

# MINUTES

— OF THE —

Sixty-Fifth Annual Session

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## West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH

*Happy Hill Church*

FIVE MILES WEST OF VERNON, FLORIDA

*October 15 and 16, 1953*

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**OFFICERS**

REV. CHESTER A. HUCKABY.....Moderator  
ARCHIE L. COOK.....Clerk & Treasurer

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**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bill George — D. J. Cook — Dock Kight — Bernard Owens  
Earl Cook

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The next session of the Association will convene with Piney Grove Church on Thursday and Friday before the 3rd Sunday in October (14th and 15th). Location, 5 miles South of Chipley, Florida. Rev. J. H. Chestnut to preach the Introductory Sermon.

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

**Which convened at Happy Hill Church, October 15-16, 1953**

The Association was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with congregational singing. At 9:15 Rev. Bennet Cook led devotion.

Moved and carried that we receive the church letters and seat the delegates as follows:

Abigial: Marylene Willis, Voncille Anderson and Archie L. Cook.

St. John: N. E. Chestnut, Ray Garrett, H. L. Redmon and Edith Redmon.

Pleasant Hill: Aron Burch, Junior Yates, John Coley, Jessie Burch and Cythana Yates.

Poplar Head: Myrtle Shores, Willie D. Chestnut.

Grace: Pink Hinson, E. C. Simmons, E. C. Anderson, Buford Harris.

Beulah: Ida Champion and Mollie Skinner.

Happy Hill: J. H. Dykes, J. H. Tutton and Lonnie Parker.

Piney Grove: Bertie Baxter, Clara McAdams, Grace Huckaby, Mirl Toole, Marie Owens, T. D. Owens, and Buck Bodiford.

Call for enrollment of Ministers and Deacons and received the following:

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby.....Piney Grove Church

Rev. Frank Willis.....Abigial & St. John Church

Rev. Wayne Hicks.....Panama City Church

Rev. W. B. Hughes.....Chipley Church

Rev. John M. Rich.....Grace Church

Rev. B. F. Champion.....Beulah Church

Rev. A. B. Cook.....Pleasant Hill Church

Visiting Ministers as follows:

Rev. W. C. Jones.....Phenix City, Ala.

Rev. D. W. Poole.....Dothan, Ala.

Rev. Walter Eldridge.....Cottondale, Fla.

Recognition of Visitors with welcome by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby and received and seated the following:

Union Hill Association—J. W. Barefoot.

State Line Association—Mr. and Mrs. Shelly Fowler, Susie Fowler, Mrs. Will Barrow and Rev. A. H. Retherford.

Salem Association—Rev. D. W. Poole and Rev. Walter Elderidge.

Chattahoochee Association—Rev W. C. Jones.

House of Prayer—Mrs. Salley Weaver.

Called for and received the following Petitionary Letters:

Chipley: Mrs. Etha Mae Owens, Sib Retherford and J. A. Jowers.

Panama City: Louise Hicks, Mrs. L. A. Branton and Ruth Sexton.

It was moved and carried that we seat these in our honorable body.

Congregational singing led by Rev. Wayne Hicks. Rev. A. H. Retherford brought the 11:00 a. m. message, Subject "Joy".

Text: St. John 3-29. Welcome address by Bro. Lonnie Parker.

Dismissed for noon by Bro. Henry Chestnut. Ladies of the host Church served lunch.

The Association reassembled at 1:15 p.m. Congregational singing. Devotion by Rev. B. H. Champion. Text: 1 Tib. 4th Chapter. The Moderator excused the committees to prepare their reports to be read.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee serve as the Program Committee.

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

### Report of Committee on Education

1—We the committee on Education do recommend that our denomination put fourth a greater effort in the year of 1954 to give our pastors a better Education than in the past, as we are aware of the fact that this is vitalley necessary, so that he might better prepare himself to preach the gospel to our people.

2—We think that each Church should help support the Youth Camp.

3—We recommend that each Church have a Vacation Bible School.

4—We also recommend that if there are Churches in this Association that do not have Sunday School and League that in the interest of Christian Education they will organize one.

Popular Head Church

### Report of Committee on Divine Service

We your committee on Divine Service appoint Rev. W. B. Hughes to preach at 7:30 p.m. Thursday and Rev. Frank Willis to preach Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Happy Hill Church

### Report of Committee on Stewardship

We your committee on Stewardship, submit the following: Stewardship is based on divine ownership: re-enforced by redemption: faithfulness required. We read in Malachi 3-10 "Bring Ye all the tithes into the storehouse that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now here with, saith the Lord of Hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it." Let's be faithful to go to the Church and other services of the Lord, worshiping God in truth and in spirit. Faithful in giving of our tithes and offerings as God hath prospered is required of a good Steward. This is the plan that God has laid down in his word to support and carry on his work.

