

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

PINEY GROVE CHURCH

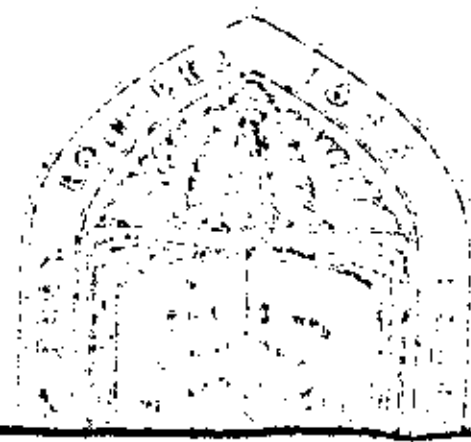
October 14 and 15, 1954



OFFICERS

REV. CHESTER A. HUCKABY Moderator
REV. A. B. COOK Vice-Moderator
REV. WAYNE HICKS Clerk and Treasurer

The next session of this Association will convene with Chipley Church at Chipley, Florida on Thursday and Friday, October 13 and 14, 1955.



Calendar of Events

Union Meetings

October 30, 1954 St. John
January 29, 1955 Poplar Head
May 28, 1955 Beulah
July 30, 1955 Panama City

Sunday School Convention

May 29, 1955 Piney Grove

Minister and Deacon's Conferences

There will be afternoon and night sessions, and supper will be served at each meeting.

November 18, 1954 Chipley
Februray 17, 1955 Pleasant Hill
May 12, 1955 Grace
August 18, 1955 Piney Grove

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

August 27, 1955 Piney Grove

Liberty Association

October 13 and 14, 1955 Chipley

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning. October 14, 1954

The Association was called to order at 9:00 A. M. with singing by the congregation directed by Sister Grace Huckaby.

At 9:15 the Host Church presented very inspiring devotions under the direction of Sister Oma Owen.

At 9:30 the letters from the churches were read by Rev. Walter Eldridge and Rev. John M. Rich as reading clerks. The churches and delegations were as follows:

ABIGIAL — Sisters Voncile Anderson, Tina Cook, Louise Cook.

BEULAH — Brothers Bryant Hatcher, Walter Culbreth, Horace Fowler.

CHIPLEY — Sisters Etha Mae Owen, Monett Trawick, Marie Hayes.

GRACE — Brothers M. Rich, John Cook, J. C. Middlebrook, Sisters John Cook, J. M. Rich.

HAPPY HILL — Brothers Carsin McEluain, Jack Dykes.

PANAMA CITY — Sister R. M. Partin.

PINEY GROVE — M. M. Owens, Earlie Peel, J. A. Owens, Sisters Pat Owen, Wilson Roberts, Bertie Baxter, Zena Owens, Oma Owen.

PLEASANT HILL — Sisters Jerrine Burch, Lucile Cook, Brothers Forest Lawrence, Floyd Cook.

POPLAR HEAD — Sister Estille Crawford.

ST. JOHN — Brothers S. R. White, N. E. Chesnut, H. L. Redman, Sisters Estelle Chesnut, Edith Redman, Corene George.

The following ministers and deacons were enrolled.

Ministers:

Rev. Alvin Howell, Bonifay, Florida.

Rev. W. M. Martin, Gen. Del., DeFuniak Springs, Florida.

Rev. A. B. Cook, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida.

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Florida.

Rev. John M. Rich, Route 2, Chipley, Florida.

Rev. Wayne Hicks, Gen. Del., Panama City, Florida.

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Route 2, Chipley, Florida.

Rev. W. B. Hughes, 2nd Street, Chipley, Florida.

Rev. Clyde Owen, Route 3, Chipley, Florida.

Deacons:

Pink Hinson, City Del., Bonifay, Florida.

Aron Burch, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida.

Leslie Roberts, Route 2, Chipley, Florida.

T. D. Owens, Vernon, Florida.

S. R. White, Route A, Bonifay, Florida.

Raymond Nelson, Route 1, Bonifay, Florida.

Carsin McEluain, Route 1, Vernon, Florida.

Jack Dykes, Route 1, Vernon, Florida.

D. J. Cook, Vernon, Florida.

W. O. Skinner, RFD, Graceville, Florida.

Next we called for and recognized all visitors which were as follows:
Union Hill Association — Rev. J. W. Barfoot.

