

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirty-first Annual Session
OF THE
Salem United Free Will Baptist
Association
HELD WITH
OAK GROVE CHURCH
October 1, 2 and 3, 1926

OFFICERS

REV. J. C. ELDRIDGE, ----- Moderator
E. S. HADDOCK ----- Sec. & Treas.

The next session will convene with Marvin Chapel Church, six miles South of Marianna, Fla. Beginning Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1927.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

E. S. HADDOCK; P. F. HOLLEY; W. D. FINCH
G. L. SHUTES; ALLEN SAPP

PROCEEDINGS

FRIDAY MORNING

Friday October 1, at 11 A. M., the introductory was preached by Rev. J. C. Eldridge, from 2nd Timothy 2-15. After which refreshments were served.

AFTERNOON SESSION

At 1:30 P. M. the body was called to order by moderator reading the 1st. Psalm. Song by choir, prayer by Rev. Banks.

Called for corresponding letters, the same were read by Henry Melvin and Allen Sapp.

The same was adopted and delegated seated.

Churches and delegated as follows:

Christian Home—O. B. Barton and F. F. Holley.

Salem—E. S. Haddock and J. R. Barnes.

Marvin Chapel—J. P. Gause and John Allen.

Oak Grove—C. W. Brogdon, G. B. Scott and D. L. Hewitt.

Lovewood—Henry Broom, Thomas Sapp and Allen Sapp.

Gap Pond—W. G. T. Owens, W. T. Finch and G. I. Owens.

Damascus—John Austin, L. L. Hill.

Travelers Rest—J. R. Fowell, J. W. Parham and W. M. Shiver.

Midway—W. W. Neal and Henry Ingram.

New Union—E. S. Medlock.

The association was organized by electing Rev. J. C. Eldridge, Moderator, and E. S. Haddock, Sec. and Treasurer.

Called for petitionary letters: None.

Called for correspondence from sister associations received State Line association with R. B. Robinson and W. H. Banks as delegates. Martin association with J. H. Gause as delegate.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Committee on Divine Service—G. B. Scott, W. D. Finch, J. P. Gause.

Committee on Suggestions—Henry Melvin, J. A. Hudson, P. F. Holley, Henry Broom, O. B. Barton.

Committee on Resolutions—A. W. Cook, J. R. Barnes, Lewis Daniels, Allen Sapp, John Allen.

Committee on Finance—W. M. Shiver, W. L. Cloud, W. G. T. Owens.

Committee on Sabbath Schools—H. J. Mercer, L. L. Hill, W. W. Neel.

Committee on Obituaries—G. I. Owens, J. W. Parham, H. J. Ingram.

Committee on Nominations—W. L. Cloud, O. B. Barton, G. B. Scott.

Committee on Standing of Churches and Ministers—P. F. Holley, W. D. Finch, J. P. Gause.

Committee on Temperance—Henry Melvin, W. H. Banks, R. B. Robinson, J. H. Gause.

Report on Divine Service—A. W. Cook, Preach Friday night.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

At 8:30 Saturday morning, the body was called to order by the Moderator reading Acts 2nd Chapter, song by choir. Prayer by P. F. Holley.

Renewed the call for corresponding letters: None.

Renewed the call for petitionary letters: None.

Renewed the call for corresponding letters from sister associations: None.

Appointed delegates to sister Associations—State Line Association, Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Liberty Association—W. D. Finch, Henry Broom, Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

Martin Association—Rev. J. C. Eldridge, A. W. Cook, L. L. Daniels.

Blountstown Association—H. J. Mercer, L. C. Daniels.

Committee on Literature and Education appointed—Henry Melvin, Allen Sapp, H. J. Mercer.

Report on Divine Service—Rev. Henry Melvin, preach at 11 o'clock Saturday morning.

Lecture by E. S. Haddock on "Where There Is Union, There Is Strength."

The Discipline of the Original Free Will Baptist was read by Henry Melvin, and adopted by the body.

Song by choir and prayer by Henry Broom.

Adjourned from business until 1:30 P. M.

At 11:00 o'clock the stand was ably filled by Rev. Henry Melvin. Text, Matt. 28:19-20.

