

MINUTES

OF THE

65th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Holly Grove & Rocky Grove Churches

Sept. 30 and Oct. 1, 1960

MARIANNA AND MALONE, FLORIDA

OFFICERS

Rev. Clyde Owen, Moderator _____ Malone, Fla.

Rev. C. H. Pelt, Vice Moderator _____ Marianna, Fla.

Chester L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer _____ Altha, Fla.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Clyde Owen, Bro. Harvey Ross, Bro. Frank Rhames,
Bro. F. E. Locke and Bro. Chester L. Cook

The next session will convene with Cypress Creek Church,
Friday, September 29, 1961, and Christian Home Church, Saturday,
September 30, 1961.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING December 31, 1960
First F. W. Baptist Malone, Message by Rev. J. E. Nichols

SECOND QUARTER April 1, 1961
First F. W. B., Blountstown, Message by Rev. W. Eldridge

THIRD QUARTER July 1, 1961
Lovewood, Message by Rev. Clyde Owen

SALEM ASSOCIATION September 29 & 30, 1961
Cypress Creek, Message by Rev. Charles Craddock
Christian Home, Rev. C. H. Pelt

DISTRICT AUXILIARY CONVENTION May 6, 1961
Christian Home Church

MEETING PLACES AND DATES OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS' MEETINGS FOR 1960-1961

Cottdondale November 10, 1960

Christian Home February 9, 1961

Travelers Rest May 11, 1961

Marvin Chapel August 10, 1961

Each host church is requested to secure the speaker and arrange the program for the meeting at that church. Also, please send a copy of the program to Rev. Walter Eldridge, Publicity Chairman, Cottdondale, Florida, at least 10 days before the meeting in order that he may send notices to the other churches.

Respectively submitted,

Mrs. E. G. Suggs
Mrs. Walter Eldridge
Mrs. W. S. Driggers

GREETINGS FROM SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION SALEM SUNDAY SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

The Salem Sunday School Convention convened with Cypress Creek Freewill Baptist Church May 29, 1960. There were five churches represented with programs. It was moved and seconded that each Sunday School Secretary mail her letter and dues to the Convention Secretary at least one week before the convention is to meet. This will enable the secretary to have the letters posted and programs lined up when the convention opens.

On October 30, 1960 the Salem Sunday School Convention met at Abe Springs Freewill Baptist Church. There were seven churches represented. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Bro. E. G. Suggs, President; Bro. Fred Sapp, Vice President. Mrs. Jimmy Suggs was retained as Secretary. The next conventions will be at Lovewood Church on April 29, 1961 and Malone Freewill Baptist Church on October 29, 1961.

Mr. Charlie Morris, President
Mrs. Jimmy Suggs, Secretary

PROCEEDINGS

Sixty-fifth Annual Session of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association held with Holly Grove Church September 30, 1960 and Rocky Grove Church October 1, 1960.

The Salem Association met with Holly Grove Church. Bro. C. L. Beachamp led the song service. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Eldridge. Devotional by Rev. C. A. Huckleby Scripture reading Psalm 8 Chapter. Welcome by Bro. Harvey Ross. Moderator message Ezekiel 2 Chapter.

At this time moderator called for corresponding letters: Received the following churches with their delegates:

Sisters Florence Cook and Lewis Hill appointed to read the letters.

LOVEWOOD—Sisters Nell Howell, Adell Morris and Emma Justice.

TRAVELERS REST—Bro. Jimmie Hitchcock, Sisters Edith Dawson, Ella Grantham, Evelyn Attaway.

MARVIN CHAPEL—Sisters C. E. Day, Dora Booth, Myrtle Sapp and Martha Gause.

COTTONDALE—Bro. R. Q. Addison and Bro. D. B. Mulkey.

MALONE—Bro. and Sister Walter Callaway.

NEW HOPE—Sisters Polly Bennett and Lena Greene.

SALEM—Sisters Jewell Elleby, Lizzie Barnes and W. A. Barnes.

GREEN HEAD—Sisters Bena Finch and Essie Taylor.

HICKORY GROVE—J. R. Long, Claudice Ditty, Lilla Maud Vaughan, Lonnie Robinson, Joseph Johnson, and J. W. D. Stephens.

PINE GROVE—Sisters Judy Dykes and Myrtle Adams.

CHRISTIAN HOME—Bro. O. F. Bracewell, Sister Mag Bracewell.

ABES SPRINGS—Bro. Alvin Roberts and Jim Holt.

HOLLY GROVE—Sisters J. T. Sullivan, Bonnie McClain and Cora Crawford.

Damascus—Bro. John W. Hill and Berry Windham.

ROCKY GROVE—Sister Lizzie Robinson, Bro. Seab Robinson, and Joe Conrad.

CEDAR GROVE—Bro. W. H. Dunaway and Sister Clara Dunaway.

Midway—Bro. Alfred Roberts and J. S. Pitts

BLOUNTSTOWN FIRST—Bro. and Sis. Jasper M. Austin. M. S. C. to receive the letters and seat delegates.

At this time labor was called off for the eleven o'clock service. Rev. Ralph Belle brought the message. Scripture reading taken from Jonah first chapter verse six. Subject, "A Message To Be Delivered."

Adjourned one hour for lunch.

At 1:30 the body re-assembled. Song service led by Bro. C. L. Beachamp. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Cook. At this time the moderator renewed the call for corresponding letters. Received none. At this time a call was made for Petitionary Letters. Received. Sneads Free Will Baptist Mission, which is to be organized into a Free Will Baptist Church. Delegates from Mission Bro. C. L. Beauchamp and Sister Green Scott.

Moderator called for visitors and delegate from other associations. Received from: Liberty—Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckleby and daughter, Rev. and Mrs. A. B. Cook, Mrs. Thelma Owens. State Line—Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. John Edwards and Rev. Ralph Belle. Moved and carried to seat the visiting delegates. Call for report of the Committee on Stewardship. Committee New Hope Church. (See report). Call for report on Auxiliary—Christian Home. Call for report on Nomination Salem Church. This report referred back to the Committee. Call for the report on Sabbath School—Damascus Church. (See report).

M. S. C. that the Moderator appoint a committee on committee moderator appointed the committee. Bro. J. W. Hill, Harvey Ross and Rev. Walter Eldridge. Moved and seconded that each church send \$5.00 for the mission at Snead. Money to be sent to C. L. Cook, Clerk.

M. S. C. to appoint a Mission Board. Moved and seconded that the appointment of the Mission Board be tabled until tomorrow.

M. S. C. to appoint a program committee to arrange a program for our next association year. Appointed were: Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. Clyde Owen, and Bro. J. T. Sullivan.

M. S. C. to appoint a Committee on Credential. Appointed: Rev. I. O. Cook, Bro. C. E. Day and Bro. Harvey Ross

M. S. C. to give Holly Grove Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality shown us. Adjourned to meet with Rocky Grove at 10:00 o'clock Saturday.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Salem Association re-assembled with Rocky Grove Church Saturday morning. Song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Prayer by Rev. Clyde Owen. Devotional by Rev. D. F. Pelt. Scripture Matthew 20th Chapter. Welcome address by pastor, Rev. Jack Horne. Response by Rev. Clyde Owen. Renew call for corresponding letters. Received Cypress Creek. Renewed the call for visitors from other associations. Received Rev. Rufus Hyman from Union Hill Association. At this time the Treasurer made his report. Which was received and adopted. (See report)

Called for report on Temperance from Hickory Grove Church. (See report.)

Marvin Chapel made report on League work. (See report)

Salem Church made report on Nomination. (See report)

At this time Moderator called off business for the 11:00 o'clock message. Message by Rev. J. C. Watson. Scripture 1st Chapter of 1st Peter verses 1-10.

Dismissed for lunch hour.

Afternoon session was called to order. Song Service led by Rev. J. E. Nichols. Prayer by Rev. Madison Taylor. Devotion by Rev. A. H. Howell. Scripture 2nd Chapter of Ephesians.

At this time a memorial song was sang in memory of Bro. Rob Elmore led by his pastor, Rev. Jack Horn.

Called for report on Resolutions by Travelers Rest. (See report)
Called for report on Obituary by Cottondale Church. (See report)
Called for report on finance by Rocky Grove Church. (See report)

At this time Moderator appointed delegates to the State Association. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hill, Sisters Florence Cook and Audrey Eiland and Bro. Jimmie Hitchcock. At this time Rev. Roy Bozeman turned in his resignation due to being moved from the Association. Association accepted his resignation and thanked him for his service.

Body elected Rev. Clyde Owen as moderator with Rev. C. H. Pelt as vice moderator.

