

MINUTES
 OF THE
85th ANNUAL SESSION
 OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
 HELD WITH
COTTONDALE
Free Will Baptist Church
 COTTONDALE, FLORIDA
1980

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Bro. Willie Sellers, Rt. 3, Marianna, Fla. 32446 - - - - - 1981
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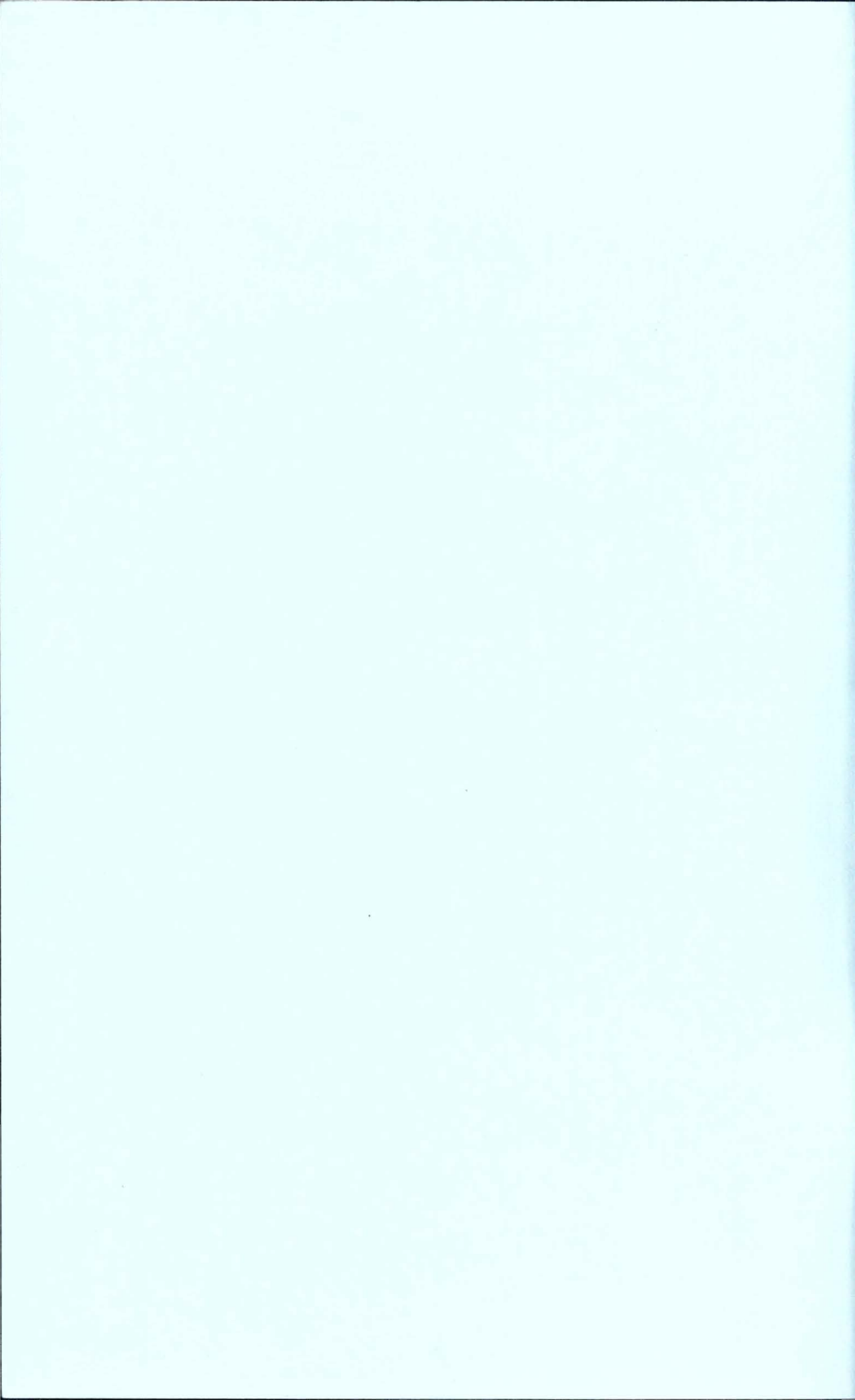
Rev. James Pelt, P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424 - - 1981
 Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 4, Box 74, Marianna, Fla. 32446 - - 1982
 Rev. W. E. George, Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 - - - - - 1983

MISSION BOARD AND CHURCH EXTENSION

Bro. Edward Baxter, Pine Ave., Chattahoochee, Fla. 32324 - 1981
 Bro. Richard Rehberg - - - - - 1982
 Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Rt. 2, Box 23, Ashford, Ala. 36312 - 1983
 Bro. Doyle Miller, Hwy. 90 E., Marianna, Fla. 32446 - - - 1984
 Rev. Ronnie Atkins, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla. 32421 - - - - - 1985

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Bro. Coy Barnes - - - - - 1981
 Bro. Mack Glass - - - - - 1982
 Mrs. Janet Baxley - - - - - 1983



FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

Sneads Free Will Baptist Church
January 5, 1980

The praise and song service was directed by Rev. James Pelt, who used "Stand Up for Jesus" and "When We All Get to Heaven." Rev. Whitehead led the congregation in prayer.

The host pastor, Rev. L. F. Ogletree, greeted and welcomed the visitors and delegates. Rev. Buford Pierce responded and, as Moderator, introduced the next speaker.

