

MINUTES
of the
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
West Florida Liberty
Free-Will Baptist Association

Held With
Benlah Church
Jackson County, Florida
Oct. 30-31, 1924



A. L. PATE..... Moderator
J. T. BIRGE..... Clerk

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

E. C. Anderson
W. M. Calloway **C. C. Clemmons**
J. W. Nelson **J. B. Baker**
T. D. Owens

The next session will convene with Liberty Church on
Thursday before the first Sunday in
November, 1925.

The next Union Meeting will be held with New Concord
Church, three miles south of Black, Alabama

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening prayer by J. W. Nelson.
Introductory service was conducted by Rev. A. B. Nelson. Text, Romans 10:14 and 15.
Dismissed one hour and a half for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. C. F. Wells; prayer by Rev. J. H. Chestnut.

The association went into a business session.

Called for letters from the churches and received the following:

Antioch church was represented by the following delegates: R. D. Bell, Lee Wilson, W. G. Sperloch and Johnnie Carroll.

Tharp's Mill church—J. V. Tharp and E. L. Nelson.

Beulah Church—W. M. Elmore, W. W. Brentley and J. W. Calloway.

St. Paul Church—C. C. Clemmons and Jesse Gainey.

Liberty Church—J. W. McDaniels and W. R. Martin.

Piney Grove Church—T. D. Owens, W. H. Showers, Homer Owens and J. A. Johnson.

St. John's Church—J. A. Anderson, A. B. Cook, J. W. Nelson.

Spring Hill Church—E. C. Anderson.

Noma Church—H. M. Woodham, J. M. Wells, R. H. Infinger and Sister J. O. Infinger.

Poplar Head Church—A. L. Bell, Edgar Bell and N. E. Chestnut.

The association being duly organized, went into the

election of a moderator and clerk, which resulted in the election of A. L. Pate, Moderator; J. T. Birge, Clerk.

Called for Petitionary Letters and received the following:

Cowart's Creek Church, represented by A. Fowler, J. C. Fowler and D. T. Hall.

New Concord Church, represented by W. A. Clark and J. W. Bullock.

Sweet Home Church, represented by Fay Carnley and W. T. Rustin.

Called for Correspondents from Sister Associations with responses as follows:

Blountstown—W. M. Duncan.

Union Hill—R. Z. Clark, Sister S. E. Carroll and Sister Bessie Calloway.

State Line—G. W. Cherry, J. D. Callaway and J. T. Callaway.

Committee on Resolutions—J. H. Chestnut, T. D. Owens, W. M. Duncan.

Committee on Temperance—G. W. English, R. H. Infinger, J. A. Bullock, M. L. Hall, H. W. Woodham.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. W. Nelson, Chairman, Johnnie Carroll.

Committee on Obituary—W. M. Callaway, Ed Nelson, W. H. Showers.

Committee on Finance—E. C. Anderson, A. B. Cook and J. V. Tharp.

Committee on Nominations—A. L. Bell, R. Z. Clark and S. E. Carroll.

Report of Committee on Divine Services was made as follows: Bro. J. H. Chestnut to preach at 7 o'clock p. m. Text, Rom. 6:23. Bro. Duncan to preach at 11 o'clock a. m. Text, St. Mark 10:50.

Association was dismissed until 8:30 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Session opened with song by choir and congregation. Scripture lesson by Moderator, 19 Psalms; prayer by Rev. C. I. Wells.

Called for reports of committees which were rendered as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

We, your Committee on Sunday Schools, beg leave to make the following report:

We are sorry to say that we find our Sunday Schools have been neglected. There does not seem to be as many Sunday Schools going at present in our churches as there was a year ago. We recommend that the pastors of our different churches endeavor to reinstate the Sunday Schools where they have gone down.

J. W. NELSON, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your Committee on Nominations, beg leave to make the following report:

That Liberty Church have the next Association and that G. W. English preach the introductory sermon, and that New Concord Church have the next union meeting the Second Sunday in August, 1925, and S. E. Carroll preach the introductory sermon.

S. E. CARROLL, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report:

We deem it unchristianly conduct for a church member to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage, and no Christian should make or sell or drink it, for it is against the laws of God and man. Any church member should not drink any beer or wine as a beverage, that any person indulging in such shall be brought before the Association. And we also deem it intemperate for brethren to speak ill of one another.

G. W. ENGLISH, Chairman.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

We, your Committee on Resolutions, beg leave to make the following report:

Seeing the need of carrying the gospel to destitute fields that others may hear and believe; therefore, be it Resolved,

1st. That there shall be a Home Mission Board whose duty it shall be to look after the mission work in our association. The Board shall consist of not less than three members, and shall be elected for one year. The members of each church shall be required to bring ten cents each to the association each year to help to carry on said work.

2nd. That the rule adopted in our last session requiring our churches to commune only on Sunday night shall be abolished.

3rd. No church shall be received into this Association that does not practice communing and feet washing at least once a year. This does not apply to churches until they have been duly received into our association by a petitionary letter.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON FINANCE.

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

We find balance in treasury,	\$ 1.95
Collection,	26.25
Total,	28.20

E. C. ANDERSON, Chairman
J. V. THARP,
A. B. COOK

Public collection for Bro. W. M. Duncan, \$18.63.

