

**M I N U T E S**  
*of the*  
**FIFTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

*Held At*  
**CAMP NEBO  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP  
HOLT, FLORIDA**

**SEPTEMBER 24-25, 1982**

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**OFFICERS**

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

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**CLOSED TO MEET AT CAMP NEBO,  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP, HOLT, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 23, 1983**

## 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. Micellaneous business.
8. Motion to adjourn.

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Bro. Jesse Odom

Rev. L.V.Pinson  
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## VISITORS

Mr. John Leavins  
Mr. Robert W. Laugaman  
Mrs. Ethel Cooper  
Miss Debra Findley

Mrs. Maggie Leavins  
Mr. Carl Frederokson  
Rev. John W. Burnham

## PROCEEDINGS

September 24, 1982, 10:30 A.M. Service was opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. J.C. Matthews.

The body was called to order by Moderator Jesse Odom.

Visitors were welcomed. Bro. Jesse Odom read Psalm 133. Church letters were turned in to the clerk.

Associational Deacons were appointed by the Moderator. Bro. Frank Harris and Bro. Ralph Bass.

Other committees were appointed as follows:

Sunday School Report: Sisters Linda Pinson and Betty Harris.

Auxiliary Report: Sisters Patricia Rigby and Mary Ann Harris.

Resolution Report: Sisters Mae Alice Findley and Ruby Buck.

Obituaries Report: Brothers Grady Collins and Ralph Bass.

Temperance Report: Sisters Flara Bass, Joyce Everage and Oattie Lee Wilkinson.

Finance Report: Brothers John Pinson, Maxie Bass and Frank Harris.

Suggestion Report: Rev. L.V. Pinson, Rev. P.L. Findley, Sisters Joyce Bass and Thelma Odom.

Treasurers Report: Bro. John Pinson and Sister Naomi Wilkinson.

The body retired to the yard for the Welcoming Handshake and raising of the Flag service.

With Linda Pinson at the piano and Bro. John Pinson leading, the congregation sang two songs. Bro. and Sister Everage sang "Consider The Lilies." Bro. John Pinson and Sister Patricia Rigby sang "In The Shadow Of The Cross."

Rev. P.L. Findley took the stand for the 11:00 o'clock service.

His Text- "Do You Believe the Bible?" 11 Peter 2.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. L.V. Pinson.

1:00 P.M.

Singing by congregation. Body declared ready for business. Devotional brought by Rev. Theo J. Buck reading from Isaiah 14:12.

The reading clerk, Patricia Rigby, read the church letters. All were adopted as read. Delegates were recognized.

New Shady Grove Church wrote a letter to the Association saying they no longer wished to be a member of the Southern Union Association.

A recess of thirty minutes was declared in order for the committees to get their reports filed out. The Reports were read and adopted.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We the Sunday School Committee find all five churches have an active Sunday School program, with a total of 170 members. We would like to stress the importance of Sunday School in teaching the fundamentals of the faith and the grounding of the body of Christ. We pray for the saving of souls and the cause of Christ to be strengthened. We ask that each church be represented at our annual Sunday School Rally and the other activities of the Association.

## AUXILIARY REPORT

We find four Auxiliaries in in the Association--Shady Hill, Canaan, First Church of Pensacola and First Church of Flomaton, with a total of 47 members. The primary purpose of the Womens 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 are looking forward to our Retreat last week-end in October.

## 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

We find five deaths in our Association this year.

Canaan-Sister Liza Morton

New Bethany- Bro. Glen Wilkinson

Shady Hill- Bro. Grady Bass

Bro. H.W. Smith

Sister Florence Bass

## 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 and drugs, to provide things honest in the sight of all men and pray for each other daily. We also suggest the reading of 1 Thess. 5:12-24 as a guide line for daily living.

## TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand September 1981.....	\$242.12
Church fees.....	<u>400.00</u>
	642.12

Paid for Minutes.....	112.25
Paid Clerk.....	75.00
Paid Alabama State fee.....	<u>100.00</u>
Paid out	287.25

Balance on hand September 1982.....	\$354.87
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## FINANCE REPORT

Balance in Treasury.....	\$354.87
Pensacola Church.....	100.00
New Bethany Church.....	100.00
Shady Hill Church.....	85.50
Canaan Church.....	100.00
Flomaton Church.....	<u>100.00</u>
Total.....	840.37



Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave an oral report on the Children's Home and dismissed with prayer.

#### FRIDAY NIGHT 7:30 P.M.

Service was opened with congregational singing. Rev. L.V. Pinson brought the evening message, reading from 11 Peter 3:1-7. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson dismissed in prayer.

#### SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

The congregation sang a number of songs led by Rev. John Burnham, Debra Findley, pianist.

Bro. Jesse Odom declared the body ready for business.

Visitors were welcomed and the body retired to the yard for the raising of the Flag. The Star Spangled Banner was sung and the Pledge to the Flag was given. Bro. John Pinson led the singing with Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano.

