balance 1951; \$125.15 taken in 1952; \$502.12 balance \$203.30 expenses 1952; \$298.82 Balance.

STUDENT LOAN — \$376.97 left 1951; \$125.15 taken in 1952; \$502.12 balance.

ORPHANAGE — \$71.79 taken in 1952.

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY — \$35.00 taken in 1952.

N. HOME MISSION — \$146.36 taken in 1952; \$36.83 to be sent now.

FOREIGN MISSION — \$42.83 to be sent.

SUPERANNUATION — \$28.69 to be sent now.

BIBLE COLLEGE — \$250.31 to be sent.

Ernest Owen, Treasurer,
Chipley, Fla.

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, the Sunday School Board, present the following report:

1. We urge all delegates, deacons and ministers to promote Sunday School work in every way possible. One of our pressing needs today is a knowledge of God's word. The Sunday School is the church studying the word. Many of our problems will be solved when we have a better knowledge of the truth. The Sunday School is a good place to get this needed knowledge.

2. We recommend that the State Association sponsor the organization of a State Sunday School Convention through this board.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

We report the following:

The local church budget will, according to the new budget plan, allocate its total income as follows: 10% for Building Fund, 20% General Church Fund, 10% State Cooperative Fund, 60% Pastor Salary.

The 10% allocated, above, for State Cooperative Fund is to be sent to our State Treasurer, Mr. Earnest Owens of Chipley, Fla. He will send 50% of this amount to the National Cooperative Fund. He will keep in the State the other 50% which will be used as follows: 50% State missions and 50% State Education. The amount allocated to State missions will be divided as follows: 30% State Evangelistic Fund, 35% Alabama Children's Home, and 35% Superannuation. The amount allocated for Education will be divided as follows: 50% Camp Maintenance and 50% State Education. The amount allocated to State Education will be divided as follows: 20% Camp Operation Fund, and 50% Education Loan Fund.

We, your Planning Board, make the following recommendations.

1. That the ministers and deacons delegation fee be \$2.00 each up to 65 years of age.

2. That the fee of delegates representing churches be \$4.00 each.

3. That the fee of representing district associations be \$20.00 each, except those associations with 5 churches or less which fee will be \$10.00.

4. That each church in the State at least, tithe (send 10%) their total income quarterly to the State Association Cooperative Program Treasurer, Mr. Ernest Owen, Chipley, Fla.

5. That an offering be received for the purpose of liquidating the indebtedness of the State General Fund which amounts to \$70.91.

6. That our budget plan be changed to comply with National Cooperative Program. It is recommended that each church have only one general treasurer for all departments or auxiliaries. (This is from old plan of church finances all ready adopted. Put in by Clerk).

7. That the funds now in church extension fund be divided equally between the new State Evangelistic Fund and the Florida Free Will Baptist Coporation.

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

We recommend the adoption of the Florida Free Will Baptist Corporation Charter.

We further recommend for Rev. D. C. Dood of Nashville, Tenn., to conduct Camp Meeting to follow the first Sunday in June 1953, under the sponsorship of the Mission Board in cooperation with the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby.

Rev. John M. Rich.

Rev. Q. Hansley.

DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA CHURCHES

Salem Association:

Rev. Chester Pelt, Moderator, Charter Oak Drive, Tallahassee, Fla.

C. L. Cook, Secretary, Altha, Fla.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

SALEM — J. R. Barnes, Marianna, R. F. D.
MARVIN CHAPEL — Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Marianna, Rt. 1.
CYPRESS CREEK — F. L. Locke, Marianna, R.F.D.
BLOUNTSTOWN — Mrs. Joe Holley, Blountstown.
DAMASCUS — L. J. Sexton, Marianna.
LOVEWOOD — J. T. Justice, Rt. 1, Cottondale.
CEDAR GROVE —
ALLEN CHAPEL — T. B. Horne, Rt. 1, Bascom.
NEW HOPE — Mrs. Mildred Mears, Rt. 1., Bascom.
COTTONDALE — R. O. Addison, Cottondale.
TRAVELER'S REST — J. W. Parham, Rt. 2, Altha.
CHRISTIAN HOME — Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor, Blountstown.
ABES SPRINGS — Mrs. Emma Clark, Blountstown.
PLEASANT HILL — J. D. Stone, Blountstown.
HICKORY GROVE — J. W. D. Stevens, Bascom.
MALONE — Gertrude Smith, Malone.

