

**MINUTES**  
**Of the 98th**  
**QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS**  
**of the**  
**SALEM ASSOCIATION**  
**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**held with**  
**MALONE FREE WILL**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**1993**

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**MISSION BOARD**

Bro. Jack Glass .....	1995
Rev. Bill George .....	1996
Bro. Glen Watson .....	1997
Bro. Richard Rehberg, Chairman .....	1998
Rev. Jerry Johnson .....	1999

**YOUTH BOARD**

Sis. Barbara Elmore, Chairman .....	1995
Bro. Greg Burkett .....	1996
Sis. Denise Glass .....	1997

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Rev. Donnie Hussey .....	1995
Bro. James Elmore .....	1996
Rev. Tim McDonald, Chairman .....	1997

**CAMP BOARD**

Rev. Donnie Hussey, Chairman .....	1995
Bro. Richard Rehberg .....	1996

## **FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION, April 10, 1993**

### **Sneads Free Will Baptist Church**

The session was opened by the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus" led by Rev. Donnie Hussey. Bro. Howard Chafin led in the opening prayer. A warm welcome was extended to everyone by Bro. Deese, interim pastor of Sneads. Rev. Jerry Whitworth, moderator, appointed the Committee on Committees for this session. Those appointed were: Bro. James Elmore, Bro. Greg Burkett and Bro. Howard Chafin. MSC. We then enjoyed the morning devotion brought by Bro. Ryan McDougald, a newly licensed minister in our association. He is from the Christian Home church. He spoke on the unity of the body of the church. He reminded us we should not be a selfish people, but be concerned for others and love one another. We are all working for the same goal.

The Committee on Committees nominated the following people to serve on the Finance Committee for today: Bro. Willie Sellers, Bro. Eddie Clemmons and Bro. Bill Hughes. MSC. This was the only committee needed for today's session. The offeratory Prayer was prayed by Rev. Jerry Johnson and an offering in the amount of \$66.00 was received. The moderator called for the standing delegates to stand. He then asked the elected delegates to stand. MSC to seat elected delegates. The moderator called for any Boards which had a report to make at this time. The Executive Board presented copies of two resolutions that they had approved at their recent meeting for approval by the Association. The first Resolution was to be considered for approval first. The first Resolution was:

In the recent situation concerning our Foreign Missions Department and missionaries in Spain, we feel there has been much inconsistency and unfaithfulness. We express this concern for at least one board member. This board member is Rev. Norwood Gibson, who has been unfaithful to the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Board and our denomination by not supporting the decision of the board. Bro. Gibson also supports a group of pastors who have departed themselves and their support from the Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee.

We, the Salem Association call for the resignation of Rev. Norwood Gibson and all others who serve on National Boards who support such organizations as Contenders for the Covenant, International. Those are as follows:

1. Rev. Norwood Gibson, South Carolina, Foreign Missions
2. Rev. Earl Hendrix, South Carolina, Home Missions
3. Rev. Rue Dell Smith, Arkansas, Home Missions

Rev. Jerry Johnson made a motion that the Resolution be tabled for an indefinite time. The moderator explained that a vote would be taken and if this motion carried the item would not be up for discussion. He called for a vote. 11 voted against; 8 for. Since the motion did not carry, a discussion was called for. The following people spoke concerning their feelings of the Resolution: Rev. Tim McDonald, Rev. Jerry Johnson, Rev. Allan Austin, Rev. Jerry Whitworth, Bro. Greg Burkett, Rev. Bill Stover, Bro. Glenn Watson, Sis. Mildred Ditty, Bro. Richard Rehberg, Bro. George Bush, Bro. Steve Croxton and Bro. Pug Morris. After a lengthy discussion a vote was called for. MSC, 28 for; 6 against. Resolution number two was then presented. It is as follows:

All churches of the Salem Free Will Baptist Association are expected to submit a written request to the Presbytery to have the Presbytery to examine or accept their Pastor into our Association.

All pastors must be a member of the church they are pastoring in order to be a member of the Salem Association and be a standing delegate.

Please refer to **Article XII Presbytery Section 2 of Constitution and Bylaws.**

MSC. The Credentials Committee report was given by Sis. Gloria Cressley with a total of 63 present. There were 10 churches represented. MSC. MSC for Moderator to have authority to appoint delegates for State Association Meeting when he arrives at the State Meeting, along with of Sis. Loreida Austin who volunteered at this meeting. The session was dismissed for a very short recess.

The session reconvened with the congregation singing "Standing on the Promises". Bro. Eddie Davis led in prayer. Again the congregation joined in singing "Tis So Sweet To Trust in Jesus". At this time Rev. Bill Stover, Pastor of Cottdale church came and preached the morning message. He emphasized that we need to come in compliance with the Bible in order to get to Heaven. He stated how well God's Word has served him. An invitation hymn, "Have Thine Own Way" was sung. He then prayed.

The service was turned back over to the Moderator. The Finance Report was given by Bro. Bill Hughes of Damascus. MSC. Rev. Tim McDonald recommended the following for adoption by the Salem Association: "In light of concerns voiced from several areas of our denomination recently, be it resolved that we, the members of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists agree with and support our Free Will Baptist Church Covenant in its current form and believe it to be a Biblically Based document meet for all cultures and churches in need of no adjustment or alteration". MSC.

Announcements were made by several pastors. MSC for meeting to adjourn. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality. The dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal was prayed by Rev. Henry Matthews.

