# MINUTES

## OF THE

## 76th ANNUAL SESSION

# OF THE

## SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

Salem Church MARIANNA, FLORIDA

AND

Cottondale Church

## COTTONDALE, FLORIDA

# **OCTOBER 1 and 2, 1971**

## MODERATOR

Rev. Harvey Henderson	Moderator
Bro. Hurbert Padgett	Vice-Moderator
Mrs. Lillian Rodgers	<b>Clerk-Treasurer</b>

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Odis Whitehead 1972, Rev. Daniel Pelt 1973, Rev. Olin Rehberg 1974

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. James Pelt 1972, Rev. Novis Edwards 1973, Rev. J. B. Lovering 1974

## MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Rev. James Boebuck 1972, Bro. Mack Glass 1973. Bro. John Stewart 1974, Bro. Cecil Powell 1975, Bro. J. W. Dillmore 1976

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. John Phillips 1972, Rev. J. J. Scott 1973, Bro. W. W. Eiland 1974

HOUSTON PRINTING CO., DOTHAN

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING - JANUARY 2, 1971

Song Service led by Rev. James Pelt. Prayer: Rev. W. A. Hansley Devotion: Rev. Odis Whitehead — Scripture II Cor. 5:1-13 Welcome: Brother Rehberg Response: Rev. Daniel Pelt

Business Session.

Partial report of Credentials Committee showed 27 delegates, 11 ministers, 6 deacons, and 6 visitors were present. Move, second and carried to accept the report.

Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator, gave thought provoking remarks using Romans 12:1 as his scripture.

Prayer: Rev. J. J. Scott

Miscellaneous business called for. There was none.

At this time Ministers, deacons and visitors were recognized and extended a welcome by the Moderator.

Song "His Way With Thee" led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

MSC that we adjourn from business for the worship and noon hour until 1:15 p.m.

Recess.

Song Service led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Special: "Under His Wing" — Rev. Jim Pelt.

Prayer: Rev. Novis Edwards.

Rev. J. B. Lovering introduced Rev. Harvey Henderson, who was the morning speaker. His scripture was Acts 3:1-10.

Special: "So Send I You" — by Carol, Merle and Paula Henderson. Special Mission Offering — \$42.50.

Prayer of dismissal: Rev. Daniel Pelt.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song service led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Prayer: Rev. J. C. Watson.

Song: "Must I Go Empty Handed."

Devotion: Rev. Eddy Reddick — Scripture: Mark 6:30-44.

Rev. W. A. Hansley, Field Secretary, gave a report on the work at this time.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee's report.

MSC to accept Ordaining Council's report as follows: We recommend that Rev. Novis Edwards be received into our association as a minister in full fellowship. Rev. Edwards is pastor of Marvin Chapel Church.

MSC that letters of recommendation be given to Rev. W. M. Compton and Rev. George Griffin.

MSC to accept final report of Credentials Committee. 29 delegates, 12 ministers, 6 visitors, 6 deacons and 15\churches.

Nominations asked for to fill vacancy on Ordaining Council's Committee. Rev. Harvey Henderson was nominated. MSC that nominations cease. Unanimous vote of acceptance.

Nominations asked for to fill vacancy on Mission Board. Rev. Otis Whitehead was nominated. MSC that nominations cease. Unanimous vote of acceptance.

MSC that the clerk furnish Rev. W. A. Hansley with a financial report each quarter to be printed in the Coordinator.

MSC that our Clerk act as coordinator between the churches to furnish food for State Association.

MSC that we extend to Damascus a rising vote of thanks for the way they had hosted the Quarterly Meeting.

Announcements.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. W. A. Hansley.

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	Churches	Co-op Program	Assoc. Dues	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	West Palm Beach	Payne Fund	Total
	Abe Springs										
•	Christian Home		10.00			25.00					35.00
	Cottondale	163.65	4.00								167.65
	Cypress Creek	·		: : :							
	Damascus	36.60	7.00		17.30	17.30	24.40	24.40			127.00
	Gap Pond	4.00	4.00								4.00
	Hickory Grove	4.00	4.00	6.00				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·			10.00
	Holly Grove	211.12	12.00								223.12
	Lovewood			-							
	Malone	116.09	10.00						69.54		195.63
	Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00				15.00	15.00		15.00	109.00
	Midway	1		5.00	3.00				2.00		10.00
· ·	New Hope		6.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					· · · ·		6.00
	Pine Grove		3.00						· · · · · ·	· · ·	3.00
	Salem		5.00		-			·	· -·		5.00
	Sneads	20.00	3.00		1			·	6.00	40.05	23.00
	Traveler's Rest	83.41	10.00		1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					139.46
	Special Offering							······			42.50
	TOTAL	690.87	82.00	11.00	20.30	42.30	39.40	39.40	77.54	55.05	1100.3

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## JANUARY 2, 1971

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## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING - APRIL 3, 1971 GAP POND CHURCH

The Salem Association met April 3, 1971 at Gap Pond Church. Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator, called the meeting to order. Song: "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Song: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms."

