

**MINUTES
OF THE 102TH
QUARTERLY and ANNUAL SESSIONS
of the
SALEM ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
1997**

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MISSION BOARD

Rev. Doug Carr -----	1999
Bro. Jack Glass-----	2000
Rev. Donnie Hussey (C) -----	2001
Rev. James Deese-----	2002
Bro. Richard Rehberg-----	2003

YOUTH BOARD

Bro. Michael Carr-----	1999
Rev. David Womack (C)-----	2000
Rev. Ryan McDougald-----	2001

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Bro. James Elmore, (C)-----	1999
Rev. Henry Matthews-----	2000
Rev. Devan Washington -----	2001

CAMP BOARD

Rev. Glen Watson-----	1999
Bro. Greg Burkett-----	2000

Rev. David Womack - State Executive Board Representative- Term Expires 1999



Friday Night, April 11, 1997
Christian Home

The services were opened with Rev. Donnie Hussey leading in prayer. Moderator, Rev. Jerry Johnson, asked all standing delegates to stand. Then, all elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC to seat elected delegates. The following men were appointed to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Rev. Donnie Hussey, Bro. Richard Rehberg, and Rev. Mark Fejes. They were asked by Moderator to nominate themselves to serve on the Finance and Resolutions Committees for this session. MSC.

A congregation song, "Holy, Holy, Holy" was sung, and then a couple of choruses were sung. They were a few testimonies given by different people in the congregation.

An offertory prayer was prayed by Rev. Jerry Johnson and an offering in the amount of \$93.00 was received.

A warm welcome was extended by Pastor of host church, Rev. David Womack. He also reminded pastors that it was fast approaching time for youth camps, and to please encourage their churches to participate by sending their youth and also, by volunteering to work.

Rev. Donnie Hussey reminded everyone about Camp Meeting to be held August 3- 7th with Rev. Cliff Donahue preaching.

Rev. Ron Hunter expressed his appreciation to the Association for sponsoring the TV commercial during the week of Easter, *The Arrow*, designed to shed a very positive light on the Free Will Baptist image in our communities. Surveys were given to all pastors to have completed concerning this commercial.

Rev. Allan Austin expressed to his appreciation to the Salem Association for working with him during his five years in the Association, during which time he served as Assistant Moderator and Moderator. Rev. and Mrs. Austin will be leaving their pastorate at Damascus and going to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home to minister.

After a brief recess, services continued with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven."

Rev. Dennis Owens, missionary to Uruguay, spoke briefly to us concerning their work in Montevideo. He asked that everyone continue to pray for him and his family and the work in Uruguay.

Rev. David Womack provided special music.

The evening message was preached by Rev. Ron Hunter, Pastor of Huntington Oaks church in Tallahassee. His message was titled, Through a Telescope -- How do you see the Lord? He challenged us not to make the same mistakes that Peter did-- following Jesus afar off, being in the wrong places and denying Jesus.

The Finance report was given by Bro. Richard Rehberg. MSC. The Resolutions Committee submitted a resolution to the Allan Austin Family, thanking them for their work and support in the Salem Association and promising to pray for them in their new work.

The Credentials Report was given with a total of 56 present. MSC.

Announcements were made.

MSC for moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association meeting from members in attendance.

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

Rev. Jerry Johnson dismissed this session with prayer.

Treasurer Report

CHRISTIAN HOME 1ST QTR. April 11, 1997	COOPERATIVE FUND	HOME MISSIONS	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT	CHILDREN'S HOME	DELEGATE FEES	OFFERING	TOTALS
Christian Home	\$1,323.00				\$20.00		\$1,343.00
Cottdendale					\$10.00		\$10.00
Damascus	\$1,752.24				\$25.00		\$1,777.24
Hickory Grove		\$30.00			\$10.00		\$40.00
Holly Grove					\$0.00		\$0.00
HUNTINGTON OAKS	\$594.20						\$594.20
Lovewood	\$72.28				\$10.00		\$82.28
Malone	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$15.00		\$215.00
Marvin Chapel	\$90.00				\$25.00		\$115.00
							\$0.00
New Hope	\$100.00				\$15.00		\$115.00
Salem	\$1,773.00				\$20.00		\$1,793.00
Sneads	\$477.72				\$0.00		\$477.72
Traveler's Rest					\$20.00		\$20.00
Offering						\$93.00	\$93.00
Totals	\$6,282.44	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$170.00	\$93.00	\$6,675.44

Saturday Morning, July 12, 1997
Lovewood

Pastor, Rev. Henry Matthews extended a warm welcome to the congregation and asked everyone to stand together and sing "Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus."

Services was then turned over to Vice Moderator, Rev. James Bradley who called this session to order. Rev. Donnie Hussey voice the opening prayer. All standing delegates were asked to stand. All elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC for the elected delegates to be seated. The following were appointed to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Bro. Jack Glass, Rev. James Deese and Bro. James Elmore. The congregation sang "Mansions Over the Hilltop." Visitors were recognized and there was a brief time of fellowship. The Committee on Committees nominated the following delegates to serve on committees: Resolutions - Rev. Doug Carr, Bro Don Grant and Bro Michael Carr; Finance - Sis. Lavelle Jones, Sis. Joann Truett, and Sis. Carolyn Baxter; and Nominations - Bro Richard Rehberg, Rev. Tim McDonald, and Rev. David Womack. MSC.

