

MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
WEST FLORIDA  
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH  
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH  
ESCAMBIA COUNTY, McDAVID, FLORIDA  
SEPTEMBER 20 AND 21, 1957



The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Oak Field Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, August 15 and 16, 1958.

Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held with Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida, April 26, 1958.

District League Convention will be held with East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, April 5, 1958.

District Womens Auxiliary Convention will be held with Grace Free Will Baptist Church, August 23, 1958.

District Sunday School Convention will be held with East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, May 25 and 26, 1958.

Rev. J. V. Turman will preach association sermon for 1958.

Moderator, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama, Phone 7173-W.

Vice-Moderator, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, Pensacola, Florida, Phone HE 3-3835.

Clerk, Bernice Purvis, Rt. 1, Box 120, McDavid, Florida, Phone 7199-F.

Assistant Clerk, Essie Coleman, Rt. 1, Atmore, Alabama, Phone 7200-W.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. Patrick ..... P. O. Box 95, Molino, Florida  
Rev. L. M. Thomley ..... Molino, Florida  
Rev. L. V. Pinson ..... 50 Murphy Lane, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. T. U. Bryant ..... 424 North Border Street, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. J. D. Parham ..... Route 1, McDavid, Florida  
Rev. W. A. Morton ..... Ensley, Florida  
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft ..... 401 Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. B. B. Champion ..... Rt. 1, Box 276, Cantonment, Florida  
Rev. F. H. Coleman ..... Route 1, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. J. V. Turman ..... 49 Brent Lane, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. A. C. Wiggins ..... Route 1, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. H. L. Henderson ..... Rt. 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. W. C. Stanford ..... 415 East Gregory Street, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. E. T. Williamson ..... Molino, Florida  
Rev. I. C. Thomley ..... Molino, Florida  
Rev. N. V. Hawkins ..... Route 1, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. E. A. Breedlove ..... Rt. 7, Box 325, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. A. S. Ellis ..... Pensacola, Florida

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. R. H. Reddick ..... Pensacola, Florida



September 20 and 21, 1957

## PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Ninth Annual Session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association which met with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, McDavid, Florida, September 20 and 21, 1957.

Friday, 10:00 A. M.

Singing by the congregation; prayer by Rev. L. V. Pinson; welcome address by Rev. B. B. Champion; Devotion by Rev. H. L. Henderson, reading from the 12th chapter of Hebrews, followed by prayer by Rev. W. B. Hughes.

The Moderator read the Rules and Decorum of the Association to the body.

All visiting Brethern were invited to sit with us. Brother Wayne B. Cook, Bonifay, Brother W. E. George, South Bonifay, Brother W. Hicks, Panama City, Brother Will Eddins, Liberty No. 1, Brother A. B. Cook, Bonifay, Brother W. E. George, South Bonifay, Brother W. B. Hughes, Chipley, responded.

Body was called to order for business.

Moved and seconded to read church letters before the body carried.

Moved and seconded for the Moderator to appoint the various committees, carried.

The following committees were appointed: Temperance Committee, Standing of Ministers Committee, Credential Committee, Home Mission Committee, Obituary Committee, Suggestion Committee, and Daily Vacation Bible School Committee.

Petitionary letter was called for, no reports.

Nominations were opened for assistant clerk. Sister Ashcraft was nominated and elected.

Nonimations were opened for clerk, Sister Donaldson was nominated as clerk. Sister Donaldson asked the body to relieve her as clerk. Sister Purvis was nominated and elected as clerk.

Nominations for assistant moderator, Brother Ashcraft was nominated and elected.

Nominations of moderator, were Brother H. L. Henderson, Brother Bryant, Brother Turman, Brother Pinson. Moved and seconded that nominations cease, carried.

Brother H. L. Henderson was elected moderator by majority vote.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Sister Donaldson for her work as clerk.

Sister Ashcraft asked the body to re-elect an assistant clerk, as she did not desire to keep her office.

Nominations for assistant clerk were, Sister Coleman and Sister Ellis. Sister Coleman was elected by majority vote.

A rising vote of appreciation was given Sister Ashcraft for her work as assistant clerk.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn business for 11:00 service, and meet back at 1:15 P. M.

Rev. H. L. Henderson brought associational sermon, reading from the 27th chapter of St. Matthew. A very inspiring message, with altar prayer following. Dismissal prayer by Brother Cook.

### Friday, 1:15 P. M.

Session opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Turman. Moderator called body to order for business.

