

# MINUTES

of the

SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

of the

North Florida Association  
of Free Will Baptists

which convened with

Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church

October 12, 1968

The next session will be held  
with the St. John's Free Will Baptist  
Church, October 11, 1969, at Perry, Florida.

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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. Johnny Eason  
 Assistant Moderator Rev. Bill Turnbaugh Route 1, Perry, Florida  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Bro. Lanzy Grubbs  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Box 185, Perry, Fla.  
 Clerk \_\_\_\_\_ Mary Alice Davis  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Box 93, Perry, Florida

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. C.R. Hammond \_\_\_\_\_ Ocala, Fla.  
 Bro. Wilburn Grubbs (Honorary) - Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.  
 Bro. George W. Cope - Rt. 1, Box 122, Perry, Florida  
~~Bro. Joe B. Carlton~~ W.D. Courtney Perry, Florida  
 Bro. W. O. Carter \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 3, Box 162, Live Oak, Fla.  
 Bro. Wayne Hicks \_\_\_\_\_ Quincy, Florida  
 Bro. Bernard Peters \_\_\_\_\_ Monticello, Florida  
Bro. Jeff Bonds \_\_\_\_\_ Oak Hill, Fl.  
~~Bro.~~ Lake City, Fl.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Bro. Lanzy Grubbs \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Box 185, Perry, Florida  
 Rev. Edgar Albright \_\_\_\_\_ 1011 S. Marion St., Lake City  
 Rev. Shadie Baldwin \_\_\_\_\_ Lake City, Florida  
 Rev. Wingate Hansley \_\_\_\_\_ Ocala, Florida  
~~Rev. T. F. Carlton \_\_\_\_\_ Rt. 1, Box 438, Perry, Florida~~  
 Bro. Claude Davis \_\_\_\_\_ 614 W. Leon St., Perry, Florida  
 Rev. Joe H. Turner (Honorary) \_\_\_\_\_ 211 S. Blair Street  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Perry, Florida

## COMMITTEES

Preaching \_\_\_\_\_ Quincy  
 Temperance \_\_\_\_\_ Suwannee Springs  
 Finance \_\_\_\_\_ Macedonia Oak Hill  
 Planning \_\_\_\_\_ Mt. Carmel  
 Education \_\_\_\_\_ Ocala  
 Resolutions \_\_\_\_\_ St. John  
 Obituary \_\_\_\_\_ Lake City  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Quincy

## PROCEEDINGS

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Meeting of the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptist convened Oct. 12, 1968 with the Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in Perry, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Floyd Dalton. Singing was led by Bro. Lanzy Grubbs. Sister Darlene Cooper played the piano. The first song was "Sunlight" and "He Set Me Free". Prayer by Rev. Franklin Carlton. The Morning Devotion was brought by Rev. Cecil C. Cooper - the Scripture reading was I John 2. The Subject (Love of the World). After devotion Rev. W. A. Hansley led in prayer.

Call for church letters by Moderator. The letters were read and delegates enrolled.

Mt. Carmel.....	Bro. Herman Davis .....	\$50.00
	Sis. Martha Pettis - Sis. Iris Wells	
St. Johns .....	Bro. Joe B. Carlton .....	\$20.00
	Bro. Quincy Greene - Bro. Phil Lee	
Macedonia .....	Sis. Shellye Cooper .....	\$16.00
	Sis. Clara Yates	
Lake City .....	Sis. Eva Albright .....	\$10.00
	Bro. Rucker Albright	
Oak Hill .....	Sis. Nellie Touchton .....	\$10.00
	Sis Hiley Ward	
Suwannee Springs .....	Sis Lois McKnight .....	\$82.00
	Sis. Blanche Carter - Bro. Marion Lamb	
Quincy .....	No Delegates .....	\$10.00
Ocala .....	Bro. G. J. Bohannon .....	\$10.00
	Bro. Charles Tessier - Bro. Frank Barber	

Rev. Hansley moved and second by Rev. Albright that letters be accepted as read and delegates be seated. Carried.

