

**MINUTES**  
 OF THE  
**89th ANNUAL SESSION**  
 OF THE  
**SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**ASSOCIATION**  
 HELD WITH  
**COTTONDALE CHURCH**  
**1984**

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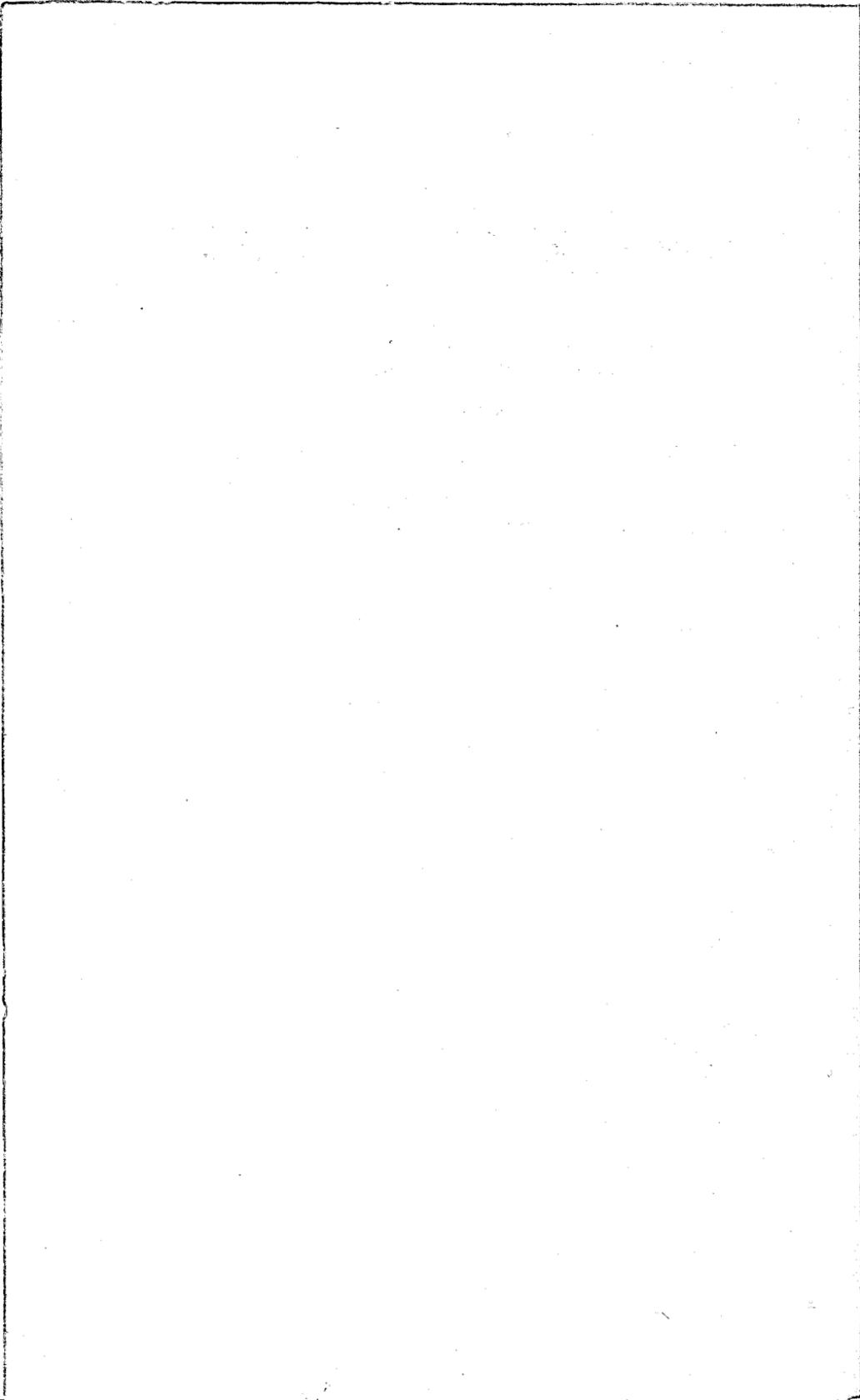
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## FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Hickory Grove F.W.B. Church  
December 31, 1983

Registration began at 9:45. Rev. C. A. Williams led the congregation in the hymn, "Surely Goodness and Mercy" with Mrs. Amburgey at the piano. Song service continued by singing "Are You Able." Rev. John Amburgey led the worshippers in prayer.

Hickory Grove pastor, Rev. C. A. Williams, welcomed the congregation and introduced the Moderator, Rev. Bill George. Rev. Henry Matthews brought the morning devotion based on Jer. 18:11. New Year resolutions should be seriously considered, based on five questions; what? return to the Lord, when? return today, who? return everyone, from what? return from evil way, to what? a closer walk. Stop, consider, turn around.

Moderator declared a short business session. He recognized the standing delegates and charged them with seating the elected delegates, recognized the elected delegates. MSC to receive a partial report of the credentials committee. The Ordination Council passed out minister's cards for 1984, received an oral report of the Historical Committee by Rev. C. H. Pelt. Adjourned for recess. Prayer by Rev. David Isaac.

