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MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

September 12&13, 1969

NEXT SESSION
NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST
CHURCH

September 11&12, 1970

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CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 1969.

- West Florida Sunday School Convention, to be held with Beulah Church Pensacola, Florida February 13 & 14, 1970.
- District C.T.S. Convention to be held with Christian Home Church McDavid, Florida May 2, 1970.
- District Woman's Auxiliary, to be held with New Home Church, Cantonment, Florida April 4, 1970
- Ministers & Deacons Meeting to be held with New Home Church, date to be announced.
- State Woman's Auxiliary to be held at Ensley Church, Pensacola Florida June 6, 1970.
- State Association, to be held with St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Florida. Oct. 29 - 31, 1969.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- December 6, 1969 -----Beulah Church
- March 7, 1970 -----Ensley Church
- June 13, 1970 -----Bethel Church

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

- November 21, 1969
- February 20, 1970
- May 22, 1970
- August 28, 1970

MINISTERS QUARTERLY MEETINGS

- November 29, 1969
- February 28, 1970
- May 30, 1970
- September 5, 1970

OFFICERS FOR 1969

- Moderator -----Rev. Robert Owen, Rt.1 Box 269
Atmore, Alabama 36502, 369-6460
- Asst. Moderator -----Rev. L. Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851
Pensacola, Florida 32506
- Clerk -----Bro. Wallace J. Amerson, Rt. 4,
Box 303, Atmore, Ala. 36502,
369-6340
- Treasurer -----Bro. Wildon Hall, Rt. 4 Box 163
Atmore, Alabama 36502,
369-6102

MINISTERS

Rev. L. Bass -----Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Florida 455-1781
Rev. L. Carroll -----3101 E. Lloyd St., Pensacola, Florida 438-8094
Rev. E. Carroll -----3 Campbell Ct. Pensacola, Florida 476-5101
Rev. Z. Cheatham -----20 Austin St., Pensacola, Florida 476-2087
Rev. B.M. Mathews -----Rt. 9 Box 651, Pensacola, Florida 476-4311
Rev. J.D. Parham -----Rt. 1 Box 92, McDavid, Florida 369-6131
Rev. R.H. Reddick -----Rt. 8 Box 760, Pensacola, Florida 456-1447
Rev. Robt. Owen -----Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 369-6460
Rev. W.C. Stanford ---1607 N. "Z" St., Pensacola, Florida 433-1551
Rev. R.C. Wiggins ----3309 N. Franklin Ave., Pensacola, Fla. 438-5735

LICENSED MINISTER

Rev. B.F. Godwin -----Rt. 1, Century, Floriday 256-2239

COMMITTEES FOR 1969

Temperance -----Shiloh Church
Home Missions -----Bethel Church
Obituary -----Beulah Church
Standing of Ministers -----Christian Home Church
Vacation Bible School -----New Home Church

PASTORS FOR 1969-70

Bethel Church -----Rev. B. M. Mathews
515 Woodland Drive, Pensacola, Florida

Beulah Church -----Rev. Lindbergh Bass
Mobile, Highway, Pensacola, Florida

Christian Home Church -----Rev. R. C. Wiggins
McDavid, Florida

Ensley Church -----Rev. Elzie Carroll
Jones Street, Pensacola, Florida

New Home Church -----Rev. J. D. Parham
Cantonment, Florida

Shiloh Church -----Rev. Robert Owen
Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama

PROCEEDINGS
September 12&13, 1969

Proceedings of the Twenty-first Annual Session of the West Fla. Free Will Baptist held at Ensley Church, Pensacola, Florida.

Friday, 10:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing. Devotion given by Rev. Herbert Waid, Missionary to Japan, reading from Gen. 4 & Romans 1.

Welcome given by host church pastor, Rev. E. Carroll. Prayer lead by Rev. B. Mathews for God's blessings to be with us in these meetings. Called to order by clerk. Clerk introduced moderator for his remarks and charge, then to moderate meeting.

Seated standing delegates. Clerk read list of church delegates, Bethel (3); Beulah (2); Christian Home (3); Ensley (3); New Home (3); Shiloh (4). MSC to seat church delegates. Five ministers present.

Recognized visiting brethern, Missionaries, Herbert Waid (Japan) Carlisle Hanna (India), Sammy Wilkinson (Brazil), and Rev. L.V. Pinson from First Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Pinson. Received morning offering of \$37.41 to be divided between the three missionaries present.

