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**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**FIFTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**OF THE**  
**WEST FLORIDA**  
**FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**HELD WITH**  
**CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH**  
**McDAVID, FLORIDA**  
**AUGUST 16 & 17, 1963**

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The West Florida Free Will Baptist Association will be held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla., August 14 & 15 1964.

Ministers and Deacons Meeting will be held with Unity Free Will Baptist Church, Ensley, Fla., April 18, 1964.

District League Convention will be held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church Pensacola, Fla. Feb. 8, 1964.

District Sunday School Convention will be held with Friendship Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola. Fla., May 1 & 2, 1964.

### OFFICERS

Moderator ..... Rev. H. L. Henderson

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#### Licensed Ministers

Rev. J. H. Hood — J St., Pensacola, Fla.  
 Rev. J. W. Ware — Pensacola, Fla.  
 Rev. Ernest Phelps — Pensacola, Fla.

#### PROCEEDINGS —

August 16 & 17, 1963

Proceedings of the Fifteenth Annual Session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association which met with Christia nHome Free Will Baptist Church August 16 & 17, 1963.

#### FRIDAY 10:00 A.M.

Session opened with congregation singing, Jesus Saves. Prayer by Bro. J. W. Ware. Welcome address by, Bro. Elzie Carroll. Service turned over to our moderator Bro. Henderson.

Devotion brought by, Bro. B. M. Mathews reading from II Cor. 6, 1-11.

Body was then called to order by moderator. Visitors, Delegates and Ministers were seated. Visitors were Bro. C. M. Byrd, Liberty No. 1, Bro. Davis, New Liberty Association.

Rules and decorum read by moderator, prayer by, Bro. C. M. Byrd. First business was election of the Officers. Floor opened for nominations of moderator for the year 1963, 1964.

Moderator — Bro. H. L. Henderson, Asst. Moderator (Northern District) Bro. Elzie Carroll, (Southern District) Bro. J. W. Burnham. Business discontinued until after lunch hour.

#### 11:00 WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened with singing. Everybody Will Be Happy Over There. Bro. J. W. Burnham brought the morning devotion, reading Acts 11:6. Text, "What Kind of Christian Are We, Jawbone, Drybone, Wishbone, or Backbone Christian." Dismissal prayer by Bro. J. W. Ware.

#### 1:30 P. M.

Service opened with singing, prayer by Bro. Ernie Phelps. Body called to order by moderator. Nomination opened for Clerk. Moved and seconded that present Clerk be retained. Vote so carried.

Nomination opened for Assistant Clerk, moved and seconded that we retain present Asst. Clerk. Vote so carried. Nomination opened for Treasurer, moved and seconded we retain present treasurer. Vote so carried. Nomination opened for Assistant Treasurer, move and seconded we retain present asst. treasurer. Vote so carried

Since this was to be Bro. Donaldson's last year on the Executive Board, a request letter was sent in by Pilgram Rest Church, stating that they would like to have Bro. Donaldson put back on the board to represent their church. Vote so carried. Bro Mathews ask that Bro. Worley be accepted to finish term of Bro. Bob Carr for their Church. Vote so carried. Bro. Lloyd Carroll ask that Bro. Wilson Merritt be put on board in Bro. McHenry's place. Vote so carried. Bro. Newham resigned from Executive Board. Bro. J. W. Burnham nominated Bro. Ware to take Bro. Newham's place. Vote so carried.

Moved and seconded that we omit reading Church letters and Ministers reports. Vote so carried. Moderator ask for volunteers to read the other reports. Volunteers were Bro. J. W. Burnham and Bro. Harley Dockens. Reports read thus; League, Sunday School, Women's Auxiliary, Temperance, Daily Vacation Bible School, Home Mission, Standing of Ministers, Treasurer Report, Obituary. After reading of Obituary report all stood in a moment of silence in memory of those who passed away during the year. Prayer by Moderator, Ministers and Deacons report, and Quarterly meeting reports. Dismissed by, Bro. Davis.

#### DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Christian Home	Bro. W, H, Burkett,	Bro Freeman Dockens
Shiloh		Bro. Wildon Hall
Pilgrim Rest		Bro. Robert Donaldson
Grace		Bro. M. C. Williamson
Bethel		Bro. Lindbergh Bass
Unity		None
Friendship		None
Mt. Zion		None
Travelers Rest		None

#### SATURDAY 10:00 A.M.

Morning session opened with singing. Prayer by, Bro. W. J. Amerson. Devotion by Bro. I. C. Thomley, reading from the 20th chapter of Matthew.

