

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

**SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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

SEPTEMBER 27-28, 1985

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 26-27, 1986 — 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.

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Rev. & Mrs. Eugene Sanford
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PROCEEDINGS

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptist met at Camp Nebo, Sept. 27, 1985 at 10:00 A.M. for the purpose of having the Fifty-Ninth Annual Session.

Bro. John Pinson led the congregation singing.

Bro. Lamar Harris offered prayer.

The Moderator declared the body in order. Bro. Jesse Odom read Luke 12:15. The body retired to the inside for the welcome handshake.

The Moderator appointed the Associational deacons, Rev. W.A. Wilkinson and Bro. John Pinson.

The Moderator read a letter to see if a State Promotional man was needed. Bro. Frank Harris and Bro. John Pinson explained the need. Motion was second, adopted and voted on. Ten voted for and one against. Rev. Woodrow Wilkinson, pastor of New Bethany Church gave the 11:00 message. His text was John 6:53-66.

The Moderator gave a talk on the printing and cost of publishing the minutes this year.

Dismissed by prayer for lunch by Rev. Eugene Sanford.
Rev. J.C. Matthews offered thanks at lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led the congregation singing.

The body was declared in order by the Moderator.

Rev. L. V. Pinson gave the devotion, his text,
St. John 6:20.

A discussion was held on having a Retreat at Camp Nebo
Oct. 24, 25, and 26, and also getting Rev. Carl Nelson to
Speak.

Also a discussion for getting the minutes printed in
large print.

The body retired to the yard for one hour.

The Moderator brought the house back in order to
announce the Harvest Drive Oct. 19, and Revival Oct.
24, 25 and 26 with Rev. Carl Nelson, speaker.

COMMITTEES APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS

Master's Men...Oral...Bro. Frank Harris
Obituaries.. Sis. Betty Harris, Sis. Mae Alice Findley
Ladie's Auxiliary..Sis. Ottie Lee Wilkinson, Sis. Wendy Bass
Sunday School..Sis. Naomi Wilkinson, Sis. Ruby Buck
Temperance..Sis. Bonnie Mae Matthews, Sis. Hazel Cardwell
Resolution..Rev. J.C. Matthews, Rev. Theo J. Buck, Rev.
L.V. Pinson
Finance..Rev. P. L. Findley, Rev. L. V. Pinson
Treasurer..Bro. John Pinson
Suggestion..Bro. John Pinson, Rev. P.L. Findley and
Bro. Lamar Harris.
The body was dismissed with prayer by Bro. John Pinson.

FRIDAY NIGHT 7:00 P.M.

The service was opened with singing, Rev. and Mrs.
Eugene Sanford were visitors. Rev. V.C. Whittaker
of Flomaton Church brought the 7:00 message. Scripture
was Romans 12:1-2. Prayer by Rev. Whittaker.

SEPT. 28, 1985 10:00 A.M.

Bro, John Pinson led the congregation singing.

The Moderator declared the body in order for business
and read Psalms 61: 1-51.

The church letters were read by the reading clerk.

It was moved and second to accept the church letters as read, approved by the body. The body was dismissed to get the reports ready.

Bro. John Pinson led in one song.

Rev. P.L. Findley gave the 11:00 message, his theme "How do you love your neighbor." Scripture, Col.1:9, 3:1-12. Dismissed by Rev. Findley.

1:00 P. M.

Bro. John led one song.

Sis. Patricia Rigby gave the devotion, Psalms 37:1-11.

The reports were read and accepted by the as read.

LADIE'S AUXILIARY: We, the committee on Ladie's Auxiliary find 2 churches with an auxiliary, a total of 15 members. We encourage other churches to organize one in their church.

Wendy Bass

Ottie Lee Wilkinson

TEMPERANCE: 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. Read 1 Thess. 5:22-24 as a guide for daily living.

Sis. Bonnie Mae Matthews

Sis. Hazel Cardwell

RESOLUTION: We suggest as the scripture teaches against worldliness in any form, be it resolved that each member seek devine guidance of the Holy Spirit in things that pertain to Holy and Righteous living.

Rev. J. C. Matthews

Rev. Theo J. Buck

Rev. L. V Pinson

SUNDAY SCHOOL: We, the committee on Sunday School find all 5 churches have an active Sunday School with a total of 164 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.