The Offertory Prayer was prayed by Rev. Henry Matthews. An offering in the amount of \$178.00 was received. This offering is divided equally between Rev. Carlie Lloyd and the Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

The following Board reports were given:

- Missions - Rev. Donnie Hussey, Chairman, stated that the Mission Board had met and proposed to give \$500.00 to the Dennis Owen account to help he and his family get back on the mission field. He also mentioned there would be a dinner later on for all men in the association to discuss missions. We will be given more information on this at a later date. MSC to give said amount to the Owens' account. MSC Mission Board report.**
- Youth Board - Rev. David Womack reported nothing had been done by the Board. MSC**
- Christian Education Board - Bro. James Elmore, Chairman, reported that the Board had agreed to send \$500.00 to Southeastern Bible College toward the account of John Johnson, son of Rev. Jerry Johnson. Also, they had agreed to pay \$200.00 toward the Men's Retreat, scheduled for September 26 & 27, at Camp Mt. Pleasant. MSC.**
- Camp Board - Rev. David Womack reported that they experienced two good weeks of camp this year. The facilities are much nicer now. There were some young people saved and several rededication's. A good response from our young people. MSC.**
- Executive Board - Myra Hill reported that the Executive Board met on June 30, 1997, with a total of 9 present. The speaker for this session was selected. There was discussion on ways to get every church to participate in the Executive Board meetings. Also, it was discussed that the amount for delegate fees at the state**

level was increasing, therefore, we needed to do something at the local association. MSC.

Rev. Millard Sasser, Executive State Secretary, was recognized and asked to speak to congregation. He expressed thanks to all for their prayer and support during his recent illness. He reported on our 3 mission works in Florida - everything is going well. Also, he stated that two new churches had started on their own in Crystal River. Also, a family had started a church in their home in Fort Myers. He asked that we pray for these works. Bro. Sasser elaborated on the new plan that was being considered for adoption for supporting our missionaries.

Announcements were made concerning Camp Meeting in August at Camp Mt. Pleasant with Rev. Cliff Donoho and also the men's retreat in September with Rev. Terry Forrest. Everyone was encouraged to pray for these services and to make plans to attend.

Discussion was made concerning the increase in delegate fees. The moderator appointed a committee to formulate details of increasing delegate fee. Rev. Bill George, Rev. Henry Matthews and Bro. Aster Miller were appointed to this task.

After prayer by Bro. James Elmore, a recess was announced.

The session reconvened with the congregation singing, "Come and Dine." Bro. Eddie Clemmons sang a special "Where No One Stands Alone." Sis. Connie Croxton sang a special, "Must I Go and Empty Handed." Both songs were a real blessing.

Business continued with the following reports:

- Committee appointed to study the delegate fee made the following move - "The delegate fee is \$8.00 per delegate, and all churches are asked to send delegates. MSC
- Finance Report was given by Sis. Carolyn Baxter. MSC.
Nominations Committee Report - The following nominations are made:
Moderator - Rev. James Bradley (1999); Vice - Moderator - Rev. David Womack (1999); Mission Board - Rev. Doug Carr (1999) & Rev. Tim McDonald (2002); Youth Board - Bro. Michael Carr (1999); Christian Education - Rev. Henry Matthews (2000); and State Executive Board - Rev. David Womack. MSC.
- Resolutions Committee Report by Rev. Doug Carr -
 1. We resolve that we give the host church a standing vote of appreciation for their hospitality.
 2. We resolve that this Association give Bro. Millard Sasser a rising vote of appreciation for his work with the State office and his faithful attendance at our meetings and for his health.

3. We resolve that this Association continue to support our boycott of Disney World and all of its products and any other products or businesses that support the homosexual lifestyle.

4. We resolve that, we as an Association, come together at the altar in this church and pray for the sick in our association and for our nation.
MSC.

An altar of prayer followed for the needs mentioned in the above resolution.

- The Credentials Report was given with a total of 59 present.
- The Historical Committee Report was given by Sis. Glenda Clark. We are going forward with plans for our Centennial meeting to be held at the Salem Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, December 6, 1997. We would like for three or four representatives from each church choir to form a choir to sing two songs at the meeting. These people need to meet at the Salem Church the second Sunday in November at 2:00 p.m. to practice. Also, we recommend putting a plaque in the foyer of the Salem Church that lists the Moderators and the years that they served as Moderators. A quote received was about \$150.00 for this plaque. Also, contact was made with Sis. Mildred Pelt concerning what was expected of this Committee to finish the work started by the previous Historical Committee. This will involve a lot of time and money. "To what extent do you want us to proceed for the documentation of the 62 years that have not been put together in one book and what kind of budget do we work with?" MSC.

After discussion by the group, it was MSC to give \$150.00 from General Fund to Historical Committee to purchase plaque listing Moderators of the Salem Association. Also, MSC to have the Christian Education Committee work with the Historical Committee and pull from their fund for any additional expenditures needed for the Centennial Meeting in December.

MSC to give Rev. James Bradley a rising vote of thanks for doing an outstanding job as Moderator for this session. This was Rev. Bradley's first time, and he done a great job in a complex situation.

The morning message was preached by Rev. Van Washington, new pastor of Travelers Rest. The title of his sermon was "Have you Lost Jesus?" He encouraged Christians to be faithful and fruitful, and keep their eyes on Jesus. It was a heart-searching sermon. After an invitation to which several responded, announcements were made. Rev. Donnie Hussey dismissed the session in prayer and gave thanks for the noon meal to follow.

