

MINUTES
OF THE
83rd ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
Christian Home
Free Will Baptist Church
BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA 32424

1978

OFFICERS

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Charles Powell, Rt. 1, Box 1, Marianna, Fla. 32466 . . . 1979
Bro. Olin Rehberg, Rt. 4, Box 612, Marianna, Fla. 32466 . . . 1980
Bro. Willie Sellers, Rt. 3, Marianna, Fla. 32466 1981

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 1, Box 58-A, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 . . . 1979
Rev. W. E. George, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 1980
Rev. James Pelt, P. O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424 . . . 1981

MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Bro. Doyle Miller 1979
Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla. 32421 1980
Bro. Edward Baxter, Sneads, Fla. 32460 1981
Rev. Gene Gilbert, Rt. 1, Box 606, Marianna, Fla. 32446 . . . 1982

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Doyle Miller 1979
Bro. Doyle Watford 1980
Bro. Coy Barnes 1981

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Salem Church
December 31, 1977

Song service was led by Rev. Buford Pierce. "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship." Prayer was led by Bro. Gene Gilbert. "Sunlight."

Devotion was given by Rev. C. A. Huckaby after he announced a Watch Night Service to be held at Traveler's Rest Church. He read Moses' prayer and answer from Exodus 33:12-17. His subject was "Presence of the Lord in 1978."

Rev. Bill George extended a welcome to the congregation from the host church.

The body was declared in order for business by Bro. Herbert Padgett, Moderator.

MSC to accept a partial report from the Credentials Committee.

The standing delegates were recognized and charged with the duty of seating the church appointed delegates.

The appointed delegates were recognized and MSC that they be seated.

Call for old business--none. Call for new business--none.

Call for reports. An oral report was given by Rev. Buford Pierce on State Home Missions. An oral report of the Crusade held in August was given by Rev. Buford Pierce. The Men's Fellowship is planning to sponsor another one in 1978. An oral report of the needs to carry out the plans of the Camp Committee in securing and installing a swimming pool was given. Rev. Thomas Kirkland announced plans for a Workshop Conference to be held at the First FWB Church in Dothan this spring. Pastors and church workers were urged to attend. Rev. Buford Pierce announced that a Salem Pastor's Prayer Breakfast would be held at 8:00 A.M., January 28, at the Nick Nack Nook in Marianna. Business session recessed for the worship service.

Song service was again led by Rev. Buford Pierce. "O Worship the King", "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" and "It Is Well With My Soul."

An offering was taken after prayer by Rev. Thomas Kirkland.

Special music rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Walter Baxley, entitled, "His Amazing Love."

The morning speaker was introduced by Bro. Herbert Padgett. Rev. Odis Whitehead read Luke 18:1 and spoke on the subject of "Prayer."

Song- "Teach Me to Pray."

Invitation to lunch was given by Rev. Bill George. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Thomas Kirkland.

Song service with the singing of "The Banner of the Cross" and "Joy Unspeakable." Prayer by Bro. Coy Barnes.

Devotion was by Rev. Walter Baxley using II Timothy 4:6-8.

Body called to order for business. MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee: 8 ministers, 12 deacons, 33 delegates, 34 visitors. MSC to accept Financial Committee's report prepared by Holly Grove Church. Announced the Salem Youth Rally to be held at Marvin Chapel Church at 7:00 P.M. January 7, 1978. MSC that a vote of appreciation be given Salem Church for its hospitality. MSC to adjourn.

Rev. Charles Powell dismissed by prayer.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
of the
SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
Held With
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
DECEMBER 31, 1977

Registration ----- 9:45 A.M.

Congregational Singing ----- 10:00 A.M.

Morning Devotion ----- Rev. Chester A. Huckaby

Body Called To Order For Business

Partial Report Credential Committee

Recognition of Standing Delegates

Recognition and Seating of Appointed Delegates

Business Session

Recess

Congregational Singing ----- 11:00 A.M.

Offering

Morning Message ----- Rev. Odis Whitehead

Lunch ----- Host Church

Congregational Singing ----- 1:00 P.M.

