

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, McDAVID, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 23 AND 24, 1955

The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, September 21 and 22, 1956.

Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held with Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, April 28, 1956.

District League Convention will be held with Eastside Church, Pensacola, Florida, July 28, 1956.

District Women's Auxiliary Convention will be held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida, September 15, 1956.

District Sunday School Convention will be held with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida, May 25 and 26, 1956.

Rev. W. S. Thomley will preach the association sermon for 1956.

Moderator, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Pensacola, Florida, Phone HE 3-6343.

Vice Moderator, Rev. T. U. Bryant, 424 N. Border St., Pensacola, Florida.

Clerk, Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97, Pensacola, Florida, Phone GL 5-4176.

Assistant Clerk, Agnes Ashcraft, 401 Wiggins, Ave., Pensacola, Florida.

ORDAINED MINISTERS

REV. J. D. PARHAM.....	McDavid, Florida
REV. T. U. BRYANT.....	424 N. Border St., Pensacola, Florida
REV. L. V. PINSON.....	Rt. 7, Box 52, Pensacola, Florida
REV. R. M. HUGHES.....	815 E. LaRua St., Pensacola, Florida
REV. L. M. THOMLEY.....	Molino, Florida
REV. W. M. PATRICK.....	Molino, Florida
REV. W. A. MORTON.....	Ensley, Florida
REV. W. S. THOMLEY.....	304 E. Government St., Pensacola, Florida
REV. A. H. ASHCRAFT.....	401 Wiggins, Ave., Pensacola, Florida
REV. B. B. CHAMPION.....	2408 North "N" St., Pensacola, Florida
REV. F. H. COLEMAN.....	Bratt, Florida
REV. J. V. TURMAN.....	517 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Florida
REV. A. C. WIGGINS.....	Bratt, Florida
REV. H. L. HENDERSON.....	Pensacola, Florida
REV. W. C. STANFORD.....	415 E. Gregory St., Pensacola, Florida

LICENSED MINISTERS

None

September 23 and 24, 1955

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association which met with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, McDavid, Florida, September 23 and 24, 1955.

Friday, 10:00 a.m.

Singing by congregation; prayer by Rev. T. U. Bryant; address of welcome by Rev. W. S. Thomley. The devotional was given by the Moderator, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, reading from the 15th Chapter of First John, followed by prayer at the altar, led by Brother W. E. Holby.

At this time Rev. W. S. Thomley was elected as Assistant Moderator pro tem until Rev. L. V. Pinson came in. Sister Agnes Ashcraft was elected to assist Assistant Clerk until Rev. B. B. Champion came in.

Moderator declared body in order for business.

Motion made to have church letters read before the body, duly carried.

Vote taken to read pastors and ministers reports before body, carried.

Motion made to appoint committees from the floor, duly carried.

Preach Committee was appointed.

Officers elected as follows: Assistant Clerk, Sister Agnes Ashcraft; Clerk, Sister Millie Donaldson; Assistant Moderator, Rev. T. U. Bryant; Moderator, Rev. H. L. Henderson.

At this time the following committees were appointed: Credential Committee, Reading Committee, Temperance Committee, Standing of Ministers Committee, Home Mission Committee, Obituary Committee, D. V. Bible School Committee and Suggestion Committee.

Motion made to adjourn business session to meet back at 1:15 p.m. duly carried. Dismissed with prayer by Sister Ada Bryant.

Five minutes recess, returning at 11:00 a.m. worship service. Rev. H. L. Henderson brought the Associational sermon. Reading scriptures found in First Timothy 3rd chapter, Daniel 1:8 and Daniel 2:18. Theme, Desire. A very inspiring message, closing with prayer by Sister Donaldson.

Adjourned for noon hour.

Friday, 1:15 p.m.

Session opened with congregational singing followed with prayer.

Body declared in order for business by the Moderator.

Visiting Brethren were invited to seat with the Association body.

Brother W. J. Hughes from Jay, Fla., responded and was seated.

Motion made to place Brother W. E. Holley on executive board for a seven-year term, duly carried.

Preachers reports were read as follows: Rev. L. M. Thomley, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, Rev. W. S. Thomley, Rev. W. H. Williamson, Rev. W. M. Patrick, Rev. Floyd Coleman, Rev. A. C. Wiggins, Rev. H. L. Henderson,

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. T. U. Bryant and Rev. J. V. Turman.

