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ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This body shall open after each adjournment with prayer.

2. Call for letters, read and enroll names of delegates, ministers and deacons present.

3. Call for petitionary letters.

4. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us.

5. Call for corresponding messengers.

6. Unfinished business.

7. New business.

8. Executive and appointed committee reports.

9. Treasurer and ordaining council reports.

10. Election of officers.

11. Installation of officers and appointing of committees.

12. Adjournment.

OFFICIALS OF

THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Moderator: Rev. E. J. Norman_______Route 1, Perry, Fla. Assistant Moderator: Bro. Lanzy Grubbs ______Perry, Fla. Clerk-Treasurer: Bro. Robert Walker_____Route 1, Perry, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Walter Fulford	Monticello,	Fla.
Bro. M. H. Cleveland	Quincy,	Fla.
Bro. T. F. Bonds		
Bro. Lanzy Grubbs	•	
Bro. Hollis Bennett	• •	
Bro. Leroy Fowler	• •	

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. H. Turner	Ocala,	Fla.
Rev. J. B. Stewart	Live Oak,	Fla.
Rev. O. K. Grubbs	•	
Rev. K. J. Esther	Tallahassee,	Fla.
Bro. Claude Davis		

COMMITTEES

Preaching: St. Johns Church Temperance: Oak Hill Church Finance: Ocala Church Planning: Lake Bradford Church Education and Sunday School: Mount Carmel Church Resolutions: Macedonia Church Obituaries: Suwannee Springs Church

Proceedings

The Fifty-Eighth Annual Session of the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Lake Bradford Free Will Baptist Church at Tallahassee, Florida, on October 10, 1959. The meeting was called to order at 10 o'clock by the moderator. The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven," followed with prayer by Rev. Dewey Jones. "Joy Unspeakable" was sung.

Call for letters. Letters were read and delegates were seated as follows: St. Johns: Bro. Robert Odom, Sisters Ruby Green and Elsie Carlton.

Lake Bradford: Sisters T. C. Norman, Syble Herndon and Audrey Herndon.

Mount Olive: Bro. and Sister Obie Holden, Sister Susie Jones and Sister Ruis.

Quincy: Bro. and Sister Davis.

Ocala: Sister Tillis, Sister Turner and Sister Fowler.

Suwannee Springs: Bro. and Sister W. H. Kastor, Bro. and Sister B. W. Deese.

Oak Hill: Bro. Wm. Tillman, Sisters Louise Bonds and Phyllis Grubbs. Macedonia: Bros. Fred Stokley, Sheely Cooper and Sisters Fulford and Hagan.

Tampa: Bro. Carl Rice and Bro. and Sister Walter Rice.

Mount Carmel: Sisters Mattie Touchton, Martha Touchton and Anna Grubbs.

Visiting Bro. Ed McKinney was invited to sit with us.

There were twelve (12) ministers present.

The congregation sang "Send the Light," then prayer by Bro. J. L. McDaniel. "Alone in the Garden" was sung, followed with prayer by Rev. A. Brumby. Song Service was closed with "Jesus Walks With Me."

Rev. Woodrow Messex then brought an inspiring message from St. Matthew 4:16-20; subject, "Follow Me."

Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Eddie Norman.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song, "Will You Meet Me Over Yonder," followed with prayer by Sister Tillis.

Unfinished business:

Report on education, given by Rev. K. J. Esther.

"We recommend that this body set up a student loan fund for students wishing to attend Mount Olive Junior College. Also to be used as a means of encouraging our young people to attend a Christian college. This money to be made up of freewill gifts and offerings. This money will be administered by the college. Appoint a committee to keep in touch with the college and make an annual report to this body."

Motion carried to accept this resolution.

New business:

Delegates elected to represent this body at the State Association: Bro.

and Sister Walter Rice, Sister Martha Touchton and Bro. Eddie Norman. Motion carried to amend the first four articles of the Church Covenant under the ministry.

Motion carried to reduce money from this association to the State Association, from 25% to 10% of income.

Motion carried to reduce money from this association to the home mission fund from 50% to 25% of associational income.

Motion carried to have 300 minutes printed.

Motion carried to revise executive committee.

Motion carried that delegates from Suwannee Springs Church write a card of thanks to the host church.

Motion carried that Rev. K. J. Esther, Rev. Woodrow Messex and Bro. J. L. McDaniel serve as student loan committee.

Motion carried to elect Bro. Claude Davis to the ordaining council, to replace Bro. J. L. McDaniel who resigned.

Other officers elected were: Bro. Lanzy Grubbs, Hollis Bennett and Leroy Fowler to the executive committee.

