MINUTES OF THE FIFTY-SEVENTHANNUAL SESSION OF THE SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH New Hope Free Will Baptist Church BASCOM, FLA. OF Oct. 3, 4, 1952

OFFICERS

REV. CHESTER PELT, Moderator______Tallahassee, Fla CHESTER COOK, Secretary & Treasurer_____Rt. 2, Altha, Fla

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Alva Brooner, C. E. Day, J. T. Sullivan, A D. Hart, and W. M. Shivers

ORDAINING COUNCIL

A. W. Cook, J. E. Nichols and J. W. Roberts

The next session will convene with Salem Free Will Baptist Church, 2 miles North of Alford, Florida, on Kynesville, Florida Highway. Friday and Saturday before 1st Sunday in Oct. 1953. Rev Walter Eldridge will preach the Introductory Sermon. The Ladies Auxiliary Convention convenes with Traveler's Rest Church, two miles North of Clarksville, Fla. Saturday before 4th Sunday in September 1953. Mrs. Ruby Pelts, Pres. Mrs. Florence Cook Secretary, and Treasurer.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Salem Association 57th Session met with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church Oct. 3. 4, 1952.

The body was called together at 10:00 o'clock. Moderator reading 3rd Chapter, 2 Temothy 1-5, Verse prayer by J. O. Cook A call for association letters J. O. Cook, and G. W. Cloud was appointed to read the letters.

CHURCH DELEGATES

MALONE CHURCH and DELEGATES — Curtis Granger, Louise Hall, Etta Mae Mathews, Ozie Calloway, Thelma Grondin and W. H. Howard.

PINE GROVE CHURCH—By Letter.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH and DELEGATES—Joe Tharp. Stella Ramsey, and J. D. Ramsey.

MIDWAY CHURCH—Theo Roberts, and C. L. Beachamp.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH—Joe Holley, and Edy Crocket.

SALEM CHURCH—J. K. Barnes, Jewel Kint, Nellie Morris, Deloris Barnes, and Joan Dilmore.

NEW HOPE CHURCH and DELEGATES—R. B. Jackson, Gladys Culver, and Polly Bennett.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—Nella Poston, Joleen Bruner, Tilda Perkins and Alva Bruner.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH—Bro. W. T. Chafin, Rosco Hewett, Marie Hewett, and Bro. J. E. Hewett.

TRAVELERS REST-Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Shiver, Carlos Weeks.

GREEN HEAD CHURCH—Bro. O. L. Hammock, and Eula V. Gainer.

ABE SPRINGS CHURCH—Rep. By letter.

ALLEN CHAPEL CHURCH—T. B. Horne and Eula Horne.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH—Bro. O. F. Bracewell, Sister Ada Holly, and Eron Bailey

LOVEWOOD CHURCH- W. M. Brown, William F. Jones, Esther Jones and Mary Broom.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Mrs. Audry Eiland, Mrs. Wilson Grant, Mr. Willie Sellers, Mrs. Jimmie Sullivan

DAMASCUS CHURCH - W. C. Wendlen, Robert Cloud, Emmett Lippon. L. J. Sexton.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH --- Joseph Johnson, G. W. Hatcher, Neta Johnson, Lavada Ditty. Mildred Hatcher, Mary Alice Oswald, Gertrude Hatcher, Walter Baxter, Anderson Ditty, Miranda Ditty, and James Johnson

At 10:55 labor was called off for 11:00 o'clock service. The stand was filled by Trim Finch. Scripture reading 11 Chapter of Mark, Sub and They began to render excuses.

Dismissed for refreshment to meet back at 1:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

At 1:00 o'clock body reassembled, Rev. S. T. Shutes led song services. Prayer by O. F. Bracewell, devotional led by moderator.

A call was made for Peteniory letters received, Poly Branch Church.

Delegates, J. W. Morris, Williams Morris, and Ovie Morris.

ROCKY GROVE CHURCH—Seab Robinson, Joe Conrad, and Charalie Robinson, received Cottondale Church.

Delegates, Bro. R. Q. Addison, move made that the churches be received and Delegates be seated and made welcome.

A move was made by J. W. Roberts and carried, that a committee be appointed to investigate the Pleasant Grove Church and have the authority to dispose of the property in anyway they see fit.

The Executive Committee was appointed to attend to this business, with I. O. Cook's assistance.

A call was made for visitors from other associations. Rev. L. D. Scott and wife from Martion Association.

