

MINUTES
OF THE
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
**Florida State Association of
Free Will Baptists**

HELD WITH
**The Free Will Baptist Camp
and Tabernacle**

NEAR COTTONDALE, FLORIDA

ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

October 30th-31st, 1953

GENERAL OFFICERS

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

REV. RICHARD M. HUGHES, Vice-Moderator....815 E. LaRue
St., Pensacola, Fla.

ERNEST OWEN, Treasurer.....Chipley, Fla.

REV. RUFUS HYMAN, Secretary.....Slocomb, Ala.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The General Officers of the Association are the Executive
Committee.

The next Session will be held with The Florida Training Camp
and Tabernacle, 4 miles South of Cottondale, on the Panama City
Highway, on Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th, 1954.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF THE FLORIDA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GENERAL OFFICERS:

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator.....Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
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St., Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary.....Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer.....Route 1, Box 14-A, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. D. W. Poole, Promotional Sec.,.....204 E. Adams St., Dothan, Ala.

PLANNING BOARD

F. W. Bolin, (1955).....Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.
Bernard Owens, (1955)
Rev. Herman Grubbs, (1957).....Perry, Fla.
Rev. Wesley Cockrel, (1957).....N. W. 171 and 29th Avenue,
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Rev. I. O. Cook, (1957).....Route 2, Altha, Fla.
Ernest Owen, (1957).....Chipley, Fla.

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Alva Bruner, (1955).....Greenwood, Fla.
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Rev. Walter Eldridge, (1957).....Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. A. B. Cook, (1957).....Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.
C. L. Cook, (1957).....Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

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Mrs. Frances Kernick, (1957).....Rt. 4, Box 440, Tallahassee, Fla.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. H. Toole, (1955).....Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.
C. E. Day, (1955).....Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.
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SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James C. Pelt, (1955).....Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. T. U. Bryant, (1955).....Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Tommie Burch, (1957).....9111 N. West 29th Court,, Miami, Fla.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, (1957).....Atmore, Ala.
Rev. C. A. Huckaby, (1957).....Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.
Mrs. Bessie Hall, (1957).....Slocumb, Ala.

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Jimmie Sullivan, (1955).....Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.
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Aaron Burch, (1957).....Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.
Miss Thelma Wiggins.
Miss Beth Hyman.....Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.

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Marvin M. Owens.....Vernon, Fla.
Hugh Peacock.....Blountstown, Fla.
Charles Kernick (1955).....Rt. 4, Box 440, Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. Chester Pelt.....Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. H. L. Henderson.....Rt. 4, Box 3601, Pensacola, Fla.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. Kermit Esther.....Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. W. B. Hughes.....Chipley, Fla.
W. E. Holley.....Box 5287, Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Hyman.....Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.
Joe Turner.....Perry, Fla.
Rev. Tommie Burch.....9111 N. West 29th St., Miami, Fla.

PROGRAM FOR THE 10TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

To Convene With The Florida Camp and Tabernacle, 4 Miles South
of Cottondale, Fla., On the Panama City Highway, Friday
and Saturday, November 5th - 6th, 1953:

FRIDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotional, Rev. Wayne Hicks.
9:45—Welcome Address, Camp Superintendent.
9:55—Response.
10:05—Registering of Delegates.
10:35—Report of Credentials Committee.
10:45—Devotional, Rev. Walter Eldridge.
11:00—Moderator's Message, Rev. D. F. Pelt
12:00—Lunch Hour.
1:30—Devotional, Rev. James Pelt.
1:45—Report of The Promotional Secretary, Rev. D. W. Poole.
2:15—Treasurer's Report, W. W. Eiland.
2:25—Business Session.
2:55—Assignment of homes to visitors and Delegates.
3:00—Recess.

FRIDAY NIGHT—6:30

Missionary Message, Rev. Raymond Riggs.

SATURDAY MORNING

9:30—Devotional, Rev. I. O. Cook.

- 9:45—Report on Christian Education, Rev. Tommie Burch.
10:00—Reports.
 (1) Woman's Auxiliary, 10:00.
 (2) Sunday School, 10:25.
 (3) Ministers and Deacons, 10:30.
 (4) Report Children's Homes, Rev. W. H. Ryland, 10:35.
11:00—Message, Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Executive Sec'y.
12:00—Lunch Hour.
1:30—Devotional, Rev. L. V. Pinson.
1:45—Business Session.
 Report of Nominating Committee.
3:00—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session of The Florida State Association, which met with the Florida Free Will Baptist Camp, near Cott ondale, Florida, on Friday, and Saturday, October 30 and 31, 1953:

The devotional service was led by Rev. C. A. Huckaby, who read 133rd Psalm.

Address of welcome given by Rev. I. O. Cook, host Moderator of The Salem Association. Response by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

The following were appointed as Credentials and Finance Committee: W. W. Eiland, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, and Rev. L. V. Pinson.

The Association then had a recess for Committee to prepare their report and Rev. K. V. Shutes led us in a song and prayer service.

Following the song service the Credentials Committee brought a partial report of the Delegates, Ministers, Churches, and Associations reporting. There was a motion and carried that the partial report be accepted.

At 10:50 Rev. Walter Eldridge brought a timely devotional and a period of prayer.

The Moderator called for Credentials Committee report and they made a partial report and by motion it was accepted, and Delegates and Ministers and Deacons were seated.

At the 11:00 o'clock service, the Moderator presented Rev. Rufus Hyman, who introduced Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Secretary of The Georgia State F. W. B. Association. Brother Morris made a good report of the Georgia work stating they had met their quota of \$20,000 by going beyond their State budget for 1953.

Brother Morris read Luke 19:11-27 and used the 13th verse for his text, "He called His 10 servants and said, "Occupy till I come." His theme was "The Talents and the Kingdom." This was a fine message and he applied it to present day Christians.

12:00—Noon Hour.

FRIDAY—1:30 P. M.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt. Song service, led by Brother Ernest Owen.

Rev. Kermit Esther brought the devotions in the place of Rev. L. V. Pinson.

At this time the Planning Board made their report. Motion made and carried that the report be adopted and to be taken up by sections.

Section one was re-read and was accepted.

Section 2 read and accepted.

Section 3 read and accepted.

Section 4 was read and amended to read: "With the exception of ear "marked money" all offerings received at Camp Meetings and any other meetings at the Camp be turned over to State Treasurer after all expenses have been paid." (See reports.)

The following were elected on Allocation Committee for the adopted budget, namely: Mrs. R. L. Donaldson, Rev. Kermit Esther, Rev. I. O. Cook, and Marvin Owens.