Salem Association — Rev. Walter Eldridge, Mrs. J. T. Hall.

State Line Association — Mr. and Mrs. Madison Taylor, Mr. Ralph Bell, Mrs. James Callaway, Mrs. Earnest Granger, Miss Bobby Blackman, Mrs. Sidney Tindal, Mrs. Ulas Granger, Rev. Charles Craddock.

Martin Association — Rev. H. L. Catrett, Mr. J. M. Ard, Mr. M. R. Barber.

Florida State Association — Rev. D. F. Pelt, Rev. D. W. Poole.

Midway Association — Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Missionary Baptists — Sister Elmore, Sister Bill Croley.

Methodist — Mrs. Will Laster.

Primitive Baptist — Brother W. E. Pritchitt.

A motion was made and carried to hear read a letter from Sister Maryline Willis and one from Beulah Church. Sister Willis sent a letter of thanks for the kindness shown by friends, pastors, and the Union meeting during her illness. Beulah wrote requesting that Article 9 of the Association Decorum be amended. Action taken given elsewhere in the Minutes.

A Committee on Divine Service was appointed. These were: Sister Zena Owens, Sister Etha Mae Owen, and Brother David Cook. A Finance Committee was also appointed. These were: Sister Corene George, Brother Aron Burch, and Brother W. O. Skinner.

The Moderator called for petitionary letters. None were received.

A partial report of the Committee on Divine Service was accepted.

A motion that the business be adjourned until afternoon was carried.

After a brief recess the 11:00 Service began with Rev. John M. Rich leading the singing. Rev. K. V. Shutes, who stated that he preached his first sermon here in 1923, preached from Jeremiah 9:1. The subject was Evangelism, and the sermon title was "The Spiritual Heart-burn of Jeremiah." We were dismissed for noon, and a wonderful lunch was spread by the Ladies of the Host Church.

Thursday Afternoon

We began at 1:15 with congregational singing, and the Devotion was conducted by Rev. Alvin Howell, who read the second chapter of I Peter.

A motion was carried to keep the same committees for churches that we had last year.

An oral report was given on Missions and the Mission Board by Rev. John M. Rich. By motion the report was accepted, and a motion was made to retain the Mission Board. Motion was tabled.

The Divine Service Committee gave a complete report (see reports) which was accepted and the Committee released.

Report of Churches on Committees

ChIPLEY Church gave a partial report on Nominations which was accepted. By motion the Committee was permitted to complete its report to be heard later. (See complete report in Reports.)

Pleasant Hill gave its report on Resolutions. A portion of the first part of the Committee's report was accepted. The rest of the Report was ruled out of order by the Moderator, because it conflicted with the rights of the Body to amend the Decorum. Moved and carried that this Committee prepare another report. (See report in Reports.)

A motion was then made and carried to consider the letter from Beulah Church. The letter was read, and the request to amend the Decorum of the Association was discussed in the light of Matthew 19:9 along with many other Scriptures. The Body refused to grant the request to amend article 9.

Report of Committee on Finance was adopted as read.

Motion was made to adjourn until Friday at 9:00 A. M. Motion carried.

Thursday Evening Service

The congregational singing was led by Rev. John M. Rich. A testimony service was conducted by Brother Bill George. Sister Earl Cook and her daughter brought a wonderful message in song. Rev. W. B. Hughes preached from Isaiah 54. The message was touching and inspiring. Services were dismissed until Friday morning.

Friday Morning, October 15, 1954

The service began with congregational singing directed by Rev. John M. Rich. Rev. Walter Eldridge presented the devotion reading II Timothy 3:9-16 which was inspiring and brought back memories of "Uncle" Joe Eldridge, for some said, "It seemed like one of his great messages".

The call for church letters was renewed.

The roll of church delegates was called by the Secretary.

The reports of Committees from churches was completed. A motion to accept the reports and release the Committees was carried. (See reports in Reports).

A Committee was appointed to revise the Budget. Serving on it were Rev. John M. Rich, Brother J. H. Dykes, and Sister Oma Owen.

It was moved and carried to take from the table the motion to retain the Mission Board. The motion was amended to ask the Budget Committee to appropriate some money for the Mission Board.