After morning service refreshments were served.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:30 the body was called to order by the Moderator, song by choir, prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldridge.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Report of committee on Standing of Churches and Ministers—We your committee on Standing of Churches and Ministers ask to make the following report: We find all churches and Ministers in good standing as far as we can ascertain.

P. F. HOLLEY, Chm.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools—We your committee on Sabbath Schools ask to make the following report: We ask and insist that each church in the association have a Sabbath School as we believe that it is a great help to bring people to Christ, and to harmonize the people in love.

H. J. MERCER, Chm.

Report of Committee on Suggestions—We your Committee on suggestions reports as follows: That we adopt the report of preceeding year.

HENRY MELVIN, Chm.

Report of Committee on Resolutions—We your Committee on Resolutions ask to make the following report: That we adopt the resolutions of 1925. We further resolve that we ratify the original Discipline of the Original Free Will Baptist.

We further recommend that we have an annual session of the Union Meeting, each church providing finance to support this meeting, and send one delegate. All ministers are requested to be present at each session.

A. W. COOK, Chm.

Report of Committee on Nominations—We your Committee on Nominations ask to make the following report: We recommend that Marvin Chapel church

have the next session of this body, with Rev. Henry
Melvin to preach the introductory sermon.

W. L. CLOUD, Chm.

Report of Committee on Obituaries—We the Com-
mittee on Obituaries ask to make the following report:
We find that the Death Angel has called away from
Salem Church, Bro. W. W. Dilmore, borned Sept. 27,
1875; died May 7, 1926. Also sister Ruby Land, died
July 8, 1926.

Christian Home church has lost Sister Sinda Russ,
age 70 years. Sister Lizzie Kent, age 60 years; Sister
Mary Stone, age 21 years. Bro. J. W. Peacock, age
82 years.

Midway church has lost Sister Bettie Williams,
and Sister Sarah Haster.

Travelers Rest church has lost Bro. Ernest Cook,
age 16 years.

Report of Committee on Literature and Education
—We your committee on Literature and Education re-
ports as follows: Seeing the need of a Christian educat-
ed ministry, we ask that some standard be set that must
be reached by each applicant to the ministry. We urge
that our Sunday Schools use our Literature, which is
amply sufficient. Our Young Peoples Leagues, the Lea-
gue Quarterlies, and our membership at large subscribe
for our church organ, "The Free Will Baptist." All
publications may be obtained from the "Free Will Bap-
tist Press", Ayden, N. C.

HENRY MELVIN, Chm.

Report of Committee on Temperance—We your
Committee on Temperance reports as follows: on in-
vestigation, we find temperance at a low ebb, intoxi-
cating liquors being sold and used among our mem-
bership; since intemperance in any form lowers the
standard of Christianity we recommend that all pas-
tors take a firm stand against it, together with church-
es taking a definite stand against members using, or in
any way dealing with intoxicants.

HENRY MELVIN, Chm.

Report of Committee on Finance—

Amount in treasury -----	\$ 8.25
Paid in for Associational purposes -----	\$49.40

General Conference funds -----	\$ 7.00
Total -----	\$64.65
Churches paid in as follows—	
New Union -----	\$ 3.50
Love Wood -----	\$ 6.00
Salem -----	\$ 8.90
Oak Grove -----	\$ 3.00
Gap Pond -----	\$ 6.00
Travelers Rest -----	\$ 5.00
Mid Way -----	\$ 3.00
Damascus -----	\$ 5.00
Marvin Chapel -----	\$10.00
Christian Home -----	\$ 6.00

W. M. SHIVER, Chm.

A move was made and carried that the clerk pay our General Conference expenses out of treasury.

Called for the election of Executive Committee—The following were elected—E. S. Haddock, Chm. P. F. Holley, G. L. Shutes, W. D. Finch, Allen Sapp.

Called for election of treasurer—E. S. Haddock elected.

Ordaining Council appointed as follows—Revs. J. C. Eldridge G. L. Shutes, Henry Melvin, with J. C. Eldridge as chairman.

Committee was appointed to draw up and have printed corresponding letter blanks. Committee appointed; E. S. Haddock and Rev. Henry Melvin.

A move was made and carried that Damascus Church have the next session of the union meeting, convening Saturday before the second Sunday in May, 1927.

