

MINUTES
OF THE
79th Annual Session
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Salem Free Will Baptist Church
OCTOBER 4, 5, 1974

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Rev. William Compton, 1978

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QUARTERLY MEETING SCHEDULE

1st Quarterly Meeting — January 4, 1975 — Damascus Church

2nd Quarterly Meeting — April 5, 1975 — New Hope Church

3rd Quarterly Meeting — July 5, 1975 — Holly Grove Church

ANNUAL MEETING—

October 3rd — 7:30 P. M. — Malone F.W.B. Church

October 4th — 10:00 A. M. — Malone F.W.B. Church

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING — JANUARY 5, 1974

Salem F.W.B. Association met January 5, 1974 at Hickory Grove Church.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. He chose the following songs: "Bring Them In" and "He Lives On High."

Prayer — Rev. J. J. Scott.

The morning devotional speaker, Bro. Billy Sellers, was introduced by Rev. J. B. Lovering. Bro. Sellers chose Luke 15:13-16 as his scripture.

Welcome by Rev. J. B. Lovering, pastor of the church.

Response — Rev. Bill George.

The Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson, gave very timely remarks as he declared the body in order to do business.

Ordained Ministers, Deacons and standing delegates were asked to stand and be recognized.

Appointed delegates names were called and were asked to stand.

MSC to seat appointed delegates.

Correspondence from other bodies was called for.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Partial report of the Credentials Committee gave the following:
12 Pastors — 9 Deacons — 13 Visitors — 10 Churches.

MSC to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Frank Willis.

"There's Within My Heart A Melody."

Prayer — Rev. Odis Whitehead.

"At The Cross."

Special music was rendered by Rev. Harvey Henderson. He sang "Master The Tempest Is Raging."

Morning Offering — Offertory prayer by Rev. Dennis Keen.

Rev. J. B. Lovering introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Carey A. Williams, Pastor of Snead's church. He used Exodus 40:33 — II Chron. 5:13-14 — and Eph. 6:14-17. He emphasized the need of a Spirit filled life.

Song "Holy Spirit Breathe On Me."

Prayer of dedication — Rev. Daniel Pelt

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Bill George.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Song — "Sunlight."

Prayer by Bro. Mack Glass.

Song — "Amazing Grace."

Mrs. Audrey Eiland, devotional speaker for the afternoon was introduced by Rev. J. B. Lovering. She chose Psalm 24:1-4 for her scripture. Her Text "From the sea to the Stars."

Body declared in order for business by moderator.

A report on Missions Conference was given by Rev. Bill George. An appeal for money was given to buy land for a new church in West Palm Beach. Rev. Ed Cook, Home Missionary at West Palm Beach would be visiting the following churches on dates given.

March 4, 1974, Monday night — Malone

March 5, 1974, Tuesday night — Holly Grove

March 6, 1974, Wednesday night — Salem

March 7, 1974, Thursday night — Traveler's Rest

Approximately 14,000.00 dollars would be needed.

The final report of the credentials committee gave the following:
12 Ministers — 12 Deacons — 35 Delegates—15 Visitors—12 Churches

MSC to accept the report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to accept the Finance Committees report given by Marvin Chapel Church.

MSC that the Association give \$200.00 for the support of Brenda Holloway college fee.

MSC that a committee be appointed to set up a college fund.

Rev. Odis Whitehead gave an information report on youth activities at the state level. He encouraged churches to push these activities in each church.

Rev. J. B. Lovering suggested that each church set a month to take an offering for the youth camp. He announced that there would be a working on Saturday, January 12, 1974 at the youth camp. The bus would be leaving Marianna at 8:30 for the youth camp.

MSC that the month of February be specified for the offering for the youth camp.

MSC that a vote of thanks and appreciation be extended to Hickory Grove Church for their work of love and service, also to commend them for the beautification on their church.

Announcements called for.

Youth Rally to be at Marvin Chapel Church January 5, 1974.

Holly Grove's Revival to begin January 21-27, Rev. Van Dale Hudson, Evangelist.

MSC to adjourn — Dismissed by Rev. J. W. Roberts.

JANUARY 5, 1974

CHURCHES	Co-Op.	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Accnt.	Special Offering	TOTAL
Abe Springs											
Christian Home		10.00							100.00		110.00
Cottdendale	95.87	7.00									102.87
Cypress Creek	90.00	10.00									100.00
Damascus											
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00					10.00
Holly Grove	347.38	12.00									359.38
Lovewood											
Malone	273.45	10.00							140.73		424.18
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		213.54		307.54
Midway	2.00	1.00				2.00					5.00
New Hope		6.00									6.00
Pine Grove											
Salem		10.00		75.00	75.00	75.00	75.00				300.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00									23.00
Travelers Rest	100.73	8.00						6.00	17.43		132.16
Special Offering										65.66	65.66
TOTAL	989.43	85.00		75.00	90.00	83.00	90.00	6.00	471.70	65.66	1955.79

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING — APRIL 6, 1974

Salem F.W.B. Association met April 6, 1974 at Marvin Chapel Church.

