

# **MINUTES of the**

**Tenth Annual Session  
of the State Association  
Of Free Will Baptists  
Of Florida**

**HELD WITH  
THE FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP AND TABERNACLE  
NEAR COTTONDALE, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 5-6, 1954**

**1955 SESSION WILL BE HELD AT  
MT. CARMEL CHURCH, 4 MILES  
NORTH OF PERRY, FLA. ¼ MILE  
EAST OF HIGHWAY 19  
NOVEMBER 4-5, 1955**

**PROGRAM FOR THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**—OF—**

**THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

**NOVEMBER 4-5, 1955**

**FRIDAY MORNING**

- 9:30—Devotional ..... Rev. Frank Willis  
9:45—Welcome Address .....  
    Response  
10:00—Report of Credentials Committee  
    Seating of Delegates  
    Seating of Visitors  
    Report of Committee on Committees  
10:45—Devotional ..... Rev. Walter Eldridge  
11:00—Moderator's Message ..... Rev. D. F. Pelt  
12:00—Lunch Hour

**FRIDAY AFTERNOON**

- 1:30—Devotional ..... Rev. I. O. Cook  
1:45—Business Session  
    Report of Promotional Secretary—Rev. D. W. Poole  
    Report of Treasurer—W. W. Eiland  
    Report of Planning Board—  
2:55—Assignment of Homes to Visitors and Delegates  
3:00—Recess

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

- 6:30—Devotional ..... Rev. H. L. Henderson  
6:45—Business Session  
    Report of Mission Board  
7:30—Missionary Message ..... Rev. Raymond Riggs  
    Promotional Secretary of Foreign Mission Board

**SATURDAY MORNING**

- 9:30—Devotional ..... Rev. Chester Pelt  
9:45—Business Session  
    Report of Board of Education  
    Report of Sunday School Board  
    Report of Free Will Baptist League Board  
    Report of State Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
    Report of Minister's and Deacon's Conference  
    Report of Minister's and Deacon's Institute and Camp Meeting Arrangements Committee  
11:00—Special Music ..... Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Williams  
    Message—Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, Executive Secretary of the National Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists.  
    Lunch Hour and Adjournment

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

---

## GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator ..... Route 5, Marianna, Fla.  
Rev. Richard M. Hughes, Vice Moderator .... 815 E. La Rua St. Pen-  
sacola Fla.  
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary ..... Route 1, Slocomb, Alabama  
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer ..... Route 1, Box 14-A. Marianna, Fla.  
(This is the Executive Committee)

## SPECIAL OFFICERS

Rev. James C. Pelt, Reading Clerk ..... Route 5, Marianna, Fla.  
Rev. D. W. Poole, Promotional Secretary ..... 204 E. Adams St., Do-  
than, Ala.  
Rev. J L. Grizzard, Statistician ..... 3105 29th Ave, Tampa, Fla.

## PLANNING BOARD

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

## SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Alva Brunner (1955) ..... Raford, Fla.  
J. L. McDaniel (1955) ..... Perry, Florida  
W. D. Bell (1957) ..... Rt. 4, Graceville, Fla.  
Rev. Walter Eldridge (1957) ..... Cottondale, Florida  
Rev. A. B. Cook (1957) ..... Bonifay, Florida  
C. L. Cook (1957) ..... Rt. 2, Altha, Florida

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

(Home and Foreign)

James Ditty (1955) ..... Rt. 1, Bascom, Florida  
Rev. J. E. Nichols (1955) ..... Rt. 2, Altha, Florida  
J. W. Mixon (1957) ..... Westville, Florida  
J. T. Hall (1957) ..... Malone, Florida  
Rev. Calvin Williams (1957) ..... 835 E. Paris Ave., Tallahassee, Fla.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

W. H. Toole (1955) ..... Rt. 2, Chipley, Florida  
C. E. Day (1955) ..... Rt. 1, Marianna, Florida  
George Hatcher (1957) ..... Bascom, Florida  
H. F. Former (1957) ..... Bonifay, Florida  
R. L. Williams (1957) .... 144 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.  
D. J. Cook, (1957) ..... Vernon, Florida

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

Rev. James C. Pelt (1955) ..... Rt. 5, Marianna, Florida  
Rev. T. U. Bryant (1955) ..... 3105 29th Ave., Pensacola, Fla.  
Rev. Tommie Burch (1957) ..... 9111 N. W. 29th Court, Miami, Fla.  
Rev. L. V. Pinson (1957) ..... Myrtle Park, Pensacola, Fla.  
Rev. C. A. Huckaby (1957) ..... Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.  
Mrs. Bessie Hall (1957) ..... Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.

### LEAGUE BOARD

James Sullivan (1955) ..... Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.  
Rev. Q. Hansley (1957) ..... 5856 Timuquana Road, Jacksonville, Fla.  
Aaron Burch (1957) ..... Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.  
Mrs. Thelma Holley (1957) ..... P O. Box 5287, Pensacola, Fla.  
Mrs. Beth Wood (1957) ..... Geneva, Ala.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Marvin M. Owens (1955) ..... Vernon, Florida  
Hugh Peacock (1955) ..... Blountstown, Fla.  
D. L. Hale (1957) ..... 1323 Jackson St., Tallahassee, Fla.  
Rev. Chester Pelt, (1957) ..... c/o Chipola Jr. College, Marianna, Fla.  
Rev. H. L. Henderson, (1957) ..... Route 6, Box 586, Pensacola, Fla.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Rev. Walter Eldridge ..... Cottondale, Florida  
Rev. W. B. Hughes ..... Second St., Chipley, Fla.  
W. E. Holley ..... Box 5287, Pensacola, Fla.  
Rev. Joe Turner ..... Perry, Fla.  
Rev. Tommie Burch ..... 9111 N. West 29th St., Miami, Fla.  
Rev. Rufus Hyman ..... Slocomb, Alabama

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Rev. J. L. Grizzard, chairman ..... 3105-29th Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Chester Cook ..... Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.  
Rev. Frank Willis ..... Rt. 3, Box 24-C, Panama City, Fla.  
Rev. C. A. Huckaby ..... Rt. 2, Chipley, Florida

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

John M. Rich ..... Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.  
Walter Rice ..... Tampa, Florida  
Rev. H. L. Henderson ..... Rt. 6, Pensacola, Florida

### COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Marvin Owens ..... Vernon, Florida  
Rev. Walter Eldridge ..... Cottondale, Florida  
Rev. Chester Pelt ..... c/o Chipola Jr. College, Marianna, Fla.  
Rev. D. W. Poole ..... 1610 Jackson, St., Tallahassee, Fla.