Afternoon Devotion ----- Rev. Walter Baxley

Body Called To Order For Business

Final Report Credential Committee

Business Session

Financial Report

Announcements

Adjourn

Oct. 1, 1977 Jan. 1, 1978	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER ANNUAT.	PAYNE ACCT.	SUNNY HILLS	SPECIAL OFFERING	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME		* 40.00		* 100.00				* 150.00		* 290.00
COTTONDALE	7.00	25.00 32.00								32.00
CYPRESS CREEK										
DAMASCUS	164.00	15.00								179.00
HICKORY GROVE		20.00					30.00			50.00
HOLLY GROVE	560.25	15.00								575.25
LOVEWOOD										
MALONE	491.48	15.00								506.48
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00								75.00
MIDWAY	2.00	2.00	1.00		2.00	3.00				10.00
NEW HOPE		10.00								10.00
PINE GROVE		* 10.00								* 10.00
SALEM	535.00	10.00								545.00
SNEADS	322.25	30.00								352.25
TRAVELER'S REST	184.63	25.00	4.00				54.67			268.30
SPECIAL OFFERING									40.75	40.75
TOTALS	2326.61	182.00 237.00	5.00	100.00	2.00	3.00	84.67	150.00	40.75	2944.03

* Was received after Quarterly Meeting.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

New Hope Church
April 1, 1978

Registration began at 9:45 A.M. The congregation was called to order with piano music at 10:00 A.M. The song service was led by Rev. Buford Pierce, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arm." Rev. Thomas was asked to lead in prayer, then the song service continued with "Victory in Jesus."

Devotion was given by Rev. Charles Powell from Proverbs 9:1-6. He focused on the good and evil forces at work in the world, and the fact that God has prepared and invited everyone to a bountiful table and a new home. However, the Devil calls to the same things through the world. Let our witness be to the true and sure things of God.

Rev. J.J. Scott extended a welcome to the congregation from the host church.

The body was called to order for business by the Moderator, Bro. Herbert Padgett. The standing delegates were recognized and charged with seating the appointed delegates. The appointed delegates were recognized and seated. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

MSC to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Moderator called for the letters to be brought to clerk and for a prayer by Rev. Bill George. Call for old business, testimony or announcements. Announced that the Ordination Council would meet at lunch. Rev. Buford Pierce reported on the progress at Camp Mount Pleasant, and that the next work day would be April 8, 1978. Business session was recessed for the worship hour with prayer by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. James Pelt using "Brethren, We Are Met to Worship." Rev. Thomas Kirkland led in prayer. Singing resumed with "Footsteps of Jesus" and "Our Best." The offertory prayer by Rev. C. Huckaby preceded the usual offering. The congregation sang "Revive Us Again" as requested by Rev. Walter Baxley. Special music, "Amazing Grace" was rendered by Rev. James Pelt who also introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Walter Baxley.

Rev. Baxley read I Thes. 5:16-28 and prayer for the service. He spoke to church members on the necessity of maintaining a rich prayer life, rejoicing and giving thanks for all things. Many things one should not do, but they are to prove all things and abstain from all appearance of evil, having the mind of Christ. Again Bro. Baxley prayed.

Invitation to lunch was given by Rev. J. J. Scott and the congregation was dismissed with prayer including grace for the food by Rev. James Pelt.

The congregation was called to order by piano music and Rev. James Pelt led in singing "Lord, Plant My Feet on Higher Ground." He led in prayer and led in singing "I Would Be True."

Based on I Thes. 4:13-18, Rev. Buford Pierce brought the devotion on the second coming of Christ. Today the call is to salvation, but in the future it will be to come up thither. Christ will come with a great sound, the trump of God and He himself will return bodily. Are we ready? Rev. Pierce led in prayer.

The Ordination Council took charge of the service for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Walter Baxley to the ministry and Bro.

Mack Glass as a deacon of Salem Church. Rev. James Pelt led in singing "Give of Your Best to the Master" and led in prayer. The Charge to the candidates were given by Rev. C. H. Pelt using I Cor. 1,2, Gal. 2:20 and II Tim. 4:1-5. In a prayer, Rev. Pelt prayed that they would "make full proof of their ministry."

Rev. J. J. Scott presented the Bibles. He read I Peter 2:20,21, stressed that the Bible was written by the power of the Holy Spirit and that it has life. He advised the candidates to study it, digest it and to live by it.

An opportunity was given for anyone who desired to question the candidates. There were none.

The prayer of dedication for the deacon was given by Rev. Bill George and Rev. C. H. Huckaby the prayer for the minister.

The congregation sang "He Lives", led by Rev. James Pelt and then the group was called to a short business session. MSC to accept the final report of the Credential Committee. MSC to accept the Finance Committee report. Motioned to give 250 dollars (\$250.00) to Camp Mount Pleasant. MSC to amend the motion by changing \$250 to \$1,000. MSC of amended original motion. MSC to extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church. Rev. Bill George announced a revival at Salem Church April 2-7, 1978. Announced the Youth Rally to be held at Traveler's Rest Church, 7:00 P.M. April 1, 1978. Announced a revival at Sneads Church, April 2-7, 1978. Announced that the North Florida Yearly Meeting will meet at Camp Mt. Pleasant on Saturday, April 29 at 9:45 A.M. Announced that the annual Camp Meeting will be held at Camp Mount Pleasant beginning on the 4th Sunday night in July. MSC to adjourn. Rev. C. A. Williams dismissed with prayer.

