

**MINUTES
Of the 100th
QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS
of the
SALEM ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
1995**

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MISSION BOARD

Bro. Glen Watson	1997
Bro. Richard Rehberg	1998
Rev. Jerry Johnson	1999
Bro. Jack Glass	2000
Rev. Donnie Hussey, Chairman	2001

YOUTH BOARD

Sis. Denise Glass	1997
Rev. Ron Hunter, Jr., Chairman	1998
Bro. Greg Burkett	1999

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Rev. Tim McDonald	1997
Rev. Donnie Hussey	1998
Bro. Greg Burkett	1999

CAMP BOARD

Bro. James King, Chairman	1997
Bro. Richard Rehberg	1998

Rev. Allan Austin - State Executive Board Representative

FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION, Friday Night April 7, 1995

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

The services began with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven". Bro. Greg Burkett led the group in prayer. A warm welcome was extended to everyone by the Pastor and Moderator, Rev. Jerry Whitworth. He asked if anyone would like to give a testimony and several were given by different people in the service. He then asked for any prayer requests that were on the hearts and minds of the congregation. Several requests were made and Bro. Jennison led the prayer for these requests.

The Moderator then declared the body in session. He asked that all standing delegates stand. He then asked all elected delegates to stand. MSC to seat elected delegates.

The Moderator appointed Bro. James Elmore and Bro. Mark Fejes to serve on the Finance Committee for this session. He then presented an item of business from the Executive Board. The Executive Board recommended that the Association send \$1,000.00 from each Board in our Association and also \$1,000.00 from our General Fund to the Youth Camp (Camp Mt. Pleasant) to help get the construction that is being done there completed before time for Camps this summer. MSC. The Mission Board, the Christian Education Board, the Youth Board and the General Fund will contribute \$1,000.00 each for a total of \$4,000.00 from our Association.

The Moderator asked for volunteers to the State Association in May, 1995. There being none, he said the pastors of our churches, who attended, would serve as delegates. Information was asked for concerning Youth Competition from our churches. The churches were instructed to let Clerk, Myra Hill, know if they had anyone competing this year.

Rev. Millard Sasser spoke briefly to us regarding materials available from his office in Ocala. He encouraged everyone to get these materials.

The Moderator reminded all churches to pick up their minutes and yearbooks from the table in front of the church. Dates for Camp were given. The dates are as follows: June 4-9, Teen Camp, ages 12 and up to Senior in high school; and June 18-23, Jr. Camp, ages 8 through 11.

The Offeratory prayer was voiced by Rev. Jerry Johnson and an offering in the amount of \$114.00 was received to be divided between Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Home Missionary to Wisconsin and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

The congregation once again joined together singing "Blessed Assurance" and "Amazing Grace". A special in song "Were You There" was sung by Bro. Eddie Clemmons.

The Service was then turned over to Rev. Bill George who preached the evening message. Bro. George stated that he had been preaching in our Association for over 40 years and there was never a time when we needed revival more than we do at this time. He stated that we need the Lord Jesus Christ to flame in our hearts and we need Heaven to come down. We are not experiencing revival in our souls. We need to pray and ask the Lord to give us a burning desire to win the lost to Him. An invitation was given and several people went to the altar. Rev. Donnie Hussey led the altar prayer.

Announcements were made.

The Clerk stated that there was some old business to be disposed of. At the January meeting, it was voted to purchase a computer and printer for the Association. A committee was appointed to research and decide what was needed and a price range. This recommendation was given to the congregation. A move was made by Rev. Jerry Johnson that the Clerk be allowed to spend up to \$2,500.00 for this equipment. MSC.

The Finance Report was presented by Bro. James Elmore. MSC. The Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Burkett with a total of 59 in attendance. MSC.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Dismissal prayer and blessing on the refreshments to be served following the service was prayed by Bro. Olan Rehberg.

1st QTRLY. SESSION
April 7, 1995
Christian Home

SESSION	Cooperative Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead Mission	Alligood Mission	Children's Home	Delegate Fees	Offering	TOTALS
Christian Home	1353.00						20.00		1373.00
Cottdendale							15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek									
Damascus	2039.64						25.00		2064.64
Hickory Grove		30.00					20.00		50.00
Holly Grove									
Huntington Oaks							5.00		5.00
Lovewood	89.65						10.00		99.65
Macedonia									
Malone									
Marvin Chapel	90.00						25.00		115.00
Midway									
New Hope	100.00						15.00		115.00
Salem	1600.00						20.00		1620.00
Sneads							15.00		15.00
Traveler's Rest							20.00		20.00
Offering								114.00	114.00
TOTALS	5272.29	30.00					190.00	114.00	5606.29

SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION, Saturday, July 8, 1995 Hickory Grove

The services were opened with prayer. The congregation, led by Rev. Allan Austin, joined together in singing "Trust in Jesus." Prayer requests were made and Rev. Ron Hunter led in prayer for these requests.