Service resumed with Mrs. Mildred Pelt at the piano and Rev. James Pelt leading "Jesus Paid It All." Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. The congregation sang "Blessed Assurance" and "Amazing Grace." Bro. Howard Chaffin led in prayer. An offering was received and the morning speaker introduced. Misses Kim and Rita Glass from Salem Church sang "Time and Time Again."

Rev. C. H. Pelt brought the morning message on "Sign of the Son of Man." Things to look for--a falling away, social church and appearance of the anti-christ. Matt. 24:9-31. The first half to be man against man, the middle period when anti-christ says "I'm God." The sign of the Son of man is light, flaming sword, consuming fire, pillow of cloud and wall of fire. The unsaved to see the sign of the Lord.

The Moderator made appropriate comments and the host pastor gave instructions for lunch. Benediction and blessing on food pronounced by Bro. Bill Cressley.

After a bountiful lunch and fellowship period, piano music by Mrs Amburgey signalled the re-convening. Rev.

James Pelt led in singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes." Rev. C. Lloyd led in prayer. The special music was enjoyed; Eddie Clemmons sang "Sweet Little Jesus Boy", Rev. James Pelt sang "How Great Thou Art," and the Whitehead Sisters, Connie, Brenda and Jeanette sang "Treasures Unseen."

Rev. C. Lloyd brought the afternoon devotion entitled "Discipleship" based on Luke 9:23. Three things are required for discipleship; 1. determination, 2. self-denial and 3. take up one's cross daily. He closed with prayer.

The Moderator declared the body in order for business. Called for final report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to accept. Called for finance report. MSC to accept. The Salem Church asked the Ordination Council to ordain three deacons, details to be worked out. Announcements were made and a rising vote of thanks was given to Hickory Grove Church for its hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Prayer by Bro. Manuel Suggs.

Christian Home			220.00		75.00			40.00	360.00	
Cottondale								32.00	32.00	
Cypress Creek										
Damascus	770.00							15.00	785.00	
Hickory Grove			30.00					20.00	50.00	
Holly Grove	200.00							15.00	215.00	
Lovewood	24.68							10.00	34.68	
Malone								15.00	15.00	
Marvin Chapel	60.00							15.00	75.00	
Midway	2.00						6.00	2.00	10.00	
New Hope			200.00					15.00	215.00	
Pine Grove								10.00	10.00	
Salem	451.00							10.00	461.00	
Speads	100.00							15.00	115.00	
Traveler's Rest	679.53		76.38			51.38		20.00	827.29	
Offering								65.40	65.40	
Totals	2,287.21		200.00	326.38		75.00	51.38	6.00	299.40	3,270.37

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Christian Home F.W.B. Church  
March 31, 1984

The session began with the congregation singing "Bring The In,"a led by Rev. James Pelt and Bro. Darrell Holley, Pianist. Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer.

Rev. Bill George presented Rev. Charles Powell to bring the morning devotion. Rev. Powell first announced the Evangelistic Conference for the Association to be held at Marvin Chapel Church. Then he read I Thes. 5:1-11 and led in prayer. he spoke on "What the people will be saying." They will be saying before the end-time, (1) peace and safety, (2) "I am the Christ," (3) where is the promise of His coming. The Christians should keep in mind I Cor. 15:58, "--be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord--"

The welcome was given by Rev. James Pelt, host pastor. the Moderator declared a business session. MSC to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee. He recognized the standing delegates of the body and charged them with the responsibility of seating the elected delegates to this session. Recognized elected delegates. MSC that they be seated. Recognized the visitors; Rev. and Mrs. Gilbert and Doyle and Donna Terry. They were welcomed by Moderator.

Rev. George called for unfinished business. Called for any report from boards. Mrs. Odis Whitehead gave a report from the Youth Board. MSC to accept. (see report at end of minutes). Plans for the annual Camp Meeting was given. Holly Grove announced a revival beginning April 8. Sneads Church to have Rev. Outlaw in revival April 16-20. Rev. Williams pronounced a benediction for a short recess.

The song service before the worship service consisted of the congregation singing "Look For Me" and "Amazing Grace." Rev. Isaac led in prayer. An offering was received.

Doyle and Donna Terry favored those present by singing two of their recorded songs entitle "The King and the Beggar" and "At The Top of the Hill." These lifted up and thrilled our Hearts.

Rev. Carlie Lloyd was presented to bring the morning message. He read Matt. 16:16-19 and led in prayer. He spoke on hinderances to the growth of a church. These

consist of short vision, no planning, no revival, short term pastors and getting side-tracked. A church should believe, teach and follow the teachings of the Bible, be committed to soul-winning, have great vision, prepare for growth and be separated from the world.

The hose pastor gave instructions and welcome for lunch. Rev. Buddy Bell asked a blessing on the meal and a benediction.

After an hour of lunch and fellowship Bro. Holley's piano music called for re-convening. Led by Rev. Pelt the congregation sang "I Am Thine" and "There shall be Showers of Blessings."

Rev. Whitehead presided and Rev. David Isaac brought the afternoon devotion. He read Psm. 96:9 and prayed. He spoke of holiness as an inward virtue or glory and true worship as a surrender of the complete will to God's will. He closed with prayer.

Rev. Isaac presided. Called for the final report of the Credentials Committee report. Called for and received the Finance Committee report. MSC to accept. Called for and received the Nomination Committee report. Nominated Mack Glass to be placed on the Youth Board to replace Rev. Amburgey, who is leaving our Association. No other nominations, Bro. Glass was elected by acclamation.

