

MINUTES
OF THE
80th ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone
MALONE, FLORIDA 32445

OCTOBER 3, 4, 1975

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Bro. Willie Sellers, 1978 Marianna, Fla. 32446
Bro. J. W. Dillmore, 1976
Bro. Edward Baxter, 1977 Sneads, Fla. 32460
Rev. William Compton, 1978 P. O. Box 60, Marianna, Fla. 32446

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Mack Glass, 1978
Rev. C. A. Williams, 1976 P. O. Box 215, Sneads, Fla. 32460
Bro. W. W. Eiland, 1977 Route 5, Box 40, Marianna, Fla. 32446

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING 1975

Salem FWB Association convened with Damascus Church on Saturday January 4, 1975.

Song Service was led by Rev. James Pelt

"I Will Sing the Wonderous Story"

Prayer. . Rev. Odis Whitehead

"Amazing Grace"

Morning Devotion . .Rev. J. B. Lovering. He used Gen. 40:1-8 for his scripture and used the following points 1. Age and Infirmary, 2. Fear, 3. Life.

Welcome . .Rev. William Compton, Pastor of Host Church

Response. .Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator

Partial report of Credentials Committee: 13 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 36 Delegates, 13 Churches, and 19 Visitors.

MSC to accept this report

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

Appointed delegates recognized

MSC that the appointed delegates be seated.

Dismissed / for recess by Rev. Chester Huckaby

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt

Stand Up for Jesus

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"

Prayer. . . . Rev. J. J. Scott

Morning Offering. . Offertory Prayer. . .Rev. William Compton

"Have Faith In God"

Morning Message. . Rev. Bill George. . .Scripture I Cor. 15:12-26

Dismissed /for lunch by Rev. Daniel Pelt

Afternoon Session

Song Service led by Rev. James Pelt

"Footsteps of Jesus"

Prayer . . Rev. Dennis Owen

"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Devotion . . Rev. Odis WhiteheadScripture Psalm 46:1-5

MSC TO ACCEPT FINAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

MSC to accept report of Ordaining Council as given by Rev. James Pelt

Ora report on the work at Sunny Hills was given by Rev. Dennis Owen

Financial report given by Rev. Buford Pierce for Marvin Chapel Church

MSC to accept the report as given

The Moderator appointed Rev. William Compton as Youth Committee.

MSC that we give Damascus Church a rising vote of Thanks for their Christian fellowship and hospitality.

Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator read Phil. 3:14-15 and gave timely remarks on pressing toward the mark of the high calling of Christ.

MSC that we adjourn and that all ordained members of the congregation come to the alter for prayer for Mrs. Bernice Eldridge as we adjourn this meeting.

JANUARY 1975

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SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Salem FWB Association met April 5, 1975 with New Hope FWB Church for it's Second Quarterly meeting in 1975.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt

"Standing on the Promises"

Prayer. . .Rev. Dennis Owen

"Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus"

Morning Devotion. . .Rev. Carey Williams. . He used for his scripture John 2:1-10

His text: The Walk of the Christian. 1. Motive, I Cor. 10:31 2. Method James 1:21 3. Means, Coll 3:17 4. Manner Coll. 3:23

Welcome. . .Rev. J. J. Scott, Host Pastor

Response Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator

Body declared in order for business

Partial report of Credentials Committee gave the following 11 Ministers 11 Deacons 36 Delegates 14 Churches 25 Visitors

MSC to accept this report.

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

Appointed Delegates recognized

MSC to seat the appointed delegates

Rev. W. C. Combs, Pastor of Piney Grove FWB Church gave an oral report on the work at the youth camp. He stated that 6 cottages had been built with plans for 4 more.

MSC to accept this as an oral report.

Report on the work at Sunny Hills given by Rev. Dennis Owen

MSC to accept this report.

Recess

Songs service led by Rev. James Pelt

"Footsteps of Jesus"

Prayer. . Rev. Chester Huckaby

"Amazing Grace"

Morning Offering. . .Offertory Prayer. . Rev. James Pelt

Special "Satisfied with Jesus" by Rev. James Pelt

Morning Message. . .Rev. David Williford, Pastor of Holly Grove FWB Church.

Scripture. . Prov. 29:18, Matt 11:7-9, Heb. 11:27 Text: The vision of the Church of Acts. 1. Had a vision 2. Vision of sin 3. Vision of Strength 4. Vision of sacrifice in service.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Buford Pierce

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt

"Higher Ground"

Prayer . . Rev. J. J. Scott

"I am Thine O Lord"

Devotion. . .Rev. Chester Huckaby Scripture I Cor. 7:29, I Peter 4:7,
II Cor. 6.

Text: Urgency of self examination

Body declared in order for business.

Final report of credentials committee gave the following:

36 Delegates 29 Visitors 13 Ministers 11 Deacons 15 Churches

MSC to accept this report as given

Financial report given.

