

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**61ST ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**ABES SPRINGS CHURCH**  
**October 5th and 6th, 1956**  
**EIGHT MILES SOUTH OF BLOUNTSTOWN**

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**OFFICERS**

REV. WALTER ELDRIDGE, Moderator.....Cottdale, Fla.  
CHESTER L. COOK, Secretary and 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 Jewell Kent, 1 year.

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The next session will convene with Hickory Grove Church  
3 miles north of Bascom Friday and Saturday before 1st Sunday  
in October, 1957. Rev. Jim Pelt will preach the Introductory  
Sermon.

## PLANNED 62nd ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

The program plans given below are proposed for the 62nd Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association to be held with Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church on the 4th and 5th of October, 1957.

### FRIDAY — OCTOBER 4, 1957

10:00 A. M. \_\_\_\_\_ Devotional led by Host Church  
Song Service \_\_\_\_\_ Led by P. R. Long  
Welcome Address \_\_\_\_\_ By Rev. Chester Pelt  
Response \_\_\_\_\_ By Chester Cook

10:30 A. M.—Moderator message  
Appointment of Credintial Committee

11:00 A. M.—Message by Rev. Jim Pelt

12:00 A. M.—Noon Hour

1:30 P. M.—Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ By Fred Sapp  
Report of Credintial Committee  
Call for petitionary letters  
Call for Correspondence  
Report of Boards  
Ordinational Council, Investigation Committee  
Executive Committee, Report of Treasurer  
Arrangement and adjournment

### 7:00 P. M. — FRIDAY NIGHT

Song Service \_\_\_\_\_ Led by J. E. Nichols  
Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ By Rev. J. W. Roberts

Report of promotional work at State Association by Rev. Walter Eldridge

Report of Superannulation Board of the Florida State Association for Salem Association by Chester Cook.

Message \_\_\_\_\_ By Rev. W. E. George

**SATURDAY OCTOBER 5, 1957**

9:30 A. M.—Song Service

Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ By Rev. J. C. Watson

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Roll call of ministers

Report of Committee

10:40 A. M.—Testomonie meeting

11:00 A. M.—Message by to be supplied

12:00—Noon Hour

1:30 P. M.—Devotional \_\_\_\_\_ By Rev. W. C. Windham

Resume Business

Appoint delegates to various associations

Appoint standing committees and board members

Miscellaneous business

Election of officers

Adjournment

# PROCEEDINGS

The 61st Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association of West Florida met with Abes Springs Church the 5th and 6th of October 1956.

After song service led by F. O. Cook and prayer by J. C. Watson, devotional led by W. S. Driggers. Reading 1st and 2nd verse 12th chapter Romans. Welcome address was given by Bro. Roy Bozman. Response by Rev. Catratte.

At this time the moderator ask for corresponding letters from the churches. Received 17 church. The moderator appointed Bro. C. A. Huckaby and Bro. Eiland to read the association letters. A move and second to adopt the letters and seat the delegates.

## CHURCH AND DELEGATES

SALEM CHURCH—Delegates Sis. Lizzie Barns, Lena Kent, Edna Kent.

PINE GROVE CHURCH—Mrs. Lessie Adams and Mrs. Sallie Adams.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH—Bro. Grady Burkette; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Holley, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lamb, Mrs. Irene Davis, Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Ada Holly and Lonnie Glisson.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH—Henry Dunaway.

MIDWAY CHURCH—Bro. and Sister G. G. Wimberly, Sis. Shannie L. Cook and Alford Roberts.

DAMACUS CHURCH—B. L. Chattwood, B. H. Windom, and John Hill.

LOVE WOOD CHURCH—Sister Mae Johnson, Edna Amerson, and Paul Morris.

1ST FREE WILL CHURCH OF MALONE—Mrs. Lorene Baxter, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Calaway,

ROCKY GROVE CHURCH—Joe Conrad, Carrie Mae Fears and Alice Roberson.

HOLLEY GROVE CHURCH—Delegates Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sullivan and Mrs. F. J. McLain.

MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH—Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Eiland and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Day.

GREEN HEAD CHURCH—Sis. Beanie Finch, Sis. Essie Taylor, Sis. Eula Ganer and Sis. Maranda Finch.

ABES SPRINGS CHURCH—Bro. Joe Stanford, Bro. Jean Dean and Mittie Scully.

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH—Florence Cook, Minnie Melvin and Lillie Mae Tew.

