
MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With
NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CANTONMENT, FLORIDA

September 11&12, 1970

NEXT SESSION
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH

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Mid-Year Meeting
with
Beulah Free Will Church
February 6, 1971

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State Association to be held with First Free Will Baptist
Church, Tampa, Florida, October 28-30, 1970.

Mid-year Associational Meeting to be with Beulah Free Will
Baptist Church, February 6, 1971.

District Woman's Auxiliary to be held with New Home Free
Will Baptist Church, April 3, 1971.

Northwest Florida Yearly Meeting to be held in Panama City,
Florida, April, 1971.

West Florida Sunday School Convention and C.T.S. Competition
to be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, May 1, 1971.

West Florida Association Yearly Meeting to be held with
Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, September 11, 1971.

OFFICERS FOR 1970

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| Moderator----- | Rev. Robert Owen Rt. 1 Box 269 Atmore, Alabama 36502 Phone - 369-6460 |
| Asst. Moderator----- | Rev. R. C. Wiggins 3309 N. Franklin Avenue Pensacola, Florida Phone - 438-5735 |
| Clerk----- | Bro. Wallace J. Amerson Rt. 4 Box 303 Atmore, Alabama, 36502 Phone 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, Fla. 438-8094
 Rev. E. Carroll-----3 Campbell Ct., Pensacola, Florida 476-5201
 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-----Rt. 2 Box 233J Cantonment, Florida 986-3088
 Rev. R.C. Wiggins-----3309 N. Franklin Ave., Pensacola, Fla. 438-5735

LICENSED MINISTER

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

BOARDS FOR 1970-71

| <u>Home Missions</u> | <u>Executive Board</u> | <u>Ordaining Council</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| (71) Rev. J.D. Parham | Bro. Douglas Morgan | Rev. Robt. Owen |
| (72) Bro. H. Dockens | Bro. W.C. Stanford | Rev. Elzie Carroll |
| (73) Rev. B. Mathews | Bro. J.N. Parham | Rev. J.D. Parham |
| (74) Rev. R. Owen Chr. | Bro. E. Worley | Rev. R.C. Wiggins |
| (75) Bro. M. Carroll | Bro. James Beal | Bro. F.W. Dockens |
| | Bro. F.W. Dockens | |

PASTORS FOR 1970-71

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

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

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

Ensley Church -----Rev. E. Carroll
 Jones Street

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

Shiloh Church -----Rev. Robert Owen
 Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 36502

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-second annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist held at New Home Church, Cantonment, Fla.

Friday 10:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing led by Bro. R.C. Wiggins, devotion and prayer given by Rev. Elzie Carroll.

Welcome given by Sis. Lucille Parham of host church. Prayer lead by Rev. B. Mathews for God's blessings and leadership of Holy Spirit in these meetings.

Clerk called session to order and introduced moderator for his remarks and to moderate session. Seated standing delegates. Clerk gave roll call of churches, delegates present: Christian Home (2), Shiloh (6), New Home (1), Ensley (4), Bethel (1) Beulah (2). MSC to seat church delegates. Ministers present: Rev. L. Carroll, E. Carroll, B.M. Mathews, R. Owen, W.C. Stanford, R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

MSC for New Home Church to keep association's piano until they buy a new one.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with singing lead by Rev. B. Mathews, prayer by Bro. W.C. Stanford. Morning message by Rev. R.C. Wiggins, dismissed for lunch by Rev. L. Carroll.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with singing lead by Rev. R.C. Wiggins. Devotion by Rev. B. Mathews. Prayer by Bro. Douglas Morgan.

The following reports read and accepted. (See reports)

Sunday School Report

C.T.S. Report

Home Missions Report

Obituary Report

West Florida Home Missions Board Report

Temperance Report

Woman's Auxiliary Report.

Rev. R.C. Wiggins gave report from committee (appointed last Quarterly Meeting for studying meetings of association.) MSC to receive report. (See Reports).

MS for Article 7 of our West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist Constitution be deleted as presently reads and be re-written to read as follows:

Article 7. Section 1. Scheduled associational meetings will be as follows: The Associational Yearly Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September, the associational mid-year meeting will be held the first Saturday in February, at places designated by the body. MSC to table this motion until to-morrows session.

