

**MINUTES
of the 93rd
QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS
of the
SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with
SNEADS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1988**

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. David Womack.....	1989
Bro. James Elmore.....	1990
Rev. Jim Pelt.....	1990

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Tim McDonald.....	1989
Rev. Carlie Lloyd.....	1990
Rev. Doug Carr.....	1990

MISSION BOARD

Bro. Fred Sapp.....	1989
Bro. R. Q. Addison.....	1990
Rev. Jerry Whitworth.....	1990
Bro. Glen Watson.....	1991
Bro. Richard Rehberg.....	1992

YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Tim McDonald.....	1990
Sis. Susan Carr.....	1989
Bro. Frank Nelson.....	1990

CAMP BOARD

Bro. Don Grant.....	1989
Rev. Carlie Lloyd.....	1990

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

Marvin Chapel F.W.B. Church

January 9, 1988

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. The session began at 10:00 with Rev. James Pelt leading the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises," accompanied by Mrs. Audrey Eiland. Rev. David Isaac, led in prayer. Again, Bro. Pelt led the congregation in singing, "I Am Thine, Oh Lord."

The pastor of Marvin Chapel, Rev. Tommy Street, gave a warm welcome to everyone present. The devotion was presented by Rev. Elmer Turnbough, of St. Petersburg. His text was taken from Matt. 16:18. "What God expects of church members."

The moderator, Rev. W.E. "Bill" George, declared the meeting in order for business. 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. The Credentials Committee gave a partial report at this time. MSC to accept. It was brought to the attention of the Nominating Committee that the clerk would be resigning at this session also.

The moderator ask if there were any announcements and Rev. Tommy Street, stated that he would be leaving our Association and gave a testimony of his love for all the people in the Salem Association. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned for a brief recess and Bro. D.W. Poole dismissed in prayer.

After a brief period of fellowship the session continued with two congregational songs, "We've a Story To Tell" and "Under His Wings," led by Rev. James Pelt, with Mrs. Audrey Eiland, pianist and Mrs. Myrtle Sapp, organist. Rev. Odis Whitehead led in prayer and the offering was taken, the Bro. Pelt led the group in "Amazing Grace." After the congregational singing, the Whitehead family from Damascus gave us a blessing in song, "I've Never Been This Homesick Before."

Rev. George, introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Randy Tipton, pastor of Panama City F.W.B. Church. His message was taken from Acts 1:6-8. After the message, the instructions for lunch were given and Rev. Doug Carr pronounced the benediction and ask God's blessings on the food.

After an hour of enjoying food and fellowship, Bro. Pelt led in another congregational song, "Higher Ground" and Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. David Harper. His text was taken from Acts 10:1.

The moderator called for the final Credentials report. There were 14 churches represented, 13 ministers, 11 deacons, 40 delegates, and 38 visitors, making the total present for this session 102. MSC to accept.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough gave a report on the St. Petersburg mission; "Celebration and Advance" program for foreign missions. Financial Report was given. MSC to accept.

Mission Board Committee recommended to the Association to send half of the January and April's mission income of 1988 to Rev. Gene Gilbert in Douglas, Ga. and the other half to the

Nicevill Church. Then starting with July's mission income of 1988, they recommended to send half to Rev. Gene Gilbert and keep half in the Association Mission Fund until recommended otherwise by the Mission Board. Therefore we would stop the Association's financial support to the Niceville Church after April 1988. It was recommended to give \$200.00 to the St. Petersburg Mission out of the present Mission Fund. MSC.

Nominating Committee recommended: Rev. David Womack to the Executive Committee, Rev. Doug Carr to the Ordaining Council, and Kathy Noblin as Clerk-Treasurer. MSC to accept.

Announcements were made that the Men's Fellowship Revival would be held at Traveler's Rest Church for January and at Damascus for February. A Sunday School Revival with Rev. Roger Reed, would be held February 5th and 6th at Salem Church.

Bro. James Elmore was ask to explain the Men's Fellowship project of monthly revivals and Rev. Odis Whitehead gave an explanation of the absence of the minutes. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality. For the benediction, everyone joined hands and sang "Bless Be The Ties."

1st. Quarterly
session
January 9, 1988

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					200.00		75.00			40.00	315.00
Cottdale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek										10.00	10.00
Damascus	1257.10									20.00	1277.10
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	48.00									10.00	58.00
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	315.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									25.00	85.00
Midway										8.00	8.00
New Hope	75.00									15.00	90.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	697.00									10.00	707.00
First Church of Sneads										15.00	15.00
Traveler's Rest	1018.22			94.63		69.63				20.00	1202.48
Offering										88.00	88.00
Totals	3503.12			124.63	200.00	69.63	75.00	150.00		343.00	4465.38

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

Damascus F.W.B. Church

April 9, 1988

Registration for the 2nd Quarterly Session began at 9:30 a.m. The session began at 10:00, with Rev. Odis Whitehead leading the congregation in an opening hymn, "To God Be The Glory," with Bro. Wayne Hill accompanying at the piano. Rev. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. Another congregational song, "I Want To Be A Worker for the Lord," was sung by everyone.

