

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**WEST FLORIDA**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**HELD WITH**  
**PILGRIM REST CHURCH**  
**MOLINO, FLORIDA**

**AUGUST 14 and 15, 1959**

The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held with East Side Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, August 19 and 20, 1960.

Ministers and Deacons meeting will be held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, April 23, 1960.

District League Convention will be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, April 2, 1960.

District Sunday School Convention will be held with Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, May 6 and 7, 1960.

Rev. B. M. Matthews will preach Association sermon for 1960.

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

Vice Moderator, Rev. I. C. Thomley, Box 147, Molino, Florida, Phone 2605-Molino.

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

Assistant Clerk, Edna Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama, Phone 7173-W.

## ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. W. M. Patrick.....P. O. Box 95, Molino, Florida  
Rev. L. M. Thomley.....Molino, Florida  
Rev. T. U. Bryant.....424 N. Border St., Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. J. D. Parham.....Rt. 1, McDavid, Florida  
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft.....401 N. Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. B. B. Champion.....Rt. 1, Box 274 B, Cantonment, Florida  
Rev. F. H. Coleman.....Route 1, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. J. V. Turman .....  
Rev. H. L. Henderson.....Rt. 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama  
Rev. W. C. Stanford.....415 E. Gregory, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. E. T. Williamson.....Molino, Florida  
Rev. I. C. Thomley.....Box 147, Molino, Florida  
Rev. E. A. Breedlove.....Rt. 7, Box 325, Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. A. S. Ellis.....420½ E. 48th St., Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. R. H. Reddick.....1801 W. Avery St., Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. L. J. Fellure.....2506½ N. "E" St., Pensacola, Florida  
Rev. N. V. Hawkins.....Route 1, Atmore, Alabama

## LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. B. M. Matthews.....Rt. 1, Box 350B, Pensacola, Florida

## PROCEEDINGS

August 14 and 15, 1959.

Proceedings of the Eleventh Annual Session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association which met with Pilgrim Rest Free Will Baptist Church, Molino, Florida, August 14 and 15, 1959.

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

Opened with congregational singing, prayer by Brother A. H. Ashcraft, welcome by Brother I. C. Thomley. Devotion by Rev. W. C. Stanford, reading from first chapter of Romans.

Moderator called the body to order for business, reading the rules and decorum.

Visiting Brethren were invited to sit with us. Brother Grady Parmer responded.

Voted to read the church letters and reports before the body.

Motion made and carried for the moderator to appoint the committees for 1960:

Suggestion Committee—Christian Home Church

Credential Committee—Rainbow Church

Obituary Committee—Grace Church

Standing of Ministers Committee—East Side Church

Home Mission Committee—Pilgrim Rest Church

Temperance Committee—Mt. Zion Church

Daily Vacation B. S. Committee—Oak Field Church

Devotional Committee—Shiloh Church

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church requested to be readmitted into our Association. Moved and seconded that we accept them. Carried.

Nominations were opened for Clerk. Nominated and elected Sister Purvis.

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

Nominations were opened for assistant Moderator. Nominated Brother I. C. Thomley and Brother T. U. Bryant. Brother I. C. Thomley was elected.

Nominations were opened for Moderator. Brother H. L. Henderson was elected by majority vote.

Brother Stanford, our Promotional Sunday School Secretary offered his service to all our Sunday Schools.

### 11:00 Worship Service

Service opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Grady Parmer. Rev. H. L. Henderson brought Association sermon, reading from 2 Samuel, encouraging us to "Get out Into the Pasture for God." Dismissal prayer by Rev. R. H. Reddick.

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

Congregational singing followed with prayer.

Moderator called the body to order for business.

Sister Amerson and Sister Coleman volunteered to read church letters and reports. The following were read and adopted as read:

East Side, Mt. Zion, Christian Home, Bethel, Rainbow, Pilgrim Rest, Shiloh, Grace.

