

**MINUTES**  
OF THE  
**82nd ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**

HELD WITH  
**Damascus**  
**Free Will Baptist Church**

**MARIANNA, FLORIDA 32446**

**1977**

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**OFFICERS**

Bro. Herbert L. Padgett ..... Moderator  
Route 1, Box 651, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. Buford Pierce, ..... Vice Moderator  
Route 1, Box 115, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Ruby C. Pelt ..... Clerk-Treasurer  
Route 1, Box 254, Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 4, Box 641-A, Marianna, Fla. 32446 -- 1978  
Rev. Charles Powell, Rt. 1, Box 1, Marianna, Fla. 32446 ----- 1979  
Bro. Olin Rehberg, Rt. 4, Box 612, Marianna, Fla. 32446 ----- 1980

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

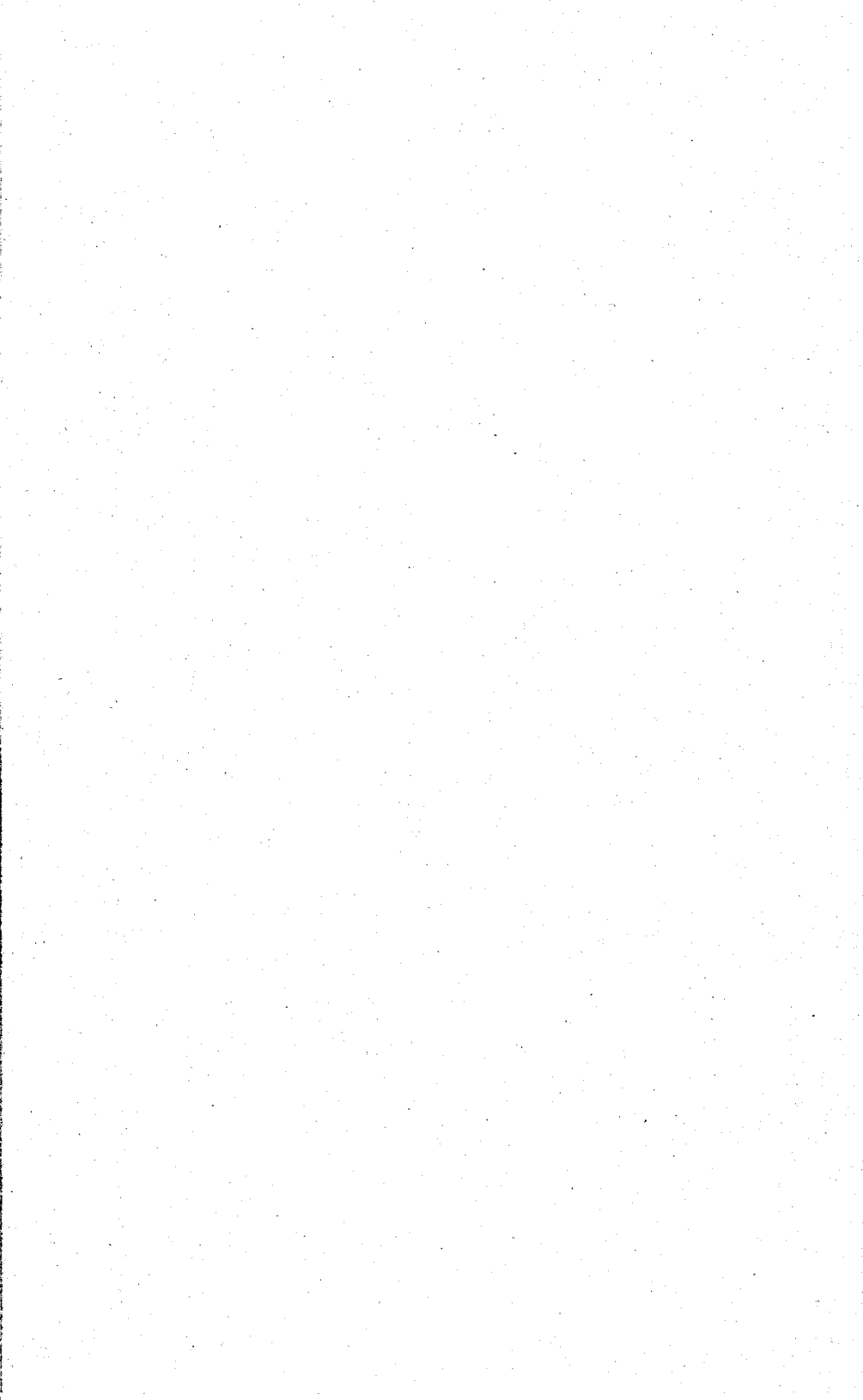
Rev. James Pelt, P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424 ----- 1978  
Rev. J. J. Scott, P.O. Box 115, Brinson, Ga. 31725 ----- 1979  
Rev. W. E. George, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 ----- 1980

**MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION**

Bro. Willie Sellers, Rt. 3, Marianna, Fla. 32446 ----- 1978  
Bro. Doyle Miller ..... 1978  
Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla. 32421 ..... 1981  
Bro. Edward Baxter, Sneads, Fla. 32460 .....

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

Bro. Mack Glass ..... 1978  
Rev. C. A. Williams, P.O. Box 215, Sneads, Fla. 32460 ----- 1979  
Bro. Doyle Watford, ..... 1980



## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Malone Church  
January 1, 1977

Salem F.W.B. Association met with Malone FWB Church January 1, 1977.

Song service led by Rev. Buford Pierce. "O Worship the King."

Prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott.

"Jesus Will Walk With Me", "Sunlight."

Devotion By Rev. Arnold Woodlief. Scripture Matt. 16:24.

"Follow Christ in Living and Expressing Truth."

Welcome by Rev. Odis Whitehead, Host Pastor.

Body declared in order for business by Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator.

MSC to accept partial report of Credentials Committee.