MSC to accept the report as given.

Rev. Bill George stated that it would be good for people to give things to the youth camp in the name of some loved one.

MSC that the moderator be authorized to appoint someone to fill the vacancy on the Mission Board.

MSC that we accept Bro. Padgett Resignation from the Christian Education Board.

MSC that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for services rendered.

MSC that we adjourn

Dismissed by Rev. James Pelt.

APRIL 1975

CHURCHES	Co-Op.	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Account	Special Offering	Sunny Hills	Total
Abe Springs												
Christian Home		10.00							100.00			110.00
Cottondale		7.00		25.00								32.00
Cypress Creek		6.00	10.00	10.00								26.00
Damascus		10.00									20.00	30.00
Gap Pond												
Hickory Grove		4.00									45.00	49.00
Holly Grove	335.10	12.00									60.00	407.10
Lovewood												
Malone	293.87	10.00									146.94	450.81
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00			109.00
Midway		2.00	2.00		2.00	2.00						8.00
New Hope		6.00										6.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		10.00		80.75	80.75	80.75	80.75					333.00
Sneads	20.00											423.00
Travelers Rest	98.17	8.00							10.77			117.48
										80.08		80.08
TOTAL	807.68	92.00	12.00	115.75	97.75	82.75	95.75		125.77	80.08	271.94	1781.47

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Salem FWB Association met July 5, 1975 with Holly Grove FWB Church of Marianna, Fl.

Song service led by Rev. Buford Pierce

"Sunlight"

Prayer. . .Rev. Bill George

"Jesus Will Walk With Me"

Morning Devotion. . Rev. J. J. Scott. . .Scripture Jer. 12:1-5

Welcome. . .Rev. David Williford, Host Pastor

Response by. . Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator

Body called to order for business

MSC to accept partial report of the credentials committee

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

Appointed delegates reorganized

MSC to seat the appointed delegates

Special prayer for the comfort of the Pelt family in the death of Rev. Daniel F. Pelt

Led by Rev. J. B. Lovering

Obituary Committee is to prepare a memorial for Rev. Daniel Pelt for the annual meeting

Rev. William Compton gave an oral report on youth camp need. He stated that 900 cups, plates, glassed, clothes to be used in the kitchen, vegetables, (frozen or unfrozen) and other items were needed and that the camp needed to know by July 18th if any Church could furnish any of these items. He further stated that \$1500.00 was needed right now to pay off indebtedness of the camp.

Prayer. . .Rev. Bill George

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arm"

Prayer. . .Rev. Dennis Owen

"Follow"

Morning Message. . .Rev. William Compton . . .Scripture Matt. 24:44, John 7:6, Rev. 22:20 II Tim. 4:6 Text "Ready"

"Near the Cross"

Morning Offering. . .Offertory Prayer. . Rev. Odis Whitehead

Dismissed for Lunch. . .Rev. J. J. Scott

"Victory in Jesus"

"Have Faith in God"

Prayer. . Rev. Chester Huckaby

Special prayer for Rev. James W. Roberts, who was sick, led by Rev. Bill George

Afternoon Devotion . . Rev. J. B. Lovering. . .Scripture Lam. 3:26

Order declared in order for business

Final report of Credentials Committee gave the following:

15 Churches. . 41 Delegates. . . 12 Pastors. . 9 Deacons. . 9 Vistors

MSC to accept this report as given.

Rev. Dennis Owen gave an oral report on the work at Sunny Hills
using Col 4:2-4.

MSC to accept the Financial report

MSC to give Holly Grove Church a rising vote of thanks for a wond-
ful day at their Church.

Announcements called for

MSC to adjourn

Dismissed by . . .Rev. Boford Pierce.

JULY 1975

CHURCHES	Co-Op	Assoc. Purpose	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Superannuation	Bible College	Project 30	Payne Account	Special Offering	Sunny Hills	Total
Abe Springs												
Christian Home		10.00							100.00			110.00
Cottrondale	25.00	7.00										32.00
Cypress Creek		6.00										6.00
Damascus		10.00									50.00	60.00
Gap Pond												
Hickory Grove		15.00							30.00		45.00	90.00
Holly Grove	408.29	12.00										420.29
Lovewood												
Malone	338.81	10.00									169.40	518.21
Marvin Chapel	60.00	4.00			15.00		15.00		15.00			
Midway		2.00	3.00		4.00	3.00						12.00
New Hope		6.00									15.00	21.00
Pine Grove												
Salem		10.00		93.00	93.00	93.00	93.00					382.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00										23.00
Travelers Rest	123.99	8.00							18.62			150.61
Special Offering										51.25		51.25
TOTAL	976.09	103.00	3.00	93.00	112.00	96.00	108.00		163.62	51.25	279.40	1985.36

ANNUAL MEETING OCTOBER 3-4, 1975

Salem FWB Association met on Friday night October 3, 1975 at 7:30 P.M. and on Saturday October 4, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. with Malone FWB Church

Friday Night Session

Song service led by . . Rev. Buford Pierce

"Standing on the Promises"

Prayer. . Rev. David Williford

"Sunlight"

Welcome. . Rev. Odis Whitehead, Pastor of Host Church

Response. . Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator

Body called to order for business

Partial report of credentials committee gave the following:

9 Ministers 11 Deacons 35 Delegates 11 Churches and 27 Visitors

MSC that this report be accepted as given.