Rev. Ronnie Atkins brought the devotion based on Matt. 28: 18-20. He stressed that the "Great Commission" applies to everyone as also do the promises connected with it. It brings comfort and assurance. He closed with prayer.

The moderator recognized and welcomed visitors who were not F.W.B. He called the body to order and recognized the standing delegates and charged them with seating the elected delegates for this session. Then he recognized the elected delegates. MSC to seat the elected delegates.

The moderator called for oral reports and the following reported: Rev. C. H. Pelt renewed the petition for copies of Minutes of the Salem Association for the years between 1897 and 1913. These may be found in closets and church pulpits; Rev. Charles Powell reported on the 1980 plans for the Youth Camp. There will be three sessions during the first three weeks in June and plans for the classroom building are in the making; Rev. Pierce expressing thanks for Salem's response to the Camp's needs in the past; Mrs. Walter Baxley requested that participants in the Competition begin work in earnest. There will be a practice tonight at New Hope at the Youth Rally.

A partial report of the Credentials Report revealed that all fifteen churches were represented and a total of 108. MSC to accept report. There being no other reports ready, the moderator declared a recess before the worship hour.

After visiting with Christian friends, the body was called to order by piano music by Mrs. Baxley. Rev. James Pelt led in singing the hymns, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms", "He Lives", "I Know Whom I Have Believed" and "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide." Rev. C. H. Pelt led in the offertory prayer and an offering was taken.

For special music, Mrs. Baxley sang "When I Say Jesus."

Rev. Walter Baxley brought the morning message from Luke 2:7, using the phrase "--no room for Him in the inn." He challenged the group with three questions: 1. Is there room in your life for time for Christ? 2. Is there room for the tithe for Christ? 3. Is there room for your talent for Christ? He closed with prayer.

The moderator commented on message and Rev. Ogletree gave directions for the serving of lunch. Rev. Charles Powell asked a blessing on the food and pronounced the benediction.

After a bountiful lunch, the piano music of Mrs. Baxley called the body to order. Rev. James Pelt led in the singing of hymns: "I'm Happy in the Service of the King" and "The Old Rugged Cross." Rev. George led in prayer.

The Rev. Thomas Kirkland brought the devotion entitled "Out of the old and into the new." He read the call to Abraham from Gen. 12:1. He talked of moving out of sin into fellowship with Christ and out of 1979 and into 1980.

Rev. Pierce declared the body in order for business and called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. The report was MSC.

The Ordaining Council gave an oral report and asked Rev. Pierce to give to two new pastors in the Association the right hand of Christian fellowship.

MSC to give Rev. Pierce a rising vote of thanks for services in past years. The Mission Board recommended that the help to Sunny Hill be reduced to half and announced that the Pleasant Ridge Church obligation is paid through December. Report was MSC.

Traveler's Rest Church gave the Financial report which was MSC.

It was announced that the Camp Meeting will be held the first week in August. MSC to extend to the church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC to adjourn.

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION										
CHURCHES	Cooperative Program	Dennis Owen Account	Payne Account	Robert Smith Account	Sunny Hill	Children's Home	Superan- nation	Camp Mount Pleasant	Association General Fund	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME		75.00	145.00	68.00	75.00			1,000.00	40.00	1,403.00
COTTONDALE									32.00	32.00
CYPRESS										
DAMASCUS	364.00								15.00	379.00
HICKORY GROVE			30.00						20.00	50.00
HOLLY GROVE	605.08								15.00	620.08
LOVEWOOD	27.25								5.00	32.25
MALONE	312.95								15.00	327.95
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00								15.00	75.00
MIDWAY						2.00	4.00		2.00	8.00
NEW HOPE									15.00	15.00
PINE GROVE									10.00	10.00
SALEM	640.00							1,000.00	10.00	1,650.00
SNEADS	391.00								15.00	406.00
TRAVELER'S REST	362.05	32.50	44.04	38.03					25.00	501.62
OFFERING										80.00
TOTALS	2,762.33	107.50	219.04	106.03	75.00	2.00	4.00	2,000.00	314.00	5,589.90

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

First Free Will Baptist of Malone
April 5, 1980

Registration began at 9:45 and Mrs. Baxter rendered piano music. The praise and song service was directed by Rev. James Pelt with Mrs. Baxley at the piano. The songs, "Walking in Sunlight", "At the Cross", and "The Old Rugged Cross" were enjoyed and the congregation joined Rev. Otis Whitehead in prayer.

Rev. Walter Baxley extended a cordial welcome and the Vice Moderator, Bro. J. L. Padgett, responded.

An able devotion was brought by Rev. Gene Gilbert using II Timothy 4:1-5. He reiterated Paul's admonition to Timothy, stating that the "God called man" is expected to trust God and His leadership, preach truth, be reconciled to God's will and leave the results to God.

Bro. Padgett, the Vice Moderator, called the body to order for business.

MSC to accept a partial report of the Credentials Committee report.

He recognized the standing delegates and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates. He recognized the elected delegates.

MSC to seat the elected delegates.

He charged the Nomination Committee to prepare a report to fill the vacancy of the office of Moderator and two places on the Mission Board.

There being no further business, a recess was declared until the morning worship hour.

Piano music brought the group to order and song service made use of Easter songs: "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth", "He Arose", and "He Lives." After receiving an offering, the song "One Day" was sung. Rev. C. H. Pelt led in prayer and Rev. James Pelt sang a special in song, "How Great Thou Art."

