MINUTES

OF THE

87th ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

LOVEWOOD CHURCH

1982

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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church January 2, 1982

The congregation was brought to order for worship by the piano music of Miss Glenda Clark. Rev. James Pelt led in singing, "I Am Thine O Lord" Rev. W. E. George brought the morning devotion. He read John 4:46-54, offered a prayer and stated his subject, "Have Faith in God." Others change or fail, but God's promises are true and steadfast. There is no security except "The Rock of Ages."

Rev. James Pelt, as host pastor, welcomed all present in behalf of the church. The Moderator, Rev. Odis Whitehead, responded and requested that all strive for unity and involvement

in this session.

The Moderator called to order for a business session. Called for a partial report of the Credential Committee. MSC to accept the report. He recognized the standing delegates and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates. The elected delegates were recognized. MSC that elected delegates be seated in this session. Congregation sang "Have Faith in God" and Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer. A recess was declared before the worship service.

After greeting friends, the body was called to order by piano music. The congregation sang, "When We All Get to Heaven." Rev. Henry Matthews led in prayer. Rev. James Pelt introduced his brother, Dr. Michael Pelt, who was visiting from North Carolina. All joined in singing "Amazing Grace" Rev. James Pelt led the offertory prayer and an offering was received. He

sang a special in song, "Only Believe."

Rev. C. H. Pelt was introduced as the speaker for the morning by his brother, Rev. James Pelt. The subject for the message was "Faith." A background for the New Year sermon was given. Conditions today indicate that there is little hope, little faith and love is misunderstood. There are constant changes in the physical world, only the spiritual world is permanent. In the 13th chapter of I Corinthians faith, hope and love abideth. In one's daily life he has faith in things and people, and should have faith in God. In Hebrews 11:1,2,3,6 we read more about faith and that faith, hope and love all point to God.

The host pastor gave a welcome and invitation to lunch served in the recreational building. Rev. Walter Baxley pro-

nounced the benediction and blessing on the food.

After lunch and the fellowship period, the group was brought to order by music from Miss Glenda Clark at the organ and Mrs. Baxley at the piano. Song service resumed by singing "Standing on the Promises." Rev. David Isaac led in prayer. "Footsteps of Jesus" was sung by the congregation. Rev. Henry Matthews brought the afternoon devotion based on I John 1:1,4,7,9 and 2:15. He emphasized that Jesus is the Light and the Word. Christians should apply this Light and Word to their lives. Bro. Eddie Clemmons sang a special "Near the Cross."

The Moderator referred to a mistake in the minutes as to

The Moderator referred to a mistake in the minutes as to the place of the next session. It is right in the Nominating Committee Report, but wrong on the back of the minutes. Time and places of the Men's Fellowship Meetings were given. The final report of the Credential Committee was given and MSC to accept. The Finance Committee report given. MSC to accept. MSC that the Association pay \$200 rental fee on the Assembly of God auditorium for a meeting place for the State Youth Competi-

tion. The Moderator announced that the State delegates dues has increased from \$3 to \$10 for each church in the Association. This is retroactive. MSC that the balance of this be paid.

The report from the Mission Board recommended that support

to Sunny Hills be dropped. MSC to do so.

Mrs. Janet Baxley made announcements concerning the 1982

Youth Competition.

The Moderator asked that the ministers meet to set standards for the Youth Competition. MSC to extend to the church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Rev. George announced radio programs; Holly Grove announced the Youth Rally and Sneads delegation announced the Men's Fellowship meeting. MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Rehberg.

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SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

First Free Will Baptist Church of Malone April 2, 1982

Registration began at 9:15 AM and piano music was rendered by Mrs. Janet Baxley. At 10 AM the session began with congregational singing led by Rev. Baxley. After singing "Victory in Jesus", Rev. David Isaac led in prayer. Bro. Richard Rehberg. after a prayer, brought a devotion based on John 13:13-15. He reminded all of us of the importance of being happy in Jesus.

The Moderator, Rev. Odis Whitehead declared the body in order for business. He recognized the standing delegates and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates. The elected delegates were recognized. MSC that

the elected delegates for this session be seated.

Moderator called for any reports. MSC to receive a partial report of the Credentials Committee. There was an oral report on the Youth Camp by a Committee member. It related to the new well which cost upward of \$4,200 and that the money would have

to be borrowed if the funds were not forthcoming.

Rev. Charles Powell spoke on the plans for the State Promotional work. The Committee is composed of five men appointed by the State Moderator. Reading II Cor. 9:12,13, he stressed that we need to make other's needs our needs. He spoke of the mission work being done in Tallahassee and Gainesville and stated their pressing needs for consideration by the Association. There will soon be slides and pictures of the churches and pastors available to pastors. There are plans for an area missionary conference. Prayers were requested for the Promotional work.

