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MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
DAMASCUS CHURCH
MARIANNA, FLORIDA
Sept. 30th - Oct 1st, 1955

OFFICERS

REV. WALTER ELDRIDGE, Moderator _____ Cottondale, Fla.
CHESTER L. COOK, Secretary & Treasurer _____ Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

A. D. Hart, 2 years; J. T. Sullivan, 2 years; W. J. Mayerac, 2 years
C. E. Day, 1 year and Jewel Kent, 1 year

ORDAINING COUNCIL

A. W. Cook, J. E. Nichols, I. O. Cook, J. W. Roberts,
Walter Eldridge and J. C. Watson

The next session will convene with Abes Springs Church
8 miles southwest of Blountstown, Fla. Friday and Saturday
before the 1st Sunday in October, 1956. Rev H. E. Stalnaker
will preach the Introductory Sermon.

PROCEEDINGS

The Salem Association Sixtieth Session met with Damascus Church September 30th and October 1st, 1955. Song service led by I. O. Cook. Devotional led by Rev. J. C. Watson. Subject: "Paul's Letter to the Philistines".

Welcome Address by Rev. I. O. Cook. Response by Rev. Rufus Hyman.

At this time the call for Corresponding Letters from the various churches.

At this time Moderator appointed Bro. Hyman and C. A. Huckleby to read the Association Letters.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

DAMASCUS CHURCH—Delegates B. T. Chattwood, W. H. Windham and John W. Hill and wife.

MIDWAY CHURCH—Delegate Alfreed Roberts.

CEDER GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Buddy Perkins and B. B. Tompson.

OAK GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Bro. and Sister G. B. Scott.

LOVEWOOD CHURCH—Delegates Mrs. Mae Johnson and Adell Morris.

MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH—Delegates Mrs. Willie Sellers and Mrs. Myrtle Sapp.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—Delegates James Grinsley and Ervin Fowler.

ROCKY GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Seab Robinson and Carrie Mae Fears, Joe Conrad.

SALEM CHURCH—Delegates Bro. Max Croom, Mrs. Jewel Kint, Barard Shutts and Mrs. Lizzie Barns.

TRAVLERS REST CHURCH—Delegate Sis. Mae Weeks

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH—Bro. and Sis. Joe Holley, Miss Ada Holley, Mrs. Lonie Glisson and Mrs. Shellie Bracewell.

FIRST CHURCH OF MALONE—Delegates Mrs. Donnie Busch and Etta Mae Herring.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH—Delegates W. M. Crockran and Sis. W. B. Phillips.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH—Delegates Joe Tharp, J. D. Ramsey and F. E. Lock.

ABES SPRING CHURCH—Delegates Charlie Bozeman, Velma Bozeman and Mittie Sally.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH—Joseph Johnson, G. W. Hatcher, C. M. D. Oswald, Mildred Hatcher, Donnie Johnson and

Neta Johnson.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Sister Annie Mae Hussey, Nella Lipford.

GREEN HEAD CHURCH—Delegates Sister Essie Taylor and Douglas Finch.

PIN GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Sister Lessie Adams, Sis. Wrennie Moody.

COTTONDALE CHURCH—Mrs. Mary Addison, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Windsor, Mrs. Noah Brannon.

There was a move and second that letters be received and delegates seated and this time Moderator called off labor until 1:00 o'clock.

At eleven o'clock the stand was filled by Rev. I. O. Cook bring the Introductory Sermon. Scripture reading 6 verses, 4th ch. Nemiah.

Dismissed one hour for lunch which was served by host church.

At 1:00 song service led by Sis. C. A. Huckleby. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Cook. Devotional led by Bro. Roy Bozman. Scripture reading 3rd ch. of Colossians.

The Moderator called for visitors and delegates from other Associations.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Bro. W. E. George, A. B. Cook, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckleby, Sis. Pearl Barrow and Sis. Baxtor.

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION—Bro. G. W. Cloud and wife.

UNION HILL ASSOCIATION—Bro. Rufus Hyman.

There was a move and second that the State Treasurer make a finance report on Salem Association.

Committee appointed on Finance—Rev. D. F. Pelt, Rev. Rufus Hyman and Rev. Hubert Stonaker.

Committee on Divine Service—Cypress Creek Church.

Committee on Divine Service reports that Bro. Rufus Hyman preach Friday night and Bro. C. A. Huckleby preach Sat. at 11:00.

Cypress Creek Church Committee

SATURDAY MORNING

At 10:00 Salem Association was called to order by Moderator. Song service led by I. O. Cook. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Catrett. Devotional Service led by J. W. Roberts reading 2nd ch., 1st Thessalonians.

Renewed the call for Corresponding Letters—Received none.

Renewed the call for visiting delegates from visiting associations.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Rev. W. B. Hughes, J. T. Cook

and Bro. Hicks.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION—Rev. H. L. Catrett and W. R. Barber.

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION—S. T. Shutes and C. R. Houser.

Hand of welcome was given to the visitors by the Moderator.

There was a moved second that the Salem Quarterly meetings meet in the afternoon and at night. Also a move and second that a committee be appointed to set the time for the quarterly meetings

There was a committee appointed on the standing of ministers. The committee, W. C. Pettis, C. E. Day and George Hatcher.

At this time an offering was taken for Damascus Church building.

DELEGATES APPOINTED

STATE ASSOCIATION—J. W. Lamb and wife, C. A. Bozeman and wife and Sis. Shelly Bracewell.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—I. O. Cook and W. W. Eiland.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION—I. O. Cook and J. E. Nichols.