Body called to order by Moderator. Moderator ask that the Deacons register with Clerk. Executive Board report given by Bro. Burl Mathews. Move and second they be accepted as read. Move and seconded that Clerk send Rev. M. Thomley a Ministers card as a Honorary member of the Free Will Baptist Association. Vote so carried.

Move and seconded that next association be held with Bethel. Vote so carried. Move and seconded that Bro. Henderson talk with the neighboring Association and see about establishing a Free Will Baptist Church in Mobile. Vote so carried.

Moved and seconded that Ministers only be privileged to set in on Executive Board meetings but will not have the power to vote. Vote so carried.

Due to the absents of Bro. Ashcraft, Bro Bass brought the morning message.

#### 11:20 A.M.

Service opened with congregation singing. Prayer by Bro. Lloyd Carroll. Morning message by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading from the 6th chapter of Joshua. Altho Bro. Bass has not been licensed as yet he brought a very inspiring message that each person saying that they are a Christian should keep in their hearts. Dismissed by Bro. James Cook.

#### 1:30 P.M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. Wilson Merritt. Body called to order by Moderator. Moderator assigned the committees to the different churches. Move and seconded that the committees be rotated each year in Church order according to minutes.

Bro. Henderson ask the body if they wanted to purchase a typewriter



for the use of the Association due to the fact that the past Clerks have been renting, or borrowing a typewriter to do the work for the Association. Bro. Garrison agreed to sell the typewriter to the Association at cost. Move and seconded made that we buy the typewriter, vote so carried. Moderator asked if there were any suggestions as to where the Quarterly meetings would be held. Quarterly Meetings will be as follows:

December 7, 1963 ..... Grace Church, Pensacola  
 March 7, 1964 ..... Christian Home, McDavid  
 June 6, 1964 ..... Unity Church Ensley, Fla.

Moderator asked for volunteers to go to the State Association as Delegates. Volunteers as follows: Sis. Blanche Carroll, Sis. Lucile Parham, Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Sis. Edna Henderson, Sis. Naomi Cook. Alternates, Sis. Bryant Sis. Betty Smith. Vote so carried that these be our delegates to State.

Bro. Henderson ask the body if during the coming year we might be able to have a Missionary Conference Motion made to this suggestion, seconded, vote so carried. Move and second made that "Any one desiring to speak shall rise to his feet and address the moderator by the appellation, "Brother Moderator," but shall not speak further until recognized by the moderator Vote so carried. Move and second that Clerk write National Association Headquarters to send each Church Clerk a catalog for use in ordering materials. Moved and seconded that minutes be printed by a professional printer. Vote so carried. Moved and seconded that Bro. H. L. Henderson, Bro. Lloyd Carroll, Bro. A. H. Ashcraft investigate land site and have power to buy if desirable for the purpose of building a Youth Camp. Vote so carried. Move and seconded to adjourn. Dismissal Prayer by Bro. I. C. Thomley.

#### COMMITTEES FOR 1964

TEMPERANCE ..... Bethel  
 HOME MISSION ..... Christian Home  
 OBITUARY ..... Friendship  
 STANDING MINISTERS ..... Shiloh  
 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL ..... Grace

Florida State Association which convenes October 30, 31 and November 1, 1963 at Florida Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Grounds, Bascom, Florida.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

Grace Church, Pensacola, Fla. Association Fee \$20.00. Delegates, Sis. Rogers, Sis. Wilson. Alternates Sis. Harris, Sis. Newham. Clerk Sis. Newham, 4112 W. Belmont St. Pensacola Fla.

Mt. Zion Church, Century, Fla. Association Fee \$15.00. Delegates, Sis. Tedder, Sis. Hobbs. Alternates Bro. Earl Glover. Clerk, Sis. Louise Glover, Rt. 1 - Box 73, Century, Fla.

Friendship Church, Pensacola, Fla. Association Fee \$20.00. Delegates, Bro. McHenry. Bro. Dewey Bradin, Bro. Maurice Carroll. Alternates, Sis. Stanford. Clerk, Sis. Margaret Baker, 2417 North "N" St., Pensacola, Fla.

Bethel Church, Pensacola, Fla. Association Fee \$20.00. Delegates, Sis. Eula

Ward, Sis Thelma Bass, Bro. Earl Worley. Alternates, Sis Lena Worley, Sis. Frances Mathews. Clerk, Sis Frances Mathews, Rt. 9, Box 651, Pensacola, Fla.