Song service was led by Rev. Dennis Keen.

"Whosoever Meaneth Me."

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

"My Saviour's Love" and "Lovest Thou Me" were sung.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Harvey Henderson. His Scripture came from Luke 14:25-33.

Welcome by Rev. Dennis Keen, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Church.

Response by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

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

Partial report of the Credentials Committee gave the following:
11 Churches—37 Delegates—10 Ministers—12 deacons—18 Visitors.

MSC to accept the report of the credentials committee.

Ministers, Deacons and Standing Delegates recognized.

The elected delegates were recognized by roll call.

MSC to seat elected delegates.

Visitors recognized.

Recess.

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"Love Devine."

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott.

"Have Faith in God" and "Fairest Lord Jesus" were sung.

Special "Others" was sung by Rev. James Pelt.

Morning speaker, Rev. J. B. Lovering, was introduced by Rev. Daniel Pelt. Rev. Lovering used Mark 14:22-31 as his scripture, using verse 26 as his text.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. J. W. Roberts.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt.

"My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

Prayer by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

"Footsteps of Jesus" and "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide" were sung.

The afternoon devotional speaker, Rev. Bill George, was introduced by Rev. James Pelt. Rev. George used for his scripture James 4:13. His text, "What Is Your Life?"

Body declared in order for business.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee's report given by Marvin Chapel Church.

Final report of the Credentials Committee gave the following: 11 Churches—11 Ministers—12 deacons—38 delegates and 18 Visitors.

MSC to accept the report of the credentials committee.

New business called for.

MSC to send \$100.00 to Brenda Holloway for Bible College support.

Rev. Harvey Henderson gave a report on the progress of our Youth Camp.

MSC that we give Marvin Chapel a rising vote of thanks.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Herbert Padgett.

Moderator
Rev. Harvey Henderson

Clerk
Lillian S. Rodgers

APRIL 6, 1974

CHURCHES	Co-Op	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Acct.	Special Offering	Youth Camp	TOTAL
Abe Springs												
Christian Home		10.00		100.00								110.00
Cottondale	97.84	7.00										104.84
Cypress Creek												
Damascus	78.00	10.00										88.00
Gap Pond												
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00						10.00
Holly Grove	369.81	12.00										381.81
Lovewood												
Malone	271.47	10.00							135.74			417.21
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00		100.00	209.00
Midway	3.00	5.00				2.00						10.00
New Hope		6.00										6.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		10.00		69.75	69.75	69.75	69.75					289.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00										23.00
Travelers Rest	89.55	8.00						6.00	7.68			111.23
Youth Bld. Fund										48.54		48.54
TOTAL	989.67	89.00		169.75	84.75	77.75	84.75	6.00	158.42	48.54	100.00	1808.63

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — JULY 6, 1974

The Salem Free Will Baptist Association met on July 6, 1974 at Traveler's Rest Church.

The meeting opened by singing "Sunlight."

Prayer by Rev. Bill George.

"Wherever He Leads I'll Go" was sung.

Morning Devotion was given by Rev. Carey Williams. He used Luke 10:5-37 as his scripture.

Welcome was given by the host pastor, Rev. Leon Owens.

Response was given by our Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Rev. Henderson used John 4:35 as scripture as he brought his closing remarks as Moderator to our quarterly meeting, since he is moving to another field of service. These were very timely remarks.

He then declared the body in order for business.

Ministers, Deacons, and Standing Delegates were recognized.

Elected delegates were recognized.

MSC to seat these delegates.

Visitors were welcomed.

A letter of thanks was read and received from the Gap Pond Church.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

After recess, services began by singing "Blessed Redeemer."

Prayer by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Another song "To Go Be The Glory" was sung.

A special. "He Touched Me" was sung by Rev. Harvey Henderson.

Morning Message was brought by Rev. Jim Pelt. He used for his scripture Matt. 16:13-17.

Dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

Services began by singing "Where He Leads I'll Follow."

Prayer by Bro. Hurst.

"I Know Whom I Have Believed" was sung.

Special song was renedered by Rev. James Pelt. He sang "Only Believe."

Afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Jim Nichols, using the following scripture: John 15:13-14 and Gal. 5:22.