Pleasant Hill Church

### Report of Committee on Auxiliaries

We, Your committee on Auxiliaries find that Piney Grove, Chipley, St. Johns, Popular Head and Panama City Churches are carrying all of the auxiliaries.

### Report of Committee on Temperance

We your committee on Temperance, submit the following report: We should abstain from strong drink in all forms and practice temperance in word and deeds. The most important place to practice temperance is in the presence of our young people, and by so doing it will be easier to bring our children up in the will of God. Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise.

Piney Grove Church.

### Report of Committee on Finance

We, your committee on Finances, submit the following report:

For Minutes .....	\$ 57.00
Home Missions .....	498.80
Education ..	254.50
Superannuation ..	45.50
Orphanage ..	67.48
Foreign Missions .....	61.50
Balance on Hand .....	41.10

Total.....\$1015.88

St. John Church

### 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 brethern and sisters.

Chipley Church: Brother Robert Evans Shoemake

Grace Church: Sister Sarah Ann Rich

St. John Church: Brother Joe Harris

Piney Grove Church: Sister Etta Kirkland

Beulah Church

#### Report of Committee on Nominations

We, your committee on Nominations, submit the following report:  
That Piney Grove Church get the next Association, which will convene on October 14th and 15th, 1954.

Grace Church get the 1st Union Meeting, which will convene on Saturday, the 28th of November, 1953.

Pleasant Hill Church get the 2nd Union Meeting, which will convene on Saturday, the 30th of January, 1954.

Abigial Church get the 3rd Union Meeting, which will convene on Saturday, the 29th of May, 1954.

Panama City Church get the 4th Union Meeting, which will convene on Saturday, the 28th of August, 1954.

St. John Church get the Sunday School Convention, and it will convene on Sunday, May 30, 1954.

Popular Head Church get the next Ministers and Deacons Meeting, which will convene on August 26, 1954.

Abigial Church

#### Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, your committee on resolutions submit the following report:

Item 1—We ask that the Mission board act only when a majority of members are present, and that the treasurer be bonded.

Item 2—We also suggest every church give at least 10% of its offerings to the different phases of our denominational work, to make up the following budget:

Forgein Missions .....	\$ 300.00
Home Missions .....	200.00
Youth Camps .....	500.00
Childrens Home .....	300.00
Bible College .....	300.00
Superannuation .....	100.00
Student Loan Fund .....	100.00
State Evangalistic Fund .....	100.00
National Radio Board .....	100.00

TOTAL ..... \$ 2000.00

The Executive Board met Sunday November 22, 1953 and discussed the surgested quota for our Association to the State Association of \$3,-233.00 to support the Demonational Causes, being broke down to the Churches as follows:

Piney Grove .....	750.00
St. Johns .....	350.00
Happy Hill .....	100.00
Beulah .....	150.00
Pleasant Hill .....	175.00
Grace (Bonifay) .....	387.00
Chipley .....	600.00
Panama City .....	130.00
Abigail .....	150.00
Poplar Head .....	450.00

TOTAL ..... 3,233.00

The Executive Committee moved that each Church send in 10% of their Church Offering to the Association Treasurer at the Union Meeting and more if they so desired, and at the Union Meeting to meet the 28th of August of 1954, they would make a final check and then each Church would make up the balance if they liked any.

And that the clerk be authorized to print this information in the minutes.

The Executive Board.

Item 3—We suggest that all local churches send contributions for all associational purposes to the treasurer of the Association at the quarterly meetings and that the treasurer send various funds on to state treasurer quarterly.

Item 4—We also recommend that each church bring their reports to the Association already prepared.

Grace Church

Moved and carried that we do adopt a budget for the Liberty Free Will Baptist Association to further the cause of the National Association.

#### Report of Home Mission Board

We your Board of Mission of the Liberty F. W. B. Association make the following report:

Report of Panama City, Florida Mission.

Chester A. Huckaby ..... Chipley, Florida

I Made fifty-five trips to Panama City, and held fifty-one services. Made contact with Sixty-seven Free Will Baptists.