Treasurer Report

LOVEWOOD, 2ND QTR. July 12, 1997	COOPERATIVE FUND	HOME MISSIONS	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT	CHILDREN'S HOME	DELEGATE FEES	OFFERING	TOTALS
Christian Home	\$1,261.00				\$20.00		\$1,281.00
Cottdendale					\$10.00		\$10.00
Damascus	\$2,040.62				\$25.00		\$2,065.62
Hickory Grove		\$30.00			\$10.00		\$40.00
Holly Grove							\$0.00
Huntington Oaks	\$471.26						\$471.26
Lovewood	\$112.57				\$10.00		\$122.57
Malone	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$15.00		\$215.00
Marvin Chapel	\$90.00				\$25.00		\$115.00
Midway							\$0.00
New Hope	\$100.00				\$15.00		\$115.00
Salem	\$1,807.00				\$20.00		\$1,827.00
Sneads					\$10.00		\$10.00
Traveler's Rest					\$20.00		\$20.00
Offering						\$178.00	\$178.00
Totals	\$5,982.45	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$180.00	\$178.00	\$6,470.45

Friday Night, October 10, 1997
Holly Grove

The services were opened with prayer by host pastor, Rev. Ryan McDougald. He extended a warm welcome to everyone. He then turned the services over to Rev. David Womack, Vice Moderator, in the absence of Moderator, Rev. James Bradley. Bro. Womack declared the body in session and asked that all standing delegates stand. Then all elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC by standing delegates to seat elected delegates. The Vice Moderator appointed the following men to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Bro. Greg Burkett, Rev. Donnie Hussey and Rev. Tim McDonald.

The congregation joined together and sang "Heaven's Jubilee." Announcements were made.

Rev. Millard Sasser, Executive Secretary, Florida State Association, was invited to address the body. He gave an update on the mission works in Florida, and encouraged all churches to support the cooperative program. He stated that he would be leaving the church in Ocala as pastor, and working full time as Executive Secretary. He asked for our prayers for the Ocala church as they seek for a pastor.

The Committee on Committees appointed the following to serve on committees for this session: Resolutions - Rev. Doug Carr, Rev. Mark Fejes and Bro. Olan Rehberg; Obituary - Rev. James Deese; Nominations - Bro. James Elmore, Bro. William Booth, and Sis. Glenda Clark; and Finance - Bro. Richard Rehberg, Bro. Jack Glass and Bro. Eddie Clemmons. MSC.

Prayer requests were voiced and prayer for these needs and also for the offering was prayed by Rev. Devan Washington. An offering in the amount of \$99.11 was received.

Rev. Marvin Morrow, evangelist and recording artist from Tennessee, blessed our hearts with several special songs.

Rev. Henry Matthews, pastor of Lovewood, preached the evening message. He shared that our one ambition in our Christian life should be to Praise the Lord.

The Credentials Report was given with a total of 87 present. MSC. The Finance report was given. MSC. The Obituary Report was given and a prayer was voiced by Rev. James Deese, in memory of those who have passed from this earth. The Nominations Report was given. Rev. Ryan McDougald was nominated to replace Rev. Ron Hunter on the Youth Board, MSC. The Resolutions Committee submitted the following:

Resolve that we give a rising vote of thanks to Holly Grove for the hospitality shown to the Salem Association tonight; and also to our acting moderator for a fine job. MSC.

A motion was made that, on the night of Executive Board meeting, this would be an "all boards" meeting. All boards would meet prior to the Executive Board meeting. MSC.

MSC to adjourn. Everyone was invited to stay for refreshments. Prayer was voiced by Rev. Ryan McDougald.

Treasurer Report

HOLLYGROVE, 3RD QTR. October 10, 1997	COOPERATIVE FUND	HOME MISSIONS	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT	CHILDREN'S HOME	DELEGATE FEES	OFFERING	TOTALS
Christian Home	\$1,358.00				\$8.00		\$1,366.00
Cottdale					\$16.00		\$16.00
Damascus	\$1,701.82				\$40.00		\$1,741.82
Hickory Grove		\$30.00			\$10.00		\$40.00
Holly Grove							\$0.00
							\$0.00
Lovewood	\$95.10				\$16.00		\$111.10
Malone	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$15.00		\$215.00
Marvin Chapel	\$90.00				\$40.00		\$130.00
							\$0.00
New Hope	\$100.00				\$16.00		\$116.00
Salem	\$1,830.00				\$32.00		\$1,862.00
Sneads					\$16.00		\$16.00
Traveler's Rest					\$20.00		\$20.00
Offering						\$99.11	\$99.11
Totals	\$5,274.92	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$229.00	\$99.11	\$5,733.03

Centennial Meeting, December 6, 1997
Salem

The Centennial Meeting of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptist was held on December 6, 1997, at the Salem Free Will Baptist Church. This meeting covered the period of the organization of the Association from December 5th and 6th of 1897 through December 6, 1997. The organizational meeting was also held at Salem Church in 1897.

The congregation joined together in singing :When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer was voiced by Rev. Doug Carr. Rev. W. E. "Bill" George, the oldest preacher in our association, brought the morning devotion. The welcome was given by Bro. Richard Rehberg. The congregation sang another song, "Amazing Grace." A Summary Report of the Association from 1897 to present was given by Rev. Donnie Hussey. Mrs. Lovie Burkett and Mrs. Ollie Vee Rehberg recognized all churches, all past ministers, and all current ministers of the Association. Rev. David Womack recognized all Moderators and clerks who have served since 1897. Prayer was voiced by Rev. Tim McDonald.

A combined choir of members from different churches in our Association, accompanied by Wayne Hill, pianist and Frank Chatwood, Director, sang "O, What A Saviour.

The Historical Committee presented a plaque, listing the names of all moderators. The plaque is to be placed in the foyer at Salem, since this was the place the first meeting was held. Rev. Donnie Hussey accepted the plaque.

The choir sang another song, "What a Day That Will Be." Rev. James Pelt preached the morning message. "How Great Thou Art" was sung by the congregation, with Bro. Pelt singing the verses and everyone joining in on the chorus.

