

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTH 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 24 AND 25, 1954



Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held at Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsedale, Ala., March 25 and 26, 1955.

The District Sunday School Convention will be held at the East Side Church of Pensacola. Read Sunday School Convention Minutes for dates.

The District League Convention will be held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla., July 30, 1955.

The District Women's Auxiliary Convention will be held with Bethel Tabernacle September 17, 1955.

The West Florida Freewill Baptist Association will be held with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla., September 23 and 24, 1955.

Moderator, Rev. Aubrey Ashcraft, Rt. 1, Atmore Ala.

Vice Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rt. 7, Box 52 Pensacola, Florida.

Clerk, B. B. Champion, 2408 North N. St., Pensacola, Fla.

Assistant Clerk, Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97 Pensacola, Fla.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

REV. J. D. PARHAM.....McDavid, Fla.
REV. T. U. BRYANT 424 N. Border St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. L. V. PINSON Rt. 7, Box 52 Pensacola, Fla.
REV. I. C. THOMLEY Molino, Fla.
REV. W. A. MORTON.....Ensley, Fla.
REV. R. M. HUGHES 815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. L. M. THOMLEY Molino, Fla.
REV. W. M. PATRICK Molino, Fla.
REV. W. S. THOMLEY 304 E. Government St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. E. A. BREEDLOVE Oakfield, Pensacola, Fla.
REV. A. H. ASHCRAFT Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.
REV. B. B. CHAMPION 2408 North N. St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. F. H. COLEMAN Bratt, Fla.
REV. J. V. TURMAN.....517 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. A. C. WIGGINS Bratt, Fla.
REV. H. L. HENDERSON Pensacola, Fla.

LICENSED MINISTERS

REV. W. C. STANFORD 415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Fla.
REV. W. H. WILLIAMSON Berrydale, Fla.

SEPTEMBER 24 AND 25, 1954

PROCEEDINGS

Bethel Tabernacle, Freewill Baptist Church

Pensacola, Florida

Friday, 10:00 A. M.—Singing by congregation. Led by Bro. G. O. Worley. Welcome given by Rev. R. M. Hughes, Bible reading, Rev. 22nd chapter, by moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson. Prayer by Bro. D. W. Pool. Body declared now in order for business. Moderator read the rules and Decorum of the West Florida Association.

Motion made and carried, to elect committees from the floor.

Credentials committee: Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. T. U. Bryant. Bro. R. L. Williams.

Call for visiting brethren to be seated with the association body. State moderator Rev. Daniel Pelt, State Promotional secretary, Bro. D. W. Pool, Rev. Frank Willis, of Panama City, responded and were seated. We were also glad to have from Liberty No. 1 Association in Alabama to seat with us.

Bro. Pool spoke at 10:30 A. M. in behalf of our Youth Camp, reporting that three sessions had been held in our State Youth Camp.

Five minute recess, returning at 11:20 A.M. entering into session with singing, Prayer. Rev. Frank Willis, Associational sermon by Rev. Floyd Coleman, scripture reading, 5th chapter Matthew: Prayer by Rev. Floyd Coleman.

Adjourned for noon hour.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Began 1:10 P. M. with singing, followed by prayer. Rev. Daniel Pelt brought the message at 2:00 o'clock, his text: "Forgiveness".

Moderator declared body in order for business. Officers elected as follows:

Moderator, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft; Vice Moderator, Rev. L. V. Pinson; Clerk, Rev. B. B. Champion; Assistant, clerk, Sister Millie Donaldson.

Moved and carried to place Bro. George Newham on executive committee for seven years, and Rev. J. C. Thomley on ordaining council. Moved and carried to retain balance of ordaining council. Moved and carried that moderator serve on the ordaining council.

Friendship church requested dismissal from this body to join Liberty No. 1 Association. Moved and carried, to grant Friendship Church a letter in good standing from this body to join Liberty No. 1 Association.

Moderator called for executive committee report, clerk read reports of four separate meetings held during the associational year 1953-1954. Motion made and carried to receive reports as read,

CALL FOR CORRESPONDENCE

Travelers Rest Church, Berrydale Fla., Assoc. fee \$10.00, Delegates, Bro. Charles Sims and Bro. Bill Williamson, We recommend and request that Bro. W. H. Williams and Bro. Charles Sims be licensed to the ministry, clerk, Mary Lou Williams, Cottage Hill, Fla.

Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsedale, Ala. fee, \$5.00, delegates Sister Lucile Pierce. We recommend and request the ordination of Brother Wiley Cooper, Bro. J. S. Grubbs, and Bro. Walter Pierce, as deacons. Clerk Jack Dunlap Rt. 1, Robertsedale, Ala.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla., fee, \$15.00; delegates, Sister Maggie Dockins and Bro. Archie Levins; Clerk, Sister Emma Lee, Rt. 1, Box 34A McDavid, Fla.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino Fla., fee \$20.00, delegates, Sister Lois Touchstone, and Sister Lucile Patrick, clerk, Sister Nettie Patrick, 324 Aragon Ct., Pensacola, Fla.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla., fee \$15.00, Sister Cora Cooper, Sister Vivian Roberts, Sister Ida Amerson, Bro. Rob. Amerson and Bro. Horace Amerson, alternates. Sister Tiny Bolton. Clerk Dorothy Norris Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.

Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla., fee \$10.00, delegates Sister A. H. Ashcraft, and Sister H. L. Henderson. Clerk Sister H. L. Henderson Rt. 6, Box 586 Pensacola, Fla.

We recommend and request the ordination of Rev. H. L. Henderson to the ministry and Bro. Eric Stephens as deacon.

First Church, Pensacola, Fla. Delegates, Sisters Ada Bryant, Mary Bell and Millie Donaldson.

Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla., Fee. Delegates Sisters Bernice Linder, Lena Worley, Martha Carr and Bro. Emory Holmes. Clerk, Sister Patricia Brown, 419 W. Hernandez St., Pensacola, Fla.

East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla. Fee \$20.00. Delegates Sister Naomi Cook and Sister Lucile Lowery. Clerk Sister Louise Young, 327 Aragon Ct., Pensacola, Fla.

Oakfield Church, Pensacola, Fla. Fee \$10.00. Delegates, Sister Roy Parker, Sister E. A. Bredlove, Sister Eunice Champion and Sister Pugh. Clerk, Bro. R. T. Burket, 2605 W. Hatton St., Pensacola, Fla.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla. Fee \$18.00. Delegates, Bro. Ran Rogers and Sister Minnie Hobbs. Clerk Sister Carrie Hobbs, Century, Fla.

Moved and carried that moderator appoint devotional committee. Appointed, Bro. W. E. Holmes, Roy Parker and W. H. Burkett.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

Temperance Committee: Bro. F. E. Rogers, Sister Henderson, Sister Cora Cooper.

Daily Vacation Bible School Committee: Sister Ada Bryant, Sister Ada Amerson, Sister Parker.

Obituary Committee: Sister Ashcraft, Sister Dockins, Sister Vivian Roberts.

Standing Of Ministers Committee: Sister Lowery, Rev. T. U. Bryant, Sister Ida Amerson.

Suggestion Committee: Bro. R. T. Burkett, Bro. Turman, Sister Champion.

Home Mission Committee: Sister Linder, Bro. Levens, Bro. F. E. Rogers.

A letter of good standing was granted Friendship Church, with their money returned, amount of \$3.02, from the West Fla., Association. A hand shake and fellowship was given bidding them God's Blessings in the Alabama Association. We regret loosing them from our association.

COMMITTEE REPORTING

Devotional Committee Report

We your Devotional committee ask that Bro. E. A. Breedlove and Bro. W. S. Thomley speak at the Friday night service. Bro. Turman Saturday at 11:00 o'clock service, and Bro. Champion and Bro. Henderson Saturday night.

W. E. Holmes

W. H. Burkett

R. W. Parker

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Temperance Committee, suggest that all Free Will Baptist be Temperate in all things. Shunning the things of the World, being more humble and obeying the will of the Lord.

F. E. Rogers

Cora Cooper

Edna Henderson

STANDING OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on standing of ministers have no reports on the following ministers. Rev. Elvin Williamson, Rev. J. C. Johnson, Rev. W. M. Patrick, Rev. J. D. Parham, and Rev. W. C. Stanford. We request that the clerk issue said cards when they turn in their reports if found in good standing. We find the following 16 ministers which have turned in their reports in good standing. We recommend that they continue in their good work and that the lay members be more prayerful concerning our ministers.