Rev. Gene Gilbert, of Douglas, Ga. brought the morning devotion and his text was taken from I Samuel 30:1-6. "David encouraged himself in the Lord his God." He stressed that we ought to be active in the work of God. God needs us to go out and work in the fields and bring the lost to Him. If you live for God, the devil is bound to try to get you down. We need to stay busy in the work of the Lord.

Rev. Odis Whitehead, pastor of Damascus Church gave everyone a warm welcome, after which the moderator, Rev. Bill George, declared the meeting in order and ask for the standing delegates to recognized and charged them with the seating of the elected delegates for this session. Motion so carried to seat the church delegates for the business session. The moderator called for any committee reports. There was a partial report of the Credentials Committee at this time. MSC to accept. There was no further business at this time so the meeting was adjourned for a brief recess.

After a short time of fellowship the session continued with two congregational songs, "Near the Cross" and "At the Cross," led by Rev. David Issac and Bro. Wayne Hill accompanying at the piano. Bro. James Elmore led in prayer and the morning offering was taken. The moderator ask for the recognition of the new pastors of the Sneads Church and Marvin Chapel Church. Connie Croxton and Brenda Capps blessed everyone with a special, "Look for Me for I Will Be There Too."

Rev. Bill George introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. Tim McDonald, pastor of Marvin Chapel. His text was taken from I Thess. 4:15-17. "Why I Believe Christ is Coming Again." He stated that we know that Jesus is coming again, not that we believe or think, but we know that he is coming again. The time is now and we need to accept God's word and do everything we can for the Lord. He stressed, "We need to be ready for the Lord's return." An invitational song "I Surrender All" was sung by the congregation and Rev. Bill George led in prayer. Rev. Odis Whitehead then gave instructions toward the lunch hour and Bro. Tommy Capps ask the blessing upon the food.

After an hour of food and fellowship, Rev. David Issac, led in two congrgational songs, "Does Jesus Care" and "Revive Us Again." The afternoon devotion was given by Rev. Bill Stover from the Sneads Church. His text was taken from John 3:16. "For God so loved the world theat he gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

The moderator declared the meeting open for business at this time. The Credentials Committee gave a final report. There were 12 churches represented, 10 ministers, 8 deacons, 29 delegates, and 38 visitors, making the total present for this session 85. MSC to accept. The Finance Committee gave a financial report. MSC to accept. Concerning business, it was ask if the association wanted to continue to support the Eddie Paynes and it was agreed upon supporting them until they had been re-assigned.

Announcements were made that the Men's Fellowship Revival would be held at the Malone Church for the month of April. The Cottondale Church invited everyone to their Homecoming on April 10th. The Ministerial meeting would be held on Monday, April 11th. There being no further business or announcements, Bro. George ask everyone for a rising vote of appreciation for the warm hospitality and the good food. He then dismissed the meeting with prayer.

2nd Quarterly
Session
April 9, 1988

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			100.00				75.00			40.00	347.00
Cottdale										32.00	
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1359.90									20.00	1379.90
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	49.14									10.00	59.14
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	315.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									25.00	85.00
Midway											
New Hope	100.00									15.00	115.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	785.00									10.00	795.00
First Church of Sneads										15.00	15.00
Traveler's Rest	1009.52			76.75		51.74				20.00	1158.01
Offering				59.10							59.10
Totals	3713.56		100.00	165.85		51.74	75.00	150.00		237.00	4625.15

THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION
Cottondale F.W.B. Church
July 9, 1988

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. The session began with Mrs. Joann Truette leading the congregation in singing, "When We All Get To Heaven," with Tammy McClain at the piano. Bro. Fred Sapp led in prayer. Mrs. Truette then led in another congregational song, "Are You Washed in the Blood." Rev. Bill George, moderator introduced the speaker for the morning devotion, Bro. Chester Pelt. His scripture reading was taken from Ephes. 2:8-10. He said that we are saved by grace and not by ourselves. Salvation is a Gift of God and we are saved to do good works. Bro. Pelt closed his devotion with prayer.

