

MINUTES

of the

Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

of the

WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY FREE-WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held With

Liberty Church

Holmes County, Florida

October 29-30, 1925.

REV. C. I. WELLS Moderator

J. T. BIRGE Clerk and Treasurer

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 St. Paul
Church, on Thursday before the first
Sunday in November, 1926.

The next Union Meeting will be held with Noma
Church, at Noma, Fla.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Opening prayer by L. W. Johnson.

Introductory service was conducted by Rev. G. W. English. Scripture Lesson, St. John, 10.

Dismissed one hour and a half for refreshments.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator, Rev. A. L. Pate.

Text, St. John 14.

Prayer by Rev. J. H. Chestnut.

The Association went into a business session.

Call for letters from the churches and received as follows:

The various churches were represented by the following delegates:

Antioch—R. D. Bell, W. G. Spurlock, Johnnie Carroll.

Beulah—W. A. Elmore, Lee Collins, W. C. Pettis, C. J. Brock.

Noma—J. M. Wells, J. T. Birge, J. W. Barefoot.

Spring Hill—J. E. Bass, J. L. Anderson, J. I. Mears.

St. John—J. E. Sims, Jim Anderson, A. B. Cook, N. D. Nelson, Henry Dorch.

Liberty—David Cook, J. E. Cook, T. M. Haul, Oscar Simmons.

St. Paul—Walter Clemmons, Jessie Gainey.

Piney Grove—T. D. Owens, G. W. Owen, C. C. Owen, Homer Owen, J. W. Johnson.

Poplar Head—L. W. Johnson, N. E. Chestnut, A. R. Bell, Effil Chestnut.

Tharp's Mill—J. V. Tharp, E. L. Nelson.

The Association, being duly organized, went into the election of a Moderator and a Clerk, which resulted in the election of Rev. C. I. Wells, Moderator; J. T. Birge, Clerk.

Call for Petitionary Letters, none.

Call for correspondents from sister association's, with responses as follows:

Union Hill—J. R. Bradley, T. B. Hendrix, Johnnie Hughes, Sisters S. E. Carroll, Roxie Halford, Flossie May Halford.

Blountstown—Rev. John Knight, Rev. W. M. Duncan.
Various committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Education—N. E. Chestnut, G. W. English, A. J. Pitts, J. H. Owens.

Committee on Divine Service—D. R. Owens, J. E. Cook, L. W. Johnson.

Committee on Documents—Oscar Simmons, J. A. Johnson, J. W. Barefoot, L. R. Collins, Johnnie Carroll.

Committee on Temperance—J. R. Bradley, W. H. Benson, R. D. Bell, J. R. Barefoot.

Committee on Suggestions—J. L. Anderson, C. C. Clemmons, J. W. Brackin, S. E. Carroll, J. V. Tharp, H. M. Munk.

Committee on State of Churches and Ministers—J. M. Wells, W. M. Duncan, Bennie Cook.

Committee on Memorial—W. C. Peters, J. F. Hughes, Sister Bracken, Sister Carroll.

Committee on Home Mission—G. W. Spurlock, A. L. Pate, M. L. Hall.

Committee on Nomination—J. E. Bass, N. D. Nelson, H. T. Dorch.

Call for Report on Divine Service—Bro. J. T. Knight to preach at 7 o'clock p. m. Lesson, St. John 14:2.

Dismissed until 8 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by Moderator. Lesson text, Timothy 1:4-12.

Prayer by Rev. A. L. Pate.

Call for report of committee on Divine Service, was made as follows: Bro. W. M. Duncan to preach at 11 o'clock. Text, St. John:11.