The Financial reports as follows:

#### Receipts:

Liberty Mission Board .....	\$ 24.00
Offering for Mission Board plus donations .....	107.00
National Home Mission Board .....	100.00
TOTAL .....	\$ 231.40

#### Disbursements:

Allowing \$5.00 per trip expense .....	\$ 275.00
Postage and Literature .....	6.00
Paid out TOTAL .....	\$ 281.03
Less Receipts .....	231.40
LEFT IN RED .....	\$ 49.63

Abigail Church donated song books. The F. W. B. Press donated first order of Sunday School Literature.

This Mission Church now has a full time pastor and full time program, with Sunday School, League and Womens Auxiliary.

Report of Chipley, Florida Mission.

Date of Organization .....	January 28, 1953
Number of Charter members .....	21
Number of members received .....	22
Sunday School enrollment .....	47
Woman's Auxiliary .....	18
Total Amount of offerings received .....	\$ 4009.47
Total Amount paid out .....	\$ 3651.67
Amount in Building fund .....	\$ 1018.92

Liberty F. W. B. Mission Board

Moved and carried that we adjourn business until Friday morning at 9:00 a.m. Dismissed by Rev. John M. Rich.

The congregation re-assembled at 7:00 p.m. Congregational singing and prayer service. Special music rendered by Rev. & Mrs. Frank Willis. Rev. W. B. Hughes brought the evening message.

Text: Isaiah 6. Dismissed by Bro. Houston Toole.

### Friday Morning

Congregational singing at 9:00 a.m. Prayer by Bro. Earl Cook. Devotional by Rev. Walter Elderidge. Text: 1 Cor. 3:18.

#### Report of Executive Committee

We, your Executive Committee, submit the following report: We held two formal meetings for the purpose of constituting two churches: Chipley Free Will Baptist church of Chipley, Florida, the night of January 28, 1953 and Panama City Free Will Baptist church on August 30, 1953.

#### Treasurer Report

Total Money Received .....	\$ 1,161.43
Total Money Paid Out .....	1,097.83
Balance on Hand .....	\$ 65.60

Archie L. Cook, Treasurer

Brother Buford Harris was elected as a Delegate to represent us at the State Association.

Rev. Rufus Hyman gave us a good oral report on the State Association and its works.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby gave a report on the Children's Home, at Elderidge, Ala

Rev. D. W. Poole gave a fine talk on the Youth Camp and its progress of the past year.

Congregational singing led by Rev. W. B. Hughes. Prayer by Rev. John M. Rich. Rev. Frank Willis brought the 11:00 a.m. sermon.

Text: 2 Timothy 3-5. Dismissed for noon by Bro. Claude Hicks.

### Friday Afternoon

Ressembled at 1:15 p.m. Congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Snuffin, of Panama City. District Womens Auxiliaries was in charge of the Devotion, led by Sister Marie Owens. Text: Luke 24-49.

Moved and carried that we put the report of the W. A. Convention in the minutes. See Report elsewhere in minutes.

#### Election of Officers

Moderator — Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Vice Moderator — Rev. A. B. Cook, Clerk and Treasurer — Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Moved and carried that we pay the clerk and treasurer \$20.00.

#### Corresponding Delegates

To State Line ..... Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Rev. A. B. Cook.

To Union Hill ..... Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Rev. A. B. Cook.

Salem ..... Rev. Wayne Hicks, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby.

Chattahoochee ..... Brother Houston Toole, Rev, Chester A. Huckaby.

#### Our Honored Dead

BRO. ROBERT EVANS SHOEMAKER

SISTER SARAH ANN RICH

BRO. JOE HARRIS

SISTER ETTA KIRKLAND

#### Order of Business

- 1—Call for corresponding letters and enrollment of delegates.
- 2—Call for correspondents of Sister Associations.
- 3—Call for Petitionary letters.
- 4—Introductory sermon at 11:00 a. m.
- 5—Assignment of Correspondents .
- 6—Appointment of Correspondents.
- 7—Reading reports of Committees.
- 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 Free Will Baptist Association, do sincerely thank Happy Hill Church and surrounding community, for their goodness and hospitality shown us while in their midst; also for the bountiful spread and refreshments served at noon. Our prayers that God will remember and bless one and all.

Liberty Association

### Committees Assigned to Churches for 1954

Panama City .....	Education
Chipley .....	Nominations
Popular Head .....	Finance
Abigial .....	Obituary
St. Johns .....	Temperance
Beulah .....	Stewardship
Piney Grove .....	Auxiliaries
Pleasant Hill .....	Resolutions

A motion was made and carried to write a Resolution opposing the sale of beer on Sunday, and that a Copy of it be mailed to the Board of Commissioners in each County within the bounds of this District Association, and also a copy be sent to the County Newspapers.

