

# **MINUTES** **of the 92nd** **QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS** **of the** **SALEM FREE WILL BAPIST ASSOCIATION** **held with** **CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH** **1987**

---

## OFFICERS

Rev. W. E. George, Moderator  
Rt. 1, Box 39E, Bonifay, FL

Rev. Doug Carr, Vice Moderator  
P.O. Box 385, Malone, FL

Connie Croxton, Clerk-Treasurer  
Rt. 2, Box 62, Cottondale, FL

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. James Elmore.....	1988
Rev. David Harper.....	1989
Rev. Jim Pelt.....	1990

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Carlie Lloyd.....	1988
Rev. Odis Whitehead.....	1989
Rev. Tommy Street.....	1990

## MISSION BOARD

Bro. R. Q. Addison.....	1988
Bro. Fred Sapp.....	1989
Rev. David Isaac.....	1990
Bro. Glen Watson.....	1991
Bro. Richard Rehberg.....	1992

## YOUTH BOARD

Mrs. Sue Worley.....	1988
Bro. Aaron Jolley.....	1989
Mrs Mary Whitehead.....	1990

## CAMP BOARD

Rev. Odis Whitehead.....	1988
Bro. Don Grant.....	1989

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION  
Salem Free Will Baptist Church  
January 3, 1987

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. The session began at 10:00 with the Rev. James Pelt leading the congregation in singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Eiland at the piano. Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. Again, Bro. Pelt led the congregation in singing "My Faith Looks Up To Thee."

The moderator and Pastor of Salem, Rev. Bill George, gave a warm welcome to everyone present. He also requested a time of special prayer for two preachers in the Salem Association who are ill, Rev. J. W. Roberts and Rev. Carey Williams. Rev. D. W. Poole led in this special prayer for these dear brothers.

The devotion was presented by Rev. David Isaac. His text was taken from Song of Solomon 6:10.

The moderator called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to accept the report. The standing delegates were recognized and charged with the seating of the elected delegates for this session. MSC to seat the church delegates for the business session. The moderator called for any committee reports. There were none. He then asked if anyone would like to give their testimony. Several responded in telling how the Lord had blessed them the past year.

A letter from the Superintendent of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama, Rev. Levy Corey, thanking the Association for the love offering given them during the Annual Session was read by the clerk. There being no further business, Bro. Troy Sapp dismissed in prayer.

After a brief period of fellowship the session continued with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" with Mrs. Connie Croxton accompanying at the piano. Rev. Jim McNeil led in prayer. Bro. Pelt led the group in "Footsteps of Jesus." Once again everyone joined in singing "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." After the congregational singing, Kathy Noblin blessed our hearts with a special in song "When He Was On The Cross."

Rev. George introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Carlie Lloyd, pastor of Travelers Rest Church. His message was taken from Matthew 16:13-18. "The Church of God is the greatest institution there is." We are members of a universal church when we trust Christ as our Saviour. He emphasized "What is the Church?" "What is the Message of the Church?" and "What is the Mission of the Church?" We were all reminded of our responsibilities as members of the universal church. Brother George praised the message and encouraged everyone in our association to work together to keep it going. Instructions were given for lunch and Rev. Henry Matthews pronounced the benediction and a blessing on the food.

After an hour of enjoying food and fellowship, a song service was held. Rev. Pelt led and Connie Croxton played "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. The congregation then sang "Holy Spirit, Faithful Guide." Kathy Noblin blessed everyone with another special song, "I Bowed

on My Knees and Cried Holy." Bro. Glen Watson brought the devotion. Salvation is by faith, not works. Our duty as a Christian is not to sit and do nothing but to tell others about Jesus and help those in need.

Bro. George called on Rev. Douglas Carr to lead in prayer for a special offering to be received for Rev. C.A. Williams. After the offering was received the moderator called for any committee reports. The final Credentials Report was given. MSC. Note was made of errors on front cover of 1986 minutes; Gloria Cressley should be added to Youth Board Committee with term expiring in 1987; Bro. Mack Glass's term to expire 1988 and Brother Aaron Jolley in 1989. Also, the name Gwen Watson in Mission Board should be Glen Watson. The following announcements were made: Bro. Carlie Lloyd has radio program this month and Youth Rally at Salem tonight at 7:00 p.m. The finance report was given. MSC. Rev. Odis Whitehead moved that the association give Rev. C.A. Williams \$100.00 from the General treasurer to be added to the love offering received earlier today. (\$132.83). MSC. Rev. Whitehead also urged all churches to support the Cooperative Plan for our State Association. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality. Don Livingston led in the benediction. It was called to the moderator's attention that Rev. David Womack, new pastor of New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, should be welcomed to our association. This welcome was given by the moderator and everyone joined hands and sang "Amazing Grace" before departure.