Devotion: Rev. Daniel Pelt. Scripture: Matt. 20:25-28.

Welcome: Rev. Jim Pelt, acting for Pastor of Gap Pond Church who was absent.

Response: Rev. Daniel Pelt.

Recognized standing delegates.

Song "At The Cross."

MSC to receive partial report of Credentials Committee. 13 churches, 30 delegates, 22 visitors, 15 ministers, 14 deacons.

MSC that the delegates that are here be seated and their letters be received.

Songs: "Draw Me Nearer," "Christ Arose," and "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby brought the morning message using John 4:1-30 as his scripture.

Morning Offering \$51.61.

Thanks for the offering and dismissal for the noon hour — Rev. Jim Pelt.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song: "I'll Fly Away" led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Prayer by Rev. Novis Edwards.

Song: "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Afternoon Devotion: Rev. Pete Allen. Scripture: Matt. 25: 14-30.

The Moderator announced that Rev. C. A. Huckaby would be responsible for program for Third Quarterly meeting which would convene at Traveler's Rest Church.

Visitors were recognized: Rev. and Mrs. John Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. Ace Robinson.

Rev. W. A. Hansley gave a report on the states work.

MSC to accept report of Finance Committee. The report was given by Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Announcement was made by the Ordaining Council that David Pollock would be ordained at Marvin Chapel April 4, 1971 and Charles Powell would be ordained at Damascus the 4th Sunday in April.

MSC that we accept the invitation of Marvin Chapel Church to host the State Association meeting.

MSC that we give a rising vote of thanks to Gap Pond Church for the gracious way they had entertained the meeting.

Discissed by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

APRIL 3, 1971

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	Churches	Co-op Program	Assoc. Dues	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	West Palm Beach	Payne Fund	Total
· ·	Abe Springs										
	Christian Home		10.00			25.00					35.00
	Cottondale	185.28	4.00			•					189.28
CI	Cypress Creek										
. •	Damascus	33.00	7.00		16.50	16.50	22.00	22.00			117.00
	Gap Pond		5.00								5.00
	Hickory Grove		4.00	6.00				· · ·			10.00
	Holly Grove	247.00	12.00								259.00
	Lovewood										
	Malone	111.70	10.00		55.85	· · · ·					177.55
	Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00	· · ·			15.00	15.00		15.00	109.00
	Midway		2.00		3.00	2.00		- · · ·		3.00	10.00
	New Hope		6.00								6.00
	Pine Grove		3.00								3.00
· · · ·	Salem		5.00	-							5.00
	Sneads	20.00	3.00			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·					23.00
	Traveler's Rest	71.72	8.00		6.00	38.36					124.08
	Special Offering						· · ·	. 49			51.61
-	TOTAL	728.70	83.00	6.00	81.35	81,86	37.00	37.00		18.00	1124.52
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## THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — JULY 3, 1971 TRAVELER'S REST CHURCH

The Salem Association convened with Traveler's Rest Church July 3, 1971. The Service was opened with a song service led by Rev. Jim Pelt. Morning devotion was given by Rev. Odis Whitehead. Scripture: Romans 7:13.

Welcome by Rev. Chester Huckaby, pastor of host Church.

Response by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Partial report of Credentials Committee was given. 11 preachers, 8 deacons, 30 delegates, 17 visitors and 12 churches.

MSC that delegates and standing delegates be seated.

At this time Rev. James Roebuck, pastor of Damascus was welcomed to our Association.

Minutes of last meeting were read and adopted.

Reports of different organizations were called for. Rev. Novis Edwards reported on the Men's Fellowship meeting, stating that the meeting was held on the third Saturday night in the month and that supper was served at these meetings. The next meeting was to be held at Cottondale Church.

Rev. Edwards also reported on the success of the Youth Camp held at Bethlehem Camp.

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave a report on the Youth Meeting and extended an invitation to every church to attend the meeting that night at 7:30 at Cottondale Church.

Recess.

Song Service led by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Prayer by Rev. Bobby Register.

Special Music: "Sheltered In the Arms of God" by Jeris Miller.

Morning message by Rev. Daniel Pelt. Scripture: Matt. 13:51-52-Rev. 20:11-21.

Special: "Too Busy to Pray" — Mrs. Franklin.

Dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. J. E. Nichols.

### **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song Service led by Rev. Pete Allen.

Prayer by Rev. Bill George.

Devotion: Rev. Pete Allen. Scripture I Peter 2:21.

The Moderator declared the group in order for business.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. 14 pastors, 10 deacons, 19 visitors, 33 delegates and 15 churches.

MSC to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave the Ordaining Council's report. Rev. James Roebuck's ordination was accepted and Donnie E. Hussey was licensed.

MSC to accept this report and that the Moderator extend to Rev. Roebuck the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

Rev. Bill George gave a report on the recent fire at the Children's Home. He stated that \$4500.00 was needed to rebuild.

MSC that this oral report be accepted as information.

New business called for.

Rev. Chester Huckaby reported that the treaties are incomplete and that some errors have been made in the printing of the minutes, so thought should be given to omiting them from the minutes.

