

MINUTES
of the
FIFTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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

SEPTEMBER 23 - 24, 1983

OFFICERS

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

**CLOSED TO MEET AT CAMP NEBO,
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP, HOLT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 22, 1984**

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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VISITORS

Rev. Eugene Sanford

PROCEEDINGS

The Fifty Seventh Annual Session of The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist, met at Camp Nebo, September 23-24, 1983, 10:30 a.m.

Service was opened with congregational singing.

Prayer by Rev. Eugene Sanford.

The body was called to order by the moderator Bro. Jesse Odom.

Visitors were welcomed.

Bro. Jesse Odom read Psalms 27. Rev. J.C. Matthews offered prayer.

The body retired to the yard for the flag service and the welcome handshake.

The Church letters were turned in to the clerk.

Associational deacons were appointed by the moderator. Bro. Ralph Bass and Rev. W.A. Wilkinson.

Other committee's were appointed as follows:

Sunday School Report:

Sisters Offie Lee Wilkinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Linda Pinson

Ladies Auxiliary Report:

Sisters Mai Alice Findley, Linda Pinson

Resolution Report:

Sisters Thelma Odom, Joyce Bass, Joyce Everage

Obituaries Report:

Rev. P.L. Findley, Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, Bro. Ralph Bass

Temperance Report:

Rev. J.C. Matthews, Rev. L.V. Pinson

Finance Report:

Rev. Jerry Everage, Brothers John Pinson, Larmar Harris

Suggestion Report:

Rev. L.V. Pinson, Rev. P.L. Findley, Rev. Jerry Everage

Treasurer Report:

Bro. John Pinson

Masters Men Report:

Bro. John Pinson, Rev. P.L. Findley, Rev. L.V. Pinson

Dedication service was held for the Fifty Song books.

Rev. L.V. Pinson took the stand for the 11:00 message.

Scripture-Exodus 16:1-31.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson dismissed in prayer.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led in congregation singing. The pianist was Sister Linda Pinson.

The body was called to order by the moderator. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson brought the devotion from Roman 4:35-39.

The Church Covenant was read by Brother Jesse Odom.

Sister Joyce Everage was appointed reading clerk, in absence of our regular reading clerk.

The Church letters were read by the reading clerk. They were accepted as read.

A recess was declared by the moderator for the committees to get reports ready. Three reports were read and accepted.

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.

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.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand September 1982.....\$840.37

Paid Alabama State Association Fees.....\$100.00

Paid Alabama State Association for Meals..... 50.00

Paid for Minutes(Scotts America Printing).... 110.60

Paid Clerk.....100.00

Paid Out-\$360.60

Balance September 1982.....\$840.37

Paid Out.....360.60

Balance on hand.....\$479.77

Bro. Jesse Odom had a discussion on the Youth Camp.

A motion was made to adjourn. Bro. Ralph Bass dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

Service was opened with Congregation singing.

Rev. P.L. Findley brought the message. Scripture verses-Jude 4-5. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. James Turner.

SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

Service was opened with Congregation singing, led by Bro. John Pinson. The pianist was Sister Linda Pinson.

Body was declared in order for business.

Devotion by Rev. J.C. Matthews. Reading from Isaiah 6:1-5.

First Free Will Baptist Church of Flomaton church letter was read and accepted as read.

Two reports were read and adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, the Sunday school committee, find all five Churches have an active total of 150 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 Rally and the Activities of the Association.

LADIE'S AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the Committee on Ladie's Auxiliary find 3 Churches with Auxiliary: Shady Hill Free Will Baptist, First Free Will Baptist of Pensacola and Canaan Free Will Baptist. A total of 33 members. The primary purpose of Auxiliary is Mission. We also send flowers, hold Bible Schools, have Christmas and Easter emphasis and do personal services. We encourage the other Churches to form an Auxiliary. We enjoy many blessings from our Auxiliary.

We did not have our Annual Retreat this year due to sickness. Hope to have one in 1984. We suggest each clerk of Auxiliary turn in yearly report.

Recessed for break.

Bro. John Pinson led congregation singing, Pianist-Matthew Pinson. Special singing- John and Linda Pinson, "Holy, Holy, Holy".

Rev. Jerry Everage brought the 11:00 Message. Scripture-St. John, chapter 9. Rev. Everage closed message with prayer.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson dismissed with prayer for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Congregation singing. Body called to order by the Moderator. Devotion by Rev. T.J. Buck. Scripture-Matthew 6:25-34. Prayer by Rev. Buck.