1ST QUARTERLY SESSION JANUARY 3, 1987											
Session	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	BIBLE COLLEGE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	PAYNE ACCOUNT	HOME MISSIONS	GAINESVILLE MISSION	CAMP MOUNT PLEASANT	CHILDREN'S HOME	PROJECT 90	ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND	TOTALS
Christian Home				92.10	15.00	5.00	75.00		40.00		227.10
Cottondale									32.00		32.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1,227.84								20.00		1,247.84
Hickory Grove				30.00					20.00		50.00
Holly Gove	200.00								15.00		215.00
Lovewood	52.27								10.00		62.27
First Church of Malone	285.00								15.00		300.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00								15.00		75.00
Midway	4.00							4.00			8.00
New Hope	150.00								15.00		165.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	735.00								10.00		
First Church of Sneads	100.00								15.00		115.00
Traveler's Rest	828.25			76.61		51.61			20.00		976.47
Offering								Special Offering for L.W. Williams 132.83	51.63		51.63 132.83
Totals	3,642.36			198.71	15.00	56.61	75.00	4.00	411.46		\$4,403.14

## SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

April 4, 1987

Hickory Grove Free Will Baptist Church

Registration for the 2nd quarterly session began at 9:30 a.m. Rev. James Pelt opened the session with an old favorite "He Leadeth Me" with Mrs. Audrey Eiland accompanying at the piano. Bro. Edward Baxter led in prayer. Another congregational hymn, "Higher Ground" was sung by everyone. Rev. D.W. Poole, pastor of the host church, gave a warm welcome to all urging them to be inspired by the service today to do more for God tomorrow. Rev. Bill George, moderator, introduced Bro. James Elmore from Damascus Free Will Baptist Church, to bring the morning devotion. His text was Jonah 1:4. Bro. James encouraged Christians to seek God and find the job he would have us do and not flee from God as Jonah did.

Standing delegates were recognized and then the elected delegates. MSC to seat the elected delegates for the business of the day. Visitors were welcomed. Partial report of Credentials Committee was given. MSC. The moderator called for any committee reports or old business. There was none. Rev. Chester Pelt advised the association that the History of Salem Association booklets prepared by him were available for those desiring one. A fifteen minute recess was declared. The congregation sang "He Lives" with Bro. James Pelt leading and Mrs. Connie Croxton playing piano. Rev. Bill George welcomed Rev. John Meredith, pastor of Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church, into our association. Once again the congregation joined in singing "There Is A Fountain." After an offeratory prayer by Rev. Jim Pelt, an offering was received. Another congregational song "Near To The Heart Of God" was sung. Eddie Clemmons blessed our hearts with a special, "I'd Rather Have Jesus/Were You There? The guest speaker for the morning worship, Rev. Chester Pelt, was introduced. His text was taken from John 17. He spoke on Jesus' prayer for his people and how we as Christians should allow God to draw us to Him Through the Holy Spirit. Rev. Wayne Hartzog prayed the benediction.

After a wonderful meal and fellowship with other Christians, we assembled for the afternoon session singing "Draw Me Nearer." Rev. James Pelt sang a special "Now I Belong to Jesus." The devotion was presented by Bro. Edward Baxter from 1 Timothy 2:1-8. He stressed how we can know God's will for our lives and our responsibility to pray. After the devotion Bro. George requested a special prayer for various people. Bro. James Hill led in this prayer. Final report of Credentials Committee was given. MSC. Financial report was given. MSC. There were no other committee reports or business. Announcements were made. The host church was given a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality. Everyone joined hands and sang "Amazing Grace" in dismissal.

2nd Quarterly Session April 14, 1987 Session	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	BIBLE COLLEGE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	PAYNE ACCOUNT	HOME MISSIONS	GAINESVILLE MISSION	CAMP MOUNT PLEASANT	CHILDREN'S HOME		ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND	TOTALS
Christian Home				127.84			75.00			40.00	242.84
Coltondale											
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	\$1,043.96									20.00	1,063.96
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	52.63									10.00	62.63
First Church of Malone	150.00							135.00		15.00	300.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	75.00
Midway										8.00	8.00
New Hope	152.00									15.00	167.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	815.00									10.00	825.00
First Church of Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	890.69			62.53		37.53					1,010.75
Offering										74.25	74.25
Totals	3,464.28			220.37		37.53	75.00	135.00		309.25	\$4241.43

3rd Quarterly Session  
First FWB Church of Malone  
July 4, 1987

This Independence Day session began with Rev. Jim Pelt leading the congregation in singing "America" with Mrs. Brenda Capps at the piano. Rev. Doug Carr led in prayer. Again, Bro. Pelt led the congregation in singing the old favorites, "Glory to His Name" and "Victory in Jesus." On the last stanza of Victory in Jesus, Bro. Jim encouraged everyone to turn around and shake hands with their neighbors and welcome them to the service.