Lucile Lowery

Rev. T. U. Bryant

Ida Amerson

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Home Mission Committee, want to thank our churches for the big increase in Home mission for the past year, but don't let a big increase stop us, let's do even more the coming year, let's do what our Savior would have us do. We are glad to report that our churches contributed \$2,791.72 for Home mission this year.

Burnice Linder

Archie Levins

F. E. Rogers

Meeting adjourned until 10:00 A.M. Saturday.

SATURDAY 10:00 A. M.

Meeting began with singing followed with prayer by Bro. E. A. Breedlove.

Clerk declared body in order for business.

Scripture reading from Psalms 31st chapter by the moderator, Prayer by Rev. T. U. Bryant.

Bro. Chester Pelt gave a talk on Christian growth, and the growth of our Freewill Baptist organization.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Obituary committee find the following: Houston B. Roberts, died March 7, 1954, age 40, Mrs. Clara Lee Rigsby, died July 29, 1954, age 74, of Shiloh church, Bratt, Fla.; Mrs. Maude Williams, Bethel Tabernacle; Lum Tetters, and Whit Hammonds, of Mt. Zion church, Century, Fla. We your obituary committee request names, age and date of death. We regret the loss of these brethren and sisters in Christ, but our loss is Heaven's gain.

Agnes Ashcraft

Maggie Dockins

Vivian Roberts

D. V. BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on D. V. Bible School, find that Shiloh held a school with 50 on roll. Bethel Tabernacle School with 86 on roll. And the East Side school with 45 on roll.

We suggest that the pastors of each church appoint a committee as early as can to arrange for a Bible School and get literature in advance.

Ada Bryant

Ida Amerson

Roy Parker

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We your suggestion committee, suggest that the association be at Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. at set date. Ministers and Deacons meeting be Rainbow Church, Robertsdale Ala., at set date.

We suggest that each church in this association Prayerfully consider putting their church on the State unified budget system, and that they use the available help received through the State promotional department and that each church cooperate with the promotional secretary as much as possible and have more revivals, and love one for another.

We suggest, any minister called by a church from another denomination meet with the executive committee before he begins his work as pastor.

J. V. Turman

R. T. Burkett

Eunice Champion

11 A. M. Service began with singing led by Rev. H. L. Henderson. Prayer by Bro. Jack Flurer. Message by Rev. J. V. Turman. Scripture reading, Gal: 5th chapter. Song, Stand Up For Jesus, led by Rev. H. L. Henderson. Message by Rev. Chester Pelt followed by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Adjourned for lunch.

Saturday P. M. meeting began with singing. Bro. Reddick led in prayer, moderator then took his place. Motion made and carried to grant

Rev. W. C. Stanford, a continuation of his ministers license for another year. Rev. Floyd Coleman, Dist. Sunday School President, gave a talk on the Sunday School work, explaining several phases of the work. Dist. Sunday School convention report was read. Motion made and carried to accept report and grant request.

Moderator asked Rev. D. W. Poole to make a talk explaining his work in the promotional dept. and to discuss the State cooperative unified budget Program.

Motion made and carried that the request from the Southern quarterly meeting be granted. Dist. League report was read, Moved and carried to accept report and grant request.

Dist. Woman's Auxiliary report, was read, Motion and carried to accept report and grant request. Moved and carried, to let reporting blanks stand as is for the time being.

Delegates to State Association as follows: Sister Ada Bryant, Ida Amerson, Agnes Ashcraft, Thelma Holley, and Bro. Murdock Barfield.

Clerk's report was read, moved and carried to accept report and grant request.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Ordination taken place of brethren as follows:

Bro. H. L. Henderson, ordination for the ministry, from Grace church; Bro. Eric Stephens as Deacon.

Rainbow Tabernacle, Bro. J. S. Grubbs, and Bro. Walter Pierce, ordained as deacons.

Travelers Rest Church. Bro. W. H. Williamson and Bro. Charles Sims, licensed to the ministry.

Motion made and carried to have 500 minutes of the Procedure of this association printed.