Announced an informative workshop at Malone Church on April 18 on proposed Government's intervention in church affairs. Announced the District Auxillary meeting on April 14. Announced the Promotional Secretary, Rev. Crawford to be at Damascus on April 10.

MSC to give Christian Home Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Rev. Douglas Carr gave the benediction.

## YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The district competition was held on March 23, 1984 at Damascus Church. Both Bible and Music competition was held on Friday night. Following is a list of the ones to represent Salem Association in state competition.

Bible .....Connie and Brenda Whitehead  
and Penny Lipford.  
Sword drill.....Grade 6 - David Amburgey.

Memorization	Grade 1 - Charles Isaac.
	Grade 2 - Robbie Shores.
	Grade 3 - Jo Jo Fussel.
Vocal solo.....	Herald - Kim Cressley.
	Crusader - Brenda Whitehead.
Vocal ensemble.....	Duet Crusader - Whitehead duet.
	Duet combination - Kim and Kelley Shores.
	Trio combination - Whitehead trio.
	Quartet Crusader - Salem Quartet.
Choir.....	Salem Youth Choir.
Instrumental solo.....	Adventurer - Tony Daniels.
	Herald - Elaine Morris.
Oral Communication....	Terri Hill.
Bible Tic Tac Toe.....	Jeanette Whitehead and Pammie Lipford.

Registration fees for district competition:

Salem	\$ 65.00	
Damascus	80.00	
Sneads	95.00	
Holly Grove	85.00	
Refund	<u>21.00</u>	\$346.00

Disbursed:

C&M Sporting Goods	\$ 90.10	
Randall House	48.40	
State registration fees	<u>175.00</u>	313.50

Second Quarter March 31	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Bishop Account	Payne Account	Kirkland Account	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Gainesville	Children's Home	Super- annuation	Assn. Fundrai	TOTALS
Christian Home				155.00		75.00				40.00	270.00
Cottondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	750.00									15.00	765.00
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	32.13									10.00	42.13
Malone										15.00	15.00
Harvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	75.00
Midway	2.00							4.00		4.00	10.00
New Hope			215.87		217.80					15.00	448.67
Pine Grove										10.00	10.00
Salem	606.00									10.00	616.00
Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	789.81			66.16			41.16			20.00	914.13
Offering										61.81	61.81
Totals	2,536.94		215.87	251.16	217.80	75.00	41.16	4.00		297.81	3,639.74

### THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

Traveler's Rest Church  
June 30, 1984

Registration for the session began at 9:45 a.m. Rev. Isaac led the congregation in singing "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" with Brenda Whitehead at the piano. All bowed to the Lord in prayer, then sang "All For Jesus."

The host pastor, Rev. Carlie Lloyd, expressed words of greeting and welcome. The Whitehead sisters rendered a special in music, entitled "I've Come Too Far to Look Back," which is always enjoyed and appreciated. Rev. Odis Whitehead brought the morning devotion entitled "Thankful" based on John 4:22. "Ye know not what you worship--". We serve an all-knowing, all-loving, and all-merciful God. We limit God in every way. One should recognize the Lord, seek His will and submit ourselves to Him. He closed with prayer.

The Moderator, Rev. Bill George, presided over a short business session. He recognized the standing delegates of the Association, Ministers and officers. The standing delegates MSC to seat the elected delegates for this session. The elected were recognized and declared seated. The visitors were recognized, Rev. John Hussey and Mr. and Mrs. Alton Everson of Quincy, Florida. They were warmly welcomed. The leaflets from the Bible College concerning the Buford Pierce Foundation were distributed and discussed. Each church was to respond in their own way. Since Salem Association has two, or possibly three, members to enroll in the Bible College this fall, Rev. Charles Powell spoke on the feasibility of the Association establishing a scholarship fund to assist students going to Bible College from our Association. Rev. Poole led the prayer of benediction for a recess.

The service resumed with piano music by Miss Connie Whitehead. Rev. David Isaac led the congregation in singing "He Brought me Out" and "Stand Up For Jesus." Rev. Powell led in prayer.

The Moderator asked for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to accept. Prayer was requested for the Sewell family whose son passed away lately. Rev. James Pelt gave the offertory prayer and an offering was taken. Miss Jeanette Whitehead sang a special, "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Randy Tipton, new pastor of the Sneads Church. With the Text; Matt. 22:32, he explained and expounded the fact that God, the Father, is not dead; never has been dead and never will be. One can easily slip away from the grace of God. Many profess and live a life of a hypocrite. Believers should read their Bible and pray often. Closed with prayer.

Salem Church homecoming was announced for July 1. Rev. Lloyd announced plans for the Camp Meeting and gave directions and welcome to lunch. He also asked a blessing on the food and dismissed the group.

After enjoying a bountiful and refreshing lunch hour the group was re-assembled at 1:00 p.m. by Miss Connie Whitehead at the piano. Rev. Isaac led in singing "Praise The Lord." The Moderator, Rev. Bill George brought the afternoon devotion using Luke 23:33; 24:4 and Acts 1:11. After a prayer he developed four points to think about. (1) Calvary is past, (2) Jesus arose, (3) Jesus is alive, (4) Jesus is coming again.

