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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. Floyd Dalton Monticello, Florida
Assistant Moderator: Claude Davis Perry, Florida
Clerk-Treasurer: Walter F. Rice Tampa, Florida

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Walter Fulford Monticello, 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. Marion 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 J. Clay Tampa, Florida

COMMITTEES

Preaching Mt. Carmel Church
Temperance St. Johns Church
Finance Tampa Church
Planning Suwannee Springs Church
Education Macedonia Church
Resolutions Oak Hill Church
Obituaries Lake City Church

PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Fourth Annual Session of the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists meet with St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Fla., on October 2, 1965. Services were called to order with congregation singing "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." Bro. Albright led in Prayer. Just before the devotional, the congregation sang "The Kingdom Is Coming," followed by prayer by Bro. Stephens. Bro. James Dunlap brought the devotional from 23rd Chapter of St. Matthew. He gave a wonderful talk on the obligation of each church member to his church.

Call for letters and seat delegates.

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

Mt. Carmel — Sister Nettie Touchton, Bro. Leonard Grubbs and Bro. Wilburn Grubbs.

Lake City — No delegates.

First Tampa Church — Bro. James Dunlap.

Oak Hill — Sister Mable Stewart and Bro. Monroe Bonds.

Suwannee Springs — Sister Lois McKnight, Sister Mamie Lee Lamb and Sister Dora McKnight.

Macedonia — Sister Hagan, Sister Ruth Bowers and Sister C. A. Fulford, Sr.

Letters read and delegates seated by motion, seconded and carried.

Motion by Rev. Floyd Dalton to have committee check treasurer and record books. Seconded and carried, committee appointed, Bro. Kenneth Grubbs, Bro. James Dunlap and Bro. Phil Lee.

Preaching Committee — Oak Hill, selected Rev. Clyde Owens to bring the morning message. The congregation sang "Bring Them In" followed by prayer by Bro. Strickland, another song "Are You Washed In The Blood," prayer by Rev. Floyd Dalton. Bro. Ernest Owen sang a special song.

Rev. Clyde Owen brought a wonderful message from I Corinthians, 15th Chapter, Verse 57, which was an inspiration to all.

AFTERNOON SESSION

A delightful hour of lunch and fellowship was enjoyed by all.

Reconvened after lunch. Bro. Ernest Owen read a wonderful Scripture from St. Matthew. He then gave a wonderful talk about the Association and the Cooperative Program.

Minutes read and motion made to accept as read, motion carried.

Corresponding messengers — none.

Unfinished Business — Motion made and carried to remove motion from table. Motion as to the number of meetings per year. After much discussion, vote taken, 16 in favor, 13 against: To meet twice a year.

New Business —

Bro. Claude Davis made motion to adopt the Cooperative Program, seconded by Rev. Floyd Dalton. After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made to table this matter until the Semi-Annual meeting, seconded and carried.

Delegates to State Association at Auburndale: Sister Vida Mae Rice, Sister Martha Pettis and Sister Geneva Dalton.

Committee Reports — Called for and read, motion made and carried to accept as read.

Executive Committee re-elected except the one from Ocala, as they have no church there.

Ordaining Council — Made an oral report accepting Bro. Albright's ordination. Motion made and carried to accept, this report.

Discussion on Good Standing Cards to be issued to ministers, these to be issued later.

Treasurer's report read and accepted as read.

Committee report on checking treasurer and record books. Report they are in good order, report accepted and committee dismissed.

Motion made to keep same Ordaining Council.

Election of officers —

Moderator — Rev. Floyd Dalton elected by majority vote.

Bro. Claude Davis — Assistant moderator as the next high man.

Clerk-Treasurer — Bro. Walter F. Rice re-elected.

Rev. L. O. Eads suggested we give the outgoing moderator a rising vote of thanks for his faithful service as moderator.

Bro. Lanzy Grubbs gave a wonderful talk about the sacred duty of the moderator and how much he had enjoyed being our moderator.

Rev. Floyd Dalton gave a wonderful talk about each church cooperating with their Association, and being faithful to it and their church.

Motion made and carried to keep the moderator and clerk on the same pay as before.

Motion made and carried to adjourn. Rev. Carlton dismissed with prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS ADOPTED

Planning Committee

We the Planning Committee recommend that the Association meet at the following churches:

Semi-Annual — May 28, 1966.....Lake City Free Will Baptist Church
Annual Meeting — Oct. 8, 1966.....Suwannee Springs Free Will Baptist Church
St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church
Perry, Fla.

Resolutions Committee

We, the Resolutions Committee believe that all churches should resolve to carry the banner of Christ higher and farther than ever before and especially put forth an effort to attend all our Quarterly Meetings as well as our Annual Association.

Macedonia Free Will Baptist
Church, Drifton, Fla.