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Rev. Robert Wilfong ..... 211 W. Frances St., Tampa, Fla.  
Rev. Rufus Hyman ..... Rt. 1, Slocomb, Ala.  
Mrs. W. E. Holley ..... Box 528, Pensacola, Fla.

# PROCEEDINGS

---

Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Session of the Florida State Free Will Baptist Association which met with Florida Free Will Baptist Camp, near Cottondale, Fla. on Friday and Saturday, November 5th and 6th, 1954.

In the absence of the moderator, Rev. J. L. Grizzard opened the meeting. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

The devotional was given by Rev. Frank Willis. Scripture: I Cor. 13th Chapter.

The address of welcome was given by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. The response by Rev. K. V. Shutes of Blakely, Ga.

At this time a moderator protem was elected to act until the Moderator came in. Rev. J. M. Rich was the elected moderator Pro tem.

Rev. W. H. Burke was appointed on the Committee of Committees.

The body then recessed for the Credentials Committee to register delegates and compile their report.

During the time this committee was in session Rev. Elvie Johnson, of Auburndale, Fla. conducted a devotional from the first Psalm.

The morning message was given by Rev. Robert Wilfong, F. W. B. Home Missionary, to Spanish speaking peoples of Tampa, Fla. Subject: "The Lord Stirred Up The Spirit of Cyrus", (Ezra 1:1). Following this fine message credentials committee made a partial report and it was accepted, delegates seated.

12:00—Lunch Hour

Friday—2 o'clock P.M.

The devotions were led by Rev. James Pelt, Scripture John 21:3.

By motion and second it was carried that Rev. J. M. Rich be elected to serve as Vice-Moderator Pro tem.

At this time our Promtional Secretary made some remarks relative to our work.

The Credentials Committee again made a partial report and was accepted and the delegates seated (See reports).

Rev. D. W. Poole, the Promotional Secretary, made his report for year of 1954-55.

It was moved and carried that report be accepted. (See reports)

The report of the Planning Board was made and it was moved and carried that it be adopted by sections. Section 1 was tabled until the following day.

Sections 2-4 was accepted as read.

Section 5 was ammended to read "all main motions."



Sections 6-8 were accepted as read.

Section 9 was stricken from the record.

A motion on Church Extension Fund was tabled until the following day.

There was motion that the Moderator conduct service tonight. Carried.

Motion to adjourn until 9:30 Saturday A. M. duly carried.

FRIDAY—6:30 o'clock P. M.

There was a splended devotional service after which Rev. D. F. Pelt brought a timely message on "The Senders and the Sent Ones".

SATURDAY—9:30 o'clock A. M.

After song service, Rev. I. O. Cook led a devotional from Genesis 4th Chapter, "Brother's Keeper". Prayer by Rev. I. O. Cook.

By motion Church Extension Fund motion was taken off the table. The motion was carried. (See motions)

The treasurer, W. W. Eiland made report and was adopted. (See reports)

Motion to take off table section 1, of Planning Board was duly carried. The section wa spassed. (See reports)

The Credentials Committee made a partial report and it was adopted and delegates seated.

Report was read from the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. Chester Pelt. The report was accepted. A written motion by Rev. D. W. Poole was read and adopted with the amendment to read: "In conjunction with the Minister's and Deacon's Conference." See motions)

The Credentials Committee made a partial report and was adopted and delegates seated.

Motion to adjourn until 1:30 P. M. carried.

The eleven o'clock hour was in charge of Mr. Chester Cook leading the song service, with Rev. and Mrs. Calvin Williams singing "My Blessed Redeemer". Brother Williams sang a solo, "Since Jesus Came." Then Rev. C. A. Huckaby presented Rev. W. S. Mooneyham who brought the morning message. Subject: "World Wide Christian Ministry." This was a great message on cooperation of Christians.

12:00 Lunch Hour.

Saturday—1:30 P. M.

The devotional period was conducted by Rev. Edward Sheffield of Georgia. Scripture: II Chro. 7:14.

Moderator called for reports and following reported:

Nominating Committee made their report and was adopted as a partial report.

The League Board reported and it was moved to amend the

phrase, "Youth For Christ" to "Free Will Baptist Youth for Christ." The report was then adopted.

The Education report was read and section 1 was amended to read \$5,000 on block building insurance. Section 2 was stricken out.

Superannuation Board report was read and accepted.

Nominating committee final report was read and it was accepted and delegates seated.

Motion to render thanks for kindness shown us by the host Association (Salem and Liberty) and cost gas be paid for gas to Salem Church.

By motion to borrow from general fund to finish paying off the \$200 purchase of the printing press. Promotional Secretary was asked to make a quota for paying off Press debt to all our churches.

By motion it was duly carried that the Executive Committee with the assistance of the moderators of each local associations to appoint 10 delegates to the National Association.

By move and second it was carried that the State Treasurer pay fees of delegates to National Association.

By motion it was duly carried to adjourn.

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator,  
Route 5, Marianna, Florida  
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Secretary,  
Route 1, Slocumb, Alabama

---

## REPORTS

---

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your nominating committee make the following report:

We recommend the next session of the State Association be held with the Mt. Carmel Church, four (4) miles north of Perry, Florida, one-fourth ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile east of the Perry Tallahassee highway number 19.

We nominate Brother Calvin Williams take the vacancy of Mrs. Francis Kernick on the Board of Missions and that Mr. D. L. Hale 1323 Jackson St. Tallahassee Fla. take the vacancy of Mr. Charles Kernick on the Board of Trustees. Also Rev. Walter Eldridge be placed on the Committee of Committees in the vacancy of Rev. Kermit Esther.