Total number churches 23; total membership 1609; number ordained ministers 12; number licensed ministers 2; number of Sunday Schools 14; number Free Will Baptist Leagues 6; number Woman's Missionary Societies 8; paid to pastors \$5141.61.

Liberty Association:

Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Moderator, Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.

Archie Cook, Clerk, Vernon, Fla.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

PINEY GROVE — Early Peele, Rt. 2, Chipley.
ST. JOHNS — Velma Livingston, Bonifay.
HAPPY HILL — Ruby Parish, Caryville.
BEULAH — Mollie Skinner, Rt. Chipley.
PLEASANT HILL — Mrs. Ethel Harrell, Rt. 1, Bonifay.
GRACE CHURCH — Mrs. J. M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.
POPLAR HEAD — A. F. Squires, Route 1, Bonifay, Fla.

Number of churches 10; membership 502; ordained ministers 4; licensed ministers 2; number Sunday Schools 7; number of Free Will Baptist Leagues 2; number of Woman's Missionary Societies 3; paid to Home Missions \$251.42; paid to pastors \$3,714.76; paid to superannuation \$43.20; paid for revivals \$566.46.

West Fla. Association:

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator, Atmore, Ala., Rt. 1.

Mrs. Daisy Williams, Clerk, 144 Aragon Court, Pensacola.

W. E. Holley, Assistant Clerk, 3501 W. Avery St., Pensacola.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

GRACE — J. A. Stevens, Pensacola.

MT. ZION — Mrs. Carie Hobbs, Century.

PILGRIMS REST — Mrs. Nettie Patrick, P. O. Box 61, Molino.

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

FIRST CHURCH — W. S. Thomley, Pastor, Pensacola.

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

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

NEW HOME — Mrs. Nettie Jones, Star Rt. A, Box 13, Atmore, Ala.

RAINBOW — Mrs. Jack Dunlop, Rt. 1, Robertsedale, Ala.

BETHEL TABERNACLE — Mrs. Marjorie Grimes, 2005 W. Wright St., Pensacola.

Number of churches 10; number Sunday Schools 10; number of Free Will Baptist Leagues 7; number ordained ministers 14; number licensed ministers 5; paid to Foreign Missions \$59.87; paid to Home Missions \$489.07; paid to pastors \$6432.95; paid for revivals \$305.94; paid to State budget \$216.33; paid to orphanage \$131.94; paid to Training Camp \$13.15; paid for building purposes \$3,663.00; value of Associational property \$51,500.00.

North Florida:

Joe Turner, Moderator, Perry, Fla.

Raymond Roberts, Clerk, Rt. 2, Box 317, Plant City, Fla.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

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

MT. CARMEL — Hugh Davis, Live Oak.

ST. JOHNS — J. W. Mathis, Perry.

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

OAK HILL — Mrs. R. G. Brim, Live Oak.

Number of churches 8 (I have only the names of 5 churches but 1952 report lists 8 churches); number of Sunday Schools 5; number of Free Will Baptist Leagues 1; number of W. M. Societies 2; paid to Home Missions \$260.00; paid to pastors \$3,055.24; paid for revivals \$599.00.

Union Hill Association:

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Moderator, Slocomb, Ala.

F. W. Bolin, Clerk, Slocomb, Ala.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

BETHEL — (no report) Hartford, Ala.

CHRISTIAN HOME — Huey Doriety, Hartford, Rt. 3.

PINE LOG — D. A. Mixon, Rt. 2, Westville, Fla.

ANTIOCH — Mrs. Esther Simmons, Rt. 3, Graceville, Fla.

UNION HILL — Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla. (church near Slocomb.)

PANTHER CREEK — Bea Lewis, Slocomb, Ala., Rt. 1.

NEW CONCORD — (no report).

Number of churches 7; number of Sunday Schools 3; total membership reported 346; (this is a small Association but will become stronger as we have our Union Quarterly and new interest being taken by all our active churches).

South Florida Conference:

Rev. Jeck Buck, Moderator, 2467 N.W. 90th St., Miami, Fla.

Rev. Leroy McBride, Rt. 1, Box 1992, Miami, Fla.

FIRST CHURCH — V. V. Mitchell, Miami.

GOLDEN GLADES — Pennie Thrift, Miami.

OLYMPIA HEIGHTS — Fredna Reed, Miami.