Rev. Doug Carr, pastor of the host church, welcomed everyone to the service and expressed his appreciation to their being in attendance, since it was a holiday. Rev. Bill George, moderator, expressed his feelings for America. Rev. D.W. Poole led in his patriotic prayer. Bro. George introduced Rev. David Womack, pastor of New Hope, who delivered the morning devotion. His text was taken from Phillipians 2:1-11. The theme of his devotion was "What does Jesus think of the things I do?" He encouraged everyone to be like-minded with Jesus Christ.

The association was then declared in business session by Moderator, Bill George. The standing delegates were asked to stand and then the elected delegates for this session. The elected delegates were seated by a MSC from the standing delegates. Old business and/or any committee reports were called for. The partial report of the Credentials Committee was given. MSC. As a matter of information, Rev. David Harper told the association a little about "Pass a Torch Campaign" of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Also, he informed the group that the Mission Conference had been set for the last weekend in August and a schedule would be forthcoming. Several announcements were made and then we were dismissed for a short recess by Rev. Chester Pelt.

Once again the group reconvened and joined in singing "At Calvary" with Connie Croxton at the piano. Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. "At the Cross" was then sung by everyone. An offertory prayer was prayed by Rev. Jim Pelt. The offertory hymn was "America the Beautiful." Again the congregational joined in singing "Onward Christian Soldiers." Rev. Tommy Street, new pastor at Marvin Chapel, was introduced to bring the morning message. He in turn introduced his wife, Jeanette, who gave her testimony. His message was taken from Psalm 100. He brought out why we should care and have compassion on the unsaved and related it to his own personal life. Also, he made the following points on "Why Is a Soul Valuable" 1) Divine origin; 2) The price that was paid to redeem it; 3) the contention for possession and 4) the eternal destiny awaiting. It was a great message. Rev. Henry Matthews prayed our dismissal prayer for lunch.

After an hour of food and fellowship the congregation reconvened singing "Bring Them In." Eddie Clemmons presented a special "America The Beautiful." The devotion was presented by Rev. Chester Pelt. His topic was — Confusion versus Peace, text 1 Cor. 14:33.

7

A final report of the Credentials Committee was given—74 present. MSC. Financial report was given, MSC. The Ordaining Council presented Rev. Tommy Street to the Association and asked Bro. George, the moderator, to extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to him for the Association. Bro. George responded and expressed how the association looked forward to working with him. Other announcements were made. Rev. Doug Carr presented a desire to the association to consider amending the meeting date of the associational meetings from the 1st Saturday in the month each quarter to another date. After comments from Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Odis Whitehead and Bro. Wayne Hill, Rev. George appointed Rev. Doug Carr and his church to present a resolution regarding the change desired at our Annual Meeting in October.

Rev. Jim Pelt asked that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. More announcements were made. Bro. Richard Rehberg dismissed the session in prayer.

3rd QUARTER JULY 4, 1987 Session	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	BIBLE COLLEGE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	PAYNE ACCOUNT	HOME MISSIONS	GAINESVILLE MISSION	CAMP MOUNT PLEASANT	CHILDREN'S HOME		ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND	TOTALS
Chrillian Home				155.25			75.00			40.00	270.25
Cottlondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1,306.49									20.00	1,326.49
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	42.17									10.00	52.17
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	315.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	
Midway											
New Hope	100.00									15.00	115.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	630.00									10.00	640.00
First Church of Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	926.37			120.79		95.79				20.00	1,162.95
Offering										51.20	51.20
Totals	3,515.03			306.04		95.79	75.00	150.00		278.20	\$4,420.06