We ask the Clerk to change the name of Miss Thelma Wiggins to Mrs. Thelma Holley, P. O. Box 5287, Pensacola. Fla.

We nominate Rev. J. L. Grizzard for Statistician.

We nominate Mrs. Calvin Williams to be in charge of the music

at our next session of the State Association.

Respectfully submitted,

John M. Rich  
Walter Rice  
Harvey Henderson

#### PLANNING BOARD REPORT

We, the planning board make the following recommendations:

(1) That the Cooperative Program of the National Association be approved, adopted and promoted by the State Association of Free Will Baptist effective Association year 1955 and 1956.

(2) That we elect a Statistician who will make annual statistical reports and who will serve as chairman of the Credentials Committee.

(3) That a reading Clerk be elected as assistant to the recording clerk.

(4) State Budget

a. College	\$1200.00
b. Orphanage	1000.00
c. National Home Missions	1500.00
d. Church Extension	1000.00
e. Superannuation	600.00
f. Foreign Missions	1200.00
g. Promotional Secretary Salary	2400.00
h. Office Expense	420.00
i. Traveling Expense	900.00
j. Youth Camp	2,000.00
Total	<hr/> \$12,220.00

(5) That all main motions be presented in writing.

(6) That the Promotional Secretary be relieved from the responsibility of caretaker and director of the Youth Camp.

(7) That a camp director and care-taker be secured by the Board of Education.

(8) That the Headquarters of the Promotional Department be moved from Cottondale to Tallahassee.

By the Planning Board

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, the Credentials Committee have received the following delegates, from the Associations and Churches listed below with their fees:



SALEM ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$20.00  
Delegates— Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Ada Holley, Miranda Ditty, Ollie Land,  
Mrs. C. E. Day, Mrs. D. W. Poole

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$20.00  
Delegates— Ennis Chesnut, Mrs. Jerrene Burch, Mrs. R. M. Partin,  
Mr. Earlie Peel, Mr. M. Rich. Alternates: Oma Owen, Marie  
Owens

WEST FLA. ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$20.00  
Delegates— Mrs. Ada Bryant, Ida Amerson, Agness Ashcraft, Thelma  
Holley, Bro. Murdock, Bro. Barfield

NORTH FLA. ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$20.00  
Delegates— Mrs. J. E. Wood, Laura Mae Davis, Pauline Boseman,  
Lillian Grubbs, Mrs. Walter Rice.

SOUTH FLA. ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$10.00  
Delegates— Mrs. Fred Kight

UNION HILL ASSOCIATION ..... Fee \$20.00  
Delegates— Mrs. W. D. Bell, Mrs. H. F. Farmer, Miss Gertrude Clark,  
Mrs. W. A. Clark.

#### **Ministers Registered With the State Association**

Rev. J. L. Grizzard, 3105 29th Ave. Tampa, Fla.  
Rev. Clyde Owens, Route 3, Chipley, Florida  
Rev. W. M. Martin, DeFuniak Springs, Florida  
Rev. W. H. Burke, 918 N. Orleans Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
Rev. E. H. Johnson, 304 Oak St., Auburndale, Florida  
Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala.  
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Chipley, Florida  
Rev. Bob Wilfong, 211 W. Frances St., Tampa, Florida.  
Rev. T. U. Bryant, 424 N. Border St., Pensacola, Fla.  
Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rt. 6, Box 586, Pensacola, Fla.  
Rev J. M. Rich, Chipley, Florida  
Rev. C. A. Hawkes, 2002 W. Fern St., Tampa, Florida  
Rev. D. W. Poole, 208 E. Adams St., Dothan, Ala.  
Rev. Herman Grubbs, Rt. 2, Perry, Florida  
Rev. James C. Pelt, Rt. 5, Marianna, Florida  
Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Rt. 2, Chipley, Fla.  
Rev. Frank Willis, Rt. 3, Box 24-c Panama City, Florida.  
Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Florida.  
Rev. D. F. Pelt, Rt. 5, Marianna, Florida.

Rev. W. C. Williams, 835 E Park. Ave., Tallahassee, Florida.

Rev. J. W. Roberts, Cypress, Fla.

Rev. Wayne Hicks, Panama City, Fla., General Delivery

Rev. W. A. Clark, Black, Ala. Route 1.

**TOTAL FEES**

**\$44.00**

Deacons that registered with the State Association

C. E. Day, Marianna, Florida Route 1

C. L. Cook, Altha, Florida, Route 2

Walter F. Rice, 2302 36th St. Tampa, Fla.

J. D. King, Bascom, Fla. Route 1

W. E. Holley, P. O. Box 5287 3505 West Avery St., Pensacola, Fla.

T. D. Owens, Vernon, Florida

H. B. Harris, Bonifay, Florida, Route 2

C. W. Montford, Blountstown, Florida

J. T. Hall, Malone, Florida

R. L. Williams, Pensacola, Florida

Ernest Owen, Chipley, Florida.

Houston Toole, Route 2, Chipley, Fla.