MSC that a Committee be appointed to look into drawing up By-Laws for the Association and that they be presented at Annual Meeting.

The Committee consisted of Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. Harvey Henderson and Rev. Novis Edwards.

Rev. Wayne Hicks announced that Christian teachers were needed at the Christian School in Quincy.

MSC that we extend a rising vote of Thanks to the host church for the wonderful day.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Wayne Hicks.

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	Churches	Co-op Program	Assoc. Dues	Superannuation	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Education	Orphanage	West Palm Beach	Payne Fund	Total
	Abe Springs			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·							
	Christian Home		10.00			25.00		· ·			35.00
	Cottondale	182.60	4.00								186.60
<b>00</b>	Cypress Creek		6.00		6.00	6.00			:	<u> </u>	18.00
	Damascus	36.00	7.00		12.00	12.00	30.00	30.00			127.00
	Gap Pond		5.00		12.00						5.00
	Hickory Grove		4.00	6.00					· · · · ·		10.00
	Holly Grove	258.25	12.00								270.25
	Lovewood									:	
	Malone	133.00	10.00		66.64						209.64
	Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00				15.00	15.00		15.00	109.00
	Midway			5.00	3.00			2.00			10.00
	New Hope		6.00								6.00
	Pine Grove		3.00								3.00
	Salem		5.00								5.00
	Sneads	20.00	3.00								23.00
	Traveler's Rest										40.50
	Special Offering										
	TOTAL	783.78	82.00	11.00	87.64	43.00	45.00	47.00		15.00	1203.22

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JULY 3, 1971

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## ANNUAL SESSION

## OCTOBER 1, 1971 — SALEM CHURCH

## OCTOBER 2, 1971 — COTTONDALE CHURCH

Salem Association met October 1, 1971 at Salem Church.

The meeting was opened with a song service led by Rev. C. A. Williams. "Holy, Holy, Holy," "All Hail The Power," and Holy Spirit Breathe On Me" were sung.

Prayer.

Morning Devotion: Rev. Billy Bevins, pastor of Blakely Free Will Baptist Church. His topic was "Call to Action." He used four main points: 1. Wake Up; 2. Get Up; 3. Dress Up; and 4. Line Up. His scripture was Romans 13:11-14.

Welcome by Rev. Bill George, Pastor of host church.

Response by Rev. Daniel Pelt.

Session declared in order for business by the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Pelt.

Partial report of Credentials Committee was given. 12 ministers, 37 delegates, 13 deacons, 2 visiting ministers and -14 churches.

MSC that the delegates be seated and that their letters be accepted. Rev. Harvey Henderson read the proposed constitution and by laws. MSC that this proposed report on By-Laws and Constitution be received. MSC that the decision be tabled until proper time for vote on Saturday. Recess.

Song Service led by Rev. C. A. Williams using songs "Come Thou Fount" and "Tell Me the Story of Jesus."

Morning offering \$39.00.

Prayer by Rev. Novis Edwards.

Special Music: Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Morning Message was brought by Rev. Bobby Register.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song service led by Rev. C. A. Williams.

Session was called to order by Rev. Chester Huckaby, Vice-Moderator, in the absence of the moderator.

Afternoon devotion: Rev. Eddie Riddick. Scripture John 9:1-7.

Session was declared in order for business.

Rev. J. B. Lovering, pastor of Hickory Grove Church gave the report of Committee on Committees.

MSC that this report be accepted.

MSC that the Finance report be accepted as given. Rev. Harvey Henderson gave the report.

MSC that the association pay \$30.00 to be used for miscellaneous things and foods for the State Association meals.

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MSC that the Stewardship report given by Lillian Rodgers for Cypress Creek Church be accepted.

MSC that Treasurer's report be accepted as given by Lillian Rodgers.

MSC to accept the Obituary Committee's report given by Bro. W. W. Eiland for Marvin Chapel Church. And that any other obituaries received would be added to this report.

MSC to accept the Auxiliary Committee's report given by Mrs. Lena Green for New Hope Church.

MSC that a rising vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to Salem Church.

MSC that we adjourn.

## SATURDAY SESSION — OCTOBER 2, 1971

## COTTONDALE CHURCH

Salem Association met for their second day annual session at Cottondale Church on October 2, 1971.

Song service was led by Rev. C. A. Williams. "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," and "I Know Whom I Have Believed" were sung.

Prayer by Rev. Hurst.

Special: "Old Rugged Cross" by Jerris Miller.

Morning Devotion by Bro. Mack Glass. Scripture I Peter 5:1-6.

Prayer by Bro. J. T. Hall.

Report of Credentials Committee showed 15 ministers, 16 deacons, 56 delegates, 15 visitors, and 13 churches.

Both standing and elected delegates that were not present on Friday were recognized at this time.

MSC to seat these delegates in our body to do business today.

Visiting sister churches and other visitors recognized.

Rev. Chester Huckaby, Vice-Moderator, declared the session ready for business.

MSC that we take the matter of Constitution and By-Laws off the table.