Sister Barfield and Sister Ashcraft were nominated and elected as reading clerks.

Moved and seconded to read preacher reports, did not carry.

Nominations were opened to fill vacancy of Executive Board, nominations were Brother Donaldson, Brother Wildon Hall, Brother Champion. Brother Champion was elected by a majority vote to serve a seven year term.

Moderator called for Executive Board report, no report.

Moved and seconded for Rev. Mortons preacher report to be accepted by the clerk. Carried.

Committees were dismissed to gather reports.

Brother Hughes led the congregation in song and testimony service while committees were out.

Committees returned and the following reports were read:

Devotional Committee report read and adopted as read.

Vacation Bible School report read and adopted as read.

Home Mission report read and adopted as read.

Temperance Committee read and adopted as read.

Credential Committee report read and adopted as read.

Suggestion Committee report read and adopted as read.

Obituary Committee report read and adopted as read.

Brother Henderson asked all to stand for a moment of silence in memory of those passed on.

Standing of Ministers report read and adopted as read.

Clerks report read and adopted as read.

Brother Floyd Coleman and Sister Ruby Amerson were nominated as Daily Vacation Bible School promoter. Brother Coleman was elected by majority vote.

Moved and seconded to change the association from Friday and Saturday before the 4th Sunday in September, to Friday and Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in August. Carried.

Time was given Rev. Hughes to speak on Home Missions and Youth Camp.

Moved and seconded that each church in our association send \$2.50 per month to the clerk of West Florida Association, for home mission, in Miami, Fla. Carried.

Moved and seconded to adjourn, business to meet back at 10:00 A. M., Saturday. Carried.

Closing prayer by Brother Cook.

### Saturday, 10:00 A. M.

Session opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev.



Breedlove. Brother R. H. Reddick brought morning devotion, scripture reading, John, 14th chapter.

Moderator called body to order for business.

The following church letters were read:

Grace Church letter, adopted as read; Shiloh Church letter, adopted as read; Christian Home Church letter, adopted as read; Oakfield Church letter, adopted as read; First Church letter, adopted as read.

Brother R. H. Reddick asked why the First Church did not send in a request for his ordination for minister as he had served his year as a licensed minister.

Motion made and seconded that the Executive Board meet on this case within the next thirty days and present an answer to Brother Reddick as to why he was not recommended for ordination, after which he has the privilege of joining another church. This church would have the privilege to recommend him to the Ordaining Council for ordination, carried.

Pilgrim Rest Church letter read and adopted as read.

Meeting adjourned to meet back at 1:30 P. M. for business.

### 11:00 A. M. Worship Service

Opened with congregational singing, prayer by Brother Hicks. Rev. A. H. Ashcraft brought a wonderful message from 12th chapter of Deuteronomy, and 4th chapter of Luke. Dismissal prayer by Brother J. D. Parham.

### 1:00 P. M.

Opened with congregational singing, prayer by Brother Steele. Moderator declared body in order for business.

East Side Church letter read and adopted as read.

Mt. Zion Church letter read and adopted as read.

Sunday School Convention report read, adopted as read.

Ladies Auxiliary report, adopted as read.

League Convention report, adopted as read.

Quarterly Meeting report, adopted as read.

Motion made and seconded that a list of available pastors be kept by clerk, carried.

Moved and seconded for moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association, carried.

Above motion tabled until information on standing delegates was obtained.

A vote was taken in favor of a Promotional Secretary and Evangelist for West Florida, carried.

Rev. Turman was elected by a majority vote.

Nominations were opened to fill Brother Hughes place on ordaining Council. Nominated were: Brother Turman and Brother Breedlove. Brother Breedlove was elected by majority vote.

Brother Ashcraft made motion, and was seconded to remove Deacons from Ordaining Council and replace them with ordained minis-

ters. A vote was taken in favor of above motion, carried.

Rev. Pinson presented his resignation from Ordaining Council. Moved and seconded that he be relieved.

Rev. Parham and Rev. Turman were nominated and elected to fill vacancies of Rev. Pinson and Brother R. L. Williams on Ordaining Council.

Nominations were opened to fill vacancy of Brother Roy Parker on Board of Trustees. Nominated were Brother Donaldson, Brother Parham and Brother Gardner.

Brother Donaldson was elected by majority vote.

Moved and seconded that Moderator appoint the committees, carried.

Suggestion Committee, Oak Field Church.

Credential Committee, Shiloh Church.

Obituary Committee, East Side Church.

