

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

**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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

SEPTEMBER 22, 1984

OFFICERS

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

**CLOSED TO MEET AT CAMP NEBO,
FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP, HOLT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 27 - 28, 1985**

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.

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CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

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| Rev. W.A. Wilkinson | Chairman, Rev. L.V. Pinson |
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PROCEEDINGS

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist met, at Camp Nebo, Sept. 22, 1984, at 9:00 A.M. for the purpose of having the Fifty-Eighth Annual Session.

Bro. John Pinson led in congregational singing.

Rev. T.J. Buck offered prayer.

The moderator declared the body in order.

Bro. Jesse Odom read from Matt. 24, 32, then 36.

The body retired to the yard for the welcome handshake.

The moderator appointed the Associational deacons, Rev. W.A. Wilkinson and Bro. Frank Harris.

The church letters were turned in and read by the reading clerk, Sis. Patricia Rigby.

All letters were accepted as read by the body.

It was voted for the Ordaining Council to take care of getting Rev. Jerry Everage papers.

The body was dismissed to get the reports ready.

Congregational singing led by Bro. John Pinson.

Prayer by Rev. P. L. Findley.

Rev. J.C. Dortch, pastor of Flomaton Church, was the speaker for the morning service. His text was I Peter 3, verse 15 and Ephesians 4-5. Closed sermon with prayer.

Rev. V.C. Whittaker dismissed for lunch.

The offering of Thanks at the table by Rev. L.V. Pinson.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led in congregational singing.

Devotion was given by Bro. John Pinson, his text from Psalms 37, 40, 1-3.

The body was declared in order for business by the moderator.

All reports were read and accepted as read.

MASTERS MEN ORAL REPORT

Two churches with Masters Men: The First Church in Pensacola and Canaan, total members 16.

OBITUARIES REPORT

Regretfully, we the committee on obituaries find 4 deaths in our Association this year. Lillian Polosik, age 77, of First Church of Pensacola; Maxie Bass, age 77, 1-1984; Joseph Bass, age 96, 5-25-84 of New Bethany and Rhonda Fay Beverly, age 29, 4-84, of Canaan Church.

LADIES AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the committee on Ladies Auxiliary find 2 churches with an Auxiliary. A total of 18 members.

We encourage the other churches to organize one if possible.

Sis. Linda Pinson from Pensacola Church Auxiliary represented to the National Auxiliary Convention this year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

We, the committee on Sunday School find all 5 Churches have an active Sunday School. Total of 160 members. We would like to stress the importance of Sunday School in teaching the fundamentals of the faith and 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.

Patricia Rigby, First Church Pensacola

TEMPERANCE REPORT

We, the Temperance Committee suggest that Christian people avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and wordly 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 I Thess. 5:12- 24 as a guide line for daily living.

Sis. Naomi Wilkinson, New Bethany Church

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

Shady Hill Church

FINANCE REPORT (FIRST CHURCH PENSACOLA)

	Southern Union	National
New Bethany.....	\$100.00	
Shady Hill.....	100.00	
Flomaton.....	100.00	\$15.00
Canaan.....	100.00	45.00
First Freewill Baptist Pensacola....	100.00	45.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>

Mary Ann Harris

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on Hand, Sept. 1983.....	\$979.77
Paid Clerk(Fees and Supplies).....	105.54
Paid Al. State Fee.....	100.00
Paid for Minutes.....	90.10
Paid Helen Welch Fund.....	100.00
Paid Al. State Assoc. for 1987 Nat'l Conv.....	<u>225.00</u>
	Paid out \$620.64
Balance Sept. 1983.....	\$979.77
Paid out.....	<u>620.64</u>
Balance on Hand.....	359.13

SUGGESTION REPORT

1. We suggest a Camp Coordinator be chosen by the 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. Quarterly Meeting be held as follows:
 - 1st. January 26, 1985 Shady Hill 10:30 A.M.
 - 2nd. April 20, 1985 Pensacola First Church 10:30
 - 3rd. August 3, 1985 New Bethany 10:30
3. Sunday School Rally, June 8, 1985 Camp Nebo.
4. Youth Camp
5. Harvest Drive, October 20, 1985.
6. Easter Fellowship, April 6. 1985.
7. That Campsite Committee considers trying to get someone to care for the camp.

The Body was open for suggestions.

Rev. Theo. J. Buck offered to check on getting the piano repaired for the camp.

Bro. Frank Harris made a motion for the Association to go back to Friday and Saturday. It was voted on and accepted as read.

Bro. John Pinson requested to give Rev. V.C. Whittaker a Ministers Card. It was voted on and accepted.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report and took an offering for the Children's Home. \$29.03.