Christian Home Church delegates requested Associational Meeting for second Saturday in September 1971. Body accepted.

MSC to adjourn, dismissed by Bro. Billy Ray Lowery.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Opened with singing. Devotion and prayer by Bro. H. Dockens.

Nominating committee gave report, giving the following officers: Moderator; Robert Owen, Assistant Moderator; R.C. Wiggins, Clerk: Bro. W.J. Amerson, Treasurer; Bro. W. Hall, Home Missions Board Member: Maurice Carroll. The above officers were elected.

MS to change Article 3 of our constitution to add assistant clerk. MSC to table until next session. MSC to retain Rev. E. Carroll and Rev. J. Parham on Ordaining Council for two years.

Statistical report given by Rev. E. Carroll. MSC to accept.

Oral report by moderator of request from State Association for our association to dissolve as an association and become West Florida Quarterly Meeting and join as such to Northwest Florida Association of Free Will Baptist. No action taken.

11:00 A.M.

Service opened with singing, prayer by Rev. J.T. Long. Morning message by Rev. L. Bass. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. C. Edgemon.

1:00 P.M.

Service opened with singing, devotion by Bro. C. Edgemon.

Standing of Ministers Report read and accepted. (See reports).

MSC to take from table motion of changing Article 7 of our Constitution. Main motion carried 100% (See Sept. 11th minutes).

Following volunteered for delegates to State Association in Tampa. Bro. & Sis. W.J. Amerson, Bro. & Sis. C. Edgemon, Sis. Thelma Bass, Alternates, Sis. L. Owen & Sis. E. Carroll.

Treasurers report given by Sis. Alberta Hall showing a balance in treasurer 6-30-70 of \$145.53. MSC to accept report. (See Reports) Beulah church requested Associational Meeting in February. Body accepted. MSC to discontinue nominating committee of one member from each church. MSC to abolish the Temperance, Home Missions, Obituary, Standing of Ministers and Vacation Bible School Committees.

Minutes read and accepted. Adjourned with prayer.

CORRESPONDENCE

Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Sis. E. Ward, Sis. M. O'Dell, Sis. J. Warren, Sis. F. Mathews & Sis. A. Cochran. Clerk: Mrs. F. Mathews, Rt. 9 Box 651, Pensacola, Florida 32502. Pastor: Rev. Burl Mathews, same address.

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$15.00. Delegates: Sis. Thelma Bass, Sis. J. Montee, Bro. Frank Hurst. Alternates: Sis. Bessie Reddick, Sis. Debbie Hurst & Sis. Janice Moreno. Clerk: Mrs. Thelma Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola Florida 32506. Pastor: Rev. Lindbergh Bass, same address.

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$25.00. Delegates: Bro. H. Dockens, Sis. Maggie Dockens, Sis. Edna Caraway, Sis. Angie Godwin. Clerk: Mrs. Doris Long, Rt. 1 Box 91, McDavid, Florida 32568. Pastor: Rev. R. C. Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Avenue, Pensacola, Florida 32505.

Ensley Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00, Clerk & Treasurer \$5.00. Delegates: Bro. C. Edgmon, Sis. A. Grice, Sis. B. Carroll, Sis. Sue Edgmon, Bro. B. R. Robbins. Alternates: Sis. Carroll & Sis. Stanford. Clerk: Mrs. Margaret Baker, 2417 North "N" Street, Pensacola, Florida. Pastor: Rev. E. Carroll, 3 Campbell Ct., Pensacola, Florida 32503.

New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$10.00, Delegates: Sis. C. Cofield, Sis. Ella Mae Page, Alternates: Sis. L. Hudson, Sis. Jaunita Ridgeway. Clerk: not reported. Pastor: Rev. J. Parham, Rt., 1 Box 92, McDavid, Florida 32568.