1st SESSION 1st Church of Sneads April 10, 1993				Whitehead	Alligood	Lloyd					
SESSION	Cooperative Plan	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Jacksonville Mission	St. Pete Mission	WISC. Mission	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Children's Home	Bible College	Association General Fund	TOTALS
Christian Home	1211.30									20.00	1231.30
Cottdondale										15.00	15.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1931.83									35.00	1966.83
Hickory Grove		30.00								20.00	50.00
Holly Grove	100.00									15.00	115.00
Lovewood	67.33									10.00	77.33
1st Church of Malone	100.00							100.00		15.00	215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00									25.00	115.00
Midway										15.00	15.00
New Hope	150.00			50.00						15.00	215.00
Salem	1585.00									20.00	1605.00
1st Church of Sneads										15.00	15.00
Traveler's Rest										20.00	20.00
Offering						66.00					66.00
TOTALS	5235.46	30.00		50.00		66.00		100.00		240.00	5721.46



## **SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION, July 10, 1993**

### **Traveler's Rest Free Will Baptist Church**

The session was opened with the congregation singing the old song "Victory in Jesus". An opening prayer was voiced by Rev. James Pelt. Rev. Jerry Whitworth, Moderator, declared the session in order for business. He asked all standing delegates to stand, then all elected delegates to stand. MSC to seat the elected delegates. The Moderator appointed the following men for the Committee on Committees for today's session: Rev. Doug Carr, Rev. Bill Stover and Bro. Olan Rehberg. MSC. The Committee on Committees appointed the following to serve on needed committees today: Finance - Bro. Jack Glass, Bro. Glen Watson and Sis. Corrine George; Resolutions - Rev. Allan Austin, Sis. Gloria Cressley and Sis. Maxine Morris. MSC. The floor was turned over to Rev. Jerry Johnson, Pastor of host church, who extended a warm welcome to all present. Bro. Allan Austin, pastor of Damascus Free Will Baptist Church, was called on to bring the morning devotion. He reminded us that the focal point of our life should be Jesus Christ and we should worship Him. Bro. Austin concluded with prayer. Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor Hickory Grove, was called on to pray the offeratory prayer. Bro. Whitworth reminded everyone that the morning offering would go to Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Home Missionary to Wisconsin. An offering in the amount of \$134.15 was received.

The Moderator called for any committee reports that were ready. He gave a report on Youth Camp. There were between 130-140 total children in both teen and junior camps this past June. There were 5 teen and 14 junior first time decisions. It was a real good camp. He also reminded every one that Camp Meeting would be held August 8-11 with Rev. Tom Malone.

Bro. Whitworth gave a report on Coop giving and encouraged all churches to give to the Coop Fund.

Myra Hill, Clerk, made the move that the association accept the following Resolution presented by the Executive Board:

We, the Executive Board, recommend that Article 7, Boards, be revised to the following:

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association, the chairperson of each standing board and one representative at large from each church.

MSC. Motion made to table resolution until the Annual Session. MSC. The Credentials Report was given with a total of 91 present. (30 visitors, 40 delegates, 9 deacons and 12 ministers.) The service was dismissed for recess with prayer voiced by Rev. Jerry Drinkwater, pastor of New Hope.

After a short recess, services reconvened with the congregation singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Bro. James Hill, a member of Damascus was asked to stand and give his testimony. Bro. James has cancer and also has lost use of his kidneys. He gave a glowing testimony of how Jesus has continually been with him. Rev. Doug Carr, pastor of Malone, led in a prayer of thanksgiving. The congregation joined together and sang "Glory to His Name". Special music was presented by Traveler's Rest - IN THE GARDEN.

Rev. Henry Matthews, pastor of Lovewood, preached the morning message. He encouraged each of us to be Faithful to Christ EVERY day, not just now and then. He closed in prayer. An invitation hymn, "Just As I Am" was sung.

The Moderator took the stand and called for the Finance Report. MSC. Once again Bro. James Hill testified of God's goodness to him.

Announcements were made. The dismissal prayer and blessing on the morning meal was prayed by Bro. Suggs. MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

A great meal was enjoyed by all.

**2nd SESSION**  
**Traveler's Rest**  
**July 10, 1993**

SESSION	OFFERING										TOTALS
	Cooperative Plan	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead	Alligood	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Children's Home	Bible College	Delegate Fees	Carlie Lloyd	
Christian Home	1225.41								20.00		1245.41
Cottondale									15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	1932.23								35.00		1967.23
Hickory Grove		30.00							20.00		50.00
Holly Grove	100.00								15.00		115.00
Lovewood	57.06								10.00		67.06
1st Church of Malone	100.00						100.00		15.00		215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00								25.00		115.00
Midway									10.00		10.00
New Hope	150.00								15.00		165.00
Salem	1799.00								20.00		1819.00
1st Church of Sneads									15.00		15.00
Traveler's Rest									20.00		20.00
Offering										134.15	134.15
TOTALS	5453.70	30.00					100.00		235.00	134.15	5952.85

**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION,      October 9, 1993**  
**Damascus Free Will Baptist Church**

Services began with the congregation singing "I Am Thine O Lord" led by Rev. Allan Austin and accompanied by Bro. Wayne Hill. Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor of New Hope led the congregation in prayer. A warm welcome was extended to everyone by Pastor Allan Austin. The floor was then given to Rev. Jerry Whitworth, Moderator, who declared the body in session. He nominated the Committee on Committees members for this session. They were Rev. James Pelt, Bro. Don Grant, and Rev. Henry Matthews. MSC. The Committee on Committees appointed the following to serve on committees in today's session. They are: Resolutions - Bro. Don Grant, Bro. James Elmore, and Rev. Allan Austin; Finance - Bro. Greg Burkett, Bro. Jack Glass and Sis. Linda Smith; and Nominations - Bro. Olan Rehberg, Bro. Donnie Hussey and Bro. Glen Watson. MSC.

Sis. Carol Hughes and Sis. Merle Williams from the Damascus Church sang a special, "How Long Has It Been". Bro. Richard Rehberg, Deacon from Damascus, brought the morning devotion. He reminded us how we need to be filled with the Holy Ghost and how we need to allow the Holy Spirit to take control of our lives. An offeratory prayer was prayed by Bro. Perry Rehberg. An offering of \$114.33 was received. This offering is designated to go to Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Home Missionary to Wisconsin. The Moderator called for any Boards who might have a report. There were none. The Clerk told the churches they could be looking for a special form for reporting Obituaries for the Annual Session in January. These forms will be mailed to the churches prior to the meeting. The Moderator reminded the churches that when they call a new pastor to submit this information to the Presbytery so they may examine the pastor for membership in our association. Rev. Bill Stover asked the nominations committee to really pray about the names they submit for committees at the next meeting. The Credentials Committee report was given by Sis. Merle Williams with a total of 77 present (9 Pastors, 10 Deacons, 32 Delegates, and 26 Visitors). MSC. There was no old business. At this time, the Moderator asked everyone to stand and give Damascus a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today. Rev. Donnie Hussey announced that the Men's Fellowship Crusade will be at Damascus November 15-19. The evangelist will be Rev. Larry Reynolds from Phoenix, Arizona. A different church in the Association will be in charge of services each night: Monday - Damascus; Tuesday - Traveler's Rest; Wednesday - Holly Grove and Sneads; Thursday - Christian Home; and Friday - Salem. Each church is asked to give \$100.00 to help defray expenses of this revival. MSC to recess. Rev. James Pelt led in a dismissal prayer.