Rev. Whiteheau led in a prayer of adjournment for recess before the worship service.

Mrs. Baxley at the piano rendered music to bring the group to attention. Rev. Baxley led in singing "Come Unto Me." Bro. Hall gave the offeratory prayer. An offering was received and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Mrs. Baxley brought a lovely message in song entitled, "Remember, God Loves You." Rev. Baxley introduced the speaker for the morning.

Rev. H. Herndon, a visiting minister, brought the message. He read I Samuel 17:37-40 and led in prayer. "Five smooth Stones" was the subject. The things of the world didn't fit, but armed in the name of the Lord, David lifted God up and God lifted David up. He named the five stones David used, courage, loyalty, devotion, love and faith; which all need for their Christian life.

Welcome and directions for lunch was given by Rev. Walter Baxley and Rev. Carr pronounced blessing on the food and a

benediction.

After an hour of fellowship and delicious lunch served in the fellowship hall, the congregation was called back into the sanctuary by piano music. Rev. Baxley led the group in singing by Faith" and led in prayer. Bro. Ronnie Gallaway "Living brought the devotion on "God Is Number One," John 9:25.

in God solves all problems.

The Moderator called to order for a business session. MSC to receive a final report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to receive Finance Committee report. The Ordaining Council had no report. The Mission Baord reported they had met and discussed needs. They recommended that \$500 from Mission Board be donated to Youth Camp. MSC to so do. Youth Board announced

Youth Rally. MSC to give rising vote of appreciation to Malone Church for their hospitality. MSC to donate \$500 from General Fund to Youth Camp.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Homecoming and revival at Salem Church April 25-30. Homecoming and revival at Sneads Church April 4-9. A note of appreciation was read from the Dale Bishops. There will be a sing at Midway Church April 29. Homecoming at Cottondale Church April 11. Master's Men Crusade to be held August 15-20. MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Horace Chaffin.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

		Partial	<u>Final</u>
Number of	churches reporting	12	12
Number of	ministers registering	12	12
Number of	deacons registering	14	16
Number of	delegates registering	30	30
Number of	visitors registering	36	36
	Total present	92	94

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION April 3, 1982	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Bishop Account	Payne Account	Mount Pleasant	Gainesville Mission	Children's Home	Super- annuation	Association General Fund	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME			1.7.7.	130.00		75.00			40.00	245.00
COTTONDALE									32.00	32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	108.42									108.42
DAMASCUS	616.00								15.00	631.00
HICKORY GROVE				30.00		,			20.00	50.00
HOLLY GROVE	200.00								15.00	215.00
LOVEWOOD	27.34								10.00	37.34
MALONE	273.89						288.89		15.00	577.78
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00								15.00	75.00
MIDWAY	2.00		1 1 1		,		2.00	2.00	2.00	8.00
NEW HOPE			46.50						15.00	61.50
PINE GROVE										
SALEM	552.00								10.00	562.00
SNEADS	100.00								15.00	115.00
TRAVELER'S REST	559.07			25.09		19.08			25.00	628.24
OFFERING				*					77.35	77.35
TOTALS	2,498.72	1	46.50	185.09		94.08	290.89	2.00	306.35	3,423.63

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Traveler's Rest Church July 3, 1982

Registration for the session began at 9:45 AM. Congregational song service began at 10:00 with Mrs. Janet Baxley at the piano and Bro. Wayne Shiver leading. "Amazing Grace" was sung and then Bro. Adams led in prayer. In keeping with the holiday week-end, all stood, sang "America" and repeated the "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag and the country.

The host pastor, Rev. Carlie Lloyd, extended a gracious welcome to everyone. Bro. Eddie Clemmons brought a special message in song entitled, "I'm a Child of the King." Then Helen Nichols sang "Don't Take My Burden or My Cross Away."

Rev. Charles Powell was on program for the morning devo-After a prayer, he read Hebrew 13:10-16 and spoke on "Altars." Altars of the past meant an approach to God. All need to come before God. Acts of worship should include sacri-fice, praise, good deeds, communication and a new beginning.

Our altar is Jesus. He closed with another prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. Odis Whitehead, called the body to order for a business session. He recognized the standing delegates and charged them to seat the elected delegates. The elected delegates were recognized, and the standing delegates MSC to seat the elected delegates for this session. Called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee -- not ready. Called for the church letters to be handed to clerk. Called for any reports which were ready -- there were none. The Moderator pronounced a benediction for recess of ten minutes before the worship service.