Rev. W. E. George brought the morning message using as a Scripture, Matt. 24:36-40 and II Timothy 3:1-3. His topic, "What can be expected in the future", included the following points: sin will increase, attacks be made on the Bible and more perilous times will come. The Christian should realize that God's Grace is sufficient and that He'll come again.

Rev. James Pelt dismissed with a prayer and a blessing on the food.

The session resumed after lunch with a song service using, "When I See the Blood" and "Fairest Lord Jesus." Rev. Thomas Kirkland led in prayer and brought the devotion. Using I Kings 20:22-43, he spoke on "The lost opportunity." There is a season for all things, but they must be used or else they are gone forever. He stressed that now is the time for commitment and involvement.

Bro. Padgett declared the body in order for business and called for a final report of the Credentials Committee. MSC.

MSC to accept the Financial Report.

The Ordaining Council report a request from Traveler's Rest Church and announced that an ordaining service for Bro. Ronnie Adkins would be held at Traveler's Rest Church on April 6, at 3:00 P.M.

The Nomination Committee recommended Rev. Gene Gilbert for Moderator and Rev. Ronnie Adkins and Richard Rehberg for the Mission Board. MSC.

The following announcements were made: North Florida meeting April 26, 1980 at the Camp, workday at the Camp April 12, Sneads Church's Homecoming April 6 and beginning of revival, sunrise services at New Hope, Kynesville, Malone and Pinecrest Cemetery, Holly Grove and Traveler's Rest.

Bro. Woodlief asked for prayer and cooperation in his behalf from the Association.

The Historical Committee requested any kind of Minutes prior to 1913.

MSC that a rising vote of thanks be given to the host church for its kind hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Ronnie Adkins.

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION	Cooperative Program	Dennis Owen Account	Dale Bishop Account	Robert Smith Account	Sunny Hill Mission	Children's Home	Superan- uation	Association General Fund	Payne Account	Camp Mount Pleasant	TOTALS
CHURCHES											
CHRISTIAN HOME		75.00		72.00	75.00			40.00	145.00		407.00
COTTONDALE								32.00			32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	80.00							6.00			86.00
DAMASCUS	417.60							15.00			432.60
HICKORY GROVE								20.00	30.00		50.00
HOLLY GROVE	627.77							15.00			642.77
LOVEWOOD	21.20							10.00			31.20
MALONE	289.83							15.00			304.83
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00							15.00			75.00
MIDWAY						2.00	4.00	2.00			8.00
NEW HOPE			30.00					15.00			45.00
PINE GROVE											-
SALEM	561.00							10.00			571.00
SNEADS	360.10							15.00			375.50
TRAVELER'S REST	280.35			30.67				25.00	36.67		372.69
MEN'S FELLOWSHIP										1,000.00	1,000.00
OFFERING											72.00
TOTALS	2,698.25	75.00	30.00	102.67	75.00	2.00	4.00	235.00	211.67	1,000.00	4,505.59

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Hickory Grove Church
July 5, 1980

After registration the song and praise service was led by Rev. James Pelt. Everyone sang out on "He Keeps Me Singing" and then, Rev. Bill George led the group in prayer. Singing continued using "When the Mists Have Rolled Away", "Praise Him" and "Open My Eyes That I May See."

The host pastor, Rev. Thomas Kirkland, welcomed all present to a day of Christian fellowship and Associational business. The moderator, Rev. Gene Gilbert, asked all delegates and visitors to register, asked for all church letters to be turned in and for the partial report of the Credentials Committee to be given after devotions.

Rev. David Isaac brought the devotion based on Romans 1:1. He announced the opening of a Christian school at Holly Grove in the fall and serving K-12. The devotion was titled "Give me liberty, or give me death:", and stressed separation, holiness and witnessing.

The moderator recognized all standing delegates and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates. He recognized the elected delegates. MSC to seat elected delegates. MSC to receive partial report of the Credentials Committee.

Other reports were called for. A Mission Board representative reported they had agreed to sponsor, with Liberty Association as co-sponsor, Sunny Hill under the leadership of Rev. Kennedy.

The body was recessed for ten minutes with prayer by Rev. Walter Baxter.

Piano music by Mrs. Walter Baxley signaled a call to order and the song service directed by Rev. James Pelt. After singing "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", Bro. Mack Glass led in prayer. The congregation sang "When I See The Blood" and ushers received an offering. Special music, "Holy Spirit Breathe on Me" was rendered by Rev. James Pelt.

The moderator introduced the speaker for the morning message. Rev. Charles Powell read his text of I Cor. 16:1-14 and on verses 13 titles his message "Stand for something, or fall for everything." He spoke on standing firmly on the doctrines of the church.

Rev. Thomas Kirkland gave an invitation, welcome and instructions for lunch and Rev. Overstreet invoked a blessing on the food and dismissed by prayer.

After enjoying a bountiful lunch and an hour of fellowship with friends, the congregation was brought to order with piano music by Mrs. Baxter. Rev. James Pelt led in singing "Bring Them In." Rev. Otis Whitehead led in prayer, and singing resumed with "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Gene Gilbert announced Rev. Otis Whitehead would bring the afternoon devotion. Using I Cor. 15:9, Rev. Whitehead admonished Christians to be compassionate and humble.

The moderator declared a business session and called for reports. MSC to accept final report of the Credentials Committee.

As information, the Men's Fellowship announced the Fellowship Crusade will be held the third week in August at designated churches with five different speakers. The Mission Board re-

stated its emphasis on support of Sunny Hill. MSC to receive the Finance Report. (next page). The body was challenged to assist in sending a State CTS winner to California. MSC that the Association give \$200 from the general fund to help defray cost of Shelly Blackburn's trip to National Association.