John R. Porter, Route 4, Box 27, Marianna, Florida

Harmon F. Farmer, Route 2, Bonifay, Florida

G. W. Hatcher, Bascom, Florida.

**TOTAL FEES**

**\$32.00**

**Churches and Delegates that Registered with the State  
Association**

1. Marvin Chapel: Mrs. Myrtle Sapp, Alt. Mrs. Frances Sullivan
2. Grace (Bonifay) John Cook
3. First F. W. B. Tampa, Fla.: Mrs. W. H. Burke
4. Abigail, Vernon, Fla. Archie Cook
5. Christian Home, Blountstown: C. W. Montford, Grady Burkett.
6. Hickory Grove: Eddie B. Vaughn and Lillie M. Vaughn
7. Piney Grove: H. C. Brackin, Thelma Owens; Alt. Clara McAdams,  
Vera Owens, Bertie Baxter, Vea Peel, Grace Huckaby
8. Grace Church, Pensacola, Mrs. H. L. Henderson
9. Travelers Rest: Mrs. W. M. Shiver
10. Salem Church: Mrs. Nellie Morris, Josh Bramon
11. First Church (Panama City) Miss Faye Peacock
12. First Church (Malone, Fla.) Mrs. Thelma Grondin
13. East Side Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Daisy Williams
14. Antioch, W. D. Bell
15. 110th St. F. W. B. Mission: Jacksonville, Fla. By letter

17. Union Hill: Mrs. H. F. Farmer
18. Chipley F. W. B. Church: Mrs. Marie Hayes
19. Capitol City: Mrs. Luverne Williams, Mrs. David Hale.
20. Holley Grove: W. F. Chaffin
21. Midway Church: Alfred Roberts
22. Green Head: D. C. Finch

**TOTAL FEES** **\$109.00**

We have registered 22 Ministers, 19 Deacons, 21 Churches, 32 delegates and alternates, 6 associations as follows:

	Delegates
Salem Association	9
Liberty Association	5—2 Alt.
West Fla. Association	6
North Fla. Association	6
South Fla. Association	1
Union Hill Association	6
Money received from Associations	\$110.00
Money received from Churches	109.00
Money received from Ministers and Deacons	76.00
	<hr/>
	\$295.00

Respectfully Sumbitted,  
 Chester Huckaby  
 Chester Cook  
 Frank Willis

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, the Committee on Committees recommend the following Committees:

1. Credentials Committee to consist of Chester Cook, Frank Willis, Rev. C. A. Huckaby
2. Nominating Committee:  
 Rev. John M. Rich, Walter Rice, Rev. Harvey Henderson
3. Constitution and By-Laws:  
 Marvin Owens, Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. Chester Pelt,  
 Rev. D. W. Poole
4. Program Committee:  
 Rev. Robert Wilfong, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Mrs. W. E. Holley
5. Reading Clerk as assistant to Secretary, Rev. James C. Pelt

Respectfully submitted,  
 Rufus Hyman  
 W. B. Hughes  
 W. E. Holley

## REPORT OF LEAGUE BOARD

We, your Florida State Free Will Baptist League Board, recommend and make the following suggestions:

1. As the league is the Church in training, we urge each church to have and maintain the best league possible.

2. We request that the State League Convention alter their Constitution and By-Laws, as necessary, to operate under the supervision of the State League Board of our Florida State Association.

3. We recommend and approve that all leagues organize "Free Will Baptist Youth For Christ" meetings, either at individual or combined church levels.

By your Committee

### TREASURY REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1953-1954

RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND ..... \$332.00

#### Disbursements General Fund:

Clerk	25.00
Moderator	25.00
Office Supplies	2.37
Minutes	156.13
National Association Dues	40.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS GENERAL FUND \$248.50

#### BALANCE GENERAL FUNDS

\$83.50

RECEIPTS FOR UNIFIED PROGRAM: \$8,013.20

#### Disbursements Unified Program:

Youth Camp	
53 Mattresses	225.00
Kitchen Sink	35.00
Hot Water Heater	45.00
Camp Operations	894.35
Promotional Secretary Salary	2,400.00
Promotional Department Expenses	948.00
Evangelistic Fund	200.00
Foreign Missions	757.40
Home Missions	663.55
Orphanage	817.32
Bible College	933.65
Natioanl Superannuation Board	47.88

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS UNIFIED PROGRAM \$7,967.15

BALANCE UNIFIED PROGRAM		\$46.05
GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$8,345.20	
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS:	8,215.65	
GRAND TOTAL BALANCE:		\$129.05

Respectfully Submitted: W. W. Eiland, Treasurer

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY'S REPORT TO THE FLORIDA  
STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

NOVEMBER 5, 1954

BRETHREN:

GOD IN HIS INFINITE MERCY HAS BEEN GOOD TO US THROUGH THIS YEAR, AND HIS BLESSINGS ON THE PROMOTIONAL DEPARTMENT HAVE, IN MANY WAYS, FAR EXCEEDED ALL THAT WE IN OUR FINITE WEAKNESS COULD ANTICIPATE.

I HAVE CONDUCTED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED THIRTY SERVICES, INCLUDING PROMOTIONAL AND EVANGELISTIC SERVICES.

HAVE HAD PART IN THE ORGANIZATION OF TWO NEW CHURCHES, NAMELY; CAPITAL CITY CHURCH AT TALLAHASSEE, AND AUBURNDALE CHURCH AT AUBURNDALE. ALSO ASSISTED IN SETTING UP THE CUBAN MISSION IN TAMPA.

I HAVE TRAVELED FORTY ONE THOUSAND AND FORTY SIX MILES AT AN EXPENSE OF NINE HUNDRED FORTY ONE DOLLARS.

MY MEALS AND LODGING HAVE COST SIXTY ONE DOLLARS.

MY OFFICE EXPENSE, INCLUDING PRINTING, PAPER AND SUPPLIES, POSTAGE, ETC. WAS TWO HUNDRED THIRTY ONE DOLLARS.

I HAVE SAT IN EVERY DISTRICT ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE EXCEPT THE SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, AND HAVE SEEN GREAT VISION AND PROGRESS MANIFESTED IN EACH ONE. I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THREE ASSOCIATIONS ADOPT THE NATIONAL TREATISE FOR THEIR DECORUM, AND EVERY ASSOCIATION IN THE STATE, EXCEPT THE SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION, ADOPT A STANDARDIZED REPORT, OR LETTER, FORM. THERE WAS ONE COMMITTEEMAN ELECTED FROM EACH ASSOCIATION TO ASSIST ME IN DRAFTING THIS FORM, WHICH COMMITTEE IS EXPECTED TO MEET WITH ME DURING THIS SESSION OF THE STATE ASSOCIATION AND COMPLETE THIS WORK.