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Assoc. Fee \$20.00. Delegates: Sis. E. Godwin, Sis. Maxine McCall, Sis. Media Dortch, Sis. D. Mack, Sis. C. Morgan, Bro. B.R. Lowery. Alternates: Sis. B. Purvis, Bro. D. Morgan. Clerk: Mrs. Bernice Purvis, Rt. 1, McDavid, Fla., Pastor: Rev. Robt. Owen, Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama, 36502.

REPORTS

Temperance Committee - Shiloh Church

We your committee recommend the following:

1. The West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as being against any and all use of alcoholic beverage.
2. That the members of this association practice moderation in matters concerning the practical things, as our bodies are the temple of the Holy Ghost.
3. That this association promote and endorse Bible Study, devotional times and prayerful living among its members, since this is the only deterrent to sinful existence.

REPORTS CONT'D

Obituary Report - Beulah Church

We your obituary committee find the following deaths:

Christian Home - Sis. Clementine Brown
Sis. Phoebe Lee

Shiloh - Sis. Maggie Rigby

Standing of Ministers Report - Christian Home Church

We find the following ministers in good standing with the West Florida Association.

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|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Rev. R. C. Wiggins | Rev. L. Bass | Rev. R. H. Reddick |
| Rev. J. D. Parham | Rev. Z. Cheatham | Rev. B. Godwin |
| Rev. Robt. Owen | Rev. B. Mathews | Rev. E. Carroll |
| Rev. L. Carroll | Rev. W.C. Stanford | |

Home Missions Committee - Bethel Church

Total given to Home Missions during 1969-70 \$1,164.21

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|--------|-----------|------------------|
| Bethel | \$ 156.08 | |
| Beulah | 343.86 | |
| Ensley | 208.27 | |
| Shiloh | 456.00 | total \$1,164.21 |

Report from Committee appointed to study Associational Meetings

After prayer and studying the business and number of meetings of our Association, and prayerfully hoping for more attendance, enthusiasm and fellowship of our people. We recommend the following:

For the Association to hold four (4) major meetings each year.
Two Associational Meetings - one first Saturday in February
one second Saturday in Sept.

C.T.S. & Sunday School Conventions combine into one day meeting, which will be held first Saturday in May. Sunday School Convention 9:30 A.M. til 12:00. C.T.S. Convention at 1:00 P.M. til 3:30 P.M. or as time may be arranged by presidents.

Northwest Florida Yearly Meeting - Month of April.

Committee:
Robt. Owen
Cletis Edgmon
Wayne Hartzog
R. C. Wiggins

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Beverly Hartzog

Officers for 1970-71:

Pres. Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave., Pensacola, Fla.
V- Pres. Louise Owen, Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 36502
Sec. Treas. Beverly Hartzog, Rt. 9 Box 651, Pensacola, Fla. 32503
Missions, Chr. Jewel Warren, 7450 N. Davis Highway, Pensacola, Fla. 32504
Stewardship Prayer Chr. Sue Edgmon, Rt. 3 Box 236, Pensacola, Fla. 32503
Personal Serv. Chr. Ann Watford, 211 W. Hope Dr., Pensacola, Fla. 32504
Study Course Chr. Ruby Amerson, Rt. 4 Box 303, Atmore, Ala. 36502
Historian - Laura Stanford, Rt. 2 Box 233, Cantonment, Fla. 32588
Field Worker - Lucille Parham, Rt. 1 Box 92, McDavid, Florida

Treasurer's Report 1969-70

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|-----------|------------------|---|
| Paid Out: | \$210.00 | Co-laborer Fund |
| | 48.00 | Per Capita Dues |
| | 60.00 | Bible College Bldg. Fund |
| | 45.00 | Tuition for Mexican Student |
| | 84.60 | Sammy Wilkinson Account |
| | 71.00 | Maurice Cousineau Account |
| | 46.00 | Carlisle Hanna Account |
| | 23.75 | Clothing for Hanna Children |
| | 10.00 | Herbert Waid Account |
| | 45.88 | Ken Eagleton Account |
| | 20.00 | Wesley Calvery Account |
| | 5.12 | Don Robirds Account |
| | 5.11 | Dan Merkh Account |
| | 10.00 | Fred McCoy Account |
| | 67.96 | Thanksgiving offering to National Home Missions |
| | 31.77 | Christmas offering to State Home Missions |
| | 49.75 | Easter offering to Foreign Missions |
| | 10.98 | State Project 1968-69 |
| | 51.75 | State Project 1969-70 |
| | 38.00 | WNAC Emphasis Month |
| | 18.00 | Student Loan Fund |
| | 5.00 | West Florida Association - Minutes |
| | 1.00 | Virgin Islands Land Fund |
| | 3.61 | Awards |
| | 4.50 | Historian's Scrapbook |
| | 2.50 | Postage |
| | 1.00 | Std. of Achievement Chart Award to C. Home Church |
| | <u>\$ 970.28</u> | |