The Moderator presided over the business meeting. Called for the Finance Committee report. It was given and MSC. Called for the final report of the Credentials Committee. It was given and MSC.

Rev. Charles Powell, of the Executive Committee, presented a three-point resolution as follows; "Move that we, the Salem Association establish a Scholarship Fund to assist our young people from the Association who will be attending any of our Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges. Furthermore, that our Moderator appoint a committee of three men to draft the necessary framework to establish an Associational Scholarship Fund, to be presented at our annual meeting. Furthermore, that we give a \$500 gift to each of our young people who will be attending Bible College this fall from our General Fund."

The motion was discussed and MSC. The Moderator appointed the following to the committee; Rev. Charles Powell, Rev. David Isaac and Rev. James Pelt.

Announcements; Revival at Christian Home beginning July 8. Revival at Hickory Grove beginning July 23. Homecoming at Damascus on July 8. Motion to thank Traveler's Rest Church for its hospitality. MSC. Motion to adjourn. MSC. Prayer by Bro. H. Padgett.

June 30 1984 3rd Session	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions	Camp Mount Pleasant	Gainesville	Children's Home	Super- annuation	Assn. General Fund	TOTALS
Christian Home				130.00		75.00				40.00	245.00
Cottondale											
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	807.00									15.00	822.00
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	24.03									10.00	34.03
Malone											
Marvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	75.00
Midway					3.00			5.00		2.00	10.00
New Hope										15.00	15.00
Pine Grove										10.00	10.00
Salem	635.00									10.00	645.00
Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	792.37			111.32			86.33			20.00	1,010.02
Offering										93.10	93.10
Totals	2,618.40			271.32	3.00		86.33	5.00		312.10	3,339.15
Christian Home				155.00		75.00				40.00	270.00

## ANNUAL SESSION

Salem Free Will Baptist Church

October 5, 1984

Registration began at 6:45 p.m. The congregational singing led by Rev. James Pelt, with Kim Glass at the piano, began at 7:00 o'clock. Everyone joined in singing "At Calvary" and Rev. Whitehead led the group in prayer. Then the Lord was praised by voices lifted, singing "When We All Get to Heaven." The host pastor, Rev. W. E. George expressed a welcome from the church.

The Moderator recognized a visitor, William Foster, a representative of Randall House Publishing Company, and made him welcome.

~~The standing delegates of the Association was recognized and charged with seating the elected delegates to this session.~~ The elected delegates was recognized. MSC that they be seated.

The Moderator called for any reports which were ready. MSC to accept the report of the Committee on Committees. MSC to accept the Christian Education report. MSC to receive a partial report of the Historical Committee. The business was recessed for a worship service.

The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." and Kim Glass and Donna Livingston sang "One Day Too Late." The moderator asked for prayer requests and then Rev. Charles Powell led the prayer. Rev. George introduced the speaker for the evening service, Rev. David Isaac.

Rev. Isaac read some from the 14th chapter of Hosea and spoke on some messages from the minor prophets. In studying the books one should ask "What is God trying to accomplish in my life?" for each one can speak to us. One teaches compassion; one book stresses God's attitude toward sin; that God must judge sin; that God can redeem the sinner; that God is in control and promotes a passionate sense of righteousness.

The moderator made some comments on the message and Rev. D. W. Poole offered the benediction.

October 6, 1984

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. and congregational singing at 10 o'clock. Again Rev. James Pelt led the singing

and Kim Glass was at the piano. Singing "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" blessed all hearts and all prayed with Rev. Charles Powell leading. Then "Leaning On the Everlasting Arm" was sung and Rev. W. E. George welcomed everyone to the services of the day.

The Moderator called Rev. Douglas Carr to bring the morning devotion. The speaker read Acts 9:15, 16. After a prayer for guidance God's blessings, he spoke of these burdensome times for a follower of Christ. God's servants are often lonely, weak and burdened. They live in a time of frustration and are continually attacked by Satan. He closed by reading I Peter 5:10.

The Moderator declared a business session by recognizing the standing and then the elected delegates. MSC by standing delegates to seat the elected delegates for this session. MSC to accept a partial report of the Credentials Committee. William Foster was given time to bring an oral report of services and materials furnished by Randall House. MSC to accept a Stewardship report based on Micah 6:8. MSC to accept the Temperance report from Love Wood Church. MSC to accept a Woman's Auxiliary report. The Moderator declared a recess for the worship service and Rev. Hurst announced the benediction.

Congregational singing resumed with "Praise The Lord" and Rev. David Isaac led in prayer.

Voices were lifted in "It Is Well With My Soul." The ushers came to receive the offering and Rev. James Pelt asked God's blessing on the Offering. Rev. Odis Whitehead gave his testimony. Bro. Eddie Clemmons rendered a special in song entitled "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Rev. D. W. Poole introduced the speaker for the worship service.

Rev. Carlie Lloyd based his message on Acts 4:31-33. The prayer for leadership in speaking on "Where Is The Power Of the Church?" The purpose of the church is to see people saved. Romans 1:16 states what is the power of salvation. There's power in the Word. The church needs to get back to the Bible--teaching devotion, separation, witnessing and submittance to the Holy Spirit. He gave an invitation and closed with prayer.