Rev. Bill Sheffield, pastor for the host church, welcomed everyone to the service and expressed his appreciation to their being in attendance. Response was given by Bro. Wayne Hill. After this time the moderator recognized the Standing Delegates and the elected Delegates and they were seated. Bro. George then called this session to order, and ask for any old or new business and there wasn't any at this time. Bro. Eddie Clemmons blessed our hearts with a special song "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy," with Mrs. Connie Croxton at the piano. Bro. George then ask for any prayer request and Rev. Tim McDonald led in prayer before we dismissed for a short recess.

After a brief recess the congregation was led in singing "In the Sweet By and By." A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and the morning offering was received. Bro. Olin Rehberg ask God's blessings upon the offering. Special songs, "I've Come Too Far To Look Back" and "Treasures Unseen," were sung by the Damascus Trio; Connie Croxton, Brenda Capps, and Jeannette Whitehead. Rev. Bill Stover and wife sang "There'll Be A Light At The River," before he brought the morning message. Bro. Stover's scripture text was taken from II Timothy 2:5-6. "There's Power in the Blood." He stated that if we do the work of the Lord, we can have Power in the Lord. God's grace is sufficient and if we would do the work of God, our churches would be full and running over today. An invitational song, "Just As I Am," was led by Bro. Odis Whitehead. Rev. Jerry Whitworth, pastor of Christian Home Church dismissed with prayer and ask God's blessings on the food as we adjourned for an hour of lunch and fellowship.

After an enjoyable meal the congregation reconvened and Bro. Whitehead led in two songs, "I Know Whom I Have Believe" and "He Hideth My Soul." The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Bill Sheffield. His text was taken from Matt. 10. Go out and seek the lost. Christians need to go out and witness; telling the lost how to be saved and don't be ashamed. He said if you are a Christian you have a testimony. If we deny Christ here; God will deny us.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was, 8 Ministers, 10 Deacons, 32 Delegates, and 27 Visitors, making the total present at this meeting 77. MSC to accept. The Financial Report was given. MSC to accept.

Youth Board Report was given by Sis. Mary Whitehead and she ask that the Association give each of the Bible contestants \$150.00 each and \$100.00 to the piano solo. She then ask that we give \$500.00 from the Scholarship Account to Jeannette Whitehead who would be going to Bible College. MSC to accept.

Rev. Odis Whitehead gave a report on the Children's Home and stated that there are 32 children in the home at this time. MSC The Youth Camp report was given. MSC.

There being no further business, the moderator ask for any announcements. The announcements were as follows: The Community Sing would be held at Damascus Church this month. There will be revivals this month at the following churches: Christian Home, Damascus, and Hickory Grove. Everyone was invited to attend. Rev. George ask that we give the host church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality. Bro. Emanuel Suggs dismissed the session in prayer.

3rd Quarterly Session July 9, 1988 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			52.50		52.50		75.00			40.00	220.00
Cottondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1086.82									20.00	1106.82
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	51.49									10.00	61.49
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	215.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									25.00	85.00
Midway								5.00			5.00
New Hope	50.00									15.00	65.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	911.00									20.00	931.00
First Church of Sneads										15.00	15.00
Traveler's Rest	1114.32		205.94			180.93				20.00	1521.19
Offering										59.76	59.76
Totals	3623.63		258.44	30.00	52.50	180.93	75.00	155.00		306.76	4682.26

ANNUAL SESSION

Sneads F.W.B. Church

October 7, 1988, Friday Night

Bro. Ronnie Leigh opened this annual session leading the congregation in singing "Standing On The Promises," with Sis. Marilyn Leigh accompanying at the piano. Rev. D.W. Poole led in an opening prayer. Again the congregation joined in singing "Face to Face." Rev. Bill Stover, pastor gave a warm welcome and ask for everyone to stay after services for refreshments. Rev. Doug Carr, Vice-moderator filled in for Rev. Bill George, moderator who was absent from this session. Bro. Carr brought the session to order by asking Bro. Ed Baxter to lead in prayer. The Standing Delegates were asked to stand, then the delegates elected for this session were also asked to stand. The Standing Delegates seated the elected delegates. MSC to accept. Bro. Carr then read the report of the Committee on Committees. MSC. Rev. David Womack then gave the Temperance Report from the New Hope Church. MSC. Old business: Kathy Noblin, clerk stated that she had received Rev. Bill Stover's letter into our Association. There was a motion to adjourn for a short recess. Bro. Glen Watson dismissed in prayer.