COTTONDALE CHURCH—Sister Mary Addison, Noah Brannon.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH—Mary Alice Oswald, J. R. Long, Walter Baxter, Louise King, Cleveland Ditty, and Jimmy Ditty.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH—Sis. Mable Phillips, Trecia Franklin and Mrs. Gus Simpson.

CYPRESS CREEK CHURCH—Bro. and Sis. J. D. Ramsey and Bro. Joe Tharp.

NEW HOPE CHURCH—Bro. James Grumsley, Ada Hart and Mildred Mears.

At this time the moderator called off business for the 11:00 o'clock message. Rev. H. E. Stalnaker preached the Introductory Sermon. Reading the 6th chapter of Judges which was enjoyed by every one.

At 1:30 the moderator called the body together for business. After song service Bro. W. B. Hughes brought the Devotional Reading 4th chapter of 2nd Corin.

The body renewed the call for Corsonding letters. Received none. Bro. D. F. Pelt made a move that all churches in Salem Association send their associational letters to the clerk two weeks before the association. At this time the moderator called for delegates from other associations. Received:

MARTIN ASSOCIATION—Rev. Catratte and W. R. Barber.

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION—Rev. W. S. Driggers.

UNION HILL ASSOCIATION—Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Moved and second that they be seated and moderator give them hand of welcome.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nomination, Salem Church; Education, Holley Grove Church; Suggestion, Lovewood Church; Sunday School, Damascus Church; Finance, Marvin Chapel Church, Auxiliary, Christian Home Church; Temperance, Cedar Grove Church; Superanuation, Cottondale Church; Obituaries, Midway Church; Standing of Churches and Ministers, Hickory Grove; League, Malone Church.



## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Nominating ask that the association meet with the Hickory Grove Church in the year of 1957. We also ask that Rev. James Pelt preach the Introductory Sermon.

Respectfully Submitted,  
New Hope Church

The Treasurer made his report and same was received. There was a move to pay the treasurer the amount that was over drawn which was \$6.85. There was a move to adjourn to met Saturday at 9:30 A. M.

### SATURDAY MORNING — OCTOBER 5th

The house was called together by moderator. After song service and prayer Bro. Rufus Hyman brought the Devotional Service, reading 2nd chapter of Timothy. Prayer by J. C. Watson.

The moderator renewed the call for corresponding letters. Received New Hope Church and Cypress Creek Church. Renewed the call for visitors from other association. Received from West Florida, Bro. Edd Holley and wife.

There was a moved second that the League Minutes be printed in the associational minutes. There was a move that Bro. D. F. Pelt's report be tabled till in the afternoon.

Committee on Devine Service made their report that Bro. D. F. Pelt bring the message at eleven.

At this time the body called off business for the 11:00 o'clock service. Rev. D. F. Pelt brought the message, reading 2nd chapter 17 and 18 verse of Nehemiah. Subject: "Don't Loose the Giver."

Dismissed one hour for lunch. At 1:00 o'clock the Moderator call the body together for business. Bro. Clarence Windham brought the devotional, reading 2nd chapter of 2nd Corinthians 5-17 verses. Prayer by Bro. Roy Bozeman.

At this time a committee was appointed to draw a new constitution up. The committee were Bro. D. F. Pelt, I. O. Cook and J. T. Sullivan. There was also a move that this committee act Program Committee.

There was move that the meeting places and dates of the preachers and deacons conference by printed in the association minutes. Thursday afternoon, February 7, 1957, Cedar Grove Church. Thursday, May 9th, 1957, Holley Grove Church. Thursday, August 8th, 1957, Damascus Church. Thursday, November 7, 1957, Malone Church.

W. W. Eiland, President

At this time the body appointed delegates to visit other associations:

MARTIN ASSOCIATION—I. O. Cook and J. C. Watson.

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION—D. F. Pelt.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION—Walter Eldridge, D. F. Pelt and I. O. Cook.

STATE LINE ASSOCIATION—J. C. Watson.

SOUTH EASTERN ASSOCIATION—Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Pelt

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION—Ada Holley, Ruby Pelt, Mildred Pelt, Audy Eilan, O. F. Bracewell.

— There was move and second that clerk serve as committee on committees. There was a request for a song to be sung in memory of Aunt Lizzie Richards who passed away in September, 1956.

At this time there were a rising vote of thanks to Abe Springs Church for their wonderful hospitality shown while in their midst. Motions to adjourn to meet with Hickory Grove Church, Friday and Saturday before 1st Sunday in October, 1957.

Moderator, Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.