Temperance

We the Temperance Committee refer all to Proverbs 20:1, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

First Free Will Baptist Church
Tampa, Fla.

Obituary Committee

We, the members of our Association wish to extend our very deepest and heartfelt sympathy for the loss of our beloved brethren in Christ, Bro. C. T. Baker, of Oak Hill and Rev. Robert Walker, of Mt. Carmel, may our loss be Heaven's gain.

Suwannee Springs Free Will Baptist
Church, Live Oak, Fla.

Finance Committee

St. Johns	\$10.00
Lake City	10.00
Macedonia	8.00
First Church, Tampa	25.00
Oak Hill	5.00
Suwannee Springs	5.00
Mt. Carmel	25.00
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	\$88.00

COMMITTEES

Preaching	Mt. Carmel
Temperance	St. Johns
Finance	First Tampa
Planning	Suwannee Springs
Education	Macedonia
Resolutions	Oak Hill
Obituary	Lake City

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Rev. J. B. Stewart	Live Oak, Florida
Rev. E. J. Norman	Eau Gallee, Florida
Rev. Edgar Albright	Lake City, Florida
Rev. Floyd Dalton	Monticello, Florida
Rev. J. H. Turner	Perry, Florida
Rev. Kenneth Grubbs	Perry, Florida
Rev. Franklin Carlton	Perry, Florida
Rev. Groover Mathis	Perry, Florida
Rev. W. W. Espy	Tampa, Florida
Rev. R. L. Bailes	Tampa, Florida
Rev. Thomas Clay	Tampa, Florida
Rev. L. O. V. Eads	Tampa, Florida

DEACONS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Bro. Fred Stokly	Monticello, Florida
Bro. Walter Fulford	Monticello, Florida
Bro. Bernard Peters	Monticello, Florida
Bro. Robert Jordon	Monticello, Florida
Bro. H. L. McKnight	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. R. W. McKnight	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. W. O. Carter	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. R. E. (Gene) Carter	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. T. J. Bonds	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. S. D. Baldwin	Lake City, Florida
Bro. Lanzy Grubbs	Perry, Florida
Bro. Claude Davis	Perry, Florida
Bro. Hugh Davis	Perry, Florida
Bro. Walter Rice	Tampa, Florida
Bro. Leon C. Dunlap	Tampa, Florida
Bro. James L. Dunlap	Tampa, Florida
Bro. Henry Clay	Tampa, Florida
Bro. Raymond L. Hilburn	Tampa, Florida
Bro. Robert Odom	Perry, Florida
Bro. Luther Sadler	Perry, Florida
Bro. Robert L. Gray, Jr.	Perry, Florida

TREASURER'S REPORT

MONEY RECEIVED

Balance brought forward October 10, 1964	\$ 387.00
General and Home Mission Fund voted to be put together	
Annual Meeting at Tampa, October 10, 1964	\$ 88.00
Quarterly Meeting at Tallahassee, January 30, 1965	82.50
Quarterly Meeting at Macedonia, May 29, 1965	78.00
Quarterly Meeting at Mt. Carmel, August 28, 1965	82.00
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	\$717.50

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk-Treasurer	50.00
Minutes	128.75
Delegates Fee to State Association	20.00
Delegates Expenses to State Association	11.69
Typing Minutes	5.00
Lake City Church for Evangelist	75.00
Free Will Press, Certificates and Cards	5.60
10% to State Free Will Baptist Treasurer	33.05
M. S. Bank Charge10
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Total Disbursements	\$379.19
Leaves Balance October 1, 1965	\$338.31

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 Expenses	Other Expenses
Mt. Carmel	Taylor	Hugh Davis 817 N. Quincy St. Perry	Rev. Floyd Dalton Monticello, Fla.	3	3	95	\$4,278.76	\$3,938.50
Oak Hill	Suwannee	Louise Bonds Rt. 5, Box 245 Live Oak	Rev. J. H. Turner Perry, Fla.	1	1	45	150.50	180.34
Suwannee Springs	Suwannee	Blanche Carter Rt. 3, Live Oak, Fla.				25	207.44	202.60
Macedonia	Jefferson	Clara Yates Rt. 1, Lamont, Fla.	Rev. S. T. Shutes Colquitt, Ga.	10		30	1,734.29	434.74
First Tampa	Hillsboro	E. D. O'Halloran 4219 56th St., Tampa		18		87	858.45	2,836.20
St. Johns	Taylor	Alva D. Mixom Box 845. Perry, Fla.	Rev. T. F. Carlton Perry, Fla.	30	2	228	3,116.00	2,024.70
Lake City	Columbia	Pauline Corbitt Rt. 2, Box 170A Lake City, Fla.	Rev. Edgar Albright 1011 S. Marion St. Lake City, Fla.			5		636.80

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