APRIL 1, 1978 ---- NEW HOPE

	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSION	FOREIGN MISSION	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER- ANNUAT.	PAYNE ACCT.	SUNNY HILLS	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00					100.00	150.00	290.00
COTTONDALE		32.00							32.00
CYPRESS CREEK									
DAMASCUS	365.21	15.00							380.21
HICKORY GROVE		20.00					30.00	15.00	65.00
HOLLY GROVE	541.12	15.00							556.12
LOVEWOOD	41.88	10.00							51.88
MALONE	377.06	15.00							392.06
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00							75.00
MIDWAY	2.00		2.00		2.00	4.00			10.00
NEW HOPE		10.00							10.00
PINE GROVE									
SALEM	530.00	10.00							540.00
SNEADS	330.00	15.00							345.00
TRAVELER'S REST	220.16	25.00					40.74		285.90
TOTALS	2467.43	222.00	2.00		2.00	4.00	170.74	165.00	3033.17
							OFFERING		47.97
									3081.14

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

Malone Church

July 1, 1978

Registration began at 9:45. At 10:00 O'clock congregational singing was led by Rev. James Pelt using "He Keeps Me Singing." Bro. Gene Gilbert led in prayer and the singing resumed with "Joy Unspeakable."

Morning devotion was given by Rev. Odis Whitehead using Psalm 1. He stressed that the worldly influence is strong, but that the Word gives right direction and power. The counsel of God is opposed to the counsel of the world, but promises a fruitful life. He closed with prayer.

All members and visitors were officially welcomed by Rev. Walter Baxley.

Bro. Padgett, the moderator, called the body to order for business. The standing delegates were recognized and charged with seating the elected delegates. The elected delegates were recognized. MSC that the elected delegates be seated with needed substitutions. Moderator called for old business or announcements. Rev. Huckaby announced that Rev. Hurst is now pastoring in Salem Association. Rev. Hurst was extended the right hand of Christian fellowship. MSC to accept a partial report of the Credential Committee. Rev. Buford Pierce reported on progress of some State Home Mission projects. Property has been deeded to the Daytona Mission by Deltona. Progress is being evidenced in the Gainesville work. He called for prayer by all concerned for the work and for more board members who are willing to work. Rev. Pierce reported good camp sessions, but financially may be in the red. The swimming pool is almost complete, however, a friend of the Camp invited the campers to use his pool. Counselors for the camp is needed for next year. Rev. Huckaby reported that the Salem Mission Board agreed to support the Sunny Hill Mission for three years, and will continue the support for the rest of the year. Rev. Bill George announced the Camp Meeting to be held at the camp site beginning on July 23. Everyone was invited to attend at the cost of \$10 for one person, \$25 for three, and a family for \$35. The services to begin at 7:30 P.M. Rev. James Pelt dismissed the congregation for a short recess by prayer.

The group assembled for the morning worship hour. Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in singing "Kneel at the Cross", and Rev. Bill George led in prayer. After singing "Give of Your Best to the Master" an offering was taken by the church ushers, with Mrs. Baxley at the piano. The congregation sang "What A Friend We Have in Jesus", and as a special number, Rev. James Pelt sang "The Old Rugged Cross."

Rev. Odis Whitehead introduced the morning speaker, Bro. Gene Gilbert. Based on Matt. 18:11-14, and Rom. 12:1,2, Bro. Gilbert spoke on "Serving Jesus." After a short prayer, he stressed that we should serve Him because He served us and that winning souls is our work and Jesus'. Phil 4:13. Closed with prayer.

Bro. Padgett expressed thanks to Bro. Gilbert. Rev. Baxter extended an invitation to lunch. Rev. Bill George announced Salem Church homecoming and beginning of revival on July 2, 1978. Rev. Hurst dismissed the group with prayer.

The afternoon session was opened with song service led by Rev. Buford Pierce. After singing "Someday" Rev. Thomas Kirk-

land led the group in prayer. Then all joined in singing "Sunlight."

Rev. Bill George brought the afternoon devotion based on Mark 2:1-12. After prayer, he spoke on all promises are made on conditions--that is, abide in His Word. Churches need to be more evangelistic and for everyone to find their place of work.