The body was declared in order for business by the moderator.

The financial report was given by Marvin Chapel Church.

MSC that it be accepted as read.

MSC to give our Moderator a letter of recommendation to West Florida Association.

MSC that we give him \$10.00 extra to the \$25.00 he was previously receiving as Moderator.

A report was given on the Gap Pond work by Rev. Chester Huckaby, stating that they have found a man who is available for the work at the church. Rev. Huckaby recommended this young man, Rev. Dennis Owen.

MSC that we support him as our Missionary to the Gap Pond work.

A recommendation was made that the Moderator of the Association, together with the Chairman of the Executive Committee and the Mission Board work with this project and pledge their full support.

MSC that we recognize the Vice-Moderator as our Moderator until the next session of our Quarterly Meeting when a new Moderator will be elected.

Our Moderator recommended that special attention be paid to our Mission Board at our next meeting and try to get it in full operation.

Rev. J. B. Lovering asked that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their wonderful hospitality.

There was a time for announcements from the various churches.

MSC that we adjourn.

Benediction by Bro. Olen Rheberg.

Herbert L. Padgett, Moderator

Lillian S. Rodgers, Clerk

JULY 6, 1974

CHURCHES	Co-Op	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Accnt.	Special Offering	Youth Camp	TOTAL
Abe Springs												
Christian Home		10.00		100.00								110.00
Cottondale	50.00	7.00										57.00
Cypress Creek												
Damascus	80.00	10.00										90.00
Gap Pond												
Hickory Grove		4.00				6.00						10.00
Holly Grove	403.20	12.00										415.20
Lovewood												
Malone	251.34	10.00						125.66				387.00
Mavrin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00		100.00	209.00
Midway		1.00	2.00	1.00		1.00						5.00
New Hope		6.00										6.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		10.00		84.25	84.25	84.25	84.25					347.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00										23.00
Travelers Rest	84.83	8.00						6.00	10.92			109.75
Special Offering										46.68		46.68
TOTAL	949.37	85.00	2.00	185.25	99.25	91.25	99.25	131.66	25.92	46.68	100.00	1815.63

79TH ANNUAL MEETING — OCTOBER 4 & 5, 1974

Friday, October 4, 1974—

Salem Free Will Baptist Association met October 4, 1974 with Salem F.W.B. Church.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. The following selections were used: "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Moment by Moment."

Prayer — Rev. Chester Huckaby.

"I Am Thine O Lord."

Devotion by Rev. William Compton. He used Isaiah 6:1-10 for his scripture reading.

Welcome by Rev. Bill George, Pastor of Salem Church.

Response by Rev. James Pelt, Pastor of Christian Home Church.

The Body was called to order by Bro. Herbert Padgett, Vice-Moderator.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee gave the following information: 9 Pastors, 11 Deacons, 32 Delegates, 9 Visitors and 11 Churches.

MSC to accept the report as given.

Standing Delegates were recognized and charged with the duty to seat the elected delegates.

Elected Delegates were recognized.

MSC to seat the elected delegates.

Committee reports were called for.

MSC to accept the report on Auxiliaries given by Malone Church.

MSC to accept the report on Committee on Committees given by Traveler's Rest Church.

MSC to accept the report on Temperance given by Sneads Church.

Correspondence from other bodies was called for.

MSC that we adjourn from business for the evening message.

Dismissed for a five minute recess by Rev. Leon Owens.

Rev. James Pelt again led the singing. The following songs were sung: "Leaning On Jesus" and "He Leadeth Me."

Prayer by Rev. Buford Pierce.

"Footprints of Jesus" — "Amazing Grace."

Rev. James Pelt presented the speaker of the evening, Rev. Daniel Pelt. Rev. Pelt spoke on Obedience, Faith and Love and used these scriptures: Matt. 7:24 and John 14:15, 21:15-10.

Announcements called for.

Dismissed by Rev. Bill George.

Saturday, October 5, 1974—

The Association again assembled with Salem Church. The 79th Session opened for the second day by singing "Whosoever Will" led by Rev. James Pelt.

Prayer — Rev. Odis Whitehead.

"Anywhere With Jesus."

Rev. Dennis Owen, Home Missionary to Sunny Hills brought the morning devotion. He used for his text I Cor. 1:4-8.

Welcome was extended by the pastor, Rev. Bill George.

Response by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

Bro. Herbert Padgett, Vice-Moderator, declared the body in order for business.

The Credentials Committee gave the following: 8 Ministers, 7 Deacons, 26 Delegates, 17 Visitors and 12 Churches.

MSC to accept this partial report.

Standing Delegates were recognized.

Appointed Delegates were recognized.