The Proposed Constitution and By-Laws were again read by Rev. Harvey Henderson. MSC that we vote on it as a whole.

MSC that we accept the report of the Resolution Committee given by Rev. James Roebuck for Damascus Church.

At this time a committee was appointed to get someone to bring the morning message since Rev. W. A. Hansley, who was to bring the morning message was absent.

Recess.

Song Service was led by Rev. C. A. Williams. He used "I Would Not Be Denied" and "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Prayer by Rev. Bill George.

Morning offering \$72.26. This money to go to children's home.

Special prayer of dedication by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

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Special music, "Holy Spirit Breathe On Me" by Rev. Jim Pelt.

Morning message by Rev. Joe Murkerson. Scripture: Psalms 143.

Right hand of Christian Fellowship was extended to Rev. Joe Murkerson when he was introduced as the morning speaker. Bro. Murkerson is pastor of Malone Church. He was formerly from Blakely Free Will Baptist Church.

Dismissal for the noon hour by Rev. Donnie Hussey.

## **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song service led by Rev. C. A. Williams. "Wonderful Words of Life" and "Have Faith in God" were sung.

Prayer by Bro. Morris.

Devotion by Rev. Novis Edwards.

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott.

MSC that we accept the final report of the Credentials Committee and release the committee. 15 pastors, 17 deacons, 58 delegates, 19 visitors and 16 churches.

Bro. W. W. Eiland gave a report on obituaries that he had received since his report on Friday.

MSC to add these to the report given on Friday.

Rev. Harvey Henderson gave the Mission Board report, stating that no actual work had been done.

MSC to accept this oral report.

Rev. Jim Pelt gave the Ordaining Council's Report. MSC to accept report. MSC to accept the final report of the Financial Committee as given by Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Rev. Odis Whitehead gave a report on Youth Education and Teacher's Training Course. MSC that this oral report be received as information.

Report of Nomination Committee was given by Mrs. Ellaby for Salem Church. MSC that we receive this report.

Rev. Chester Huckaby stated that he would be unable to serve as Vice-Moderator. Bro. Hurbert Padgett was nominated and elected to fill this post.

Rev. Bobby Register requested a letter of Dismissal from the Salem Association. MSC that the letter be granted and sent to State Line Association.

The newly elected officers stood and a prayer of dedication was offered by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

The following were appointed as delegates to State Association: Mrs. Novis Edwards, Mrs. Harvey Henderson, Mrs. J. R. Long, Mrs. Ollie Raeberg, Bro. William Booth, and Mrs. Betty Hussey.

A rising vote of thanks was extended to Cottondale Church for their warm reception.

MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Jim Pelt.

OCTOBER 1-2, 1971

	Churches	Co-Op Program	Assoc. Dues	Superannuation	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Education	Orphanage	West Palm Beach	Payne Fund	Project 30	Total
	Abe Springs						<b></b>				<b> </b>	
,	Christian Home	100.00	10.00			25.00	·					35.00
	Cottondale Cuprose Creek	166.00	6.00		15'00					· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		172.00
	Cypress Creek	40.00	6.00		15.00	15.00	40.775	04 AE				36.00
,	Damascus Gap Pond	48.90	7.00	+*	24.45	24.45	40.75	24.45		<u> </u>		170.00 6.00
,	Hickory Grove	-	6.00 12.00	6.00				1		100.00		118.00
1	Holly Grove	220.78	12.00	0.00	[	<u> </u>				100.00	<u> </u>	232.78
!	Lovewood	75.00	6.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·						·	<b> </b>	81.00
!	Malone	149.15	10.00	┨╼┅───						74.57	· ·	233.72
,	Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00	+	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		15.00	15.00	· ·	15.00	<u> </u>	109.00
	Midway		2.00		l	<b>_</b>	5.00	10.00		10.00	5.00	12.00
1	New Hope		6.00	1	1							6.00
,	Pine Grove	-	5.00	1	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· <u></u>				<b> </b>	5.00
1	Salem		10.00	+		10.00	· · ·					20.00
٦	Sneads	20.00	3.00	1						· · · ·		23.00
1	Traveler's Rest	74.53	10.00	1	· · · ·					30.65	6.00	121.18
1	Special Offering									· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	111.26
1	TOTAL	814.36	115.00	6.00	39.45	74.45	60.75	39.45		220,22	11.00	1491,94

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## DELEGATES

## **Christian Home Church**

Mrs. Lovie Burkett Mrs. O. F. Bracewell Mrs. Maggie Bracewell

## Cottondale Church

Mrs. W. L. Eldridge Mrs. Mary Glass Brother Mack Glass Brother Harvey Turner Mrs. Mary Whitehead Alternates: Brother Noah Brannon and Sister Jackson

### Cypress Creek Church

Sister Doris Cleveland Sister Doris Corbin Sister Willie Belle Locke Alternate: Brother B. B. Richardson

## Damascus Church

Brother Herbert Padgett Brother Mickey Padgett Sister Ernestine Roebuck Alternates: Sister Minnie L. Sexton and Sister Ann Miller