An offering of \$39.00 was taken for Camp Nebo.

Three reports were read, one report was oral. They all were accepted.

OBITUARIES REPORT

We, the Committee on Obituaries find one death in our association this year. Bro. Hartwood Harris. 9-13-82, Flomaton, AL

A moment of silent prayer was offered led by Bro. John Pinson.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on hand.....	\$479.77
Pensacola First Church.....	\$100.00
New Bethany Church.....	100.00
Shady Hill Church.....	100.00
Canaan Church.....	100.00
Flomaton First Church.....	100.00
Total	<u>-\$500.00</u>
Old Balance	<u>- 479.77</u>
New Balance	<u>-\$979.77</u>

MASTERS MEN ORAL REPORT

We find two churches with Masters Men: First Free Will Baptist Church and Canaan Free Will Baptist Church.

SUGGESTION REPORT

1. We suggest a camp coordinator be chosen each association for each encampment, if it be summer youth or Camp Meeting. The individual or couple, having been entrusted with this responsibility, will plan and execute said encampment.
2. Suggest that the Association be held on Saturday(one day), instead of Friday and Saturday(two days).
3. Suggest that Association adopt "Guide Lines for Ordination" in conjunction with this, delete articles 1,2,5 & 6 of the permanent regulations.
4. Suggest that #1 suggestion in 1982 Minutes be placed in permanent regulations.
5. Suggest Quarterly Meetings be held as follows:
1st.January 28, 1984.....New Bethany(10:30 A.M.)
2nd.May 5, 1984.....Canaan(10:30 A.M.)
3rd.August 4, 1984.....Flomaton(10:30 A.M.)
6. Suggest Sunday School Rally be held June 9, 1984.
7. Suggest Youth Camp be held June 18, 1984.
8. Suggest Harvest Drive be held October 20, 1984.
9. Suggest Easter Fellowship be held April 21, 1984.

Delegates to the State Association were as follows: Sisters Joyce Everage, Ruby Buck, Linda Pinson, Naomi Wilkinson, Irma Turner, and Montez Dortch.

Rev. J.C. Dortch was elected to the ordaining council.

Bro. Frank Harris requested that his name be taken off the Camp-site Committee.

Sister Linda Pinson made a talk on The Harvest Drive to encourage their Churches to help make the drive to be a better one.

An offering of \$32.44 was taken for the Children's Home.

Officers for the Coming year elected as follows:

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

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Fifty-Seventh 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 Bro. James Turner.

Frances Beasley
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QUARTERLY MEETING January 29, 1983

First Quarterly Meeting. Flomaton First Free Will Baptist Church. Congregation was led by Bro. Grady Collins

Rev. N.W. Carden gave the Welcome. Rev. Eugene Sanford offered prayer. Bro. Grady Collins led congregation singing.

Flomaton First Church gave an inspiring program.

Rev. Bill Athon preached at 11:00. Message-Scripture II Tim. 4:4
Acts 17:16

Dismissed for lunch. Thanks was given for the food by Rev. N.W. Carden.

1:00 P.M.

Matthew Pinson led one song and Bro. Grady Collins led in congregation singing.

The Moderator called the body to order. Rev. Jerry Everage gave the devotion from Psalms 139:23 and II Cor. 10:5. Special prayer was offered for the sick.

The Moderator passed out Guide Lines of Ordination.

Bro. Wayman Holt was appointed on the Campsite Committee. Bro. Clyde Harris was removed.

April 2, 1983, date for the Easter Program at Camp Nebo.

A thank you note was read from the Children's Home by the clerk. Rev. L.V. Pinson gave a report on Masters Men. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home.

Prayer by Rev. N.W. Carden. An offering of \$61.75 was taken for the home.

Bro. Grady Collins dismissed in prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING
April 30, 1983

Second Quarterly Meeting. Shady Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist met for the purpose of having a 2nd quarterly meeting.

The Meeting started at 10:30 A.M. with congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Jerry Everage. Special singing by Bro. John-Sis. Linda Pinson and daughter Jennifer-Rev. & Mrs. Jerry Everage.

Rev. James Butler, from Barrydale, Fl., Travelers Rest FWB Church, preached the 11:00 Message. Scripture-Mark 4:1-8.