A plaque was presented to Mrs. Falfa Clark for Ms. Glenda Clark, who was the chairman of the Centennial Celebration Committee. Ms. Clark spent many hours preparing for this special day, however, due to an accident, she was unable to be present. We certainly regret that she was unable to attend, and appreciate the great job. Rev. James Bradley, Moderator, addressed the congregation, and expressed his appreciation at being able to be part of an organization like our Association. Prayer was voiced and the services were dismissed. Lunch was served in the fellowship hall.

This was truly a wonderful celebration. Everyone really received a blessing from this spirit filled service.

The cover on our Minutes states this is the 102th session. The Clerk does not know the reason for the two-year difference...only God does.

Friday Night, January 9

Damasus

Rev. Ron Burger, Pastor, began services by extending a warm welcome. Bro. Frank Chatwood, song leader and Bro. Wayne Hill, pianist were called upon to lead the congregation in an opening song. The congregation joined together in singing "Mansions Over the Hilltop." Rev. Doug Carr voiced the opening prayer. The services were turned over to Rev. David Womack, Vice Moderator, who called this session to order. All standing delegates were asked to stand. All elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC to seat elected delegates for this session. Rev. Womack appointed the following men to serve on the Committee on Committees for this session: Bro. Greg Burkett, Bro. James Elmore, and Rev. Donnie Hussey.

Rev. Tim McDonald, pastor of Marvin Chapel, asked to speak to the congregation. He informed all that he and his wife would be moving from this area in the next couple of weeks and would no longer be a part of this association. He asked that we accept his resignation from the Mission Board. He stated that he had enjoyed being a part of our Association for the past number of years and urged everyone to continue to be found in service for the Lord.

The session was recessed in order for the Committee on Committees to make their selections for delegates to serve on the Committees for this session.

Services resumed with a report of the Credentials Committee. A total of 49 was registered for this session. The Committee on Committees appointed the following delegates to serve on specified committees:

- Obituary - Rev. Doug Carr; Alternate - Rev. DeVan Washington
- Finance - Bro. Ben Hall, Bro. Olan Rehberg, Bro. Greg Burkett; Alternate - Bro. Eddie Clemmons
- Resolutions - Bro. Richard Rehberg, Rev. Ryan McDougald, Bro. Bill Cressley; Alternate - Sis. Carolyn Baxter
- Nominations - Rev. Donnie Hussey, Bro. James Elmore, Rev. Glenn Watson; Alternate - Rev. Ron Burger

MSC.

There being no further business, the business session was recessed until Saturday morning, 9:00 a.m. Services was turned back over to the host church.

Bro. Frank Chatwood led the congregation in singing that great old hymn, "The Old Rugged Cross". A beautiful song, "Master I See," was sung by Sis. Merle Williams and Bro. Frank Chatwood. Rev. Ron Burger, host pastor, preached the evening message. The main topic of his message was, "Feed My Sheep". He challenged fellow ministers to preach God's message, and the congregation to respect their pastors and the preached word. We should all have a burden for the church. Announcements were made. Bro. Olan Rehberg dismissed in prayer.

Saturday Morning
January 10, 1998

Everyone was welcomed to this annual session by pastor, Rev. Ron Burger. Bro. Frank Chatwood, accompanied by Sis. Merle Williams, led the congregation in singing "Send the Light", which is the greatest message the church can receive today. Special prayer was made for our Moderator, Rev. James Bradley, who suffered a heart attack early Friday morning. This prayer was led by Bro. Howard Chafin.

This session was called to order by Rev. David Womack. The standing delegates were asked to stand; elected delegates were asked to stand. MSC to seat elected delegates. The acting moderator called for Board reports:

- The Executive Board report was given by Clerk, Myra Hill, as a matter of information only. The Board met on December 29, with a total of 10 members present. Speakers for the Annual Session were chosen and also the dates and places for the Association meetings for 1998-99 were selected.
- The Mission Board report was given by Rev. Donnie Hussey. MSC.
- The Youth Board report was given by Rev. Ryan McDougald. MSC.
- The State Executive Board Representative, Rev. David Womack, gave a report, as a matter of information only.

Rev. Millard Sasser, Executive Secretary for the State of Florida, was asked to speak to the body about his work. He asked everyone to pray for his church as they seek a pastor. He is going to be full-time in his work as Executive Secretary and will no longer be able to pastor. He reminded us of dates of upcoming activities throughout the state, and encouraged everyone to participate in these activities. He also told us that the State is working on a new ministry, a Senior Adult Ministry, and are excited about this new work. This is an area where a ministry is needed. He asked that we all continue to pray for him.

The morning offertory prayer was voiced by Bro. James Elmore. An offering in the amount of \$89.00 was received. The meeting recessed.

The meeting resumed with a report of the Children's Home by Bro. James Elmore. This was for informational purposes only.

- The Obituary Report was given by Rev. Doug Carr. MSC. He asked that we have a moment of silence in remembrance of those who have deceased this year. Bro. Doug then offered a prayer in their memory.
- The Finance Report was given by Bro. Greg Burkett. MSC.
- The Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Richard Rehberg with a total of 66 registered. MSC.
- The Nominations Report was given by Rev. Donnie Hussey. MSC.
- The Resolutions Committee Report was given by Rev. Ryan McDougald.

Be it resolved that all churches of the Salem Association commit to the support of the Cooperative Plan; and,

Be it resolved that the Association receive a love offering for our Moderator, Rev. James Bradley, Pastor of Sneads, due to his illness. MSC.

Discussion was made concerning our budget for 98-99. It was pointed out that our goal for the Coop Fund had been surpassed many times over. Rev. Donnie Hussey made a motion that our budget for the new year be as follows: That we maintain the same percentage breakdown as we had for 1997, but that we increase our goal for the Coop Fund from \$12,000 to \$36,000. MSC.