Preachers and Deacons Meeting, Clerks report, League Convention Report, Sunday School Convention report, Suggestion Committee Report, Temperance Committee report, Obituary Committee report, Quarterly Meeting report, Credential Committee report, and Home Missions Committee report.

Voted not to read Preacher's reports. An offering was taken for expenses of Clerk in the red, amount \$16.45. The balance of \$5.25 going into Association Treasure.

Suggestion Committee suggests that our suggestions be sent into committee one month before Association. Moved and seconded that it be accepted. Carried.

Suggest each church with less than 50 members send in \$15.00 for Association fee. Those with over 50 members send in \$20.00. Moved and seconded that this be accepted. Carried.

Suggest that Executive Board and all officers have correct addresses printed in the minutes. Moved and seconded that this be accepted. Carried.

Suggest that our next annual Association convene with East Side Free Will Baptist Church. Moved and Seconded. Carried.

Moved and seconded that tithing our Association be tabled until Saturday. Carried.

Rev. F. H. Coleman and Rev. R. H. Reddick was elected to preach Friday night.

Adjourned for day, dismissal prayer by Sister Ellis.

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

Session opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Cardin. Welcome by Rev. I. C. Thomley. Rev. W. M. Patrick brought morning devotion reading from 1st John, Chapter 1.

Moderator called body to order for business. Nominations were opened for devotional Committee for Saturday A. M. Nominated were Brother Donaldson, Brother Ellis and Brother Rogers. Rev. Burl Matthews was elected to bring 11:00 sermon.

Standing of Ministers report, incomplete, adopted as read.

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

Opened with congregational singing, Rev. Burl Matthews brought morning message reading from Mark 12. Prayer by Rev. I. C. Thom-



ley. Our church covenant was used for an inspiring message, followed by an altar of prayer. Dismissal prayer by Rev. R. H. Reddick.

### 1:00 P. M.

Session opened with congregational singing. Body declared in order for business by Moderator.

Rev. Matthews was elected by a majority vote to preach Association sermon for 1960.

Nominations were opened for Executive Board member to succeed Rev. Reddick. Nominated Brother Matthews, Brother Ashcraft and Brother Reddick. Brother Ashcraft was elected by a majority vote.

Moved and seconded that Moderator appoint delegates for State Association. Appointed were: Brother Sansing, Brother Carr, Sister Henderson, Sister Stanford, Sister Wilson. Alternates: Sister Ellis and Sister Adkins.

Moved and seconded that League Committee make out report for League Convention. Carried.

Moved and seconded that tithe of our association be reopened for discussion. Motion made and seconded that each church tithe 10% to our Association Clerk. Carried. Moved and seconded that we send 10% to State Association. Vote was taken on 10% or 45% to go to State Association. Voted by majority to send 45% to State and retain 55% in our Association.

Moved and seconded that Executive Board be disbursement agent for our Association Treasure. Carried.

Bethel church requested by letter ordination of Rev. Matthews. Letter accepted. Request for ordination for Brother Matthews not granted for lack of time.

Moved and seconded that Preachers not present be sent a new preacher's card if they send in their report.

Moved and seconded and carried by the body to bring before 1960 session the ammendment of Government and Constitution, Article No. 9, to include designated time ministers are to walk before Association before ordination.

Moved and seconded that we adjourn. Prayer by Brother Coleman.

### CORRESPONDENCE

Rainbow Church, Robertsdale, Alabama. Association fee \$5.00. Delegates, Sister Ruby Dunlap and Sister Lucile Pierce. Clerk: Sister Lucile Pierce, Robertsdale, Alabama.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Florida. Association fee \$7.00. Clerk \$2.00. Delegates, Sister Octavia Williams, Sister Betty Ruth Enfinger, Sister Mary Helen Mason, Alternate: Sister Johnnie Ruth Thomley. Clerk: Sister Millie Donaldson, 4967 Mobile Highway,

Pensacola, Florida.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Florida, Association fee \$16.00, Clerk \$2.50. Delegates: Brother Jerald Amerson, Sister Edna Henderson, Sister Ruby Amerson. Alternates: Brother Ray Purvis, Brother and Sister Douglas Morgan. Clerk: Sister Martez Dortch, Rt. 1, Atmore, Alabama. Requested Association for 1960.