The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Whitworth, declared the body in session for business. All standing delegates were asked to stand and seat elected delegates. Elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC to seat same. Bro. Richard Rehberg announced the committees appointed for today's session. They were as follows: Resolutions Committee - Bro. Ross Baxter, Sis. Gloria Cressley and Bro. Don Grant; Finance - Bro. Jack Glass and Rev. Donnie Hussey. MSC.

Rev. Melvin Moody, pastor of host church, extended a warm welcome to everyone. The congregation sang another hymn, "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder". The offeratory prayer was voiced by Bro. Mark Fejes, and an offering in the amount of \$136.00 was received. This offering is divided between Rev. Carlie Lloyd, Home Missionary in Wisconsin, and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

The Moderator called for reports of Boards. Youth Board - no report; Missions Board - no report; Christian Education report by Rev. Tim McDonald, MSC; Camp Board - no report. An announcement was made concerning Camp Meeting at Camp Mt. Pleasant the first week in August. Also, there will be a Camp Board meeting, August 6. Rev. Jerry Whitworth gave a report on Youth camps that were held in June. They had good attendance and several decisions were made to serve God. The Resolution Committee Report was given by Bro. Ross Baxter. The following Resolutions were made:

1) Whereas, in the July 4, 1995, issue of the Jackson County Floridan, under the "Tuesday's Mailbag" section, Free Will Baptists as a group, were specifically identified along with those who have persecuted, maimed, tortured and murdered American Indians.

And, Whereas Free Will Baptists were further accused of opposing the "Sweetwater" development on the basis of Racism rather than "Gaming" grounds,

And, Whereas the Bible is the final authority on all matter of faith and practice in Free Will Baptist Doctrine,

And, Whereas in Matthew 28:19 we are told to; "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost," by Christ Himself,

And, Whereas we consider the Seminole Nation a people to whom we owe, as best we can present it, the Gospel of Christ Jesus,

BE IT RESOLVED, that our Moderator and Assistant Moderator be directed to draft a letter of disagreement, protest and/or clarification as a "letter to the editor" of the Jackson County Floridan to be printed for the public's understanding of the true position and principles of Free Will Baptists.

2) That we give a rising vote of thanks to Hickory Grove for their hospitality to the Salem Association today. Several comments were made by Rev. Doug Carr concerning the "Letter to the Floridan". Also, several other people spoke of their concerns in reference to the "Sweetwater" project. MSC to accept resolutions. Also, a motion was made for the Moderator and Assistant Moderator to draft a letter to the Floridan stating that we oppose all Gaming, not Indians. MSC. The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

The session continued with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name". Bro. Irvin Jennison led in prayer. The Presbytery Committee was asked to meet during lunch time. Churches were reminded to pick up minutes and other literature for their churches.

The Moderator called for Old Business. There was no old business. He called for New Business. He appointed a Historical Preservation committee to present a report at our Annual meeting in January, 1996. This will be the 100th Annual meeting of our Association. The members of this committee are: Bro. Olan and Sis. Ollie Vee Rehberg; Sis. Lovie Burkett and Ms. Glenna Clark. MSC. The Finance report was given by Bro. Jack Glass. MSC. Bro. James Elmore of the Christian Education Board made a motion that the Board would pay for any pastor who would like to

attend the Pastor's Conference in Nashville, TN, September 25-27, 1995. The cost is \$30.00 per pastor. MSC. The Credentials Committee report was given with a total of 57 present. MSC. The business session was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Jack Glass.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Prayer was voiced by Bro. James Elmore. Testimonies were given by Rev. Bill George, Rev. Allan Austin, Bro. Irvin Jennison and Rev. Tim McDonald. The congregation joined together again in singing "When We All Get to Heaven", "Amazing Grace" and "O How I Love Jesus". The morning message was preached by Rev. Jerry Johnson, Pastor of Traveler's Rest. He reminded us that God is on the throne in the good times and in the bad times. It was a powerful message. Many went to the altar and prayer was voiced by Rev. Jerry Whitworth and Rev. Donnie Hussey.

Announcements were made. Directions were given for the noon meal. A blessing on the meal and a benediction was pronounced by Rev. Bill George.