Chester L. Cook, Sec.-Treas., Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

## OBITUARIES

### MARVIN CHAPEL OBITUARY

On June 12, 1956 the Lord called Sister Delia G. Day, age 76 years. She was a member of Marvin Chapel church for many years serving while health permitted. She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends. She is gone but not forgotten.

By Mrs. Audrey Eiland,  
Church Clerk

### TRAVLERS REST CHURCH

Rev. A. W. Cook, born December 9, 1874, died January 16, 1956, making his stay on earth 81 years, 1 month and 7 days.

He united with Traveler's Rest Church when he was 15 years of age as a charter member. He served as deacon for several years Then he licensed to preach the Gospel in the early 1900's. Brother Cook was ordained to the Gospel Ministry about 1908 or 1910. He served several churches during his ministry. He helped to build three church buildings for Traveler's Rest Church. He was the father of 10 children, five of them have preceeded him in death. He has 5 children living.

## MIDWAY CHURCH

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

The Lord saw fit to call from our churches the following members.

New Hope Church—Bro. Charles L. Moody, age 76 years.

Travelers Rest Church—Rev. A. W. Cooke, age 81; Sister Eva Hitchcock, age not given.

Salem Church—Bro. Jim Barnes, age 56 years; Bro. Richard S. Brock, age 80 years.

Christian Home Church—Sister Mary Davis, age 70 years.

Rocky Grove Church—One.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone—One

Cedar Grove Church—Two.

Marvin Chapel Church—One.

Blountstown Church—Two.

Humbly Submitted,

Midway Free Will Baptist Church

## NEW HOPE F. W. B. CHURCH OBITUARY

On November 16th, 1955 the Lord saw fit to call from our midst Brother Charles L. Moody known to his friends as Uncle Charley. He was 76 years of age and had been a member of the Free Will Baptist Church for many years. He had held membership with the New Hope Church for several years was a faithful worker. We miss him but we feel that our loss is Heaven's gain.

Respectfully submitted,

By Mildridge Mears

New Hope Church Clerk

## SALEM OBITUARY

The Lord called from our midst on January 10, 1956 Bro. Richard S. Brock. He had been a member of Salem Church for many years. He was born September 20, 1876 and will be missed by his many friends.



The Lord called from our midst Bro. Jim Barnes on January 18, 1956. He had been a member of Salem Church for many years. He was born October 15, 1900.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Salem Church  
Nellie Morris, Church Clerk

### CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH OBITUARY

God called from our midst Sister Mary Davis of Blountstown Fla., October 1st, 1955. She had been a faithful member of Christian Home Church for many years. She is sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends. Age of death 70 years.

Humbly Submitted,  
Christian Home Church

### TREASURERS REPORT — 1956

Amount in Treasure September 30, 1955	\$ 4.48
Received from Finance Committee	183.00
Balance in Treasure October 1, 1955	187.48

#### PAID OUT

Paid Florida State Treasurer	18.50
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid State Association	20.00
Paid out for minutes	123.60
Paid out for postage	7.23

Total paid	194.33
(Over drawn)	6.85

Chester L. Cook, Treasurer

Money received to be sent to State Treasurer:

Christian Home Church	\$288.00
Travlers Rest Church	122.29
Cottdondale Church	47.00
Hickory Grove Church	101.34
Cedar Grove Church	41.00
Salem Church	25.40
Cypress Creek Church	6.00
Midway Church	6.00

## AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Salem District Auxiliary Convention met with Malone Free Will Baptist Church September 22, 1956 with three auxiliaries representing.

The body was called to order by the Auxiliary President, Mrs. Thelma Grondion. Congregation singing "Leaning on the Ever Lasting Arms." Christian Home Auxiliary led the devotion which was enjoyed by all. Welcome Address given by the host church. Response by Christian Home Church.

At this time the delegates were seated. Then the president appointed the following committees:

1. Plan of Work \_\_\_\_\_ Christian Home Church
2. Youth Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_ Mrs. Ruby Pelt
3. Nomination Committee and Finance Committee—Malone Church.

At this time the service was turned over to our guest speaker, Rev. Nobles. Song "Heavenly Sunlight". Scripture reading 3rd chapter and 9th verse of I Cor. After a song the congregation was dismissed by Mrs. Rosie Bush for lunch to meet back at 1:30.

The body was called together by president. The devotion was given by Mrs. George West. At this time the president called for reports:

1. Report of Plan of Work. Resolve that each Auxiliary follow the program of Activities in yearbook.
2. That each keep the standard of Achievement Charts.
3. That each Auxiliary urge their members to attend the convention.
4. Urge the local Auxiliary to hold declamation contest in the youth organization.