Call for Petitionary letters.

Moved by Rev. Hansley that Rev. Millard Sasser be accepted as an Ordained Minister into this Association, second by Bro. Carter and carried. Moved by



Rev. Hansley that Rev. Cecil C. Cooper be accepted also second by Sister Pettis and carried. Welcomed into Association by Rev. Dalton, the Moderator.

Brother invited to sit with us.

Call for corresponding messengers - none

No unfinished business.

Committee Reports.

Bro. Robert Odom after committee investigated disturbance in Oak Hill Church, gave report as favorable. Rev. Albright moved we accept report and release committee. Rev. Hansley second motion and it carried.

Treasurer's Report Read. Bro. Claude Davis moved and second by Rev. Albright that report be accepted as read. Carried.

Rev. Johnny Eason moved and second by Rev. Hansley that Bro. Franklin Suber have voice in meeting. Carried.

Rev. T. J. Carlton gave report of Ordaining Council. Ordained Bro. G. W. Cope as Deacon and Bro. Shadie I. Baldwin as Minister.

The Preaching Committee asked that Rev. Millard Sasser bring the morning message.

The congregation sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Rev. Sasser read Ezekiel 3:17-18. The subject was "The Duties of the Church".

Rev. Cooper gave welcome to the Association.

Dismissed for lunch.

After a delicious lunch, the session reconvened with songs "Praise Him" and "I Must Tell Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Special collection for Bro. Hugh Davis \$53.30. Moved by Bro. Lanzy Grubbs and second by Rev. Albright to have 200 copies of minutes printed. Carried.

Bro. Lanzy Grubbs moved and second by Rev. Albright that the chair appoint committees. Carried.

Preaching .....	Quincy
Temperance .....	Suwannee Springs
Finance .....	Macedonia
Planning .....	Mt. Carmel
Education .....	Ocala

Resolutions ..... St. Johns  
Obituary ..... Lake City

Move by Rev. Sasser that Delegates to State Association carry a Resolution stating that this Association wants to keep the office of Promotional Secretary. Second was by Rev. Albright. Carried.

Rev. Floyd Dalton asked for letter to join Union Association of Georgia. Granted.

Moved by Rev. Hansley that a commendation be placed in minutes thanking Rev. Floyd Dalton for serving as Moderator of Association and work done in Association and the Mt. Carmel Church while pastor there. Second by Rev. Albright.

#### Election of Officers

Nominations for Moderator - Bro. Lanzy Grubbs  
Rev. Johnny Eason

Moved by Bro. Claude Davis that nominations cease. Second by Sis. Pettis. Moderator - Rev. Johnny Eason and Assistant Moderator - Bro. Lanzy Grubbs. A motion and second that Mary Alice Davis remain as clerk. Carried. Clerk - Mary A. Davis.

Rev. Wayne Hicks moved and second by Rev. Millard Sasser to give \$50.00 to Promotional Secretary (Earmarked.) Carried.

Bro. Hansley moved to give standing vote of thanks to the host church.

New Moderator assumes duties of Moderator. Rev. Floyd Dalton moved to adjourn with second by Sis. Pettis. Carried.

#### IN APPRECIATION

For the tireless and faithful labor of our former Moderator, of the North Florida Association, we would like to use this opportunity to express our appreciation to Rev. Floyd Dalton. Rev. Dalton has been preaching for approximately 25 years as a Free Will Baptist Minister, and for the last five years has served as Pastor of Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist

Church and also three of these years served as Moderator of our Association. He is now serving as Pastor of Moultrie Free Will Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia. May God's richest blessings rest upon him in his new field of labor.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS AS ADOPTED

### Planning Committee

We, the Planning Committee, recommend that the Association meet at the following churches:  
Semi-Annual—April 12, 1969—Suwannee Springs Ch.  
Annual—Oct. 11, 1969—St. John's Church

### 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

### Temperance Committee

We fully believe that drinking alcoholic beverages is a sin. Isaiah 5:11 "Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning that they may follow strong drink; That continue until night till wine



inflame them." We believe also 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 stress the importance of abstinence from social drinking, immoral conduct and the use of dope - and warn the young people of the dangers there-of.