The worship service was called to order by piano music by Helen Nichols. Bro. Wayne Shiver led the congregation in singing "Onward, Christian Soldier." Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. Miss Brenda Whitehead sang "I'm Proud to be Called an American" accompanied by Miss Connie Whitehead at the piano. The host pastor introduced Rev. Ron Woodward from north Florida, as speaker for the service. The regular offering was taken.

Rev. Woodward based his message on Matt. 9:35-38, and the phrase "--moved with compassion on them--." He stated that the three motivating factors are fear, hate and love. Compassion moved the heart and hand of Jesus during His ministry. He had compassion because of sin. All should pray for more compassion and act on it. One should forget self. The messenger extended an invitation for anyone to come to the altar for forgiveness or rededication. He closed with prayer.

The Rev. Lloyd promounced a benediction for the noon hour

and a blessing on the food.

After a bountiful lunch the congregation was called to order by the piano music of Helen Nichols. Bro. Wayne Shiver led in singing "There is a Name I Love to Hear" and "God Leads Us Along." Mrs. Janet Baxley brought a special message in song entitled, "Jesus Will Make It Heaven for Me."

The Moderator reminded that things in heaven will be better than the best on earth. MSC to receive the Credentials Committee report. The Moderator called for reports. Mrs. Janet Baxley gave an oral report from the Youth Board. She reported a good competition meeting. The Youth Board voted to pay \$60 each to six winners for expense help to the National Meeting to be held

in Texas. The winners are: Kim Shores, Jeffery Baxter, Tony Daniels, Miss Jeanette Whitehead, Miss Brenda Whitehead and Miss Connie Whitehead. MSC that each contestant be paid \$75 each for expenses from the general fund of the Association.

The Moderator discussed the budget, and asked prayer for the Mission Board as it plans a new project. All were reminded of the annual session convening on Oct. 1,2 and the Committee

reports due then.

Call for other business. None. Call for announcements. Sneads Church asked for prayers for Mable Pelt and Mrs. Hill. Rev. Isaac announced that brochures of Holly Grove Christian School are ready for distribution. Richard Rehberg announced plans for the Crusade in August and asked for cooperation from pastors. Lovewood has revival beginning July 14. Salem has Homecoming on July 4. Rev. Charles Powell will be radio evangelist for July. Malone has revival 1st week of August. Youth Rally will be at Damascus tonight. The annual Men's Fellowship meeting, with wives attending, will be held July 17, 7 P.M. Youth Camp reported poor attendance, but good service. MSC to give Traveler's Rest Church a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. James Pelt.

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

	Partial	Final
Number of churches reporting	14	14
Number of ministers registering	13	13
Number of deacons registering	13	13
Number of delegates registering	34	34
Number of visitors registering	25	_30
Total present	85	90

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Lovewood Free Will Baptist Church October 1, 1982, 7 P.M.

The song and praise service was led by Rev. John Holland and Mrs. Myrtle Sapp at the piano. Everyone joined energetically in singing "Victory in Jesus." Rev. Charles Powell led in prayer. After the congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him," the Misses Connie, Brenda and Jeanette Whitehead favored the delegates with a special message in song entitled, "I've Come Too Far to Turn Back."

The Moderator, Rev. Odis Whitehead, responded to the welcome from Lovewood, welcomed the delegates and declared the body in order for business. Rev. John Amburgey led in prayer.

The standing delegates stood and were recognized. The elected delegates were recognized. MSC by the standing delegates to seat the elected delegates for this session. MSC that Rev. John Amburgey, who is not yet a member of this Association, be seated. Moderator called for Committee reports. Received the Committee on Committees report. MSC to accept. Committee on Resolutions read report to be acted upon on October 2 concerning the revised version of the Bible by Reader's Digest. Moderator called for announcements. The Missionary Conference sponsored by the North Florida Ministerial Fellowship is scheduled for October 6-10, 1982. The Youth Rally will be held at Holly Grove Saturday, October 2, 1982, 7 P.M.

The Moderator called for a partial report of the Creden-

tials Committee. Received and MSC to accept.

Rev. John Holland led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace", and presented the speaker for the evening service, the Moderator.

Rev. Odis Whitehead gave his personal testimony and his relationship with Lovewood Church. He read Acts 2:46,47 and led in prayer. His message reminded everyone that everyone is important to God. God is still adding to the church daily such as should be saved. Matt. 6:35 promises that if one puts God first, He will add the other things. But God commands total committment. The church should seek and witness. II Peter 1:5 tells us what the Christian should add to his life. Christian faith and growth depends on what one does - study, prayer and meditation. Rev. 22:18. He closed with prayer. The invitational hymn was "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

The Moderator mentioned how an amendment to the Constitution must be effected. The benediction was pronounced by Rev.

Walter Baxley.

October 2, 1982, 10 A.M.

