OF THE WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MINUTES

TENTH ANNUAL SESSION

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OAK FIELD CHURCH

ESCAMBIA COUNTY, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

AUGUST 15 AND 16, 1958



The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held

with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church, Molino, Florida, August 14 and 15, 1959.

Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, McDavid, Florida, April 25, 1959.

District League Convention will be held with Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, April 4, 1959.

District Sunday School Convention will be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, May 29 and 30, 1959.

Rev. H. L. Henderson will preach association sermon for 1959.

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PROCEEDINGS

August 15 and 16, 1958

Proceedings of the Tenth Annual Session of the West Florida Association which met with Oak Field Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, August 15 and 16, 1958.

Friday, 10:00 A. M.

Singing by the congregation, with an altar of prayer for the advancement of our association, led by Brother Wayne Hicks. Welcome by Brother Breedlove, with scripture reading from the book of Romans.

Brother Wayne Hicks brought the morning devotion, reading from Acts 1:3, text: Carrying the Gospel Into All Nations.

Body was called to order for business by Moderator. The rules and Decorum being read to the body.

All visiting Brethren were invited to sit with us. Brother Wayne Hicks responded.

Moved and seconded that we read all church letters, carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn business until after lunch.

11:00 Worship Service

Brother J. V. Thurman brought the association sermon, reading from I Samuel 17:42. A wonderful message on "Victory In The Val-

Dismissal prayer by Brother Gardner.

Friday, 1:15 P. M.

Session opened with singing, "At The Cross." Prayer by Brother Wildon Hall.

Moderator called the body to order for business.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator appoint the various committees from each church. Carried.

Committees for 1959:

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Suggestion Committee, Shiloh Church.

Credential Committee, Christian Home Church.

Obituary Committee, Rainbow Church.

Standing of Ministers Committee, Grace Church.

Home Mission Committee, East Side Church.

Temperance Committee, Pilgram Rest Church.

Daily Vacation Bible School Committee, Mt. Zion Church.

Devotional Committee, Oakfield Church.

Nominations were opened for assistant clerk. Sister Essie Coleman was elected by a majority vote. Nominations were opened for clerk. Sister Brewer, and Sister Purvis were nominated. Sister Purvis was elected by a majority vote.

Nominations were opened for Assistant Moderator. Brother Aubrey Ashcraft was nominated and elected by the body.

Nominations were opened for Moderator. Brother Harvey Henderson was nominated and elected by the body.

Moved and seconded that Moderator appoint reading clerks. Sister Millie Donaldson and Sister Lowery were appointed.

Brother Ashcraft resigned from the Executive Board. Moved and seconded that his resignation be accepted.

Moved and seconded that Brother Holley be withdrawn from the Executive Board this session. Carried.

Brother Gardner was nominated and elected to succeed Brother Bryant on Executive Board.

Brother J. C. Dortch and Brother Wildon Hall were nominated to succeed Brother Ashcraft. Brother Hall was elected by a majority vote.

Brother Reddick and Brother Cook were nominated to succeed Brother Holley. Brother Cook was elected by a majority vote.

Moved and seconded to remove Brother L. A. Hall from the Executive Board. Carried. Brother Bob Donaldson and Brother Reddick were nominated to replace him. Brother Donaldson was elected by a majority vote.

Moved and seconded that Brother Jack Parham be removed from the Executive Board, due to there being two members on the Board from Christian Home Church. Carried. Brother R. H. Reddick was nominated and elected to succeed Brother Parham.

Moved and seconded to retain the present Ordaining Council unless they wished to resign. Majority voted to retain same.

Moved and seconded for the Ordaining Council to meet, and the Chairman investigate the Council for qualifications to examine preachers for ordination. Carried.

Church letters and reports were read as follows:

Pilgrim Rest Church letter adopted as read. Oakfield Church letter adopted as read. Shiloh Church letter adopted as read. Mt. Zion Church letter adopted as read. Grace Church letter adopted as read. East Side Church letter adopted as read. Rainbow Church letter adopted as read. Christian Home Church letter adopted as read.