MSC to decide at each meeting how the offering that is received would be spent.

The dates and locations of the association meetings for 1998-99 were announced;

- April 10 (Friday Night) ----- Hickory Grove
- July 11 (Saturday Morning)----- Marvin Chapel
- October 9 (Friday Night)----- New Hope
- January 8 (Friday Night, January 9, Saturday Morning)----- Cottondale.

Dates for Camp Meeting were announced (August 2-5, 1998).

The congregation joined together in singing "I am Thine O Lord" and "It Is Well With My Soul." Sis. Myra Hill sang a special, "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. James Deese, pastor, Malone, preached the morning message. He said we need to declare war on Satan, we need to listen to God and apply what God says, and then begin to take back from Satan what he has taken from us. An invitational hymn, "Wherever He Leads" was sung. Prayer was voiced by Bro. Jack Glass.

MSC to send Rev. James Bradley \$250.00 from the General Fund, due to his recent heart attack which required hospitalization.

Testimonies flowed from the mouths of Christians all over the building as to what God had done for them. Sis. Merle Williams sang a beautiful song, "He'll Do It Again". It spoke to the heart of everyone. More testimonies were given. A love offering in the amount of \$118.00 was received for our moderator, Rev. James, Bradley.

MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Directions were given for the noon meal. Rev. Donnie Hussey dismissed in prayer and blessed the food.

Treasurer Report

Damascus, Annual Session January 9 & 10, 1998	COOPERATIVE FUND	HOME MISSIONS	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT	CHILDREN'S HOME	DELEGATE FEES	OFFERING	TOTALS
Christian Home	\$1,088.00				\$16.00		\$1,104.00
Cottondale					\$16.00		\$16.00
Damascus	\$1,885.87		\$25.00		\$40.00		\$1,950.87
Hickory Grove		\$30.00			\$16.00		\$46.00
Holly Grove	\$50.00				\$8.00		\$58.00
Lovewood	\$60.00				\$16.00		\$76.00
Malone	\$100.00			\$100.00	\$24.00		\$224.00
Marvin Chapel	\$90.00				\$32.00		\$122.00
New Hope					\$16.00		\$16.00
Salem	\$1,863.00				\$32.00		\$1,895.00
Sneads					\$16.00		\$16.00
Traveler's Rest					\$20.00		\$20.00
Offering						\$89.00	\$89.00
Totals	\$5,136.87	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$252.00	\$89.00	\$5,632.87

Youth Board Report

The Youth Board met in December. We discussed starting the Youth Rally again in the Salem Association. The board voted to send \$1,000.00 to Camp Mt. Pleasant to help defray some of the expenses the youth camp has incurred during the building program. The Camp has really nice facilities now, of which we are very thankful.

Respectfully Submitted:
Ryan McDougald
Michael Carr
David Womack

Nominations Report

We, the Nominations Committee, submit the following nominations to fill vacancies in our Association:

Missions Board - James Deese	2002
Missions Board- Richard Rehberg	2003
Youth Board - Ryan McDougald	2001
Christian Education Board - DeVan Washington	2001
Camp Board - Greg Burkett	2000
State Executive Board Representative - David Womack	1999

MSC that nominations be accepted.

Respectfully Submitted,
Donnie Hussey
James Elmore
Glen Watson

Budget for 1998

1. A goal for the cooperative plan of \$36,000.00
2. Percentages for dividing the cooperative funds:

State Association-----	75%
Salem Association -----	25%
3. Percentages for dividing the Salem Association Cooperative Funds:

Mission Board -----	40%
Christian Education Board -----	10%
Camp Mt. Pleasant -----	20%
Youth Board-----	10%
FWB Children's Home -----	10%
General Fund -----	10%

Mission Board Report

The Mission Board of the Salem Association met Tuesday Evening, December 2, 1997, at Damascus Church. The Board agreed to purchase ten (10) shares to help support the Florida Mission Program. The shares for the year, 1998, are \$15.00 per share, per month. The Board also encourages each church to support this program. You may put it in your church budget, as well as individuals buying shares. Sunday School classes, youth groups, women's auxiliaries, men groups, or even children's church groups can participate. Even if you cannot purchase a whole share, buy what you can. If everyone will support and promote this new funding plan, our missionaries will not have to travel all across the country trying to raise their support. The Salem Association Mission Board wishes to thank our churches for their cooperative giving to make this decision possible.

Respectfully Submitted.

Donnie Hussey

Richard Rehberg

Doug Carr

Tim McDonald

Jack Glass

Christian Education Board Report

II Timothy 2:15 - Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

We, the Christian Education Board, strongly encourage each of our students graduating from high school to attend one of our Free Will Baptist colleges.

We sent \$500.00 to Southeastern Bible College for John Johnson, son of Rev. Jerry Johnson, who served as pastor at Travelers Rest.

We also encourage exhortation and edification of the saints. We helped sponsor a joint men's retreat with West Florida and Liberty Associations on Friday evening, September 26 and Saturday, September 27, 1997, at Camp Mt. Pleasant with Bro. Terry Forrest.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions, please give to someone on our board.

Respectfully Submitted

James Elmore

Mark Fejes

Henry Matthews

Obituary Report

Christian Home

Elonita Langford passed away on May 31, 1997. She was an active member of our church and was faithful to attend until her health failed. Mrs. Langford was a lovely Christian lady and loved everyone. The church family misses her very much.

Earl Stone passed away on November 22, 1997. He was a kind and faithful husband and a loving father and grandfather. He loved his little six year old grandson very, very much. His family and friends miss him very much.

