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

GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. W. B. Hughes, Vice Moderator Second St., Chipley, Fla.
Rev. W. A. Hansley, Clerk 2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Ada Holley, Statistician Blountstown, Fla.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

O. H. Wilson (1961) Address unknown
T. C. Mitchell (1961) 2819 N.W. 90th St., Miami, Fla.
Rev. Paul Long (1961) Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.
Lloyd Crews (1959) 4545 Ramona St., Jacksonville, Fla.
Marvin M. Owens (1959) Vernon, Fla.
Hugh Peacock (1959) Blountstown, Fla.
W. A. Fletcher Box 154, Dover, Fla.

(All other standing Boards are composed of 5 members from one local Association, and said members shall be elected by the local Association or its Executive Committee. The State Association shall alternate the Boards to the local Associations Annually.)

Planning Board Salem Association
Superannuation Board South Florida Association
Board of Missions Central Florida Association
Board of Education Liberty Association
Sunday School Board North Florida Association
League Board Northeast Florida Association

Proceedings

(All reports are enclosed following the general proceedings)

Proceedings of the thirteenth annual session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist, when convened with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, Blountstown, Florida, October 31—November 2, 1957.

Thursday Evening, Oct. 31

Meeting opened by singing several hymns and prayer by Corene George. Devotions by Rev. D. W. Poole after which Bro. Ed. Holley led in prayer. The Thirteenth session of Florida State Free Will Baptist Association was then declared in order. A welcome address was given by the pastor of the local Church, Rev. D. F. Pelt. Mrs. Corene George was elected clerk pro-tem in the absence of the clerk. There was a special song rendered, "I Cannot Walk Alone," after which Rev. D. E. Bias of Jacksonville, Florida brought the evening message using Matthew 19:14 also John 4:35, "Lift up your eyes and look upon the fields which are white unto harvest." Benediction by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Friday Morning, Nov. 1

(Song leader—Brother Chester Cook)

(Pianist—Sister Chester Cook)

Song: "The Blood That Stained The Old Rugged Cross"

Song: "The Old Old Story"

Prayer: Brother Ernest Owen
 Devotional: Rev. H. L. Henderson—(Joshua 1:1-9)
 Song: "Wear A Crown"
 Message: by the Moderator (Rev. W. B. Hughes)
 Message: by Rev. Joe Fort (in behalf of press at Ayden, North Carolina explaining the expansion in Sunday School and League literature).
 Credential Committee Report: Motion that partial report be received and delegates be seated. Second. Carried!
 Corresponding Messengers called for: Rev. C. R. Houston from Colquitt, Ga. of the Midway Association, responded with remarks from his Association.
 Visitors Recognized were. Rev. T. B. Mellette, Leo Curtiss, and Rev. and Mrs. S. T. Shutes.
 Song and Fellowship: "Heavenly Sunlight."
 Committee on Committees Report: Motion to adopt partial report. Second. Carried!
 Planning Board Report: Motion to receive report. Second.
 Motion to lay Planning Board Report on the table.
 Second. Carried!

RECESS

Song: "Amazing Grace."
 Prayer: Rev. Herman Grubbs.
 A check amounting to \$1300.57, which was raised by the Leagues of the State of Florida was presented to the Chairman of the Board of Trustees Bro. Ernest Owens, by Rev. W. A. Hansley, President of the Florida State League Convention. This Check is to be used in the erection of a dormitory at the State Camp site, Cottondale, Florida.
 Quartet Number: "After While."
 Morning Message: Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Subject: "I Am A Debtor."
 Text: Romans 1:14.
 Altar Service:
 Song: "Wherever He Leads I'll Go."
 Announcements:
 Offering of Thanks and Benediction: Rev. T. B. Mellette.
 LUNCH—Wonderful dinner enjoyed by everyone.

Friday Afternoon

Song: "Somebody Loves Me."
 Devotion: Rev. T. B. Mellette, Matthew 14: "The Loaves and Fishes."
 "God will use what you give."
 Song: "Where Jesus Is Will Be Heaven For Me."
 Credential Committee Report: Motion to receive report. Second. Carried!
 Committee on Committees: Motion to accept partial report. Second. Carried!
 Report of Boards:
 Board of Trustees: Motion to accept report: Second. Carried!
 Board of Missions: (South Florida Association) Motion that we recommit this report to committee for report later. Second. Carried!
 Sunday School Board: (Central Florida Association) No Report.
 League Board: (North Florida Association) Motion to accept report. Second. Carried!
 Camp Superintendent Report: Motion to accept report. Second. Carried.
 Camp Meeting Committee Report: Motion to accept report. Second. Carried.
 Letters from the National Home Mission Board of the National Association and the Sunday School Board of the National Association read.
 Motion that the Chairman appoint a committee of three persons

from our body to formulate a letter of protest in opposition to action of National Sunday School Board concerning literature. Second. Carried!
Committee: Rev. Paul Long, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. Chester Pelt.
Motion to adjourn. Second. Carried!
Dismissed in prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole.

