

MINUTES
OF THE
FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
HELD WITH
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, McDAVID, FLA.

SEPTEMBER 23, 24, 1949

Next Will Be At East Side Church, Garden St. and 10th Ave.
September 22-23, 1950, Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. W. S. Thomley, Moderator, Robertsdale, Ala.
R. L. Williams, Assistant Moderator, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, Clerk and Treasurer
209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.
W. E. Holley, Assistant Clerk, Pensacola, Fla.

Preachers and Deacons Meeting Will Be At
Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.
Fifth Sunday in April, 1950

Sunday School Convention Will Be At Shilo Church
Fifth Sunday in July, 1950, Bratt, Fla.

PENSACOLA, FLA., OCT. 30, 1948

The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association met and was formed in its first Session with the First Free Will Baptist Church on Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola, Fla., Oct. 30, 1948.

Opened with song, title: "Showers of Blessings". Prayer by Bro. John M. Rich. Bro. Mel Thomley read the 13th chapter of Hebrews and expressed his feelings and desire for this Association which was an inspiration to our souls, then opened nomination for a Moderator and Bro. W. S. Thomley was duly elected Moderator. After his installation, a motion was made to elect a clerk. Bro. Ed Holley was duly elected Association Clerk and Daisy M. Williams was elected Assistant Clerk. Brother John M. Rich was duly elected assistant Moderator. A motion was made and second to appoint and elect Daisy M. Williams Associational Treasurer. Motion duly carried.

CHURCH DELEGATES

First Free Will Baptist Church of Crestview, Fla. — Bro. L. G. Langford, Sister L. G. Langford. Clerk Mrs. Francis Langford, Baker, Fla., Box 791.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.—Bro. L. L. Brown, Bro. T. G. Long, Bro. J. W. Parham. Clerk Sister Emma Lee, McDavid, Fla.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Century, Fla.—W. B. Hobbs, W. E. Hobbs. Clerk, Sister Carrie Hobbs, Century, Fla.

Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church, Berry Dale, Fla.—By letter: Sister Wrennie Nelson, Bobbie Nelson. Clerk, Sister Wrennie Nelson, Jay, Fla.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla.—Bro. J. W. Hinnant, Bro. Sam Patrick. Clerk Miss Inez Thomley, Molino, Fla.

East Side Free Will Baptist Church—Garden St. and 10th Ave.—Bro. R. M. Hughes, Robert L. Williams, Ellis Dorch. Clerk, Daisy M. Williams, 209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

ROLL OF PREACHERS AND MINISTERS

Rev. T. U. Bryant, Rt. 5, Box 964, Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. Richard M. Hughes, 815 East LaRura St., Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. W. M. Patrick, P. O. Box 95, Molino, Fla.

Rev. I. C. Thomley, Molino, Fla.

Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsdale, Ala.

Rev. Eugene Sanford, Baker, Fla.

Rev. L. T. Lawson, 677 N. Barrow St., Crestview, Fla.

Rev. L. M. Thomley, Molino, Fla.

Rev. John M. Rich, 4134 W. Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. S. Thomley, Rev. L. M. Thomley, Rev. John M. Rich and Rev. Richard M. Hughes.

SUGGESTING COMMITTEE

John D. Parham, T. U. Bryant and Ellis Dorch.

WE YOUR SUGGESTING COMMITTEE

We suggest that each church in this Association take a special offering for expense to the National Association. Moved, seconded and

duly carried that the Clerk of this Association notify each church clerk to take such an offering before date of Association.

SUGGESTING REPORT

Moved, seconded and duly carried Suggesting Committee report be approved and adopted as read.

EXECUTIVE

Moved, seconded and duly carried that the officers of this Association serve as the Executive Committee.

Moved, seconded and duly carried that the Executive Committee be empowered to write the Constitution and By Laws of this Association, and any Article of Faith that need to be written.

Moved, seconded and duly carried that this Association and its churches adopt the unified program of the National Association as set forth in the minutes and freely cooperate with the Rules as nearly as possible.

Bro. L. G. Langford, Box 791, Baker, Fla.

Bro. Bill Bray, First Church, Pensacola, Fla.

Brother Lee Brown, Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.

Bro. J. W. Hinnant, Molino, Fla.

Bro. W. B. Hobbs, Century, Fla.

Sister Wrennie Nelson, Route 1, Milton, Fla.

Rev. Richard M. Hughes, 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.

NAME OF THIS ASSOCIATION

Moved, seconded and duly carried to name this Association the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

ASSOCIATION DATE SET FOR THE YEAR IN 1949

Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949, with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. Rev. Richard M. Hughes to preach introductional sermon, which will be on September 23 and 24, 1949.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION DATE FOR 1949

First Free Will Baptist Church on Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola, Fla., second and fifth Sundays in 1949. Sunday School convention May 29, 1949.

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING FOR 1949

East Side Free Will Baptist Church for Preachers and Deacons meeting, third and fifth Sundays in 1949 at Garden St. and 10th Avenue, Pensacola, Fla. Will be July 31, 1949.