The following were appointed as a Nominating Committee: W. E. Holley, Bill George, and George Hatcher, and the following Program Committee were appointed: Rev. J. M. Rich, and Rev. W. B. Hughes and Mrs. Walter Amerson.

At this time the clerk read the proposed changes for the Constitution and by-laws of the State Association. By motion it was laid on the table until Saturday. By motion to adjourn the business session until 9:30 Saturday morning.

FRIDAY NIGHT—6:30

Missionary service with Rev. John M. Rich and Rev. Tommie Burch in charge. The Rev. John M. Rich led a fine devotional and then Rev. Tommie Burch of Miami, Fla., brought a very inspiring message from the text: "If I be lifted up I will draw all men unto me." A nice offering was received for Foreign Missions.

SATURDAY MORNING—9:40

The Association was opened with the congregation singing, "We Shall Rise", led by Brother Chester Cook.

The Rev. Richard M. Hughes led the morning devotion from Heb. the 12th chapter. Topic: "Cloud of Witnesses".

At this time the Moderator asked all Delegates, Ministers and Deacons to register with the Credential Committee. Again Brother Chester Cook was called to lead a good song service while Committee was preparing their report.

Then the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention made their report as provided for in the program. By motion report was adopted. The Moderator called for reports of all the boards and the Superannuation Board made their report and by motion was

accepted, except the proposed amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws.

By motion word "Worn Out Ministers" be stricken out and "Retired Ministers" be written in instead.

The Credentials Committee made their report and by motion and second it be accepted up to the present time.

The Florida League Convention made their report and it was accepted. Rev. Rufus Hyman made a brief report of "The Florida State Ministers and Deacons Conference.

The Education Board made their report and by motion it lay on table until the afternoon session. Prayer was offered at this time by Mrs. Daisy Williams of Pensacola. The business session was called off for the 11:00 o'clock hour and the Moderator's message on "Following Christ" by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Scripture lesson—Matt. 8:19. This was a good message.

12:00—Noon Hour.

1:30 P. M.

The devotional and prayer by Rev. Wayne Hicks of Panama City. Scripture lesson: 23rd Psalm.

By motion the report on Constitution and By-Laws was taken off the table. The report was accepted. The Credentials Committee made their final report and it was accepted.

The Nominating Committee made their report. By motion report was received. By motion, report be accepted with proper amendments.

Mrs. Francis Kernick of the North Florida Association was nominated on Mission Board. Brother Charles Kernick of same Association was nominated on Board of Trustees.

Rev. John M. Rich was nominated from the floor for Moderator. By motion it was carried that the vote be taken separate from the other nominations. The vote was taken for Moderator and Rev. D. F. Pelt, was elected. The rest of the report was accepted as read.

By motion, the Executive Committee work out a plan of percentage for the new budget and make plans for other expense of the Association.

Motion a Committee on Committees be a standing Committee to have one member from each District Association: From Salem Association, Rev. Kermit Esther; Liberty Association, Rev. W. B. Hughes; West Fla. Association, W. E. Holley; Union Hill Association, Rev. Rufus Hyman; North Florida Association, Joe Turner; South Florida Association, Rev. Tommie Burch.

Motion a Committee of three persons meet with Brother Ernest Owen to arrange for transfer of funds and the following were elected: J. M. Rich, C. E. Day, W. B. Hughes,

By motion and second, we grant the Executive Board and Board

of Trustees the authority to borrow \$24,000 to make improvements and to add necessary buildings on F. W. B. Camp grounds.

Program Committee made report for 1954 Session of the State Association. The report was accepted.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby read a letter from Brother Whitman Lynn of the Auburndale, Fla. Church needing aid. There was a motion and second that one hundred dollars (\$100.00) be given to the Auburndale church, the new church for Jacksonville, the Oakfield church of Pensacola. This makes 3 new churches and the Treasurer is to pay the three hundred dollars to above churches.

By motion of W. E. Holley, we receive an offering for Alabama Children's Home—A nice offering was received. The Allocation Committee made report and by motion it was accepted. It was also carried that the Clerk re-arrange the quota of churches left out of this report.

By motion, it was carried to elect 3 people to meet with Brother Ernest Owen, retiring Treasurer and the newly elected Treasurer, W. W. Eiland, to arrange for transfer of present funds. Rev. J. M. Rich, C. E. Day, Rev. W. B. Hughes, were appointed on the above Committee. Motion also to grant Brother Eiland to set a suitable system of bookkeeping. Motion we give thanks to the Ladies' Auxiliaries and Community for kindness shown us while in the midst of the Ninth Session of The Florida State Association.

Motion to adjourn. Thus the greatest Session yet ever held came to a close.

Let's work and pray to make the year of 1954 the greatest year yet when we meet together in the Ministers and Deacons Conference on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, in the State Association, November 4, 5, 6, 1954, at the Florida Camp and Tabernacle, 4 miles South of Cottdale, on the Panama City Highway.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, (D. F. Pelt), Moderator

Route 5, Marianna, Florida.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary,

Route 1, Slocumb, Alabama.

MODERATOR'S NOTE TO THE PEOPLE OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS:

I wish to make an humble plea to our people for unity of purpose and effort. Let us, for Christ sake, guard against friction, divisions, or misunderstandings that could impede our united efforts for the Cause. We have a good, well balanced State program. With a prayer on our lips, a willingness to sacrifice in our hearts, a desire to life up the Savior in our minds and with a contrite petition for leadership of the Holy Spirit from the depth of our souls,

let us, one and all, for the Glory of God the Father, put our shoulders to the wheel and make this program a glorious success.

The Moderator doesn't have the right, through our contribution or by established precedent, to call meetings of the various Boards. Established democratic procedure empowers Board chairmen to perform this function. Therefore, all Board meetings should be called by these men. I would advise against unnecessary meetings, because board members must pay their own expense.

D. F. Pelt.

REPORTS

We, your Nominating Committee, recommend to this body the following for Officers in the Florida State Free Will Baptist Association:

Moderator—Rev. D. F. Pelt.

Vice-Moderator—Rev. R. M. Hughes.

Treasurer—W. W. Eiland.

Clerk—Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Promotional Secretary—Rev. D. W. Poole.

Planning Board:

Ernest Owen—4 years.

Rev. I. O. Cook—4 years.

Superannuation Board:

Rev. Walter Eldridge—4 years.

C. L. Cook—4 years

Rev. A. B. Cook—4 years.

Board of Missions (Home and Foreign)

J. T. Hall—4 years.

Earl C. Cook—4 years.

Board of Education:

D. J. Cook—4 years.

George Hatcher—4 years.