## Malone Church

Sister Clarice Long Sister Ruby Benton Brother Benny Hall Alternate: Sister Lillian Rodgers

## Marvin Chapel Church

Sister Jane Booth Sister Arlie Johnson Sister Myrtle Sapp Sister Audrey Eiland Sister Marjorie Sellers Alternate: Brother Willie Sellers

## Midway Church

Sister Zelma R. Pitts New Hope Church

Sister Hazel Mercer Sister Lena Green Sister Susan Jackson

**Pine Grove Church** 

## Gap Pond Church

Brother Lenard Russell Sister Amire Mar Russell Sister Roberta Hurst

### Hickory Grove Church

Brother George Hatcher Brother C. D. Holloway Brother Cleveland Ditty Sister Claud Ditty Sister Katie Oswald

## Holly Grove Church

Sister Edna Henderson Sister Betty Hussey

## Lovewood Church

Sister Mae Johnson Sister Adele Morris Sister Grace Huckaby Brother James C. Adams Brother E. O. Adams

## Salem Church

Sister Alma Barnes Sister Jewel Ellerbee Sister Gladys Foster

## **Sneads Church**

Brother C. J. Hill Sister LaVelle Jones Sister Lucy Pearl Baxter Alternate: Brother James Couliette

## **Traveler's Rest Church**

Sister Ella Grantham Sister Minnie Melvin Sister Juanita Mazerac Sister Nella Mae Melvin Brother Jimmy Hitchcock Alternates: Sister Jeris Miller and Sister Verlie Suggs

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward from July 7, 1970	-	\$ 857.98
RECEIVED:		
Oct. 2 and 3, 1970	\$1238.36	
Oct. 31, 1970		
Dec. 19, 1970 — Earmarked for orphanage		
Jan. 2, 1971		
April 3, 1971		
July 3, 1971		· ·
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Total Received	\$4749.80	
PAID OUT:	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Oct. 3, 1970 Rev. Daniel Pelt, Moderator Fee	¢ 95.00	
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Oct. 3, 1970 Lillian Rodgers, Clerks fee		
Oct. 3, 1970 Rev. Pete Allen, College Tuition	77.00	
October 9, 1970 Florida State Association:		
Foreign Missions	. 37.00	
Education		
Orphanage		
Superannuation		9. 
Payne Fund		
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Oct. 30, 1970 Florida State Association, delegate fees	20.00	: <b>.</b>
Dec. 19, 1970 Free Will Baptist Chlidren's Home	. 50.00	
Jan. 7, 1971 State Association:	·· · · ·	-
West Palm Beach Project		1
Orphanage		
Education		,
Paynes Fund		·
Superannuation		
Co-op Program		
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	: •	\$ 955.56
March 10, 1971 Houston Printing Co. Minutes	350.00	·
April 6, 1971 State Association:		
Co-op Program	728.70	
Foreign Missions		
Orphanage		Ň
Superannuation		
Education		· ·
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July 3, 1971 State Association:		
Co-op Program	783.78	
Foreign Missions	43.00	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
Orphanage	67.00	
Payne's Fund	52.30	
Project 30	6.00	
Education	45.00	
Superannuation	11.00	
	2	\$1008.08
Total Paid Out		\$4458.12
Received		\$4749.80
Paid Out	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$4458.12
Difference	±++	_ \$ 291.68
Brought Forward		- \$ 857.98
Carried Forward		\$1149.66

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## **COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES**

Since the different auxiliaries are another arm of the church, whereby the Gospel of Christ can be carried to the lost for which Christ died, we feel that each church in the Salem Association should endeavor to organize or strengthen these auxiliaries in the local church. There are conventions of all the Auxiliaries and the officers would be glad to visit local churches to help and assist in any way possible to get any of the Auxiliaries organized and going in our churches.

> Respectively submitted, New Hope Church

## ORDAINING COUNCIL'S REPORT

The Ordaining Council has ordained two ministers during the past year: Bro. Pollock and Bro. Charles Powell. The Council also licensed Bro. Donnie Hussey to the ministry.

We have ordained six (6) deacons and approved several ministers.

Each member of the board has received a great blessing in fulfilling this service for the Association.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. James Pelt Rev. Chester Huckaby Rev. Harvey Henderson

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Resolutions	New Hope
Christian Education	Marvin Chapel

Auxiliary		alone
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Stewardship		
Obituary		
Committee on Committees		
Finance		
Nominating		

Respectfully submitted, Hickory Grove Church

## RESOLUTION

Again, let it be resolved that all who accept this report, gather at the altar and kneel with us for prayer and so doing begin our renewed and special effort to be true disciples of Christ. Be it resolved that this prayer

Be it resolved that we, the Salem Association, take a good "in depth" look at our position in this our state today and compare this position not only to what it should be, but also to what it was in the past year. Can we say as disciples of Christ that we have lived up to the meaning of the Word? Can we say we are better disciples today than we were yesterday? If not, be it resolved that we take the message that Christ preached about being His Disciple, repent of our sin, not only turn over a new leaf, but a new life and take up the cross daily and follow Christ's example.