Pilgrim Rest Church, Molino, Fla. Association Fee \$15.00. Delegates, Sis. Millie Donaldson, Sis. Catherine Barnes. Alternates, Sis. Evelyn Thomley, Sis. Dillie Ann Mason. Clerk, Sis. Millie Donaldson, 4967 Mobile Hwy., Pensacola, Fla.

Unity Church, Ensley, Fla. Association Fee \$20.00 with \$2.00 for Moderator and \$2.00 for Clerk. Delegates, Sis. Lucile Parham, Sis. Juanita Ridgeway, Sis. Thelma Wiggins. Alternates, Sis Linda Cutchins, Sis. Connie Cook. Clerk, Sis. Juanita Ridgeway, 2505 North "V" St., Pensacola, Fla.

Shiloh Church, Bratt, Fla. Association Fee \$25.00. Delegates, Bro. May, Bro. A. Morgan, Bro Douglas Morgan, Bro. Haburn Norris, Bro. Ray Purvis. Alternates Sis. Christine Morgan, Sis. Purvis, Sis. Maude Morgan. Clerk, Sis. Bernice Purvis, Rt. 1 Box 120, McDavid, Fla.

Christian Home Church, McDavid, Fla. Association Fee \$20.00 with additional \$2.00 for Moderator and \$2.00 for Clerk. Delegates, Bro. Frank Godwin, Bro. Jerry Godwin, Bro. George Long. Alternates, Bro. Carl Victor, Sis. Mary Dockens. Clerk, Bro Harley Dockens, Rt. 1, Box 99, McDavid, Fla.

Travelers Rest Church, Berrydale, Fla. Association Fee \$9.00. Delegates, Sis. Davis, Bro. Otis Nelson, Sis. Lula Land. Alternates, Bro. Willie D. Davis. Clerk, Sis. Wrennie Nelson, Milton, Fla.

## REPORTS

### OBITUARY

We your Obituary Committee find the following deaths:

Mt. Zion — Bro. Joe Hobbs, March 1963.

Christian Home — Bro. Frank Zika, March, 1963

Pilgrim Rest — Sis. Lucy Patrick, Feb., 1963, Bro. J. W. Hinnant, June, 1963

Shiloh — Sis. J. W. Byrd, Sis. Gunn, Bro. Major Spence.

Friendship — Bro. J. B. Fivesah, June, 1963.

Rainbow — Sis. Lucile Pierce, Bro. Jurdy Grubbs.

We regret the loss of our loved ones, but let us be comforted to know that they have but dropped their robe of clay to put their shining raiment on. They have but passed beyond the mist that blind us here, into the new and larger life where there is peace and rest WITH GOD.

Pilgrim Rest Church

Rev. I. C. Thomley, Pastor

Sis. Millie Donaldson, Clerk

### STANDING OF MINISTERS

We your Standing of Ministers Committee, after having received reports from various churches wish to submit the following report:

Mt. Zion .....	Rev. W. M. Patrick
Bethel .....	Rev. B. M. Mathews
Christian Home .....	Rev. Elzie Carroll, Rev. A. H. Ashcraft,
.....	Rev. Hawkins
Pilgrim Rest .....	Rev. I. C. Thomley, Rev. R. H. Reddick,
.....	Rev. M. Thomley
Shiloh .....	Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rev. Floyd Coleman

Grace ..... Rev. J. W. Burnham, Rev. J. W. Ware, Rev. Alix Ellis  
 Unity ..... Rev. John D. Parham, Rev. C. L. Richardson, Rev. Ernest  
 Phelps, Rev. J. H. Hood

Friendship ..... Rev. Willie Stanford, Rev. Lloyd Carroll  
 We find these ministers all in good standing.

Unity Free Will Baptist Church  
 Rev. J. D. Parham, Pastor  
 Sis. Juanita Ridgeway, Clerk

#### HOME MISSIONS REPORT

Mt. Zion .....	\$ 10.00
Pilgrim Rest .....	89.15
Christian Home .....	74.73
Unity .....	192.66
Bethel .....	186.70
Grace .....	236.41
Friendship .....	20.00
	<u>\$779.65</u>

Shiloh, 358.63, given from Shiloh, was to the Cooperative Program.

Oral report given that Friendship sent Bro. Miller \$25.00 a month.

Our report from Bethel was as follows:

\$123.31 -- Direct Home Mission

\$126.77 -- sent to National Mission Board.

Supposing that this was used for home mission although it may have  
 been divided between Home and Foreign Missions.

Home Mission Committee, Grace Church

Rev. J. W. Burnham, Pastor

Sis. Newham, Clerk.