2nd QTRLY. SESSION
July 8, 1995
Hickory Grove

SESSION	Cooperative Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead Mission	Alligood Mission	Children's Home	Delegate Fees	Offering	TOTALS
Christian Home	1212.61						20.00		1232.61
Cottondale							15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek									
Damascus	1840.07						25.00		1865.07
Hickory Grove		30.00					20.00		50.00
Holly Grove									
Huntington Oaks							5.00		5.00
Lovewood	102.50						10.00		112.50
Macedonia									
Malone						100.00 APRIL 100.00 JULY	15.00		415.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00						25.00		115.00
Midway									
New Hope	100.00						15.00		115.00
Salem	1463.00						20.00		1483.00
Sneads							15.00		15.00
Traveler's Rest							20.00		20.00
Offering								136.00	136.00
TOTALS	5008.18	30.00				200.00	205.00	136.00	5579.18

**THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION,
New Hope FWB Church**

Friday Night, October 13, 1995

The session began with the congregation singing "Heaven's Jubilee". Pastor, Rev. Doug Carr, extended a warm welcome. Prayer was voiced by Rev. James Deese. The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Whitworth, called the session to order. He asked all standing delegates to stand. All elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC to seat the elected delegates. The Moderator appointed the following delegates to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Bro. Richard Rehberg, Rev. Jerry Johnson, and Rev. Henry Matthews. The Committee on Committees nominated the following to serve on committees for this session: Finance - Sis. Debbie Whitworth, Sis. Kathy Noblin, and Bro. Wayne Hill; and Nominating - Bro. Olan Rehberg, Rev. Doug Carr, and Bro. Glen Watson. MSC.

The congregation again joined together in singing "Everybody Will be Happy Over There". The offeratory prayer was prayed by Rev. Donnie Hussey and an offering in the amount of \$85.00 was received.

Rev. Millard Sasser, Executive Secretary for the State of Florida gave a report of the work in the State. The Finance Report was made by Sis. Kathy Noblin. MSC. The Moderator called for any Business. There was not any at this time. The Examining Committee was asked to meet after the services. The Credentials Committee Report was given with a total of 63 present. MSC. The congregation sang another song, "Jesus Saves". Sis. Myra Hill sang a special in song, "Someone To Care".

The evening message was preached by Rev. Doug Carr. He stated that there were "death pains in the Pulpit, Pews, and Prayer Closet". The churches and Christians are producing an uncertain sound. Our preachers have let their standards down. Their duty is to stand firm and preach the WORD in these last days. This was a tremendous, heart-stirring message. An invitation hymn, "Just as I am" was sung. Several people joined at the altar for prayer.

Announcements were made. Bro. James Elmore dismissed with prayer.

3rd QTRLY. SESSION
October 13, 1995
New Hope

SESSION	Cooperative Fund	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Whitehead Mission	Alligood Mission	Children's Home	Delegate Fees	Offering	TOTALS
Christian Home	1332.00						20.00		1352.00
Cottondale							15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek									
Damascus	1834.54						25.00		1859.54
Hickory Grove		30.00					20.00		50.00
Holly Grove									
Huntington Oaks	738.24								738.24
Lovewood	94.43						10.00		104.43
Macedonia									
Malone	100.00					100.00	15.00		215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00						25.00		115.00
Midway							10.00		10.00
New Hope						100.00	15.00		115.00
Salem	1383.00						20.00		1403.00
Sneads	230.38						15.00		245.38
Traveler's Rest							20.00		20.00
Offering								85.00	85.00
TOTALS	5802.59	30.00				200.00	210.00	85.00	6327.59

ANNUAL SESSION

Marvin Chapel

Friday Night, January 12, 1996

The services began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Prayer was voiced by Rev. Henry Matthews. A warm welcome was extended by pastor, Rev. Tim McDonald. The congregation joined together in singing "My Saviour's Love".

This session, our 100th session, was called to order by Vice Moderator, Rev. Allan Austin. All standing delegates were asked to stand. All elected delegates were then asked to stand. MSC by standing delegates to seat elected delegates. The following men were asked to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Bros. Don Grant, Richard Rehberg, and Jack Glass. There was no business to be taken care of in this service.

The Vice Moderator asked for prayer requests. Rev. Donnie Hussey was asked to lead the prayer for all the needs voiced.

Sis. Wendy Croxton sang "He Grew the Tree". Rev. James Bradley, pastor of Sneads, preached the evening message. He told us to "Consider our Ways". We were encouraged to get our hearts right and go about God's work diligently. We need to get excited about our salvation and our association. It was a challenging sermon. An invitation was extended.

Announcements were made. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given with a total of 46 present. MSC. The dismissal prayer was prayed by Rev. Doug Carr.

Saturday Morning, January 13, 1996

Services began with the congregation singing "Where He Leads I Will Follow". Prayer was voiced by Rev. Ron Hunter, Jr. The congregation was welcomed by Rev. Tim McDonald. An offeratory prayer was prayed by Bro. Howard Chafin and an offering of \$88.00 was received.

This session was called to order by Vice Moderator, Rev. Allan Austin. The Standing delegates were asked to stand and seat elected delegates not present Friday night. MSC. The following were nominated to serve on Committees for this session: Resolutions - Revs. Ron Hunter, George Bush, and Tim McDonald; Finance - Ann Bruner, Myrtle Matthews, and Williams Booth; and Obituary - Greg Burkett. MSC.