A motion was carried to hear another letter from Beulah. The letter requested that a Committee be appointed to study the Decorum of the Association and suggest any amendments it deemed proper. The letter was read, and by motion the Body granted the request. The following were appointed on the Committee: Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. Walter Eldridge, and Brother David Cook.

It was moved and carried to remain in session until after the eleven o'clock service.

Rev. D. W. Poole, State Promotional Secretary, gave a interesting and encouraging report on the State and National Associations.

Business was then recessed for the 11:00 Service

Rev. H. L. Catrett led the congregation in singing. The message was delivered by Rev. Charles Craddock of Dothan, Alabama. It was a sermon on Missions from Matthew 28:16-20.

After the Divine Service business was continued, and the Secretary and Treasurer gave his annual report. Report adopted as read, (see report in reports).

The Committee on amendments to the Decorum gave its Report. A motion was made to table the Report until after noon. Motion carried.

Motion carried to adjourn for lunch.

The ladies of the Host Church again served a delicious lunch with tea and Coffee. The coffee was prepared by "Uncle" Danial Owens.

Friday Afternoon

At 1:15 P. M. the congregational singing was led by Rev. John M. Rich. The devotion was presented by the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention, and conducted by Sister Vera Owens. Her message was very timely and inspiring. She read Mark 16. Our hats go off to our fine women. The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention gave its annual report. It was accepted. (see report on reports)

The Report of the Budget Committee was presented. Motion was carried to adopt the Report.

A Motion was made that the Chair appoint delegates to the State

Association, and one be elected to the National Association. Motion was carried. The moderator appointed: Ennis Chestnut, Earlie Peel, M. Rich, Sister R. M. Partin, and Sister Burch. Sister Vera Owen was elected to the National, and Brother Buford Harris as an alternate.

A motion was carried to wait on the election of the Mission Board and Executive Committee until after the Decorum Committee made its report.

Rev. Chaster A. Huckaby was re-elected as Moderator, Rev. A. B. Cook re-elected as Vice-Moderator, and Rev. Wayne Hicks re-elected Treasurer. All were elected by acclamation.

Miscellaneous Business

It was moved and carried to appoint a male member to meet with a Committee at the State Association and draw up a letter form to be used by all churches throughout the State. This was requested by Brother Poole. The Clerk was appointed.

A motion was carried to take from the table the report of the Decorum Committee, and vote on each article separately. The Report was read and each item adopted as suggested by the Committee. (note changes in the Association Decorum). Article 9 was presented to the Body with no changes. After it had been adopted as read a motion was made to reconsider item 9. The motion was defeated.

There was a motion to appoint a Committee to study the Decorum of th Association, the Church Decorum, and the Articles of Faith to see if any changes were needed; and report to the next session of the Association. Motion was Carried. Five were appointed to serve on this committee: Rev. W. B. Hughes, Mr. David Cook, Rev. Wayne Hicks, Mr. Earnest Owen, and Mr. Aron Burch.

The Executive Committee were elected as follows. Buford Harris and Cully Owens were elected for two years each; Bill George, David Cook, and Earl Cook for one year each.

The Mission Board were elected as follows: James T. Harrell for three years, John M. Rich for two years, and W. B. Hughes for one year.

It was moved and carried to pay the Moderator twenty-five Dollars.

The following delegates were appointed to these Associations.

State Line — Rev. John M. Rich, Bertie Baxter, Rev. and Mrs. Chester A. Huckaby, and Rev A. B. Cook.

Chattahoochee of Georgia: Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Brother Danial Owens.

Salem: Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, and Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Union Hill: Rev. and Mrs. Chester A. Huckaby, Rev Clyde Owen, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Brother Danial Owens, Rev. John M. Rich and Rev W. B. Hughes.

There was a rising vote of appreciation to the Host Church for the way in which it entertained and welcomed the Association.

Adjourned.

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Moderator
Wayne Hicks, Clerk and Treasurer

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Woman's District Auxiliary Convention Report and Minutes

The Meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Etha Mae Owen. The morning program consisted of a Devotional by Mrs. W. B. Ursery of Chipley Church, and a song by a group of young people also from Chipley. Then a message on "The Relationship between the Church and the Woman's Auxiliary" by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby. The guest

speaker for the occasion was Mrs. Chester Pelt of Marianna. She spoke on the word "Think". She gave a wonderful message which was enjoyed by all.