South Georgia Association—Bro G. W. Cloud, Jacksonville Florida.

State Line Association—Rev. G. W. Nobles, Bro. and Sister E. S. Jones, Rev. Jordin

Liberty Association—Rev. A. B. Cook, Rev. John M. Rich.

REPORT ON NOMINATING COMMITTEE

That Bro. Walter Eldridge Preach Friday Night at 7:30.

There was a move made to appoint Bro. Alva Brooner to replace Bro. H. A. Hicks, on executive committee.

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO VISIT OTHER ASSOCIATIONS

State Line-Bro. Willie Sullivan and C. L. Cook.

Liberty Association—Bro. Joe Tharp, W. M. Broom, and J. R. Barns.

Southern Association—Rev. C. H. Pelt, C. L. Cook, W. C Pettice and Alva Broomer.

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Union Hill Association—Rev. Trim Finch.

Midway Assocition—I. O. Cook.

Martin Association—I. O. Cook, W. M. Shivers and J. W Roberts.

Florida State Association—C. L. Cook, Alva Bruner, and W. C. Pettice.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED ON FINANCE

Audrey Elind, G. W. Cloud, and Theo Roberts.

Asssociation adjourned Friday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock to meet back Sat. Morning at 9:30.

Bro Walter Eldridge brought the message Friday night. reading 2 chapter 1:10 Verse of Matthew

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Song service led by Rev. S. T. Shutes, prayer led by Bro. J. B. Lovering

Scripture reading 12th Chapter Romans, prayer by moderator.

Nomination Committee, report that Bro. H. L. Catric, Preach at 11:00 o'clock.

It was moved and seconded that the ordaining council have the authority of investigating the standing of ministers.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE'S

C. E. Day, L. J. Sexton, and Jewell Kint.

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Committee to organize Salem League Convention, Hickory Grove President, Malone President, Marvin Chapel President. to act as committee.

It was moved and seconded that the association adopt the National Treaty of Free Baptist,

It was moved and seconded that the present discipline be left out of the minutes.

Adjourned business until 1:00 o'clock.

At 11:00 o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. H. L. Catrac, Subject Let us magnify God.

Recess One hour for refreshments.

At 1:00 o'clock the Moderator called the body together and stated that his Aunts funeral was to be at 2:00 o'clock and ask to be excused.

The body elected Bro. S. T. Shutes Moderator Pro. moved and seconded that the clerk write a report on Temperance, moved that the Association give New Hope Church a rising vote of thanks for the nice hospitality shown them.

It was moved and seconded by the association that the clerk have five hundred minutes printed.

There was a move to pay the clerk \$25.00 and pay the moderator \$10.00.

This association was well attended and there was a good feeling of harmony all through the session. We feel that the association and the F. W. B. Churches have made great progress and our prayer is that the **Lord** will lead us through the incoming year.

Chester Pelt, Moderator Tallahassee, Fla.

Chester Cook, Secretary

Altha, Fla. Rt. 2

COMMITTEE ON STANDING OF CHURCH

We have found all the churches in good standing so far as we can find out with the exception of Oak Grove Church is without a pastor and hasn't had any services this year.

We also ask that our churches give our ministers work to do, also that our ministers give part of their time to our churches that doesn't have pastors.

Submit, Lovewood Church

We your Committee on Committees, Report:

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Holly Grove—Superanuation.

Lovewood—Suggestions.

Traveler's Rest—Obituary.

Malone—Temperance.

Marvin Chapel—Mission.

Cedar Grove—Sunday School.

Hickory Grove-League Work.

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Christian Home—Education.

Green Head—Standing of Churches.

Program to next Church that has the Association.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Treasure Oct. 5, 1951	\$ 20.51
Received from the Finance Committee.	
Association Expence	114.56
Home Mission	3.0 0
Foreign Mission	4.00
Superanuation	20.50
Orphan Home	22.50
Balance in Treasury Oct. 6, 1951	_

DISBURSEMENT

Moderator	\$ 10.00
Clerk	25.00
State Association Fees	
State Treasure	27.50
Orphan Home	22.50
Minutes	68.04
Postage and Money Orders	5.56
Total Paid Out	168.60
Balance In Treasury Oct. 3, 1952	17.47

C. L. COOK, Treasurer

To the Salem Association at New Hope F. W. B. Church.

