

The Seventy-Seventh Annual Session of the North
Florida Association of Free Will Baptist at the
Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Monticello,
Florida on October 7, 1978.

OCTOBER 7, 1978

The seventy-seventh annual session of the North Florida Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by the Moderator Rev. Arthur Lambert.

Throughout the session Mrs. Phyllis Bass from Wesconnett played the piano and Brother Woodie McDaniel from Quincy led the singing. The opening song was "At The Cross." Rev. W.A. Hansley led in prayer.

Rev. J.C. Jamison of Friendship brought the morning devotion from John 15:1-11. If we seek God's Will and His instructions we will bear fruit.

Rev. J.D. Norris shared his burden with us that our Florida churches should be members of Fla. associations. He asked us: "What can we do?"

The following delegates were seated and charged with the King's business by the Moderator: Ocala/Jewell Thomses; Quincy/Joan Dawson, Edith Cook, Laverne Wilson; Friendship/Ethel Jamison; Grace/NONE; Macedonia/Mrs. Clara Yates, Mrs. Bernard Peters; Mt. Carmel/Lucille Parker, Eunice Israel, Margaret Cooper; Lake Jackson/Carl Wolff, Joel Tidwell; St. Johns/NONE; Suwannee Springs/Blanche Carter; Victory/Louise Hicks; and Wesconnett/Mrs. Joyce Steele, Mrs. Phyllis Bass, Mrs. Mary Frank. Mod. Lambert led in prayer.

Previous minutes were read. MSC to accept.

Treasurers report was read. MSC to accept.

The Moderator appointed the nominating committee as follows: Chairman Rev. W.A. Hansley, Rev. J.D. Norris and Rev. Howard Bass.

A pending letter was read to the ordaining council.

A motion was made to have a committee contact absentee churches. MSC committee to be appointed by Moderator.

A recess was called.

The session reconvened with the singing of "Glory To His Name." Special music was sung by Wayne and Louise Hicks "I Just Steal Away And Pray."

The morning message was preached by Rev. Hicks from Rev. 10:1-11. We are living in the last days and we had better get busy for the Lord Jesus Christ. The Rapture is next on God's timetable.

Gary Lambert prayed over the noon meal. Deacon Bernard Peters gave necessary instructions.

The afternoon session opened with the singing of "We'll Work 'Til Jesus Comes." and "'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus." Phyllis Bass and Joyce Steele sang the special "Where Could I Go?"

Bro. Gary Lambert brought the afternoon devotion from Numbers 13:30,31. He spoke of the fortitude, faith, fulfillment, and fruition of Caleb, reminding us that we must go and tell the Gospel.

Reports were called for:

OFITUARY REPORT

During the past year six (6) members of the North Fla. Association have gone to be with the Lord.

Deacon Fred Stokely

Rev. Cecil Cooper

Freddie Cope

Mrs. W.L. Collins

Charles Tessier

Mrs. James Freeman

MSC to accept

Respectfully submitted, Mt. Carmel

Margaret Cooper, Eunice Israel

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee believe that temperance means self-control, or mastery of self. Galatians 5:22-23 says it is a gift of the Spirit. But the fruit of the Spirit is "Love, Joy, Peace, Longsuffering, Gentleness, Goodness, Faith, Meekness, and Temperance; against such, there is no Law." Pro 1 Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Ephesians 5:18 says be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess: but be filled with the Holy Spirit.

MSC to adopt

Suwannee Springs Church

Blanche Carter

FINANCE REPORT

Ten of the twelve churches paid representation fees totaling \$190.00. We recommend that the Moderator and the clerk receive \$50.00 each.

MSC to adopt

Friendship Church

Charles Jamison

RESOLUTIONS REPORT

Be it resolved, that we, the members of the N. FL Ass'n. of Free Will Baptists examine our position in our church and in our state and see if we are truly disciples of Christ.

Be it resolved that if we do not measure up to what Christ would have us be, that we would stand affirm and take a new look at our life and strive to become better disciples of Christ.

Be it resolved that with leadership from God we would turn over not only a new leaf, but a new life.

Be it resolved that in making this vow of new dedication we would meet at the altar for prayer at a given appointed time by the Moderator and be led by someone appointed by the Mod.

Be it resolved that this resolution is duly submitted by the duly elected delegates of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy.

