

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT
CAMP NEBO
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP
HOLT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 26-27, 1980

OFFICERS

Moderator
Asst. Moderator
Clerk
Treasurer
Reading Clerk

Bro. Jesse Odom
Bro. W. A. Wilkinson
Sis. Marcia Dotson
Bro. John Pinson
Sis. Learvene Bass

Closed to meet at Camp Nebo,
Free Will Baptist Camp, Holt, Florida
September 25, 1981 1030 A.M.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting Brethern to seat with us.
2. Opportunity for Members.
3. Reading Minutes of last conference.
4. Church Report of last acknowledgements.
5. Deacons Report.
6. Unfinished business.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

ORDAINING COUNCIL AND DATE OFFICE EXPIRES

- 1981 Rev. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Bolder Ave., Pensacola FL
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- 1982 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 300, Baker FL
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- 1983 Bro. Edd Bass, Route 5, Box 269C, Andalusia AL
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- 1984 Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia AL
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- 1985 Bro. John Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola FL
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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Bro. Gerald Kimbro, Dozier AL
- Bro. Edd Bass, Route 5, Box 269C, Andalusia AL
- Bro. V. L. McGlaun, Route 1, Andalusia AL Phone 222-1317
- Bro. Glen Wilkinson, Route 1, Holt FL Phone 537-6752
- Bro. Frank Harris, 8310 Gardenia Circle, Pensacola FL
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- Bro. Ralph Beasley, Route 4, Box 244, Brewton AL
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MINISTERS PRESENT

- Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia AL Phone 222-445
- Rev. Theo Buck, Route 4, Box 215A, Brewton AL Phone 867-2694
- Rev. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Bolder Ave., Pensacola FL Phone 456-3972
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- Rev Webster Sasser, Route 3, Andalusia AL Phone 493-7889
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VISITING MINISTER

- Rev. Phelan Findley, Route 2, Box 16, Castleberry AL
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PROCEEDINGS

September 26, 1980, 10:30 A.M. Meeting was called to order by Moderator W. A. Wilkinson, Congregational singing led by Bro. Jesse Odom. Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Devotional by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson reading Hebrews 13 on "Advice to the Church." More congregational singing. Rev. Phelan Findley took the stand and preached on "Making our Provisions" with text taken from Genesis 7:1. Dismissed for lunch and thanks given for the food by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

FRIDAY 1:00 P.M.

The congregation sang, with Bro. Jesse Odom leading, "When We All Get to Heaven," followed by a devotion by Rev. Johnny Jones reading from Matthew 4:18,19. Body declared ready for business. The letters from all the churches were turned in and read. All were adopted. The Delegates, Ministers, and Deacons formed a circle and took the Welcoming Handshake. A short recess was taken while the Committees were appointed. Committees appointed as follows:

Divine Service Committee: Brothers Jerry Dotson, Johnny Lisenby, Gerald Kimbro, Edd Bass and Frank Harris.

Sunday School Report: Sisters Betty Harris, Flara Bass, Naomi Wilkinson, Ineta McGlaun, Rev. Theo Buck.

Auxiliary Report: Sisters Patricia Rigby, Rosa Selvage, Thelma Odom, Rhonda Faye Beverly, Bonnie Mae Matthews.

Resolution Report: Brothers A. S. Ballard, Jimmy Beverly and Sisters Anna McGlaun, Frances Stroud and Melonee Jones.

Obituaries Report: Sisters Thelma Odom and Naomi Wilkinson and Bro. Frank Harris.

Temperance Report: Rev. J. C. Matthews, Rev. Theo Buck and Sis. Patricia Rigby.

Finance Report: Brothers John Pinson, L. S. Nall and Sis. A. S. Ballard.

Suggestion Committee: Rev. L. V. Pinson, J. C. Matthews, Johnny Jones, Brothers Jesse Odom and Maxie Bass.

Treasurers Report: Bro. John Pinson.

Body reconvened; time for Friday night Services set for 7:30.

DIVINE SERVICE REPORT

Rev. Theo Buck Friday night Service and Rev. Johnny Jones preach at 11:00 Saturday. Dismissed by Bro. Gerald Kimbro.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Song Service with Lois Lee and Jerry Dotson furnishing the music. Rev. Theo Buck took the stand and preached on "The Dangers of Backsliding," taking his text from II Peter 3:17, I Cor. 9:27 and I Cor. 10:12. Dismissed by Bro. Frank Harris.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

Body called to order with the congregation singing, Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano and Bro. John Pinson leading. Prayer by Rev. Phelan Findley. Devotional by Bro. Frank Harris, reading from Matt 23:36-40. Recessed for Committees to work on reports. Reconvened for business.

