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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: Bro. Lanzy Grubbs	- - - -	Rt. 1, Perry, Florida
Assistant Moderator: Rev. T. F. Carlton	- - -	Rt. 1, Perry, Florida
Clerk Treasurer: Rev. Robert Walker	- - - -	Rt. 3, Ocala, Florida

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Walter Fulford	- - - - -	Monticello, Florida
Bro. Willie Ruis	- - - - -	Plant City, Florida
Bro. Leroy Fowler	- - - - -	Ocala, Florida
Bro. O. B. Hayes	- - - - -	Quincey, Florida
Bro. T. J. Bonds	- - - - -	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. Wilburn Grubbs	- - - - -	Perry, Florida
Bro. W. D. Courtney	- - - - -	Perry, Florida
Bro. Walter Rice	- - - - -	Tampa, Florida
Bro. George Hawthorn	- - - - -	Tampa, Florida
Bro. B. E. Coxwell	- - - - -	Tallahassee, Florida
Bro. E. M. Smith	- - - - -	Live Oak, Florida

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. H. Turner (honorary)	- - - - -	Ocala, Florida
Rev. J. B. Stewart	- - - - -	Live Oak, Florida
Rev. K. J. Esther	- - - - -	Tallahassee, Florida
Bro. Claude Davis	- - - - -	Perry, Florida
Rev. T. F. Carlton	- - - - -	Perry, Florida
Rev. Thomas Clay	- - - - -	Tampa, Florida

### COMMITTEES

Preaching	- - - - -	St. Johns Church
Temperance	- - - - -	Suwannee Springs Church
Finance	- - - - -	Oak Hill Church
Planning	- - - - -	Tampa Church
Education	- - - - -	Ocala Church
Resolutions	- - - - -	Mt. Carmel Church
Obituaries	- - - - -	Fellowship Church



# PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-first Annual Session of the North Florida Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ocala on October 13, 1962. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Brother Lanzy Grubbs. The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me" followed by prayer by Rev. H. L. Collins. Preceding the devotion by Rev. Robert Walker, the congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven". The devotion was taken from Romans 14:10-14, the subject being, Love.

Call for Church letters. Letters read and delegates seated as follows:

*Oak Hill:* Sister Gertrude Clark, Sister Mable Stewart, Sister Louise Bonds.

*Mt. Olive:* Sister W. I. Walters, Sister Agnes Byars, Sister Susie Jones.

*St. Johns:* Brother Don Pettis, Sister Pettis, Brother W. H. Bennett.

*Tampa:* Sister Alice Smith, Sister Vida Mae Rice, Sister Arelett Brown.

*Mt. Carmel:* Sister Mattie Carlton, Sister Mattie Touchton, Sister Arlene Davis.

*Ocala:* Sister Robert Walker, Brother Edwin Rea, Brother Frank Barber.

*Tallahassee:* None.

*Macedonia:* None.

*Suwannee Springs:* Sister Blanche Carter, Sister Collins.

Motion and second to accept letters as read. Motion carried.

Call for petitionary letters:

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church asked for membership in the North Florida Association of the Free Will Baptist.

Motion and second made to receive Fellowship Church. Motion carried.

Invitation given for visiting brethren to sit with us, Rev. Albright, Lake City, Florida.

Corresponding messengers — none.

Call for reading of minutes of last meeting. Motion and second made to accept minutes as read. Motion carried.

Motion and second for moderator to appoint a preaching committee. Motion carried. Committee consists of Brother Rice, Sister Collins, and Sister Walker. Committee selected Rev. T. F. Carlton to bring the morning message.

Congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus" and "Kneel At The Cross." Following with prayer was Rev. Dewey Jones. Rev. Carlton brought a very inspiring message.

Dismissed for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Meeting reconvened at 1:00 p.m. "I would Not Be Denied" was sang by the congregation. Brother Ruis followed in prayer.

New Business:

Rev. Albright made statement of no Free Will Baptist Church in Lake City. He asked backing of North Florida Association to build church there. Motion and second made that Rev. Albright come into the North Florida Association then at the next meeting make a report of what he needs. Motion carried.

Rev. Brown made report of church at Dunedin, Florida, which needs financial help. Motion and second to give Fellowship Church \$100 from Home Mission Fund.

Motion made and seconded for Association to issue good-standing cards to each minister as long as minister is in good standing. Motion carried.

Unfinished Business:

Motion and second that Executive Committee be reorganized as of today and have a report at each conference. Carried.

Motion and second to have Executive Committee work out some plan to take care of our aged ministers in the North Florida Association. Motion carried.

Motion and second to pay moderator and clerk \$50 instead of \$25. Motion carried.

Motion and second that this Association give Rev. Turner \$50 from Home Mission Fund. Carried.

Motion and second made for association to grant Rev. O. D. Phillips 90 days extension to repay loan. Motion carried.

Motion and second to accept report of Executive Committee. Carried.