Morning message by Rev. Carlisle Hanna reading from Ezek.33:7-11. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. H. Dockens.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. H. Dockens. Prayer by Rev. L. Carroll. Devotion by Rev. Herbert Waid reading from Ex. 20, followed with prayer.

Moderator called meeting to order. The following reports given:

Sunday School report read and accepted (See reports)

Temperance	"	"	"	"	"	"
Obituary	"	"	"	"	"	"
Home Missions	"	"	"	"	"	"
Clerk's	"	"	"	"	"	"

MSC to take from table motion, to change constitution Article 3 to add: Moderator, V. Moderator, Clerk & Treasurer to be elected annually. Motion carried.

MSC to take from table motion, to change constitution Article 6 to add paragraph 5; This association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members elected by this association. This board shall have a constitution and by-laws approved by this association. (approved 6-14-69) Board members to be elected Saturday 9-13-69.

MSC to have next annual association meeting at New Home Church, Cantonment, Florida. September 11 & 12, 1970. Dismissed by Rev. Sammy Wilkinson.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Services opened with congregational singing, devotion by Rev. Herbert Waid reading from Romans 8:9 subject was soul-winning.

Business session called to order by Moderator. Oral report of state work given by Rev. W. Hansley, our State Promotional Secretary.

C.T.S. Report read & accepted. Moderator asked for volunteers to be delegates to State Association. the following volunteered: Sis. Ruby Amerson, Sis. Louise Owen, Sis. Thelma Bass, Sis. Ann Watford, Sis. Margaret Baker; Alternates: Sis. B. Carroll & Sis. Carrie Bell Carroll.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Jack Parham. Received offering of \$27.91 to be divided between the three missionaries present. Morning message by Rev. Sammy Wilkinson reading from Luke 5: 1-10 subject "Fishers of Men". Dismissed with prayer.

1:15 P.M.

Opened service with singing, devotion by Rev. H. Waid reading from Rev. 3:20 & 7:9 also II Cor. 5 followed with prayer.

Session called to order by Moderator. Treasurer's report given and accepted. Associations Statistic Report given & accepted. Nominating Committee report given, recommending we retain same officers presently serving in the Association. MSC to retain same officers.

MSC for vote to be taken for Asst. Moderator. Vote taken for Rev. R.C. Wiggins & Rev. L. Bass. Rev. Bass was elected by majority.

Consent of body for Nominating Committee Chairman to be by alphabet of churches. This years chairman was from Bethel. 1970's chairman to be from Beulah Church.

The following men were elected for the Home Missions Board. Rev. Robert Owen (74), Rev. B. Mathews (73), Bro. H. Dockens (72), Rev. J. D. Parham (71), Rev. Elzie Carroll (70).

Bro. Freeman Dockens was elected to replace Rev. F. Coleman on Ordaining Council. Rev. Coleman has moved membership to Alabama. Mutual agreement between Sunday School & C.T.S. Officers to exchange meeting dates for 1970. If change proves to be satisfactory, then preparations to make change permanent would be handled by individual conventions involved.

Minutes read and approved. Adjourned with prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Sis. E. Ward, Bro. W. Hartzog, Sis. Beverly Hartzog, Sis. F. Mathews, Bro. H. Warren, Sis. Martha Paul. Clerk: Mrs. F. Mathews, Rt. 9, Box 651, Pensacola, Florida, Pastor: Rev. Burl Mathews, Rt. 9, Box 651, Pensacola, Florida.

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee. \$15.00, Moderator \$2.50 Clerk \$2.50. Delegates: Sis. Janice Moreno, Sis. Thelma Bass, Sis. Jean Montee. Alternates: Sis. Bettie Dunnam, Sis. Catherine Cofield, Sis. Sandra Beal. Clerk: Sis. Thelma Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Florida 32506, Pastor: Rev. L. Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Florida 32506.

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Bro. Harlie Dockens, Sis. Maggie Dockens, Sis. Hall, Alternates: Sis. Sarah Parham, Sis. Frances Godwin. Clerk: Mrs. Doris Long, Rt. 1 Box 91, McDavid, Florida 32568. Pastor: Rev. R.C. Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, Florida.

Ensley Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00, Moderator \$2.50 Clerk \$2.50. Delegates: Bro. M. Carroll, Sis. Barbara Carroll, Sis. A. Spoon, Sis. M. Baker, Bro. M.R. Fleming & Sis. Mary Lee Fleming. Clerk: Mrs. Margaret Baker, 2417 North "N" Street, Pensacola, Fla. 32501, Pastor: Rev. Elzie Carroll, 3 Campbell Ct. Pensacola, Florida.

