

N. E. Chesnut

MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY
FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
PINEY GROVE CHURCH

NOVEMBER 3-4, 1921

OFFICERS

J. H. CHESNUT.....Moderator
N. E. CHESNUT.....Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. A. ELMORE, Chairman

J. B. Baker
J. W. Nelson
C. C. Clemmons
W. M. Callaway

The next session will be held with St. John Church, two miles South of Bonifay, Fla., Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1922.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Thirty-Third Annual Session of the Liberty Freewill Baptist Association, held with Piney Grove church, Washington county, Florida, November 3d, 1921.

Opening Prayer by Rev. J. T. Knight.

Introductory Sermon by Rev. A. L. Pate; Scriptural Lesson from Malachi, 3d chapter; Text, 1st Corinthians, 15-22.

Closing Prayer by Rev. J. H. Chesnut.

Adjourned for refreshments until 1:30 o'clock.

Body called to order by the Moderator.

Scriptural Lesson from second chapter of 1st Timothy.

Prayer by Moderator.

A call was made for letters from the churches, and received:

Piney Grove, with G. W. Fussell, G. W. Owens, T. D. Owens and C. A. Fussell.

St. John, with J. W. Nelson, M. L. Hall and J. A. Anderson.

Beulah, with W. L. Elmore, Walter Pettis, J. W. Callaway and J. A. Yager.

St. Paul, with C. C. Clemmons.

Poplar Head, with L. W. Johnson, J. B. Baker and N. E. Chesnut.

Spring Hill, with J. I. Mears, Irving Bass and J. T. Birge.

The Association entered into a business session.

J. H. Chesnut was elected Moderator, and N. E. Chesnut elected Clerk.

A call was made for Petitionary Letters, and received Liberty church, with T. M. Hall.

Called for Corresponding Delegates from Sister Associations, and received Rev. J. T. Knight, from the Blountstown Association, and C. I. Wells and R. D. Bell from Union Association.

Then appointed committee on Divine Service: M. L. Hall, Tommy Birge and W. M. Callaway.

Suggestions—A. L. Pate, G. W. Owens and J. W. Nelson.

Sabbath School—C. C. Clemmons, J. A. Anderson and C. I. Wells.

Temperance—A. M. Swindle, Walter Pettis and J. T. Knight.

Memorials—T. D. Owens, J. W. Callaway and R. D. Bell.

Finance—C. A. Fussell, J. W. Fussell and J. A. Yager.

Nominations—J. A. Johnson, T. M. Hall and J. I. Mears.

A call for Corresponding Delegates to meet with the next session of the Sister Associations:

Rev. A. L. Pate and W. A. Elmore to the Alabama Union Hill Association.

A. M. Swindle and G. W. Owens to the Salem Association.

J. H. Chesnut, J. W. Nelson and A. L. Pate to the Blountstown Association.

Adjourned until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING

House called to order by Assistant Moderator at 9 o'clock.

Scriptural Lesson from 1st Psalms. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Pate.

Roll call.

A call for Corresponding Letters.

Recess, 30 minutes.

House called to order by Moderator. Song by choir.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee on Sabbath Schools, beg leave to report that we urge the pastor of each church to work and insist that every church have Sabbath School, as we find that there are only four churches in our Association that hold Sabbath School.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your committee on Finance, beg to make the following report:

We find for Minutes and Associational purposes ----- \$13.00

Balance in treasury ----- 3.33

Total,

\$16.33.

It was moved and carried to have 200 Minutes printed.

It was moved and carried to pay the Clerk \$5.00 for his services.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We beg to make the following report: That each church look after the helpless or dependent members, and others of the community, who are in need of help, for we believe it to be not only our duty to live and let live, but that we should live and help live.

Respectfully submitted

A. L. PATE, Chairman

Song by choir, "Lift Him Up."

Scriptural Lesson by Rev. J. T. Knight. Scripture: St. John, 15th chapter. Prayer by Rev. C. I. Wells.

Sermon by Rev. J. T. Knight. Text: Titus, 2-1. Prayer by Rev. A. M. Swindle.

Song by choir, "We'll All Cross the River By and By."

Recess, one and one-half hours.

Song by choir, "Glory to His Name."

Business session.

Report of committees.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, beg leave to report that St. John and Liberty churches each ask for the Association.

A vote by the body gave St. John the next Association, the Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. J. H. Chesnut.

The next Union Meeting will be held with Spring Hill church, about five miles North of Bonifay, Fla., on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, A. D. 1922.

Commemoration Services to be held on Saturday night of the Union Meeting. Introductory Sermon to be preached by Rev. A. B. Nelson.

Respectfully submitted

J. A. JOHNSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, make the following report:

We think it unchristian conduct for a church member to drink intoxicating liquors as a beverage. And, also, to make it, or sell it, because it is against the laws of God and the land.

We deem it intemperate for brethren to speak evil of each other. As James says: "Because it engenders strife among the brethren." Let us refrain from such intemperance of the tongue.

Respectfully submitted,

A. M. SWINDLE, Chairman.

J. W. Nelson was elected Treasurer of the Association.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We, your committee on Memorials, submit the following report:

We find that God, in His wisdom, has saw fit to call from us the following beloved sisters: Rachel Godwin, Rebecca Duncan, Pennie Melvin, Ida Anderson, Bama Williams, one name unknown.

We deeply sorrow in their loss, but submit to the will of Him who knows all things best.

T. D. OWENS, Chairman.

Association adjourned to meet with St. John church on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1922.

J. H. CHESNUT, Moderator.

N. E. CHESNUT, Clerk.

The cost of getting the minutes printed, \$11.00

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for Letters and enroll names of Delegates.
3. Organize by electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.

5. Call for Correspondence from Sister Associations.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Appoint Correspondents.
8. Call for Report of Committees.
9. Call for Preachers' Report.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF MINISTERS.

A. L. Pate	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 1
J. H. Chesnut	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 2
A. B. Nelson	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 2
A. M. Swindell	Chipley, Fla

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Messengers and Delegates that compose the Liberty Free-will Baptist Association, wish to thank Piney Grove church and citizens nearby for the hospitality shown us during our stay among them, and especially do we thank the good sisters, upon whom the heaviest burdens fell, for preparing us such a bountiful spread, and may the richest of God's benediction ever rest upon them, that He may ever keep them with plentiful refreshments and guide by His Holy Spirit through all coming life.

Adopted by the body.

N. E. CHESNUT, Clerk

Nov. 5, 1921

STATISTICAL TABLE

Churches	Pastors	Clerks Names and Address	Baptism	Faith	Letters	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Days of Meeting
Poplarhead -----	A. B. Nelson -----	N. E. Chesnut, Bonifay, Fla.---	3				2	4		48	1
Liberty -----	J. L. McDaniel -----	M. Cook, Vernon, Fla -----								19	
Piney Grove -----	J. H. Chesnut -----	T. D. Owens, Chipley, Fla ..	2	1		2		11	3	125	4
Spring Hill -----	A. L. Pate -----	A. Pate, Bonifay, Fla -----	4	2		3	5			77	2
Beulah -----	W. W. Tremontanna -----	W. C. Pettis, Graceville, Fla---	1		1				1	49	3
St. John -----	C. I. Wells -----	O. D. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla ----	4	3	2	2	1		3	72	3
St. Paul -----	A. L. Pate -----	E. R. Clemmons, Vernon, Fla --	5				2	1		48	3