R. L. Williams—4 years.

Sunday School Board:

Rev. James C. Pelt (Salem Association).

Rev. T. U. Bryant (West Florida Association).

Rev. Tommie Burch (South Florida Association).

Rev. L. V. Pinson (West Florida Association).

Rev. C. A. Huckaby (Liberty Association).

Mrs. Bessie Hall (Union Hill Association).

League Board:

Jimmie Sullivan (Salem Association).

Rev. Q. Hansley, (North Florida Association).

Aaron Burch (Liberty Association).

Thelma Wiggins (West Florida Association).

Beth Hyman (Union Hill Association).

Board of Trustees:

Marvin M. Owens, Chipley, Fla.
Hugh Peacock, Blountstown, Fla.
Rev. Chester Pelt, Tallahassee, Fla.
Charles Kernick, Rt. 4, Box 440, Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rt. 4, Pensacola, Fla.

Delegates to National Association:

Mrs. Bertie Baxter.
Marvin M. Owens.
Mrs. C. A. Huckaby.
C. L. Cook.
Mrs. R. L. Donaldson.
Alternate Delegate, Mrs. Marvin Owens.

By your Committee.

In order to raise the requested budget of \$12,200.00, we, your Committee, recommend the District Association of The Florida State Association be requested to raise the following quotas:

Salem Association.....	\$3,782.00
Liberty Association.....	3,233.00
West Fla. Association.....	2,684.00
North Fla. Association.....	1,220.00
Union Hill Association.....	671.00
South Fla. Conference.....	610.00
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We also recommend that the churches in following Association be requested to raise the following quotas:

Salem Association:

Midway	\$ 20.00
Greenhead	50.00
Salem Church	350.00
Marvin Chapel	400.00
Cypress Creek	50.00
Blountstown	75.00
Damascus	125.00
Lovewood	350.00
New Hope	75.00
Cedar Grove	\$ 300.00
Cottondale	337.00
Traveler's Rest	350.00
Christian Home	400.00
Malone	300.00
Gap Pond	150.00
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	3,782.00

Liberty Association

Piney Grove	\$ 750.00
St. Johns	350.00
Happy Hill	100.00
Pleasant Hill	175.00
Grace	450.00
Poplar Head	378.00
Chipley Church	600.00
Panama City Church	130.00
Abaigail	150.00

3,233.00

West Fla. Association:

Friendship	\$ 140.00
Grace Church	340.00
Mt. Zion	140.00
First Church	453.50
Shiloah	453.50
Christian Home	353.50
New Home	140.00
Rainbow Tabernacle	\$ 90.00
Bethel Tabernacle	253.50
Oakfield	90.00

2,684.00

North Fla. Association:

Macedonia	\$ 150.00
Mt. Carmel	150.00
St. Johns	150.00
Mt. Olive	150.00
Oak Hill	150.00
Tallahassee Church	170.00

\$1,220.00

Union Hill Association

Panther Creek	\$ 60.00
Bethel	60.00
Christian Home	60.00
Pine Log	60.00
Union Hill	311.00
New Concord	60.00
Antioch	60.00

\$671.00

South Fla. Conference

First Church	\$ 200.00
Golden Glodes	100.00
Olympia Heights	260.00
Wiona Park	150.00
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	\$610.00

Respectfully submitted by
Rev. Kermit Esther.
Rev. I. O. Cook.
Marvin Owens
Millie Donaldson.

We, your Superannuation Board report the following:

We met on September 20, 1953 at the F. W. B. Camp. The meeting was called to order by Rev. Walter Eldridge, the Chairman. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

The Chairman and commented upon the Constitution and By-Laws of the Superannuation work.

By motion we adopted a budget of \$600.00 for the State and National Program for 1953-54 to be prorated out to the various Associations and churches. Each church to raise special offerings and send to the State Treasurer.

We have Rev. A. W. Cook, and M. L. Thomley on the Superannuated list and one minister has a policy with the Minister's Insurance Company. Our financial report is as follows:

Received 1953	\$ 202.60
Paid out to Superannuated Ministers	160.00
Paid to National Board	47.84
Balance in Treasury	29.00

By Rev. W. L. Eldridge, Chairman.

We, your Sunday School Board report the following:

We held our meeting in October and it was agreed while in session we should make plans for the organization of an Annual Sunday School Convention for the Florida State Association. The first session is set on Thursday night and Friday before the First Sunday in June, 1954, at the Florida Free Will Baptist Training Camp, near Cottondale. Each local Sunday School to send 1 delegate with a fee of \$2.00 and each District Sunday School Convention send 1 delegate for each local Sunday School and the fee of \$5.00.

For Officers, we nominated Rev. W. B. Hughes for President of Chipley, Fla., and Rev. Wayne Hicks for Secretary of Panama City, Fla., General Del.

By Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Chairman.

REPORT OF EDUCATION COMMITTEE

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

We have built two bath rooms complete with plumbing and showers. We have installed a new pump and built a pump house.

We have built a Tabernacle and furnished it with pews and piano.

We have secured a large refrigerator and numerous cooking and eating utensile for the kitchen.

A one week Training Session was held in July with an average attendance of 72 students.

During the past associational year \$6,650.10 has been spent on the Camp, bringing the total cash investment in Camp building site to \$10,524.49.

We would like to have a budget of 24,000.00, less interest, for the next Associational year to use in the building program of the Youth Camp.

C. E. Day, Chairman
W. W. Eiland, Clerk.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, report the following:

We have Ministers registered with their addresses and fees.

Rev. Frank Willis, RFD 3, Box 24C, Panama City, Fla.
Rev. Q. Hansley, 5856 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, Fla.
Rev. W. C. Stanford, 415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. W. B. Hughes, 2nd St., Chipley, Fla.
Rev. R. M. Hughes, 815 E. LaRue St., Pensacola, Fla.
Rev. J. H. Chesnutt, RFD 1, Bonifay, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocomb, Ala.
Rev. K. J. Esther, Box 216, Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. T. L. Burch, 9111 N. W. 29th Court, Miami, Fla.
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, RFD 2, Chipley, Fla.
Rev. L. V. Pinson, RFD 1, Box 193, Atmore, Ala.
Rev. D. F. Pelt, RFD 5, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. A. B. Cook, RFD 1, Bonifay, Fla.
Rev. D. W. Poole, 208 E. Adams St., Dothan, Ala.
Rev. Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.
Rev. Jimmy Roberts, RFD 2, Altha, Fla.
Rev. James C. Pelt, RFD 5, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. John M. Rich, RFD 2, Chipley, Fla.
Rev. J. E. Nichols, RFD 2, Altha, Fla.
Rev. H. L. Henderson, RFD 4, Box 360, Pensacola, Fla.
TOTAL FEES\$42.00

We have registered deacons as follows with addresses and fees.

