

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

SOUTHERN UNION ASSOCIATION

held at
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FLOMATON, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 24, 1988

OFFICERS

Moderator	Ralph Bass
Asst. Moderator	Rev. John Whitfield
Clerk	Rev. V.C. Whittaker
Treasurer	Darrell Holley
Reading Clerk	Sis. Linda Pinson

**CLOSED TO MEET AT NEW BETHANY,
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, HOLT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 23, 1989—9:00 A.M.**

MINISTERS PRESENT

REV. L.V. PINSON, 3015 Boulder Ave., Pensacola, Fl. 32506
REV. W.A. WILKINSON, Rt. 2 Box 300, Baker, Fl. 32531
REV. J.C. MATTHEWS, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia, Al. 36420
REV. TONY DOWNEY, P.O. Box 91, Perdido, Al. 36562
REV. JOHN P. WHITFIELD, 513 Dunson St., Andalusia, Al. 36420
REV. V.C. WHITTAKER, Rt. 2 Box 53, Flomaton, Al. 36441
REV. E.B. LEDLOW, 2505 Woodland Rd, Mobile, Al. 36693

ORDAINING COUNCIL AND DATE OFFICE EXPIRES

Rev. J.C. Matthews, 1722 Bruman St., Andalusia -1989
Bro. John Pinson, 6621 Owens St., Pensacola, Fl 1990
Rev. L.V. Pinson, 3015 Boulder Ave., Pensacola 1991
Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, Rt. 2 Box 300, Baker, Fl. 1992
Rev. V.C. Whittaker, Rt. 2 Box 53, Flomaton, Al 1993

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CAMPSITE COMMITTEE

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson	Rev. L.V. Pinson, Chairman
Rev. J.C. Matthews	Rev. V.C. Whittaker
Rev. John P. Whitfield	Bro. Frank Harris

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

The following were recognized and received as delegates
churches as listed below:

First F.W.B. Pensacola

Patricia Rigby,
Linda Pinson,
Gloria Godwin -
Alternates
Betty Harris,
Irene Moore

Shady Hill F.W.B.
Andalusia, Al.

Joyce Bass, Donna Bass,
Learvene Bass,
Vicki Whitfield

Canaan F.W.B.
Brewton, Al.

Ella Nalls, William Rouse,
Frances Beasley,
Thelma Odom

New Bethany F.W.B.
Holt, Fl.

Ottie Lee Wilkinson,
Linda Cupp

First F.W.B.
Flomaton, Al.

Mrs. Dell Whittaker

Also all Pastors and deacons are standing delegates to the
Southern Union Association. Rev. E.B. Ledlow and his wife
were recognized as visitors in the associational meeting.
They are from First Free Will Baptist Church, Mobile, Al.

PROCEEDINGS

The Southern Union Association of Free Will Baptists met at First Free Will Baptist Church, Flomaton, Alabama Saturday - September 24, 1988 for the purpose of convening the Sixty - Second annual session.

Singing to begin the session was led by Bro. John Pinson of the Pensacola First Church. Sister Linda Pinson was at the piano. Prayer was led by Brother Jesse Odom of the Canaan Free-Will Church.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at the time Rev. V.C. Whittaker of the Flomaton Church. Prayer for the body was led by Rev. W.A. Wilkinson of the New Bethany Church. - Scripture reading by Rev. Whittaker from Matthew 24: 1-30.

Moderator called for reading of last quarterly meeting - by Sister Linda Pinson, reading clerk. Minutes were read and - adopted. Also at this time church letters were read and given - as information. These letters received as read.

At this time, as is the custom, the Associational body - retired to the yard for the welcome handshake. Then returned to the building to continue the business meeting.

At this point in the meeting the Moderator appointed - two associational deacons - Rev. W.A. Wilkinson, and Brother - John Pinson who are in effect parliamentarians for the duration of the meeting.