Services reconvened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Rev. George Bush led in prayer. The congregation joined in singing "What A Day That Will Be". We then sang "His Name Is Wonderful" and "Amazing Grace" spontaneously. There was a great spirit in this service. Rev. Austin called for some testimonies. Bro. George Bush, Bro. James Hill, Sis. Lena Ross and Bro. Bill Stover stood up and praised God for his goodness. Sis. Myra Hill sang a special "He Is Here". Bro. Terry Drinkwater, pastor of New Hope, came and preached the morning message. He spoke on the purpose of the Church. This was a real powerful message. He stressed that the church (we) need to be consistent, convinced, compassionate, caring and concerned. "Are you doing everything you can for God and your church?" An invitation was given with several people responding. Rev. Donnie Hussey led in prayer.

Finance Report was given by Bro. Jack Glass. MSC. Announcements were made and prayer requests for Bro. Tim McDonald and Rev. Tommy Street's son were made. Directions for lunch were given and the session was dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Elmore.

3rd SESSION  
Damascus  
October 9, 1993

SESSION	Cooperative Plan	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead	Alligood	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Children's Home	Bible College	Delegate Fees	OFFERING Carlie Lloyd	TOTALS
Christian Home	1075.00								20.00		1095.00
Cottdendale									15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	2086.34								35.00		2121.34
Hickory Grove		30.00							20.00		50.00
Holly Grove									20.00		20.00
Lovewood	69.95								10.00		79.95
1st Church of Malone	100.00						100.00		15.00		215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00								25.00		115.00
Midway											
New Hope	150.00						100.00		15.00		265.00
Salem	1526.00								20.00		1546.00
1st Church of Sneads									15.00		15.00
Traveler's Rest											
Offering										114.33	114.33
TOTALS	5097.29	30.00					200.00		210.00	114.33	5651.62



## **ANNUAL SESSION, January 7 & 8, 1994, Malone**

**Friday Night, January 7, 1994**

The session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Jerry Whitworth. Prayer was voiced by Bro. Olan Rehberg. The standing delegates were recognized. MSC to seat the elected delegates. The following were appointed by the Moderator to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Rev. Allan Austin, Rev. Bill George and Rev. George Bush. The host pastor, Rev. James Deese, was asked to come forward and give the welcome. He expressed his appreciation for all coming and extended a warm welcome during this two-day meeting. Rev. Whitworth then recognized all pastors in the service, and asked each one to stand and tell what church they were pastoring. There was a total of twelve (12) in attendance. The moderator called for any business which might need to be taken care of at this time. No reports were ready at this time. Sis. Mildred Ditty asked the Moderator to appoint someone to write the obituary for Rev. D. W. Poole, who was a member of Hickory Grove Church. He appointed Rev. Bill and Sis. Corine George to do this, since they were long time friends in the ministry. Rev. Whitworth read a letter from the Salem's Men Fellowship requesting each church to contribute \$50.00 toward a Benefit sing and dinner they were sponsoring for Bro. James Hill of the Damascus Church. James has cancer and also kidney failure. All who know James are blessed by his faithfulness and his glowing testimony. The benefit will be held January 29, 1994, at the American Legion Building in Marianna, Florida.

The Moderator called for the nominations of the Committee on Committees. The following nominations were made: Resolutions - Rev. Terry Drinkwater, Rev. Henry Matthews & Bro. James Elmore; Finance - Bro. Richard Rehberg, Rev. Tim McDonald & Bro. Buford Brannon; Nominations - (Appointed in October Meeting) - Rev. Donnie Hussey, Bro. Olan Rehberg and Bro. Glen Watson; and Obituary - Sis. Barbara Elmore. MSC.

The service was then turned over to host church to begin worship. Bro. Ben Hall led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Prayer was voiced by Rev. Ron Hunter of Huntington Oaks FWB Church in Tallahassee. The congregation again joined in singing "Where the Soul Never Dies" and "His Name is Wonderful". A special in music and song was presented by Bro. Ben Hall, Sis. Cleo Hall and Sis. Alice Bush. The song, "Amazing Love, was a belssing".

Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor of Hickory Grove, preached the evening message titled "When Facing Life's Mountain". It was a real stirring sermon - he not only shucked the corn, he shell-ed it too. He closed with prayer.

Announcements were made, MSC to adjourn. Rev. George Bush prayed the dismissal prayer.

**Saturday Morning, January 8, 1994**

Services opened with prayer by Bro. J. T. Hall. The Moderator declared the session in business. The standing delegates were asked to seat the elected delegates who were not present Friday Night. MSC. Rev. James Deese, pastor of Malone, welcomed everyone to the services. The congregation, led by Bro. Ben Hall, joined together in singing "Glory to His Name". Bro. Bill Hughes led in prayer for the morning offering. An offering in the amount of \$142.00 was received. This offering goes to Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Home Missionary to Wisconsin. The moderator reminded the people who had been elected to serve on the various committees today.

Rev. Ron Hunter of the Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Florida, requested permission for their church and Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Monticello, Florida, to unite with our association. The association they were a member of has disbanded. MSC to accept them into our association.

The moderator called for board reports. The Christian Education Board report was given by Bro. James Elmore. MSC. The Clerk read a resolution from the Executive Board that was tabled at a previous meeting. She asked that it be taken from the table. MSC to accept this resolution. The Resolution was that Article 7, Boards be revised to the following:

The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association, the chairperson of each standing board and one representative at large from each church.