Bro. Padgett again declared the body in order for business and asked for the Credential Committee's final report. When given, it was MSC. MSC to accept the financial report. The Ordaining Council welcomed Rev. Hurst to the Association. He comes from the Liberty Association. Rev. Buford Pierce announced that plans are being made for the Crusade sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. He invited churches and individuals to become involved by contributing, praying and working. Rev. Baxter announced revival at New Hope Church. The Youth Rally will be held at Damascus at 7:30 P.M., July 1. Rev. Thomas Kirkland announced a revival at Hickory Grove on July 16-21, 1978. Rev. Hurst requests prayers for the Cypress Creek endeavors. MSC to extend a rising vote of thanks to Malone for a wonderful day. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Pierce.

JULY 1, 1978

	CO-OP.	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER ANNUAT.	PAYNE ACCT.	SUNNY HILLS		TOTAL
CHRISTIAN HOME		40.00		100.00				150.00		290.00
COTTONDALE		32.00								32.00
CYPRESS CREEK										
DAMASCUS	309.00	15.00								324.00
HICKORY GROVE		20.00					30.00	30.00		80.00
HOLLY GROVE	585.20	12.00								597.20
LOVEWOOD	33.78	10.00								43.78
MALONE	340.35	15.00								355.35
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00								75.00
MIDWAY	2.00		3.00		2.00	3.00				10.00
NEW HOPE		\$15.00 Late								-0-
PINE GROVE										
SALEM	507.00	10.00								517.00
SNEADS	318.70	15.00								333.70
TRAVELER'S REST	247.31	25.00					46.50			318.81
OFFERING									42.31	42.31
TOTALS	2403.34	224.00 209.00	3.00	100.00	2.00	3.00	76.50	180.00	42.31	3034.15

ANNUAL SESSION

Christian Home Church

Friday Night, September 29, 1978, 7:00 P.M.

Saturday, September 30, 1978, 10:00 A.M.

Salem Free Will Baptist Association met September 29, 1978, 7:00 P.M. with Christian Home Church.

After a period of piano music, the song service was led by Rev. James Pelt. The hymn, "I Am Thine, O Lord" was followed by prayer led by Rev. Thomas Kirkland. Singing resumed with "The Old Rugged Cross."

A warm welcome was extended by the host pastor, Rev. James Pelt. The moderator, Bro. Herbert Padgett, responded and then called the body to order for business.

MSC to accept a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

The standing delegates were recognized and charged with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates. MSC that the elected delegates be seated.

Call for reports. The Christian Education report from Traveler's Rest Church was read by the clerk. It was MSC. No other reports were ready, so a recess was declared before the worship hour.

The host church choir opened the service with "Praise the Lord." The congregation sang "Higher Ground" and "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. James Pelt. Rev. C. H. Huckaby led the group in prayer.

The designated speaker was introduced by Rev. James Pelt and he led the host choir in rendering special music, "I Am Satisfied with Jesus."

Rev. Buford Pierce, pastor of Marvin Chapel Church, brought the evening message based on Acts 20:17-21. Entitled "Spiritual Success." He stressed a need to return to the New Testament gospel and he revealed Paul's formula for successful ministering. 1. Paul's manner was consistent, humble, compassionate, faithful and with fortitude. 2. Paul's message was living, preaching and teaching repentance and faith. Rev. Pierce closed with prayer.

Bro. Padgett dismissed the congregation until the morning session.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION - September 30, 1978

Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in worshipping in singing "Send a Great Revival" and "He Leadeth Me." Rev. Odis Whitehead led the group in prayer. The host pastor again welcomed everyone to Christian Home Church.

Rev. Henry Matthews, pastor of Cottondale Church, brought the morning devotion based on II Timothy 1:12. After prayer he pointed out the "I Knows" of Paul. Paul knew Him because he had met Him. Our business is to come to know Jesus, too, not just about Him.

Bro. Padgett called the body to order for business by recognizing the standing delegates of the Association and charging them to seat the elected delegates. MSC that they be seated. Reports were called for.

MSC to accept the Youth Rally report given by Rev. Gene Gilbert, president. (Reports will be found elsewhere in these minutes.

MSC to accept the report on Stewardship by Christian Home Church.

MSC to accept the Salem Mission Board report given by Rev. C. A. Huckaby, board member.

MSC to accept the Temperance report from Damascus Church given by Rev. Odis Whitehead, pastor.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report and it was MSC.

Rev. Buford Pierce gave an oral report of the work of the State Home Mission Board. He reported that they were supervising three separate enterprises at the present time, all apparently successful.

MSC to accept the report of Committee on Committees from the Lovewood Church.

With prayer the session was recessed for the morning worship service.

The congregation was brought to order and worship by the singing of hymns led by Rev. James Pelt using "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Footprints of Jesus." Ushers received an offering after a prayer by Bro. Grady Burkett. The congregation sang "Trust and Obey" and Rev. James Pelt sang a special, "Only Believe", then introduced the speaker for the service.