MSC to pay Mission Board to move minister to Sunny Hill from general fund. Announced revival at Christian Home July 6-11. MSC that specified amount be provided to sponsor State CTS winners going to National Meeting. This to be worked out and presented as unfinished business at the annual session.

Rev. Arnold Woodlief reported on his jail ministry and asked for support. MSC to give Hickory Grove a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting. MSC to adjourn. Rev. Thomas Kirkland dismissed by prayer.

Rev. Gene Gilbert, moderator, called a meeting of the Executive Board to meet at Marvin Chapel Church on July 13, 1980, at 3:30 P.M. All members were present and discussed the Co-operative program fund and its distribution. A report and recommendations to be presented to and at the annual session.

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Children's Home	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions	Sunny Hill Mission	Superan- nation	Association Purpose	TOTALS
CHURCHES										
CHRISTIAN HOME					145.00	(Smith) 75.00	75.00		40.00	335.00
COTTONDALE									32.00	32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	81.00								6.00	87.00
DAMASCUS	378.20								15.00	393.20
HICKORY GROVE					30.00				20.00	50.00
HOLLY GROVE	754.65								15.00	769.65
LOVEWOOD	21.27								10.00	31.27
MALONE	318.47								15.00	333.47
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00								15.00	75.00
MIDWAY			2.00					4.00	2.00	8.00
NEW HOPE				(Bishop) 30.00					15.00	45.00
PINE GROVE									-	-
SALEM	502.00								10.00	512.00
SNEADS	369.33								15.00	384.33
TRAVELER'S REST	317.50				31.53	25.52			25.00	399.55
ABE SPRINGS									25.00	25.00
OFFERING										63.09
TOTALS	2,802.42		2.00	30.00	206.53	100.52	75.00	4.00	260.00	3,543.56

ANNUAL SESSION

Cottendale Church

Friday, October 3, 1980, 7:00 P.M.

The host pastor, Rev. Henry Matthews, sincerely welcomed the assembly in the name of the church and the association. Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer and the moderator, Rev. Gene Gilbert, welcomed the delegates.

Rev. Baxley led the song service with Mrs. Baxley at the piano. Everyone rejoiced as they sang "Victory in Jesus" and "Higher Ground."

The moderator declared the body in order for business and asked for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. The standing delegates were recognized and then the elected delegates.

MSC to seat the elected delegates.

MSC to receive the Temperance Committee report.

MSC to accept the Stewardship Committee report.

MSC to receive the report of the Executive Committee report and table it for action until Saturday since it involved changes in the By-Laws. The moderator declared a ten minute recess for greeting friends.

The piano music called the group to order and Rev. Baxley led the hymn "I Love to Tell the Story." Rev. and Mrs. Baxley rendered a special message in song entitled "I'll See You In the Rapture." Rev. James Pelt brought the evening message from II Cor. 1:1-11. He stressed the importance of feeling and entering into the suffering of Christ, both physically and spiritually, in order to effectively minister comfort, love and consolation to others. After the announcements, Rev. Thomas Kirkland prayed the benediction.

Saturday, October 4, 1980, 10:00 A.M.

After a period of piano music by Mrs. Baxley, Rev. James Pelt led the congregation in a song service. He used "Bring Them In" and Rev. Charles Powell led in prayer. Singing resumed with "Where He Leads I'll Follow" and "Have Faith in God."

Rev. Gene Gilbert welcomed the group and presented Rev. Leonard Ogletree to bring the morning devotion. Rev. Ogletree announced that he had prayer cards for Dale and Sandra Bishop, missionaries to Japan, for distribution. Invoking God's blessings on his remarks, he brought good thoughts from Phil. 3:12-14 concerning ever pressing forward and looking for and expecting greater things.

Rev. Gilbert presided at the business session. He recognized the standing delegates and then the elected delegates.

MSC to seat the elected delegates for this session.

MSC to accept the report of the Committee on Committees.

MSC to receive the report on Christian Education.

A progress report on the Sunny Hill Mission was given by Rev. Kennedy. He reported much success with the Bible Club for children, the newsletter and an overall increase of 123%. The moderator declared a recess before the morning worship service.

Piano music by Mrs. Baxley called the body to worship. Rev. James Pelt led the song service using "Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us", and Rev. C. H. Pelt. led in prayer. Following the singing of "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" Rev. Thomas Kirkland led the offertory prayer and an offering was taken. The con-

gregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. James Pelt brought the special music, "Holy Spirit Breathe On Me."

Rev. Gene Gilbert introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Ronnie Atkins. After an invocation on his message, the speaker read Gen. 13:5-13 and referred to the sixth chapter of Judges. His subject was "Who Am I?" From a study of Lot's life one realizes the tragedy of disobedience. Rev. Atkins discussed four classes of people of our present day just as there were in Lot's day.

Rev. Matthews gave a welcome and directions for the serving of lunch. Rev. George announced that on November 16th they would gather up contributions for the Children's Home. Rev. James Pelt invoked a blessing on the food and adjourned the group for the lunch hour.

Afternoon Session

With Mrs. Baxley at the piano, Rev. James Pelt led the song service beginning with "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer. Rev. Bill George brought the afternoon devotion based on Matt. 7:13; John 21:15-17 and John 6:37. His subject was "God's Three Stern Warnings." He discussed that it is possible to miss the road to heaven, one only comes to God by being born again and that it is possible to be deceived by the devil.