Christian Home

## YOUTH AUXILIARY REPORT

We have one G. T. A. Auxiliary with membership 14.

One Y. P. A. Auxiliary with membership 10.

Their was one Vacation Bible School held.—Mrs. Ruby Pelt.

## NOMINATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We nominate Christian Home Church as the place for the next District Convention, Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1957.

We find in the treasure brought over from 1955 .....	\$12.70
Amount per capita fees sent to treasure 1956 .....	13.80
Total amount for missions resulting from week of pray .....	23.61
Total value contributed to children's home .....	54.00
Amount spent for literature .....	40.70
Total amount spent this convention year for local church activities .....	\$124.15

Mrs. Thelma Grondion, President  
Mrs. B. M. Bailey, Sec.-Treas.

## SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Salem Free Will Baptist League Convention held its regular meeting at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp near Cottdale, Florida on Sunday afternoon, August 26, 1956.

The Convention opened at 2:00 P. M. with congregational singing "Stand Up For Jesus" followed with prayer by Helen Bush. Then song "Trust and Obey" was sung by congregation.

James Woodlief from Marvin Chapel then gave the devotional for the evening. The devotion was followed by a piano solo "My God Is Real" by Donnie Ray Southwell.

"The Lagging Leaguers" was the topic of the talk given by the President, Joe Spears which if taken into consideration by each leaguer would prove to be a very good way of reviving our leagues.

The following were the delegates from leagues represented:  
HOLLEY GROVE—Linda Ross, Dales Wedner and Caroly Joiner.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Donnie Rae Southwell, Marcia Ann Redd.

MALONE—Ross Baxter, Mrs. Cola Baxter, Merida Grondin, and Raymond Baxter.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Eugene Shirley, Margelyn Gause, Donell Janes, Jerry McIntire and Donnie Eisland.

The minutes of the 1955 session were read and adopted. Letter from each league were read and adopted. The treasurer's report

for the past two years were read and also adopted. Motion was made and seconded that minutes of the 1956 session be printed in Association minutes.

The delegates from the Salem League Convention to the State League Convention were: Joe Spears, Merida Grondin, Linda Ross, Margelyn Gause.

The election of new officers was next in order and the new officers are as follows:

President—Ross Baxter \_\_\_\_\_ Rt., Bascom, Florida  
Vice President—Marica Ann Redd \_\_\_\_\_ Blountstown, Florida  
Secretary—Helen Bush \_\_\_\_\_ Malone, Florida  
Treasurer—Margelyn Gause \_\_\_\_\_ Rt., Marianna, Florida

There being no further business we were then adjourned by singing League Song and saying League Benediction.

Joe Spears, President  
Helen Bush, Secretary

### OUR LEAGUES

We leaguers have been standing idly by and watching our leagues slowly but surely wither and die.

Why does this happen? It takes place as a result of our lacking interest. We are forgetting God. Is not this the same crisis that Sunday Schools and even our parent church organizations faces.

We have been sacrificing our leagues for our own worldly pleasures. How can we expect to win others if we too are drawn away. We must rededicate our lives to God and to his every service.

The League is dedicated to the young people and God wants them for his work both today and tomorrow.

So therefore let us march forth as soldiers of the cross and christian leaguers and build a vast spiritual empire for christ.

Submitted by  
Malone Free Will Baptist Church

### 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 recognize the Sunday School to be the nations first line of defense. We specially urge all the churches who do not have Sunday



Schools to organize one at once, so our churches might become stronger. Stronger Sunday Schools grow into great churches.

We further suggest that all teachers and officers should qualify themselves to do better Sunday School work.

We further recommend that all our teachers and officers of the Sunday School attend the Singing School Study Courses to be held at Salem and Christian Home Churches on October 21, - 31, 1956, so they might become more efficient servants of the Lord.

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

Submitted by Salem Church

#### **COMMITTEE ON LADIES AUXILIARIES**

We your Committee on Ladies Auxiliaries find there are some churches that does not have an auxiliary. We also find that the ladies auxiliary is founded on the Bible, it being the helping service of the church. Matthew 25:40. In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least."

Since it is founded on the Bible we would like to see each pastor and church leaders to see that an auxiliary be organized in every church.

Submitted by Lovewood

#### **COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION**

We offer the following on education:

First, our people have made much progress in education in the last few years but we have far yet to go.