Friday Night

Song: "Praise Him, Praise Him."
Song: "Heaven Will Surely Be Worth It. All."
Prayer: Mrs. Vera Owens.
Song: "Take My Hand Precious Lord."
Devotion: Rev. Robert Owen — II Tim. 1:1, 2.
Report of Board of Education: Motion to accept report. Second. Carried!
Special Music: "I Need No Mansion Here," trio.
Report and Message of Free Will Baptist College by Dr. L. C. Johnson.
Acts 1:14 and John 17:21.
Offering received for the Bible College.
Benediction.

Saturday Morning

Song: "At The Cross."
Song: "Wear A Crown."
Devotions: Rev. Wayne Hicks. Psalms 8.
Report of Woman's Auxiliary Convention: Motion to accept report.
Second. Carried!
Report of Superannuation Board: (Salem Association) Motion to accept report. Second. Carried!
Delegation to National Association: Volunteers. G. W. Cloud and wife, Mrs. D. E. Bias, Mrs. Herman Grubbs, O. H. Wilson, W. E. Holley, Jean Owens, Mrs. Daniel Pelt, Mrs. Coy Owens, Jimmy Hitchcock.
Corresponding Messengers to Georgia State Association.
Rev. Paul Long, Bro. G. W. Cloud.
Corresponding Messengers to Alabama State. Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. Clyde Owens and Rev. W. B. Hughes.
Mission Board Report. (South Florida Association) Motion to accept Second. Carried!
Motion to remove Planning Board Report from the table. Second. Carried!
Motion to amend by striking out section 1, 2, 3, of Planning Board Report. Second. Carried!
Motion to amend section 5 to read Youth Camp—50%; Evangelism—20%. Second. Carried!
Motion to adopt Planning Board Report as amended. Second. Carried!
Motion that chair be empowered to appoint a camp committee to work with the Camp Superintendent, in operation camp, and that Superintendent be vested with authority to direct their activities. Second. Carried!
Final report of Credential Committee. Motion to accept. Second. Carried!
Treasurer's Report. Motion to accept report. Second. Carried.
Motion that the Treasurer be given authority to buy a typewriter as soon as funds are available. Second. Carried!
Finance Committee Report. Motion to accept report. Second. Carried!
Report of Committee on National Sunday School Board letter. Motion to adopt their report. Second. Carried!
Motion that resignation of Camp Superintendent be accepted. Second. Carried!

Nominating Committee Report. Motion to accept report. Carried!
 Motion to accept the invitation to attend the 14th Session of the Florida State Association in Miami, with the 1st Church located at 9101 N.W. 29th Ave. Second. Carried!
 Motion that we offer a rising vote of thanks to the Christian Home Church and Salem Association for the splendid entertainment. Second. Carried!
 Motion that the Board of Education be given the responsibility of getting Camp Superintendent. Second. Carried!
 Motion to adjourn. Second. Carried!
 Dismissed with prayer.

Reports of Board and Committees

CREDENTIALS REPORT

	Number	Delegates	Fees
District Associations	7	28	\$105.00
Local Churches	14	16	\$ 65.00
Ministers	24	24	\$ 50.00
Deacons	11	11	\$ 22.00
	TOTALS	79	\$242.00
Visitors	14		
Visiting Ministers	8	Corresponding Delegates	1

Respectfully submitted,
 Credential Committee

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees wish to submit the following report:

Credential Committee: Mrs. Laura Lamb, Rev. Q. Hansley, Rev. Robert Owen, to replace Rev. Fred Bradshaw until he arrives and the clerk of the clerk of Christian Home Church.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Jack Buck, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Mr. Marvin Owens.

Program Committee: The Moderator, V. Moderator, and Secretary.

Finance Committee: Brother W. W. Eiland, Rev. Judge Goodwin, Rev. D. W. Poole.

Public Relations Committee: Rev. D. F. Pelt, Bro. W. E. Holley, Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. Herman Grubbs, Rev. W. A. Hansley.

Respectfully submitted,
 Rev. D. E. Bias
 Rev. C. A. Huckaby
 Rev. Rufus Hyman
 W. E. Holley

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that the Camp Meeting begin on Monday after the fourth Sunday in July.
2. See State Minute Page 10, Article 6. We recommend the following per cent budget of our Cooperative funds.

National Cooperative Program	45%
Florida State Program	50%
State Treasurer's Expense	5%
Florida State funds are to be divided as follows:	
Orphanage	15%
Superannuation	15%
Youth Camp	50%
Evangelism	20%

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Record of Accomplishments.