At this time the body gave Rocky Grove Church a rising vote of thanks for the splendid way we were entertained.

So ended the 65th session of the Salem Association. May the Lord's Blessings be upon us until we meet again.

Rev. Clyde Owen, Moderator

Bro. Chester L. Cook, Clerk

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

To the Salem Free Will Baptist Association:

We your Committee on Sunday School beg to make the following report:

We find that only a few of our Sunday Schools take part in the Sunday School Convention. We urge that each Sunday School be represented with a program and delegate or by letter.

Damascus Church

COMMITTEE ON LEAGUE

We the Committee on League find that we have seven Leagues in the Salem Association with an enrollment of 235, average attendance of 158. We note that this is 36.8 per cent average of churches having Leagues which is better than in recent years. However due to the important of the League in the training program of our church we recommend that all ministers, deacons and other Church leaders try to organize one in order to carry out the commandment of our Lord as given in Matthew 28:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Marvin Chapel Church

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions ask to make the following report: The churches that are not supporting the state program they try in some way to support it and watch their church grow. There are only a few of our churches supporting it, we believe it a very worthy cause and urge other churches to support it.

Travelers Rest Church

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARY

We your Committee on Obituary make the following report:

New Hope	2
Travelers Rest	1
Salem	1
Holly Grove	2
Christian Home	4
Rocky Grove	4
Cypress Creek	1
Midway	1
Lovewood	1
Marvin Chapel	1
Hickory Grove	1
Blountstown	1

Humbly submitted,
Cottondale Church

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees would like to present the following report:

Finance	Christian Home
Obituary	Abes Springs
Temperance	Malone
Stewardship	Lovewood
Auxiliary	Travelers Rest
Resolution	Marvin Chapel
Nominating	Cypress Creek
Education	Blountstown First

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education make the following report:
That our people become more acquainted with our Christian Literature and subscribe to our papers.

Seeing that the Sunday School is a strong arm of the Church it is the duty of the officers and teachers to better prepare themselves to carry on their new duties.

Respectfully submitted,
Midway Church

COMMITTEE ON STATE AND STANDING OF MINISTERS

We your Committee on State and standing of ministers report the following.

We have nineteen (19) churches reporting to the Association. This gives 100 per cent. We also have the Free Will Baptist Mission reporting from Sneads. We are very happy to have them with us. The state and standing of the churches is good.

So far as we are able to determine all ministers attending the Association are in good standing with the Association and churches.

Some ministers are not abiding to Article 12 of the by-laws of the Association.

Respectfully,
Rev. Clyde Owen
Bro. Harvey Ross
Bro. John Hill

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

We your Committee on Nomination make the following report:

That the first quarter of the Association meet with the First F. W. B. Church of Malone on Saturday before the first Sunday in January 1961. Speaker Rev. J. E. Nichols.

Second quarter meet with First F. W. B. of Blountstown Saturday before the first Sunday in April. Speaker Rev. Walter Eldridge.

Third quarter meet with Lovewood Saturday before the first Sunday in July. Speaker Rev. Clyde Owen.

The association meet with Cypress Creek the first day. Interduction message by Rev. Charles Craddock. The second day with Christian Home. Message by Rev. C. H. Pelt.

Your Committee
Salem Church

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We your Committee on Finance report the following:

In Treasury October 1, 1960	\$137.21
Received from committee:	
For Association expense	129.00
For Cooperative program	326.82
For Childrens Home	7.50
For Youth Camp	17.00
Bible College	20.00
TOTAL—October 1, 1960	\$637.53

Respectfully,
Rocky Grove

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Report—October 2, 1960	
Amount in treasury Oct. 1, 1959	\$ 132.21
Received at Association	480.96
First Quarter	362.60
Second Quarter	402.40
Third Quarter	457.02
TOTAL	\$1,835.19
Disbursements	
Paid Moderator	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid State Fee	20.00
Minutes	208.00
Miscellaneous	7.02
Paid State Treasurer	1,412.88
Balance in Treasury October 1, 1960	137.19

Chester L. Cook
Clerk and Treasurer
Route 1, Box 193
Altha, Florida

TREATISE

Revision of the Treatise and the Faith and Practices of the Free Will Baptists.

CHAPTER I

The Holy Scriptures

These are the Old and the New Testaments; they were written by holy men, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and are God's revealed Word to man. They are a sufficient and infallible rule and guide to Salvation and all Christian worship and service.

CHAPTER II

Being and Attributes of God

The Scriptures teach that there is only one true and living God,¹ who is Spirit,² self-existent,¹ eternal,² immutable,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ independent,⁷ good,⁸ wise,⁹ holy,¹⁰ just,¹¹ and merciful,¹² the

¹ Deut. 6:4, The Lord our God is one Lord. 1 Cor. 8:4, There is none other God but one. Jer. 10:10, But the Lord is the true God, he is the living God. John 7:28; 2 Cor. 1:18; 1 John 5:20; 1 Tim. 6:17.

² John 4:24, God is a Spirit. 2 Cor. 3:17.

³ able,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ independent,⁷ good,⁸ wise,⁹ holy,¹⁰ just,¹¹ and merciful,¹² the

¹ Exod. 3:14, And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM. Psa. 83:18; John 5:26; Rev. 1:4.

² Psa. 90:2; From everlasting to everlasting thou art God. Deut. 33:27; Isa. 57:15; Rom. 1:20; 1 Tim 1:17.

³ Mal. 3:6, For I am the Lord, I change not. Num. 23:19; James 1:17.

⁴ 1 Kings 8:27; But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Behold, the heaven and heaven of heavens cannot contain thee. Jer. 23:24; Psa. 139:7-10; Isa. 57:15; Acts 17:24.

⁵ Acts 15:18, Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world. 1 Chron. 28:9; Psa. 94:9, 10; Acts 1:24.

⁶ Rev. 19:6, The Lord God omnipotent reigneth. Job. 42:2; Psa. 135:6; Matt. 19:26; Mark 14:36; Luke 18:27.

⁷ Eph. 4:6, One God and Father of all, who is above all. Job 9:12; Isa. 14:13, 14; Dan. 4: 35; Rom. 11:33-36.

⁸ Psa. 119:68, Thou art good, and doest good. Psa. 25:8; 106:1; 145:9; Matt. 19:17.

⁹ Rom. 16:27, To God only wise, be glory through Jesus Christ forever. Dan. 2:20; 1 Tim. 1:17; Jude 25.

¹⁰ Lev. 19:2, I the Lord your God am holy. Job. 6:10.

¹¹ Deut. 32:4, Just and right is he. Psa. 92:15; 119:137; Zeph. 3:5.

¹² Eph. 2:4, God, who is rich in mercy. Exo. 34:6; Neh. 9:17; Psa. 100:5.

Creator,¹ Preserver,² and Governor³ of the universe; the Redeemer,⁴ Savior,⁵ Sanctifier,⁶ and Judge⁷ of men; and the only proper object of worship.⁸

The mode of His existence, however, is a subject far above the understanding of man⁹—finite beings cannot comprehend Him.¹⁰ There is nothing in the universe that can justly represent Him, for there is none like him.¹¹ He is the fountain of all perfection and happiness. He is glorified by the whole inanimate creation, and is worthy to be loved and served by all intelligence.¹

¹ Gen. 1:1, In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. Exo. 20:11. Psa. 33:6-9; Col. 1:16. Heb. 11:3.

² Neh. 9:6, Thou preservest them all. Job 7:20; Col. 1:17. Heb. 1:3.

³ Psa. 47:7, God is the King of all the earth 2 Chron. 20:6; Psa. 95:3.

⁴ Isa. 47:4, As for our Redeemer, the Lord of hosts is his name. Psa. 78:35; Prov. 23:11; Isa. 41:14; 59:20 Jer. 50:34.

⁵ Isa. 45:21, A just God and a Savior. Isa. 43:3-11; 49:26.

⁶ Exo. 31:13, I am the Lord that doth sanctify you. 1 Thess. 5:23; Jude 1.

⁷ Heb. 12:23, God the Judge of all. Gen. 18:25; Psa. 50:6; 2 Tim. 4:8.

⁸ Exo. 34:14, Thou shalt worship no other god. Exo. 20:4, 5; Matt. 4:10; Rev. 19:10.

⁹ Job 11:7, Canst thou by searching find out God? Isa. 40:28.

¹⁰ Rom. 11:33, How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out! Job 26:14.

¹¹ Exo. 9:14, There is none other like me in all the earth. Exo. 8:10; 1 Chron. 17:20.

CHAPTER III.