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Moved, second and duly carried for all officers of this Association hold his and her places in office until the last part of our next Association, Friday and Saturday before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949 with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

To convene with Piney Grove Church, 8 miles south of Chipley, Fla.: Mrs. Ada Bryant, W. E. Holley, L. J. Langford, Daisy M. Williams, Sister Francis Langford, Tommie Hobbs, and John D. Parham,

DELEGATES APPOINTED TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

Bro. M. L. White, Sister M. L. White, and Bro. W. E. Holley.

Moved, seconded and duly carried that we adjourn to meet at 10 o'clock on Friday morning before the fourth Sunday in September, 1949 with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.

Meeting was dismissed with song, "What A Friend We Have in Jesus," and prayer by Bro. T. U. Bryant.

NUMBER OF CHURCHES ORGANIZED INTO WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

1. First Free Will Baptist Church, Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola, Fla.
2. First Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview, Fla.
3. East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Garden St. and 10th Avenue, Pensacola, Fla.
4. Christian Home F. W. B. Church, McDavid, Fla.
5. First Free Will Baptist Church, Century, Fla.
6. Travelers Rest F. W. B. Church, Milton, Fla.
7. Pilgrim Rest F. W. B. Church, Molino, Fla.

The officers which compose the executive committee of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association met with the East Side Free Will Baptist Church on Garden St. and 10th Avenue, Monday night, Feb. 28, 1949, beginning at 6 o'clock. Song, entitle: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus." Pianist Bro. W. B. Hobbs. Prayer by Rev. John M. Rich.

Members present at this meeting are as follows: Rev. Mel Thomley, Rev. Wade S. Thomley, Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. Richard M. Hughes, Bro. L. J. Langford, Sister Francis Langford, Bro. J. W. Hinnant, Rev. I. C. Thomley, Bro. Robert L. Williams, Daisy M. Williams.

Body declared ready for business.

Order of Business was adopted into the West Florida Association Feb. 28, 1949 from the Minutes of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association held with Poplar Head Church, Bonifay, Fla., Oct. 16-17, 1947, except a very little change.

Articles of Faith was read from the Cumberland Association Minutes of the Free Will Baptist Association State of Tennessee, held with East Nashville Church in Davidson County Oct. 17-18, 1945. It was moved, seconded and duly carried to adopt the same Articles of Faith into the West Florida Association.

A motion was made, seconded and duly carried for the West Florida Association to adopt the Government and Constitution of the Cumberland Association of the State of Tennessee held in Oct. 17-18, 1945, except a little change in Article 1—in place of each church having 50 members or more it will be 25 or fraction thereof.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adopt the Boards of the Cumberland Association, Minutes of Oct. 17-18, 1945.

It was moved, second and carried to adopt into the West Florida Association the Rules and Decorum of the Cmuberland Association from the minutes of Oct. 17-18, 1945 of Nashville, Tennessee, adopted into West Florida Association on Monday night, Feb. 28, 1949.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the Church Covenant of the Cumberland Association from the minutes of the Cumberland Association, held in the State of Tennessee, Davidson County, Oct. 17-18, 1945.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept Rules for Taking Members into the Church, presented to the body by Rev. Richard M.

Hughes. These rules are adopted into the West Florida Association Feb. 28, 1949.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Wade S. Thomley.

REV. WADE S. THOMLEY, Moderator, Robertsdale, Ala.

REV. JOHN M. RICH, Asst. Moderator, 4134 West Jackson St., Pensacola, Fla.

BRO. ED HOLLEY, Clerk, Pensacola, Fla.

DAISY M. WILLIAMS, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer, 209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

SONG AND PRAYER

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Invite visiting brethren to sit with us.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Call for Corresponding Letters and Enrollment of Delegates.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
6. Assignment of Committees to the Churches.
7. Appointment of Correspondents.
8. Reading the Corresponding Letters.
9. Hearing Reports of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.
11. Election of Moderator and Clerk.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

Article 1. We believe in one true and living God; the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost.

Article 2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament are words of Divine Inspiration, given to Abraham's children and that the New Testament contains the only Proper Rules for the faith and practice of the Christian Churches.

Article 3. We believe in the depravity of man and in man's inability to recover himself from his fallen condition without a Divine Mediator.

Article 4. We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ suffered and died upon the cross, and thereby made full atonement for every human being and His obedient life, sacrificial death, triumphant Resurrection, glorious ascension, and present intercession at His Father's Throne hath wrought an everlasting salvation for every sinner that will repent, believe and obey His Word.

Article 5. We believe that the faithful Christian will not fall from grace; however, we do believe in the free moral agency of man after justification, and that there is possible danger of falling into sin and being finally lost.

Article 6. We believe according to Hebrews the 6th chapter first to seventh verses, that after a man has been made a partaker of the Holy Ghost, if he shall fall from grace it is impossible to renew him again unto repentance, or restore him again into the favor of God.

Article 7. We believe Baptism and the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and the Washing of the Saints' feet are all ordinances ordained and instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ, and that true believers are

the only proper subjects. That the proper mode of Baptism is immersion, and that it is the duty of believers to attend these ordinances.