I HAVE HAD WONDERFUL COOPERATION FROM THE GREAT MAJORITY OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES, AS WELL AS ASSOCIATIONS AND UNION MEETINGS. WOULD ESPECIALLY COMMEND THE GOOD WOMEN OF THE AUXILIARIES, BOTH LOCAL AND STATE, FOR THEIR SPLENDID COOPERATION AND HELP TO ME DURING THE YEAR, TO THEM IS DUE THE GREATEST CREDIT FOR THE FACT THAT WE HAVE ALMOST, OR QUITE, MET OUR QUOTA TO THE CHILDREN'S HOME, AND MANY OTHER GOOD WORKS.

I HAVE NOT MADE ANY FINANCIAL DRIVES, RATHER I HAVE TRIED TO PROMOTE HARMONY AND UNDERSTANDING AMONG OUR PEOPLE AND COORDINATE OUR EFFORTS AND ENDEAVORS FOR GREATER STRENGTH IN CARRYING ON THE WORK OF GOD'S KINGDOM. I AM HAPPY TO REPORT SEVERAL CHURCHES THAT HAVE ADOPTED A BUDGET SYSTEM DURING THE YEAR, AND SEEM TO BE VERY HAPPY WITH THE RESULTS.

THE YOUTH CAMP WAS THE GREATEST SESSION YET, WITH OVER FORTY SOULS MAKING DEFINITE DECISIONS FOR CHRIST. MANY DEDICATING THEIR LIVES TO HIS SERVICE, AND SEVERAL ADMITTING A DEFINITE CALL TO THE MINISTRY AND MISSIONS. JUST HERE I WANT TO PUBLICLY EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO EACH WORKER THAT HELPED AT THE CAMP FOR THEIR SPLENDID EFFORTS IN MAKING EACH SESSION A SUCCESS.

WE HAVE HAD MUCH TO LEARN DURING THE YEAR, AND STILL HAVE MUCH TO LEARN, BUT THROUGH THE COOPERATION OF OUR FAITHFUL PEOPLE WE TRULY BELIEVE THAT WE WILL SEE MUCH GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS THROUGH THE COMING YEAR.

WE DID NOT RAISE THE STATE BUDGET AS SET AT THE LAST SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION, BUT GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH RECEIPTS OF APPROXIMATELY EIGHT THOUSAND DOLLARS, OUT OF WHICH WE HAVE MADE A VERY GOOD SHOWING ON MOST OF OUR QUOTAS OUTSIDE THE STATE EXCEPT SUPERANNUATION, WHICH WITH GOD'S HELP WE EXPECT TO MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO IMPROVE ON DURING THE COMING YEAR. DEFINITE FIGURES ON RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES WILL, OF COURSE, BE GIVEN BY THE TREASURER.

WE WERE ABLE TO ATTEND TWO OF THE NATIONAL MEETINGS DURING THE YEAR, THAT OF THE NATIONAL BIBLE CONFERENCE AT NASHVILLE, AND THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AT SPARTANBURG, S. C. RECEIVED MUCH INSPIRATION AND LEARNED MUCH ABOUT THE NATIONAL

WORK IN EACH MEETING. ONE OF THE GREATER ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS YOUR PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY SEES IT, WAS THE ADOPTION OF THE NATIONAL COOPERATIVE PLAN. PLEASE STUDY THE EXPLANATORY PAMPHLETS OF THE PLAN THAT ARE BEING DISTRIBUTED IN THIS ASSOCIATION AND WE BELIEVE THAT EACH OF YOU WILL SEE THE BENEFITS AND VALUE OF IT.

IT HAS BEEN A PLEASURE TO SERVE AS YOUR PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY THIS YEAR, AND ALTHOUGH IN OUR EXPERIENCE WE HAVE, IN SO MANY INSTANCES, HAD TO USE THE METHOD OF TRIAL AND ERROR, AND THE ERRORS HAVE BEEN SO MANY, WE BELIEVE THE FUTURE IS VERY BRIGHT FOR FREE WILL BAPTISTS. LOOK, WITH US, FOR THE COMING YEAR TO BE THE GREATEST IN THE HISTORY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS IN FLORIDA.

YOUR PRAYERS HAVE BEEN A VERY PRESENT HELP TO ME DURING THIS YEAR. THEY ARE DEEPLY APPRECIATED. PLEASE KEEP ME EVER ON OUR PRAYER LIST IN THE FUTURE, THAT GOD MAY USE ME MIGHTILY IN THE SAVING OF THE LOST AND THE ADVANCEMENT OF HIS BLESSED KINGDOM.

HUMBLY SUBMITTED, D. W. POOLE

Report Adopted.

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

We, your Board of Education make the following report:

We recommend that fire and lighting insurance be secured on buildings and contents on camp property as follows:

Concrete Block Building	\$5000.00
Contents	1000.00
Tabernacle Building	3000.00

---

TOTAL INSURANCE \$9000.00

By C. E. Day, Chairman.

#### REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

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

First we beg all Pastors of Churches to recommend our State Cooperative Program to their Church Congregation which in turn would support our Superannuation Program through the budget.

Second we further recommend that all Ministers who are eligible (under 52 years old and full time Christian worker) consider Superannuation plan for retirement.

By your Committee

## REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, your Sunday School Board, recommend each Church have the best Sunday School possible. The Sunday School is teaching agency of the Church, therefore, be it resolved that the Board recommend the following:

1. We set up district rallies in each district association with training programs such as, the Institute type with speakers on various phases of Sunday School work.

2. We indorse a study course in each Church on Sunday School work.

3. We recommend that the Sunday Schools use the 6 point system to be published by National Sunday School Department.

Respectfully,

James C. Pelt  
C. A. Huckaby  
T. U. Bryant  
L. V. Penson  
Mrs. Bessie Hall

## MAIN MOTIONS AS FOLLOWS:

### CHURCH EXTENSION FUND MOTION:

"I move that money sent out of the State Treasury for Church Extension to local Churches be allocated on a percentage basis and that said money be applied by the local church concerned and that the money be applied only to Church Building or cost of lot, and that the needs of the local Church concerned be investigated and its needs be approved by the State Executive Board and the Promotional Secretary prior to paying of any funds to said Church." Offered by Rev. Chester Pelt, and duly passed by the State Association.