## Annual Session

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

October 2, 1987, Friday Night

Rev. Jim Pelt opened this annual session leading the congregation in singing "In My Heart There Rings A Melody," with Mrs. Audrey Eiland accompanying at the piano. Rev. Doug Carr led in an opening prayer. Rev. Jim Pelt, pastor, gave a cordial welcome to everyone. Again the congregation joined in singing "Footsteps of Jesus." The service was turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Bill George, who declared the Association in session. The standing delegates were asked to stand, then the delegates elected for this session were asked to stand. The standing delegates seated the elected delegates. MSC. Bro. George asked for any committee that was ready to report. Sneads Church presented the Temperance Report. MSC. A Petition to Change the By-Laws of the Association was presented by the Malone Church. MSC to place petition on table until Saturday Session. There was no old business. The clerk informed the Association that the bank had contacted her relative to placing the association funds in an account to draw interest. MSC to have Clerk place funds in an account which would earn the most money. Session was declared over. Bro. Jim Pelt led the congregation in "Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us." Bro. Pelt then sang a special "Now I Belong To Jesus." Rev. Tommy Street brought the evening message from I Sam. 16:1-11. He spoke of the trouble churches are in tonight. The trouble is caused by sins of sitting saints. He stressed God is the only one who has earned the privilege to sit. We all need to be willing to work until Jesus comes. Bro. Street closed the message having all concerned come to an altar prayer led by Bro. Bill George. Rev. Pelt encouraged everyone to come back for the Saturday session. Bro. Olan Rehberg dismissed in prayer.

October 3, 1987, Saturday

This session opened with Rev. Jim Pelt leading the congregation in "Come Ye Thankful People." Mrs. Connie Croxton accompanied at the piano. Rev. D.W. Poole led in prayer. Again the congregation joined in singing "Count Your Blessings." Rev. David Harper from Sneads Church brought the morning devotion from Psalms 119. The moderator declared the Association in Session. The welcome was given by Rev. Jim Pelt pastor of host church. Response was given by Rev. David Isaac. Everyone joined in singing the chorus "Oh How I Love Jesus." The Standing Delegates were recognized, then the elected delegates who were not seated Friday night were asked to stand. MSC by Standing delegates to seat elected delegates. Partial report of Credentials Committee was given. MSC. Christian Education Report (Christian Home), MSC; Youth Board Report, MSC; Committee on Committees (New Hope), MSC. Announcements were made. Bro. Troy Sapp dismissed in prayer. After a short

recess the session continued with the congregation singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. Again the congregation sang "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Rev Jim Pelt prayed an offeratory prayer. After the offering was received, Bro. Eddie Clemmons sang a special song, "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus." Rev. Bill George preached the morning message from John 1:16,23,29. The theme for his message was "a must for revival." It was a timely message and stirred the hearts of all present. Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. Bro. Pelt gave directions for lunch and the benediction and blessing on the food was given.

After an enjoyable meal the session continued with congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer. A special in song "I've Never Been This Homesick Before" was sung by a group from Damascus Church. Rev. Doug Carr brought the evening devotion. The association was declared in session again by the Moderator. Committee reports were called for. Stewardship (Damascus) MSC; Obituary (Malone) MSC; Finance Report (Salem) MSC; Auxiliary (Holly Grove) MSC. The Petition to Change By-Laws was moved off the table. MSC This petition changed the Association Meetings to meet every 2nd Saturday in the quarter. MSC for clerk to reword Article 8 (Sessions) in our Constitution before minutes are printed. The Following delegates were elected to the State Association: Sis. Coreen George, Sis. Mary Whitehead; Sis. Margaret Lloyd; Sis. Sue Worley, and Bro. Lee Worley, Alternate. A move was made to move the Mission support from Niceville Church to Rev. Gene Gilbert in Douglas, Ga. There was opposition as someone stated that the Mission Board should make a decision together and put it before the group. The moderator asked for the motion to be reconsidered and then excused the Mission Board to meet and decide on a motion to present to the body. Nomination Committee (Marvin Chapel) MSC to accept; MSC from the floor to elect the committee's slate of officers by acclamation. Printing of the minutes was discussed. MSC to retain same budget for 1988 as we had in 1987. MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to Christian Home for their hospitality. The Mission Board returned and recommended sending 50 percent of their offering this quarter to Rev. Gene Gilbert in Douglas, Georgia and 50 percent to the Niceville Church. The mission project for next year will be decided at the January meeting. MSC. Bro Glen Watson dismissed in prayer.

ANNUAL SESSION Oct. 3, 1987  Session	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	BIBLE COLLEGE	FOREIGN MISSIONS	PAYNE ACCOUNT	HOME MISSIONS	GAINESVILLE MISSION	CAMP MOUNT PLEASANT	CHILDREN'S HOME	PROJECT 90	ASSOCIATION GENERAL FUND	TOTALS
Christian Home				140.00			75.00			40.00	255.00
Cottondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										10.00	10.00
Damascus	1,193.80									20.00	
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	52.19									10.00	62.19
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	315.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									15.00	75.00
Midway										16.00	16.00
New Hope										15.00	15.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	734.00								350.00	10.00	1,094.00
First Church of Sneads	100.00									15.00	115.00
Traveler's Rest	954.62			59.67						20.00	1,068.95
Offering										59.50	59.50
Totals	\$3,444.61			229.67			75.00	150.00	350.00	312.50	1,596.44