Article 8. We believe in the general judgment and that the joys of the Righteous and the Punishment of the Wicked will be eternal.

Article 9. We believe according to I Cor. 10:6 that each individual having been inducted into the Kingdom of Christ by an operative influence of the Holy Ghost and having faith to exercise the free dictation of his conscience, is in Communion with Saints.

Article 10. We believe in the justification of infants by the imputed Righteousness of Jesus Christ. Math. 19:14.

GOVERNMENT AND CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Each Church in this Association shall be entitled to one vote, and each Church having more than twenty-five members shall have one vote for the first twenty-five and one vote for each additional twenty-five members or fraction thereof. These votes shall be cast by one delegate from each of the various churches, and this delegate shall be duly elected by the Church to cast these votes. A roll call shall be made on important questions when it is desired.

Article 2. In the letter from each Church shall be expressed the number received by experience, letter, recommendation, restoration; the number dismissed by letter, excluded, died since the last Association, and the total number enrolled. Also give name of present Pastor and one called for the ensuing year; the name and addresses of Sunday School Superintendent and Secretary, the enrollment of Sunday School; the amount collected since last Association; the amount paid out to Pastor, to missionary, to minutes, and to miscellaneous expenses, and the amount left in the treasury.

Article 3. All subordinate Churches shall be subject to the ruling of this Association.

Article 4. This Association when convened, shall be governed by a Regular and Proper Code of Rules which they are authorized to establish for themselves.

Article 5. They may elect a Moderator, Secretary and Treasurer from themselves and they may hold their office until their successors are elected.

Article 6. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of the Association, except when withdrawn by consent.

Article 7. New Churches may be received into the Association who shall petition by letter or delegates if they have been regularly organized upon a profession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and are walking according to the gospel order.

Article 8. This Association shall furnish each Church with minutes of their proceedings in proportion to the amount sent by each Church in order to enable the Association to print their Minutes it is expected that each Church will send such sums of money as they think proper, and when the money is received, it shall be placed in the hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be disbursed by order of the Association.

Article 9. For the purpose of ordaining ministers of the gospel and Deacons who shall come with recommendations from their churches, and for trying all ordained members for unChristian conduct, there shall be a Presbytery, which shall convene at the opening of the Association, and at any time during the Association year, if called by the Moderator or his assistants or any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary to make such a call. The Presbytery shall consist of ordained members present, and they shall elect a Moderator and clerk from among themselves for the time being who shall hold

their offices until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of said Presbytery to examine all applications for ordination sent with recommendations from their Churches composing this Association, and if found competent, to ordain and set them apart for the work by laying on of hands. The Presbytery shall have full power to try all ordained members for unChristian conduct and on testimony, their decision shall be final.

Article 10. It shall be the duty of each Minister who shall organize a church to ordain Deacons for the same. It is his duty also to ordain deacons where a vacancy occurs within his charge. It shall be the duty of each pastor to encourage the organization and support of a Sunday School in the church or churches where he is pastor.

Article 11. No person shall be ordained to the ministry until he is qualified to meet the conditions stated in the third chapter of I Timothy and this shall be tested by the Presbytery. The Presbytery shall have full power to propound such spiritual questions as they consider necessary to determine his qualifications. All candidates for ordination shall be required to answer these questions satisfactorily.

Article 12. This Association may exclude from its body any minister who teaches heresy, on any other church that countenances him in said teaching or that may be disloyal to the tenets of faith as held by this Association and expressed in our Articles of Faith.

Article 13. All questions coming before this Association shall be determined by a majority vote, except exclusion of churches which shall require two-third (2/3) majority.

Article 14. Representatives from five churches shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business and no business shall be transacted without a quorum.

Article 15. The Minutes of this Association shall be read before the body, corrected if need be, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

Article 16. This Association may adjourn to meet with any Church that is a regular member of it at any time it deems proper.

Article 17. Amendments may be made to this form of government at any time by a majority of the members present composing the Association, voting in behalf of the amendment.

Article 18. When this Association shall have convened, it is the privilege of all ordained members belonging to the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptists to sit in council with us and to propose resolutions coming before the body as though they were delegates from the Church.

Article 19. This Association having jurisdiction over all the churches within its bounds, shall discipline any Church which calls a minister for a pastor who has been excluded by the Presbytery.

BOARDS

All Standing Boards shall be composed of three members, except the executive board, which shall be composed of seven members. Standing Boards include the Executive Board, Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education and Orphanage Board. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: The first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 2. The Personnel of the Executive Board shall be composed of the Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Chairmen of each of the fol-

lowing boards: Foreign Mission Board, Home Mission Board, Board of Education and Orphanage Board.

Section 3. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the West Florida Association from one regular session to another and shall have power to elect such officers as may be necessary for its own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports of all its work to each Annual Session of the Association.

Section 4. The duties of the various Standing Boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operations in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary, and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Association.

