

MINUTES

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Sixty-First Annual Session

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**West Florida Liberty Free Will
Baptist Association**

HELD WITH

Piney Grove Church

EIGHT MILES SOUTHWEST OF CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

Oct. 13 and 14, 1949



OFFICERS

REV. JOHN M. RICHModerator

N. E. CHESNUTClerk and Treasurer



EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill George A. J. Pitts G. W. Owens D. J. Cook D. Dykes



The next session of the Association will convene with Abigail Church on Thursday and Friday before the third Sunday in October, 1950. Location 3 miles south of Vernon, Fla. Bro. A. H. Retherford will preach the introductory.

The next Union Meeting will convene with Happy Hill Church on Saturday before the second Sunday in August, 1950. Location Northwest of Vernon, Florida.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Which Conened with Piney Grove Church Oct. 13-14, 1949.

The Association was called to order at 10:00 a. m. by the Moderator. Song by the congregation. Prayer by Rev. Felton Hall. Devotional by Moderator. Scripture lesson a portion of 13th and 14th chapters of Numbers.

A call was made for corresponding letters from sister churches and received the following and delegates seated:

BLOUNTSTOWN—W. M. Cochran and F. M. Knight.

POPLAR HEAD—A. F. Squires. Effie Squires, Jennie Chesnut.

ABIGAIL—Jack Dykes, Sister D. J. Cook, Mary Ella Hudson.

ST. JOHN'S—N. E. Chesnut, Bill George, Corene George, Raymond Nelson, J. E. Sims, Henry Redmon, J. H. Moore.

PINEY GROVE—T. D. Owens, Bro. and Sister Femie Sowell, C. C. Owen, J. H. Owen, Buck Barrow, W. H. Toole.

PLEASANT HILL—C. C. Harrell, J. W. Yates, Ruby Harrell.

COWART'S CREEK—Bro. and Sister A. Fowler, C. B. Crowley, J. C. Fowler, Sister K. B. Fowler, Sister James Fowler.

BEULAH—Oliver Skinner, Wesley Register, Harvey Fowler, B .H. Champion.

LIBERTY—Claud Hicks, Paul McFarland.

HAPPY HILL—Aubrey Davis, Lonnie Parker.

Thursday Morning Session

Sermon Thursday at 11:00 a. m. by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Scripture lesson: Matthew 28. Subject: "The Great Commission," Matthew 19-29. Closing Song 238 in Church Book. Benediction by Rev. Marty Mears. A bountiful spread was served at 12 noon.

Thursday Afternoon Session

Opening song by choir. Call for petitionary letters. Call for correspondents from sister associations:

Rev. J. B. Louvering and Rev. S. T. Shutes from Midway Association of Georgia.

Rev. K. V. Shutes from the Progressive Association of Georgia.

Rev. W. A. Cross from Oklahoma.

Rev. Rufus Hyman from Union Hill Association.

Joe Tharp, Walter Pettis and W. M. Broom as visiting brethren from Salem Association.

Report of Committee on Auxiliaries

We, your committee, report as follows:

Seeing the need of more and better work in our churches, suggest that all churches who do not already have Sunday Schools, Ladies' Aid, Young People's League, also a prayer meeting, should organize them.

The time has come when we should give our young people good religious entertainment to prevent them from going to worldly places of amusement. So let us use every opportunity to improve ourselves and churches.

BLOUNTSTOWN CHURCH

Blountstown Church requested a letter of dismissal from the Liberty Association so it could become a member of the Salem Association, which was granted.

Committees Assigned to Churches For 1950

Poplar Head—Education.

Cowart's Creek—Temperance.

Abigail—Divine Service.

St. John's—Resolutions.

Liberty—Auxiliary.

Beulah—Finance.

Piney Grove—Nominations.

Pleasant Hill—Stewardship.

Report of Committee on Divine Service

Rev. W. A. Cross to preach at 2:30 p. m.

Rev. Martie Mears to conduct the devotional.

Rev. A. B. Cook to preach at 7:30 p. m.

A short but interesting talk was made by Bro. Earnest Owen on the necessity of careful Christian living.

It was moved and carried that all ministers serving churches in our Association be delegates in our Association.

Sermon by Rev. W. A. Cross, 2:30 p. m. Lesson Text, Matthew 28. Theme, "Go Ye." Closing song, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow."

Rev. K. V. Shutes made a talk in the interest of the orphanage at Eldridge, Alabama, and an offering was taken and \$20.36 received.

At 7:30 Thursday evening, Rev. Martie Mears conducted a prayer and testimony service which was followed by Rev. A. B. Cross with a sermon from Ephesians 6-11-13.