The moderator declared a business session to complete the business.

MSC to accept the Obituary Committee report.

MSC to receive the report on Auxiliaries.

MSC to receive the Finance Committee report.

Rev. Bud Hill gave an oral report on the Youth Camp.. He stated the planned dates for the 1981 camps, that regular contributions are needed to maintain the camp and that a minister's retreat, if planned for next spring.

Rev. C. H. Pelt gave an oral report of the Historical Committee.

MSC to receive the report of the Ordaining Council.

MSC to receive the report of the Nomination Committee.

MSC to take the Executive Committee's report from the table and adopt item by item. All of the items passed. There was a correction made to insert the word "cooperative" before funds in Article IX, Section 4.

MSC to the changes concerning the Christian Education to Youth Board.

MSC to adopt the budget proposed by the Executive Committee.

MSC to extend to Cottondale Church a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for their kind hospitality.

The Florida State Association delegates appointed were: Mrs. Leonard Ogletree, Mrs. Ronnie Atkins, Mrs. Ruby Pelt, Mr. Elias Hurst and Mrs. Charles Powell.

The Youth Rally was announced to meet October 4 at 7 P.M.

After local announcements, MSC to adjourn. The moderator dismissed with prayer.

ANNUAL SESSION October 4, 5, 1980	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Children's Home	Bishop Account	Payne Account	Home Missions	Sunny Hill Mission	Superann- uation	Association Purpose	Camp Mount Pleasant	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME					145.00	75.00	75.00		40.00		335.00
COTTONDALE									32.00		32.00
CYPRESS CREEK									-		-
DAMASCUS	376.00								15.00		391.00
HICKORY GROVE					30.00				20.00		50.00
HOLLY GROVE	802.56						100.00		15.00	100.00	1,017.56
LOVEWOOD	19.62								10.00		29.62
MALONE	316.22								15.00		331.22
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00								15.00		75.00
MIDWAY	2.00		2.00					4.00	-		8.00
NEW HOPE				30.00					15.00		45.00
PINE GROVE									20.00		20.00
SALEM	679.00								10.00		689.00
SNEADS	373.82								15.00		388.82
TRAVELER'S REST	317.57				28.88	22.87			25.00		394.32
OFFERING									71.23		71.23
TOTALS	2,946.79		2.00	30.00	203.88	97.87	175.00	4.00	317.23	100.00	3,877.77

TREASURER'S REPORT
OCTOBER 11, 1979 - OCTOBER 6, 1980

		RECEIVED	DISPERSED	BALANCE
Brought Forward -----		332.18		332.18
Dec. 4 Evans Printing Co. (Minutes)			230.91	101.27
Jan. 5 First Quarterly Session		4,589.90		4,691.17
Ernest Owen, State Treas.				
Cooperative Program	2,762.33			
Children's Home	2.00			
Foreign Missions				
Dennis Owen	107.50			
Payne Account	<u>219.04</u>	326.54		
Superannuation	4.00		3,094.87	1,596.30
Sunny Hill Mission			75.00	1,521.30
Nat'l Home Missions (Robert Smith)			106.03	1,415.27
Camp Mount Pleasant			1,200.00	215.27
Jan. 14 Camp Mount Pleasant		1,000.00	1,000.00	215.27
Apr. 5 Second Quarterly Session		4,505.59		4,720.86
Ernest Owen, State Treas.				
Cooperative Program	2,698.25			
Children's Home	2.00			
Superannuation	4.00			
Foreign Missions				
Owen Account	75.08			
Payne Account	211.67			
Bishop Account	<u>30.00</u>	316.75	3,020.92	1,699.94
Sunny Hill Mission			75.00	1,624.94
Camp Mount Pleasant			1,000.00	624.94
Home Mission (Robert Smith)			102.67	522.27
July 5 Rev. James Pelt for Shelly Blackman			200.00	322.27
Third Quarterly Session		3,543.56		3,865.83
Ernest Owen, State Treas.				
Cooperative Program	2,802.42			
Children's Home	2.00			
Bishop Account	30.00			
Payne Account	206.53			
Superannuation	<u>4.00</u>		3,044.95	820.88
Sunny Hill Mission			75.00	745.88
Robert Smith (Gainesville)			100.52	645.36
Oct. 4 Rev. Gene Gilbert, Moderator			50.00	595.36
Oct. 5 Annual Session		3,877.77		4,473.13
Ernest Owen, State Treas.				
Cooperative Program	2,946.79			
Children's Home	2.00			
Superannuation	4.00			
Payne Account	203.88			
Bishop Account	30.00			
Gainesville Mission	<u>97.87</u>		3,284.54	1,188.59
Sunny Hill Mission			175.00	1,013.59
Camp Mount Pleasant			100.00	913.59
Ruby C. Pelt, Clerk			50.00	863.59
Fla. State Assn., Clerk (delegate fees)			48.00	815.59
TOTALS		17,849.00	17,033.41	