Motion made to accept reports as read, duly carried.

Devotional Committee report was read. Moved and seconded to accept the report as read, duly carried.

D. V. Bible School Committee's report read and adopted.

Temperance Committee's report was read and adopted.

Standing of Ministers Committee report was read and adopted.

Credential Committee partial report was read and adopted.

The following church letters were read: Travelers Rest, Berrydale, Fla.; Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.; East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla.; Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla.; First Church, Pensacola, Fla.; and Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla. Motion made and carried to accept letters as read.

Southern District quarterly report was read and adopted as read, and request granted.

District Woman's Auxiliary report read, adopted as read and request granted.

Motion made and carried to use church letter forms printed by the State Association in making reports from our churches to the West Florida Association.

Home Mission Committee report was read and adopted.

Obituary Committee report read and adopted.

Suggestion Committee report was read, motion made to table report until Saturday to be read after the District Sunday School report came in, carried.

Motion made and carried to adjourn to meet back Saturday at 10 a.m.

Saturday, 10:00 a.m.

Session opened by congregation singing, prayer at the altar.

Morning Devotion by Rev. L. V. Pinson. Scripture reading, Eph. 2nd chapter. Prayer by Rev. I. C. Thomley.

League report was read and adopted.

Motion made and carried to print statistical report of the League Convention in the Association minutes.

Church letter from Rainbow F. W. Baptist Church was read and adopted.

Preachers reports read. Rev. B. B. Champion, Rev. I. C. Thomley, Rev. W. C. Stanford and Rev. J. D. Parham. Motion made to accept reports, carried. "A request letter from the District Sunday School Convention was read." Motion made and carried to grant request.

Rev. I. C. Thomley requested the Body to accept his papers given him by the Free Will Baptist Association as he felt led to take up work in the Holiness Denomination.

Motion made to grant Rev. I. C. Thomley his request, duly carried.

Nominations were opened to fill the vacancy of Rev. I. C. Thomley on the Ordaining council. Rev. L. V. Pinson was elected by a majority vote.

Motion made that Rev. H. L. Henderson assist Rev. L. V. Pinson in the absence of Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, carried.

Moved and carried to adjourn business to meet back at 1:15 p.m.

Five minute recess to return back for the 11:00 worship service with Rev. J. D. Parham bringing the message. Text: "Thou hast made known to me the way of life." Scripture reading, Acts 2:28. Closing prayer at the altar.

Noon Hour

Saturday, 1:15 p.m.

Singing by the congregation.

Body declared in order for business.

Pastor's reports read: Rev. E. A. Breedlove and Rev. R. M. Hughes. Motion made to accept reports, carried.

A request letter from Oakfield Free Will Baptist Church, requesting dismissal from the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association was read. Motion made to grant request of said church, duly carried.

Clerk's report was read and adopted as read.

Rev. W. S. Thomley was elected to serve on the Executive Board, filling the vacancy of Rev. Breedlove; five-year term.

Motion made to have some preacher reporting slips printed, carried. A donation of \$6.00 was given by preachers to pay for printing reports. Rev. L. M. Thomley was appointed to have these reports printed.

Motion made to have 50 Associational minutes printed, duly carried.

Rev. W. S. Thomley was elected to preach the Associational Sermon in 1956.

Delegates elected to State Association were as follows: Brother L. E. Gentry, Sister Thelma Holley, Sister L. V. Pinson, Sister H. L. Henderson, Sister T. U. Bryant and Sister Purvis as alternate.

Moved and seconded that any church in the Association failing to report to the Association for two consecutive years will automatically be dropped from the Associational Roster, until they come back and reinstate, duly carried.

Motion made and carried that all previous records of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association be turned over to active Clerk.

Suggestion Committee report was re-read. Moved and seconded to accept report as read omitting suggestion on Sunday School Rally date, carried.

Rev. T. U. Bryant was appointed to serve on the Ordaining Council this session in the absence of Rev. R. M. Hughes. The Ordaining Council report was read and adopted. Motion made and carried, that in event Rev. R. M. Hughes did not get back with the church letter from Bethel Tabernacle before the body adjourned this session, said letter is to be given to the Clerk and also to be examined by Executive Board if thought necessary.

An offering was taken for the orphan children's home at Eldrige, Ala. Amount received was \$6.00.