One of the associational deacons, Rev. Wilkinson reminded the Moderator, Rev. Whittaker that we were to hold the election of officers of the association at this time. We are here reminded that officers will hold office for a period of two years accord-

PROCEEDINGS- CONTINUED

ing to suggestions numbers 7 and 8 passed in the session of September 1987 at Camp Nebo. This in effect means of course we shall have no election of officers in the 1989 session.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Three men were nominated for the office of Moderator; these being Rev. V.C. Whittaker, Rev. John P. Whitfield and Bro. Ralph Bass. There was a motion, seconded and passed - that the man who received the second largest number of votes would serve as the Assistant Moderator. Brother Ralph Bass received 9 votes, Rev. John P. Whitfield received 8 votes - Rev. V.C. Whittaker received 6 votes. Moderator then will be Bro. Ralph Bass; Assistant Moderator, Rev. John P. Whitfield.

Three people nominated for the office of Clerk of the - association; Sister Naomi Wilkinson, Sister Joyce Bass, and Rev. V.C. Whittaker. Votes cast as follows: Sis. Joyce Bass 2 votes, Sister Naomi Wilkinson unknown and Rev. Whittaker 14 Associational Clerk Rev. V. Whittaker.

Associational Treasurer-Bro. Darrel Holley elected as-treasurer without opposition after two other men had withdrawn their names from the nomination.

The above four officers as elected will hold office - until the September 1990 meeting.

COMMITTEES AND REPORTS

The Moderator, as is the cusom, appointed committees which will follow their reports in each case as given:

TEMPERANCE

We, the temperance committee suggest that christian people avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from 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 I Thess. 5:22-24 as a guide for daily living.

Rev. J.C. Matthews
William A Rouse
Robert B. Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We the committee on Sunday School find 5 churches have an active Sunday School with a total of 155 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 other activities of the association.

Sis. Learvene Bass
Sis. Naomi Wilkinson
Bro. James Turner

LADIES AUXILIARY

We the committee on Ladies Auxiliary find one church with an active auxiliary. We encourage other churches to organize one in their church. First Church in Pensacola has 12 members.

Sis. Patricia Rigby
Thelma odom, Frances Beasley,
Vicki Whitfield

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

RESOLUTIONS

Be it resolved that the Southern Union Association take a strong definite stand against the usage of drugs of all kinds including tobacco and alcohol; homosexuality, permissiveness of all kinds according to the teaching of God's Word.

Rev. V.C. Whittaker,
Bro. Darrell Holley,
Rev. Tony Downey,
Rev. L.V. Pinson

OBITUARIES

We the obituary committee regretfully report 3 deaths in the association this past year:

Shady Hill - John R. Bass age 97 -9-28-87
Rosa Turner Selvage
age 76 6-4-88

First Flomaton -Louis Robinson
Sis. Donna Bass,
Sis. Dell Whittaker
Sis. Betty Harris
Sis. Joyce Bass

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance from 1987	\$1,359.16
Paid out	447.28
	<hr/> \$911.88

Paid out as follows:

Ala. State Association Fees	100.00
Associational Clerk	100.00
Minutes printed	142.50
Children's Home	100.00
Miscellaneous	4.78
Total	<hr/> 447.28

Treasurer Bro. John Pinson
 Bro. Edd. Bass
 Rev. W.A. Wilkinson
 Bro. Frank Harris

Frank Harris
Brenda Glaze
Bro. Buck

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

TREASURER'S REPORT CONTINUED

Monies Received as follows:

New Bethany.....	\$100.00
Canaan	100.00
First Pensacola.....	100.00
Shady Hill.....	100.00
First Flomaton.....	100.00
Total	<u>\$500.00</u>
Balance from above.....	\$911.88
Total Receipts	<u>\$500.00</u>
Carried forward	\$1,411.88

SUGGESTIONS

We, the suggestions committee suggest:.