After returning from a short recess, Sis. Bernneice Beauchamp blessed our hearts with a special song, "If It's Not Asking Too Much." Another special, "Wasted Years," was sang by Bro. and Sis. Ronnie Leigh. Bro. Stover introduced Rev. Carlie Lloyd to bring the evening message. His message was intitled, "Encourage One Another Daily," taken from Proverbs 14:14 and Hebrews 3:12-13. He said that Christians should encourage each other daily. He said that people are backsliding today because they haven't gotten deep enough in the Bible so that they might add to their Faith, and the also stated that people need to get rooted down and stop being a tumble-weed. To close his message he ask everyone to come to an alter prayer and pray for our churches without Preachers and for our lost loved ones and friends. Bro. David Womack dismissed this part of the session in prayer and ask everyone to return on Saturday.

October 8, 1988, Saturday

This session opened with a congregational song, "Power In The Blood" led by Bro. Ronnie Leigh with Sister Leigh at the piano. Bro. Ed Baxter led in prayer. Another congregational song was sang, "I Am Resolved." Rev. Bill Stover, host pastor gave another warm welcome and turned the meeting over to the Vice-moderator, Bro. Doug Carr. Bro. David Womack gave a response thanking the host church for their hospitality. Bro. Stover announced the speaker for the morning devotion. Rev. Tim McDonald from Marvin Chapel Church. His message was intitled "Thought of Thanksgiving." It was taken from I Thess. 5:18. God's people should be the most thankful people there is. The most important thing is air and we should thank God for it and also for things not so important. After the devotion Bro. Carr declared this session open, by asking everyone to stand and Rev. D.W. Poole led in prayer. Standing delegates seated the elected delegates. MSC. A partial report from the Credentials Committee was given. Bro. Olin Rehberg dismissed for a short recess in prayer.

After recess the meeting began with congregational singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder," and Bro. and Sis. Ronnie Leigh sang a special "Till the Storm Passes By." Bro. Carr ask for the morning offering to be taken and Bro. Frank Nelson led in prayer. Rev. D.W. Poole blessed our hearts with a special song, "The King Was Jesus and the Beggar Was Me." Bro. Harvey Hill, State Promotional Secretary, brought the morning message. He was Florida's first Home Missionary. His text was taken from Matt. 22:41-46. "What think ye of Christ." He said that God speaks to hearts and we fail to listen; we do exactly what we want to do. God's primary purpose is to seek and to save those which are lost. God has no favorites and shows no partiality to no one. God's foreign policy is to create brotherly love through all nations. We need to become active in campaigning for Jesus, not sit on the stump of Do nothing. We can elect Him by believing in Him and accepting Him as our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He then closed his message with prayer.

Bro. Carr ask for any more reports that were ready. The financial Report was given. MSC. Bro. Odis Whitehead reminded everyone that he would be going to Jacksonville to start a church in Home Missions and said that he would like to visit in all the churches to talk about our Home Missions and he desires the prayers of everyone. Bro. Stover then gave instructions to the fellowship hall for the lunch hour and Bro. Odis Whitehead dismissed and ask God's blessing on the food.

After an enjoyable meal the session continued with congregational singing "Footsteps of Jesus." Bro. Carlie Lloyd led in prayer. A special song "Sweet Little Jesus Boy," was sang by Bro. Eddie Clemmons. Bro. Frank Nelson brought the afternoon devotion from Zach. 8:12, "For the seed shall prosper." Bro. Harvey Hill then held a short program on the State Work of the State Association. The moderator called for Committee reports. The Obituary report was given. MSC. A moment of silent prayer was given for those gone on. Auxiliary report was given. MSC. Committee On Committee report was given. MSC. Christian Education report was given. MSC. Stewardship report was given. MSC. MSC. Bro. Tim McDonald ask and encourage us to support the foreign missions such as, Japan where his brother and family, Don and Ruth McDonald are serving now. The Resolution Committee had no report. Rev. D.W. Poole ask that nominations be made from the floor for the Nomination Committee. This was done and MSC to accept. The Mission Board recommended that we take Bro. Odis Whitehead to represent and support in place of Bro. Gene Gilbert. Bro. Stover put it in the form of a motion and it was so carried. Youth Board report was given. MSC. Camp Board report was given. MSC. The following delegates were elected to the State Association; Bro. Linard Wester, Sis. Vera Mae Wester, Bro. David Wester, Bro. Eddie Clemmons, and Sis. Ruby Miller, alternate. Rev. Jerry Whitworth was extended the right hand of Christian fellowship. There was no old business. Bro. Tim McDonald ask that we give Bro. Doug Carr a rising vote of appreciation for a job well done in the absence of Bro. Bill George. Announcement was made that the National Association would be held at the Civiv Center in Tampa, Florida on July 16-20, 1989. There was a rising vote of thanks and appreciation to the host church for their hospitality. Bro. Bill Stover made a motion to adjourn and Rev. Jerry Whitworth dismissed in prayer.

