

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**78th Annual Session**  
**OF THE**  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**  
**Holly Grove Church**  
**MARIANNA, FLORIDA**  
**OCTOBER 5 - 6, 1973**

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Rev. Odis Whitehead, 1975 \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. Box 321, Malone, Fla. 32445  
Rev. Daniel Pelt, 1976 \_\_\_\_\_ Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442  
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**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

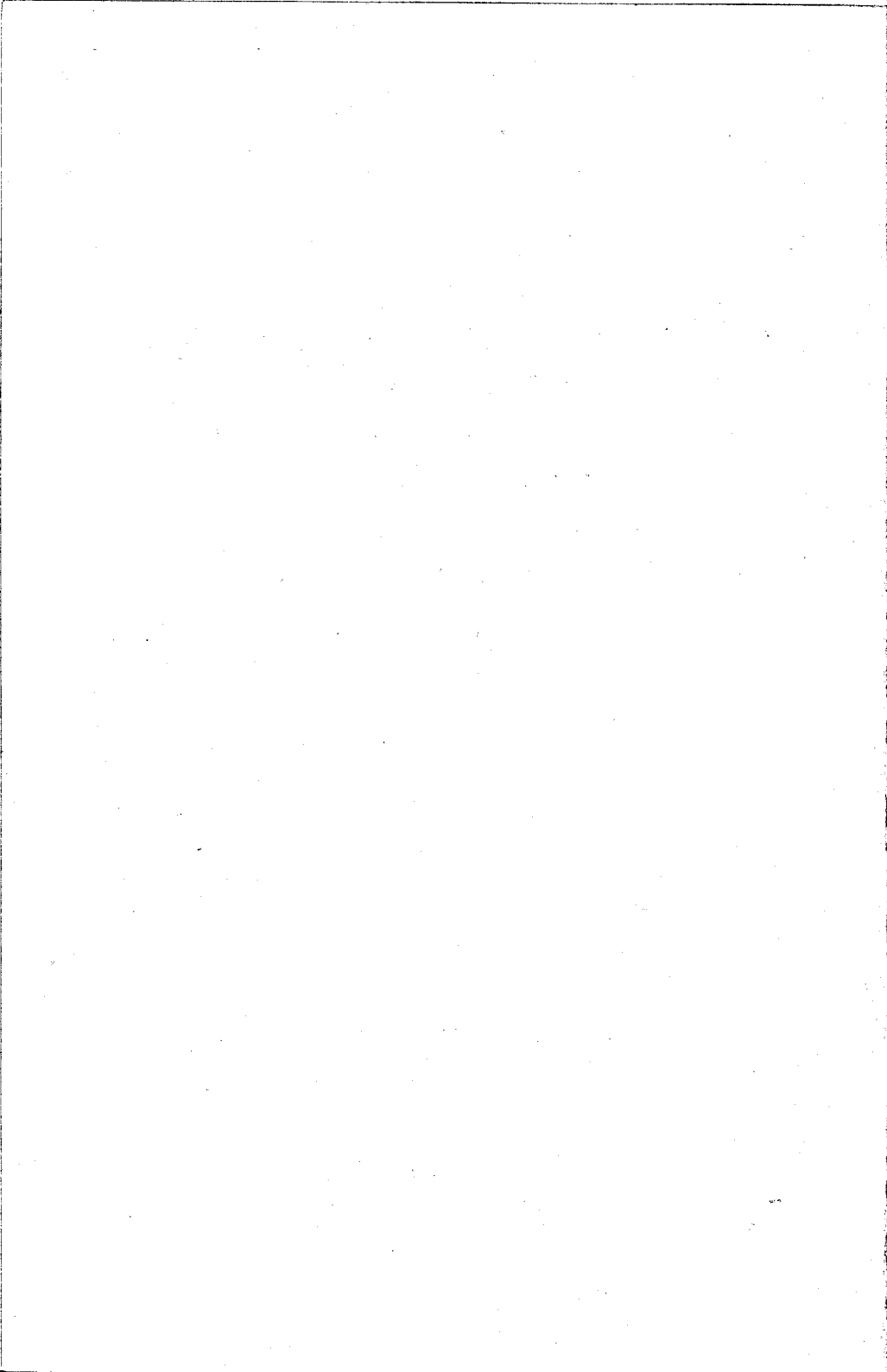
Rev. J. J. Scott, 1976 \_\_\_\_\_ P. O. Box 115, Brinson, Ga. 31725  
Rev. J. B. Lovering, 1974 \_\_\_\_\_ Route 4, Box 834, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. James Pelt, 1975 \_\_\_\_\_ Route 1, Box 256B, Blountstown, Fla. 32424

**MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

Bro. Mack Glass, 1973 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bro. John Stewart, 1974 \_\_\_\_\_ Route 2, Box 233, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Bro. Cecil Powell, 1975 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bro. J. W. Dillmore, 1976 \_\_\_\_\_  
Bro. Edward Baxter, 1977 \_\_\_\_\_ Sneads, Fla. 32460

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Rev. C. A. Williams, 1976 \_\_\_\_\_ Sneads, Fla. 32460  
Bro. W. W. Eiland, 1974 \_\_\_\_\_ Route 5, Box 40, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Bro. Herbert Padgett, 1975 \_\_\_\_\_ Route 1, Box 651, Marianna, Fla. 32446



## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — JANUARY 6, 1973

Salem Free Will Baptist Association met for its first Quarterly Meeting of 1973 at Malone Free Will Baptist Church Saturday, January 6, 1973.