1. That Rev. V.C. Whittaker replace Bro. Waymon Holt on the campsite committee. Passed
2. That the annual Harvest Drive be held in conjunction with a visit from the director of the Children's Home, this to be held at a time specified by our representative on the Children's Home Board, Rev. W.A. Wilkinson. Passed
3. That the annual meeting of the Association rotate among the five churches. Passed
4. That the Association meet annually on the fourth Friday night(7:00 P.M.), and Saturday (9:00 A.M.) in September of each year. Failed
5. That the meetings be held as follows:

Associational Meeting -New Bethany	9-23-89
*First Quarterly Meeting Canaan	1-14-89
Second " " Shady Hill	4-15-89
Easter Fellowship -Camp Nebo	4-1-89
1:00 P.M.	
Sunday School rally at	
First F.W.B. Pensacola 10:00 A.M.	6-10-89
Youth Camp - Camp Nebo June 19- 24	1989
Third Quarterly Meeting at	
First F.W.B. Flomaton	7-15-89
* All quarterly meetings 10:00 AM	

COMMITTEES CONTINUED

5. Passed

6. That the speaker at the next association be Rev. John Whitfield. Passed

Respectfully,

Bro. Jesse Odom
Bro. Darrell Holley
Rev. John Whitfield
Sis. Joyce Bass

MASTER'S MEN

No report given. We do have one church First F.W.B., Pensacola with Master's Men with 8 members.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We the members of the Southern Union Association wish to thank First F.W.B. Flomaton for their hospitality and Christian fellowship which we have shared and enjoyed by all here today. Also we wish to thank all the outgoing officers of the association for their services during the past two years - and to express our thanks for the incoming officers for their willingness to serve in the following two years.

Respectfully,

V.C. Whittaker, Clerk
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OTHER REPORTS

Bro. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the reason for holding the meeting at First Flomaton rather than at Camp Nebo. Because of recent flooding in the Camp Nebo area it was necessary to come to the Flomaton church which seems to be about the central point. Also told us of monies we have spent on camp improvements. Balance in Camp Fund down to \$1,040.13. We need to send monies in because of insurance coming due, etc. (Please note) Everyone is encouraged to go see Camp Nebo since many improvements have been made.

Bro. L.V. Pinson gave us some words on F.W.B. Local Churches and the Association and Denomination. The main point of the talk is that we are a part of it - therefore take part! Also Pastor's and Christian worker's meeting at Muscle Shoals in January 1989.

Bro. E.B. Ledlow briefed us on Alabama State Missions of which he has served as chairman. Bro. Ledlow had brought the 11:00 A.M. message.

Rev. Steve Hasty brought a brief challenge to us to know what is happening with F.W.Baptists. Urged us to get Contact Magazine.

Volunteers for the State meeting were called for.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson and Mrs. Wilkinson, Bro. V.C. Whittaker and Mrs. Whittaker, Bro. John and Sis. Linda Pinson.

Offering for Children's Home taken. \$57.35 received.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Union Association met at Shady Hill F.W.B. church January 16th, 1988 at 10:30 A.M.

Song service was led by Bro. V.C. Whittaker. Prayer by Bro. W.A. Wilkinson.

The Moderator called for the business meeting to begin. Moved, seconded and ready for business.

Prayer requests by several - led by Bro. L.V. Pinson. Message brought by Bro. John Whitfield, "Worship The Creator." Romans 1:16-28.

Dismissed for lunch. Blessing the food by Bro. John Pinson.

1:00 P.M.

Singing led by Bro. V.C. Whittaker - "When we all get to Heaven."

Devotional by Bro. Whittaker Zechariah 13:7, 14
"Coming of Christ." prayer.

Present today

New Bethany	- 2
Pensacola	- 2
Canaan	- 0
Shady Hill	- 8
Flomaton	-2
total	<u>14</u>

Moderator declared the body in order for business.

Rev. W.A. Wilkinson gave a report on the financial state of Camp Nebo. Recommended report be received. Motion made and seconded to give standing vote of thanks for a job well done. Vote of thanks was given.

Bro. L.V. Pinson gave a report on the State Association. The Montgomery church in trouble. Conference of Pastors and deacons gave trouble. Next meeting at Dothan Feb.

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING CONTINUED

8-10.

Bro. Whittaker speaks on Independent Baptist's and their disrupting of churches of other denominations.

Bro. Wilkinson gave good report on Children's home.

