

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
OF THE
STATE OF FLORIDA
HELD WITH
GRACE FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, PENSACOLA, FLA.

September 25 and 26, 1953

Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Fla., March 26 and 27, 1954.

The District Sunday School Convention will be held at Oakfield Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., May 21 and 22, 1954. Rev. Floyd H. Coleman (President). Mr. Horace Amerson (Clerk).

The District League Convention will be held at the First Church, on Wiggins Ave., the last Saturday in July, 1954. Mr. R. L. Donaldson (Director). Miss Thelma Wiggins (Secretary).

The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held at Bethel Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church, Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, 1954, Pensacola, Fla. Rev. F. H. Coleman will preach Associational Sermon.

Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson (Bratt) Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.

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SEPTEMBER 25 and 26, 1953

PROCEEDINGS

GRACE, FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH,
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Friday, 10:00 A. M.—Body called to order by Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson, after singing a number of songs and scripture reading of St. John chapter 21 and 19th verse.

The devotions were in charge of Rev. A. H. Ashcraft who delivered the welcome address, reading St. John 20th chapter, Prayer by Rev. R. M. Hughes.

The rules and decorum of the West Florida association was read by our Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson for our edification and instruction.

Motion made and carried for the Moderator to appoint all committees. Committees appointed as follows:

Credentials Committee: Rev. J. D. Parnam, Ch., W. E. Holmes, and Rev. H. L. Henderson.

Finance Committee: Mrs. Mary E. Bell, Mrs. Joe Patrick, Mrs. Emma Lee.

Devotional Committee: Mrs. R. W. Parker, Mrs. Gillian Pippin, Mrs. H. L. Henderson.

Suggestions Committee: Rev. E. A. Breedlove, Ch., Mrs. F. E. Rogers, Rev. H. F. Coleman.

Home Missions Committee: Mrs. Ada Bryant, Ch.

Obituary Committee: R. T. Burkett, F. E. Rogers.

Standing of Ministry Committee: R. H. Reddick, J. C. Dorch, R. W. Parker.

Temperance Committee: Jesse Godwin, Ch., Maggie Dockins.

Daily V-B School Committee—Mrs. W. C. Stanford, ch., Mrs. Lucille Lowery, Rev. I. C. Thomley.

Sunday School Committee—Rev. L. M. Thomley, R. L. Williams and Rev. B. B. Champion.

Call for Visiting Brethren to be Seated with the Associational Body—The Rev. R. P. Ritch of Sylacoga, Ala., Mr. C. W. Deason and Mrs. C. W. Deason of Sylacoga, Ala., responded and were seated.

The Moderator interrupted the business proceedings at this point to declare a five minute recess.

The Rev. W. C. Stanford led a short praise service and congregational singing after which Rev. J. V. Turman, brought the associational message, reading 1st, Peter 2nd chapter 1st thru 14th, verses.

ADJOURN FOR LUNCH

1:30 P. M.—Body declared in order for business by Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Breedlove. Motion to continue business as far as possible on account of storm.

Reading Clerks appointed as follows: Mrs. Bertha Bell, Mrs. Emma Lee.

CALL FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credential Committee, having examined all the Church Letters, from all the churches and find them to be in accord with the requirements of this body.

First Free Will Baptist Church, \$25.00.

East Side Free Will Baptist Church, \$29.00. Enclosed from East Side Woman's Aux., \$5.00.

Grace Free Will Baptist Church, \$10.00.

Bethel Tabernacle Free Will Baptist Church, \$14.00. We request to be seated with this Body. Request the Assoc. to convene with their church in 1954.

Oak Hill Free Will Baptist Church, \$5.00. Request membership with the West Fla. Free Will Baptist Assoc.

Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church, \$36.00. Enclosed for Minutes, \$25.00. For Assoc. purpose, \$6.00. For Clerk, \$5.00.

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, \$19.00.

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, \$15.00. Request the Ministers and Deacons Meeting. Request Ordination as Deacon for Bro. James Bolton, Shiloh. Request ordination as Deacons for Bro. W. B. Brown and Bro. H. H. Grimes of Bethel Tabernacle. East Side Free Will Baptist Church. Request ordination as Minister of Rev. J. V. Turman, and Licensing of Bro. W. C. Stanford for the Ministry. They also request the Assoc. for 1954.

Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church, \$8.00. We have called Rev. Sam Patrick to serve us next year.

Travelers Rest Church, \$8.00. Request the Assoc. in 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. D. Parham

W. E. Holmes

Rev. H. L. Henderson.

CLERK'S REPORT

Read and adopted as read. Moved and carried to elect Moderator and Vice Moderator in separate votes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moved and carried to retain same Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Rev. H. L. Henderson and Rev. A. H. Ashcraft were nominated.

Rev. A. H. Ashcraft was elected Vice Moderator.

Moved and carried to re-elect Daisy M. Williams (Clerk & Treas).

Moved and carried to re-elect W. E. Holley (Asst. Clerk).

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church, Century, Fla. Delegates Ran Rogers and Claud Odom. Church clerk, Mrs. Carrie Hobbs, Century, Fla.

Shiloh F. W. B. Church, Bratt, Fla. Delegates, J. C. Dorch, Henry Ashcraft, Hazie Franklin, Jess Godwin, B. H. Norris. Church clerk, Mrs. Dorthy Norris, Rt. 1, Box 287, Atmore, Ala.

First F. W. B. Church, 412 Wiggins Ave., Pensacola. Delegates, R. H. Reddick, Sis. Ada Bryant, Sis. Bertha Bell. Church clerk, Mrs. Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97, Pensacola, Fla.

Travelers Rest F. W. B. Church, Berrydale, Fla. Delegates, Ottis Nelson, W. S. Land, Sis. W. S. Land, Bill Williams. Church clerk, Mrs. Wrennie Nelson, Rt. 1, Milton, Fla.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. Delegates, Sis. Emma Lee, Sis. Maggie Dockins. Church clerk, Mrs. Emma Lee, Rt. 1, Box 96, McDavid, Fla.

Pilgrims Rest Church, Molino, Fla. Delegates, Sis. Lucille Patrick, Sis. Lillian Pippins. Church clerk, Mrs. Mary Lou Williams, P. O. Box 37, Cottage Hill, Fla.

Grace Church, 2510 N. "E" St., Pensacola, Fla. Delegates, Sis. Maud Rogers and Sis. Edna Henderson. Church clerk, Mrs. Edna Henderson, Rt. 4, Box 360, Pensacola, Fla.

East Side Church, 427 E. Navy Boulevard, Pensacola, Fla. Delegates, Sis. Lucille Lowery and Sis. Laura Stanford. Church clerk, Mrs. Laura Stanford, 415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.

Bethel Tabernacle Church, 43rd St., Davis Hwy., Pensacola, Fla. Delegates, Sis. Bernice Linder and Emory Holmes. Church clerk, Mrs. Marjorie Dennis, 2005 W. Wright St., Pensacola, Fla.

Oakfield Church, Oakfield Community, Pensacola, Fla. Delegates, Roy Parker, B. B. Champion. Church clerk, R. T. Burkett, 2605 W. Hatton St., Pensacola, Fla.

New Home. No letter. No delegate. Rec. these two Letters after Assoc.

Rainbow Church, Robertsedale, Ala. Delegates, Jack Dunlap and Walther Pearce. Church clerk, Jack Dunlap, Rt. 1, Robertsedale, Ala.

Friendship Church, Flomaton, Ala. Church clerk, Mrs. Katie Carden, Flomaton, Ala.

Moved and seconded to accept letters and seat delegates. Also both Petitionary Letters from Oakfield and Bethel Tabernacle. Accepted and delegates seated with the body. Duly carried.

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We, your Devotional Committee, ask that Rev. E. A. Breedlove lead in Praise Service following by Rev. Robert Ritch, Friday night.

Saturday A. M. Devotional by Rev. J. D. Parham following by Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Saturday P. M. Devotional by Rev. A. C. Wiggins following by Rev. B. B. Champion.

Moved and carried as Bro. Ernest Wiggins has left this Assoc. to elect a Trustee to take his place.

Rev. R. M. Hughes resigned as Trustee. Rev. L. M. Thomley resigned as member of Ordaining Council.

Moved and carried that Rev. L. V. Pinson be empowered to appoint Ordaining Council for one year. Namely as follows:

ORDAINING COUNCIL

R. L. Williams. ch., Rev. B. B. Champion, Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft.

TRUSTEES OF WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOC.

Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Bro. Roy Parker

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moved and carried by R. M. Hughes and F. E. Rogers to elect the following as member of Open and Unfilled Executive Board: F. W. Dawkins, 1 year; L. A. Hall, 2 year; F. E. Rogers, 3 year; J. V. Turman, 4 year; T. U. Bryant, 5 year; J. D. Parham, 6 year; E. A. Breedlove, 7 year.

CALL FOR PETITIONARY LETTERS

Bethel Tabernacle F. W. B. Church and Oakfield F. W. B. Church. Accepted and delegates seated with this body.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Report read and accepted. Moved and carried to print in W. F. Minutes. Moved and carried to adjourn till Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

Saturday, 9:30 A. M. Singing led by Rev. H. L. Henderson. Prayer by W. C. Stanford. Scripture reading by Rev. L. V. Pinson, 12 ch. Rome. Body declared in order for business by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Prayer by Rev. H. F. Coleman.

COMMITTEES AT WORK

Singing led by Rev. I. C. Thomley. Prayer by Rev. E. A. Breedlove. 11:00, Devotional by Rev. J. D. Parham, followed by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Report of Ordaining Council read by Sister Emma Lee. Moved and carried to accept report as read of Ordaining Council.

Ordination taken place of men as follows: A. C. Wiggins for ordination for the Ministry from Shiloh; H. T. Williams for ordination for the Ministry from Molino; R. W. Parker, ordination for Deacon from Oakfield; J. C. Bolton, ordination for Deacon from Shiloh; W. B. Brown, ordination for Deacon from Bethel Tabernacle; H. H. Grimes, ordination for Deacon from Bethel Tabernacle; J. V. Turman, ordination for the Ministry from East Side; W. C. Stanford for License for the Ministry from East Side. Greetings extended to those eight men in the Lord by Rev. I. M. Thomley. Moved and carried to adjourn till 1:00 P. M.

Saturday, 1:00 P. M. Back in session after enjoying the fine spread of food and fellowship. Singing led by H. L. Henderson. Call for reports. Sunday School Committee report read and accepted. Obituary Committee report read and accepted. Standing of Ministry report read and accepted. Temperance Committee report read and accepted. Home Mission report read and accepted. D-V-B School report read and accepted. Moved and carried to accept Finance Committee report with any corrections to be made. Moved and carried to have two quarterly meetings to take care of our business, one in the North end and one in the South end of Associational area. Suggestion Committee report read and accepted. District League report to be accepted when sent in to Clerk.

APPOINTMENT OF STATE DELEGATE

Sister Millie Donaldson was appointed delegate to the Florida State Association with \$20.00 Assoc. entrance fee.

Rev. Robert Ritch from Sylacoga, Ala., gave a soul stirring message from the Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala. An offering of \$33.75 was sent to the Home by him.

Moved and carried to drop Rev. H. L. Adkison's name from the roll of Ministers as he is no longer in this Association.

Moved and carried that the West Florida F. W. B. Assoc. adopt the National Treaties of the Faith and Practices of the original Free Will Baptist

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We, your Suggesting Committee suggest that the Association be at Bethel Tabernacle Church, Sept. 24-25, 1954. Sunday School Convention be at Oakfield F. W. B. Church, May 21-22, 1954. Ministers and Deacons meeting at Shiloh F. W. B. Church, March 26-27, 1954. We suggest that the F. W. B. churches have more revivals and more love for one another. We suggest that each church have a Treatise. Also a Free Will Baptist hour on the radio. We suggest that the West Florida Free Will Baptist use the National Free Will Baptist Treatise of By-Laws. We suggest that the quarterly meetings to be held in Pensacola and Northern Part of Association be Friday and Saturday before the 5th Sundays. Moved and seconded to drop Rev. H. L. Adkinson's name from Ministers roll. Moved and carried that we insert in the Suggestion Committee report, that the 5th Sunday School Convention or any other program, will not be held on 5th Sundays. Moved and carried to place associational dues on the approximately 25c per capita member. Motion failed. Moved and carried by Rev. B. B. Champion and Rev. J. D. Parham, asking each church to send as much money for associational purposes as possible. Moved and carried to let the boundary line for the quarterly meetings be placed geographically at the Molino Church, Pilgrim Rest, and that Pilgrim Rest Church be in the North end. Moved and carried to appoint two men to head a radio committee to carry on a F. W. B. Radio hour and announcements and these men be empowered to carry on programs as they see fit. Rev. A. H. Ashcraft (Director) and Rev. E. A. Breedlove (Treas.). Moved and carried that Rev. H. L. Henderson's Church (Grace) ask for ordination of him at Quarterly meeting. Moved and seconded by Rev. R. M. Hughes and Rev. J. D. Parham, that the Moderator appoint a committee of five to revise our Government and Constitution. Appointed as follows: Rev. H. F. Coleman, Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. J. D. Parham, Bro. F. E. Rogers, Rev. B. B. Champion. Motion made and carried that Rainbow Church letter to accepted later after Assoc. when sent in by their church. A rising vote of thanks was given our visitors, Rev. Robert Ritch and Bro. and Sis. C. W. Deacon. Also a rising vote of thanks to our host church (Grace) for their fine hospitality and entertainment of our Association.