St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church  
Perry, Florida

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#### Finance Committee

Quincy .....	\$10.00
Suwannee Springs .....	82.00
Lake City .....	10.00
Mt. Carmel .....	50.00
Macedonia .....	16.00
Ocala .....	10.00
St. Johns .....	20.00

Macedonia

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#### Education Committee

We, the Education Committee, believe in education as long as it doesn't interfere with the free indwelling of The Holy Spirit. We believe in, endorse and should support our Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church  
Education Committee

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#### ORDAINED MINISTER OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Rev. J. B. Steward, Rt. 5, Box 270, Live Oak, Fla.  
Rev. E.J. Norman, 1816 N. 17th St., Baton Rouge, La.  
Rev. Edgar Albright, 1011 S. Marion St., Lake City  
Rev. J. H. Turner, 211 S. Blair St., Perry, Florida  
Rev. Kenneth Grubbs, Rt. 1, Box 92, Perry, Florida

## ORDAINED MINISTERS Continued

Rev. Franklin Carlton, Rt. 1, Box 358, Perry, Fla.  
 Rev. Groover Mathis, P. O. Box 603, Perry, Florida  
 Rev. Shadie Baldwin, Rt. 4, Box 5, Lake City, Fla.

## 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, Route 3 .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. R. W. McKnight, Route 3 .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. W. O. Carter, Rt. 3, Box 162 .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. R.E. (Gene) Carter .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. R. J. Bonds, Rt. 5, Box 275 .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. O. M. Bonds, Rt. 5, Box 275 .....	Live Oak, Florida
Bro. S. D. Baldwin, Rt. 4, Box 5 .....	Lake City, Florida
Bro. Lanzy Grubbs, Rt. 1, Box 185 .....	Perry, Florida
Bro. Claude Davis, 614 W. Leon St. ....	Perry, Florida
Bro. Hugh Davis, 817 N. Quincy St. ....	Perry, Florida
Bro. Robert Odom, Rt. 1, Box 465 .....	Perry, Florida
Bro. Luther Sadler, Rt. 1, Box 446 .....	Perry, Florida
Bro. Robert L. Gray, Jr., R1, Box 436, ..	Perry, Florida
Bro. G. W. Cope, Rt. 1 .....	Perry, Florida

## LICENSED MINISTER

Rev. Franklin Suber .....

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	\$252.20
Annual Meeting, Macedonia .....	174.00
Semi-Annual, Ocala .....	149.00
Special offering .....	50.00
Total .....	\$625.50

## Disbursements

Moderator .....	\$50.00
Clerk .....	50.00

## TREASURER'S REPORT Continued

10% State Treasurer .....	\$17.40
State Assoc. fee .....	20.00
Postage .....	3.47
Expense to Assoc. ....	19.00
Printing of Minutes .....	90.00
10% State Semi-Annual .....	14.93
Promotional Secretary .....	100.00
Spent .....	<u>\$364.80</u>
Leaves Balance April 16, 1968 .....	\$260.70

### Our Beloved Dead

St. John's Church:

Mrs. Viola Courtney

Mr. Robert Hunter

# CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This shall be the consitution 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.

### 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 time 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.



## 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 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 watchcare 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

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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 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, 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.

### 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 Work, 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).



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Churches	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Expenses	Other Expenses
Mt. Carmel	7	0	96	\$7,279.56	\$4,832.75
Oak Hill	0	0	6	342.35	391.98
Suwannee Springs	3	0	20	351.96	1,678.08
Macedonia	2	0	36	1,522.50	422.90
St. Johns	51	0		4,670.01	5,709.99
Lake City	2	0	7		
Quincy	6	0	58	425.00	200.00
Ocala	22	0	62	1,982.32	385.73

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