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee, submit the following report:

First, we endorse the report of the last year's committee in regard to having new letter forms printed. The letter form which was presented was revised.

2. We ask that our ministers adhere to our church doctrine and that we allow no foreign doctrines or practices to be brought into our churches and that all churches or ministers who are guilty of bringing other church doctrines be dealt with.

3. We ask that a committee on character of preachers and standing of churches be appointed at this session.

4. We ask that the Home Mission Board act only when all Board members are present, and that the treasurer be bonded.

ABIGAIL CHURCH

Friday Morning Session

Opening song by choir. Opening prayer by Rev. R. O. Johnson. Appointment of Committee on Obituaries: J. E. Sims, G. W. Owens, Rev. A. H. Retherford. Devotional by the Moderator. Scriptural lesson, Acts 1-8. Theme: Spiritual Power.

Appointment of Committee to revise letter forms: T. D. Owens, B. H. Champion and Ernest Owen.

A committee was appointed on Character of Ministers and Standing of Churches: B. H. Champion, Houston Toole, Claud Hicks, Jack Pitts, D. J. Cook, Charley Harrell, J. E. Sims.

Report of Committee on Education

We, your Committee on Education, submit the following report:

It seems today that education should be the main objective in a person's life. The churches and homes, in our opinion, are two important places that a more extensive and thorough educational program should be had. We should educate our young people today in order that they will be able to meet and cope with any problem that might confront them, and for them to be able to read and understand more clearly the doctrine of our churches.

COWART'S CREEK CHURCH

Report of Committee on Stewardship

We, your Committee on Stewardship, recommend that all pastors in Liberty Association teach and practice tithing and free will offerings.

BEULAH CHURCH

Report of Committee on Divine Service

Bro. Thomas H. Willie to bring the message at 11:00 a. m. Friday. Call was renewed for correspondents and received the following visitors
State Line—W. H. Howard, Rev. G. W. Nobles.

Salem—Bro. McCloud.

Bro. Thomas H. Willie from the mission field in Cuba.

Salem—O. L. Hammond and wife, Sister Essie Taylor, Evey Wright and wife, Bro. Felix Stopczy.

Hyde Park, from Pensacola—Bro. Harvey Henderson and wife, Bro. George Newham and wife.

Bro. Thomas H. Willie took the stand at 11:00 o'clock and brought a soul-stirring message on missions and conditions and progress in Cuba, after which there was extended to Bro. Willie a handshake of appreciation for the great work he was doing in Cuba. There was also an offering at that time, the amount being \$70.20.

Closing prayer by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Noon: An hour and a half.

Friday Afternoon Session

House reassembled at 1:30. Song by choir. Prayer by H. L. Henderson.

Report of Finance Committee

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the following report:

For Minutes	\$43.00
Home Mission	11.00
Education	45.00
Superannuation	0.00
Foreign Missions	27.46
Amount in Treasury	55.00

Total received\$181.46

POPLAR HEAD CHURCH

Report of Bro. Daniel Walters

I hereby submit the following report for 1949:

Pastored 4 churches. Conducted 16 revivals. Baptized 54. Number of conversions under my ministry, 162. Conducted 22 funerals. Traveled 35,895 miles. Spent \$500.00 for gas, received less than \$1,000.00 for my services. Put on weekly broadcasts almost a year from Dothan, under which some souls testified to finding the Lord.

Rev. Daniel Walters.

Rev. John M. Rich gave his report orally, in which he testified to having made great progress for the Lord, his work being in Pensacola, Fla.

At 2:00 p. m., Rev. K. V. Shutes gave the Association an outline on the work and progress of our National Association.

NEW ORDAINING COUNCIL—Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. Daniel Walters and Rev. J. H. Chesnut.

NEW MISSION BOARD—J. E. Sims, Ernest Owen, Early Peel, Rev. John M. Rich, Claud Hicks.

Petitionary letter from Grace Free Will Baptist Church in Pensacola, Fla., seeking membership with the Liberty Free Will Baptist Association, which was granted.

Report of Rev. J. H. Chesnut given orally, in which he spoke of doing some work for the Lord.

Report of Rev. Rufus Hyman

I report as follows: Received 36 for baptism, 3 by confession of faith. Received about \$1000.00 for my service. I had the pastoral care of three churches, one half time church. Been in six revivals. One trip to Bible Conference at Nashville, Tenn. Attended National Association. This has been a great year for me.

Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Report of Committee on Temperance

We, your Committee on Temperance, submit the following report:

We must study temperance from all angles. We must practice temperance in words, appetite, passions and temper. If we practice these we can build up our standard of temperance so as to be good examples and followers of our Lord. We suggest that all church members abstain especially from beer and liquors.

LIBERTY CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Chesnut was elected to assign subjects in the ministers and deacons' meetings to the ministers and deacons.

Moved and carried that each church clerk send the name of their pastor and deacons to Rev. J. H. Chesnut, Bonifay, Fla.

Rev. Q. L. Duncan was a visitor with us from Shiloh.

Report of Rev. A. B. Cook

I preached 8 months at Happy Hill Church. Ran one week's revival. Five members were added to the church. Preached three months at Panther Creek. One week's revival at Antioch. Abigail filled two appointments. Ran week revival at East Pitman. Visited nine different churches. Received \$77.85. Miles to appointments, 1,293.

Rev. A. B. Cook.

Report of Rev. Marty Mears

I submit the following report:

I have pastored 3 churches, two in Liberty and one in Union Hill Associations. I have conducted nine revivals. Preached one funeral. Received \$593.96. I ask the prayers of all that I may do more in the future.

Rev. Marty Mears.

Report of Committee on Character of Ministers and Standing of Churches

We find everything in fair condition at present. We recommend that our preachers teach Free Will Baptist doctrine, put Free Will Baptist first and other denominations second.

J. E. Sims

Rev. John M. Rich was re-elected moderator and N. E. Chesnut, clerk and treasurer.

A committee was appointed to study the national treaty of the Free Will Baptists and report at next session. Committee as follows: Rev. A. H. Retherford, Bill George and Rev. R. O. Johnson.

The next session of the Sunday School Convention will convene with Poplar Head Church on the second fifth Sunday in 1950.

The next session of the ministers' and deacons' meeting will convene with Liberty Church on the third fifth Sunday in 1950.

Report of A. H. Retherford

I submit the following report:

I baptized 11. Received \$200.00. Traveled about 1500 miles. Pastored Beulah Church twice monthly. I had a good year.

Rev. A. H. Retherford

Report of R. O. Johnson

I submit the following:

I pastored Poplar Head Church. I received six in the church, four for baptism. Offering, \$200.86.

Rev. R. O. Johnson

Bro. Houston Toole gave a short talk on the Bible Training Camp, as to location, description and progress. A collection was taken for the camp, which was \$7.91.

Bro. Harvey L. Henderson and George W. Newham were ordained as deacons Friday afternoon by the Liberty Ordaining Council. They will serve as deacons at the new church in Pensacola.

Report of Committee on Obituaries

As we come to the close of another Associational year we want to recognize our dead. God in his infinite love and mercy saw fit to call from our midst these, our beloved brothers and sisters:

From Blountstown—Rev. W. M. Duncan. He departed this life Aug. 22, 1949, after having reached the age of 94 years. He preached for the Free Will Baptists about 70 years.

From Poplar Head—Bro. George Ussery departed this life Feb. 27, 1949.

From Cowart's Creek—Sister Nora Dickerson departed this life Sept. 30, 1949.

From Piney Grove—Sister Cindy Johnson, born Sept. ,1871, died June 24, 1949. Brother David Pippin departed this life Jan. 19, 1949. Sister Nancy Scott departed this life March 14, 1949, age 74.

From St. John's Church—Bro. N. D. Nelson joined St. John's Church in 1917, and departed this life Nov. 23, 1948. Bro. John Chance joined St. John's Church in 1940 and departed this life on January 21, 1949.

We bow in humble submission to His Holy Will and trust our loss is Heaven's gain.

Committee on Obituaries.

REV. A. B. NELSON

March 1, 1882 — October 8, 1949

May the memory of Bro. A. B. Nelson be held sacred for the noble life that he lived. He had been a member of our church since 1901, and our hearts are made sad by his passing. We feel that only God, by the power of His Spirit, can fill the vacancy in our church and community.

Bro. Nelson was faithful to the work of our Lord for many years. He always stood unreservedly, unswervingly for the right on every question that came up. That is the best that can be said of any man.

But as we sympathize with his loved ones, may we sorrow not as those who have no hope, but as those who look toward a distant country whose Builder and Maker is God.

As we bow in submission to Him who doeth all things well, we commend the bereaved ones to the One Who said. "Let not your hearts be troubled."

Respectfully,

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Report on Missions

We, your Committee on Missions, submit the following for your consideration:

Each individual who has contributed to our Foreign and Home Mission Boards deserves commendation. We are thankful that we have those in our denomination who are interested in teaching the word of God to those who do not know of His love.