NORTH EAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION—D. F. Pelt, Roy Bozeman, I. O. Cook, C. H. Pelt and Walter Eldridge.

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION—D. F. Pelt.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—J. W. Lamb and wife.

EXECUTIVES COMMITTEE—A. D. Hart 2 years, J. W. Mayerac 2 years, J. T. Sullivan 2 years.

Bro. Walter Eldridge and Bro. J. C. Watson were added to the Ordaining Council.

At this time the Association elected officers to serve for two years: Moderator, Bro. Walter Eldridge; Vice Moderator, Bro. J. E. Nichols; Secretary and Treasurer, Chester L. Cook.

The officers were appointed as committee to set the time for the quarterly meetings.

The committee report on the quarterly meeting that we meet Saturday afternoon at 3:00. Saturday before the ~~second~~ Sunday.

1st quarterly _____ Hickory Grove Church

2nd quarterly _____ Holley Grove Church in March

3rd quarterly _____ Travlers Rest Church in June

4th quarterly _____ Cypress Creek Church in September

There was move and second to pay moderator and clerk \$25.00 each.

Move and second to give Damascus Church a vote of thanks for their nice hospitality while in their midst. Motions to adjourn to meet with Abes Springs Church Friday and Saturday before the 1st Sunday October, 1956.

Moderator, Walter Eldridge

Chester L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer

We your committee on nomination make the following report:
We recommend that Abes Spring Church have the next association
and that Rev. H. E. Stanolker preach the introductory sermon.

There was move and second that the clerk secure a list of the
names of ministers and deacons of Salem Association, also that
the roll be called at the Ministers and Deacons meeting.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. Walter Eldridge	Cottdale, Fla.
Rev. D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. I. O. Cook	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
Rev. A. B. Cook	Bonifay, Fla.
Rev. A. W. Cook	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
Rev. Rufus Hyman	Slocumb, Ala.
Rev. C. A. Huckeby	Chipley, Fla.
Rev. W. E. George	Bonifay, Fla.
Rev. J. C. Watson	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. W. C. Windham	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. H. Stonaker	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. W. B. Hughes	Chipley, Fla.
Rev. C. H. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
Rev. H. L. Catrett	Colquit, Ga.
Rev. S. T. Shuts	Colquit, Ga.
Rev. Wayne Hicks	Panama City, Fla.
Rev. J. E. Nichols	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

Moved that the Salem Association sponsor the organization
and establishment of a Free Will Baptist Church in Marianna,
Fla. That a committee be appointed including the moderator and
Free Will Baptist living in Marianna to serve as a mission
committee and to serve until the church is organized or until
they are otherwise discharged by the association and that this
committee have the right to receive money and spend same for
lot materials and other pertaining expenses giving accounts to the
association annually.

Committees appointed to work with Rev. C. H. Pelt: J. W. Hill,
Lowell Crooms, James Woodley. J. T. Sullivan and Rev. Walter
Eldridge.

REPORT ON OBITUARIES

We find that the Lord has called from our various churches
14 of our members.

Submitted by Holley Grove Church

NEW HOPE OBITUARIES

On April 19, 1955, our Lord saw fit to call from our midst

our beloved Sister and Mother, Sister Sarah Lou Rildy Mears better known to her friends as Aunt Rildy to come up and dwell eternally in his presence. She was a faithful worker in the Free Will Baptist Church for many, many years. She was borned in Thomas County, Ga. Feb. 26, 1877.

Respectfully Submitted By

Mildridge Mears, New Hope Church Clerk

On January 7, 1955 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst our beloved Sister Lila Fowler to come up and dwell eternally in his presence. She was a faithful member and worker in the Free Will Baptist Church for many, many years. She was born in Houston County, Ala. April 18, 1885.

Respectfully Submitted By

Mildridge Mears, New Hope Church Clerk

On December 16, 1954 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst our beloved Sister Gladys Culver to come up and dwell eternally in his presence. She was a faithful member and worker in the Free Will Baptist Church for many years. She was born in Jackson County Florida, November 27, 1904.

Respectfully Submitted By

Mildridge Mears, New Hope Church Clerk

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH

We you Committee on Obituaries submit to your honorable body the following report:

The Lord saw fit to call from Holly Grove Church Bro. T. R. Bryant, age 83. New Hope Church.

Sister Sarah Lou Rildy Mears borned February 26, 1877 died April 19, 1955

Sister Lila Fowler, borned April 18, 1885, died January 7, 1955.

Sister Gladys Culver, borned November 2, 1904 died December 16, 1954.

Humbly Submitted By

Holly Grove Church

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH OBITUARY

In remembrance of Bro. T. R. Bryant who was borned Aug.

4, 1871 and died June 22, 1955. Bro. Bryant was a member of Holly Grove Church for a number of years.

Respectfully Submitted By

Holly Grove Church

CHRISTIAN HOME OBITUARIES

Christian Home Church lost a true friend in the death of Sister Latricia Bozeman. She had been a member of this church many years. We extend our heart felt sympathy.

God called from our midst Sister Anna Kearce of Blountstown, Fla. June 27, 1955. She had been a faithful member of Christian Home Church for many years. We extend our heart felt sympathy.

Respectfully Submitted

Christian Home Church

ABES SPRINGS OBITUARY

On January 3rd 1955 the Lord called from our midst Sister Alma Fowler age 36 years. She was a member of Abes Springs Church for several years and is sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends. She is gone but not forgotten.