Rev. Billy Pitts, minister for the Sunny Hills Mission, based his message on Romans 5:1-11. His subject, "Some Things We Have in Christ", was ably developed. After prayer, he spoke of the treasures in the family Bible. There is: 1. the message of salvation, and 2. justification of faith. Verse 1 mentions some fringe benefits of our faith; peace, access to God, strength, Divine comfort and reconciliation. Everyone has the responsibility to mature spiritually. He closed with prayer.

Bro. Padgett thanked the speaker. The host pastor gave instructions for lunch and again invited all to partake and Rev. Charles Powell, pastor of Holly Grove Church, dismissed with prayer and blessings on the food.

AFTERNOON SESSION

After a bountiful lunch and an hour of fellowship, the congregation reassembled and was led in a song service by Rev. James Pelt. Singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You" and "Blessed Assurance" brought the minds and hearts back to the business of the assembly. Rev. Buford Pierce led in prayer and Bro. Padgett presented Rev. Bill George for the afternoon devotion.

Rev. Bill George read John 20:19-23 and talked on "What the Lord expects us to do." Points stressed included: 1. Preach and teach the Gospel, acknowledging Christ as the Savior. 2. work in the harvest, 3. endure the suffering of the world, 4. die in the faith.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was accepted MSC.

The moderator called the body to order for business and asked for the remaining reports.

MSC to accept the Obituary report from the Cottondale Church.

MSC to accept the report of the Nominating Committee from Salem Church.

MSC to accept the Financial report from Holly Grove Church.

MSC to accept the Auxiliary report from Malone Church.

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

MSC to accept an oral report of Men's Fellowship as given by Bro. W. W. Eiland.

Rev. Pierce and Rev. Powell gave an oral report on the annual Crusade for Christ sponsored by the Men's Fellowship. This to be held in November.

Rev. Billy Pitts presented an oral report on the work at Sunny Hills.

MSC to give \$200 to the Youth Camp and \$200 to Sunny Hills. Motion amended to include \$200 for the Crusade, also. MSC. The original motion, as amended, was carried.

Rev. Bill George announced that a trip to the Children's Home would be made on October 14, 15, 1978. The gifts to be picked up from the churches on October 13. He also gave an oral list of the things needed.

Rev. Huckaby announced services at Traveler's Rest on this Saturday night at 7:00 P.M. and all day services on Sunday, October 1, 1978.

Bro. Padgett appointed Mrs. Buford Pierce and Mrs. W. W. Eiland as Associational delegates to the Florida State Association which will be held at Auburndale, Florida on November 1-3, 1978.

Rev. Gene Gilbert announced that the Youth Rally would be held on October 6 at 7:00 P.M.

MSC to extend to Christian Home Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The session adjourned with prayer by Rev. Gene Gilbert.

ANNUAL SESSION

	CO-OP	ASSN. PURPOSE	HOME MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME	SUPER- ANNUAT.	PAYNE ACCT.	SUNNY HILL	SPL. OFF.	TOTAL
CHRISTIAN HOME	40.00						100.00	150.00		290.00
COTTONDALE		32.00								32.00
CYPRESS CREEK		6.00								6.00
DAMASCUS	325.00	15.00								340.00
HICKORY GROVE		20.00					30.00	30.00		80.00
HOLLY GROVE	663.55	12.00								675.55
LOVEWOOD	32.82	10.00								42.82
MALONE	323.33	15.00								338.33
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00	15.00								75.00
MIDWAY	2.00		1.00		3.00	4.00				10.00
NEW HOPE		15.00								15.00
PINE GROVE										
SALEM	564.00	10.00								574.00
SNEADS	274.82	15.00								289.82
TRAVELER'S REST	251.72	25.00					42.38			319.10
SPECIAL OFFERING									75.18	75.18
TOTALS	2537.24	190.00	1.00		3.00	4.00	172.38	180.00	75.18	3162.80