CHURCH	PASTORS	CLERK	Tot.	Rec'd	Died	1988 Income	Value of Property	Ord. Minist.	SS		CTS		W.A.	M.M.
									Enrol.	Avg.	Enrol.	Avg.		
Christian Home	Rev. Jerry Whitworth Rt. 1 Blountstown, FL 32424	Falfa Clark Rt. 1, Box 953 Blountstown, FL 32424	201	3	1	\$39,589.09	\$250,000.00	2	81	49			12	
Cottondale		Jack E. Glass Rt. 7, Box 243 Marianna, FL 32446	45			9,789.19	140,000.00		19	17				
Cypress Creek	Rev. Steve Sanders Rt. 3, Box 55 Slocomb, AL 36375	Jerry Corbin 521 South 5th St. Chipley, FL 32426	19	2	1	5,000.00	25,000.00	1	22	16				
Damascus		Annette Chafin Rt. 6, Box 222 Marianna, FL 32446	143			43,654.71	156,000.00		76	75	61	55		
Hickory Grove	Rev. D.W. Poole P.O. Box 611 Blountstown, FL 32424	Mildred Ditty Rt. 1, Box 121 Bascom, FL 32423	61		2	9,454.96	100,000.00	1	33	16			10	
Holly Grove		Marie Herrington Rt. 1, Box 320 Altha, FL 32421	46		1	18,000.00	150,000.00		63	40	28	26		
Lovewood	Rev. John Holland Rt. 4, Box 17 Bonifay, FL 32425	Rhonda Templin Rt. 3, Box 117 Chipley, FL 32428	40	7		11,203.18	27,240.00	2	15	15				
Malone	Rev. Doug Carr P.O. Box 385 Malone, FL 32445	Carolyn Baxter P.O. Box 262 Malone, FL 32445	118		2	25,800.00	150,000.00	2	32	30	17	15	7	5
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Tim McDonald Rt. 6, Box 180 Marianna, FL 32446	Audrey D. Eiland Rt. 1, Box 36 Marianna, FL 32446	180	11	2	50,751.37	150,000.00	2	71	58	45	32	11	
Midway		Willa Roberts Rt. 1, Box 76 Sneads, FL 32460	6			800.00								
New Hope	Rev. David Womack Rt. 2, Box 133-A Cottonwood, AL 36320	Lena Green Rt. 1, Box 215 Bascom, FL 32423	46	1	1	14,389.52	50,000.00	35	30					
Salem	Rev. W.E. George Rt. 1, Box 544 Bonifay, FL 32425	Mildred Phillips Rt. 2, Box 167 Cottondale, FL 32431	122	6	2	31,220.00	100,000.00	1	72	66	40	30	9	
Sneads	Rev. Bill Stover P.O. Box 1134 Sneads, FL 32460	Frances Cloud P.O. Box 297 Sneads, FL 32460	80	5		30,380.48	70,000.00	1	45	45	26	26	10	5
Travelers Rest	Rev. Carlie Lloyd Rt. 2, Box 123 Altha, FL 32421	Karen Huckaby Rt. 1 Altha, FL 32421	125	24	2	48,562.00	147,500.00	1	156	89	50	40	10	

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

First Quarter, January 14, 1989.....Travelers Rest
 Second Quarter, April 8, 1989.....New Hope
 Third Quarter, July 8, 1989.....Holly Grove
 Fourth Quarter (Annual, October 14-15, 1989.....Lovewood

Auxiliaries.....New Hope
 Committee On Committees.....Salem
 Christian Education.....Travelers Rest
 Finance.....Malone
 Nomination.....Cottondale
 Obituaries.....Christian Home
 Resolutions.....Sneads
 Stewardship.....Holly Grove
 Temperance.....Damascus

BUDGET FOR 1988-1989

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%

Annual Session Oct. 8, 1988											
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			92.50		92.50		75.00			40.00	300.00
Cottondale										32.00	32.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1013.01									20.00	1033.01
Hickory Grove				30.00						20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	200.00									15.00	215.00
Lovewood	49.01									10.00	59.01
First Church of Malone	150.00							150.00		15.00	315.00
Marvin Chapel	60.00									25.00	85.00
Midway								2.50		2.50	5.00
New Hope										15.00	15.00
Pine Grove											
Salem	946.00									15.00	961.00
First Church of Sneads										15.00	15.00
Traveler's Rest	488.00		45.84		20.83					20.00	574.67
Offering										81.87	
Totals	2906.02		138.34	30.00	113.33		75.00	152.50		326.37	3741.56

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

Our State Competition was held May 20-21, 1988 at Seffner, Florida. The following is a list of the ones that represented our Association at National Competition in July 17-21 at Kansas City, Missouri:

Bible Tic Tac Toe: Pete McClain
Glen Williams
Carolyn Hargrove
Phyllis Lipford

Bible Bowl: Jeanette Whitehead
Alispn Elmore
Tammy McClain

Instrumental Solo: Pete McClain
Vocal Solo: Jeanette Whitehead
Piano Solo: Tony Daniels

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE (New Hope)

We the Temperance Committee wish to remind our people of the need for proper conduct when opposing worldliness. For example, a recent film "The Last Temptation of Christ" has brought about much confusion.