By Charley Bozeman, Church Clerk

TRAVELERS REST OBITUARY

The Lord called from our midst in March 1955 Bro. Shiver better known as Uncle Buck. He had been a member of Travelers Rest Church for near thirty years and was a deacon for many years. He was a faithful member until death. The last time he visited the church his testimony was that he was ready to go for which he thank the Lord. He was laid to rest in Travelers Rest Cemetary.

By C. L. Cook

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

	\$154.00
Balance in Treasury September 30, 1955	4.87
For State Program	150.00
For Youth Camp	3.50
From Leauge Convention	7.00
Balance in Treasury October 1st, 1955	\$184.37

Rev. Rufus Hyman

Rev. D. F. Pelt

Rev. H. E. Stalnaker

TREASURERS REPORT

Amount in Treasury October 1, 1954	\$46.50
Received from Finance Committee for Home Mission	17.00
Foreign Mission	9.00
Superannuation	11.00
Orphen Home	14.00
Y. B. Scott	2.00
For Association Expense	116.00
From Quarterly Meetings	20.00
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Balance in Treasury October 2, 1954	\$235.50

DISBURSMENTS

Paid State Treasurer	\$52.00
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid Vice Moderator	15.00
Paid State Association	20.00
Paid for Minutes	112.13
Postage	6.50
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Balance in Treasury October 2, 1954	\$230.63
Balance in Treasury September 30, 1955	\$4.87

Chester L. Cook

Altha, Fla., Rt. 2

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We the Committee on Education submit the following report:

The people of our denomination have shown much progress in the field of education in recent years. However, we have far to go to achieve our goal. We humbly submit the following suggestions.

That each church in our Association have a Sunday School, Womans Auxiliary and League.

We have been greatly concerned that many of our churches do not have mid-week prayer service. We would beg each church to make every effort to get our prayer meetings back in our churches.

We would also urge that each of our churches make an effort to acquaint our members through study and prayer on such subjects as Stewardship, Missions and Evangelism.

We cannot urge too strongly that each pastor and members be mindful of our young people. We must endeavor to give them

places in the church work wherein they can develop leadership. Let us not neglect the training of our youth.

Humbly and Prayerfully Submitted,

Christian Home Church

AUXILIARY REPORT

The District Auxiliary Convention met with Salem Free Will Baptist Church September 24th, 1955, with six Auxiliaries represented.

The body was called together. Choir Singing "Trust and Obey". Christian Home Auxiliary led the devotion, which was enjoyed by everyone. Welcome Address given by host church. Response by Cottondale Auxiliary.

At this time the delegates were seated.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH—Mrs. Eron Bailey and Mrs. Lonja Glisson.

COTTONDALE CHURCH—Mrs. Mary Addison and Mrs. Windsor.

MALONE CHURCH—Mrs. Donnie Bush.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH—Represented by letter.

MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH—Mrs. Audrey Eiland.

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH—Mrs. Mae Weeks

At this time president appointed committees.

PLAN OF WORK—Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Mrs. Mary Addison, and Mrs. Lonja Glisson.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE—Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mrs. Windsor and Mrs. Donnie Bush.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Mrs. Mae Weeks. Mrs. B. M. Bailey and Mrs. Chester Cook.

At this time the Service was turned over to the guest speaker, Rev. D. W. Pool. Song "Loyalty to Christ". Scripture reading 55th Ch., 11 V. Isaiah. Song "Take My Life and Let it Be". Dismissed by Mrs. Ruby Pelt for lunch to meet back at 1:00.

The body was called together by President. Choir singing, "Draw Me Nearer". Devotion led by Travelers Rest Church.

At this time the President called for reports:

REPORT OF PLAN OF WORK

Resolve that each auxiliaries secure copies of our new "Manual of Methods" and that each auxiliaries have a study course in

the manuels and that each local auxiliary be represented at the next sessions with a standard of acheivement chart.

The Plan of Work,

Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Mrs. Mary

Addison and Mrs. Lonie Glisson

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominate the following officers for the next two years.

President — Mrs. Thelma Grondion _____ Malone, Fla.
 Vice President — Miss Ada Holley _____ Blountstown, Fla.
 Recording Sec. & Treas.—Mrs. Eron Bailey _____ Blountstown, Fla.
 Mrs. Chester L. Cook — Asst. Sec. & Treas. _____ Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
 Study Course Chr.—Mrs. Noah Brannon _____ Cottdondale, Fla.
 Steward Ship—Prayer Chr., Mrs. M. B. Woodlief _____ Marianna, Fla.
 Personal Service Ch.—Mrs. Donnie Bush _____ P. O., Malone, Fla.

We nominate Malone Church as the place for the next District Convention, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in Sept. 1956.

Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Chr.

Mrs. Donnie Bush

Mrs. Windsor

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We find in the treasure brought over from 1954 _____	\$11.70
Amount Per Capita fees sent to treasure 1955 _____	15.50
Total amount for missions resulting from week of prayer _____	71.15
Total value contribution to children home _____	135.85
Amount spent for literature _____	63.31

Finance Committee,

Mrs. Weeks

Mrs. Chester Cook

Mrs. B. M. Bailey

COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOL

We the Committee on Sabbath School make the following report: We find that most of our churches has reported Sunday Schools. We reconize the Sunday School to be the nations first line defense. We specially urge all the churches who do not have Sunday Schools to organize one at once. So our churches might become stronger. Strong Sunday Schools grow into great churches.

