

MINUTES
OF THE 90th
QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS
OF THE
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
MARVIN CHAPEL CHURCH
1985

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- Rev. Henry Matthew1986
Route 5, Box 668, Chipley, Florida 32426
- Rev. Douglas Carr1987
Route 7, Box 226, Ashford, Alabama 36312
- Rev. Kenneth Ray1988
P. O. Box 385, Malone, Florida 32445

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Rev. Otis Whitehead1986
Route 4, Box 74, Marianna, Florida 32446
- Rev. James Pelt1987
P. O. Box 431, Blountstown, Florida 32424
- Rev. Carlie Lloyd1988
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MISSION BOARD

- Bro. Charlie Lovering1986
Marianna, Florida 32446
- Bro. Richard Rehberg1987
Marianna, Florida 32446
- Bro. R. Q. Addison1988
Cottondale, Florida 32431
- Bro. Fred Sapp1989
Cottondale, Florida 32431
- Rev. D. E. Isaac1990
Route 6, Box 38, Marianna, Florida 32446

YOUTH BOARD

- Mrs. Mary Whitehead1986
Route 4, Box 74, Marianna, Florida 32446
- Bro. Mack Glass1987
Cottondale, Florida 32431

CAMP BOARD

- Bro. H. L. Padgett1986
Route 6, Box 344, Marianna, Florida 32446
- Bro. Charles Isaac1987
Marianna, Florida 32446
- Rev. Odis Whitehead1988
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FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

First F.W.B. Church of Sneads

January 5, 1985

Rev. James Pelt led the singing and Mrs. Eiland presided at the piano. They led the congregation in singing, "Have Faith in God" and "He Leadeth Me." Rev. Randy Tipton led in prayer.

The Host pastor, Rev. Tipton, extended a welcome in behalf of the church. Rev. Bill George brought the morning devotion based on Acts 10:1-6. Cornelius was a good man who heard God, obeyed and was born again. God's grace is sufficient in life and in death.

Rev. George, the Moderator, declared a business session. He asked the standing delegates to stand and then the elected delegates for this session. The elected delegates were seated by a MSC motion from the standing delegates. Recognized a visiting F.W.B. MCS to accept a parital report of the Credentials Committee. Asked for old business - none. Asked for new business - none. Rev. Whitehead asked for a report on the Camp. Camp Board to meet at recess. Bro. Padgett pronounced a benediction for a recess until the worship hour.

The congregation reconvened and was led in singing "Send a Great Revival" and "Footsteps of Jesus." Rev. Kenneth Ray led in prayer. Special music was "Amazing Grace" by the congregation and Bro. Eddie Clemmons singing "When They Ring Those Golden Bells." They blessed all hearts. Prayer was requested for the Earl Cook family. Rev. Poole led the prayer.

Rev. Odis Whitehead brought the morning message after being introduced by Rev. George. He spoke on "The Relationship of Christ to the Church" based on Eph. 5:22-23. Jesus is worthy of all our praise. He is the supreme leader and pastors are the undershepherds. Jesus as the Son of God had authority and power and when He is made head of a church it will become supreme. He should be adored and elevated as the only Savior and Lord.

The Moderator made comments on the message. Rev. Tipton gave directions for the lunch and Rev. Henry Matthews gave the benediction and blessing on the food.

The congregation enjoyed an hour of good food and fellowship. The piano called all to order for congregational singing, "When I See The Blood." Rev. Powell led in prayer.

Rev. Charles Powell brought the afternoon devotion based on Exodus 33:12-23, entitled "Longing for God's Presence." A separated life is necessary to experience to the fullest God's presence. He closed with prayer.

Rev. George called for a business session. MSC to accept the final report of the Credential Committee report. MSC to accept the Finance Committee report. The Ordaining Council reported that they had talked with Rev. Kenneth Ray, pastor of Malone Church, and recommended that he be accepted as a member of the Association. The Moderator gave him the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Announcements included: an invitation to join and attend the Men's Fellowship; a challenge to the women to get involved in the church auxiliaries; a meeting of the Youth Rally at Malone Church at 7 PM. MSC to give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church for its hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Everyone joined hands and sang "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

1st Quarter January 4, 1985	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Owen Account	Payne Account	Gainesville	Children's Home	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Association General Fund	Totals
Christian Home			15.00	195.00			75.00	40.00	325.00
Cottondale								32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek									
Damascus	1,102.00							15.00	1,117.00
Hickory Grove				30.00				20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00							15.00	215.00
Lovewood	25.54							10.00	35.54
Malone	65.00							15.00	80.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00							15.00	75.00
Midway	2.00					4.00		2.00	8.00
New Hope	148.00							15.00	163.00
Pine Grove									
Salem	569.00							10.00	579.00
Sneads	100.00							15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	880.98			75.48	50.49			20.00	1,026.95
								79.00	79.00
Offering									
TOTALS	3,152.52		15.00	300.48	50.49	4.00	75.00	303.00	3,900.49

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Damascus F.W.B. Church

April 6, 1985

The congregation began registering at 9:45 A.M. and began a song service at 10 o'clock. Rev. James Pelt led the singing beginning with "At The Cross." Bro. Rogers led in a prayer and all sang "The Nail-Scarred Hand."