STANDING OF MINISTRY

We, your Committee on Standing of Ministers report that Rev. W. M. Patrick turning in report on old report blank. We, the Committee, request that all ministers make reports on certification card hereafter. Having no report on the following ministers: Rev. W. S. Thomley, Rev. T. U. Bryant, Rev. W. A. Morton, and Rev. Nathaniel Carden. We, the committee, request that the secretary issue the said Brothers their cards when they turn in their reports, if found in good standing. We, the committee, finding all other reports on ministers in good standing, recommend that they continue in the good work of our Lord. Let us all pray for our ministers.

R. H. Reddick
J. C. Dorch
R. W. Parker.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Temperance Committee, suggest that all Free Will Baptist be temperant in all things, in the worldly things in all respect to God.

Jessie Godwin, Chr.
Maggie Dockins.

DAILY V-B SCHOOL

We, your Daily Vacation Bible School Committee, find that no D. V. B. Schools was reported this year. We suggest that a committee be appointed to promote D. V. B. School in every church in the Association.

Mrs W. C. Stanford
Mrs. Lucille Lowery
Rev. I. C. Thomley.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

We, your Sunday School Committee on Sunday Schools find all the churches represented have Sunday Schools. We feel thankful for this work, and feel that this is educational to our young people, to teach them the way of the Lord. We recommend that each Sunday School secretary send all Sunday School reports to the District Secretary of the District Sunday School Convention, Mr. Horace Amerson, Rt. 1, Box 279, Atmore, Ala.

Signed by the Sunday School Committee,

Rev. L. M. Thomley
Bro. R. L. Williams
Rev. B. B. Champion.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, have examined the following men and found them worthy according to their testimonies for ordination to preach the Gospel: Bro. J. V. Turman, Bro. H. F. Williams, Bro. A. C. Wiggins. We also find the following Deacons worthy of ordination: Bro. R. W. Parker, Bro. J. C. Bolton, Bro. H. H. Grimes, Bro. W. B. Brown. We also find the following men worthy of License to preach the Gospel: Bro. H. L. Henderson, Bro. W. C. Stanford.

Signed by the members of the Council,

Bro. R. L. Williams, Chr.
Rev. R. M. Hughes
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft
Rev. H. F. Coleman
Rev. E. B. Champion.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Moved and carried to appoint a committee of three to visit all the different churches and establish D. V. B. Schools. The committee appointed Mrs. Ada Bryant, Chr., Mrs. W. C. Stanford, Mrs. W. D. Brown.

HOME MISSION

We, your Home Mission Committee, recommend that our churches be more Home Mission minded, and be more steadfast in Christ and obey by getting out and doing what Christ calls us to do, being led by the Holy Spirit. We are glad to report that our churches contributed \$904.38 for Home Missions this year. We desire that the Home Mission report next year will be far better than has been this year.

Sister Ada Bryant, Chr.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Obituary Committee, find the following: Bro. Stroud Purvis, Bro. Will Franklin, Sis. John Byrd and Sis. Nettie Castalow of Shiloh Church at Bratt, Fla., Bro. John Patrick, age 72, died June 12, 1953 of Pilgrim Rest Church at Molino, Fla., Sis. Vee Holley, age 51, died Feb. 13, 1953, of First Church, Jean and Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Fla., Bro. John Henry Herbert of Grace F. W. B. Church, 2510 N. E. St., Pensacola, Fla. We also request that each church of the W. F. F. W. B. Assoc., submit with their letters the names, ages and date of deaths of each deceased. We regret to part with those we love. But our loss is Heaven's gain. May God be with us until we meet again.