The host pastor gave directions for lunch. Rev. C. A. Williams asked a blessing on the food and a benediction.

After an hour of food and fellowship, the congregation reassembled and sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Rev. W. E. George led in prayer. The Hymn, "On Higher Ground" was sung. Moderator called for devotions led by Rev. Henry Matthews.

Rev. Matthews read I Cor. 15:3, 4 for a text. He Prayed. The message delivered to Christians to proclaim centers around the two facts (1) Christ died for the sins of the whole world and (2) Christ arose and is alive. All should get back to God;s Word and let Him rule.

The moderator declared a business session. MSC to accept the Executive Committee report, the budget for 1985. MSC to accept the Scholarship Fund Committee report. MSC to accept the report on Obituaries. After a period of silent prayer for the deceased, Bro. Olan Rehberg led in prayer. MSC to accept the Finance Committee report. Rev. Whitehead gave an oral report on the Children's Home. He will be around to take Thanksgiving offerings on Monday before thanksgiving. Bro. H. L. Padgett gave an oral report on the Youth Camp. MSC to accept change in Camp by-laws to clarify that the Camp Meeting Board is not governed by the Camp Board. MSC to accept the Mission Board report. MSC to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee report. MSC to accept the report of the Nominations Committee. There being no nominations from the floor, the committee's nominees were elected. Mrs. Corene George and Mrs. Linda Glass were appointed as delegates to the State Association, and MSC to empower the moderator to appoint others at the 1984 session. Announced that Cypress Creek will have Revival on Oct. 15-18. MSC to give Salem Church a rising vote of thanks for its hospitality. MSC to adjourn. All joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie that Binds." Rev. Hurst prayed the benediction.

Crdenitals Committee report for annual session; combined total present--160.

Annual Session Oct. 5, 6, 1984	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions Sunnyhill	Gainesville	Camp Mount Pleasant	Children's Home	Super-annuation annuation	Assn. General Fund	TOTALS
Christian Home				130.00			75.00			40.00	245.00
Gottondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										5.00	5.00
Damascus	773.00									15.00	788.00
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	31.54									10.00	41.54
Malone										15.00	15.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	75.00
Midway										12.00	12.00
New Hope										15.00	15.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	667.00									10.00	677.00
Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	795.99			67.90		42.90				20.00	926.79
Offering						42.90	75.00			91.16	91.16
Totals	2,627.53			227.90		42.90	75.00			330.16	3,303.49

## A PARTIAL REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Since our last report, we have found a clipping of the published minutes of the organization of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association. This clipping is pasted inside the front cover of an old Salem Church minute. The substance of the clipping is as follows:

The 9th annual session of the Liberty Free Will Baptist Association met with the Love Wood Church on November 4, 5, 6, 1897. In that session "it was mutually agreed by the entire body that a division of the association should be granted to each such churches as desired to form a new one." it was further agreed that all churches wishing to organize a new association would meet with Salem Church on Friday night before the first Sunday in December 1897, just one month from the meeting at Love Wood.

Delegates of the following churches met at Salem

Delegates of the following churches met at Salem FWB Church as agreed:

Union Hill, Jack Brock, W. D. Brock, J. A. Right, and H. J. Barton.

Love Wood, J. J. White, W. R. Hays, J. F. Hopkins.

Damascus, W. J. Austin, J. A. Skinner, R. Hill, and B. F. Martin.

Salem, D. V. Melvin, J. H. Seay, J. K. Cutchin, G. B. Bush, C. G. Melvin.

Corrinth, W. A. Kint.

Christian Home, J. S. Stone, and T. M. Parrish.

Pleasant Spring, Eli Morris, J. T. Martin, and J. H. Morris.

New Hope, B. Burch and L. C. Davis.

New Hebern, J. H. Parrish.

The Salem Church was given the privilege of naming the association. You guessed it. The original name was: Salem United Free Will Baptist Association, of West Florida. Two churches were nominated for the place of the first annual session: Damascus and Christian Home. Damascus was chosen, and the first annual session was held nine months later beginning on Thursday night before the first Sunday in October 1898. It was further moved that the first union meeting to the association should go to Christian Home on Friday night before the first Sunday in July 1898.

Ministers attending were:

Rev. Elijah Morris, Rev. George W. Pelt, Rev. E. B. Mobley, Rev. W. A. Harper, Rev. J. C. Elderidge, and Rev. J. T. Knight.

Rev. Elijah Morris, First Moderator

Joshua S. Stone, First Clerk-Treasurer

Rev. J. C. Elderidge, First Ordaining Council Chairman

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Christian education begins in the home. Proverbs 22:6 (To parents) Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." (See also Deuteronomy 6.) That means parents must set the Christian example of loyalty to Christ, separation from the world, and faithfulness to the church. Far too many have been lax in these responsibilities and have reaped the tragic consequences.

Christian education is day by day. Yes, in the home, but also in the school. Every effort should be made to assure our children are taught (from kindergarten through college) by Godly teachers at the schools, with a Christian environment using textbook/curriculums that incorporate, emphasize, and encourage Christian principles and righteous lifestyles. Let's support Christian schools that excel in quality education, building Godly character, and pointing our youth to Jesus Christ the Savior and Lord as taught in God's Word, the Bible.