It was discussed to have a Youth Camp at Camp Nebo.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson was elected Camp Coordinator.

The Insurance was due on the Camp.

The delegates to the State Association.

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR ELECTED AS FOLLOWS:

Moderator.....	Bro. Jesse Odom Rt. 4, Box 323 Brewton, Al. 36426 (205)867-4987
Asst. Moderator.....	Rev. W.A. Wilkinson
Clerk.....	Sis. Frances Beasley
Treasurer.....	Bro. John Pinson
Reading Clerk.....	Sis. Patricia Rigby

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 28, 1984

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist, met at New Bethany Church, for the purpose of having the 1st Quarterly meeting.

The meeting began at 10:00 A.M. Bro. John Pinson led congregational singing.

Devotion by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, scripture Eph. 6:10-18.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave the history of the New Bethany Church for their program. Prayer by Rev. Wilkinson.

Congregational singing led by Bro. John Pinson.

Rev. Eugene Sanford preached the 11:00 message, Scripture 11 Cor. 5:6.

Rev. Jerry Everage dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led in congregational singing.

Rev. J.C. Dortch offered prayer.

The Moderator, Bro. Jesse Odom asked for a move to go into Conference, it was moved and second to go into Conference.

Rev. Tony Downey gave the devotion, scripture I Timothy 4:1-2, II Timothy 3:1-5.

The Moderator asked the Ordaining Council to examine Rev. Tony Downey.

While the Ordaining Council was out, Rev. Jerry Everage gave a report on the State Association.

Bro. John Pinson, Chairman of the Ordaining Council reported to the body that Rev. Downey was in good standing.

The Church Covenant was read by the Moderator.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson (Board Member at the Children's Home) gave a report on one of our girls from the Home. She is finishing Bible College and plans to attend Nursing School, and she needs transportation. Each board member was asked to try to raise \$100.00 from their Association.

It was moved and second by the body of the Association to send \$100.00, to the Board to help pay for a good used car.

Bro. Frank Harris offered prayer and an offering was taken for the Childrens Home. The offering was \$39.00.

Amotion was made to adjourn.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson dismissed in prayer.

QUARTERLY MEETING
May 5, 1984

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist, met at Canaan Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of having the 2nd Quarterly Meeting, May 5, 1984.

The meeting began at 10:30, with congregational singing, led by Bro. Grady Collins, Sis. Elaine Downey at the piano.

Sis. Sherrie Lisenby gave the program, "How to be a Christian, Without being Religious." She had the closing prayer.

Bro. John Pinson led two songs, Sis. Downey at the piano.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson preached the 11:00 message, scripture Gen. 1:26, & Matt. 3:15-16.

His text was "Let Us Make Man". He also offered prayer at the end of his message.

Bro. Frank Harris dismissed for lunch.

Rev. L.V. Pinson offered Thanks at the table.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led in congregational singing. Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano.

Devotion by Johnny Lisenby and prayer.

The Moderator declared the body in order for business.

The minutes were read of the last meeting and approved as read.

A motion was made by Bro. Frank Harris and second by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson for each church to make up a church letter and bring it to the 3rd Quarterly Meeting. An amendment was added to add anything else on the church letter Sat. It was carried by the body.

A Youth Rally was discussed for the boys, to be held at Canaan Church, for the boys of the Association and friends.

Sis. Betty Harris was appointed by the Moderator to be on charge of the Sunday School Rally.

The National Association was discussed. It will be held in Alabama in 1987. Each church is asked to pay \$45.00. The Association will send the whole amount of \$225.00 to the Clerk of the State Association and each church will pay their amount back into our local Association.

Several of the Free Will Baptist booklets were discussed. The Contact, Mission Grams, and Heart Beat. We thought it would be good for the members that don't get them, if they would, to send in their name and address for the mailing list.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on our Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

A standing of Thanks was given to Rev. Wilkinson for the great work he has done for the Home through his years of service.

Rev. Tony Downey dismissed the body.

QUARTERLY MEETING

August 4, 1984

The Southern Union Association met at Flomaton First Free Will Baptist Church Aug. 4, 1984.

