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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. Thomas Clay ..... Tampa, Florida  
Clerk-Treasurer: ~~Rev. Robert Walker~~ ..... ~~Perry~~, Florida

Walter Rice Tampa

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Walter Fulford ..... Monticello, Florida  
Bro. Leroy Fowler ..... Ocala, 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. Marian Lamb ..... Live Oak, Florida

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. J. H. Turner (honorary) ..... Perry, Florida  
Rev. J. B. Stewart ..... Live Oak, Florida  
Rev. L. O. V. Eads ..... Tampa, Florida  
Bro. Claude Davis ..... Perry, Florida  
Rev. T. F. Carlton ..... Perry, Florida  
Rev. Thomas Clay ..... Tampa, Florida

COMMITTEES

Preaching ..... Oak Hill Church  
Temperance ..... Tampa Church  
Finance ..... Tallahassee Church  
Planning ..... St. Johns Church  
Education ..... Fellowship Church  
Resolutions ..... Macedonia Church  
Obituaries ..... Suwannee Springs Church

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-third Annual Session of the North Florida Association of the Free Will Baptists met with the First Free Will Baptist Church on October 10, 1964. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Brother Lanzy Grubbs. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" followed by prayer by Bro. Herman Davis. Preceding the devotion by Rev. Eads, the congregation sang, "Standing on the Promises". The devotion was taken from Romans 12:1-4.

Call for Church letters, read and accepted (after correction). Delegates seated.

St. Johns — Bro. Don Pettis, Sister Martha Pettis and Bro. Phil Lee.

Mt. Carmel — Herman Davis, Velma Grubbs and Geneva Dalton.

First Tampa Church — Bro. James Watson, Bro. Dan Burke and Bro. James Clay.

Oak Hill — Sister Mable Stewart, Sister Louise Bonds and Sister Momie Bond.

Suwannee Springs — Bro. and Sister Marion Lamb, and Bro. and Sister Ted Herring.

Fellowship — Bro. and Sister Frank Cobb and Sister Harris.

Lake City — Sister Eva Albright and Sister Daisy Albright.

Macedonia — No delegates.

Tallahassee — No delegates.

Call for Petitionary letters: None

Lake City letter brought in late by Bro. Edgar Albright. Letter read and accepted as read. Delegates seated.

One visiting Brethren recognized.

Late letter from Tallahassee Church.

No corresponding messengers.

Rev. Thomas Clay, pastor of Tampa Church, welcomed everyone here.

The congregation sang "Just a Little Talk With Jesus", prior to the morning message by Rev. Floyd Dalton. His message was taken from II Chronicles 7:14.

The congregation sang "Just as I Am" as the Benediction. Dismissed for lunch.

## AFTERNOON SESSION

Reconvened at 1:00 for business, with congregation singing "Kneel at The Cross".

Rev. Joe Ester was granted permission to speak before having to leave.

Minutes distributed for reference during Business Meeting. Minutes read and accepted as read.

No unfinished business.

New Business: There was some conflict about the reprimanding letter to each Church. Bro. Lanzy Grubbs explained the letter, as some felt they were to send \$25.00 in order to remain in the association. Motion made and seconded to accept the present Executive Committee with the exception of Bro. George Hawthorn who has moved his letter. Motion carried.

Reports — Committee to study the possibilities of a Promotional Secretary. Reported that the Association wasn't financially able to support such an office at present. Moved and seconded to table the matter indefinitely. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read.

Committee Reports read and accepted as read. Moved and seconded to keep the present Ordaining Council. Motion carried.

Rev. Ed McKenney spoke on the condition of the Churches not supporting the association with their delegates and contributions.

Election of Officers — Bro. Walter Rice was elected by proclamation and given a standing vote of support.

Moderator — Bro. Lanzy Grubbs and Bro. Thomas Clay were nominated. Bro. Lanzy Grubbs was re-elected.

Motion was made and seconded to accept Rev. Thomas Clay as assistant Moderator.

Sister Vida Mae Rice, Sister Alice Smith and Sister Don Pettis volunteered as delegates to the State Association which convened at the camp grounds at Bascom, Florida. Rev. Dalton made a motion to pay gas expenses to the State Association.

Motion carried for Chair to appoint Churches to committees.

Motion made and seconded to print 300 minutes. Motion carried.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. Adjourned with prayer by Bro. Walter Rice.

**REPORTS AS ADOPTED**

**Planning Committee**

We the Planning Committee recommend that the associational meetings be held at the following churches in 1965:

Tallahassee .....	January 30, 1965
? .....	May 29, 1965
Mt. Carmel .....	August 28, 1965
St. Johns (annual) .....	October 2, 1965

Planning Committee  
Suwannee Springs Free Will  
Baptist Church

**Resolutions Committee**

We the Resolutions Committee believe that churches should work closely together in brotherly love. We would like to see our association grow in membership both in churches and people.

Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church  
W. B. Frank Cobb

**Temperance Committee**

No report.

### Obituary Committee

We the members of the Association wish to extend our very deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of our dear brothers and sisters: Bro. Ebb McDaniel, Bro. Hopson, Bro. J. H. Farnell and Sister Lillie Robertson. May our loss be Heaven's gain.

The First Free Will Baptist Church  
Tampa

### Education Committee

We your Education Committee wish to encourage the adults to work with and support the young people of the churches and give them an active part. We feel they would love to be a part of each phase of the church. The Bible says to train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it and if the church doesn't train them the world will.

Oak Hill Church  
Education Committee

### Finance Report

\$ 8.00  
10.00  
10.00  
25.00  
10.00  
5.00  
5.00  
15.00  

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\$88.00

St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church  
Perry

### Mission Report

The Mission work began in Lake City has become an organized church. The work in Ocala has been discontinued.