Rev. George presented Rev. Jim Whitehead for the morning devotion. Rev. Whitehead read II Tim. 2:1-10 and then led in prayer. His message stressed that Christ's disciples are to exalt Christ so His kingdom may be exalted. Their goals and aims are to do God's will. Jesus can fill all needs, but one must claim the promises of God.

Rev. Jim Whitehead gave a gracious welcome to all present.

The Moderator, Rev. Bill George, recognized the standing delegates and the elected delegates. Motion made by the standing delegates that the elected delegates be seated for this session. Motion seconded and carried. Visitors were recognized from Dothan, Ala. and Detroit, Mich.

Lynn Miley, missionary to France, gave an oral report of the work there. He was much encouraged with the progress and support given the work. Support of missions strengthens churches. A Walk-a-thon for missions to be held in Dothan on April 29th.

MSC to accept a partial report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to accept a report of the meeting of the Youth Camp Board. Some problems were discussed and the Camp-dates were given. Benediction was given for a recess before the worship hour.

Rev. James Pelt led the congregational song service and Mrs. Connie presided at the piano. Everyone joined in "He Lives" followed by prayer led by Rev. Powell, then "He Arose." Miss Brenda Whitehead sang "Look For Me."

The Moderator introduced the morning messenger, Rev. Kenneth Ray, pastor of Malone Church. He led in prayer and spoke on "The Things We Should Stand For." After reading from Ephesians he pointed out that we should let God be head of the church, seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, preach and teach the Word of God and work for the salvation of souls. He extended an invitation and closed with prayer.

It was announced that Rev. Poole is available for supply services. Rev. Whitehead gave invitation and directions for lunch. Rev. Carr gave a blessing on the food and a benediction.

Reassembling after an hour of delicious lunch and fellowship, the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and "At The Cross." Bro. Eddie Clemmons brought two special songs, "Amazing Grace" and "Were You There?"

Rev. Jimmy McNeil brought the devotion based on Phil. 3:9-14. "The Resurrection Itself." We must know Him to experience the resurrection. The resurrection had God's stamp of approval, proved God's power and the redemption plan. We can be conquerors. Rom. 8:31-37. Closed with prayer.

MSC to accept the final Credentials report-99.

MSC to accept the Finance Committee report.

MSC to accept the Nomination Committee report. No nominations from

the floor. Motion carried.

Ordaining Council made an oral report recommending the acceptance of Rev. Jimmy McNeil into the Association. MSC. Moderator gave right hand of fellowship to McNeil. MSC to take Mission Board's suggestion of giving \$500 to the Miley account.

Many and various announcements were made. MSC to thank the host church for hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Benediction by Rev. Isaac.

Third Quarterly Session	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Gainesville	Children's Home	Association General Fund	Totals
Christian Home		90.00		130.00		75.00			40.00	335.00
Cottondale									32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										
Damascus	1,019.0								20.00	1,039.00
Hickory Grove				30.00					20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00			30.00					15.00	215.00
Lovewood	29.12								10.00	39.12
Malone	135.00							150.00	15.00	300.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00								15.00	75.00
Midway	2.00				2.00			3.00	1.00	8.00
New Hope	149.00								15.00	164.00
Pine Grove										
Salem	727.00								10.00	737.00
Sneads	100.00								15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	933.53			64.03			39.03		20.00	1,056.59
Offering									52.80	52.80
Totals	3,013.45	90.00		224.03	2.00	75.00	39.03	153.00	280.00	4,218.51

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

First F.W.B. Church of Malone

July 6, 1985

W.J. Cressley led the singing and Mrs. Connie Croxton was the pianist for the song service. All joined in singing "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" and "Joy Unspeakable." Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer.

The host pastor, Rev. Kenneth Ray, welcomed the congregation in behalf of the church. He also presented Rev. Odis Whitehead to bring the morning devotion.

Rev. Whitehead read Romans 13:11-14. "Awake out of sleep" was his theme. The church and individuals need to wake up spiritually, to the purpose of the church and the need to sacrifice to the service of God. We need to awake unto righteousness and not miss an opportunity to share the gospel. Sleep results in dead churches.

Rev. Ray gave his testimony as to being proud to be a Christian and spiritually independent.

Rev. George, the Moderator, presided at the business session. He recognized the standing delegates, and then the elected delegates. MSC by the standing delegates to seat the elected delegates. Called for unfinished business – none. Called for reports ready – none. Called for announcements: Rev. Whitehead recommended Terri Hill for a Bible School scholarship, Rev. McNeil to be in revival at New Hope 7-7, the youth camps were declared to be successful and Salem homecoming on 7-7. Testimonies were called for. Rev. sang "The King And The Beggar" as his testimony. Mrs. George Jim Whitehead and Rev. Ray also responded. The Men's Crusade will be held on Nov. 3-8 either at the Armory or the Agricultural Center with the Rev. Jom York preaching. Rev. Henry prayed the benediction for a recess before the worship service.

Piano music reassembled the congregation for worship. Rev. Kenneth Ray led the singing, using "Victory In Jesus" and "Amazing Grace." Rev. Jim McNeil led in prayer. A partial report of the Credential Committee was given and accepted. Bro. Herbert Padgett offered a blessing on the offering before it was taken. All sang "A New Name In Glory." Rev. and Mrs. Jim Whitehead, Rev. Odis Whitehead and Miss Brenda Whitehead sang "Joshua." Rev. and Mrs. Jim Whitehead brought two special songs which blessed all hearts.