The Minutes up to the time was read and adopted.

It was moved and carried to appoint a committee to work out some plans or decide whether to continue a District Home Mission Board; The following was appointed, Rev. J. M. Rich, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Bro. Earl Cook.

Moved and caried to adjourn.

Chester A. Huckaby—Moderator  
Archie Cook—Clerk

### MINUTES OF UNION MEETING

#### November—1952

The first session of Union Meeting with St. Johns Church with the following program:

#### Morning

The meeting opened with congregational singing, and prayer by Sister Corene George.

Devotion .....	Rev. C. A. Huckaby
Special song .....	Cook Sisters
Sermon .....	Rev. Frank Willis, Subject "Church Doctrine"
Text 1 Tim. 2:1-9	

#### Afternoon

Rev. John M. Rich elected moderator pro. tem.

Devotion .....	Rev. J. H. Chestnut
Call for Coresponding letters; Churches & Delegates as follows:	
Plesant Hill .....	Bros. Earl Cook, Charlie Harrell, Offering \$1.00
Poplar Head .....	Rev. P. H. Chestnut, Offering \$1.00
Grace .....	Rev. John M. Rich, Bro. M. Rich, Offering \$1.00
Abigail .....	Rev. & Mrs. A. B. Cook, Offering \$2.00
Piney Grove .....	Rev. & Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Oma Owen, offering \$2.00
St. Johns .....	Bros. Bob Walsingham, Whit Lawrence, Offering \$4.25
Six Churches, Twelve Delegates	\$11.25 Offering
Report on progress of church in Panama City .....	Rev. C. A. Huckaby
Report of Mission Board .....	Rev. John M. Rich
Offering Received for Chipley Church .....	\$13.65

Committee appointed to draw up rules of business for Union Meeting:  
Rev. J. H. Chestnut, Rev. Frank Willis, Rev. C. A. Huckaby.  
Plans made to gather supplies to send to Orphanage.

**Adjournment**  
**March 28, 1953**

The second session of Union Meeting met with Piney Gorge Church:  
**Morning**

Devotion ..... Rev. A. B. Cook  
Moderators Message ..... Rev. A. J. Rethford  
Sermon ..... Rev. C. A. Huckaby  
Scripture reading ..... 2nd Kings, 22nd and 23rd Chapters

**Afternoon**

Congregational singing, prayer by Bro. Champion:  
Devotion ..... "Free Will Baptist Hour" as presented over Radio;  
Sub. Freedom of Choice:  
Offering for radio broadcast ..... \$25.00  
Report of Missions ..... Rev. John M. Rich  
Call for letters — Letters received and Delegates seated as follows:

Pleasant Hill—Bro. and Sister Aaron Burch, Bro. and Sister James Harrell,  
Offering \$3.15.

Abigail—Oral report Bro. David Cook,  
St. Johns — Oral report by Bro. Bill George, Offering — \$2.00

Grace — Oral report Bro. John M. Rich.

Happy Hill — Oral report by Bro. J. T. Tutton.

Chipley F. W. B. Church — Bro. & Sister Joe Revis, Sister Marie  
Hayes, Offering \$2.00

Piney Grove — Bros. Leslie Roberts, Tony Toole, T. D. Owens, Sister  
Olive Jean Owens, Offering \$2.00.

Beulah — Oral report Bro. Champion.

Poplar Head —Bros. Hubert Long, A. F. Squires, Offering \$2.00

Total Offering \$11.15 — 9 Churches, 18 Delegates.

State Line Association — Bro. D. W. Pool.

Midway Association of Georgia — Bro. E. C. Williams.

Report of Rules Committee — That we adopt the rules in the Treas-  
tise, Report adopted.

Deacons ordained by this body were as follows:

Piney Grove — Coy Owens, E. R. McAdams, Leslie Roberts.

Abigail — David Cook.

Minister and Deacons present with us:

**Ministers**

Rev. A. H. Rethford

Rev. John M. Rich

Rev. D. W. Pool

Rev. A. B. Cook

Rev. E. C. Williams

Rev. J. H. Chestnut

**Deacons**

Ernest Owen

Bill George

G. W. Owens

W. H. Toole

Robert Owen

Night — Rev. E. C. Williams brought the Message after which the  
Union Meeting observed Communion and Feet Washing.