New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. \$10.00, Moderator \$2.50, Clerk \$2.50. Delegates; Sis. Lola Cheatham, Sis. Ella Mae Page, Sis. Juanita Ridgeway, Sis. L. Parham, Alternates: Sis. Ann Joiner, Clerk: Mrs. Barbara Parham, 1015 New Mexico Drive, Pensacola, Fla. Pastor: Rev. Jack D. Parham, Rt. 1 Box 92, McDavid, Florida. 32568

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Sis. D. Mack, Sis. Media Dortch, Sis. E. Godwin, Bro. Douglas Morgan, Bro. Curtis Amerson, Sis. Annie Rigby. Alternates: Sis. L. Owen, Sis. M. McCall, Sis. Bernice Purvis. Clerk: Mrs. Bernice Purvis, Rt. 1, McDavid, Florida 32568, Pastor: Rev. Robt. Owen, Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 36502.

REPORTS

Temperance Committee - Ensley Church

Your Temperance Committee submit the following: Temperance means moderation especially in respect to the appetites and passions, patience, sobriety. We urge that our members individually, and as a body observe temperance in all things and total abstinence from all alcoholic drink, and that we are careful to practice as well, temperance in words, appetites, passions and temper.

Standing of Ministers - Bethel Church

After receiving reports from the following churches; Beulah, New Home, Ensley, C.Home, Shiloh, we report the following ministers in good standing. L. Bass, R.H. Riddick, Zell Cheatham, R. Owen, R.C. Wiggins, B. Godwin, J.D. Parham, E. Carroll, L. Carroll. W.C. Stanford, & B. M. Mathews.

REPORTS (CONT'D)

Obituary Committee - Christian Home Church
We the Obituary Committee find the following deaths in 1968-69:

Bethel Church	None
Beulah Church	None
C. Home Church	None
New Home Church	None
Ensley Church	Sis. Flora Nolen, Oct. 18, 1968
Shiloh Church	Bro. & Sis. Jerkins, Aug. 1968
	Bro. Rob Amerson, Oct. 1968
	Bro. Otis Barnes, Oct, 1968
	Bro. Howard Cooper, Feb. 1969

Home Missions Report - Beulah Church
Total given to Home Missions during 1968-69 - \$1,151.48

Bethel	\$147.98	
Beulah	180.00	
C. Home	162.09	
Ensley	166.71	
Shiloh	<u>494.70</u>	Total \$1,151.48

Vacation Bible School - Shiloh Church
We find three churches to have V.B.S. during 1969. They report as follows:

<u>Bethel & Beulah Joint V.B.S.</u>	<u>Christian Home V.B.S.</u>
134 enrolled	64 enrolled
28 workers	12 workers
118 av. attendance	60 av. attendance
\$32.62 total collection	\$28.85 total collection
Condition of School - Good	Condition of School - Good

Clerks Financial Report - Bro. W. J. Amerson
Received from Treasurer 9-68 - \$15.00

Stamps, envelopes, etc.	\$ 8.06
Duplicating materials	6.80
	<u>\$14.86</u>

<u>BOARDS: Home Missions</u>	<u>Executive Board</u>	<u>Ordaining Council</u>
(74)Rev. Robt.Owen	Bro. Douglas Morgan	Rev. Robert Owen
(73)Rev. B. Mathews	Bro. W.C. Stanford	Rev. Elzie Carroll
(72)Bro. H. Dockens	Bro. J. N. Parham	Rev. J. D. Parham
(71)Rev. J.D. Parham	Bro. E. Worley	Rev. R. C. Wiggins
(70)Rev. E. Carroll	Bro. James Beal	Bro. Freeman Dockens
	Bro. F.W. Dockens	

LOCATION	Value of Church Property	Church Membership	Paid Pastor	Building & Repair	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Evangelistic Work	Cooperative Plan
BETHEL	\$40,000	113	\$3,185.00	\$1,008.80	\$134.98	\$ 258.46	\$173.00	\$420.74
BEULAH	20,000	67	520.00	4,650.60	180.00	225.29	200.00	684.02
C. HOME	15,000	74	1,535.00	1,328.11	162.09	438.00	100.00	472.37
ENSLEY		88	2,000.00	3,035.50	150.71	144.95	140.00	371.56
NEW HOME		69	1,200.00	6,356.73			26.00	336.35
SHILOH	20,000	155	5,745.00	3,278.31	494.70	1,625.05	419.00	1,304.90