#### TEMPERANCE

We the Temperance Committee of Mt. Zion Church wish to report that we  
 have no alcoholic users in our church. We find in the Bible where it tells  
 us to be temperance in all things. We suggest that all Free Will Baptist  
 Churches be total abstrainers from all alcoholic beverages.

Mt. Zion Church

Rev. W. M. Patrick, Pastor

Sis. Louise Glover, Clerk

#### DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

After receiving reports from the individual churches, we the Daily Va-  
 cation Bible School Committee wish to submit the following report:

Number of Schools held .....	3
Churches having D.V.B. Schools .....	Christian Home, Grace, Friendship, Shiloh (to have one.)
Total enrollment .....	139
Number of Workers .....	35
Condition of Schools: .....	Good
Travelers Rest Church	



Rev. R. H. Reddick, Pastor

Sis. Wrennie Nelson, Clerk

### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

President: Sis. Lucille Lowery, 1400 W. Avery St., Pensacola, Fla.

Treasurer: Sis. Naomi Cook, 2201 W. Avery St., Pensacola, Fla.

Number of Auxiliaries reporting — 3. Amount per Capita representation Fee sent to Treasurer. — \$3.40. No. "A-1" Standard Auxiliaries — None. No. "B" — 3. Enrollment at beginning of Convention Year — 29. Present enrollment — 28. New members — 5. Number lost — 6. Average attendance — 22. Number Youth Organizations G.T.A. — 1. Number Vacation Bible Schools assisted in — 1. Number active Church libraries — 1. Other activities — 5. In Youth Camp. Study courses conducted — 3. On Manual. Attendance — 15. Number Special programs held — 1. Total number of Family altars — 14. Total number observing prayer fellowship — 10. Number making Soul winning efforts — 28. Number active in community missions — 22. Total value of all contributions to Childrens Home — \$40.00. Number subscribers to Free Will Baptist Papers — 3. Special Offerings Missions — \$518.40. Childrens Home — \$5.00. Other — \$72.00.

Respectfully submitted

Naomi Cook

### 1. ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT:

Number of members contributing to Missions — 28. Number tithers on roll at beginning of Convention year — 9. New tithers NONE.

### 2. FINANCIAL REPORT:

Amount of offering sent to W.N.A.C. Co. Laborer fund — \$14.00. Cash gifts to Orphanage — \$5.00. Total gifts to Missions sent to W.N.A.C. treasurer this convention year by Women's Auxiliary — \$26.00. Total per capita representation fee sent to W.N.A.C. State Treasurer this convention year by Women's Auxiliary — \$5.60. Total amount spent for Auxiliary literature — \$59.55. Total amount spent for local church activities — \$41.00.

Respectfully submitted

Naomi Cook

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

### DISTRICT LEAGUE CONVENTION REPORT

The League convention met at Christian Home Church Feb., 10, 1963. Churches present were, Shiloh, Bethel, Christian Home, and Mt. Zion.

Services were opened with congregation singing and prayer. Christian Home presented their program titled "The Coming Of Christ," which was very good. Sword Drill winners were Charlotte Burkett from Christian Home, June Dortch runner up in the Intermediate Dept., from Shiloh. Randy Dortch won first place in the Junior Dept. and Carol Jean Henderson runner-up. Both were from Shiloh. Trips to the Youth Camp at Two Egg, Fla. were given to the ones in first place and presents were given to the runner-ups. The trip to the Youth Camp was paid by the League Convention. Bro. Burnham brought the morning message.



Bethel and Shiloh presented their program which was very good. Our next Convention will be held the 2nd Saturday in February 1964 at Bethel. Each Church was suppose to tithe 10 per cent every quarter, but so far, they haven't. We are sending \$5.00 to aid in printing the minutes.

Respectfully submitted

Sis. Ethel Burkett

Rt. 1, McDavid, Fla.

### WEST FLORIDA SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Sunday School Convention was held on Friday night and Saturday, May 3 & 4, 1963 with the Unity Free Will Baptist Church. God did richly bless making this one of the very best and most spiritual conventions we have ever had.