MSC to adopt

Submitted by duly elected delegates
F.F.W.B. Church Quincy, FL

! STATISTICAL REPORT

QUARTERLY 10-8-78

Number of Ministers present	11	
Number of Deacons	4	
Number of Delegates	19	
Number of Visitors	17	TOTAL number present 51
Number of churches represented	9	

MSC to accept

Statistical Clerk
Martha Pettis

ANNUAL

69 Baptisms
121 Members added
268 Members lost
513 Resident members
28 Non-resident members
542 TOTAL Membership

BUILDINGS VALUE
Pastor's Homes \$ 82,000.00
ALL church property \$606,500.00

12 Ordained ministers
1 Licensed minister
8 Deacons

SUNDAY SCHOOL 7
Enrolled 379
Average attendance 312

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2
40 Enrolled
30 Average attendance

WOMANS AUXILIARY 4
28 Enrolled
26 Average attendance

CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE 5
142 Enrolled
102 Average attendance

MASTERS MEN 1
13 Enrolled
10 Average attendance

MONIES

Pastor's salaries \$ 38,378.80
Church staff \$ 1,920.00
Miscellaneous \$117,771.99
TOTAL PAID OUT \$158,070.79

\$ 50.00 Salem Bible College
\$ 6,523.73 Foreign Missions
\$ 1,369.11 F.W.B. Bible College
\$ 139.55 Home Missions
\$ 8,046.71 Co-op Plan
\$123,984.05 TOTAL OFFERINGS

MSC to accept

Martha Pettis

PLANNING COMMITTEE

We the planning committee recommend the associational meeting be held at the following churches in the year 1979.

Jan. 6	Wesconnett	Jacksonville
Apr. 7	Lake Jackson	Tallahassee
July 8	First	Ocala
Oct. 6	Mt. Carmel	Perry

MSC to adopt

Victory Church

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Mrs. Phyllis Bass gave us a heart-stirring appeal on the necessity of Christian schools in our churches.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We recommend that Gary Lambert be set aside for ordination. We ask that the Mt. Carmel church send a recommendation

The committee adopted a list of questions for preachers coming into our association.

The ordaining committee elected Neal Thomsen as secretary.
Respectfully submitted
MSC to adopt

OLD BUSINESS

MSC to remove the Salem Church name from the list in the clerk's file.

The following delegates to the State Association were elected: 1. Martha Pettis 2. Margaret Cooper 3. Louise Hicks 4. Carl Wolff 5. Sandra Lambert

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

1979 OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

OBITUARY-----Grace
PREACHING-----Lake Jackson
TEMPERANCE-----Quincy
FINANCE-----Wesconnett
PLANNING-----Mt. Carmel
RESOLUTIONS-----Suwannee Springs

MODERATOR-----Rev. J. D. Norris
ASS'T. MOD.-----Rev. Wayne Hicks
CLERK/Treasurer---Mrs. Sandra Lambert
STATISTICAL CLERK---Mrs. Martha Pettis
YOUTH DIRECTOR-----Rev. Howard Bass

ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Howard Bass--Wesconnett	Rev. Arthur Lambert--Mt. Carmel
Rev. Wayne Hicks--Victory	Rev. J.D. Norris--Lake Jackson
Rev. Neal Thomsen--Ocala	

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1982---Phyllis Bass Chairman /Wesconnett
1981---Sterling Renfro/Quincy
1980---Wayne Lago/Mt. Carmel
1979---Beverly Norris/Lake Jackson
1978---Jewell Thomsen/Ocala

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Ocala-----James Duncan
QUINCY-----Woodie McDaniel
FRIENDSHIP-----Jimmy Gilley
GRACE-----Dale Kuykendall
LAKE CITY-----
LAKE JACKSON-----Joel Tidwell
MACEDONIA-----Bernard Peters
MT. CARMEL-----Dwight McDonald
ST. JOHNS-----Jesse Webb
SUWANNEE SPRINGS-W.O. Carter
VICTORY-----
WESCONNETT-----Q. Hansley

A rising vote of appreciation was given the host church the Macedonia F.W.B. of Monticello for the warm fellowship and delicious meal.

The resolutions were read again- all officers were prayed for.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lambert

Sandra Lambert/Clerk
(Mrs. Arthur)