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of the

SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION



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**North Florida Association
of Free Will Baptists**

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NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

WHICH CONVENED WITH
St. Johns F.W. B. Ch.
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

of Perry
OF OCALA
Oct 14, 1972
OCTOBER 9, 1971

Planning Bd. Report

THE NEXT ANNUAL SESSION WILL BE HELD AT ST JOHNS CHURCH
OF PERRY, FLORIDA, OCTOBER 14, 1972.

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 BAPTIST

Moderator --- (Phone 584-5249)----- Rev. D. R. Gwinn
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

~~Bro. Wilburn Grubbs~~---(-Honorary)---Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.
Bro. W. O. Carter --- Rt. 3, Box 162, Live Oak, Fla.
~~Bro. Wayne Hicks~~ *Willie Davidson*----- Quincy, Fla.
Bro. Bernard Peters ----- Monticello, Fla.
Bro. C. R. Hammond ----- Ocala, Fla.
~~Bro. W. D. Courtney~~ *Jacob Shaw*----- Perry, Fla.
Bro. Jeff Bonds----- Live Oak, Fla.
Bro. Dwight McDonald----- Rt. 1, Perry, Fla.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. A. HANLEY *Ocala FLA.*
~~Rev. Millard Sasser~~---Rt. 4, Box 310-S, Ocala, Fla.
Rev. Ed Albright- 1011 S. Marion St., Lake City, Fla.
~~Rev. Shadie Baldwin~~----- Lake City, Fla.
Rev. Wayne Hicks----- Quincy, Fla.
~~Bro. Claude Davis~~----- 614 W. Leon St., Perry, Fla.
~~Rev. Joe H. Turner (Honorary)~~----- 211 S. Blair St.
Rev. Boyd H. Seawell *Live Oak, FLA.*
Rev. Novis Edwards *Monticello, FLA.*

Education Comm.
Trustee Comm.

COMMITTEES

Obituary ----- Lake City

Preaching ----- St. Johns

Temperance ----- Ocala

Finance ----- Mt. Carmel

Planning ----- Suwannee Springs

~~Committee~~
~~Education ----- Oak Hill~~

Resolutions ----- Lake City

Obituary Column

IN REMEMBRANCE OF - -

Our Beloved Dead

ST. JOHNS CHURCH

Bro. J. P. Carlton .

Bro. Luther Sadler

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PROCEEDINGS

The Seventieth Annual Session of the North Florida Free-Will Baptist Association convened with the First Free-Will Baptist Church of Ocala, Florida on October 9, 1971

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator Bro. D. R. Gwinn.

Bro. W. A. Hansley led in the singing with Sister Brenda McDonald, pianist. The congregation sang "At Calvary" and "To God Be The Glory" Bro. L. A. Grubbs led in the opening prayer.

Bro. Edgar Albright brought the devotion, reading from Luke 7:24-27.

Call for letters: Moved, second and carried that the letters be accepted as read and to seat the delegates.

Call for Petitionary letters - None

The visiting Brethern was invited to sit with us. It was good to have Bro. Arnold Woodlief visit with us from Marianna.

Corresponding Messengers - None

Bro. Arnold Woodlief was called on to bring the E Eleven O'Clock message. The Scripture reading was taken from Hosea 6:1-3. His subject was "Why Revivals are Desired". Bro. Woodlief brought a wonderful message, pointing out the need for revival in this great land of ours. "God takes great pleasure in Revivals Only He can send one".

An invitation song was given, "Have Thine Own Way Lord". An Alter call was given with a Wonderful

service around the Alter.

The Moderator called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and the Treasurer's report.

Moved, second and carried to accept the minutes and the Treasurer's report as read.

Bro. Hansley welcomed everyone. He asked Bro. Robert Odom to give the benediction and to ask the blessing on the food.

After a very delicious meal we met again at 1:15 P.M. Bro. Luther Hansley led the congregation in sing "Redeemed" and "Face to Face". Bro. Curtis Jackson led in prayer.

BUSINESS SESSION

The Moderator asked Bro. Hicks to give a report on the By-Laws and Treaties. Bro. Hicks gave a short report and asked for an extension. He stated that the committee needed more time to study and complete the By-Laws. The Association voted to grant more time to the committee.