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

Appointed delegates recognized.

MSC that the delegates be seated.

Reports called for: Youth Rally report given by Bro. Gene Gilbert.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. Bill George.

Song service again led by Rev. Buford Pierce. "He Lives", "Send the Light."

Prayer by Bro. Ed Evans.

"At the Cross."

Offering.

"Victory in Jesus."

Morning speaker, Rev. Charles Powell, was introduced by Rev. Buford Pierce.

Scripture Ezek. 3:17-18.

"I Surrender All."

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Olen Rheberg.

Devotion by Rev. Chester Huckaby. Scripture Hosea 10:12.  
"Time to seek the Lord, Time to awaken, Time to warn the sinner,  
Time to do the Lord's work, Time to pray.

Body called to order for business.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee:  
17 Pastors, 13 Churches, 13 Deacons, 30 Delegates, 31 Visitors.

MSC that Rev. Charles Powell serve on the Ordaining Council  
to fill Rev. J. B. Lovering's unexpired term.

MSC to accept the Financial Committee's report given by  
Audrey Eiland for Marvin Chapel Church.

MSC that a committee be appointed to set up memorial services  
for Rev. J. B. Lovering at our April quarterly meeting  
at Sneads.

The following committee was appointed: Bro. Clyde Holloway,  
Bro. George Hatcher, Rev. Buford Pierce, Rev. Chester Huckaby,  
Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

MSC that a rising vote of thanks be given to Malone Church  
for the enjoyable day.

Announcements.

Suggestion that January 9th be a day of prayer for President  
elect Jimmy Carter.

MSC that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Bro. Gene Gilbert.

JANUARY 1, 1977

CHURCHES	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER ANNUAT.	BIBLE COLLEGE	PAYNE ACCT.	SPECIAL OFFERING	SUNNY HILLS	SALEM BIBLE C.	TOTAL
ABE SPRINGS												
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00						100.00				140.00
COTTONDALE		32.00										32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	30.96											30.96
DAMASCUS	202.00	10.00										212.00
GAP POND												
HICKORY GROVE		25.00						30.00		55.00		110.00
HOLLY GROVE	593.73	20.00										613.73
LOVEWOOD												
MALONE	175.47	15.00						175.47				365.94
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00										75.00
MIDWAY		1.00			2.00	5.00					2.00	10.00
NEW HOPE		10.00										10.00
PINE GROVE		10.00										10.00
SALEM		10.00		97.00	97.00	97.00	97.00					398.00
SNEADS	20.00	3.00										23.00
TRAVELERS REST	139.78	10.00						19.38				169.16
SPECIAL OFFERING									47.66			47.66
TOTAL	1221.94	201.00		97.00	99.00	102.00	97.00	324.85	47.66	55.00	2.00	2247.45

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

Sneads Church  
April 2, 1977

Salem F.W.B. Association met April 2, 1977 with Sneads FWB Church.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. "At Calvary."

Prayer by Rev. Carey Williams.

"Amazing Grace", "He Lives."

Morning devotion by Bro. Herbert Padgett. Scripture: Phil.

3:8-14.

Welcome by Rev. Carey Williams, Host Pastor.

Visitors from other Associations recognized.

Partial report from Credentials Committee given.

MSC that the report be accepted.

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

Appointed delegates recognized.

MSC that the appointed delegates be seated.

Old business called for. There was no old business.

New business called for. There was no new business.

Dismissed for recess by Rev. James Pelt.

Song service again led by Rev. James Pelt. "He Lives on High."

Prayer by Rev. Charles Powell.

"Christ Arose."

Offertory prayer by Rev. Carey Williams.

"Old Rugged Cross."

Morning speaker, Rev. Bill George, was introduced by Rev. James Pelt.

Scripture: Luke 5:1-11, John 6:7-9, 21:3-6. Text: "Jesus Christ, the Christ of the Crises."

Dismissed for the lunch hour by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

A Memorial service was held for Rev. J. B. Lovering.

Rev. Buford Pierce led the congregation in singing, "Have Faith in God."

Bro. J. D. King, deacon of Rev. J. B. Lovering's Church, read Isaiah 26, made some remarks and led in prayer.

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

Rev. Pelt also led in a beautiful memorial using the following scriptures: John 11:25-26, Psalm 23 and Rev. 21:1-7.

Prayer of dedication by Rev. Carey Williams.

Body declared in order for business.

MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee which gave the following information: 16 Churches, 41 Delegates, 16 Deacons, 9 Pastors, 39 Visitors.

MSC to accept the Financial report given by Marvin Chapel Church.

Ordaining Council recommended that Rev. Willie Dawson be received into our Association.

MSC that he be received.

Rev. Dennis Owen reported that he was resigning as Missionary to Sunny Hills with the hopes of going to Brazil as a Missionary.

Rev. Buford Pierce gave a report on the Youth Camp.

MSC that we give Sneads Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Buford Pierce.

APRIL 2, 1977

CHURCHES	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER ANNUAT	BIBLE COLLEGE	PAYNE ACCT.	SPECIAL OFFERING	SUNNY HILLS	GEN. FUND.	TOTAL
ABE SPRINGS												
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00						100.00		150.00		290.00
COTTONDALE		32.00										32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	74.53	6.00										80.53
DAMASCUS	158.38	15.00									25.00	198.38
GAP POND												
HICKORY GROVE		25.00						30.00		50.00		105.00
HOLLY GROVE	563.03	20.00										583.03
LOVEWOOD	33.40	10.00										43.40
MALONE	180.04	15.00								180.04		375.08
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00										75.00
MIDWAY	2.00	2.00			2.00	2.00						8.00
NEW HOPE		10.00										10.00
PINE GROVE		10.00										10.00
SALEM		10.00		102.75	102.75	102.75	102.75					421.00
SNEADS	20.00	15.00										35.00
TRAVELERS REST	150.27	10.00						42.96				203.23
SPECIAL OFFERING									92.65			92.65
TOTAL	1241.65	235.00		102.75	104.75	104.75	102.75	172.96	92.65	380.04	25.00	2562.30

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Traveler's Rest Church  
July 2, 1977

Travelers Rest FWB Church hosted the Salem FWB Association on July 2, 1977.

Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. "Love Lifted Me."

Welcome by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

"There Shall Be Showers of Blessings."

Response by Bro. Herbert Padgett.

Devotion by Rev. John Meredith, Pastor of Cottdale Church.

He used the following scripture: Rev. 21:3-7, John 14:3, I Thes. 4:16.

MSC to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee.

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

Appointed delegates recognized.

MSC that they be seated.

Bro. Herbert Padgett called for a testimony service.

Business called for.

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave an oral report on Sunny Hills Mission. His report gave the following information: Gap Pond Church will serve as a Pulpit Committee in getting another Missionary for Sunny Hills Mission and that they did have a person in mind for the work. This person will speak on July 17th at 2:00 P.M. at Holly Grove Church. All churches were urged to attend.

Rev. Buford Pierce gave a report on Florida State Home Mission, a very encouraging report on the work in Tallahassee and Daytona Beach.

Rev. Chester Huckaby expressed his wish to see Salem Association support a Missionary full time.

Recess.

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt. "O Worship the King."  
Prayer by Rev. Bill George.

"The Church's One Foundation", "Rock of Ages."

Offertory prayer by Rev. Charles Powell.

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

Morning speaker, Rev. Buford Pierce, Pastor of Marvin Chapel Church, was introduced by Rev. James Pelt.

Scripture: Eph. 5:18-32. Text: "The Glorious Church."

1. A Loving Church Acts. 4:32
2. Evangelistic Eph. 3:8
3. Missionary Church Prov. 29:18
4. A Believing Church Acts 2:1-2
5. A Holy Church Eph. 1:4 Rev. 12:13
6. A Waiting Church Titus 2:13

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. James Pelt.

Rev. James Pelt again led in singing. "Send a Great Revival."

Prayer by Rev. John Meredith.

"Have Faith in God."

Special, "America" by Rev. James Pelt.

Afternoon devotion by Rev. Odis Whitehead. Scripture: Prov. 16:32. Text: "Self Control is Pleasing to God."

MSC to accept the final report of Credentials Committee which gave the following: 12 Churches, 10 Deacons, 7 Pastors, 3 Delegates and 27 Visitors.

MSC to accept the Financial Committee report.

Rev. Buford Pierce gave a report on the Evangelistic Crusade which will be held at the National Guard Armory beginning October 24, 1977.

Announcements called for.

MSC that a rising vote of thanks be given Travelers Rest Church.

Dismissed by Rev. Thomas Adams.



JULY 2, 1977

CHURCHES	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER ANNUAT.	BIBLE COLLEGE	PAYNE ACCT.	SPECIAL OFFERING	SUNNY HILLS	TOTAL
ABE SPRINGS											
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00						100.00		150.00	290.00
COTTONDALE		32.00									32.00
CYPRESS CREEK											
DAMASCUS	109.50	15.00									124.50
GAP POND											
HICKORY GROVE		30.00						25.00			55.00
HOLLY GROVE	575.51	10.00									585.51
LOVEWOOD											
MALONE	169.70	15.00						169.70			354.40
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00									75.00
MIDWAY	2.00	2.00			2.00						8.00
NEW HOPE		10.00									10.00
PINE GROVE		10.00									10.00
SALEM		10.00		110.50	110.50	110.50					452.00
SNEADS	301.00	30.00									332.00
TRAVELERS REST	184.88	10.00						66.72			261.60
SPECIAL OFFERING									58.41		58.41
TOTAL	1413.59	219.00		110.50	112.50	110.50		361.42	58.41		2648.42

## ANNUAL MEETING

Damascus Church

Friday Night, September 30, 1977, 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, October 1, 1977 - 10:00 A.M.

Salem Free Will Baptist Association met September 30, 1977 with Damascus F.W.B. Church.

The song service was led by Rev. Buford Pierce. The song "Sunlight" was followed by prayer by Rev. Chester Huckaby. Singing continued by Rev. Pierce leading the group in "Victory in Jesus" and "Jesus Will Walk With Me."

A welcome was extended by Rev. Odis Whitehead, the Host Pastor.

The Moderator, Bro. Herbert Padgett, gave a response.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee stated that 11 deacons, 30 visitors, 30 delegates and 9 ministers were present.

MSC that this partial report be accepted as read.

Call for Committee reports.

MSC to accept the Temperance report given by Salem Church.

MSC to accept the Treasurer's Report.

The Moderator recognized all standing delegates and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates.

MSC that the elected delegates be recognized and be seated.

MSC to accept the committee's report on Auxiliaries by Hickory Grove, and presented by Sister Miranda Ditty.

MSC to accept the report of the Committee on Committees prepared by Cottondale Church and given by Sister Addison.

Rev. Walter Baxley and Rev. Thomas Kirkland were recognized as new pastors in the Association, and Mrs. Kirkland was also recognized.

The congregation joined in singing "O Worship the King" and "Brethren We Have Met to Worship."

The evening message was by Rev. Bill George from the Scripture, Acts 1:3-14 and 2:37-47. His message based on what a church needs, stressed "the Gospel of Christ to preach, people and the power of Prayer."

Dismissed by Rev. Buford Pierce.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION - October 1, 1977

Salem Association again convened with the Damascus Church. Song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. "To God be the Glory."

Prayer by Rev. Odis Whitehead, followed by the congregation singing "Send a Great Revival" and "I Will Sing a Wonderful Story."