Rev. W. H. Williamson turned his license to preach back to the Association Body; was voted to turn these licenses over to the Moderator to hold until necessary action was made.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Rev. B. B. Champion for his year's work as Associational Clerk.

Moved and seconded to adjourn 1955 session, duly carried.

Dismissal Prayer by Rev. B. B. Champion.

CORRESPONDENCE

Travelers Rest Church, Berrydale, Fla. Associational fee \$4.50. Delegates Sister Lizzie Brooks, Sister Pearl Sims, Sister Lula Land, and Sister Doris Dixon. We request the ordination of Brother W. H. Williamson for the Ministry. Clerk, Lula Land, Rt. 1, Milton, Fla.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. Associational fee \$15.00. Delegates Brother Albert Toller, Brother Lawrence Gentry and Sister Maggie Dockins. Clerk, Emma Lee, Rt. 1, Box 34A, McDavid, Fla.

Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla. Associational fee \$20.00. Delegates Sister Ada Wilson Bryant, Sister Willie Mae Wilson; Alternates, Brother Faircloth and Sister Lowry. We request the ordination of Brother W. C. Stanford for the Ministry. We also request the Association to be held at Eastside Church next year. Clerk, Louise Young.

Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla. Associational fee \$10.00. Delegates Sister Rogers and Sister Henderson. We request the preachers and Deacons meeting to be held at Grace Church next year. Clerk, E. J. Stephens, Rt. 6, Box 578P, Pensacola, Fla.

First Church, Pensacola, Fla. Associational fee \$15.00. Delegates, Sister Mary Brewer, Sister Thelma Holley and Sister L. V. Pinson; Alternate, Brother Talmage Holley. Clerk, Sister L. V. Pinson, Rt. 7, Box 52, Pensacola, Fla.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla. Associational fee \$15.00. Delegates, Sister Agnes Ashcraft, Sister Bernice Purvis and Brother Jimmie Toney; Alternate, Sister Vivian Roberts. We request the Association next year. Clerk, Dorothy Norris, Rt. 1, Box 274, Atmore, Ala.

Rainbow Church, Robertsdale, Ala. Associational fee \$5.00. Delegates, Sister Ruby Dunlap and Brother Wiley Cooper. Clerk, Jack Dunlap, Rt. 1, Robertsdale, Ala.

Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla. Associational fee \$10.00. Delegates, none. Clerk, Mrs. William B. Brown, 1419 Hernandez St., Pensacola, Fla.

Above letter received after the session closed and was approved by the Executive Board October 25, 1955.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla. Associational fee \$4.28. Delegates, none. Clerk, Mrs. Joe L. Patrick, P. O. Box 71, Molino, Fla. This letter given to Association Clerk after the session closed and was approved by the Executive Board October 25, 1955.

Reports

DEVOTIONAL COMMITTEE

We your Devotional Committee assign as follows: Friday 11:00 a.m., Rev. H. L. Henderson; Friday p.m., Rev. L. V. Pinson; Saturday 11:00 a.m., Rev. J. D. Parham; Saturday p.m., Rev. A. H. Ashcraft.

Committee: Brother Gentry
Brother Rogers
Sister Purvis

D. V. BIBLE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

We, your D. V. Bible School Committee, find that four churches held D. V. Bible Schools; First Church, Eastside Church and Grace Church held combined school with enrollment of 89. Shiloh Church with enrollment of 50. We suggest that pastors of each church appoint a committee early as possible to arrange for a Bible School, getting literature in advance. We also suggest that if one church cannot have a D. V. B. School to contact nearest church to them and try to have a combined Bible School.

Committee: Sister Mary Brewer
Sister Pearl Sims
Brother W. H. Williamson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Temperance Committee, suggests that all F. W. Baptists be temperate in all things, shunning the things of the world, being more humble and obeying the will of the Lord.

Committee: Brother A. C. Wiggins
Brother J. T. Flemings
Brother W. S. Land

STANDING OF MINISTERS COMMITTEE

We your committee on Standing of Ministers, find all ministers in good standing as far as we know. We ask God's richest blessings on each one of them.