Rev. Odis Whitehead led the song service. "He Lives" and "Joy Unspeakable" were sung.

Prayer by Rev. Leon Owen.

Rev. Harvey Henderson brought the morning devotion using Mark 16:14 as his Scripture. He stressed the need of Evangelism in our churches today.

Rev. Joe Murkerson, Pastor of Malone Free Will Baptist Church gave the welcome.

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave the response.

Partial report of the Credentials Committee showed the following: 12 Pastors, 11 Deacons, 26 Delegates, and 14 visitors present and 12 churches representing.

MSC that this report be accepted as a partial report.

Standing delegates were asked to stand and were charged with the responsibility of seating the appointed delegation.

Appointed delegates asked to stand.

MSC that the appointed delegates be seated.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed. Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Acock of Georgia and Rev. and Mrs. Chester Pelt were given special recognition. — Recess.

"To God be the Glory" and "Heavenly Sunshine" were led by Rev. Odis Whitehead. A special, "All That Thrills My Soul" was sung by Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Prayer: Rev. Donnie Hussey.

Morning Message was brought by Rev. Dennis Keen, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church. His theme, "Give Us Men Touched by God." His Scripture I Sam. 10:26.

Morning Offering \$55.40.

Dismissed for the lunch hour and offering of thanks for the food by Rev. Leon Owen.

## AFTERNOON SESSION:

"At the Cross" was led by Bro. Glen Padgett.

Prayer: Rev. Chester Pelt.

"I Know Whom I Have Believed."

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers brought the afternoon devotion using I Tim. 3:1-5 as her scripture.

The body was declared in order for business.

Finance Committees report was given by Rev. Leon Owen for Traveler's Rest Church.

MSC that this report be accepted as read.

A final report of Credentials Committee showed 13 Pastors, 11 Deacons, 27 Delegates, 19 Visitors and 12 Churches.

MSC that this report given by Mrs. Ruby Benton for Malone Free Will Baptist Church be accepted as read.

Oral report on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home given by Rev. Bill George. He stated that the home had operated in the black during 1972 and that things were going well.

Ordaining Council's Report was given by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

MSC that Rev. Leon Owen be received into the Association.

MSC that Rev. Donnie Hussey be granted a letter of dismissal.

MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to Malone Church.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Olin Rehberg.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Clerk & Treasurer

**JANUARY 6, 1973**

<b>Churches</b>	<b>Co-Op</b>	<b>Assoc. Purpose</b>	<b>Home Missions</b>	<b>Foreign Missions</b>	<b>Children Home</b>	<b>Superannuation</b>	<b>Bible College</b>	<b>Project 30</b>	<b>Payne Accnt.</b>	<b>Special Offering</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
<u>Abe Springs</u>											
Christian Home		10.00		100.00							110.00
Cottondale											
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	148.00	7.00									155.00
Gap Pond											
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00					10.00
Holly Grove	341.43	12.00									353.43
Lovewood											
Malone	279.24	10.00							146.62		435.86
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			35.00		15.00		35.00		149.00
Midway		1.00	2.00	2.00							5.00
New Hope		6.00									6.00
Pine Grove		10.00		46.32	46.32	46.32	46.32				195.28
Salem											
Sneads	20.00	3.00									23.00
Travelers Rest	97.78	8.00						6.00	25.22		137.00
Special Offering										55.40	55.40
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>946.45</b>	<b>75.00</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>148.32</b>	<b>81.32</b>	<b>52.32</b>	<b>61.32</b>	<b>6.00</b>	<b>206.84</b>	<b>55.40</b>	<b>1634.97</b>

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — MARCH 31, 1973

Salem FWB Association met for its Second Quarterly Meeting on March 31, 1973 with Christian Home Church.

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

Prayer: Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Devotion: Rev. Danny Keen. He used for his scripture Psalm 5.

Welcome: Rev. James Pelt, Pastor of the church.

Response: Bro. Herbert Padgett.

The body was declared in order for business by the moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Standing delegates were recognized and charged with the duty of seating the appointed delegates.

Appointed delegates recognized.

MSC that these delegates be seated.

Called for any correspondence from any other body.

Visitors recognized.

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave oral information on the possibility of placing a Missionary at Gap Pond and that the project be underwritten by Salem and Liberty Associations. Volunteers were asked to meet at noon with Rev. Bill George, Rev. Odis Whitehead, Bro. Suggs, Rev. C. A. Williams and Rev. Joe Murkerson to discuss the project.

Prayer: Rev. Dennis Keen.

Recess.

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"In The Service of the King" and "Amazing Grace" were sung.

Prayer: Bro. Willie Sellers.

Special: "Only Believe" by Rev. James Pelt.

Morning message: Rev. Daniel Pelt: Bro. Pelt used as his scripture Psalm 42 and Gen. 2:7. His text was, "Deep calleth unto deep." He stressed that man was made up of depths such as eyes, heart, mind, spiritual nature, needs, etc.

Song: "Just As I Am."

Dismissed for the noon hour by Rev. C. A. Williams.

### AFTERNOON SESSION:

Song service led by Rev James Pelt.