Let it also be resolved that we no longer be charmed by the world's

delight, but to follow the instruction of Christ in order to be the true disciple God would have us be.

be led by a person (or persons) appointed by the moderator at a time set by the moderator.

Be it resolved that these resolutions be accepted from the members of Damascus Free Will Baptist Church.

## **REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP**

We as Christians are aware of the duties and responsibilities of being Stewart's in our Families, Communities, Churches and our Nation at large. The material things that we have possession of are only gifts to us from God. We should be mindful of our gifts, our time, and our talents, using these God-given things to unselfish ends for the Will of God and his services. It is not what we have to offer, but that we should always offer what we already have. We must always remember that if we use our talents, time and money not for the Will of God that we must account for these deeds, We, your Committee from Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church recommend we make a special effort to practice Stewardship in our everyday walks of life.

Submitted by:

Grady W. Bell. Church Clerk Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church

## **OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT**

We the Obituary Committee of the Salem Association at this our Annual Meeting, regret to report the following have been called from our midst to be with the Lord:

Christian Home: Mrs. Malissa Kelley, Bro. Eugene Skinner, Brother Aaron Bailey and Mrs. Mary Holley.

Cypress Creek: Winnie R. "Granny" Melvin and Joseph Tharpe.

Hickory Grove: Brother Walter Baxter.

Malone: Brother Samuel Max Benton.

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New Hope: Sister Clytie Hamilton, Brother Jim Deal.

Salem: Sister Ollie Land, Brother Charlie Seay and Brother Roy Mills.

Respectfully submitted, Marvin Chapel Church

The Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church has suffered a great loss since last annual meeting in the passing of two great members.

On March 5, 1971, the Lord called from us Sister Winnie R. "Granny" Melvin, Age 97. Granny lived a beautiful life and her goodness enriched the lives of many other people. She loved her Church and the activities of her Church and Christian fellowship. She was a person that was loved by all who knew her. She is greatly missed by her Church, Friends, and Loved Ones.

In July, 1971, Our Lord saw fit to call Brother Joseph "Joe" Tharpe, Age 94, who was a very faithful member for many years. He was a Mason for over 50 years, a devoted husband, a loving father and a true friend to everyone. We bow in humble submission to the one who doest all things well. We pray God's blessings on his loved ones.

Submitted by:

Grady W. Bell, Church Clerk Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church

## CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH

On January 2, 1971 Mrs. Malissa Kelley quietly and peacefully slipped away into the presence of her Heavenly Father.

She was born in Calhoun County near Christian Home Church, and had lived in this community all her life. She accepted Christ early in life and joined the Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, where she was a faithful and active member as long as she lived. She was loyal and faithful to her church and in her passing the church has lost one of it's most loved members.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, and a good neighbor and a true friend to everyone.

She is survived by 1 son,1 grandson, 3 sisters and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and was buried in the family lot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Somewhere beyond the sunset, where loveliness never dies,

She dwells in a land of Glory, with a Saviour Crucified.

On December 18, 1970 our Heavenly Father in His infinite mercy called our brother Eugene Skinner to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the Heavens. 'Gene" as his friends knew him was only 20 years old. He was an only child of Mr. and Mrs. Willie Skinner, and had been reared in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. He gave his heart to the Lord early in life, and became a member of the Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. He will be greatly missed by his family, church, loved ones, friends and neighbors. We have suffered a great loss in his passing, but we bow reverently to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home F.W.B. Church by the pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors are 1 son, 1 daughter, his mother and a host of other relatives and friends.

There's an open gate at the end of the road,

Through which each must go alone.

But there is a light we cannot see,

Our Father has claimed His own.

On July 19, 1971, William Aaron Baily heard his Master say "Come Home, enter thou into the joy of the Lord."

He was born here 34 years ago and lived here all his life. At an early age he gave his heart to the Lord and united with Christian Home F.W.B. Church. He was a willing worker glad to be of service, and seldom was he absent from his place in church. He will be missed by his church, loved ones and friends, also by the community as he was a good neighbor, a loyal friend

and an esteemed citizen, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

Survivors include his wife, Janet, one son, Tim, a daughter, Malissa, his father and mother and 3 brothers, 2 sisters and a host of other relatives and friends who mourn his passing.

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Home F.W.B. Church by his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

When the flowers of earth, have finished their blooming,

And no longer can stand life's strain,

They are taken to heavenly gardens,

To grow in His grace again.

On Thursday, August 5, 1971, our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our loved one, Mary Holley, affectionately known as "Aunt Mary," unto Himselft to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where peace, joy, and happiness will be her reward.

She was born March 19, 1872, near the place where she died, and lived in the same community all her life. She was the wife of Pierce Holley who preceded her in death 31 years ago.

She accepted Christ, and united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at an early age, and was an active, ardent worker as long as she was able.

"Aunt Mary" lived a beautiful Christian life, and her goodness overflowed

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and enriched the lives of others. Fellowship with her was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy. She loved her church, and was faithful in all its activities, and in her passing, the church and her friends have suffered a great loss.