The song service was led by Rev. Walter Baxley and Mrs. Baxley at the piano. After the song, "I Love to Tell the Story," Rev. Bill George led the group in prayer. The host pastor, Rev. John Holland, extended a warm welcome in behalf of Lovewood Church. The service continued with singing, "Are You Washed in The Blood" and "Where I'll Never Grow Old."

Rev. Whitehead acknowledged the welcome and proceeded to introduce the new pastor of Sneads Church for the morning de-

votions.

Rev. John Amburgey brought the message based on Matt. 28: 18-20, entitled "The Love and Wrath of God." One should have a ready answer for his faith and this is obtained by continued Bible study. The F. W. Baptist doctrine of the Bible. The

church should hold fast to and teach the church doctrines.

The Moderator asked that everyone register. He recognized the elected delegates who were not present at the opening session. MSC was made to seat them for the day's proceedings. The following visitors were recognized; Bro. and Sister Sizemore, Rev. and Mrs. Skeen from W. Virginia, Pat Patterson from Niceville and Henry Lee Blackman. MSC to receive and accept the report of Christian Education Committee. MSC to accept the report of the Temperance Committee. The Resolutions Committee presented material from the U.S. World and News Report Magazine concerning the Reader's Digest revision of the Bible. MSC to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee. The Nominations Committee presented its report. MSC to act on it in the afternoon session. Prayer to adjourn for recess was by Bro. Chaffin.

The congregation reconvened in response to piano music by Mrs. Janet Baxley. After Rev. Walter Baxley led in singing "Amazing Grace" Rev. C. H. Pelt led in prayer. Several prayer requests were made and invocation for these and the offering was by Rev. Walter Baxley. The morning offering was received. The song service resumed with "Revive Us Again" and "Victory in Jesus." Rev. Sizemore introduced the speaker for the morning worship service, Rev. Skeens from W. Virginia Rev. Kenneth Skeens took for his text, Zech. 14:1, "The Day of the Lord." He took infinite care in reconciling the many 'day of the Lord." as occuring in the past or to be in the future. His studies prove to him that most of them have already been fulfilled and that the time of the antichrist is near at hand.

Rev. John Holland commented on the message and gave a welcome and announcements on the lunch. Bro. H. L. Padgett prayed a benediction and a blessing on the food.

Afternoon Session, 1 P.M.

The song began with Mrs. Janet Baxley at the piano and Rev. Odis Whitehead leading, using "When We All Get to Heaven." Bro. Mack Glass led in prayer. A special message in song was rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Henry Matthew entitled, "Just Take Thy Cross and Follow Close to Me." The devotion was brought by Rev. Henry Matthew from Matt. 7:7,8. The promises of God are for everyone and they are 'shall' and 'will', not maybe. If a person is in love with God he will serve and obey Him.

Rev Whitenead, the Moderator, declared for a business session. MSC to accept the Finance Committee report. MSC to accept the Obituary Committee report. MSC to accept the Auxiliary Committee report. The Ordaining Council had no report to give. Rev. C. H. Pelt gave an oral report of the Historical Committee and renewed a request for any materials and minutes which might be used. The Moderator called for volunteers for delegates to the Florida State Association convening in Jacksonville on Nov. 3-5, 1982. Mrs. Freda Powell volunteered. MSC to empower the Salem Moderator to appoint other delegates at the meeting. MSC that the Salem Association invite the State Association to meet here in 1983. Action on the suggested nominations from the Nominations Committee resulted in the election as follows: Rev. Charles Powell elected to the Executive Committee, Rev. Carlie Lloyd elected to the Ordaining Council, Bro. Richard Rehberg elected to the Mission Board, Rev. John Amburgey to replace Rev. Ogletree on the Mission Board and Rev. John Amburgey elected to the Youth Board. Sneads Church was elected to host the first quarterly session, Malone Church the second quarterly session, New Hope the third quarterly session

and Cottondale to host the annual session in 1983.

MSC to give Lovewood Church a rising vote of thanks for its kind hospitality. MSC to refer the question of the Constitution and By-law changes to the Executive Committee. The Mission Board gave an oral report which was MSC. MSC to adjourn. Rev. David E. Isaac pronounced the prayer of benediction.

