

MINUTES
OF THE
Thirty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
West Florida Liberty
Free-Will Baptist Association
HELD WITH
Noma Church,
Noma, Holmes County, Florida
Nov. 1 and 2, 1923

C. I. WELLS.....Moderator
J. W. NELSON.....Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. L. Anderson
W. M. Calloway C. C. Clemmons
J. W. Nelson J. B. Baker

The next session will convene with Beulah Church
on Thursday before the first Sunday
in November, 1924.

The next Union Meeting will be held
with Antioch Church

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening prayer by Rev. T. B. J. Hendrick.

Introductory service was conducted by Rev. C. I. Wells.

Text Matthew 25: 12-13.

Prayer by Rev. A. B. Nelson.

The Association was dismissed until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Association was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Rev. G. W. English.

Moderator appointed J. W. Nelson clerk pro tem.

Called for letters from the churches. Responses were received as follows:

Noma church was represented by J. T. Birge, John Cook, D. R. Owen.

Spring Hill by E. C. Anderson and Tommie Birge.

Liberty by W. R. Martin, J. L. McDaniels and D. J. Cook

Tharps Mill by J. V. Tharp.

St. Johns by J. W. Nelson and M. L. Hall.

Bulah by H. L. Elmore, L. R. Collins and W. A. Elmore.

St. Paul by C. C. Clemmons.

Piney Grove by I. D. Duncan, T. D. Owen, J. A. Johnson and C. C. Owens.

Poplar Head by A. L. Bell and L. W. Johnson.

Antioch by R. C. Wadkins, R. D. Bell and Willie Bell.

Body being duly organized went into election of Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the election of C. I. Wells as Moderator and J. W. Nelson as Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters and received none.

Called for correspondents from sister associations,

with responses as follows: Union Hill, W. R. Kirkland, H. W. Norris, Miss Bamma Bradley, T. R. J. Hendrick, J. R. Bradley, Miss Susie Kirkland and B. F. Pate.

State Line: J. C. Howell, G. W. Cherry, J. J. Granger and G. W. Nobles.

Appointed Committee on Divine Services as follows: B. F. Pate, W. M. Calloway and J. L. McDaniels.

Dismissed until Friday morning at 8:00 o'clock.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Song by choir and congregation.

Scripture lesson by Moderator.

Renewed call for petitionary letters and received none.

Moderator then appointed the various committees as follows:

On Suggestions—A. L. Pate, C. C. Clemmons, W. A. Elmore, D. R. Owens and Robert Bell.

On Nominations—C. C. Owens, L. W. Johnson, L. R. Collins, H. L. Elmore and J. V. Tharp.

On Finance—W. R. Kirkland, L. D. Duncan, and R. H. Enfinger.

On Sabbath Schools—A. B. Nelson, C. Wadkins and J. A. Johnson.

On Memorials—J. T. Birge, chairman.

Executive Committee—J. L. Anderson, J. W. Nelson, W. M. Calloway, C. C. Clemmons, and J. B. Baker

Dismissed until 1:30 p. m.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Prayer by Bro. W. R. Kirkland.

Scripture Lesson by Moderator, first Psalm of David.

Called for reports of committees, which were rendered as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We beg leave to suggest that we follow the rule of holding Commemoration Services on Sunday nights.

A. L. PATE.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find that God has seen fit to take from us the following brothers and sisters: Jack Yates of St. Johns: Sister Caroline Retherford of Spring Hill: Sister Mary Swindle of Piney Grove, and Sister Elvin Yates of Liberty. We deeply sorrow in their loss, but submit to Him who knows all things best.

J. T. BIRGE Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee beg leave to make the following report. We nominate Beulah to have the next meeting of the Association and A. L. Pate to preach the Introductory sermon; and we nominate Anticoh to have the union meeting.

Respectfully submitted

C. C. CLEMMONS, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We are glad to note that there are nine Sunday schools in our Association which have run this year, and most of which are still going. As Sunday school is one of the best ways of bringing people to Christ, we urge that our preachers and Free-Will Baptist brethren throughout our Association, all co-operate in carrying forward this great work

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NELSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

We, your committee, beg leave to make the following report: We find for Association purposes \$22.95.

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KIRKLAND,

L. D. DUNCAN,

R. H. ENFINGER.

Spring Hill was selected for the Ministers and Deacons meeting on the next fifth Sunday and Saturday before, which is in December.

Next a call was made for Preachers' Reports and received the following:

Report of Rev. S. E. Carroll

I will make a report of my work in the ministry for the year 1923: Sermons preached 75; traveled 640 miles to carry the gospel; received \$16.30 contributions; traveling expenses \$5.30; married 1 couple; held 1 burial service.

S. E. CARROLL.

Report of Rev. C. I. Wells

Dear Moderator and brethren: I will meet you in another session of the Association. The Lord has blessed my work this year. I have received 64 members: Noma 27, St. Johns 13, Antioch 21, New Harmony 3. My churches have paid: St. Johns \$72.65, New Harmony \$52.48, Noma \$40.90 Antioch \$31.00. Married 3 couples. Conducted 5 funerals. Pray for your brother in Christ.