We further request our churches to set up the six point system of Sunday Schools. At the present most of our schools are using the two point system which records attendance and collection. The materials for the six point Sunday School may be ordered from the Sunday School department 3801, Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tenn.

Submitted by Lovewood Church

SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE

The Salem Free Will Baptist League Convention held its regular meeting at the F. W. B. Youth Camp on Sunday afternoon, August 28, 1955.

The meeting opened at 2:00 P. M. with two songs by the congregation; "Standing On The Promises" and "Rock of Ages". This was followed with Prayer by Ann Bryant. Marcia Ann Redd from Christian Home then gave the devotion for the evening, which was very inspirational. The devotion was followed by a special song "There's No Friend to Me like Jesus", sang by Ann Bryant of Christian Home.

The following were the delegates from the three leagues represented:

CHRISTIAN HOME—Marcia Ann Redd, Ann Bryant. Charles Richards, Donnie Roy Southwell.

HOLLY GROVE—Linda Faye Ross, Sue Watson

MALONE—Nell Hall, Merida Grondion, Raymond Baxter, Thelma Grondion.

The minutes of the 1953-54 session were read and adopted as read. The letters from the Leagues represented were read and adopted. As the Treasurer wasn't present there was no treasurer report to be read.

Nell Hall, Marcia Ann Redd, Ann Bryant and Helen Bush were the delegates appointed by the President to represent the Salem League Convention at the State Convention.

Discussion was in a move as whether we were to have the League Convention Minutes published in the Salem Association minutes. It was passed that secretary write treasurer and tell her to see the secretary at the association and give check for the printing in amount of \$7.00.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned with congregational singing "League song" "Onward Christian Leaguers" and League benediction.

Joe Spears, President

Helen Bush, Secretary

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON LEAGUES

We the committee on Leagues find that the League work in the Salem Association is very weak with only a very few churches having an active League.

We respectfully urge that all ministers, deacons, and church leaders make an earnest effort to organize a League in the churches who do not have a League.

We feel that the League is a very essential auxiliary of the church in that it is the training service of the church for young people and will better prepare them to be the leaders of our churches of the future.

MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH

DEACONS

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH—Chester L. Cook, W. J. Maye-race and E. G. Suggs.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH—Hugh Peacock, Sam L. Davis, Joe E. Spears and Joe E. Holley.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH—W. M. Cockron and W. B. Phillips.

ROCKEY GROVE CHURCH—Joe Conrad

NEW HOPE CHURCH—R. B. Jackson, A. D. Hart.

SALEM CHURCH—J. R. Barns, J. W. Barns, Jewel Kint, Jim Barns, Joe Brock, Bernard Shuts, W. F. Jones and Lewis Barns.

MALONE CHURCH—J. T. Hall Jr., Cola Baxter and H. C. Smith.

CRYSTAL LAKE CHURCH—D. C. Finch.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—J. H. Dunaway, Hays Dickson, and W. F. Ditty.

HOLLY GROVE CHURCH—Harvey Ross, W. F. Chafin, John T. Sullivan and Rosco Hewett.

LOVEWOOD CHURCH—J. F. Fillingim, W. M. Broom, P. E. Gilbert and W. T. Justic.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH—Walter Baxter, J. W. Hatcher, Joseph Johnson, James T. Ditty, J. D. King, P. R. Long.

ABES SPRINGS CHURCH—Jessie Roberts, J. A. Sumner and Frank Rhames.

DAMUSCUS CHURCH—L. L. Hill, J. R. Cloud and J. R. Porter.

PINE GROVE CHURCH—Chester Dykes, J. C. Adams and E. O. Adams.

MINISTERS HOLDING MEMBERSHIP WITH SALEM

ASSOCIATION

J. C. Watson	Marianna, Fla. (ordained)
Robert Waller	Marianna, Fla. (Lisened)
Jefferson D. Stephens	Marianna, Fla. (ordained)
John Carr	Cottondale, Fla. Rt.
C. W. Windham	Marianna, Fla. (Lisened)
Trim Finch	
A. H. Retherford	Lynn Haven, Fla.
H. W. Keels	Pine St., Chattahoochee, Fla.
J. E. Nichols	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla. (ordained)
I. O. Cook	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
A. W. Cook	Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.
D. F. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.
J. W. Roberts	Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.
Walter Eldridge	Cottondale, Fla.
C. H. Pelt	Marianna, Fla.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Committee on Nomination	New Hope Church
Committee on Education	Cottondale Church
Committee on Suggestions	Travelers Rest Church
Committee on Sabbath School	Salem Church
Committee on Standing of Churches and Ministers	Christian Home Church
Committee on Obituaries	Midway Church
Committee on Temperence	Abes Springs Church
Committee on Superanuation	Hickory Grove Church
Committee on Finance	Marvin Chapel Church
Committee on League	Malone Church
Committee on Ladies Auxiliary	Lovewood Church

COMMITTEE ON DEVINE SERVICE

We the Committee on Devine Service suggest that Bro. Rufus Hyman bring the message tonight at 7:30 and Bro. Chester Huckleby bring the message Saturday at 11 o'clock.

Bro. Joe Tharp, Chairman

F. E. Locke

Sister Stella Ramsey

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance submit the following report:

Realizing that we need to set an example before the unsaved, we recommend that every Christian refrain as much as possible, from entering or purchasing anything at any place where alcoholic beverages are sold. As loyal Free Will Baptist we have covenanted not to sanction the sale or use of intoxicating beverages. We violate this solemn covenant by lending support to any business where alcoholic beverages are for sale if we patronize them.