"I Want to be a Worker for the Lord" and "Heavenly Sunlight" were sung.

Prayer: Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Devotion: Rev. Bill George. He used for his scripture Jonah 1:1-2.

Prayer: Rev. Leon Owen.

Credentials Committee gave the following report: 16 Pastors, 13 Deacons, 26 Delegates, 22 Visitors.

MSC that this report be accepted.

Bro. Ernest Owen of the Liberty Association visited the Association for the purpose of discussing the Gap Pond Project. He was recognized by the moderator and given an opportunity to address the body. He gave some very timely remarks on the project.

Traveler's Rest Church gave the Financial report. MSC to accept this report as read.

The committee that met at noon to discuss the Gap Pond project recommended that we join Liberty Association with this project.

MSC that we recommend that the Mission Board accept this recommendation, and that they meet with Liberty Association two weeks from this date, April 14, 1973, to make a final decision.

MSC that it be recommended that the two Mission Boards in their meeting, rely for additional light, on the Moderators of each Association and chair of the Mission Boards.

MSC that a rising vote of thanks be given to Christian Home Church for their hospitality.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. C. A. Williams.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian S. Rodgers, Clerk-Treasurer

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CHURCHES	Co-Op	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Acct.	Special Offering	West Palm Beach	TOTAL
Abe Springs												
Christain Home		10.00		100.00								110.00
Cottondale	21.00	4.00										25.00
Cypress Creek												
Damascus	100.00	7.00										107.00
Gap Pond												
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00						10.00
Holly Grove	310.57	12.00										322.57
Lovewood												
Malone	257.52	10.00									128.76	396.28
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			35.00		15.00		15.00			129.00
Midway		2.00	2.00	2.00								6.00
New Hope		6.00										6.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		5.00		47.50	47.50	47.50	47.50					195.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00										23.00
Travelers Rest	93.00	8.00						6.00	13.75			120.75
Special Offering										58.16		58.16
TOTAL	862.09	75.00	2.00	149.50	82.50	53.50	62.50	6.00	28.75	58.16	128.76	1508.76



### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — JUNE 30, 1973

Salem FWB Association met for its third Quarterly Meeting with Sneads Church on June 30, 1973.

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

"What A Friend" and "I Know Whom I Have Believed" were sung.

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

"Take Time to Be Holy."

Morning Devotion: Rev. Odis Whitehead. He used for his scripture I Cor. 9:27.

Welcome: Bro. Edward Baxter.

Response: Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Body declared in order for business, by the Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Report of Credentials Committee showed the following: 7 Pastors, 10 Deacons, 35 Delegates, present and 15 churches represented.

MSC that this partial report be accepted.

Standing delegates recognized and charged with the duty of seating the appointed delegates from the different churches.

Appointed delegates recognized. MSC that they be seated.

Visitors recognized and welcomed.

Westside FWB Mission recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

MSC that the Westside FWB Mission be seated in the body.

Recess.

Dismissed by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

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

"Break Thou the Bread of Life" and "The Great Physician."

Special prayer for Rev. Catrack.

Special "Holy Spirit Breathe on Me" by Rev. James Pelt.

Morning message by Rev. Harvey Henderson. He used for his scripture Matt. 16:17-18, 19:20; Mark 16:15-16 and Acts 1:8. Theme: "The Church."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Dennis Keen.

### AFTERNOON SESSION:

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

"Higher Ground" was sung.

Prayer: Bro. Wayne Hartzog.

MSC that the offering today be given to Gap Pond Mission and from this day forward that our offerings are to go to that fund. Offering was \$44.00.

Afternoon Devotion: Rev. J. E. Nichols. He used for his scripture John 8:1-11 and John 3:16-19.

Final Report of Credentials Committee showed 9 Pastors, 10 Deacons, 27 Delegates present and 14 Churches represented. MSC to accept this report.

Financial Report given by Traveler's Rest Church. MSC to accept the report as read.

A call for any Standing Committee reports.

Ordaining Council announced that they would meet at 3:00 o'clock p.m. on the fourth Sunday in July to ordain deacon at Traveler's Rest.

MSC that we give Sneads Church a rising vote of thanks for a wonderful day.

Announcements.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Herbert Padgett.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, Moderator

Lillian Rodgers, Clerk-Treasurer

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CHURCHES	Co-Op.	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Super-annuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Acct.	Special Offering	West Palm Beach	Project. 30	TOTAL
Westside F.W.B Mission		5.00	5.00										10.00
Christian Home			10.00						100.00				110.00
Cottondale		25.00											25.00
Cypress Creek		6.00											6.00
Damascus	75.50	10.00											85.50
Gap Pond													
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00							10.00
Holly Grove	393.98	12.00											405.98
Lovewood													
Malone	240.24	10.00							120.12		27.29		397.65
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00				109.00
Midway		2.00	2.00	2.00									6.00
New Hope		6.00											6.00
Pine Grove													
Salem		10.00		57.75	57.75	57.75	57.75						241.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00											23.00
Travelers Rest	108.36	8.00							9.51			6.00	131.87
Special Offering													44.00
TOTAL	898.08	105.00	17.00	59.75	72.75	63.75	72.75		244.63	44.00	27.29	6.00	1615.00

## ANNUAL SESSION — OCTOBER 5 & 6, 1973

Salem Free Will Baptist Association met with Holly Grove Church on Friday night, Oct. 5, 1973 and Saturday, Oct. 6, 1973 for its Annual Meeting.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt.

"Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Prayer: Bro. W. W. Eiland.

"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus".

Devotion: Rev. Arnold Woodlief. Scripture I Thes. 3:12. Theme: "Abounding in Love."

Welcome by Bro. Howard Chafin.

Remarks by Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Body called to order for business.

Credentials Committee's report gave the following: 7 Pastors, 12 Deacons, 26 Delegates, 14 Visitors and 10 Churches represented.

MSC to accept this partial report.

Standing delegates recognized and charged with the duty to seat the appointed delegates.

Appointed delegates recognized. MSC to seat the appointed delegates.

Call for correspondence from other bodies.

Clerk gave information on new letter to be filled out by each church and brought to the first quarterly meeting in January.

MSC that the clerk be given the authority to order any needed letters from the National Association.

Committee reports called for.

A report on Stewardship was given by Sneads Church. MSC that this report be accepted as given.

Report on Christian Education was given by Jalem Church. MSC that this report be accepted as given.

Rev. Wayne Hicks gave a report on Youth Camp. He stated that 25 acres of ground had been given for the purpose of erecting a Youth Camp and that work was now starting. It is the plans of the Youth Camp Officials to have the camp ready for service by June of 1974.

Song: "Footsteps of Jesus."

Prayer: Rev. C. A. Williams.

"Amazing Grace."

"Breathe On Me" special by Rev. James Pelt.

Evening Message by Rev. Chester Huckaby. Scripture: Exodus 32:26. Theme, "Who Is on the Lord's Side?"

Dismissed: Rev. Harvey Henderson.

## SATURDAY SESSION

Song Service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"Bring Them In."

Prayer: Rev. Chester Huckaby.

"When We All Get To Heaven."

Devotion by Rev. Bill George. Scripture Eph. 4:1-6. Theme: "Gospel Unity."

Prayer by Rev. James Rogers.

Welcome by Bro. Howard Chafin.

Response by Bro. Herbert Padgett.

Body declared in order for business by the Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Report of Credentials Committee gave the following: 11 Pastors, 10 Deacons, 33 Delegates, and 18 Visitors present and 13 Churches reporting.

MSC to accept this partial report.

Standing delegates recognized and charged that they are responsible for seating the appointed delegates.

Appointed delegates recognized. MSC to seat the appointed delegates. A call for any correspondence from other bodies.

Visitors recognized and welcomed.

Rev. W. C. Combs and Bro. Doug Finch of Liberty Association were recognized and welcomed.

In the absence of delegates from Cottondale Church who were to serve as the nominating committee the Moderator appointed Sister Jane Booth, Sister Audrey Eiland and Sister Ollie Rheberg to serve as this committee.

Call for Committee Reports.

A report of Committee on Committees was given by Mrs. Mary Nell Whitehead for Malone Church.

MSC that this report be accepted as given.

An oral report on the children's home was given by Rev. Bill George. He stressed certain needs of the home.

He announced that the truck would collect goods for the home on November 12, 1973. He also reminded each one about the foster parent cards which would give some cash for the children in the home. He also stated that if you wished to keep a child for two weeks at Christmas that you would have to get your request in by July.

Temperance Committee's Report was given by Rev. James Pelt for Christian Home Church.

MSC that this report be accepted as given.

Recess.

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us."

Prayer: Rev. James Pelt.

"Ye Must Be Born Again."

"We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Special: "How Great Thou Art" by Rev. James Pelt.

In conjunction with the memorial service being held in Marianna for the war dead a special prayer was given for their families by Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

Morning Message by Rev. Cecil Combs, pastor of Piney Grove Church. Scripture: Jude 1-8. Theme: "Contend for the Faith."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Dennis Keen.

#### **AFTERNOON SESSION:**

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"Leaning On the Everlasting Arms."

Prayer: Rev. Bill George.

"We Have An Anchor."

Devotion: Rev. Odis Whitehead. Scripture John 3:16. I John 4:16, Romans 5:8.

Body declared in order for business.

Finance Committee's report given by Traveler's Rest Church. MSC to accept this report.

Auxiliary Committee's report was given by New Hope Church. MSC to accept report as given.

Obituary Committee's report was given by Damascus Church. MSC to accept the report as given.

Resolution Committee's report was given by Holly Grove Church. MSC to accept the report.

Rev. J. B. Lovering gave report of Ordaining Council. MSC to accept the report as given.

Rev. Harvey Henderson gave oral report on activities of the Mission Board. MSC that this oral report be accepted as given.

MSC that Holly Grove Church be given a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality.

Rev. Bill George asked that a love offering be given to Mrs. Bernice Eldridge. MSC that the love offering of \$100.00 be given to her in person by the moderator.

State delegates—

The Moderator asked for volunteers to serve as delegates to the State Association. Mrs. Mary Nell Whitehead volunteered.

MSC that the Moderator be given the authority to appoint other people who might attend the Association as delegates.

The Moderator asked that all standing board members give their addresses to the clerk.

The Nominating Committee offered the following slate of officers:

Moderator — Rev. Harvey Henderson  
Vice-Moderator — Bro. Herbert Padgett  
Clerk-Treasurer — Mrs. Lillian S. Rodgers

Executive Committee — Rev. Otis Whitehead, 1975—Rev. Daniel  
F. Pelt.