Standing of Ministers Committee, Christian Home Church.

Home Mission Committee, First Church.

Temperance Committee, Mt. Zion Church.

Daily Vacation Bible Committee, Grace Church.

Devotional Committee, Pilgrim Rest Church.

A motion was made and carried to limit the nominations of Committees to the churches present.

Nominations were opened for minister to preach association sermon for 1958. Nominated were: Rev. Bryant, Rev. Breedlove, and Rev. Turman. Rev. Turman was elected by a majority vote.

Moderator asked for a report from our Tabernacle Committee. Rev. Breedlove, Rev. Pinson and Rev. Champion reported. There is two acres of land and a building on it, which could be purchased for \$6,000, near Molino, Florida.

Rev. Turman being Promotional Secretary said he would work with the committee on this and find out about it. He would then meet with Pastors of the churches to discuss financial plans.

Rev. Champion resigned from the Tabernacle Committee, and was replaced by Brother Wilson.

Motion made and seconded that 10 per cent of our church treasury be sent to our clerk for the tabernacle, not carried.

Brother and Sister Amerson, Brother and Sister Cook, and Sister Williams were nominated and elected delegates to the State Association.

Sister Henderson, Sister Ashcraft, and Sister Ellis were nominated and elected as alternate delegates to the State Association.

A special offering was taken for the printing of the minutes. Amount received, \$25.18.

Report from Ordaining Council read and adopted.

Motion made and carried to adjourn 1957 session. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Champion.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida. Associational Fee \$5.00.



Delegates, Sister Lucile Patrick, Sister I. C. Thomley. Alternates: Sister E. T. Williamson. We request that Brother L. Mason be ordained as deacon. We request the Association for 1958.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Florida. Associational Fee \$6.30. Delegates, Sister Eddins, Brother Eddins, and Sister Glover.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida, Associational Fee \$15.00. Delegates: Sister Amerson, Sister Rigby and Brother Morgan. Alternates: Brother Purvis and Sister Purvis. We request the association for 1958.

Oak Field Church, Pensacola, Florida. Associational Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Brother Nicholas, Brother Rutherford and Sister Rutherford. Alternates: Sister Hall, Sister James and Sister Nicholas. We request Brother John Steele be ordained as deacon. We request the association for 1958.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida. Associational Fee \$15.00. Delegates: Brother Robbins, Sister Parham. Alternates: Brother Holland.

Grace Church, Pensacola, Florida. Associational Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Sister Stacey, Sister Rogers and Brother Taylor. Alternates: Brother Wood. We request that Brother John Taylor, and Brother Ernest Lacas be ordained as deacons.

East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida. Associational Fee \$10.00. Delegates: Sister Cook and Sister Stanford. Alternates: Sister Henderson and Brother Cook. We request the association for 1958. We suggest that the clerk keep a list of available pastors and that our ministers cooperate with her on this.

First Church, Pensacola, Florida. Associational Fee \$10.00. Delegates: Brother Wilson and Sister Holley. Alternates: Sister Stinson and Sister Pinson.

Rainbow Church, Robertsdale, Alabama. Association Fee \$5.00. Delegates did not attend association.

## REPORTS

### Suggestion Committee:

We your Suggestion Committee, suggest that the West Florida Association be set up one month, which would be the Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in August, due to pastor's children enrollment in school.

We request that each pastor spend more time working with inactive members.

We suggest that in the future that each committee be elected from individual churches in order that they may get together during the year and get reports up and bring them to the association. A lot of time would be saved this way.

We suggest that the association be held at Oak Field, in 1958.

We suggest that more churches try to conduct Daily Vacation Bible School.

Sister Virgie Rigby, Sister Ruby Amerson, Brother Wildon Hall.

#### Credential Committee:

We your Credential Committee wish to make a partial report. We have examined the letters from Pilgrim Rest, Grace, East Side, First, Mt. Zion, Shiloh, Oak Field and Christian Home. We have no letter from Rainbow and Bethel Church. We have also examined the District Womens Auxiliary and Sunday School Convention report and find them in order.

Brother Floyd Coleman, Brother E. A. Breedlove, Brother F. E. Rogers.

#### Obituary Committee:

We your Obituary Committee find seven deaths: Brother W. H. Burkett, Christian Home Church; Sister James, Oak Field Church; Brother George Wiggins, Shiloh Church; Brother J. J. Richardson, First Church; Sister Frances White, Pilgrim Rest Church; Brother Lon Powell, Mt. Zion; Brother Davis, East Side Church. We recommend a moment of silent prayer in honor of the deceased.