RULES AND DECORUM

This Association shall be opened by singing and prayer. Only one person may speak at a time. All addresses made by the members shall be made to the Moderator and the person thus speaking shall strictly confine himself to the subject in debate. No speaker shall cast any personal reflection toward any member of this body who has spoken previously.

No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on any one subject without the permission of a majority of the Association.

The speaker shall not be interrupted during his speech by anyone except the Moderator unless he violates the Rules of Order.

No member shall absent himself without permission from the Association. Members shall use the word "Brother," or "Brethren" in all debates.

The names of the members of this body shall be enrolled by the Clerk and the Roll Call be taken as often as necessary, provided a call is made by a member of the Association.

No member shall speak longer than fifteen minutes at any time without permission from the Moderator.

Any member who shall willfully and knowingly violate any of these rules shall be reported by the Moderator and shall be subject to the censure of the Association.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God by faith in 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 the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ." We will not forget 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, for its poor and all its benevolent works. 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 bond of peace; to be careful for one another's happiness and reputation, and to 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 principles 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 that His Will may be done in earth as it is in heaven; to this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational enterprises, the support of mission, the success of Sabbath schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of souls, and the conversion of the world; and may the God of Peace Sanctify us wholly; and preserve us blameless unto the Coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

PROCEEDINGS

SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1949

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH, McDAVID, FLA.

Friday morning session, two songs and prayer.

Rev. W. S. Thomley opened the session reading the third chapter of second John, then we had a good old Brother and Sister fellowship hand shaking and the body was then declared in order for business.

Rev. W. S. Thomley, Moderator; R. L. Williams, Asst. Moderator; Bro. Holley, Clerk; Daisy M. Williams, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer.
Reading Clerks: Sisters Nettie Patrick and Daisy M. Williams.

MINISTERS PRESENT

1. Rev. W. S. Thomley.....Robertsdale, Ala.
2. Rev. L. M. Thomley.....Molino, Fla.
3. Rev. W. A. Morton.....Pensacola, Fla.
4. Rev. W. M. Patrick.....Molino, Fla.
5. Rev. H. L. Adkison.....Baker, Fla.
6. Rev. R. M. Hughes.....815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.
7. Rev. J. C. Thomley.....Molino, Fla.

MINISTERS REPORTING BY LETTER

Rev. T. U. Bryant, R. 5, Box 964, Pensacola, Fla. Read and adopted.

PREACH COMMITTEE REPORT

Rev. R. M. Hughes preached introduction sermon at 11 o'clock Friday. Rev. W. M. Patrick and Rev. H. L. Adkinson Friday night. Rev. L. M. Thomley Saturday at 11 o'clock and Rev. W. A. Morton Saturday night.

Chairman Bro. Burket, Bro. J. W. Ward.

FIVE MINUTE RECESS

Back in order and in session. Two songs and prayer. Eleven o'clock introduction sermon by Rev. R. M. Hughes. Scripture reading I Corinthians, third chapter. An invitation was given for membership. Dismissed for noon. Adjourned business session until 1:30 o'clock.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Two songs and prayer. Body declared in order for business. Enrollment of delegates and churches. Call for Petitionary Letters. There

were two, New Home Baker, Fla., and Shilo, Bratt, Fla. Both letters were read and letters and churches adopted.

PETITIONARY LETTERS

To the West Florida Association September 17, 1949:

We the members of New Home Free Will Baptist Church of Christ, Baker, Fla., do petition the Honorable Body of West Florida Association for a home with you. Adopted and accepted.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Association:

We the people of Shilo Church of Bratt, Fla., present ourselves and are asking for a Home in the West Florida Association, and we present a church letter and ask to be received under the watch care of your Association until we are released from the Alabama Association on the 14 or 15 of October, 1949.

REV. W. S. THOMLEY, Moderator

R. P. AMERSON, Church Clerk.

Letters read and duly accepted by motion, seconded and unanimous voice vote of entire assembly.

Moved, seconded and duly carried that the Moderator will fellowship all delegates and ministers coming in late to all meetings.

Moved, seconded and duly carried, that all committee members sign committee reports giving name and address of all committees together with telephone numbers.

Call for correspondence sister Associations, none.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla.: Bro. and Sister W. L. Patrick, Bro. Wesley Nims.

Shilo Church, Bratt, Fla.: Bro. J. E. Wiggins, Bro. R. P. Amerson, Bro. Henry Ashcraft.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.: Bro. Lee Brown, Bro. O. L. Parham, Bro. Will Burket.

Travelers Rest Church, Berrydale, Fla.: Bro. W. S. Land, Bro. Bradge Quick, Sister Wrennie Nelson.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla.: Sister Wright, Bro. Rogers, Bro. Armstrong.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.: Sister Sarah E. Campbell, Sister Mary E. Bell.

East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla.: Bro. Emory Holmes, Sister Callie Elliott, Sister Bernice Lindner.

New Home Church, Baker, Fla.: Bro. L. G. Langford, Bro. J. W. Ward.

Delegates appointed to committees as follows:

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE — Sister Ada Bryant, Sister Sarah E. Campbell, and Sister Nettie Patrick.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE—Sister Mary E. Bell, Sister Sarah Parkam, and Sister Wrennie Nelson.