State Project for 1970-71

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| \$ 225.00 | Bible College Dormitory Furniture |
| 112.50 | Foreign Mission Deficit Fund |
| 56.25 | National Home Missions |
| 56.25 | Project 24 |
| 25.00 | Student Loan Fund |
| <u>\$ 475.00</u> | |

The yearly meeting will be April 3, 1971 at New Home Church. We are enclosing \$5.00 for printing of minutes.

| MINISTERS REPORT | Sermons Preached | Professions of Faith | Miles Traveled | Money Received | Funerals | Couples Married | Sick Calls Made | Expense |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|--------------------|--------------------|----------|
| Rev. L. Bass | 120 | Unk. | Unk. | \$ 540.00 | 1 | 4 | Unk. | Unk. |
| Rev. E. Carroll | 105 | 15 | 3,300 | 400.00 | 0 | 1 | Unk. | - |
| Rev. Z. Cheatham | 50 | Unk. | | | | 2 | 25 | - |
| Rev. B. M. Mathews | 136 | 67 | 8,341 | 3,250.00 | 3 | 9 | 1,029 | \$24,000 |
| Rev. Robert Owen | 108 | Unk. | 18,000 | 6,180.00 | 4 | 0 | Unk. | Unk. |
| Rev. J. D. Parham | No record kept | | | | | | | |
| Rev. W.C. Stanford | No record kept | | | | | | | |
| Rev. R.C. Wiggins | 162 | 12 | 12,400 | 1,820.00 | 3 | 1 | 150 | - |

| LOCATION | Value of Church Property | Church Membership | Paid Pastor | Building & Repair | Home Missions | Foreign Missions | Evangelistic Work | Cooperative Plan |
|----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| BETHEL | \$40,000. | 112 | 3,250.00 | 969.09 | 156.08 | 392.54 | 120.00 | 527.42 |
| BEULAH | 20,000. | 65 | 520.00 | 1,848.84 | 343.86 | 309.15 | 213.76 | 492.74 |
| C. HOME | 15,000. | 76 | 2,005.00 | 5,646.76 | | 555.12 | 150.00 | 651.62 |
| ENSLEY | | 92 | 300.00 | 2,756.49 | 208.27 | 191.50 | 345.50 | 428.91 |
| NEW HOME | | 85 | 600.00 | 733.80 | | | 51.25 | 116.47 |
| SHILOH | \$20,000. | 156 | 5,980.00 | 1,607.53 | 456.00 | 1,264.42 | 179.88 | 1,327.87 |
| TOTAL | \$95,000 | 586 | \$12,655.00 | \$13,562.51 | \$1,164.21 | \$2,712.73 | \$1,060.39 | \$3,545.03 |

TREASURER'S REPORT
6/30/69 - 6/30/70

| Source | Coop. Tithes | State Home M. | Foreign Missions | Cldr. Home | Bible College | Super- annuation | Home Missions | Assoc. Fees | Missionary Offering | Other |
|--------------|-----------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|----------------|------------------------|----------|
| Bethel | \$ 595.82 | | 138.00 | | | | | 35.00 | 138.00 | |
| Beulah | 318.81 | 124.00 | 220.35 | | | | | 30.00 | 150.00 | 9.16* |
| C. Home | 595.87 | 6.00 | 520.54 | 125.09 | | | | 30.00 | 59.61 | |
| Ensley | 447.18 | | 147.50 | | 82.50 | | | 30.00 | 65.00 | |
| New Home | 272.99 | | 56.88 | | | | | 20.00 | 56.88 | |
| Shiloh | 1,156.27 | 400.00 | 1,159.58 | 120.00 | 264.50 | 40.00 | 157.00 | 35.00 | 228.35 | |
| Woman's Aux. | | | | | | | | 5.00 | 65.32 | |
| C.T.S. | | | | | | | | 5.00 | | |
| S. S. Conv. | | | | | 50.00 | | 50.00 | 10.00 | | 197.00** |
| Total | \$3,386.94 | \$530.00 | \$2,292.85 | \$245.09 | \$397.00 | \$40.00 | \$207.00 | \$200.00 | \$763.16 | \$206.16 |