As nominating Committee we nominate Rev. Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla. to preach the introductory sermon in 1953. Also. we nominate Salem F. W. B. church as a home for the Association in 1953.

The church is located 2 miles North of Alford, Fla. on the Kynesville Highway.

Submitted by,

Holly Grove and Cypress Creek Church

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee make the following report	•
We Find in Treasury	\$ 17.47
Received for Association Dues	135.06
Home Missions	28.95
Foreign Missions	14.19
Orphanage	12.50
Superanuation	15.00
Education	

\$228.67

Since most of our churches operate on the budget system the greatest amount for all missions has gone to the State Association

The Finance Committee.



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SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, the committee on Sunday Schools make the following requests:

That all the churches who do not already have Sunday Schools in their church go all out to organize one. Also, that all churches that have Sunday Schools do all they can to improve them.

We suggest that if there are persons in the community who do not attend Sunday School the Sunday School concerned make an effort to enroll them in their Sunday School; and if those persons do not have transportation to and fom Sunday School, the Sunday School put forth an effort to furnish transportation. By doing this many can be brought to know Christ.

We urge that more Sunday Schools take an active part in the Sunday School convention thus improving their Sunday Schools by associating with other Sunday Schools.

> Respectfully submitted, Salem Church

We, the Committee on Leagues submit the following report:

We see by the reading of the letters that most of the churches have no League and those that have are not as progressive as they should be.

We recommend that each church strive to improve their League and help those who don't have one to organize one.

We further recommend that this association body appoint a committee to organize a League Convention in this association. Marvin Chapel Church

COMMITTE ON SUGGESTIONS

We suggest that the pastor of each church preach at least one sermon on tithing in the year.

One on Foreign Mission, an that each church observe the week of prayer before Easter and Thanksgiving.

That each pastor take up at least 2 offerings during the year for the Youth Camp.

Blountstown Church Blountstown, Fla.

LADIES DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Report of Ladies District Auxiliary Convention met with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church Sept 28th, 1952. The body was called to order by President Mrs. Ruby Pelt. Welcome address by Mrs. Hugh Peacock, response by Mrs. Thelma Grondion, Devotional led by Mrs. Annie Bell Taylor. The president appointed Committee's, after which the service was turned over to Rev. Rufus Hyman, from Slocomb, Ala. He brought a wonderful message on Stewardship.

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

The body was called to order by President. There were 6 Auxiliaries represented.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We find in treasury \$23.40, total offering from the six Auxiliaries represented was \$18.90.

We suggest that our treasury send 20c per member to the State and National Convention. Also recommend that \$10.00 be sent to the W. N. A. C. to help on the Hammond Organ.

We recommend that \$10.00 be sent to the Youth Camp build-This leaving a balance in treasury of \$9.70. The next Dising. trict Convention will convene with Traveler's Church 23 miles South of Marianna, on the Marianna and Wewahitchka Highway

OFFICERS OF DISTRICT CONVENTION

Mrs. Ruby Pelt, President	
Miss Ada Holly, 1st Vice President	Blountstown
Mrs. Sullivan, 2nd Vice Pres.	Marianna, Fla.
Mrs. Joe Holly, 3rd. Vice Pres.	Blountstown, Fla.
Mrs. Louise Hall, 4th Vice Pres	
Mrs. Myrtle Sapp, 5th Vice Pres.	Tallahassee, Fla.
Mrs. Florence Cook, Sec. & Treas.	

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We the Committee on Education beg to submit the following:

Much has been said and done in the past on literal education in contrast to the little that has been done about religious education.



We beg that each pastor urge every family of his church to subscribe to our church papers. To those who take daily news papers take one that does not advertise whiskey and beer if possible.

We urge full cooperation and support to our Youth Camp located 4½ miles S. of Cottondale, Fla. on the Panama City and Dothan highway. Further we plead that each church do their duty toward the support of our own Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

> Respectfully. Cedar Grove Church

TEMPERANCE

There has been much said about Temperance and the first thought that comes to our minds when we think of Temperence is strong drinks but there is many ways that a Christian can be Intemperance even in our speech which we think probably is the most bessetting sin of Intemperence.

The Bible teaches us that the tongue is an unruly member of the body and even we should try by the help of God to speak only the things that becometh a Christian, and most shurely abstain from any kind of alcohol.

Written at the request of the Assembly.