The Camp Board Report was given by Rev. Jerry Whitworth. The dates for camps this year are: June 5-10 Teen Camp; June 19-24 Jr. Camp. He told of the work that had been completed and other jobs that need to be completed during future workdays. The Obituary Report was given by Sis. Barbara Elmore. MSC. Rev. Jerry Johnson voiced prayer in memory of all members who passed away during the past year. The Credentials Committee gave a partial report with a total of 79 present. The Youth Board Report was given by Sis. Barbara Elmore. MSC. The Benefit sing and dinner for Bro. James Hill was announced. Also, Bro. Whitworth commented on "Reaching the Nations - The Together Way". This is a plan encouraging all churches to unite together to promote denominational work through the Cooperative Plan. The Nominations Committee presented the following names for board members whose term ended this year: Mission Board - Jerry Johnson, 1999; Youth Board - Denise Glass, 1997; Christian Education Board - Tim McDonald, 1997; and Camp Board - Richard Rehberg, 1996. MSC. The meeting was recessed with Bro. Ron Hunter leading in prayer.

Services resumed after a short break. The Finance Report was given by Bro. Tim McDonald. MSC. The Executive Board announced the churches where the Association would meet for the following year. The churches and dates are as follows: April 9 - Lovewood; July 9 - Holly Grove;



Oct. 8 - Huntington Oaks; and Jan. 13 & 14 - New Hope. The Resolutions Report was given by Rev. Henry Matthews. MSC. There was some discussion concerning amendment the committee was recommending, however, it was tabled until the next annual session. The Mission Board gave their report stating the following budget for 1994: 1/5 of income to Curtis Alligood; 1/5 to Dave Franks, Jr.; 1/5 to Odis Whitehead; 1/5 to Dennis Owen and 1/5 to remain in the Mission Board account. MSC. There was discussion concerning the distribution of the offering received at each meeting. This past year the offering went to Rev. Carlie Lloyd. After some discussion, it was voted to send 1/2 to Rev. Carlie Lloyd and 1/2 to the FWB Children's home. MSC. The Final Report of the Credentials Report was given with a total of 90 present. MSC. Rev. Tim McDonald moved that the Constitution and By-Laws of The Presbytery of the association be printed in the Minutes if the cost was not too great. MSC.

Announcements were made. The congregation joined together in singing "Glory to His Name". Rev. Chester Pelt prayed. Again the congregation sang "Jesus Hold My Hand". Special Music, "Thanks A Million Lord" was presented by Bro. Ben Hall, Sis. Cleo Hall and Sis. Alice Bush. The song was a real blessing.

Rev. Paul Oppy preached the morning message "The Seven Fold Sin of Not Winning Souls". Everyone appreciated this timely message. Pastor Deese gave instructions for lunch and the session was adjourned with prayer by Bro. Deese.

ANNUAL SESSION Malone January 7 & 8, 1994											
SESSION	Cooperative Plan	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead	Alligood	Camp Mt. Pleasant	Children's Home	Bible College	Delegate Fees	OFFERING  Carlie Lloyd	TOTALS
Christian Home	1157.21								20.00		1177.21
Cottdale									15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek											
Damascus	2363.09								35.00		2398.09
Hickory Grove		30.00							20.00		50.00
Holly Grove									20.00		20.00
Lovewood	21.50								10.00		31.50
1st Church of Malone	100.00						100.00		15.00		215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00								25.00		115.00
Midway									10.00		10.00
New Hope	60.00								15.00		75.00
Salem	1520.00								20.00		1540.00
1st Church of Sneads									15.00		15.00
Traveler's Rest									40.00		40.00
Huntington Oaks									10.00		10.00
Offering										142.00	142.00
TOTALS	5311.80	30.00					100.00		270.00	142.00	5853.80

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	TOT. MEM.	REC.	LOST	INCOME	PROP. VALUE	ORD. MIN.	SS ENR.	CTS ENR.	WA ENR.	MM ENR.
Christian Home	Rev. Jerry Whitworth Rt. 2, Box 864 Blountstown, FL 32424	Falla Clark Rt. 2, Box 953 Blountstown, FL 32424	193	7	8	60,617.60	476,000.00	2	7		14	
Cottondale	Rev. Bill Stover P.O. Box 424 Cottondale, FL 32431	Jack E. Glass 3911 W. Hwy 90 Marianna, FL 32446	54	1	1	15,820.80	235,000.00	1	15			
Cypress Creek												
Damascus	Rev. Allan Austin 2396 Martin Road Marianna, FL 32446	Ann Bruner 3719 Graceville Hwy. Graceville, FL 32440	184	11	3	83,156.81	385,000.00	1	109			
Hickory Grove	Rev. Melvin Moody Rt. 1, Box 1695 Newton, GA 31770	Ruth Hornsby 5668 Timberlane Rd. Bascom, FL 32423	58	1	6	11,648.86	100,000.00	1	39			
Holly Grove	Rev. George Bush 2699 Hwy. 73 South Marianna, FL 32446	Linda Smith 2179 Harvey Lane Marianna, FL 32446	16	0	3	23,258.85	150,000.00	2	13			
Huntington Oaks	Rev. Ron Hunter, Jr. 3637 Old Bainbridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303	Pam Hunter 3637 Old Bainbridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303	25	9	11	45,000.00	400,000.00	2	25		1	
Lovewood	Rev. Henry Matthews Rt. 5, Box 688 Chipley, FL 32428	Jean Foxworth Rt. 1, Box 167-H Chipley, FL 32428	20	3	2	15,234.00	71,117.00	1	15	10		6
Malone	Rev. James Deese Rt. 6, Box 182-D Dothan, AL 36303	Carolyn Baxter P.O. Box 262 Malone, FL 32445	126	4	1	26,000.00	150,000.00	1	28			
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Tim McDonald 4885 Magnolia Rd. Marianna, FL 32446	Evelyn Grant 4905 Davis Dr. Marianna, FL 32446	171	0	3	42,518.23	350,000.00	3	5	20	5	
Midway	Rev. Johnny Hamilton 6808 American Rd. Marianna, FL 32446	Louise Johnson 7484 Hwy. 90 Sneads, FL 32460	23	0	2	4,878.00	17,000.00	1	12			
Monticello	Rev. Walter Brady P.O. Box 298 Cairo, GA 31728	Gertrude G. Stokley Rt. 3 Box 16-A Monticello, FL 32344	41	5	7	22,689.59	91,633.00	1	35		10	
New Hope	Rev. Terry Drinkwater Rt. 1, Box 86-A Pansey, AL 36370	Susan Carr 3028 Peanut Road Grand Ridge, FL 32442	42	0	1	17,965.58	50,000.00	1	29			
Salem	Rev. Bill George Rt. 1, Box 544 Bonifay, FL 32425	Mildred Phillips 2273 Phillips Road Cottondale, FL 32431	140	9	6	64,900.00	214,000.00	2				
Sneads	Rev. Paul Oppy P.O. Box 1324 Sneads, FL 32460	Frances Cloud P.O. Box 297 Sneads, FL 32460	51	4	3	23,134.91	90,000.00	1	18	10	7	
Travelers Rest	Rev. Jerry Johnson Rt. 1, Box 123 Altha, FL 32421	June Clemmons P.O. Box 104 Altha, FL 32421										