We recommend for those who operate a business to stay closed on Sunday and honor God on his day.

We recommend that all parents, ministers and teachers encourage our children not to read unwholesome literature, comic books and ect.

We also recommend that our ministers preach more temperance sermons.

Yours For Service,

Hickory Grove Church

STANDING OF CHURCHES

We your Committee make the following report:

We find all churches in good standing as far as we know with the exception of Gap Pond Church using preachers of other denominations to serve their church

Your Committee,

Green Head Church

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

1st. We suggest that each church of this association work out a church budget and at least tithe their income to the unified program.

2nd. That each church feel it their duty to be represented at each quarterly meeting by delegates or by letter.

3rd. That each minister and deacon and their wives be present at each minister and deacon conference if not providential hindered.

4th. That each individual "person" tithes their income into God's Storehouse and receive the blessing that He has promised in Malachi 3:10.

Submitted by Cottondale Church

ITEMS OF CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Divine Service.
2. Inviting visiting brothers to seats with us.
3. Unfinished business.
4. Miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

2. Moderator calls the body to order.
3. Call for corresponding letters and enroll delegates.
4. Roll call of ministers.
5. Appointing committees on Divine Services.
6. Call for Petitionary letters.
7. Call for corresponding letters from sister associations.
8. Call for election of new officers.
9. Appointment of committees.
10. Appoint delegates to sister associations.
11. Call for report of committees.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Adjournment.

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 Cor. 8-6,

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 Tim. 2:5-6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 3:16; Rev. 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; Eph. 2:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright, and placed him in state of Glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell and by

that means brough on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death—Gen. 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 Tim. 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, herefore, 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 other are found in such a capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved—Act. 17:30; Mark 6; Hebrew 3:10; I John 5-10.

7. We believe the whole scriptures are infalibly true and they are the only rules of faith and practice—II Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provisions made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind who repent and believe the Gospel—Luke 14:16-20; Matt. 28:18-20; Luke 13: 3-5; Luke 24:47; 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 teaching; whereas such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for wilfully, rejecting the offers of sovereign grace—Matt. 11-27; St. John 6-44, 65; Pr. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation; considered such who turn the grace of God into lavishness, denying the only Lord, God, and our Lord Jesus Christ who bought 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—Jude 1-14; II Peter 2-1; II Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 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 one of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishmen in hell by the guilt of Adam's

sin, for such is the Kingdom of God—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:2-5; Mark 9:36-37; Matt. 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 meant, eternal life is promised to men—Rev. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7-8; Jer. 6-16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works. power or ability which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God, through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God—Rom. 4:24; Acs 8:20-21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or 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—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 31:46.

15. We believe, as touching Gospel ordinances, in believers baptism, laying on of the 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; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that believers are the only subjects for baptism—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 2:38-39; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day—John 5:28; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless—Matt. 25:46.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having been brought, as we believe, by the 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 others 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 exemplary in all our deportment; 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 support of the ministry, the expense of the church, the relief of the poor and the general spread of the Gospel.

In keeping this solemn Covenant may we ever enjoy the blessings and presence of the great Head of the Church.

RULES OF CHURCH DISCIPLINE

Revised and Amended

The rules for the government of the church of God are contained in the Holy Scriptures. But as many of them appear to be comprehended in general directions it is necessary for the better regulations of the church that certain fixed rules and principles of practice should be adopted, provided those rules are in accordance with the scripture of truth. For it is manifest that every religious society or community should make such local and temporary regulations as may secure obedience to the perfect law by which they are governed.

The church therefore of Jesus Christ being of the Free Will Baptist order, do covenant and agree that four times a year (every three months) to assemble for the purpose of holding a godly conference, the members being all present with convenience, then and there the business of the church should be done.

PRACTICES

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, doctrines 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 recorded in this Discipline is adopted. A prayer of consecration is offered. The hand of fellowship is given. Then officers are elected.

2. There shall be male members enough to fill the public offices in the church, in order that a regular discipline may be kept up.

3. 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.

OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of a church are a board of trustees, clerk, treasurer, deacons and deaconesses, finance committee, ruling elders and pastor.

Board of Trustees—The duty of the trustees shall be to hold title to all property, either in fee or in gift, and to maintain all rights to same, to convey said property in discretion of a four-fifths majority of those present at a regular quarterly meeting, being previously announced at said church three months prior to said meeting.

Clerk—It is the duty of the clerk to keep a church book and in it record the church Covenant, the names of the members and all the proceedings of the church, in the exercise of its discipline and management of its temporal affairs. He also signs all letters and other communications made by authority of the church.

Treasurer—The treasurer shall be entrusted with the funds of the church and it shall be his duty to keep a regular account of all the money received and from whom, and make a report of the same annually to the church, or oftener if necessary, which funds shall be drawn on the treasurer only by the order of Conference.

Deacons—The deacons are elected for life or during good behaviour. They should be men distinguished among their brethren of piety and benevolence. Before entering upon the duties of their office they are ordained by the pastor or other regular ministers. Ordination consists of charge, laying on of hands and prayer. It is their duty to serve at the Lord's table, to distribute of the bounty of the church among its needy members, to visit the sick, to assist the pastor in promoting order in attendance upon the means of grace, to see that an efficient Scriptural discipline be enforced in the church and to conduct religious meetings in the absence of the pastor.