ANNUAL SESSION October 1,2, 1982	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Bishop Account	Payne Account	Home Missions	Mount Pleasant	Gainesville	Children's Home	Super- annuation	Association General Fund	TOTALS
CHRISTIAN HOME				120.00		75.00				40.00	235.00
COTTONDALE							1			32.00	32.00
CYPRESS CREEK	129.90									5.00	134.90
DAMASCUS	713.00					1.				20.00	733.00
HICKORY GROVE				30.00						20.00	50.00
HOLLY GROVE	200.00								15.00		215.00
LOVEWOOD	26.73									10.00	36.73
MALONE	296.92							311.92		15.00	623.84
MARVIN CHAPEL	60.00									15.00	75.00
MIDWAY							1000			10.00	10.00
NEW HOPE			58.50				1 31			15.00	73.50
PINE GROVE							100	A Salar	1 to 1	100	
SALEM	533.00		8	1014	4 11			1115	1 11 1	10.00	543.00
SNEADS	115.00	1 1			1 1 1		841		1513	1000	115.00
TRAVELER'S REST	577.87		58.50	25.93	F to it.	75.00	19.92	9 4 1 2	1. 4. 5. 2. 4.	25.00	648.72
OFFERING			1111	1 1 2 1 2	A trail					75.00	75.00
TOTAL	2,652.48			175.93	100	No and	19.92	311.92	15.00	100	3,600.69

TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 3, 1981 - OCTOBER 2, 1982

 -		RECEIVED	DISPERSED	BALANCE
10-3-81	Brought Forward	\$ 2,275.11	\$	\$2,275.11
11-17-81	Evans Printing Service		262.72	2,012.39
1-2-82 1-5-82 1-5-82 1-5-82	First Quarterly Session Randall House (Youth Board	5,498.67	124.30 102.00 4,595.96	7,511.06 7,386.76 7,284.76 2,688.80
li = 00	Beverly Hartzog for Sunnyhill		75.00	2,613.80
4-5-82 4-5-82 4-5-82 4-5-82 4-8-82 4-8-82	Bill Buchanan (Youth Board Randall House (Youth Board) Camp Mount Pleasant Camp Mount Pleasant (General Fund) Second Quarterly Session Ernest Owen, State Treasurer	3,595.21	114.00 100.10 500.00 500.00	2,499.80 2,399.70 1,899.70 1,399.70 4,994.91 2,583.58
4 - 10-82	Cooperative Program	100 ha		
4-10-82 4-10-82 4-10-82 4-10-82 5-12-82 5-12-82	Ernest Owen, Cooperative Fla. State Youth Board (Y B'd) C & M Sporting Goods (Youth) Powell- rent on Assembly Camp Late Check	108.41	81.30 187.50 62.50 200.00	2,692.00 2,610.70 2,423.20 2,360.70 2,160.70 2,180.70
7 - 3-82 7-5-82	Third Quarterly Session	3,721.03		5,901.73
7-5-82 7-9-82	National from General Fund		450.00 360.00 2,736.38	5,451.73 5,091.73 2,355.35
10-2-82 10-2-82	Rev. Odis Whitehead, Moderator		50.00 400.00	2,305.35 1,905.35
10-2-82 10-4-82	Annual SessionTo Pat Patterson for Niceville	\$3,600.69	155.65	5,506.04
10-4-82 10-4-82	Church from Mission Board ————————————————————————————————————		720.08 150.00	4,785.96 4,635,96
10-4-82	Superannuation 15.00 Ruby C. Pelt, Clerk TOTALS	\$18,819.13	2,645.63 50.00 \$16,878.80	1,990.33 1,940.33

MISSION BOARD REPORT October 3, 1981 - October 2, 1982

(65% of	25% of Cooperative Fund)	RECEIVED	DISPERSED	BALANCE
10-4-82	Balance			0
1-2-82	From Cooperative Program	\$ 359.24		\$ 359.24
4-3-82 4-5-82 4-10-82	From Cooperative Program Camp Mt. Pleasant Late Check	406.07 20.34	500.00	765.31 265.31 285.65
7-3-82 10-2-82	From Cooperative Program N. Fla. Ministerial Fellow- ship for Mission Conf	403.40	400.00	689.05 289.05
10-2-82 10-4-82	Annual Session Niceville Church	431.03	720.08	720.08 -0-

YOUTH BOARD October 3, 1981 - October 3, 1982

(25% of	25% of Cooperative Funds)	RECEIVED	DISPERSED	BALANCE
10-4-81	Brought Forward	\$ 393.54		\$ 393.54
1-2-82 1-5-82 1-5-82	First Session (Cooperative) Randall House Bill Buchanan's	138.17	124.30 114.00	531.71 407.41 293.41
4-3-82 4-5-82	Second Session (Cooperative) Entry fees-Malone \$ 62.50 Damascus 67.50 Sneads 10.00 Holly Grove- 55.00	156.15		349.46
	Salem 85.00	280.00		629.46
4-10-82 4-10-62 4-14-82	Late Check (Cooperative) Fla. State Youth Board C & M Sporting Goods	6.78	187.50 62.50	636.24 448.74 386.24
4-16-82	From Mrs. Janet Baxley	20.00		406.24
7-3-82 7-14-82	Third Session (Cooperative) \$60 each for 6 contestants	155.15		561.39
	to go to National meet		360.00	201.39
10-2-82	Annual Session (Cooperative)	165.78		377.17