Dismissed for lunch. Thanks was given at the table.

1:00 P.M.

Rev. Jerry Everage offered prayer. Congregation singing led by Bro. Grady Collins. Special singing by Bro. and Sis. John Pinson. Devotion by Rev. L.V. Pinson. Scripture-Luke 9:57-62

Matthew 13:44-46

The body was called to order by the Moderator for business. Bro. Frank Harris suggested to buy 50 hard back song books for Camp Nebo, and let the Campsite pay for them. It was seconded by Bro. Grady Collins. It was voted on and was passed. The books would be bought in shaped notes from R.E. Winsett Music.

Bro. Grady Collins made a motion to receive an offering on the books. An amount of \$23.00 was received. Rev. L.V. Pinson gave a Masters Men Report.

A discussion on the up keep of the Camp. Bro. Grady Collins made a motion for each Church to clean the Campsite.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. He requested an offering for the home. A total of \$43.16 was received.

Rev. Jerry Everage requested a letter from Southern Union Association to send the Association that he came out of, for them to release him of any duties. It was granted.

Bro. Grady Collins led in one song. Bro. James Turner dismissed in prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING
July 30, 1983

Third Quarterly Meeting. First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola.

The Southern Union Association met for the purpose of having a 3rd quarterly meeting at 10:30 A.M.

Bro. John Pinson led the congregation singing. Sister Linda Pinson, pianist. Jennifer Pinson sang a song.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough took the stand for the 11:00 Message. Scripture from Romans 9:1-3; Exodus 10:1-4; Jonah 1:12; John 12:23-30. His message was "Passion For Lost Souls". Enjoyed by all. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Theo J. Buck. Thanks was given at table.

1:00 P.M.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough gave a report on Mission. Scripture was Matthew 28:19-20. The Moderator called the body to order. Devotion by Bro. John Pinson. Scripture- I Thess. 5:14 and II Thess. 3:1.

Old Business-Song books. Bro. John Pinson gave a report that the books have been ordered.

The Moderator asked that the Executive Board Members meet after service.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough gave a report on the Montgomery Mission-project 20/50.

Bro. Odom read a poem.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. An offering of \$16.00 was received.

A motion was made to adjourn. 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. 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 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 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." 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 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 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 5 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 II

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 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. Suggest the Elected Officers serve two years in the even year.
2. That each Church appoint 4 delegates to the Association each year.
3. That all deacons from the different churches be standing delegates to the Association.
4. Minutes will be kept by Clerk of the Quarterly meetings and recorded in the Annual Minutes.
5. Clerk write Resolution of Thanks.
6. Each Church record and report their Children's Home Offerings separate from other offerings.
7. A letter of Explanation from each church be sent in absence of representation at the Quarterly Meetings.
8. Guide Lines for Ordination
 1. This Association ordains no man that has more than one living wife, nor a man whose wife has more than one living husband.
 2. Every minister carries a license until he is either called to a church or enters full time evangelistic work. The license of ministers licensed by this Association are to be reissued each year, if the church of which they are a member makes this request.
 3. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe fully the faith and practice of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.
 4. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe and practice tithing.

5. This Association ordains no one that doesn't believe in the verbal inspiration of the Word of God.
6. This Association will not ordain women to preach the Gospel.
7. This Association will not ordain anyone that is affiliated with the World Council of Churches.
8. This Association will not ordain any one with a bad character with them that are without.
9. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe and practice the ordinances of the church.
10. This Association will not ordain anyone that doesn't believe a person can apostatize and be lost.

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 1983

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	104	\$7951.30	\$100.00	Sunday Sun. Night Wen. Night
Canaan F.W.Baptist Church, Brewton Rev. Tony Downey	Mrs. Sherrie Lisenby Route 4, Box 336 Brewton, AL 36426	75	\$2500.00	\$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	54	\$4010.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sun. Night Wed. Night
New Bethany F.W. Baptist Church Rev. W.A. Wilkinson	Mrs. Oattie L. Wilkinson Route 1, Box 82 Holt, FL 32564	19	\$1053.00	\$100.00	Fourth Sunday S.S. Each Sun.
First F.W.Baptist Church, Flomaton Rev. J.C. Dortch	Erma Turner Route 2, Box 157 Flomaton, AL 36441	55	\$5263.00	\$100.00	Sunday Sun. Night Wed. Night