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

Appointed delegates reorganized

MSC to seat the appointed delegates

Call for Committee reports

MSC to accept the Steward ship report given by Sister Audrey Eiland for Marvin Chapel Church

MSC to accept the Tehperance committees report given by Rev. David Williford for Holly Grove Church.

MSC to accept the report of Christian Education Committee given by Rev. Odis Whitehead for Malone Church.

Visitors from other Associations recognaized

Recess. . Dismissed by Rev. Carey Williams

Song service led by Rev. Buford Pierce

"Jesus will Walk With Me"

Prayer. . Bro. George Cloud

"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

Evening Message. . .Rev. James Pelt

Scripture. . I John 1:1-3 Text: "Fellowship with God"

MSC that we adjourn

Dismissed. . .Rev. J. B. Lovering

SATURDAY SESSION

Song service led by . . Rev. James Pelt

"O Worship the King"

Prayer. . Rev. J. J. Scott

"At the Cross"

Welcome. . .Rev. Odis Whitehead, Host Pastor

Response. . .Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator

Morning Devotion . . Rev. Buford Poerce

Scripture James 4:2-10 Text: "Hinderences to our prayers"

Partial report of Credentials

12 Ministers 18 Deacons 48 Delegates 38 Visitors 13 Churches

MSC to accept this report

MSC to accept the report of Mission Board given by Rev. David Williford

MSC to accept the recommendation to Salem and Liberty Associations from the Mission Board

MSC that the vote on giving \$100.00 to Sunny Hills be tabled until afternoon session.

MSC to accept Salem Youth Rally report as given by Rev. Buford Pierce.

MSC that the report on Salem's men fellowship meeting given by Bro. William Gooth be accepted as information

MSC to accept the Treasures report given by Mrs. Lillian Rodgers

Recess. . Dismissed by Rev. James Pelt

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt

"In the Old Time Way"

Prayer. . by Rev. J. B. Lovering

"Wonderful Story of Love"

"Amazing Grace"

Morning Message. . Rev. Bill George

Scripture Eph. 5:27

Rev. Dennis Owen requested prayer for man at Sunny Hills that he had been witnessing to Prayer led by Rev. Buford Pierce

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Dennis Owen

Song service led by . . .Rev. James Pelt

"The Rock that is Higher Than I"

Prayer. . Bro. William Booth

Special "Satisfied with Jesus". . Rev. James Pelt

MSC that the report of the Obituary Committee be accepted as given by Sister Beauchamp for Sneads Church.

Memorial Services for Rev. Daniel Pelt was led by Rev. J. B. Lovering, He used for his scripture Malachi 2:4-7

Body called to order for business.

MSC to accept the final report of the credentials committees report.

13 Ministers 19 Deacons 56 Delegates 13 Churches and 42 Visitors Visiting Churches 2.

MSC that the item of business tabled in the morning session be brought before the body for vote.

MSC that we accept the plan to pay \$100.00 a month to Sunny Hills Mission

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

MSC to accept the report of the committee on committees as given by Rev. James Pelt for Christian Home Church.

MSC that we accept the report of the committee on Auxiliaries given by Damascus Church

MSC to accept the report given by the committee on Resolutions given by Cypress Creek Church

MSC to accept the financial committees report given by Rev. Bill George for Salem Church.

MSC to accept the Executive Committees report about their visit with Midway Free Will Baptist Church given by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

MSC to amend this motion to state that the Executive Committee given by Rev. J. B. Lovering for Hickory Grove Church.

MSC that we elect by acclamation

MSC that we give Malone Church a rising vote of Thanks for the way they had hosted the Association.

MSC that the Moderator be granted the power to appoint delegates at State Meeting.

The following volunteered to be delegates Bro. Vander Shiver, Sister Jewel Shiver and Bro. Wayne Shiver.