## **YOUTH BOARD REPORT**

On February 6, 1993, a Valentine's Banquet was presented for the Youth of our Association. It was held at the W. T. Neel Civic Center in Blountstown. Approximately 46 youth attended. Numerous churches were represented.

The Youth Board sponsored a picnic held in honor of the Children's Home of Eldridge, AL on August 28, 1993, at Alford Community Park. A time of fellowship and fun was experienced by everyone. Various sports activities included basketball, tennis and softball. Lunch was served under the pavillion. We hope to be able to do this again but maybe when the weather is not so extremely hot.

The Youth Board would like to thank everyone for all the help and support they were given.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barbara Elmore

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT**

The Christian Education Board met on October 9, 1993. It was agreed upon to provide financial aid to our Christian young people enrolling in Free Will Baptist Bible College. There were four students enrolled and \$1200.00 was sent to the Bible College on October 28, 1993, for them.

Thank God for our Christian young people furthering their education by attending a college based on God's word.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Elmore

## OBITUARIES REPORT

### Christian Home

On January 1, 1993, God called from our midst Brother Grady Burkett. He had been a faithful member of Christian Home for a long time and also a Deacon since 1969. His family, church family, and many friends will miss him very much.

On March 23, 1993, Christian Home lost a faithful member Lizzie Parrish. She served as Treasurer of the church for several years. She leaves to mourn her going, two sons and one daughter, one grandson and one granddaughter. Her family and church family miss her very much.

On April 12, 1993, God called from Christian Home a dear member, June McGregor. Her family and friends miss her very much.

On April 24, 1993, we lost one of our older members, Emma Montford. She had been a member of Christian Home for many years. Her friends and family miss her.

On June 28, 1993, God called Mrs. Lela Roland from our midst. Mrs. Lela had been a member of Christian Home for many years. Family and friends miss her.

On July 28, 1993, God called from Christian Home Mrs. Lena Johnson. She had not been a member of Christian Home very long but was very faithful as long as her health allowed. Her family and church family miss her.

On May 8, 1993, God called from Christian Home Josie McCollum. She will be missed very much by her church family and her family. She played the piano and organ in our church for many years. She united with Christian Home in 1949 and was very faithful.

### Cottondale

Bro. Willard Meadows passed away on December 12, 1993. He was an active member of our church.

### Hickory Grove

Lavada D. Ditty passed away on October 16, 1993. Sister Ditty had been a very faithful member for many years and she will be greatly missed by her church and community. She had been a member since July, 1926.

Edna Merle Hatcher was called from this earth on May 5, 1993. She had been a member of our church since 1934.

Dannie Green Johnson passed away on April 24, 1993. She had been a member since 1923.

Neta Ditty Johnson was called home on November 10, 1993. Mrs. Johnson was a faithful member of our church until health problems caused her to go to the rest home. She was a Sunday School teacher, Devotional Leader and Assistant Sunday School Superintendent. She had been a member of Hickory Grove since 1924.

Rev. DeWorth (Pappy) Poole was born at Live Oak, FL on April 26, 1905 and departed this life on August 18, 1993 in Blountstown, FL. Bro. Poole was a faithful minister for Free Will Baptist for 59 years, having been ordained to the Gospel ministry on November 24, 1934, at the Pleasant Ridge Church near Marianna, FL. He returned to Pleasant Ridge Church on November 18, 1984 to be honored for fifty years in the ministry. Most of the churches at the beginning of his ministry met only once a month, making it necessary for him to pastor several churches at the same time. Bro. Poole was not able to remember the names of all the churches he had pastored, but they were numerous; including the states of Georgia, Alabama and Florida. Bro. Poole served the State of Florida as Promotional Secretary for two years and was

instrumental in helping to start five churches during that time. He also served on the Board of Trustees at our Children's Home in Eldridge, AL, for a number of years. Wherever Bro. Poole served, he had a special ministry with children, and they dearly loved him. Toward the end of his days, he made these remarks, "I have never pastored a church I didn't love and the Lord has given me more friends that I can count. I thank Him everyday for them. During the good times and bad times I have found the Apostle Paul's words to be true concerning God supplying our needs." He was preceded in death by his first wife, Mrs. Mamie Poole on August 18, 1963 and is survived by his present wife, Mrs. Lillian Poole, whom he married November 24, 1964. Funeral services for Bro. Poole were held at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, Blountstown, FL, with Rev. Jim Pelt, Rev. Bill George and Rev. Russell McAllister officiating. His body was laid to rest in Nettle Ridge Cemetery. Bro. Poole is sadly missed but we are reconciled to the will of our Heavenly Father.

Louise Robinson passed away on April 9, 1993. She had been a member since 1932.

#### **Holly Grove**

Sis. Ruth Boone was called away on May 20, 1993. She was an active member.