MINISTERS REPORT	Sermons Preached	Professions of Faith	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Funerals Preached	Couples Married	Churches Organized	Sick Calls Made	Expenses
Rev. L. Bass	150	27	Unk.	\$ 590.00	0	2	0	Unk.	Unk.
Rev. L. Carroll					5	4			
Rev. E. Carroll	130	9	3,500	*1,689.96	2	0	0	Unk.	Unk.
Rev. B. Godwin	No record kept								
Rev. B.M. Mathews	128	61	9,230	3,185.00	6	2	-	1583	\$2,304.00
Rev. Robt. Owen	104	Unk	21,000	-	2	1	0	Unk.	Unk.
Rev. J. D. Parham	170	8	13,800	1,200.00	3	1	0	80	
Rev. R. H. Reddick	No record kept								
Rev. W. C. Stanford	No. record kept								
Rev. R.C. Wiggins	142		11,181	1,655.00	1	2	0	70	-

*\$1,496.00 returned to the church

TREASURER'S REPORT
6/30/68 - 6/30/69

<u>Source</u>	<u>Coop. Tithes</u>	<u>State Home Missions</u>	<u>Foreign Missions</u>	<u>Children Home</u>	<u>Bible College</u>	<u>Bible Col. Bldg. Fund</u>	<u>Nat'l H. Missions</u>	<u>Super-annuation</u>	<u>Assoc. Fees.</u>
BETHEL	\$ 513.97					175.50			35.00
BEULAH	425.52	202.66	169.68			108.00			30.00
C. HOME	499.52	78.09	432.00	121.71		150.00			35.00
ENSLEY	347.00		54.95						20.00
NEW HOME	455.30		50.00						25.00
SHILOH	1,215.88	327.70	1,625.05	213.47	386.38	220.65	167.00	60.00	35.00
MT. ZION									5.00
S.S. CONV.			50.00				50.00		
TOTAL	\$3,457.19	\$608.45	\$2,381.68	\$335.18	\$386.38	\$654.15	\$217.00	\$60.00	\$185.00

Offerings taken at Quarterly Meetings totaled \$51.95.
Offerings taken at Ministers & Deacons Meeting 22.00*

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Treasurer -----	\$7,383.24	Balance in Bank 6/30/68	\$ 552.56
Home Mission Board -----	491.45	Total received	<u>8,358.98</u>
West Florida Savings Account -----	233.74		
C.T.S. Winners Exp. to Nat. Assoc. (1968) -	410.00		\$ 8,911.54
Atmore Advance (Treas. Record Bk.) -----	10.72		
Atmore Office Supply (adding machine) --	94.50	Disbursements (Pd. out)	<u>8,761.65</u>
W.J. Amerson (printing of minutes) -----	75.00		
Bro. Wendell Walley (Guest Speaker) -----	10.00	Balance June 30, 1969	\$ 149.89
Bros. Milton & Melvin Worthington -----	22.00*		
State Association Fees -----	16.00		
Clerk Supplies -----	15.00		
	<u>\$8,761.65</u>		

Sunday School Convention Report

The Sunday School Convention held at Bethel Church began with singing & prayer. Bro. Paul gave each of us a warm welcome.

Devotion was given by Sis. Mary Peebles from Shiloh with scripture from Matt. 5:13 on the "Salt of the Earth" & christian influence.

Calling of order by Bro. H. Dockens with reading of minutes & treasurer's - accepted. No old business given. Bro. Paul ask for discussion on "Show & Tell T.V." for churches and how they might be purchased. Bro. Owen made a motion to give a dollar for each student in our Sunday School to be given to our Bible College if in treasurer at end of the year.

Election of officers were as follows:

President	- Bro. Wayne Hartzog
V. President	- Bro. Albert Paul
Pro. Secretary	- Bro. Harlie Dockens
Clerk	- Sis. Maxine McCall

MSC to adjourn, prayer by Bro. B. Mathews.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Began song service singing "Power in the Blood", prayer by Bro. Carroll. Welcome given by Bro. Dockens. Body was called to order for business. Beulah ask for Convention next year.

Devotion on Sunday School lessons last quarter was given by students of each church. Bro. C. Amerson led in song service with special music from the Amerson Family, Wiggins Family & Parham Family. Bro. R.C. Wiggins brought the morning message from Romans 10. We adjourned until after lunch.

Afternoon was devoted to a quiz between the churches with gifts given to students in five classes. Everyone enjoyed the competition and the gifts were ducational and could be used in Sunday School Classes. Dismissed with prayer.