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	TOT	Rec'd.	Died	Dism	1987 INCOME	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	ORDAINED MINISTERS	LICENSED MINISTERS		S.S.		CTS		W.A.		M.M.	
												Enrolled	Avg. Attend.	Enrolled	Avg. Attend.	Enrolled	Avg. Attend.	Enrolled	Avg. Attend.
Christian Home	Rev. James C. Pelt P.O. Box 431 Blountstown, FI 32424	Falfa Clark Rt. 1 Box 953 Blountstown, FI 32424	198	9		1	\$36,354.17	\$190,000.00	1		9	85	44			14	10		
Cottondale		Jack E. Glass Rt. 7 Box 243 Marianna, FI 32446	45	5		2	8,641.41	140,000.00			2	20	18						
Cypress Creek	Rev. Steve Sanders Rt. 3 Box 55 Slocomb, Al. 36375	Jerry Corbin 521 South 5th St. Chipley, FI 32428	40	4		2	6,400.00	20,000.00		1	2	21	16						
Damascus	Rev. Odie Whitehead Rt. 7 Box 453 Marianna, FI 32446	Annette Chafin Rt. 6 Box 222 Marianna, FI 32446	143	15	1	2	47,720.77	125,000.00	1		5	79	83	67	58				
Hickory Grove	Rev. D. W. Poole P.O. Box 611 Blountstown, FI 32424	Mildred Ditty Rt. 1 Box 121 Bascom, FI 32423	63		2	1	12,049.53	100,000.00	2		4	16	11			13	8		
Holly Grove	Rev. Wayne Hartzog Rt. 1 Box 114 Chipley, FI 32438	Marie Harrington Rt. 1 Box 320 Altha, FI 32421	46	4		2	18,763.00	150,000.00	2		1	63	40	28	26				
Lovewood	Rev. David E. Isaac Rt. 6 Box 38 Marianna, FI 32446	Jean Foxworth Rt. 1 Box 167-H Chipley, FI 32428	34	6		3	12,274.47	40,000.00	1		2	14	11						
Malone	Rev. Douglas Carr P.O. Box 385 Malone, FI 32445	Carolyn Baxter P.O. Box 262 Malone, FI 32445	120	15			26,206.81	150,000.00	2		1	48	45	34	30	10	7		
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Tommy Street Rt. 6 Box 160 Marianna, FI 32446	Audrey D. Elland Rt. 1 Box 36 Marianna, FI 32446	178	3	4		48,001.44	150,000.00	3		6	73	52	48	27	11	7	12	6
Midway	Rev. J.W. Roberts Rt. 1 Box 76 Sneads, FI 32460	Willie Roberts Rt. 1 Box 76 Sneads, FI 32460	6					800.00	1										
New Hope	Rev. David Womack Rt. 2 Box 133 A Cottonwood, Al 36320	Lena Green Rt. 1 Box 215 Bascom, FI 32423	46	3		3	12,762.40	40,500.00	1			35	33						
Salem	Rev. W.E. George Rt. 1 Box 39E Bonifay, FI 32425	Mildred Phillips Rt 2 Box 167 Cottondale, FI 32431	118	1			36,370.31	60,000.00	1		5	72	65	30	25	13	9		
Sneads	Rev. David Harper P.O. Box Sneads, FI 32460	Frances C. Cloud P.O. Box 297 Sneads, FI 32460	77	9			29,605.77	70,000.00	2		2	45	45	26	26	10	10	5	5
Traveler's Rest	Rev. Carlie Lloyd Rt. 2 Box 123 Altha, FI 32421	Karen Huckaby Rt. 1 Altha, FI 32421	95	16	1		39,909.86	147,500.00	2		5	145	75	45	2	9			

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

First quarter, January 9, 1988.....	Marvin Chapel
Second quarter, April 9, 1988.....	Damascus
Third quarter, July 9, 1988.....	Cottondale
Fourth (Annual Session), October 7,8, 1988.....	Sneads
Auxiliaries.....	Malone
Committees on Committees.....	Holly Grove
Christian Education.....	Salem
Finance.....	Christian Home
Nomination.....	Hickory Grove
Obituaries.....	Sneads
Resolutions.....	Damascus
Stewardship.....	Marvin Chapel
Temperance.....	New Hope

## BUDGET FOR 1987-1988

No change was made, so the same will be used.

