

MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
HELD AT
CAMP NEBO
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP
HOLT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 25-26, 1981

OFFICERS

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

Closed to meet at Camp Nebo,
Free Will Baptist Camp, Holt, Florida
September 24, 1982, 10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF CONFERENCE

1. Invite visiting brethren 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

- 1982 Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 300, Baker FL
Phone 537-3192
- 1983 Bro. Edd Bass, Route 5, Box 269C, Andalusia AL
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- 1984 Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia AL
Phone 222-4455
- 1985 Bro. John Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola FL
Phone 476-4933
- 1986 Rev. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Bolder Ave., Pensacola FL
Phone 456-3972

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 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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CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

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| Rev. W. A. Wilkinson | Bro. Frank Harris |
| Rev. J. C. Matthews | Bro. Jesse Odom |
| Rev. L. V. Pinson | Bro. Glen Wilkinson |

MINISTERS PRESENT

- Rev. L. V. Pinson, 3015 Bolder Ave., Pensacola FL Phone 456-3972
- Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Route 2, Box 300, Baker FL Phone 537-3192
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- Rev. J. C. Matthews, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia AL Phone 222-4455
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VISITORS

Mrs. Flora Jackson
Mrs. Hazel Cardwell
Rev. W. G. Palmer

Mrs. Morencia Palmer
Miss Mamie Lou Palmer
Rev. N. W. Carden

PROCEEDINGS

September 25, 1981, 10:30 A.M. Meeting was called to order by Moderator Jesse Odom. The congregation joined together in singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

Church letters were turned in to the clerk. Bro. Jesse Odom read an article on "The Rapture." Thanks given to all for the help on clean up day and for the Flag Pole installation. Prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson. Associational Deacons were appointed by the moderator, Bros. Frank Harris and Glen Wilkinson. 11:00 A.M. Rev. L. V. Pinson took the stand and brought a message on "Building the Church and Ourselves," taking his text from Exodus 25:1-5 and 26:15-28.

Rev. L. V. Pinson gave a report on the meeting of the General Board of the State Association on the outcome of the Children's Home. Thanks for the petitions sent by our churches in support of the continuance of the operation of the Home. Rev. W. A. Wilkinson gave a report on the support of the Home by Free Will Baptist Churches, an area where we are falling short. The Moderator appointed Bro. Glen Wilkinson to serve on the Campsite Committee. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Jesse Odom.

Thanks given at the table by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

1:00 P.M.

Singing by the congregation. Body declared ready for business. Devotional brought by Bro. Frank Harris, reading from Rev. 19:1-10. The Reading Clerk Patricia Rigby read the church letters; all were adopted. Delegates were recognized.

Visitors were welcomed. The Moderator gave a report on insurance for the Camp--\$312.00 per year for \$100,000.00 liability and \$40,000.00 fire, wind, hail or vandalism coverage. Purchasing insurance for the Camp was discussed.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Sunday School Report: Sisters Ella Nall, Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Joyce Bass, Irene Moore.

Auxiliary Report: Sisters Ruby Buck, Curro Pinson, Betty Harris, Rosa Selvage.

Resolution Report: Reverends Theo Buck, J. C. Matthews, W. A. Wilkinson.

Obituaries Report: Brothers Glen Wilkinson, L. S. Nall, Frank Harris

Temperance Report: Sisters Patricia Rigby, Flara Bass, Naomi Wilkinson, Florence Bass.

Finance Report: Brothers John Pinson, L. S. Nall, Maxie Bass.

Suggestion Report: Brothers Glen Wilkinson, Frank Harris, L. V. Pinson.

Treasurers Report: Brother John Pinson.

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A beautiful Flag raising ceremony with the singing of "The Star Spangled Banner" as the Flag was being raised, then the Pledge to the Flag. Our unending gratitude to Sis. Hazel Cardwell for the flag given in loving memory of her husband Bro. Herbert Cardwell. Dismissed by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Rev. W. A. Wilkinson took the stand and preached from Hebrews 1. Dismissed by Bro. Jesse Odom.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

With Linda Pinson at the piano and Matthew Pinson leading, the congregation sang a number of songs. Prayer by Rev. N. W. Carden. The body was declared ready for business. A devotional was brought by Marcia Dotson on "Faith," reading from Hebrews 11:1-11. A short recess was given for the committees to work on their reports. Called to order the Reports read and adopted.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We the Temperance Committee suggest that Christian people avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and worldly 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.

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.