Rev. David Isaac was introduced to bring the message. He says that Psalms 22, 23 and 24 are related. He led the congregation in reading the 23rd Psalms responsively; using "Because of Calvary." He spoke on the relationship of God in Christ to sinners, and commented on the Psalms verse by verse. He explained what is meant by 'liberty of country' and 'liberty of Christ.' He closed with prayer.

Bro. Rehberg led the benediction and a blessing on the food.

After an hour of fellowship and lunch the congregation reconvened and sang "I Shall Not Be Moved." The Moderator presented Rev. Carlie Lloyd for the devotion. He read John 1:14, 17 and I Cor. 3:9, and spoke on grace and truth. Every Christian should read the Bible to be filled with God's grace and truth. One should build on the divine foundation. It is required to (1) love, (2) be careful of speech, (3) be zealous to edify the church and (4) endeavor to excell in God's ministry.

The Moderator called for a business session. Asked for the final report of the Credential Committee. MSC to accept report of 74. MSC to accept the finance committee report. The Youth Board report was given (end of minutes). MSC to furnish the balance needed for a scholarship from the general fund.

Announcements: Damascus to observe Christian Heritage Day, National Association to be held on July 21-24 at Nashville, Tenn. A chartered bus will leave from Salem Church. The annual Camp Meeting at the Youth Camp Aug. 4-9, no charges. MSC to extend a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their kind hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Rev. Woodlief gave the benediction.

Youth Board Report:

Considering the scholarship fund; we have 1 candidate who meets the requirements, but do not have the finances to meet the \$500. We make a motion that the general fund supply the balance. Also we would like to suggest that any love offerings taken to replace this would be appreciated.

Board: Mack Glass, Mary Whitehead and Glorida Cressley.

Third Quarterly Session	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Gainesville	Children's Home	Association General Fund	Totals
Christian Home				170.00		75.00			40.00	285.00
Cottondale									32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										
Damascus	873.00								15.00	888.00
Hickory Grove				30.00					20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00								15.00	215.00
Lovewood	29.78								10.00	39.78
Malaone	85.00							100.00	15.00	200.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00								15.00	75.00
Midway	2.00								4.00	8.00
New Hope	136.00								15.00	151.00
Pine Grove										
Salem	658.58								10.00	668.58
Sneads	100.00								15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	869.09			65.34			40.34		20.00	994.77
Offering									86.80	86.80
Totals	3,013.45			265.34		75.00	40.34	104.00	310.80	3,808.99

ANNUAL SESSION
Marvin Chapel Church
October 4, 1985

Rev. James Pelt led the congregational singing with Mrs. Audrey piano and Mrs. Myrtle Sapp at the organ. After singing "To God Be The Glory" Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. Then "He Leadeth Me" was sung with rejoicing. The host pastor, Rev. Jim McNeil, extended words of welcome to the assembly.

Rev. Bill George, the Moderator, called for a business session. He recognized the standing delegates of the association and then the elected delegates. MSC by the standing delegates to seat the elected delegates for this session. MSC to accept a partial report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to accept the Christian Education report.

Song service for worship service used "Bring Them In." Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. Mr. and Mrs. Asa Whitehead brought a message in song, "Whiter Than Snow."

Rev. George introduced Rev. Carlie Lloyd for the evening message. He observed that many people want Jesus to solve their problems, but are not willing to take their eyes off things and change to follow Jesus. He listed examples from the Bible beginning with Eve. One must see God and not self in the blessings they enjoy. One should not just enjoy the blessings of God, but should also invest them for Him in order to experience His peace. Worry is unreasonable, unnatural and unscriptural and Luke 12:31 is the cure for it. An invitational hymn was sung and prayer followed.

Rev. George asked Rev. Odis Whitehead to pronounce the benediction.

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Piano music called the assembly to order. The song service was led by Rev. James Pelt and Mrs. Eiland at the piano. "At The Cross" rang out with genuine feeling and followed by prayer by Rev. Bill George. Another favorite "Heavenly Sunlight" was enjoyed.

Again the host pastor welcomed all present to the full day of worship and fellowship. Bro. Bob Chafin, a lay member of Marvin Chapel, brought the morning devotion, "Try Thanksgiving." He said that prayers should begin with praise and thanksgiving. This glorifies God's faith, power and love, and also strengthens the believer's faith, love and peace in Jesus. He urged all to practice gratitude.

The moderator declared a business session. MSC to receive the Credentials Committee report. He recognized the standing delegates and then the elected delegates. MSC to seat the elected delegates. The seat of Rev. Scott, a former pastor in the Association, was announced and the Moderator called for a prayer in behalf of the family. Rev. Douglas Carr led the prayer. Rev. John Edwards of the Eastside Church of Dothan, Ala. was recognized.

MSC to accept an oral progress report of the Niceville, Florida Mission Church. MSC to accept the report of the Committee on Committees. MSC to accept the Camp Board report. MSC to accept a partial report of the Historical Committee. A recess was declared. Bro. Mack Glass gave the benediction.

After fifteen minutes of fellowship the song service for the worship hour began with "Savior, Like A Shepherd" and a prayer by Rev. Odis Whitehead.

After singing "Higher Ground" an offering was taken. Bro. Eddie Clemmons rendered a special song, "Holy."

Rev. Jim McNeil introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. John Edwards, who brought a message to challenge all hearts. Based on Matt. 5:41 he urged everyone to "Double Our Efforts." To be successful an individual, or church, must go the second mile, go for God, in witnessing, love, concern, contributions and prayer. He invited all to attend the Sateline Association which convenes on Oct. 13.