Treasurer's Report

Total from 67-68 -----	\$ 504.71	
Tithes for 68-69	<u>319.47</u>	Total \$824.18

Disbursements:

Foreign Missions	50.00	
Home Missions	50.00	
Promotion Work	100.00	
Bible College	18.38	
Children's Home	150.00	
Refreshments	41.71	
Gifts	50.20	
Clerk's Expense	2.50	
West Florida Assoc.	<u>10.00</u>	Total \$472.79

Bal. in Treasurer - - - - - \$341.39

Respectfully
Sis. Maxine McCall

C.T.S. Convention

The C.T.S. Convention was held with Beulah Church, Pensacola, on March 15, 1969. Opened with singing & prayer. Welcome address & devotion brought by Bro. Wildon Hall.

Minutes & treasurer's report given and accepted as read. Report of churches read. There was no old business.

Sis. Ruby Amerson read letter received from State Youth Board Chairman stating they would hold State Rally Day at Youth Camp this year at Camp Bethlehem.

C.T.S. Convention & competition to be held with Christian Home Church on Saturday May 2, 1970.

Beulah Free Will Baptist performed a program of Two Groups of People, christian and non-christians in a bus station & their conversation while waiting for their bus.

Officers for 1969-70	President	- Bro. Wildon Hall
	V. President	- Bro. J. N. Parham
	Sec. & Treas.	- Sis. Martha Paul
	Bible Quiz Leader	- Sis. Ruby Amerson
	Asst. North	- Sis. Alberta Hall
	Asst. South	- Sis. Myrtice O'Dell

Morning message brought by Rev. L. Bass using scriptures, Jos. 1:8, II Peter 2:9, II Cor. 1:10, John 6:63, Col. 3:11.

District Competition Winners

Sword Drill - Leners	1st Place	- Linda Amerson
	2nd Place	- Donna Hall
	3rd Place	- Donna Pulaski

Adventurers	1st Place	- Randy Dockens
	2nd Place	- Kathy Amerson
	3rd Place	- Joyce Deacon

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe, Heralds - Shiloh Church Team:
Jackie Downer Cynthia Morgan
Martha Owen Debbie Smith

Bible Bowl - Crusaders - Beulah Church Team:
Ann Cofield, Barbara Blankenship
Kathy Cofield, Janice Morton

Declamations - Herald - 1st Place - Dennis Mayfield
2nd Place - Pam Amerson
3rd Place - Cathy Blankenship

Crusaders - 1st Place - Ann Cofield
2nd Place - Janice Morton

Respectfully,
Sis. Martha Paul

Woman's Auxiliary Report

Officers for 1969-70

President- Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, 32505
V. President- Louise Owen, Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Ala. 36502
Sec & Treas.- Beverly Hartzog, Rt. 9 Box 650, Pensacola, Fla. 32503
Personal Serv.- Lucille Parham, Rt. 1 Box 92, McDavid, Fla. 32568
Missions Chr. - Frankie Mathews, Rt. 9 Box 651, Pensacola, Fla. 32503
Study Courst Chr.- Aileen Cochran, 6435 Whitmire Rd. Pensacola, 32503
Program Prayer - Thelma Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Fla. 32506
Historian - Laura Stanford, 1607 N. "Z" St., Pensacola, Fla.

Treasurer's Report for 1968-69

Paid out:

\$178.00 Co-Laborer Fund
47.92 Thanksgiving Offering (Nat'l Home Missions)
32.07 Christmas Offering (State Home Missions)
68.88 Easter Offering (Foreign Missions)
31.18 WNAC Emphasis Month
43.43 State Project
10.00 Beulah Church Building Fund
10.00 Rev. L. Bass love offering
56.50 Student Loan Fund
20.50 Home Missions
6.72 Foreign Missions
48.72 Estenio Garcia
10.00 Project 5,000
42.72 French Church
45.00 Mexican Student to Arthur Billow's School
7.00 Don Robirds
15.00 Daniel Merkh
5.00 John Postlewaite
50.00 Carlisle Hanna
6.33 Eddie Payne
19.00 Ken Eagleton
36.34 Maurice Cousineau
31.33 Louise Coscia
5.00 West Fla. Association (minutes)
53.00 Per Cap. Dues (1967-68)
56.00 Per Cap. Dues (1968-69)
5.56 Postage, W.A. Pin, Postal Notes
\$941.20

State Project for 1969-70;