R. T. Burkett, Chr.

F. E. Rogers.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee Report read by W. E. Holley. Accepted as read.

WEST FLA. ASSOCIATION CLERK'S REPORT FROM SEPT. 1st., 1952 TILL SEPT. 1st., 1953

Grace Church, paid in	\$ 10.00
Christian Home Church, paid in	15.00
Mt. Zion Church, paid in	8.00
First Church, paid in	20.00
Travelers Rest Church, paid in	3.00
Rainbow Church, paid in	3.00
Shiloh Church, paid in	15.00
Friendship Church, paid in	3.50
Pilgrim Rest Church, paid in	20.00
East Side Church, paid in	21.00
Auxiliary, paid in	5.00
Special offering taken at Assoc. for Assoc. Purposes	21.83
East Side League, \$5.; Sunday School, \$5.; Aux., \$5.—Tot. ..	15.00

Total paid in	\$160.33
Balance in Treasury of Assoc., money	\$ 24.24
Balance in Treasury of Ministers and Deacons, money	8.00
Balance in Treasury of State Assoc., expense money	14.12
Balance in Treasury of Building Fund, money	60.00

Total in Treasury	\$266.69
Oct. 1952 Paid out to State Assoc. for fee	\$ 10.00
Feb. 5, 1953 Paid out for Ministers' Cards	4.50
Oct. 4, 1952 Paid back to First Church Aux. Bldg. Fund ..	60.00
Sept. 27, 1952 Special offering was taken and given to W. S.	

Land for Building purpose on Travelers Rest Church	17.68
March 27, 1953 Paid out for West Fla. Minutes	112.00

SUMMARY TABLE FOR CHURCHES—

ASSOCIATION—WEST FLORIDA
YEAR ENDING—SEPTEMBER 25 & 26, 1953
MODERATOR—REV. L. V. PINSON, BRATT, FLA.
VICE-MODERATOR—REV. A. H. ASHCRAFT, PENSACOLA, FLA.
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LOCATION	Year Organized	Services Per Month	PASTORS NAME	Received by Baptism	Received by Letter and Confession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Total of Membership Including Non-Residents	Number Excluded	Number Died	Sunday School Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	Daily—Vacation Bible School Enrollment	Paid Pastors	League Enrollment	Clerk's Name
Pensacola, Fla., First Church	1945	Full	Rev. A. H. Ashcraft	3	13	5	77	0	1	50	9	0	1,451.31	25	Millie Donaldson
Pensacola, Fla., East Side Church ..	1947	Full	Rev. J. V. Turman	12	16	27	64	0	0	35	8	0	367.50	28	Laura Stanford
Century, Fla., Mt. Zion Church	1949	3-4 Time	Rev. Sam Patrick	0	1	2	39	0	0	18	0	0	122.16	0	Carry Hobbs
Molino, Fla., Pilgrim Rest Church ..	1941	Full	Rev. J. C. Johnson	0	0	0	42	0	1	25	9	0	181.92	32	Nettie Patrick
Berrydale, Fla., Travelers Rest Ch.	1947	1-2 Time	Rev. H. T. Williams	3	4	4	29	0	0	32	0	0	120.00	0	Wrennie Nelson
Bratt, Fla., Shiloh Church		Full	Rev. L. V. Pinson	7	11	0	106	0	4	97	16	0	2,080.00	58	Dorothy Norris
McDavid, Fla., Christian Home Ch. .	1931	1-2 Time	Rev. W. S. Thomley	0	0	0	53	0	0	76	0	0	370.00	25	Emma Lee
Robertsdale, Ala., Rainbow Church ..	1949	1-2 Time	Rev. I. C. Thomley	1	2	0	14	0	0	35	0	0	205.84	36	Jack Dunlap
Lottie, Ala. New Home Church	1949			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Pensacola, Fla., Grace Church	1949	Full	Rev. H. L. Henderson	4	2	12	47	0	1	47	16	0	343.21	36	Edna Henderson
Pollard, Ala., Friendship Church ..		1-2 Time	Rev. N. W. Carden	9	9	0	32	0	0	30	0	0	13.36	0	Katie Carden
Pensacola, Fla., Oakfield Church ..	1952	Full	Rev. E. A. Breedlove	3	8	0	25	0	0	35	0	0	0	0	R. T. Burkett
Pensacola, Fla., Bethel Tabernacle	1952	Full	Rev. R. M. Hughes	21	11	0	70	0	0	50	10	0	0	36	Marjorie Dennis

