

MINUTES
— OF THE —
Fortieth Annual Session
— OF THE —
**West Florida Liberty Free-Will
Baptist Association**

Held With
Cowarts Creek Church
SEVEN MILES SOUTH EAST OF DOTHAN, ALA.
NOVEMBER 1st and 2nd, 1928

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C. I. Wells.....Moderator
J. T. Birge.....Clerk and Treasurer

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—EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—

W. M. Calloway, Chairman
W. G. Spurlock.....Bennet Cook
W. C. Pettis.....W. W. Brinly

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The next session will convene with Noma Church on Thursday before the first Sunday in November, 1929. The next Union Meeting will convene with Beulah Church, on Saturday before the second Sunday in August 1929, 4 miles south of Graceville.

PROCEEDINGS

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THURSDAY MORNING SESSION

Prayer by Rev. J. A. Pettis.

Introductory by Rev. A. L. Pate. Lesson Text, 12th Chapter of Romans.

Dismissed one hour for refreshments.

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THURSDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator. Scripture lesson, second John, first Chapter.

Prayer by Rev. J. C. Eldredge.

Called for letters form various churches, received as follows:

From Noma Church—W. G. Spurlock; Calvin Birge; N. E. Ellis; J. A. Edwards. Association funds, \$2.50.

Beulah—W. W. Brinley; W. C. Pettis; H. A. Pettis. Association funds, \$2.50.

Liberty—Sister Doshie Hall; Matt Hall. Association funds, \$2.00.

St. Paul—C. C. Clemmons. Association funds, \$1.25.

Piney Grove—T. D. Owens; W. H. Shores; J. A. Owens; J. A. Johnson. Association funds, \$2.50.

New Concord—Coley Ward; Andrew Marbo. Association funds, \$2.00.

Pleasant Hill—J. W. Yates; Charley Harrel. Association funds, 50c.

St. Johns—J. W. Nelson; A. B. Cook; J. E. Sims; Sister Rosa Young; Sister Margaret Anderson. Association funds, \$3.00.

New Harmony—John Pettis; John Page; H. C. Martin. Association funds, \$3.40.

Cowart's Creek—A. Fowler; K. B. Fowler; W. G. Silcox; John Enfinger; C. Walls; D. T. Hall; A. Paramore. Association funds, \$2.00.

The Association being duly organized, went into an

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election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted as follows: C. I. Wells, Moderator; J. T. Birge, Clerk.

Called for petitionary letters; None.

Called for Corresponding Delegates.

State Line Association—J. U. Prevett; J. M. Braddoc; J. F. Capps.

Union Hill—J. A. Pettis; Henry Mears.

Salem—J. C. Eldrige.

The Moderator appointed a committee to investigate Spring Hill Church. Committee, W. G. Spurlock; W. M. Calloway; Bennet Cook; T. M. Hall; C. C. Clemmons; H. C. Martin.

Various committees were appointed as follows:

Committee on Suggestions—J. A. Pettie; J. A. Anderson; W. G. Silcox; S. E. Carrol; Charley Clemens.

Committee on Finance—T. D. Owens; J. A. Johnson; W. W. Brinley.

Memorial Committee—Sister Rosa Young; Sister Clark; Sister Hall.

Committee on Divine Service—J. A. Paramore; C. C. Harrold; N. E. Ellis.

Committee on Resolutions—A. B. Nelson; W. A. Holland; A. Fowler.

Committee on Sunday Schools—J. E. Sims; John Pettis; John Fage; W. A. Shores.

Committee on Temperance—J. C. Eldridge; J. F. Capps; G. W. English.

Committee on Nomination—W. A. Clark; Coley Ward; Andrew Marlo; Calvin Birge.

Committee on State of Churches and Ministers—J. W. Nelson; J. W. Yates; J. A. Owens; Henry Mears.

Executive Committee—W. M. Calloway, Chairman; W. G. Spurlock; Bennet Cook; W. C. Pettis; W. W. Brinley.

Delegates to Sisterly Association:

State Line—A. Fowler; W. A. Holland.

Union Hill—S. E. Carrol; G. W. English.

Salem—C. I. Wells; N. E. Ellis; J. W. Nelson.

Report of Committee on Divine Service. A. B. Nelson

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to preach at 7 o'clock. Scripture lesson, 21st chapter of Revelation.

Adjourned until 8 o'clock, Friday morning.

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer by Eddie Sims. Scripture lesson, 5th chapter of Ephesians.