Brother J. H. Taylor, Brother R. L. Williams, Brother H. H. Robins.

#### Standing of Ministers:

We your Committee on Standing of the Ministry have examined reports that have been submitted and find that Ministers have reported in good standing as far as we know.

Brother A. C. Wiggins gave your Committee an oral report as sickness has prevented his being active this past year.

We find that there are four who have not reported, namely: Rev. R. M. Hughes, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. W. A. Morton, Rev. W. C. Stanford.

We request as Ministers the prayers of the body that we might go forward in the work of the Lord.

Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. B. B. Champion, Rev. T. U. Bryant.

#### Home Mission Committee:

We your Committee on Home Mission regret to report that we find our Home Mission work very unsatisfactory. We beg in God's will that every church consider the need of being mission minded, carrying, sending and backing God's work in Home Missions.

We also wish to introduce a plan for the backing of our Home Mission.

Brother Burkett, Brother Turman, Brother Hawkins.

#### Devotional Committee:

Friday night, Rev. Wayne Hicks, Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. Nelson Hawkins. Saturday 11:00 Rev. Aubrey Ashcraft. Saturday night, Rev. J. V. Turman, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. E. A. Breedlove.

Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Parham, Brother Wiggins.

#### Temperance Committee:

We your Temperance Committee suggest that all Free Will Bap-



tists pray that God give us strength to abstain from all worldly things and ever stay humble before Him.

Brother R. H. Reddick, Brother Doug Morgan, Brother L. A. Hall.

D. V. Bible School Committee:

We your D. V. Bible School Committee find that three churches held D. V. Bible School with enrollment as follows, East Side 60, Shiloh 67, Oak Field 26.

We suggest that each church promote a D. V. Bible School, for as we raise our children today will be our churches of tomorrow. That someone be appointed from the association to encourage Bible School and that a space be made in the association letter forms for a Bible School report.

Brother A. S. Ellis, Sister Lucille Patrick, Sister Naomi Cook.

### DISTRICT SUNDAY SHOOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida District Sunday School Convention was held at First Church, Pensacola, Florida, May 24 & 25, 1957.

The meeting was opened with scripture reading, singing and prayer. The minutes were read, accepted as read. Treasurer's report was read, accepted as read.

The following churches were represented by letter, gave following reports:

East Side Church: enrollment 44, average attendance 34, visitors 136, average visitors per Sunday 3, total offering \$191.16. We are sending \$4.00 as Convention Fees.

Shiloh Church: enrollment 91, average attendance 62, visitors 280, average visitor per Sunday 5, total offering \$313.27, expenditures \$222.29, balance in treasury, \$90.00. We are sending \$5.00 as Convention Fees.

Christian Home Church: enrollment 60, average attendance 56, total offering \$399.58, expenses \$353.19, balance in treasury \$46.93. We are sending \$3.00 as Convention Fees.

First Church. enrollment 67, average attendance 33, total offering \$239.58, total visitors 151. We are sending \$4.00 as Convention Fees.

All reports were accepted as read.

It was moved and seconded that the secretary draw up a letter head for churches to send in their reports. There should be some mimographed and mailed out to each church. So carried.

It was moved and seconded that in the future that each church give an entrance fee of 10c per member in Sunday School. So carried.

It was moved and seconded that the pastors of each church represented at the convention, draw up the by-laws of our District Sunday School Convention and present them to the convention of 1958.

The following officers were elected:

President, L. V. Pinson

Vice-President, Brother Jerald Amerson  
Clerk, Sister Ruby Amerson  
Assistant Clerk, Sister Judy Holland

It was moved and seconded that the clerk send cards to all churches reminding them that the 1958 Convention would be held on the last Friday night and Saturday in May of 1958. This Convention will be held at East Side Church.

We are sending \$10.00 for the printing of minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister Ruby Amerson, Clerk

## DISTRICT LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

The District League Convention was held with First Church, Pensacola, Florida, April 6, 1957.

The convention was opened with the song "Onward Christian Leaguer's" with prayer following. Rev. L. V. Pinson brought the welcome and Brother Wildon Hall devotions. Rev. T. U. Bryant was principal speaker.

Programs throughout the day, were given by East Side, Grace and First Church.