OBITUARIES REPORT

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Shady Hill Church - Sis. Dora Murphy

AUXILIARY REPORT

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee find that all five churches have an active Sunday School program. We pray that each church will continue in 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 by our Association.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand September 1980	\$ 57.71
Church fees and Free Will Offering	<u>385.49</u>
	2.00
Bank Refund	<u>445.20</u>
Paid for Minutes	87.00
Paid clerk	50.00
Paid postage	6.08
Alabama State Fee	<u>60.00</u>
Paid Out	\$203.08
Balance on hand September 25, 1981	\$242.12

FINANCE REPORT

Balance in Treasury	\$242.12
Pensacola Church	85.00
New Bethany Church	85.00
Shady Hill Church	100.00
Canaan Church	100.00
Shady Grove Church	30.00
Total	<u>642.12</u>

11:00 A.M.

Song service with Matthew Pinson leading and Linda Pinson at the piano. Special singing by Rev. and Mrs. Grady Palmer was enjoyed by all. Rev. Theo Buck preached on "Standing for the Lord." Dismissed and Thanks for the food was given by Rev. Grady Palmer.

1:00 P.M.

Called to order by congregational singing, prayer by Mrs. Flara Bass. Rev. Grady Palmer and Rev. Nick Carden gave brief invitations to attend Liberty No. 1 Associational meeting on October 9 and 10 at Friendship Free Will Baptist Church.

SUGGESTION REPORT

1. Suggest that the Executive Committee draw up a program for the Associational Meeting.
2. Suggest the Quarterly Meetings be held as follows:
1st January 30, 1982 First Church Pensacola
2nd April 10, 1982 Canaan Church
3rd July 31, 1982 New Bethany Church
3. Suggest that the Sunday School Rally be held on June 12, 1982 at Camp Nebo.
4. Suggest the clerk be paid \$75.00.
5. Suggest to have a Ministers and Laymans Retreat.
6. Suggest that all churches continue to support Camp Nebo funds.

Rev. L. V. Pinson was reappointed to serve on the Ordaining Council with his term to expire in 1986.

Prayer by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, an offering of \$60.08 was taken for the Children's Home.

Delegates for the State Association were appointed as follows: Ruby Buck, Flara Bass, Thelma Odom, Naomi Wilkinson and Patricia Rigby.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

Moderator	Bro. Jesse Odom
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Treasurer	Bro. John Pinson

A Ladies Retreat will be held October 16-17. The Annual Harvest Drive will be held October 17 beginning at 3:00 P.M. Bring anything that will be of use to the Children's Home.

The skeletal Minutes were read and accepted.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Fifty-Fifth Annual Session of the Southern Union Association wish to express our Gratitude to Camp Nebo, which consists of five 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 blessings here.

The body formed a circle and took the parting handshake. Dismissed by Rev. W. G. Palmer.

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QUARTERLY MEETING
January 17, 1981

New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church

Body called to order by Moderator Jesse Odom. Song by the congregation, "He Lives" with Jerry Dotson leading and Mary Ann Henley at the piano. A musical program was presented by the Baker Gospel Band. A Bible quiz testing everyone's knowledge of the Bible was enjoyed by all. Rev. Phelan Findley took the stand and brought a message on "Be Not Ignorant of the Promises of God," text taken from II Peter 3:308.

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

1:00 P.M.

Songs by the congregation with John Pinson leading and Linda Pinson at the piano. A devotional was brought by Bro. Ken Reiter on "Wells Without Water and Clouds Without Rain," text taken from II Peter 2:17.

Minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting were read by the clerk and accepted.

Welcome given to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Reiter by the Moderator.

Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council did not have a majority present so could not attend to business matters that were in need of attention.

A report was given by Moderator Jesse Odom on the State Association.

Motion made that the Moderator be an acting member on the Executive Committee so some business could be taken care of. A letter was read from the Dozier Church requesting withdrawal from the Association. Motion made to honor their request, carried.

A letter will be sent to Arleen Fleming Thanking her for her help on the Minutes.

Motion made that the Quarterly Meeting on July 11, 1981 be changed to June 27, 1981, carried. All churches will be notified of the change. A motion made that the Camp Meeting and the Youth Camp be separated this year. Discussion. Vote: In favor of separation - 10; In favor of leaving as is - 0.

The Moderator appointed Rev. W. A. Wilkinson, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Bro. John Pinson, Rev. Theo Buck and Rev. J. C. Matthews to meet with the Executive Committee to plan.

A collection of \$34.25 was taken for the Children's Home. Dismissed by Bro. Clark

QUARTERLY MEETING
April 11, 1981

Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church

Singing by the congregation with John Pinson leading and Linda Pinson at the piano. Body called to order by Moderator Jesse Odom. Sisters Learvene Bass, Rosa Selvage, Joyce Bass, Bonnie Mae Matthews and Wendy Bass presented an interesting program with special Easter emphasis.