The Moderator gave a report on the Executive committee to go council with Bro. Frank Suber and the Oak Hill Church, concerning a letter written from Bro. Suber in April, requesting the Oak Hill be dropped from the North Florida Association. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Executive committee be given more time to visit Bro. Suber and the Oak Hill Church.

The Second resolution of the resolution committee of St. Johns church of 10-19-70 was brought back before the conference. It was moved, seconded and carried that we meet quarterly instead of twice each year. After much discussion a vote was taken. 12 voted to meet quarterly, 9 voted to meet twice a year.

Will met quarterly, so carried.

Moved seconded and carried that we meet Saturday before the 5th Sunday Quarterly except the annual meeting. The Annual meeting will still meet on Saturday before the 2nd Sunday in October.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Association print up-to-date letter heads (or forms) for churches to write more information on letters to the Association.

Moved, seconded and carried that the By-Laws committee have charge of printing these letter heads or forms.

Moved, seconded and carried that we elect a Youth Director for the Association.

Moved, seconded and carried that we have 200 minutes printed.

Executive Committee report - None

Bro. L. A. Grubbs requested that the Executive committee be revised, or brought up to date. The Moderator ask that each pastor bring to him the names of the ones recommened from their church.

The Moderator ask the congregation to stand in silent prayer in Memory of Bro. J.P. Carlton and Bro. Luther Saddler. Bro. Harley Bennett closed the prayer.

Bro. Hansley gave a repot from the Ordaining council. He made a move that the North Florida Association have some ministerial cards printed. The Association will issue to all of our Ordained Ministers who qualify. The cards will be renewed yearly and only the ministers whose names appear on the church letters at the yearly meeting will be eligible for renewal. Seconded and carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moderator-----Rev. D. R. Gwinn
Asst. Moderator-----Rev. Curtis Jackson
Clerk-----Mr. Claude L. Davis
Statistical Clerk-----Sister Arlene Davis
Youth Director-----Rev. Curtis Jackson

Delegates to the State Association to be in Mari-
anna on November 3,4,& 5, 1971 are as follows:
Sister Molly Pettis, Bro. Harley Bennett, Sister Ar-
lene Davis, Sister Gerldine Gwinn and Sister Brenda
McDonald.

Moved, seconded and carried that the clerk write
checks to pay the moderator and clerk.

The Moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks
to the Ocala Church for a wonderful day of fellowship
and the good food.

Moved, seconded and carried that we adjourn; after
singing "Amazing Grace", led by Bro. Hansley. Dis-
missed with prayer by Bro. Dwight McDonald.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AS ADOPTED

Resolution Committee:

We resolve that we as Free-Will Baptist, should
hold fast the things we have heard and to preach the
full gospel of Christ and not to forsake the assemb-
ling of ourselves together in fellowship and love.

-Lake City Free-Will Baptist

Temperance Committee;

We the Temperance Committee, believe that Temper-
ance means self control, or mastery of self. Accord-
ing to Galatians 5:22-23, it is a gift of the Spirit.
But the fruit of the Spirit is "Love, Joy, Peace, Long
suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and
temperance; against such, there is no law".

Sobriety and self contrroll should be such an ingrained part of one who walks after the Spirit that he cannot and will not fulfill the lusts of the flesh.

Mt. Carmel Church, Perry, Fla.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Suwannee Springs -----	\$ 50.00
Mt. Carmel -----	50.00
Macedonia -----	16.00
St. Johns -----	20.00
Lake City -----	20.00
Ocala -----	10.00
Total -----	\$ 166.00

Suwannee Springs Church

EDUCATIONAL COMMITTEE:

II Timothy 2:15 tells us to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth." Therefore we recommend that in all our teaching and learning we seek to be approved of God by teaching His Son for Salvation. Sunday School teachers and C.T.'s leaders should always teach Jesus and the plan of Salvation and not be ashamed to do so.

God is bringing into operation hundreds of Christian day schools over our county, therefore we recommend that we pray for these schools as well as the public schools.

All institutions of higher learning need our prayers, but we recommend that much prayer be made for Christian Education in Schools such as Free-Will Baptist College.