Rev. Jim McNeil gave directions for the lunch and Rev. James Pelt pronounced a benediction and a blessing on the food.

After a delightful hour of lunch and fellowship the program continued. The song "Victory In Jesus" was enjoyed and Rev. Kenneth Ray led in prayer. Another lay member, Bro. Frank Kovacs from Holly Grove, brought a challenging devotion on missions. Using John 3:16, he stressed that every believer is a disciple and is given the great commission "Go Ye" by Jesus.

The Moderator called for a business session. MSC to accept the Committee on Committee report. MSC to accept the financial report. MSC to accept the report on Stewardship. Received an oral report on the Youth Camp by Bro. H.L. Padgett. MSC to accept the Mission Board report. MSC to accept the Obituary report. MSC to retain the same budget for 1986. MSC to accept the Nomination Committee report. Called for nominations from the floor. There being none MSC to elect by acclamation the suggested slate of officers. Some elected unanimously. MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for its hospitality. Asked for volunteers for delegates to the State Association. Linda Glass, Sue Worley, Corine George and Cindy McNeil will serve.

Announcements: Salem Mission Conference Oct. 7, 8, 9. Committees for the Children's Home will be taken soon. MSC to Adjourn. Prayer for Crusade and the benediction by Rev. Isaac, Woodlief and George. All joined hands and sang "Bless Be The Tie That Binds."

October 5, 6, 1985 Annual Session	Cooperative Program	Bible College	Foreign Missions	Payne Account	Home Missions	Gainesville Mission	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Children's Home	Association General Fund	Totals
Christian Home				140.00			75.00		40.00	255.00
Cottondaie									32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										
Damascus	998.00								20.00	1,018.00
Hickory Grove				30.00					20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00								15.00	215.00
Lovewood	29.98								10.00	39.98
First Church of Malone	135.00							150.00	15.00	300.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00								15.00	75.00
Midway									5.00	5.00
New Hope	131.17								15.00	146.17
Pine Grove										
Salem	673.00								10.00	683.00
First Church of Sneads	100.00								15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	757.43			61.09		36.09			20.00	874.61
Offering									81.80	81.80
Totals	3,084.58			231.09		36.09	75.00	150.00	313.80	3,890.56

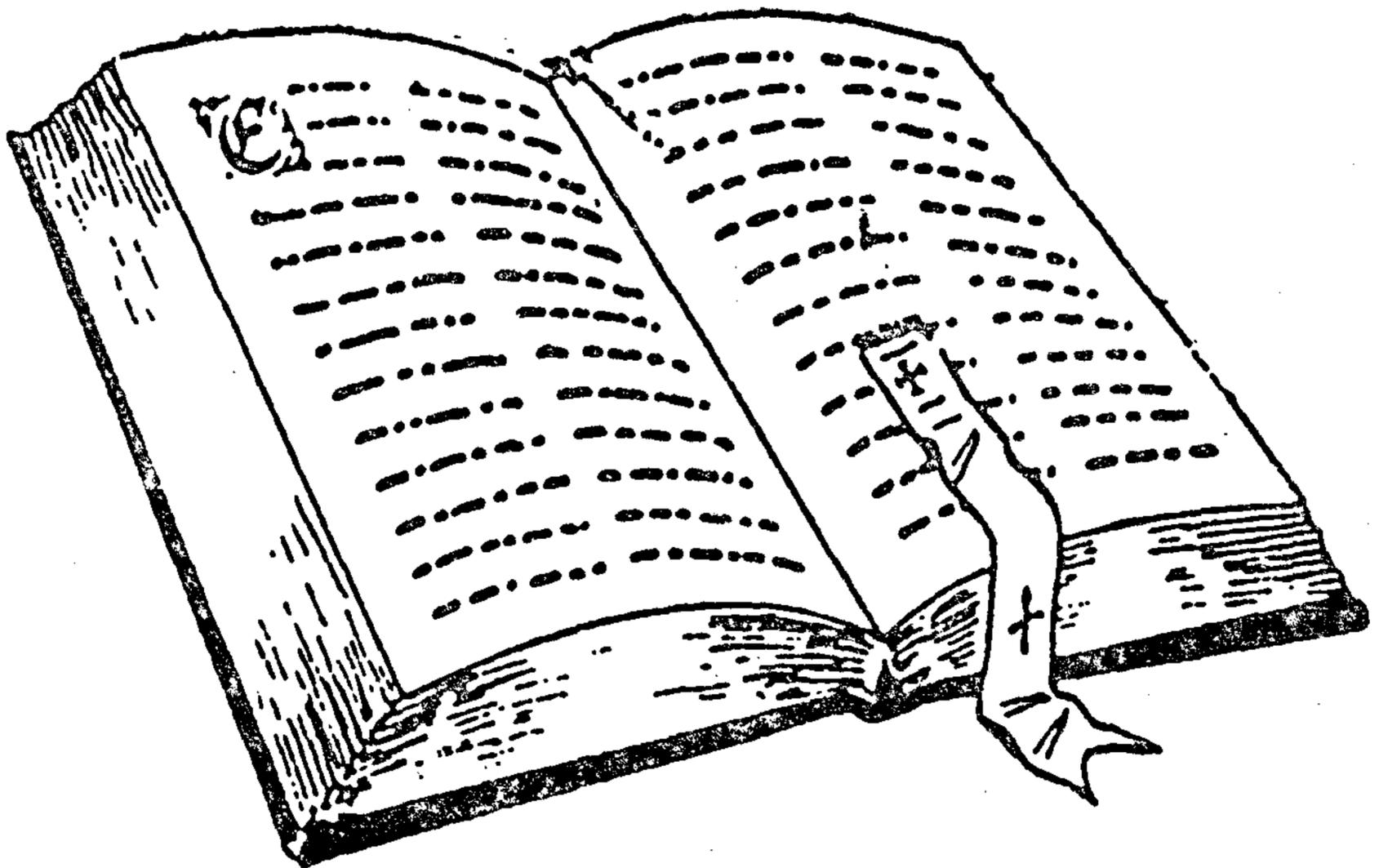
REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