Adjournment.

**May 30, 1953**

The third session of Union Meeting met with Beulah Church.

**Morning**

Opening — Congregational singing and prayer.

Rev. A. B. Cook elected Moderator pro tem in absence of Rev. A. H.  
Rethford; Sister Marie Hayes elected Clerk pro tem in absence of Sister  
Oma Owen.



Sermon — Rev. I. L. Cook, using 8th chapter of Psalms as Bible reading.

Prayer — Rev. H. W. Ryland.

#### Afternoon

Devotion — Rev. A. B. Cook, Scripture reading 3rd chapter of James. Letters received and Delegates seated as follows:

Beulah — Sisters Mollie Skinner, Ida Champion, Zular Fowler, Bro. E. A. Hatcher.

Chipley — Bro. and sister Joe Revis, Sister Monnie Rethford, Marie Hayes.

Piney Grove — Bros. T. D. Owens, Sisters Thelma Owens, Louise Owen, Offering \$2.00.

St. Johns — Oral report by Brs. Bill George, Offering \$1.00.

Plesant Hill — Oral Report by Bro. A. B. Cook.

Union Hill Association of Ala. — Rev. Rufus Hyman.

Rev. W. H. Ryland — Represented Childrens Home & Progressive Association of Ala.

Bro. E. T. Engram — State Line Association of Ala.

Rev. I. L. Cook — Salem Association of Fla.

Report on Childrens Home — Rev. W. H. Ryland, Offering for Home \$31.50.

Report on Missions — Rev. John M. Rich.

Rev. W. B. Hughes was selected to bring morning message at next session.

5 Churches — 13 delegates — Offering \$3.00.

Adjournment.

#### Aug. 29, 1953

##### Morning

Opening — Congregational singing and prayer.

Devotion — Rev. Wayne Hicks, Reading the 14th chapter of St. John.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby was elected Moderator pro tem in absence of Rev. A. H. Rethford.

Letters received and Delegates seated as follows:

Chipley F. W. B. Church — Bro. Joe Revis, Sisters Oscar Cooper, Marie Hayes.

Abigail — Sisters Voncile Anderson, Mrs. Frank Willis, Offering \$2.00.

Grace — Bros. Buford Harris, Alvin Harrell, Offering \$3.00.

Beulah — Bros. Harvey Fowler, W. O. Skinner, Walter Culbreth.

St. John — Bros. George Nelson, John Robert Garrett, Offering \$2.00.

Poplar Head — Bro. Roy Chestnut, Sister Myrtle Shores.

Plesant Hill — Bros. John Coley, Tolbert Harrell, Sister Pearl Coley, Offering \$1.75.

Piney Grove — Sisters Bertie Baxter, Grace Huckaby, Offering \$2.00.

A request was made by the Mission Church at Panama City that this body send a council there to organize a church, also a request that this body ordain Bro. Wayne Hicks, to the Gospel Ministry.

Morning Message — Rev. W. B. Hughes, Subject "Stewardship" Scripture St. Luke 12, Ordination Service for Bro. Wayne Hicks.

Prayer — Rev. Kermit Ester.

Rev. John M. Rich read from 3rd chapter of 2nd Tim.

Spokesman for Bro. Hicks — Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Charge — Rev. Raymond Riggs.

### Afternoon

Message — Rev. Raymond Riggs, Subject "Why every Christian should be a Missionary".

Report on National Foreign Missions — Rev. Raymond Riggs.

Offering for Hanna Fund — \$22.91.

Motion made and carried that we elect a promotional worker, Rev. W. B. Hughes was elected.

It was decided that the Council would go to Panama City Sept. 6, 1953 in the afternoon to Constitute the Church there.

### Election of Officers

Moderator ..... Rev. W. B. Hughes

Vice Moderator ..... Rev. Wayne Hicks

Clerk ..... Sister Oma Owen

Motion to omit the evening service, was carried, for this meeting only.  
Adjournment.

The meeting of the Liberty District Women's Auxiliary Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Oma Owen. The program of the morning consisted of a Devotional by Mrs. Joe Revis, an inspiring talk by Mrs. Vera Owens and a message by Bro. W. B. Hughes. After this a delicious lunch was served by the host church, Poplar Head.