Moderator: Rev. E. J. Norman

Assistant Moderator: Bro. Lanzy Grubbs.

Clerk-Treasurer: Bro. Robert Walker.

Motion carried to pay moderator and clerk for services rendered the past year.

REPORTS

Temperance Committee: Adopted.

Planning Committee: Adopted. Obituary Committee: Adopted. Finance Committee: Adopted. Education and Sunday School Committee: Adopted. Ordaining Council Report: Adopted. Treasurer's Report: Adopted. Card of thanks read and accepted.

REPORTS AS ADOPTED

The Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church of Live Oak, Florida, acting as temperance committee to the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists, submit the following recommendations:

1. That all Free Will Baptists be warned of the fatal danger of intemperance.

2. Paul teaches that we should be temperate in all things.

3. Temperance is a fruit of the spirit.

Therefore let us be temperate in all things.

We, the Lake Bradford Free Will Baptist Church, recommend that the quarterly meetings be held at the following:

January 30, 1960, First Free Will Baptist Church, Quincy, Florida. May 28, 1960, Ocala Free Will Baptist Church, Ocala, Florida. July 30, 1960, First Free Will Baptist Church, Tampa, Florida.

The annual association to be held at the St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Florida, on October 8, 1960.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the obituary committee, wish to express our deepest sympathy for the deceased as follows:

Bro. Otis Price, First Church of Tampa. Sister Daisy Howington, First Church of Tampa. Bro. John W. Courtney, St. Johns Church, Perry. Bro. B. Wright, St. Johns Church, Perry. Bro. Caleb Williams, St. Johns Church, Perry Sister Nellie Ray Williams, Mt. Carmel Church, Perry.

Mrs. Clanch Carter, Chairman

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND EDUCATION REPORT

We are greatly proud of the works of the people in our Sunday schools and leagues in our different churches.

We are proud that they are doing such good work in teaching the Word of God to His young and old people.

We are also proud of the good works of our Sunday School Convention, and pray the Lord's blessings on it.

Sister Martha Touchton

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, of the resolutions committee, wish to submit the following: That all churches work for a better understanding and upbuilding of God's Kingdom by greater fellowship, one toward another.

Macedonia Church

CARD OF THANKS

We, the members, delegates, preachers and deacons of the North Florida Free Will Baptist Association, wish to thank the people of Lake Bradford for the welcome, hospitality and good food served during our visit with them. Mrs. J. B. Stewart, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand \$ 371.07 November 29, 1958, Quarterly Meeting 119.25 November 29, 1958, Refund from O. K. Grubbs / 10.00 March 28, 1959, Quarterly Meeting 220.97 May 31, 1959, Quarterly Meeting 182.31 August 29, 1959, Quarterly Meeting 210.81

Total

Moderator Clerk State Association Disbursements

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\$25.00

\$1,114.41

25.00 29.08

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Ocala Mission	140.00
Home Mission Fund	59.62
State Treasurer	29.81
Minutes, Free Will Baptist Press	91.42
Home Mission Fund	110.48
State Treasurer	55.24
Postage	.39
Gift to Mission Fund	128.64
Home Mission Fund	91.15
State Treasurer	45.50
Home Mission Fund	105.40
State Treasurer	52.70
Total Disbursements	\$989.33
Total Cash	\$1,114.41
Less Disbursements	989.33
Total Cash on Hand, October 10, 1959	\$ 125.08
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HOME MISSION FUND	¢ 20.20
November 1958, Fellowship Meeting	\$ 20.30
November 1958, Special Offering November 1958, Earmarked at Quarterly Meeting	50.09 40.00
November 1958, 50% Associational Income	59.64
December 1958, Woman's Auxiliary	7.85
March 1959, Quarterly Meeting	110.48
May 1959, Gift from Association	128.64
June 1959, Quarterly Meeting	91.15
August 1959, Quarterly Meeting	105.40
August 1959, Refund, Lakewood Mission	225.00
Total Income	\$838.55
Disbursements	
November 1958, House, Brother Turner	\$ 40.00
December 1958, House, Bro. Turner	20.00
December 1958, Groceries, Bro. Turner	15.00
January 1959, House Rent, Bro. Turner	20.00
March 1959, Williston Mission, Bro. Brantley	7.00
April 1959, Williston Mission, Bro. Brantley	15.00
May 1959, Repair Ocala Mission	50.00
May 1959, Loan, Tallahassee Mission	225.00
May 1959, Williston Mission, Bro. Brantley	25.00
July 1959, Williston Mission, Bro. Brantley	30.00
September 1959, Mileage Mission Board, Rev. E. J. Norman	a 35.35
Total Disbursements	\$482.35
Total Income, Mission Fund for One Year	\$838.55
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Total Disbursements

Total Balance on Hand

\$356.20

482.35

Brother Robert Walker, Treasurer

Constitution

Article 1. This shall be the constitution of the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. The object of the annual conference shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means of strict conformity to the Holy Scriptures.