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Rec. Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. Letters	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program
CHRISTIAN	Rev. J.C. Pelt P.O. Box 431 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Falfa Clerk Rt. 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla. 32424	5	2	5	1	194	8,750.00	597.33	
COTTONDALE	Rev. Henry Matthews Rt. 4, Box 247 Chipley, Fla. 32428	Jack E. Glass Rt. 7, Box 243 Marianna, Fla. 32446	1	5	1	1	44	2,675.00	415.00	128.00
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. Elias Hurst Rt. 4, Box 247 Chipley, Fla. 32428	J.W. Dilmore Rt. 4, Box 425 Marianna, Fla. 32446	0	0	1	0	46	2,600.00		448.82
DAMASCUS	Rev. Odis Whitehead Rt. 4, Box 74 Marianna, Fla. 32446	H.L. Padgett Rt. 6, Box 344 Marianna, Fla. 32446	5	12	1	0	104	12,750.00	510.00	2,325.20
HICKORY GROVE	- 2.	Mildred Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121 Bascom, Fla.	1	2	2	2	72	4,625.00		
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. D.E. Isaac Rt. 6, Box 38 Marianna, Fla.	Davine Shores Rt. 2, Box 53 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	3	4	0	5	62	9,375.00	420.00	800.00
LOVEWOOD	Rev. J.M. Holland Rt. 4, Box 17 Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mrs. Jean Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167H Chipley, Fla. 32428	1	1	0	0	23	3,309.25	200.00	112.84
MALONE	Rev. W. Baxley P.O. Box 385 Malone, Fla. 32445	Cleo Hall P.O. Box 12 Malone, Fla.	19	6	2	0	134	6,500.00	430.00	1,090.99
MARVIN CHAPEL	Rev. C. Powell Rt. 6, Box 180 Marianna, Fla.	Audrey Eiland Rt. 1, Box 36 Marianna, Fla.	4	1	0	1	175	11,960.00	475.00	240.00
MIDWAY	Rev. Arnold Woodlief Marianna, Fla. 32446	Mrs. Willa Dean Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla. 32460	0 '	0	0	0	14	200.00		6.00
NEW HOPE	Rev. D. Carr Rt. 2, Box 266 Ashford, Ala.	Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215 Bascom, Fla. 32423	4	0	3	0	51	6,500.00	200.00	
PINE GROVE	Rev. T. Adams Rt. 1 Blountstown, Fla. 32424	Rick Wise Rt. 1, Box 148 Blountstown, Fla. 32424								
SALEM	Rev. W.E. George Rt. 1, Box 39E Bonifay, Fla. 32425	Mildred Phillips Rt. 1 Cottondale, Fla. 32431	6	4	1	1	102	7,020.00	665.00	1,537.08
SNEADS	Rev. J. Amburgey P.O. Box Sneads, Fla. 32460	Frances C. Cloud P.O. Box 297 Sneads, Fla. 32460	4	4	0	2	82	9,880.00	630.00	400.00
TRAVELER'S REST	Rev. C. Lloyd Rt. 1, Box 123 Altha, Fla. 32421	Ella Grantham Rt. 1, Box 71 Altha, Fla. 32421	9	7	0	1	51	7,850.00	620.00	2,065.87
TOTALS		/	60	46	17	15	1154	93,514.25	5,377.33	9,133.97

Foreign Missions	Home	Education	Children's Home	Super-	Assn. Projects	St. & Natl	Others	Total Operation	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorage
2,300.00	710.00	360.00	343.90	0	160.00	0	11,816.61	32,424.02	75,000.00	15,000.00
87.00	0	0	50.00	0	128.00	0	1,805.91	11,505.28	100,000.00	20,000.00
0	0	0	100.00	0	100.00	0	108.42	2,908.42	10,000.00	0
0	0	0	100.00	0	60.00	0	1,913.40	25,508.00	40,000.00	20,000.0
240.00	100.00	280.00	160.00	0	80.00	0	20.00	8,971.78	100,000.00	0
240.00	0	0	180.00	0	80.00	0	8,822.46	20,000.00	90,000.00	0
0	0	0	200.00	0	40.00	0	1,843.27	7,112.32	25,000.00	0
0	0	0	1,054.99	0	60.00	0	10,531.27	25,949.77	115,000.00	45,000.0
240.00	1,807.05	600.00	324.00	0	100.00	0	15,515.97	60,792.55	100,000.00	50,000.0
0	0	0	6.00	21	6.00	0	0	222.00	3,000.00	0
250.34	240.34	0	100.00	0	60.00	0	2,050.60	9,467.96	15,000.00	0
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50.00	355.00	460.00	120.00	0	40.00	0	11,604.25	25,517.95	25,000.00	20,000.00
100.00	120.00	0	240.00	0	60.00	0	6,246.19	21,445.26	50,000.00	20,000.0
104.20	80.00	0	100.00	0	91.00	0	6,118.81	18,683.08	60,000.00	7,500.0
3,611.20	3,412.05	1,700.00	3,028.89	21	1,065.00	0	78,288.68	279,508.54	813,000.00	197,500.00