MSC that we Adjourn Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Lovering

OCTOBER 3-4, 1975													
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Abe Springs													
Christian Home		10.00							100.00		50.00		160.00
Cottdondale	30.00	2.00											32.00
Cypress Creek		6.00	10.00	10.00									26.00
Damascus		10.00											10.00
Gap Pond													
Hickory Grove		15.00							30.00		70.00		115.00
Holly Grove	393.08	12.00											405.08
Lovewood	63.80												63.80
Malone	344.23	10.00							172.11				526.34
Mavrin Chapel	60.00	4.00											64.00
Midway	5.00	2.00	2.00		2.00						2.00		13.00
New Hope	6.00										25.00		31.00
Pine Grove													
Salem		10.00		87.50	87.50	87.50	87.50						360.00
Sneads	20.00	3.00											23.00
Travelers Rest	165.26	18.00							25.19				208.45
Special Offering												70.02	70.02
TOTAL	1061.37	128.00	12.00	97.50	89.50	87.50	87.50		327.30		217.02	70.02	2107.69

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We the Committee on Resolutions submit the following Recommendations:

We want to continue urging pastors and leaders in the Salem Association to make available and teach the Freewill Baptist Doctrine and to uphold the Constitution and By-Laws.

To continue the support of Foreign and Home Missions and continue our prayers and support for the Sunny Hill Mission.

Respectfully Submitted
Cypress Creek FWB Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES.

We your committee on committees wish to submit the following report:

AUXILIARIES	Damascus
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	Hickory Grove
COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES	Salem
FINANCE.	Malone
NOMINATING.	Holly Grove
OBITUARY.	Cottondale
RESOLUTIONS.	Marvin Chapel
STEWARDSHIP.	Sneads
TEMPERANCE.	Christian Home

Respectfully Submitted
Christian Home Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on Christian Education wish to submit the following report:

In looking over past reports of this committee we find many good and helpful suggestions and we appreciate this opportunity to add ours

to these reports.

We suggest that each church consider taking advantage of the service offered by the National Offices in Nashville by having a representative come and teach a training course for teachers and christian workers. They seem always glad to do this when contacted. We also commend all churches who have already use this service.

We would also like to remind everyone that we have a State Christian Education Board who will be glad to help in arranging these courses and providing more information.

"Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that Needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. II Timothy 2:15

Respectfully submitted
Malone Free Will Baptist Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP

According to Webster's dictionary a steward is an officer, or member of a large family or a large estate. He is an administrator, supervisor or manager.

Beloved as Christians we are members of a large family (the family of God) We are also part of the largest estate on earth (the Church).

Therefore as stewards of God we have a great responsibility. It is required of a steward that he be faithful. We must be faithful with our time (be in Church for All Services), and with our money (the tithes- the tenth-part (1/10) belongs to God.) The Bible teaches it in the OT- Gen. 14:20, Gen. 28:22 and Deut. 14:22 and in the NT-Matt. 23:23, Heb. 7:9-17, I Cor. 9:9-14, and I Cor. 16:2.

Our FWB Treatise teaches it also. Therefore let us practice it.

Our talents and gifts should be used for the glory of God. We know that one day we shall all stand before the Judgement Seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10, Rom. 14:10 and I Cor. 3:11-15) to give an account of our stewardship We, therefore your committee on stewardship, recommend that we practice stewardship according to the teaching of the word of God.

Respectfully Submitted
Marvin Chapel
Free Will Baptist Church
Marianna, Fl.

TEMPERANCE REPORT BY HOLLY GROVE CHURCH

Temperance is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "Self restraint: moderation in indulging the appetites." Temperance is a Christian Virtue that we are to obtain and practice as we are told in II Peter 1:16

If we are going to be successful Christians we must learn to control our fleshly appetites and desires. The Bible tells us that over indulgence in many areas that are normal can be harmful to us as Christians.

For example we are told in Proverbs 20:13 not to love sleep lest we come to poverty. Many others could be added to this list such as eating, drinking, and recreation.

To be good christians we must practice all of the above, true, but it is to be done in moderation. May we each so live our lives that nothing we do or engage in will be a hinderance to our service for our Saviour.

Respectfully Submitted,
Holly Grove Church.

To the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist Churches while in session with the Church of Malone, Florida on October 4, 1975.

Hickory Grove Church, serving as your Nominating Committee, wishes to submit the following report:

GENERAL OFFICERS

FOR MODERATOR Bro. Herbert L. Padget
FOR ASSISTANT MODERATOR Reverend Buford Pierce
FOR CLERK—TREASURER. Mrs. Lillian Rodgers

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

To replace Reverend Odis Whitehead, Reverend Odis Whitehead
To replace Reverend D. F. Pelt, deceased, Reverend W. E. George

ORDAINING COUNCIL

To replace Reverend James Pelt. Reverend James Pelt

MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION

To replace Brother Cecil Powell Brother Willie Sellers

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

To replace Reverend Buford Pierce Brother Mack Glass

We also wish to nominate the following churches as the meeting places for our four session of the year of our Lord 1976.