Seven contestants participated in the Sword Drill, directed by Mrs. Charles Lowery. Dennis Holley, First Church representative was the winner in the boys division while Myra Henderson, representing East Side Church, took first place in the girls division. These are to represent the West Florida Convention in the state drill at Cottondale.

There were four churches reporting, read as following:

East Side Church, enrollment at beginning of year, 23, enrollment at the end of the year 33, total attendance, 928, average attendance 18, total offering \$57.72, average offering \$1.11.

First Church, enrollment 28, average enrollment 20, average attendance 13, total offering \$71.13, average offering \$1.51, average number of daily Bible readers, 5, number classes 3.

Shiloh Church, average number present 36, average number on time 33, average number studied program 16, average number daily Bible readers 8, average number on program 36, average number attending preaching 34, average offering \$2.06, average grade 78.

No reports from Grace Church.

Discussed, voted on and passed to:

1. Present plaques, with name and date thereon, to sword drill winners, plus a personal gift. Plaques to be exhibited in church of each winner.
2. Have each church bring five dollars (\$5.00) with letter to the convention.
3. Have secretary assemble and distribute letter forms for 1958 convention, if such is not included in associational minutes.
4. Accept a letter from Grace Church when sent to secretary.
5. Combine the offices of secretary and treasurer.



6. Hold 1958 convention at East Side Church, the first Saturday in April.

Grace Church, First Church, and Shiloh Church were requested to send their convention dues, in the amount of \$2.00, to the secretary.

An offering of \$5.00 was taken.

Officers elected for 1957 and 1958 were:

President, Rev. L. V. Pinson

Vice-President, Rev. H. L. Henderson

Secretary-Treasurer, Van Pinson

Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. James Cook

Sword Drill Director, Mrs. Charles Lowery

The outgoing president spoke concerning the state youth camp and a district tabernacle, advocating backing of youth camp with attendance and finances.

Mr. W. A. Turman said the benediction.

Enclosed is \$3.00 to be used for printing this form in association minutes. This leaves .25 in the District League Convention Treasury.

President, Rev. H. L. Henderson

Sec. & Treas., Van Pinson

## QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the West Florida Association, the West Florida quarterly meeting requests that our report be printed in the minutes. We had four meetings last year in which the Lord wonderfully blessed. We encourage everyone to attend and enjoy a day of fellowship with us. The time and place of the meetings for the coming year are: December 7, 1958, Christian Home, March 1, 1958, Shiloh Church, June 7, 1958, Grace Christian.

We request the prayers of everyone. We are sending \$5.00 to help with printing of minutes.

Rev. B. B. Champion, Moderator

Mrs. Naomi Cook, Clerk

2201 W. Avery Street

Pensacola, Florida

## DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

To the Honorable Body of the West Florida Association: We, the District Women's Auxiliary, beg to report our year's work as follows:

Number of churches having auxiliaries	2
Number of churches reporting	2
Total membership	21
Number of active in Community Mission Work	21
Weeks of prayer conducted	0
Amount spent auxiliary literature	\$25.25
Amount given to Foreign Mission	10.89
Values of commodities given needy	80.27
Amount given to Home Missions	73.34

Amount given to Children's Home .....	13.13
Amount given to Ministers .....	13.20
Total spent for activities in local churches .....	45.00

Elected delegates for State Woman's Auxiliary Convention, Sister Thelma Holley, Sister Freeman Rogers.

The following officers were elected to serve one year, President, Sister L. V. Pinson; Secretary-Treasurer, Sister Ernest Lucas.

We are sending \$4.00 for printing of minutes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Sister L. V. Pinson,  
Secretary and Treasurer

### CLERK'S REPORT

Balance brought forward. September 22, 1956 .....	\$ 5.66
Associational fees .....	101.00
District League Convention .....	4.00
District Sunday School Convention .....	10.00
District Woman's Auxiliary Convention .....	4.00
Special offering on minutes .....	20.07
Special offering on Children's Home .....	11.31
Love offering to clerk from Pilgrim Rest Church .....	5.00
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$161.04</b>

#### Paid Out

Associational fees to State Association .....	\$ 20.00
Children's Home (Eldridge, Alabama) .....	11.31
Paid for typing manuscript for minutes .....	4.00
Printing of 300 associational minutes .....	125.00

<b>Total</b> .....	<b>\$160.31</b>
Balance in treasury .....	.73

Respectfully submitted,  
Millie Donaldson, Clerk.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council examined Brother Taylor, Brother Steele and Brother Mason for Deacons. We find them worthy to be ordained as Deacons.