First Free-Will Baptist Church, Quincy

PLANNING COMMITTEE: *Ommit*

We the planning committee recommend that the meetings of the North Florida Association be held 1st. quarter at Suwannee Springs on January 29, 1972. The Semi-annual to be held at Mt. Carmel, Perry on April 29, 1972. The 3rd quarterly meeting to be held at First Free-Will Baptist Church at Quincy on July 29, 1972

The Annual Meeting to be held at St. Johns of Perry on
October 14, 1972.

Appointed Committee by Moderator

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Balance brought forward -----	\$ 380.00
Semi Annual meeting-----	171.00
Annual meeting-----	126.00
Total-----	<u>\$ 677.00</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator-----	\$ 50.00
Clerk-----	50.00
State Treasurer Coop. Plan-----	25.70
State Association Fees-----	28.00
Printed minutes-----	98.00
Brief case-----	21.57
Bible for Ordained Minister-----	15.95
Free Will Baptist Children's Home	5.00
(ear marked)	
Free Will Baptist College-----	5.00
(ear marked)	
Total-----	<u>\$ 299.22</u>

Less Disbursements-----	\$ 299.22
Balance on hand Oct. 9, 1971-----	<u>\$ 378.28</u>

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CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS

Article I. 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 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 cooperate 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.

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 a 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 feelings. 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 - BY LAWS

1. The moderator shall call the association and quarterly meeting together as directed under the constitution

2. Every minster, 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 judgement 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 by laws may be amended in the general conference by a majority vote.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise, by His grace, to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel; nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak,

encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the kingdom of God may come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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 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 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 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 become 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 (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 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; L John 5:10)

7. We believe the whole Scripture is infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice (11 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 might be happy, would they give place to His 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; 11 Peter 2:1; 11 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 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 made 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; 1 Cor. 15:22-23; 11 Timothy 2:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 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	Members Received	Members Dismissed	Total Membership	Paid Expenses	Other Expenses
Mt. Carmel	8	5	99	\$ 5,879.40	\$ 5,301.21
Oak Hill		NO LETTER			
Suwannee Springs	0	0	29	\$ 1,132.86	\$ 600.00
Macedonia	0	0	26	\$ 1,296.30	\$ 238.63
St. Johns	16	23	249	\$ 8,542.42	\$5,444.87
Lake City	0	1	8	\$ 268.40	
Quincy	5	2	67	\$ 2,062.91	\$ 507.83
Ocala	15	12	87	\$ 5,304.83	\$ 212.55

Churches & Counties	Clerks & Addresses	Pastors & Addresses
Mt Carmel (Taylor)	Hugh Davis 817 N. Quincy St. Perry, Fla. 32347	Rev. D. R. Gwinn Rt. 1, Box 90 Perry, Fla. 32347
Macedonia (Jefferson)	Clara Yates Rt. 1, Box 163 Lamont, Fla. 32336	Rev. S. T. Shute ✓ Rt. 4, Box 85 Colquitt, Ga.
Lake City (Columbia)	Pauline Corbitt Rt. 2, Box 170-A Live Oak, Fla.	Rev. Ed Albright ✓ 1011 S. Marion Lake City, Fla. 32055
Oak Hill (Suwannee)	Nellie Touchton Live Oak, Fla.	Rev. Frank Suber Rt. 5, Box 261-A 258-A ✓ Live Oak, Fla. 32060
Suwannee Springs (Suwannee)	Blanche Carter Rt. 3, Box 234 Live Oak, Fla.	✓
Quincy (Gadsden)	Joan Dawson Rt. 2, Box 67 Havana, Fla.	Rev. Wayne Hicks ✓ 6518 S. Adams St. Quincy, Fla. 32351
St. Johns (Taylor)	Alva D. Nixon Box 845 Perry, Fla. 32347	Rev. Curtis Jackson ✓ Rt. 1, Box 391-B Perry, Fla. 32347
Ocala (Marion)	Louise Hammond 3803 S. E. 13th St. Ocala, Fla.	Rev. W. A. Hansley ✓ 1748 N. E. 28th St. Ocala, Fla. 32670
Wescomett Jacksonville		Rev. E. Bro Driggers

Orange Park