LOCATION

LOCATION	Value of Church Property	Amount of Association Purposes	Home Mission Building Funds	Foreign Mission	Orphanage	Evangelist & Visiting Ministers	Youth Camp	Bible College	Budget Plan Church Tithes
Pensacola, Fla., First Church	15,299.49	25.00	588.46	0	0	15.00	0	0	236.64
Pensacola, Fla., East Side Church	7,500.00	29.00	661.16	0	0	104.36	16.00	0	132.99
Century, Fla., Mt. Zion Church	2,500.00	8.00	50.00	0	0	45.38	0	0	0
Molino, Fla., Pilgrim Rest Church	2,500.00	36.00	32.14	0	0	27.50	0	0	0
Berrydale, Fla., Travelers Rest Church		8.00	611.87	0	0	63.14	0	0	0
Bratt, Fla., Shiloh Church	10,000.00	15.00	348.53	4345	0	75.00	0	0	0
McDavid, Fla., Christian Home Church	2,500.00	19.00	19.60	0	0	73.53	32.00	0	0
Robertsdale, Ala., Rainbow Church	4,500.00	5.20	510.00	0	0	81.03	0	0	0
Lottie, Ala., New Home Church	2,500.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensacola, Fla., Grace Church	2,500.00	10.00	422.53	0	0	50.00	0	0	0
Pollard, Ala., Friendship Church		5.86	12.24	0	0	19.86	0	0	0
Pensacola, Fla., Oakfield Church		5.00	1,460.51	0	0	55.89	0	0	0
Pensacola, Fla., Bethel Tabernacle Church		14.00	0	0	0	52.00	0	0	0

March 30, 1953 Spent for Postage & Stamps	1.00
March 30, 1953 Paid Clerk	25.00
April 24, 1953 Paid back to Rev. H. L. Adkison by his wife from Ministers & Deacons fund	8.00
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Total Paid Out	\$220.50
Sept. 22, 1953 Paid for 4 dozen Church Letter blanks	\$ 2.50
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Sept. 22, 1953 Total amount in Treasury	\$ 43.69
Signed by Mrs. Daisy M. Williams, Assoc. Clerk & Treas. 144 Aragon Court, Ph. 3-4428, Pensacola, Fla.	

**MINUTES OF THE WEST FLA. DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CONVENTION WHICH MET WITH THE FIRST CHURCH
IN PENSACOLA, SEPT. 19, 1953**

The six churches now having Auxiliaries were represented and they were as follows:

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida.
Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida.
Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Florida.
Grace Church, Pensacola, Florida.
East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida.
First Church, Pensacola, Florida.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Sis. Millie Donaldson. After singing our theme song, "The Heaven of Rest", Sis. Rigsby led in prayer. The welcome address was given by Sis. Velma Hall. Response was given by Sis. Agnes Ashcraft. Sis. Ada Bryant had charge of the Devotion, talking on the Stewardship, using Luke 16:1-11.

Minutes were read and adopted as read. Treasurer's report was given and accepted as given. A nominating committee was appointed. They were: Sis. Rigsby, chairman, Sis. Ashcraft and Sis. Lowery. Recessed at 10:45 a. m. to allow committee to meet; also for the Vice President to compile reports. 11:15 a. m., song, "Standing on the Promises". Prayer by Sis. Nettie Patrick. Special songs by Cynthia Ann Ard, Faye Rogers. A special musical program was rendered by Louise Ray, Martha Carr, Bill Brown and Leo Broxson. Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon session opened. Singing "Love Lifted Me. The next convention will be held at East Side Church in Pensacola on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September to begin at 10:00 a. m.

Prayer by Sis. Henderson. Committees reported. First Vice President's report read and accepted as read. Second Vice President's report was read and accepted as read. Third Vice President's report read and accepted. Fourth Vice President's report read and accepted. Fifth Vice President's report read and accepted. The nominating committee report was read and accepted. The following officers were elected to serve next year: President, Millie Donaldson; 1st vice president, Lois Wiggins; 2nd vice president, Ada Bryant; 3rd vice president, Sis. Pinson; 4th vice president, Velma Hall; 5th vice president, Edna Henderson; sec'y and treas., Lucille Lowery.