In the history of education Sunday Schools have played a great part. We therefore recommend that each church have the best Sunday School possible. We also ask for Leagues in each church and a Ladies Auxiliary.

Second, that our churches support our Bible College so our future pastors, evangelists, missionaries and Christians in general may be trained to be more efficient servants of the Lord.

Third, that each pastor, deacon, Sunday School teacher and all members study to prepare themselves to do a greater work for Christ.

By Cottdale Church

## REPORT ON THE STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

After careful thought and as much inquiry as we were able to accomplish, we wish to report that our churches are all in harmony with the exception of the fact some are not cooperating with the associationally approved cooperative financial plan. May we hereby urge you to cooperate in this program next year. We also learned of some friction which grew out of the calling of pastors. In order to avoid the reoccurrence of this trouble, we recommend that the deacons of each church be responsible, as a group, for the recommendations of all pastors in the future. We also recommend longterm pastorates, with indefinite calls, when it is feasible.

So far we were able to ascertain, our ministers are in good standing. We believe that the meeting of the ministers and their wives on ever other fifth Sunday is doing much to improve understanding and workable relations between them. It is our sincere hope that these meetings will be continued and that all the ministers will attend.

We wish to express our appreciation to our pastors for their efforts and to pledge to them our cooperation, prayers and support. We humbly request them to always strive to meet Paul's lofty admonition to his son, Timothy, in the gospel. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

Submitted by Christian Home Church

## COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We your Committee on Temperance wish to submit the following report:

We find from observation that all the Free Will Baptist Churches as a whole are living more or less an intemperate life. In I John 2:16 the writer plainly tells us what intemperance is and by visiting our churches, one can readily see that the interest of the majority of the members is some place else other than the church.

We would earnestly recommend that we as Christians go all out to try to acquaint people with their duties as Christians and would suggest Romans 12 as one of the best scriptures we know of to accomplish this with emphasis on the 3rd verse. We also plead with the churches and each individual members to return to the basic principles set forth in our Church Covenant and thereby eliminate the necessity for a committee on temperance.

Respectfully submitted,

By Abes Springs F. W. B. Church

## **COMMITTEE ON SUPERANNUATION**

We your Committee on Superannuation submit the following report:

We recommend that the churches of this association take an active part in supporting the Cooperative Program. Thereby furnishing the Superannuation Board with funds to aid aged ministers.

Respectfully,  
Hickory Grove Church

## **REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL**

We the Ordaining Council met with Hickory Grove Church on December 17, 1955 for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Jim Pelt to the ministry.

First Spiritual Devotion was enjoyed after which a very instructive message was enjoyed. Bro. Chester Pelt doing the preaching:

After the council examination and finding the same qualified he was ordained. The prayer of ordination by Bro. D. F. Pelt after which the hand of fellowship was given. Also decree of ordanition duly signed and delivered. We recommend that Bro. Jim Pelt's name be placed with the regular list of ordained ministers.

Respectfully, The Ordaining Council  
Rev. J. W. Roberts, Chairman

## **THE COMMITTEE ON THE MERGER OF THE QUARTERLY MEETING AND THE ASSOCIATION**

The Committee on the Merger of the Quarterly Meeting and the Association, which was appointed at the last session of the Quarterly Meeting.

1. We recommend the merger of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist and the Quarterly Meeting of said Association into one body, which shall be known as the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist. If adopted the Association, under this merger, will meet quarterly for three quarters of each associational year, in an official quarterly meeting, which shall operate under the officers of the Association and shall be composed of delegates elected from the various churches embraced by the Association; and there shall be, in addition to said quarterly meetings, the

regular, annual meeting of the Association, at which time a complete report shall be given by each church in keeping with our present tradition.

Each church shall send its offerings for the State Cooperative Program and for all church enterprises outside of its local affairs through the Quarterly Meetings and the Association.

Each church shall make a limited report to the Quarterly Meeting, consisting of the names of the delegates which it sends to the Quarterly Meeting, its fees to said body and the amount of moneys sent for the State Cooperative Program and other church endeavors.

The Quarterly Meeting will be an official meeting of the Association, in which business of the Association can be transacted when necessary; but the primary purpose of the Quarterly Meeting will be for fellowship of our brethren and the worship of God through preaching and the study of His Word.

2. We further recommend that the National Treatise of Free Will Baptist be adopted as a statement of our doctrinal beliefs, and that a committee be appointed to form a constitution and by-laws for our Association. Should the above be adopted the constitutional committee is hereby asked to make its report to the next Quarterly Meeting.