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 Board.....60%
  - Scholarship.....10%
  - Youth Board.....20%
  - Salem General Fund.....10%

## **YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

The district competition was held on April 24, 1987, at Salem Free Will Baptist Church, both Bible and Music Competition. Following is a list of the ones to represent Salem Association in State Competition:

**Memorization:** Kerrie McNeil 1st grade  
Adam Baggett 2nd grade  
Lori Woods 3rd grade

**Sword Drill:** Sharon Williams 4th grade  
Asa Whitehead 5th grade

**Choir:** Damascus

**Chorale:** Damascus

**Vocal Solo:** Kerrie McNeil-Learner  
Kim Hartzog-Ambassador

**Instrumental Solo:** Tony Daniels-Heralds

**Vocal Ensemble:** Marvin Chapel Duet-Learner  
Marvin Chapel Duet-Heralds  
Salem Duet-Ambassadors  
Damascus Quintet-Mixed

**Oral Communication:** Tammy McClain-Crusaders

**Bible Bowl:** Damascus-Alison Elmore, Tammy McClain, Pammie Lipford,  
Jeanette Whitehead

TREASURER'S REPORT  
October 5, 1986 - October 3, 1987

Date	Received	Disbursed	Balance
10/04/86 Balance Forward			4,736.12
12/23/86 Marianna Quick Print (Minutes)		185.00	4,551.12
1/02/87 Marianna Quick Print (Minutes)		185.00	4,366.12
1/03/87 1st Quarterly Session	4,403.14		8,769.26
1/05/87 W. J. Amerson, State Treasurer Cooperative.....	2,731.77		
Payne Account.....	198.71		
Turnborough.....	10.00		
Bro. Hester.....	5.00		
Gainesville.....	56.61		
Camp Mt. Pleasant...	75.00		
Children's Home.....	4.00	3,081.09	5,688.17
1/05/87 1st FWB Church of Niceville		273.18	5,414.99
1/05/87 Rev. C. A. Williams (Love offering & gift)		232.83	5,182.16
1/05/87 U. S. Post Office (stamps)		4.40	5,177.76
4/04/87 2nd Quarterly Session	4,209.43		9,387.19
4/06/87 W. J. Amerson, State Treasurer Cooperative.....	2,598.21		
Payne Account.....	220.37		
Gainesville Account..	37.53		
Camp Mt. Pleasant....	75.00		
Children's Home.....	135.00	3,066.11	6,321.08
4/06/87 1st FWB Church of Niceville		259.82	6,061.26
4/08/87 C & M Sporting Goods		91.00	5,970.26
4/11/87 Salem Assn. Youth Board (Gloria Cressley)	202.50		6,172.76
4/11/87 Cottdale FWB (Assn. Dues)	32.00		6,204.76
4/24/87 Randall House Publications (Youth Comp.)		89.65	6,115.11
4/24/87 Florida State Youth Board		100.00	6,015.11
5/ 87 Gloria Cressley (sale of trophies)	18.00		6,033.11
7/04/87 Rev. Jim McNeil (Marvin Chapel - National)		75.00	5,958.11
7/04/87 Shirley Daniels (Salem - National)		75.00	5,883.11
7/05/87 Damascus FWB (National)		500.00	5,383.11
7/04/87 3rd Quarterly Session	4,420.06		9,803.17
7/08/87 U. S. Post Office (stamps)		8.80	9,794.37
7/13/87 State Association of FWB Cooperative Fund....	2,636.27		
Payne Account.....	306.04		
Gainesville.....	95.79		
Camp Mt. Pleasant...	75.00		
Children's Home.....	150.00	3,263.10	6,531.27
7/13/87 1st FWB Church of Niceville		263.63	6,267.64
7/23/87 Marianna Office Supply		5.70	6,261.94
10/05/87 Annual Session (Oct. 3)	4,596.44		10,858.38
10/05/87 1st FWB Church of Niceville		258.34	10,600.04
10/05/87 Rev. Gene Gilbert (Mission Work)		258.35	10,341.69
10/05/87 State Association of FWB Cooperative Fund....	2,583.46		
Payne Account.....	229.67		
Gainesville.....	34.66		
Camp Mt. Pleasant...	75.00		
Children's Home.....	150.00		
Project 90.....	350.00	3,422.79	6,918.90
10/05/87 Rev. W. E. George (Moderator)		50.00	6,868.90
10/05/87 Myra Hill (Clerk)		50.00	6,818.90
10/09/87 Fl. State Association of FWB (Fees)		225.00	6,593.90

MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT		RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
10/14/86	Balance Brought Forward			420.09
1/03/87	1st Quarterly Session	546.35		966.44
1/05/87	1st FWB Church of Niceville		273.18	693.26
4/04/87	2nd Quarterly Session	519.64		1,212.90
4/04/87	1st FWB Church of Niceville		259.82	953.08
7/04/87	3rd Quarterly Session	527.26		1,480.34
7/13/87	1st FWB Church of Niceville		263.63	1,216.71
10/03/87	Annual Session	516.69		1,733.40
10/05/87	1st FWB Church of Niceville		258.34	1,475.06
10/05/87	Rev. Gene Gilbert (Douglas, GA)		258.35	1,216.71
Totals		2,109.94	1,313.32	
YOUTH BOARD ACCOUNT				
10/14/86	Balance Brought Forward			732.42
1/03/87	1st Quarterly Session	182.12		914.54
4/04/87	2nd Quarterly Session	173.21		1,087.75
4/08/87	C & M Sporting Goods		91.00	996.75
4/11/87	Salem Association Youth	202.50		1,199.25
4/24/87	Randall House Publications		89.65	1,109.60
4/27/87	Florida State Youth Board		100.00	1,009.60
5/25/87	Gloria Cressley (sale of trophies)	18.00		1,027.60
7/04/87	Rev. Jim McNeil (National - Marvin Chapel)		75.00	952.60
7/04/87	Shirley Daniels (National - Salem)		75.00	877.60
7/04/87	3rd Quarterly Session	175.75		1,053.35
7/05/87	Damascus (National - Youth)		500.00	553.35
10/03/87	Annual Session	172.23		
Totals		\$923.81	\$930.65	
SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT				
10/14/86	Balance Brought Forward			635.45
1/03/87	1st Quarterly Session	91.06		726.51
4/04/87	2nd Quarterly Session	86.61		813.12
7/04/87	3rd Quarterly Session	87.88		901.00
10/03/87	Annual Session	86.12		987.12
Totals		\$351.67	-0-	

## MINISTERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Rev. Douglas Carr.....	(904) 569-2786
P.O. Box 385 — Malone, FL 32445	
Rev. W. E. George.....	(904) 547-2340
Rt. 1 Box 39E — Bonifay, FL 32440	
Rev. David Harper.....	(904) 593-6360
P. O. Box 577 — Sneads, FL 32440	
Rev. Wayne Hartzog.....	(904) 638-0706
Rt. 1 Box 114 — Chipley, FL 32428	
Rev. Elias Hurst.....	
Rt. 6, Box 247 — Chipley, FL 32428	
Rev. David Isaac.....	(904) 526-4576
Rt. 6, Box 38 — Marianna, FL 32446	
Rev. Carlie Lyod.....	(904) 674-5761
Rt. 1 Box 123 — Altha, FL 32421	
Rev. C. H. Pelt.....	(904) 482-3661
Rev. J. C. Pelt.....	(904) 674-8730
P.O. Box 431 — Blountstown, FL 32424	
Rev. D. W. Poole.....	(904) 674-8730
P.O. Box 611 — Blountstown, FL 32424	
Rev. J. W. Roberts.....	(904) 592-8967
Rt. 1 Box 76 — Sneads, FL 32460	
Rev. Tommy Street.....	(904) 482-7111
Rt. 1 Box 453 — Marianna, FL 32446	
Rev. Odis Whitehead.....	(904) 482-4157
Rt. 7 Box 453 — Marianna, FL 32446	
Rev. David Womack.....	(205) 691-3229
Rt. 2 Box 133A — Cottonwood, AL 36320	
Rev. C. A. Williams.....	
Rt. 1 Box 168 — Colquitt GA 31737	

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Visitors.....	20.....	50
Delegates.....	15.....	36
Ministers.....	8.....	13
Deacons.....	5.....	12
Totals.....	48.....	111
Total Churches Reporting — 13		

## REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

(Sneads)

(Taken from Resolution Committee National Association,  
1987, Birmingham, Al, Article VII)

We the Temperance Committee would like to reinforce this resolution by reminding the people of Salem Association that we are to be separated from the world, and should not support any type of adult magazines or movies.

VII. Whereas, the Holiday Inns chain of motels has become the largest distributor of in-room adult movies in the world;

and whereas, a number of respected Christian organizations have called for a boycott of Holiday Inns;

and whereas, our national association regularly enters into contracts with Holiday Inns;

Be it resolved that future contracts with Holiday Inns be limited to those franchises which do not carry adult in-room movies;

Be it further resolved that we encourage all our Free Will Baptist people to join this boycott and that the resolution be printed in Contract, and that a copy of this resolution be sent to Holiday Inns' headquarters.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

(Damascus)

As the Stewardship Committee, we would like to thank each dedicated member for your faithful service and attendance to God's business over the years.