1. Christian Education is that education which has a Bible-based foundation. The basis for all Christian education is the Word of God. May God give us a desire to be saturated with His Word and to use Bible-based principles for standards of dress, conduct, discipline, and separation.

2. Christian education is that education which is Christ-centered. It puts Christ and His Salvation first. The first emphasis of Christian Education is that men, women, boys and girls be in the right relationship with Jesus Christ through the "New Birth." Then, the goal of each Christian should be to become more Christ-like. True Christ-centered education teaches the person to seek Christ's Will in all aspects of his life. We should especially emphasize to young Christians the great importance of planning their lives in the center of Christ's Will.

3. Christian Education is that education which is Holy Spirit Controlled. Christian education is effective only when the Holy Spirit is at work in the lives of teacher and student.

We all have a great responsibility to be Bible-grounded, Christ-centered, Holy Spirit-Controlled individuals. As Christian adults we have a great responsibility to show forth the dedicated, separated, Godly life and dilligently endeavor to teach and help our young people to be Christ-loving, Christ-honoring, Gospel-grounded Christians. Let us pour forth our prayers to God to help us to be all we should be to Him and for Him, and to enable us to be a Spiritual help, light, and blessing to our young people.



TREASURER'S REPORT
October 4, 1984 — October 5, 1985

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
10-7-84 Brought Forward	1,906.42		1,906.42
1-5-85 Printing of Minutes		300.00	1,606.42
1-5-85 First Quarterly Session	3,900.49		5,506.91
7-85 W.J. Amerson, State Assn. Treas. . Cooperative	2,364.39		
Owens Account	15.00		
Payne Account	300.48		
Gainesville	50.49		
Children's Home	4.00		
Camp Mt. Pleasant ..	75.00		
		2,809.36	2,697.55
7-85 Niceville Church		236.43	2,461.12
3-26-85 C&M Sporting Goods (awards)		93.55	2,367.57
4-6-85 Randall House		18.28	2,349.29
4-8-85 Second Quarterly Session	3,808.99		6,158.28
4-8-85 W.J. Amerson, State Assn. Treas. . Cooperative	2,260.09		
Payne Account	265.34		
Home Missions	2.00		
Camp Mt. Pleasant ..	75.00		
Gainesville	40.34		
Children's Home	104.00		
		226.41	3,187.10
8-85 Niceville Church		500.00	2,687.10
8-85 Lynn Miley Account			2,687.10
4-19-85 Youth - from Mary Whitehead	160.00		2,847.10
4-24-85 Mary Whitehead for registration		82.50	2,764.60
4-24-85 Mack Glass-Youth judges		66.15	2,698.45
5-24-85 Mary Whitehead-reimbursed		10.00	2,688.45
7-6-85 Youth to Nat'l-Salem Church		225.00	2,013.45
6-85 Youth to Nat'l-Damascus Church ..		225.00	2,013.45
6-85 Youth to Nat'l-Sneads Church		150.00	1,863.45
7-6-85 W.J. Amerson, State Assn. Treas. . Cooperative	2,515.99		
Bible College	90.00		
Payne Acocunt	224.03		
Home Missions	2.00		
Camp Mt. Pleasant ..	75.00		
Children's Home	153.00		
		3,089.05	2,992.91
8-85 Niceville Church		251.10	2,741.81
8-85 Bible College-Terri Hill		500.00	2,241.81
9-3-85 Refund from Bible College	500.00		2,741.81
10-6-85 Moderator		50.00	2,691.81
10-6-85 Annual Session	3,890.56		6,582.37
10-9-85 State Assn. fees		225.00	6,357.37
10-9-85 W.J. Amerson, State Assn. Treas. . Cooperative	2,313.43		
Payne Account	231.09		
Gainesville	36.09		
Camp Mt. Pleasant ..	75.00		
Children's Home	150.00		
		2,805.61	3,551.76
10-8-85 Niceville Church		231.34	3,320.42
10-9-85 Men's Fellowship		600.00	2,720.42
10-9-85 Ruby C. Pelt		50.00	2,670.42
Totals	18,384.97	15,714.55	

MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT

	Received	Disbursed	Balance
10-7-84 Brought forward	213.63		213.63
1-5-85 First Quarterly Sessosn	472.86	.	686.49
7-85 Niceville Church		236.43	450.06
4-6-85 Second Quarterly Sessoin	452.03		902.09
4-8-85 Niceville Church		226.41	675.68
4-8-85 Lynn and Ramona Miley Account.		500.00	175.68
7-6-85 Third Quarterly Session.....	503.20		678.88
7-8-85 Niceville Church		251.10	427.78
10-6-85 Annual Session	462.69		890.47
10-9-85 Niceville Church		231.34	659.13
10-9-85 West Fla. Ministerial Fellowship ...		600.00	59.13
Totals.....	2,104.41	2,045.28	