Devotion Committee Report adopted as read. Obituary Committee Report adopted as read. Credential Committee Report adopted as read. Standing of Ministers Report adopted as read. Suggestion Committee Report adopted as read. Daily Vacation Bible School Committee Report adopted as read. Home Mission Committee Report adopted as read. League Report adopted as read. Sunday School Report adopted as read. Quarterly Meeting Report adopted as read. Preachers and Deacons Report adopted as read. Clerks Report adopted as read.

Moved and seconded that body adjourn for the day.

Saturday, 10:00 A. M.

Session opened with congregational singing. Welcome by Brother Ereedlove, urging us to do things for God now. Brother Jack Fuller brought devotion, reading from Acts 2:27, leaving a wonderful thought with us on "What Shall We Do?", being a living witness for Jesus, and putting Him first in our lives.

Body declared in order for business by Moderator.

Body voted to give the Home Mission Committee to Rainbow Church for this session.

Moderator asked everyone to stand in memory of those deceased, with prayer by Brother Henderson.

Brother L. M. Thomley did not turn in Preachers Report, due to being confined to the hospital.

Moved and seconded for each Preacher to give the clerk 25c each so that she could mail their Preacher Reports to each individual. Responding, Brother Thomley, Henderson, Breedlove, Williamson, Bryant, furman, Champion, Ashcraft, Stanford, Reddick and Ellis.

Moved and seconded that any Preacher not turning in a Preacher Report for the year would not receive a new Preachers card. Carried. Moved and seconded to adjourn business until after lunch.

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Brother Turman asked for time to report on the Tabernacle site for our association. He could not see where we were financially able to buy the property at the present. Propery belonging to us at Baker, Florida, is being looked into, and we have prospects of a church being organized there. He also said he had not been able to work as he would liked to as Promotional Secretary, and asked to be relieved of this position. Moved and seconded to relieve him. He asked to be removed from the Organizing Council after much prayer about it. Moved and seconded that this be granted him.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn until after lunch. Prayer by Brother Ashcraft.

11:00 A. M. Service

Opened with singing, prayer by Brother Champion. Morning message brought by Brother I. C. Thomley. Scripture reading, Timothy 13th chapter, speaking on Charity, Love, and the Love of Jesus. Dismissal prayer by Brother Cook.

1:00 P. M.

Session opened with congregational singing, with prayer by Brother Williamson.

Moderator declared the body in order for business.

Moved and seconded for the Moderator to appoint three to work on the Home Mission Committee. Brother Dortch, Brother Cook, and Brother Williamson were appointed.

Moved and seconded that they work on this report while the body was in session. Carried.

Moved and seconded that if the State Association does not send us some State Minutes that we will not send any more money. Carried.

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Moved and seconded that each church send in number of Minutes needed, to the clerk. Carried.

Moved and seconded to take an offering for our clerk for her expenses. Amount of collection \$18.34.

Nominations were opened for a preacher to preach the Association Sermon. Brother Henderson and Brother Reddick were nominated. Brother Henderson received the majority vote.

Nominated to go to the State Association were: Sister Donaldson, Sister Henderson, Sister Cook, Sister Ashcraft, and Sister Dortch. Alternately: Sister Hall, Sister Bryant, and Sister Stanford.

Nomination was opened to fill vacancy of Brother Turman on the Ordaining Council. Nominated were Brother Champion, Brother I. C. Thomley. Brother Champion received the majority vote.

Moved and seconded that our Promotional Secretary and Evangelist not be called by the association, but by the leadership of God.

Moved and seconded that each church mail to our clerk correct address of their clerk for correspondence, and they be put in the minutes.

Moved and seconded that church letter forms be sent to each church clerk. Carried.

Moved and seconded that our Moderator be Chairman of our \mathcal{U} Executive Board. Carried.

Moved and seconded that Executive Board Report be abolished. Carried.

Moved and seconded that space for Daily Vacation Bible School be added to our church letter forms, and that it be requested at our State Association. Carried.

Discussion was made on fellowship with the First Church in our League Rallies. Brother Dortch gave a wonderful talk on our League and its purpose, and asked for an altar of prayer before deciding on this matter.