MSC to seat the appointed delegates.

A call for committee reports.

Christian Education Committees Report was given by Salem Church. They asked that we keep the same report as in 1973 minutes. MSC to accept this report.

Committee on Resolutions asked that since they had no resolutions to offer that they would like for others to offer resolutions if they so desired. This was given by Christian Home Church. There were no resolutions offered.

MSC to accept the Treasurer's report given by Mrs. Lillian Rodgers.

MSC that the Treasurer's fee be increased \$25.00.

Rev. Bill George gave an oral report on the Children's Home. He stated that things for the home would be picked up November 18. The following things were needed at the home: Peanuts, Pecans, Potatoes, clothing, honey, syrup, underwear for the boys, all sizes of dungarees, and cosmetics for the girls.

MSC that this report be accepted as information.

MSC that we dismiss for recess.

Dismissed by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

"How Great Thou Art" was sung by Rev. James Pelt.

A Commissioning service for Rev. Dennis Owen, Home Missionary to Sunny Hills, was held. Rev. Chester Huckaby was in charge of the service and gave such timely remarks about this service. He noted that it was a first for our Association, thus a step forward.

Rev. W. B. Combs read I Timothy 4:12 and II Timothy 4:1. He stressed the fact that this was a grave and serious responsibility that this young couple was taking, and that Liberty and Salem Associations were assuming a great responsibility in supporting them.

All Ministers and Deacons were asked to assemble at the altar for dedication prayer. Bro. Herbert Padgett and Rev. James Pelt led in prayer.

The morning speaker, Rev. Buford Pierce, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Church, was introduced by Rev. Odis Whitehead. Rev. Pierce used Matt. 7:24 and Psalm 1 for his scripture reading and spoke on "What is Wrong with our Homes." He cited the following things that are causing our homes to crumble. (1) Too many outside activities (2) Too many organizations (3) Too much outside attractions (4) Love for the Sabbath Day crumbling (5) Love for Christ's church is lacking and (5) Lowering of our standards.

Morning offering. Offertory prayer by Rev. Buford Pierce.

Dismissed for lunch hour by Rev. Dennis Owen.

"To God Be the Glory" was led by Rev. James Pelt.

Prayer by Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

"Send A Great Revival."

Devotional Speaker, Rev. Donnie Hussey, was introduced by Rev. James Pelt. Rev. Hussey used Romans 10:8-17 for his scripture reading.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee which gave the following: Ministers 9, Deacons 7, Delegates 29, Visitors 18 and 12 Churches.

MSC that we retain the same report on Stewardship as given in 1973 minutes, as requested by Damascus Church.

MSC that we accept the Obituary Committee's report given by New Hope Church.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee's report given by Marvin Chapel Church.

Two New Pastors were reported by the Ordaining Council. Rev. William Compton, pastor of Damascus Church and Rev. Buford Pierce, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Church. Bro. Herbert Padgett, Vice-Moderator, extended to them a welcome and the right hand of Christian Fellowship.

Bro. Padgett stressed the need of a Youth Camp Board.

Bro. Padgett gave a report of the Executive Boards meeting. Also how they had arranged the visits to the different churches by our new Missionary, Rev. Dennis Owen.

MSC that we accept the report of the Nomination Committee given by Holly Grove Church.

MSC that the Moderator appoint someone to serve on the Youth Camp Board.

MSC to accept as information a letter received from Rev. Owen Ganey.

Rev. Arnold Woodlief expressed thanks to the Association for any correspondence in regard for any time they had given him the opportunity to serve as an Evangelist or supply work.

MSC that we extend to Salem Church a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful reception.

Announcements.

MSC that Mrs. Mary Nell Whitehead serve as State Delegate and should something happen that she could not go that the moderator have the power to appoint another.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Jim Roberts.

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CHURCHES.	Co-Op	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Mission	Children Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Acct.	Special Offering	Sunny Hills Mission	Youth Camp	TOTAL
Abe Springs													
Christian Home		10.00							100.00		50.00		160.00
Cottondale	25.00	7.00											32.00
Cypress Creek		6.00	10.00	10.00									26.00
Damascus		10.00											10.00
Gap Pond													
Hickory Grove		12.00				6.00			200.00		60.00		278.00
Holly Grove	190.62	12.00											202.62
Lovewood	32.61	6.00											38.61
Malone	284.49	10.00									142.45		436.94
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00			100.00	209.00
Midway		2.00	3.00		3.00	4.00							12.00
New Hope		6.00											6.00
Pine Grove													
Salem		10.00		77.25	77.25	77.25	77.25						319.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00											23.00
Travelers Rest	99.55	18.00						6.00	7.54				131.09
Special Offering										42.50			42.50
TOTAL	679.66	110.00	13.00	87.25	95.25	87.25	92.25	6.00	322.54	45.20	252.45	100.00	1929.46