RESOLUTION REPORT

We suggest as the scripture teaches against worldliness in any form, be it resolved that each member seek Divine Guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous Living.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee find that all six churches have an active Sunday School program. We pray that each church would continue in the teaching of fundamental doctrines and stress dedication of service to our Lord. We ask that all the churches give their best effort to come to our Sunday School Rally, also all other activities planned for our Association. These meetings are for everyone.

AUXILIARY REPORT

We find three Auxiliaries in the Association--Canaan Free Will Baptist Church, Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church and First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola. A total of twenty-three members. The primary purpose of Women's Auxiliary is Missions. We also send flowers, hold Bible School, have Christmas and Easter emphasis and do personal services when needed. We encourage all churches if possible to form Auxiliaries. We enjoyed our first Auxiliary Retreat at "Camp Nebo" this year and are looking forward to having another one next year.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance in Treasury	\$ 57.71
Dozier Church	25.00
Pensacola Church	60.00
Shady Hill Church	54.00
Canaan Church	60.00
New Shady Grove Church	30.00
New Bethany Church	75.00
Free Will Offering	81.49
Total	<u>\$443.20</u>

11:00 A.M.

Songs by the congregation with Bro. John Pinson leading and Sister Linda Pinson at the piano. Rev. Johnny Jones took the stand and preached an inspiring sermon on "Watch Ye and Pray" with text taken from Mark 13:28-37, Mark 14:13-15, 14:24, 32-42. A Motion was made by Rev. Theo Buck to take a collection to subsidize our balance in the Treasury; seconded and carried. Collection added of \$81.49.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on September 21, 1979\$177.35
Church Fees	250.00
	<u>\$427.35</u>
Paid for Minutes.	239.00
Paid Clerk	50.00
Alabama State Association Fee	30.00
Alabama State Food Fee	30.00
Postage and Materials	17.81
Bank Charges	<u>2.83</u>
	\$369.64
Balance on September 26, 1980\$ 57.71

OBITUARIES REPORT

We find four deaths in our Association this year.

New Bethany - Mrs. Louise Heath

Shady Hill - Mr. Riley Bass

Canaan - Mr. Jimmy Lisenby

Shady Grove - Mr. Marvin Bryant

We miss those we Love, But hope to meet them again in Heaven.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee suggest that Christian people avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, to provide things honest in the sight of all men and pray for each other daily.

Dismissed for lunch and thanks given for food by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

1:00 P.M.

Song Service by the congregation led by Bro. John Pinson with Sister Linda Pinson at the piano. Prayer by Sis. Flara Bass.

SUGGESTION REPORT

1. Suggest that the Executive Committee draw up a program for the entire Association.
2. Suggest the Quarterly Meetings be held as follows:
1st January 17, 1981 New Bethany Church
2nd April 11, 1981 Shady Hill Church
3rd July 11, 1981 New Shady Grove Church
3. Suggest that Sunday School Rally be held at Camp Nebo, June 13, 1981 at 10:00.
4. Suggest that Clerk be paid \$50 for her services.
5. Suggest to have another Ministers and Deacons Retreat and let Executive Committee do the planning.
6. Suggest to start a fund for a Camp Well, with these funds going into the General Campsite Treasury with a record being kept of the amounts.
7. Suggest that any voting delegate in this Association must be a member of this Association.

The Executive Board members were presented to the body and all accepted.

Bro. John Pinson was reappointed to the Ordaining Council for his term to run until 1985.

The Moderator gave a report on the Children's Home. He urged everyone to attend the Harvest Drive on October 18, 1980 at 1:00 P.M. which is to collect usable items for the Children's Home. A collection was taken of \$46.12 to be sent to the Children's Home. Many Thanks for this.

Delegates to go to the State Association will be Sisters Linda Pinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Ruby Buck, and Flara Bass.

A short recess was taken so the Ordaining Council could meet with Rev. Johnny Jones.

Body called to order with a song "Jesus Saves." The Election for Officers for the year 1980-81 was held as follows:

- Moderator Bro. Jesse Odom
- Asst. Moderator Rev. W. A. Wilkinson
- Clerk Sis. Marcia Dotson
- Treasurer Bro. John Pinson

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Fifty-Fourth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our Gratitude to Camp Nebo which consists of six churches, for the Hospitality and Fellowship we have enjoyed during this Association. We Thank God for the Camp building and facilities and pray for continuing blessing here.

Dismissed by Rev. L. V. Pinson. The body formed a circle and took the parting handshake.