Roll of delegates called and seated. Popular Head was received by Proxy.

Committee on Spring Hill reported as follows: "In regard to Spring Hill Church, both sides have agreed to rescind all that has been done and have agreed among themselves. And to call a pastor and both sides agree to abide by the same." Received and delegates seated as follows: J. I. Mears; J. L. Anderson; J. L. Smith; E. C. Anderson. Association funds, \$2.65.

Called for report of various committees:

COMMITTEE ON SUGGESTIONS

We, your committee on Suggestions, make the following report. First—That, the churches of the Association abide by Article No. 16, of the Association Decorum.

Second—We suggest that the pastor of each church, to instruct the deacons to look after the contribution of each church and the interest and preservation of church property.

Third—We suggest that the deacons use their influence to prevent all strife and malice in our churches and preserve peace and harmony instead.

REV. J. A. PETTIS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE

Committee on Temperance reports as follows:

First—Seeing intemperate is destructive among our people, both moral and spiritual.

Second—We ask that each one be temperate in all things.

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Third—That each one abstain from strong drinks as a Beverage. Prov. 20 and 1. "Wine is a mocker and strong drink are raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." So we see that wise men do not drink strong drinks so we recommend that any member who deals with it be excluded from our body. We further resolve that each preacher preach one sermon, at least, on temperance picturing the sinful evil in each church.

J. C. ELDRIDGE, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON DIVINE SERVICE

Brother J. A. Pettis preach at 11 o'clock. Rev. C. I. Wells, close.

COMMITTEE ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The Committee on Sunday Schools makes the following report. We find from church letters, that we have read, that very little interest is being taken in Sabbath School work. We deem by this, that the churches are not doing their duty. We insist that each church make a better report, next year, than this on Sabbath School. That we use the best stepping stone to higher Bible knowledge and help to prepare our boys and girls for religious duties of life. May we look to God more for help in this great work.

J. E. SIMS, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCHES

The Committee on Churches and Ministers, make the following report. We are sorry to say we find a good many of our churches are not what they should be, but we thank God that the good spirit is working with us, and we trust that in the future our whole association will line up together for the betterment of our churches. We think, that if our Ministers would cooperate together, more in the future, that our churches will grow stronger.

J. W. NELSON, Chairman.

Brother W. A. Clark was ordained to the Ministerial work.

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

The Committee on Finance made the following report: We find in treasure for Home Mission funds, \$14.27. We collected for minutes and Association funds, \$24.30. We collected for Home Mission funds, \$2.25; Total, \$50.82. Also \$1.90 in St. John treasury, not collected. And \$1.25 in Liberty treasury not collected.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATION

The Committee on Nomination made the following report: That Noma Church get the next session and G. W. English preach the introductory sermon. Beulah Church get the next Union Meeting. A. B. Nelson to preach the Introductory.

W. A. CLARK, Chairman.

COMMITTEE ON MEMORIALS

The Committee on Memorials submits the following report: We find that during this Association year, God has called from us the following members: From Noma Church, Brother T. S. Pullam and B. F. Mathews. From Piney Grove, Sister Julia Cobb and Clovie Owen; Brother Wesley Fussle and Rev. A. M. Swindle. Liberty, Rev. W. H. Reno and Bro. Edgar Bruner. New Concord, J. S. Story. New Harmony, Bro. G. W. Wright. St. John, Sisters Elizabeth Yawn, Sarah Levans and Mattie Hall. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved ones and trust that their loss, which is also ours is Heaven's gain. We submit obituary of Rev. W. H. Reno.

SISTER ROSA YOUNG.

IN MEMORY OF BROTHER W. H. RENO

The latter part of July, God calleed Bro. Reno from this life. Bro. Reno had given several years of his life to the ministerial work. Like most of us, Bro. Roneau made some mistakes, but was firm in his last years. He said he was ready to go. We realize in his death the loss of one of our ablest preachers. We think our loss is Heaven's gain.

Recess ten minutes.

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Rev. J. A. Pettis preached at 11 o'clock. Scripture lesson, 2nd chapter of Acts. Rev. C. I. Wells closed.

Public contribution for Brother Wells \$20.50. For Brother Elmore \$5.25.

Dismissed one hour for dinner.

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FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

House called to order by the Moderator.

COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The Committee on Resolutions made the following report: First, this Association elect a Home Mission board for the ensuing year. Second, that the Executive Committee be elected by the body and not more than one member of any church. Third, that each church in this Association be represented in the Florida State Convention.