Divine Government and Providence

1. God exercises a providential care and superintendence over all his creatures,² and governs the world in wisdom and mercy, according to the testimony of His Word.³

2. God has endowed man with power of free choice, and governs him by moral laws and motives; and this power of free choice is the exact measure of his responsibility.¹

¹ Psa. 19:1, 2, The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament sheweth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night sheweth knowledge. Psa. 145:10, All thy works shall praise thee. Psa. 150:6, Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

² Acts 17:28, In Him we live, and move, and have our being. Matt. 10:30, The very hairs of your head are all numbered. Psa. 104:13, 14; Job. 14:5; Eph. 1:11.

³ Psa. 22:28, For the kingdom is the Lord's; and he is the Governor among the nations. Psa. 97:2, Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of His throne. Isa. 33:22; Exo. 34:6; Job 36:5.

3. All events are present with God from everlasting to everlasting; but His knowledge of them does not in any sense cause them, nor does He decree all events which He knows will occur.²

CHAPTER IV

Creation, Primitive State of Man, and His Fall

Section I.—Creation

1. **Of the World.** God created the world, and all things that it contains, for His own pleasure and glory and the enjoyment of His creatures.³

¹ Deut. 30:19, I have set before thee life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live. Isa. 1:18-20; John 5:40; Rom. 2:14, 15; Prov. 1:24-28.

² Ezek. 33:11, As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Acts 15:18; 1 Sam. 2:30; Ezek. 18:20-25, 31; Jer. 44:4.

³ Rev. 4:11, Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created. Isa. 43:7; 1 Tim. 6:17, The living God, who giveth us richly of all things to enjoy.

2. **Of the Angels.** The angels were created by God¹ to glorify Him² and obey His commandments.³ Those who have kept their first estate He employs in ministering blessings to the heirs of salvation⁴ and in executing His judgments upon the world.⁵

3. **Of Man.** God created man, consisting of a material body and a thinking, rational soul.⁶ He was made in the image of God, to glorify his Maker.⁷

¹ Col. 1:16, For by him were all things created that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible.

² Rev. 7:11, And all the angels stood round about . . . and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God.

³ Psa. 103:20, Bless the Lord, ye his angels, . . . that do his commandments.

⁴ Heb. 1:14, Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation? Jude 6.

⁵ 2 Sam. 24:16, The angel stretched out his hand upon Jerusalem to destroy it. Rev. 16:1.

⁶ Gen. 2:7, And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

⁷ Gen. 1:27, So God created man in his own image; in the image of God created he him. 1 Cor. 6: 20.

Section II.—Primitive Man, and His Fall

Our first parents, in their original state of probation, were upright. They naturally preferred and desired to obey their Creator, and had no preference or desire to transgress His will¹ until they were influenced and inclined by the tempter to disobey God's commands. Previously to this, the only tendency of their nature was to do righteousness. In consequence of the first transgression, the state under which the posterity of Adam came into the world is so different from that of Adam that they have not that righteousness and purity which Adam had before the fall; they are not willing to obey God, but are inclined to evil.² Hence none, by virtue of any natural goodness and mere work of their own, can become the children of God;³ but they are all dependent for salvation

¹ Eccl. 7:29, God hath made man upright. Eph. 4:24; Col. 3:10.

² Psa. 51:5, Behold, I was shapen in iniquity; and in sin did my mother conceive me. Rom. 8:7, The carnal mind is enmity against God. Eph. 2:3, And were by nature the children of wrath, even as others. Psa. 58:3; Gen. 8:21; John 3:6; Gal. 5:19-21; Rom. 5:12.

³ John 6:44, No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him. 1 Cor. 2:14, The natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him; neither can he know them.

upon the redemption effected through the blood of Christ, and upon being created anew unto obedience through the operation of the Spirit;¹ both of which are freely provided for every descendant of Adam.²

CHAPTER V

Of Christ

Section I.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, possesses all divine perfections. As He and the Father are one, He in His divine nature, filled all the offices and performed the works of God to His creatures that have been the subjects of revelations to us. As man, He performed all the duties toward God that we are required to perform, repentance of sin excepted.

His divinity is proved from His titles, His attributes, and His works.

¹ John 3:3, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. John 3:5; 1:13; Heb. 12:14, And holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. Col. 1:14; Titus 3:5.

² See Atonement (Chapter VII)

1. **His Titles.** The Bible ascribes to Christ the titles of Savior,¹ Jehovah,² Lord of hosts,³ the first and the last,⁴ God,⁵ true God,⁶ great God,⁷ God over all,⁸ mighty

² Isa. 45:21, There is no God else beside me; a just God and a Savior; there is none beside me. Isa. 43:10, 11, Beside me there is no Savior. John 4:42, This is indeed the Christ, the Savior of the world. Phil. 3:20; 2 Tim. 1:10; Titus 2:13.

² Psa. 83:18, Whose name alone is JEHOVAH. Isa. 40:3, The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord (Jehovah). Luke 1:76.

³ Isa. 8:13, 14, Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary: but for a stone of stumbling, and for a rock of offence to both the houses of Israel. 1 Peter 2:4-6; Isa. 6:5; John 12:41.

⁴ Rev. 22:13, I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Isa. 44:6; Rev. 1:1, 11.

⁵ 1 Tim. 3:16, God was manifest in the flesh. 1 John 3:16; John 1:1; Heb. 1:8; John 20:28, 29.

⁶ 1 John 5:20, We are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

⁷ Titus 2:13, Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God, and our Savior Jesus Christ.

⁸ Rom. 9:5, Of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ came: who is over all, God blessed forever.

God, and the everlasting Father.¹

2. His Attributes. He is eternal,² unchangeable,³ omnipresent,⁴ omniscient,⁵ omnipotent,⁶ holy,⁷ and is entitled to divine worship.⁸

¹ Isa. 9:6, For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

² Col. 1:17, And he is before all things. Micah 5:2; Heb. 1:8.

³ Heb. 13:8, Jesus Christ, the name yesterday, and today, and forever. Heb. 1:12.

⁴ John 3:13, No man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. Matt. 18:20; 28:20; Eph. 1:23.

⁵ John 16:30, Thou knowest all things. John 2:24, 25; 21:17; Rev. 2:23.

⁶ Col. 2:8-10, Christ . . . is the head of all principality and power. Matt. 28:18; Heb. 1:8; Rev. 1:8.

⁷ Acts 3:14, But ye denied the Holy One. Luke 1:35; Heb. 7:26; Rev. 3:7.

⁸ Heb. 1:6, Let all the angels of God worship him. John 5:23, That all men should honor the Son even as they honor the Father. Phil. 2:10, 11; Matt. 28:9; Luke 24:52.

3. His Works. By Christ the world was created,¹ He preserves² and governs³ it; He has provided redemption for all men⁴ and He will be their final Judge.⁵

Section II—The Incarnation of Christ

The Word, which in the beginning was with God and which was God, by whom all things were made, condescended to a state of humiliation in being united with human nature and becoming like us, pollution and sin excepted.⁶ In this state, as a subject of the law, He was

¹ Heb. 1:8, 10, Unto the Son he saith . . . Thou, Lord in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands. John 1:3, 10, All things were made by him. The world was made by him. Col. 1:16.

² Heb. 1:3, Upholding all things by the word of his power. Col. 1:17.

³ Isa. 9:6, The government shall be upon his shoulder. 1 Peter 3:22; Eph. 1:21.

⁴ Eph. 1:7, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins. Heb. 9:12; Gal. 3:13; Isa. 44:6. 1 Peter 1:18, 19; Rev. 5:9.

⁵ 2 Tim. 4:1, The Lord Jesus Christ who shall judge the quick and the dead. Matt. 25:31-46; John 5:22.

⁶ John 1:14, And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us. Phil. 2:6, 7, Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God; but made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men. 2 Cor. 8:9; Heb. 4:15.

liable to the infirmities of our nature;¹ was tempted as we are,² but lived our example,³ and rendered perfect obedience to the divine requirements.⁴ As Christ was made of the seed of David according to the flesh, He is called "the Son of man";⁵ and as the divine existence is the fountain from which He proceeded, and was the only agency by which He was begotten⁶ He is called "the Son of God",⁷ being the only begotten of the Father,⁸ and the only incarnation of the Divine Being.

¹ Heb. 2:17, Wherefore, in all things, it behooved him to be made like unto his brethren. Matt. 8:17; 4:2; 8:24; John 11:33, 35; 19:28; Isa. 53:3. Luke 22:44.

² Heb. 4:15, Was in all points tempted like as we are. Matt. 4:1-11.