Morning devotion by Rev. Thomas Adams, Pastor of Piney Grove Church. He used Romans 12:12 and John 13:15 to talk on the three duties of life; salvation, acceptance of God's will and giving.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. They reported 20 pastors, 20 deacons, 38 delegates, 59 visitors and 15 churches. MSC to accept the report as given.

Body declared in order for business by Bro. Herbert L. Padgett, Moderator.

Recognized standing delegates.

Recognized elected delegates.

MSC that the delegates be seated.

Stewardship Committee report given by Rev. Charles Powell for Holly Grove Church. MSC that the report be accepted as read.

Report on Youth Rally given by Bro. Gene Gilbert. MSC that the report be accepted as read.

Oral report of Men's Fellowship Meetings was given and accepted.

Representatives from visiting associations were recognized. Report on Salem F.W.B. College was given by Bro. Johnson. Dismissed for recess by Rev. James Pelt.

Song service again led by Rev. James Pelt using "He Leadeth Me."

Prayer by Rev. Buford Pierce. Offering.

"There is a Name I Love to Hear." Rev. James Pelt sang a special, "Amazing Grace."

Speaker of morning message introduced by Rev. Bill George.

Morning message by Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Pastor of Hickory Grove Church. Based on the Scripture, II Samuel 19:9,10 and Luke 19:21-25. He outlined three areas that we need to return to the King; government, home and church.

Song, "Blessed Assurance."

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Charles Powell.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service led by Rev. James Pelt. "The Lily of the Valley."

Devotion by Rev. Wayne Morrison, Pastor of Sunny Hills Mission. Based on Romans 1:1-19. He cited why Paul was such a great man; he was separated, serving and was sure of his salvation.

Final report of Credentials Committee given. MSC that the report be accepted as read.

Report of Mission Board given by Bro. Edward Baxter. MSC that this report be accepted as given.

Committee on Christian Education was given by Rev. Wayne Baxley for Malone Church. MAC that this report be accepted as read.

Obituary Committee report given by Rev. James Pelt for Christian Home Church. MSC that this report be accepted as given.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland and Rev. Walter Baxley were extended the right hand of christian fellowship and welcomed into Salem Association.

A moment of silent prayer in memory of the departed members of our group.

Finance Committee report given by Sister Audrey Eiland for Marvin Chapel Church. MSC that this report be accepted as given.

MSC that we reinstate the roll of ordained and licensed pastors in the minutes.

MSC that we give a rising vote of thanks to Damascus Church for the hospitality we enjoyed.

Report of the Nominating Committee given by Bro. Edward Baxter for Sneads Church. After some clarification and there being no nominations from the floor, the report was accepted and carried.

MSC that the Association go on record as showing their appreciation for Mrs. Lillian Rodger's service as clerk.

Announcements.

MSC that we adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Bill George.

SEPTEMBER 30 - OCTOBER 1, 1977

CHURCHES	CO-OP	ASSOC. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN'S HOME	BIBLE COLLEGE	SUPER- ANNUAT	PAYNE ACCT.	SUNNY HILLS	SPECIAL OFFERING	TOTAL
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00						100.00			140.00
COTTONDALE		32.00									32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	107.04	6.00									113.04
DAMASCUS	107.76	15.00									122.76
HICKORY GROVE		25.00						30.00	50.00		105.00
HOLLY GROVE	483.62	15.00									498.62
LOVEWOOD	24.32	15.00									39.32
MALONE	172.95	15.00							172.95		360.90
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00									75.00
MIDWAY		10.00									10.00
NEW HOPE		10.00									10.00
PINE GROVE		10.00									10.00
SALEM		10.00		113.25	113.25	113.25	113.25				463.00
SNEADS	322.00	30.00									352.00
TRAVELER'S REST	169.96	25.00						64.29			259.25
SPECIAL OFFERING										83.05	83.05
TOTAL	1447.65	173.00		113.25	113.25	113.25	113.25	194.29	222.95	83.05	2673.94

# TREASURER'S REPORT

Brought Forward ----- \$ 205.40

## RECEIVED:

October 1-2, 1976 -----	2,438.89
January 1, 1977 -----	2,247.45
January 21, 1977 (Check for Sunny Hills) -----	30.00
April 2, 1977 -----	2,562.30
April 2, 1977 (Check for Sunny Hills) -----	30.96
May 15, 1977 -----	42.26
July 2, 1977 -----	2,648.42
July 22, 1977 ---- (Co-Op) -----	76.15
<b>Total Received -----</b>	<b>10,076.43</b>

## PAID OUT:

10-2-76 Lillian Rodgers (Clerk Fee) -----	50.00	
10-2-76 Herbert L. Padgett (Mod. Fee) ---	50.00	
10-4-76 Sunny Hills -----	487.92	
10-4-76 Ernest Owen, State Treas.		
Co-Op Program -----	1133.96	
Foreign Missions -----	97.00	
Children's Home -----	97.00	
Superannuation -----	97.00	
Bible College -----	97.00	
Paynes Account -----	150.09	1672.05
10-21-76 State Association		
(Delegates) -----		48.00
1-7-77 Ernest Owen:		
Co-Op Program -----	1190.98	
Foreign Missions -----	97.00	
Children's Home -----	97.00	
Superannuation -----	97.00	
Bible College -----	97.00	
Paynes Account -----	324.85	
Sunny Hills -----	55.00	
Salem College -----	2.00	1960.83
1-21-77 Sunny Hills Mission ---		30.00
4-2-77 Evans Printing Service		
Minutes - -----		200.00
4-7-77 Ernest Owen:		
Co-Op Program -----	1241.65	
Foreign Missions -----	102.75	
Children's Home -----	104.75	
Superannuation -----	104.75	
Bible College -----	102.75	
Paynes Account -----	172.96	1829.61
4-7-77 Sunny Hills Mission ---		308.04
7-6-77 Ernest Owen:		
Co-Op Program -----	1413.59	
Foreign Missions -----	110.50	
Children's Home -----	112.50	
Superannuation -----	112.50	
Bible College -----	110.50	
Paynes Account -----	361.42	
Sunny Hills Mission ---	150.00	2371.01
<b>Total Paid Out -----</b>		<b>9079.01</b>