Moved and seconded that this be left to the League Fellowship to be decided on. Carried.

The Ordaining Council did not approve at this time, of the Ordination of Brother Oscar Ward as Deacon. Dismissal prayer by Brother Ashcraft.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rainbow Church, Robertsdale, Alabama. Association fee \$5.00. Delegates, Sister Lucile Pierce, Sister Ruby Donlap. We request the association for 1959. Clerk: Sister Lucile Pierce, Robertsdale, Alabama.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Florida. Association fees \$3.00. Delegates, Brother Ran Rogers, Sister Tedder. Clerk, Mrs. Ruby Wright,

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Century, Florida.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida. Association fees \$15.00. Delegates, Brother Ray Purvis, Sister Henderson, Sister Dortch. Alternates: Sister Fannie Amerson, Sister Hall. We request the Association for 1959, also the Preachers and Deacons meeting. Clerk, Sister Vivian Roberts, Rt. 1, Box 271, Atmore, Alabama.

Oakfield Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fees \$10.00. Delegates, Brothers Ralph Rutherford, E. C. Weighmyer, E. C. Collingsworth, Claude Nichols, Rhoda Steele, Johnnie Williamson. Clerk, Sister Sue Steele.

East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fees \$16.00. \$2.00 for Moderator, \$2.00 for Clerk. Delegates, Sister Lucille Lowery, Sister Naomi Cook. Alternates, Sister Laura Stanford, Brother Reeves. We request the association for 1959. Clerk, Sister Naomi Cook, 2201 W. Avery St., Pensacola, Florida.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida. Association fees, \$7.00. \$3.00 for Childrens Home. Delegates, Sister Millie Donaldson, Sister Octavia Williams, Sister Mary Mason. Alternates, Sister Edna Welch. We request the association for 1959. We request Brother Oscar Ward be examined for ordination as Deacon. Clerk, Sister Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97, Pensacola, Florida.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida. Association fees \$15.00. Delegates, Brother N. H. Holland, Brother J. G. Holland, Sister Jane Singleton. Alternates, Sister Lucille Parham. Clerk, Sister Emma Lee, Rt. 1, Box 34A, McDavid, Florida.

Grace Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fees \$10.00. Delegates, Sister Mary Brewer, Sister Ashcraft, Brother Woods, Sister Rogers. Alternates, Sister Betty Bookout, Sister Woods. Grace Ladies Auxiliary had 21 members, \$90.21 offering, \$73.86 paid out. Sister Ashcraft, President. We request the association for 1959. Clerk, Sister George Newham, 800 W. Hatton St., Pensacola, Florida.

REPORTS

Suggestion Committee:

We your Suggestion Committee, suggest that in order to have more time in the association to worship and fellowship, that each church as an individual body, conduct all of their business in their respective churches. Dealing with all problems and differences in much prayer and in the Spirit of meekness, using the Bible as their guide. We further suggest that our next annual association convene with Pilgrim Rest Church at Molino, Florida, as has been requested. Oakfield Church, Brother E. E. Breedlove, Moderator, Sister Sue Steele, Clerk.

Daily Vacation Bible School Committee:

We your Daily Vacation Bible School Committee find the following Churches held D. V. B. School: Shiloh and Christian Home Church combined, with enrollment of 112; Grace, with enrollment of 62;

Rainbow, with enrollment of 77; East Side participated in D. V. B. School with the First Church, but no report. We are really proud of each Bible School. Lets try to do better next year, the Lords Will. We suggest that each church hold their own Bible School. Grace Church, Sister Ashcraft, Sister Mary Brewer, Sister Bonnie Lacas.

Obituary Committee:

We your Obituary Committee find seven deaths, Mrs. Willie Mae McGhee of Grace; Sister Sue Flemmins, Sister Mary Burkett, of Christian Home; Sister Lillie Mae Williamson of Pilgrim Rest; Reverend A. C. Wiggins, Brother Walter F. McElhaney, Brother Jimmy Toney, of Shiloh. Although Brother Hughes of Bethel is not a member of this body, we regret his loss. We regret the loss of our loved ones and feel that our loss is Heavens gain. East Side Church, Sister Naomi Cook, Sister Laura Stanford, Sister Lucille Lowery.