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Rec. Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. Letters	Membership	Paid Pastors	Paid Evangelist
CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. J. C. Pelt P. O. Box 431 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Mrs. Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla. 32424	0	4	2	0	194	5,890.00	596.00
COTTONDALE	Rev. H. Matthews Rt. 5, Box 688 Chipley, Fla. 32428	Jack E. Glass Rt. 4, Box 832 Marianna, Fla. 32446	2	7	0	3	58	1,970.00	50.00
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. Elias Hurst Rt. 4, Box 247 Chipley, Fla. 32428	J. W. Dilmore Rt. 4 Marianna, Fla. 32466	0	2	0	2	51	1,655.10	
DAMASCUS	Rev. O. Whitehead Rt. 1, Box 58A Bonifay, Fla. 32425	H. L. Padgett Rt. 1, Box 651 Marianna, Fla. 32446	4	7	0	2	73	5,200.00	200.00
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. Thomas Kirkland Rt. 2, Box 23 Ashford, Ala. 36312	Mildred Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121 Bascom, Fla. 32423	0	1	2	3	91	5,340.00	400.00
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. Charles Powell Rt. 1, Box 1 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Clarice Boyette Rt. 1, Box 773 Marianna, Fla. 32446	7	5	0	7	218	7,780.00	175.00
LOVEWOOD	Rev. Arthur Isaac Rt. 2, Box 159 Graceville, Fla. 32440	Mrs. Jean Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167-H Chipley, Fla. 32428	2	5	0	0	70	4,281.22	200.00
MALONE	Rev. Walter Baxley P. O. Box 385 Malone, Fla. 32445	Helen Watford 1106 College St. Graceville, Fla. 32440	2	13	1	6	97	5,200.00	625.00
MARVIN CHAPEL	Rev. Buford Pierce Rt. 1, Box 115 Marianna, Fla. 32466	Mrs. Audrey D. Eiland Rt. 5, Box 40 Marianna, Fla. 32446	3	7	0	0	167	8,684.00	350.00
MIDWAY	Rev. J. W. Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla. 32460	Mrs. Willa D. Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0	0	0	0	10		
NEW HOPE	Rev. Gene Gilbert Rt. 1, Box 606 Marianna, Fla. 32466	Mrs. Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215 Bascom, Fla. 32423	1	0	0	0	54	3,500.00	165.00
PINE GROVE									
SALEM	Rev. W. E. George Rt. 1 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mildred C. Phillips Rt. 1, Box 210 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	0	1	2	0	96	8,480.00	450.00
SNEADS		Frances C. Cloud P. O. Box 297 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0	0	0	0	73	5,200.00	200.00
TRAVELER'S REST	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Rt. 1 Altha, Fla. 32421	Ella Grantham Rt. 1, Box 197 Altha, Fla. 32421	8	11	3	0	61	4,545.00	325.00
TOTALS			29	63	10	23	1313	68,025.22	3,736.00

Cooperate Program	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Children's Home	Super-Annuation	Education	Assn. Purpose	TOTAL	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
	600.00	400.00	439.54		240.00		8,165.54	75,000.00	15,000.00
7.00						121.00	128.00	35,000.00	6,000.00
						6.00	1,661.00	10,000.00	
1,223.21			100.00			60.00	6,783.21	35,000.	
	120.00	420.00	120.00		180.00		6,580.00		
2,350.15	360.00		300.00	240.00			11,505.15		
108.48			75.00			30.00	4,694.70	10,000.00	
1,613.89	75.00	50.00					7,563.89	65,000.00	40,000.00
240.00	532.00	1,184.53	174.00	81.17	303.10	400.00	11,548.80	100,000.00	50,000.00
40.00	6.00		12.00	15.00		8.00	81.00	2,500.00	
			10.00			50.00	3,725.00	10,000.00	
2,146.00	390.00	20.00	180.00		560.00		12,226.00	17,500.00	
1,245.77	100.00	367.28	280.00		908.00		8,301.05	30,000.00	10,000.00
1,018.82	142.69	184.29	150.00				6,667.80	50,000.00	
9,993.32	2,325.69	2,626.10	1,840.54	336.17	2,191.10	675.10	93,631.14	439,000.00	121,000.00