Qtr. Meeting Ofg. \$18.41

* Co-Ordinator Offering

** Dollars for Scholars

Disbursements:

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|---------------------------|------------|
| State Treas. | \$6,492.87 |
| State Home Mission Bd. | 530.00 |
| West Florida Savings | 336.00 |
| Treasurer | 25.00 |
| Clerk | 25.00 |
| Moderator | 25.00 |
| State Assoc. Fees | 12.00 |
| Stamped envelopes, Treas. | 1.92 |
| Printing of Minutes | 75.00 |
| Yearly Assoc. Fee | 5.00 |

Total Paid Out 7,527.79

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| Balance in Bank 6/30/69 | \$ 149.87 |
| Total Received | 7,523.45 |
| Total to give account for... | 7,673.32 |
| Total paid out | \$7,527.79 |
| Balance in Bank 6/30/70 | \$ 145.53 |

West Florida Home Missions Board Report - Rev. B. Mathews

There has been little activity for the past three months by the Home Missions Board, as will be evidenced by the following report.

| <u>Deposits</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>Balance</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|----------------|
| July 7, 1970 | \$ 25.00 | (Crestview) | \$ 25.00 |
| Aug. 6, 1970 | 25.00 | (Mission) | 50.00 |
| June 30, 1970 | 44.10 | (Dividends) | 94.10 |
| Balance June 24, 1970 | \$3,601.14 | | \$ 3,695.24 |

(Above is Mutual Federal Savings Acct.)

First Bank and Trust (Checking Account) No deposits, no with drawals.

Balance to date \$300.00

7-25-70 - Bro. H. Dockens called Board Meeting to consider request from Mission at Crestview for help concerning the clearing of the lots that are Mission property. The city of Crestview had given them 6 months to clear the property which is thick with trees and underbrush. Members present were: Bro. H. Dockens, Rev. R. Owen, Rev. J. Parham, and Rev. B. Mathews. We met at New Home Church.

Decision - To call work day for all churches of Association and men and women to carry lunch, tools, etc. to Mission and all work together to clear the property. Date to be set in late October and to be announced.

C.T.S. Convention - Sis. Martha Paul

The C.T.S. Convention was held with Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola Florida May 2, 1970. Opened with Song & prayer. Welcome by Bro. James Beal. Presidents remarks by Bro. W. Hall. Nominating Committee was appointed by Bro. Hall.

Minutes and treasurer's report given and accepted as read. There was no old business. New business: Sis. Ruby Amerson gave information about why 20% discount was discontinued on medals and trophies. She also read rules for competition to congregation, and told how much the entrance fee for the State Competition was going to be for 1970.

Officers for 1970-71:

President - Bro. Cletis Edgmon
V. President - Bro. D. Moreno
Sec. & Treasurer - Sis. Linda Hudson
Bible Quiz Leader - Sis. Ruby Amerson
Asst. North - Sis. Edna Caraway
Asst. South - Sis. Myrtice O'Dell

C.T.S. report cont'd

C.T.S. Convention will be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on May 1, 1971.

Morning message brought by Bro. C. Edgmon.