Standing of Ministers Committee:

We your Standing of Ministers Committee have examined the Ministers Reports and find they have reported in good standing as far as we know.

We find these who have not turned in a Preachers Report: Rev. L. M. Thomley, Rev. L. V. Pinson, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. W. A. Morton, and Rev. W C. Stanford. We request that each Minister read Second Timothy 4:4-5. Christian Home Church, Brother J. G. Holland, Sister Jane Singleton, Brother N. K. Holland.

Devotion Committee:

We your Devotion Committee appoint the following speakers: Friday night, Rev. R. H. Reddich, and Rev. T. U. Bryant; Saturday, 11:00 A. M., Rev. I. C. Thomley; Saturday night, Rev. B B. Champion, and Rev. N. V. Hawkins. Pilgrim Rest Church, Committee.

Credential Committee:

We your Credential Committee wish to make a partial report. We have examined letters from the following churches: East Side, Mt. Zion, Christian Home, Rainbow, Pilgrim Rest, Shiloh, Grace, Oakfield. We have no letter from the First Church. We examined the League Report, Clerks Report, Preachers and Deacons Report, Sunday School Report, and find them in order. Shiloh Church, Brother Ray Purvis, Sister Edna Henderson, Sister Martez Dortch.

Home Missions Committee:

We your Home Mission Committee find the following churches have given Home Mission through Evangelist, Home Mission, and Childrens Home. Christian Home \$284.08. Shiloh, \$668.67. Oakfield, \$340.79. Mt. Zion, none; Grace, \$493.53; East Side, \$89.58. Rainbow, \$78.12.

DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida District Sunday School Convention was held with East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida, May 16, 17, 1958.

The Friday night business session was called into order for bus-

iness. The minutes were read, and accepted as read. Treasurer's report read and accepted as read.

The following Churches were represented by letter: Shiloh, East Side, Grace, Christian Home, Rainbow, First Church. Letters were read and accepted as read.

A letter head was drawn up by the secretary and other officers, to be used for Churches to send in their yearly reports. These were passed out and examined. Majority voted to use these as West Florida S. S. Convention Reports. Carried.

The Constitution and by laws of the West Florida S. S. Convention were presented to the convention, and were voted on separately. Moved and seconded that they be printed in the minutes.

Article II of our By Laws were revised to read (Two delegates for the first twenty-five, and one additional delegate for every other twenty-five members.

Brother Stanford and Brother Bryant were nominated as Promotional Secretary. Brother Bryant was elected.

Executive Board was revised as follows: Brother Hall, one year; Brother Rodgers, two years; Brother Cook, three years.

All 1958 officers retained.

The Sunday School Convention in 1959 will be held with Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida, Friday night and Saturday before the last Sunday in May. Motion made in the coming year, each delegate vote yes or no on any question put forth by the President. Carried.

We send \$20.00 for printing of minutes.

Motion made for each church to send \$2.00 to secretary for expenses. Carried. Offering taken for Orphanage. Amount \$14.55.

Respectfully submitted, Sister Ruby Amerson, Secretary and

Treasurer.

CONSTITUTION

Preamble: In order to strengthen and unify our Christian word and the building of Christian character among the members of the West-Florida Free Will Baptist Association, and to promote and maintain a correspondence with each other in an association-wide organization, we propose to band ourselves together in an organic union to keep the rules of such an organization according to the following plan.

Article 1. This organization shall be composed and known as the Sunday School Convention of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

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Article 2. This Convention shall be composed of regularly organized Sunday Schools within the bounds of this Association, and shall meet on Friday night, and Saturday before the last Sunday in May. The place of the meeting will be decided at each previous session.

Article 3. Any Sunday School desiring to become a member of this Convention shall send two (2) or more delegated representatives

with a petitionary letter, stating the desire of their particular organization to become a member of this body. They shall be received by a majority vote of all members present.