1. Secured deep freeze.
2. Ceiled the dormitories.
3. 1 table built for kitchen.
4. Built Basket Ball and Volley Ball court and obtained equipment for the same.
5. Installed outside lights.

Record of things that have to be done before the next session.

1. Build a girls dormitory.
2. Build a kitchen and dining room.

Approximately \$8,000.00 will be needed to accomplish this. We have received to date \$1420.03, and approximately \$2,000.00 has been pledged to this cause. We will need beyond the existing pledges \$4579.97.

We the Board of Trustees recommend that the money existing in the Evangelism fund be transferred to the Youth Camp Building fund.

Ernest Owen
Robert Owen
H. A. Grubbs
Rev. D. E. Bias
Chester H. Pelt
H. L. Henderson
Hugh Peacock

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We the Mission Board recommend to reinstate the 10% for the State proportional budget. Those Churches who are able to give more may do so.

South Florida Association

LEAGUE BOARD REPORT

We, your Florida State Free Will Baptist League Board, wish to commend the Florida State League Convention for the good work it is doing and to urge all districts as well as local leagues to take more interest in league work.

We also recommend that this board be given the responsibility of assisting in the organization of District League Conventions, where there is not one already.

The North Florida Free Will Baptist Association
Moderator,

L. A. Grubbs
Lillian Grubbs, Clerk

1957

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE

FLORIDA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP

There was two Sessions of the Youth Camp held June 23 through 29 and June 30 through July 6.

We had an enrollment of 57 one Session and 64 the other; We employed besides the Superintendent, three Teachers, three Cooks and two of the Girls as helpers as Pianist and Teacher.

We were able to make several required Improvements: Over head Ceiling in the Dormitories, A New Dining Table, Play Ground was cleared and Graded by a Bulldozer and Grader, Screens were repaired and a number of small things that were not listed in detail, such as new Hinges on some of the doors, etc. Also a Deep Freezer.

Altogether it seemed that there was more interest given to the Youth Camp than ever before.

Finance is reported as Follows:

Received from the Cooperative Program	\$ 733.37
From Applications of Campers	847.00
From Gifts and Offerings	832.37

Total Received	\$2,412.74
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Note: This includes Commodities valued at \$ 300.00

Paid out for Repairs, Improvements, Salaries, Groceries and all general Expenses and upkeep of the Buildings	\$2,285.14
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Note this takes credit for the Commodities of 300.00

Balance in Treasure	\$ 127.60
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Respectfully,
Chester A. Huckaby

Since I have moved from the State I will offer you my Resignation.

I have enjoyed the Work with the Youth and appreciate the fine support and cooperation of the People, and the Opportunity to Serve our Lord in this Field. May the Lord Bless my Successor.

REPORT OF THE CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

CASH RECEIVED \$739.23

PAID OUT

Salaries for cooks	\$100.00
Song Books	18.75
Cutting and wrapping beef	4.65
Gas	16.50
Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cook	50.00
Evangelist	200.00
Building Fund (Camp)	255.00
Coca-Cola	65.32
Advertising	18.25

Total	\$728.47	\$728.47
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Balance on hand \$ 10.76

In many ways we had the best session of the Camp Meeting that we have ever had. The attendance was much better in the day services than in previous years.

Several souls were saved and more rededicated their lives to God. This is worth all the efforts that are put forth in preparation for the meeting.

The churches of the Salem and Liberty Associations furnished most of the food. If they had not done this, it would have been almost impossible to operate on the amount of money we received. We urge each one of the churches to cooperate with us in backing the Camp Meeting. If this be of God, which it surely is, it is worth our very best in carrying it out.

We appreciate everything that you have done to help make the Camp Meeting what it was this year.

Camp Meeting Committee

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Moderator State Assn.
Chipley, Florida

To the Florida State Association of F.W.B. when convened with the Christian Home Church Blountstown, Florida.
Greetings in Jesus Name.

It is with deep regret that I have to notify you that it will be impossible for me to attend your State Association. The family and I are confined with the flu. However, I wish to share with you some very important information which I am sure you will want to know about.

On October 16th of this year, the Sunday School Board of the National Association, after weeks of prayer and careful consideration, voted unanimously to assume the full responsibility of the formulating and promoting of the Sunday School program of our great Denomination. In this program was included the publication and distribution of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School literature and supplies direct from its department in Nashville, Tennessee.

It was the unanimous decision of the Board to announce to the churches of the National Association That beginning with the first quarter of 1958 all Sunday School literature, for the Beginner department through the Adult department, will be available from the Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. Cradle Roll and Nursery materials will be available also. The above materials will be the International Uniform series. Graded Sunday School lessons (Scripture Press) will be available for the Nursery through the Adult departments from the Department in Nashville.