First Quarterly Meeting	Hickory Grove
Second Quarterly Meeting.	Marvin Chapel
Third Quarterly Meeting.	Salem Church
Fourth or Annual Meeting.	Christian Home

Prayerfully Submitted
Hickory Grove Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIVED:

October 4-5, 1974	1890.85
October	38.61
January.	1736.30
February.	25.00
April.	1781.47
July.	<u>1985.36</u>
TOTAL.	7457.59

PAID OUT:

Oct. 5, 1974. . .Bro. Herbert Padgett (Moderator fee). .25.00	
Oct. 5, 1974. . .Lillian S. Rodgers (Clerk fee). 50.00	
Paid through the State Treasurer for the year the following funds:	
Co-Op Program	3220.28
Foreign Missions.	379.50
Children's Home.	403.50
Superannuation.	355.50
Bible College.	392.50
Project 30.	12.00
Paynes Account.	732.46
Sunny Hills Mission.	1336.62
Youth Camp.	125.00

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State Association (delegate fees) 48.00

3-3-75

Houston Printing Co. (Minutes). 447.32

TOTAL PAID OUT. 7527.70

Total Received 7457.59

Total Paid Out. 7527.70

Difference -70.11

Brought Forward. 469.38

Carried Forward. 399.27

Respectfully Submitted
Lillian S. Rodgers, Clerk-Tres.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We would like to encourage all of our churches to get more involved with the Lord's work, by encourage the work of the different Auxiliaries of our Church.

We also ask that we be much in prayer for our Missionaries.

Respectfully Submitted
Damascus Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Obituary Committee, make the following report:

Since our last annual meeting the following Brothers and Sisters have been called home to be with the Lord.

CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. Daniel F. Pelt Bro. O. F. Bracewell Sister Alice Touart Bro. Walter Davis
SNEADS:	Sister Ada Howell
COTTONDALE:	Sister Burnice Eldridge
MALONE:	Bro J. R. Long
SALEM:	Bro. Herman Buel Morris Mrs. Eula Morris Mrs. Mada Faye Williams Sister Rethea Seay
HOLLY GROVE:	Sister Claudia D. Justiss
DAMASCUS:	Bro. John R. Porter, Bro. Carey Hill
TRAVELERS REST:	Sister Bertha Belle Simmons

COTTONDALE: SISTER BERNICE ELDRIDGE

On January 20, 1975 our church suffered a great loss when our Heavenly Father called from our midst our dear devoted Sister Bernice Eldridge. She was a charter member. She was very devoted to her church and her family. We loved her so very much and miss her greatly. Our loss is Heaven's Gain.

SNEADS: SISTER ADA HOWELL

Sneads F. W. B. Church has suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst, Sister Ada Howell on June 19, 1975.

She was a faithful, and active member until her health failed her. She always was 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 all it's members.

She leaves to her family and friends the memory of a beautiful Christian life of love, service and devotion.

She is survived by her husband, two daughters and a host of friends.

Funeral services were held by her pastor, Rev. C.A. Williams on June 21, 1975.

HOLLY GROVE: SISTER CLAUDIA D. JUSTISS

Holly Grove Church lost one member by death in this Associational year, Sister Claudia D. Justiss. She passed away on July 5, 1975.

She was 100 years old and was a charter member of our church.

She was loved by all. Her life was motivated by the Saviour she loved.

DAMASCUS CHURCH:

Bros. John R. Porter & Carey Hill

TRAVELER'S REST CHURCH: SISTER BERTHA BELLE SIMMONS

Sister Bertha Belle Simmons was born May 31, 1884 and died Feb. 24, 1975. She was 90 years and 9 months old at her death. She was a faithful member of Traveler's Rest Church for Approximately 70 years.

She is survived by two Daughters, Mrs. Nella B. Nichols and Mrs. Willie Lee Jones, three grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

MALONE CHURCH: BRO. J. R. LONG

On March 27, 1975 Malone Church lost a very beloved member. Bro. Long was a deacon of our church and filled many other places of services as long as his health would permit. He was one of the senior members of our church and was looked up to like a father. His presence is greatly Missed.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

Sister Flora B. Conrad

Sister Sallie D. McAllister

SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OBITUARIES Mr. Herman Buel Morris

On January 20, 1975, the church suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst Bro. Herman Buel Morris. He was a faithful and devoted member of the church, always active in any movement for the betterment of the church and its undertakings. Due to physical health he was unable to attend like he wanted to, but came every time his health permitted.

He loved people and was ever ready to do more than his part for the church and community. His passing leaves a vacancy in our hearts, and our church, and we shall greatly miss the spiritual blessing we shared with him, but we bow in humble submission to the will of the one who doeth all things well.

May God's blessing be with the Family, Loved ones, and Friends.

Mrs. Eula Morris. June 5, 1975
Mrs. Mada Faye (Clark) Williams. . . . January 27, 1975
Mrs. Retha Seay. October 12, 1974

The Lord has seen fit to call from our midst three (3) members who were on the inactive roll of our church. These members were hindered by circumstances in attending.