C. E. Day, RFD 1, Marianna, Fla.

Bill George, Bonifay, Fla.

F. E. Rogers, 11 Cypress, Pensacola, Fla.

Ernest Owens, Chipley, Fla.

G. W. Owens, RFD 4, Chipley, Fla.

Leslie Roberts, RFD 2, Chipley, Fla.

C. D. Owens, Chipley, Fla.

W. M. Shiver, Clarksville, Fla.

W. W. Eiland, RFD 1, Box 14-A, Marianna, Fla.

W. D. Bell, RFD 4, Graceville, Fla.

George W. Hatcher, RFD 1, Bascom, Fla.

C. L. Cook, RFD 2, Altha, Fla.

F. W. Bolin, RFD 1, Slocomb, Ala.

O. V. Hayes, Cottondale, Fla.

Walter Pettis, Box 77, Malone, Fla.

Robert Williams, 144 Argon Cr., Pensacola, Fla.

Hugh Peacock, Blountstown, Fla.

W. H. Toole, Chipley, Fla.

TOTAL FEES **\$34.00**

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

BY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS:

Liberty Association, Delegate Buford Harris.....\$ 20.00

North Florida Association, Delegates, Mr. and Mrs.

C. E. Kernick and Mrs. C. A. Fulford, Sr. 20.00

West Fla. Association, Delegate, Mrs. Millie Donaldson.... 20.00

South Fla., Association, Delegate, Mrs. Carrie Mitchell.... 10.00

Union Hill Association, Delegates, W. D. Bell and

F. W. Bolin..... 20.00

Salem Association, Delegates, Mrs. Thelma Grondon,

Mrs. J. T. Finch, and Douglas Finch..... 20.00

\$ 110.00

WE HAVE CHURCHES WITH THEIR DELEGATES AS FOLLOWS:

Salem Association:

Cottondale Church, Mrs. Kermit Esther.....\$ 4.00

Christian Home Church, O. F. Bracewell and

Grady Burkett 8.00

Travelers Rest Church, Mrs. Ella Grantham..... 4.00

Lovewood Church, Mrs. Paul Morris..... 4.00

Marvin Chapel Church, James M. Sullivan..... 4.00

Hickory Grove Church, J. W. D. Stephens, Mrs. Lillie

Maude Vaughn, Mrs. Neata Williams..... 12.00

Holley Grove Church, Roscoe Hewett..... 4.00

Midway Church, Alfred Roberts..... 4.00

Liberty Association:

Piney Grove Church, Mrs. Bertie Baxter and Marvin Owens	\$ 8.00
Pleasant Hill Church, Aaron Burch	4.00
Abaigail Church, Mrs. Marglene Willis	4.00
Poplar Head Church, Mrs. Effie Squires	4.00
St. Johns Church, Bill George	4.00
Chipley Church, Mrs. W. B. Usery	4.00
Grace Church, Mrs. Ivanona Rich	4.00
Panama City Church, Mrs. Ruth Sexton	4.00

West Fla. Association:

East Side, Pensacola Church, Mrs. W. C. Stanford	4.00
Shiloh Church, Mrs. Walter Amerson	4.00
First Church of Pensacola, Fla., Mrs. Berthea Bell	4.00

\$ 88.00

We have 6 Associations represented, 19 Churches, 20 Ministers and 18 Deacons.

Total amount of fees collected from Assicoations, Churches, and Deacons, Ladies' Auxiliary Convention and League

Convention

\$ 314.66

By your Committee.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE GOARD, AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND BOARD OF EDUCATION

**Which Met at the Florida Camp on Saturday Morning,
November 7, 1953**

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. R. M. Hughes.

Rev. Rufus Hyman read a card from E. C. Morris, Promotional Secretary of Georgia, relative to the Georgia F. W. B. work.

Motion we agree on the amount of expense for promotional work. Motion to amend motion to read: "We shall pay three thousand, three hundred, fifty dollars, flat rate for salary and all promotional office expense per year.

Motion Brother M. M. Owens, W. W. Eiland and Rev. D. W. Poole, serve as Committee to purchase memeograph machine.

Motion to accept Brother D. W. Poole's resignation as member of the Board of Education.

Minutes of the Executive Board and Board of Trustees meeting December. Motion that Brother Fred Knight be placed on the Board of Education from South Florida Conference.

Motion that the thirty-three hundred and fifty dollars, be added to the State Budget, making a total of \$15,550.00.

Motion we authorize the Treasurer to pay the Promotional Secretary's salary by the month.

Motion that any meeting on a State level that might employ a salaried National Worker receive no salary from this State meeting unless it is subtracted from whatever department he may represent.

The Executive Board of The Fla. State Association of Free Will

Baptists and Board of Trustees:

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator.

Rev. R. M. Hughes, Vice-Moderator.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Clerk.

M. M. Owens

Hugh Peacock.

Rev. H. L. Henderson.

5., 1953 AT THE FLORIDA CAMP

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. D. F. Pelt, Prayer by Rufus Hyman.

The following members were present:

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary, and W. W. Eiland, Treasurer of The State Association.

Rev. Harvey L. Henderson, Trustee.

Charles Kernick, Trustee.

The Executive Board granted the Secretary authority to condense Treasure's report to read: "Total amount received and paid out," to save space, etc., also by motion the Treasurer, Brother W. W. Eiland, be permitted to borrow from separate funds to pay bills until the funds available will balance each account.

Motion carried, we request the churches to send in their donations to the Treasurer, W. W. Eiland, monthly. Also motion that Brother D. F. Pelt and Brother Hugh Peacock begin negotiations for loan for The Florida Training Camp and Tabernacle.

Motion meeting adjourn.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary.

REPORTS

Treasurer's Report:

We have received \$6,924.58 up to this Association and have paid out \$6,924.58 to all causes.

By Ernest Owon.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

We, your Planning Board recommend the following:

I—Proposed budget for our Florida Free Will Baptist State Association:

National Foreign Missions	\$ 1000.00
National Home Missions	700.00
Superannuation	600.00
National Radio and T. V. Programs	500.00
Board of Education, Fla. Training Camp	\$ 6,500.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College	1000.00
Student Loan Fund	500.00
Alabama Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.	1000.00
Florida State Evangelistic Fund	400.00

\$ 12,200.00

We recommend the election of:

II—A Promotional Secretary whose duties shall be as follows:

- (1) Caretaker of our Camp at Cottondale.
- (2) It shall be his responsibility to see that the above proposed budget funds are collected. In the event that any church has a system for collecting its share of the budget, the Promotional Secretary is to visit and council with them, but not to ask for an offering unless it is agreeable with such church.
- (3) It shall be the duty of the Promotional Secretary to sell the entire program to the individual churches and our people as a whole.
- (4) The Promotional Secretary's action and work shall be subject to the State Free Will Baptist Executive Board and Board of Trustees of all properties, jointly and this joint Committee shall be responsible for setting the amount of his salary or commission.