Motion made and carried to receive an offering for the Children's Home. Total offering received \$16.05.

A rising vote of thanks was given Bro. Pinson to show our appreciation for the work he has done as moderator of our West Fla. Association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman, R. L. Williams. Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. F. H. Coleman, and Rev. I. C. Thomley.

Trustees of West Fla., F.W.B. Association: Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. H. L. Henderson and Bro. Roy Parker.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. H. L. Henderson, 1 Yr. Bro. F. E. Rogers, 2 Yrs. Rev. J. V. Turman, 3 Yrs. Rev. T. U. Bryant, 4 Yrs. Rev. J. D. Parkham 5 Yrs. Rev. E. A. Breedlove, 6 Yrs. Bro. G. W. Newham, 7 Yrs.

SEPT. 1, 1954

Report of West Fla. Associational Clerk and Treasurer

From Sept. 1-1953 until Sept. 1-1954

Sept. 22, 1953, amount in Treasury.....	\$ 43.69
Amount paid in at Association and after as follows	
1 Grace Church	10.00
2 Oak Field Church	5.00
3 Travelers Rest Church	8.00
4 Mt. Zion Church	8.00
5 Shiloh Church	15.00
6 Christian Home Church.....	19.00
7 Pilgrim Rest Church for clerk \$5.00 for Assoc. \$25.00 and \$6.00	36.00
8 First Church	25.00
9 East Side Church	29.00
10 Bethel Tabernacle Church	14.00
11 Friendship Church after Assoc. money and Letter	5.00
12 Rainbow Church after Assoc. money and Letter.....	5.20
13 New Home Church no Letter or Delegate.	
Total	\$228
An offering was taken and given to Rev. Robert Ritch for the Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala. Amount.....	
	\$ 33.75
Total amount through our West Fla. Association	\$262.50
Oct. 30, '53 paid out to and for State Assoc. fee.....	\$ 20.00
Pilgrim Rest Church, paid clerk	5.00
Nov. 6-53 we bought 35 Treatist at 35c each paid	12.25
Dec. 17-53 paid for printing 400 minutes	135.00
For Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala.....	33.75
Total spent	\$209.00
Up until Sept. 13, '54 sold 35 Treatist at 35c each.....	\$ 12.25
Total amount in Treasury Sept. 23, 1954.....	\$ 65.75

Dec. 24-1953 West Fla. Assoc. clerk Daisy M. Williams received a \$100.00 check from our State Assoc. clerk, W. W. Eiland, and delivered the check the same day Dec. 24-1953 to Oak Field Church, clerk, Mr. Burket or his wife for the purpose of heating the Church.

Daisy M. Williams (Clerk & Treas.)
144 Aragon Court Ph. 3-4428
Pensacola, Fla.

W. E. Holley (Asst. Clerk)
3501 W. Avery St. P. O. Box 5287
Pensacola, Fla. Ph. 7885

West Fla. Associational (Clerk) report Daisy M. Williams

Of moneys through State budget plan from Sept. 1-1953 until Sept. 1-1954

From League Rallies

Jan. 8. 1954 from League Rallies at Rainbow Church	\$ 11.50
Feb. 13-1954 from League Rallies at East Side Church	10.59
Dec. 26-1953 from League Rallies at Shiloh Church given to Rev. D. W. Pool	8.89
Jan. 22-1954 offering taken and given to a sick man in Hosp. in League Rallies at First Church.....	33.35

Total amount.....\$30.98

First Northern District Quarterly Meeting

Jan. 9-1954 from Northern District Quarterly meeting	\$ 9.00
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Ministers and Deacons Meeting

March 26-27 1954 from Ministers and Deacons Meeting, for Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala.....	\$ 3.35
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For Foreign Mission

Dec. 21-1953 given to Bro. D. W. Pool from East Side Church	\$21.00
Dec. 7-1953 given to Bro. H. L. Henderson from East Side Church	10.00

Total Foreign mission offering\$31.00

Home Mission

Feb. 19-1954 from Shiloh Church Sun. School, Int. class for Home missions	\$ 2.00
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Total on Quota.....\$ 2.00