Deaconesses—They assist the deacons and finance committee in visiting the sick, in collecting funds and distributing among the needy members and enforcing proper discipline among the female members.

Finance Committee—These have the general management of the finance of the church, subject to the churches control.

Ruling Elders—The business of the ruling Elders, after their qualifications, shall be to settle controverted points between the brethren, if they are informed of any such business, then they shall issue their order and appoint a time and place to meet the parties

and it shall be legal for them to take such testimonies, both in and out of the church as shall to them seem meet and as shall enable them pass a true and right judgment. They shall be qualified for this office in like manner as the deacons are, and shall serve the church according to their appointment.

2. When the elders have full information of any matter respecting controversy between their brethren, should they find a fraud intended, they shall be at liberty to give the injured party right of the common law, and make report thereof to the next conference, at which time the offending party may be set aside from the Communion until the controversy is settled.

3. If any member shall fly from the judgment of the elders it shall be open excommunication, and it shall be the duty of the pastor to make known such excommunication by a declaration of the same before the church.

4. If unable to settle same it shall be returned to the church for final disposition.

Pastor—Each church elects its own pastor out of the regular ordained ministers (upon such terms as may be agreed upon between the parties themselves). It is the pastor's duty faithfully to preach the Word, to have the general superintendence of the church to be himself an example to the flock, to visit the members, especially the sick as he has opportunity, and to do all within his power to promote the religious interest of the church which he serves and to advance the cause of Christ among men.

GOVERNMENT

Reception of Members

Any person who gives evidence of a change of heart, professes faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and has been immersed by a proper administrator, church covenant read, explained and accepted is received to membership by a vote of the church.

From other churches immersed persons are received by letter. No one, against whom any valid objections is made is received to membership. When any member objects to the reception of an applicant, the matter is deferred until the church can ascertain the nature of the objection. If in the opinion of the church, the objection is not a valid one, the applicant may be received. Excluded members are received again only when they confess their errors and give evidence of repentance. Persons excluded from other churches are not received unless it be made evident that they were excluded upon justifiable grounds. The hand of fellowship is extended to all who are received into the membership of the church.

DISMISSION OF MEMBERS

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 dismission and commendation, but are under the watch care of the same church until they are received into some other. A withdrawal without such letter of commendation is equivalent to excommunication and is treated as such by the church.

PRINCIPLES OF DISCIPLINE

1. Offences that may require the exercise of discipline are either private or public. Private are such as are from their nature known to very few persons; public offences include all others. In the case of private individual transgression, the offender is admonished privately by the ruling elders, and if satisfaction is given the cases carried no farther, but if satisfaction is not given, the case is reported to the church for final action. In case of private grievance in which two or more members are concerned, the aggrieving and aggrieved parties should be brought together by the ruling elders and the matter settled privately if possible. No one case is allowed to come before the church except as directed in Matthew 18:15-17.

When two or more members are openly at variance or when a member is walking in a disorderly manner by a general report the church, through a committee or otherwise, calls the offender or offenders to account; and in the presence of such offenders—unless they refuse to be present, then in their absence, the church examines into the nature of the offence or the character of the general reports; if the parties are found guilty and do not give satisfactory evidence of penitence, after a suitable discipline they are excluded from the church.

If a member habitually absents himself from the meetings of the church, refuses to bear his proportionate part of the church expenses or casts his influence against the church, he is admonished by the ruling elders, and if he still persists, his case is brought before the church as one for discipline.

2. If any member by disorderly walk shall be liable to excommunication, yet no church shall be at liberty in the absence of their pastor to declare an unfellowship with any member; yet by the church they may be set aside from the Communion until further satisfaction shall be given.

3. If any member shall be found frequenting the race ground the ball room, the card table, shooting matches or any place of disorder without lawful business, such member may be censured by the church, and in such case said member shall make the church

satisfaction or be dealt with as the conference may think proper.

4. No testimony shall be taken out of the society against members in the society, only in controverted points.

5. If any member shall absent himself from the church on the days of Conference, or times of Communion, he shall be liable to the censure of the church.

MEETINGS OF THE CHURCH

Each church meets as often as practicable for the public worship of God.

The time of celebrating the Lord's Supper, washing feet, and of business meetings are arranged by each local church to suit its own convenience. Generally these meetings are monthly or quarterly, business meetings preceding the Lord's Supper.

Each church is required to observe the ordinances. Feet washing follows the Lord's Supper.

Conference or business meetings are opened and closed with suitable devotionable exercises. The pastor acts as moderator of the business meetings of the church. In the absence of the pastor the church may meet when necessary and attend to ordinary church business, but no member is excluded in the absence of the pastor. All business meetings are conducted according to certain rules of order.

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 the same to the church and if the church shall be satisfied with qualifications and call of such person, they may grant his license to preach the Gospel, signed by the pastor and clerk. But if the church should doubt the qualifications of such persons to preach the Gospel then she may grant him liberty to exercise his gifts by exhortation, each for twelve months.

2. After which, if either of those persons (licentiate or the exhorter) is found useful, the church may recommend said person to the ordaining council consisting of either three or five members appointed or elected by each conference, said 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 as set forth in this discipline and his ability. If he is found worthy, said council shall furnish him a certificate of ordi-

nation after they have ordained him by fasting, laying on of hands prayer, a charge, the hand of fellowship and a sermon. Among his brethren he bears the title of Elder.