Lunch was served by the ladies of the Host Church St. John.

The afternoon session consisted of a business period. Reports were read from the various Chairmen when called for. The treasurer's report, Field secretary, and Personal Service, were read and approved. The report of the Credentials Committee was read and passed on. Then there was a discussion on projects to work on during the coming year. Each Auxiliary member is to can or freeze six quarts of produce for use at the Youth Camp next year. Our members are also to make covers for the mattresses to be used at the Camp. The Report of the nominating Committee was received and officers elected as follows: President, Mrs. Etha Mae Owen; Vice-President, Mrs. Oma Owen; Youth Axuliary Chairman, Mrs. W. B. Hughes; Program Chairman, Miss Faye Peacock; Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Marie Hayes; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. Lewis Cook; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Corene George; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. John M. Rich; Treasurer and Stewardship Chairman, Mrs. Ammie Lee Harrell. Delegates to the State Auxiliary Convention are Mrs. Patricia Harris, Mrs. Ivanona Rich, Mrs. Warren Pitts, Mrs. Ibra Ursery.

Annual Report: Number of locals seven. Number of G. T. A.'s. two. Number of Y. P. A's. 3. Total membership in auxiliaries 124. Women members 78. G. T. A. members 21. Y. P. A. members 25. Amounts given to Foreign Missions \$7.35, Home Missions \$7.03, Bible College \$35, W.N.A.C. Dues \$23.40, Local Church projects \$1,426.50.

Report Of Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee, make the following report:

Received for minutes	\$ 53.00
Received for Youth Camp	1000.00
Received for Unified Program	123.90
TOTAL	\$ 276.00

Respectfully submitted,
Aron Burch
W. O. Skinner
Corene George

Report of Committee on Stewardship

We, your committe on Stewardship, submit the following report: According to Luke 12:42, "And the Lord said, who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall make a ruler over his houshold, ti give them their portion of meat in due season?", The true and just steward is the one that is at the post of duty to the best of his ability, ministering to the sick, poor, and needy and God's cause as for as he is able.

Beulah Church

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 every thing we do. By so doing it will greatly help the teaching of temperance to our young people and make it easier to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Teachers as well as preachers should stress the fact that temperance should be observed in everything. "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise."

St. John's Church

Report of Committee on Resolutions

We, your Committee on Resolutions, make the following report:

We ask that the Mission Board act only when a majority of the members are present and that the Treasurer be bonded.

We also suggest that every Church give at least 10% of its offerings to the different phases of our Denominational work.

Also, that we go on record as opposing the sale of beer on Sunday in the following counties: Washington, Bay, Holmes, and Jackson. And that a letter stating such be sent to the Boards of Commissioners in each county.

Plesant Hill Church

Report of Committee on Auxiliaries

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, find that there are 9 Sunday schools, 8 Leagues, 7 Woman's Auxiliaries, 3 Y. P. Auxiliaries, and 2 G. T. Auxiliaries. We find also that the different auxiliaries are founded on the Bible. The Sunday school is the teaching service Deuteronomy 6:7, the people under the law were commanded to teach their children. The League is a training service — Proverbs 22:6, "Train up a child in the way he should go — ". The ladies and young peoples' work is the helping service of the church — Matthew 25:40, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least — ".

Since they are founded on the principles laid down in the Bible, it behooves us as church leaders and pastors to make every effort to organize the different auxiliaries in the few remaining churches in our Association.

Piney Grove Church

Report of Divine Service Committee

We, your Committee on Divine Service make the following report: Rev. K. V. Shutes bring the eleven o'clock sermon in the absence of Rev. J. H. Chesnut. Rev. W. B. Hughes preach at the Thursday evening service. Rev. Charles Craddock bring the eleven o'clock sermon on Friday. The 9:15 devotion on Friday morning will be conducted by Rev. Walter Eldridge.

Zena Owens, Etha Mae Owen, David Cook.

Report of Committee on Nominations

We, your Committee on Nominations submit the following report: Churches appointed on committees:

EDUCATION — Piney Grove.

NOMINATIONS — Panama City.

FINANCE — St. John.

OBITUARY — Beulah.

TEMPERANCE — Pleasant Hill.

STEWARDSHIP — Poplar Head.