Also for Bro. J. W. McDaniels, \$5.30.

Committee on Divine Services reported that Bro. G. W. Cherry would preach tonight at 7:00 o'clock; Text, Hebrews 11:4.

The Association was dismissed one hour for refreshments.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. L. Pate; prayer by Rev. G. W. English.

Bro. J. T. Birge was elected Treasurer.

The Home Mission Board is composed of the following: A. B. Nelson, G. W. English, S. E. Carroll, T. D. Owens and W. M. Callaway.

It was ordered that the Preachers and Deacons meeting be renewed and meet each fifth Sunday at the following churches: First, at New Concord; second, at Piney Grove; third, at Poplar Head; fourth at St. Johns.

Called for miscellaneous business.

Corresponding delegates appointed to State Line, S. L. Carroll, W. G. Spurlock. To Blountstown, J. M. Elmore, C. I. Wells, G. W. English. To Union Hill, W. M. Callaway, S. E. Carroll.

The Association will send Rev. A. B. Nelson as a delegate to the annual convention at Howards Grove.

It was ordered to pay the Clerk \$7.50. He was also instructed to have 300 minutes printed.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

We, your Committee on Memorials, beg leave to make the following report:

We find that God has seen fit to take from us the following sisters and brethren: Sister Audy Foister, Sister Margury Cook, both of Liberty church for a long time and faithful members; Bro. George Milton, of St. Paul, a deacon of the church; Sister Linnie Anderson, of Spring Hill, not so long a member, but as good as there was; Bro. M. D. Sapp at Beulah. We deeply sorrow in their loss, but God giveth and God taketh away, He knows all things best.

W. M. CALLAWAY, Chairman.

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the delegates and messengers, desire to thank the good people of Old Beulah and vicinity for their generous hospitality, so graciously extended, during our stay with them. We want to especially thank the good ladies, upon whom the burden of caring for us fell the heaviest. May God's blessings, both spiritual and temporal, be bestowed upon each and all.

J. T. BIRGE.

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., R 2.
A. M. Swindle,	Chipley, Fla.
G. W. English,	Graceville, Fla.
S. E. Carroll,	Hartford, Ala.
J. C. Carnley,	Caryville, Fla.
J. L. McDaniel,	Vernon, Fla.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for Corresponding Letters and enrollment of Delegates.
3. Organization. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondents from Sister Associations
6. Appointment of Committees.
7. Appointment of Correspondents.
8. Reading of Corresponding Letters.
9. Hearing Reports of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF DELEGATES

R. D. Bell, Lee Wilson, W. G. Spurlock, J. V. Tharp, E. L. Nelson, W. M. Elmore, W. W. Brentley, J. W. Callaway, C. C. Clemmons, Jessie Gainey, J. M. McDaniels, W. R. Martin, T. D. Owens, W. H. Showers, Homer Owens, J. A. Johnson, J. A. Anderson, A. B. Cook, J. W. Nelson, E. C. Anderson, H. M. Woodham, J. M. Wells, Henry Infinger, Sister J. O. Infinger, A. L. Bell, Edgar Bell, N. E. Chestnut, A. Fowler, J. C. Fowler, D. T. Hall, W. A. Clark, J. A. Bullock.

STATISTICAL REPORT

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptism	Con. of Faith	By Letter	Restored	Dis. by Letter	Exc'uded	Died	Membership	Days of Meeting
St. Paul, A. L. Pate.....	E. R. Clemmons, Verona	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	49	1st Sunday
Liberty, A. B. Nelson.....	Mary Price, Vernon.....	18	5	1	0	1	1	2	71	3d Sunday
New Concord, A. B. Nelson.....	M. A. Brackin, Geneva.....	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	23	4th Sunday
Cowart's Creek, C. I. Wells.....	J. C. Fowler, Dothan.....	5	20	2	0	2	0	0	27	4th Sunday
Beulah, J. H. Chestnut.....	W. C. Pellis, Graceville.....	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	55	3d Sunday
St. Johns, C. I. Wells.....	J. W. Nelson, Bonifay	5	1	0	5	0	0	0	150	3d Sunday
Tharp's Mill, J. H. Chestnut.....	J. V. Tharp, Wausau.....	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	2d Sunday
Spring Hill, A. L. Pate.....	J. E. Bass, Bonifay.....	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	69	2d Sunday
Antioch, J. A. Pettis.....	C. Watkins, Graceville.....	7	1	1	0	4	1	0	143	1st Sunday
Noma, A. B. Nelson.....	J. T. Birge, Graceville.....	6	2	3	3	0	4	0	60	4th Sunday
Poplar Hill, A. B. Nelson.....	N. E. Chestnut, Bonifay.....	0	0	0	0	1	6	0	45	1st Sunday
Piney Grove, G. T. Shutes.....	T. D. Owens, Chipley.....	15	4	2	0	2	0	0	132	3d Sunday
Sweet Home, G. C. Carnley.....	W. T. Rustin, Chipley.....	10	0	3	0	0	0	0	21	2d Sunday
	Totals	76	35	13	9	10	15	5	858	