Article 4. The officers of this Convention shall be President, who shall preside at all meetings; a Vice-President, who shall preside over meetings in the absence of the President, a Secretary and Treasurer who shall keep a true and accurate record of every meeting and every business transaction, and to have, hold and convey any and all funds entrusted to him or her by the Convention. Other officers may be elected as deemed necessary by this body. All officers to be elected on odd calender years.

Article 5. An Executive Committee, composed of three (3) members, to be elected so that their terms expire alternately. thus; one to be elected for one year; one to be elected for two years; and one to be elected for three years. They shall be elected by the body and shall attend to all business matters between regular business sessions and shall arrange the program for the Annual Session.

Atricle 6. All officers, including Executive Committee members, must be Christians and Free Will Baptists.

Article 7.....This Constitution may be altered or amended by a twothirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting, but notice of such intended action must be given at least one week in advance of the proposed amendment or alteration. Any amendment or alteration voted by this body shall be final.

BY-LAWS

1. Each session shall be opened by singing, scripture reading, and prayer, and shall be closed with prayer.

2. Each Sunday School shall send two delegates for first 25 and one additional delegate for every other twenty-five members or major fraction thereof. These delegates along with all ordained ministers in good standing with the Association shall constitute the official board and shall transact all business properly coming before said body.

3. Visiting Brethren and Corresponding Messengers shall be recognized by the presiding officer and invited to a seat in council. They shall not, however have the right to vote on any question.

4. Members from three (3) different Sunday Schools shall constitute a quorum to transact business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

5. The president or vice president shall preside at all meetings and in their absence the body may choose one to preside.

6. Any one wishing to speak shall arise and address the presiding officer as Bro. President or Sis. President and be recognized before speaking.

7. No subject shall be discussed without a motion and second, and the question stated by the president.

8. No report shall be adopted except by a motion and a second and a vote taken.

9. The president shall appoint all committees unless otherwise directed by the body.

10. Fees—Each Sunday School will be expected to pay dues of 10c per member in their Sunday School.

11. Delegates may come to represent the Sunday School of which they are members, and come equipped with the proper credentials.

12. These By-Laws may be temporarily suspended or permanently altered by a two-thirds vote of all members present at any regular business meeting of the Convention.

DISTRICT LEAGUE REPORT

The West Florida Freewill Baptist League Convention was held at East Side Church, April 5, 1958. Convention opened with a song, "Jesus Saves", followed with prayer by Brother Hawkins. Morning devotion brought by Brother Jack Fulleur. Convention message brought by Brother Pinson.

Four Leagues reporting: East Side, Shiloh, Grace, and First Church.

Participants in sword drill: Shiloh—Myra Henderson, Douglas Henderson; Grace—Linda and Richard Taylor. East Side—Bobby Turman and Floyd Turman. Winner for the ages up to 12 years, Douglas Henderson. Winner for the ages 12, 15, Richard Taylor.

Programs rendered by Shiloh, East Side, Grace and First Church. League Convention for 1959 will be held at Grace Church, Pen-

sacola, Florida, the first Saturday in April. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Hawkins. Respectively submitted, Sister Alberta Hall, Secretary, J. C. Dortch, President.

WEST FLORIDA QUARTERLY REPORT

To the West Florida Association, we are happy to report a wonderful year in which the Lord wonderously blessed. There were four men ordained as Deacons during the year. Brother J. C. Dortch, Shiloh, March 1, 1958, Brother Charles E. Lowery, Brother J. H. Cook, East Side, March 1, 1958, and Brother Ernest Lacas, Grace, December 7, 1958. We encourage everyone to pray for these.

We sent \$11.55 to the Children's Home, and \$5.00 to help with the minutes.

Quarterly Meetings for the coming year are as follows: September 6, 1958, Christian Home Church. December 6, 1958, East Side Church. March 7, 1959, Shiloh Church. June 6, 1959, Rainbow Church. Moderator, Rev. B. B. Champion, Rt. 1, Box 274-B, Cantonment,

Florida; Clerk, Sister Naomi Cook, 2201 W. Avery St., Pensacola, Florida.