Missionary Offerings

Jan. 21-1954 given to Bro. and Sis. McAddams from First Church	\$17.21
Mar. 8-1954 given to Bro. and Sis. McAddams from East Church	14.35
May 10---1954 given to Rev. Wilfong from East Side Church	12.54

Total\$44.10

Tithes from East Side Church, Through State Budget Plan

For Sept. Oct. Nov. and Dec. of 1953 Tithes from

East Side Church	\$94.41
Jan. 16-1954 Tithes from East Side Church.....	47.75
Mar. 10-1954 Tithes from East Side Church	45.00
April 12-1954 Tithes from East Side Church.....	45.00
April '54 Tithes \$40.00, for May \$30.00 from East Side Church.....	70.00
Sept. 17-1954 Tithes from East Side Church	75.00

Total Tithes\$377.16

From League Rallies . . . East Side Church	\$ 10.59
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From East Side Church for foreign mission	31.00
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From East Side Church missionary offering	26.89
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Aug. 31-1954 given to Rev Hughes for Bro. D. W. Pool on film shown at East Side Church	\$ 11.55
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Total on East Side Church State Quoto	\$457.19
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Total over East Side Quoto	\$ 3.69
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For here at our own Home Mission, East Side Women's Auxiliary
collected and spent for Home Mission, but did not go to State\$109.23

Signed by Daisy M. Williams
Assoc. clerk and Treas.

DIST. LEAGUE REPORT:

To the honorable body of the West Fla. Freewill Baptist Association:

We beg to report that five of the churches of our assoc. have been reported as having Leagues. They are as follows, with their present enrollment.

Shiloh—48. Eastside—29. Grace—20. Bethel—36. and the First church 15

These five churches are taking active part in the League rallies, which are held every other Saturday night, alternating between the churches; each League presents a short program at each rally. The host church provides a speaker and refreshments. With these rallies we hope to encourage training and a greater feeling of Friendship among our younger children.

The Dist. Convention was held July 31, at the First church. Rev. Pinson brought the message. The convention recommends to the West Fla. F. W., Baptist Assoc. that the next convention be held at Shiloh church, the last Saturday in July, 1955.

If there is any church with a League who is not attending the rallies we urge you to begin now.

We request our report be printed in our Associational Minutes. We send \$10.00 with our report.

Rev. H. L. Henderson
District Supervisor
Thelma Holly, Dist. Sec.

DIST. WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The West Fla. Dist. Women's Auxiliary convention met with the Eastside church Sept. 18, 1954.

We beg to report our year's work as follows:

Number of churches having Auxiliaries	7
Number of churches having reporting	4
Total number of members	43
Phone Calls made	75
Personal visits made	134
Letters, Cards, Tracts, and etc. sent	178
Bibles given	8
Members assisting in cottage prayer meetings	25
Members giving trays to needy	27
Members reading Auxiliary books	34
Amount of clothing given needy	\$ 10.00
Amount given to aged ministers	5.00
Amount given to childrens home	5.00
Total spent for activities in local churches.....	\$276.13

The following officers were elected to serve one year:

President Millie Donaldson
Enlistment Chairman Louise Ray

Youth Auxiliary Chairman.....Martha Carr
 Study Course Chairman.....Mrs. H. T. Coleman
 Program Publicity Chairman.....Edna Henderson
 Benevolence Chairman.....Sister Pinson

Field workers: Mrs. Worley, Mrs. Rigby, and Mrs. Daisy Williams;
 Secretary & Treasurer, Lucile Lowery, assistant secretary & treasurer, Ruth Davis.

Convention voted to send as delegate to State Auxiliary convention, Sister Ada Bryant, and Sister Gladys Hanks. With offering of \$4.00. Also voted to send \$4.00 to the West Fla., association on printing of minutes.

Motion made and carried to hold next convention at Bethel Tabernacle on Saturday, Sept. 17, 1955. Beginning at 10:00 A.M. Lucile Lowery, Secretary and Treasurer.

We request our report be printed with the minutes of the West Fla. Association.

DIST. SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

May 21, 1954

The Dist. Sunday School convention met with Oak Field Church.

Business as follows:

Prayer led by Rev. Floyd Coleman. Bro. Floyd Coleman was elected President and Bro. Burkett elected vice President. Bro. Horace Amerson elected as Secretary and Sister Fannie Amerson Treasurer.