Bro. Pinson spoke briefly on Children's Home. He had visited on way to State Association. Also urged churches to take a stand on decency.

Bro. Whittaker spoke of improvements needed at Camp Nebo.

Bro. Matthews prays for offering for Children's Home.

Offering taken by Bro. Whitfield - \$48.00.

Motion to adjourn - carried. Dismissed by Sis. Joyce Bass.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Union Association met for the purpose of holding conference at First F.W.B. Church Flomaton on April 16th, 1988 at 10:30 A.M. Each church represented.

Welcome address by Bro. V.C. Whittaker. Singing by the children of the Association. Prayer by Bro. Ralph Bass.

Singing by a trio from Canaan Bro. Jesse Odom, Bro. Ralph Beasley, and Sis. Frances Beasley.

Bible questions by Bro. Whittaker.

Message by Bro. Whittaker, Joshua 5:13 - "Be Faithful to The Church of The Living God" Joshua 1:6. Prayer by Bro. Wilkinson.

Dismissal prayer and blessing of the lunch offered by Bro. Jesse Odom.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING CONTINUED

1:00 P.M.

Singing led by the trio again "The Glory Land." Prayer by Bro. J.C. Matthews.

Body declared ready for business by Moderator.
Bro. Tony Downey brought the devotional from St. John 14:6.
Prayer by Bro. Downey.

Minutes for the last meeting read and adopted.
Call for new business - none.

Bro. Pinson gives lengthy report on Preacher's and Deacon's meeting.

Bro. Ralph Bass asks questions about how to get work done at Camp Nebo.

Bro. Wilkinson gives lengthy report on Camp Finances.
Bro. Pinson suggests a Camp Site meeting date set. A camp Site meeting and work day set for May 7, 1988 at 8:30 A.M.

Bro. Frank Harris urges a good attendance for the Sunday School rally.

Bro. Wilkinson announces the meeting of Bro. Corey and children from Children's Home at Flomaton Church August 20 and 21st., 1988.

Offering taken for children's home - \$27.25. Someone suggested taking an offering for the children's home during the morning part of the day.

Bro. Wilkinson asked prayer for Betty Harris. Also Bro. Wilkinson asked prayer for his wife. Prayer by Bro. Burnham.

Song by all "O How I love Jesus." Motion made to adjourn-dismissal with prayer. Naomi Wilkinson, Clerk

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Southern Union Association met for third quarterly conference at Pensacola First Church at 10:00 A.M. July 16, 1988.

Song service was held by congregation with Sis. Linda Pinson at the piano and Bro. John Pinson leading. Prayer by Bro. Ralph Bass.

Bro. Whittaker holds testimony service with several people giving their personal testimonies.

Bro. John Pinson sang a solo.

Bro. Tony Downey, Pastor of Canaan church brought the morning message from Jonah 1:1-6; 2:7-9. Prayer by bro. John Pinson. Bro. Downey's message on the theme, "Run From The Lord, But You can't Hide." Prayer by Bro. Downey.

Dismissal for lunch and thanks given by Bro. John Whitfield.

1:00 P.M.

Body called to order by moderator. Song was led by Bro. John Pinson with Linda Pinson at the piano.

Bro. Whittaker opens services reading from Hosea 11:8.

Bro. Whittaker asks prayer for Granddaughter. Others ask prayer for various people. Prayer led by Bro. Wilkinson.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING CONTINUED

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

Bro. Wilkinson gives a financial report on Camp Nebo.

Read and adopted.

Recognition given to all three former cooks for Camp Nebo.

A letter presented and read by Sis. Linda Pinson from bro. Jesse Odom, giving his resignation from the Camp Sites Committee. Read and accepted. Requested that Bro. Odom be **sent** a letter of appreciation. Bro. John Whitfield named to take the place of Bro. Odom on the Camp Site Committee.

Working set for Camp Nebo August 6, 1988.

Report given on Bro. Corey and Children from Home on coming to First Flomaton August 20-21, 1988. Discussion on feeding and caring for the children. Moved and seconded to take \$100.00 from Associational Treasury for this purpose.