Total membership 97; number of churches 3; paid to building and repairs \$1,5448; paid to education, \$126.21; paid pastors \$545.00; paid for Home Missions \$100.00; Paid for Publication \$25.00.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. T. J. Buck 2467 N.W. 90th St., Miami, Fla.

Rev. J. W. Cockerell 171 St. & 29th Ave., Miami, Fla.

Rev. Leroy McBryde Rt. No. 1, Box 1992, Miami, Fla.

Rev. K. L. Warren Opa Locka, Fla., Box No. 1.

Rev. J. A. Sykes 2900 N.W. 91st St., Miami, Fla.

Rev. J. O. Hearne 2437 N.W. 98th St., Miami, Fla.

Rev. Judge Goodwin 4224 S.W. 95th Ave., Miami, Fla.

**MINUTES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE
OF FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE
WILL BAPTISTS**

**Which Convened With East Side F. W. B. Church, Pensacola,
Fla., Thursday Night, October 30, 1952.**

Ministers nad Deacons meeting met on Thursday night, Oct. 30, 1952, with Rev. Richard M. Hughes, presiding. After song and prayer by Brother R. M. Hughes.

After the devotional, Rev. Chester H. Pelt acted as chairman and asked each minister and deacon to register. Following ministers represented and paid fees of \$1.00 each as later agreed as a membership fee.

C. H. Pelt, 2113 Charter Oak Drive, Tallahassee, Fla.
R. M. Hughes, 815 La Rua Street, Pensacola.
L. V. Pinson, Rt. 1, Box 193, Atmore, Ala.
Albert C. Wiggins, P. O. Box 625, Atmore, Ala.
Louis M. Thomley, Molino, Fla., Box 121.
E. T. Williamson, Atmore, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 228.
Aubrey H. Ashcraft, 401 N. Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola.
C. A. Huckaby, Rt. 2, Chipley.
W. L. Eldridge, Box 68.
Michael Pelt, 6703 S. West 25th Ter., Miami.
James C. Pelt (licensed minister), Box 157, Rt. 5, Marianna.
W. S. Thomley, 304 E. Government St.
Rufus Hyman, Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
E. A. Bredlove, 1421 N. 10 St., Pensacola.
B. B. Champion, 2408 North N. St.

LIST OF DEACONS

A. H. Coleman, Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.
Ernest Owen, Chipley.
Robert Owen, Chipley, Route 2.
H. L. Henderson, Route 4, Box 360, Pensacola.
R. L. Williams, 144 Aragon Court, Pensacola.
Robert L. Donaldson, Route 2, Box 97, Pensacola.
Lambert A. Hall, 4219 W. Gafney St., Pensacola.
Freeman E. Rogers, Rt. 1, Box 197A, Pensacola.
W. C. Pettis, Box 44, Cottondale.
Leonard Nelson, 437 E. Government St., Pensacola.
Alva Brunner, Greenwood.
W. C. Standford, 415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola.

At 7:30 Rev. C. H. Pelt brought a wonderful message on Ministers and Deacons. He reviewed the history of deacons and ministers of the Early Church (Acts 6:1-8). Church had

grown to be very large. Many had sold out and had given all to cause. Money in a common treasury, with all living alike. The ministers in charge of distribution of funds, and there being 8000 members the Apostles were unable to distribute as they should so the Grecian happened to be neglected and the Apostles asked for "Deacons" and we will give ourselves to prayer and the ministry of the "Word". Seven deacons were appointed to handle finances of the church. Two of the number became powerful ministers. Stephen became the first Martyr, and Philip became powerful evangelist. After this message, Rev. C. H. Pelt assisted Rev. Richard M. Hughes in moderating the conference. The assistant moderator, Brother R. M. Hughes, called for nominations for officers and Rev. L. V. Pinson was elected as Moderator. Rev. C. H. Pelt was elected assistant Moderator, and Brother H. L. Henderson was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Motion carried a committee be appointed to draw up constitution and by-lays. The Executive Board be the committee.

Motion and second that all ministers and deacons give \$1.00 each for expenses.

Motion and second ministers and deacons 65 years of age be honorary members as long as they live.

Motion next meeting be held at the Florida Training Camp, near Cottondale, Fla.

Motion we adjourn the meeting.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator

H. L. Henderson, Sec.-Treas.

FLORIDA STATE F. W. B. LEAGUE CONVENTION MINUTES

The second annual session of the Florida F. W. B. League Convention met at the Training Camp of Fla. F. W. B. State Asso., four miles South of Cottondale, Fla., Sept. 6, 1952.