When a minister of another denomination desires to unite with the Original Free Will Baptist he first becomes a member of some Free Will Baptist Church; then in his case the proceedings are the same as those in ordaining a licentiate.

5. The minister or elder, 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. And it shall be the duty of the church to call to its assistance two or more elders, at least one, to be a member of the ordaining council and appoint three of her own members, who, with two of the elders shall form a committee for the purpose of trying the offenders, and if satisfaction is given by the delinquent, the committee may restore him to fellowship and office, but if sufficient satisfaction is not given, the committee shall silence the offender until the next General Conference, and they shall report the case with all the attending circumstances to the General Conference and the Conference shall appoint a committee of five or more, members belonging to their body and a final decision shall be made.

6. The church against a minister or elder, shall not receive an accusation but at the mouth of two or three witnesses—Matthew 18:16.

7. No pastor having the care of any church or churches may withdraw from them, neither the churches withdraw from their pastor without sufficient cause, tried by the church in general.

8. The pastor shall have liberty to commend any member under his care at any time but in the time of Conference, and shall have the right also to cite any member or members to the next Conference, when the offence is committed between Conferences.

9. The pastor of a church or churches shall have power at any time to call a private conference, and the church in Conference may appoint a committee, if the case shall require it, and they shall proceed as in all other cases and conferences.

10. Any regular ordained minister of the original Free Will Baptist shall serve the church in the absence of the pastor. in every gospel order required of him by the church.

11. Elders, ministers and preachers shall be considered members and their names continue with the church where they first became members, until regularly dismissed.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a Gospel church, or church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according

to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and the ordinances of the first Christian churches, and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven and of such Christians now on earth as are not attached to the visible according to the Gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central or catholic government over the visible church or any part thereof is a device of earthly ambition repugnant to the word of God, subversive to the churches and dangerous to the liberties of men.

5. That the Gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scriptures; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute and that if this right be surrendered to a superintending jurisdiction, by delegation or otherwise, the assembly then ceases to be a Gospel church.

6. That churches may nevertheless, we suppose, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the correspondence, but that the rights and authority of churches being inalienable, are in no wise compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only powers being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity, to promote mutual intercourse and a concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by any individual.

7. That the authority of churches is designed for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel and for the preservation of a pure and orderly body of Christians on earth, that it is fully sufficient for the purposes intended, but that it does not extend to the person's property or consciences of men in any case whatever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel; that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of church membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of the church are elders and deacons; that elders are also called bishops or pastors; that all elders are equal in rank, though they may perform different functions, since

some may be the bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church, such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders; that as a member of the church he is no more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he was a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing the saints' feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. The elders and deacons must be set apart to thier office by ordination by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective office.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This shall be the Constitution of the Conference of the Original Free Will Baptist church of North Carolina, viz., Cape Fear, Western, Central, and Eastern, or any others that may adopt this discipline.

Art. 2. The object of the Annual Conferences shall be to promote Christ's Kingdom among men by means in strict conformity to the holy Scriptures.

Art. 3. These conferences shall be composed of the ministers who are members of churches belonging to the body and of delegates from these churches, each church being entitled to as many delegates as each conference shall think proper.

Art. 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.

Art. 5. The officers of the body shall be a moderator, a 'reasurer, corresponding and recording secretary, who shall be elected for a term of two years and said election to take place one year prior to their entering upon the duties of said office.

Art. 6. This conference may at each regular meeting elec' as many boards or standing committees as may be necessary in car-

rying out its benevolent purposes. These shall keep a record of their proceedings and make a report at each regular meeting of the conference.

Art. 7. Any church desiring to become a member of this body shall present her petition at a regular session of the conference through delegates appointed for that purpose. If she be received the moderator shall extend to her delegates the hand of fellowship.

Art. 8. The conference may extend to visiting brethren all the privileges of the body, save that of voting.

Art. 9. This constitution may be amended at any regular session by a vote of four-fifths of the members present of the conference session.

BY-LAWS

Art. 1. A general conference shall be annually held.

Art. 2. Every elder, minister and preacher in good standing and delegates shall duly attend.

Art. 3. 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.

Art. 4. No member of the general conference shall be at liberty to withdraw without leave of the moderator.

Art. 5. The conference shall always adjourn by vote.

Art. 6. There shall annually be a committee of finance chosen to settle with the treasurer and report to conference

Art. 7. The officers and standing committees shall be entitled to a seat in the annual conference.

Art. 8. No elder, minister, preacher 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.

Art. 9. Conference shall always open and adjourn by prayer and praise to God.

Art. 10. The minutes of the conference shall be signed by the moderator and the clerk.

RULES OF ORDER

Motions

A motion must be made by one member, seconded by another and afterwards stated by the Moderator, before it is debated. A motion shall be reduced to writing by the mover at the demand of any one member.

All resolutions shall be submitted in writing.

A motion or resolution may be withdrawn at any time before

a decision or amendment by the Conference.

Any motion or resolution containing more than one distinct proposition shall be divided, provided the call for a division be sustained by a majority.

No motion to amend shall be in order beyond a motion to amend an amendment.

No amendment relating to a different subject shall be in order.

A motion lost shall not be recorded except so ordered at the time.

Speaking

When a member speaks or offers a motion he should rise and respectfully address the moderator, confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid all personality or unkind and disrespectful speech.

When two or more members rise to speak at the same time the Moderator shall decide who is entitled to the floor.

While a member is speaking no one shall interrupt him except to call him to order, ask leave to explain or make an explanation. The one allowed to explain shall confine himself strictly to an actual misunderstanding of language which may need explanation.