The business session opened with singing and prayer. Meeting was called to order for business. Secretary read minutes of previous year. The minutes were accepted as read. Treasurer's report was given and accepted. A balance of \$287.09 after all bills had been paid. It was moved, seconded and carried in the beginning of the session that everyone vote. The Promotional Secretary, Bro. J. C. Dortch was asked to give his report. This report was oral. He stated that he had not been able to do as much as he had intended this past year, and not nearly as much as he had been able to do the previous year. He also stated that he felt this position should be given to someone who was not so tied down as far as church duties was concerned. The following churches reported by letter: Bethel, Shiloh, Fellowship, Unity, Mt. Zion, Travelers Rest, and Christian Home.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

President .....	Bro. Harley Dockens
Vice-President .....	Bro. W. H. Burkett
Secretary & Treasurer .....	Sis. Ruby Amerson
Asst. Secretary & Treasurer .....	Sis. L. Long
Promotional Secretary .....	Bro. Claude Richardson

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

1 Year .....	Bro. Freeman Dockens
2 Years .....	Bro. Howard Smith
3 Years .....	Bro. James Cook

A Committee was elected to judge the Essays on "WHAT MY SUNDAY SCHOOL MEANS TO ME" Bro. Mathews, Bro. Carroll, and Bro. Fellure. Bro. Wilson Merritt had to fill the vacancy of Bro. Fellure, he was unable to attend on Saturday.

There was some discussion as to the duties of the Promotional Secretary. Bro. Henderson stated that his primary duties was to keep in touch with all the Sunday Schools and Superintendents in order that he might be advised on the needs of Study Courses, Teachers Training Meetings, and at all times to be willing to help in these things. He should also know the needs of the various Sunday Schools and if anyone was needing help starting a Sunday School they should call on him.

There was some discussion as to the fact that some of our churches paid tithes to the convention and some did not. There was no move on this matter but it was suggested that those who were paying tithes continue to do so and possibly they could be an example to those who were not. It was also suggested that the delegation go back to their own churches and encourage each church to tithe to the Sunday School Convention. It was moved, seconded and carried to send Bro. Henderson \$10.00 to help on the printing of the Handbook. It was moved, seconded and carried that the Convention for 1964 to be held with Friendship Free Will Baptist Church. It was moved, seconded and carried for Bro. Elzie Carroll to preach to Convention Sermon for 1964. It was suggested that we reimburse Bro. Dortch's expense money as Promotional Secretary for the past two years. Bro. Dortch refused the money and stated that what he had spent was an offering as far as he was concerned. It was moved, seconded and carried to send \$15.00 along with an offering to be taken on Saturday, to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Offering taken on Saturday was \$20.15. It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. The Saturday Morning Service was an inspiring one. Every Church represented presented a program. The first time this has ever been accomplished in our Sunday School Convention.

Respectfully,

Sis. Ruby Amerson

Rt. 1, Box 360, Atmore, Ala.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

1. Money received from churches Assoc. yr. 1962-63 .....	\$1270.73
2. Received for Assoc. purposes .....	\$169.73
3. Special offering at Assoc. for Bro. Miller .....	\$108.63
4. Received from Sunday School Convention to be applied on handbooks .....	\$ 10.00
5. Offering received at Women's Auxiliary meeting at Friendship for Bro. Miller's Station Wagon .....	\$ 93.56
6. Received check from Bro. Lloyd Carroll for Bro. Miller .....	\$ 25.00

#### DISBURSEMENTS

1. 45% of churches tithes to state .....	506.65
2. 10% of remaining 55% to Bro. Miller.....	57.82
3. Printing of Minutes 1962 and '63 .....	100.00
4. Covers and paper for minutes .....	15.64
5. Rent on typewriter .....	4.00
6. Preacher's cards and Ordination Cert. ....	9.50
7. Earmarked offering for Bro. Miller By Bro Carroll .....	25.00
8. Special offering at Assoc. for Bro. Miller .....	108.00
9. Money sent to the State Assoc. ....	20.00
10. Printing of Handbooks .....	105.00
11. Offering received at Women's Auxiliary meeting at Friendship for Bro. Miller's to be applied on Station Wagon .....	93.56

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Money received from Free Will Baptist Temple earmarked

for Youth Camp .....	\$1,747.54
Total received for year of 1962-63 .....	1,677.65
Total paid out .....	1,045.80
Total in Treasurer .....	3,972.23

Total tithes received from each church

Pilgrim Rest .....	\$18.52
Shiloh .....	358.73
Christian Home .....	302.35
Bethel .....	529.13
Unity .....	259.00

(Which was handed in at Association Aug. 1963)

Respectfully,

Sis. Edna Henderson.