YOUTH BOARD ACCOUNT

10-7-85 Brought forward	448.00		448.00
1-5-85 First Quarterly Sessioni	157.63		606.28
3-26-85 C&M Sporting Goods		93.55	512.73
4-6-85 Randall Home.....		18.28	494.45
4-8-85 Second Quarterly Session	150.67		645.12
4-19-85 Youth-from Mary Whitehead			
Marvin Chapel Church	15.00		
Damascus	30.00		
Salem	60.00		
Sneads	37.50		
Malone	5.00		
Refund from trophies	12.50		
	160.00		805.12
4-24-85 Mary Whitehead-State registraton .		82.50	722.62
5-21-85 Mary Whitehead State registraton .		10.00	712.62
7-6-85 Salem Church-Youth to National ..		450.00	262.62
6-85 Damascus		225.00	37.62
7-6-85 Third Quarterly Session.....	167.74		205.36
6-85 Sneads Church-Youth to National .		150.00	55.36
10-9-85 Annual Session	154.22		209.58
Totals.....	1,238.91	1,029.33	

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

10-7-84 Brought forward	00.00		00.00
1-5-85 First Quarterly Session	78.82		78.82
4-6-85 Second Quarterly Session	75.33		154.15
7-6-85 Third Quarterly Session.....	83.86		238.01
7-8-85 Bible College-Terri Hill.....		238.01	00.00
9-3-85 Refund-Bible College	238.01		238.01
10-9-85 Annual Session	77.12		315.13
Totals.....	533.15	238.01	

Churches	Pastors	Clerks	Rec. Baptism	Other Ways	Deaths	Dis. Letter	Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Cooperative Program	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Christian Education	Children's Home	Other Giving	Total Operation	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastorage
Christian Home	Rev. J.C. Pelt P.O. Box 431, Blountstown, FL	Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 275E, Blountstown, FL			2	1	189	9,960.00	400.00		1,000.00	1,130.00	670.00	987.65		40,380.78	75,000.00	20,000.00
Cottdale	rev. H. Matthews Rt. 5, Box 88, Chipley, FL	J.E. Glass Rt. 7, Box 243		3			44	3,975.00	350.00			28.00		50.00	546.75	13,009.46	110,000.00	
Cypress Creek	Rev. E. Hurst Rt. 4, Box 247, Chipley, FL	J.W. Dilmore Rt. 4, Box 425, Marianna, FL																
Damascus	Rev. O. Whitehead Rt. 4, Box 74, Marianna, FL	H. Padgett Rt. 6, Box 644, Marianna, FL	1	10	2		119	14,200.00	300.00	3,832.000	30.00	1,111.65	30.00	456.00	8,162.58	41,895.81	60,000.00	25,000.00
Hickory Grove		Mildred Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121, Bascom, FL			2	2	67	5,925.00	200.00		296.00		180.00		190.00	14,128.30	100,000.00	
Holly Grove	Rev. D.E. Isaac Rt. 6, Box 38, Marianna, FL	M. Harrington Rt. 1, Box 320, Marianna, FL	3	6		5	65	8,200.00	440.00	800.00	930.00	260.00	16,040.81		8,276.00	44,251.04	150,000.00	
Lovewood		J. Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167-H, Chipley, FL		1			23	3,375.00		114.42				200.00	1,550.00	9,265.74	27,240.00	
1st Church of Malone	Rev. K.L. Ray P.O. Box 385, Malone, FL	Carolyn Baxie P.O. Box 262, Malone, FL	4	8		2	118	7,500.00	567.27	235.00			250.00		6,542.71	26,129.78	115,500.00	45,000.00
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Jim McNeil Rt. 6, Box 180, Marianna, FL	Audrey Eiland Rt. 1, Box 36, Marianna, FL	3	3	2		179	10,040.00	100.00	240.00	1,010.00	3,370.10	720.00	785.00	13,352.20	46,225.77	100,000.00	50,000.00
Midway	Rev. J.W. Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76, Sneads, FL	Willa Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76, Sneads, FL																
New Hope	Rev. Douglas Carr Rt. 2, Box 26, Ashford, AL	Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215, Bascom, FL		1	1		53	10,600.00	325.00	564.17	145.70			300.00	2,391.65	14,818.46	40,500.00	
Salem	Rev. W.E. George Rt. 1, Box 39-E, Bonifay, FL	Mildred Phillips Rt. 1, Cottondale, FL	12	5	2	4	112	3,900.00	375.00	2,661.58	542.65	1,031.56	120.00	256.00	15,230.27	28,068.34	45,000.00	15,000.00
1st Church of Sneads		Frances Cloud P.O. Box 297, Sneads, FL		7		2	79	10,150.00	460.00	400.00		248.26		257.00	4,688.83	18,416.78	50,000.00	20,000.00
Traveler's Rest	Rev. Carlie Lloyd Rt. 1, Box 123, Altha, FL	Ella Grantham Rt. 1, Box 71, Altha, FL	6	2	2		101	10,400.16	400.00	3,441.03	405.98	497.01		100.00	11,538.88	35,494.48	60,000.00	7,500.00
Totals			29	46	13	16	1,149	98,225.16	3,917.27	12,288.20	4,360.33	7,676.58	15,200.81	3,391.65	72,075.72	332,084.74	933,240.00	182,000.00