The Obituaries Report was read: All stood for a moment of silent prayer. Rev. John White led in prayer.

Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Everage sang "Let The Lower Lights Be Burning." Rev. & Mrs. P.L. Findley sang "Because He Lives." Bro. John Pinson sang "He Giveth Again."

Rev. John White took the stand for the morning service. His text was Temptation, Scripture reading from Matt. 4:1-11 and Psalms 91:11. Dismissed and Thanks for the food was given by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson.

#### 1:00 P.M.

The body was called to order with congregation singing. Rev. John Burnham gave an invitation to the Liberty No. 1 Association Oct. 8 & 9 at Semirah Springs Free Will Baptist Church to all who would like to join them. Devotion by Rev. Jerry Everage, Matt. 15:7.

#### SUGGESTION REPORT

1. Suggest the Elected Officers serve two years in the even year.
2. Suggest the Quarterly Meetings be held as follows:
  - 1st January 29, 1983.....First Church Flomaton
  - 2nd April 30, 1983.....Shady Hill Church
  - 3rd July 30, 1983.....First Church Pensacola
3. Suggest the Sunday School Rally be held June 11, 1983.
4. Suggest the Youth Camp be held June 20, 1983.
5. Suggest the Harvest Drive be held Oct. 16, 1982.
6. Suggest the Clerk be paid \$100.00.
7. Suggest the Association buy fifty R. E. Winsett song books for Camp Nebo.

Prayer by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson and an offering of \$61.25 was taken for the Children's Home.

Rev. Jerry Everage was ordained as a Minister.

An offering was taken for Camp Nebo of \$41.05.

Delegates to the State Association volunteered as follows: Flara Bass, Mae Alice Findley, Naomi Wilkinson, Linda Pinsom and Diane White.

Officers for the coming were elected as follows:

Moderator.....Bro. Jesse J. Odom  
Asst Moderator.....Rev. W.A. Wilkinson  
Clerk.....Sis. Frances Beasley  
Treasurer.....Bro. John Pinson

A Ladies Retreat will be held at Camp Nebo Oct. 29-30, 1982.

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Fifty-Sixth 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. Wethank 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. Jerry Everage.

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#### QUARTERLY MEETING January 30, 1982

##### Pensacola Free Will Baptist Church

Body called to order by Moderator Jesse Odom. A Poem was read by Rev. L.V. Pinson, "I Dreamed Death Came."

The congregation sang a number of songs with Linda Pinson and Debra Findley at the piano and organ and Bro. John Pinson leading.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson offered prayer. Devotion by Rev. John Burnham, Scripture Psalm 23, 24, St. John 14.

Testamony service was offered. Two songs were sung by congregation, and Rev. P.L. Findley led in prayer.

Rev. Carl Nelson took the stand for the 11:00 service. Scripture reading, Luke 10:33.

Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Songs by the congregation with Bro. John Pinson leading and Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano.

The body was called to order by the Moderator.

Devotion by Rev. P.L. Findley, Scripture reading, Ephesians 2:1-7.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the minutes. A report on the State Association. Discussion on the \$10:00 fee to the State and the National Association.

It was requested for the Clerk to send 2 Minutes to the State Association.

A motion was made to appoint Jerry Dotson on the Campsite Committee and on the Executive Committee.

Had a discussion on changing the next Quarterly Meeting from April 10 to May 1.

The Men's Retreat will be April 2-3, 1982.

The Children's Home was discussed. A collection of \$54.81 was received for the Home.

A moment of silent prayer in memory of Sis. Florence Bass and Bro. Glen Wilkinson.

Jenifer Pinson sang "Oh Rejoice In The Lord."

Prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Adjourn.

#### QUARTERLY MEETING

May 1, 1982

Canaan Free Will Baptist Church

Congregation sang one song, "I Shall Not Be Moved."

Devotion by Rev. P.L. Findley, reading from Romans 1:16.

Moderator Jesse Odom gave the welcome and declared the body in order.

A Committee of Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. W. A. Wilkinson and Rev. P.L. Findley was appointed by the Moderator to meet with delegates from the Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church to make a recommendation to the body on accepting this Church into Southern Union Association. Committee and delegates met while the congregation sang a number of songs. The Committee requested the Flomaton Church be voted on by the body. A vote was taken and they were accepted into the Association.

Rev. Theo J. Buck reported that beginning this year, each minister will be able to take another voting member to the National Association.

Each Church will be assessed \$10.00 more to be sent to the National Association.

Prayer by Bro. Clark.

Rev. L. V. Pinson took the stand for the morning service. Prayer by Rev. John Burnham. Song by Bro. John Pinson with Sister Linda Pinson at the piano.

Rev. Pinson spoke on "I Will Not Quit.", reading from Jeremiah 20:1-9.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. John Pinson. Thanks was given at the table by Rev. W. A. Wilkinson.