A. B. NELSON, Chairman.

Called for general business.

Clerk to write letter of thanks.

Delegates to the general conference—Rev. A. B. Nelson and C. I. Wells.

Home Mission Board—A. B. Nelson; W. G. Spurlock; Eddie Sims.

It was ordered to pay the clerk \$8.00. Also 300 minutes to be printed.

Called for report of ministers. Report as follows:

REPORTS OF MINISTERS FOR 1928

Dear Brethren: I have served two churches this year, Panther Creek and Liberty. I have tried to give faithful service, but realize my own short comings. I have not the statistics of Panther Creek. We had no increase in Liberty Church this year, but God called from among us, our beloved Brother, Rev. W. H. Reneau. The funeral was conducted by me. Number of miles traveled, no report. Received from Liberty Church, \$24.00. May God bless our cause. Your servant.

A. B. Nelson.

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Brethren: I submit the following report. I have served one church this year. Received \$18.20 from the church and \$11.80 from local appointments. Preached 58 sermons. Traveled 550 miles. Conducted two burial services.

S. E. CARROL, Hartford, Ala.

Dear Brethern: I have preached 30 sermons and baptised 2. Received \$9.25.

W. A. Holland, Hartford, Ala.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Association funds	\$24.30
Less \$3.00 paid clerk	8.00
Total	\$16.30
Home Mission funds	\$16.52

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RESOLUTION OF THANKS

We, the delegates and messengers, desire to thank the good people of Cowart's Creek Church, for their bountiful hospitality, so freely extended to us, during our stay with them and their kindness and love shown us. We especially want to thank the good ladies, upon whom the burden and care fell the heaviest. May God bless them all.

J. T. BIRGE.

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LIST OF DELEGATES

W. M. Calloway; W. W. Brinley; W. C. Pettis; H. A. Pettis; W. G. Spurlock; Calvin Birge; J. A. Edwards; Sister Doshie Hall; Mat Hall; C. C. Clemons; T. D. Owens; W. H. Shores; J. A. Owens; J. A. Johnson; Coley Ward; Andrew Marlc; J. W. Yates; Charley Harold; J. W. Nelson; A. B. Cook; J. E. Sims; Sister Rosa Young; Margaret Anderson; John Pettis; John Page; H. C. Martin; A. Fowler; K. B. Fowler; W. G. Silcox; John Infinger; C. Walls; D. T.

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Hall; A. Faramore; J. L. Anderson; J. I. Mears; E. C. Anderson and J. L. Smith.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

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LIST OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

A. L. Pate	Bonifay, Fla.
A. B. Nelson	Bonifay, Fla.
C. I. Wells	Noma, Fla.
M. L. Hall	Bonifay, Fla.
J. H. Chestnut	Bonifay, Fla.
G. W. English	Chipley, Fla.
S. E. Carroll	Hartford, Ala.
J. C. Carnley	Caryville, Fla.
J. L. McDaniel	Vernon, Fla.
W. A. Clark	Black, Ala.

STATSTICAL TABLE

Churches and Pastors	Clerk	Baptism	Con. of Faith	By Letter	Restored	Disc. by Letter	Excluded	Died	Membership	Days of Meeting
Spring Hill, C. I. Wells	J. L. Smith, Bonifay	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	90	
Noma, L. S. Mixon	W. G. Spurluck, Graceville	3	2	4	3	3	3	2	97	1st Sunday
Beulah, J. A. Pettis	W. C. Pettis, Graceville	3	1	2	0	1	1	0	92	4th Sunday
Liberty, A. B. Nelson	J. Foster, Vernon	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	65	4th Sunday
St. Paul, A. L. Pate	Jessie Ganiney, Vernon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	2nd Sunday
Piney Grove, J. C. Eldredge	T. D. Owens, Chipley	2	0	0	0	1	0	4	115	3rd Sunday
New Concord, W. A. Clark	M. M. Clark, Black	7	1	2	0	1	2	1	38	2nd Sunday
Pleasant Hill, A. L. Pate	J. W. Yates, Bonifay	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	17	4th Sunday
St. John, J. H. Chestnut	E. Sims, Bonifay	4	5	0	0	0	0	2	140	3rd Sunday
New Harmony, Joe Hudson	H. C. Martin, Chipley	7	2	7	1	0	1	1	36	1st Sunday
Watts Creek, J. J. Burdshaw	C. Fowler, Dothan	8	2	0	2	1	3	0	103	4th Sunday