Then, let us train our families at the local, fundamental Church. Pastors, teachers, leaders, workers, and laymen--all should be saved, separated from worldly lifestyles, faithful to every Church service, called and willing to serve. Godly examples are needed now. Young people need to be guided by trustworthy Christians.

Let us support the soulwinning, educational ministries of our Churches. Let's do our best: studying much, praying without ceasing, and busily telling by lifestyle and lips that Jesus Christ saves and transforms all who will come to Him.

Matthew 28:20 "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

## AUXILIARIES

The Salem Association District Auxiliary met Sept. 8th at Sneads Church. Congregational singing was led by LaVelle Jones and enjoyed by the 22 women present. Traveler's Rest, Marvin Chapel, Salem and Sneads churches were represented. Hazel Leigh gave an inspiring devotion and the host church presented a skit entitled "Pastel Profiles."

Officers for the next two years are: President, LaVelle Jones, Sneads; Vice-President, Linda Glass, Salem; Secretary, Cindy Abel, Sneads; Treasurer, Evelyn Grant, Marvin Chapel and Field Worker, Ruby Pelt, Marvin Chapel.

The next meeting will be held April 13, 1985 at Salem Church. All ladies of the Association are invited to attend, even if their church does not have an active Auxiliary.

Sneads Auxiliary has 10 active members. This year they have: (1) bought new refrigerator for fellowship hall, (2) sponsored fund raisers to build up treasury, (3) hosted District meeting, (4) donated to home and foreign missions, (5) now raising money for floor covering for Fellowship Hall.

Salem Auxiliary, organized in 1983, has six active members. Projects include: (1) made and sold afghan for youth competition, (2) making a bed spread to sell, (3) sell candy and napkins, (4) compiling a cookbook from recipes donated by church ladies.

Traveler's Rest Auxiliary has six active members. This year they have (1) sent \$100 to the Paynes, (2) hosted District Auxiliary meeting, (3) hosted the Mission Conference dinner for missionaries and pastors, (4) installed carpet in Sunday School rooms, (5) provided meals for bereaved families and (4) now raising finances for curtains in two Sunday School rooms and baptistry. School rooms and baptistry heater.

## OBITUARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

### Bro. C. T. Turner

Cottdonale Free Will Baptist Church suffered the loss of its member, C. T. Turner, on February 8, 1984. Funeral services were conducted at Cottdonale Church with the Rev. Henry Matthews and Rev. J. E. McGraw. Burial followed in Pilgrim's Rest Cemetery of Cottdonale.

He was survived by his wife, three children and one grandchild, three brothers and two sisters.

### Bro. Earl Hill

The death of Bro. Earl Hill on November 12, 1982 was omitted from the 1983 minutes. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter. Services were conducted by Rev. Odis Whitehead and Rev. W. E. George with burial following in the Damascus Church Cemetery.

### Bro. Lewis O. Barnes

On February 29, 1984, the Lord called from Salem Church Bro. Lewis O. Barnes. He was a deacon for many years and tried to serve to the best of his ability. He was faithful in doing the duties of the church. He was reared up in a Christian home, his father being a deacon before him, and he became a Christian at an early age. Due to health conditions he was not able to attend his church a few months before his passing, but his heart was always with the church he loved dearly. He reared a family of one son and two daughters, and instilled in them the love of a Christian. He is missed by his loved ones and friends, but our loss is heavens gain. May God bless his family and loved ones.

From Hickory Grove Church:

Sister Ada Coker, November 18, 1983

Sister Betty Williams Ross, May 20, 1984

From Damascus Church:

Bro. Emmett Lipford

Sister Sallie Johnson

**Bro. Alvin Southwell**

On November 30th, 1983, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy called Brother Alvin Southwell to his eternal home. He had been a faithful member of Christian Home Church for many years and attended regularly until his health prevented it. He leaves to mourn his passing a wife, Montear Southwell, one son Donnie Ray Southwell, one daughter, Alice Daniels, three grandchildren, one brother John Southwell, one sister Thorah Leonard, and a host of friends. The Church and community will miss him very much.

**Bro. James Bozeman**

On Friday, March 3rd, 1984, God in His infinite wisdom and mercy called Brother James J. Bozeman affectionately known as Jim to his eternal home. He surrendered his life to the Lord at an early age. he was a faithful member of Christian Home Church since he was very young. He leaves to mourn his passing one daughter, Myrtice Chason, two grandchildren, five great grandchildren, and one brother, Sebastian Bozeman, and a host of other relatives and friends. He will be missed very much.

## NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Committee--Rev. Henry Matthews, Rev. Douglas Carr

Ordaining Council--Rev. James Pelt

Mission Board--Fred Sapp

Youth Board--Rev. Randy Tipton

Camp Board--Bro. Charles Isaac

### STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The purpose of this scholarship fund is to assist worthy students who are members in good standing with a Free Will Baptist Church in the Salem Association.

The fund shall be administered by the Youth Board.

Students seeking to apply for a scholarship must be recommended by their pastor to this Board who should screen each application and recommend each worthy applicant to the Salem Association for their approval.

The recipient of these scholarships must meet the following conditions to be recommended by this committee.