III—We recommend the appointment of a Committee to work out a reasonable amount to ask each District Association and church that is a member of The Florida Free Will Baptist State Association in the support of the budget.

IV—We recommend that all money acquired from any source, including the activities of the Youth Camp and Camp Meeting above expense of meeting held at the Youth Camp, be placed in the State Treasury of Florida Free Will Baptist State Association, and allocated to the several funds as outlined in our proposed budget, except ear-marked money. This can only be changed by the action of this body while in session, or by the Executive Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

F. W. Bolin

I. O. Cook

W. E. Holley.

This is how our new 8-point budget will work as given below:

For Free Will Bible College.....	\$ 1000.00	equals 6.4%
Student Loan Fund	500.00	equals 3.2%
Orphanage Fund	1000.00	equals 6.4%
Radio and T. V. Program.....	500.00	equals 3.2%
National Home Missions.....	700.00	equals 4.5%
State Evangelistic Fund	400.00	equals 2.6%
Superannuation Fund	600.00	equals 3.9%
Foreign Missions	1000.00	equals 6.4%
Promotional Secretary		
Office Expense	3,350.00	equals 41.8%

Total.....\$ 15,550.00 equals 100%

The above budget takes the place of the old budget we used for several years. Never before have we set a goal to work to. Let every Pastor, Churches, Deacons, and every church member pray and work to put the above program over!

DIRECTORY OF THE FLORIDA CHURCHES:

Salem Association, Rev. Walter Eldridge, Moderator, Cottondale, Florida.

C. L. Cook, Secretary, Altha, Fla., Rt. 2.

Churches, Clerks and addresses:

Salem—J. R. Barnes, Cottondale.

New Hope—Mildred Mears, Rt. 1, Bascom, Box 145.

Hickory Grove—J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom.

Blountstown—Mrs. Joe Holley, Blountstown.

Midway—Mrs. Shanie L. Cooke, Grand Ridge.

Cottondale—Noah Brannon, Cottondale.

Malone—Thelma Grondin, Malone.

Damascus—L. J. Septon, Marianna.

Poley Branch—J. C. Morris, Greensboro.

Rocky Grove—Alice Robinson.

Marvin Chapel—Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Marianna.

Lovewood—J. T. Justice, Rt. 1, Cottondale.

Christian Home—Mrs. Falfa Clark, Blountstown.

Allen Chapel—T. B. Horne, Bascom.

Traveler's Rest—J. W. Parham, Rt. 2, Altha.

Holley Grove—Roscoe Hewitt, Marianna.

Cypress Creek—F. E. Locke, RFD, Marianna.

Abes Springs—J. V. Hollon, Blountstown.

Green Head—L. H. Fackler, Crystal Lake.

Cedar Grove—Mrs. Nellie Poston, Bascom.

Number of churches—22. No new churches reported. Membership—1300. Ordained Ministers—13. Licensed Ministers—1. Sunday Schools—12. The Salem represented with 8 churches at our State Association. Let's represent 100% next year!

The Liberty Association:

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

Clerk—Archie Cook, Vernon.

Piney Grove—Bernard Owens, Route 2, Chipley.

St. Johns—Mrs. Edith Redmon, Rt. 4, Bonifay.

Pleasant Hill—James T. Harrell, Rt. 1, Bonifay.

Chipley—Henry Hayes, Chipley.

Happy Hill—Ruby Parish, Caryville.

Beulah—Mollie Skinner. RFD. Chiplev.

First Church, Panama City—Miss Faye Peacock,

Highland Park Rural Station, Panama City.

Abaigail—Mrs. Voncelle Anderson, Vernon.

Number churches—8. 2 new churches, total—10. Number Ordained Ministers—7. Number Licensed Ministers—3. Number Sunday Schools—9. Number Leagues—3. Number W. M. S.—6. Total membership—642.

Paid to Pastors, \$5,376.37. Paid to Bible College, \$41.00. Paid for revivals, \$1000.89. Paid to State Co-Op. Program, \$932.50. Total raised, \$8,138.63. All of Liberty churches sent representatives but 2 churches. Please make it 100% next year!

The West Florida Association:

Moderator—Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rt. 1, Box 193, Atmore, Ala.

Clerk—Mrs. Daisy Williams, 144 Oragon Court, Pensacola.

First Church—Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97, Pensacola.

Oakfield—R. T. Bucket, 2605 W. Hatton St., Pensacola.

Traveler's Rest—Mrs. Weennie Nelson, Milton.

Mt. Zion—Mrs. Carie Hobbs, Century.

Shiloah—Mrs. Dorothy Norris, Rt. 1, Box 287, Atmore, Ala.

Christian Home—Mrs. Emma Lee, Rt. 1, Box 96, McDavid, Fla.

Pilgrim Rest—Mrs. Mary Lou Williams, Box 37, Cottage Hill, Florida.

East Side—Mrs. Laura Standford, 415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola.

Bethel Tabernacle—Mrs. Marjorie Dennis, 2005 W Wright St., Pensacola.

Friendship—Mrs. Katie Carden, Flomanton, Ala.

Rainbow—Jack Dunlop, Rt. 1, Robertsdale, Ala.

New Hope—Mrs. Nettie Jones, Star Route, Box 134, Atmore, Ala.

Grace—Mrs. H. L. Henderson, 401 N. Wiggins Ave., Pensacola.

Members of churches, 11. Number new churches, 2. Total number of churches, 13. Total membership, 598. Number Ordained Ministers, 18. Licensed Ministers, 4. No. Sunday Schools, 13. Number Leagues, 8. W. M. S., 6. Paid to building purposes, \$4,452.36. To Training Camp, \$48.00. For revivals, \$580.80. Paid Pastors, \$5,255.30. Sent to State Co-Op. Program, \$69.63.

North Fla. Association:

Moderator—Rev. Herman Grubbs, Rt. 2, Perry.

Clerk—T. F. Franklin Carlton, Rt. 1, Perry.

Tallahassee Church—Wilson Coxwell, Star Route, Box 85-B,
Tallahassee, Fla.