Reports were called for. The Nominations for officers for 1996-97 were given by Bro. Doug Carr. MSC. The Executive Board report was given by Myra Hill. From a recommendation by the Executive Committee a motion was made to withdraw fellowship from the Cypress Creek Church. After much discussion the motion passed with the motion stating that fellowship is being withdrawn due to practices inconsistent with Free Will Baptist doctrines. MSC. The places of meetings for the 1996-97 year were given. MSC. The Budget for 1996-97 was given. MSC. A motion was made to continue dividing our offerings received between Rev. Carlie Lloyd, missionary to Wisconsin and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. MSC. The session was recessed.

The session reconvened with the congregation singing "At Calvary". Bro. James Elmore led in prayer. Rev. Millard Sasser, Executive Secretary for the state of Florida, gave a report for 1995. He stated that 1995 was a year of progress and growth in every area. He thanked our association for their support and participation. He also encouraged our churches to get behind the mission work in Miami.

Committee reports were requested. The following were given:

Resolutions by Rev. Ron Hunter, Jr. - MSC.

Finance by Sis. Ann Bruner - MSC.

Credentials - Total of 71 present. MSC.

Obituary by Bro. Glen Burkett - MSC. (A prayer was offered by Rev. Tim McDonald in memory of those who passed away in 1995.)

Mission Board by Bro. Jack Glass - MSC.

Christian Education Board by Rev. Tim McDonald - MSC.

The time the Executive Board meets was mentioned as an item of concern, as to the convenience for the majority of people. This was to be discussed among pastors after the session dismissed.

The congregation sang "When We all Get to Heaven". A testimony was given by Bro. Danny White of the Marvin Chapel Church. He is recovering from injuries received in an automobile accident. It was a blessing to hear him give God the praise for the progress he has made and expressing his faith as to what God is still going to do. Bro. Eddie Clemmons sang a special "Wilt Thou Be Made Whole". It was a special blessing. Jan McDonald sang "It is Well With My Soul" and Connie Croxton sang "Worthy the Lamb". Both songs were a blessing. Rev. Austin led in prayer and the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Mark Fejes preached the morning message. His subject was "You Cannot Run From God". It was a very good message, encouraging us to not make the same mistakes that Jonah made. Prayer was voiced by Rev. Millard Sasser.

The Historical Committee was asked for a report. The report will be given at the April meeting. Announcements were made. MSC to adjourn. Rev. Doug Carr prayed the dismissal prayer and blessing on the noon meal.

ANNUAL SESSION
January 12 & 13, 1996
Marvin Chapel

SESSION	Cooperative Fund	Home Missions	Presbytery Account	Whitehead Mission	Alligood Mission	Children's Home	Delegate Fees	Offering	TOTALS
Christian Home	1073.00						20.00		1093.00
Cottondale							15.00		15.00
Cypress Creek									
Damascus	2240.32						25.00		2265.32
Hickory Grove		30.00					20.00		50.00
Holly Grove							15.00		15.00
Huntington Oaks	771.88						10.00		781.88
Lovewood	105.80						10.00		115.80
Macedonia									
Malone	100.00					100.00	15.00		215.00
Marvin Chapel	90.00						25.00		115.00
Midway							10.00		10.00
New Hope	80.00						15.00		95.00
Salem	1648.00						20.00		1668.00
Sneads	617.84						15.00		632.84
Traveler's Rest							20.00		20.00
Offering								88.00	88.00
TOTALS	6726.84	30.00	70.00			100.00	235.00	88.00	7249.84