Ordaining Council — Rev. J. J. Scott 1976.

Mission Board and Church Extension — Bro. Mack Glass 1978.

Christian Education — Rev. C. A. Williams 1976.

MSC that we accept the report and elect the officers.

Rev. James Pelt stood in for the Moderator while the vote was  
taken.

MSC to elect officers as given.

Announcements called for.

MSC that we adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Olen Rheberg.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, Moderator

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Clerk-Treasurer

# OCTOBER 6, 1973 ANNUAL MEETING

CHURCHES	Co-Op.	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Acct.	Special Offering	Gap Pond Mission	TOTAL
Abe Springs												
Christian Home		10.00		100.00							1000.	1110.00
Cottdondale	25.00	7.00										32.00
Cypress Creek		6.00	10.00	10.00								26.00
Damascus	96.85	10.00										106.85
Hickory Grove		12.00				6.00						18.00
Holly Grove	355.69	12.00										367.69
Lovewood	52.63											52.63
Malone	290.88	10.00							145.44			446.32
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00			109.00
Midway		2.00	1.00		5.00	2.00						10.00
New Hope		6.00										6.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		10.00		81.25	81.25	81.25	81.25					335.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00										23.00
Travelers Rest	123.98	18.00						6.00	11.29			159.27
Assoc. Offering										56.84		56.84
TOTAL	1025.03	110.00	11.00	191.25	101.25	89.25	96.25	6.00	171.73	56.84	1000.	2858.60



## NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We the nominating Committee submit the following report:

Moderator — Rev. Harvey Henderson

Vice-Moderator — Bro. Herbert Padgett

Clerk-Treasurer — Mrs. Lillian Rodgers

Executive Committee—

Rev. Odis Whitehead 1975 — Rev. Daniel F. Pelt 1976

Ordaining Council — Rev. J. J. Scott 1976

Mission Board and Church Extension — Bro. Mack Glass 1978

Christian Education — Rev. C. A. Williams 1976

First Quarterly Meeting — January 5, 1974 — Hickory Grove

Second Quarterly Meeting — April 6, 1974 — Marvin Chapel

Third Quarterly Meeting — July 6, 1974 — Travelers Rest

Annual Session — October 4-5, 1974 — Salem

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Audrey Eiland

Mrs. Ollie Rehbery

Mrs. Jane Booth

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward ..... \$1174.01

### RECEIVED:

September 29-30 ..... \$1831.83

January 6, 1973 ..... 1634.97

March 31, 1973 ..... 1508.76

May 5, 1973—Free Will Offering from

Gap Pond Church ..... 22.00

June 30, 1973 ..... 1615.00

Total Amount Received ..... 6612.56

### PAID OUT:

October 18, 1972 Ernest Owen, State Treasurer

Co-Op Program ..... \$976.99

Foreign Missions ..... 101.65

F.W.B. Children's Home ..... 115.25

Superannuation ..... 51.65

Bible College ..... 60.65

Project 30 ..... 6.00

Payne Account ..... 197.64

Total ..... \$1509.83

October 25, 1972—Florida State Association (delegate dues) .... 51.00

Sept. 30, 1972—Rev. Harvey Henderson (Moderator Fee) .... 25.00

Sept. 30, 1972—Lillian S. Rodgers (Clerk fee) ..... 25.00

January 3, 1973—Houston Printing Co. (Minutes) ..... 336.00

January 8, 1973 — Ernest Owen, State Treasurer

Co-Op Program .....	\$862.09
Foreign Missions .....	149.50
Children's Home .....	82.50
Superannuation .....	6.00
Bible College .....	62.50
Project 30 .....	6.00
Paynes Account .....	28.75
West Palm Beach Project .....	128.76

Total ..... \$1373.60

5-7-1973 — Rev. Harvey Henderson (Gap Pond Expense) ..... 22.00

July 9, 1973 — Ernest Owen State Treasurer

Co-Op Program .....	\$898.08
Foreign Missions .....	59.75
Home Missions .....	17.00
Children's Home .....	72.75
Superannuation .....	63.75
Bible College .....	72.75
Paynes Account .....	244.63
Gap Pond Mission .....	48.00

Total ..... \$1476.71

July 24, 1973—Rev. Harvey Henderson (Expense to Assn.) .... \$ 50.00

Sept. 17, 1973 National Assn. of F.W. B. (Church letters) .... \$ 4.00

TOTAL PAID OUT ..... \$6482.62

Received ..... \$6612.56

Paid Out ..... \$6482.62

Difference ..... \$ 129.94

Brought Forward ..... \$1174.01

Carried Forward ..... \$1303.95

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Committee on Finance report the following monies received:

Co-Op Program .....	\$1025.03
Associational Dues .....	110.00
Home Mission .....	11.00
Foreign Mission .....	191.25
Children's Home .....	101.25
Superannuation .....	89.25
Bible College .....	96.25
Project 30 .....	6.00
Paynes Account .....	171.73

Special Offering .....	56.84
Gap Pond Mission .....	1000.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....	<b>\$2858.60</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
Traveler's Rest Church

### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We the Committee on Resolutions recommend the following:

Since the Salem and Liberty Associations have jointly undertaken the project of the Gap Pond work, be it resolved that the Salem Association make every effort to support this work financially, physically and with our prayers.