### IN MEMORIAM

A few days after our annual meeting, Rev. Robert Walker was called to rest. We feel a great loss, but feel that our loss is adding another jewel to Heaven. He will be greatly missed when we meet. We pray God's richest blessings on his family.

### COMMITTEES

Preaching .....	Oak Hill Church
Temperance .....	Tampa Church
Finance .....	Tallahassee Church
Planning .....	St. Johns Church
Education .....	Fellowship Church
Resolutions .....	Macedonia Church
Obituaries .....	Suwannee Springs Church



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

Bro. James Adcock  
Bro. Frank Morrow  
Bro. R. L. Hilburn  
Bro. Robert Odom  
Bro. Coy Green  
Bro. Luther Sadler  
Bro. J. L. McDaniel  
Bro. Claude Davis  
Bro. Lanzy A. Grubbs  
Bro. Hugh Davis  
Bro. W. O. Carter  
Bro. R. W. McKnight  
Bro. Robert Jordon

Bro. Billy Hudson  
Bro. William H. Scott  
Bro. James L. Dunlap  
Bro. H. L. McKnight  
Bro. Robert E. Carter  
Bro. Sam Pitts  
Bro. Henry Clay  
Bro. Walter Rice  
Bro. Leon Dunlap  
Bro. Walter Fulford  
Bro. Fred Stokly  
Bro. T. J. Bonds  
Bro. B. M. Yates

Bro. Bernard Peters

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

Rev. J. H. Turner .....	Perry, Florida
Rev. Floyd Dalton .....	
Rev. T. F. Carlton .....	Rt. 1 Box 394, Perry, Florida
Rev. L. O. V. Eads .....	2130 Rambla, Tampa, Florida
Rev. R. L. Bailes .....	2001 W. Southgate, Tampa, Florida
Rev. W. W. Espy .....	4411 Wallcraft, Tampa, Florida
Rev. J. G. Mathis .....	Perry, Florida
Rev. J. B. Stewart .....	Rt. 5 Box 270, Live Oak, Florida
Rev. Arnold Woodlief.....	
Rev. Thomas Clay.....	10905 Arden St., Tampa, Florida
Rev. George Stafford .....	
Rev. Edgar Albright .....	
Rev. William D. Oprey .....	
Rev. Jack Brantley .....	
Rev. Ed McKenny .....	
Rev. John F. Williams .....	

## TREASURER'S REPORT GENERAL FUND

Balance brought forward October 11, 1963 .....	\$462.02
<b>MONEY RECEIVED</b>	
Annual Meeting, Oak Hill, October 12, 1963 .....	78.00
Quarterly Meeting, Tallahassee, March 28, 1964 .....	74.00
Quarterly Meeting, Suwannee Springs, May 30, 1964 .....	66.00
Quarterly Meeting, Mt. Carmel, August 28, 1964 .....	71.00
	\$751.02



**PAID OUT**

Home Mission Fund .....	\$ 72.65
State Treasurer, Coop. Program .....	37.30
Moderator .....	50.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Minutes and Postage .....	85.60
O. K. Grubbs for letters concerning prayer in schools .....	6.75
Gift to Ocala Church .....	100.00
Letter forms .....	8.00
Rent on Church in Lake City .....	225.00
Windows for Ocala Church .....	45.00
	<u>\$680.30</u>
Balance October 1, 1964.....	\$ 70.72

**HOME MISSION FUND**

Balance on hand October 1, 1963 .....	\$272.06
<b>MONEY RECEIVED</b>	
Annual Meeting, Oak Hill, October 12, 1963 .....	\$ 19.50
Quarterly Meeting, Tallahassee, March 28, 1964 .....	18.50
Quarterly Meeting, Suwannee Springs, May 30, 1964 .....	16.90
Quarterly Meeting, Mt. Carmel, August 28, 1964 .....	17.75
Received from Tampa Church .....	16.50
	<u>\$361.21</u>

No Disbursements

# 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 fifty dollars (\$50.00) 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 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 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	Clerks and Addresses	Pastors and Addresses	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Other Expenses
Mt. Carmel	Taylor	Hugh Davis Perry 817 N. Quincy	Rev. Floyd Dalton Box 486, Monticello	12	4	92	\$3,783.70	\$2,921.55
St. Johns	Taylor	Bro. Alva D. Mixon Box 845, Perry	Rev. T. F. Carlton Rt. 1 Box 394, Perry	5	4	200	2,731.24	4,705.81
First Church, Tampa	Hillsboro	Sis. Alice Smith 3805 55th St. Tampa	Rev. Thomas Clay 10905 Arden Tampa			71	643.00	3,279.59
Tallahassee	Leon	George Edenfield 818 Greenbay	Rev. Clyde Owens 3610 Falcon Dr.	14	9	72		5,868.58
Oak Hill	Suwannee	Sis. Louise Bonds Rt. 5 Box 245 Live Oak		2	2	53	258.11	361.61
Suwannee Springs	Suwannee	Sis. Blanche Carter Rt. 3, Live Oak		3	4	38	418.08	398.18
Macedonia	Jefferson	Bro. J. B. Smith Jr. Rt. 1 Box 247 Lamont	Rev. S. T. Shultes Colquitt, Ga.	6	5	33	1,206.55	1,948.32
Fellowship	Pinellas	Bro. Frank Cobb 804 Florida Palm Harbour	Rev. Ed McKenny 1255 Georgia Ave. Dunedin	8		16	35.00	85.00
Lake City	Columbia	Sis. Pauline Corbett	Rev. Edgar Albright 1011 S. Marion St. Lake City	1		12		308.13

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