The meeting was called to order by the president, Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Registration began immediately, conducted by Sara Jo Johnson. After group singing, Rev. Rufus Hyman led the group in a scripture lesson, which was followed by prayer.

Announcements for the day were made by the president.

The following committees were appointed:

FINANCE COMMITTEE—

Charles Redrick, Pensacola, Fla.

Mary Ruth Oswald, Bascom, Fla.

Charles Richards, Bonifay, Fla.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE—

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocomb, Ala.

Ollie Jean Owens

Sara Jo Johnson, Bascom, Fla.

Agnes Johnson

At this time a sword drill was conducted. Three of our ministers acted as judges, naming a first, second and third winner.

An offering of twenty-one (21) dollars was received.

Rev. Elton Coleman of Jacksonville, brought an inspiring convention sermon which was concluded at 12 noon.

Recessed one hour for lunch—Reassembled at 1 P. M.

Devotional service by the president, followed by special music by Hickory Grove League.

A committee, consisting of Rev. D. F. Pelt, Rev. John M. Rich, and Mrs. T. U. Bryant, was appointed by the president to examine the constitution that was being submitted for adoption.

A gospel message was delivered at this time by Rev. Mike Pelt.

BUSINESS SESSION

Report of Credentials Committee

We find the following representation at this session of the convention: 10 leagues, 2 churches, 43 delegates and 10 ministers.

Chairman, Rev. Rufus Hyman.

By motion the report was accepted.

Finance Committee Report

We, your committee, received \$34.00 as convention fees which we now give to the treasurer.

Chairman, Charles Redrick

By motion the report was accepted.

A placement and nominating committees were appointed. They were as follows:

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE—Lucy Pearl Tindell, Rev. A. B. Cook and M. H. Barfield.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Rev. L. V. Pinson and Lucius Pooser.

Constitution Committee Report:

We have checked some places in this Constitution for discussion. It was read by Rev. Rich and discussed by the assembly.

By motion Article 4, Section 3 to be changed to read: "One

delegate from each league or department."

By motion all ministers and deacons be honorary delegates, for a period of two years.

By motion Article 8, Section 1 to be changed to read: "Each delegate shall pay a fee of \$1.00 which shall be used to carry on the league work."

By motion, Constitution be adopted as so amended.

Placement Committee Report

We recommend that the Youth Camp be the regular place for holding the State League Convention each year.

Chairman, Lucy P. Tindell

By motion the report was accepted.

By motion were the following statements adopted:

- (1) Forms to be drawn up for committees to report on.
- (2) Executive Committee to draw up the forms and determine the number to have printed.
- (3) To send president of this convention to the National League Convention.
- (4) Executive Committee to buy Bibles for the three winners in the sword drill.

The nominating committee brought in their report, which was accepted, allowing other nominations from the floor be granted before a vote was taken.

By motion, we step aside from the regular routine and say that all persons under 30 years of age, such as deacons, ministers and other delegates be eligible to serve as officers of this convention.

The following officers were elected for another year:

Rev. Mike Pelt, President.

Lucius Pooser, Vice-President.

Thelma Wiggins, Recording Secretary.

Sara Jo Johnson, Corresponding Secretary.

Marcy Ann Redd, Treasurer.

A vote of thanks was extended to the retiring officers.

Treasurers' Report

Brought forward from 1951	\$23.15
Received this session for fees	34.00
Offering of this session	21.00

Total amount in Treasury\$78.15

Effice Squire, Treasurer.

By motion, the report was accepted.

By motion, the minutes to be printed with the State Association Minutes—with us giving \$25.00 for expenses.

By motion, Charles Redrick was appointed as a delegate to the State Association.

By motion, we adjourned.

Rev. Mike Pelt, President.

Thelma Wiggins, Secretary.

REPORT OF FLORIDA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Which met with Holly Grove F.W.B. Church on October 25, 1952.

Statistics of Work Done by Woman's Auxiliary

I. Membership Report:

1. Number of Auxiliary Organizations:

Two district conventions: Salem and Liberty representing 9 local auxiliaries, and Pensacola (West Florida) represented with 2 local auxiliaries: First Church of Pensacola and East Side Church of Pensacola.