³ 1 Peter 2:21, Leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps. John 13:15; 1 John 2:6.

⁴ Isa. 42:21, He will magnify the law, and make it honorable. Matt. 5:17; 3:15; Gal. 4:4.

⁵ Luke 19:10, For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

⁶ John 16:27, I came out from God. Matt. 1:18, 20.

⁷ Luke 1:35, That holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. Mark 1:1; John 1:34; 20:31.

⁸ John 3:16, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son. John 1:18.

CHAPTER VI

The Holy Spirit

1. The Scriptures ascribe to the Holy Spirit the acts and attributes of an intelligent being. He is said to guide,¹ to know,² to move,³ to give information,⁴ to command,⁵ to forbid,⁶ to send forth,⁷ to reprove,⁸ and be sinned against.⁹

¹ John 16:13, Howbeit, when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth.

² 1 Cor. 2:11, Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God.

³ Gen. 1:2, And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. Acts 8:39.

⁴ Acts 10:19, While Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 1Cor. 2:13; Acts 21:11; John 14:26.

⁵ Acts 13:2, The Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

⁶ Acts 16:6, And were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia.

⁷ Acts 13:4, So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed into Seleucia.

⁸ John 16:8, and when he is come, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment. Gen 6:3.

⁹ Mark 3:29, But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness Isa. 63:10; Acts 7:51; Eph. 4:30.

2. The attributes of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; such as eternity,¹ omnipresence,² omniscience,³ goodness,⁴ truth.⁵

3. The works of God are ascribed to the Holy Spirit; creation,⁶ inspiration,⁷ giving of life,⁸ and sanctification.⁹

¹ Heb. 9:14, Who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God.

² Psa. 139:7, Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

³ 1 Cor. 2:10, The Spirit searcheth all things yea, the deep things of God.

⁴ Neh. 9:20, Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them. Psa. 143:10.

⁵ John 14:17, Even the Spirit of truth.

⁶ Job 33:4, The Spirit of God hath made me. Job 26:13; Psa. 104:30.

⁷ 2 Peter 1:21, Prophecy came not in old time by the will of man; but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.

⁸ 1 Peter 3:18, Quickened by the Spirit. Rom. 8:11.

⁹ 1 Cor. 6:11, But ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

4. The same acts which in one part of the Bible are attributed to the Holy Spirit are in other parts said to be performed by God.¹

5. The apostles assert that the Holy Spirit is Lord and God.²

From the foregoing the conclusion is that the Holy Spirit is in reality God, and one with the Father in all divine perfections. It has also been shown that Jesus Christ is God—one with the Father. Then these three, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, are one God.

The truth of this doctrine is also proven from the fact that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost are united in the authority by which believers are baptized and in the benedictions pronounced by the apostles,³ which are acts of the highest religious worship.

¹ Isa. 6:8, 9, I heard the voice of the Lord. And he said, Go, and tell this people, Hear ye, indeed, but understand not. Acts 28:25, 26, Well spake the Holy Ghost . . . Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand. Compare John 3:16 with Matt. 1:18.

² 2 Cor. 3:17, Now the Lord is that Spirit. Acts 5:3, 4, Why hath Satan filled thine heart to lie to the Holy Ghost? . . . Thou hast not lied unto men, but unto God.

³ Matt. 28:19, Go ye, therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. 2 Cor. 13:14, The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. 1 Peter 1:2.

CHAPTER VII

The Atonement and Mediation of Christ

1. **The Atonement.** As sin cannot be pardoned without a sacrifice, and the blood of beasts could never wash away sin, Christ gave Himself a sacrifice for the sins of the world,¹ and thus made salvation possible for all men.² He died for us, suffering in our stead, to make known the righteousness of God, that He might be just in justifying sinners who believe in His Son.³ Though the redemption effected by Christ, salvation is actually enjoyed in this world, and will be enjoyed in the next by all who do not in this life refuse obedience to the known re-

¹ John 2:2, And he is the propitiation of our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. Isa. 53:5; 10:11; Rom. 4:25; Matt. 20:28; 1 Peter 3:18; John 1:29; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 5:6, 8.

² Titus 2:11, For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men. Heb. 2:9, That he by the grace of God should taste death for every man. 1 Tim. 2:6; Isa. 45:22; 2 Peter 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; 1 Tim. 4:10.

³ Rom. 3:25, 26, Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness; that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Rom. 5:9, 18; Matt. 26:28; Eph. 1:7; Rev. 5:9; 1 Peter 2:24.

quirements of God.¹ The atonement of sin was necessary,² For present and future obedience can no more blot out our past sins than past obedience can remove the guilt of present and future sins. Had God pardoned the sins of men without satisfaction for the violation of His law, it would follow that transgression might go on with impunity; government would be abrogated, and the obligation of obedience to God would be, in effect, removed.

2. Mediation of Christ. Our Lord not only died for our sins, but He arose for our justification,³ and ascended up to heaven,⁴ where, as Mediator between God and man, He will make intercession for men until the final Judgment.⁵

¹ Rom. 5:18, Therefore as by the offence of one judgment came upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one the free gift came upon all men unto justification of life Rom. 8:1, There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit. Mark 16:15; Rom. 2:14, 15.

² Heb. 9:22, Without shedding of blood is no remission. Eph. 1:7, In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

³ Rom. 4:25, Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification. 1 Cor. 15:17.

⁴ Acts 1:11, This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven. Mark 16:19.

⁵ Heb. 7:25, He ever liveth to make intercession for them. Rom. 8:34; Heb. 9:24.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

In a report on temperance, we should be concerned with our total life—any and all behaviour which may reflect upon our Christian testimony. Our major concern should be an emphasis on self-control, or the wilful control of our responses to our environment. There are many situations in life where self-control for the Christian is imperative if his testimony is to count for the Lord, such as, disposition, attitudes, speech, sex, and physical appetite. As for strong drink, it is absurd for a Christian to talk of temperance, for there can be no position for the Lord's people in this matter except total abstinence. If there was a time when one could acceptably indulge temperately, and we are told that there was, it certainly is not so in our day. Yet, we erroneously, out of habit, make our "Temperance Reports" and talk about the use of alcoholic beverages, just as our fathers did a hundred years ago when a temperate use of the "spirits" was acceptable and only intemperate use was frowned upon. Thus, the emphasis of temperance has been placed upon alcoholic beverages to the neglect of behaviour among Christians which may be just as detrimental to their witness for the Lord. We have reference to uncontrolled emotions (temper, hate, envy, malice, etc.), and uncontrolled biological drives (appetite, sexuality, gluttonous greed after luxuries, etc.). Evidence of this fact may be found in any congregation where there are confusions expressed with hate and malice, and where there are so many of our waistlines that are much, much too large for our separate given heights.

The Hebrew fathers exhorted their sons as follows: "Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way. Be not among winebibbers; among riotous eaters of flesh: For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty: and drowsiness shall clothe a man in rags" (Proverbs 23:10-21). In addition to avoiding the deception of wine and strong drink, Hebrew youth were reminded that the intemperate habits of the glutton were no less detrimental to the health, well-being and testimony of a man of God than the habits of the drunkard. This is not accepted by many in our day, probably because of their own feelings of guilt, for it is far more socially acceptable to practice the habits of a glutton than those of a drunkard. Yet, there are many who over indulge in food, luxuries and other non-essentials at great expense, or impossible debts on the installment plan, but never think of their undisciplined desires as being that of a glutton whose habits are equally as abominable in the sight of God as those of the drunkard.

Indeed, the church should take a strong stand against the alcohol and drug traffic. Much is being done in our county and area by the church and law enforcement agencies to keep Jackson County dry and to support the increasing number of other counties which are learning that those who uphold the liquor traffic do so only because of a greed for personal profit. But we as Christians should not overlook other aspects of our life, which if not controlled temperately, can equally destroy our testimony for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Hickory Grove Free Will
Baptist Church

COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

As we study the information given in our 1959 minutes concerning the Auxiliaries of the Churches in the Salem Association, we feel that much progress is being made. However, as brothers and sisters in Christ we need to work a little harder. According to this data, we have 19 churches in the Association. Of these 19 churches 14 have Sunday School. Where are the children of the other 5 churches on Sunday morning? Of the 19 churches 5 churches have League. Where are the children of the other 14 churches on Sunday night? Of the 19 churches 4 have Woman's Auxiliary. Let us pray that the women of the other 15 churches will band themselves together and organize a Woman's Auxiliary in each church. Of the 19 churches only 1 reported having an Auxiliary for Young People. How are the other 18 churches caring for the young people in their locality?