The following was offered by Rev. Robert Wilfong concerning Credentials Committee.

"I wish to make a motion that the Credentials Committee be elected in this session for next year and that they set up at the entrance of Church to register delegates, ministers, and deacons as they enter. Motion passed by body.

Motion by Rev. D. W. Poole concerning meeting of Board members to compile final report:

"I offer the following motion: That there be an annual meeting of all boards of the Florida State Association in conjunction with the Ministers and Deacons Conference each year for the purpose of compiling final reports, and any board member not attending or representing by proxy thereby forfeit all rights of suggestions in or to said reports."

Motion duly carried by this body.

## STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

### WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

No. churches 13  
No. new churches 0  
No. Churches Dismissed 1  
Total No. Churches 12  
Total Membership 640  
No. Ordained Ministers 19  
No. Licensed Ministers 2  
No. Sunday Schools 11  
No. Free Will Baptist Leagues 7  
No. Woman's Missinnary Societies 7  
Paid to Foreign Missions \$79.74  
Paid to Home Missions \$2,791.72  
Paid to Pastors \$6,433.70  
Paid for Revivals 788.72  
Paid to State Budget Program 677.70

---

TOTAL \$10,771.58

Moderator: Rev. A. H. Ashcraft  
Address: 401 Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Florida  
Clerk: Rev. Barney B. Champion  
Address: 2498 North N. St., Pensacola, Florida

### UNION HILL ASSOCIATION

No. Churches 7  
No. New Churches 0  
No. Churches Dismissed 0  
Total No. Churches 7  
Total Membership 542  
No. Sunday Schools 5  
No. Free Will Baptist Leagues 1  
No. Woman's Missionary Societies——  
Paid to Foreign Missions——  
Paid to Home Missions——  
Paid to Pastors \$969.67  
Paid to Bible College——  
Paid to Superannuation——  
Paid to State Budget Program \$144.66

Paid to Revivals \$140.00

TOTAL \$1854.33

Moderator: Rufus Hyman

Address: Slocumb, Ala.

Clerk: Mrs. Bessie Hall

Address: Slocumb, Ala.

#### SOUTH FLA. ASSOCIATION

No. Churches 4

No. New Churches 0

No. Churches Dismissed 0

Total No. Churches 4

Total Membership 125

No. Ordained Ministers 7

No. Sunday Schools 4

No. Free Will Baptist Leagues—

No. Woman's Missionary Societies 1

Paid to Foreign Missions \$45.00

Paid to Home Missions 50.00

Paid to Pastors \$1747.15

Paid to Bible College 45.00

Paid to Superannuation —

Paid for Revivals \$341.50

Total \$2228.65

#### NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

No. Churches 8

No. New Churches 2

No. Churches Dismissed 0

Total No. Churches 10

Total Membership 476

No. Ordained Ministers 13

No. Licensed Ministers 1

No. Sunday Schools 8

No. Free Will Baptist Leagues 3

No. Woman's Missionary Societies 4

Paid to Foreign Missions \$77.79

Paid to Home Missions 136.05

Paid to Pastors \$3450.98

Paid to Bible College 0



Paid to Superannuation	0
Paid for Revivals	\$376.95
Paid to State Budget Program	\$25.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,065.95</b>
--------------	-------------------

Moderator: Rev. Dan Rivers  
 Lake Butler, Florida  
 Clerk Rev. T. F. Carlton  
 Rt. 1, Perry, Florida

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

No. of Churches 10  
 No. of New Churches none  
 Dismissed none  
 Total No. Churches 10  
 Total Membership 465  
 No. Ordained Ministers 8  
 No. Licensed Ministers 1  
 No. Sunday Schools 9  
 No. Free Will Baptist Leagues 8  
 No. Woman's Auxiliaries 7

Paid to Missions	\$178.08
Paid Pastors	\$8,582.41
Paid to Bible College	\$37.24
Paid to Superannuation—	
Paid for Revivals	\$1107.19
Paid to State Unified Program	\$1,292.86

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,197.78</b>
--------------	--------------------

Moderator: Rev. C. A. Huckaby  
 Chipley, Florida  
 Clerk: Rev. Wayne Hicks  
 Gen. Delivery, Panama City, Florida

---

# MINUTES

of

Florida State Woman's Auxiliary Convention

The Florida State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, October 23, 1954, with five State officers, six delegates from three districts present;

eight ministers and fourteen visitors registered. Reports and dues were received from two local Auxiliaries in North Florida District who were not present: Mt. Carmel in Perry, Fla., and Oak Hill, in Live Oak, Fla.

The program consisted of an inspirational devotional in the morning by Mrs. Ada Bryant and in the afternoon by Mrs. Oma Owe. During the day challenging messages along with reports were given by the State Officers present. In addition to the Welcome Address by Mrs. Millie Donaldson, the local Auxiliary displayed an attractive banner which was a constant reminder of their hospitality. Scripture for the President's Message was taken from Ezra and Nehemiah. She emphasized the truth that revival follows the study of God's Word and a visible progressive program is a natural result of such a revival. In a practical way she reminded the women of the Auxiliary that our work is the teaching of **The Word**.

#### Statistical Report From October 1953 to October 1954

Name of State **Florida**      Name of Auxiliary **Florida State Auxiliary**

Name of Recording Secretary **Miss Ada Holley**

Name of Auxiliary President **Mrs. Chester Pelt**

Address of President **Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Florida.**

Address of Recording Secretary **Box 333, Blountstown, Fla.**

How many Auxiliary organizations in your State **30**

How many Woman's Auxiliary Organizations in your State **21**

How many Go-Tell Auxiliary Organizations in your state **9**

What is your total Auxiliary membership **268**

How many members in the Woman's Auxiliary **197**

How many members in the G. T. A. **61**

How many Tithers are there in your auxiliary organizations **43**

Woman Tithers **34**      G. T. A. Tithers **9**

Number of auxiliaries observing Seasons of Prayer suggested by W. N. A. C.:

1. Thanksgiving    2. Easter    3. 0 O'clock hour daily

Woman's Auxiliary	17	17	—
-------------------	----	----	---

G. T. A.	7	7	—
----------	---	---	---

How many members have read one or more Mission books this year, **33**.