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Nominating Committee wish to submit the following report:

Moderator — Bro. Herbert Padgett

Vice-Moderator — Rev. James Pelt

Executive Committee — Bro. Olen Rheberg 1977

Ordaining Council — Rev. J. B. Lovering 1977

Mission Board & Church Extension — Rev. William Compton

Christian Education — Bro. W. W. Eiland 1977

First Quarterly Meeting — Damascus Church — January 4, 1975

Second Quarterly Meeting — New Hope Church — April 5, 1975

Third Quarterly Meeting — Holly Grove Church — July 5, 1975

Annual Meeting — Malone Church. Fri. night, October 3, 1975
at 7:00 P.M. — Sat., October 4, 1975 at 10:00 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Holly Grove Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The definition of **temperance** is habitual moderation in the indulgence of appetites and passions. The opposite of **temperance** is **excessiveness**, or going beyond that which is just and right; therefore, we as Christians, should promote temperance in every pursuit of life. In view of this fact, we should use the fullness of the divine word as our guide and let it be exemplified in our daily lives so that in this life we will have no regrets and in the life to come we may hear the MASTER say, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant."

Respectfully submitted,
First Free Will Baptist Church
of Sneads, Florida

COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES REPORT

During the year of 1974, the Malone Church with the Lord's help, was instrumental in reorganizing the District Women's Auxiliary. The District Auxiliary had been active from the late 1930's until 1971, so the Malone Women's Auxiliary felt that it would be a valuable and worthwhile project to put the District Auxiliary back into action. Three meetings have been held during the past year with plans for a workshop this month. This committee wishes to commend the work and efforts of all the local and associational Auxiliaries during the past year.

We urge each church member to realize the importance of his role in insuring the success of each auxiliary. Support may be given in many ways — prayer, attendance, financial and Christian witness, each of these ways equally important.

We urge each church in the Association to recognize the importance in supporting not only it's own auxiliaries and groups, but also those of the Association. This encouragement and support should not be left to the pastor, deacon board or any one person, but is the duty of each and every Christian. We recommend that each church evaluate the work of its auxiliaries regularly to help insure growth and progress. This might be done by having each Auxiliary report on its activities to the church body every quarter.

This committee would like to emphasize the importance of youth Auxiliaries. Many churches are following the plans included in CTS materials for Mission oriented youth groups. During the past few years many young people or teen groups have been dissolved due to lack of interest or sponsorship by a women's Auxiliary group. Your Auxiliary may wish to adopt this as a project during the coming year. The young people of today's church will be the teachers, leaders and Missionaries of tomorrow. We must help them prepare.

Auxiliaries have great rewards within the church. Nothing can compare with the feelings of being included in warm Christian fellowship, and this fellowship is essential in the unity of the church. We should each make a prayer-found effort to extend this love and fellowship through the works of our Auxiliaries so that souls may be won to the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Malone F.W.B. Church

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We your Committee On Committees submit the following report:

Auxiliaries	Damascus
Christian Education	Malone
Committee On Committees	Christian Home
Finance	Salem
Nominating	Hickory Grove
Obituary	Sneads
Resolutions	Cypress Creek
Stewardship	Marvin Chapel
Temperance	Holly Grove

Respectfully submitted,

Traveler's Rest Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Obituary Committee wish to submit the following report:

Hickory Grove Church lost four members: Bro. J. C. Ditty, Bro. Ralph Oswald, Sister Verna Tidwell Ford and Bro. J. W. D. Stephens, who served as clerk of the church for 71 years.

Malone Church lost one member: Brother Lee A. Sutton.

Sneads Church lost two members: Bro. Henry A. Coulliette and Brother Earl A. Clements.

Salem Church lost five members: Bro. Luke Brannon, Sister Nellie Morris Ramsey, Sister Pleacy Haddock, Bro. Thomas Powell and Bro. J. Daniel Barnes.

Christian Home Church lost two members: Bro. V. L. Blackburn and Brother James O. Davis.

Traveler's Rest Church lost one member: Sister Ethel Taylor.

Damascus Church lost four members: Bro. B. H. Windham, Sister Frances Kent, Sister Eunice Lipford and Bro. Hugh Jefferies.

Cypress Creek Church lost one member: Sister Stella Ramsey.

Lovewood Church lost one member: Sister Carrie Eldridge.

Although we deeply regret these losses we realize that these loved ones were called unto our Heavenly Father, to reign with Him eternally.