Order blanks will be sent to the pastors and local church leaders by November 20th, listing both the International Uniform series and the graded lessons and supplies. Watch for further announcement in the CONTACT and other publicity through the mails.

The Sunday School Board is conscious of the enormity of this task and sincerely asks for the prayers, cooperation and support of the Pastors and churches of your state. We pledge ourselves to the servicing of the Sunday Schools of our great Denomination to the very best of our ability. May the Lord bless you in all your Godly deliberations during the setting of this Association.

Yours in the Name of our Blessed Saviour,
Sunday School Board of the National Assn.
By William J. Mishler

Dear Brethren:

Please accept this letter as words of greeting from your National Board of Home Missions, and from the missionaries on the field.

We wish to express our thanks for your offerings to this part of the Lord's work, and ask your continued prayers.

We can continue to operate and expand only as you rally behind us.

As you have opportunity we pray you will give an offering for National Home Missions.

Yours for Christ and Missions,
H. E. Willis
Promotional Secretary

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

We, your Board of Education make the following report:

We recommend Rev. W. B. Hughes as Youth Camp Superintendent for the coming year, also, those in charge, notify all Churches in the state of Camp activities.

We recommend that the State Association set up a "Christian Workers Institute," to include courses in Sunday School Teaching, League Training Courses, Woman's Auxiliary Courses, and Personal Workers courses, to be held once each year in each District Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. D. E. Bias
Rev. Charles Jamison
Rev. Q. Hansley
Rev. C. N. Burroughs
Bro. W. L. Collins

The above members were duly appointed by the Executive Board of the Northeast Florida Association, and approved by the Association when in session. The authority to compose the above report was given by the Northeast Florida Association, to the above named board while in regular session, Saturday, October 19, 1957.

REPORT OF FLORIDA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES

Nov. 1, 1957

There were 13 delegates from 6 districts, and 12 delegates from local auxiliaries present; also 9 ministers, and a large number of visitors. District Auxiliaries representing were as follows: Liberty, Salem, North Fla., North West Fla., Northeast Fla., Central Fla., One local from Miami represented by letter. All organized districts and all State officers were present.

Three outstanding projects were adopted unanimously: \$250.00 for French-West Africa Missions; \$200.00 for the Youth camp building fund; Youth declamations contests as follows: Local to be held in March, District to be held in April, State to be held in May, winners to compete in the National in July.

Report of finances:

Income from Per capita dues and designated funds.....	\$74.23
Old balance	21.41
Fees from local delegates	12.00
Total	\$107.64

Disbursements	
Per capita dues to WNAC	\$28.50
Printing minutes	8.00
Memorial Student Fund	10.00
Designated for French W A Missions	12.00
State Cooperative fund	10.00
Youth Camp	5.50
Allocated to French W A Missions	16.80
Superannuation (designated)	3.20
Total	94.00
Balance	13.64

The Woman's Auxiliary week at camp held in conjunction with the camp meeting was well attended with great spiritual blessings received by all. Mrs. Oma Owen was named chairman of Camp committee for 1958, the session to be held at the time of the camp meeting.

Officers elected for another year were:

Pres. Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Chipola Jr. College, Marianna

Vice-Pres. Mrs. W. A. Hansley, 2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville

Sec. Treas. Miss Ada Holley, Box 33, Blountstown

Youth Chmn. Mrs. Louise Owen, 308 Granada Rd., Auburndale

Study course chmn. Mrs. Etha M. Owen, Chipley

Stewardship-Prayer chmn. Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Rt. 5, Marianna

Personal Service chmn. Mrs. Berdie Lee Hartley, Panama City

The next meeting will be held at the Mt. Carmel church, Perry, Fla., on October 25, 1958.

Mrs. Mamie Poole, Corresponding Delegate

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

November 1, 1957

The board met October 22, 1957 at the home of C. L. Cook, and elected Walter Eldridge Chairman, C. L. Cook Secretary and Treasurer. So far we have had no Superannuation applications for Insurance or aid in anyway.

We recommend that our young ministers take out Insurance through the Superannuation program. And if there's any disabled minister in this association, that their Church recommend the same to th's board.

Report of Finances:

Amt. in Treasure Nov. 22, 1956\$116.58

Received from State Treasure, 1957..... 295.77

Total\$412.35

Amt. pd. out for transportation.....\$ 28.89

Amt. pd. Nat. Board 79.94

Total Paid out\$108.83

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Overall Balance in Treasure\$303.52

We, your board recommend that money sent in for Superannuation, be sent quarterly. We in turn will send the National Board the amount due them.