Received -----	10,076.43
Paid Out -----	9,079.46
Difference -----	996.97
Brought Forward -----	205.40
Carried Forward -----	1,202.37

Herbert L. Padgett -- (Moderator Fee) -- \$	50.00
Lillian S. Rodgers -- (Clerk Fee) -----	50.00
New Clerk to close out account -----	1105.45

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Rec. Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. Letter	Membership	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist	Cooperate Program
CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. J. C. Pelt Rt. 1, Box 431 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Mrs. Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla. 32424	5	6	1	3	192	6,460.00	371.86	
COTTONDALE	Rev. John Meredith Route Graceville, Fla. 32440	Jack E. Glass Rt. 4, Box 832 Marianna, Fla. 32446	2	2	0	4	41	2,080.00	110.00	128.00
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. Willie Dawson Havana, Fla.	J. W. Dilmore Route 4 Marianna, Fla. 32446		2	1		52	1,320.00	125.00	330.94
DAMASCUS	Rev. Odis Whitehead Route 4, Box 640-A Marianna, Fla. 32446	Herbert L. Padgett Route 1, Box 651 Marianna, Fla. 32446	2	11	0	6	79	3,230.00		712.88
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. Thomas Kirkland Ashford, Ala.	Mildred Ditty Route 1, Box 121 Bascom, Fla. 32423	1	4	1	1	95	2,990.00	325.00	
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. Charles Powell Route 1, Box 1 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Clarice Boyette Route 1, Box 773 Marianna, Fla. 32446	12	6	0	10	209	7,155.00	275.00	2,215.89
LOVEWOOD	Rev. Arthur Isaac Route 2, Box 159 Graceville, Fla. 32440	Mrs. Merle Davis Route 1, Box 28 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	0	6	2	0	63	729.68	128.77	24.32
MALONE	Rev. Walter Baxley Route 2 Columbia, Ala.	Helen Watford 1108 College St. Graceville, Fla. 32440	3	5	3	8	87	6,310.00	285.00	765.63
MARVIN CHAPEL	Rev. Buford A. Pierce Route 1, Box 116 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Audrey Eiland Route 5, Box 40 Marianna, Fla. 32446	5	5	2	4	157	8,275.00	200.00	240.00
MIDWAY	Rev. J. W. Roberts Route Sneads, Fla. 32460	Mrs. Willa D. Roberts Route 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla. 32460	1	0	0	0	10	92.20		
NEW HOPE	Rev. J. J. Scott P. O. Box 115 Brittson, Ga. 31725	Lena Green Route 2, Box 215 Bascom, Fla. 32423	2	3	0	0	72	3,642.50	175.00	
PINE GROVE	Rev. Thomas E. Adams Rt. 1, Box 142A Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Elna N. Adams Route 1, Box 142A Blountstown, Fla. 32424	6	5	0	5	50	1,360.00	200.00	
SALEM	Rev. W. E. George Route 1 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mildred C. Phillips Route 1, Box 210 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	3	1	1	1	97	7,920.00	450.00	
SNEADS	Rev. C. A. Williams P. O. Box 215 Sneads, Fla. 32460	Frances C. Cloud P. O. Box 297 Sneads, Fla. 32460	3	0	2	3	73	5,200.00	300.00	
TRAVELERS REST	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Route 1, Box 212A Altha, Fla. 32421	Mrs. Charlie Grantham Route 1, Box 197 Altha, Fla. 32421	1	5	2	3		3,002.00	110.00	689.89
TOTAL			46	51	15	45	1,277	59,786.38	3,055.63	5,107.55

# TICAL REPORT

Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Super-annuation	Education	Payne Account	Sunny Hills	Assn. Purpose	Total	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
600.00	400.00	409.13		240.00	400.00	300.00	160.00	9,340.99	75,000.00	15,000.00
		33.00					128.00	4,340.99	35,000.00	6,000.00
							12.00	1,787.94	10,000.00	
		100.00					80.00	4,122.88		
232.00	620.00	160.00		180.00	115.00	155.00	90.00	4,807.00		
600.00							65.00	10,310.89		
							25.00	907.77	10,000.00	
682.82	357.81			120.00	345.17	352.99	60.00	9,279.42	55,000.00	
583.75	294.00	111.00		162.71			60.00	9,926.46	50,000.00	14,000.00
12.00	12.00	4.00	4.00				15.00	139.20	2,000.00	
48.20							40.00	3,905.70	10,000.00	
							40.00	1,600.00		
376.00	507.25	592.25	407.25	577.25			40.00	10,870.00	17,500.00	
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### ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. James C. Pelt, P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424  
Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 4, Box 641-A, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. Charles Powell, Rt. 1, Box 1, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. Harvey Ross  
Rev. Buford Pierce, Rt. 1, Box 115, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. James W. Roberts  
Rev. J. J. Scott, P.O. Box 115, Brinson, Ga. 31725  
Rev. Thomas Adams, Rt. 1, Box 142-A, Blountstown, Fla. 32424  
Rev. W. E. George, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla. 32425  
Rev. C. A. Williams, P.O. Box 215, Sneads, Fla. 32460  
Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rt. 1, Box 212A, Altha, Fla. 32421  
Rev. J. E. Nichols  
Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Ashford, Ala.  
Rev. Walter Baxley, Rt. 2, Columbia, Ala.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

John Meredith, Route, Graceville, Fla.  
Coley Baxter

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### MEN'S FELLOWSHIP REPORT

Men's Fellowship meets every 3rd Saturday night of each month. Mostly the attendance consists of pastors and deacons with an average attendance of 28. They sponsor a Men's Fellowship Hour on WTOT every Sunday morning from 8:10 until 8:35.