If the speaker yield the floor to another he cannot claim it again.

No member shall speak more than twice, or longer than fifteen minutes at each time, on any question without leave of the Conference, which leave shall be granted without debate.

All conversation by whispering or otherwise, which is calculated to disturb the speaker or hinder the transaction of business and passing between the speaker and the chair, shall be out of order.

Committees

Committees shall be nominated by Conference (no member being allowed to nominate more than one on the same committee) and the nomination then confirmed by vote; or the Committee may be named by the Moderator by the request of the Conference.

The member first named on a Committee shall be its Chairman to call the committee together, but after it is convened the Committee may elect its own chairman and secretary.

Any subjects under debate or any matter of business may be referred to a committee with or without instructions.

All reports of Committees shall be made in writing, signed by a majority. When a majority report is followed by a minority report from the same committee the former after being read, shall

lie on the table until the latter is presented after which it may be considered.

A report of a committee may be recommitted when necessary for further investigation, or to present it in some more acceptable form.

All reports when read shall be considered as properly before the body without a motion to accept.

Voting

Voting shall be done by "yea" and "nay", by standing up affirmative and negative, and in special cases by ballot.

The moderator, in case of a tie, may cast the deciding vote.

All members should vote on one side or the other, unless excused.

No motion, discussion or other business, shall be admitted while the vote is being taken.

Laying On The Table

Immediate action upon any question may be deferred by laying on the table to special time or indefinitely. In the same way questions may be postponed.

Privilege Question

When a motion or resolution is before the body the only motions in order shall be: 1. to adjourn, 2. previous question; 3. to lay on the table; 4. to postpone indefinitely; 5. to postpone to a definite time; 6. to refer; 7. to divide if division is advisable; 8. to amend—to take precedence as heren arranged.

Motions to adjourn, when to adjourn simply take the previous question, and to lay on the table must be decided without debate.

Filling Blanks

Names suggested for filling blanks shall be voted on in order of their nomination; when different numbers and times are proposed, the greatest number and longest time shall be voted on first.

Reconsidering

A motion to reconsider a motion previously passed must be made by one who voted in the affirmative when the motion passed and if a vote to reconsider is lost it cannot be renewed during this session.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	CHURCH MEETING DAYS	Rec. By Letter	By Baptism	Otherwise	Dead	Dismissed by Letter	Total Membership	Paid Pastors	Paid Helpers	Value Church Prop.	State Budget
Midway	Jim Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Mrs. Shafne Cook, Grandridge, Fla.	2nd Sun.	0	0	0	0	0	34	\$110.22	\$59.10	\$1,000	\$5.00
Damascus	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla.	John W. Hill, Marianna, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	0	0	2	3	114	123.00	95.36	3,500	15.00
Hickory Grove	Chester Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	0	0	2	7	255	488.75	80.00	10,000	321.04
Pine Grove	Clearance Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	3	0	0	1	22	106.68	20.00	1,000	51.88
Salem	Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.	Mrs. Nella Morris, Rt. 2, B. 49, Cot'dale, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	2	0	0	0	0	121	503.06	120.00	4,000	
Cedar Grove	Ralph Bell, Iron City, Ga.	Mellie Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	1	2	0	2	27	299.74		3,000	
Cottondale	Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.	Jack Windsor, Cottondale, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	4	0	0	0	0	52	1980.80	150.00	20,000	
Abes Springs	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla.	C. A. Bozeman, Box 134, Blountstown, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	2	1	0	1	0	57	276.00	25.00	15,000	
New Hope	Henry W. Keel, Chattahoochee, Fla.	Mildred Mears, Grandridge, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	0	0	3	0	51	280.61	42.90	3,000	
Christian Home	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Falfa Clark, Blountstown, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	5	5	0	2	1	155	1011.13	165.00	30,000	509.00
Marvin Chapel	H. E. Stoinaker, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Marianna, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	3	3	1	0	2	78	841.79	285.65	5,000	180.00
Cypress Creek	I. O. Cook, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	F. E. Locke, Marianna, Fla.	3rd Sat. & Sun.	0	3	0	0	0	58	140.28	70.00	1,500	
Malone 1st F. W. B.	H. E. Stoinaker, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Thelma Grondion, Malone, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	2	0	0	0	0	58	300.68	113.72	4,500	52.81
Blts. F. W. B.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Mrs. W. B. Phillips, Blountstown, Fla.	1st Sun.	2	0	0	0	4	27	180.00		5,000	
Travlers Rest	W. E. Georg, Bonifay, Fla.	J. W. Parham, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	2	1	1	2	56	474.19	123.00	5,000	123.00
Lovewood	A. H. Retherford, Lynn Haven, Fla.	W. T. Justice, Rt. 1, Cottondale, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	0	0	0	8	55	266.15		5,000	15.00
Rockey Grove	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla.	Alace Robinson, Greenwood, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	0	1	1	3	49		56.85	1,000	
Crystal Lake	J. W. Roberts, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Douglas Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.	4th Sun.	0	1	0	0	0	26	121.25	30.00	3,000	
Holley Grove	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla.	Roscoe Hewett, Marianna, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	4	2	1	0	85	124.84	76.38	3,500	
Oak Grove	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Charlie W. Cox, Bascom, Fla.	4th Sun.	4	1	4	0	3	35	108.85	10.00	1,500	
TOTAL				24	24	11	14	36	1327	\$10774.23	\$1583.90	\$124,000	