Respectfully submitted,

New Hope Church

OBITUARIES

SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SALEM CHURCH LOST FIVE (5) MEMBERS BY DEATH

MR. LUKE BRANNON—

On November 5, 1973 our Lord called from our midst Bro. Luke Brannon who had been a member for a number of years. We pray God's richest blessings on those loved ones he left behind.

MRS. NELLIE MORRIS RAMSEY—

On May 17, 1974, our Heavenly Father called from our midst Sister Nellie Morris Ramsey. She was a faithful member of her church having united with Salem Church at an early age in life. She loved her church and served as Clerk for a number of years. Due to physical health she was unable to attend the last few years like she wanted to, but came every time she was able. She was always willing and ready to do her duty in all things lending a helping hand to others.

Her family, friends, and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love the memory of her and she will be missed by all who knew her.

MRS. PLEACY HADDOCK—

On August 10, 1974, our Lord saw fit to take from our midst Sister Pleacy Haddock. She had been a member of Salem Church

for a number of years. Due to ill health for several years she was unable to attend services.

She will be missed by her many friends and loved ones.

MR. THOMAS POWELL—

God in his infinite wisdom and mercy called from our midst on August 13, 1974 Bro. Thomas Powell. He was a faithful member of the church. His life was one of service to his God, family, and community. The memory he left his loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in his foot-steps and live a noble life for the Master.

He will be greatly missed by his church, friends, and loved ones.

MR. J. DANIEL BARNES—

On September 8, 1974, the Lord called from us Bro. Daniel Barnes. He was a member of Salem Church for many years, having united with the church at an early age. Although he was unable to attend church in his later days, due to physical health, his faith was most strengthening and a blessing to all who knew him.

He will be missed by his friends and loved ones.

SNEADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HENRY A. COULLIETTE—

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Bro. Coulliette, having fulfilled this requirement, laid down his earthly cares and departed this life to be with his Savior on October 15, 1973, at the age of 60.

Bro. Coulliette lived a life of service in his church, Sneads First Free Will Baptist. He lived a beautiful Christian life. It can truly be said of Bro. Coulliette that he was a devout Christian, a faithful husband, a loving father and a loyal, true, faithful friend. He was humble, sincere and without greed. He helped all who needed him in any way he could.

Survivors are his loving wife, Clarkie, one son, James A., one daughter, LaNelle Meadows, and 5 grandchildren.

Bro. Coulliette will be greatly missed by his church, loved ones, friends and neighbors. The memory he left his loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in his footsteps and live for our Master.

Funeral Services were conducted at Sneads First Free Will Baptist Church, which he loved so much, by his pastor, Rev. C. A. Williams, assisted by a former pastor, Rev. D. W. Poole. Burial followed in family plot in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, by Evans Funeral Home of Donalsonville, Georgia.

EARL A. CLEMENTS—

On July 15, 1974 our Lord called from our midst Brother Earl A. Clements. He had been a member of Sneads First Free Will Baptist Church for only a short time.

He will be missed by his family and friends of the church, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

HICKORY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

J. C. DITTY—

RALPH OSWALD—

VERNA TIDWELL FORD—

J. W. D. STEPHENS — Clerk for 71 years.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF MALONE

On June 11, 1974 our Lord called from our midst our Brother, Lee A. Sutton. He accepted the Lord as his Saviour in June of 1970, and united with our church. He will be missed by his family, friends and church.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH

JAMES O. DAVIS—

God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call Brother James O. Davis to his eternal home. Early in the morning of Friday, July 12, 1974, God called and he suddenly turned a bend in the road and passed from our sight, so quietly and suddenly he slipped away to be with his Master.

He was born in Bay County near Panama City, Fla. but at a very young age he came to Blountstown to make his home, and was a merchant and meat cutter here for many years until he retired.

He gave his life to the Lord when he was a young man and has been a faithful, loyal worker in Christian Home F.W.B. Church of which he was a member. He loved his church and was always ready to help in any movement for the betterment of the church and its undertakings. His life was one of service to his family, his friends and to God and His church. He was a devoted husband, a loving father and a tried and true friend, also was an upright law abiding citizen, truly a Christian gentleman.

In his passing the church has lost one of the most faithful members, the community one of its most loved citizens. Although he was 81 years of age, he was young at heart. His happy heart and cherry smile made him a blessing to everyone. He loved people and left his imprint deep in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact. He was ever ready to do more than his part for the church and community. He will be greatly missed by his family, his church, his friends and the entire community, but we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, with gratitude in our hearts for the help and strength we have received from contact with his Christian character.