ORDAINED MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. John Amburgey, P.O. Box, Sneads, Fla. 32460 Rev. Thomas Adams, Rt. 1, Box 142-A, Blountstown, Fla. 32424 Rev. Thomas Adams, Rt. 1, Box 142-A, Blountstown, Fla. 32424
Rev. Walter Baxley, P.O. Box 385, Malone, Fla. 32445, 569-2786
Rev. Douglas Carr, Rt. 2, Box 226, Ashford, Ala. 36312
Rev. W.E. George, Rt. 1, Bonifay, Fla. 32425, 547-2340
Rev. John Holland, Rt. 4, Box 17, Bonifay, Fla. 32425, 547-3082
Rev. Elias Hurst, Rt. 4, Box 247, Chipley, Fla. 32428, 773-3465
Rev. David Isaac, Rt. 6, Box 38, Marianna, Fla. 324246, 526-4576
Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Rt. 1, Box 39E, Altha, Fla. 32421, 762-8591
Rev. Henry Matthews, Rt. 5, Box 688, Chipley, Fla. 32428, 638-7184

Rev. J.E. Nichols, Route, Altha, Fla. 32421 Rev. C.H. Pelt, 1502 College St., Marianna, Fla. 32446, 482-3661 Rev. James Pelt, P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424, 674-8495

Rev. Charles Powell, Rt. 6, Box 180, Marianna, Fla. 32446, 482-7111 Rev. Harvey Ross

Rev. J.W. Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 76, Sneads, Fla. 32460, 592-8967 Rev. Odis Whitehead, Rt. 4, Box 74, Marianna, Fla. 32446, 482-4157 Rev. C.A. Williams, P.O. Box 215, Sneads, Fla. 32460, 593-6645

Rev. Arnold Woodlief, Marianna, Fla. 32446

LICENSED MINISTERS

John Meredith, Route, Graceville, Fla. 32440 Cole Baxter, Malone, Fla. 32445 Frank Edenfield, Marianna, Fla. 32446

BUDGET FOR 1982 - 1983

- A goal for the cooperative plan of support of \$12,000.00 1.
- 2. Percentages for dividing the cooperative funds: State Association ---- 75% Salem Association ---- 25%
- 3. Percentages for dividing the association Cooperative funds; Mission Board ---- 65% Youth Board ---- 25% General Assn. fund ---- 10%

Subject to action by the First Quarterly Session.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

	Partial	Final
Number of churches reporting	12	12
Number of ministers registering	17	17
'Number of deacons registering	1 6	16 ·
Number of delegates registering	29	- 30
Visitors registering	44	44
Total Registering	106	107

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

A definition of temperance is the total abstinence from alcoholic beverages (Prov. 20:1) let us be fervent in our de-nunciation of social drinking or any drinking of alcoholic beverages as a sin against the Holy God.

Prov. 20:1; "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

II Timothy 2:15 says. "Study to show thyself approved unto God. a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." All through God's Word we are commanded as Christians to study His Word and to diligently teach our children His Word daily, that Christ may dwell in our hearts being rooted and grounded in love.

We urge each church to train teachers so as to better equip them to do the job for Christ. We feel it our duty to teach our children and young people. We feel that this can be done through Sunday School, Church Training Service, Children's Church, Vacation Bible School, Youth Conferences and Youth Camps. We should also encourage our young people to attend our Freewill Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.

Through our competition and arts activities, we have seen first graders through twelveth graders search God's Word and apply it to memory. Let us as parents encourage our children to learn God's Word. And then, after they have learned the Word, to apply it to their lives that they may be a better Christian. So that they, in return, will be able to teach their children in the coming years.

REPORT OF AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE

Sunday	Schools	13
C.T.S.		9
Prayer	Meetings	8
Woman's	Auxiliaries	5
	's Men	

The District Woman's Auxiliary met at the Traveler's Rest Church on the second Saturday afternoon in September. There were four churches represented at this meeting. Twenty-four members in attendance.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Auxiliaries	Traveler's Rest
Committee on Committees	Salem
Christian Education	
Finance	Holly Grove
Nominations	Damascus
Obituaries	Malone
Resolutions	Sneads
Stewardship	Marvin Chapel
Temperance	New Hope

REPORT OF STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

I Cor. 6:20; "For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's."