\$225.00 Bible College Dormitory Furniture
112.50 Foreign Mission Deficit Fund
56.25 National Home Missions
56.25 Project 24

Meetings - October 14, 1969 - Shiloh Church
Jan. 13, 1970 - Ensley Church
April 4, 1970 - New Home Church (Yearly WDAC Meeting)
June 6, 1970 - Ensley Church (State Meeting)

Respectfully,
Sis. Beverly Hartzog

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Shiloh Church - December 7, 1968

Opened session with congregational singing lead by Bro. H. Dockens, prayer by Rev. R.C. Wiggins. Devotion by Rev. W. Hansley, State Promotional Secretary reading II Cor. 9:5-10. Welcome address given by Host Pastor - Rev. R. Owen, remarks given by Moderator, Rev. R. Owen.

Deacons & ministers recognized, seated as standing delegates. Three deacons present, five ministers present: Rev. R. Owen, Rev. B. Mathews, Rev. R.C. Wiggins, Rev. B. Godwin & Rev. E. Carroll. Roll call of churches and delegates, six churches present: Ensley (0), Beulah (4), Christian Home (3), Bethel (5), New Home (1), Shiloh (6), MSC to seat delegates.

Visiting brethren Rev. Hansley, Rev. W. Walley, Bro. Wesley Owen & family. Oral report of state work given by Bro. W. Hansley. Dismissed for morning service by Bro. J.C. Dortch.

11:00 A.M.

Worship service opened with singing, prayer by Bro. E. Carroll. Took offering of \$15.27. Morning message delivered by Rev. W. Walley, from Chipley, Fla. Scripture taken from Psa. 119:89. Dismissed with prayer.

1:15 P.M.

Opened service with confregational singing, devotion by Bro. B. Mathews.

Treasurer's report given by Bro. W. Hall with balance in treasure 9-30-68 of \$167.56. MSC to store association's piano in the home of Bro. Cofield until needed elsewhere. MSC for Assoc. to purchase a adding machine for treasurer.

Report of Constitution Revision Committee read by Bro. B. Mathews. MSC to accept CRC's report with amendment to Article 8 Section IV to include treasurer. MSC to amend Article 12 to insert "at scheduled meeting", after the word association. MSC to amend Article 8, Section III to read "not less than 10%".

Read minutes, MSC to accept. Adjourned with prayer.

Christian Home Church - March 1, 1969

Services opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Bass. Devotion given by Bro. Bass reading I Tim. 4:16. Welcome by host pastor, Rev. R.C. Wiggins. Meeting called to order by clerk then turned to Moderator, Rev. Owens for his remarks.

Seating of standing delegates. Ministers & deacons & Assoc. Officers. Seating of church delegates. MSC to seat delegates. Visitors welcomed and seated. Treasurer's report given by Bro. W. Hall. MSC to accept report with a balance in treasurer 12-30-68 of \$126.87.

11:00 A.M.

Singing by congregation, message by Bro. W. Hansley reading from several chapters in Acts & bringing a very inspiring message. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. B. Godwin.

1:30 P.M.

Song, "What a Day". Devotion given by Bro. J.C. Dortch reading Col. 1:23-27. Vote by body to set S.S. Convention back one week to May 9&10, 1969. Oral report given by Bro. Hansley, State Pro. Secretary.

Moderator ask for old business, there was none. Bro. Bass spokesman for ministers meeting moved that a Committee of Pastors be appointed to draw up Constitution & By-laws of Home Missions Board, also Loan Application whereby churches of this Association may borrow on the money we have in savings. Seconded by Bro. F. Dockens, carried by body of delegates. This committee to report back in June for Associations approval. Altar prayer by Bro. E. Carroll. Offering taken of \$15.76, Minutes read and accepted. Dismissed by Bro. Harlie Dockens.

Bethel Church - June 14, 1969

Service opened with singing & prayer, devotion by Bro. L. Bass reading Romans 12:1-2. Welcome by host pastor, Bro. B. Mathews.

Called to order by Clerk, Bro. W.J. Amerson, meeting turned to Moderator, Bro. Owen for his remarks. Delegates, standing & appointed seated after roll call. Recognized visitors. Statistics Committee appointed to review church letters and report at end of today's session. Appointed: Bro. H. Dockens, Sis. Barbara Parham, Sis. C. Cofield.

11:00 A.M.

Worship service opened with singing & prayer. Offering of \$20.92. Message brought by Bro. L.V. Pinson reading Luke 10:1-20 & John 6:35-38 admonishing christians to stand true to Christ teaching. Dismissed.

