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PROCEEDINGS

Of the thirty-fourth annual session of the West Florida Liberty Freewill Baptist Association, held with St. Johns Church, of Holmes County, Florida, November 2, 3 and 4, 1922.

Opening prayer by M. L. Hall. Introductory sermon by Rev. J. H. Chestnut. Scripture lesson St. John, 16; text, St. John 16:13.

Sermon concluded by Rev. A. L. Pate. Closing prayer by Rev. C. I. Wells. Noon, one and one-half hours,

AFTERNOON SESSION

Business session opened with prayer by Rev. A. L. Pate. A call was made for letters from the churches and received: St. Paul, W. B. Clemmons, F. S. Norton; Spring Hill, J. L. Anderson, E. C. Anderson, J. I. Mears, Irving Bass; Piney Grove, T. D. Owens, G. W. Owens, J. A. Johnson, Clara Golden, Cordelia Johnson, Vera Owens; Liberty with J. L. McDaniel, David Cook; Beulah, W. C. Pettis, W. M. Callaway, J. A. Yager; St. Johns, Arthur Malery, J. E. Simms, Lonnie Washington, A. B. Cook, O. D. Nelson, J. W. Nelson; Poplar Head, J. B. Baker, A. L. Bell, N. E. Chesnut, L. W. Johnson.

Petitionary Letters: Tharp's Mill, D. P. Finch, E. L. Nelson.

Correspondents from Sister Associations: Blountstown Association Rev. J. T. Knight; Union Association, S. E. Carrell, B. F. Pate.

Noma Church was received by a petitionary letter with it's delegates, Rev. C. I. Wells, R. D. Bell, J. T. Birge and J. W. Barefoot.

COMMITTEES

Divine Service: W. A. Elmore, G. W. Owens, J. W. Nelson; Sabbath School: C. C. Clemmons, A. B. Nelson, T. D. Owens. On Suggestions, W. M. Callaway, C. I. Wells, J. I. McDaniel, J. A. Johnson, W. A. Elmore, A. B. Nelson.

6:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. George English, concluded by Rev. S. E. Carroll. Scripture lesson Rom. 6. Prayer by W. C. Pettis.

Friday morning. Scripture lesson by Moderator, Psalms 24.

BUSINESS SESSION

A call was made for corresponding letters and received Pilgrim's Guide with Rev. Thomas Lemieux. Called for petitionary letters, and

received Antioch church with Bro. G. H. Keith, Clarence Keith and Willie Bell.

The Cedar Creek church was received into the Association, represented by Rev. M. L. Hall. Committees appointed as follows:

Memorials, J. L. Anderson, George English; Temperance, S. E. Carrell, J. B. Baker, W. C. Pettis; Finance, Henry Keith and Walter Clemmons. Nominations, E. C. Anderson, G. W. Owens. Correspondents to sister associations: Blountstown, Revs. C. I. Wells and A. L. Pate; Salem, C. I. Wells, J. W. Barefoot. Union Hill, Henry Keith, R. D. Bell. State Line, M. L. Hall, C. I. Wells, W. M. Callaway.

Sermon by Rev. J. T. Knight. Lesson, First Psalm of David. Text, John 22: 14. Prayer by A. M. Swindle. One hour for noon.

Afternoon Session. Prayer by Rev. S. E. Carroll. Called for reports of committees, and received as follows:

Committee on Nominations: We, your committee on nominations beg leave to report that we nominate Beulah, Antioch, Liberty, Noma, for the next association. and Piney Grove for the next union meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

E. C. ANDERSON, Chairman.

Memorials: We the Committee on Memorials beg leave to make the following report: We find that God has seen fit to call from us the following brothers and sisters: Celia Hicks, W. S. Whittaker, Lucy Johnson, Nella Finch, Ella Weeks, Sister Martin, Bro. Dykes, Livonia McFatter. One name unknown. We deeply sorrow in their loss, but submit to Him who knows all things best.

J. C. Anderson, Chairman.

Temperance: We your Committee on Temperance, make the following report: We deem it unchristian conduct for a church member to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage and no christian should make or sell it, because it is against the laws of God and man, and that any church member, deacon or minister should not drink any beers, wines or any other intoxicating beverage, and that any church which retains any person who indulges in such things shall not be considered in standing, and we also deem it intemperate for brethren to speak ill of one another.

S. E. Carroll, Chairman.

Suggestions: We, your committee on suggestions beg leave to submit the following report: We recommend that this association have

an ordaining board of three ministers, to administer the ordination of ministers desiring to be ordained in this association, and we further recommend that said board examine each candidate as to his qualifications for this office.. That our members subscribe for the Freewill Baptist Witness, published in Ayden, N. C. That each member pay each year into the treasury of his church for home missions not less than one dollar. That any church which is received with a petitionary letter in our union meeting shall be received in good standing at our association without a petitionary letter. That this association have one hundred corresponding letter blanks printed for use in our churches, also that we have one hundred copies of our church decorum and articles of faith printed.