TREASURER'S REPORT

10/1/77 - 10/2/78		RECEIVED	PAID OUT	BALANCE
10/1/77	Brought forward -----			
	Annual Session -----	\$1,105.45		
10/5/77	Ernest Owen, State Treasurer	2,673.94		
	Cooperative -----			
	Foreign Missions -----	1,447.65		
	Children's Home -----	113.25		
	Superannuation -----	113.25		
	Payne Account -----	194.29		
	Sunny Hills -----	222.95		
10/24/77	Fla. State Assn. (delegates fees)		2,317.89	1,461.50
12/19/77	Evans Printing Service (Minutes)		48.00	1,413.50
			200.00	1,213.50
12/31/78	First Quarterly Session -----	2,944.03		4,157.53
1/7/78	Ernest Owen, State Treasurer			
	Cooperative -----			
	Home Missions -----	2,326.61		
	Foreign Missions -----	5.00		
	Children's Home -----	100.00		
	Superannuation -----	2.00		
	Payne Account -----	3.00		
	Sunny Hills -----	84.67		
4/1/78	Second Quarterly Session -----		2,671.28	1,486.25
4/1/78	Camp Mount Pleasant -----	3,081.14		4,567.39
4/3/78	Ernest Owen, State Treasurer		1,000.00	3,567.39
	Cooperative -----			
	Home Missions -----	2,467.43		
	Superannuation -----	2.00		
	Children's Home -----	4.00		
	Payne Account -----	2.00		
	Sunny Hills -----	170.74		
7/1/78	Third Quarterly Session -----		2,811.17	756.22
7/7/78	Ernest Owen, State Treasurer	3,034.15		3,790.37
	Cooperative -----			
	Home Missions -----	2,403.34		
	Foreign Missions -----	3.00		
	Children's Home -----	100.00		
	Superannuation -----	2.00		
	Payne Account -----	3.00		
	Sunny Hills -----	76.50		
9/30/78	Annual Session -----		2,767.84	1,022.53
9/30/78	H.L. Padgett (Moderator's fee) -----		50.00	972.53
10/2/78	Ruby Pelt (Clerk's fee) -----		50.00	922.53
10/2/78	FWB Crusade (to B. Pierce) -----		200.00	722.53
10/2/78	Camp Mt. Pleasant (to B. Pierce) -----		200.00	522.53
10/2/78	Sunny Hills (special) (to Hartzog) -----		200.00	322.53
	Fourth Quarter's Offerings and Dues -----	3,162.80		3,485.33
	Ernest Owen, State Treasurer			
	Cooperative -----			
	Home Missions -----	2,537.24		
	Children's Home -----	1.00		
	Superannuation -----	3.00		
	Payne Account -----	4.00		
10/2/78	Sunny Hills (to Hartzog) -----	172.38	2,717.62	767.71
			180.00	587.71
TOTALS -----		16,001.51	15,413.80	

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Committee on Christian Education, do hereby present this report to the Annual Meeting of the Association for 1978.

Our Lord Jesus Christ gave the Great Commission to his disciples to "Go and Teach", therefore we feel that it is as much so our responsibility today to teach the Gospel of Christ. The Bible teaches us that we should; "Grow in the grace and the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ."

We recommend that our Church follow the teaching and command of our Lord, and attempt to do more to reach a more effective method by spending more time and money getting this done; first, in our homes by reading the Bible daily and having family devotions, second, by better organized Sunday Schools with trained teachers, also, we urge each Church to give more to Youth Camp and Christian Colleges and Schools.

Respectfully Submitted,
Traveler's Rest Church

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Board -----	Bro. Willie Sellers
Ordaining Council -----	Rev. Odis Whitehead
	Rev. James Pelt
Mission Board -----	Rev. Gene Gilbert
Christian Education Board -----	Bro. Coy Barnes

Places of meetings in 1979:

First Quarterly Meeting -----	Marvin Chapel Church
Second Quarterly Meeting -----	Travelers Rest Church
Third Quarterly Meeting -----	Holly Grove Church
Annual Meeting -----	Salem Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following report to the Salem Conference Annual Session:

Let us consider our ways, as Christians, and devote ourselves to the task of self-control and moderation in all areas of our life. Christ set the example for all of us by the way He refused temptation. Our knowledge is not as lacking in this as our performance.

It seems there are some areas that present a real opportunity for Christians to exercise control. We believe the following to be chief among these areas; appetite, indulgence, dress, conversation.

May we strive to exercise self-control.

Respectfully Submitted,
Damascus Free Will
Baptist Church

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We, the Auxiliary Committee, would like to stress the importance of all the auxiliaries in the church. Every aspect of God's work is worthy of praise and glory. We need to be mindful that all we can do for Christ is rewarding and necessary. Christ is coming soon and we need not be slack concerning His business.

We, as a Committee, feel the Master's Men and Men's Fellowship need improving. We need men to stand in the gaps. We need men to proclaim the truth. We need men to get our country on its knees again. Praise God for the men we have, but we need more. "I sought for a man among them that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gaps before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none." Ezekiel 22:30.

Jesus had men as His followers. Jesus used men for His workers. God created man to serve Him. Don't let Him down.

Respectfully Submitted,
First Free Will Baptist
Church of Malone

STEWARDSHIP

We, your Committee on Stewardship, submit the following report:

One of our most important duties is stewardship. Stewardship continues the length of our Christian experience and covers every area of life in one way or another. The Bible teaches us to be good stewards of time, talent and possessions and that we will give account for our stewardship.

We are followers of Jesus Christ! More than this, we have been bought and the price was the blood of Christ. Now, realizing that we truly are not our own but belong to another, we owe to our Master our very best. To do any less is to prove ourselves ungrateful and useless in His Cause.