District Competition Winners

Sword Drill Learners - Danny Dunsford

Adventurers - Donna Pulaski - First
Linda Amerson - Second
Kenny Peterson - Third

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe - Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Martha Owen - Cynthia Morgan
Pam Amerson - Debbie Smith

Bible Bowl - Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
Jackie Downer - Mike Gibson
Billy Dortch - Junior Hall

Declamations - Adventurers - Faye Morgan - First

Heralds - Sandra Wiggins - First
Kathy Amerson - Second

Treasurer's Report

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| Balance from 68-69 | \$ 67.06 |
| Tithes for 69-70 | 90.84 |
| Love offerings | 84.10 |
| Offerings for | |
| C.T.S. Winners | <u>116.24</u> |
| | \$358.24 |

Disbursements:

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| (2) declamations medals | 4.40 |
| Printing of minutes (C.T.S.) | 5.00 |
| Beulah C.T.S. Winners | 46.48 |
| Shiloh C.T.S. Winners | 58.10 |
| Christian Home C.T.S. Winners | 11.62 |
| Postage & stamps | 2.00 |
| Tithes to National | 9.10 |
| Medals & trophies for 1970 | 93.23 |
| State Entrance Fee - 1970 | 18.00 |
| West Fla. Assoc. Minutes | <u>5.00</u> |
| | \$252.93 |

Balance in Treasurer \$105.31

Sunday School Convention Report - Sis. Maxine McCall

Sunday School Convention opened with singing and prayer. Bro. W. Hartzog welcomed each church and spoke to us about the needs of our Sunday School as an arm of the church.

Bro. Jim Beal gave a devotion on our responsibility as christians and teachers.

Minutes were read and approved. Treasurers report was given and accepted as read. Rev. Robert moved we send \$200.00 to Bible College May 1, 1970 and any other sent by individual churches, carried.

Bro. Dockens discussed a projector (cost \$395.00) and films (\$160.00) from Bro. Harrison. This was given as information.

MSC to adjourn until tomorrow. Prayer of dismissal by Bro. Burkett.

Morning service opened with singing & prayer. Bro. Hartzog read scripture from Gal. 5:1 Devotions were given by men from three of our churches. Bro. Bass from Beulah, Bro. Godwin from Christian Home and Bro. Paul from Bethel.

Bro. Pinson brought the morning message and spoke on being servants for God. Bro. Owen dismissed for lunch with prayer.

Shiloh ask for convention to be held second Friday & Saturday in February of 1971. (NOTE change in Associational minutes)

Dismissed with prayer.

Treasurers Report

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| Balance brought forward ----- | \$341.39 | |
| Tithes received for 69 & 70----- | 290.79 | |
| Total ----- | \$632.18 | \$ 632.18 |

Disbursements:

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|--------------------------------|----------|-----------|
| *Home Missions ----- | \$ 50.00 | |
| *Foreign Missions----- | 50.00 | |
| Bible College----- | 31.94 | |
| Refreshments----- | 3.19 | |
| *Clerk's needs----- | 2.00 | |
| West Florida Assoc.----- | 10.00 | |
| Atmore Book Store (books)----- | 10.45 | |
| Total spent out----- | 157.58 | 157.58 |
| Balance in treasurer ----- | | \$ 474.60 |

*These checks not yet cleared bank.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION - 1969-70

Beulah Church - 12-6-69

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. L. Bass. Prayer by Bro. Harlie Dockens. Devotion by Rev. R.C. Wiggins. Welcome address given by host pastor, Rev. L. Bass.

Meeting called to order by clerk, then he introduced Moderator, Rev. R. Owen for his remarks and to moderate meeting. Seated standing delegates. Ministers present were; Rev. R. Owen, L. Bass, E. Carroll, R.C. Wiggins, R.H. Reddick, Z Cheatham, B. Mathews, and visiting brethren Rev. W. A. Hansley. Five deacons present. Roll Call of church delegates, present were; Beulah (3), Bethel (5) Christine Home (1) Ensley (3), New Home (2), Shiloh (3), moved second and carried to seat church delegates.

Oral report of our State work by Rev. W. Hansley, our State Promotional Secretary.

11:00 A.M.

Morning service opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. Bass. Prayer by Bro. Albert Paul. Special song by trio from Beulah Church. Prayer and morning message by Rev. W.A. Hansley reading Heb. 11:6. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. E. Carroll.

1:15 P.M.