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QUARTERLY MEETING
January 19, 1980

Canaan Free Will Baptist Church

The Meeting opened with a song with Rev. Theo Buck leading as the congregation sang, "Where the Soul Never Dies." The Moderator welcomed everyone. Bro. Jesse Odom, Bro. and Sis. Ralph Beasley presented special songs and music. Bro. John and Sis. Linda Pinson presented some special singing. Bro. Jesse Odom asked the congregation a number of interesting Bible questions. Rev. and Mrs. Phelan Findley brought some special singing accompanied by daughter Deborah at the piano. Prayer by Rev. J. T. Long. A special by Sis. Patricia Rigby, Bro. John Pinson and Rev. L. V. Pinson. Rev. L. V. Pinson took the stand and preached from Mark 14:1-9 on "Are We Doing All We Can for the Master?" Dismissed for lunch and Thanks given for the food by Bro. Frank Harris.

1:00 P.M.

A devotional was brought by Rev. Theo Buck reading from Hebrews 12:1-2, prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. A Thank You Note was read from Bro. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Children's Home, and a Newsletter from Bro. Eddie Payne, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa, telling of the work there.

A report was given on the State Association by Rev. L. V. Pinson, Sis. Flara Bass and Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Each church will be required to send in an additional \$5 per church for food costs for this year.

A Preachers, Deacons and Lay Workers Retreat is planned for April 25 and 26 at Camp Nebo with Rev. J. D. O'Donnell as the speaker.

The Campground Treasurers Report: A balance of \$257.31 on hand.

The Camp Meeting for the Summer is planned for August 11-16 with Rev. Carl Nelson.

A collection of \$41.15 was received for the Children's Home.

The Ordaining Council met while the congregation enjoyed guitar, fiddle and mandolin music and some special singing. A report from the Ordaining Council welcomes Rev. Theo Buck to the Association.

The Annual Egg Hunt will be at 10:30 on Saturday before Easter.

Dismissed by Rev. J. T. Long.

QUARTERLY MEETING

April 12, 1980

Dozier Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting called to order with congregational singing, led by Rev. Webster Sasser with Sis. Hazel Kimbro at the piano. Prayer by Rev. Webster Sasser. Special songs by Bro. John Pinson, Sis. Patricia Rigby and Sis. Linda Pinson. Rev. Webster Sasser took the stand and brought a message from Philippians 4:13 "I Can Do All Things Through Christ Which Strengtheneth Me." Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Sasser. Thanks given at the table by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

1:00 P.M.

With Bro. John Pinson leading and Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano the congregation sang a number of songs. Prayer led by Rev. Theo Buck. Devotional by Rev. J. C. Matthews, reading Psalm 1.

Rev. L. V. Pinson gave a progress report on the planned Men's Retreat for April 25 and 26.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Jesse Odom from the Canaan Church to serve on the Board of Trustees for the Campsite.

Sis. Patricia Rigby told of plans for a Ladies Auxiliaries Retreat, inviting all of the ladies of the churches to attend on June 27 and 28. Sis. Linda Pinson told about a bill being presented at the present time in the State Legislature of the right to teach in the schools of the Creation as well as evolution. Everyone is urged to write their Representative in support of this bill.

Rev. L. V. Pinson urged everyone to prayerfully support the Christian Schools.

An offering of \$40.01 was taken to be sent to the Children's Home.

Dismissed by Rev. Webster Sasser.

QUARTERLY MEETING
August 2, 1980

First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola

Called to order by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Congregation singing led by Bro. Jesse Odom with Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano. A program was presented by the church led by Sis. Clark on "What It Takes to Make a Church:"

The Great Commission.	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Sunday School	Bro. Clark
Prayer and Deeds	Sis. Betty Harris
Auxiliary	Sis. Carolyn Stacy
Masters Men	Bro. Ballard
C.T.S.	Jennifer Pinson
Teachers	Sis. Linda Pinson
Deacons	Bro. Frank Harris
Young People	Frankie Harris
Offerings	Sis. Patricia Rigby
Visitation	Sis. Clark
Testifying	Sis. Williams
Song	by the congregation

Sermon by Bro. Theo Buck, "Preparing Ourselves." Text taken from Hebrews 12:1-6. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Smith.

1:00 P.M.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Webster Sasser, prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. Devotional by Bro. Jesses Odom on "Repent for the Kingdom of God is at Hand" reading from Matt. 4:17-25. Moderator W. A. Wilkinson called body to order. A work report on Camp Nebo was given by Bro. Frank Harris. Report on Children's Home; a collection was taken for the Home of \$34.76. Rules and Regulations for Camp Nebo were presented by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Insurance for the Camp was discussed and voted on and passed: Cost of insurance will be \$54.00.