1:15 P.M.

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. C. Amerson, prayer by Bro. H. Dockens. Devotion by Bro. W. Hartzog. Treasurer's report given by Sis. Alberta Hall showing bal in treasure of \$53.98.

Clerk read proposed amendments to Constitution: (1) to amend Article 3 to add; Moderator, V. Moderator, Clerk & Treasurer to be elected annually. MSC to table til next meeting. (2) amend Article 6 to add Sect. IV. This Association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members elected by this Association. This board shall have Constitution & By-laws approved by this Association. MSC to table until next meeting. Clerk read proposed Constitution & By-laws of Mission Board. MSC to accept. State Moderator, Rev. H. Henderson made remarks on state work.

Report of Statistics Committee given by Bro. H. Dockens, MSC to accept. Bro. Bass moved for Association to bring to attention to churches to receive offering to help on expenses of our State C.T.S. competition winners to National Assoc. MSC for pastors to receive offering in their churches by June 22, and send to Dist. C.T.S. Treasurer for above purpose (divided equally). Minutes read & accepted. Dismissed with prayer.

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE WEST FLORIDA
HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. NAME:

This board shall be known as The West Florida Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this board shall be that of promoting mission work among Free Will Baptists in the West Florida Association.

Article 3. MEMBERSHIP:

This board shall be composed of members elected by the West Florida Association and shall serve terms established on a rotational basis; one member's term shall expire annually. The number of members of this board shall be determined by the constitution & by-laws of the West Florida Association.

Article 4. OFFICERS:

Officers of the board shall be; A Chairman, A Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for one (1) year and may be elected to serve succeeding terms. Members of the board shall elect the officers of the board.

Article 5. MEETINGS:

Meetings shall be held as the need arises. Necessary meetings may be called by the Chairman or the Secretary-Treasurer. Mileage for board members expenses shall be paid from the general fund limited to 10¢ per mile one way.

Article 6. REPORTS:

A complete report of the board meetings and activities and a complete financial report must be presented to the annual West Florida Associational Meeting.

Article 7. FINANCES

This board shall receive it's finances from churches and individuals making special contributions, cooperative program allocations, interest on loans, and special offerings received through promoting missions.

Article 8. MISCELLANEOUS

Section I. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board must be Free Will Baptists which prove themselves sound in doctrine and practices as Free Will Baptists.

Section II. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board shall consider this board as an advisory body in such matters as the selection of a pastor and further financial obligations.

Section III. Any work receiving financial support must agree to support the denominational cooperative program.

Section IV. Any work receiving financial support must accept such as a loan on terms and conditions agreed upon by them and the board as set forth in this constitution and such information shall be made available to them and fully understood by those receiving the support.

Section V. Proper security must be granted the board for loans received. First mortgage is desired but second mortgage may be accepted; however no loan shall be granted in excess of the appraised value of the property. Interest shall be paid at the rate of 6% per annum. Monthly payments shall be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 loaned.

Section VI. Missions or churches receiving financial support must be in good standing with the West Florida Association & must have a pastor who is in good standing with the West Florida Free Will Baptist Assoc. Section VII. An agreement must be understood between the borrower and the board that in the event financial obligations cannot be met, rights to the property must be relinquished, said rights shall be turned over to the Mission Board and the decision of the board in regards to the property shall be final.

Section VIII. Contracts shall be considered delinquent when three (3) successive payments have not been met. It shall be determined by the board if contracts may be held valid and open for a longer period of time.

Section IX. The board shall have the right by majority vote to purchase property in desirable locations when there is good potential for organizing a Free Will Baptist Church. This action shall of necessity be subject to the availability of funds. In such matters full title must be acquired and no investment shall exceed the appraised value of property. Organizational work under such conditions shall be under complete supervision of the Mission Board.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

Officers of the Mission Board shall hold office according to the terms set forth in the constitution and shall carry out those duties peculiar to their respective offices. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a permanent record of the board's activities and financial transactions. All records and property mortgages and titles shall be surrendered to the succeeding secretary-treasurer.

Article 2. VOTING AND QUORUM:

A majority membership shall constitute a quorum and be duly authorized to transact business. All items of business must receive a majority vote of board members before it is considered final. All members not present in meeting shall be notified of decisions made by the board.

Article 3. DUTIES OF MEMBERS:

All members shall endeavor to support mission work through cooperative efforts of the board. Any member that fails to cooperate with the board for a period of one year may, upon recommendation of the board, be replaced by the West Florida Association.