Bethel Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fee \$20.00. Delegates: Brother Carr, Brother Sansing, Brother ..... Clerk: Sister Ethel Powell.

Grace Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fee \$10.00. Delegates: Sister Rogers, Sister Ellis, Sister Ashcraft. Alternate: Sister Atkins. Ladies Auxiliary report incomplete. Clerk: Sister G. W. Newham, 800 W. Hatton St., Pensacola, Florida.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Florida. Association fee \$7.00. Delegates: Sister Annie Glover, Sister Mildred Croley. Clerk: Sister F. W. Tedder, Rt. 1, Century, Florida.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Florida. Association fee \$17.00. Delegates: Brother W. H. Burkett, Sister Maggie Dockins, Sister Cassie Mae Burkett. Alternates: Brother Joe Flemming, Sister Ella Mae Parham.

East Side Church, Pensacola, Florida. Association fee \$20.00. Moderator, \$2.00. Clerk, \$2.00: Requested Association for 1960. Delegates: Sister Laura Stanford, Brother Curtis Davis, Sister Myra Kelly and Brother J. F. Woods. Alternates: Brother Allen Turman, Sister Penie Woods. Clerk: Sister Naomi Cook, 2201 W. Avery Street, Pensacola, Florida.

## REPORTS

### Suggestion Committee:

We your Suggestion Committee suggest that each church that has any suggestions, please send them in at least a month before the Association to the church which has been assigned this committee.

We further suggest that each church with less than fifty (50) members send in \$15.00 and each church with fifty (50) or more members send \$20.00 for our Associational fees, in order to cover the expenses of the Association.

We suggest that the Executive Board Committee and all auxiliaries of the Association have their addresses in the minutes.

We further suggest that our next annual Association convene with Eastside Church in 1960.

Shiloh Freewill Baptist Church  
Rev. H. L. Henderson, Moderator  
Sister Vivian Roberts, Clerk.

### Obituary Committee:

We your Obituary Committee find two deaths, Brother J. C. Ellis of Christian Home Church, Little Toby Joseph Harper, 6 years old, and

accident victim, October 31, 1958, Rainbow Church.

We regret the loss of our loved ones, and feel that our loss is Heavens gain.

Rainbow Church

Rev. R. H. Reddick, Moderator

Sister Lucile Pierce, Clerk

#### Standing of Ministers Committee:

We your Standing of Ministers Committee reports that we find they are in good standing as far as we know. We find the following have not as yet turned in a Preachers report: Rev. J. V. Turman, Rev. N. V. Hawkins, Rev. E. A. Breedlove.

We request that all ministers be prompt in sending in this report. Grace Church, Brother F. E. Rodgers, Brother John H. Taylor, Brother A. S. Ellis.

#### Credential Committee:

We your credential committee wish to make a partial report. We have examined Pilgrim Rest, Shiloh, Bethel, Eastside, Mt. Zion, Rainbow, Christian Home, Grace Church. We have no report from Oakfield. We have examined the Clerk's report, Preachers and Deacons report, League Report, and Sunday School Convention Report and find them all in good standing. Christian Home Church, Sister Cassie Burket, Sister Maggie Dockins, Sister Ella Mae Parham.

#### Temperance Committee:

We your temperance committee suggest that we as Freewill Baptist be temperate in all things praying much for each other, that God's will be done in our life, that we might be able to lead souls to know Christ.

Done by order of the church in conference, July 23, 1959, Pilgrim Rest Church, Rev. I. C. Thomley, Pastor, Sister Millie Donaldson, Clerk.

## DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Sunday School Convention of 1959 was held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Friday night and Saturday, May 29 and 30, 1959.

Service was opened with singing, meeting was called to order for business. Minutes were read and accepted as read.

Brother Henderson opened the floor for nominations for Chairman of our Sunday School Convention. Nominated were Brother Hall, Brother Cook, Bro. Turman and Brother Henderson. Brother Hall was elected.

The following churches reported by letter: East Side, Shiloh, Grace, Rainbow, Christian Home, and Oakfield. All reports were accepted as read. Treasurer's report was read and accepted as read. Our Promotional Secretary was asked to report last year's work.

Brother Stanford was elected Promotional Secretary for 1960.

Old business was brought up and all old business had been settled. New business, it was suggested that we start a 5th Sunday Service together to bring about more fellowship among our Association. Brother Turman and Brother Stanford gave objectional views that to close our own Sunday School and church on the 5th Sunday and go somewhere else would be harmful. Then it was brought up that this is what our Quarterly Meeting was for and we should all make a better attempt to attend each Quarterly Meeting.

Brother Henderson gave talk on our Sunday School, and teachers and that each should be dedicated to the teaching of God's word. And that when we elect our officers we should keep this in mind and that our Sunday School teachers should pray and study to make our Sunday School a better place for our boys and girls to learn of God's word.

Brother Coleman talked on patience and also pointed out that our teachers should talk to each child's parents whom they were having any trouble with. Also that they should try to spend some outside time with their pupils.

Brother Kelly brought out that our beginners and primary's class were the most important classes and that good material and literature should also be chosen for these small classes. Because when a child sees something as well as hears it, then he will be more apt to remember it longer.

Brother Turman took the floor and suggested that if anyone would like to have Brother Kelly help them in conducting study classes for the S. S. Teachers he would be glad to help them in any way he could.

#### New Officers:

President—Brother Wildon Hall, Rt. 1, Box 51, Atmore, Alabama

Vice President—Brother Jerald Amerson, Rt. 1, Box 270, Atmore, Alabama.

Secretary and Treasurer—Sister Ruby Amerson, Rt. 1, Box 270, Atmore, Alabama.

Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Sister Gayle Holland

Promotional Secretary—Rev. W. C. Stanford, 415 E. Gregory, Pensacola, Florida. Phone HE 3-1551.

#### Executive Board:

1 year—Brother Rodgers

2 Years—Brother Cook

3 Years—Brother Dortch

Moved and seconded that our next Sunday School Convention be held with Grace Church, Pensacola, Friday night and Saturday night, May 6 and 7, 1960. We are sending \$10.00 for the printing of minutes.

Respectfully submitted, Sister Ruby Amerson, Secretary.



## DISTRICT LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida Free Will Baptist League Convention met at Grace Free Will Baptist Church, April 4, 1959. Churches presented were East Side, Grace and Shiloh. Programs were rendered throughout the day and everyone had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Morning devotions were brought by Bro. Aubrey Ashcraft, with the 11:00 A. M. message by Brother J. V. Turman.

League Convention for 1960 will be held at Shiloh Church, April 2, 1960. We encourage everyone to attend.

We are sending \$5.00 to help with printing of minutes.

Brother J. C. Dortch, President, Rt. 1, Box 51 A, Atmore, Alabama.

Respectfully submitted: Sister Alberta Hall, Rt. 1, Box 51, Atmore, Alabama.

## DISTRICT QUARTERLY MEETING REPORT

To the West Florida Association:

We are happy to report a wonderful year in which the Lord has richly blessed our quarterly meetings.

This is a day of fellowship and devotion, and business is held to a minimum.

The Quarterly meetings have been a blessing to those who have attended and a greater spirit of love and fellowship has existed because of these meetings and we sincerely urge everyone to attend during the coming year.

We send \$5.00 to help on printing of minutes.