1. The recipient must be a member of a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with the Salem Association for a period of not less than two years prior to applying for a scholarship.
2. The recipient must have maintained a "B" average or better in high school.
3. The recipient must attend a Free Will Baptist Bible college.

The recipient shall be granted a 500.00 scholarship by the Salem Association, and this scholarship will be made payable to the Free Will Baptist Bible college of the recipient choice.

### TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Temperance is a condition of the heart inside, which flows forth to the outside, giving a beautiful Christ-like image to the Christian who has developed and cultivated this inner virtue.

It is shown so vividly in our lives when we learn to 'love' to keep our bodies, our vessels, under control of our hearts and minds, instead of our passions and appetites. If we are not temperate in our appetites and passions, we leave ourselves wide open to the influence of Satan and eventually to our destruction.

It should not be considered a duty, but a privilege to live as Christ taught and be a lighthouse in the sin-soaked seas of humanity. We live in these most "perilous" of days.

Let us therefore be determined and dedicated to studying God's Holy Word prayerfully and diligently so that what "Thus saith the Lord" shines forth in the whole world. In this we will bring honor to His name.

### STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Our stewardship is our total attitude toward God and our fellowman. We are admonished continually to give our tithes and offerings. Let us remember what God through Micah said, "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" So we urge that everyone submit to the "good and perfect will of God" and allow our stewardship to glorify Him.

Give \$800.00 to the West Florida Ministerial Fellowship to be divided equally among; Dennis Owen, Dale Bishop, Elmer Turnbough, Albert Rollins, Ralph Hester and Eddie Payne.

Continue to give 50% of the quarterly income to the Niceville First Free Will Baptist Church until directed otherwise.

### MISSION BOARD REPORT

#### BUDGET FOR 1984-1985

1. A goal for the cooperative plan of support of \$12,000.00.
2. Percentages for dividing the cooperative funds:
  - State Association 75%
  - Salem Association 25%
3. Mission Board . . . . . .65%
3. Percentages for dividing the Salem Association Cooperative funds:
  - Mission Board . . . . . .60%
  - Scholarship Fund . . . . . .10%
  - Youth Board . . . . . .20%
  - Salem General Fund . . . . . .10%

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

### MEETINGS FOR 1985:

Damascus	Jan. 5th, 1985	First
Sneads	April 6, 1985	Second
Malone	July 6, 1985	Third
Marvin Chapel	Oct. 4 & 5, 1985	Annual

### COMMITTEES:

Auxiliaries . . . . .	Christian Home
Committee on Committees . . . . .	New Hope
Christian Education . . . . .	Holly Grove
Finance . . . . .	Sneads
Nominations . . . . .	Traveler's Rest
Obituaries . . . . .	Malone
Resolutions . . . . .	Damascus
Stewardship . . . . .	Cottondale
Temperance . . . . .	Hickory Grove

### ORDAINED MINISTERS OF SALEM F. W. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

1. Rev. Douglas Carr, Route 2, Box 226, Ashford, Ala. 36312
2. Rev. W. E. George, Route 1, Box 39E, Bonifay, Fla. 32425 904-547-2340
3. Rev. John Holland, Route 4, Box 17, Bonifay, Fla. 32425
4. Rev. Elias Hurst, Route 4, Box 247, Chipley, Fla. 32428
5. Rev. David Isaac, Route 6, Box 38, Marianna, Fla. 32446 904-526-4576
6. Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Route 1, Box 123, Altha, Fla 32421 904-674-5761
7. Rev. Henry Matthews, Route 5, Box 668, Chipley, Fla. 32428
8. Rev. J. E. Nichols, Route, Altha, Fla. 32421 904-763-3357
9. Rev. C. H. Pelt, 1502 College St., Marianna, Fla. 32446 904-482-3661
10. Rev. J. C. Pelt, P. O. Box 431, Blountstown, Fla. 32424 904-674-8495
11. Rev. D. W. Poole, Blountstown, Fla. 32424

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
Brought Forward			2,981.42
10- 8-84 Ruby C. Pelt		50.00	2,931.42
10- 8-84 Larry Montgomery, State Treas.—fees		225.00	2,706.42
10- 8-84 West Fla. Ministerial Fellowship		800.00	1,906.42
Totals	16,441.95	14,535.53	
MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT			
Brought Forward	199.02		199.02
1- 6-84 First Quarterly Session	371.67		570.69
2-13-84 Niceville Church		185.83	384.86
4- 2-84 Second Quarterly Session	404.83		789.69
4- 3-84 Niceville Church		202.41	587.28
7- 6-84 Third Quarterly Session	425.49		1,012.77
7- 6-84 Niceville Church		212.74	800.03
10- 6-84 Annual Session	426.97		1,227.00
10- 8-84 Niceville Church-		213.37	1,013.63
10- 8-84 West Fla. Ministerial Fellowship		800.00	213.63
Totals	1,827.98	1,614.35	
YOUTH BOARD ACCOUNT			
Brought Forward	389.95		389.95
1- 6-84 First Quarterly Session	142.95		532.90
3-10-84 C & M Sporting Goods		90.10	442.80
3-13-84 Mary Whitehead—Church Youth fees	320.00		762.80
3-20-84 Randall House		48.40	714.40
3-23-84 Mary Whitehead—Salem Church	5.00		719.40
3-31-84 Mary Whitehead—Refund	21.00		740.40
4- 2-84 Second Quarterly Session	155.71		721.11
4-11-84 Mary Whitehead— Voided Check #124	175.00		896.11
Replaced Check #127		90.00	806.11
6-30-84 Mary Whitehead— Youth to National		400.00	406.11
6-30-84 David Isaac		100.00	369.76
7- 6-84 Third Quarterly Session	163.65		469.76
7- 6-84 John Amburgey— Youth to National		100.00	369.76
10-6-84 Mary Whitehead—Refund	14.67		384.43
10- 6-84 Annual Session	1,164.22		548.65
Totals	1,552.15	1,003.50	