Since the Pleasant Hill church has donated land for a youth camp to be used by the north section of Florida, be it resolved that we of the Salem Association make every effort to support this project financially, physically and with our prayers.

Be it resolved that the Salem Association stand behind and support all phases of our denominational activities.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Holly Grove Church

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee on Committees wish to offer the following report:

Resolution .....	Christian Home
Christian Education .....	Salem
Auxiliaries .....	Malone
Temperance .....	Sneads
Stewardship .....	Damascus
Obituary .....	New Hope
Finance .....	Marvin Chapel
Committee on Committees .....	Traveler's Rest
Nominating .....	Holly Grove

Respectfully submitted,  
Malone Free Will Baptist Church

### ORDAINING COUNCIL'S REPORT

We the Ordaining Council of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist report the following:

Two Deacons ordained for Malone Church and one Deacon for Traveler's Rest Church.

Rev. James C. Pelt  
Rev. J. J. Scott  
Rev. J. B. Lovering

## **STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE**

We as Christians are aware of the duties and responsibilities of being stewards in our families, churches, communities, and our nation at large. The material things that we possess are not ours, but are gifts to us from God. Therefore, we should be mindful of these gifts, our time, and our talents, and use these God given gifts in an unselfish manner for the glory of God and His services.

We must remember to always use our time, talents, and money for the will of God. We know that one day we must give an account to God for these deeds. We therefore, your Committee on Stewardship recommend that we make a special effort to practice stewardship in our daily lives.

Respectfully submitted,  
First FWB Church of Sneads

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

We your Committee on Christian Education submit the following report:

Deuteronomy 6:6-9

God commands us Christians to teach our children diligently His Word daily, that Christ may dwell in thy hearts by faith, being rooted and grounded in love. Our responsibility as Christian parents is to make available proper Christian literature. Teaching the Bible, Sunday School lessons, and Biblical stories that will lead them in the love of Christ. We have the Free Will Baptist Bible College which our children can attend for advance Christian training and should take advantage of this if at all possible. May we as Christians, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

—Salem Free Will Baptist Church

## **TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE**

Temperance is habitual restraint and every Christian should practice temperance in all things as they strive for mastery in this life, and the crown of life to come. We should teach our children restraint while they are young by precept and example. "And be thou an example of the believers in all things . . ." We live in a world of temptation, envy and hate yet God's word teaches that "When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him." Prov. 16:7. This promise should call us to consecration and temperance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian Home Church

## **AUXILIARY COMMITTEE**

We, your Auxiliary Committee recommend the following:

That all churches in the Association have additional programs and groups to create interest and to give support to the church and the pastor. Auxiliaries can be outstanding and very rewarding. Christians need to share with one another in a fellowship of mutual sympathy, love, unity and service.

We recommend that all churches in the Association have activities for the youth. They need to get involved and feel like they are a part of the church. They are so greatly needed and they should be made to feel needed in the church. They are the church of tomorrow.

Respectfully submitted,  
New Hope FWB Church

#### **OBITUARY COMMITTEE**

We your Obituary Committee wish to offer the following report:

Christian Home lost five members, Mr. John Kent, Mrs. Addie Adkins, Mrs. Nora Franklin, Mrs. Eliza Aultman and Mrs. Lona Davis.

Salem lost two members, Mrs. Elizabeth Barnes and Mrs. Martha Roberts.

Malone Church lost one member, Mrs. Rosa Bush.

We regret these losses so very much, but thank God for their Christian lives. We pray God's richest blessings upon their families and the churches in which they served.

Respectfully submitted,  
Damascus Church

#### **FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF MALONE**

##### **ROSIE W. BUSH**

On January 25, 1973, our Church suffered a great loss when our Heavenly Father called from our midst our dear devoted sister, Rosie W. Bush. A Charter Member, voted Mother of the Church, she was a faithful and loyal worker of our Church and to her family. She will be greatly missed from her Church, loved ones and her many friends, but we bow in humble submission to God for his will that she was shared with us for so long. We pray that each member of her family will be submissive to the will of him who doeth all things well.

#### **SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

##### **MRS. ELIZABETH BARNES**

On July 12, 1973 our Heavenly Father, in his infinite wisdom and mercy, called from our midst our beloved sister and earnest worker, Sister Elizabeth Barnes (often referred to as Aunt Lizzie).

In the passing of Sister Barnes her loved ones have lost a loving and consecrated companion, and the church and association a true and proven loyal citizen, a spiritual leader, a faithful hard worker

for the higher and nobler things in life, and a devoted supporter of her denomination. Her place is vacant in the church and is greatly missed, but we bow in humble submission to God that she was shared with us for 82 years.

We know that in our loss Heaven gained. She loved her church, and was faithful as long as she was able. Her friends and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love the memory of her.

#### MR. JOSH BRANNON

On January 11, 1973 our Lord called from our midst Brother Josh Brannon. He was a member of Salem Church for many years, having united with the church at an early age. He will be missed by his Church, loved ones, and friends, also by the community as a good neighbor, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

#### MR. H. B. BARNES, JR.

Our Heavenly Father saw fit to call home January 6, 1973 another of his own, Brother H. B. Barnes, Jr. He had been a member of Salem Church for a number of years, but living a far distance was unable to attend his home church. He will be greatly missed by his friends and loved ones, and will always cherish with sincere love the memory of him.