Dismissed by Bro. Frank Harris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1980-81

Harvest Drive	Camp Nebo	Oct 18, 1980
Quarterly Meeting	New Bethany Church	Jan 17, 1981
Quarterly Meeting	Shady Hill Church	Apr 11, 1981
Egg Hunt	Camp Nebo	Apr 18, 1981
Rally Day	Camp Nebo	Jun 13, 1981
Quarterly Meeting	New Shady Grove	Jul 11, 1981
Camp	Camp Nebo	Summer
Association	Camp Nebo	Sep 25-26, 1981

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. As to God - One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.
2. As to Scripture - All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16.
3. As to Freedom of Will - "Ye will not come unto me." John 5:40. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.
4. As to Condition of Salvation - He (Christ) died for all. II Cor. 5:15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Rom. 10:13. "For in due season we shall reap if we faint not." Gal. 6:9. "Be thou faithful unto death and I will give thee a crown of life." Rev. 2:10.
5. As to Election - "God is no respecter of persons, but in every nation he that feareth Him and worketh righteousness is accepted with Him." Acts 10:34-35.
6. As to Grace - "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men." Titus 2:11. "For by grace are ye saved through faith." Eph. 2:8.
7. As to Faith - "Justified by Faith." Rom. 5:1. "This is the victory which overcometh the world, even our faith." I John 5:4.
8. As to Works - "Faith without works is dead." James 2:6. "God hath before ordained that we should walk in them." Eph. 2:10.
9. As to Baptism - "And they went down both into the water, and when they were come up out of the water." Acts 8:39. "We are buried with Him by baptism unto death." Rom. 6:4.
10. As to Subject to Baptism - "If thou believest with all thine heart thou mayest." Acts 8:37. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.
11. As to Oneness of the Christian Church - "Is Christ divided?" I Cor. 1:13. "I am the vine, ye are the branches." John 15:5. "That they may be one as we are." John 17:11-21. "There is one body and one spirit, even, as ye are called in one hope of your calling." Eph. 4:4.
12. As to Communion - "This do in remembrance of Me." Luke 22:19. "But let a man examine himself and so let him eat the bread and drink of the cup." I Cor. 11:28. "Let no man therefore, judge you." Col. 2:16.

13. As to the Resurrection "For the hour cometh in which all that are in the grave shall hear His voice and shall come forth." John 5:28. "For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised incorruptible and we shall be changed." I Cor. 15:52.

14. As to the Judgment, Reward, and Punishment - "For we shall all stand before the Judgment seat of Christ." Rom. 14:10. "And these shall go away into everlasting punishment, but the righteous into life eternal." Matt. 23:46.

15. As to Feet Washing - "Ye also ought to wash one another's feet." John 13:14. "For I have given you an example." John 13:15. "Verily, verily, I say unto you, the servant is not greater than his lord." John 13:16. "If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them." John 13:17. "Because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example." I Peter 2:21.

AS TO THE RULES-ARTICLE I

Section 1. When a sufficient number of members are ready for organization the articles of faith and the church covenant shall be read and if adopted the right hand of fellowship shall be extended, and after prayer they shall proceed to the election of officers, after which they shall be declared organized and ready for business.

Section 2. No church shall be organized with less than three male members, nor within six miles of another church of the same faith, unless in towns or cities.

Section 3. The officers of a church shall be pastor, one or more deacons, and a clerk and treasurer, and not less than three trustees.

Section 4. The church shall call their pastor at the next conference preceding the past regular conference, in the association year, unless in case of a vacancy; in such case they may call a conference for that purpose.

Section 5. Any church, in case of necessity, may call a conference and elect one of their members, or a visiting minister, as moderator.

Section 6. The church may hold a conference as often as it deems it necessary.

Section 7. It is suggested that the church commune and wash the members' feet as often as convenient, and it shall not be postponed on account of disobedient members.

Section 8. The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend the conference, when notified to do so.

Section 9. That the Church recommend the questioning of any member for license, the same as for ordination.

Section 10. A presbytery of 5 ordained men shall be appointed by the moderator to hold office 1 through 5th year to conduct ordination of ministers or deacons for this association or any church connected with this association.

Section 11. Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried,

Section. 12. Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.

Section 13. I shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a spiritual manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine and discipline, and the rule of holy living and the church members' duties.

Section 14. As the Scriptures teach against worldliness in any form, Be it Resolved that each member seek the divine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living.