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Rec. Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. Letters	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program
CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. J. C. Pelt P.O. Box 431 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla. 32424	2	1	4	1	198	6,625.00	592.00	
COTTONDALE	Rev. Henry Matthews Rt. 5, Box 688 Chipley, Fla. 32428	Jack E. Glass Rt. 7, Box 243 Marianna, Fla. 32446	0	0	1	6	41	2,670.00	325.00	128.00
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. Elias Hurst Rt. 4, Box 247 Chipley, Fla. 32428	J. W. Dilmore Rt. 4, Box 452 Marianna, Fla. 32446								
DAMASCUS	Rev. O. Whitehead Rt. 4, Box 74 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Herbert L. Padgett Rt. 6, Box 344 Marianna, Fla. 32446	5	0	0	0	75	5,200.00		1,628.94
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. T. Kirkland Rt. 2, Box 23 Ashford, Ala. 36312	Mildred Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121 Bascom, Fla. 32423	0	0	0		82	6,100.00	200.00	
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. D. Isaac Rt. 6, Box 170 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Davine Shores Rt. 2, Box 53 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	4	11	1	6	68	8,065.00	300.00	2,790.00
LOVEWOOD	Rev. John Holland Rt. 4, Box 17 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Jean Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167H Chipley, Fla. 32428	1	1	0	3	24	2,703.71	150.00	89.97
MALONE	Rev. Walter Baxley P.O. Box 385 Malone, Fla. 32445	Helen Watford 1106 College Dr. Graceville, Fla. 32440	0	1	0	0	99	5,900.00	250.00	1,297.47
MARVIN CHAPEL	Rev. C. Powell Rt. 6, Box 180 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Audrey D. Eiland Rt. 1, Box 36 Marianna, Fla. 32446	0	6	3	4	171	10,239.50		240.00
MIDWAY	Rev. J.E. Nichols Altha, Fla. 32421	Willam Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0	0	0	0	6	100.90		10.00
NEW HOPE	Rev. Gene Gilbert Rt. 1, Box 212 Bascom, Fla. 32423	Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215 Bascom, Fla. 32423	1	0	1	2	52	3,900.00	150.00	
PINE GROVE	Rev. T. Adams Rt. 1 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Rick Wise Rt. 1, Box 148B Blountstown, Fla. 32424	3	12	0	0	40	2,600.00		
SALEM	Rev. W.E. George Rt. 2 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mildred Phillips Rt. 2, Box 167 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	0	4	3	3	94	9,805.00	400.00	2,467.00
SNEADS	Rev. L. Ogletree P.O. Box 783 Sneads, Fla. 32460	Frances C. Cloud P.O. Box 297 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0	0	1	0	74	8,580.00	581.00	1,494.65
TRAVELER'S REST	Rev. R. Atkins Rt. 1 Altha, Fla. 32421	Ella Grantham Rt. 1, Box 71 Altha, Fla. 32421	5	7	2	4	50	6,775.00	601.07	1,377.47
TOTALS			21	43	16	29	1074	79,214.11	3,549.07	11,523.50

Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Association Projects	St. & Nat'l. Projects	Other	Total Operation	Value of Church Property	Value of Parsonage
575.00	937.55	240.00	431.07		1,000.00		8,030.05	21,372.58	75,000.00	15,000.00
					100.00		2,118.10	11,797.00	55,000.00	15,000.00
	75.97		100.00					13,195.20	40,000.00	15,000.00
520.00		430.00	179.00				1,552.16	13,344.59		
240.00	782.45		435.00	60.00		240.00		16,181.60	60,000.00	
40.00			200.00		30.00		704.30	9,488.51	25,000.00	
							1,331.17	13,270.74	110,000.00	45,000.00
207.00	2,024.00	757.00	255.00		300.00		6,203.83	25,974.94	100,000.00	50,000.00
	10.00		12.00	21.00				212.09	2,000.00	
90.00			100.00		300.00		1,990.69	7,766.75	10,000.00	
484.25	490.00	1,200.00	120.00				9,353.67	28,181.24	25,000.00	20,000.00
219.00	152.50		240.00		100.00		3,979.93	16,045.28	30,000.00	20,000.00
173.62	265.09		144.00				4,527.49	19,526.50	50,000.00	5,000.00
2,548.87	4,773.56	2,627.00	2,216.07	81.00	1,830.00	240.00	39,791.39	196,357.02	582,000.00	185,000.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Thomas Adams, Rt. 1, Box 142-A, Blountstown, Fla. 32424
Rev. Ronnie Atkins, Rt. 1, Altha, Fla. 32421
Rev. Walter Baxley, P.O. Box 385, Malone, Fla. 32445
Rev. W. E. George, Rt. 2, Bonifay, Fla. 32425
Rev. Gene Gilbert, Rt. 1, Box 212, Bascom, Fla. 32423
Rev. John Holland, Rt. 4, Box 17, Bonifay, Fla. 32425
Rev. Elias Hurst, Rt. 4, Box 247, Chipley, Fla. 32428
Rev. David Isaac, Rt. 6, Box 170, Marianna, Fla. 32446
Rev. Thomas Kirkland, Rt. 2, Box 23, Ashford, Ala. 36312
Rev. Henry Matthews, Rt. 5, Box 688, Chipley, Fla. 32428
Rev. J. E. Nichols, Rt., Altha, Fla. 32421
Rev. Leonard Ogletree, P.O. Box 783, Sneads, Fla. 32460
Rev. C. H. Pelt, 1502 College St., Marianna, Fla. 32446
Rev. James Pelt, P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424
Rev. Charles Powell, Rt. 6, Box 180, Marianna, Fla. 32466
Rev. Harvey Ross
Rev. James W. Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 76, Sneads, Fla. 32460
Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 4, Box 74, Marianna, Fla. 32446
Rev. C. A. Williams, P.O. Box 215, Sneads, Fla. 32460

LICENSED MINISTERS

John Meredith, Rt., Graceville, Fla. 32440
Coley Baxter, Malone, Fla. 32445
Frank Edenfield

COMMITTEE REPORTS

REPORT ON COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the Christian Education Committee, submit this annual report:

In looking back over the last year we have seen some definite improvement in the education of our youth. We have seen some churches in our Association start a CTS Program and join in the Competition and Arts Activities. We have seen 1st graders through 12th graders search God's Word and apply it to memory and we have heard voices lifted up for the Glory of God. We, the Education Committee, want to say thanks for all efforts put forth for the Glory of God. Keep up the good work.