We as Christians should be strongly opposed to any such misrepresentation of our Saviour. Yet, Satan can turn a well intended stand into his victory when we allow our self control to falter. Many Christians in protest of worldliness have fallen into this trap. Tempers have flared, tongues become unbridled and actions take on a mob-like appearance.

Many events and articles arise that are offensive to Christians. However, we must not lose sight of our example in self control who is Jesus Christ.

His weapon has been perserved for us which is the Word of God. In dealing with the mass criticism and blasphemy about Himself, Christ sent His disciples two by two armed with the truth. In the midst of all the untruths Satan is circulating today, we should realize our counter attack must be the sharing of God's truth.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Visitors.....	18.....	33
Delegates.....	16.....	33
Ministers.....	6.....	10
Deacons.....	4.....	11
Totals.....	44	87

Total Churches Reporting---13

STEWARDSHIP REPORT (Marvin Chapel)

As the Stewardship Committee, we would like to commend each dedicated member who has been faithful Stewards this past year. Someone has given this definition of stewardship: "The managing of life and its resources for God and the good of all." If we realize that all we have and are is a trust from God, then certainly we will rejoice in the privilege of using it for Him in His Church. As an example, He gave us our life, therefore we must consecrate it to Him. He gave us our time; we must use it according to His will. He enables us to earn money; we must give our silver and gold to advance His cause. All we are and have must be used for God and the good of all because we are His.

Just as sure as night follows day, the day of reckoning for every Christian Steward is coming. The day may be delayed, but God will finally call everyone to account. Are you ready? Is your church ready? We would encourage all to work together as Christian Stewards and be careful that our resources and talents are invested and used to the glory of God.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION (Salem)

We live in a day where Christian education becomes a must, if, we are going to see the church survive as we know it today.

The world is offering too many untruths for us to follow, especially our young people. We need to dwell in the word of God, raising our children to do likewise.

We must know what "Thus saith the Lord," to defeat the devil and all his worldly charm. Never before in all the world, do we need to follow Jesus, more so than today. How do we follow him, unless we read his word and know where he wants us to go.

AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE REPORT (Malone)

There are three reporting auxiliaries in the Salem District. Malone has 9 members, Salem has 9 members, and Traveler's Rest has 10 members.

Malone auxiliary supports Home and Foreign Missions and they support the Children's Home in Eldridge monthly.

Salem auxiliary supports Missions and the Children's Home. They also a contribution to the Foster Parents at the Children's Home. They also purchase new flower arrangements for the church.

Travelers Rest auxiliary contributed to the Home and Foreign Missions, purchased supplies for the church and pruchased flowers for a deceased member.

OBITUARIES

Holly Grove

The Lord called from our midst, Sis. Bonnie McClain this year. She was a faithful member until she became sick and had to move away.

Malone

Sis. Etta Mae Herring and Sis. Martha Coulette went to be with the Lord this year. They were wonderful christian ladies that served the Lord faithfully through the years. They will be greatly missed. Our loss was Heavens gain.

Marvin Chapel

Mrs. Neta Waldron ---July 13, 1988

Mr. Morgan Booth ---Sept. 7, 1988

Hickory Grove

On Jan. 1, 1988, our Heavenly Father called Rev. C.A. Williams from our midst to dwell in a home not made by man, but where peace, joy, and happiness will be his forever. Bro. Williams was born April 24, 1917 and was ordained as a Minister of God in the Martin Association in Southwest Georgia on August 30, 1962. He had served in the Salem Association since 1963. Bro. Williams was pastor at Hickory Grove from 1982 until he became disabled then he served as pianist until his death. He was married to the former Clemmie Catrett and they had 6 children. Bro. Williams is greatly missed in our lives.

On Sept. 12, 1988, Bro. J.D. King went to be with the Lord. Bro. King was a faithful member of our church and had been since 1934. During his many years of service for the Lord, he served our church as Deacon and Adult Sunday School Teacher. He was born Oct. 14, 1900. He will be greatly missed in our church.

Salem

On Oct. 18, 1988, Salem Church lost a beloved member, Sis. Zadie Mae Sapp. She united with the church at an early age, and was a faithful member for many years. For several months before her passing, she was unable to attend church due to health reasons. She was loved by everyone, and will be missed greatly by her family and friends.