New officers for the year are:

President -----	Bro. Wilson Grant
Vice President -----	Bro. W. W. Eiland
Secretary/Treasurer -----	Bro. Mac Glass

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Officers: Bro. Herbert Padgett ----- Moderator  
Rev. Buford Pierce ----- Vice Moderator  
Ruby C. Pelt ----- Clerk-Treasurer

Bro. Olin Rehberg re-elected to the Executive Board.

Rev. Bill George elected to the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Edward Baxter elected to the Mission Board.

Bro. Doyle Watford elected to the Christian Education Board.

Places of meetings in 1978:

First Quarterly Meeting -----	Salem Church
Second Quarterly Meeting -----	New Hope Church
Third Quarterly Meeting -----	Malone Church
Annual Meeting -----	Christian Home Church

FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH OF SNEADS

#### REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Education Committee strongly recommends that each church in this Association support the SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE prayerfully and financially as the Lord leads.

Respectfully submitted,  
Malone F.W.B. Church



### REPORT OF SALEM YOUTH MEETING

The Youth Rally meets the first Saturday night of each month at 7:00 PM at different churches. We urge you to attend the meetings, as the youth of our Association needs you to be involved in this program.

New officers for the year are:

President -----	Gene Gilbert
Vice President -----	Perry Rehberg
Secretary/Treasurer -----	Kathy Mayo
Advisor -----	Herbert Isler

Respectfully submitted  
Gene Gilbert

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Committee on Temperance submit the following report:  
It says in Proverbs 23:20-21 "Be not among winebibbers, among riotous eaters of flesh. For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; and drowsiness shall clothe a man with rags," also in Proverbs 20:1 "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging; and whoever is deceived thereby is not wise." It is our firm belief that the Bible teaches total abstinence from any and all uses of alcoholic beverages, and wish to encourage all people to such belief insomuch that it is Biblical as well as a Free Will Baptist teaching. We live in a world of temptations, 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." Proverbs 16:7.

Respectfully submitted,  
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

### SALEM ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board met five times during the year, at the Sneads Church, at the Panama City Church, at Gap Pond Church, at Holly Grove Church and at this Associational meeting.

Several of these meetings was in joint meetings with the West Florida Liberty Association Mission Board.

After meeting and interviewing Rev. Wayne Morrison who is a graduate of Free Will Baptist Bible College and a native of Detroit, Michigan, the Salem and West Florida Liberty Mission Boards approved him as the Missionary to Sunny Hills, Florida and approved his support for one year to be approved or considered again in the Fall of 1978. We also asked that each Church in both the Salem and West Florida Liberty Associations invite him to visit during the Fall of 1977.

We also ask the churches to cooperate with the Mission Board in supporting this Missionary in Sunny Hills during the next Associational year by either placing it in their budget or by receiving a Free Will Offering each month, therefore giving those members who so desire to contribute to this worthy cause an opportunity to do so through their church.

We also recommend that we again make plans for an Annual Mission Conference each Spring as we once did in the Salem Association in the Spring of each year, planned and sponsored by the Mission Board.

Hereby respectfully submitted by your Mission Board,  
Willie Sellers  
Chester A. Huckaby  
Edward Baxter  
Doyle Miller

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Auxiliaries -----	Malone Church
Christian Education -----	Travelers Rest Church
Committee on Committees -----	Lovewood Church
Finance -----	Holly Grove Church
Nominations -----	Salem Church
Obituary -----	Cottondale Church
Resolutions -----	Sneads Church
Stewardship -----	Christian Home Church
Temperance -----	Damascus Church
	Cottondale F.W.B Church

## REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Christ's earnestness is His parable on stewardship should make us shudder when we think of His judgment upon those who waste their opportunities to be good stewards.

We are all aware of Christ's emphasis on the use of our talents and God's financial plan for the support of His work, but woven through the pages of God's Holy Word is the most precious gift of God's love.....OUR TIME.

Many thousands of Free Will Baptist excel in using not only their time but God's in pursuing their own selfish motives with little concern for the Will of God.

Christ's return is imminent and may He find His servants spending their time praying, studying scriptures, and being faithful in church attendance.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holly Grove FWB Church

## COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES REPORT

The auxiliaries of the church are very essential and are the life and growth of the church. We put the Sunday School first on the list. We must begin at an early age to instill into the minds of our children the teachings of the Bible if we hope for them to become Christians and carry on the work of the church in the future. If we fail to train and do something for our youth we will soon lose them to other denominations. Adults should set the example and be there to study and learn more about the teachings of God's Word, the Bible. The other auxiliaries are important and each member should take his or her responsibility of supporting the entire program of the church.

I Cor. Chapter 12 compares the church to the human body. All do not have the same gifts and responsibilities, but when one member fails to do his or her part it affects the whole church. Therefore, let us all, each one work and take our part of the responsibility to help make our church what it ought to be.

Respectfully Submitted,  
HICKORY GROVE CHURCH

## REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituaries, report that the following have been called from our midst to be with the Lord:

Christian Home - Bro. Rufus Lee.

Hickory Grove - Rev. J. B. Lovering, Bro. James Johnson,  
Mrs. Ada Hasty Robinson.

Lovewood - Sister Delia Justice.

Malone - Sister Thelma Grondin, Bro. Howard Bush,  
Sister Clarie Long.

Marvin Chapel - Bro. Cary J. Pelt, Bro. Charles E. Day, Sr.

Salem - Sister Estelle Barnes

Sneads - Bro. Grove Howell, Bro. Green B. Scott.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christian Home Church

### MR. RUFUS LEE

On December 25, 1976, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother, Rufus Lee, unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens, where peace, joy, and happiness will be his reward.

Brother Rufus was a most devout, faithful member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church and had been for many years since he accepted Christ in 1962. He was loyal in all his undertakings and his life was a noble example of Christian living. He leaves to his family and friends the memory of a beautiful Christian life of love, service, and devotion. He will be missed by his family, church, loved ones, and friends.