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	REC.	LOST	INCOME	PROP. VALUE	ORD. MIN.	SS ENR.	CTS ENR.	WA ENR.	MM ENR.
Christian Home		Falfa Clark Rt. 2, Box 953 Blountstown, FL 32424	183	3	6	69,211.91	497,000	2	71		12	
Cottondale	Rev. Mark Fejes 4052 Old Cottondale Rd. Marianna, FL 32448	Jack E. Glass 3911 W. Hwy. 90 Marianna, FL 32448	59	2	5	15,109.76	235,000	1	19			
Damascus	Rev. Allan Austin 2396 Martin Road Marianna, FL 32448	Ann Bruner 3719 Graceville Hwy. Graceville, FL 32440	193	6	5	79,545.60	385,000	1	81			
Hickory Grove		Mildred Ditty 5519 Gemstone Rd. Bascom, FL 32423	53	0	1	10,053.55	100,000	0	10			
Holly Grove	Rev. George Bush 2697 Hwy. 73 South Marianna, FL 32448	Geraldine Watson 2928 Wildwood Circle Marianna, FL 32448	20	0	2		34,000	2				
Huntington Oaks	Rev. Ron Hunter, Jr. 3637 Old Bainbridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32303	Pam Hunter 3637 Old Bainbridge Road Tallahassee, FL 32303	30	5	2	32,025.45	400,000	2	25			
Lovewood	Rev. Henry Matthews Rt. 5, Box 688 Chipley, FL 32428	Jean Foxworth 560 Hwy. 90 Chipley, FL 32428	25	3	0	17,465.81	80,113	1	15		5	
Malone	Rev. James Deese Rt. 6, Box 182-D Dothan, AL 36303	Carolyn Baxter P. O. Box 262 Malone, FL 32445	114	0	3	25,767.19	150,000	1	27			
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Tim McDonald 4885 Magnolia Rd. Marianna, FL 32446	Evelyn Grant 4905 Davis St. Marianna, FL 32446	175	5	4	45,968.86	330,000	2	42	12	5	
Midway	Rev. Johnny M. Hamilton 6808 Americus Rd. Marianna, FL 32446	Lousie Johnson 7484 Hwy. 90 Sneads, FL 32460	30	5	0	6,896.06		1	12			
New Hope	Rev. Doug Carr 4068 S. Rocky Creek Rd. Ashford, AL 36312	Susan Carr 3028 Paront Road Grand Ridge, FL 32442	40	0	2	21,051.81	62,800	1	22			
Salem	Rev. Donnie Hussey 4504 Magnolia Rd. Marianna, FL 32448	Mildred Phillips 2273 Phillips Rd. Cottondale, FL 32431	157	8	5	66,960.00	280,000	2				
Sneads	Rev. James Bradley 2080 Tanna Ave. Sneads, FL 32460	Frances Cloud 6162 Nubbin Ridge Rd. Greenwood, FL 32443	53	2	0		90,000	2		8		
Travelers Rest	Rev. Jerry Johnson Rt. 1 Box 123 Altha, FL 32421	June Clemons Rt. 1, Box 104 Altha, FL 32421				74,153.93	100,000	1	100			12

OBITUARIES REPORT

DAMASCUS

On March 29, 1995, the Lord blessed the home of Rev. Allan and Loreida Austin with the birth of a son, **Jeremy Allan Austin**. Jeremy was a special child from birth being touched with a rare type of cancer. After almost seven months of battling this disease God chose to take Jeremy home to be with Him on October 22, 1995. It's amazing how God used the smile and strength of such a small boy to deeply touch and change so many lives in such a short time for His honor and glory. This uniquely strong little boy will greatly be missed by his family and friends. He gives one more reason for us to want to go to Heaven.

The Austins would like to express their gratitude to Damascus Free Will Baptist Church and the Salem Association as a whole for the support, love and prayers shown toward them during this time in their lives.

Jessie "Mae" Hill went to be with Jesus on April 24, 1995. She had been a member of Damascus for over 75 years. Mrs. Mae was very active and faithful to the church. She was married to Louis L. Hill, who served as a deacon, until his death in 1961. She taught Sunday School for many years. Being a deacon's wife she was always going the extra mile by opening her home to visiting evangelists, missionaries, etc. She was always willing to take the preacher home and feed him, provide room and board, or whatever was needed. She could always be found at the home of a sick neighbor, or a bereaved family, doing her part to minister to them. Mrs. Mae loved the Lord and loved going to church. She was faithful to attend up until a few months before her death. We all miss her, but would not call her back if we could, because she is in that city where there comes no night...where she lived to go. Mrs. Mae is singing "Look For Me" for I made it through.

Willis W. Lipford passed away on September 22, 1995.

Maxine F. Pitts affectionately known as "Granny Pitts" went to be with Jesus on December 2, 1995. She had not been able to attend church for many years due to her living in a convalescent home. However, we took the church to her. A group from Damascus would go to her room the fourth Sunday of every month to visit, sing, pray and lift her up. The group ended up receiving the blessing. She always told how much she loved the Lord and about the different nurses and other employees she had witnessed to since the last visit. Also, she was always expressing concern for the spiritual needs of her family. She is missed so very much.

Blanche Calloway Windham, 95 years of age, went to be with Jesus on May 28, 1995. She was the oldest living member of Damascus. Mrs. Windham faithfully attended church for many, many years before her health got too bad for her to live by herself. She spent the last several years of her life in the convalescent home. She will be missed by all.

HICKORY GROVE

Edward Winfield Robinson passed away on September 8, 1995. He was an active member of Hickory Grove, serving as chairman of the Cemetery Committee and serving on the Budget Committee. He will be missed in the church and in the community.

MARVIN CHAPEL

Burt D. Burkhart passed away on April 11, 1995. He was an active member of Marvin Chapel, serving as a Sunday School teacher for the Teen boys. He also served on the Hospitality Committee for years, and was the caretaker of the church and cemetery grounds. He will be missed by all.