We pray that these figures given in the 1959 minutes will have shown a marked improvement in the 1960 reports, and that the 1961 minutes will be able to show that at least a majority of our churches are sponsoring these four Auxiliaries.

Respectfully submitted,
Christian Home F.W.B. Church

SALEM CHURCH OBITUARY

On March 26, 1960, the Lord called from our midst Bro. George Williams Barnes, 84 years old. He was one of our oldest members and will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted
Salem Church

SALEM CHURCH OBITUARY

On May 11, 1960 the Lord called from our midst Sister Beulah Emma Haddock age 87, who was one of our oldest, and has been a faithful member. She will be missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Respectfully,
Salem Church

NEW HOPE OBITUARY

On October 10, 1959 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst our oldest member Brother Marion Mercer. We will always miss him but we realize our loss is heaven's gain.

On May 29, 1960 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst one of our oldest members Brother Whit Fowler. We will always miss him but we realize our loss is heaven's gain.

Humbly submitted by
Mildrige Mears, Church Clerk

ROCKY GROVE OBITUARY

Bro. Bob Elmore was called from our midst February 13, 1960. He was a faithful member and deacon of Rocky Grove. He was 60 years of age. We will always miss his presence very much in the years to come. His place can never be fulfilled by anyone like he filled it.

Mrs. Mary Elmore mother of Rob Elmore was called away March 10, 1960 another one of our oldest members whom we will miss very much.

God also called Iseral Evans away March 6, 1960 who was a member of Rocky Grove.

We also register the death of Frank Robinson who died July 29, 1960 whom we are sorry to loose.

Humbly submitted,

Rocky Grove

TRAVELERS REST OBITUARY

Inasmuch as it has pleased the Almighty God to call from our midst our beloved brother, John Dewey Smith, we humbly submit his obituary. He was born May 12, 1898, and was called home April 28, 1960. His passing saddened our hearts greatly, but we bow in humble submission to His will Who doeth all things well, and we know that our loss is Heaven's gain. We hereby express our heartfelt sympathy to the family and loved ones during their great sorrow.

Respectfully submitted,

Travelers Rest Church

MIDWAY CHURCH OBITUARY

On September 27, 1960 at 12:45 p.m. the Lord called from our midst Sister Nancy Basford, age 80 years. She was a charter member of our church, also our oldest member. She will be sadly missed by a host of relatives and friends.

Humbly submitted,

Midway Church

HOLLY GROVE

Mrs. Minnil Sullivan died May 27, 1960, Age 69.

Mrs. Jessie Thompson, date of death and age unknown.

CHRISTIAN HOME OBITUARY

WILLIAM D. SKINNER

William D. Skinner was born on April 16, 1900 and departed this life March 4, 1960. He was married July 5, 1942 to Mary Todd, to this union was born 2 children, one of which preceded him in death a few years ago.

He was a faithful, loyal, devout member of the Christian Home F.W.B. Church, which he loved with all his heart. His daily life was an inspiration to all who knew him, and his example of Christian living was a challenge and a blessing to those with whom he came in contact. He attended all services of the church regularly, and never shirked a duty or failed to respond when a place needed to be filled.

In his passing the church suffered the loss of one of its most faithful and devout members. To the bereaved wife and son we express our deepest sympathy, and may they find comfort in remembering his devotion to his God, his church, his family and his friends. We know that our loss is Heaven's gain, and that God knows best.

Funeral services were conducted by his pastor, Rev. D. F. Pelt in Christian Home F. W. B. Church and burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

The family and friends hold a treasure chest of rich precious memories of a devoted husband, a good father, a true friend and an humble Christian.

SIM L. MONTFORD

Mr. Sim L. Montford, husband of Mrs. Lois Montford of Blountstown, Fla., died suddenly at his home Feb. 14, 1960. He was 58 years old.

He is survived by his wife and 4 sisters, 7 brothers and a host of friends and relatives.

For several years he had been a member of Christian Home F.W.B. Church, the church of his childhood days and a much loved resident of Blountstown, Fla., and surrounding community all his life. He numbered his friends by his acquaintances, and they always found him to be loyal, faithful and true, never failing to administer to them when they needed assistance. The community as a whole will miss him greatly for he never turned a "deaf ear" to the needs of his fellowmen.

Funeral services were held in Christian Home F.W.B. Church by his Pastor, Rev. D. F. Pelt, and burial was in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery, where a wealth of beautiful floral offerings covered his last resting place.

The church extends heart-felt sympathy to the bereaved family. May the One who doeth all things well ever bless and keep them is our prayer.

CHAPTER VIII

The Gospel Call

The call of the Gospel is co-extensive with the atonement to all men,¹ both by the word and strivings of the Spirit;² so that salvation is rendered equally possible to all;³ and, if any fail of eternal life, the fault is wholly his own.⁴

¹ Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. Isa. 45:22, Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth. Prov. 8:4; Isa. 55:1; Rev. 22:17.

² Joel 2:28, I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh. John 16:8; John 1:9; Isa. 55:11; Luke 2:10.

³ 1 Tim. 2:4, Who will have all men to be saved, and come unto the knowledge of the truth. Acts 10:34, God is no respecter of persons. Ezek. 33:11; 2 Peter 3:9.

⁴ Hosea 13:9, O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself. Prov. 1:24-31; Isa. 65:12; Jer. 7:13, 14; Zech. 7:11-13; John 5:40, And ye will not come to me, that ye might have life. Matt. 23:37.

CHAPTER IX

Repentance

The repentance which the Gospel requires includes a deep conviction, a penitential sorrow, an open confession, a decided hatred and an entire forsaking of all sin.¹ This repentance God has enjoined on all men; and without it in this life the sinner must perish eternally.²

CHAPTER X

Faith

Saving faith is an assent of the mind to the fundamental truths of revelation,² an acceptance of the Gospel,

¹ 2 Cor. 7:10, For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of. Psalms 51:17; Prov. 28:13, He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy. Psalms 32:3, 5; Ezek. 36:31, Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. Psalms 51:3, 4; Ezek. 18:30, Repent, and turn yourself from all your transgressions so iniquity shall not be your ruin.

² Acts 17:30, But now commandeth all men everywhere to repent. Luke 13:5, but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Acts 3:19.

³ Heb. 11:6, He that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. Heb. 11:1, Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. John 5:46, 47; Rom. 10:9.

through the influence of the Holy Spirit;¹ and a firm confidence and trust in Christ.² The fruit of faith is obedience to the Gospel.³ The power to believe is the gift of God;⁴ but believing is an act of the creature, which is required as a condition of pardon, and without which the sinner cannot obtain salvation.⁵ All men are required to believe in Christ; and those who yield obedience to this requirement become the children of God by faith.⁶

¹ Rom. 10:10, With the heart man believeth unto righteousness. Gal. 5:22, But the fruit of the Spirit is . . . faith. 1 Cor 12:8, 9.

² Acts 16:31, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. John 3:16; Rom. 4:20-22; Eph. 3:12.

³ Jas. 2:17, Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. Gal. 5:6; 1 Tim. 1:5.

⁴ Phil. 1:29, Unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ . . . to believe on him. 2 Peter 1:1; Eph. 2:8.

⁵ John 3:36, He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him. Mark 16:16; John 8:21, 24; Heb. 11:6.

⁶ John 1:7, That all men through him might believe. Gal. 3:26, Ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. Acts 10:43; Rom. 5:1; John 3:15.

CHAPTER XI

Regeneration

As man is a fallen and sinful being, he must be regenerated, in order to obtain salvation.¹ This change is an instantaneous renewal of the heart by the Holy Spirit,² whereby the penitent sinner receives new life, becomes a child of God,³ and disposed to serve Him.⁴ This is called in Scripture being born again—born of the Spirit,⁵ being quickened,⁶ passing from death unto life,¹ and a partaking of the divine nature.²

¹ John 3:3, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Heb. 12:14; Rev. 21:27; Gal. 5:19-21.

² John 3:5, Except a man be born . . . of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. John 1:13; Ezek. 36:26, 27; Titus 3:5; Eph. 2:10.

³ Rom. 8:16, The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God. John 1:12; 5:25; James 1:18; 2 Cor. 5:17.

⁴ Ezek. 11:19, 20, And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit with in you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh: that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them. 1 Peter 2:5.

⁵ John 3:6, That which is born of the Spirit is spirit. John 3:5-8; 1 John 4:7; 5:1.

⁶ Eph. 2:1, You hath he quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins. Psa. 119:50, 93; Eph. 2:5; Col. 2:13.