Sis. Ada Bryant was elected delegate to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Sis. Agnes Ashcraft was elected to take Sis. Bryant's place if she fails to go. The convention agreed to send \$5.00 to the State Convention. A committee was elected to encourage and organize auxiliaries in the churches not now having auxiliaries. Placed on this committee are as follows: Sis. Daisy M. Williams, Sis. Rigsby, Sis. Marty Dorch. A standing vote of appreciation was given Sis. Donaldson for her work put forth to make this convention a success. The men present gave talks encouraging the Auxiliary, as well as saying what the Auxiliary has meant to their various churches. Meeting adjourned. Closing prayer by Sis. F. E. Rogers.

We beg to report our year's work as follows: No. of members on roll, 68; No. making phone calls, 64; No. making personal visits, 39; No. giving out tracts and etc., 3; No. of visits made to the sick, 304; No. members reading Aux. Books, 27; No. Cottage Prayer meetings held, 51; No. of Bibles given, 6; No. of trays given, 9; Cheer cards sent, 100; amount of clothing given, \$239.63; baskets given, 9; money given, \$5.75.

Mrs. Millie Donaldson, President

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DISTRICT LEAGUE REPORT

To the Honorable Body of the West Fla. F. W. B. Association:

We beg to report eight churches in our Association now have Leagues. They are as follows and their membership:

Shiloh Church, 58; Rainbow Church, 36; Pilgrim Rest Church, 32; Bethel Tabernacle Church, 36; First Church, 25; East Side Church, 28; Christian Home Church, 25; Grace Church, 36. Total membership, 276.

There are 6 churches now taking part in League Rallies, which are held on Saturday nights before the 2nd and 4th Sundays in each month, alternating between the churches. The first League Rally convention was held at Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla., 5th Sunday in August, 1953, every church now taking part in League Rallies were represented with short programs. Bro. J. C. Johnson brought the 11:00 Message. A quarterly business meeting of the League was held at Molino, Fla., Oct. 16, 1953. At this meeting it was voted to hold the next League convention at the First F. W. B. Church in Pensacola on the last Saturday in July, 1954. The following officers were elected for one year: Bro. R. L. Donaldson, district supervisor; Sister Thelma Wiggins, district secretary; Sister Ruth Davis, assistant secretary.

We recommend that churches not having Leagues to organize Leagues in their churches, and attend the League Rallies.

R. L. Donaldson, Dist. Supervisor

Charles Reddick, (retiring) Dist. Secretary.

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 on 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 applicants 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 or 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-thirds (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. Left out by order of Executive Committee. Elected from the floor.

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 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 Scripture, 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 missions, 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.

MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN ASSOCIATION, 1953-1954

1. First Church Membership, Pensacola, Fla.	77
2. East Side Membership, Pensacola, Fla.	64
3. Mt. Zion Membership, Century, Fla.	39
4. Pilgrim Rest Membership, Molino, Fla.	42
5. Travelers Rest Membership, Berrydale, Fla.	29
6. Shiloh Membership, Bratt, Fla.	106
7. Christian Home Membership, McDavid, Fla.	53
8. New Home Membership, Lottie, Ala.	8
9. Rainbow Membership, Robertsdale, Ala.	14
10. Grace Membership, Pensacola, Fla.	47
11. Friendship Membership, Pollard, Ala.	32
12. Bethel Tabernacle Membership	70
13. Oakfield Membership	25
Total Membership	606

LETTER FROM CHURCH

Date, 195....

Name of Church:

We send to represent us the following delegate:

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We send as Associational Fee\$.....

We have membership of No. of Members by Baptism.....

No. of Members by Letter No. of Members Dismissed.....

Paid Pastor\$.....

Paid for Revivals\$.....

Paid to Foreign Missions\$.....

Paid to Home Missions\$.....

Paid to Alabama Children's Home\$.....

Paid to Bible College\$.....

Paid State Treas. for State Unified Budget
 Program\$.....

Do you operate on the State Budget System?

Pastor:

Address:

Clerk:

Address:

MINISTERS YEARLY REPORT—1952 & 1953

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