Survivors include two daughters: Mrs. Lorene Cato, Lynn Haven, Fla. and Mrs. Velma Hinote, Opelika, Ala. Five grand children, great grand children and a host of other relatives and friends. The memory he left his loved ones is an inspiration for them to follow in his footsteps and live a noble life for the Master.

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

V. L. BLACKBURN—

On January 16, 1974 Our Heavenly Father in His infinite Wisdom and mercy called our Brother V. L. Blackburn unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be His reward.

He was born January 25, 1921 in Calhoun County near the place where he died, and lived and worked in the same community all his life. He worked for The State Road Department until he retired.

He accepted Christ and united with Christian Home F.W.B. Church at an early age, and was faithful and loyal member until he was called home.

V. L. lived a beautiful Christian life and his goodness overflowed and enriched the lives of others. Fellowship with him was a pleasure to enjoy.

He was a devoted husband, a loving father and a friend to everyone. He loved his church and was faithful as long as he lived. The church has suffered the loss of one of its most loyal members and he will be greatly missed by his church, his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, one son, one daughter and three grand children, a host of other relatives and friends.

The funeral was conducted at Christian Home F.W.B. Church by his pastor, Rev. James Pelt, assisted by Rev. Bill George. Burial followed in family plot in Pine Memorial Cemetery.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIVED:

October 6, 1973	2858.10
January 5, 1974	1955.79
April 6, 1974	1808.63
July 6, 1974	1815.63
July 15, 1974 (Project 30)	30.00

TOTAL	8468.15
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PAID OUT:

Oct. 6, 1973—Rev. Harvey Henderson (Moderator Fee)	25.00
Oct. 6, 1973—Lillian S. Rodgers (Clerk Fee)	25.00
Oct. 6, 1973—Mrs. Walter Eldridge (Love offering)	100.00
Oct. 6, 1973—Sunny Hills Mission (cash)	1000.00
Oct. 6, 1973—State Treasurer (Delegate fees)	36.00
Oct. 15, 1973—State Treasurer (Sunny Hills Mission)	56.84
Oct. 10, 1973—State Treasurer	

Co-Op Program	1025.03
Foreign Mission	191.25
Children's Home	101.25
Superannuation	89.25
Bible College	96.25
Project 30	6.00
Paynes Account	171.73

TOTAL	1680.76
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Jan. 7, 1974—Brenda Holloway (Love offering)	200.00
Jan. 9, 1974—State Treasurer	

Co-Op Program	989.43
Foreign Mission	75.00
Children's Home	90.00
Superannuation	89.25
Bible College	90.00
Project 30	6.00
Paynes Account	471.70
Sunny Hills Mission	65.66

TOTAL	1870.79
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Feb. 12, 1974—Houston Printing Co. (Minutes)	369.60
March 8, 1974—U. S. Postal Service (Postage)	10.69

April 11, 1974—State Treasurer

Co-Op Program	989.67
Foreign Missions	169.75
Children's Home	84.75
Superannuation	77.75
Bible College	84.75
Project 30	6.00
Paynes Account	158.42

TOTAL 1571.09

April 11, 1974—Brenda Holloway (Love offering) 100.00

May 1, 1974—Check returned 10.00

July 8, 1974—State Treasurer

Co-Op Program	949.37
Foreign Missions	185.25
Children's Home	99.25
Superannuation	99.25
Bible College	25.92
Project 30	91.25
Paynes Account	131.66