CHAPTER XII

Justification and Sanctification

1. **Justification.** Personal justification implies that the person justified has been guilty before God; and, in consideration of the atonement of Christ, accepted by faith, the sinner is pardoned and absolved from the guilt of sin and restored to the divine favor.³ Through Christ's atonement is the foundation of the sinner's **redemption**, yet, without repentance and faith, it can never give him justification and peace with God.⁴

¹ John 5:24, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me . . . is passed from death unto life 1 John 3:14.

² 2 Peter 1:4, That by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature. Heb. 3:14.

³ Rom. 5:1, Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Rom. 5:16, The free gift is of many offences unto justification. Acts 13:39; Isa. 53:11.

⁴ Acts 3:19, Repent ye, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out. Heb. 4:2; 11:6; Rom. 9:31, 32; Acts 13:38, 39.

2. **Sanctification** is a work of God's grace, by which the soul is cleansed from all sin and wholly consecrated to Christ. It commences at regeneration, and the Christian can and should abide in this state to the end of life, constantly growing in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.²

CHAPTER XIII

Perseverance of the Saints

There are strong grounds to hope that truly regenerate will persevere unto the end, and be saved, through the

¹ 1 Cor. 6:11, And such were some of you; but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. Rom. 12:1, Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God. 1 Thess. 4:3; John 17:17; Eph. 5:26; 1 Cor. 6:20.

² 1 Thess. 5:23, And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly: and I pray God that your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Cor. 7:1; 2 Peter 3:18, Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Heb. 6:1; 1 John 5:4; Col. 4:12; Prov. 4:18; 1 John 1:7, 9; 1 Peter 1:16; Gal. 2:20.

power of divine grace which is pledged for their support;¹ but their future obedience and final salvation are neither determined nor certain, since through infirmity and manifold temptations they are in danger of falling; and they ought therefore to watch and pray, lest they make shipwreck of their faith and be lost.²

¹ Rom. 8:38, 39, For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. 1 Cor. 10:13, God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able: but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. 2 Cor. 12:9, My grace is sufficient for thee. Job. 17:9; Matt. 16:18; John 10:27, 28; Phil. 1:6.

² 2 Chron. 15:2, The Lord is with you, while ye be with him . . . but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 2 Peter 1:10, Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if you do these things, ye shall never fall. Ezek. 33:18, When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby. John 15:6. 1 Cor. 10:12; Heb. 6:4-6; 12:15. 1 Chron. 28:9; Rev. 2:4; 1 Tim. 1:19; 2 Peter 2:20, 21; 1 Cor. 9:27; Matt. 21:12.

CHAPTER XIV

The Sabbath

This is one day in seven, which from the creation of the world God has set apart for sacred rest and holy

service.¹ Under the former dispensation, the seventh day of the week, as commemorative of the work of creation, was set apart for the Sabbath.² Under the Gospel, the first day of the week, in commemoration of the resurrection of Christ, and by authority of the apostles, is observed as the Christian Sabbath.³ On this day all men are

¹ Gen. 2:3, God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it. Mark 2:27, The Sabbath was made for man. Neh. 9:14.

² Exo. 20:8-11, Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God; in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day; wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day, and hallowed it.

³ Luke 24:1-7. Now upon the first day of the week, very early in the morning, they came unto the sepulchre . . . He is not here, but is risen. Luke 24:33-36; John 20:19, 26; Acts 2:1; 20:7, And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them. 1 Cor. 16:2; Rev. 1:10; Psa. 118:22-24.

required to refrain from secular labor, and devote themselves to the worship and service of God.¹

CHAPTER XV

The Church

A Christian Church is an organized body of believers in Christ, who statedly assemble to worship God, and who sustain the ordinances of the Gospel according to the Scriptures.² Believers in Christ are admitted to this church on giving evidence of faith in Christ, obtaining consent of the body, being baptized, and receiving the right hand of fellowship.³

¹ Isa. 58:13, 14, If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable; and shalt honor him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord. Isa. 56:2; Exo. 20:8-11.

² 1 Cor. 1:2, Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints. Acts 2:41. 47; 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1, 2; Rev. 1:4.

³ Eph. 5:25, 27, Christ also loved the church and gave himself for it . . . that he might present it to himself a glorious church. Eph. 1:22, 23; 1 Cor. 12:27, 28; Col. 1:18, 24; 1 Peter 2:5; John 18:36; John 15:2, 6.

The Church of God, or members of the body of Christians throughout the whole world, and none but the regenerate are its members.¹

CHAPTER XVI

Tithing

Both the Old² and New Scriptures³ teach Tithing as God's financial plan for the support of His work.

¹ Acts 2:41, Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day were added unto them about three thousand souls. Acts 8:12; Gal. 3:27.

² Gen. 14:20, And he gave him tithes of all. Gen. 28:22, I will surely give the tenth unto Thee. Deut. 14:22, Thou shalt truly tithe. Malachi 3:8-10.

³ 1 Cor. 16:2, Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him. Matt. 23:23.

CHAPTER XVII

The Gospel Ministry

1. **Qualification of Ministers.** They must possess good natural and acquired abilities,¹ deep and ardent piety,² be especially called of God to the work,³ and ordained by the laying on of hands.⁴

2. **Duties of Ministers.** These are to preach the Word,⁵ administer the ordinances of the Gospel,⁶ visit their people

¹ 2 Tim. 2:15, Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 1 Tim. 4:13-16, Till I come give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine. Neglect not the gift that is in thee . . . Meditate upon these things; give thyself wholly to them; that thy profiting may appear to all. Titus 1:9; 2:7, 8; 2 Tim. 1:7; 2:2. 1 Tim. 3:2-7.

² Psa. 50:16, But unto the wicked, God saith, What hast thou to do to declare my statutes, or that thou shouldest take my covenant in thy mouth? 2 Tim. 1:8-11, 14; 2:22; 3:5; Titus 1:5-9; 1 Cor. 2:12-16.

³ Acts 20:28, Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock . . . over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers. Heb. 5:4; 1 Cor. 9:16; Acts 13:2.

* 1 Tim. 4:14, With the laying on of the hands of the presbytery.
2 Tim. 1:6; Acts 13: 3.

* Mark 16:15, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 2 Tim. 4:2; 2 Cor. 4:5; Ezek. 33:7.

* Matt. 28:19, Teach all nations, baptizing them. Luke 22:19, 20, This do in remembrance of me. Acts 20:11; 27:35; 1 Cor. 11:23-28; 10:16.

and otherwise perform the work of faithful pastors.'

CHAPTER XVIII

Ordinances of the Gospel

1. **Christian Baptism.** This is the immersion of believers in water, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,² in which are represented the burial and resurrection of Christ, the death of Christians to the

¹ Heb. 13:17, They watch for your souls as they that must give account. 1 Peter 5:2, Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight thereof. Acts 20:28; Jer. 3:15.

² Matt. 28:19, Baptizing (Greek, immersing) them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Col. 2:12, Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him. Acts 8:36-39; Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:5; John 3:23; Acts 16:32-34; 2:41.

world, the washing of their souls from the pollution of sin, their rising to newness of life, their engagement to serve God, and their resurrection at the last day.¹

2. **The Lord's Supper.** This is a commemoration of the death of Christ for our sins, in the use of bread which He made the emblem of His broken body, and the cup, the emblem of His shed blood,² and by it the believer expresses his love for Christ, his faith and hope in Him, and pledges to Him perpetual fidelity.³

¹ Rom. 6:4, Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death; that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. Col. 3:3; 2:12; Titus 3:5; Gal. 3:27; 1 Cor. 15:29.

² 1 Cor. 11:23-26, For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you. That the Lord Jesus, the same night in which he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat; this is my body, which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the New Testament in my blood; this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as oft as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. Matt. 26:26-28.

³ 1 Cor. 10:16, The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the

communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ? 1 Cor. 10:21; 11:27-29.

It is the privilege and duty of all who have spiritual union with Christ to commemorate His death; and no man has a right to forbid these tokens to the least of His disciples.¹

3. Washing the Saint's Fee.—This is a sacred ordinance, which teaches humility, and reminds the believer of the necessity of a daily cleansing from all sin. It was instituted by the Lord Jesus Christ, and called an "example" on the night of His betrayal, and in connection with the institution of the Lord's Supper. It is the duty and happy prerogative of every believer to observe this sacred ordinance.²

CHAPTER XIX

Death, and the Intermediate State

1. Death. As a result of sin, all mankind, are subject to the death of the body.³

¹ 1 Cor. 10:17, For we being many are one bread and one body; for we are all partakers of that one bread. Matt. 26:27, Drink ye all of it. Rom. 14:1, 10; 1 Cor. 12:12-27; Acts 2:42; 20:7.