STANDING OF MINISTER — Bro. Ernest Wiggins, Bro. L. J. Langford and Bro. J. W. Hinnant.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE—Bro. W. S. Land, Bro. W. A. Morton, and Bro. James C. Ellis.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE—Bro. Robert Amerson, Bro. Henry Ashcraft, and Bro. W. L. Patrick.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE—Bro. W. E. Hobbs, Bro. Wesley Nims, and Bro. Bradge Quick.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Bro. W. B. Hobbs, Bro. H. L. Adkinson, and Bro. R. M. Hughes.

SUGGESTING COMMITTEE—Bro. L. M. Thomley, Bro. Emmory Holmes and Bro. O. L. Parham.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried to adjourn until Saturday morning at 9 o'clock, September 24, 1949. Dismissed with prayer.

Saturday morning session opened with three songs and prayer. A good old Brother and Sister fellowship handshaking and then the body was declared in order for business. The 150 chapter of Psalms was read by the Moderator, Rev. W. S. Thomley.

CALL FOR CHURCH LETTERS

The following church letters were read:

FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES

1. Shilo Church	\$ 16.00
2. Pilgrim Rest Church	20.50
3. Christian Home Church	15.00
4. New Home Church	10.00
5. Travelers Rest Church	10.00
6. Mt. Zion Church	7.00
7. First Church	27.00
8. East Side Church	25.00
Total in all	\$130.50

Moved, seconded and duly carried to accept Church Letters as read.

THERE WERE TWO NEW CHURCHES

Shilo Church, Bratt, Fla., and New Home Church, Baker, Fla.

CALL FOR PREACHERS' REPORTS

Preachers Report State of Florida, Escambia County. Date Sept. 22, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association:

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 65. Number of members received 26. Received by baptism 6, by letter and confession of faith 20. Miles traveled 6,000. Money received \$1,605.59. Funerals preached 1. Couples married 1. Sick calls 52. Churches organized one. — Rev. L. M. Thomley.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County. Date, Sept. 23, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of West Florida Free Will Baptist Association:

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number sermons preached 85. Number of members received, none. Received by Baptism none, by letter and confession of faith none. Miles traveled 2,000.

Money received \$60.00. Funerals preached, none. Couples married, none. Churches organized 1. This is due to sickness.—Rev. W. A. Morton, Pensacola, Fla.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County, date, Sept. 22, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached at present 65. Number of members received 1. Received by Baptism none. By letter and confession of faith 1. Miles traveled approximately 2,600. Money received \$81.47. Funerals preached, none. Couples married 1. Churches organized, none. Expense at present \$65.00.—Rev. W. M. Patrick, Molino, Fla.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County. Date, Sept. 22, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 21. Number of members received none. Received by Baptism, none. By letter and confession of faith none. Miles traveled, none. Money received, none. Funerals preached, one. Couples married 1. Churches organized, none.—Rev. T. U. Bryant.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County. Date, Sept. 23, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 305. Number of members received 44. Received by Baptism 34; by letter and confession of faith 10. Miles traveled 11,140. Money received \$968.83. Funerals preached 5. Couples married 2. Churches organized none. Visited and prayed for the sick 32.—Rev. W. S. Thomley, Robertsedale, Ala.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Okaloosa County, Date Sept. 17, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 33. Number of members received 1. Received by baptism none. By letter and confession of faith, none. Miles traveled 1,500. Money received \$6.50. Funerals preached none. Couples married none. Churches organized none.—Rev. H. L. Adkinson, Baker, Fla.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County. Date, Sept. 23, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 225. Number of members received 36. Received by Baptism 12. By letter and confession of faith 24. Miles traveled 5,000. Money received \$115.75. Funerals preached 3. Couples married 2. Churches organized none. — R. M. Hughes, 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.

Adopted as read.

State of Florida, Escambia County, Date, Sept. 23, 1949.

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

I beg to report my year's work as follows: Number of sermons preached 78. Number of members received by Baptism; by letter and

confession of faith, none. Miles traveled 1,926. Money received \$78.23. Funerals preached, none. Couples married, none. Churches organized none.—Rev. I. C. Thomley, Molino, Fla.

Adopted as read.

Moved, seconded and duly carried to adopt the letter of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., Wiggins Ave. Some more money that was to be added to this letter. The amount to be added, Bro. Ed Holley was granted the privelege to add this amount to this letter, which was \$104.00.

CALL FOR COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We your Sunday School committee beg to report that we find seven of our churches with good Sunday Schools and one fair. We beg pastors of each church to encourage the growth of its Sunday School. We suggest that we entertain our young folks with Christian entertainment and accupy their minds to keep them from all idleness.

Mrs. Ada W. Bryant, 424 N. Border St. Chairman

Mrs. Sarah E. Campbell, Rt. 5, Box 1672, Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Nettie Patrick, P. O. Box 61, Molino, Fla.

Adopted as read.