ARTICLE 2

Section 1. The pastor shall attend his church unless providentially hindered, and shall sit as moderator and see that justice is done, but may appoint some suitable brother to sit in his stead when he thinks proper for the cause. He shall also hold a protracted meeting with his church once a year.

Section 2. The deacon shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church. They shall watch over the flock, advise the unruly members and report such to the church in conference, when necessary, and may administer the ordinance of baptism; they shall make all necessary arrangements for the communion; look into the needs of the church, and the support of the pastor; they shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and wash each other's feet, and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference.

Section 3. The clerk shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church; he shall keep a record of the members and minutes of the business transactions of the church and shall read the same at the conference as often as the church may demand, and shall turn all books and papers over to his successor in office.

Section 4. The treasurer shall be elected by the church, shall hold office at the will of the church, shall hold all monies paid into the church for general expenses, and pay out the same only on an order from the church, in conference, and shall turn over all money and papers to his successor.

Section 5. The trustees shall be elected by the church, and shall hold office for two years and until their successors are elected, unless removed for cause; they shall have charge of the deeds and all other church property, and shall look after the repairs of the church, but they cannot sell or otherwise dispose of the church property without an order from the church in conference.

Section 6. No one shall be received in the church unless spiritually baptized by immersion by an ordained baptizer.

Section 7. Members must pay their debts contracted by them or make satisfactory arrangements with their creditors, and they shall help pay their pastors.

Section 8. We recommend that each church elect a Home Mission Treasurer and all money collected for Home Missions be retained in the church and paid out only by order of the church.

Section 9. No preacher has a right to organize and bring a church into our Association without the arm of a church in our Association to help organize and presbytery same.

Section 10. We recommend that each ordained minister in our Association obtain credentials showing denomination that ordained them, name of church, county and state. Also presbytery that ordained them if possible.

Section 11. It is required of each church to do everything possible to promote religious work by giving youth members an opportunity and encouraging them to speak in public in behalf of our Saviour

Section 12. Each church shall encourage its members to attend every conference possible, to study minutes, follow the rules and the articles of faith be read in the church at least once a year.

Section 13. No member shall leave the house without sufficient cause nor engage in conversation without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.

Section 14. All discussions in conference must be conducted in conference with calmness and good feelings; and those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator and keep the point in debate.

Section 15. No member shall speak more than twice on the same subject without permission from the moderator nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

Section 16. When the moderator speaks he shall nominate some other moderator in his stead.

Section 17. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.

Section 18. The Executive Committee is the governing body of the Association to act on things pertaining to the Association when the Association is not in session.

PERMANENT REGULATIONS

1. No Preacher or Deacon shall be in good standing in our Association having two wives or their wives having two living husbands. 1 Timothy 3:2
2. No minister be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married having a living husband or wife.
3. That each Church appoint 4 delegates to the Association each year.
4. That all deacons from the different churches be standing delegates to the Association.
5. No Minister be called as pastor or used as evangelist in any church in this Association without being subject to questioning by ordaining council.
6. No Minister be used as an evangelist for Revival Meetings in any church in this Association except one of F.W.B. Faith.
7. Minutes will be kept by Clerk of the Quarterly meetings and recorded in the Annual Minutes.

8. Clerk write Resolution of Thanks.
9. Each Church record and report their Children's Home Offerings separate from other offerings.
10. A letter of Explanation from each church be sent in absence of representation at the Quarterly Meetings.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

STATISTICS TABLE FOR 1980

CHURCH & PASTOR	CLERKS	TOTAL MEMBERS	PAID PASTORS	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
Shady Hill Church Rev. J. C. Matthews	Mrs. Learvene Bass Route 5, Box 269C Andalusia AL 36420	57	\$1,190.00	\$54.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
First Free Will Baptist Church Pensacola FL Rev. L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Betty Harris 8310 Gardenia Circle Pensacola FL 32504	89	\$5,214.04	\$50.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
New Shady Grove Church Rev. H. L. Scott	Mrs. Madge Stewart Route 8, Box 46A Andalusia AL 36420	24	\$ 625.00	\$30.00	Sunday
New Bethany Church Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Mrs. Oattie Lee Wilkinson Route 1 Holt FL 32564	19	\$ 763.00	\$75.00	Fourth Sunday Saturday Night Before 2nd Sunday
Canaan Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Theo Buck	Mrs. Frances Beasley Route 4, Box 244 Brewton AL 36426	81	\$2,750.00	\$60.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
Dozier Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Johnny Jones	Mrs. Cynthia Henderson General Delivery Dozier AL 36028	63	\$1,640.00	\$25.00	Sunday Sunday Night