Meetings for the coming year:

September 5, 1959—Grace Church

December 5, 1959—Bethel Church

March 5, 1960—Shiloh Church

June 4, 1960—Grace Church

Moderator—Brother B. B. Champion, Rt. 1, Box 274, Cantonment, Florida.

Clerk and Treasurer—Brother Wildon Hall, Rt. 1, Box 51, Atmore, Alabama.

## CLERK'S REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	0
Association fees with letters .....	81.00
District League Convention fees .....	5.00
District Sunday School Convention Fees .....	20.00
Quarterly Meeting fees .....	5.00
Love offering for State Association dues from Pilgrim Rest, Shiloh, Christian Home, East Side and Rainbow.....	16.25
Total collected .....	\$127.25

## EXPENSES

State Association fees .....\$ 20.00  
Printing of 200 minutes ..... 118.45

Total expenses .....\$138.45  
Balance in red .....\$ 11.20

Respectfully submitted by Sister Bernice Purvis, Rt. 1, Box 120,  
McDavid, Florida.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE

Brother Wildon Hall, 1 year, Rt. 1, Box 51, Atmore, Alabama  
Brother G. W. Newham, 2 years, 800 W. Hatton Street, Pensacola,  
Florida.  
Brother James Cook, 3 years, 2201 W. Avery Street, Pensacola,  
Florida.  
Brother Bob Donaldson, 4 years, 4967 Mobile Highway, Pensacola,  
Florida.  
Rev. B. B. Champion, 5 years, Rt. 1, Box 274-B, Cantonment,  
Florida.  
Brother Gardner, 6 years.  
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft, 7 years, 401 N. Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola,  
Florida.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

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

## PASTORS FOR 1960

Christian Home.....	Rev. A. H. Ashcraft
Pilgrim Rest.....	Rev. I. C. Thomley
Mt. Zion.....	Rev. W. M. Patrick
East Side.....	Rev. J. V. Turman
Grace.....	Rev. T. U. Bryant
Shiloh.....	Rev. H. L. Henderson
Oakfield.....	Rev. E. A. Breedlove
Rainbow.....	Rev. R. H. Reddick

## PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING

Preachers and deacons meeting met with Christian Home Free  
Will Baptist Church.

Welcome by Brother Champion with morning song service fol-  
lowing. Body declared in order for business by Brother Henderson,  
reading from Ministers and Deacons Treatise.

Preacher committee elected Brother Reddick to bring the morn-

ing message. He used 1st Corinthians 12:12 for his text.

Dismissal prayer for lunch by Brother Jack Parham.

Brother Jack Parham brought the evening message, reading from St. John 1st Chapter.

Brother Reddick and Brother Thomley invited everyone to help in their revivals.

Dismissal prayer by Brother Coleman.

Respectfully submitted by, Sister Essie Coleman, Assistant 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 hands of a trustee appointed for that purpose, and may be dis-

bursed 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 or 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 and 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 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 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 1959	Paid Pastor	Orphanage	Building and Repairs	Home Missions	Evangelistic and Visiting Ministers	General Offering
Eastside Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	\$ 7,500	\$20.00	99	\$1,022.58	\$ 22.97	\$ 323.89	\$155.40	\$100.59	\$2,990.88
Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla.....	20,000	16.00	82	1,785.00		2,349.02	539.00	80.00	4,911.75
Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla.....	2,500	7.00	29	98.00		0	0	0	170.00
Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla	14,500	17.00	79	960.00	123.04	247.31	0	108.33	1,390.64
Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla.....	8,000	7.00	61	211.77	3.00	253.92	34.63	58.08	423.54
Rainbow Church, Robertsedale, Ala.....		5.00	14	832.00		217.58		93.00	1,207.87
Bethel Church, Pensacola, Fla.....		20.00	75	661.48		269.14	411.28	130.00	6,131.92
Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla.....	6,000	10.00	81	925.57	245.17			125.61	2,362.90

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