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Rec Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis Letter	Membership
CHRISTIAN HOME	Rev. J. C. Pelt P. O. Box 431 Blountstown, Fla.	Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 275E Blountstown, Fla.	1	1	2	1	192
COTTONDALE	Rev. H. Matthews Rt. 5, Box 688 ChIPLEY, Fla.	J. E. Glass Rt. 7, Box 243 Marianna, Fla.		1	1	1	41
CYPRESS CREEK	Rev. E. Hurst Rt. 4, Box 247 Marianna, Fla.	J. W. Dillmore Rt. 4, Box 425 Marianna, Fla.			1		44
DAMASCUS	Rev. O. Whitehead Rt. 4, Box 74 Marianna, Fla.	H. Padgett Rt. 6, Box 644 Marianna, Fla.		7	2		
HICKORY GROVE	Rev. C. Williams Rt. 5, Box 168 Colquitt, Ga.	M. Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121 Bascom, Fla.		2	2		71
HOLLY GROVE	Rev. D. Isaac Rt. 6, Box 38 Marianna, Fla.	Marie Harrington	5	4		2	60
LOVEWOOD	Rev. J. Holland Rt. 4, Box 17 Bonifay, Fla.	J. Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167H ChIPLEY, Fla.					20
MALONE		Carolyn Baxter P. O. Box 262 Malone, Fla.			1	16	66
MARVIN CHAPEL		Audrey Eiland Rt. 1, Box 36 Marianna, Fla.	7	2	2	1	175
MIDWAY	Rev. J. W. Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla.	Willa D. Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, Fla.		2			11
NEW HOPE	Rev. D. Carr Rt. 2, Box 226 Ashford, Ala.	Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215 Bascom, Fla.	13	2	0	1	58
PINE GROVE	Rev. L. Cuipepper Rt. 1, Box 77 Sneads, Fla.	Rick Wise Rt. 1, Box 1488 Blountstown, Fla.					
SALEM	Rev. W. George Rt. 1, Box 39E Bonifay, Fla.	Frances Brock P. O. Box 163 Alford, Fla.	1	2	1	1	100
SNEADS	Rev. R. Tipton P. O. Box 718 Sneads, Fla.	Frances Cloud P. O. Box 297 Sneads, Fla.		5	0	6	76
TRAVELER'S REST	Rev. C. Lloyd Rt. 1, Box 123 Altha, Fla.	Ella Grantham Rt. 1, Box 71 Altha, Fla.	9	5	2	0	64
			36	33	14	29	1,090

Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Christian Education	Children's Home	Other Giving	Hunt Pleasant	Total Operation	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorage
1,050.00	501.00		750.00		780.00	632.24	5,385.93	300.00	36,687.64	75,000.00	20,000.00
2,375.00				230.00		75.00	2,711.00		12,839.68	100,000.00	20,000.00
2,050.00	250.00						25.00			10,000.00	
2,700.00											
12,000.00	650.00	3,042.00		942.10		600.00	8,782.31		22,217.02	60,000.00	25,000.00
5,600.00	200.00		293.00		280.00	145.00	1,385.31		10,627.44	100,000.00	
8,200.00	875.00	800.00	600.00	100.00		180.00				100,000.00	
2,375.00		112.41				200.00	719.77		7,512.47	27,250.00	
10,970.00		197.71	34.50	100.00		197.71			18,587.80	100,000.00	45,000.00
12,586.40	575.00	240.00	627.00	3,961.35	1,370.00	375.00	12,712.84		41,416.07	100,000.00	50,000.00
150.00		8.00		2.00		22.00	357.00			3,000.00	
2,500.00			522.87	217.80		100.00	2,308.70		17,788.80	40,500.00	
3,975.00	750.00	2,245.00	490.12	967.28	360.00	120.00	12,718.46		22,574.30	65,000.00	25,000.00
12,840.00	350.00	400.00	58.70	264.05		240.00	5,120.76		22,592.31	50,000.00	20,000.00
9,100.00	1,007.00	3,058.71	314.32	214.33	30.02	100.00	3,229.97		25,507.36	60,000.00	7,500.00
109,569.40	5,158.00	\$10,103.83	\$3,553.51	\$6,999.91	\$2,800.00	\$2,989.95	\$58,465.14	\$300.00	\$236,921.39	\$870,740.00	\$112,500.00

**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 its 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 its 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 ..... Sneads Church  
Jan. 5th, 1985

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION ..... Damascus Church  
April 6, 1985

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION ..... Malone Church  
July 6, 1985

ANNUAL SESSION ..... Marvin Chapel  
Friday Night, 7:00 p.m.                      October 4, 1985  
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.                         October 5, 1985