Damascus

Bro. James Hill passed away on March 30, 1997. He was a wonderful Christian man who was always praising God, no matter where he was or who he was with. He was very faithful to all church services before he become ill. He experienced kidney failure and also was diagnosed with cancer. Even after he become sick, he still attended church whenever he was able. He was always an inspiration and a blessing to everyone at Damascus and to the other churches in our Association. He worked at a local grocery store and he witnessed to everyone he come in contact with. We know that James is in heaven now, reaping the rewards of his labor here on earth. He loved the Lord and it showed in every aspect of his life. The church, his family and everyone that knew him, miss him, but we know he is not suffering anymore...just rejoicing.

Malone

Mattie Atwell passed away on January 28, 1997. Sister Mattie was a dedicated and faithful member of Malone. She went to be with her Lord at the age of 86. "Granny Apple" as she was affectionately known to all the children will be remembered for her love for her Lord, her church, her community and her family. She was a very loving and giving person. If the church doors were open, she was there on the pew. She loved all her pastors very much. Her last two pastors conducted her funeral services -- Rev. Doug Carr and Rev. James Deese. Granny was a blessing to all she met and is greatly missed.

Samuel W. Hart was born November 19, 1943 and was taken from us by an automobile accident on August 12, 1997. He served his country in the U. S. Army for 21 years, retiring as a 1st Sgt. Brother Samuel was a valuable member and served his church faithfully. He is greatly missed by his wife, Gayle and children, his church family and the community.

Marvin Chapel

Ethel Brock

Ruby Pelt passed away on March 11, 1997. She was an active member, serving as a Sunday School teacher and Missions and Study Chairman of Woman's Auxiliary. She also served as Clerk and Treasurer for the Salem Association from 1977-1985.

Ed Morris passed away on June 24, 1997. He was an active member serving as Sunday School Superintendent, assistant song leader and bus ministry driver.

Salem

Les Grissett

Lena Kent

Mildred Phillips

Richard Skipper

Travelers Rest

Horace D. "H.D." Smith passed away on January 2, 1997, at his home. He was 79 years of age and an active and faithful member of our church. He was a veteran of Pearl Harbor. He is greatly missed by his family, church and friends.

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	REC.	LOST	INCOME	PROP. VALUE	ORD. MIN.	SS ENR.	CTS ENR.	WA ENR.	MM ENR.
Christian Home	Rev. David Womack Rt. 2, Box 864 Blountstown, FL 32424	Janet Dietz Rt. 2, Box 880 Blountstown, FL 32424	188	5	6	65,998.12	499,000	3	71		18	
Cottondale	Rev. Mark Fejes 900 Arthur Avenue Panama City, FL 32401	Jack E. Glass 3911 W. Hwy. 90 Marianna, FL 32448	75	13	0	18,735.00	235,000	1	29		10	
Damascus	Rev. Ronald Burger 2396 Martin Road Marianna, FL 32448	Annette Chafin 4018 Laramore Road Marianna, FL 32448	198	0	1	73,835.75	390,000	1	79			
Hickory Grove	Rev. Ricky Carroll P. O. Box 476 Ashford, AL 36312	Mildred Ditty 5519 Gemstone Rd. Bascom, FL 32423	56	1	0	13,908.87	100,000	1	14			
Holly Grove	Rev. Glen Watson(interim) 2928 Wildwood Circle Marianna, FL 32448	Linda Smith 2179 Harvey Lane Marianna, FL 32448	10	2	6	18,059.36	150,000	2	9			
Lovewood	Rev. Henry Matthews 1175 Falling Waters Road Chipley, FL 32428	Jean Foxworth 560 Hwy. 90 Chipley, FL 32428	24	0	1	16,802.89	80,113	1	8			
Malone	Rev. James Deese Rt. 6, Box 182-D Dothan, AL 36303	Carolyn Baxter P. O. Box 262 Malone, FL 32445	118	2	7	32,737.14	150,000	1	36	15		
Marvin Chapel	Rev. Tim McDonald 4885 Magnolia Rd. Marianna, FL 32446	Evelyn Grant 4905 Davis St. Marianna, FL 32446	100	0	4	51,313.17	388,000	2	31	9	8	
New Hope	Rev. Doug Carr 4068 Rocky Creek Rd, S.. Ashford, AL 36312	Susan Carr 3028 Paront Road Grand Ridge, FL 32442	45	5	0	30,097.30	63,000	1	21			
Salem	Rev. Donnie Hussey 4504 Magnolia Rd. Marianna, FL 32448	Myra Hurst 2305 Phillips Rd. Cottondale, FL 32431	174	11	8	73,450.00	327,100	2	109	55	16	12
Sneads	Rev. James Bradley 2080 Tanna Ave. Sneads, FL 32460	LaVelle S. Jones 2304 River Road Sneads, FL 32460	24	5	4	24,367.50	90,000	1	18	12	9	4
Travelers Rest	Rev. Devan Washington Rt. 1 Box 123 Altha, FL 32421	June Clemons Rt. 1, Box 104 Altha, FL 32421										