We all realize that our Bible College and Vacation Bible Schools are fine ways to train our young people to be efficient workers for our Lord. We feel that it is the duty of all Christian people to contribute to Foreign Missions. How can we do our duty toward God if we do not support the ones who have given up the comforts of life to take the Gospel to other lands?

We recommend that each church and individual support their Bible College, their Camp for Vacation Bible Schools, their Orphanages and their Foreign Missionaries.

Remember the Mission Program in your prayers and contributions.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

Free Will Baptist League Report From Piney Grove Church

We have just organized our league. It has a membership of fifty, who we trust are interested in working for God. So far we are doing well. We pray God's blessings on our officers. Pray for us that we may go forward.

Dorothy Lloyd, Secretary.

Piney Grove has a newly-organized Ladies' Auxiliary with a membership of 17.

I have just been authorized to announce that at the next Ministers' and Deacons' Meeting there will be a memorial service for our deceased ministers, Rev. A. B. Nelson and Rev. W. M. Duncan.

Sam
Ernest Owen

Board on Stewardship

D. Dykes

Vera Owen

Superannuation Board

R. Riley

W. R. Pipkin

David Cook

T. D. Owens

Sam

Names of Ordained Ministers

A. B. Cook

A. H. Retherford

Daniel Walters

J. M. Rich

J. H. Chesnut

Marty Mears

R. O. Johnson

Order of Business

1. Introductory Sermon.
2. Call for corresponding letters and enrollment of delegates.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Call for correspondents from Sister Associations.
5. Assignment of committees to the churches.
6. Appointment of correspondents.
7. Reading of corresponding letters.
8. Hearing reports of committees.
9. Election of Moderator and Clerk.
10. Miscellaneous business.

Resolution of Thanks

We, the Delegates and Messengers that compose the Liberty Association, do sincerely thank Piney Grove Church and surrounding community for their goodness and hospitality shown us while in their midst; also for the bountiful spreads served at noon. Our prayers are that God will reward one and all.

Delegates to Visit Sister Associations

To the State Association—Oma Owen, Femie Sowell, Buck Barrow, Robert Owen, A. B. Cook, B. H. Champion.

Midway of Georgia—Houston Toole, Lonnie Parker.

Salen Association—G. W. Owens, A. H. Retherford, A. B. Cook.

Union Hill Association—A. B. Cook and wife.

The Association adjourned by singing "God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again." Benediction by Rev. A. H. Retherford.

OUR HONORED DEAD

Rev. A. B. Nelson

Rev. W. M. Duncan

Cindy Johnson

N. D. Nelson

David Pippin

John W. Chance

George Ussery

Nancy Scott

Nora Dickerson

CHURCH DECROUM

1. The Church may choose a pastor annually at last conference in Association year, or if they prefer may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary a pastor may be chosen at any other time, but if the choice be made at a special conference the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be Moderator of Church, but when the Moderator, being present, same as absent, or does not sit, a suitable brother shall be appointed in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and distribution of all contributions made for pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall also take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the Church conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk, and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the Church, and preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a clerk is appointed all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be immediately turned over to him by his predecessor.

8. When it becomes necessary, a committee of not less than three male members, well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealing, etc., with the church.

9. The Church shall hold two days meetings embracing Saturday and

the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time for conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every member, male and female, to attend each conference, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a special manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on church doctrine, discipline, and rules of holy living.

11. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member who may be generally remiss in attending meetings of the church in accordance with covenant (Article 10) shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his conduct, but the church may exempt members from this if necessary.

12. Conferences shall be opened as follows: First, prayer; unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally then; Second, invite visiting brethren to have seats with us; Third, open doors for reception to members; Fourth, call for absentees; Fifth, for acknowledgements; Sixth, for references or deferred business; Seventh, for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church; Eighth, for miscellaneous business.

13. Visiting brethren called in as help from other churches shall be allowed to vote.

14. An ordinary member of a Baptist Church which does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into this church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is irreproachable; that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he wanted to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

15. We receive members by experience or baptism; on confession of faith; by letter or restoration.

16. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them the next conference.

17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of the witness?"

19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be printed in the church book.

20. Members dismissed from the church by the letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their conduct.

21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition, if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil.

22. A vote shall not be taken on any question without a move and second, and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

23. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

24. It shall be considered disorderly for a member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided, but a member upon request may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering, without being subjected to be called to order by the Moderator.

26. All discussions in conferences must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who speak must rise to their feet and keep to the point in debate.