On June 13, 1988, the Lord called Sis. Dovie Jane Grimsley. She had been a member of the church a number of years. May God's blessing be with her family and friends.

Travelers Rest

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report that another one of His own has been called home. Our hearts were saddened but still made to rejoice when our Heavenly Father saw fit to call from our midst our loved one and sister in Christ, Miss Nella Mae Melvin, because we feel our loss was Heaven's gain. She was born June 7, 1935 and departed this life May 28, 1988. She had been affiliated with Traveler's Rest Church most all of her life. She was always faithful and loyal (when able) to the church until

illness caused her to not be able to. To know her was to love her. She was a spiritual inspiration to those about her. She is greatly missed here and Travelers Rest has lost a true friend. We join the family in mourning her passing.

It is with deep regret that we have to report that our Lord called Bro. Edward Fant home on May 15, 1988. Bro. Fant was a faithful member but was physically unable to attend in his later days. His prayers were to see his family members saved so that he could see them again in Heaven. It was an inspiration to visit with him and hear him give his testimony. He was loved and will be missed by all.

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TREASURER'S REPORT
October 15, 1987 - October 8, 1988

Date		Received	Disbursed	Balance
10/15/87	Balance Brought Forward			6,593.90
10/15/87	Marianna Quick Print		279.70	6,314.20
1/07/88	Marianna Quick Print		279.70	6,034.50
1/09/88	1st Quarterly Session	4,465.38		10,499.88
1/23/88	State Association of F.W.B. Cooperative.....	2,627.34		
	Payne Acct.....	124.63		
	Home Mission.....	200.00		
	Gainesville.....	69.63		
	Camp Mt. Pleasant..	75.00		
	Children's Home....	150.00		
			3,246.60	7,253.28
1/23/88	1st F.W.B. Church Niceville		262.73	6,990.55
1/23/88	Rev. Gene Gilbert		262.74	6,727.81
1/23/88	Rev. Elmer Turnbough		200.00	6,527.81
3/08/88	C&M Sporting Goods (trophies)		67.50	6,460.31
3/08/88	Quill Corporation (typewriter)		338.52	6,121.79
3/30/88	U.S. Post Office (stamps)		8.80	6,112.99
4/04/88	Fla. State Youth Board (entry fees)		47.50	6,065.49
4/04/88	Randall House Publications (compet.)		44.20	6,021.29
4/04/88	Salem Assn. Youth Board (Mary Whitehead)	62.50		6,083.79
4/04/88	Mary Whitehead (sale of trophies)	16.00		6,099.79
4/04/88	Midway FWB (Assn. Dues)	5.00		6,104.79
4/09/88	2nd Quarterly Session	4,625.15		10,729.94
4/20/88	State Association of FWB Cooperative.....	2,785.17		
	Payne Acct.....	165.85		
	Foreign Mission..	232.00		
	Gainesville.....	51.74		
	Camp Mt. Pleasant..	75.00		
	Children's Home..	150.00		
			3,459.76	7,270.18
4/20/88	1st FWB Church Nicevill		278.51	6,991.67
4/20/88	Rev. Gene Gilbert		278.52	6,713.15
	Interest-Mar. & Apr. (12.45 & 23.72)	36.17		6,749.32
	Interest--May	33.34		6,782.66
	Interest--June	28.81		6,811.47
7/09/88	3rd Quarterly Session	4,682.26		11,493.73
7/09/88	State Association of FWB Cooperative.....	2,717.72		
	Payne Acct.....	30.00		
	Foreign Mission....	258.44		
	Gainesville.....	180.93		
	Camp Mt. Pleasant..	75.00		
	Children's Home....	155.00		
	Home Mission.....	52.50		
			3,469.59	8,024.14
7/09/88	Mary Whitehead (youth to Nat'l Damascua)		1,050.00	6,974.14
7/09/88	Southeastern FWB Bible College (Jeanette Whitehead)		500.00	6,474.14
7/09/88	Shirley Daniels (youth to Nat'l Salem)		100.00	6,374.14
	Interest--July	27.81		6,401.95
	Interest--August	36.87		6,438.82
	Interest--Sept.	28.57		6,467.39
10/08/88	Annual Session (Oct.8)	3,741.56		10,208.95

TREASURER'S REPORT Cont'd

Date		Received	Disbursed	Balance
10/10/88	State Association of FWB Cooperative.....	2,179.52		
	Payne Acct.....	30.00		
	Foreign Mission.....	138.34		
	Home Mission.....	113.33		
	Camp Mt. Pleasant...	75.00		
	Children's Home.....	152.50		
			2,688.69	7,520.26
10/12/88	Rev. Odis Whitehead		217.95	7,302.31
10/12/88	Rev. W.E. George (moderator)		50.00	7,252.31
10/12/88	Kathy Noblin (clerk)		50.00	7,202.31
11/02/88	Fla. State Assn of FWB (delegate fees)		225.00	6,977.31

MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT		Received	Disbursed	Balance
10/15/88	Balance Forward			1,216.71
1/09/88	1st Quarterly Session	525.47		1,742.18
1/23/88	1st FWB Church of Nicevill		262.73	1,479.45
1/23/88	Rev. Gene Gilbert		262.74	1,216.71
1/23/88	Rev. Elemer Turnbough		200.00	1,016.71
4/09/88	2nd Quarterly Session	557.03		1,573.74
4/20/88	1st FWB Church of Niceville		278.51	1,295.23
4/20/88	Rev. Gene Gilbert		278.52	1,016.71
7/09/88	3rd Quarterly Session	543.55		1,560.26
10/08/88	Annual Session	435.90		1,996.16
10/12/88	Rev. Odis Whitehead		217.95	1,778.21
	Totals	2,061.95	1,500.45	

YOUTH BOARD ACCOUNT

10/15/88	Balance Forward			725.58
1/09/88	1st Quarterly Session	175.16		900.74
3/08/88	C&M Sporting Goods		67.50	833.24
4/04/88	Fla. State Youth Board		47.50	785.74
4/04/88	Randall House Publications		44.20	741.54
4/04/88	Salem Assn. Youth Board	62.50		804.04
4/04/88	Mary Whitehead (sale of trophies)	16.00		820.04
4/09/88	2nd Quarterly Session	185.68		1,005.72
7/09/88	3rd Quarterly Session	181.18		1,186.90
7/09/88	Mary Whitehead (youth to Nat'l)		1,050.00	136.90
7/09/88	Shirley Daniels (youth to Nat'l)		100.00	36.90
10/08/88	Annual Session	145.30		182.20
	Totals	765.82	1,309.20	

SCHOLARSHIP ACCOUNT

10/15/88	Balance Forward			987.12
1/09/88	1st Quarterly Session	87.58		1,074.70
4/09/88	2nd Quarterly Session	92.84		1,167.70
7/09/88	3rd Quarterly Session	90.59		1,258.13
7/09/88	Southeastern FWB Bible College		500.00	758.13
10/08/88	Annual Session	72.65		830.78
	Totals	343.66	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 the 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 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 it's 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 associaiton 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.

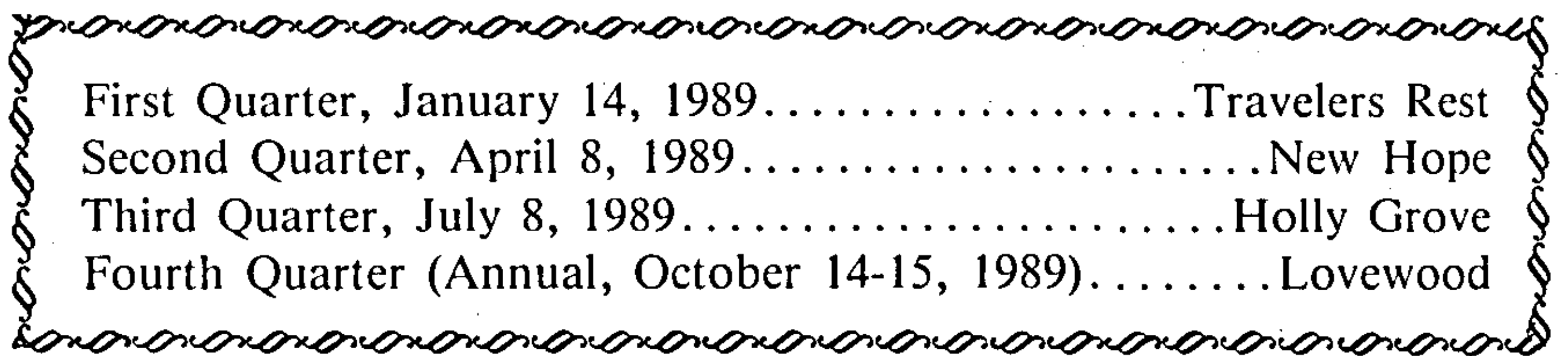
(B.) He shall see that all the action taken by this body is carried out, unless otherwise delegated by the Association.

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 Quarter, January 14, 1989.....	Travelers Rest
Second Quarter, April 8, 1989.....	New Hope
Third Quarter, July 8, 1989.....	Holly Grove
Fourth Quarter (Annual, October 14-15, 1989).....	Lovewood