Opened service with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Jamie Parham. Devotion by Bro. L. Bass reading Hosea 10:12. Body voted to amend Art. 7, Section II to change name and date of ministers and deacons meeting. Layed on table by moderator until next meeting.

Body voted to hold Northwest Florida Yearly Meeting at Bethel Church in April. MSC to hold missionary conference on different date from yearly associational meeting. Treasurer's report given by Bro. Wildon Hall with balance in treasurer \$201.38 Sept. 30, 1969. Balance in savings \$6,083.91. MSC to accept treasurer's report.

MSC for association's treasurer to transfer money in savings to Home Mission Board's treasurer when Home Mission Board treasurer is elected

Minutes read and approved. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Mathews.

Ensley Church - March 7, 1970

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. Harlie Dockens. Devotion by Bro. J. C. Dortch, Gal. 5:1. Prayer by Rev. W. Hansley.

Meeting called to order by clerk, introduced moderator, Rev. R. Owen for his remarks and to moderate meeting.

Ministers present were: Rev. E. Carroll, R. Owen, J. Parham, R.C. Wiggins, B. Mathews, L. Bass. Deacons; Ray Purvis, J. C. Dortch, Wildon Hall. Visiting Brethren, Rev. W. Hansley, State Promotional Secretary, Rec. James Cook & family from Chrestview.

Seated standing delegates. Clerk read list of churches & delegates. Present were; Bethel (4), Beulah (3), Christian Home (3), Ensley (4), New Home (3), Shiloh (5). MSC to seat church delegates. Verbal report given by State Promotional Secretary, Rev. W. Hansley.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing, prayer lead by Bro. L. Bass. Special singing by quartet from Shiloh. Morning message was given by Rev. B. Mathews using for his subject "I Am". Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Amerson.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. H. Dockens, prayer by Bro. Wildon Hall. Devotion by Bro. H. Dockens. Acts 4:13.

Home Missions report given by Bro. Mathews. MSC to accept report. Treasurer's report given by Bro. W. Hall, giving a balance of \$113.14. MSC to accept.

MSC to take from table motion of changing Art. 7 Section II. MSC to change to read "This Association shall have an annual Bible Fellowship Conference." Date and place to be designated by annual associational meeting. MSC to hold this years meeting May 16, 1970 at New Home Church. Moderator appointed Bro. Bass Chairman, Bro. E. Carroll, Bro. R.C. Wiggins to be in charge of program for this meeting.

Clerk read minutes, MSC to accept these minutes as read. Dismissed by prayer.

Bethel Church - June 13, 1970

Opened with singing lead by Bro. H. Dockens. Prayer and devotion by Rev. R.C. Wiggins. Welcome given by Bro. Albert Paul of host church.

Meeting called to order by clerk. Moderator introduced for his remarks and to moderate meeting. Seated standing delegates. Clerk called roll of church delegates. MSC to seat same. Ministers present; Rev. Robert Owen, Jack Parham, B. Godwin, R.C. Wiggins and B. Mathews.

MSC for moderator to appoint a committee to study business and meetings of our Association and report back to next session. Moderator appointed Bro. W. Hartzog, Sunday School President, Bro. Cletis Edgmon, C.T.S. President and Bro. R.C. Wiggins on this committee.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with singing. Prayer by Bro. B. Godwin. Morning message by Bro. J. C. Dortch. Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with singing, prayer by Bro. A. Paul, devotion by Bro. J. Parham. Treasurer's report read by Bro. Hall giving a balance of \$140.54 as of 3-30-70. MSC to accept. Home Missions report given by Bro. B. Mathews showing balance in savings \$3,551.14 and checking \$300.00 as of 4-28-70. MSC to accept

Quarterly Meeting Minutes Cont'd

Moderator gave dates (Sept. 16-20, 1970) which he had received from our Foreign Missions Department as dates for our Missionary Conference. MSC to accept these dates.

Dismissed by Bro. John McCall.

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CONSTITUTION & 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 and 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 of 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 names 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.

Boards (cont'd)

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 it's 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 Associational Yearly Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September, The Associational Mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first Saturday in February, at places designated by the body.

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 expense 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.

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 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 II. AMMENDMENTS:

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.