Call for report of committees which were rendered as follows:

COMMITTEE ON DOCUMENTS

We, as your committee on Documents, ask to make the following report. We urge that all of our churches have a Sunday School and that they use the Freewill Baptist Literature. We also urge the Superintendent to introduce the Freewill Baptist Paper, which is printed at Ayden, N. C. Also we suggest that they all try to have a good prayer meeting once a week, and that it should be the duty of each pastor to urge and see that the same be carried out. And we urge that the churches use the Freewill Baptist Hymn

Books for church purposes, that is also printed at Ayden, N. C. And we also urge that each pastor suggest a young folks league, in each church. Respectfully submitted,

OSCAR SIMMONS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on Education, beg leave to make the following report. We consider one of the greatest works of our denomination to be a consecrated education. We suggest that our denomination assist any man feeling the calling to the ministry, and having no education, to secure enough education to rightly read God's word. We further suggest that our members be careful as to the religious literature they read, they are subject to be dismissed. Respectfully submitted,

Miled N. E. CHESTNUT, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, beg leave to make the following report. We endorse the clause of the temperance report of the last Temperance committee, which says, "We deem it unchristian conduct for a church member to drink intoxicating liquor as a beverage or to make or sell same." We as a denomination should uphold the prohibition laws of our great country. Each church should look after its members, to see that they practice temperance. Respectfully,

J. R. BRADLEY, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We beg leave to submit the following report: We suggest that all preachers shall be prompt to his appointment. We also suggest that we look after our pastor's financial condition better in the future than in the past, in our churches. Respectfully,

J. L. ANDERSON, Chairman.

We renew the call for Petitionary Letters, none.

Call for Corresponding Delegates, none.

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND MINISTERS

We, your committee on State of Churches and Ministers, beg leave to submit the following report. We find by reading the letters from the different churches, all reported in good standing, but we find the churches falling

far short of supporting their pastor as we think they should and in some instances, the pastors are not doing their duty in stimulating and urging the churches to their duty we suggest that each church and pastor wake up to their duty. We further urge that all the churches get back on the old line of communing and that this session of the Association adopt the rule and receive no churches that do not commune two or more times a year, without a good cause. Respectfully,

J. M. WELLS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES

We, the committee on Obituaries, ask to make the following report. We find that God has seen fit to take from us, Brother Jim Rooney, of Antioch; and Sister Clara Kirge. Sister Dunlap, of Noma, and Sister Ocie Gauss and Sister Allie Goodson, of Liberty, and Sister Johnson and Brother Newsome, of Piney Grove. We have great sympathy for the dear loved ones, but our loss is Heaven's gain. All faithful workers in Christ. Gone, but thank the Lord, not forgotten. Respectfully,

W. C. PETTIS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

We, your committee on Nominations, ask permission to make the following report. We find that the following churches are asking for the next session: Noma, St. John and St. Paul. We suggest that St. Paul have the next union meeting, and Rev. A. L. Pate preach the introductory sermon, closed by C. I. Wells and Bro. D. R. Owens, to preach the introductory sermon at the union meeting.

J. E. BASS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON HOME MISSIONS

We, your committee on Home Missions, ask to make the following report. We urge that the Home Mission work be encouraged as much as possible. We further ask that the association elect a treasurer to hold the funds of the Home Missions. We also ask the association to appoint a Home Mission Board of three men. We ask that this board be required to ascertain where mission work is needed and to put a suitable man in the work. Respectfully,

W. G. SPURLOCK, Chairman.

REPORT OF MINISTERS

Brethren, I submit the following report. I have served the following churches: Spring Hill Church, received \$20.50; Beulah Church, received \$46.30; Abe's Springs Church, received \$96.00; St. Paul Church, received \$35.55; Total, \$198.35. Respectfully submitted,

A. L. PATE.

I herewith submit my report of ministerial work for the year, 1925. Churches served, Liberty Church, received \$20.00; Noma Church, received \$35.60; Panther Creek Church, received \$36.00; Poplar Head Church, received \$15.00; Total, \$110.80. Members received: Noma, 4; Liberty, 5; Poplar Head, 9. Respectfully submitted,

A. B. NELSON.

Moderator and Brethren: The time is at hand for my report for 1925. Glad to say the Lord has blessed my work this year. I have served 5 churches and received 73 members into these churches. Cowart's Creek Church, received \$100.00; Christian Home Church, received \$65.00; New Harmony Church, received \$65.00; St. John's Church, received \$55.45; Pleasant Ridge Church, received \$8.30; Total, \$293.75. Pray for me, Brethren,

REV. C. I. WELLS.