Rev. H. L. Henderson  
Rev. F. H. Coleman  
Rev. E. A. Breedlove  
Rev. J. D. Parham  
Rev. J. V. Turman

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. T. U. Bryant, one year; Rev. J. D. Parham, two years; Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, three years; Brother G. W. Newham, four years; Brother W. E. Holley, five years; Brother L. A. Hall, six years; and Rev. B. B. Champion, seven years.



## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman, Rev. H. L. Henderson; Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. E. A. Breedlove, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. J. V. Turman

## TRUSTEES OF THE WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Rev. F. H. Coleman, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Brother R. L. Donaldson.

## PASTORS FOR 1958

First Church	Rev. L. V. Pinson
Christian Home Church	Rev. B. B. Champion
Pilgrim Rest Church	Rev. E. T. Williamson
Mt. Zion Church	Rev. W. M. Patrick
Grace Church	Rev. A. H. Ashcraft
East Side Church	Rev. N. V. Hawkins
Shiloh Church	Rev. H. L. Henderson
Oak Field 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 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 of 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 the 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. The 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 of 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 for 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 mission, the success of Sabbath schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of soul, 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	Amount of Associa- tion Purposes	Total Membership of 1957	Evangelistic and Visiting Ministers	Youth Camp	Paid Pastor	Budget Plan Church Tithe	Orphanages	Building and Re- pairs	Home Mission Building Fund
First Church, Pensacola, Fla.	\$20,000	\$10.00	72	0	\$79.73	\$1,004.54	\$167.18	\$ 59.02	\$ 7.37	\$ 27.12
East Side Church, Pensacola, Fla.	7,500	14.00	42	183.32	0	418.22	0	45.54	150.00	0
Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla.	*	20.00	85	62.28	0	809.02	0	202.23	26.11	169.20
Christian Home, McDavid, Fla.	9,500	15.00	71	100.00	0	720.00	0	77.36	299.37	0
Oak Field Church, Pensacola, Fla.	*	20.00	114	118.17	0	1,001.48	0	5.00	977.65	0
Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla.	20,000	15.00	69	133.00	21.00	2,500.00	0	116.00	423.47	18.02
Mt. ion Church, Century, Fla.	2,500	6.30	29	28.00	0	151.75	0	0	0	0
Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla.	8,000	5.00	60	72.80	0	87.14	0	3.00	449.67	0
Rainbow Church, Robertsedale, Ala.	* \$ 5.00	13	\$ 17.00	0	\$ 320.59	0	0	\$115.00	0	0

\* Unknown

# MINISTERS' YEARLY REPORT — 1956 - 1957

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Couples Married	Funerals	Number Baptized	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Churches Organized	Expenses Paid Out	Sick Calls	Members Received
Rev. W. C. Stanford	0	15	0	0	0	**	\$ 10.00	0	\$ 0	**	0
Rev. L. V. Pinson	1	200	2	3	5	**	\$1,250.00	0	0	**	9
Rev. B. B. Champion	1	120	0	2	3	15,000	1,093.10	0	**	66	11
Rev. I. C. Thomley	1	76	0	0	2	532	0	0	84.00	34	13
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft	0	50	0	0	0	0	16.00	0	0	**	0
Rev. L. M. Thomley	0	69	1	*	1	700	75.00	0	50.00	72	6
Rev. W. M. Patrick	0	91	0	2	0	3,483	151.75	0	78.50	62	2
Rev. R. H. Reddick	0	49	0	0	0	1,000	4.25	0	100.00	6	0
Rev. . H. Coleman	0	14	0	0	0	**	**	0	**	**	0
Rev. N. V. Hawkins	1	158	0	0	2	8,000	2,500.00	0	204.00	**	3
Rev. A. S. Ellis	0	38	0	0	0	194	12.35	0	4.50	22	5
Rev. H. L. Henderson	1	200	1	1	5	**	418.22	0	**	**	11
Rev. J. V. Turman	1	**	1	0	9	**	932.00	0	**	**	19
Rev. T. U. Bryant	0	32	7	0	0	**	0	0	**	**	0
Rev. E. T. Williamson	1	96	0	0	13	600	87.00	0	110.00	45	17
Rev. E. A. Breedlove	1	200	0	2	6	**	1,001.48	0	**	**	25
Rev. A. C. Wiggins	NO WORK REPORTED BECAUSE OF ILLNESS										
Rev. J. D. Parham	0	**	1	2	0	**	**	0	0	**	1

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