Was voted to appoint an executive committee to tend to any business which might come up before we convene again. Committee appointed as follows. Bro. Albert Wiggins, Bro. Ed Holley, and Bro. Rogers.

11:00 message was by Bro. L. V. Pinson. Adjourned for lunch.

Afternoon session opened with prayer by Sister Ida Amerson. Report of Sunday School was given. Six churches reported as follows:

First church, Shiloh church, Grace church, Eastside church, Oakfield church and Christian Home church.

The Eastside church sent \$10.00 for expense money, Shiloh \$5.00 Christian Home church \$3.00.

Bro. Coleman was elected our visiting Sunday School adjuster. We suggest that each church he visits take a Love offering to help pay his expenses.

Was voted to ask each church that did not send an offering to the convention to send one in to the treasurer.

Sister Fannie Amerson, Atmore, Ala.

We, the Sunday School, request that each church have a Vacation Bible school.

Was voted to ask the Freewill Baptist Association for a space in their minutes, and the Sunday School convention to pay for the space.

Our convention will meet with the Eastside, beginning May 27-1955 at 7 P.M. which will be business night and children's day, Saturday, May 28-1955 beginning at 10:00 A. M.

SECOND DAY

Convention opened with congregational singing followed with prayer by Rev. Lee Hanks.

Bro. Floyd Coleman gave comments on Friday's activities. Bro. Bolton was appointed as secretary of the day, in the absence of Bro. Horace Amerson. Rev. Coleman gave the morning meditation by reading Isa. 55 chapt., churches were recognized. Represented were. Eastside, First church, Grace, Century, Shiloh and Oakfield church.

Programs were as follows: First church, represented with a program entitled, Building for Christ. Also a solo, Eastside, songs and recitations. Shiloh, gave a welcome, songs Poems and Prayer. Century, Three songs by choir, a Trio, and special songs by the Levins family.

Dismissed for lunch. After lunch program continued. Grace, Poems, Dialogue and songs. Oakfield, Welcome, Poems, Dialogue, songs and closing prayer.

Comments on progress of the Sunday School work was made by our President. Offering was taken for Sunday School room at Oakfield church.. It was also discussed as to whether to accept other churches into our School convention with programs or not.

Was discussed by Bro. Breedlove. Was moved by Bro. Holley to table this discussion indefinitely, second by Sister Breedlove. Motion carried. Amount sent for printing of report in Assoc. Minutes \$8.00. Moved and carried to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Ed Holley, Bro. James Bolton, Secretary, pro tem.

SOUTHERN DIST. QUARTERLY MEETING REQUEST

We the body of the Southern Dist. Quarterly meetings request that the appointed time for our quarterly meetings be announced in the associational minutes. Appointed time as follows.

The first Saturday in December, March, and June. Omitting the one in September, and letting the associational meeting account for it. We also send \$5.00 to help pay for minutes. If this request is granted. We request the Prayers of every one for our quarterly meetings and urge every one to attend each meeting and let's gather together in Love and unity and worship God in spirit and in Truth. And seek to win loss souls to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Moderator, B. B. Champion

Assist. Clerk, R. T. Burkett

"ORDINATION COUNCIL NOTE"

Bro. Moderator and Brethren: This is to say that Bro. E. F. Sims, who was granted license for the ministry, wishes to return his license and get his papers back until he can further prove himself. We the council wish to grant his request.

R. L. Williams, Chairman

Moved and carried to grant above request.

CLERKS NOTE

Being unable to obtain minutes of previous associations, I will not be responsible for any minutes prior to the association held Sept. 24, 25, 1954.