Sis. Ruby Buck
Sis. Naomi Wilkinson

OBITUARY: We, the obituary committee regretfully report 5 deaths in our Association this year.

Essie Mae Doucet, July 19, 1985--Flomaton
Mona Cook, June 2, 1985--New Bethany
Daisy Mae Williams, Sept. 5, 1985--Pensacola
Thelma Barnett Sept 3, 1985--Canaan
Bud Huckabaa Sept. 1985--Shady Hill

Betty Harris
Mae Alice Findley

MASTER'S MEN: Gave an oral report. Two churches have a Master's men with a total of 18 members.

TREASURERS REPORT

Bal. on hand Sept. 1984.....\$1009.13

Paid out..

Clerk (fee's & misc.)	\$108.28
Al. State	100.00
Minutes (Advance Printing	92.00
Typewriter	169.99
Paid out	<u>470.27</u>

Bal. on hand Sept. 1985 \$538.86

FINANCE

New Bethany.....	\$100.00
Shady Hill.....	100.00
Flomaton.....	100.00--(15.00 National)
Canaan.....	100.00
Pensacola First.....	100.00
	<u>\$500.00</u>
	15.00
Total.....	<u>\$515.00</u>

Rev. P.L. Findley
Rev. L.V. Pinson

SUGGESTION REPORT

1. We suggest a camp Co-ordinator 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. We suggest Quarterly meetings be held as follows:
 - 1st. January 25, 1986, 10:30 A.M. Canaan
 - 2nd. April 5, 1986, 10:30 A.M. Flomaton
 - 3rd. August 2, 1986, 10:30 A.M. Shady Hill
3. We suggest Sunday School Rally June 7, 1986 at Camp Nebo.
4. We suggest Youth Camp June 23-28, 1986.
5. We suggest Drive Oct. 18, 1986. 1:00 P.M.
6. We suggest Easter Fellowship March 29, 1986, 1:00P.M.
(Saturday before Easter)

A camp co-ordinator had to be elected by the body. Bro. Frank Harris was nominated but he with drawn. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson was nominated. Bro. Frank Harris made a move to accept Rev. Wilkinson. He was voted on and was accepted as camp co-ordinator.

The State Meeting will be held in Huntsville, Al.

No delegates were elected.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave an oral report on the Children's Home. An offering was taken for the Home of \$29.03.

Bro. John Pinson gave an oral report on his trip to the National Association and Sis. Linda Pinson also gave a report on the youth. Both reports were very interesting.

Each Church is responsible for devotion and program at the quarterly meetings.

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
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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the Ministers, Executive Committee, Deacons and Delegates composing the Fifty-Ninth 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 our 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. L.V. Pinson.

Frances Beasley
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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING
Jan. 26, 1985

The Southern Union Association met for the purpose of having the First Quarterly Meeting.

At Shady Hill FWB Church in Andalusia, Al. at 10:30 A.M.
Jan. 26, 1985

Song service led by Bro. John Pinson with Linda Pinson at the piano.

Rev. P.L. Findley, pastor of the church gave the introduction, Mark 4, Mark 5:17. His theme was the Sower. Song "More About Jesus", Prayer by Rev. Findley.

Rev. L.V. Pinson said Grace at the table at noon.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson and wife Linda led the singing after lunch.

Rev. V.C. Whittaker gave the devotion. Acts 4:12.

The Moderator declared the body in order. A report from the State Association was given by Bro. Jesse Odom. Also a letter from Don Robieards. Each one was asked to report this to their church. A report was given on Youth Camp, the ages for Youth Camp are 8 thru 18 ages.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. An offering was taken of \$27.29.

Rev. Wilkinson dismissed in prayer.

2nd. QUARTERLY MEETING
APRIL 20. 1985
TIME ---10:30 A.M.

The Southern Union Association met with the Pensacola First Church for the purpose of having a second quarterly meeting.

Rev. L.V. Pinson gave the Welcome. Bro. John Pinson led the singing, Matthew Pinson at the piano. Congregation sang "At Calvary."

Bro. John Pinson gave the history of John Newton, who wrote "Amazing Grace," Arranged by E.O. Excell. "Amazing Grace" was sung by the congregation. History of "In The Sweet By And By", J.P. Webster wrote the words, S.F. Bennett wrote the music. Then the song was sung.