#### **Lovewood**

On January 21, 1993, Billie Paul Pledger, a Deacon and faithful Christian worker, was called home. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Effie Nora Ritner was called from earth on December 13, 1993. She will be greatly missed by her friends and loved ones.

Bro. Paul Morris went to be with the Lord this year. He was a devoted Christian and served the church faithfully for many years. He was ordained a deacon in 1959 and served until his health failed him. He also held other offices in the church. He is greatly missed by all who knew him.

#### **Malone**

Bro. Cola Baxter passed away on September 1, 1993. He served as Pastor of New Harmony Free Will Baptist Church for 25 years.

#### **Marvin Chapel**

Sis. Merle Baggett - Deceased December 18, 1993.

Bro. Russell L. Owens - Deceased April 5, 1993.

Sis. Maggie Smith - Deceased 1993.

#### **New Hope**

On August 9, 1993, our Heavenly Father called from our midst Sister Mildred M. Barefield. She was a member of our church for a number of years. Due to ill health, for several years, she was unable to attend services. She will be missed by her family, friends and church.

#### **Salem**

Bro. Dallas Barnes - Deceased February 5, 1993.

Sis. Lois Skipper - Deceased July 9, 1993.

#### **Travelers Rest**

Bro. Charlie Grantham - Deceased July 12, 1993.

Bro. Ellis Melvin - Deceased December 4, 1993.

Bro. Joe Tucker - Deceased June 5, 1993.

Bro. George Walden - Deceased February, 1993.



# TREASURER'S REPORT

## January 1, 1993 — December 31, 1993

DATE		RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$14,489.47
01-11-93	Interest Earned	31.65		
01-15-93	Wal-Mart (calculator)		68.72	
01-19-93	Annual Session	5,220.50		
01-19-93	FI State Assn		3,749.87	
	(Coop. Fund 3,469.87)			
	(O. Whitehead 50.00)			
	(Children's Home 200.00)			
	(Home Missions 30.00)			
01-19-93	Home Mission Board		238.58	
01-19-93	Board of Foreign Missions		289.16	
01-21-93	U.S. Postal Service (stamps)		29.00	
01-23-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		817.75	
01-25-93	Traveler's Rest (Late Delegate Fees)	20.00		
01-25-93	Barbara Elmore (Valentine Banquet)		50.00	
01-27-93	Marianna Office Supply		13.60	
02-06-93	Barbara Elmore (Valentine Banquet)		400.00	
02-08-93	Thompson Bros. Printing (Minutes)		442.50	
02-10-93	Interest Earned	37.75		
03-14-93	Interest Earned	33.05		
04-06-93	FI State Assn. (Delegate Fees)		210.00	
04-12-93	Interest Earned	27.35		
04-20-93	1st Quarterly Session	5,721.46		
04-20-93	Barbara Elmore (left from V. Banquet)	73.79		
04-27-93	Home Missions Department		262.33	
04-27-93	FWB Foreign Missions		392.66	
04-27-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		130.89	
04-27-93	FI State Assn.		4,106.60	
	(Coop. Fund 4,090.28)			
	(Home Missions 30.00)			
	(O. Whitehead 50.00)			
	(Children's Home) 100.00)			
05-12-93	Interest Earned	36.65		
05-25-93	Rev. Jerry Whitworth (Plaque-George)		39.95	
06-13-93	Interest Earned	31.96		
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session	5,952.85		
07-12-93	Interest Earned	28.78		
07-13-93	FI State Assn		4,220.28	
	(Coop. Fund 4,090.28)			
	(Home Missions 30.00)			
	(Children's Home 100.00)			
07-13-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		136.34	
07-13-93	Home Missions Dept.		338.66	
07-13-93	Board of Foreign Missions		409.02	
08-11-93	Interest Earned	35.31		
08-25-93	Barbara Elmore (Youth picnic)		300.00	
09-01-93	Marianna Provision		126.80	
09-03-93	Barbara Elmore (left from Youth picnic)	84.44		
09-03-93	U.S. Postal Service (stamps)		29.00	
09-13-93	Interest Earned	31.09		
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session	5,651.62		
10-11-93	Interest Earned	25.99		
10-12-93	FI State Assn.		4,052.97	
	(Coop. Funds 3,822.97)			
	(Home Missions 30.00)			
	(Children's Home 200.00)			
10-12-93	Home Mission Department		273.62	
10-12-93	Bd. of Foreign Missions		318.58	
10-12-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		254.87	
10-28-93	FWB Bible College		1,200.00	
11-10-93	Interest Earned	31.33		
11-18-93	Marianna Office Supply		18.96	
12-12-93	Interest Earned	25.69		
12-29-93	Myra Hill (Clerk Services)		50.00	
12-29-93	Wal-Mart (Office Supplies)		3.94	
12-29-93	Rev. Jerry Whitworth (Moderator Services)		50.00	\$14,566.08

# TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATE		RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
<b>CAMP BOARD ACCOUNT</b>				
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$ 586.42
01-19-93	Annual Session	231.33		
01-23-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		817.75	
04-20-93	1st Quarterly Session	130.89		
04-27-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		130.89	
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session	136.34		
07-13-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		136.34	
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session	254.87		
10-12-93	Camp Mt. Pleasant		254.87	
<b>MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT</b>				
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$ 3,902.32
01-19-93	Annual Session	578.32		
01-19-93	Home Mission Dept. (O. Whitehead)		144.58	
01-19-93	Bd. of Foreign Missions (D. Franks, Jr. 144.58) (D. Owens 144.58)		289.16	
04-20-93	1st Quarterly Session	785.31		
04-27-93	Home Mission Dept. (O. Whitehead)		196.33	
04-27-93	Bd. of Foreign Missions (D. Franks, Jr. 196.33) (D. Owens 196.33)		392.66	
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session	818.05		
07-13-93	Home Mission Dept. (O. Whitehead)		204.51	
07-13-93	Bd. of Foreign Missions (D. Franks, Jr. 204.51) (D. Owens 204.51)		409.02	
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session	637.16		
10-12-93	Home Mission Dept. (O. Whitehead)		159.29	
10-12-93	Bd. of Foreign Missions (D. Franks, Jr. 159.29) (D. Owens 159.29)		318.58	
				\$ 4,607.03
<b>CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD</b>				
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$ 2,982.66
01-19-93	Annual Session	115.66		
04-10-93	1st Quarterly Session	130.88		
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session	136.34		
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session	127.43		
10-28-93	FWB Bible College (Darla Ensor, Ryan McDougald, Trevor Long, Lori Wise)		1,200.00	\$ 2,292.97
<b>YOUTH BOARD</b>				
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$ 3,459.38
01-19-93	Annual Session	115.66		
01-25-93	Barbara Elmore (Valentine Banquet)		50.00	
02-06-93	Barbara Elmore (Valentine Banquet)		400.00	
04-20-93	Barbara Elmore (Left from Valentine Banquet)	73.79		
04-20-93	1st Quarterly Session	130.89		
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session	136.34		
08-25-93	Barbara Elmore (Youth Picnic)		300.00	
09-01-93	Marianna Provision (Youth Picnic)		126.80	
09-03-93	Barbara Elmore	84.44		
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session	127.43		\$ 3,251.13