Mt. Carmel—Hugh Davis, Perry.

Oak Hill—Fred Baker, Rt. 5, Live Oak.

Macedonia—Mrs. B. M. Yates, Drifton.

New Hope—Billy Mitchell, Plant City.

St. Johns—J. G. Mathis, Rt. 1, Perry.

Mt. Olive—Sussie Jones, Highland City.

Friendship—Mrs. Elizabeth Steele, Rt. 6, Box 259-X,
Jacksonville.

Number of churches, 7. Number new churches, 1. Total number of churches, 8. Total membership, 438. Number Ordained Ministers, 16, Licensed Ministers, 1. Number Sunday Schools, 8. Number Leagues, 3. Number W. M. S., 3. Paid to Foreign Missions, \$56.04. Home Missions, \$79.56. Paid to Pastors, \$2,830.70.

Union Hill Association:

Moderator—Rev. J. A. Pettis, Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.

Clerk—F. W. Bolin, Rt. 1, Slocumb, Ala.

Antioch—Mrs. W. D. Bell, Graceville, Fla., Rt. 4.

Pine Log—D. A. Mixon, Westville, Fla.

Panther Creek—Bea Lewis, Newton, Ala., Box 11, Rt. 2.

Bethel—W. E. Hatcher, Hartford, Ala.

Christian Home—Huey Dorriety, Rt. 4, Hartford, Ala.

New Concord—Mrs. W. A. Clark, Black, Ala.

Union Hill—Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Rt. Bonifay, Fla.

Number of churches, 7. No new churches, Number Ordained Ministers, 8. Licensed Ministers, 4. Total membership, 402. Paid Pastors, \$1,218.19. Paid to revivals, \$88.87. Number Sunday Schools, 6. Number Leagues, 1. Number W. M. S., 1.

South Fla. Association:

Moderator—T. L. Burch, 9111 N. West 29th Ct., Miami.

Clerk—Mrs. J. C. Mitchell.

Olympia Heights Free Will Baptist Church, 9700 Bird Board,
Miami, Fla.

Clerk—Harry Mitchell, 9941 S. W. 41st, St., Miami, Fla.

First Free Will Baptist Church, 9105, N. W. 29th St., Miami.

Clerk—Mrs. George McCarroll, 9720 N. W. 29th Ave., Miami.

Winnona Park Free Will Baptist Church, 400 N. W. 73rd Ave.,
Miami, Fla.

Clerk—Mrs. Marry McBryde.

Golden Glades Free Will Baptist Church, 2801 N. W. 170th St.,
Miami, Fla.

Clerk—Mrs. Fernie Thrift, Vleta, Fla.

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Florida State Auxiliary Convention met at the Youth Camp, October 24, 1953 with 8 delegates; 5 State officers and 3 Local Presidents attending. Six Ministers and 15 visitors registered.

The program consisted of an inspirational devotional by Brother Kermit Esther. Special music was rendered by members of Chipley's G. T.'s and Mrs. Martha Carr and Mrs. Louise Ray of Bethel Tabernacle in Pensacola.

Reports from Committee Chairman showed marked signs of progress since October, 1952; a fact which will be recognized by reading the statistical and financial reports which follows:

Annual Statistical Report to THE FLORIDA STATE WOMAN'S

AUXILIARY CONVENTION, Convention Year 1952-1953.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

1. Number of District Conventions.....	3
2. Number of Auxiliaries.....	21
3. Number of Members.....	243
4. Number of New Members.....	34
5. Total Number Members Received.....	34
6. Number Inactive Members.....	45
7. Number Members Suspended.....	3
8. Number Members Died.....	1
9. Total Loss of Membership.....	4
10. Total Present Membership.....	243
11. Increase in Membership Over Last Year.....	123

MISCELLANEOUS REPORT:

I.—Number Study Classes:	
1. Manuel Study Classes.....	11
2. Stewardship Study Classes.....	34
3. Mission Study Classes.....	3
4. Other Study Classes.....	9
II.—Seasons of Prayer Observed:	
5. Week Preceding Easter.....	8
III.—Young People's Auxiliaries Sponsored:	
6. Y. P. A.....	1
7. Go-Tell Auxiliaries (G. T. A.).....	3
IV.—Literature:	
8. Subscribers to "Year Book".....	156
9. Subscribers to G. T. A. Book.....	48
10. Subscribers to "Manuel of Methods".....	127
11. Subscribers to "Working With Our Youth".....	6
12. Subscribers to Church Papers.....	38
13. Subscribers to "My Job Booklets".....	16

V.—14. Number Tithers	26
15. Number of New Tithers	7
VI.—16. Number Members Engaged in Directed Personal Service	57
VII.—17. Number of A-1 Auxiliaries	0
18. Number of B Auxiliaries	4
19. Number of C Auxiliaries	3
NOTE: Two North Fla. churches are included in above reports.	

REPORT OF STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance Oct. 24, 1952	\$ 11.32
West Florida District Dues	9.40
Liberty District Dues	15.00
Salem District Dues	15.00
Mt. Carmel Local Dues, (Perry, Fla.)	2.60
Oak Hill Local Dues (Live Oak, Fla.)	3.00
Grace Church (Bonifay, Fla.)	3.60
East Side Pensacola, Fla., Gift	27.00
West Florida District Gift	5.00
Free Will Offering	20.66
Offering to Camp	32.50
Total	\$ 145.08

DISBURSEMENTS:

Dues: (10c per capita)	\$ 24.30
Denominational Enterprises:	
(Missions, Orphanage, Bible College, Superannuation, Youth Camp)	17.00
Florida Youth Camp	40.00
State Association of Churches	20.66
Total Disbursements	\$ 101.96
Balance Oct. 24, 1953	\$10.62

New Officers were elected as follows:

President—Mrs. C. H. Pelt, 2113 Charter Oak Drive, Tallahassee, Fla.
 Sec'y.-Treas.—Miss Ada Holley, Box. 333, Blountstown, Fla.
 Membership Chm.—Mrs. Kermit Esther, Box 216, Cottdale, Fla.
 Youth Auxiliary Chm.—Mrs. Mae Owen, Chipley, Fla.
 Study Course Chm.—Mrs. Corine George, Bonifay, Fla.
 Program Publicity Chm.—Mrs. Oma Owen, Chiplev. Fla.
 Benevolence Chm.—Mrs. Daisy Williams, 144 Aragon Ct. Pensacola,
 Florida.
 Field Sec'y.—Mrs. Troy Sapp, 708 West St. Augustine St.,
 Tallahassee, Florida.