D. F. Pelt

W. C. Windham

J. T. Hall

#### COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We suggest that all the churches that are not supporting the State Cooperative Program go and begin plan to help support our program because in unity there is strength. This is only a suggestion which we think will prove a blessing.

2. We suggest that each minister and deacon be present at the minister and deacon meeting if possible.

3. We suggest that each church be represented at the Quarterly Meeting if possible.

4. We suggest that churches that do not have bulletin boards install one and keep the church posted on special meetings of the church and association.

Travelers Rest Church



## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for association expenses _____	\$151.00
Cooperative Program _____	15.00
Orphan Home _____	5.00
Supeanuation _____	2.00
Received from Ladies Auxiliary _____	5.00
Received from Oak Grove Church _____	5.00
Total in Treasure _____	\$183.00

Submitted by

Marvin Chapel Church

## REPORT ON QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 5th, 1957 _____	Christian Home Church
April 6th _____	Green Head Church
July 6th _____	Midway 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 to 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 treasurer, 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 Pastor	Paid Helper	Value Church Prop.	State Budget
Midway	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Mrs. Shaine Cook, Grandridge, Fla.	2nd Sun.	0	0	0	0	0	34	\$150.65	\$50.00	\$1,000	\$12.90
Damascus	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla.	John W. Hill, Marianna, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	1	0	1	0	4	107	275.00	59.00	5,000	—
Hickory Grove	Chester Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	J. W. D. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	5	5	0	0	6	256	695.00	100.00	10,000	229.85
Salem	S. T. Shutes, Colquitt, Ga.	Mrs. Nella Morris, Rt. 2, Cottondale, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	1	5	0	2	2	123	496.50	127.92	8,000	68.30
Pine Grove	Clearance Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	2	0	0	0	24	129.89	15.50	1,500	—
Cedar Grove	Ralph Bell, Iron City, Ga.	Mellie Ditty, Greenwood, Fla.	1st & 4th Sun.	0	0	0	2	0	25	345.00	55.00	3,000	60.00
Cottondale	Edward Sheffeld, Box 302, Don'ville, Ga.	Jack Windsor, Cottondale, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	6	0	0	0	58	480.00	100.00	25,000	70.50
Abes Springs	Roy Bozeman, Blountstown, Fla.	C. A. Bozeman, Box 134, Blountstown, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	5	0	0	0	60	184.50	19.10	2,000	13.60
New Hope	W. H. Horn, Donalsonville, Ga.	Mildred Mears, Grandridge, Fla.	3rd Sun.	0	0	0	1	0	50	216.65	24.00	3,000	11.00
Christian Home	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Falfa Clark, Blountstown, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	2	0	1	0	155	1258.75	190.00	30,000	399.11
Marvin Chapel	C. B. Craddock, 511 Mad. Ave., Dothan	Audrey Eiland, Marianna, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	1	0	1	0	78	840.00	125.00	8,000	195.18
Cypress Creek	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	F. E. Locke, Marianna, Fla.	3rd Sun.	0	0	0	0	0	58	135.32	35.60	15,000	16.00
Malone 1st F.W.B.	A. H. Retherford, Malone, Fla.	Thelma Grondion, Malone, Fla.	1st & 3rd Sun.	0	2	0	1	2	58	501.17	94.89	5,000	111.00
Blts. F.W.B.	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Mrs. W. B. Phillips, Blountstown, Fla.	1st Sun.	0	1	1	2	0	27	190.00	50.00	5,000	—
Travlers Rest	W. E. George, Bonifay, Fla.	Mrs. Verlie Suggs, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	1	3	4	2	2	59	578.00	120.00	7,000	140.29
Lovewood	A. B. Cook, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla.	W. T. Justic, Cottondale, Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	2	0	0	0	57	304.00	45.45	7,000	15.00
Rocky Grove	Clearance Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Alice Roberson, Greenwood Rt., Fla.	2nd & 4th Sun.	0	0	0	1	2	62	112.45	—	1,000	—
Crystal Lake	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Douglas Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.	4th Sun.	0	0	0	0	0	26	59.00	11.25	3,000	—
Holley Grove	I. O. Cook, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Harvy Ross, 606 Celedoma St., Marianna	1st & 3rd Sun.	2	3	1	0	0	69	177.85	77.85	3,500	—
Oak Grove	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.	Charles Cox, Bascom, Fla.	4th Sun.	0	2	0	0	0	35	111.00	—	1,500	—
TOTAL				10	39	7	13	18	1321	\$7241.73	\$1299.56	\$131,000	1240.68