### CLERK'S REPORT FOR 1962 & 1963

Association Fees .....	\$ 64.00
League Convention .....	5.00
Sunday School Convention .....	10.00
Women's Auxiliary Convention .....	5.00
Preacher's \$ 25 for mailing cards .....	5.00
Total given to Treasurer .....	\$ 189.00

### Paid Out

Card Traveler's Rest .....	.03
Letter Wayne Hicks .....	.04
Report Of Churches to National Assoc. ....	.07
Cards to Churches about Quarterly Meetings ..	.27
Cards Executive Board Members Two Meetings ..	.60
Cards to Ministers about Assoc. ....	.76
Mailed Preachers Report .....	.90
Letters to the Churches to fill out for Association ..	.50
File Cabinet .....	2.04
Total .....	\$5.21

I mailed each church (2) letters forms, one to be sent back to me by July 15, 1963 and one to be kept in their files. I received four (4) letters and Association Fee with three (3) of these letters by July 15, 1963. I received two (2) more later in July, one with fee one without which makes a total of six (6) churches out of ten (10) that are in the West Florida Association. I do appreciate the Clerks that got their letters in early so it would help me. I have not received any suggestions or request for the 1964 Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Clerk



## ASSOCIATIONAL QUARTERLY MEETINGS

December 1, 1962.

Proceedings of Quarterly Meeting Held With Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Fla.

Session opened with songs by Congregation and alter prayer. Welcome address by Host Pastor Bro. Henderson, Bro. J. W. Ware brought the morning devotion reading from the 14th chapter of St. John.

Moderator asked that the body elect a devotional committee to decide the program for the morning and evening services. Move and seconded that moderator appoint committee. Moderator ask for volunteers. Sis. F. W. Dockens; Christian Home; Sis. Edna Henderson, Shiloh; Sis Bessie Commalander, Bethel; served on this committee.

Moderator asked whether or not the delegates and letters were to be as is for Association, or whether we would just have delegates and no letters. Move and seconded was made that we have a delegated body but we leave off the sending of Church letters, So carried. Motion was made that sufficient information be sent to quarterly meetings to identify the Church delegate. vote and so carried. Motion was made that members of the body be in power to vote today, voted and so carried, this was due to the misunderstanding of the delegates.

Devotional Committee; Bro. Burnham to bring morning message. Bro. Richardson to bring afternoon message. Treasurer's report was given by Sis. Henderson, move and second was made that report be accepted as read. Bro. Ashcraft brought a report about the land for the Youth Camp Site and there was great hopes that things would be worked out within the next few months. Voted that if land was reasonable that we buy 10 acres instead of 5. Bro. E. Carroll stated that an ad should be put in paper concerning the land.

11:00 A. M.

Services opened by congregational singing prayer by Bro. Mathews. Morning sermon brought by Bo. Brunham text "Lift up an ensign." Dismissed by Bro. James Cook.

1:30 P. M.

Session opened with song "I Can Tell You The Time" then special song by, Bro. Henderson, Bro. Richardson, Bro. E. Carroll, and Bro. Burnham, "Do You Know My Jesus."

Evening devotional bought by Bro. Richardson reading I Peter, 2:23. When he was reviled he reviled not again them.

Body was then called to order by Moderator.

Moderator then asked that articles 1 through 19 be read and some ammendments were made. Then Boards, 1 through 4 was read and some amendmets were also made there. These were printed up in a Handbook. Minutes were then read by Clerk, Move nad seconded that we adopt as read. Move and seconded we adjourn. prayer by, Bro. Fellure.

Sis. Wiggins, Clerk

## MARCH 2, 1963 PILGRIM REST CHURCH

Session opened with song and alter prayer lead by Rev. J. D. Parham. Scripture, II Peter. 2-9 read by Bro. Henderson speaking of the later



days of Noah and the later days of today being somewhat the same. Body called to order by Moderator. Minutes of the last quarterly meeting read by Clerk. Moderator ask that three volunteers to serve on devotional committee. Move and seconded that Moderator appoint committee Sis. Millie Donaldson, Pilgrim Rest; Sis Ethel Burkett, Christian Home; Sis. Nobles, Bethel; were appointed for this committee.

Moderator read letter from Bro. Rufus Coffee Concerning Missionaries Bro. and Sis. Eddie Payne who are appointees to Africa. They have open time during April 12 to 21. Bro. Coffee states that Sis. Payne was originally from Travelers Rest and therefore thought our Association would be interested in having them. All congregation was in favor of Bro. Henderson contacting Bro. Coffee on this matter.

Church representation: Bethel, 3; Christian Home, 3; Friendship 4; Grace 0; Mt. Zion, 0; Unity, 2; Pilgrim Rest, 12; Rainbow, 0; Shiloh, 4; Travelers Rest 0;. Of course there were a few that dropped in after the count was taken and a few that left after the count was taken.