The next Convention will meet with the Woman's Auxiliary of
 the 1st F. W. B. Church on Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Florida.

Mrs. C. H. Pelt, President.

Ada Holley, Secretary-Treasurer.

GREETINGS TO THE STATE F. W. B. ASSOCIATION FROM THE STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION:

We wish to make the following report of the 1953 Session of our State League Convention which was held on September 5th, 1953, at the Florida F. W. B. Youth Camp:

We enjoyed a very successful Convention. There were delegates from 12 Leagues and 2 Conventions. Eleven Ministers attended.

Our Convention voted to send \$20.00 to the State Association, and ask to have our State League Convention Minutes printed with the minutes of the State Convention.

We send to represent us at the State Association, James Woodlif and Olivia Richards or alternates whom they shall send in their place.

We hope that the Association is a success and that the Lord will graciously bless you.

Yours in Christ,
Fla. State F. W. B. L. Convention,
Joan Dilmore—Recording Secretary
Lucius Pooser—President.

FLORIDA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Annual Session of the Florida State F. W. B. League met at the Youth Camp, south of Cottondale, on September 5th, 1953.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. Michael Pelt. Services began with Bro. Arnold Woodlif conducting a testimony service.

Rev. Pelt appointed Committees. They were as follows:

"Credentials"—Arnold Woodlif, Olivia Richards, and Joan Dilmore.

"Finance"—Marcia Ann Redd, Ann Bryant, and James Woodlif.

"Nominating"—Rev. Wayne Hicks, Bro. W. E. Holley, and Sister Stevens.

Rev. Pelt introduced last year's officers. The minutes of last year's session were read and adopted.

Contestants for Sword Drill were called. The judges were: Rev. L. V. Pinson, Bro. Robert Carr, and Rev. W. B. Hughes. The winners were—1st, Lucius Pooser; Second, Olis Lassiter; 3rd, Marcia Ann Redd.

Congregational singing was directed by Rev. Esther. A number of choruses were sung, led by Rev. Pelt. A solo, "This is My Father's World," was rendered by Ann Bryant, accompanied by Sister Ada Holley at the piano.

Bro. Lucius Pooser introduced Rev. W. B. Hughes as the speaker of the morning. He took his text from 1st Thess, 5th chapter and gave a wonderful message on "God's Call to Man."

Dismissed for lunch. Reassembled at 1:30.

A speakers contest had been planned but there was only one contestant, Lucius Pooser, who gave a brief but touching talk on the subject: "The Valley of Decision."

General announcements were made.

The Credentials Committee brought forth their report. They found 12 Leagues, 11 Ministers and 2 Conventions represented. Report was accepted.

There was a discussion on report forms that are to be made up during the year.

Rev. M. Pelt asked all Leagues to take a copy of our State League Constitution and By-Laws.

There was a motion to appoint a Committee on amending our Constitution to include District League Conventions as well as individual Leagues. On this Committee were Rev. Esther, Rev. Hughes, and Rev. Hicks.

A suggestion was given that we should send a representative to National League Convention.

A motion was made and carried for the State League Convention to contribute \$25.00 to Sword Drill winner for expenses to National Convention.

There was a motion to appoint Committee to buy gifts for the contest winners. This Committee was Rev. James Pelt, Sister Esther, and Sister Huckaby.

By request, Rev. Pelt sang "Its' Real." He then thanked fellow-officers for co-operation shown during the year.

The Amendment Committee brought in the following report:

We, the Committee on Amending the Constitution, wish to present the following motion: We move that the Constitution of this Convention be amended by revising Article 4 to read: Sec. 1—who shall be eligible: Any F. W. B. League Convention or any F. W. B. League unable to be a member of a District Convention, organized within the boundries of Florida State Association, may be a member of this Convention. Section 2 (a)—Each District Convention representing to this body shall be entitled to send one delegate from each department of each League within the organization such as Adult, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, etc. Each League not a member of a District Convention, representing to this body, shall be entitled to one delegate from each department, such as Adult, Senior, Intermediate, Junior, etc. (b)—Any District Convention or League may represent by letter in the Convention where said League is unable to send delegates. (c)—Any District Convention or League that absents itself from this Convention without representing in any way for the period of three (3) years, shall be dismissed upon the approval of the Executive Committee. All means shall be used in winning the absent Convention or League back before any steps are taken to dismiss it.

Motion made to accept this Amendment, passed by majority vote.

To grant request of winner in Speaker's Contest, to give money to Mission work, instead of giving him a gift, a special offering of \$9.94 was taken.

FINANCE AND TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance from 1952	\$ 81.09
Year's expenses	38.26
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Balance at beginning of this session	\$ 42.83
Received this session—fees	\$ 42.00
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	\$ 84.83
Special offering	9.94
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Total Balance	\$ 94.77

Motion to adopt report as read—passed.

Motion to send \$20.00 to State Association, and ask to have our State League Convention Minutes printed with State Minutes. Motion carried by vote.

The reports from various Leagues were as follows:

Christian Home League—Blountstown, Fla.

No. on roll, 30. Average attendance, 17. Total offering, \$42.22.
Jeanette Parrish, Secretary-Treasurer.

Pleasant Hill F. W. B. League sent as delegates: Kay Frances Woodham, Oveal Burch, and Judy Ann Harrell, Our League is young and in good standing. Our desire is to go all the way. We ask the prayers of the Christian people.

The Shiloh Church of Bratt, Fla., send as delegates to F. W. B. League State Convention, the following: John Pinson, Van Pinson and Winston Etheridge. Our yearly average for the general League is as follows: No. on roll, 65; average attendance, 38; Average D. B. R., 10; Average attending preaching, 33; average amount weekly offering, \$1.83.

Mrs. Lois Wiggins, Secretary.

The F. W. B. League of Malone has on roll, 42. Average attendance, 38; average D. B. R., 25; average studied program, 24. We send as our delegate, Carolyn Matthews.

Janice Conrad, Secretary.

Piney Grove F. W. B. League:

We have five groups—Adults, 24 members; Seniors, 15 members; Intermediates, 20; Juniors, 14; Beginners, 13; Total membership, 86. We send to represent us, Sister Clara McAdams, Olis Lassiter, Faye Owens, and Lavada Huckaby.

Marie Owens, Secretary.

The Nominating Committee brought in their report:

President—Lucius Pooser.

Vice-President—Wayne Hicks.

Recording Secretary—Joan Dilmore.

Corresponding Secretary—Shirley Howard.

Treasurer—Robert Carr.

Delegates to State Association—James Woodlif and Olivia Richards. Alternates—Van Pinson and Jeanette Henderson.