Committee: Brother Albert Toler
Brother W. H. Buckett
Sister Rogers

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your Credential Committee wish to make a partial report. We have found the letters received from churches as follows: Eastside, First

Church, Grace Church, Shiloh Church, Travelers Rest Church, Christian Home Church, Women's District Auxiliary and the Southern District Quarterly Meeting all complete and in good order considering the various letter forms used. We your committee urge that each church use the new letter forms provided by the promotional department of the Florida State Association which your Associational Clerk has.

Committee: Rev. H. L. Henderson
Brother W. E. Holley
Rev. Floyd Coleman

HOME MISSION COMMITTEE

We your committee on Home Missions find our Home Mission has fallen off. We ask that our Association as a whole be more Home Mission minded and try to do more at Home as there is more people and more work for all Christians. We are glad to report that our churches contributed \$452.00 for Home Missions this year.

Committee: Sister Ada Bryant
Sister Maggie Dockins
Sister Edna Henderson

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your Obituary Committee find one death, Brother Clint Rigby, a member of Shiloh F. W. Baptist Church, died September 4, 1955.

Committee: Sister Land
Sister Wilson
Sister Brooks

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE

We your Suggestion Committee suggests that we have a Sunday School Convention on Saturday and have the Sunday School Rally on the following Sunday. All Sunday Schools bringing in resatations.

We suggest that the Association be held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla., September 21 and 22, 1956.

The Ministers and Deacons meeting be held with Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla., April 28, 1956. We suggest all Ministers and Deacons be present on this day.

Committee: Sister J. C. Dortch
Rev. T. U. Bryant
Rev. L. M. Thomley

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Convention was held with Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla., Sept. 17, 1955.

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

Number of churches having auxiliaries.....	4
Number of churches reporting.....	4
Total membership	27
Number active in Community Mission Work.....	17
Weeks of Prayer conducted.....	11
Amount given to Bible College.....	\$ 10.00
Amount given to Foreign Missions.....	19.00
Value of commodities given needy.....	139.00
Amount given to Home Missions.....	40.00
Amount given to Children's Home.....	48.00
Amount given to Ministers.....	40.75
Total spent for activities in local churches.....	148.00

Elected delegates to State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Sister Naomi Cook, Sister Ada Bryant and Sister Lucille Lowery, with a contribution of \$4.00.

The following officers were elected to serve one year: President, Sister Ada Bryant; First Vice President, Sister Tiny Bolton; Second Vice President, Sister Pat Brown; Third Vice President, Sister L. V. Pinson; Fourth Vice President, Sister Millie Donaldson; Fifth Vice President, Sister Naomi Cook; Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Mary Brewer. It was voted to send \$4.00 to the West Florida Association for printing of minutes.

The next convention will be held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla., on September 15, 1956, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

We request our minutes be printed with the West Florida Association minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Lucille Lowery (retiring)
Secretary-Treasurer

SOUTHERN DISTRICT QUARTERLY REPORT

We the body of the Southern District Quarterly Meeting request that the time of quarterly meetings be announced in the Association minutes.

We meet the first Saturday in December, March and June beginning at 10:00 a.m., with evening services at 7:30 p.m., closing with Communion Service.

We request your prayers for our meetings and urge everyone to come and work with us; let's band together in Christian Love and unity and seek to win lost Souls to the Lord Jesus Christ. We wish to report that we have taken a Love Offering of \$25.00 March 5, 1955, for Rev. T. U.

Bryant. We also sent \$10.00 on June 4, 1955, to our Children's Home. We are sending \$6.00 to help pay for minutes if this request is granted.

Moderator: Rev. L. V. Pinson

Clerk: Sister Naomi Cook

DISTRICT LEAGUE REPORT

We the West Florida Free Will Baptist Leagues wish to give this report to the Association: The District League Convention was held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla. Only three Churches were represented, namely, Eastside Church, Grace Church and Shiloh Church. The next Convention will be held with Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla., Saturday, July 28, 1956.

Statistical Reports—Eastside Church

Total Attendance for the Year.....	934
Average Attendance weekly.....	19
Total Offering for the Year.....	\$85.43

Grace Church

Average Attendance weekly.....	21
Total Offering for the Year.....	\$57.71

First Church

Present Enrollment	16
Average Attendance weekly.....	12
Total Offering for the Year.....	\$71.24

Bethel Tabernacle

Present Enrollment	15
Average Attendance	12
Total Offering for the Year.....	\$66.04

Eastside Church, Bethel Tabernacle and First Church are taking active part in the F. W. Baptist Youth for Christ Fellowship Meetings. We are praying that all Leagues will take part in the Fellowship Meetings, each church is to send \$2.00 to help pay for minutes. Total amount \$8.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Bernice Lenden, District Secretary

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL REQUEST

Brother Moderator, I haven't got the District S. S. Report in, please ask the body to let me mail my report directly to the Associational Clerk. Treasurer's report will also be sent in with this.