2. Number of members — October 1, 1952

Liberty District 46

Salem District 63

Pensacola — 2 Local Aux. 11

Total 120

II. Financial Report:

1. Balance on hand\$10.04

2. Offerings for:

(1) Convention dues: (20 cents per capita member)\$24.00

10 cents per capita member is sent to the National Woman's Auxiliary Convention\$12.00

10 cents per capita member stays in State Woman's Auxiliary Treasury\$12.00

Total as shown above\$24.00

These per capita dues sent to the State Convention October 25, 1952.

(2) Salem District gave on Hammond Organ Fund\$10.00

(3) Special Offering\$11.50

Total Balance\$55.54

3. Disbursements:

(1) Convention Expense:

College Organ Fund\$20.00

(2) National Convention Delegate\$10.00

Total disbursements for year\$30.00

Balance October 1, 1952\$25.54

III. Miscellaneous Activity Report:

1. Stewardship study classes conducted 4
2. Mission Study Classes conducted 4
3. Manual of Methods Study classes 4
4. Evangelism classes conducted 4
5. Number of Auxiliaries observing pre-Easter week-of-prayer 4
6. Number of Auxiliaries observing pre-Thanksgiving week-of-prayer 1
7. Number of Auxiliaries sponsoring G. A's 3
8. Number of Auxiliary members subscribing to F.W.B. Church paper 30
9. Number Auxiliaries having personal service committee 4
10. Number members engaged in Benevolent work 100
11. Number of "B" Auxiliaries 3
12. Number of "C" Auxiliaries 8

13. We send to the National Convention the following as our delegates:

Mrs. Vera Owens

Our next State Convention meets at Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Cottondale, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in October, 1953.

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

Mrs. Chester Pelt, President

2011 Charter Oak Drive

Tallahassee, Florida

(Miss) Ada Holley, Recording Secretary

Blountstown, Florida.

**MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA STATE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

Which met with Holly Grove Church, near Marianna, Fla.,

October 25, 1952

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

There were 16 delegates from 8 local auxiliaries and Liberty District present, and 40 visitors (who registered).

Ministers present were as follows: Rev. J. B. Bloss, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. J. W. Roberts, Rev. C. H. Pelt.

The congregation sang, "I Love to Tell the Story".

Devotional: Subject—Women of The Bible, by Mrs. Etha Mae Owen. The message was so impressive that the President requested her to send a copy to the F. W. B. paper for publication.

Welcome Address by Mrs. J. T. Sullivan from the local church. The response was given by Mrs. Millie Donaldsojn, from First Church in Pensacola.

Minutes were read and approved with one correction. The officer named as Field Worker was omitted from printed minutes, she being Mrs. Florence Cook, Altha, Florida. One correction was also made in reports, number auxiliaries observing Pre-Easter Week of Prayer. The report showed, not any, and several local auxiliaries stated they did observe this week of prayer.

The following committees were appointed:

PLAN OF WORK: Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Mrs. Marie Hayes, Mrs. Lucile Aultman.

FINANCE: Miss Ada Holley, Mrs. Lessie Mainer, Mrs. C. E. Day.

NOMINATING: Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Corene George.

The program was presented by Go-Tell'S from Christian Home F. W. B. Church.

Solo, "Christ Our Pilot Shall Be", by Marcia Ann Redd.

Information concerning organization and activities by Ann Bryant, Marcia Ann Redd, Hazel McDaniel, and Jeanette Parrish. This appearance of the G. T'S was inspirational to every person present.

Due to sickness in the home of the leader of the G. T'S from Pilgrim Rest, Molina, Florida, they were unable to present their program.

A delicious lunch was furnished by local women and was enjoyed by all.

By request of Brother Huckaby, Brother J. B. Bloss, Chairman of National Home Mission Board was recognized and he gave us valuable information concerning his work.

Mrs. Bloss was recognized and passed on information from Woman's National Auxiliary Convention.

Reports of Vice Presidents were given and received.

Report of Plan of Work Committee:

We recommend that this body accept the Plan of Work set forth in our Year Book with the exception of plan on contributions.

(a) We recommend that all money coming in through the auxiliary of each church be given to the treasurer of that church to be distributed to the different causes which is included in the Unified Budget consisting of superannuation, education, missions, both home and foreign, and benevolence.

Missionary Education of Youth:

(1) We recommend that each auxiliary plan to sponsor a Vacation Bible School next summer.