Wilson Grant passed away on December 11, 1995 after an extended illness. He was an active member of Marvin Chapel having served as a Deacon here for over 44 years. He had also served as Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary. He drew the plans for the Church Building and the Cemetery Plots. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

Annie Mae Evans went to be with the Lord on February 18, 1995. She was the wife of deceased Deacon Ed Evans. She had been a Free Will Baptist since she was a child. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary and worked in the church nursery. She is missed.

NEW HOPE

On March 2, 1995, the Lord called from our midst **Sister Earnestine Jackson**. She was a faithful member of our church for many years. She served as a Sunday School teacher in her earlier years. The church family misses her very much.

Dennis Winget passed away on September 30, 1995.

SALEM

Buford Brannon went to be with the Lord on April 16, 1995. He was an active and faithful member to his church and Lord. He attended faithfully until the Lord called him home. He is certainly missed by family and friends. The Association also misses him. He was always faithful to attend the meetings.

F. O. Hughes passed away on October 23, 1995. He was not able to attend church the last few years due to bad health.

Lorene Hughes passed away on October 17, 1995. She was unable to attend church the last few years due to bad health.

Edna Kent passed away in October, 1995.

Katie Powell passed away on October 21, 1995. Sister Powell was a faithful member until her health began to fail. She is missed by her friends and family, but she has gone to be with the Lord.

TREASURER'S REPORT

JANUARY 1, 1995 - DECEMBER 31, 1995

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD			\$17,860.32
FEB. 9	INTEREST EARNED	\$34.30		\$17,894.62
MAR. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$30.68		\$17,925.30
MAR. 21	THOMPSON BROS. PRINTING		\$465.00	\$17,460.30
MAR. 26	BAYSHORE FWB CHURCH		\$2,000.00	\$15,460.30
APR. 7	1ST QTRLY. SESSION	\$5,606.29		\$21,066.59
APR. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$27.36		\$21,093.95
APR. 11	FL STATE ASSN		\$420.00	\$20,673.95
APR. 11	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$4,000.00	\$16,673.95
APR. 20	WAL-MART		\$19.47	\$16,654.48
APR. 22	FL STATE ASSN		\$3,954.22	\$12,700.26
APR. 22	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$263.61	\$12,436.65
APR. 22	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS		\$263.62	\$12,173.03
APR. 22	FWB CHILDRENS HOME		\$57.00	\$12,116.03
APR. 22	HOME MISSIONS BOARD		\$350.62	\$11,765.41
MAY. 3	U S POSTAL SERVICE		\$32.00	\$11,733.41
MAY 3.	GREEN'S FURNITURE		\$40.00	\$11,693.41
MAY. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.31		\$11,714.72
JUN. 1	COLONIAL NAT. BANK		\$2,138.57	\$9,576.15
JUN. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.79		\$9,596.94
JUL. 8	2ND QTRLY SESSION	\$5,579.18		\$15,176.12
JUL. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$15.25		\$15,191.37
JUL. 20	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB		\$3,986.14	\$11,205.23
JUL. 20	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$250.42	\$10,954.81
JUL. 20	FWB CHILDRENS HOME		\$68.00	\$10,886.81
JUL. 20	HOME MISSION BOARD		\$318.40	\$10,568.41
JUL. 20	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS		\$250.40	\$10,318.01
AUG. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.31		\$10,335.32
SEPT. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.12		\$10,353.44
OCT. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.02		\$10,370.46
OCT. 14	HENRY MATTHEWS		\$19.00	\$10,351.46
OCT. 13	3RD QTRLY. SESSION	\$6,327.59		\$16,679.05
OCT. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB		\$4,581.94	\$12,097.11
OCT. 30	HOME MISSION BOARD		\$332.62	\$11,764.49
OCT. 30	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS		\$290.12	\$11,474.37
OCT. 30	FWB CHILDRENS HOME		\$42.50	\$11,431.87
OCT. 30	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$290.13	\$11,141.74
NOV. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.51	\$0.00	\$11,162.25
DEC. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.07		\$11,180.32
DEC. 24	WALMART		\$64.14	\$11,116.18
DEC. 26	REV. JERRY WHITWORTH		\$50.00	\$11,066.18
DEC. 26	MYRA HILL		\$50.00	\$11,016.18
DEC. 26	MYRA HILL		\$9.46	\$11,006.72
JAN. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.31	\$0.00	\$11,025.03
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$7,249.84		\$18,274.87
FEB. 3	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB		\$5,175.13	\$13,099.74
FEB. 3	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME		\$44.00	\$13,055.74
FEB. 3	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$336.34	\$12,719.40
FEB. 5	HOME MISSION BOARD		\$380.34	\$12,339.06
FEB. 5	BD. OF FOREIGN MISSIONS		\$336.34	\$12,002.72