He is survived by two sons, one daughter, 2 sisters, and a host of other relatives.

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

### BROTHER GREEN B. SCOTT

"Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." Bro. Scott having fulfilled this requirement, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy saw fit to call him to his eternal home on February 2, 1977, to a house not made with hands.

Bro. Scott gave his life to the Lord when he was a young man and has been a faithful servant ever since. He was a Charter member and a Senior Deacon of the Sneads Free Will Baptist Church. His life was one of service to his family, friends and to God and His Church. He was a faithful husband, a kind, loving father and a true friend. He will be greatly missed by his family, his church and the community.

He leaves to mourn: his wife, Maggie, 5 daughters, 6 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren and a host of friends and loved ones.

Funeral services were conducted at Sneads First Free Will Baptist Church with Rev. Harvey L. Henderson, Rev. D. W. Poole, and Rev. Cary Williams, and burial followed at Circle Hill Cemetery in the community where he was born and raised.

The memory Bro. Scott has left his friends and loved ones should be an inspiration and incentive for them to follow the Masters footsteps, also.

Respectfully submitted,  
First Free Will Baptist Church  
of Sneads

#### BROTHER CARY J. PELT

Our Heavenly Father in His infinite mercy saw fit to call from our midst Brother Cary J. Pelt on December 1, 1976.

In his passing the Church lost one of its oldest Deacons and the community one of its most beloved citizens. He was a faithful and active member until his health failed. He raised a large family and four of his sons become ministers in the Free Will Baptist movement.

He will be missed by his family and friends, but we bow in humble submission to God's Will. Funeral service was conducted at Marvin Chapel Church by the pastor, Rev. Buford A. Pierce. Burial followed in the Comerford-Pelt Cemetery.

#### BROTHER CHARLES E. DAY, SR.

God in His infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call Brother C. E. Day, Sr. to his eternal home. On October 3, 1976 he quietly slipped away to be with his Master.

He was converted and united with Marvin Chapel Church many years ago and worked faithfully in the Church in all its undertakings. His life was one of service to his family, his friends, his God and his Church. He served as a Sunday School Superintendent and as a deacon for many years. Because of his health he became inactive only three years before his passing.

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

#### SISTER DELIA JUSTICE

God called from our midst Mrs. Delia Justice on April 7, 1977. She had served the church faithfully since she joined until her health failed. She has been greatly missed. She is survived by one sister, Mrs. Allen Sapp of Tallahassee, Florida.

Lovewood F.W.B. Church

#### BROTHER GROVE HOWELL

God called from our midst Mr. Grove Howell on June 16, 1977. He was a faithful and active member of the First F.W.B. Church of Sneads until his health failed. He has been greatly missed. He is survived by two daughters and a host of friends.

**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 Free Will Baptists of Florida.

**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 Free Will Baptist Church conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination as set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and practices of the Free Will 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 session 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 delegates. Each church is asked to send five (\$5) dollars per delegate with a minimum of five (\$5) per church per quarterly meeting.

Each church is asked to send at least ten (10%) percent of its income to the Treasurer of the Salem Association quarterly for the Florida State Cooperative Program. All regular offerings will go into the general fund of the Salem Association.

The Moderator and Clerk shall each receive fifty (\$50) 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 member 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.

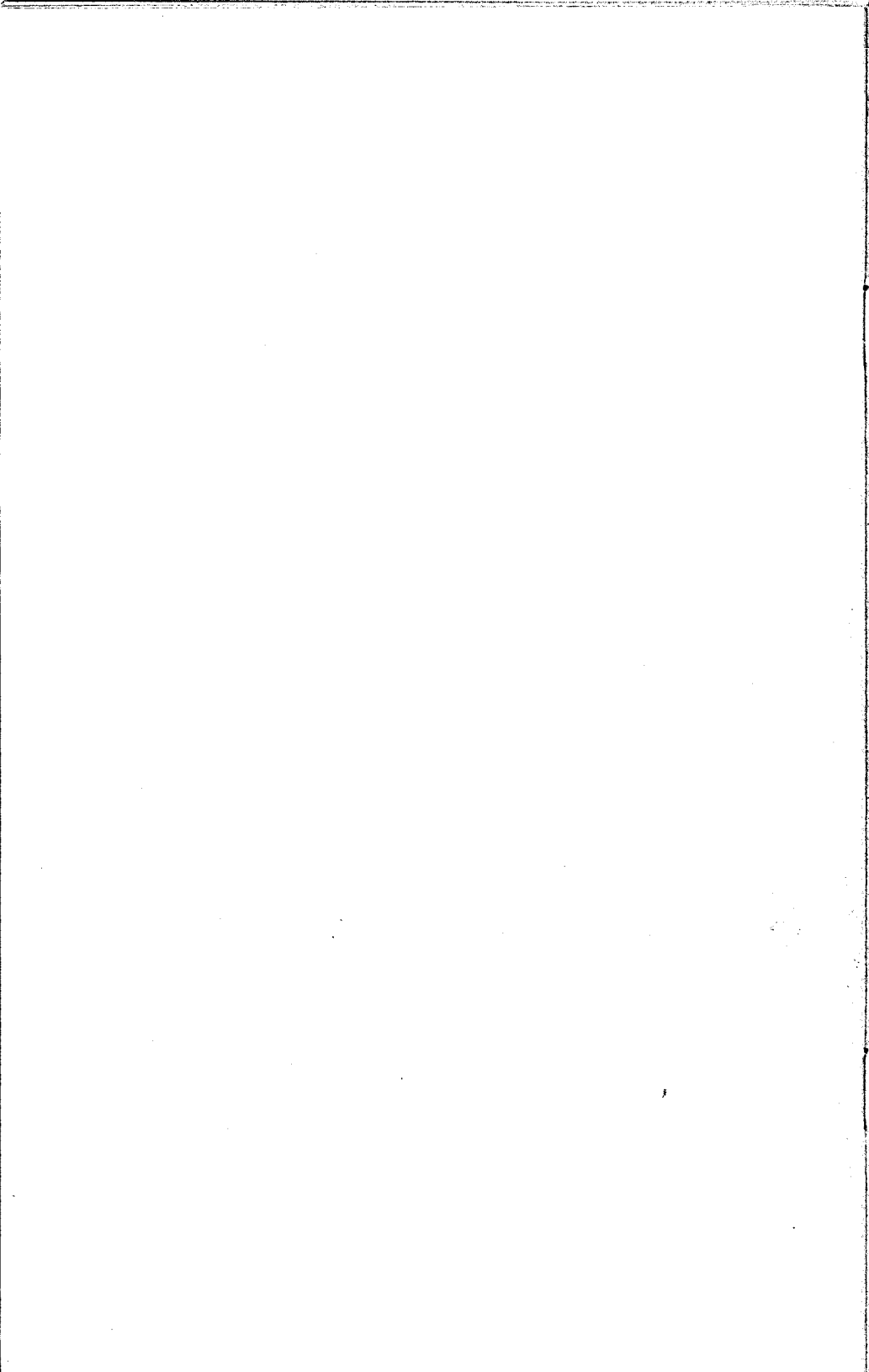
5. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to Parliamentary usage.