CLERK'S REPORT

Balance brought forward	
Association Fees	
District League Convention	3.00
District Sunday School Convention	
District Ladies Auxiliary Convention	4.00
West Florida Quarterly Meetings	5.00
Special offering for printing of minutes	

Total	collection	4	615'	7.9) 1
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PAID OUT:

State Association Fee	\$ 20.00
Printing of 300 Minutes	128.75
Typing of manuscript for minutes	4.00
Printing of 100 church letter forms	7.75
Printing of 100 Preacher Reports	3.75

z	Total expense\$164.2	23
	Balance in red\$ 6.3	32
	Respectfully submitted. Bernice Purvis. Clerk.	

EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE

Rev. R. H. Reddick, one year; Brother Wildon Hall, two years; Brother G. W. Newham, three years; Brother James Cook, four years; Brother Bob Donaldson, five years; Rev. B. B. Champion, six years; Brother Gardner, seven years.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Chairman, Rev. H. L. Henderson; Rev. Floyd Coleman, Rev. E. A. Breedlove, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. B B. Champion.

PASTORS FOR 1959

Christian Home	
Pilgrim Rest Church	
Mt. Zion Church	
Grace Church	
East Side Church	Rev. J. V. Turman
Shiloh Church	
Oak Field Church	Rev. E. A. Breedlove
Rainbow Church	Rev. R. H. Reddick

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The preachers and Deacons meeting met with Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida. The meetin were opened with singing and prayer. Passages from Free Will Baptist Treatee was read by Brother Henderson. Morning devotion by Brother Bryant, reading from the book of Zechariah. There were six Deacons present, seven Preachers. Moved and seconded for Brother Henderson to appoint four Ministers to help him Ordain Brother Reddick as a Minister, and Brother Cooper as Deacon. Morning message brought by Brother Champion. Brother Ashcraft and Brother Thomley brought a short message in the evening. After ordination service, adjourned with prayer.

Sister Bernice Purvis, Clerk.

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. Three 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 nands 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 tor 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 Prespytery 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 Prespytery to examine all applicants or ordination sent with recommendations from their Churches composing this Association, and it 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 following, 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 be-

half 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 OF 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 for Associa- tion Purposes	Total Membership for 1958	Evangelistic and Visiting Ministers	Youth Camp	Paid Pastor	Orphanage	Building and Repairs	Home Mission
Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla. Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla. Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. Oak Field Church, Pensacola, Fla. Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla. Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla. Pilgrim Rest Church, Molina, Fla. Rainbow Church, Robertsdale, Ala.	\$ 7,500 5,000 9,500 20,000 2,500 8,000	$10.00 \\ 15.00 \\ 10.00 \\ 15.00 \\ 3.00$	` 113 68 135 73 29 62	$150.00 \\ 180.00 \\ 146.24 \\ 85.00 \\ 0$	0 0 0 0 0	740.58 660.00	$104.08 \\ 0 \\ 306.67 \\ 0 \\ 10.00$	$\begin{array}{r} 850.00\\ 336.77\\ 1,558.26\\ 284.00\\ 0\\ 166.59\end{array}$	0 194.55 0

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MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Couples Married	Funerals	Number Baptized	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Members Received	Expenses	Sick Calls
1. Rev. W. M. Patrick 2. Rev. N. V. Hawkins 3. Rev. E. T. Williamson 4. Rev. T. U. Bryant 5. Rev. R. H. Reddick 6. Rev. B. B. Champion 7. Rev. A. S. Ellis 8. Rev. J. V. Turman 9. Rev. A. H. Ashcraft 10. Rev. I. C. Thomley 11. Rev. H. F. Coleman 12. Rev. H. L. Henderson 13. Rev. E. A. Breedlove 14. Rev. L. M. Thomley 15. Rev. V. C. Stanford 16. Rev. J. D. Parham	I	No R	0 2 4 0 1 0 0 1 1 0 1		0 0 1 0 1 0 0 1 0 2 14 14 14	$1,428 \\ 1,250 \\ 1,400 \\ 14400 \\ 200 \\ \\ 1,258 \\$	320.00 159.19 0 572.00 790.00 8.00 120.00 740.00 11.65 0 1,610.00 1,500.00	0 2 0 1 0 13 2 0 14	5.00	100 228 35

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