CAMP MT PLEASANT ACCOUNT

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BAL FORWARD			\$0.00
APR. 7	1ST QTR. SESSION	\$263.61		\$263.61
APR. 22	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$263.61	\$0.00
JUL. 8	2ND QTR. SESSION	\$250.42		\$250.42
JUL. 22	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$250.42	\$0.00
OCT. 13	3RD QTR. SESSION	\$290.13		\$290.13
OCT. 30	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$290.13	\$0.00
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$336.34		\$336.34
FEB. 3	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$336.34	\$0.00

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ACCOUNT

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BAL. FORWARD			\$2,961.23
APR. 11	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$1,000.00	\$1,961.23
APR. 22	1ST QTR. SESSION	\$131.80		\$2,093.03
JUL. 20	2ND QTR. SESSION	\$125.20		\$2,218.23
OCT. 13	3RD QTR. SESSION	\$145.06		\$2,363.29
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$168.17		\$2,531.46

YOUTH BOARD ACCOUNT

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BAL. FORWARD			\$3,919.40
APR. 7	1ST QTRLY. SESSION	\$131.80		\$4,051.20
APR. 11	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$1,000.00	\$3,051.20
JUL. 20	2ND QTRLY. SESSION	\$125.20		\$3,176.40
OCT. 13	3RD QTRLY. SESSION	\$145.06		\$3,321.46
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$168.17		\$3,489.63

MISSION BOARD ACCOUNT

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD			\$5,308.51
MAR. 26	BAYSHORE FWB CHURCH		\$2,000.00	\$3,308.51
APR. 7	1ST QTRLY. SESSION	\$659.04		\$3,967.55
APR. 11	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$1,000.00	\$2,967.55
APR. 22	BD. OF FOR MISS/FRANKS		\$131.81	\$2,835.74
APR. 22	BD. OF FOR MISS/D.OWEN		\$131.81	\$2,703.93
APR. 22	HOME MISS BD/WHITEHEAD		\$131.81	\$2,572.12
APR. 22	HOME MISS BD/ALLIGOOD		\$131.81	\$2,440.31
JUL.20	2ND QTRLY. SESSION	\$626.02		\$3,066.33
JUL. 20	HOME MISS BD/WHITEHEAD		\$125.20	\$2,941.13
JUL. 20	HOME MISS BD/ALLIGOOD		\$125.20	\$2,815.93
JUL. 20	BD OF FOR MISS/FRANKS		\$125.20	\$2,690.73
JUL. 20	BD OF FOR MISS/D. OWEN		\$125.20	\$2,565.53
OCT. 13	3RD QTRLY. SESSION	\$725.33		\$3,290.86
OCT. 30	HOME MISS BD/WHITEHEAD		\$145.06	\$3,145.80
OCT. 30	HOME MISS BD.ALLIGOOD		\$145.06	\$3,000.74
OCT. 30	BD OF FOR MIS/FRANKS		\$145.06	\$2,855.68
OCT. 30	BD OF FOR MIS/OWEN		\$145.06	\$2,710.62
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$840.86		\$3,551.48
FEB. 5	HOME MISS BD/ALLIGOOD		\$168.17	\$3,383.31
FEB. 5	HOME MISS BD/WHITEHEAD		\$168.17	\$3,215.14
FEB. 5	BD OF FOR MISS/ FRANKS		\$168.17	\$3,046.97
FEB. 5	BD OF FOR MISS/D. OWENS		\$168.17	\$2,878.80

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT				
DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BAL. FORWARD			\$76.00
OCT. 14	HENRY MATTHEWS		\$19.00	\$57.00
JAN. 13	HENRY MATTHEWS	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$127.00