Rev. J. H. Turner resigned as member of Ordaining Council. Motion and second that Rev. Turner be placed on an inactive list and remain as an honorary member for life. Motion carried.

Rev. Thomas Clay elected to take Rev. Turner's place. Motion and second to keep rest of Ordaining Council. Carried.

Treasurer's report given. Accepted.

Election of delegates to state Association: Sister Alice Smith, Sister Kathaline O'Hallaron and Sister Trudy Walters elected to attend State Association.

Rev. Brown and Bro. Rice elected to State Mission Board.

Move and second to have 500 minutes printed. Motion carried.

Motion and second to keep same officers in association. Move and second to amend the above motion and elect Rev. T. F. Carlton as Assistant Moderator. Motion Carried.

Motion and second made to have moderator appoint a Church Committee. Carried.

Motion and second to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Espy.

Rev. H. L. Collins, Rev. W. W. Espy, and Rev. Robert Walker were ordained to preach the gospel and each were presented with a Bible.

## REPORTS AS ADOPTED

### *Temperance Committee*

Are they who abstain from these evils safe from temptations. Then shalt those walk in thy way safely and thy foot shall not stumble. PROV. 3:23

### *Resolutions Committee*

We, the Resolutions Committee, wish to submit the following:

That all churches work together more, always in prayer that God's will be done in our lives, so that the world can see Jesus in us. Also that the churches can come together in prayer for the leaders of our country to be God fearing men. And let's all keep our promises as true as our Heavenly Father keeps His.

Mrs. Blanche Carter, Chairman  
Suwannee Springs Church

### *Obituary Committee*

We wish to express our deepest sympathy to our Brothers and Sisters for the deceased as follows:

Bro. C. C. Tillis, Ocala Church  
Sister Willie Mae McIntyre, Mt. Carmel Church  
Bro. Dexter Burnett, Suwannee Springs Church  
Sister Annie Baxter, Oak Hill Church.

Sis. Alice Smith, Chairman  
The Tampa Church

### *Finance Committee*

We, the Finance Committee wish to report that \$179.35 has been given to this Association today.

Sis. Arlene Davis, Chairman  
Mt. Carmel Church

### *Education Committee*

We recommend a greater educational program by supporting our Sunday School and League by attendance, finance, and prayers.

Mrs. Molly Pettis, Chairman  
St. Johns Church

### *Planning Committee*

St. Johns, Perry	- - - - -	March 30, 1963
Fellowship, Dunedin	- - - - -	June 29, 1963
Macedonia, Monticello	- - - - -	Sept. 28, 1963
Oak Hill, Live Oak (annual)	- - - - -	October 12, 1963

### *Executive Committee*

We, the Executive Committee, find no justifications in the accusation brought against Rev. O. D. Phillips.

Bro. Walter Rice  
Bro. W. J. Grubbs  
Bro. Jeff Bonds

### *Card of Thanks*

To the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ocala: Speaking for the conference held at Ocala Church, we appreciate everything your church has done to make our brothers and sisters in Christ welcome. We pray that God will prosper and keep you till we meet again.

Rev. W. W. Espy



## ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Rev. J. H. Turner, Route 3, Box 107-B, Ocala, Florida  
Rev. Robert Walker, Route 3, Box 300, Ocala, Florida  
Rev. T. F. Carlton, Route 1, Box 394, Perry, Florida  
Rev. O. D. Phillips, 816 Anthony Rd., Ocala, Florida  
Rev. Dewey Jones, 1805 N. Lime St., Plant City, Florida  
Rev. Jack Brantley,  
Rev. L. O. V. Eads, 2130 Rambla, Tampa, Florida  
Rev. R. L. Bailes, 2001 W. Southgate, Tampa, Florida  
Rev. W. W. Espy, 4411 Wallcoast, Tampa, Florida  
Rev. Eugene Hay  
Rev. Willie Rewis, Box 362, Highland City, Florida  
Rev. J. G. Mathis, Perry, Florida  
Rev. Wayne Brown, 1708 Thonatasassa Rd., Plant City, Florida  
Rev. K. J. Esther, Perry, Florida  
Rev. E. J. Norman,  
Rev. J. B. Stewart, Rt. 5, Box 270, Live Oak, Florida  
Rev. Arnold Woodlief  
Rev. Wayne Hicks, 842 S. Adams St., Quincy, Florida  
Rev. H. L. Collins, Live Oak, Florida  
Rev. Thomas Clay, 10905 Arden St., Tampa, Florida

## DEACONS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Bro. James Adcock	Bro. Sam Pitts
Bro. Birnes Massey	Bro. W. I. Walters
Bro. Frank Morrow	Bro. Henry Clay
Bro. Robert Odom	Bro. George Hawthorne
Bro. Coy Green	Bro. Walter Rice
Bro. Luther Sadler	Bro. Luther Allen
Bro. J. L. McDaniel	Bro. B. E. Coxwell
Bro. Claude Davis	Bro. Leon C. Dunlap
Bro. Lanzy A. Grubbs	Bro. B. Hudson
Bro. Hugh Davis	Bro. Walter Fulford
Bro. W. O. Carter	Bro. Fred Stokly
Bro. R. W. McKnight	Bro. O. V. Hayes
Bro. H. L. McKnight	Bro. T. J. Bonds

# TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Cash on hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 312.24
Received at Annual Meeting (October 7, 1961)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	163.77
Received at Quarterly Meeting (December, 1961)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	174.75
Received at Quarterly Meeting (April, 1962)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	233.46
Received at Quarterly Meeting (July, 1962)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	172.22
Received from Rev. Turner (loan)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
Total received from all sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$1,256.44</u>

## *Disbursements*

Moderator	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 25.00
Clerk	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25.00
Loaned O. D. Phillips	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16.38
Home Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.94
Perry News	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1.91
State Association Fee	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.00
L. A. Grubbs, Expense to Association	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11.25
Typing of Minutes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5.00
Home Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.69
State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.48
Press (for minutes)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122.59
Loaned Rev. Turner	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200.00
F.W.B. Bible & Book Supply	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2.24
Home Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.12
State Treasurer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20.84
Home Mission Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.06
Miami Refugee Center	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100.00
Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15.00
Total Disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 869.72</u>
Total Cash	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,256.44
Less Disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>869.72</u>
Total Cash on Hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<u>\$ 386.72</u>

## HOME MISSION FUND

Cash on Hand	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 302.66
October 7, 1961, Annual Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30.94
December 30, 1961, Quarterly Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.69
Rev. O. D. Phillips, tithes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14.00
April 28, 1962, Quarterly Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52.12
July 25, 1962, Quarterly Meeting	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	43.06
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Total received from all sources	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 486.47
Nothing has been payed out of the									
Home Mission Fund since last annual.									
Total cash on hand (Association)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 369.72
Total cash on hand (Home Mission)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 486.47
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Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	\$ 873.19

# 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 denominational 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 it 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 ( $\frac{4}{5}$ ) 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; (11) 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 dismissal, 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 to 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 and call of this person, she may grant him license to preach the gospel, signed by the pastor and clerk.

2. If he is found useful, the church may recommend said person to the ordaining council. The recommendation shall be signed by the pastor and clerk of the church where the applicant holds membership.

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



and practices of the original Free Will Baptist church, and on his ability to expound the gospel. If he is found worthy, said council shall furnish him with a certificate of ordination after they have ordained him by fasting, laying on of hands, prayer, a charge and the 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 those in ordaining a licentiate.

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 difficulties between churches; to settle differences between a church and a minister; and any other matter 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 in 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 because 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 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).

Churches	Counties	Clerk and Address	Pastor and Address	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Other Expenses
First Church, Quincy	Gadsen		Rev. Wayne Hicks					
First Church, Tampa	Hillsboro	Bro. J. L. Dunlap Rt. 1, Box A1A, Seffner	Rev. Wayne Brown 1708 Thonatasassa Rd., Plant City	41	32	61	\$ 571.90	\$4,261.61
Macedonia	Jefferson	Bro. J. B. Smith Rt. 1, Box 247, Lamont	Rev. K. J. Esther P.O. Box 3355 MSS, Tallahassee	0	0	27	43.55	247.29
Oak Hill	Suwannee	Sis. Louise Bonds Rt. 5, Box 245, Live Oak	Rev. J. B. Stewart Rt. 5, Box 270, Live Oak	9	1	57	160.29	191.94
Suwannee Springs	Suwannee	Sis. Blanche Carter Rt. 3, Live Oak	Rev. H. L. Collins P.O. Box 184, Live Oak	9	5	45	443.30	674.85
First Church, Ocala	Marion	Sis. Charlie Tillis P.O. Box 1610, Ocala	Rev. Robert Walker Rt. 3, Box 300, Ocala	8	4	36	674.22	203.15
Mt. Carmel	Taylor	Sis. Eunice Israel Rt. 1, Box 132, Perry	Rev. O. D. Phillips Ft. King, Ocala	8	9	85	2,206.32	1,387.10
St. Johns	Taylor	Bro. Alva D. Mixon P.O. Box 845, Perry	Rev. T. F. Carlton Rt. 1, Box 394, Perry	12	0	193	2,455.60	627.62
Mt. Olive	Polk	Sis. Susie Jones 1805 N. Lime St., Plant City	Rev. Dewey Jones 1805 N. Lime St., Plant City	0	2	59	250.00	282.00
Tallahassee Free Will	Leon	Bro. Barney Stallworth 2838 Bootner St., Tallahassee	Rev. Clyde Owens 3610 Falcon Dr., Tallahassee	17	12	65	2,485.00	2,933.09
Fellowship		Bro. L. L. O'Quinn Rt. 2, Box 601, Clearwater	Rev. Thomas Clay 10905 Ardent St., Tampa	10	0	10		