Therefore, we urge all Christians to be conscious of and industrious in the pursuit of their personal stewardship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christian Home Church

SALEM YOUTH RALLY REPORT

Some of our accomplishments for this year are: Salem Youth Rally has donated \$200.00 for the swimming pool at the Youth Camp at Mt. Pleasant; sponsored a Youth Rally Revival with Tim Young as evangelist; held our annual picnic at Florida State Caverns Park. Our attendance for this year has been good over-all, running over 100 some months.

Our new officers for the year are:

Gene Gilbert ----- President
Perry Rehberg ----- Vice President
Debra Chafin ----- Secretary-Treasurer
Hubert Islee ----- Advisor

We ask that each church of this Association support our Youth Rally in attendance and through prayer. We are what you make us!

Respectfully Submitted,
Gene Gilbert, President

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Auxiliaries -----	Holly Grove
Christian Education -----	Damascus
Committee on Committees -----	Cypress Creek
Finance -----	Malone
Nominations -----	Sneads
Obituaries -----	Cottondale
Resolutions -----	Marvin Chapel
Stewardship -----	Travelers Rest
Temperance -----	Salem

Lovewood Church

REPORT OF THE SALEM MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board had several meetings during the year. We met jointly with the Liberty Mission Board at the Cottondale Church, at which time we agreed to support Missionary William Pitts at Sunny Hills, Florida as a mission project another year. We urge each church in the Salem Association to pray and give to this worthy cause.

Respectfully Submitted,
Salem Mission Board

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council performed two ordinations this past year. They were: Rev. W. F. Baxley to the Gospel Ministry and Bro. Mack Glass as a deacon. Both were ordained on April 1, 1978.

James C. Pelt
Bill George
J. J. Scott

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 -----	John H. Brown
	Sister Nellie Pippen
Hickory Grove -----	Bro. Joe Wiley
Salem -----	Mrs. Kate Barnes
	Mrs. Hettie Barnes
Traveler's Rest -----	Bro. Clarence Powell
	Bro. Alton Hitchcock
	Sister Carol Pippen Attaway

Respectfully Submitted,
Cottondale Church

MR. JOHN H. BROWN

On February 20, 1978 our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother, John H. Brown, 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 April 12, 1899 in Calhoun County near Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, and lived in the same community all his life. He accepted Christ and united with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church at an early age, and was a devout member as long as he lived. As he walked along the pathway of life, God called and he suddenly turned a bend in the road and passed from our sight.

His life was one of service to his family, his friends, his church, and his Heavenly Father. A devoted husband, a loving father, and a tried and true friend, an upright abiding citizen and truly a Christian gentleman.

He was married to Mrs. Aletha McKeown, and to this union was born 1 son. The family was made up of a foster daughter, and 1 step-daughter.

Survivors: 1 son, a foster daughter and a step-daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

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

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

MRS. KATE BARNES

The Lord called from our midst on April 24, 1978, Sister Kate Barnes. She had been a member of Salem Church for many years. Although due to bad health she was unable to attend church for the last several years, Aunt Kate, as she was known to most of us, was always concerned and devoted to the church and presented her tithes regularly to the church. She will be missed by her loved ones and many friends.

MRS. NELLIE PIPPEN

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church has suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst Sister Nellie Pippen, July 6, 1978.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and at this time became a member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, and has been a faithful, ardent worker up to the time she was called home.

She lived a beautiful, Christian life, and her goodness overflowed and enriched all the lives of others that her life touched. Fellowship with her was an honor and a pleasure to enjoy.

She loved her church, her friends, and loved ones, and was faithful to the end in all the church activities, and in her passing, the church has lost one of its most loved members.

Early in her teens she was married to Charlie Pippen, who preceeded her in death by just a few months, and to this union was born four (4) sons and one (1) daughter.

She was a devoted wife, a most loving mother, and a good neighbor, and a true friend to everyone. She will be greatly missed by her church, her community and loved ones.

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

I cannot say, and I will not say "She is dead, She is just away!"

Somewhere beyond the sunset, where loneliness never dies, she dwells in the "Land of Glory" with a Savior Crucified.

MRS. HETTIE BARNES

On July 10, 1878, the Lord saw fit to call from our midst, Sister Hettie Barnes. She had been a faithful member of Salem Church for a number of years, but was prevented from attending regularly the last several years because of ill health. Her memories will always be cherished. She will be missed by her loved ones and many 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 SESSION - . . . - Marvin Chapel Church
January 6, 1979

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION --- Travelers Rest Church
March 31, 1979

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - - Holly Grove Church
June 30, 1979

ANNUAL SESSION - - Salem Church
October 6, 1979