Article 3. This conference shall be composed of ministers and active deacons who are members of churches belonging to this body, and of delegates from these churches. Each church shall have three delegates for the first 100 members or fraction thereof and one additional delegate for each additional 100 members or fraction thereof.

Article 4. The delegates from each church shall bear to the conference a letter certifying their appointment, showing the condition and statistics of the church and giving a statement of all funds raised during the year for denominational or other benevolent purposes.

Article 5. Meetings: (1) The sessions of this association shall be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October.

(2) This association shall sponsor a quarterly meeting to be held on Saturday before the fifth Sunday in each quarter whose representation shall be the same as that of the association.

Article 6. Finances: (1) The general expense of the association shall be provided by each church according to its ability. The moderator and clerk shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each per year, and the remainder of the money shall be used for minutes, postage and any other expense that may occur.

(2) Each church is requested to send 10% of its income to the treasurer of the quarterly meetings, and the association, for the different phases of the denomination work.

Article 7. The officers of this body shall be a moderator, an assistant moderator and a secretary-treasurer, who shall be elected annually for a term of one year and shall be assisted, if needed, by out-going officers. These officers shall be installed at the close of each annual session.

Article 8. This conference may at each regular meeting elect as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in carrying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of the conference.

RECOMMENDED CHURCH DECORUM

1. Each local church is a distinct and independent organization with full authority to manage its own internal affairs, elect its officers, receive, dismiss, discipline and exclude members. But this principle of independence

is not held as a law of isolation; on the contrary, churches conveniently situated associate and co-operate in all things which tend to advance the common cause of Christ's Kingdom on earth.

2. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last conference in the associational year; or if it prefers, it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time, to continue from year to year, as long as they may deem it profitable to keep up the connection.

3. When a pastor wishes to resign a church he shall give the church a sixty (60) day notice; or when the church wishes to call a pastor it shall give the present pastor a sixty (60) day notice.

4. The pastor shall be moderator of the church, but when the moderator is absent or does not sit, the members of the church shall select one of the deacons to sit in his place.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and distribution of all contributions, and to assist the pastor in administration of the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saint's Feet.

6. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

7. Some suitable member shall be elected clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recordings and writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.

8. When a clerk is elected, all of the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the church shall be delivered to the church, then to the new clerk.

9. Some suitable member shall be elected treasurer whose duty is shall be to distribute all funds as directed by the church.

10. A board of trustees shall be elected to serve indefinitely. They shall hold title to all property and convey said property in the discretion of a four-fifths (4/5) majority of those present in conference after announcement of at least thirty (30) days in advance.

11. Conference shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer unless divine service has just been concluded and usually then; (2) invite visitors to seats; (3) read minutes of last conference; (4) read the treasurer's report; (5) check absentees; (6) call for acknowledgements; (7) ask for committee reports; (8) call matters of dealing; (9) elect officers when elections are due; (10) call for new and miscellaneous business; (1) close by motion and vote, and with appropriate services.

12. It shall be the duty of every church member to attend each conference meeting, if possible, for at that time the pastor is requested to instruct the church by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and rules of holy living.

13. Any male member who shall fail to attend, or request exemption three successive conference meetings, and any church member who may be generally remiss in attending meetings of the church shall be cited to appear

in conference and answer for his or her conduct; but the church may exempt members from this upon their request.

14. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church which male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

15. A vote shall not be taken upon a question without a move and second, and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

16. Visitors called in as help from sister churches shall be permitted to speak, make motions or seconds, but they shall not vote.

17. A motion to amend shall be the only motion in order while another move and second is before the conference, except a motion to table.

18. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being called to order by the moderator.

19. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who speak must rise to their feet, and keep to the point in debate.

20. No one shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be longer than five minutes without permission of the conference.

21. When the moderator speaks he must address some brother as moderator until he finishes speaking.

22. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it be necessary

to call him to order.

23. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial provided his residence be known to the church.

24. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

25. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined until the church has agreed to hear the testimony of the witness.

26. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgement shall be recorded in the church book.

27. Only members in good standing are dismissed from the church, and these for no other reason than to unite with some other church. Such members receive letters of honorable dismission, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other. A withdrawal without such letter is equivalent to excommunication and treated as such by the church.