GENERAL ACCOUNT

DATE	ACCOUNT/VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD			\$5,595.18
FEB. 9	INTEREST EARNED	\$34.30		\$5,629.48
MAR. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$30.68		\$5,660.16
MAR. 21	THOMPSON BROS. PRINTING (Minutes)		\$465.00	\$5,195.16
APR. 7	1ST QTRLY. SESSION	\$4,420.04		\$9,615.20
APR. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$27.36		\$9,642.56
APR. 11	CAMP MT. PLEASANT		\$1,000.00	\$8,642.56
APR. 11	FL STATE ASSN (REP. FEE)		\$420.00	\$8,222.56
APR. 20	WALMART(OFFICE SUPPLIES)		\$19.47	\$8,203.09
APR. 22	FL STATE ASSOCIATION(COOP FUND)		\$3,954.22	\$4,248.87
APR. 22	FWB CHILDRENS HOME(1/2 OFFERING)		\$57.00	\$4,191.87
APR. 22	HOME MISSION BD/C. LLOYD(1/2 OFFERING)		\$57.00	\$4,134.87
APR. 22	HOME MISSION BD (HICKORY GROVE)		\$30.00	\$4,104.87
MA 3	U S POSTAL SERVICE (STAMPS)		\$32.00	\$4,072.87
MA 3	GREEN'S FURN. (COMPUTER STAND)		\$40.00	\$4,032.87
MA 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.31		\$4,054.18
JUN. 1	COLONIAL NAT. BANK (COMPUTER, PRINTER)		\$2,138.57	\$1,915.61
JUN. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.79		\$1,936.40
JUL. 8	2ND QTRLY. SESSION	\$4,452.34		\$6,388.74
JUL. 10	INTERST EARNED	\$15.25		\$6,403.99
JUL. 20	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB(COOP FUND)		\$3,986.14	\$2,417.85
JUL. 20	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME(1/2 Offering)		\$68.00	\$2,349.85
JUL. 20	HOME MISSIONS BOARD (C. LLOYD)(1/2 Offering)		\$68.00	\$2,281.85
AUG. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.31		\$2,299.16
SEPT. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.12		\$2,317.28
OCT. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.02		\$2,334.30
OCT. 13	3RD QTRLY. SESSION	\$5,022.01		\$7,356.31
OCT. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB(Coop Fund)		\$4,581.94	\$2,774.37
OCT. 30	HOME MISSION BOARD(C. Lloyd) (1/2 offering)		\$42.50	\$2,731.87
OCT. 30	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME(1/2 offering)		\$42.50	\$2,689.37
NOV. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.51	\$0.00	\$2,709.88
DEC. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.07	\$0.00	\$2,727.95
DEC. 24	WALMART (PRINTER CARTRIDGES)		\$64.14	\$2,663.81
DEC. 26	REV. JERRY WHITWORTH (MODERATOR SER)		\$50.00	\$2,613.81
DEC. 26	MYRA HILL (REIMBURSEMENT LABELS FOR PRINTER)		\$9.46	\$2,604.35
DEC. 26	MYRA HILL (CLERK SERVICES)		\$50.00	\$2,554.35
JAN. 1	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.31	\$0.00	\$2,572.66
JAN. 13	ANNUAL SESSION	\$5,666.30		\$8,238.96
FEB. 3	FL STATE ASSON OF FWB(COOP FUND)		\$5,175.13	\$3,063.83
FEB. 3	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME(1/2 OFFERING)		\$44.00	\$3,019.83
FEB. 5	HOME MISSION BOARD(C. LLOYD) (1/2 OFFERING		\$44.00	\$2,975.83

BUDGET FOR 1996

1. A goal for the cooperative plan or 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 50%
Christian Education Board ... 10%
Camp Mt. Pleasant 20%
Youth Board 10%
General Fund 10%

NOMINATIONS REPORT

The following are nominated to served in the Salem Association in positions listed:

Moderator - Rev. Allan Austin (filling unexpired term of J. Whitworth),
expires January, 1997
Vice Moderator - Rev. Jerry Johnson (filling unexpired term of A. Austin),
expires January, 1997
Youth Board - Bro. Greg Burkett, Term expires 1999
Christian Education Board - Bro. James Elmore, Term expires 1999
Camp Board - Bro. Richard Rehberg, Term expires 1998
FL State Executive Committee Representative - Rev. Allan Austin, Term expires 1997

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Doug Carr

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board elected Rev. Donnie Hussey to serve as Chairman for 1996-97.
The funds received by the Mission Board this year will be divided as follows:

1/5 - Rev. Odis Whitehead, Home Missionary in Jacksonville
1/5 - Rev. Curtis Alligood, Home Missionary in St. Petersburg
1/5 - Rev. Dennis Owen - Foreign Missionary
1/5 - Rev. Dave Franks, Jr. - Foreign Missionary
1/5 - To remain in Mission Board account.

Respectfully Submitted by Bro. Jack Glass

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Christian Education Board once again recommends to the Salem Association that our association pray for GOD to raise us a man willing to be trained in Christian financial principles and when trained make himself available to the churches in our association to teach our people these principles in the various local churches as requested by the churches. We feel there is a need for this.

Respectfully Submitted by Rev. Tim McDonald

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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. The Fall and Spring sessions will convene on Friday night before the second (2nd) Saturday in October and April. The Summer session will convene on the second (2nd) Saturday in July and the Winter session, which is our Annual session, will convene on Friday night before the second (2nd) Saturday and on the second (2nd) Saturday of January. 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 its action is inconsistent with the doctrine and usages of the Free Will Baptist church, if labor with it is unsuccessful. But in no case can it reverse a decision of a church.

ARTICLE 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.

**First Quarterly Session, April 12, 1996
Cottondale**

**Second Quarterly Session, July 13, 1996
Malone**

**Third Quarterly Session, October 11, 1996
Salem**

**Annual Session, January 10 & 11, 1997
Travelers Rest**