Her daily life was an inspiration to those around her, and her example of Christian living was a challenge and a blessing to those with whom she came in contact. Her friends and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love, the memory of her.

She is survived by one daughter, Miss Ada Holley, 2 daughters-in-law, 3 grand children, 6 great grand children, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted from Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, which she loved so well by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and assisted by a former pastor, Rev. Daniel F. Pelt. Burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

She has whispered her last farewell,

And passed to her home above,

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Where 'neath the smile of the Saviour

She will finish her labor of love.

## HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

We had one deceased member: Brother Walter Baxter.

## MALONE F.W.B. CHURCH

With deep regret we report the loss of one of our young members. Samuel Max Benton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Benton, died in a car accident

on November 12, 1970 near his home at Malone. He was born April 5, 1948 and lived most of his life in Malone, Florida. He accepted Christ at an early age and united with Malone F.W.B. Church November 20, 1958.

He had served a tour of duty in the United States Army, with overseas duty in Korea.

He is survived by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

His death was a great shock and loss to both relatives and friends.

#### NEW HOPE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

On January 12, 1971 our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Sister Clytie Hamilton. She had been a member of New Hope Church for a long time, and was a loyal member, although circumstances prevented her from attending regularly. She will be missed by her many friends and church members but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Our Lord saw fit to call from our midst Mr. Jim Deal. He will be missed by his family and all who knew him. He has been a member of New Hope Church for many years.

#### SALEM F.W.B. CHURCH

On March 17, 1970 our Lord called from our midst our sister, friend and loved one, Mrs. Ollie Land. She had been a member of Salem Church for many years and a faithful member.

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Her daily life was an inspiration to all who knew her. Her friends and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love the memory of her and she will be missed by all who knew her.

The Lord called from our midst the dearly beloved Brother Charlie Seay. He had been a member of Salem Church for many years. The Church, his family and many friends will miss him greatly.

Our Heavenly Father saw fit to call home another of his own, Brother Roy Mills. He will be missed by his family and host of friends.

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee, recommend the following:

Moderator	Rev.	Harvey	Henderson
Vice-Moderator	Rev	7. Cheste	er Huckaby
Clerk Treasurer	Mrs.	Lillian	S. Rodgers

## Executive Committee

Rev. Odis Whitehead 1972 Bro. Olin Rehberg 1974 Rev. Daniel Pelt 1973

### **Ordaining Council**

Rev. James Pelt 1972 Rev. J. B. Lovering 1974

#### Mission Board and Church Extension

Rev. James Roebuck 1972Bro. Mack Glass 1973Bro. John Stewart 1974Bro. Cecil Powell 1975Dro. J. W. Dilloure 1076

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## Christian Education

Bro. John Phillips 1972

Rev. J. J. Scott 1973

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## Bro. W. W. Eiland 1974

First Quarterly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_ Traveler's Rest Church Second Quarterly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_ New Hope Church Third Quarterly Meeting \_\_\_\_\_\_ Holly Grove Church Annual Meeting: First Day, September 29, 1972 \_\_\_\_\_ Marvin Chapel Church Second Day, September 30, 1972 \_\_\_\_\_ Damascus Church

Respectfully submitted, Salem F.W.B. Church

## CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## OF FLORIDA

## PREAMBLE

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We, the believers in Christ according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, having been baptized unto a like profession of faith in Jesus Christ and properly organized into churches, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us for preservation of the "Faith once Delivered Unto the Saints," and the spreading of the gospel of Christ upon earth, do therefore ordain and establish this constitution.

## ARTICLE I — NAME

This organization shall be known as the Salem Association of F.W. Baptists of Fla.

### ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to unify the work of the churches composing this association by devising and executing such measures as will best spread the gospel of Christ as we interpret it.

## ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Any regularly organized and well disciplined F.W. Baptist Church conforming to the usages of the F.W. Baptist denomination as set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and practices of the F.W. Baptists of the National Association, may upon proper application, and a vote of the association, become a member of this association.

## ARTICLE IV - COMPOSITION

The sessions of this association shall consist of delegates appointed or elected by the churches of which this association is composed. 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 the right to make suggestions but the voting right shall be reserved for the delegates of the Salem Association.

## ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATION

Each church in this association shall be entitled to one delegate for every 25 members or fraction thereof.

## ARTICLE VI - 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, on the odd year, except to fill vacancies.

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.

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(1) The Executive Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, who shall be elected for three (3) year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

The Moderator and Clerk of this Association shall act as standing members of this Committee.

(2) The Ordaining Council shall be composed of three (3) ministers of this association and shall be elected for three (3) year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

No person shall hold more than one office in this Association.

## ARTICLE VII — BOARDS

The standing boards of this association shall be: Home Missions, Church Extension, and Christian Education.

(1) The Home Mission-Church Extension Board shall be composed of five(5) members.

(2) The Christian Education Board shall be composed of three (3) members. All standing board members shall be elected alternately for the number of years in accordance with the number of members composing their board, so that one new member might be elected yearly.