"What A Friend", wrote by Joselph Scriven, and music by Charles C. Converse was then sung.

Rev. John Burnham preached the 11:00 message. His text was Heb. 7:25 and acts 16. the theme was "God is still opening doors. Bro. Grady Collins offered prayer and the blessing at noon.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. Grady Collins led in congregation singing. Bro. Frank Harris led in prayer.

Rev. V.C. Whittaker gave the devotion. Heb. 11:8.

The Moderator made a move to go into conference. It was moved and second. The minutes were read and approved as resd.

Bro. Jesse Odom read a poem, "The Art of Getting Along."

Two announcements were made, 1. Youth Camp--June 24-29.

2. Sunday School Rally-- June 8.

It was discussed on the typing of the minutes. It was tabled until August Meeting.

In The Articles of Faith, No. 8 was suggested to change to James 2:26, instead of James 2:6.

A clean-up day was discussed, but no date was made, would let the churches know when a date was set.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. Rev. L.V. Pinson offered prayer and an offering was taken for the Home, \$18.00.

It was moved and second to close conference. Rev. John Burnham dismissed in prayer.

3rd. QUARTERLY MEETING
August 3, 1985
Time 10:00 A.M.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Union Association met with New Bethany Church. The meeting was opened with Bro. John Pinson leading the singing. The songs were sung and Rev. P.L. Findley offered prayer.

The morning message was given by Rev. J.C. Matthews. Scripture was from Pro. 10:11-14, Acts 25:7,8,9.

Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Bro. John Pinson led in one song "Trust And Obey".

Devotion and prayer by Bro. John Pinson, 1st. John 3.

The meeting was opened for business. Old business tabled from last quarterly meeting, the purchase of a new typewriter. Bro. Frank Harris made a move to buy a typewriter and Rev. Pinson second. It was discussed. A move was made and second to let Bro. John Pinson purchase one.

A Retreat was discussed, Date will be announced later.

Preaching outline for the Association.

Friday 11:00 A.M., Rev. W.A. Wilkinson

Friday 7: P.M., Rev. V.C. Whittaker

Saturday 11:00 A.M., Rev. P.L. Findley

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the Children's Home. An offering was accepted for the Home, \$25.00.

A motion was made and second to adjourn.

Rev. L.V. Pinson offered the prayer.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR 1985--86

HARVEST DRIVE--Camp Nebo

1st. QUARTERLY MEETING--Canaan. Jan. 25, 1986, 10:30 A.M.

EASTER FELLOWSHIP--Camp Nebo, March 29, 1986 1:00 P.M.

2nd QUARTERLY MEETING--Flomaton, April 5, 1986, 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RALLY --Camp Nebo, June 7, 1986, 10:30 A.M.

YOUTH CAMP--Camp Nebo, June 23-28, 1986.

3rd QUARTERLY MEETING --Shady Hill, Aug. 2, 1986, 10:00 A.M.

ASSOCIATION -- Camp Nebo, Sept. 26 & 27, 1986, 10:30 A.M.

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 fearth Him and worketh righteouness 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 2:26. "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, 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 article 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, 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 associational year, unless in case of 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 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 spiritual 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 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. 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 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 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 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 1985

CHURCH & PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERS	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETING
First F.W.Bapt. Church, Pensacola Rev. L.V. Pinson	Mrs. Betty Harris 8310 Gardenia Cr. Pensacola, Fl. 32504	83	\$100.00	Sun. AM & PM Wed. night
Cannan F.W.B. Church, Brewton Rev. Tony Downey	Mrs. Sherrie Lisenby Rt. 4, Box 336 Brewton, Al. 36426	46	100.00	Sun. AM & PM Wed. night
Shady Hill F.W. Baptist Church Rev. P.L. Findley	Mrs. Learveve Bass Rt. 1, Box 179 Andalusia, Al. 36420	48	100.00	Sun. A.M.
New Bethany F.W.B. Church Rev. W.A. Wikinson	Mrs. Ottie Wilkinson Rt. 1, Box 82 Holt, Fl. 32564	20	100.00	4th. Sun. S.S. eh. Sun.
First F.W.B. Church, Flomaton Rev. V. C. Whittaker	Mrs. Erma Turner Rt. 2, Box 157 Flomaton, Al. 36441	65	100.00 National 15.00	Sun. AM & PM Wed. night