Rev. J. C. Matthews took the stand and brought a message on "Wells Without Water" text taken from II Peter 2:17. Dismissed for lunch and Thanks given for the food by Rev. J. C. Matthews.

1:00 P.M.

Body called to order with a song. John Pinson brought a devotional reading from Psalm 9 and 18 on "I Will Praise Thee; O Lord, With my Whole Heart." Minutes read by the clerk and accepted by the body.

A pump is needed for the camp before camp time and the Men's Retreat. Discussion: money would be borrowed and paid back with the pump fund. Motion made that a pump be put down. Passed.

Moderator said Rev. Phelan Findley had come back into the Association and would like for him to be issued a Minister's ID Card. Motion made and passed. Rev. Ken Reiter from Pensacola Church will go before the Ordaining Council.

The Executive Committee has arranged the program for the Association in September. May 1 and 2 will be the Men's Retreat at Camp Nebo.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson was appointed Camp Director at Camp Nebo. Bro. John Pinson and Sister Linda Pinson appointed as Youth Counselors. Everyone is urged to contribute to the pump fund.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Matthews. A collection taken for the Children's Home of \$39.25. Dismissed by Rev. Theo Buck.

QUARTERLY MEETING
June 27, 1981

Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church

The congregation sang a number of songs with Linda Pinson at the piano and John Pinson leading. Welcome given by Moderator Jesse Odom. Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Rev. Theo Buck took the stand and brought the 11:00 message, taking his text from Hebrews 12:1-5, on "Playing the Game." Thanks given at the table by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

1:00 P.M.

Caleld to order by Moderator Jesse Odom. Song by congregation, "Praise Him, Praise Him." Devotional brought by Rev. L. V. Pinson, reading from Ephesians 6:11-17 and Colossians 2:1-7. The Minutes were read by the clerk and accepted.

The Moderator announced that Rev. L. V. Pinson would preach at 11:00 on Friday at the Association, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson on Friday night, and Rev. Theo Buck at 11:00 on Saturday.

Rev. L. V. Pinson gave a report on a meeting of the General Board on the possibility of closing the Children's Home. Discussion: Each church is asked to get a petition up with as many names as possible to be taken to the Board meeting in August.

Some suggestions for Youth Camp 82 were read by the Moderator. Thanks given to everyone for their help at the Camp.

Motion made for Bro. Frank Harris to check on inside flags for the camp; also to get a flagpole up outside at the camp, seconded and passed. Jerry Dotson will build the flag pole before the Association meeting in September.

Discussion on a time for the Camp Meeting. Motion made for August 10-14, seconded and passed. Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. Theo Buck and Rev. W. A. Wilkinson appointed to get a speaker and make plans for the meeting. Motion made that camp spaces be for Southern Union Association members only and others be invited for services, seconded and passed.

Motion made that each camping family provide their own food and any outsiders coming in bring their food, seconded and passed. A report given on the pump fund and everyone urged to contribute to get the pump paid off.

The National Association will be in Louisville, Kentucky on July 19-23, 1981.

Prayer by Bro. Glen Wilkinson. A collection taken for the Children's Home of \$43.40. Dismissed by Bro. Frank Harris.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1981-82

Harvest Drive	Camp Nebo	Oct 17, 1981
Quarterly Meeting	Pensacola Church	Jan 30, 1982
Quarterly Meeting	Canaan Church	Apr 10, 1982
Egg Hunt	Camp Nebo	Apr 10, 1982
Rally Day	Camp Nebo	Jun 12, 1982
Quarterly Meeting	New Bethany	Jul 31, 1982
Camp	Camp Nebo	Summer
Association	Camp Nebo	Sep 24, 25, 1982

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 1

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. It 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 1981

CHURCH & PASTOR	CLERKS	TOTAL MEMBERS	PAID PASTORS	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola Rev. L. V. Pinson	Mrs. Betty Harris 8310 Gardenia Circle Pensacola FL 32504	95	\$6,054.77	\$85.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
Shady Grove Free Will Baptist Church Rev. J. C. Matthews	Mrs. Madge Stewart Route 8, Box 46A Andalusia AL 36420	23	\$ 588.00	\$30.00	Sunday
Canaan Free Will Baptist Church Rev. Theo Buck	Mrs. Frances Beasley Route 4, Box 244 Brewton AL 36426	81	\$3,350.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church	Mrs. Learvene Bass Route 5, Box 269C Andalusia AL 36420	55	\$1,100.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sunday Night Wednesday Night
New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church Rev. W. A. Wilkinson	Mrs. Ottie Lee Wilkinson Route 1 Holt FL 32564	18	\$ 837.00	\$ 85.00	Fourth Sunday