The Afternoon session consisted of the business period. Mr. Etha Mae Owen was elected secretary pro tem. Reports of the various chairmen were called for, but none reported. Treasurer's report was called for and passed upon. Report of Field Secretary was called for and accepted. Report of the nominating Committee was called for. It was as follows:

For President ..... Etha Mae Owen, Chipley Fla.

For Vice-President ..... Oma Owen, Chipley, Fla.

Recording Secretary ..... Corene George, Bonifay, Fla.

Ass't Recording Secretary ..... Ruth Sexton, Springfield, Fla. Box 1053

Corresponding Secretary ..... Ivanona Rich, Chipley, Fla.

Treasurer ..... Myrtle Shores, Bonifay, Fla.

Youth Sponsor ..... Mrs. W. B. Hughes, Chipley, Fla.

Field Secretary ..... Marie Hayes, Chipley, Fla.

### Standing Committees

Enlistment.. Grace Huckaby, Mrs. Roy Chestnut, Mrs. Bob Walsingham.

Mission Study ..... Vera Owens, Effie Squires, Ethel G. Revis.

Personal Service ..... Bertha Baxter, Thelma Owen, Lois Garret.

Stewardship and Prayer .. Faye Peacock, Ibra Trawick, Corene George.

Missionary Education ..... Louise Hicks, Wilson Roberts, Mrs. Pelt,

Bonifay. This report was accepted and suggested officers voted in.

The following delegates were appointed to the State Convention: Hazel Lay, Corene George, Monie Retherford, Marie Owens, Ruth Sexton.

The meeting was adjourned to meet next year on Saturday before the fourth Sunday in August at St. John's Church. All Auxiliaries are urged to keep monthly reports AND BRING A REPORT TO THE DISTRICT CONVENTION NEXT YEAR.

## CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last conference in Association year, or if they prefer, it 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 given 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 the church, but when the moderator is 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 by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The deacons shall 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 in conference if necessary.

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

7. When a clerk is appointed, all of the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the clerk be immediately delivered 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 holds a two days' meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of the conference.

10. It shall be the duty of every church member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, and the 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 according to 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 and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer, unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally, then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call of absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

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

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

15. We receive members by experience of baptism; or 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 to 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 acknowledgement shall be recorded in the church book.

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

22. A vote shall not be taken upon question without a move and a second and on all important questions to 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 any 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 subject to be called to order by the moderator.

26. All discussions in conference 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 from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

28. When the moderator speaks he must nominate some other brother as moderator to act 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 saint's feet as often as the church sees fit, the expense 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 orderly 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 exempted 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 judgement 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 someone 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 and 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 points 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., 3rd Chapter) unless said minister has shown by his actions that he has repented of the former evil.

Article 13. That any minister who will voluntarily step aside 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.



# MINISTERS YEARLY REPORT

Ministers	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number of Members Received	Received by Baptism	By Letter and Confession of Faith	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expense Paid Out	Churches Organized
A. B. Cook - - -	1	27	2						895	\$101.20		
Wayne Hicks - -	1	53	1			20	16			\$364.88		
C. A. Huckaby - -	2	206	4	5	1	76				2,643.69		
Frank Willis - - -	2	76	2						4,534	428.00		

# STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES AND PASTORS	CLERKS AND ADDRESSES	Baptism	By Letter	Restored	Confession of Faith	Dismissed By Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Meeting Days
Piney Grove, C. A. Huckaby	Bernard Owens, Chipley	28	7	2	0	14	0	1	199	Full Time
Chipley, W. B. Hughes	Henry Hayes, Chipley	16	6	0	0	0	0	1	47	Full Time
Abigial, Frank Willis	Voncille Anderson, Vernon	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	21	2nd & 4th Sun.
Beulah, A. J. Carr	Mollie Skinner, Chipley								43	
Pleasant Hill, Walter Eldridge	James H. Harrell, Bonifay	18	5	0	2	0	0	0	78	2nd & 4th Sun.
St. John, Frank Willis	Edith Redmon, Bonifay	5	1	0	1	6	1	1	94	1st & 3rd Sun.
Grace, John M. Rich	Mrs. John M. Rich, Bonifay	18	10	0	3	1	0	1	55	Full Time
Poplar Head, Walter Eldridge	A. F. Squires, Bonifay	6	1	1	0	4	0	0	68	1st & 3rd Sun.
Happy Hill, T. A. Pettis	J. H. Dykes, Vernon								21	
Panama City, Wayne Hicks	Faye Peacock *	4	16						20	Full Time

\* Highland Park, Rural Sta., Panama City.

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