#### MRS. MARTHA ROBERTS

On February 5, 1973, Our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy, called our sister, Martha Roberts, unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, where peace, joy, and happiness will be her reward.

Sister Martha was a devout, and faithful member of Midway Free Will Baptist Church for many years. She became a Christian while a very young woman and lived a beautiful useful, Christian life, until she went to be with the Lord. In her passing the church suffered the loss of one of its most loyal members.

Her family and loved ones have suffered a great loss, as well as everyone who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her passing her husband, Rev. J. W. Roberts, two sons, one sister, seven grand children, and two great grandchildren.

The funeral was conducted at the Baptist Church at Cypress, Florida by Rev. Daniel Pelt and Rev. J. B. Lovering. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

Today we think of loved ones gone,  
Their forms lie 'neath the sod so drear;  
We long to join them round the throne,  
and share the joy we know that's dear.  
We decorate our loved ones' graves,  
In memory of those now gone;  
We're sad and lone thru-out the days,  
But soon we'll meet in heaven's home.

Some day we'll leave this earth be-low,  
And meet our Lord up in the air;  
If un-pre-pared when we must go,  
We'll never meet our loved ones there.

## CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

### MR. JOHN KENT

God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call Bro. John Kent to his eternal home.

On February 1, 1973, he quietly slipped away to be with his master. As he walked along life's pathway, he suddenly turned a bend in the road and passed from our sight.

He gave his life to the Lord when he was a young man and has been a faithful, ardent worker in Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church until his health failed.

His life was one of service to his family, his friends, to his God, and his church.

In his passing, the church has lost one of its most faithful members, the community one of its most beloved citizens. His happy heart and cherry smile made him a blessing to everyone.

He will be greatly missed by his church, his family, his friends, and the entire community will feel the loss greatly, but we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who doeth all things well.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by his pastor, James C. Pelt, and burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Survivors are his widow, 4 sons and 4 daughters, 25 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, 1 sister and a host of other relatives and friends. The memory he left his loved one is an inspiration for them to follow in his footsteps and live a noble life for the master.

"Asleep in Jesus, blessed deep  
From which none ever wake to weep  
A calm and undisturbed repose  
Unbroken by the last of foes."

### MRS. ADDIE ADKINS

On May 25, 1973, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our sister, Addie Adkins unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal, Addie Adkins unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where peace, joy, and happiness will be her reward.

Sister Addie was a most devout and loyal Christian and was a member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. She accepted Christ at an early age, and was loyal in all her undertakings and her life was a noble example of Christian living. She leaves to her family and friends, the memory of a beautiful Christian life of love, service, and devotion. She will be greatly missed by her family, church, neighbors, loved ones, and friends.

She was married at an early age to Ben Adkins, who preceded her in death many years ago and to this union was born one son and four daughters. She also leaves a host of other relatives.

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

"Beyond the sunset, O, glad reunion  
With our dear loved ones, who've gone before.  
In that fair Homeland, We'll know no parting,  
Beyond the sunset, for ever-more."

#### MRS. NORA FRANKLIN

On December 26, 1972, God saw fit to call from our midst our dearly beloved sister, friend, and neighbor Mrs. Nora Franklin.

She was 98 years old and had been in declining health for quite some time.

Mrs. Franklin, affectionately known as "Aunt Nora," was a faithful and loyal member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, and had been a Christian since her early youth, always ready to do her duty in her church duties when she was able.

"Aunt Nora" was a true and devoted wife, a patient and loving mother and a friend to everyone.

She was married early in life to W. J. Franklin, who preceded her in death by several years. To this union was born one son and two daughters.

During her illness, the humble manner in which she bore her afflictions and sufferings was evidence of her faith in a Supreme God.

Funeral services were conducted in Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, assisted by Rev. Henne of the Methodist Church. Burial followed in the Boggs Cemetery.

We pray the Master's blessings on those who are left to mourn her death.

#### MRS. ELIZA AULTMAN

On February 25, 1973, God in His infinite mercy called our sister and loved one, Mrs. Eliza Aultman, to be at home with Him.

She was 78 years of age and had been in ill health for quite some time. She lived most of her life in Calhoun County. She became a Christian early in life and was a faithful, loyal member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. Her life was a life of service and devotion for her Lord, her family and her loved ones as long as she was able. They will always cherish, with sincere love, the memory of her. She had made her home in Maryland with her daughter in recent years, because of her poor health.

She was a devoted wife, a loving mother, a good neighbor, and a true friend. Her husband, James H. Aultman, preceded her in death some 20 years. She is survived by six sons and two daughters, and a host of grandchildren and other relatives and friends to mourn her loss.



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

The memory she left her loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in her footsteps and live a noble life for the Master.

We have suffered a great loss in her passing, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him who doeth all things well.

#### MRS. LONA DAVIS

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst, Sister Lona Davis, on August 30, 1973. She was 74 years old.

"Miss Lona," as she was affectionately known, accepted Christ at an early age, and was a faithful, active member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church until her health failed her. She was always ready and willing to go beyond the line of duty to serve her church, her fellowman, and her country.