We pray Gods richest blessing on their loved ones.

REV. DANIEL F. PELT

Whereas, our Heavenly Father in his infinite mercy saw fit to call from our midst, our loved one, friend and brother, Bro. Daniel F. Pelt on June 22, 1975, to his reward, a house not made with hands eternal in the heavens; we bow in humble submission to the will of the one who doeth all things well.

In his passing, the church has lost one of its most faithful members and ministers, and the community one of its most beloved citizens. His happy heart and cherry smile made him a blessing to every one. His happy heart and wise counsel endeared him to the many lives which were touched by him. He loved people and left his imprint deep in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact. He was ever ready and willing to do more than his part for his church, community, and his fellowman. He was an earnest preacher, a faithful pastor, and a true friend.

He gave his heart to the Master when he was quite young, and his desire to be a preacher was realized in early manhood. He preached for years, and was still in the service of the Lord when God called him home.

It can truthfully be said of Bro. Dan that he was a devoted Christian, a faithful husband, a good loving father, a loyal, true friend and an upright citizen. He truly lived a life of service, always humble and sincere. The memory he left his loved ones and friends is an inspiration for them to follow in his footsteps and live for the Master. We greatly miss the warm hand clasp, the cherry smile, and the wholesome counsel which he so willingly gave to those around him.

Funeral services were held at Marvin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church by an old friend and co-worker, Rev. Floyd B. Cherry of North Carolina. Burial followed in Marvin Chapel Cemetery.

We extend to the family and loved ones our heart felt sympathy in this their great sorrow. God bless and keep you in our prayer.

He is survived by his wife, the former Ruby Carroll, two sons, Roland and Dan Jr., one daughter, Mrs. Sandy Mayhall, 4 grandchildren His father Cary Pelt, 4 brothers Julian, Chester, James, Mike, 4 Sisters Bonnie, Myrtle, Jeanette, Lurene and a Host of other Relatives and Friends.

“Somewhere beyond the sunset,
Where loveliness never dies
He dwells in the “Land of Glory”
With a Saviour Crucified.

MR. O.F. Bracewell

God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call Brother O.F. Bracewell to his eternal home.

On October 15, 1974, he quietly slipped away to be with his Master. As he walked a long Life's Pathway, he suddenly turned a bend in the road and passed from our sight.

When he was quite a young man he became converted and gave his life completely to the Lord, and he has been a most faithful, ardent worker in the service of the Lord ever since.

He united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church many, many years ago, and was always willing and active in any movement for the betterment of the church and its undertakings. He will always be remembered as an humble servant, always kneeling during prayer. His life was one of service to his family, his friends, his God and his Church, and to his fellow man.

He was a Sunday School Superintendent for many years and held the Sunday School together by his faithfulness, always saying its worth the effort if only one comes.

In his passing the church has lost one of its most faithful members and the community one of its beloved citizens. He was a blessing to all who knew him.

He loved people and left his imprint deep in the hearts of those with whom he came in contact.

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

Survivors are his widow, the former Mag Spears Rabon, one Son, O.C., three daughters, Eron, Elon, and Marietta and 18 grandchildren, 37 great grandchildren, and 5 great, great grandchildren. 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 Free Will Baptist Church by the pastor, James C. Pelt. Burial followed in the family plot in Netlte Ridge Cemetery.

“When the flowers of earth
Have finished their blooming,
and no longer can stand life’s strain
They are taken to heavenly gardens
To grow in His grace again.”

ALICE TOUART

On March 24, 1975, Mrs. Alice Touart affectionately know as “Pokie” quietly and peacefully slipped away into the presence of her Heavenly Father.

She became a Christian early in life, and lived a beautiful christian life. She was a devoted and faithful member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church.

In her passing the church suffered the loss of one of its most loyal and beloved members. Her daily life was an inspiration to all who knew her, and her example of christian living was a challenge and a blessing to those with whom she came in contact.

Her friends and loved ones will always cherish with sincere love, the memory of her.

She was a good neighbor and a true friend to every one. We will miss her, but we bow in humble submission to the One who doeth all things well.

She is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Pearl Martin and Mrs. Martha L. Melvin, one nephew James M. Dillard, and a host of loved ones and Friends to mourn her loss.

Funeral services were conducted at Martin Funeral Home Chapel by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt and burial was in Altha Cemetery.

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With a Saviour Crucified.

WALTER DAVIS

On June 10, 1975 our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother Walter Davis 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 October 7, 1905 in Calhoun County near Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church and lived in the same community all his life. He accepted Christ early in his life and united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church and was a faithful member until his death.

Walter was a devoted husband, a loving father, and a loyal and faithful friend, always ready to help any one in need. He was adored by all who knew him. He will be greatly missed by his church, loved ones, and friends.