C. L. Cook

W. L. Eldridge

C. A. Bozeman

J. R. Lamb

TREASURER'S REPORT 1956 & 1957

Total Disbursements Balance

Balance Oct. 27, 1956 \$ 287.67

Associational Dues 252.00 \$ 539.67

DISBURSEMENTS:

W. B. Hughes, Moderator \$ 25.00

W. A. Hansley, Clerk 25.00

W. W. Eiland, Treasurer 25.00

Minutes & 1000 Letter Forms 219.75

National Association Dues 45.00

\$ 339.75

BALANCE GENERAL FUND OCT. 28, 1957	199.92
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COOPERATIVE FUND ACCOUNT:

Balance Oct. 27, 1956:

Church Extension	\$ 321.78	
Superannuation	2.54	\$ 324.32

RECEIPTS:

Associations		
West Florida Liberty	\$1,764.00	
Salem	1,365.12	
North Florida	148.57	
North East Florida	50.00	
Churches		
First Church Pensacola	183.35	
Bethel Church Pensacola	223.31	
New Hope Church		
Plant City	100.00	
Ladies Auxiliary		
Malone Church	5.00	
Woman's State Convention	10.00	
Christian Home	3.90	3,853.25

TOTAL RECEIPTS & OCT. 27, 1956 BALANCE	\$4,177.57
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Share of Fund Disbursements

National Association 45%	\$1,733.95	\$1,733.95	
State Treasurer			
Expenses 5%	192.67	7.50	185.17
State Program 50%	1,926.63		
State Program			
Previous Bal.	324.32		
	<u>2,250.95</u>		

STATE PROGRAM DISBURSEMENTS:

Children's Home 15%	288.99	288.99	
Superannuation 15% & Prev. Bal.	291.53	291.53	
(Paid to C. L. Cook, Treas.)			
Youth Camp 35%	674.33		
Lights 7 mos.			
C. A. Huckaby, Supt.		733.37	
Evangelism 35%	674.32		674.32
Q. Hansley,			
110 St. Mission Jax.		100.00	
Church Extension			
Oct. 27-56	<u>321.78</u>		<u>221.78</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS & PREVIOUS BALANCE	\$4,177.57	\$3,155.34
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BALANCE COOPERATIVE FUND OCT. 28, 1957	\$1,022.32
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DESIGNATED FUND ACCOUNT:

		Total Receipts	Total Balance Disbursements
West Fla. Liberty Assn.:			
Foreign Missions	\$ 30.00		\$ 30.00
National Hdqtrs. Bldg.	76.25		76.25
Bible College-General	24.05	\$ 130.30	24.05
Liberty Mission Board:			
Calvary Account	89.01		89.01
Truck for Africa	33.00		33.00
Foreign Missions	392.65		392.65
Home Missions	140.71	655.37	140.71
Salem Association:			
Foreign Missions	56.00		56.00
Youth Camp Building	50.00	106.00	\$ 50.00
Grace Church Bonifay:			
Foreign Missions	2.35		2.35
Home Missions	1.10	3.45	1.10
Unity Church Jax.:			
Foreign Missions	8.58		8.58
Home Missions	8.58	17.16	8.58
East Side Vacation Bible School Pensacola:			
Children's Home	14.44	14.44	14.44
Woman's State Aux.:			
Foreign Missions	9.10		9.10
Home Missions	9.11		9.11
Superannuation	4.24		4.24
Children's Home	5.00		5.00
Lonnie Sparks Fund	50.74	78.19	50.74
State Assoc. Offering:			
National S. S. Board	44.06		44.06
Bible College Imp.	22.00		22.00
Lonnie Sparks Fund	37.91	103.97	37.91
Camp Meeting Offering:			
Youth Camp Building	255.00	255.00	255.00
W. E. Willis:			
Youth Camp Building	25.00	25.00	25.00
Cash Unknown Donor:			
Youth Camp Building	5.00	5.00	5.00
TOTAL RECEIVED & PAID OUT		\$1,393.88	\$1,058.88 \$ 335.00
TOTAL RECEIVED BY ACCOUNTS:			
National, S.S. Board	44.06		
Bible College Imp.	22.00		

Foreign Missions	709.34
Home Missions	159.50
National Hdqtrs. Bldg.	76.25
Bible College-General	24.05
Superannuation	4.24
Children's Home	19.44
Youth Camp Building	335.00
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	\$1,393.88

BALANCE DESIGNATED FUNDS (Youth Camp Building) \$ 335.00

RECAPITULATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Oct. 27, 1956 to Oct. 28, 1957

	Beginning Balance	Total Receipts	Total Beg. Bal. & Rec'ts	Total Disbursed	Total Balance
GENERAL FUND	\$287.66	\$ 252.00	\$ 539.67	\$ 339.74	\$ 199.92
COOPERATIVE FUND	324.32	3,853.25	4,177.57	3,155.34	1,023.37
DESIGNATED FUND		1,393.88	1,393.88	1,058.88	335.00
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GRAND TOTALS	\$611.98	\$5,499.13	\$6,111.12	\$4,553.97	\$1,557.15
BALANCE FIRST BANK OF MARIANNA, MARIANNA, FLORIDA OCT. 28, 1957					\$1,557.15