Sunday School is a vital arm of the Church. We appreciate every teacher God has called in our Association.

Our prayer is that more people will hear the Word of God through our churches this next year.

God bless each one who has had a part in this work for God.

PROPOSED 1980 - 1981 BUDGET

The Executive Committee offers these recommendations for our 1980-1981 Budget:

1. We recommend \$12,000.00 be set as a goal for the Cooperative Plan of Support.
2. We recommend these percentages for dividing the cooperative monies: State 75%
Association 25%
3. We further recommend these percentages for dividing the Associational funds: Mission Board 65%
Youth Board 25%
General Fund 10%

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Auxiliaries -----	New Hope & Marvin Chapel
Committee on Committees -----	Hickory Grove
Finance -----	Damascus
Nominations -----	Lovewood
Obituaries -----	First Church of Sneads
Resolutions -----	Malone
Stewardship -----	Cypress Creek
Temperance -----	Christian Home

REPORT OF THE TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We live in a world filled with temptations. However, God's Word teaches that "When man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him," Proverbs 16:7. It is the firm belief of this committee that the Bible teaches total abstinence from any and all uses of alcoholic beverages. It is the sincere desire of this committee that all people adhere to this teaching. Galatians 5:21-23 tells us that "Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings and such like, of which I tell you before, as I have told you in times past, that which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, Joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, meekness, temperance; against such there is no law."

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

Sunday Schools -----	13
C.T.S. -----	10
Prayer Meetings -----	12
Master's Men -----	1
Woman's Auxiliaries -----	9

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Committee -----	Mr. Olan Rehberg	1983
Ordaining Council -----	Rev. W. E. George	1983
Mission Board -----	Rev. Ronnie Atkins	1985
Christian Education -----	Mrs. Janet Baxley	1983

Places of meetings in 1981:

First Quarterly Session -----	Marvin Chapel
Second Quarterly Session -----	Salem
Third Quarterly Session -----	Damascus
Annual Session -----	Holly Grove

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

There is the real overflowing cup, that, through fidelity in the use of what we have, we may get the reward of being taken in as co-worker with God. Down the highway of life, together with the Lord we go; over the rough places He will help us, when the going is hard, He will encourage us; and when the burden is heavy, He will help us lift it, "For my yoke is easy and my burden is light," saith the Master. The requirement is that we shall, having received gifts differing according to our capacity, trade with them, cultivate them, encourage them, and thus increase them. "As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." I Peter 4:10. Let us therefore give our best in service to the Lord, and by so doing we will receive the best rewards in return.

REPORT OF ORDAINING COUNCIL

We ordained Bro. Ronnie Atkins on April 6, 1980 as a Minister of the Gospel and ordained Bro. Richard Rehberg as a deacon in January 1980.

We recommend that Rev. David Isaac be received into our Association.

REPORT OF OBITUARY COMMITTEE

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

Christian Home -- Bro. Ernest Kent, Sister Aletha Brown, Sister Mildred Kent and Sister Viola Bridges.

Cottondale -- Sister Christine Barnes Brannon.

Marvin Chapel -- Bro. Albert Wright, Sister Mattie B. Woodlief and Sister Laura Bell Grant.

Salem -- Bro. Charles Taylor, Sister Sally Seay and Sister Evie Hendrix.

Sneads -- Sister Laura E. Lamb.

ERNEST KENT

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life."

Having fulfilled this requirement, Ernest laid down his earthly cares, and departed this life to be with his Saviour June 12, 1980.

He became a Christian at an early age, and had lived a useful life. He joined our workers at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church June 26, 1977, and was a loyal and faithful member.

In his passing, our Church has lost a faithful member, our community one of its most faithful citizens, and his family a devoted husband and a loyal brother. Survivors include his wife, 2 brothers, and 2 sisters to mourn his passing.

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

Somewhere beyond the sunset, where loveliness never dies, He dwells in a land of glory with a Saviour crucified.

VIOLA BRIDGES

On October 16, 1979, Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church suffered a great loss in the passing from our midst our Sister Viola Bridges.

She accepted Christ at an early age, and joined our Church September 29, 1931, and was a faithful, active member as long as her health permitted. She was always in her place, and ready and willing to do her duty in every way.

"Miss" Viola, as she was affectionately known, was loved and adored by all who knew her, and she will be greatly missed by her Church, loved ones and friends.

She is survived by 2 sons, 3 daughters, 14 grandchildren, and 17 great grandchildren.

The life she lived should be an inspiration to her loved ones and friends to follow her. Our loss is Heaven's gain, and we bow in humble submission to the One who doeth all things well.

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

There is an open gate at the end of the way thru which each must go alone, but there is a light we cannot see, Our Father has claimed His own.

MILDRED KENT

God in his infinite wisdom and mercy has seen fit to call from our midst, Sister Mildred Kent to her eternal home.

Early in the day of June 1, 1980, she quietly slipped away to be with her Master. As she walked along the pathway of life, God called, and she suddenly turned a bend in the road, and passed from our sight.