Motion to accept report was made and passed by vote.

At this time the President appointed Marcia Ann Redd as Publicity Committee. A motion made to adjourn.

Adjournment made by congregation singing one verse of "Amazing Grace."

Thelma Wiggins—Recording Secretary.

Rev. Michael Pelt—President.

MINUTES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST OF FLORIDA

**Which Convened With The Florida Training Camp, in Selam Free
Will Baptist Church:**

Ministers and Deacons meeting met on Thursday night, October 29th, 1953, with Rev. L. V. Pinson presiding, after songs and prayer.

After the Devotional by Rev. L. V. Pinson, all Ministers and Deacons were asked to register.

The following registered and paid \$1.00 each as membership fee.

List of Ministers:

R. M. Hughes—815 Laura St., Pensacola, Fla.

Rufus Hyman—Slocomb, Ala.

John M. Rich—Chipley, Fla.

D. W. Poole—West Adams St., Dothan, Ala.

Floyd Coleman—Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.

L. V. Pinson—Rt. 1, Box 103, Atmore, Ala.

Frank Willis—Panama City, Fla.

James Pelt—Rt. 5, Box 157, Marianna, Fla.

W. C. Stanford—415 E. Gregory St. Pensacola, Fla.

C. A. Huckaby,—Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.

Kermit Esther—Cottondale, Fla.

Walter L. Eldridge—Cottondale, Fla.

W. B. Hughes—Chipley, Fla.

H. L. Henderson—Rt. 4, Box 360, Pensacola, Fla.

D. F. Pelt—Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.

A. H. Archcraft—401 N. Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Fla.

I. O. Cook—Altha, Fla., Rt. 2.

E. A. Breedlove—1717 W. Romana St., Pensacola, Fla.

J. V. Truman—209 E. Romana St., Pensacola, Fla.

T. L. Burch—9111 N. W. 29th St., Miami, Fla.

List of Deacons:

Earnest Owen—Chipley, Fla.

W. W. Eiland—Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.

J. T. Hall—Malone, Fla.

Cola Baxter.

W. H. Toole—Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.

C. E. Day—Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.

O. V. Hayes—Cottondale, Fla.

Truman Rodgers—11 Cypress St., Pensacola, Fla.

C. L. Cook—Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

W. E. Holley—Box 5287, Pensacola, Fla.

R. L. Williams, 144 Aragon Ct., Pensacola, Fla.

A Committee was appointed to examine the proposed By-Laws and Constitutions of the Ministers and Deacons Conference.

The Committee was: Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. John M. Rich, Bro. Ernest Owen.

After appointing the Committee, the Moderator called on Rev. W. B. Hughes to bring the evening message. A wonderful message on the Life of Paul, taken from the 20th chapter of Acts, was enjoyed by all.

After the message, the By-Laws and Constitution was read by Bro. Hyman, and adopted as read, with certain amendments.

The Constitution calling for officers and Committees:

Motion carried that the present officers be retained, which are as follows: Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator; Rev. C. H. Pelt, Vice-Moderator; Rev. H. L. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Committees are:

Examining Committee: Bro. Earnest Owen, Bro. Chester Cook, Bro. W. W. Eiland.

Ministerial, Ethics and Education:

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Rev. Kermit Esther, Rev. Walter L. Eldridge.
Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee:

Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Bro. W. E. Holley, Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Motion carried that we request the State Association to print the Minutes of Ministers and Deacons Conference. Motion carried that we pay \$20.00 for the printing of the minutes. Motion carried next meeting be held on Thursday and Thursday night in conjunction with the Fla. State Association at the Fla. Training Camp, near Cottondale, Fla.

Motion we adjourn.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Moderator.

Rev. H. L. Henderson, Secretary-Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
—of the —
**FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE MINISTERS AND
DEACONS CONFERENCE**

Constitution Preamble:

In order to promote fellowship and broaden understanding among the Ministers and Deacons of The Florida Free Will Baptist State Association and for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christ as represented by the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

We propose to set up this organization and keep the rules according to this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.—Name. This Organization shall be known as The Florida State Free Will Baptist Ministers and Deacons Conference.

ARTICLE II.—The purpose of this Organization shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among our Ministers and Deacons to devise and execute measures for the advancement of the cause of Christ, and to disseminate information pertaining to the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE III.—The Composition of the Ministers and Deacons Conference:

Section 1.—This Ministers and Deacons Conference shall consist of all Licensed and Ordained Ministers and Deacons who are members in good standing of churches of The Florida State Association.

ARTICLE IV.—Finance: Each Minister and Deacon holding membership in this Conference shall contribute the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) annually for general expense.

ARTICLE V.—Officers and Committees:

Section 1.—Officers of this Conference shall be: A Moderator., a Vice-Moderator, Secretary-Treasurer—all whom shall be elected annually at the close of each session.

General Officers shall be The Executive Committee of this Conference.

Section 2.—The following Committees shall be designated Standing Committees of this Conference, consisting of 3 persons for each Committee.

(1)—Examining Committee. (2)—Ministerial Ethics and Education. (3)—Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee.

Other Standing Committees may be authorized and elected by this Conference as the needs may arise. All Committees shall be elected annually.

ARTICLE VI.—Time of Meeting: This Conference shall hold its regular meeting annually in conjunction with The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists on Thursday and Thursday night.

ARTICLE VII.—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Conference by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

Preamble:

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 1. NAME OF ASSEMBLY

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

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Boards, Delegates and Fees and time of Meeting.

Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be: A Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Board, Planning Board, Board of Missions (Home and Foreign), an Educational Board, Board of Superannuation, Sunday School Board, League Board and Board of Trustees, and any other officers and Boards that this Association may decide while in session to add because of changes of necessity. This Association shall convene annually on Friday and Saturday before the First Sunday in November.

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

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

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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 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 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 the 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 have full authority to do all acts for and in the name of the Association when the Association is not in session.

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. Board of Trustees shall be 5 in number, to be selected by the association. Their duties shall be to take and hold all real property of the association.

They shall further have full charge and responsibility for the maintenance of the Training Camp and Tabernacle.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the superannuation board to make general plans for superannuation for aged ministers, and to cooperate with the National Association in providing insurance protection for our younger ministers.

BY-LAWS TO SECTION 13

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 treasurer 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 is a member in good standing of a church in the Florida State Association who has a total or permanent disability or upon reaching the age of 70 years.
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: _____

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 fill list of churches and clerks with their addresses.

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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 State Treas. for State Unified Budget

Program _____ \$ _____

Do you operate on the State Budget System? _____

Pastor: _____

Address: _____

Clerk: _____

Address: _____