Bro. Henderson stated that the booklet was being worked on that is to have the By-Laws and Constitution in it. Treasurer's report read by Sis. Henderson, move and seconded that report be accepted as read.

#### 11:00 A. M.

Morning service opened with song and prayer. Special song by Bro. Mathews, Bro. Parham, Bro. Henderson, and Bro. Richardson.

Bro. Mathews was chosen to bring the morning devotional, reading from I Peter 1-11, Peter 1-4, "Have we given our all for the service Christ" "When God calls us He calls for service and not to sit down," Dismissed by Bro. Richardson.

#### 1:30 P. M.

After a wonderful dinner, afternoon services were begun with song by congregation and prayed by Bro. Parham.

Bro. Lloyd Carrol brought the devotion for the afternoon reading from II Peter 1-16, subject, "That maybe we have taken the scripture too lightly and not striving to do more for Christ" Body called to order for business. Bro. W. M. Patrick ask that Ministes and Deacons Meeting be held with Mt Zion, Vote and so carried. Pilgrim Rest was chosen to be the general meeting place for the Executive Board Meetings. Suggestion was made that the meeting time for the Executive Board be decided at will be the time for next meeting.

Move and seconded that we adjourn, Prayer by Bro. Mathews.

Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

#### JUNE 1, 1963 BETHEL CHURCH

Opened Meeting with singing, prayer by Bro. Mathews. Welcome address by Bro. Mathews. Meeting then turned over to Bro. Henderson who read St. Luke 18-1; Galations 6, and spoke for a few minutes on the few verses.

Body then called to order by Moderator. Bro. Henderson ask that the body excuse him due to a death in his church. He then turned it over to Bro. L. Carroll. Minutes were read by Clerk, Minutes accepted as read Moderator asked that Clerk send cards at least two weeks before each meeting to each Minister. Vote and so carried.

Moderator ask that a count be taken of each church; Christian Home 1, Shiloh-1, Bethel-8, Grace-0, Mt. Zion-0, Pilgrim Rest-0, Friendship-4, Unity-6, Travelers Rest-0, Rainbow-0.

Motion made that next Executive Board Meeting be held August 2, 1963, Friday night at Pilgrim Rest Church, vote and so carried. Since that seemed to take care of our business motion was made to let each one speak five minutes.

### PREACHER'S AND DEACONS MEETING

Preacher's and Deacons meeting was held with Mt. Zion Church, April 20, 1963.

Meeting opened with song and prayer lead by Bro. Payne.

Welcome address by Bro. W. M. Patrick our host pastor, reading from 6th chapter of II Corinthians. Service turned over to Moderator, Bro. Henderson urged that laymen attend this meeting as well as the Preacher's and Deacons.

Body was called to order by Moderator. Section 2 of Treaties read.

Moderator ask that each Minister and Deacon register. Ministers registered as follows: H. L. Henderson, Rev. J. D. Parham, Rev. Burl Mathews, Rev. Elzie Carroll, Rev. Lloyd Carroll, Rev. C. L. Richardson, Rev. W. M. Patrick, and Rev. Eddie Payne.

Deacons registered as follows: Bro. F. W. Dockens, Bro. W. H. Burkett, Bro. Hobbs, and Bro. Cook.

Bro. Mathews brought the morning devotional reading from the 8th chapter of St. John. He then gave a report that a pamphlet was to be made up and ask if the sister Churches of the Free Will Baptist would like to have their names and locations printed on this, all agreed that it would be very helpful. Moderator ask for volunteers to make out program for the day,; no respond. Move and seconded that Moderator appoint this committee. Sis. Richardson, Unity; Sis. Dockens, Christian Home; Sis. Mathews, Bethel. Bro. Henderson stated that he hoped in the months to come that we would be able to form a Mission Conference and he was grateful to Bro. and Sis. Eddie Payne for their visits with us.

11:00 A. M.

Opened with song and prayer by Bro. Elzie Carroll. Bro. Payne spoke to us on the needs of the different missionaries. Then reading II Timothy chapter 4, 1-5 speaking very strongly that each Minister should stand and declare God's truth and preach God's word, fearing nothing. Study God's word to show thyself approved.

Invention was given by Bro. Henderson that we pledge ourselves to seek and do God's will. Everyone joined in this prayer. Services were adjourned for the lunch hour. Dismissed by Bro. W. H. Burkett.

1:15 P. M.

After a wonderful lunch, services were opened with song, and prayer by Bro. Prangle May.

Each Minister and Deacon present was given an opportunity to speak then the laymen were asked to give their testimony.