Dear Brethren: I surrender the following report for 1925. Served as follows: New Concord Church, received \$28.98. Miles traveled, 200. Members received, 9. Sermons preached, 60. Money paid out, \$22.50.

Respectfully submitted, S. E. CARROLL.

My report is as follows as a minister for 1925. Sermons preached, 21. Miles traveled, 323. Conducted one burial service.

G. W. ENGLISH.

Brethren, I was licensed to preach in May, 1925. I will report as follows: Preached 16 sermons. Received \$5.75. Spent \$4.00.

REV. D. B. OWENS.

We ask for delegates to go to Sister Associations:

To the State Line—S. E. Carroll, J. W. Barefoot.

To Blountstown—W. A. Elmore, C. I. Wells, A. L. Pate.

Union Hill—J. L. Anderson, J. W. Barefoot.

Call for report on Divine Service. Brother Duncan to preach at 11 o'clock. Text, St. John 6:9. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Renow. Dismissed one hour.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Prayer by Rev. A. B. Nelson.

Call for Financial Committee's report. We find a balance in the treasury of \$6.75.

Collection on hand for Association purposes	\$29.56
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Minute money total	\$36.31
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Home Missions	28.05
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Call for General Business.

St. Paul gets the next session. Noma gets the next union meeting. Call for report of the Executive Committee, no report.

Brothers G. W. Owens and A. L. Pate were elected to go to the National Conference, at Nashville, Tenn.

Report on Home Missions. We have put in the mission fields, the following ministers:

Brother C. H. Chestnut, he reports favorable. We paid him \$5.31.

Brother S. E. Carroll, reports good. We paid him \$10.50.

Brother G. W. English, reports good. We paid him \$2.00.

Brother D. R. Owens, reports good. We paid him \$3.00.

Total amount paid to Mission work, \$20.81.

The Association reinstated the same Executive Committee.

J. T. Birge was elected Treasurer for the Association and Home Mission.

We paid our clerk \$10.00.

We elected the following Brethren for Home Mission Board—A. B. Nelson, T. D. Owens, G. W. Owens, N. E. Chestnut.

Public contribution was taken up and paid out to the following Brothers

Rev. W. M. Duncan	\$7.55
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Rev. J. T. Knight	\$3.00
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Rev. M. L. Hand	\$3.75
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Beulah gets the first Fifth Sunday Meeting, beginning in January, 1926. Piney Grove gets the second. Poplar Head gets the third.

Treasurer's report on hand:

Home Mission Funds	\$16.10
Association Funds	\$26.31

RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the Delegates and Messengers, desire to thank the good people of Liberty Church and the entire community, for thir 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 greatest blessings, both spiritually 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., R2.
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. Apointment of Correspondents.
8. Reading of Corresponding Letters.
9. Hearing Reports of Committees.
10. Miscellaneous Business.

LIST OF DELEGATES

Walter Clemmons, Jessie Geiney, T. D. Owens, G. W. Owens, C. C. Owen, Homer Owen, J. W. Johnson, L. W. Johnson, N. E. Chestnut, A. R. Bell, Effie Chestnut, J. V. Tharp, E. L. Nelson, A. Fowler, G. M. Dixon, H. B. Fowler, Jim Yates, J. C. Fowler, J. W. Brackin, Henry Monk, Sister Brackin, J. E. Sims, Jim Anderson, A. B. Cook, N. D. Nelson, Henry Dorch, David Cook, J. E. Cook, T. M. Hall, Oscar Simmons, J. M. Wells, J. T. Birge, J. W. Barefoot, J. E. Bass, J. L. Anderson, J. J. Mears, R. D. Bell, W. G. Spurlock, Johnnie Carroll, W. A. Elmore, Lee Collins, W. C. Pettis, C. J. Brock, Sister S. E. Carroll, Roxie Haulford, Flossie Mae Haulford, J. T. Knight, W. M. Duncan.

STATISTICAL TABLES

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