Report of Rev. Henry Melvin accepted on the work of assisting and arranging for the establishment of a Seminary, re-appointed for another year.

Delegates appointed to the General Conference—E. S. Haddock, Rev. Henry Melvin.

Motion carried to pay the clerk \$10.00 for his services.

Report of Committee on Divine Services—

Friday at 11:00 o'clock the introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. C. Eldridge, text 2 Tim. 2:15.

Friday night, Rev. A. W. Cook.

Saturday 11 o'clock, Rev. Henry Melvin, text Matt. 28:19-20.

Saturday night, Rev. J. A. Hudson.

Sunday morning, 9:00 o'clock, Rev. H. J. Mercer.

Sunday morning 11:00 o'clock, Rev. Henry Melvin, text
Matt. 7:13.

Motion carried to tender thanks to the community
for the hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Motion carried to leave the Church Discipline out
of the minutes.

Motion carried to adjourn.

So ended another lovely session.

REV. J. C. ELDRIDGE, Mod.

E. S. HADDOCK, Sec. & Treas.

LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. J.C. Eldridge	Cottdale, Fla.
Rev. J. A. Hudson	Vernon, Fla.
Rev. J. A. Skinner	Coda, Fla.
Rev. T. N. Daniels	Grand Ridge, Fla.
Rev. L. C. Daniels	Sneads, Fla.
Rev. A. W. Cook	Carr, Fla.
Rev. W. W. Knowles	New Smyrna, Fla.
Rev. G. T. Broxton	Unknown
Rev. H. J. Mercer	Sneads, Fla.
Rev. J. T. Goodman	Cypress, Fla.
Rev. G. L. Shutes	Kynesville, Fla.
Rev. Henry Melvin	Kynesville, Fla.
Rev. S. T. Shutes	Ayden, N. C.

LICENTIATES

J. M. Simpson	Unknown
K. V. Shutes	Ayden, N. C.
Henry Broom	Cottdale, Fla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory.
2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters, and enroll delegates
4. Appointing committee on Divine Services.
5. Call for Petitionary letters.
6. Call for corresponding letters from sister Association.
7. Call for election of new officers.
8. Appointment of committees.
9. Appoint delegates to sister conventions.
10. Call for report of committees.
11. Miscellaneous business.
12. Adjournment.

STATISTICAL TABLE

			By Baptism	By Confession of faith	By Restoration	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Dead	Male Mem.	Female Mem.	Total	
Damascus -----	None -----	L. J. Sexton, Marianna, Fla. -----	9	1	--	--	--	--	38	61	99	
Mid Way -----	W. H. Banks, Grand Ridge, Fla.-----	W. W. Neel, Cypress, Fla. -----	--	--	--	2	5	2	10	14	24	
Travelers Rest -----	Henry Melvin, Kynesville, Fla. -----	C. L. Cook, Carr, Fla. -----	7	1	--	--	2	1	19	45	64	
Gap Pond -----	J. A. Hudson, Vernon, Fla. -----	H. T. Owens, Wausau, Fla. -----	1	--	--	--	--	--	47	60	107	
Oak Grove -----	H. J. Mercer, Sneads, Fla. -----	C. W. Brogdon, Sneads, Fla. -----	--	4	--	--	--	--	13	20	33	
Salem -----	Henry Melvin, Kynesville, Fla. -----	J. R. Barnes, Cottondale, Fla. -----	14	2	--	1	--	2	96	149	245	
Love Wood -----	C. I. Wells, Noma, Fla. -----	Henry Hatcher, Cottondale, Fla.-----	10	12	--	--	--	--	42	102	144	
New Union -----	Henry Melvin, Kynesville, Fla. -----	Lula Medlock, Marianna, Fla. -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	18	26	44	
Christian Home -----	E. A. Drake, Bainbridge, Ga. -----	J. J. Boseman, Blountstown, Fla.-----	3	8	1	--	1	4	37	83	120	
Marvin Chapel -----	Henry Melvin, Kynesville, Fla. -----	R. D. Ingram, Marianna, Fla. -----	--	--	--	--	--	--	97	110	207	
Total—10 -----			44	28	1		3	8	9	417	670	1087