His funeral was conducted at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church by his pastor Rev. James C. Pelt and burial followed in the family plot, in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

He leaves to mourn his passing, his widow the former Pat Brock, One daughter, one son, two sisters, and one brother; seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren together with a host of other relatives and friends.

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

"There's an open gate at the end of the way,
Thru which each must go alone,
But there's a light we cannot see,
Our Father has claimed His own."

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

To the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist Churches while in session with the church of Malone, Florida, October 4, 1975:

We your Ordaining Council report the following services rendered during the past year:

One Deacon ordained for Holy Grove Church.

Four Deacons ordained for Hickory Grove Church.

One Deacon ordained for Midway Church.

Humbly Submitted

James C. Pelt Chairman

J.J. Scott

J. B. Lovering

REPORT OF HOME MISSION BOARD

We, the Home Mission Board submit the following report:

We have met twice during the last quarter with the Missionary at Sunny Hills to view the project and discuss the problems. At this time construction is slowed down due to the sagging economy and there are not many houses being built in Sunny Hills. Due to this fact progress at the mission is not as good as we had hoped for by this time. however we have viewed the situation and we feel that we should continue to support the Mission through our prayers and through our finances.

During this coming year our board is going to function with our missionary in a better manner than we have in times past. We plan more meetings to work out a plan of action to help our mission reach it's potential. Sunny Hills will eventually have a population of around 30,000 people, and for this reason we feel it is very important to maintain a Free Will Baptist work in that area even if it is slow at this time.

We are currently \$300 behind in payments to our missionary. For this reason we ask for your prayers and any finical support you feel led to give. We reccommend that the Salem Association give \$100 per month to the work at Sunny Hills to help in operating expenses.

We recommend that this \$100 be taken from the Co-Op Program

Respectfully Submitted.

Rev. David Williford D.W.

Rev. William Compton W.M.C.

Bro. Edward Baxter
Bro. Cecil Powell
Bro. J.W. Dillmore
Home Mission Board

REPORT OF SALEM YOUTH MEETING

PRESIDENT Richard Rheberg
VICE-PRESIDENT' Gene Gilbert
SECT. & TREAS. Wanda Miller
ADULT ADVISOR. Rev. Buford Pierce

We meet the first Saturday night of each month at 7:00 PM
at different churches.

We realize the need to reach our youth today for the work tomorrow.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Buford Pierce

THE SALEM'S MEN FELLOWSHIP

The Salem's Men Fellowship was organized in 1970 for the purpose of fellowship of men from Churches in the Association, as the majority of the churches at that time did not have a Master Men. To start with the Fellowship one with another was great as we read in I John 1-7 But if we walk in the light as he is in light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son Cleanseth us from all sin."

We always had good food and a good devotion, but as Christian men came together the thought after a few meetings was what are we accomplishing for the Lord? Therefore, we held several revivals with great success, after much prayer we decided to take on a project of a radio program for 15 minutes each Sunday morning at 8:10 A.M. on W.T.O.T. and now the program is a 25 minute program. Also, during this time we paid for a cabin to be built at the youth camp, this being our last major project.

The Presidents have been the following laymen from our various churches.

Bro. Rehberg. .Damacus
Bro. Miller. . . Holly Grove
Bro. Stewart. . Holly Grove
Bro. Booth . . Marvin Chapel
Bro. Morris. . Salem
Bro. Sellers. . Marvin Chapel

We meet the 3rd Saturday at 7:00 P.M. at the various churches.

RECOMMENDATION TO SALEM AND LIBERTY ASSOCIATIONS BY SALEM AND LIBERTY MISSION BOARDS

For purpose of responsibility, structure, effectiveness, and efficiency in the operation of the joint mission project at Sunny Hills, it is the suggestion of the two boards that this recommendation be adopted.

1. That the project be structured so that the worker be responsible to a joint board instead of the respective Moderators.
2. The joint-board will consist of an equal amount of members from each association plus the respective moderators.
3. The joint-board should elect a chairman and secretary.
4. The board would be responsible for the projects, policy and operation. They would set the guidelines for the worker and would function as the legal responsible for the mission work and the direct authority over the worker on behalf of the Associations
5. It would insure that effective communication is supplied to the member churches of the Associations.