She lived a beautiful Christian life and her goodness overflowed and enriched the lives of others. She loved her church and was faithful and loyal in all its activities. The Church has lost one of its most loved members.

She was a loyal member of the Woman's Auxiliary, serving offices in the Auxiliary for many years. There has never been a more loyal or faithful worker than Sister Lona.

Her passing has left a rich heritage for us to experience. She possessed a deep and abiding faith in her God, whom she loved and served. Truly "She looked well to the ways of her household and her children rise up and call her blessed."

She is survived by her husband, one daughter, two sons, 11 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

Funeral services were conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, which she loved so well, by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, assisted by her former pastor, Rev. Daniel F. Pelt. Burial was in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

"Somewhere beyond the sunset,  
Where loveliness never dies,  
She dwells in the 'Land of Glory'  
Where tears never dim the eyes."

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

**PREAMBLE**

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.

(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 its 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 without rising and addressing the Moderator.

CHURCHES	CLERKS & ADDRESSES	PASTORS & ADDRESSES	Received by Baptism	Other Ways
Abe Springs	A. B. Keel, Rt. 1 Box 44 Blountstown, Fla. 32424 Ph.			
Christian Home	Mrs. Falfa Clark Rt. 1 Box 275E Blountstown, Fl. 32424 674-8685	Rev. James C. Pelt Rt. 1 Box 256B Blountstown, Fl. 32424 674-8495	7	7
Cottrondale	Earl Hill 112D Pelt St. Marianna, F. 32446		0	3
Cypress Creek	Grady Bell, 410 S. 5th St. Chipley, Fl. 32428	Rev. J. E. Nichols Rt. 1 Altha, Fl. 32421 904-762-3357	0	0
Damascus	Herbert L. Padgett, R. 1 Box 651 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-3151		1	3
Hickory Grove	J.W.D. Stephens, Rt.1, Box 126 Bascom, Fl. 32423 569-2236	Rev. J.B. Lovering Rt.4, Box 834 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-8548	0	1
Holly Grove	Mrs. Rena Baggett, Rt. 1, Box 125 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-7007	Rev. Harvey Henderson Rt.1, Bx 1 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-2254	9	19
Lovewood	Mrs. Mae Johnson, Rt. 1, Box 17 Cottrondale, Fl. 32431	Rev. J.E. Nichols, Rt. 1 Altha, Fl. 32421 762-3357	0	0
Malone	Mrs. Thelma Grondin, Box 321 Malone, Fl. 32445 569-2736	Rev. Odis Whitehead, P.O.Box 321 Malone, Fl. 32445 569-2786	1	4
Marvin Chapel	Mrs. Audrey Eiland, Rt. 5 Box 40 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-3164	Rev. Dennis Keen, Rt. 1 Box 115 Marianna, Fl. 32446 482-7111	0	2
Midway	Mrs. Zelma R. Pitts, Rt. 1 Box 255 Marianna, Fl. 32446	Rev. J.W. Roberts Rt.5, Box 132 Marianna, Fl. 32446	0	0
New Hope	Mrs. Lena Green, Rt. Box 215 Bascom, Fl. 32423 592-6447	Rev. J.J. Scott P.O. Box 115 Brinson, Ga. 31725 246-1973	1	0
Pine Grove	Mrs. Myrtle Adams, Rt. 1, Box 145 Blountstown, Fl. 32424			
Salem	Mrs. Mildred C. Phillips Rt. 1 B210 Cottrondale, Fl. 32431 579-4594	Rev. W.E.(Bill) George, Rt. 1 Bonifay, Fl. 32425 547-2340	6	6
Sneads	Mrs. Rebecca Couliette, Rt.1 Bx 12 Sneads, Fl. 32460	Rev. C.A. Williams Sneads, Fl. 32460	1	0
Traveler's Rest	Mrs. Patricia B. Suggs, Rt.1 Bx 220A Altha, Fla. 32421 762-3748	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fl. 32462	3	4
16 CHURCHES		TOTAL	29	49

Deaths	Dismissed by Letter	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-operative Program	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
5	3	182	5190.00	433.82			400.00	371.32	240.00	50,000.	10,000.
2	6	35	2360.00	179.00	160.51			21.33		35,000.	5,000.
1	0	69	1015.00	150.00		10.00	10.00			10,000.	
0	3	72	700.00	125.00	338.84					15,000.	
0	1	121	2975.00	250.00		100.00	72.00	96.00	245.00	40,000.	
0	0	191	6760.00	350.00	1334.27			25.00	119.23	70,000.	
1	2	64	436.95		52.63			25.00		8,000.	
1	2	85	3800.00	65.00	777.00	65.00	497.76	75.00	60.00	30,000.	
0	6	125	5,200.00	200.00	240.00		100.00	278.41	110.00	22,500.	7,500.
1	0	25	Free					5.00		5,000.	
1	1	50	2400.00	185.00				25.00		8,000.	
3	4	82	5450.00	250.00			234.07	309.07	259.07	17,500.	
0	0	65	3900.00	150.00	80.00	150.00	210.00	240.00	120.00	20,000.	10,000.
2	4	99	3,000.	250.00	423.12		59.27	50.00		18,000.	
16	32	1265	43,186.95	2587.82	3,406.37	325.00	1,583.10	1,521.13	1,153.30	349,000.	32,500.



