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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.

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Bro. Wilburn Grubbs (Honorary) - Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
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Bro. W. O. Carter.....Rt. 3, Box 162, Live Oak, Fla.
Bro. Wayne Hicks Quincy, Florida
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Rev. Shadie BaldwinLake City, Florida
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COMMITTEES

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Temperance St. Johns
Finance Macedonia
PlanningSuwannee Springs
Education Mt. Carmel
Resolutions Ocala
Obituary Quincy

PROCEEDINGS

The North Florida Association of Free Will Baptist convened for their 66th Annual meeting with Macedonia Church, Monticello, Florida. Services was opened with Bro. Peters leading the congregation in singing "Where The Soul Never Dies" and "Home of The Soul". Prayer by Bro. Claude Davis.

Devotion was by Rev. Johnny Eason. He read from Acts 8:1-4. The subject was "The Early Church", ending with prayer.

Business Session called to order by Moderator. Prayer by Rev. Franklin Carlton.

Call for letters

Macedonia - Bro. W. J. Glover and Sis. Lois Peters

Quincy - No delegates

Lake City - Eva Albright

Ocala - Bro. & Sis. P. T. Greene

Suwannee Springs - Sis. Dora McKinght and

Sis. Blanch Carter.

Mt. Carmel - Bro. & Sis. Albert O'Quinn and

Sis. Martha Pettis

St. Johns - Bro. Quincy Greene and Bro. Joe Carlton

Motion made and seconded to accept letters as read and seat delegates. Carried.

Call for Petitionary letters -- Quincy Church Moved by Rev. Albright that we accept letter. Sec. by Albert O'Quinn, carried.

Visiting Brethren - Rev. Johnny Eason and

Rev. Clyde Thompson

Corresponding Messengers - Same

Old Business - None

New Business - Moved and seconded to correct Article 5 to correspond with new meeting dates. Carried. Moved and seconded to put more men on Ordaining and Executive Committees. Carried.

Ordaining Council: Bro. Lanzy Grubbs, Perry, Fla.
Rev. Edgar Albright, Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Shadie Baldwin, Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Wingate Hansley, Ocala, Florida

Executive Committee:

Bro. G. W. Cope Perry, Florida
Bro. Joe B. Carlton Perry, Florida
Bro. W. O. Carter Live Oak, Florida
Rev. Wayne Hicks Quincy, Florida
Bro. Bernard Peters Monticello, Florida

The Preaching Committee met and asked that Rev. Clyde Thompson bring the morning message.

After a very inspiring message by Rev. Thompson Bro. Bernard Peters gave a welcome to the People and the association.

Dismissed for lunch.

After a delicious lunch and wonderful fellowship the meeting opened with Bro. Peters leading in a song, "Wonderful Words of Life". Prayer by Rev. Albright. Bro. Wingate Hansley gave a short talk on State Work.

Business session - A move and second to order 200 minutes printed. (Carried.)

Rev. Franklin Carlton opened a discussion concerning No. 17 in the Articles of Faith. Rev. Albright made a move and Bro. Joe B. Carlton seconded it to change No. 17 to read as follows:

"The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil to the resurrection of Damnation." Scriptures: John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22-23; II Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21 I Cor. 15:35-44; Daniel 12:2. Move carried.

A move made to pay transportation to State Association for 2 delegates, second made. Move carried. Delegates to State Sis. Alice O'Quinn and Sis. Martha Pettis. Suggested by Bro. Lanzy Grubbs, we take up love offering for Rev. Joe Turner. \$42.29 collected.

Call for Committee Reports: Reports read and accepted as read. Also to accept committees as elected. A move and second made to put Bro. Wilburn as Honorary on Executive Committee as long as he

lives. Carried. A move and second made that Executive Committee remain the same as long as active and in good standing. Carried.

Call for Treasury report:

Report read and accepted as read. A move and second to send \$20.00 to State Association. Carried. Election of Officers - Rev. Albright made a move to keep same officers. Second by Sis. Alice O'Quinn. Carried.

Standing thanks to Host Church for the wonderful fellowship and lunch enjoyed by all.

Rev. Albright moved we adjourn. Second by Rev. Baldwin. Carried.