Article 4. AMENDMENTS:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the board members and final approval of the West Florida Association.

(This Constitution & By-laws were adopted at Quarterly Meeting 6-14-69 at Bethel Church)

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTIST

Article 1. NAME:

This Association shall be known as the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2. MEMBERSHIP:

Section I. This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well diciplined Free Will Baptist churches conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section II. Any church regularly organized, may by petition by delegation become members of this Association provided they will adhere to Free Will Baptist Doctrine and fully support the benevolent and educational enterprises of the denomination.

Section III. Churches from other Free Will Baptist Associations desiring membership must present a letter of recommendation from the association of which they were previously a member.

Article 3. OFFICERS OF THE WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION:

Officers shall be composed of Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer and Ordaining Council. Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer to be elected annually.

Article 4. REPRESENTATION:

Section I. Each church of this Association shall be entitled to one vote & one vote for each additional twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

Section II. All churches of this Association to be represented at the regularly scheduled meetings by delegates and letter, to conduct the business of the Association affecting the churches and the Association.

Section III. All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with the Association and West Florida Associational Officers shall serve as standing delegates.

Article 5. ORDAINING COUNCIL (Presbytery)

Section I. This Council shall be composed of five members, elected by the Association to serve a period of two years each. The Moderator is also automatically a member of the Council and the Vice-Moderator is authorized to sit on Council when it convenes if the Moderator is absent.

Section II The purpose of the Council is to license and ordain candidates after due examination as to their qualifications and to try all ordained members for un-christian conduct or the teaching of doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist faith. This Council to convene upon request of any church of this Association.

Article 6. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section I. All standing boards shall be composed of three members, except the Executive Board which shall be composed to one (1) member from each church. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third for a period of three years. Succession to office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

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Section II The Moderator and Asst. Moderator will have the privilege to set on Executive Board Meetings or to moderate the meeting.

Section III. 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 the power to elect such officers, except the Moderator, 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 IV The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation 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.

Section V. This Association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members elected by West Florida Association. This board shall have a constitution and by-laws approved by this Association.

Article 7. MEETINGS (Scheduled)

Section I. Scheduled Associational meetings will be as follows: The yearly Associational Meeting will be held the second Friday and Saturday of the month of September each year. The Quarterly meetings of the Association will be held on the first Saturday in December, the first Saturday in March, and the second Saturday in June of each year at the places designated by the body.

Section II. Ministers and deacons of the Association shall hold an annual conference each year in the month of April.

Section III. Minutes of the meetings shall be read, and corrected if need be at the end of each business session.

Article 8. FINANCES

Section I. Each church of the Association shall be responsible for sharing the financial obligations of the Association by paying into the treasury, the tithe (10%) of their income.

Section II. An additional fee of \$5.00 at each Quarterly Meeting will be assessed and a \$20.00 fee for churches with membership over 50, or a \$15.00 fee for churches of membership under 50, at the yearly meeting.

Section III. Not less than 10% of the total income of the Association shall be retained in the Associational treasury for local home mission work.

Section IV. A sum of \$25.00 shall be paid annually to the moderator, clerk and treasurer to cover expense incurred in the line of duty to the Association during the year. In event expenses exceed this figure or any other member or officer of the Association is appointed a duty in which expenses are incurred, the body may take a vote to reimburse them.

Article 9. DISCIPLINE

Section I. This Association shall have power to discipline churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if they practice doctrine contrary to bible principles and standards and those of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

Section II. This Association shall not have the right to reverse the decision of the individual church nor to interfere with its internal regulations.

Section III. All churches of this Association shall call as their pastors only duly licensed or ordained Free Will Baptist ministers.

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Section IV. All ministers entering this Association from another denomination or seeking ordination shall walk before this Association one year before being fully and officially accepted or ordained into the Associational ministry. All ministers coming into the Association from another Free Will Baptist Association shall be re-examined by the Ordaining Council and shall be required to bring a letter of recommendation from the Association in which they served.

Article 10. BY-LAWS:

This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its session.

Article 11 AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by the vote of the Association at any regular session; notice of such intended alterations of amendments having been given in writing and recorded at the previous session.

Article 12. QUORUM

Representatives from two (2) member churches shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the Association, at scheduled meeting. No business shall be transacted without a quorum.

This Revised Constitution was approved at the Yearly Associational Meeting held at Ensley Free Will Baptist Church, Sept. 12 & 13, 1969.