The service was enjoyed by all, and each one is asked to make plans to attend next meeting if possible.

Bro. Parham ask that the next Preacher's and Deacons meeting be held with Unity Free Will Baptist Church.

This was a very spiritual meeting and it is a shame that every Free Will Baptist member could not be present. I enjoyed it so very much and my prayer is that the next one will be just as good and maybe better.

Meeting was dismissed by our appointee Missionary Bro. Eddie Payne.  
Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

#### PASTORS FOR 1964:

Bethel Church .....	Rev. B. M. Mathews
Christian Home Church .....	Rev. Elzie Carroll
Friendship Church .....	Rev. L. J. Fellure
Grace Church .....	Rev. J. W. Burnham
Mt. Zion Church .....	Rev. W. M. Patrick
Unity Church .....	Rev. J. D. Parham
Pilgrim Rest Church .....	Rev. I. C. Thomley
Shiloh Church .....	Rev. H. L. Henderson
Travelers Rest Church .....	Rev. Willie Davis

May God lead, guide and direct each of our Ministers.

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. L. Henderson  
Rev. F. H. Coleman  
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft  
Rev. C. L. Richardson  
Rev. Elzie Carroll

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE

- 1 Year—Bro. Worley, Bethel
- 2 Years—Bro. B. W. Brown, Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala.  
Christian Home
- 2 Years—Bro. Wilson Merritt, 2510 N "Q" St.  
Pensacola, Fla. Friendship
- 3 Years—Bro. W. M. Patrick, P. O. Box 95 Molino,  
Fla. Mt. Zion
- 4 Years—Bro. Douglas Morgan, Rt. 1, Atmore  
Shiloh
- 5 Years—Bro. J. W. Ware, Pensacola, Fla.  
Grace
- 6 Years—Bro. Edmon Ridgeway, 2505 N "V" St.  
Pensacola, Fla. Unity
- 7 Years—Bro. Bob Donaldson, 4967 Mobile Hwy.  
Pensacola, Fla. Pilgrim Rest

LOCATION	Value of Church Property	Members	Paid Pastor	Orphanage	Building And Repairs	Home Missions	Evangelistic	General Offering
Christian Home McDavid, Fla.	\$15,000.00	85	\$ 960.00	\$114.67	\$1,959.79	\$121.73	\$198.05	\$2,980.36
Shilor Bratt, Fla.	\$20,000.00	158	4,392.00				463.37	6,538.83
Bethel Pensacola, Fla.	40,000.00	99	3,600.00		1,419.10	160.28		7,026.67
Grace Pensacola, Fla.	20,000.00	45	980.33			236.41	100.00	2,450.83
Mt. Zion Century, Fla.	2,500.00	24	118.91		109.06	10.00	14.03	128.46
Pilgrim Rest Molino, Fla.	8,000.00	31	318.80		32.47	59.15		653.34
Friendship Pensacola, Fla.	38,000.00	129	2,665.99	20.00	1,422.91		475.00	6,958.20
Unity Ensley, Fla.		70	1,144.16		1,277.00	192.66	128.00	2,587.40
Travelers Rest Berrydale, Fla.	2,000.00	9	65.35				40.65	



# MINISTERS REPORT

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Couples Married	Funerals	Miles Traveled	Expenses	Members Received	Sick Calls	By Letter Or Confession of Faith	Money Received
Rev. A. H. Ashcraft	1	96	2				1			\$ 700.00
Rev. J. W. Burnham	1						12		12	\$ 980.33
Rev. H. F. Coleman										
Rev. L. Carroll										
Rev. E. Carroll	1	115		1	6,000	\$ 500.00	8	105	8	1,040.00
Rev. A. S. Ellis		91			2,046	245.52		33	13	129.58
Rev. A. J. Fellure	1	250	1	2	14,000	3,000.00		100		3,000.00
Rev. H. L. Henderson	1	165	3	13			8		8	4,392.00
Rev. B. M. Mathews	1	126	1	3	12,100	1,800.00	9	312	9	3,600.00
Rev. J. D. Parham	1	111					20		20	1,144.16
Rev. W. M. Patrick	1	110		2	4,550	153.00	2	23	2	210.00
Rev. R. H. Reddick		91	3	2	6,000	806.00	13	105	13	175.00
Rev. C. L. Richardson		104			4,500	300.00				102.05
Rev. W. C. Stanford										
Rev. I. C. Thomley	1	104	2	3			5	32	5	318.80
Rev. J. H. Hood										
Rev. J. W. Ware		20							8	33.00
Rev. E. E. Phelps		10								