How many auxiliaries had a directed personal service activity each month, **1**.

How many auxiliary members engaged in personal service in local communities each month, **54**.

Number of auxiliaries observing the Calendar of Activities each month, **8**.

What was the total offering that auxiliaries gave this year to

the following denominational causes.

Foreign Missions \$73.11 — (Old Age) Ministerial Fund \$6.00

Home Missions \$50.03 — W.N.A.C. Co-Laborer Fund —.

Orphanage \$385.50 — W.N.A.C. Per Capita Dues \$19.70

Bible College \$25.00 — Local Church Projects \$1773.85

Number Mission Study Classes (not lectures, or book reviews) conducted, 13.

Name of books studied: Modern Jonah, Missions in The Bible, Go. Home and Tell Thy Friend, others not named.

Number attending classes, 28.

Stewardship classes conducted, 4; Books studied, Story of Free-will Baptist, Faith from Contact, All of Mine for Him, others not named.

Manuel of Methods classes conducted, 17; Evangelism classes conducted, 1; Youth Auxiliary classes, 6.

Number of Programs planned in advance, 33; Number special Programs, 22; Prayer, 1 Missions, 0; Stewardship, 1; Evangelism, 0; Week of Prayer, 4; Number attending, 50; Self-Denial offering during week of prayer, \$71.04.

Publicity: Auxiliary manuals, 65; Year Books, 65; G.T.A., 15; Y.P.A., 8; F.W.B. Paper, 23; Religious articles Published, 13; Total amount spent for Auxiliary literature, \$87.18.

Number of auxiliary members contributing to Missions in 1954, 116; Number of tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year, 40; Number of tithers as result of Stewardship Study Courses, 1; Number of new tithers this convention year, 5; Present number of tithers, 40; Number of auxiliary members contributing to Unified Budget, 10.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT:—

Balance — October 22, 1954 .....	\$10.81
Salem District Dues .....	15.20
Liberty District Dues .....	15.60
West Florida District Dues .....	8.60
Misc. Monies .....	23.86
Total .....	\$74.07

#### Disbursements:

Per Capita Dues .....	\$19.70
Minutes .....	16.00
Printing Programs .....	4.00
Headquarters Furniture .....	7.00
Children's Home .....	5.13

Foreign Missions .....	3.13
Superannuation .....	2.00
Unified Budget - State .....	10.00
Total .....	66.96
Balance .....	\$ 7.11

Piney Grove, Chipley, invited the next Convention.

Ada Holley

Mrs. Corene George, committee.

#### REPORT OF THE PLAN OF WORK COMMITTEE:—

We, the Plan of Work Committee, recommends the following:

1. That a person from each District Convention be appointed to work with the Program Chairman: Mrs. Oma Owens, Mrs. Thelma Grondin, Mrs. Ernest Owens, Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Mrs. Chester Pelt.

2. That all Auxiliaries cooperate and work through the Florida State Unified Budget Plan.

3. That a committee be appointed to study the report blanks and recommend changes; which might better cover our program of work. The following were appointed: Mrs. Daniel Pelt, Miss Ada Holley, Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Chairman

Mrs. Oma Owens

Mrs. Daisy Williams

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:—

President: Sister Chester Pelt.

Promotional Enlistment Chm. Sister Bertie Baxter, Chipley.

Youth Auxiliary Chm. — Sister Etha Mae Owen, Chipley.

Study Course Crm. — Sister Corine George, Bonifay.

Program Publicity Chm. — Sister Oma Owen, Chipley.

Benevolence Chm. — Sister Daisy Williams, 144 Arigon Courts. Pensacola.

Secretary & Treasurer — Sister Ada Holley, Box 333, Blountstown.

We recommend that the State Field Worker be discontinued, and those duties be assigned to the promotional enlistment chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Millie Donaldson

Clara McAdams

#### DELEGATES TO W. N. A. C.:—

1. Mrs. D. W. Poole 2. Mrs. Ada Bryant 3. Mrs. Vera Owen

4. Mrs. Laura Lamb 5. Mrs Aubry Ashcraft

The next convention will meet with the Woman's Auxiliary of Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida, October 22, 1955.

Mrs. C. H. Pelt, President

Miss Ada Holley, Sec. & Treas.

#### COMMITTEE TO PLAN AUXILIARY WEEK AT CAMP:—

1. Miss Ada Holley 2. Mrs. Etha Mae Owen 3. Mrs. Thelma Grondin 4. Mrs. Millie Donaldson 5. Mrs. Chester Pelt.

Moved and carried that the President of each local Auxiliary be required to furnish State Auxiliary Secretary Miss Ada Holley with a list of officers and addresses:

#### DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES:—

1. Mrs. Oma Owen 2. Mrs. Audrey Eiland 3. Mrs. Daisy Williams.

Motion made and carried that we ask each Auxiliary Member to can six quarts of fruit or vegetables for the summer Youth Camp.



#### MINUTES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF THE FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF FLORIDA

The Ministers and Deacons Conference met at the Fla. State Youth Camp. But due to weather conditions Conference was held in Salem Church. After Song and Prayer Bro. J. L. Grizzard was elected Moderator Pro-tem in absence of Moderator and Vice-Moderator.

Moderator asked Bro. Robert L. Wilfong to bring the morning devotion, reading from the first Chapter of Philippians, "The Furtherance of the Gospel."

Bro. Huckaby gave the Welcome Address and a response by Bro. Poole. After the response all Ministers and Deacons were asked to register.

The following is a list of Ministers and Deacons that registered during the sessions and paid \$1.00 each for membership fee:

#### LIST OF MINISTERS:—

Rev. J. L. Grizzard, President, 3105-29th Ave., Tampa, Fla.