28. Any person who confesses Christ may join the church by letter, baptism, statement, or restoration; but in all cases baptism must have been accomplished.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM-BYLAWS

1. The moderator shall call the association and quarterly meeting together as directed under the constitution.

2. Every minister, deacon and delegate shall attend.

3. The moderator shall see that order is preserved and submit all actions to the body. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, but appoint some other brother as chairman while speaking. He shall not have the right to vote unless it be in case of a tie, then he may cast the deciding vote. The moderator shall be ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

4. The vice-moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the moderator in his absence.

5. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

6. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second. No person shall speak more than three times on the same subject, and not more than ten minutes each time without permission from the body.

7. If any member, in the judgment of the conference, shall show anger in his discussion on any subject, he shall forfeit his seat in that conference.

8. No minister, deacon or delegate shall, during the sitting of the general conference, be at liberty to fill any place, as to preaching or hearing at the stage, only as liberty shall be granted by the conference.

9. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must

rise to his feet and address the moderator. No person shall be disturbed while speaking so long as he keeps to the point in debate, except by the moderator, and then only to call him to order. The speaker must not use abusive language or personal reflections upon anyone.

10. No minister shall be considered in good standing that officiates in the rites of matrimony where either party has been divorced after becoming a Christian, except it be for fornication.

11. No minister or deacon shall be considered in good standing with this body who lives or teaches contrary to the rules and regulations of this body and the Bible.

12. All ministers serving churches in this association shall preach at least one sermon each year on doctrine and the covenant.

13. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least twice each year and who does not have conference at least quarterly. The pastor's salary, number of conferences, and the number of communion and feet washing services shall be contained in the associational letter.

14. Each conference shall open with suitable devotions and prayer and close with prayer.

15. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and clerk.

16. These bylaws may be amended in the general conference by a majority vote.

Church Covenant

Having been brought, as we believe, by divine grace to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and Preserver, we do now solemnly and joyfully covenant and agree, by God's help, to walk together in brotherly love.

We, therefore, enter into covenant as members of this church and as Christians, that we will watch over each other in love, sharing together each other's joys and sorrows; that we will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together, nor omit the great duty of prayer for ourselves and others; that by divine assistance we will endeavor to bring up those under our care in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; that in all things we will strive to exemplify our profession by a corresponding practice to abstain from all sinful conformity to the world, to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in all our deportments; that we will abstain from the sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage; that we will sustain the worship, ordinances, discipline and doctrine of this church; that we will contribute cheerfully, according to our ability, to the poor and the general spread of the gospel.

THE ORGANIZATION OF A CHURCH

1. When any number of believers desire to be organized into a Free Will Baptist church, they are examined by one or more regular Free Will Baptist ministers in reference to their Christian character, doctrine and ability to sustain a church. If the examination is satisfactory the applicants are organized into a church as follows: The Bible is presented as the only rule of faith and practice. The Church Covenant is adopted. A prayer of consecration is offered. The hand of fellowship is given and the officers are elected and installed.

2. After being thus constituted, they shall be at liberty out of the number of regularly ordained ministers to choose a pastor who shall preside over them.

THE MINISTRY

1. No member of our connection shall be at liberty to take upon himself the public ministry of the Word unless he feels divinely called, and make report of same to the church. If the church shall be satisfied with the qualifications of ministers or deacons then the church is requested to submit a letter of recommendation to the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists for one year's license. All applicants shall be required to remain a licentiate for a period of three years unless called to pastor a church.

2. The church must recommend applicant to ordaining council for license or ordination thirty to ninety days in advance of quarterly meeting.

3. It shall be the duty of said council to examine such applicant as may come before them for license or ordination on the principles and doctrines

of the Bible and practices to the original Free Will Baptist church and his ability to expound the gospel. If he is found worthy, said council shall furnish him with a license or ordination after the delegates have voiced or voted approval then prayer, laying on of hands, the change and right hand of fellowship.

4. When a minister of another denomination desires to unite with one of our churches as a minister, he first becomes a member of some church, then in his case, the proceedings are the same as obtaining a license for the first year.

5. A. The minister, for disorder or transgression, shall be dealt with by the church where his name is enrolled, or by any church over which he presides as pastor.

B. The offended church shall report him by letter, signed by the clerk and the moderator, to the ordaining council who shall examine him. The council will then cancel his credentials, put offender on probation as a licentiate, or hold him in good standing. Whatever the finding, a full report will be made to offended church.

6. The church against a minister shall not receive an accusation but at the mouth of two or three witnesses (Matthew 18:16).

7. Ministers and preachers shall be considered members, and their names continue with the church where they first became members, until regularly dismissed.

ASSOCIATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The committee shall be composed of one member from each church, recommended to the annual conference by the church.

The moderator of the association shall act as chairman until the committee holds an organizational meeting, at which a chairman and a secretary will be elected from its membership. A brief record of all business will be submitted to the annual conference for approval.

DUTIES OF THE COMMITTEE:

1. To act on all matters pertaining to the association as it is the association between conferences.

2. To settle differences between churches; to settle differences between a church and a minister; and any other matters a local church is unable to settle.

3. To assist other conference officers in furthering the goals of this association and to aid ministers in proclaiming God's Word to all churches.

FREE WILL BAPTIST ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe that there is but one living true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes (1 Corinthians 8:6; Isaiah 40:28).

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the virgin Mary whom God

freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world, and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all; tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into heaven from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of heaven at the last day to judge both the quick and the dead (1 Timothy 2:56; Hebrews 2:9; St. John 3:16; Revelation 1:7; Acts 24:15; 1 John 2:2).

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world; who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God (St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Ephesians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:1).

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death (Genesis 2:17; 3:19).

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of the truth, that they might be saved, for which end Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature (Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Timothy 2:4).

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of a Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that bought them because they believe not in the name of the only begotten Son of God, unbelief therefore being the cause why the just and righteous God of heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all contradictions that all men at one time or another, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God that may be eternally saved (Acts 17:30; Mark

6:6; Hebrews 3:10; 1 John 5:10).

7. We believe the whole Scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice (2 Timothy 3:16, 17).

8. We believe in the doctrine of general provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the gospel (Luke 14:16-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Matthew 28:19, 20; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15).

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family, so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teaching whereas such who would not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and cause themselves with their own damnation for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace (Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:44-65; Psalm 1:1; Titus 2:11, 12; Jeremiah 22:29).

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considering such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction but we observe that they and such the apostle saith be-

cause they receive not the love of the truth that they might be saved, therefore, the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein for there is no respect of persons with God (Judges 1:4; 2 Peter 2:1, 2; 2 Thessalonians 2:11, 12; Romans 2:9-11). 11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own persons are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam and not that any of them dying in that state shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for of such is the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 15:2; Matthew 18:2-5; Mark 9:36, 37; Matthew 19:14).

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men (Revelation 22:14, 15; Isaiah 1:19, 20; Matthew 7:8; Jeremiah 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35).

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God (Romans 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21).

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions, yet not having decreed any person to everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, farther than He hath appointed the Godly unto life and the ungodly who die in sin unto death (Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22, 31; Matthew 25:31-46).

15. We believe, as touching gospel ordinances, in believers' baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saints' feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament (Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5-17; James 5:14).

16. We believe the gospel mode of water baptism is by immersion, and the believers are the only subjects for baptism (Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 2:38, 39; Romans 6:4; Colossians 2:12).

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day (John 5:28, 29; 2 Corinthians 5:10).

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless (Matthew 25:46).

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STATISTICAL TABLE

Church	County	Clerk, Address	astor, Address	Aembers Received	Dismissed	otal Membersh	aid Pastor	Other Expenses
First Church, Quincy	Gadsden_	Mrs. Rachel Cleveland, Quincy	Rev. Joe Esther			40	\$ 480.00	\$ 400.0
First Church, Tampa	Hillsboro	Mrs. Edna Rice, Tampa	P. O. Box 3355, Tallahassee Rev. C. M. Bagley	4	15	69	2,050.00	1,890.0
Macedonia	Jefferson.	J. B. Smith, Lamont	Plant City Rev. W. Messex	4	0	26	612.70	40.0
Oak Hill	Suwannee	Mrs. Louise Bonds, Live Oak		10	1	39	748.00	235.5
Suwannee Springs	Suwannee	Mrs. Blanch Carter, Live Oak	Rev. J. B. Stewart	11	3	39	258.40	1,093.6
First Church. Ocala	Marion	Mrs. C. C. Tillis, Ocala	Live Oak Rev. Joe Turner	39	0	39	102.37	104.7
Mt. Olive	Polk	Mrs. Susie Jones, Plant City	Ocala Rev. Dewey Jones	4	0	58	568.58	740.6
Lake Bradford	Leon	Mrs. C. J. Norman, Tallahassee	Plant City Rev. G. M. Herndon	1	0	57	254.87	269.8
St. Johns	Taylor	Mr. J. B. Carlton, Perry	Tallahassee Rev. T. F. Carlton	9	0	126	1,110.26	2,215.0
Mt. Carmel	Taylor	Mr. Hugh Davis, Perry	Perry Rev. E. J. Norman Perry	16	4	88	1,650.91	1,266.9

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