C. I. WELLS.

Report of Rev. A. L. Pate

Dear Moderator and brethren: I hereby submit report of my work for the year 1923: I have served four churches, Christian Home, St. Pauls, Spring Hill and Blountstown; sermons preached 174: Christian Home 4 members, cash \$35.00; Blountstown 24 members, cash \$111.00; Spring Hill 6 members, cash \$15.00; St. Pauls, 6 members, cash \$33.00; total members 40, total cash \$191.00. Your brother in Christ.

A. L. PATE.

Report of Rev. A. B. Nelson

Dear Moderator and brethren: I hereby submit to you the following report of my work in A. D. 1923: Sermons preached 109; miles traveled about 1,150; received members: Tharp's Mill church 3, Poplar Head 1, Beulah 11, Liberty 15, total 30; received pay from Poplar Head about \$8.00, Tharp's Mill \$15.00, Liberty \$20.00, Beulah \$15.00; F. - W. Baptist church at Blountstown \$12.40; total \$71.40. Your brother in Christ for the spread of the gospel and the salvation of souls.

A. B. NELSON.

Report of Rev. M. L. Hall

Miles traveled 1,042, sermons preached 123, funeral services 3; organized 1 Sunday school and 1 prayer meeting; served 1 church four months; received 1 member by his fireside, he was 84 years old; donations received \$22.75. Your brother in Christ.

M. L. HALL.

Called for report of Executive Committee which was as follows: The D. P. Matthews case was brought up and it was dispensed with by the body pronouncing him out of order, and Bro. A. L. Pate was appointed as committeeman to look after his case in the Blountstown section; and also disposed of the sale of Macedonia church to Noma church by remitting the charges made on same.

Called for miscellaneous business.

Corresponding delegates appointed to State Line: S. E. Carroll, C. I. Wells and M. L. Hall.

To Union Hill: S. E. Carroll, M. L. Hall, C. I. Wells and W. A. Elmore.

To Blountstown: A. L. Pate, C. I. Wells and M. L. Hall

It was also agreed upon that in the future the Association would meet on Thursday and Friday before the first Sunday in November of each year.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the delegates and messengers composing this Association do hereby tender our thanks to the people of Noma and vicinity for their generous hospitality shown us while among them. We especially thank the good ladies upon whom the heaviest burden of caring for us fell. May God's blessings, both spiritual and temporal, be bestowed upon each and all.

A. B. NELSON.

Order to pay the clerk \$7.00 for his services; also that the clerk have 300 minutes printed.

Elected the new Executive Committee as follows: J. L. Anderson, chairman, J. W. Nelson, W. M. Calloway, J. T. Birge, and E. C. Anderson.

Rev. G. W. English was ordained by the presbytery A. L. Pate, A. B. Nelson and C. I. Wells.

The Association adjourned to meet with Beulah Church on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in November, 1924.

REV. C. I. WELLS, Moderator

J. W. NELSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

ORDER OF PREACHING

Thursday, 11 o'clock, Rev. C. I. Wells; Text, Matthew 25: 12-13.

Thursday night, A. B. Nelson preached and G. W. English closed; Text, Heb. 3: 8.

Friday, 11 o'clock, A. L. Pate preached, S. E. Carroll closed; Text, Mark 8: 12.

Friday night, A. B. Nelson preached and A. L. Pate closed; Text, Heb. 8:3.

NAMES OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. L. Pate, Bonifay, Fla.
H. F. Yates, Caryville, Fla.
A. B. Nelson, Bonifay, Fla.
C. I. Wells, Noma, Fla.
M. L. Hall, Bonifay, Fla.
J. H. Chestnut, Bonifay, Fla., Route 2.
A. M. Swindle, Chipley, Fla.
G. W. English, Graceville, Fla.
S. E. Carroll, Hartford, Ala.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Bro. Bud Carnley, Caryville, Fla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for Corresponding Letters and Enrolling the Names of Delegates.
3. Organize by electing Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondents from Sister Associations.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Appoint Correspondents.
8. Reading of Corresponding Letters.
9. Hear Reports of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptism	Con. of Faith	By Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Excluded ,	Died	Membership	Days of Meeting
St. Paul, A. L. Pate.....	E. R. Clemmons, Vernon.....	8	0	0	1	0	0	0	53	1st Sunday
Spring Hill, A. L. Pate.....	J. E. Bass, Bonifay.....	4	0	3	0	0	0	0	71	2d Sunday
St. Johns, C. I. Wells.....	J. W. Nelson, Bonifay.....	5	0	1	5	0	3	1	127	3d Sunday
Noma, C. I. Wells.....	J. T. Birge, Graceville.....	14	3	5	0	5	5	0	48	4th Sunday
Antioch, C. I. Wells.....	C. Watkins, Graceville.....	9	10	2	2	1	3	0	164	1st Sunday
Liberty, A. B. Nelson.....	Mary Price, Vernon.....	9	6	0	0	0	2	1	51	4th Sunday
Beulah, G. W. English.....	H. C. Martin, Graceville.....	4	3	2	3	2	0	0	60	3d Sunday
Piney Grove, G. L. Shoots....	T. D. Owens, Chipley.....	22	1	3	2	0	0	1	127	3d Sunday
Tharp's Mill, A. B. Nelson..	J. V. Tharp, Wausau.....	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	2d Sunday
Poplar Head, A. B. Nelson..	N. E. Chestnut, Bonifay.....	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	61
Totals.....		79	23	16	13	10	13	3	774	