² Cf. St. John 13:4-8, and 1 Tim. 5:1-10.

³ Rom. 5:12, As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. Heb. 9:27, It is appointed unto men once to die. 1 Cor. 15:22; Psa. 89:48; Eccl. 8:8.

2. The Intermediate State. The soul does not die with the body; but immediately after death enters into a conscious state of happiness or misery, according to the moral character here possessed.¹

CHAPTER XX

Second Coming of Christ

The Lord Jesus, who ascended on high, and sits at the right hand of God, will come again, to close the Gospel dispensation, glorify His saints, and judge the world.²

¹ Eccl. 12:7, Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Phil. 1:23, Having a desire to depart, and be with Christ, which is far better. Luke 23:43; Matt. 17:3; 22:32; Acts 7:59; Matt. 10:28; 2 Cor. 5:8; Luke 16:22-26; Rev. 6:9.

² Acts 1:11, This same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven. Matt. 25:31; 1 Cor. 15:24-28; 1 Thess. 4:15-17; 2 Thess. 1:7-10; 2 Peter 3:3-13; Matt. 24:42-44.

CHAPTER XXI

The Resurrection

The Scriptures teach the resurrection of the bodies of all men at the last day, each in its own order; they that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil to the resurrection of damnation.¹

CHAPTER XXII

The General Judgment and Future Retribution

1. **The General Judgment.** There will be a general judgment, when time and man's probation will close forever.² Then all men will be judged according to their works.³

¹ John 5:28, 29, The hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation. Acts 24:15; 1 Cor. 15:22, 23; 2 Tim. 2:18; Phil. 3:21; 1 Cor. 15:35-44; Dan. 12:2.

² Acts 17:31, Because he hath appointed a day, in which he will judge the world in righteousness. 1 Cor. 15:24; Rev. 10:6; 22:11; 2 Peter 3:11, 12; Eccl. 9:10.

³ 2 Cor. 5:10, For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad. Eccl. 12:14, For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil. Matt. 12:36; Rev. 20:12; Rom. 2:16.

2. **Future Retribution.** Immediately after the general judgment, the righteous will enter into eternal life, and the wicked will go into a state of endless punishment.¹

¹ Matt. 25:46, And these shall go away into everlasting punishment; but the righteous into life eternal. 2 Thess. 1:8-10, Taking vengeance on them that know not God, and they that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ; who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power; when he shall come to be glorified in his saints. Rom. 6:23; 2 Peter 1:11; Mark 3:29; 9:43, 44; Jude 7; Rev. 14:11; 21:7, 8, 27; Matt. 13:41-43; Rom 2:6-10.

CHURCHES	PASTORS AND ADDRESS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Baptism	Other Ways	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Cooperative	Meeting Days
Abes Springs	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	C. A. Bozeman, Rt. 1, Blountstown, Fla.	4	3	4		40	177.84	50.00	1000.00	18.66	1st and 3rd Sunday
Blountstown 1st	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Eva Austin, Blountstown, Fla.		3			22	175.00	50.00			4th Sunday
Cedar Grove	Clyde Owen, Malone, Fla.	Grace Rathel, Bascom, Fla.					20	236.61		3000.00	3.00	2nd and 4th Sat. Night
Christian Home	D. F. Pelt, Marianna, Fla.	Falfa Clark, Blountstown, Fla.	2	1	1	5	161	1200.00	120.00	30000.00	400.00	1st and 3rd Sunday
Cottondale		Mrs. Mary Addison, Cottondale, Fla.	1	3			60	970.00	53.00	35000.00		Full Time
Cypress Creek	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	F. E. Locke, Rt. 4, Marianna, Fla.			2	1	50	207.50	52.00	2500.00		3rd Saturday and Sun.
Damascus	M. H. Taylor, R.F.D., Dothan, Ala.	John W. Hill, 215 7th St., Marianna, Fla.	2				52	135.00		5000.00		1st and 3rd Sunday
Green Head	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Douglas Finch, Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.			2		24	120.00		3000.00		1st Sunday
Hickory Grove	Clyde Owens, Malone, Fla.	J. W. Stephens, Bascom, Fla.	5		4	1	158	840.00	100.00	20000.00	156.00	2nd and 4th Sunday
Holly Grove	W. C. Windham, Marianna, Fla.	Harvey Ross, 606 S. Caledonia, Marianna			1	2	72	110.05	63.40	5000.00		2nd and 4th Sunday
Lovewood	Alvin Howell, Marianna, Fla.	Mae Johnson, Cottondale, Fla.	7		1	1	64	279.83	100.00	8000.00	53.43	Full Time
Malone First	Clyde Owens, Malone, Fla.	Sam Benton, Malone, Fla.	8	8		1	71	1458.80	250.00	7000.00	197.72	1st and 3rd Sunday
Marvin Chapel	Chas. B. Craddock, Dothan, Ala.	Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Marianna, Fla.		1	2		92	968.29	140.00	10000.00	240.00	1st and 3rd Sunday
Midway	J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla.	Zelma R. Pitts, Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.	1	1		1	31	122.75	49.00	2000.00		2nd Sat. nite and Sun.
New Hope	W. H. Horn, Rt. 2, Donalsonville, Ga.	Mildridge Mears, Rt. 2, Grand Ridge, Fla.			2	2	49	430.25	39.25	3400.00	27.00	1st and 3rd Sunday
Pine Grove	J. C. Watson, Marianna, Fla.	Judy Dykes, Blountstown, Fla.					24	151.65	33.00	1500.00		2nd and 4th Sunday
Rocky Grove	W. H. Horn, Donalsonville, Ga.	Alice Robinson, Rt. 1, Greenwood, Fla.				4	60	82.36	37.30	2000.00		4th Sun. and Sat. Night
Salem	Chas. B. Chaddock, Dothan, Ala.	Nellie Morris, Cottondale, Fla.	5	4	2	1	146	840.00	75.00	11000.00	40.00	2nd and 4th Sunday
Snead Mission	Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Fla.	Mrs. C. L. Beauchamp, Box 891, Sneads		13			13					Thurs. Night — 2
Travelers Rest	W. E. George, Bonifay, Fla.	Mrs. Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 219, Altha	20	2	2	1	94	890.00	165.00	9300.00	182.27	Night per night
TOTAL	20		55	39	23	20	1303	9395.93	1386.95	158700.00	1323.08	2nd and 4th Sun. and Sat. Night

LAURA MONTFORD

The Christian Home F.W.B. Church suffered a profound loss in the passing of Sister Laura Montford on July 16, 1960. She was born 81 years ago near the place where she died, having lived all her life in this community.

She was happily married to Thomas Montford, who preceded her in death many years ago. To this union was born 12 children.

She dedicated her life to the Lord when she was young, and has been a lifelong, loyal, faithful member of Christian Home Church, which she loved dearly.

Her church, her family and her friends will miss her. She was a loving mother, a devoted wife, and humble Christian, and a sympathetic friend. With hearts of love we say: A wonderful mother has gone to her reward.

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Home Church by her Pastor, Rev. D. F. Pelt assisted by Rev. Zeb Buttramo. Burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

We believe that through the grace of God she has entered that "Home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

NANCY M. STONE

When God called Nancy M. Stone on April 1, 1960, she left a vacancy here but filled eternity with a new fullness.

She was born December 5, 1866 in Calhoun County, Florida, near the place where her entire life was spent. When she slipped away she had reached her 93rd birthday.

"Aunt Duke," as she was affectionately known to her relatives and friends had a long, useful life. She lived a beautiful, Christian life, and her goodness overflowed and blessed the lives of others. Fellowship with her was an honor, a joy and a blessing.

She was a lifelong, faithful, and loyal member of Christian Home F.W.B. Church, which she loved and cherished. She was also a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary, and one of the circles of the Auxiliary was lovingly named, "The Nancy Stone Circle." She possessed a deep and abiding faith in her God, whom she loved and served.

She was married to John H. Stone who preceded her in death several years ago. To this union was born 6 children.

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Home Church by Rev. Dan Pelt, her Pastor and burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Her family and friends hold a treasure chest of rich, precious memories of a loving, devoted mother, a faithful friend and an humble Christian.

"There is an open gate, at the end of the way,
Thru which each must go alone;
And there is a light we cannot see,
Our Father has claimed his own.

MARY N. SPEARS

Mrs. Mary N. Spears was born in Calhoun County, Florida January 4, 1872, and departed this life January 27, 1960, making her stay on earth 88 years.