# TREASURER'S REPORT (Continued)

DATE		RECEIVED	DISBURSED	BALANCE
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>				
01-01-93	Balance Brought Forward			\$ 3,558.69
01-11-93	Interest Earned	31.65		
01-15-93	Wal-Mart (calculator)		68.72	
01-19-93	Annual Session (Delegate Fees 220.00) (Offering 94.00) (Coop. 115.66)	429.66		
01-19-93	Home Mission Dept. (C. Lloyd Offering)		94.00	
01-21-93	U.S. Postal Service (stamps)		29.00	
01-25-93	Traveler's Rest (Late Delegate Fees)	20.00		
01-27-93	Marianna Office Supply (Office Supplies)		13.60	
02-08-93	Thompson Bros. Printing (Minutes)		442.50	
02-10-93	Interest Earned	37.75		
03-14-93	Interest Earned	33.05		
04-06-93	Fl State Assn. (Delegate Fees)		210.00	
04-12-93	Interest Earned	27.35		
04-20-93	1st Quarterly Session (Delegate Fees 240.00) (Offering 66.00) (Coop. 130.89)	436.89		
04-27-93	Home Missions Dept.(C. LLoyd Offering)		66.00	
05-12-93	Interest Earned	36.65		
05-25-93	Rev. Jerry Whitworth (Plaque-George)		39.95	
06-13-93	Interest Earned	31.96		
07-10-93	2nd Quarterly Session (Delegate Fees 235.00) (Offering 134.15) (Coop. 136.35)	505.50		
07-12-93	Interest Earned	28.78		
07-13-93	Home Missions Dept. (Offering C. Lloyd)		134.15	
08-11-93	Interest Earned	35.31		
09-03-93	U.S. Postal Service (stamps)		29.00	
09-13-93	Interest Earned	31.09		
10-09-93	3rd Quarterly Session (Delegate Fees 210.00) (Offering 114.33) (Coop. 127.43)	451.76		
10-11-93	Interest Earned	25.99		
10-12-93	Home Mission Dept. (Offering C. Lloyd)		114.33	
10-18-93	Marianna Office Supply (Office Supplies)		18.96	
11-10-93	Interest Earned	31.33		
12-12-93	Interest Earned	25.69		
12-29-93	Myra Hill (Clerk Services)		50.00	
12-29-93	Wal-Mart (Office Supplies)		3.94	
12-29-93	Rev. Jerry Whitworth (Moderator Services)		50.00	\$ 4,414.95



## **BUDGET FOR 1994**

1. A goal for the cooperative plan or support of \$12,000.
2. Percentages for dividing the cooperative funds:
  - State Association ..... 75%
  - Salem Association ..... 25%
3. Percentages for dividing the Salem Association Cooperative Funds:
  - Mission Board ..... 50%
  - Christian Education Board ... 10%
  - Camp Mt. Pleasant ..... 20%
  - Youth Board ..... 10%
  - General Fund ..... 10%

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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, COMMITTEES AND REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be a moderator, vice moderator and clerk-treasurer, who shall be elected every two years on the odd year, except to fill vacancies.

Section 2. The Standing Boards of this Association shall be the Executive Board, Missions Board, Youth Board and Christian Education Board.

Section 3. The committees of this Association shall be: Committee on Committees, Resolutions, Finance, Nominations, and Obituaries.

Section 4. Representatives:

(1) The Association shall elect two laypersons to serve on the Camp Mt. Pleasant Board of Directors, one member elected each year to serve 2 year terms.

(2) The Association shall nominate one person annually to represent the Association to the Florida State Executive Committee.

**ARTICLE VII — BOARDS**

Section 1. The Executive Board shall be composed of the officers of the Association, the chairperson of each standing board and one representative at large from each church.

Section 2. Missions Board - composed of 5 members from different churches, elected annually on a rotating basis.

Section 3. Youth Board - composed of 3 members from different churches, elected annually on a rotating basis.

Section 4. Christian Education Board - composed of 3 members from different churches, elected annually on a rotating basis.

**ARTICLE VIII — COMMITTEES**

The Committees of this Association will be appointed and elected at each meeting of the Association.

(A.) Committee on Committees: composed of 3 members from different churches, appointed by the moderator to recommend the persons to fill the regular committees of the Association.

(B.) Regular Committees:

Resolution: 3 members from different churches

Finance: 3 members from different churches

Nominations: 3 members from different churches

Obituaries: 1 member

**ARTICLE IX — SESSIONS**

The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly. These sessions will convene on the second (2) Saturday in each quarter with the exception of the fourth quarter. This fourth session in each year will meet on Friday night (before the 2nd Saturday) and second (2nd) Saturday in January. This particular session shall be the Annual Session of the Association. Annual letters and reports shall be received in this session.

**ARTICLE X — 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 XI — 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 XII — PRESBYTERY**

Section 1. This body of ordained ministers and deacons shall promote fellowship, issue cards of good standing, provide opportunities for continuing education, discipline its members and ordain new ministers to preach the Gospel.