W. M. Callaway, Chairman.

Finance: We your committee on finance beg leave to make the following report. We find

For minutes and associational purposes.....	\$20 80
Balance in treasury	2 15
Total	\$22 95

Henry Keith, Chairman.

Sabbath School: We, your committee on Sabbath Schools beg leave to make the following report: We are glad to report nine Sabbath schools in our association, as they are one of the best ways of bringing people to Christ, and we recommend that our pastors, officers, teachers and members all cooperate in carrying forward this great work.

C. C. Clemmons, Chairman.

It was moved and carried to pay the Clerk \$7 for his services. It was further moved and carried to have 500 copies of articles of faith and decorum, 100 letter blanks and 200 copies of the minutes printed.

Reports of Ministers

Revs. M. L. Hall Tho's. Lemmieux and J. H. Chesnut gave short statements of their ministerial work for 1922.

Rev. A. L. Pate's report: Pastoral work extends into 3 counties, also into 3 associations. Received at Christian Home church seventeen members, and \$54.00: at Spring Hill, \$15.00; at St. Paul, two members, \$20.00; First Freewill Baptist Church at Blountstown 7 members, received \$120.00. Three sermons at Abe Springs, nine members and \$12.50. Held some burial services. Total members 35 money \$221.50.

Rev Hubbard Yates made a short but interesting statement of his work in the ministry. Bro. W. A. Elmore was released from the executive committee and Bro. J. L. Anderson was elected in his stead.

Rev. C. I. Wells gives a statement of his work in the ministry for the year 1922. Additional members 164; Sermons preached 314; compensation received \$151.67; conducted six funeral services, married seven couples.

Report of Rev. A. B. Nelson: Serving churches Poplar Head, Liberty, Beulah, Tharp's Mill and Noma. Preached 103 sermons, received 45 members and \$50.75.

Friday, 6:30 p. m.—Sermon by Rev. A. L. Pate, prayer by Rev. J. T. Knight.

Saturday morning. Association called to order by assistant Moderator. Prayer by J. L. Anderson. Sermon by Thomas Lemieux, concluded by Rev. Hubbard Yates. Lesson: John 15. Prayer by Rev. A. L. Pate.

Rev. C. I. Wells was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the 1923 association. Rev. A. L. Pate was elected to preach the introductory sermon at the union meeting 1923. Communion services to be held Saturday night of union meeting. Rev. A. B. Nelson, A. L. Pate and C. I. Wells were elected as a presbytery to examine new ministers for the ministry. A. B. Nelson, chairman.

Saturday, 11 a. m. Prayer by G. W. Owens, sermon by Rev. A. B. Nelson. Text, Matthew 22-14.

The next session of the Union Meeting will be held with Piney Grove church, Duncan, Fla. on the third Sunday and Saturday before in August A. D. 1923.

The Association adjourned to meet with Noma Church at Noma Fla. on Thursday before the first Sunday in November A. D. 1923.

J. H. CHESNUT, Moderator.

N. E. CHESNUT, Clerk.

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

M. L. Hall	Bonifay, Fla.
A. L. Pate	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 1
J. H. Chesnut	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 2
A. B. Nelson	Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 2
A. M. Swindell	Chibley, Fla.
Hubbard Yates	Bonifay, Fla.
C. I. Wells	Noma, Fla.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Messengers and Delegates that compose the Liberty Free-will Baptist Association, wish to thank St. Johns church and citixens 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 plenteous refreshment and guide by His Holy Spirit through all coming life.

Adopted by the body.

N. E. CHESNUT, Clerk

Nov. 4, 1922

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES	PASTORS	Clerks' Names and Addresses	Baptism	Faith	Letters	Restored	Dismissed by letter	Excluded	Died	Total Membership	Days of Meeting
Liberty	A B Nelson	Mary Price, Vernon, Fla.	10	0	0	27	0	1	3	38	4
Antioch	C I Wells	G. H. Keith, Graceville, Fla.	19	4	4	0	2	3	1	95	1
St. Paul	A L Pate	E. R. Clemmons, Vernon, Fla.	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	47	3
Poplar Head	A B Nelson	N. E. Chesnut, Bonifay, Fla.	13	1	0	0	1	0	0	60	1
Piney Grove	J C Eldridge	T. D. Owens, Chipley, Fla.	12	5	0	1	4	0	3	120	3
Beulah	A B Nelson	W. C. Pettis, Graceville, Fla.	0	2	0	1	3	1	0	54	3
Spring Hill	A L Pate	A. Pate, Bonifay, Fla.	0	0	0	0	3	7	0	71	2
Tharp's Mill	A B Nelson	J. V. Tharp, Wausau, Fla.	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	2
Pilgrim's Guide	W W Nichols	M. Lemieux, Southport, Fla.	29	31	3	0	2	2	1	63	1
St. Johns	C I Wells	O. D. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla.	42	7	3	3	0	5	1	127	3
Noma	C I Wells	J. T. Birge, Noma, Fla.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34	0
Cedar Creek	D P Matthews	Jennie Harper, Southport, Fla.	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	8	2

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