Other boards may be elected as the need may arise.

### ARTICLE VIII — SESSIONS

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. This 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.

## ARTICLE IX — FINANCE

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 (\$25.00) dollars annually for their services.

## ARTICLE X - DISCIPLINE

This association shall have the power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed, and to withdraw fellowship from a church as a whole when it's action is inconsistent with the doctrine and usages of the Free Will Baptist Church, if labor with it is unsuccessful. But in no case can it reverse a decision of a church.

## ARTICLE XI — MINISTERS

Section 1. The pastor of every church in the association should be a member of a church under his care.

Section 2. When a church desires that one of it's members be licensed



or ordained to preach the gospel, it should request the association through its ordained Council to examine such member, and should agree to abide by the recommendation of the ordaining council.

Section 3. A minister of this association who is subject to discipline for doctrine or practices contrary to the Treatise of the Free Will Baptist denomination shall be brought to trial by the church of which he is a member. However, the ordaining council must sit in the church conference in an advisory capacity.

Section 4. Cards will be given at the annual session of this association to those ministers of good standing.

## ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a majority 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. Each session of this association shall be called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer. Each session shall be closed with prayer.

2. 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.

(A) The Moderator shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.(B) He shall see that all the action taken by this body is carried out, unless otherwise delegated by the Association.

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

4. The delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk before they are seated in this body.

5. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to Parliamentary usage.

6. A member wishing to make a motion or to speak in conference shall first rise, address the moderator, and be recognized by him before proceeding. A member may second a motion with out rising and addressing the Moderator.

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CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Received by	Other Ways
Abe Springs	A. B. Keel, Rt. 1, Box 44, Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Rev Chester Huckaby, Rt. 1 Chipley, Fla. 32428 Phone 904-638-4402		
Christian Home		Rev. James C. Pelt, Rt. 1, Box 256-B, Blountstown, Fla. 32423 Phone 904-674-8495		2
Cottondale	Jimmy Dawson Redmon, 415 Nolan St., Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-2218	Rev. Odis Whitehead, P. O. Box 122, Cottondale, Fla. 32431 Phone 904-352-4829	4	4
Cypress Creek	Grady W. Bell, 410 S. 5th St., Chipley, Fla. 32438 Phone 904-638-1205	Rev. J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 224 Altha, Fla. 32421 Phone 904-762-3357		5
Damascus	Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-3151	Rev. James Roebuck, Rt. 4, Box 661, Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-4780		3
Gap Pond	Chipley, Fla. 32428 Phone 904-638-4374	Rev. Trim Finch, Kennedy Hgts. Newton, Ala. 36352 Phone 205-299-3549		
Hickory Grove	Phone 904-569-2236	Box 223A, Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-8546		-
Holly Grove	St., Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-4815	Rev. Harvey Henderson, Rt. 4, Box 5, Marianna, Fla, 32446 Phone 904-482-7390	7	2
Lovewood	Cottondale, Fla. 32431 Phone 904-638-1608	Rev. J. E. Nichols, Rt. 1, Box 224 Altha, Fla. 32421 Phone 904-762-3357		
Malone	Phone 904-569-2736	Rev. Joe Murkerson, 320 Lee St. Blakely, Ga. 912-723-4596	2	6
Marvin Chapel	Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Rt. 1, Box 54 Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-3164	Rev. Novis Edwards, Rt. 3, Box 430, Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-7113	-10	7
Midway	Mrs. Zelma R. Pitts, Rt. 1, Box 255 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Rev. James W. Roberts, Rt. 3, Box 396, Marianna, Fla. 32446		
New Hope	Mrs. Lena Green, Rt. 1, Box 213 Bascom, Fla. 32423 Phone 904-592-2087	Rev. J. J. Scott, P. O. Box 105 Brinson, Ga. 31725 Phone 912-246-1978	3	3
Pine Grove		Rev. J. C. Watson, Rt. 1, Box 344 Marianna, Fla. 32446 Phone 904-482-8589		
Salem	Cottondale, Fla. 32431 Phone 904-579-4557	Rev. W. E. (Bill) George, Route 1, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 Phone 904-547-2340	1	
Sneads	12, Sneads, Fla. 32460 Phone 904-593-3311	Rev. C. A. Williams, P. O. Box 215 Sneads, Fla. 32460 Phone 904-593-5547		2
Traveler's Rest	Mrs. Verlie Suggs, Rt. 1, Box 220-B Altha, Fla. 32421 Phone 904-762-3748	Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Rt. 1 Chipley, Fla. 32428 Phone 904-638-4402	1	1
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Deaths	Dismissed by Letter	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-operative Program	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Value of Property	Value of Parsonage
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First Quarterly Meeting — January 1, 1972 — Traveler's Rest Church Second Quarterly Meeting — April 1, 1972 — New Hope Church

## Third Quarterly Meeting — July 1, 1972 — Holly Grove Church

Annual Meeting: 1st Day, September 29, 1972 — Marvin Chapel Church 2nd Day, September 30, 1972 — Damascus Church