27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission of the Moderator, nor shall the remarks be unreasonably long.

28. When the Moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother as Moderator in his stead.

29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it be necessary to call him to order.

30. We believe it to be the duty of the church to communicate, wash the saints' feet as often as the church sees fit, the expenses to be paid by the church.

31. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. We believe in one true and living God; the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.—1st John 5:7.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, and by whom our salvation is made secure.—Heb. 2-9; St. John 3:16; 1st John 2:2.

3. We believe that in the beginning God made man upright and placed him in a state of glory, without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily, by transgression, fell, and by this means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state, subject to death.—Romans 5:15; Genesis 2:17; 3-19.

4. We believe that no man is excepted from the graces of God made possible through Christ; but that all may believe unto salvation, or disbelieve unto eternal perdition.—John 3:16; Romans 1:16; 1st Timothy 2:4.

5. We believe that the holy scriptures are the word of God and that they are the only rule of faith and practice.—John 5:10; 2nd Tim. 3:16.

6. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost.—Rev. 22:17.

7. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and faith without work is dead.—Mark 1:15; James 2:17,22.

8. We believe that the blessings of salvation are made free and attainable to all mankind.—Matthew 11:28,29,30; Titus 2:11,12; St. John 12:32.

9. We believe commemoration and feet washing are ordinances of Christ and immersion only is baptism.—St. John 13:1-17; St. John 3:5; 1st Corinthians 11:23-32.

10. We believe that all Christians should unite in performing the sacred ordinances.—St. John 6:53-54; St. John 13:8.

11. We believe that the end of the world is approaching when Christ will descend from Heaven and raise the dead from their graves to equal retribution; that a solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjusted to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and this judgment will fix forever the final state of man in Heaven or hell, on principles of righteousness.—Rev. 22:12; St. John 14:2-3.

DECORUM OF LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates from churches in good standing only, and shall be called together by the Moderator of last session if present. If absent, by his assistant, or some one elected by the body.

Article 2. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.

Article 3. The Moderator and Clerk of the last session shall officiate

until the body is organized and new officers are elected by ballot.

Article 4. The Moderator shall call the body to order and see that order is preserved. Submit all actions to the body. He shall have the same right of speech as any other member, but appoint some other brother as chairman while speaking. He shall not have the right to vote unless it be in the case of a tie, then he may cast the deciding vote.

Article 5. The delegates shall be enrolled by the Clerk as they are seated in the body. And the roll shall be called each morning and all not answering to their names marked absent.

Article 6. That no delegate or minister shall be allowed to absent himself from the body during any session without permission from the Moderator.

Article 7. That each minister shall make a report of how many churches he is serving, if any, and what each church has paid him for his services.

Article 8. That no minister shall be considered in good standing that officiates in the rites of matrimony where either party has been divorced except it be for fornication.

Article 9. That no church shall be considered in this body that retains a minister or deacon that has more than one living wife or drinks intoxicating beverages.

Article 10. All business shall be brought before the body by move and second shall be disposed of according to good usage. But no move shall be submitted to the body when there is a move before the house, unless the first one be withdrawn by the person who made such move, and no person shall be allowed to speak more than three (3) times on the same subject, and not more than ten (10) minutes each time without a move and second from the body.

Article 11. No person shall be disturbed while speaking so long as he keeps to the point in debate, only by the Moderator, and then only to call him to order. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and address the Moderator, and he must not use abusive language or personal reflection upon anyone.

Article 12. This Association shall have a Treasurer and Executive Committee to be elected annually. And no church shall be considered in this body who shall, or have retained a minister that has stepped aside from his obligations in any form (as in 1st Tim. 3 Chapt.) unless said minister has shown by his action that he has repented of the former evil.

Article 13. That any minister who will voluntarily step side shall immediately turn his credentials over to the executive committee and said executive committee shall visit various churches to see if they are in good standing or not and help them to retain good order.

Article 14. That no church shall retain a minister or deacon who does not rule his own house well.

Article 15. That no church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least twice (2) a year and who does not have conference quarterly and each church shall state in its associational letter as to whether this ordinance has been kept or not. And also state how much it has paid its pastor. All ministers serving churches shall preach at least one sermon a year on doctrine and rules of holy living.

Article 16. Any preacher belonging to this body who sends an appointment or serving churches who fails to meet at the appointed hour, shall be due acknowledgments to congregation or church.

Article 17. No preacher shall preach in our churches that cannot bring a clear record from his home church.

Article 18. No preacher shall pastor a church unless he on his first trip produces his credentials.

STATISTICAL TABLE

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