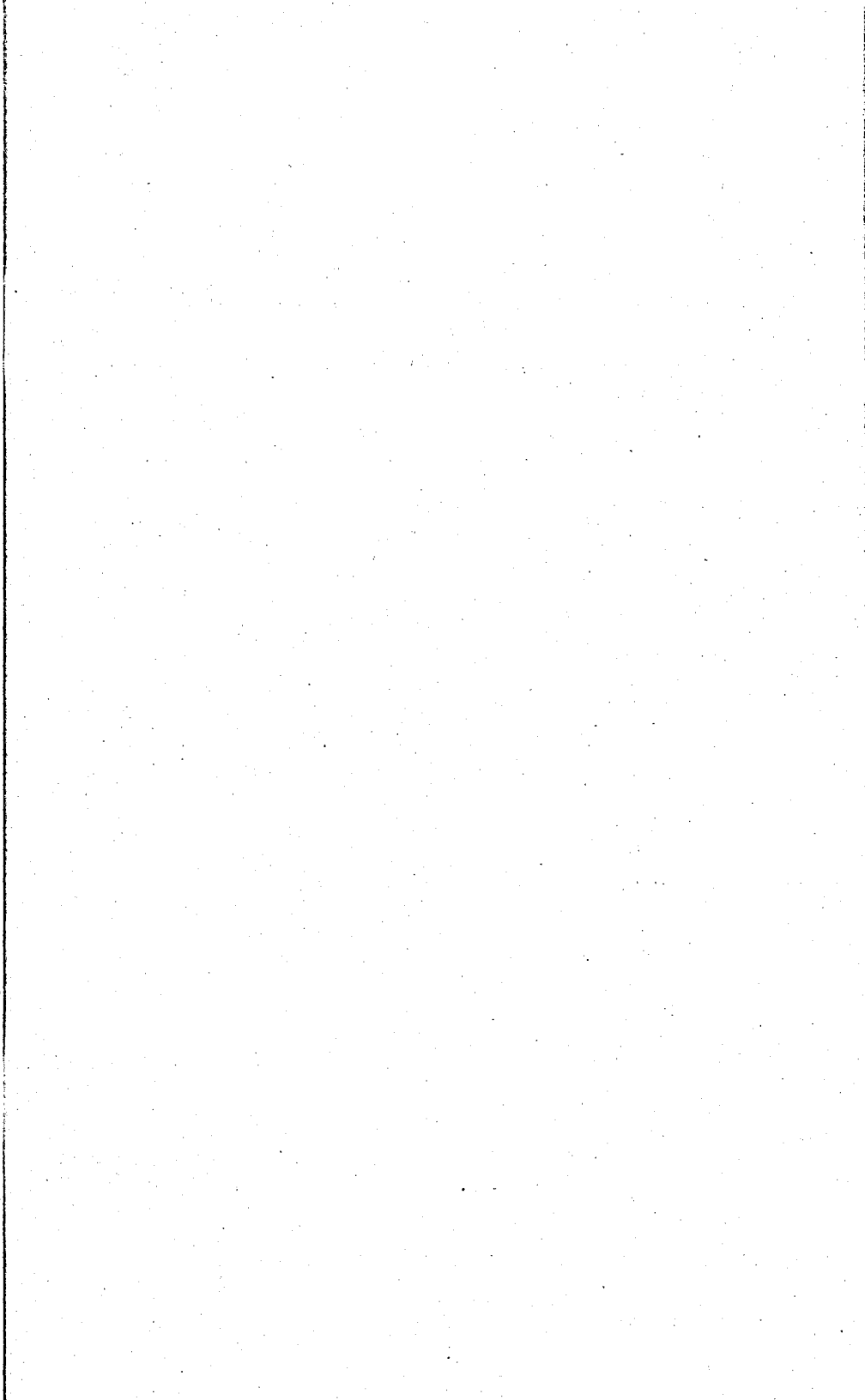
6. A member wishing to make a motion or to speak in conference shall first rise, address the moderator, and be recognized by him before proceeding. A member may second a motion without rising and addressing the Moderator.













FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING - - - - Salem Church  
January 1, 1978

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING - - - - New Hope Church  
April 1, 1978

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING - - - - Malone Church  
July 1, 1978

ANNUAL MEETING - - - - - Christian Home Church  
Friday night, 7:00 PM      October 6, 1978  
Saturday, 10:00 AM      October 7, 1978