Offering for the Children's Home taken -\$51.00.

Prayer by Bro. Frank Harris and song by Congregation.

Announcement of Revival Pensacola First July 27 given by Bro. John Pinson.

Moved to adjourn. Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Ralph Bass

ARTICLES

OF

FAITH

1. As to God--One God and Father of all. Eph. 4:6.
2. As to Scripture--All Scripture is given by inspiration of God. II Tim. 3:16.
3. As to Freedom of Will--"Ye will not come unto me." John 5:40. "Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely." Rev. 22:17.
4. As to Condition of Salvation--He (Christ) died for all. II Cor. 5:15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved." 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." I 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?" 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." ICor. 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. 25:46.
15. As to Feet Washing--"Ye also ought to was 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 you 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 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 last 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 was the members' feet as often as convenient, and it shall not be postponed on account of disobedient members.

Section 8. The church shall not try a member without a hearing unless said member refuses to attend the conference when notified to do so.

Section 9. That the church recommend the questioning of any member for license, the same as for ordination.

Section 10. A presbytery of 5 ordained men shall be appointed by the moderator to hold office 1 through 5th year to conduct ordination of ministers or deacons for this association or any church connected with this association.

Section 11. Deacons shall not be ordained until they are tried.

Section 12. Each minister shall be a member of some live church and in good standing with the church.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of every member, male 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 officers ^{to} be elected ^{every two} ~~each~~ years ^s.
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.
8. No minister be held responsible for marrying anyone unknowingly who has previously been married, having a living husband or living wife.
9. No minister be called as pastor or used as evangelist in any church in this Association without being subject to questioning by ordaining council.

10. No minister be used as an evangelist in this Association except one of Free Will Baptist Faith.
11. That each church recommend someone from their church to be placed on the executive committee each two years.

GUIDELINES 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.
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.

STATISTICAL TABLES 1988

CHURCH AND PASTOR	CLERK	TOTAL MEMBERS	ASSOC. PURPOSES	TIME OF MEETINGS		
FIRST F.W.B. PENSACOLA, FL. REV. L.V. PINSON TEL. 904-944-5092	Mrs. Hazel Glaze 8241 Tempest Dr., Pensacola, Fl. 32506 Tel. Unknown	83	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings & Evenings Wednesday Nights		
F.W.B. CHURCH Shady Hill Andalusia, Al. Rev. John P. Whitfield Tel. 205 222-2378	Mrs. Learvene Bass Rt. 1 Box 179 Andalusia, Al. 36420 Tel. 205 222-4597	48	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings Wednesday Nights		
Canaan F.W.B. Church Rt. 4, Brewton, Al. Rev. Tony Downey Tel. 205-	Mrs. Frances Beasley Rt. 4 Box 338 Brewton, Al. 36562 Tel. 205 867-6755	45	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings & Evenings Wednesday Nights		
New Bethany, F.W.B. Rt. 1 Box 84 Holt, Fl. Rev. W.A. Wilkinson Tel. 904 537-3192	Ottie L. Wilkinson Rt. 1 Box 84 Holt, Fl. 32531 Tel. 904 537 6752	20	\$100.00	4th Sunday Preaching S.S. Each Sunday		
First F.W.B. Church Flomaton, Al. Rev. V.C. Whittaker Tel. 205 296-3827	Mrs. Irma Turner Rt. 1 Box 284 Flomaton, Al. 36441 Tel. 205 296-2219	66	\$100.00	Sunday Mornings & Evenings Wednesday Nights		
CHURCH	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	AVERAGE ATTENDANCE	BAPTISMS	MEMBERS ADDED	C.T.S. MEMBERS	ATTEND.
First F.W.B. Pensacola, Fl.	52	35	0	3	34	18
Shady Hill F.W. B. Church	34	12	3	6	0	0
Canaan FWB. Church	10	8	0	1	0	0
New Bethany F.W.B. Church	10	21	0	0	0	0
First F.W.B. Church Flomaton, Al.	42		2	4	0	0