SIGNED:

Rev. C. H. Matthews
Rev. David Williford
Rev. William M. Compton
Rev. W.C. Combs
Rev. Bobby G. Register
Rev. Dennis R. Owen
Bro. Herbert L. Padgett

	Pastors and Addresses	Clerks and Addresses	Rec. by Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. by Letter	Membership	Paid Pastors
Christian Home	Rev. James C. Pelt Route 1, Box 431 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Mrs. Falfa Clark Route 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla. 32424	2	3	4	2	184	5700.00
Cottondale		R. O. Addison P. O. Box 53 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	1	3	1	1	63	2060.00
Cypress Creek	Rev. J. E. Nichols Route 1 Altha, Fla. 32421	Grady Bell Route 4, Box 448 Marianna, Fla. 32446	0	3	1	0	53	1250.00
Damascus	Rev. William Compton P. O. Box 60 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Herbert L. Padgett Route 1, Box 651 Marianna, Fla. 32446	1	2	1	0	61	3900.00
Hickory Grove	Rev. J. B. Lovering Route 4, Box 834 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Mrs. Mildred Hatcher Route 1, Box 126 Bascom, Fla. 32423	1	0	2	0	123	4920.00
Holly Grove	Rev. David Williford Route 1, Box 1 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Clarice Boyette Route 1, Box 773 Marianna, Fla. 32446	3	3	1	6	191	6125.00
Lovewood	Rev. J. E. Nichols Route 1 Altha, Fla. 32421	Mrs. Mae Johnson Route 1, Box 17 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	0	0	1	1	57	437.67
Malone	Rev. Odis Whitehead P. O. Box 385 Malone, Fla. 32445	Thelma Grodin P. O. Box 321 Malone, Fla. 32445	3	3	1	1	92	6030.00
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Buford Pierce Route 1, Box 115 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Mrs. Audrey Eiland Route 5, Box 40 Marianna, Fla. 32446	4	9	0	3	139	6700.00
Midway			4	2	0	0	14	Free
New Hope	Rev. J. J. Scott P. O. Box 115 Brinson, Ga. 31725	Lena Green Route 1, Box 215 Bascom, Fla. 32423	7	0	0	0	65	3530.00
Salem	Rev. W. E. George Route 1 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mildred C. Phillips Route 1, Box 210 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	1	1	4	0	80	7340.00
Sneads	Rev. Cary Williams P. O. Box 215 Sneads, Fla. 32460	Rebecca Coulliette Route 1, Box 12 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0	5	1	0	69	3900.00
Traveler's Rest	Rev. Leon Owen Vernon, Fla. 32462	Mrs. Charlie Grantham Route 1 Altha, Fla. 32421	3	1	1	3	98	2810.00
TOTAL			30	35	18	17	1289	54,702.67

Paid Evangelist	Co-Operative Program	Home Mission	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Education	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage	Superannuation	Total Paid for all Causes
499.76	0	600.00	400.00	402.17	180.00	75,000.00	15,000.00	0	23,173.28
180.00	100.00	0	0		50.00	50,000.00	4000.00	0	4,921.30
250.00	0	10.00	10.00	0	0	7,500.00	0	0	
0	0	50.00	0	52.00	0	15,000.00	12,000.00	0	7651.96
300.00	0	145.00	763.00	190.00	150.00	50,000.00	0	6.00	11,370.40
405.00	1498.59	330.00	0	33.37	0	70,000.00	6,000.00	0	
20.00	63.80	0	0	0	0	10,000.00	0	0	604.67
150.00	1234.11	146.94	308.11	0	115.00	50,000.00	0	0	16,586.08
150.00	240.00	541.00	168.46	111.00	60.00	50,000.00	14,000.00	0	16,380.37
105.00	0	8.00	6.00	10.00	0	4,000.00	0	8.00	241.80
105.00	0	25.00	0	30.00	30.00	10,000.00	0	0	6,080.50
550.00	0	403.50	332.50	482.50	332.50	17,500.00	0	332.50	14,562.75
200.00	80.00	270.00	310.00	340.00	1442.00	20,000.00	10,000.00	0	12,137.88
575.00	484.49	49.52	92.75	75.00	125.00	25,000.00	0	0	5,552.08
3489.76	3700.99	2,578.96	2,390.82	1,726.04	2,484.50	454,000.00	61,000.00	346.50	119,263.07

**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. All officers of the Association will be standing delegates.

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 night at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday before the first (1st.) Sunday in October. This particular session shall be known as the annual meeting of the Association, and all annual letters, reports and matters affecting the year's work shall be received in this session.

ARTICLE IX — FINANCE

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

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

The Moderator and Clerk shall each receive twenty-five (\$25.00) dollars annually for their services.

ARTICLE X — DISCIPLINE

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

ARTICLE XI — MINISTERS

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE XII — AMENDMENTS

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

BY-LAWS

1. Each session of this association shall be called to order by the Moderator and opened with prayer. Each session shall be closed with prayer.

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

(A) The Moderator shall be the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

(B) He shall see that all the action taken by this body is carried out, unless otherwise delegated by the Association.

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

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

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

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

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING—HICKORY GROVE—JAN. 3, 1976—10 A.M.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING—MARVIN CHAPEL—APRIL 3, 1976—10 A.M.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING — SALEM — JULY 3, 1976 — 10 A.M.

ANNUAL MEETING — CHRISTIAN HOME—

FRIDAY NIGHT, OCTOBER 1, 1976 — 7:30 P. M.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1976 — 10:00 A. M.