It becomes each Christian to use time wisely. To use time wisely is good stewardship. To use money, energy, and possessions as God would have us to is also good stewardship. We believe in the Association as an instrument of God's will.

Please continue to support God's work by giving and attending not only the quarterly meeting, but attending to the work and service also.

Isaiah 25:1 "O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth."

## REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

(Christian Home)

We live in a day when too little emphasis is placed on the need for Christian education. Other things take a precedence over it, but it behooves us to become more concerned, especially in regards to our youth. We should especially emphasize to young Christians the great importance of planning their lives in the center of God's will. May we all realize the great importance of reading and studying the Word of God and applying its principles to our daily lives.

## AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT

(Holly Grove)

There are five active reporting auxiliaries in the Salem District. Malone has 9 members, Marvin Chapel has 10 members, Salem has 13 members, Sneads has 10 members and Traveler's Rest has 10 members.

Malone auxiliary supports Home and Foreign missions and has pledged yearly support for 3 years to Advance Missions. They support the Children's Home in Eldridge monthly; they also sent a box of needed goods to the Home.

Salem auxiliary contributed to the Children's Home, to Missions, to the District and State Auxiliary. They contributed to the Board of Retirement on Father's Day.

Sneads auxiliary contributed to the Turnbough and the Bishop accounts and to Home Missions. They helped furnish refreshments for the imates at A.C.I. for their Christmas cantata. They sent birthday cards to a couple of missionaries; presented corsages on Mother's Day, and presented a Bible to a graduate.

Traveler's Rest auxiliary contributed to the Payne's account, purchased supplies for the church and blinds for the Fellowship Hall. They purchased flowers and supplies to take to the home of a bereaved family.

Hickory Grove's auxiliary meets the first Tuesday afternoon of each month. We have an average attendance of 8 members. During the past year we have visited the Convalescent Center in Marianna, carried fruit baskets at Thanksgiving time and book markers at Easter. We hosted a Valentine Party for the Church, purchased new drapes for the Baptistry, sent cards to shut-ins and bought new tablecloths for the Fellowship Hall. We feel that our Auxiliary has brought our ladies much closer to each other and to the Lord.

## OBITUARIES

### Christian Home

On February 13, 1987 the Lord called Bro. M. G. Holley home to be with Him. M. G. united with Christian Home Church in 1954. He is missed by his family and a host of friends. Services were held at Christian Home Church with Rev. James C. Pelt, and Rev. Garnett Chastain directing the services. Burial followed in the Nettle Ridge Cemetery.

### Damascus

On October 30, 1986, the Lord called from our midst, Bro Herbert L. Padgett. Bro. Herbert was a faithful and dedicated member of our church and was very active in service for the Lord. He served as a deacon, taught the Adult Sunday School, and served as Clerk/Treasurer for many years. He also served as Moderator of the Salem Association for a period of time. Bro. Herbert was loved by everyone. His family and the church miss him very much. Funeral services were held at Damascus Nov. 1, 1986, with Rev. Odis Whitehead and Rev. Bill George officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery.

### Hickory Grove

December 13, 1986 — Jack Hatcher

June 23, 1987 — Elwin W. Robinson, Bro. Robinson was a member of Hickory Grove for 60 years, and had been a deacon since 1975. He is greatly missed at our church.

### Marvin Chapel

January 29, 1987 — J. P. Gause, Jr.

March 28, 1987 — David Bright

### Travelers Rest

On January 28, 1987, our heavenly father in his infinite wisdom and mercy called from our midst, Sister Lilla Mae Parham, unto himself to dwell in a home not made with hands eternal in the heavens where peace, joy and happiness will be her reward. She was born January 19, 1890 in Georgia, moved to Florida as a small child, where she lived the rest of her life making her stay on earth 97 years and 9 days. She was a loving mother and friend, never too busy to do her very best for her family and those about her who were sick or in trouble. She was very devoted to her Church and church activities as long as she was able to go. A very faithful member of Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church since 1909. Her passing leaves a vacancy in our hearts, the church and community. She is survived by two daughters, 4 grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, 7 great-great grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Services were held at Traveler's Rest, internment in the family plot in Traveler's Rest cemetery. Rev. W. E. George, Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Rev. H. E. Nichols officiating.

**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. on the second (2) Saturday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth (4th) quarter. This fourth session in each year will meet on Friday night (before the 2nd Saturday) at 7:00 p.m. and the second (2nd) Saturday 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 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 mover 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.

# **-NOTES-**

First quarter, January 9, 1988.....	Marvin Chapel
Second quarter, April 9, 1988.....	Damascus
Third quarter, July 9, 1988.....	Cottondale
Fourth (Annual Session), October 7,8, 1988.....	Sneads