Rev. H. L. Henderson, Sec. & Treas., Rt 6, Box 586, Pensacola, Florida.

Rev. Rufus Hyman, Slocumb, Ala.

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Chipley, Fla.



Rev. Robert L. Wilfong, 211 W. Frances St., Tampa, Fla.  
 Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Chipley, Fla.  
 Rev. W. H. Burke, 918 New Orleans Ave., Tampa, Fla.  
 Rev. John M. Rich, Chipley, Fla.  
 Rev. H. A. Grubbs, Rt. 2, Perry, Fla.  
 Rev. D. W. Poole, Dothan, Ala.  
 Rev. Daniel Pelt, Marianna, Fla, Rt. 5  
 Rev. Walter L. Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.  
 Rev. T. U. Bryant, N. Border St., Pensacola, Fla.  
 Rev. W. M. Martin, DeFuniak Springs, Fla.  
 Rev. W. C. Stanford, Pensacola, Fla.  
 Rev. I. O. Cook, Altha, Fla.  
 Rev. Chester H. Pelt, Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Fla.  
 Rev. Wayne Hicks, Gen. Del., Panama City, Fla.  
 Rev. James C. Pelt, Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.  
 Rev. Frank Willis, Rt. 3, Box 24C, Panama City, Fla.  
 Rev. James W. Roberts, Cypress, Fla.

#### LIST OF DEACONS:

Walter F. Rice, Tampa, Fla.  
 J. A. Seay, Rt. 2, Hartford, Ala.  
 Freman E. Rodgers, 11 Cypress St., Pensacola, Fla.  
 H. B. Harris, Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla.  
 W. W. Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 14A, Marianna, Fla.  
 W. E. Holley, Pensacola, Fla.  
 R. L. Williams, 144 Aragon Cts., Penascola, Fla.  
 Earnest Owen, Chipley, Fla.  
 W. F. Chaffin, Rt. 4, Marianna, Fla.

Moved and duly carried that committees be appointed from the floor. The following committees were appointed: Examining Committee, W. B. Hughes, H. A. Grubbs and W. F. Rice; Ministerial, Ethics and Education Committee, Robert L. Wilfong, W. H. Burge, Chester H. Huckaby.

Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee, Rufus Hyman, D. W. Poole, John M. Rich.

A message by Bro. Rufus Hyman from 2 Timothy 4th Chapter verses 1-8 was enjoyed by all.

After lunch and felowship, the Moderator asked Bro. Hawk to bring the devotion. Bro. Hawk read from 116 Psalm 6-14.

It was moved and duly carried that the Moderator appoint a committee to make a study of our present constitution to prevent any over lapping of power, which belongs to the State Association.

Appointed on this committee were, Bro. Herman A. Grubbs, Bro. Robert L. Winfong, Bro. W. F. Rice, Bro. D. W. Poole

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:—

Camp Meeting Arrangemenet Committee— We the Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee, do hereby submit the following report:

The annual camp meeting was held at the Fla. State Youth Camp June 20th to July 2, 1954. Rev. H. A. Pitts of Winfield, Ala., was the Evangelist and Rev. Robert Picirilli of Pamplico, S. C., was song leader and teacher of the courses offered for ministers and deacons.

Total Offering .....	\$347.18
Paid Evangelist .....	150.00
Paid Teacher .....	150.00
Paid for Advertisement .....	18.00
Paid for Lights .....	15.00
Total Paid Out .....	\$333.00
Bal. on Hand .....	14.18

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. Hughes  
C. A. Huckaby  
W. E. Holley

Moved and duly caried to receive this report.

#### Report from Examining Committee—

We find no cases which at present should be cited for disciplinary action to this body. There is quite a bit of outstanding work being done by several of our deacons and ministers.

W. B. Hughes  
H. A. Grubbs  
W. F. Rice

Moved and second to receive this report, with amendment to be received as partial report. Duly carried.

The officers for the Conference were duly elected as follows:

Rev. J. L. Grizzard, Moderator; Rev. W. B. Hughes, Vice-Moderator; Rev. H. L. Henderson, Sec. and Treas.

Moved and second to adopt the program as arranged by Moderator and Secretary and Treasurer.

Moved and second that officers of the Conference serve next year as conference arrangement committee. Recess.

Met back at 6:30 p.m. to resume discussion and have report from remaining committee.

A recommendation from the 1955 committee for Camp Meeting Arrangements was submitted and accepted as read.

We, your Committee on Arrangements for Camp Meeting and

Ministers and Deacons Institute, recommend the following:

1. That the Camp Meeting and Ministers and Deacons Institute be held beginning on Monday a.m., June 6, 1955. Classes will be conducted on panel discussion plan.

3. The Camp Meeting will be held beginning Sunday night, June 12, 1955, following the Ministers and Deacons Institute.

Rufus Hyman

D. W. Poole

J. M. Rich

Moved and second to ask the association to give the Ministers and Deacons conference a board as a direct link of Contact. An amendment to the original motion that the Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee serve as this board. Motion duly carried.

**PAID OUT:**

Printing of Minutes .....	\$20.00
Printing Program sheets .....	5.15
Moderator .....	10.00
Sec. and Treas. ....	10.00
Total .....	\$45.15
Bal. on hand .....	9.50

After announcements and a rising vote of thanks, to the Salem Free Will Baptist Church, for the use of their church.

The next session to be held at Mt. Carmel Church, near Perry, Florida, 1-4 mile left of highway 19.

The evening message by Rev. T. U. Bryant was enjoyed by all.  
Motion to adjourn.

REV. J. L. GRIZZARD, Moderator, 3105-29th Ave.,  
Tampa, Florida.

REV. H. L. HENDERSON, Secretary and Treasurer,  
Rt. 6, Box 586, Pensacola, Florida.

---

## **Constitution and By-Laws**

—of the—

### **FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE MINISTERS AND DEACON'S 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 VIII.—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 I. 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, and 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.

Fees are \$10.00 for an Association with five (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 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 the 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 Baptist 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 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 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.

---

Johnson Printing Company, Chipley, Fla.

---