Submitted by, C. L. Cook

OBITUARIES

CALVIN P. ROBERTS

In as much as it has pleased the Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved Brother Calvin P. Roberts, better known to friends and loved ones as; "Uncle Cap", we humbly submit his He was born Jan. 25, 1887 and was called home, June obituary. 1, 1952. He was born and reared in this country.

He was a life long friend to the Church but it was only in his latter years of his life that he was led to accept Christ as his personal Savior through the efforts of our Pastor, Rev. D. E. Clark

He was a loyal and faithful member until death. We miss him greatly but expect to meet him in Glory.

> Respectfully Submitted By, Abes Spring, F. W. B. C.

BRO. CLYDE WOOD

In remembrance of Bro. Clyde Wood who was born Aug. 16, 1897 and departed this life Feb. 2, 1952.

He was affiliated with our church the later years of his life and his going brings a note of sadness to our hearts. He leaves a wife and other relatives to mourn his passing. We trust that our loss is Heavens gain.

> Respectfully Written By, Abes Springs, F. W. B. Church

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We your Committee on Obituaries report: Dead 13.

Blountstown Curch—1. Travelers Rest Church—2. Hickory Grove Church—6. Cedar Grove Church—1. Green Head Church—1. Abe Spring Church—2.

OBITUARY REPORT FROM PINE GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SISTER FEROL BARFIELD WEEKS

God called from our midst Sister Ferol Barfield Weeks, of Port St. Joe, July 2, 1952 member and beloved one of Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

We feel that our loss was Heavens gain.

When she answered the call to leave this world of trouble and sorrow and go where there is no trouble, but all is peace and happiness.

She was laid to rest in Old Shilo Cemetary July 4, 1952.

Brother Walter Pelts conducting, with closing prayer by Rev. D. E. Clarke.

She left to mourn their loss a heart broken husband, Early Weeks of Port St. Joe,, four daughters, Mrs. Frances Faye Cady, Miami; Mrs. Margie Carlon Lytle, Port St. Joe; Miss Sybil Weeks, Port St. Joe; Miss Gail Weeks, Port St. Joe,;two sons, James Earl Weeks, Port St. Joe, Jerry Darrel Weeks, Port St. Joe.



Her parents Mr. and Mrs. Claude Barfield, Blountstown. Fla. One grand child, Miami, Fla. "Gone but not forgotten."

Written By,

Mrs. Opal Covin, Church Clerk Pine Grove Free Will Baptist Church Post Office Box 111 Blountstown, Fla.

OBITUARY

BRO. FABIN JEFFERSON ADDOMS

Bro. Fabion Jefferson Adams was Born April 10, 1885, died Dec. 14, 1951.

He was born in Barbour County Alabama and was married to Miss Ida Davis and the couple lived together just short of 40 years.

To this couple was born seven children, five boys and two Girls. Two of the boys has entered the ministry.

In his passing Travelers Rest Church has lost a true friend.

The Church join with the family in mourning his passing.

Written By,

A Friend

OBITUARY

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SISTER ADDIE PEARSON

Travelers Rest Church has lost a true friend in the death of our beloved sister Addie Pearson who died in March of 1952.

She had been a member of Travelers Rest Church for twentyfive years and was always true to her church and family.

She leaves a husband and four sons and a host of friends to mourn her passing.

Written By, , A Friend Bro. H. B. LAND

Blontstown Church has lost one member Bro. H. B. Land who passed away at Blontstown on Jan 9, 1952.

We extend our heart felt sympathy.

Blountstown Church

	LIST OF MINISTERS	
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J. W. D. Stephens		
J. W. Roberts		Altha, Fla.
J. C. Watson		Marianna, Fla.
D. E. Clark	••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••••	Blountstown, Fla.
I. O. Cook		Altha, Fla., Rt. 2
J. E. Nichols		Altha, Fla. Rt. 2
C. H. Pelt		Tallahassee, Fla.
Trim Finch		Wausaw, Fla.
Hubert Creel		Blountstown, Fla
Mikel Pelt		

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MINISTERS PRESENT

List of Ministers Present: A. W. Cook, H. W. Keels, J. W. Roberts, C. H. Pelt, Rev. Jordan, J. M. Rich, G. W, Nobles, Hubert Creel, Trim Finch, Walter Eldridge, S. T. Shutes, G. B. Horn, H. L. Colratt, A. B. Cook, D. F. Pelt, H. L. Cabott,



ASSOCIATION LETTER

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