She gave her life to the Lord at an early age, and has been a faithful, consecrated member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church since June 26, 1953. We will miss her from our midst, she was always ready and willing to serve in any way that she could. She will be greatly missed by her Church, her family, her friends, and the entire community will feel the loss keenly but, we bow reverently in humble submission to the will of the One who doeth all things well. She was a devoted wife and mother who found her greatest joy aside from her Church, in her home and family. She was a faithful friend, who stood closest when the need was greatest. Above all she was a Devout Christian. Survivors are her husband, 1 son, 4 grandchildren, her mother, 2 brothers, and 4 sisters.

The funeral was conducted by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church. Burial followed in family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

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

ALETHA BROWN

Our Heavenly Father, in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our Sister Mrs. Aletha Brown unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the Heavens, where peace, joy and happiness will be her reward. Our Class and our Church has suffered a great loss in her passing from our midst. She was a faithful, ardent worker as long as her health permitted her to do so. She lived a beautiful Christian life and her goodness overflowed and enriched the lives of others. Fellowship with her was indeed an honor and a pleasure. 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 she came in contact, and always found time to witness to her friends and loved ones. She loved her church, her friends and was faithful to the end, and in her passing the Church has lost one of it's most loved and devoted members, her life was one of untiring service to her God and her many friends and those she came in contact with. The Church, community, her family, and host of friends will miss her, but we bow in humble submission to the will of One who doeth all things well. There's an open gate at the end of the way, thru which each must go alone, and there's a light we cannot see, Our Father has calimed His own.

SISTER LAURA E. LAMB

God in His infinite love and grace called Sister Laura Lamb home to be with Him in glory eternal on August 25, 1980. Sister Lamb was 85 years old. She lived a beautiful Christian life that blessed others. Hers was a life of service for God and those around her. She was active in the Church and community for many years. She will be greatly missed by the many that her life touched.

ALBERT WRIGHT

On September 16, 1979, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our brother, Albert Wright 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 Wright served his Lord faithfully for many years before he became unable to attend. He loved his church and was active in any movement for the betterment of the church and its undertakings.

Funeral services were held at Marvin Chapel Church by Rev. Buford Pierce. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

He will be missed by his family, friends and entire community.

MATTIE B. WOODLIEF

On January 30, 1980, Marvin Chapel Church lost a beloved member, Sister Mattie B. Woodlief.

She was a long and faithful member to her church and community. She worked with the youth of her church for a number of years and was loved and respected by all.

Funeral services were held at Marvin Chapel Church with Rev. James C. Pelt and Rev. Charles Powell. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

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

LAURA BELL GRANT

On June 30, 1980 our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our sister, Laura Bell Grant unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.

Truly a good woman has gone to her reward, and left a heritage of a challenge to her family and friends to meet her in this beautiful home beyond the sunset.

She gave her life to the Lord when she was young and loved and served Him thereafter. She was a faithful wife, precious mother, a kind and true friend. Her church, family and friends cherish the influence of her life of faithful service, her kindness, and loving manner will long be remembered.

Funeral services were held at Marvin Chapel Church by Rev. Chester Pelt and Rev. Charles Powell. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

CHARLEY TAYLOR

On December 20, 1979 our Lord called from our midst Bro. Charley Taylor who had been a member of Salem Church for a number of years. We pray God's blessings on those loved ones he left behind.

MRS. SALLY SEAY

On December 22, 1979 our Lord called home Mrs. Sally Seay. She left behind a host of relatives and friends.

MRS. EVIE HENDRIX

The Lord called from our midst on December 28, 1979 Mrs. Hendrix. She had been a faithful member of Salem Church for years. We pray God's blessings on her friends and relatives left behind. She will be greatly missed.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE

The Executive Committee proposes the following change in the Constitution of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists of Florida;

Strike out Article IX -- Finance of the present Constitution and substitute the following:

Article IX - Finance

Section 1. All churches represented in the body are asked to pay fees quarterly. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the body while in session, and may be changed by a two-third vote in any session.

Section 2. Each church is to send five dollars (\$5) per delegate with a minimum of five dollars (\$5) per church.

Section 3. Each church is asked to send at least ten percent (10%) of its income for the cooperative plan of support.

Section 4. All cooperative funds coming into this body shall be spend under a budget plan. This budget must be approved by the body while in session.

Section 5. The Moderator and Clerk shall each receive fifty dollars (\$50) annually for their services.

Article VII - Boards

Paragraph 1. Delete the words Christian Education and substitute the words Youth Board.

Paragraph 3. Delete the words Christian Education and substitute the words Youth Board.

**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 Youth Board.

(1) The Home Mission-Church Extension Board shall be composed of five (5) members.

(2) The Youth Board shall be composed of three (3) members. All standing 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

Section 1. All churches represented in the body are asked to pay fees quarterly. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the body while in session, and may be changed by a two-third vote in any session.

Section 2. Each church is to send five dollars (\$5) per delegate with a minimum of five dollars (\$5) per church.

Section 3. Each church is asked to send at least ten percent (10%) of its income for the cooperative plan of support.

Section 4. All cooperative funds coming into this body shall be spent under a budget plan. This budget must be approved by the body while in session.

Section 5. The Moderator and Clerk shall each receive fifty dollars (\$50) 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 3, 1981

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - - - Salem Church
April 4, 1981

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - - - - Damascus Church
July 4, 1981

ANNUAL SESSION - - - - - Holly Grove Church
Friday Night, 7:00 P.M. October 2, 1981
Saturday, 10:00 A.M. October 3, 1981