TOTAL 1681.95

July 8, 1974—Rev. Harvey Henderson (Moderator fee + \$10) 35.00

Sept. 10, 1974—Sunny Hills Mission 500.00

Sept. 20, 1974—State Treasurer (Project 30) 30.00

TOTAL PAID OUT \$9302.72

RECEIVED \$8468.15

PAID OUT 9302.72

DIFFERENCE —834.57

BROUGHT FORWARD 1303.95

CARRIED FORWARD 469.38

Respectfully submitted,
Lillian S. Rodgers, Treasurer

**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 AND ADDRESSES	PASTORS AND ADDRESSES	Rec. by Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. by Letter	Membership
Abe Springs							
Christian Home	Mrs. Falfa Clark-904-674-8685 Rt. 1 Box 275, Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Rev. James Pelt-904-674-8495 Rt. 1 Box 431-Blountstown, Fla. 32424	4	5	2	0	189
Cottondale	R.O. Addison P.O. Box, Cottondale	Rev. John Holland Bonifay, Fl. 32425	0	2	0	2	35
Cypress Creek	Grady Bell RT. 4 Box 448 Marianna, Fl. 32446	Rev. Chester A. Huckaby Rt. 1, Altha, Fl. 32421	0	3	1	2	69
Damascus	Herbert L. Padgett Rt. 1 Box 651 -904-482-3151 Marianna, Fl. 32423	Rev. William Compton P.O. Box 60-904-482-8050 Marianna, Fl. 32446	0	12	3	2	66
Hickory Grove	Mrs. Mildred Hatcher Rt. 1 Box 126 -904-569-2236 Bascom, Fl. 32423	Rev. J. B. Lovering Rt. 4 Box 834 -904-482-8548 Marianna, Fl. 32446	8	1	4	0	125
Holly Grove	Clarice Boyette Rt. 1 Box 773 Marianna, Fl. 32446	Rev. David Willyard	5	4	0	3	182
Lovewood	Mrs. Mae Johnson Rt. 1 Box 17 Cottondale, Fl. 32431	Rev. J. E. Nichols Rt. 1 904-762-3357 Altha, Fl. 32421	0	0	1	0	59
Malone	Mrs. Thelma Grodin Box 321 Malone, Fl. 32445 904-669-2736	Rev. Odis Whitehead Box 385 Malone, Fl. 32445 904-669-2786	0	2	1	1	87
Marvin Chapel	Mrs. Audrey Eiland Rt. 5 Box 40-904-482-3164 Marianna, Fl. 32446	Rev. Buford A. Pierce Rt. 1 Box 115-Marianna, Fl. 32446	1	2	0	0	128
Midway	Mrs. Elaine Culpepper Rt. 1 Box 77 Sneads, Fl 32460	Rev. James W. Roberts Rt. 5 Box 132 Marianna, Fl. 32446	3	0	0	0	25
New Hope	Mrs. Lena Green Rt. 1 Box 215-904-592-6447 Bascom, Fl. 32423	Rev. J. J. Scott Box 115-912-246-1978 Brinson, Ga. 31725	3	1	0	0	60
Pine Grove			0	0	0	0	0
Salem	Mrs. Mildred C. Phillips 904-579-4594-Rt. 1 Box 210 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	Rev. W.E. George 904-547-2340 Rt. 1 Bonifay, Fl. 32425	4	2	5	3	80
Sneads	Mrs. Rebecca Coulliette Rt. 1 Box 12 Sneads, Fl. 32460	Rev. C.A. Williams 904-593-6360 Box 215 Sneads, Fl. 32460	3	6	2	1	65
Traveler's Rest	Mrs. Patricia Suggs- 904-762-3748 Rt. 1.Box 220-A- Altha, Fl. 32421	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fl. 32462	0	0	1	4	103
TOTAL			31	40	20	18	1273

Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Co-Operative Program	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Childrens Home	Education	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Superannuation	TOTAL Paid for All Causes
						240.00				
550.00	500.37	0	1030.00	400.00	741.98	240.00	75000.00	15000.00	0	8462.35
750.00	360.00	268.71	0	0	50.00	0	35000.00	5000.00	0	2428.71
200.00	200.00	0	10.00	10.00	0	0	10000.00	0	0	1420.00
500.00	100.00	370.00	0	0	0	0	15000.00	12000.00	0	1970.00
3375.00	275.00	0	110.00	200.00	75.00	120.00	50000.00	0	24.00	4179.00
3580.00	685.00	1445.02	0	0	0	149.01			0	8859.03
242.29	0	32.61	0	0	0	0	10000.00	0	0	274.90
5900.00	150.00	1371.63	403.85	286.17	75.00	60.00		0	0	8246.65
5144.00	215.00	240.00	115.00	258.54	100.00	519.02	50000.00	14000.00	0	6591.56
0	10.00	15.00	2.00	0	4.00	0	5000.00	0	0	31.00
454.00	134.50	0	30.00	0	20.00	35.00	8000.00	0	0	2673.50
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
435.00	300.00	0	174.00	310.25	310.25	310.25	17500.00	0	310.25	8150.00
9900.00	200.00	80.00	271.00	220.00	240.00	905.00	20000.00	10000.00	0	5816.00
2800.00	287.15	498.74	275.78	54.86	129.15	0	18000.00	0	0	4045.68
800.29	3417.02	4321.71	2421.63	1739.82	1745.38	2338.28	313500.00	56000.00	334.25	63148.38

Resolutions - Maruin Chapel

Moderator - Herbert Padgett

Vice Moderator - Buford Price

Sec. & Treas. - Leihon Roger

Executive - Otis Whitehead

Bill George

Ordaining - Jim Pelt

Marion Church Willie Sellers

Jan. Hickory Grove

Apr. Maruin Chapel

July ~~Christian Home~~ Salem

Oct - ~~Christian Home~~ Christian Home.

Christmas Edv. Mack Glen.