Horace Amerson, Secretary

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

The West Florida District S. S. Convention met with the Eastside Church of Pensacola, May 27, 1955. Seven Sunday Schools were represented.

Namely: Shiloh, First Church, Eastside Church, Grace Church, Oakfield Church, Bethel Tabernacle and Christian Home Church.

Total enrollment, 423; Average Attendance, 309; Total Collections, \$1,420.01. Enclosed for printing of minutes \$10.00. The next Convention will be held with Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla., May 25-26, 1956.

District President, Rev. Floyd Coleman

District Sec'y, Brother Horace Amerson

CLERK'S REPORT

Total money received from Sister Daisy M. Williams Sept. 1954....\$237.75

Paid out:

State Association fee.....	\$ 20.00
Money Order25
Typewriter rental	4.12
Printing of Minutes.....	165.00
Joan Knoles for typing church letter forms.....	2.00
Total paid out.....	\$191.37
Balance in Treasure.....	46.38

Rev. B. B. Champion

Association Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We your Ordaining Council have examined Brother W. C. Stanford and have found him worthy of ordination, according to the Bible qualifications.

Your Council

We your Ordaining Council request the ordination of Brother Williamson be withheld until a later date.

Your Council

R. L. Williams, Chairman

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman, Brother R. L. Williams; Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. F. H. Coleman and Rev. L. V. Pinson.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Brother F. E. Rogers, one year; Brother Rev. J. V. Turman, two years; Rev. T. U. Bryant, three years; Rev. J. D. Parham, four years; Rev. W. S. Thomley, five years; Brother G. W. Newham, six years; Brother W. E. Holley, seven years.

TRUSTEES OF WEST FLORIDA F. W. B. ASSOCIATION

Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. H. L. Henderson and Brother Roy Parker.

MEMBERSHIP OF CHURCHES IN ASSOCIATION—1955

1. First Church, Pensacola, Florida membership.....	88
2. Eastside Church, Pensacola, Florida membership.....	51
3. Mt. Zion Church, Century, Florida membership.....
4. Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida membership.....	8
5. Traveler's Rest Church, Berrydale, Florida membership....	25
6. Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida membership.....	107
7. Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida membership....	67
8. Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsdale, Alabama membership....	15
9. Grace Church, Pensacola, Florida membership.....	61
10. Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Florida membership.....	90

ASSOCIATION TOTAL MEMBERSHIP.....512

PASTORS FOR 1955

First Church—Rev. L. V. Pinson.

Eastside Church—Rev. H. L. Henderson.

Mr. Zion Church—Rev. W. M. Patrick.

Pilgrim Rest Church—Rev. E. T. Williamson.

Shiloh Church—Rev. D. W. Poole.

Christian Home Church—Rev. W. B. Thomley.

Rainbow Tabernacle—

Grace Church—Rev. J. V. Turman.

Bethel Tabernacle—Rev. R. M. Hughes.

Traveler's Rest Church—Rev. W. H. Williamson.

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 Missions	Evangelist and Visiting Ministers	Youth Camp	Paid Pastor	Budget Plan Church Tithe	Orphanage	Bible College
First Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	15,299.49	15.00	73.64	23.70	4.00		1,126.49	197.08		
Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	7,500.00	20.00	125.00		93.25		660.63	193.00		
Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla.....	2,500.00									
Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla.....	4,500.00	4.28			8.00		10.00			
Traveler's Rest, Berrydale, Fla.....		4.50	65.00		70.55					
Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla.....	20,000.00	15.00	199.22		73.00		1,069.27	15.79		
Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla.....	7,500.00	15.00	79.14		83.78		821.00	356.65		
Rainbow Tabernacle, Robertsedale, Ala.....	4,500.00	5.00	110.25				90.90			
Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	2,500.00	10.00	50.00		82.32		379.76	65.50		
Bethel Tabernacle, Pensacola, Fla.....		10.00	2,700.00							

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