The meeting began at 10:30 with congregational singing "O Say But I'm Glad". Bro. Grady Collins led with Sis. Karen Hammonds playing the piano. Rev. Dortch gave the welcome and Rev. L.V. Pinson led in prayer. Bro. Collins led another congregation song, "Count your Blessings". The Host church gave the program, "Down the Creek Bank". The children all had a part in the play, after the play they had a puppet show. "The Good Samaritan". Bro. Collins led another congregational song, "Our God is able to Deliver Thee". Rev. J.C. Dortch introduced Rev. V.C. Whittaker to the congregation and turned the service over to him. He took his text from Isaiah 54:17. He offered prayer after reading the scripture and then brought the message "Building the Kingdom of God". He gave a brief history on the beginning of the Free Will Baptist denomination. Closed the

message with prayer and asked for a closing song, "Softly and Tenderly". Bro. Jesse Odom gave a short talk and then Rev. J.C. Dortch dismissed for lunch. Rev. T.J. Buck offered Thanks for the lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led congregational singing with Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano. Bro. John Pinson and daughter Jennifer sang a special song with Matthew Pinson at the piano. Bro. John Pinson sang a solo, "He was There all the Time", with Linda Pinson at the piano.

The Moderator declared the body in order for business and gave the Devotion. Jeremiah 8:2 and Matthew 25:11-13. Bro. James Turner offered prayer.

Bro. Jesse Odom asked that Bro. Frank Harris be put back on Campsite Committee.

Announcements: Camp Meeting at Camp Nebo, August 9, 10, 11. Bro. Phillip Cook will be the guest speaker. The food was discussed for the Camp Meeting. The ladies were asked to take care of the food.

The minutes were read of the last meeting and approved as read.

The Associational letters will be turned in at the Association.

Bro. Jesse Odom read a letter from Forest Dale Church inviting us to a Conference August 20 and 21 in Birmingham, Al.

Bro. Frank Harris made a motion to meet at 8:00. Sept. 22, 1984 for the Association, Rev. T.J. Buck second the motion. Bro. Grady Collins made a motion for 9:00. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson second the motion. It was voted on to meet at 9:00.

A letter from the First FWB Church of Flomaton requesting that Rev. V.C. Whittaker be questioned. Body recessed and the Ordaining Council met.

Bro. Grady Collins and Matthew Pinson led in congregational singing with Linda Pinson at the piano.

The Ordaining Council returned. Rev. L.V. Pinson gave a report that Rev. Whittaker was received in body to walk before the church for the next year.

Bro. Jesse Odom asked the body to think and pray about getting a new Moderator for the next year.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report for the Children's Home and read a poem.

Rev. J.C. Dortch announced a revival at Shilo FWB Church, the following week, with Rev. Bobby Jackson, speaker.

Bro. John Pinson gave a report on the National Association, a great Association with great services.

Bro. Jesse Odom reminded the body that each church should pay thier \$45.00 for the National Association.

Bro. Pinson asked each church to send an offering to Rev. Carl Nelson, if they feel led to.

Prayer was offered and an offering was taken for the Children's Home, \$39.83.

Rev. J.C. Dortch dismissed for the day.

Rev. Carl Nelson
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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. 11 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. 11 Cor. 5:15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." Romans 10:13. "For in our 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 you 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 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 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 a 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 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 or 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 member's 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 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 deacons shall be elected by the church and shall hold office at the discretion of the church. They shall watch 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 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 monies paid into the church for general expenses, 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 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 baptised 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 in the governing body of the Association to act on 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 Offering separate from other offerings.
7. A letter of Explanation from each church be sent in absence of representation at the Quarterly Meetings.

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 anyone 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.
A. Baptism by Immersion; B. Communion; C. Feet Washing.
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 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 to 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 1984

CHURCH & PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERS	PAID PASTOR	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
First F.W.Bapt. Church, Pensacola Rev. L.V. Pinson	Mrs. Betty Harris 8310 Gardenia Cr. Pensacola, Fl. 32504	82	\$7217.99	\$100.00	Sunday A.M. & P.M. Wednesday Night
Canaan F.W.B. Church, Brewton Rev. Tony Downey	Mrs. Sherrie Lisenby Rt. 4, Box 336 Brewton, Al. 36426	47	\$4190.00	\$100.00	Sunday AM & PM Wednesday Night
Shady Hill F.W. Baptist Church Rev. P.L. Findley	Mrs. Learvene Bass Rt. 1, Box 179 Andalusia, Al. 36420	48	\$2780.00	\$100.00	Sunday A.M.
New Bethany F.W. Baptist Church Rev. W.A. Wilkinson	Mrs. Ottie Wilkinson Rt. 1, Box 82 Holt, Fl. 32564	17	\$533.00	\$100.00	Fourth Sunday S.S. ea. Sunday
First F.W.B. Church, Flomaton Rev. J.C. Dortch	Mrs. Erma Turner Rt. 2, Box 157 Flomaton, Al. 36441	65	\$4400.00	\$100.00	Sunday AM & PM Wednesday Night