(Signed) Rev. Barney B. Champion, clerk

MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN ASSOCIATION—1954

1	First Church, Pensacola, Fla., membership.....	88
2	Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla., membership.....	76
3	Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla., membership.....	36
4	Pilgrim Rest, Molino, Fla., membership.....	40
5	Travelers Rest Church, Berrydale, Fla., membership.....	30
6	Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla., membership.....	103
7	Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla., membership.....	61
8	New Home Church, Lottie, Ala., membership.....	
9	Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsedale, Ala., membership.....	17
10	Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla., membership.....	49
11	Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla., membership.....	90
12	Oakfield Church, Pensacola, Fla., membership.....	80

PASTORS FOR 1955

First Church.....	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Eastside Church.....	Rev. T. U. Bryant
Mt. Zion Church.....	Rev. W. M. Patrick
Pilgrim Rest.....	Rev. W. S. Thomley
Travelers Rest.....	Rev. Charles Sims
Shiloh Church.....	Rev. A. H. Ashcraft
Christian Home.....	Rev. W. S. Thomley
New Home Church.....	
Rainbow Tabernacle.....	Rev. I. C. Thomley
Grace Church.....	Rev. H. L. Henderson
Bethel Tabernacle.....	Rev. R. M. Hughes
Oakfield Church.....	Rev. E. A. Breedlove

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 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 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.

LOCATION	Value of Church Property	Amt. of Association Purposes	Home Mission Building Funds	Foreign Mission	Evangelist and Visiting Ministers	Youth Camp	Paid Pastor	Budget Plan Church Tithes	Orphanage	Bible College
First Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	15,299.49	15.00	104.61	10.00	153.29	.....	1,240.13	224.20	.....	.....
East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	7,500.00	20.00	45.09	10.00	93.00	.....	555.00	453.50	.....	.....
Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla.....	2,500.00	8.00	17.00	.....	64.10	.....	105.53	.....	.....	.....
Pilgrim Rest, Molino, Fla.....	4,500.00	20.00	59.60	10.00	43.90	.....	62.45	.....	.....	.....
Travelers Rest, Berrydale, Fla.....	.....	10.00	.....	.....	27.00	.....	100.00	5.00	.....	.....
Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla.....	20,000.00	15.00	148.09	8.05	110.00	.....	2,600.50	.....	.....	.....
Christian Home, McDavid, Fla.....	7,500.00	15.00	118.49	5.00	51.04	20.00	665.09	.....	11.00	.....
Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsedale, Ala.....	4,500.00	5.00	52.65	.....	13.50	.....	173.50	.....	.....	.....
New Home Church, Lottie, Ala.....	2,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	2,500.00	10.00	.....	10.00	112.50	.....	376.84	.....	.....	.....
Oakfield Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	.....	10.00	78.04	.....	100.84	.....	761.16	.....	.....	.....
Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla.....	.....	.....	10.00	26.69	46.55	.....	487.50	.....	.....	.....

MINISTERS YEARLY REPORT—1953-1954

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Funerals	Number Baptized	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Churches Organized	Expenses Paid Out	Sick Calls	Addition to Church	Professions Witnessed
L. V. Pinson.....	1	167	7	6	.....	.....	2,375.23	.....	.....	.....	1	.....
W. S. Thomley.....	1	165	1	2	1	4,065	665.09	.....	.....	167	8	4
J. D. Parham.....	1	117	2	1	13	3,908	376.52	.....	.....	.....	4	1
B. B. Champion.....	.....	75	.....	.....	12	.....	20.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
R. M. Hughes.....	1	156	.....	2	.....	1,500	487.00	.....	.....	.....	20	15
A. H. Ashcraft.....	1	.....	1	.....	1	.....	1,000.00	.....	.....	.....	4	9
H. F. Coleman.....	.....	39	.....	1	.....	1,337	127.00	.....	383.20	41	.....	.....
J. V. Turman.....	1	138	2	1	35	.....	695.00	.....	.....	.....	31	35
L. M. Thomley.....	.....	51	.....	2	8	305	89.30	.....	.....	71	.....	29
E. A. Breedlowe.....	1	190	5	.....	37	5,000	761.16	.....	.....	.....	55	26
I. C. Thomley.....	1	48	.....	.....	1	2,600	173.50	.....	.....	.....	2	2
A. C. Wiggins.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
T. U. Bryant.....	1	.....	1	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	.....
W. M. Patrick.....	2	156	4	1	.....	7,912	160.00	.....	150.00	30	1	.....
W. A. Morton.....	1	40	.....	.....	.....	1,000	100.00	.....	.....	.....	10	.....
H. L. Henderson.....	2	2	2	25	5,184	559.84	25	36
H. L. Williams.....	1	145	1	2,011	100.00	4	4
W. C. Stanford.....	23	200	15.00	1

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