Mrs. Charles Barnard summed it up in her hymn, "Give Of

Your Best to the Master."

According to God's Word, we are to be stewards of every aspect of life. We are personally responsible for the talents God gives us according to Matt. 25. Deut. 26:2 covers the first fruits in our lives.

Being good stewards is seeking first the kingdom of God and His righteousness. All good stewards know that He will give an

account to God one day for all God has given him.

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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Executive Committee Ordaining Council Mission Board Youth Board Youth Board	Rev. Rev.	Carlie John A Richar	Lloyd mburgey	1985 1983 1987
Places of meeting in 1983: First Quarterly Session Second Quarterly Session Third Quarterly Session	- Firs	st Chur	ch of Male	

Annual Session ----- Cottondale Church

No report from the Ordaining Council.

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 Church
 5

 Damascus Church
 1

 Hickory Grove Church
 3

 First Church of Malone
 2

 New Hope Church
 1

 Salem Church
 1

DAMASCUS CHURCH - Sister Minnie Lee Sexton.

HICKORY GROVE CHURCH - Claud Yarbough - October 5, 1981.

Joseph Dickens - December 19, 1981. January 31, 1982 - Katie E. Oswald Sims was a faithful member at Hickory Grove Church since August 1916. Burial at 10 A.M., Tuesday, February 2, 1982. Rev. Thomas Kirkland officiating. Funeral directed by Evans Skipper Funeral Home of Donalsonville, Ga. Music by Mrs. Janet Baxley. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Sims, two nephews and one niece.

FIRST CHURCH OF MALONE - Mrs. Lorene Baxter, born May 1, 1915, died July 30, 1982. Mr. Willie Shores.

NEW HOPE CHURCH - On October 24, 1981, our Heavenly Father in His infinite wisdom and mercy called our sister, Lula Horne, unto Himself to dwell in a home not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

She was a faithful member of New Hope Church as long as her health permitted. She was a faithful wife, precious mother, a kind and true friend. Her kindness and loving manner will long be remembered by her church, family and friends. Funeral services were held at New Hope Church by Rev. Douglas Carr. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

SALEM CHURCH - On October 3, 1981, our church lost our beloved Brother Sidney Morris. He was well thought of by the church and his friends. He was a faithful member of the church, but due to bad health was unable to attend his last few years. He will be missed greatly by his church and friends. Our loss is Heavens gain.

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH OBITUARIES:

On December 21, 1981, the Lord called from our midst Sidney Parrish. Sidney united with Christian Home Church August 18, 1957 and served his Church as long as his health permitted him. He is survived by his wife, Catherine, one daughter, one sister, and a host of friends. Services were held at Christian Home Church with his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, conducting the service. Burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

On March 28, 1982, the Lord called Brother Samuel Decar Spears from our midst. Decar was a faithful servant of the Lord and a faithful member of Christian Home Church. He served as Deacon for several years. He will greatly be missed by his church, family, and community. He is survived by his wife, one daughter, and two grandchildren. Funeral services were held by his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, and Rev. Lewis Berry. Burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

On April 26, 1982, the Lord called Sister Vera Mae (Knight) Simpler from our midst. Mrs. Vera Mae was a faithful member of Christian Home Church for many years. She loved her church and the people of the community very much. Her grandfather was the Rev. John T. Knight. She is survived by her husband, one son, one sister, and a host of nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral services were held by her pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

On September 20, 1982,. Christian Home Church lost a beloved member. The Lord called from our midst Pastoria Brock Davis. Pat, as she was affectionately called, united with Christian Home Church at an early age and served her church for many years. She is survived by one son, Pete Davis of Tallahassee, one daughter, Faye Griffin of Panama City, two sisters, seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at Christian Home Church with Rev. J.B. Ansley of Panama City conducting the service and burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

On September 22, 1982, Christian Home Church lost a beloved member, James (Jim) Parrish. The Lord called from our midst (Uncle Jim as he was called by his friends.) Uncle Jim united with Christian Home Church in 1930. He is survived by his wife, one son, two daughters, and a host of relatives and friends. Graveside funeral services were held by his pastor, Rev. James C. Pelt, and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

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, Tempérance, 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

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 - - - - First Church of Sneads
January 1, 1983

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION - - - First Church of Malone
April 2, 1983

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION - - - New Hope Church July 2, 1983

ANNUAL SESSION - - - - Cottondale Church Friday Night, 7:00 P.M. September 30, 1983 Saturday, 10:00 A.M. October 1, 1983