Treasurer's Report

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$11,746.67	\$0.00	\$11,746.67
FEB. 2	K-MART	\$0.00	\$10.40	\$11,736.27
FEB. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.98	\$0.00	\$11,758.25
FEB. 2	ARTISTIC CHECKS	\$0.00	\$32.90	\$11,725.35
MAR. 6	THE ADVERTISING AGENCY	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$10,205.35
MAR. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$22.44	\$0.00	\$10,227.79
MAR. 13	CHRISTIAN SUPPLY CENTER	\$0.00	\$64.95	\$10,162.84
MAR. 14	CHRISTIAN SUPPLY CENTER	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$10,102.84
MAR. 20	THOMPSON BROS. PRINTING	\$0.00	\$390.90	\$9,711.94
APR. 9	INTEREST EARNED	\$16.46	\$0.00	\$9,728.40
APR. 14	THE ADVERTISING AGENCY	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$9,643.40
APR. 14	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$9,223.40
APR. 11	1ST QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$6,675.44	\$0.00	\$15,898.84
APR. 26	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$4,841.83	\$11,057.01
APR. 26	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$314.13	\$10,742.88
APR. 26	HOME MISSION DEPT.	\$0.00	\$297.80	\$10,445.08
APR. 26	FWB CHILDRENS HOME	\$0.00	\$203.56	\$10,241.52
APR. 26	BD. OF FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$251.30	\$9,990.22
MA. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$23.68	\$0.00	\$10,013.90
JUN. 9	INTEREST EARNED	\$16.37	\$0.00	\$10,030.27
JUN. 23	WALMART	\$0.00	\$9.57	\$10,020.70
JUL. 5	SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$9,520.70
JUL. 13	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.67	\$0.00	\$9,539.37
JUL. 12	2ND QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$6,470.45	\$0.00	\$16,009.82
JUL. 21	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$4,616.84	\$11,392.98
JUL. 21	HOME MISSION BOARD	\$0.00	\$328.30	\$11,064.68
JUL. 21	FWB CHILDRENS HOME	\$0.00	\$238.56	\$10,826.12
JUL. 21	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$739.30	\$10,086.82
JUL. 21	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$299.12	\$9,787.70
AUG. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.75	\$0.00	\$9,809.45
SEPT. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.02	\$0.00	\$9,829.47
SEPT. 24	WEST FL MINISTERIAL ASSN.	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$9,629.47
OCT. 10	3RD QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$5,733.03	\$0.00	\$15,362.50
OCT. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.10	\$0.00	\$15,379.60
OCT. 20	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$15,115.60
OCT. 20	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$4,738.90	\$10,376.70
NOV. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.94	\$0.00	\$10,398.64
DEC. 5	KINDEL LANES TROPHY CENTER	\$0.00	\$26.88	\$10,371.76
DEC. 9	REV. DONNIE HUSSEY	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10,361.76
DEC. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.53	\$0.00	\$10,379.29
DEC. 16	GLENDA CLARK	\$0.00	\$335.59	\$10,043.70
DEC. 22	POSTMASTER	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$10,011.70
DEC. 29	REV. JAMES BRADLEY	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$9,961.70
DEC. 29	MYRA HILL	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$9,911.70

DEC. 29	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$8,911.70
DEC. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$8,761.70
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$5,632.87	\$0.00	\$14,394.57
JAN. 10	LOVE OFFERING - REV. J. BRADLEY	\$118.00	\$0.00	\$14,512.57
JAN. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.91	\$0.00	\$14,531.48
JAN. 12	REV. OR MRS. JAMES BRADLEY	\$0.00	\$368.00	\$14,163.48
JAN. 17	CHUCKWAGON HOUSE RESTAURANT	\$0.00	\$114.06	\$14,049.42
JAN. 19	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$13,899.42
JAN. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$4,559.65	\$9,339.77

General Account

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$3,651.88	\$0.00	\$3,651.88
FEB. 2	K-MART(OFFICE SUPPLIES)	\$0.00	\$10.40	\$3,641.48
FEB. 2	ARTISTIC CHECKS(CHECKS)	\$0.00	\$32.90	\$3,608.58
FEB. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.98	\$0.00	\$3,630.56
MAR. 6	THE ADVERTISTING AGENCY(TV AD)	\$0.00	\$1,520.00	\$2,110.56
MAR. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$22.44	\$0.00	\$2,133.00
MAR. 20	THOMPSON BROS. PRINTING(MINUTES)	\$0.00	\$390.90	\$1,742.10
APR. 9	INTEREST EARNED	\$16.46	\$0.00	\$1,758.56
APR. 14	THE ADVERTISING AGENCY (TV AD)	\$0.00	\$85.00	\$1,673.56
APR. 14	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB (DUES-STATE)	\$0.00	\$420.00	\$1,253.56
APR. 11	1ST QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$373.56	\$0.00	\$1,627.12
APR. 26	HOME MISSIONS DEPT. (C. LLOYD)	\$0.00	\$46.50	\$1,580.62
MA. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$23.68	\$0.00	\$1,604.30
JUN.9	INTEREST EARNED	\$16.37	\$0.00	\$1,620.67
JUN. 23	WALMART (OFFICE SUPPLIES)	\$0.00	\$9.57	\$1,611.10
JUL. 13	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.67	\$0.00	\$1,629.77
JUL. 12	2ND QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$418.57	\$0.00	\$2,048.34
JUL. 21	HOME MISSIONS DEPT. (C. LLOYD)	\$0.00	\$89.00	\$1,959.34
AUG. 11	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.75	\$0.00	\$1,981.09
SEPT. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$20.02	\$0.00	\$2,001.11
OCT. 10	3RD QUARTER RECEIPTS	\$410.29	\$0.00	\$2,411.40
OCT. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.10	\$0.00	\$2,428.50
OCT. 20	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB (C. LLOYD)	\$0.00	\$49.56	\$2,378.94
NOV. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$21.94	\$0.00	\$2,400.88
DEC. 5	KINDEL LANES (PLAQUE-CLARK)	\$0.00	\$26.88	\$2,374.00
DEC. 10	INTEREST EARNED	\$17.53	\$0.00	\$2,391.53
DEC. 16	GLENDA CLARK(PLAQUE-CENTENNIAL)	\$0.00	\$129.70	\$2,261.83
DEC. 22	POSTMASTER(STAMPS)	\$0.00	\$32.00	\$2,229.83
DEC. 29	REV. JAMES BRADLEY(MOD. SERVICES)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$2,179.83
DEC. 29	MYRA HILL(CLERK SERVICES)	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$2,129.83
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$380.43	\$0.00	\$2,510.26
JAN. 12	INTEREST EARNED	\$18.91	\$0.00	\$2,529.17
JAN. 12	REV. JAMES BRADLEY(OFFERING)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$2,279.17