She was a lifelong, faithful and loyal member of Christian Home F.W.B. Church, which she loved and cherished. She was also a charter member of the Woman's Auxiliary, and her passing has left a vacancy in the church and in the life of every member. One of the Circles in the Auxiliary was lovingly named, "The Polly Spears" Circle.

She was married to Mr. W. J. Spears September 19, 1889, who preceded her in death more than 30 years ago. To this happy union was born nine children.

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Home Church by her Pastor, Rev. Dan Pelt assisted by Rev. W. J. Floyd, burial was in Nettle Ridge Cemetery with her nephews acting as pallbearers.

May the richest blessings of our Heavenly Father rest and abide on all who were near and dear to her and may they reverently bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church was host to the Salem District Woman's Auxiliary Convention on September 24, 1960. Only four churches were represented. The congregation, led by Mrs. Audrey Eiland, sang "Praise Him, Praise Him!" and were led in prayer by Brother C. L. Cook, "I Love to Tell the Story," and were led in prayer by Mrs. Lona Glisson, and "Glory to His Name." The meeting was then called to order by the auxiliary president, Mrs. Ruby Pelt. There was a move and a second to seat the delegates and visitors then present and those who might come in later. Motion carried. The minutes of the last meeting was read and approved. At this time the president appointed the following committees:

1. Nominating — Miss Ada Holley, chairman; Mrs. Florence Cook and Mrs. Thelma Grondin.
2. Finance — Mrs. Verlie Suggs, chairman; Mrs. Lona Glisson and Mrs. Lucille Aultman.
3. Compiling — Mrs. Frances Sullivan, chairman; Mrs. Thelma Grondin, and Mrs. Sallie M. Williford.
4. Plan of Work — Mrs. Pat Owen, chairman; Mrs. Falfa Clark and Mrs. Frances Sullivan.

The business session was then postponed until after lunch.

Mrs. Ruby Pelt gave the morning devotion using for her scripture Psalms 86. She also introduced the theme of the program which was "Glorifying God." The following program was heard and enjoyed by everyone:

"Glorifying God Through Study Courses — Malone Church, Mrs. Thelma Grondin. Scripture II Peter 1:1-12.

"Glorifying God Through Benevolence" — Travelers Rest Church, Rev. W. E. George. Scripture Luke 10:30-37.

"Glorifying God Through Youth Work" — Christian Home Church, Mrs. Lucille Aultman. Scripture Luke 2:52.

Miss Ada Holley gave a brief report on the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention which met with Piney Grove Church in June. We adjourned for lunch and committee meetings and re-assembled at 1:30 p.m.

After congregational singing, led by Brother C. L. Cook, Rev. Clyde Owens gave the afternoon devotion using for his scripture II Corinthians 5:6-11 and then the program theme for the day was finished.

"Glorifying God Through Evangelism" — Marvin Chapel Church, Mrs. Audrey Eiland. Scripture II Timothy 2:1-3; Acts 1:8.

We then entered into business session to complete our work. The treasurer's report was read. There was a motion and a second to receive the report as read. The following committees reported:

1. Plan of Work — Mrs. Pat Owens
2. Compiling — Mrs. Frances Sullivan
3. Finance — Mrs. Verlie Suggs
4. Nominating — Miss Ada Holley

The Nominating Committee submitted the following report which was accepted:

President — Mrs. Verlie Suggs
Secretary-Treasurer — Mrs. Pat Owens
Enlistment Chairman — Mrs. Ruby Pelt
Youth Chairman — Mrs. Lillian Rodgers
Program-Prayer Chairman — Mrs. Florence Cook
Study-Course Chairman — Mrs. Mildred Pelt
Benevolence Chairman — Mrs. Audrey Eiland

Salem District's quota for state missions is \$75.00, making each auxiliary's quota \$20.00. It was suggested that the secretary write to the state president and find out what the projects for the year are and what each district's quota is for each project.

The next meeting is to be held at Christian Home Church north of Blountstown on the first Saturday in May, 1961. The date being May 6, 1961.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ruby Pelt, President
Mrs. Verlie Suggs, Sec.-Treas.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

ARTICLE I. NAME AND COMPOSITION. This Association shall be known as the SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF WEST FLORIDA, and shall be composed of the following churches: Abes Springs, Cedar Grove, Christian Home, Cottondale, Cypress Creek, Damascus, First Church of Blountstown, First church of Malone, Green Head, Hickory Grove, Holly Grove, Lovewood, Marvin Chapel, Midway, New Hope, Oak Grove, Pine Grove, Rocky Grove, Salem, Traveler's Rest and any other duly organized Free Will Baptist Church that may wish to unite with this Association.

ARTICLE II. REPRESENTATION. The sessions of this Association shall consist of delegates from the Churches of which it is composed, each Church being entitled to one (1) delegate for every twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

All ordained ministers and deacons who are members and in good standing with the Association and the Churches to which they belong, shall be standing delegates. Ministers from sister Associations who are serving Churches in this Association shall have full delegative powers so long as they are in good standing with this body.

ARTICLE III. OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator and Clerk-Treasurer, who shall be elected every two (2) years.

The Standing Committees of this Association shall be: Executive, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Stewardship, Auxiliaries, Resolutions and Nominations who shall make annual reports to the Association. Other committees shall be appointed as the need may arise.

The Executive Committee shall be composed of three (3) members elected for two (2) year terms and the Moderator of this Clerk of the Association shall act as standing members of this Committee.

The Ordaining Council shall consist of three (3) members to be elected for two (2) year terms.

All elections shall take place on the odd years, except elections to fill vacancies.

ARTICLE IV. SESSIONS AND FINANCE. The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly. These sessions will convene on Saturday 10:00 A. M. before the first Sunday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth (4th) quarter. The fourth session in each year will meet on Friday and Saturday before the first (1st) Sunday in October. This particular session shall be known as the annual meeting of the Association, and all annual letters, reports and matters affecting the year's work shall be received in this session.

The general expense of the Association shall be provided by each Church according to the number of its delegates.

Each Church is urged to send at least ten percent (10%) of its income to the Treasurer of the Association quarterly for the Florida State Cooperative Program.

The Moderator and clerk shall each receive twenty-five (\$25) dollars annually for their services.

ARTICLE V. DISCIPLINE. This Association shall have the power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly conduct and for doctrine, or practices, which are contrary to accepted FREE WILL BAPTIST belief and custom.

ARTICLE VI. AMENDMENTS. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority vote of the Association at any regular annual session, provided the suggested amendment is received by the Clerk in writing one day before the vote is taken.

BY-LAWS

1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preserve order and submit all actions to the body. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, but he must appoint someone else as Chairman while he speaks. He shall not have the right to vote except in the case of a tie.

2. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the Moderator in his absence.

3. The delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk before they are seated in the body.

4. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to Parliamentary usage. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three (3) times on the same subject, and not more than ten (10) minutes each time without special permission from the Moderator.

5. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and be recognized by the Moderator. No person is to be disturbed while speaking so long as he keeps to the point in debate except by the Moderator, and then only to call him to order, unless he is willing to yield the floor to some one else temporarily.

6. It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to act officially for the Association while it is not in session.

7. It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to ordain all candidates for the ministry in the Association. Application for all ordination must be made to and approved by the Association. Said applications must come from the Church to which the persons involved belong.

8. No minister or deacon shall be considered in good standing with this body who drinks intoxicating beverages or fails to pay, or make proper satisfaction, of his just and honest debts and no minister shall preach in our Churches who cannot bring a clear record from his home Church.

9. Any minister who voluntarily gives up his calling shall immediately turn his credentials over to the Ordaining Council of the Association.

10. No Church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least once annually. The pastor's salary, number of conferences and the number of communion services shall be contained in the associational letter.

11. No Church shall be considered in order in this body that holds fellowship with a minister or deacon who does not conform with number eight (8) of these by-laws.

12. It shall be the duty of each minister who belong to, or serves, Churches in this Association to attend all of its sessions. A roll call of the ministers shall be made in all sessions, and the minutes shall carry a list of those present and of those absent. If any minister is absent for two consecutive sessions, his Church, or Churches, shall be notified of said absences, in writing, by the Clerk of the Association.

13. No person shall be ordained as a minister or deacon who has more than one living wife until the National Association of Free Will Baptist makes a decision of this matter. Thereafter this body shall be governed on this question by the decision of the National Association.

14. All ministers must serve Churches as licentiates for a period of two (2) years, or do equivalent Church work under the supervision of a duly ordained pastor of the Association appointed by the Ordaining Council, before they are eligible for ordination.

15. Since a call to the ministry and preparation for the same are inseparable, one who is not willing to prepare himself shall not be ordained.