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Meetings in 1986

First Quarter, Jan. 4, 1986	Christian Home Church
Second Quarter, Apr. 5, 1986	Holly Grove Church
Third Quarter, July 5, 1986	Cottondale Church
Annual Session, Oct. 3, 4, 1986	Damascus Church

Committees:

Auxiliaries	Malone Church
Committee on Committees	Hickory Grove Church
Christian Education	Salem Church
Finance	Christian Home Church
Nomination	Damascus Church
Obituaries	Cottondale Church
Resolutions	Traveler's Rest Church
Stewardship	Sneads Church
Temperance	Holly Grove Church

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Salem Association District Woman's Auxiliary met Saturday, Sept. 15, 1985 at Malone Church. Twenty-six women representing five churches were present. The host church gave the welcome, devotion and presented a skit. During the business session it was decided that the next district meeting would be combined with a retreat, and be held at Marvin Chapel on April 11, 12, 1986.

The Malone Auxiliary has sent contributions to both home and foreign missions. They sponsored a cake sale and, as a special project, placed curtains in the church baptistry.

The average attendance of the Traveler's Rest Auxiliary is six ladies. They have made a \$120.00 contribution to the account of Eddie and Sandra Payne.

Sneads Auxiliary has been very active this year, with an average attendance of eight ladies at each meeting. They are currently collecting items to be sent to the Children's Home. Fund raising projects have included selling calendars and vanilla flavoring. Cash contributions have been made to home and foreign missions, the children's home, Cleo Pursells' retirement fund and to the youth fund to provide the Sneads participants money to go to the National Convention. They have also purchased four tables and twelve chairs for the fellowship hall.

The Salem Auxiliary has an average attendance of six ladies. They have contributed to both foreign and home missions and to the youth fund of the church. Projects for the year included selling candy and cookbooks. They bought new hymn books and hosted a birthday party with gifts and refreshments for the residents of the Chipola Retirement Center. They also hosted the district meeting in April.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

	Friday Night	Saturday
Visitors	15	35
Delegates	14	36
Ministers	10	12
Deacons	9	13
Total	48	96
Churches represented		10

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that we, as a body in Christ, determine to double our efforts in the Lord's work. In the light of recent happenings and conditions in the homes and families and church let us recognize the need for personal devotions and a definite leadership role enacted by husbands and fathers as responsible to God who ordained it so.

Be it resolved that we further recognize the need for a concerted effort in our local churches and association to see a revival in our midst.

Furthermore after adoption of these resolutions let us engage in special prayer that God would help us according to His will.

MISSION BOARD REPORT

We recommend that \$600 be given to the West Florida Ministerial Fellowship for the 1985 Mission Conference. Continue to give 50% of the quarterly Mission Board income to the Niceville FWB Church until directed otherwise.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

Paul admonished Timothy to "keep that which is committed to thy trust" (I Tim. 6:20). We would like to urge each of our churches to participate in the co-operative and youth camp programs.

REPORT of the SALEM MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Churches involved	9
Meetings	12
Average Attendance	45

Meetings held each third Saturday, 7:00 PM. Sponsor weekly radio programs and the annual Crusade.

SALEM ASSOCIATION HISTORICAL COMMITTEE

Since our last partial report, we have been able to locate much more information and have started writing the manuscript. We are placing on display the first 30 pages of the history. There will probably be 15 or 20 more pages. It is our intention to have it finished by the quarterly meeting in January, 1986.

We do not recommend that it be published at this time. On the other hand, we suggest that we wait until 1997, just twelve more years, or the end of the first 100 years of the association.

Today we are presenting a type written copy to show what the finished manuscript will be like. In the meantime, we can reproduce copies of the manuscript (including all the pages mentioned above) for those who wish to have one at a cost of about \$4.50 each. Those who desire such a copy, send your request to the following address:

Chester H. Pelt
P. O. Box 1037
Marianna, Florida 324467

BUDGET FOR 1985-86

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. Percentages for dividing the Salem Association cooperative funds:
Mission Board60%
Scholarship Fund10%
Youth Board20%
Salem General Fund10%.

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NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Executive Committee Reverend Ken Ray
 Ordaining Council Reverend Carlie Lloyd
 Mission Board Reverend David Isaac
 Youth Board Brother Mack Glass
 Camp Board Reverend Odis Whitehead

Officers

Moderator Reverend Bill George
 Vice-Moderator Reverend Jim McNeil
 Clerk-Treasurer Mrs. Ruby C. Pelt

REPORT OF THE OBITUARIES COMMITTEE

On January 15, 1985, the Lord called from our midst **Annie Belle Taylor**. She united with Christian Home Church at an early age and was always a faithful and loyal member.

She taught in the public schools for about 65 years and also taught Sunday School for many years. So she touched the lives of many children with compassion and love for the Lord.

Funeral service was held at Christian Home Church by her pastor and burial followed in the family plot in Nettle Ridge Cemetery. She is survived by a daughter, two step-sons, a sister and many, many friends.

On January 16, 1985 the Lord called from our midst sister **Evelyn Yon**. She united with Christian Home Church several years ago and was a faithful member. Friends and church will miss her. Services were held at the church by her pastor and burial followed in Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

Damascus Church has lost two members during 1985. They mourn the passing of Sister **Estelle Padgett** and Bro. **Nathaniel Lipford**.