Mission Board

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$1,461.19	\$0.00	\$1,461.19
APR. 11	1ST QTR. RECEIPTS	\$628.25	\$0.00	\$2,089.44
APR. 26	HOME MISSIONS DEPT.	\$0.00	\$251.30	\$1,838.14
	WHITEHEAD-\$125.65			\$1,838.14
	ALLIGOOD - \$125.65			\$1,838.14
APR. 26	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$251.31	\$1,586.83
	FRANKS - \$125.65			\$1,586.83
	OWEN - \$125.65			\$1,586.83
JUL. 12	2ND QTR. RECEIPTS	\$598.24	\$0.00	\$2,185.07
JUL. 21	BD OF FOREIGN MISSIONS	\$0.00	\$739.30	\$1,445.77
	FRANKS - \$119.65			\$1,445.77
	OWEN - \$119.65			\$1,445.77
	OWEN - \$500.00			\$1,445.77
JUL. 21	HOME MISSIONS DEPT.	\$0.00	\$239.30	\$1,206.47
	WHITEHEAD \$119.65			\$1,206.47
	ALLIGOOD - \$119.65			\$1,206.47
OCT. 10	3RD QTR. RECEIPTS	\$527.00	\$421.60	\$1,311.87
	WHITEHEAD -\$105.40			\$1,311.87
	ALLIGOOD - \$105.40			\$1,311.87
	FRANKS - \$105.40			\$1,311.87
	OWEN - \$105.40			\$1,311.87
DEC. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,161.87
	10 SHARES			\$1,161.87
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$513.68		\$1,675.55
JAN. 19	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$1,525.55
	10 SHARES			\$1,525.55
JAN. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$102.73	\$1,422.82
	DAVE FRANKS, JR.			

YOUTH BOARD

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$3,289.30	\$0.00	\$3,289.30
APR. 11	1ST QTR. RECEIPTS	\$157.06	\$0.00	\$3,446.36
JUL. 12	2ND QTR. RECEIPTS	\$149.56	\$0.00	\$3,595.92
OCT. 10	3RD QTR. RECEIPTS	\$132.00	\$0.00	\$3,727.92
DEC. 29	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,727.92
JAN.10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$128.42	\$0.00	\$2,856.34

Christian Education

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$3,165.10	\$0.00	\$3,165.10
APR. 11	1ST QTR. RECEIPTS	\$157.06	\$0.00	\$3,322.16
JUL. 5	SOUTHEASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE(J. JOHNSON)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,822.16
JUL. 12	2ND QTR. RECEIPTS	\$149.56	\$0.00	\$2,971.72
SEPT.24	WEST FL MINISTERIAL ASSN.(MEN'S RETREAT)	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$2,771.72
OCT. 10	3RD QTR. RECEIPTS	\$132.00	\$0.00	\$2,903.72
DEC. 9	REV. DONNIE HUSSEY(GUEST BOOK)	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$2,893.72
DEC. 16	GLENDA CLARK(PRINTING/CENTENNIAL)	\$0.00	\$205.89	\$2,687.83
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$128.42	\$0.00	\$2,816.25
JAN. 17	CHUCK WAGON RESTAURANT(BIBLE COLLEGE)	\$0.00	\$114.06	\$2,702.19

Camp Board Account

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APR. 11	1ST QTR. RECEIPTS	\$314.13	\$0.00	\$314.13
APR. 26	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$314.13	\$0.00
JUL. 12	2ND QTR. RECEIPTS	\$299.12	\$0.00	\$299.12
JUL. 21	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$299.12	\$0.00
OCT. 10	3RD QTR. RECEIPTS	\$264.00	\$0.00	\$264.00
OCT. 20	CAMP MT. PLEASANT	\$0.00	\$264.00	\$0.00
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSIONS RECEIPTS	\$256.84	\$0.00	\$256.84
JAN. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$256.84	\$0.00

Presbytery Account

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$179.20	\$0.00	\$179.20
MAR. 13	CHRISTIAN SUPPLY CENTER (BIBLE)	\$0.00	\$64.95	\$114.25
MAR. 14	CHRISTIAN SUPPL CENTER (GIFT CERT.)	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$54.25
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION (DAMASCUS)	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$79.25

FWB Children's Home Account

DATE	VENDOR	RECEIPTS	EXPENDITURES	BALANCE
FEB. 1	BALANCE FORWARD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
APR. 11	1ST QTR. RECEIPTS	\$203.56	\$0.00	\$203.56
APR. 26	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME	\$0.00	\$203.56	\$0.00
JUL. 12	2ND QTR. RECEIPTS	\$149.56	\$0.00	\$149.56
JUL. 21	FWB CHILDREN'S HOME	\$0.00	\$149.56	\$0.00
OCT. 20	3RD QTR. RECEIPTS	\$281.55	\$281.55	\$0.00
JAN. 10	ANNUAL SESSION RECEIPTS	\$128.43	\$0.00	\$128.43
JAN. 30	FL STATE ASSN OF FWB	\$0.00	\$128.43	\$0.00

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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 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.

1st Quarterly Session, Friday Night, April 10, 1998
Hickory Grove

2nd Quarterly Session, Saturday, July 11, 1998
Marvin Chapel

3rd Quarterly Session, Friday Night, October 9, 1998
New Hope

Annual Session, January 8 & 9, 1999
Cottondale