1:00 P.M.

Body was called to order with a song. Devotion by Bro. Johnny Lisenby reading a Poem "The Windows Of Gold."

Ordaining services for Rev. John White for Minister and Bro. Robert Clark for Deacon. Bro. Wayne Lacy was licensed as Minister.

The Moderator appointed Bro. Clyde Harris from the Flomaton First Free Will Baptist Church to serve on the Campsite Committee. A special meeting of the Campsite Committee was called for May 7, 1982 at 2:00 P.M.

Bro. Grady Collins was appointed to serve on the Executive Committee.

It was voted to send \$50.00 from the treasury to Rev. Ray Rich (State Associational Clerk) for the National Association fee. Each Church would pay \$10.00 back to the treasury.

Everyone invited to Camp Nebo. Rev. John White, Bro. Wayne Lacy and Bro. Robert Clark spoke on their new ordination and licensing.

Rev. W. A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. A collection of \$79.35 was taken and sent to the Home.



QUARTERLY MEETING  
July 31, 1982

New Bethany Free Will Baptist Church

The congregation sang one song "Near The Cross", led by Bro. John Pinson and Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano. Prayer by Rev. P. L. Findley. Song- "At The Cross". Welcome and Scripture reading by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, Hebrews 13:1-2. Song "We Are Going Down The Valley". A Bible quiz was given by Rev. Wilkinson.

Rev. John White took the stand. He sang "His Precious Blood Has Covered Me". Prayer by Rev. White. His Text was "Who Killed Jesus." Luke 23:33.

Rev. White offered prayer and sang "I Surrender All". Prayer by congregation.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

1:00 P.M.

The body was called to order by the Moderator. One song was sung, "Each Step I Take", led by Rev. John Burnham with Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano.

Devotion by Bro. John Pinson, Scripture reading from Acts 9:1-6, 21, Lord what wilt Thou have me do? 2nd Corinthians 5:6. Prayer by Bro. Pinson.

The Moderator ask the Ordaining Council to examine Bro. Jerry Everage as Minister.

The Executive Committee was asked by the Moderator to meet and plan program for the Association.

Bro. Maxie Bass asked for prayer and Sis. Linda Pinson requested prayer for Patricia Rigby.

A song service was held while the Executive Committee was out. The young folks sang two songs, Bro. Grady Collins sang one, Sis. Lilly Mae Harris and Bro. Grady Collins sang two, Rev. and Mrs. P.L. Findley sang one. Several songs were sung and led by Bro. Grady Collins and Rev. John Burnham.

The Ordaining Committee gave a report. They found Rev. Jerry Everage sound in doctrine and set time for ordination at the Association.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Preaching at the Association:

Friday 11:00A.M.....Rev. P.L. Findley  
Friday 1:00P.M.....Rev. Jerry Everage  
Friday night.....Rev. L.V. Pinson  
Saturday 11:00A.M.....Rev. John White  
Saturday 1:00.....Rev. Theo J. Buck

The plans were made for a clean-up day at Camp Nebo on Saturday before the third Sunday in September.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinsongave a report on the Children's Home. Prayer by Bro. Frank Harris and an offering of \$33.50 was taken for the home.

A Committee was appointed for Children's Rally or C.T.S. meetings.

Rev. L.V. Pinson gave a report on the National Association.

It was moved and second to adjourn.

Rev. Jerry Everage dismissed in prayer.



## 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. 1 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. 1 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." 1 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?" 1 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." 1 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." 1 Cor. 15:52.
14. As to the Judgement, Reward, and Punishment- "For we shall all stand before the Judgement 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." 1 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 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 treasure, 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 member's 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 worldiness 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 to 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 discussion 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 the 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 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 1982

CHURCH & PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERS	PAID PASTOR	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
First F.W.Baptist Church, Pensacola Rev.L.V.Pinson	Mrs.Betty Harris 8310 Gardenia Cr. Pensacola, Fl 32504	94	\$7,026.29	\$100.00	Sunday Sun.Night Wen.Night
Canaan F.W.Baptist Church, Brewton Rev.P.L.Findley	Mrs.Sherrie Lisenby Route 4, Box 336 Brewton, Al 36426	74	\$3,555.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sun.Night Wed.Night
Shady Hill F.W. Baptist Church Rev.Jerry Everage	Mrs.Learvene Bass Route 1, Box 179 Andalusia, Al 36420	48	\$ 728.00	\$ 85.00	Sunday Sun.Night Wed.Night
New Bethany F.W. Baptist Church Rev.W.A.Wilkinson	Mrs.Ottie L.Wilkinson Route 1, Box 82 Holt, Fl 32564	19	\$1,111.00	\$100.00	Fourth Sunday
First F.W.Baptist Church, Flomaton Rev.John White	Diane Johnson Route 1, Box 100 Flomaton, Al 36441	74	\$4,785.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sun.Night Wed.Night