Respectfully submitted,
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer

FINANCE REPORT

Associational Due	\$ 242.00
Special Offering	
Bible College	45.20
Youth Camp Bldg. Fund	
Special Offering	\$ 44.45
Walter Eldridge	50.00
C. L. Cook	25.00
Daniel Owens	50.00
Fla. State League Convention	1300.57
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	\$1470.02
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	\$1757.22

W. W. Eiland, Chairman

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

November 2, 1957

Report of the Committee appointed by the Florida State Association in session on the above date at Christian Home F. W. B. Church, Blountstown, Florida to protest the action of the Sunday School Board of the National Association in session October 16, 1957.

WHEREAS, The Sunday School Board of the National Association has

assumed the full responsibility of the formulation and promotion of the Sunday School program and the inclusion in this program the publication and distribution of Sunday School and Vacation Bible School literature and supplies, and

WHEREAS, The National Sunday School Board proposes to offer Sunday School literature from the cradle roll through adult levels, and WHEREAS, This Sunday School literature will be written and printed by the personnel of the Scripture Press of Wheaton, Illinois, personnel who are not Free Will Baptist, and

WHEREAS, The Association of Free Will Baptist of Florida is satisfied with the literature program agreed upon, for the past several years, between the Free Will Baptist Press of Ayden, N. C. and the Sunday School Board of the National Association, literature written and published by Free Will Baptist, and

WHEREAS, This action of the Sunday School Board of the National Association will bring into being a second source of Sunday School literature thus leading toward division in our denomination.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That we the State Association of Free Will Baptist of the State of Florida do protest the above action of the Sunday School Board of the National Association and do prayerfully exhort the Sunday School Board of the National Association to seek ways and means to continue a harmonious publication of Sunday School and other literature with the Free Will Baptist Press where we can be assured of getting the literature now being published by Free Will Baptist.

The committee further recommends that a copy of this resolution be sent to each of the members of the National Sunday School Board, each member of the General Board of the National Association, one copy to the Free Will Baptist Press for publication, and one copy to the CONTACT for publication.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester H. Pelt,
Paul Long,
Rufus Hyman

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee make the following report:

Recommended:

Moderator: Rev. D. F. Pelt
Vice Moderator: Rev. W. B. Hughes
Clerk: Rev. W. A. Hansley
Treasurer: W. W. Eiland

Board of Trustees

Bro. O. H. Wilson
Bro. T. C. Mitchell
Rev. Paul Long

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

North Florida Association

BOARD OF MISSIONS

Central Florida Association

SUPERANNUATION BOARD
South Florida Association

LEAGUE BOARD
Northeast Florida Association

PLANNING BOARD
Salem Association

BOARD OF EDUCATION
Liberty Association

Nominating Committee
Rev. Theo. J. Buck
Rev. L. V. Pinson
Bro. Marvin Ownes

Blountstown, Florida
Jan. 3, 1958

Dear Brother Hansley,

I have so wanted to do a good job with this Statistical Report, but I have almost but failed.

In the first place I don't think the information given in the "Letter Form" blank is adequate, so much important information left out and too much detail.

I'm sending a compiled report of this information given me by the "Registration Committee," I'm sorry it could not be better.

You, knowing more about this than I do, have my permission to change, restate, add or subtract anything that you think will make a better report.

Let's work to improve the "Letter Form" blank. I'm wondering if information such as the following would give us a better picture of what our State is doing:

Statistical Report of Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist by Districts,
Salem Churches; Membership; Ordained Ministers; Sunday School; Licensed Ministers; Sunday School Enrollment; Free Will Baptist Leagues; League Membership; Woman's Auxiliaries; Auxiliary Membership; Value of Church Property; Total Amount raised for all purposes

Since the National Report is by States it has three other items which we will want to include in our State Totals: Associations.....; Value of Denominational Property; Name of Denominational Property

This is just a suggestion, maybe you have a better one. Maybe something can be done at the next session. I pray so.

I'm sorry I've waited so long to do even this, but I've tried to find more and better information and select a "Form" so it would take less space in minutes, etc., but—

Sincerely,
Ada Holley

Brother Hansley:

I found no "Letter for Central District," I'm sorry to leave it blank. Mrs. Mamie Page was a delegate from "Central," but I find no record of a "Letter" or other information.