LEAGUE COMMITTEE

We Your F. W. B. League Committee find just two chuhches with leagues. They are First F. W. B. Church of West Pensacola and East Side Church of Pensacola. Total membership of 66 pupils. We suggest that all churches have Leagues as it is very good and helpful to young people all young folks from 6 years old to 75 years of age. So folks get up and get to work.

Mrs. Mary E. Bell, Chairman.

Mrs. Wrennie Nelson

Mrs. O. L. Parkham

Adopted as read.

STANDING MINISTRY COMMITTEE

We your committee on Standing Ministry beg to report that we find all ministers in good standing as far as we know and we urge all ministers to preach the word of God and to walk worthy of their calling so that they will not bring any reproach on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Louise G. Langford, Chairman.

Ernest Wiggins,

J. W. Hinnant

Adopted as read.

LADIES AUXILIARY COMMITTEE

We your committee on Ladies Auxiliary find that there is only two Ladies Auxiliaries working. Both at Pensacola, one at the First Church and one at East Side Church. We suggest to the ladies of the churches to let's get to work and be about our Father's business. Let's be earnest in our Father's business. It is a blessing to meet to study God's word and pray and then to visit the sick, poor and needy, and help them in anyway we can. So ladies let's get to work.

Mrs. Bernice Lindner, Chairman, 151 Aragon Ct., Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Callie Elliott, 51 Aragon Ct., Pensacola, Fla.

Mrs. Ruby Wright, Century, Fla.

Adopted as read.

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We your committee on Home Missions offer the following recommendation that our pastors instruct their churches that the mission of the churches is to carry the Gospel until it has reached the lost. For the devil is on his job trying to deceive the very elect. We recommend that each church be more concerned about Home Missions. We find that \$110.53 has been paid out for Home Missions this past year.

R. P. Amerson, Chairman
W. L. Patrick and Henry Ashcraft

Adopted as read.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Temperance Committee suggest that all Free Will Baptist members abstain from all the use of intoxicating alcohol or handling or voting for it in any way and teach our children the same in the homes and out Sunday Schools.

Edward Hobbs, Chairman, Bluff Springs, Fla., Rt. 1.
Wesley Nims, Cottage Hill, Fla.. Box 111
Bradge Quick, Milton, Fla., Rt. 1

Adopted as read.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee beg to report we find the Churches in the Association reporting finance offering for Association purposes. Amount brought in: \$74.50 with church letters; \$3.50 by J. W. Hinnant; Pilgrim Rest Sent in by mail Oct. 11, 1949, \$200. Shilo sent in by W. S. Thomley \$14.50, Oct. 8, 1949. Christian Home sent in by W. S. Thomley Oct. 8, 1949, \$500. East Side Paid in Oct. 9, 1949 \$800. New Home sent in Oct. 19, 1949, \$500. Travelers Rest Sent in Oct. 25, 1949, \$500. Mt. Zion sent in October 25, 1949, \$300. First Church \$10.00. Total in all \$130.50.

We would suggest all churches be given the privilege of taking part in the blessing at the next Association.

W. B. Hobbs, Chairman
H. L. Adkinson
Richard M. Hughes, 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.

SUGGESTING COMMITTEE

We your Suggesting Committee, suggest that the 1950 Association be held with East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., Garden St. and 10th Avenue.

The Preachers and Deacons meeting be held at Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.

The Sunday School convention be held at Shilo Church, Bratt, Fla.

We suggest that in voting in electing Pastors and officers should set the age at 14 years.

We the committee suggest that we retain our ordaining council in our association.

We suggest all business and church worship be opened and closed with prayer.

O. L. Parham, chairman, McDavid, Fla., Rt. A, Box 124
L. M. Thomley, Molino, Fla.
W. E. Holmes, 409 E. Liberty St., Pensacola, Fla.

Adopted as read.

It was moved, second and duly carried to adopt and accept report on Suggesting Committee as read with one exception, except children age 14 back to 12 years of age for transacting business in the churches.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your Obituary Committee find two members of the East Side Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Fla., to our sorrow are deceased.

Bro. Mack Hardee died March 6, 1949.

Sister Delah Carnley died October 6, 1948.

Little Vernie Linder died October 3, 1948. Daughter of our Delegate Sister Bernice Lindner from East Side Church of Pensacola.

We are thankful to our Lord that our loss is heaven's gain.

James C. Ellis, Chairman, Rt. 3, Milton, Fla.

W. A. Morton, Pensacola, Fla.

W. S. Land, Rt. 1, Milton, Fla.

All committee reported adopted as read.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried to adjourn for noon hour until 1:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

Song "Thank God for the Blood." Prayer by Rev. W. A. Morton.

A gracious dinner was served and we all enjoyed eating and had a great fellowship together, feeling our Lord was with us.

AFTERNOON SESSION SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song and prayer by Rev. Thomley.

Body declared in order for business. It was moved, seconded and duly carried to accept letter of recommendation from New Home Church, Baker Fla., duly signed by Rev. L. M. Thomley and Margaret Adkinson, Church Clerk.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

To the Ordaining Council of West Florida Association: This is to certify that we the members of New Home Free Will Baptist Church of Baker, Fla., ask for the ordination of Bro. H. L. Adkison. Done by order of the Church while in conference this the 17th day of September, 1949. Rev. L. M. Thomley, Pastor; Margret Adkison, Church Clerk.