Section 2. New pastors of the Salem Association shall be examined and approved by the Salem Presbytery or its representatives.

Section 3. The Salem Presbytery shall have its own constitution and by-laws and function as an independent body from the Salem Association.

**ARTICLE XIII — 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.



# CONSTITUTION OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE SALEM ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## ARTICLE I — NAME

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

## ARTICLE II — PURPOSE

The purpose of this Presbytery shall be the furtherance of the Gospel, to promote fellowship, issue cards of good standing, provide opportunities for continuing education (such as seminars and retreats), and discipline its members.

## ARTICLE III — MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers and deacons holding cards of good standing in the Presbytery. This Presbytery may invite visiting ministers and deacons to sit in council with it in any assembly thereof. Licensed ministers in good standing with a member church of this Association are associate members of the Presbytery with no voting privileges.

## ARTICLE IV — OFFICERS

The officers of this Presbytery shall be moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected at the next meeting.

## ARTICLE V — MEETINGS

This Presbytery shall hold annual sessions on Friday night at the Fourth Session of the Salem Association. Called sessions may be held at the call of the moderator, or any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary, upon written notice to the membership. Ten members shall constitute a quorum.

## ARTICLE VI — COMMITTEES

(A.) The discipline committee shall consist of the moderator, clerk, and the chairman or his representative from the examination committees.

(B.) The examination committee shall consist of at least 3 ordained ministers elected annually by the Presbytery. This committee will examine and make recommendations concerning ordination to the Presbytery, of new members.

(C.) Other committees, as they are needed, may be appointed by the moderator.

## ARTICLE VII — AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting of the Presbytery by a two-thirds majority of the members present.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE I — ORDINATION AND RATIFICATION

This Presbytery shall have the responsibility to establish guidelines relating to the ordination of applicants to the Gospel Ministry and ratification of the credentials of ordained ministers transferring to the Salem Presbytery.

### ARTICLE II — CARDS OF STANDING

This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of good standing to ministers upon the presentation of a report in person (in case of sickness or some other legitimate reason letters may be accepted). Cards of good standing shall be issued annually to deacons upon the presentation of a letter of recommendation from their local churches. A donation of \$5.00 per member is requested.

Any minister or deacon failing to hold a card of good standing shall not have voice in this Presbytery. Any minister having lost his card of good standing may be reinstated in this Presbytery upon the presentation of his report and who manifests a sincere interest in the work of the Lord.

Ministers who have retired or who have reached the age of retirement and have continued to manifest a sincere interest in the work of the Lord may be issued a lifetime card of good standing which they may hold as long as they hold membership in this Presbytery or as long as their conduct is unquestionable.

Ministers who are members of churches in the Salem Association who do not have cards of good standing do not have the approval of this body to present themselves in other Free Will Baptist meetings as a Free Will Baptist minister in good standing.

### ARTICLE III — DISCIPLINE

The Presbytery shall have the power to try and withdraw fellowship from any member upon evidence of guilt of unchristian conduct, or who is teaching or preaching heresy or who has proven to be disloyal to the tenets of faith as expressed in the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist, as held by the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist of Florida.

### ARTICLE IV — DONATIONS

Each member of this Presbytery shall be asked to donate \$5.00 annually upon the presentation of his report. This fund is to be used for acquiring necessary equipment, the printing of such materials as cards of good standing, constitution and by-laws, stationery, minutes of meeting and for defraying of necessary traveling and mailing expenses, and other expenses as authorized by the Presbytery.

### ARTICLE V — AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any meeting of the Presbytery by a two-thirds majority vote of members present.

## GUIDELINES FOR LICENSED MINISTERS IN THE SALEM ASSOCIATION

### I. RULES PERTAINING TO THE LICENSED MINISTER

#### A. Qualifications for the Licensee:

1. He must be a member of a church which belongs to the Salem Association.
2. He must give evidence to his church that he is divinely called to preach, whereupon the local church is authorized to examine him for license. This examination should include the areas of the candidate's life, doctrine, reputation, and his convictions and abilities regarding the work of the ministry. His present and prospective educational and professional qualifications should also be considered. Upon completion of such an examination, the local church shall determine whether or not to grant license. Their ministerial license shall be valid for a period of one year but is renewable annually.
3. He must have his license renewed by said church and kept in force until ordination.

#### B. The Activities of the Licensee:

1. According to the general practices of Free Will Baptists, a licensed minister is urged to afford himself of every opportunity to preach the word. He is free to exercise all the privileges and responsibilities of an ordained minister with the exception of pastoring a church and officiating at the observances of the ordinances and weddings.
2. The licensee should consider the years between his receiving license and being ordained as years of study and training in preparation for his calling.

#### C. His Relationship to the Presbytery:

1. The clerk of the church should report the names of licensed ministers to the clerk of the Presbytery who will forward a copy of these guidelines to each licensee.
2. Licensed ministers will be eligible to hold associate membership in the Presbytery.

### II. SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARATION FOR ORDINATION

#### A. Attend a Free Will Baptist Bible College if possible.

#### B. Seek counsel of an experienced pastor or pastors.

#### C. Make as thorough a study as possible of the following:

1. The Holy Bible
2. Systematic Theology
3. Homiletics
4. Pastoral Theology and Church Administration
5. Evangelism
6. Church History (especially FWB history).

### III. A SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF WORK LEADING TO ORDINATION

A. As soon as licensee feels that he is qualified to become a candidate for ordination, he should request a list of study questions from the Examining Committee of the Presbytery. We would strongly encourage him to proceed with his examination before entertaining a call to a church.

B. At least two months before the Examining Committee meets, he should secure the examination. He should make three (3) copies of the completed examination (one for each member of the Committee), and send them to the Examining Committee no later than two weeks before its meeting.

C. The Candidate is required to pass an oral examination administered by the Committee.

D. The Committee will report to the candidate on whether he passed or what areas he may need additional study in.

E. When the approved candidate has passed the examination and have received a call to a church or is engaged in some other form of Christian service that would justify his being ordained, the Committee will recommend his ordination to the Presbytery. This recommendation will usually be made only after the candidate has been licensed for one full year.

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