Prayer of dismissal by Rev. Shutes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS ADOPTED

Planning Committee

We, the planning committee, recommend that the Association meet at the following churches:

Semi-annual -- April 13, 1968 -- First Church, Ocala
Annual -- October 12, 1968 -- Mt. Carmel

Resolutions Committee

We, the Committee on Resolutions, wish to make the following report:

Whereas: The North Florida Association of the Free Will Baptist is a member of the State Association and,

Whereas: The State Association has adopted the Co-operative plan of support, and:

Whereas: This plan is that the local church send its tithes through this plan to support the State and National programs; and:

Whereas: The Bible teaches tithing as God's plan of support of His work:

Therefore be it resolved:

That this association go on record as encouraging each member church to send 10% of its tithes and offerings to our State Treasurer for this purpose.

First Church, Ocala 6

Temperance Committee

We fully believe that drinking alcoholic beverages is a Sin given as evidence in the 11th verse of the 5th chapter of Isaiah; "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; That continue until night til wine inflame them." We also believe that we should be temperant in all things, except our work for the Lord.

We of the Temperance Committee recommend that Preachers and Sunday School teachers to stress the importance of abstinence from social drinking, immoral conduct and the use of dope - and to warn the young people of the dangers there-of.

St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church
Perry, Florida

Finance Committee

Quincy	\$10.00
Suwannee Springs	28.00
Lake City	10.00
Mt. Carmel	50.00
Macedonia	16.00
Ocala	10.00
St. Johns	50.00

Macedonia

Special Committee

Moderator appointed a Special Committee to investigate Oak Hill Church.

G. W. Cope
Robert Odom
Bernard Peters

Education Committee

We, the Education Committee, believe in Education: Especially Spiritual education. Let us not only send our children to Public School but always to take them

to Sunday School, because knowledge of our Savior and Salvation is more essential than any other kind of Education.

Mt. Carmel Church, Perry, Florida

Obituaries None

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

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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
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Bro. Luther Sadler, Rt. 1, Box 446..... Perry, Florida
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Rev. Jimmy Davis, 4001 Westlawn Dr. Nashville, Tenn.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Money Received

Balance brought forward	\$220.70
Annual meeting, Mt. Carmel, Oct. 8	137.00
Semi-annual, St. Johns, April 22	137.00
Special Offering to State Ass.	23.15
Total	<u>\$517.85</u>

Disbursements

Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk	50.00
M. S. Charge10
State Association fee	20.00
10% to State Free Will Bapt. treas.	13.70
Printing Minutes	95.00
Special offering to State Treas.	23.15
10% to State Free Will Bapt. Treas.	13.70
Total	<u>\$265.65</u>

Leaves Balance April 22, 1967..... \$252.20

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 this Association shall be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in October. (2) This Association shall sponsor a Semi-annual meeting to be held on Saturday before the second Sunday in April, 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 outgoing 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 wished 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 ($4/5$) 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 are 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 be 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 band 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

Article 13. 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, he 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 or 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 (I 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 (I Timothy 2:56; Hebrews 2:9; St. John 3:16; Revelation 1:7; Acts 24:15; I 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; I 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; I John 5:10).

7. We believe the whole Scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice (II 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; II Peter 2:1; II 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 (I 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 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 8:22,21; 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. The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men, each in its own order: they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life: and they that have done evil to the resurrection of Damnation. (John 5:28-29; Acts 24:15; I Cor. 15:22-23; II Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21, I Cor. 15:35-44,; Daniel 12:2).

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 & Addresses
Mt. Carmel (Taylor)	Hugh Davis 817 N. Quincy St. Perry, Florida	Rev. Floyd Dalton Box 106 Quitman, Ga.
Oak Hill (Suwanee)	Louise Bonds Rt. 5, Box 245 Live Oak, Fla.	
Suwanee Springs (Suwannee)	Blanche Carter Route 3 Live Oak, Fla.	
Macedonia (Jefferson)	Clara Yates Rt. 1, Box 163 Lamont, Fla.	Rev. S.T. Shute Rt. 4, Box 85 Colquitt, Ga.
St. Johns (Taylor)	Alva D. Mixon Box 845 Perry, Fla.	
Lake City (Columbia)	Pauline Corbitt Rt. 2, Box 170A Lake City, Fla.	Rev. Edgar Albright 1011 S. Marion Lake City, Fla.
Quincy	Laverne Wilson 842 S. Adams Quincy, Fla.	Rev. Wayne Hicks Quincy, Fla.
Ocala	Jessie Greene 221 N.W. 15th St. Ocala, Fla.	

Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Expenses	Other Expenses
8	0	98	\$6,096.85	\$3,833.17
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		28	659.98	
5	0	36	5,460.60	220.00
13	0	247	4,790.20	1,260.11
0	0	5	150.64	
7	0	53	400.00	550.00
18	0	26		
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