Holley

LIST OF DISTRICT MODERATORS AND CLERKS

West Florida:	Moderator:	Rev. H. L. Henderson Route 1, Box 199 Atmore, Ala.
	Clerk:	Mrs. Bernice Purvis Route 1, Box 120 McDavid, Fla.
Liberty:	Moderator:	Rev. W. B. Hughes Chipley, Fla.
	Clerk:	Rev. Wayne Hicks 123 East Ave. Panama City, Fla.
Salem:	Moderator:	Rev. Roy Bozeman Route 1, Box 43 Blountstown, Fla.
	Clerk:	Chester L. Cook Altha, Fla.
North Florida:	Moderator:	L. A. Grubbs Route 1, Perry, Fla.
	Clerk:	Mrs. Lillian Grubbs Route 1, Box 137 Perry, Fla.
Northeast Florida:	Moderator:	Rev. W. A. Hansley 2830 Edison Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.
	Clerk:	Clifford H. Andrews 1639 Shadowood Lane Jacksonville, Fla.
South Florida:	Moderator:	Rev. J. F. Goodman 4224 Southwest 95 Ave. Miami, Fla.
Central Florida:	Moderator:	.....
	Clerk:	.....

1. Rev. L. V. Pinson—50 Murphy Lane Brent, Pensacola, Fla.
2. Rev. H. L. Henderson—Rt. 1, Box 199, Atmore, Ala.
3. Rev. H. E. Stalnaker—Chipley, Fla.
4. Rev. W. B. Hughes—Chipley, Fla.
5. Rev. Paul Long—Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.
6. Rev. Clyde Owen—Chipley, Fla.
7. Rev. D. W. Poole—Bonifay, Fla.
8. Rev. W. E. George—Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.
9. Rev. Daniel F. Pelt—Rt. 3, Marianna, Fla.
10. Rev. C. H. Pelt—Chipola Junior College, Marianna, Fla.
11. Rev. I. O. Cook—Altha, Fla.
12. Rev. Roy Bozeman—Rt. 1, Box 43, Blountstown, Fla.
13. Arnold Woodlief—Marianna, Fla.
14. Rev. Walter Eldridge—Cottondale, Fla.
15. Rev. H. A. Grubbs—Perry, Fla.

16. Rev. D. E. Bias—3480 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
17. Rev. W. A. Hansley—2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
18. Rev. Q. Hansley—5856 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, Fla.
19. Rev. Theo J. Buck—17201 N.W. 33rd Court, Opa-Lake, Fla.
20. Rev. Robert Owen—308 Granada Rd., Auburndale, Fla.
21. Rev. Elvie H. Johnson—514 Ash St., Auburndale, Fla.
22. Rev. J. F. Goodwin—4224 S.W. 95th Ave., Miami, Fla.
23. Rev. L. Odom

DEACONS REGISTERED

1. W. E. Holley, Box 5297, Pensacola, Fla.
2. T. D. Owens, Chipley, Fla.
3. Ernest Owens, Box 276, Chipley, Fla.
4. Coy Owens, 3201 Second Court, Panama City, Fla.
5. Joe Spears, Blountstown, Fla.
6. Hugh Peacock, Blountstown, Fla.
7. Sam Davis, Blountstown, Fla.
8. Chester L. Cook, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
9. Wilson Mazerac, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
10. L. A. Grubbs, Rt. 1, Box 185, Perry, Fla.
11. W. W. Eiland, Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
Delegates: Mr. & Mrs. Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Amerson & Mrs. Williams	
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
Delegates: Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Estelle Crawford & Mrs. Vera Mae Cook	
SALEM ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
Delegates: Mrs. C. L. Cook, Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Mrs. Roy Bozeman, & Mrs. Thelma Grondin	
NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
Delegates: Mr. & Mrs. C. E. Norman & Mrs. Lillian Grubbs	
NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION	\$10.00
Delegates: Mrs. Genevieve Vreeland	
CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION	
Delegates: Mrs. Mamie Page	
SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION	\$15.00
Delegates: Mrs. Ruby Buck	

Brother Hansley:

I compiled this report from the yellow report sheet, but it does not check with the white "Registration Cards." I have checked with red pencil the names of those I remember seeing present. (All must not have registered) I do not remember Brother James Cook from "West Fla.," and Mrs. Vera Mae Cook from "Liberty," but they were both registered as you will note.

So will you please check and use your own discretion. I'll appreciate your help here.

Holley

We, the Executive Committee of the Free Will Baptist Church of the state of Florida, do hereby authorize the moving of the Florida Free Will Baptist Church Youth Camp from its present site, south of Cottondale, Fla. and in the vicinity of Salem Free Will Baptist Church, to a new site which is known as the Central School property, lying in the N. E. part of Jackson County and specifically located as follows:

Commencing 150 yards South of the NE corner of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 34, Township 6 North, Range 8 West, thence running West 180 yards, thence South 110 yards, thence East 180 yards, thence North 110 yards to point of beginning and being a part of said NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 34-6-8 and containing 4 acres, more or less.

Done this "day of our Lord," April 8, 1958.