From Hickory Grove Church **Addie Mae Long**, Dec. 12, 1984, and **Hugh Yarbough**, Mar. 17, 1985, passed away.

Marvin Chapel Church mourns the loss of **Mrs. Viola Sellers** and **Mr. Leo Day**.

Our Heavenly Father in His infinite mercy saw fit to call **Sister Ida B. Hart** from our midst on January 28, 1985. She was the wife of Bro. Ashley D. Hart, who has been a deacon of New Hope Church for many years. She was a faithful member, but had been ill for many years. She will be greatly missed by her family, loved ones and friends.

"Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." God in His infinite mercy saw fit to call **Bro. James N. (Jim) Barnes** home on March 25, 1985 at the age of 78. Just a few days before his birthday having been born on April 14, 1906. He was very faithful to his church, gave his life to the Lord when a young man, and had served as a deacon of Salem Church since 1944. His life was one of service to his family, friends, God and his church. He was loyal in all his undertakings. He is survived by his wife, Alma, one son,

Lucious, and a host of loved ones and friends. He will be greatly missed, but the memory he has left behind will never be forgotten and surely his passing will be heaven's gain.

On January 21, 1985 Salem Church lost a beloved member, **Sister Mollie Barnes**. The Lord has blessed her with 89 years. She loved her church, but had not been able to attend lately due to health. She gave her life to the Lord at an early age and grew in an atmosphere of Christian living. The memory she left is an inspiration to family and friends. We all greatly miss her, but may we cherish the memory of her kindness and loving manner.

Traveler's Rest Church mourns the loss of three loved members. **Mrs. Ida Mae Adams** passed away on August 4, 1984, **Mrs. Jewel Lee Shiver** passed away on December 26, 1984 and **Mrs. Minnie Lee Melvin** on March 6, 1985.



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**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA**

PREAMBLE

We, the believers in Christ according to the doctrine of the Free Will Baptist Denomination, having been baptized unto a like profession of faith in Jesus Christ and properly organized into churches, realizing the necessity of a bond of union and fellowship among us for preservation of the "Faith once Delivered Unto the Saints," and the spreading of the gospel of Christ upon earth, do therefore ordain and establish this constitution.

ARTICLE I — NAME

This organization shall be known as the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists of Florida.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of the organization shall be to unify the work of the churches composing this association by devising and executing such measures as will best spread the gospel of Christ as we interpret it.

ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

Any regularly organized and well disciplined Free Will Baptist Church conforming to the usages of the Free Will Baptist denomination as set forth in the Treatise of the Faith and practices of the Free Will Baptists of the national Association, may upon proper application, and a vote of the association, become a member of this association.

ARTICLE IV — COMPOSITION

The sessions of this association shall consist of delegates appointed or elected by the churches of which this association is composed. All ordained ministers, and deacons who are members and in good standing with the association and the churches to which they belong, shall be standing delegates. Ministers from Sister Associations who are serving churches in this association shall have the right to make suggestions but the voting right shall be reserved for the delegates of the Salem Association. All officers of the Association will be standing delegates.

ARTICLE V — REPRESENTATION

Each church in this association shall be entitled to one delegate for every 25 members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE VI — OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

The officers of this association shall be a moderator, vice moderator, and clerk-treasurer, who shall be elected every two (2) years, on the odd year, except to fill vacancies.

The standing committees of this Association shall be: Executive, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Stewardship, Auxiliaries, Resolutions and Nominations, who shall make annual reports to the Association. Other committees shall be appointed as the need may arise.

(1) The Executive Committee shall be composed of three (3) members, who shall be elected for three (3) year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

The Moderator and Clerk of this Association shall act as standing members of this Committee.

(2) The Ordaining Council shall be composed of three (3) ministers of this association and shall be elected for three (3) year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

No person shall hold more than one office in this association.

ARTICLE VII — BOARDS

The standing boards of this association shall be: Home Missions, Church Extension, and Youth Board.

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

(2) The Youth Board shall be composed of three (3) members. All standing members shall be elected alternately for the number of years in accordance with the number of members composing their board, so that one new member might be elected yearly.

Other boards may be elected as the need may arise.

ARTICLE VIII — SESSIONS

The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly. These sessions will convene on Saturday 10:00 A.M. before the first Sunday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth (4th) quarter. This fourth session in each year will meet on Friday night at 7:00 P.M. and Saturday before the first (1st) Sunday in October. This particular session shall be known as the annual session of the Association, and all annual letters, reports and matters affecting the year's work shall be received in this session.

ARTICLE IX — FINANCE

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

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

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

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

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

ARTICLE X — DISCIPLINE

This association shall have the power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed, and to withdraw fellowship from a church as a whole when it's action is inconsistent with the doctrine and usages of the Free Will Baptist Church, if labor with it is unsuccessful. But in no case can it reverse a decision of a church.

ARTICLE XI — MINISTERS

Section 1. The pastor of every church in the association should be a member of a church under his care.

Section 2. When a church desires that one of its members 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 Christian Home Church
January 4, 1986

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION Holly Grove Church
April 5, 1986

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION Cottondale Church
July 5, 1986

ANNUAL SESSION Damascus Church
Friday Night, 7:00 PM October 3, 1986
Saturday, 10:00 AM October 4, 1986