Respectfully submitted,

Etha Mae Owen

Marie Hayes, and Lucile Aultman.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Finance Committee' submit the following report:

1. Balance on hand\$10.04

(1) Convention dues:

20 cents per capita member 24.00

(2) Hammond Organ Fund by Salem District 10.00

(3) Special offering 11.50

Total\$55.54

2. Disbursements:

(1) Convention expense:

College Organ\$20.00

National Convention Delegate 10.00

Total\$30.00

Balance October 25, 1952\$25.54

We, the Finance Committee, offer the following suggestions:

1. Each local auxiliary discuss the matter of special offering to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention and send any amount they desire to send.

2. We appropriate \$10.00 for college organ fund due November 1, 1952 (\$10.00 was donated by Salem District Convention). — 1st \$20.00 payment.

3. A request by mail be made that each local auxiliary donate \$1.00 before December 1st, and another before January 1st to meet \$20.00 payments to complete the \$60.00 requested on college organ.
4. That we give \$10.00 to help pay expense of delegate to National Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Respectfully submitted,
 (Miss) Ada Holley, Chairman
 Mrs. Lessie Mainer
 Mrs. C. E. Day.

Report was received.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

We nominate the following:

President—Mrs. C. H. Pelt, 2113 Charter Oak Drive, Tallahassee, Florida.

Secretary and Treasurer—(Miss) Ada Holley, Blountstown, Florida.

Membership Chairman—Mrs. Daisy Williams, 144 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Florida.

Youth Auxiliaries Chairman—Mrs. Corine George, Bonifay, Florida.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Chipley, Florida.

Program Publicity Chairman—Mrs. J. T. Sullivan, Marianna, Florida.

Benevolence Chairman—Mrs. C. E. Day, Marianna, Florida.

Field Secretary—Mrs. Ada Bryant, 424 U. Border Street, Pensacola, Florida.

We submit the following request for the next session of this convention.

1. The Florida Training Camp, every one to bring own lunch, drinks to be furnished.

2. First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, we recommend the convention be given to Pensacola for various reasons.

Respectfully submitted,
 Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Chairman
 Mrs. Oma Owen
 Mrs. Corene George.

The report was received, but it was moved, seconded and carried that the 1953 session be held at the Youth Camp, Cottondale, Florida.

NOTE: Attention District Chairman, (and local chairman

who are not members of a District Convention). Please send your reports to the above corresponding Chairman ten days before our next convention.

Report on Youth Camp:
Rev. D. W. Poole, Director

Instructors:

Mrs. Naylor
Ramona Pelt
Roland Pelt
Mike Pelt

Churches Represented: Six Florida Churches—Salem, St. Johns, Marvin Chapel, Piney Grove, Hickory Grove, and Cottondale. One Georgia Church—Zion. Other denominations—11 young people attendance.

Total attendance, approximately 100.

NEW BUSINESS—

A motion was carried to change the name Vice Presidents to Chairman.

Delegates were appointed as follows:

To Florida State Association: (Miss) Ada Holley.

To Woman's National Auxiliary Convention: Mrs. Vera Owens.

A motion was carried to request State Association of churches to print our minutes with theirs, without charge.

The next convention meets at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Cottondale, Florida, on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in October 1953. Each person to bring her own lunch, drinks to be furnished by near-by churches.

(Delegates and visitors from distant auxiliaries such as Pensacola are not expected to bring lunch.)

Motion carried to adjourn. Dismissal prayer by Mrs. J. B. Bloss.

Mrs. Chester Pelt, President
2011 Charter Oak Drive
Tallahassee, Florida.

(Miss) Ada Holley, Secretary-Treasurer
Blountstown, Florida.

NOTE:

1. Do your best for the Master next year.
2. Report all you do for Him.
3. Send report on time to proper chairman, and we will have a much better report next convention. —Secretary.

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 educational 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 with 5 churches. Associations with more than 5 churches fees are \$20.00; and for churches \$4.00 per delegate. All deacons and ministers are standing delegates. Fees are \$2.00 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 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 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 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 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.

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 superannuation board to make general plans for superannuation 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 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.

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:

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We send Associational Fee of \$10.00 for 5 churches; if more than
5 churches it is \$20.00.

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:

NOTE: Please attach list of churches and clerks with their
addresses.

LETTER FROM CHURCH

Date 195.....

Name of Church:

We send to represent us the following:

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

We have member ship 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 State Treas. for State Unified Budget

Program\$.....

Do you operate on the State Budget System?

Pastor:

Address:

Clerk:

Address:

NOTES