Daniel F. Pelt, Moderator
W. B. Hughes, Vice-Moderator

Secretary
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer

STATISTICAL REPORT OF FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BY DISTRICTS

	West Florida	Liberty	Salem	North Florida	North East Florida	South Florida	Central Florida	Total for State
1. Membership								
Total last report	490	606	1,435	.....	338	191	.....	3,060
Members Received	105	127	48	.....	48	10	.....	338
Members lost	22	35	34	.....	9	2	.....	102
Total Membership now	573	698	1,449	.....	377	199	.....	3,296
2. Finances								
General Offering	\$10,961.04	\$20,768.53	\$ 9,519.82	.....	\$12,959.89	\$11,741.32	.....	\$65,950.60
Building Offering	449.37	10,105.95	240.28	.....	920.69	194.85	.....	11,866.14
3. Paid Out:								
Cooperative Program	167.18	1,700.65	1,064.95	146.93	.....	.....	.....	3,079.71
Pastors	6,692.15	12,289.39	8,752.69	6,472.06	6,160.00	4,602.40	.....	44,968.69
Evangelist	697.77	1,329.22	1,414.64	.....	450.30	208.68	.....	4,100.61
Building & Repairs	1,884.27	13,704.57	.....	.....	2,248.65	1,249.17	.....	19,086.66
Miscellaneous	887.95	2,242.74	.....	.....	2,545.10	4,220.59	.....	9,896.38
4. Earmarked Funds:								
Missions:								
Foreign	.....	545.90	304.36	.....	2 9.94	675.96	.....	1,556.16
Home	291.70	194.49	459.80	.....	19.00	68.57	.....	1,033.56
Children's Home	330.79	130.00	163.26	.....	.....	73.00	.....	697.95
Superannuation	.....	.....	.....	.....	600.00	.....	.....	.....
Bible College	.....	806.00	24.88	.....	.....	100.00	.....	930.88
Others								
Youth Camp	100.73	370.00	42.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	513.23
M.T.G.	.....	.....	.....	.....	995.34	.....	.....	.....
Total Paid Out	11,052.54	33,312.96	12,227.08	.....	13,048.33	11,198.37	.....	80,839.28
5. Value Of Church Property	67,500.00	98,360.00	14,940.00	48,000.00	71,000.00	299,800.00

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STATISTICAL REPORT OF FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BY DISTRICTS

	West Florida	Liberty	Salem	North Florida	North East Florida	South Florida	Central Florida	Total for State
6. Sunday School:	18	57	40	.....	11	8	.....	134
Number Officers	43	79	68	.....	27	24	.....	241
Number Teachers	387	708	661	.....	301	249	.....	2,306
Number enrolled	254	443	651	.....	186	195	.....	1,729
Average Attendance	29	.....	44	.....	4	.....	.....	77
Number Departments	44	.....	68	.....	27	19	.....	158
Number Classes	\$ 1,288.39	\$ 4,920.06	\$ 2,281.46	.....	\$ 3,247.34	\$ 369.79	.....	\$12,107.04
Total Offering for Year	545.51	619.28	.....	.....	601.92	388.81	.....	2,155.52
Amount Spent for Literature	820.74	.....	.....	.....	717.02	.....	.....	1,537.76
Total Paid Out								
7. League:								
Number Enrolled								
Number Officers	187	281	.....	.....	116	105	.....	789
Number Groups	25	.....	.....	.....	6	17	.....	48
Average Attendance	16	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	21
Total Offering	127	212	.....	.....	84	87	.....	510
Amount Spent for Literature	303.59	436.56	.....	.....	514.99	447.95	.....	1,703.99
Total Paid Out	193.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	193.80
8. Women's Auxiliary:								
Number Members	24	95	72	.....	39	13	.....	243
Number Circles	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Number Members in G.T.A.	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	10
Number Members in Y.P.A.	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	12	.....	16
Total Offering	142.54	2,143.36	440.00	.....	217.07	688.43	.....	3,631.40
Total Paid Out	115.41	2,010.63	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,126.04
9. Total Receipts from all Sources:	.....	32,652.50	.....	.....	868.96	.....	.....	33,521.46

Constitution and By-Laws

of the

FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

Constitution Preamble:

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 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. Each standing Board shall be composed of 5 members from one local Association, with the exception of the Board of Trustees and said members shall be elected by the Local Association or its Executive Committee. The State Association shall alternate the Boards to the local Associations annually. These Boards are hereby asked to make their reports to their local Associations before they are presented to the State Association.

The Board of trustees shall be composed of one (1) member from each Association and their term of office shall be four (4) years. Two being elected at each election 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 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, Treasurer, Reading Clerk and Statistician 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 co-operate 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 treasury 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 of permanent disability or upon reaching the age of 70 years.
2. The titles given above Free Will Baptist Minister of 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 of 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.