Bro. H. L. Adkison was ordained by the ordaining council.

Rev. W. S. Thomley, Rev. L. M. Thomley and Rev. R. M. Hughes. Crestview Church had no representation by letter or delegate.

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1949 OF THE WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH, McDavid, Fla.—Time of meeting second Sunday and Saturday before each month. Paid pastor \$320.83. Amount for building purposes \$99.40. Amount for training camp \$10.25. For radio program at Crestview \$35.60. Membership 50. Amount for Home Mission work \$3.55. Amount for Associational purposes \$15.00. Pastor Rev. Grady Hollinsworth. Mrs. Emmie Lee, Church Clerk, Rt. A, Box 124, McDavid, Fla.

SHILO CHURCH, Bratt, Fla.—Members 102. Amount for Associational purposes \$16.00. For Home Mission Work \$87.94. For Building Purposes \$1,200.00. Paid Pastor \$595.00. Paid visiting preachers \$50.00. Time of meeting is first and third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Paid on radio program at Crestview \$144.70. Pastor W. S. Thomley. R. P. Amerson, Church Clerk, Atmore, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 222.

TRAVELERS REST CHURCH, Milton Fla.—Members 18. Amount for Associational Purposes \$10.00. For Orphanage, none. For Home Mission, none. For Foreign Missions, none. For Building Purpose \$103.35.

Paid Pastor \$22.00. Paid visiting minister \$21.00. Paid evangelist \$16.75. Time of meeting is second and fourth Sunday in each month. Pastor, Rev. H. L. Adkison. Mrs. Wrennie Nelson, Church Clerk.

NEW HOME CHURCH, Baker, Fla.—Members 6. Amount for Associational purpose \$10.00. For Home Mission Work, none. For orphanage none. For Foreign Missions, None. For Building Purpose, none. Paid Pastor \$11.45. Visiting ministers, none. Paid evangelist \$31.20. Time of meeting third Sunday and Saturday before in each month. Pastor, Rev. L. M. Thomley. Mrs. Margret Adkison, Clerk.

PILGRIM REST CHURCH, Molino, Fla.—Membership 47. Amount for Associational Purpose \$20.50. For Home Mission Work, none. On Broadcast at Crestview \$15.50. For Orphanage, none. For Foreign Missions, none. For Building Purposes \$50.00. Paid Pastor \$13.50. For visiting minister \$31.73. For evangelist \$28.47. Pastor, Rev. W. S. Thomley. Mrs. Nettie Patrick, Church Clerk.

MT. ZION CHURCH, Century, Fla.—Membership 18. Amount for Association Purpose \$7.00. For Home Mission, none. For Orphanage, none. For Foreign Mission, none. For Building Purpose \$105.00. Paid Pastor \$81.02. Paid visiting minister \$26.06. Paid evangelist \$25.20. Time of meeting Saturday and Sunday in each week. Pastor, Rev. W. M. Patrick. Mrs. Carrie Hobbs, Church Clerk, Century, Fla.

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Pensacola, Fla.—Members 75. Amount for Associational Purpose \$27.00. For Home Mission \$12.34. For Orphanage, none. For Foreign Mission \$20.30. For Building Purpose \$303.16. Paid Pastor \$2,706.80. For visiting minister \$36.69. Paid evangelist \$96.00. For Educational Offering \$125.19. League raised for Foreign Mission \$6.51. Paid to National League conference \$54.00. Paid to Bible school teachers \$50.00. Paid for church furnishings \$943.36. Building value \$10,000.00. Time of meeting every Sunday in each week. Pastor Rev. W. A. Morton, Pensacola, Fla. B. R. Coltrain, Church Clerk, 4219 W. Gaffney St., Pensacola, Fla.

It was moved, seconded and duly carried, that Bro. Ed Holley be granted the privilege to add to church letter the amount of \$104.00 from First Church of Pensacola, Fla.

EAST SIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, Garden St. and 10th Ave., Pensacola, Fla.—Membership 87. Amount for Associational Purpose \$25.00. For Home Mission \$32.04. For Orphanage, none. For Building Purposes \$1,111.39. Paid pastor \$50.00. Paid to National League Conference \$17.00. Paid to training camp \$6.04. Time of meeting every Sunday in each week. Pastor Rev. R. M. Hughes, 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla. Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, Church Clerk. 209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. W. S. Thomley, relected Moderator.

R. L. William elected Assistant Moderator.

Daisy M. Williams elected clerk and relected treasurer.

Bro. Ed Holley elected assistant clerk.

HOME MISSIONS

There was a very needful suggestion made at the Association for each church in this Association to send into the Associational Clerk the amount of \$5.00 each month for Home Mission funds to help support an evangelist. Also to help build churches where they are needed. The churches that have responded to this suggestion, so far as follows: East Side Ladies Auxiliary paid in Oct. 4, 1949, \$500. Christian Home Church paid in Oct. 7, 1949, \$5.00.

CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1948 AND 1949

Paid in for the purpose of buying a printing machine for cards and letters. Paid in treasury last year none.

Fees sent in for delegates to National Association: First Church sent in \$5.00. East Side sent in \$5.54 Mt. Zion sent in \$5.00. Crestview sent in \$5.00. Total \$20.54. Paid out to Delegate W. E. Holley, June 11, 1949—\$20.54.

Paid Clerk none. Printing of minutes, none. Printing of letter blank, none. Mailing expense paid in \$4.86. Balance in treasury \$11.86.

For 1949 Associational Purposes paid in, Shilo \$16.00. Pilgrim Rest \$20.50, Christian Home \$15.00. New Home \$10.00. Travelers Rest \$10.00. Mt. Zion \$7.00. First Church \$27.00. East Side \$25.00. Total \$130.50. Paid out for Minutes \$110.00.

Paid out for church letter blanks and Preachers Report blanks, \$14.00. Home Mission fund paid in \$10.00. Balance in treasury \$27.86.

DAISY M. WILLIAMS, Clerk and Treasurer

W. E. HOLLEY, Assistant Clerk.

1. PILGRIM REST CHURCH, Molino, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 30; 1949 Pastor Rev. Grady Hollingsworth; 1950 Pastor Rev. W. S. Thomley; Church Clerk Mrs. Nettie Patrick, Box 61, Molino, Fla.
2. CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH, McDavid, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 58; 1949 Pastor Rev. W. S. Thomley; 1950 Pastor Rev. Grady Hollingsworth; Church Clerk, Mrs. Emma Lee, Rt. A, Box 124, McDavid, Fla.
3. NEW HOME CHURCH, Baker, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 6; 1949 Pastor Rev. L. M. Thomley; 1950 Pastor Rev. L. M. Thomley; Church Clerk, Mrs. Margaret Adkison, Baker, Fla.
4. TRAVELERS REST CHURCH, Berrydale, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 19; 1949 Pastor Rev. L. M. Thomley; 1950 Pastor Rev. H. L. Adkison; Church Clerk, Mrs. Wrennie Nelson, Rt. 1 Milton, Fla.
5. SHILO CHURCH, Bratt, Fla., Sunday School teachers and scholars 109; 1949 Pastor, Rev. W. S. Thomley; 1950 Pastor Rev. W. S. Thomley; Church Clerk, R. P. Amerson, Atmore, Ala., Rt. 1, Box 222.
6. MT. ZION CHURCH, Century, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars, none; 1949 Pastor, Rev. W. M. Patrick; 1950 Pastor, Rev. W. M. Patrick; Church Clerk, Mrs. Carrie Hobbs, Century, Fla.
7. FIRST CHURCH, Pensacola, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 57; 1949 Pastor Rev. J. M. Rich; 1950 Pastor Rev. W. A. Morton; Church Clerk, B. R. Coltiam, 4219 Gaffney St., Pensacola, Fla.
8. EAST SIDE CHURCH, Pensacola, Fla.: Sunday School teachers and scholars 85; 1949 Pastor Rev. R. M. Hughes; 1950 Pastor Rev. R. M. Hughes; Church Clerk Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, 209 Aragon Court, Pensacola, Fla.

MISCELLANEOUS

Ladies Auxiliary of First Free Will Baptist Church presented a little token of appreciation of \$5.00 to the oldest preacher for his faithful service to the Free Will Baptist cause.

Rev. L. M. Thomley was oldest preacher present in Association.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CHURCHES IN ASSOCIATION

East Side Membership.....	87
First Church Membership.....	75
Mt. Zion Membership.....	18
Pilgrim Rest Membership.....	47
New Home Membership.....	6
Travelers Rest Membership.....	18
Shilo Membership.....	102
Christian Home Membership.....	50
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Total Membership.....	403

DELEGATES TO STATE ASSOCIATION

Mowen Chapel Church, 6 miles south of Marianna, Fla., Nov. 4th and 5th, 1949:

Bro. and Sister O. L. Parkam, Sister Ada Bryant, Sister Mary E. Bell, Bro. Edd. Holley, Sister Bernice Lindner and Sister Daisy M. Williams.

RULES FOR TAKING MEMBERS INTO THE CHURCH

Q. You found yourself a sinner in the sight of God?

A. I did.

Q. And you feel that God for Christ's sake has forgiven you for all sin?

A. I do.

Q. And now you want to become a member of this Free Will Baptist Church at this place?

A. I do.

Q. Are you willing to abide by the rules of this Church?

A. I am.

Q. Are you willing to support the Church with your finances as God Prospers you?

A. I am.

Q. Do you believe the whole Bible and will you take it for your guide and live according to it's teachings?

A. I will.

Q. Do you believe in free and open Communion? Let a man examine himself according to 1st Cor. 11:28. Also in the Washing the Saints feet according to St. John, 13th chapter.

A. I do.

Q. Do you believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and do you accept Him as your Personal Saviour?

A. I do.