AUXILIARIES — Abigail.

RESOLUTIONS — Chipley.

The rest of this report is given in the Calendar of Events.

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Report of Committee on Education

We, your Committee on Education, do recommend that each church in our denomination have a study course on each of the following subjects during the Church year 1954:

1. The History of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

2. Articles of Faith.

3. Church Decorum.

We also recommend that each family in our Denomination subscribe to THE FREE WILL BAPTIST paper and CONTACT paper in order to further their education in our Denomination.

Panama City.

Report of Budget Committee

We endorse the item that the Resolutions Committee made in regard to giving ten per cent of the church offerings. We recommend that ten per cent of such money be held in the Association treasury to be used by the local Mission Board. We believe according to the Bible we should give ten per cent of our earnings. The Lord will bless us if we give over and above the tithe. Therefore, we believe that the same system will work with our churches giving to the Unified Program. Let each church give ten per cent of offerings and all they can and will over and above the tithe.

Oma Owen, John M. Rich, J. H. Dykes.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Received at Union Meetings:

Minutes	\$ 50.50
Unified Program	1,056.03
Education	37.24
Missions	126.08
Total	<hr/> \$1,269.85

Paid out during the year:

Black Insurance Agency	\$ 5.00
Bank Charge	1.00
State Association	1,217.35
National Home Missions	2.00
Total paid out	<hr/> \$225.35

Balance at beginning of Association	\$ 44.50
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Received at Association:

Minutes	58.00
Unified Program	136.83
Missions	50.00
Youth Camp	100.00
	<hr/> \$ 389.33

Paid for printing programs for Association	5.00
Balance in Treasury	<hr/> \$ 383.58

Report of Committee on Obituary

As we come to the end of another association year, we wish to recognize our dead. God in His infinite love and mercy saw fit to call from our midst these beloved brethern and sisters:

Beulah — Sister Annie Collins

Chipley — Sister Chayce Harris.

Piney Grove — Brother George Owens, Sister Mary Hampton.

Pleasant Hill — Sister Kate Lawrence.

St. John — Brother Willard Nelson, Sister Mary Ellis.

Report of Revisions Committee

We, the Revisions Committee, submit the following report:

(See Decorum for Changes)

W. B. Hughes, Walter Eldridge, D. J. Cook.

MINUTES OF LIBERTY UNION MEETING

Grace Free Will Baptist Church, Bonifay, Fla., Nov. 28, 1953

Theme — Home Missionaries.

Song — Congregation.

Prayer — Rev. Frank Willis.

Scripture Reading — Rev. Alvin Howell.
Talk — Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hughes.
Appointment of Finance Committee—Louise Hicks, Buford Harris,
Grace Huckaby.
The Layman as a Home Missionary — Oma Owen.
Letters received and delegates seated—8 churches, 16 delegates, 2
visiting ministers.
Song — Congregation.
The Preacher as a Home Missionary — Rev. Wayne Hicks.
Dismissed by lunch with prayer — Rev. D. W. Poole.

Afternoon Session

Devotion — Rev. J. H. Chesnut.
Report of State Promotional Secretary — Rev. D. W. Poole.
Report of Finance Committee — Unified Program, \$52.18; Minutes, \$12.00;
Other, \$3.00. Total, \$67.18.
Motion made and carried that report be accepted.
The Deacon as a Home Missionary — Rev. John M. Rich.
Ordination Service: Buford Harris and Ernest Simmons ordained as
Deacons of Grace Church.
Rev. C. A. Huckaby acted as Moderator for the afternoon session in
absence of Rev. W. B. Hughes.
Motion made and carried that we have letter forms printed for Union
Meetings. Adjournment.

Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Jan. 30, 1954

Theme — Foreign Mission Field.
Song — Congregation.
Prayer — Bro. George Owens.
Scripture Reading — Rev. J. H. Chesnut.
Letters received and delegates seated—8 churches, 24 delegates.
Missions in Cuba — Rev. C. A. Huckaby.
Qualifications of a Missionary — Rev. John M. Rich.
Dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Joe Revis.

Afternoon Session

Song — Congregation.
Prayer — Sister — Grace Huckaby.
Scripture Reading — Rev. A. B. Cook.
Report of Finance Committee: Unified Program, \$182.94; Minutes,
\$14.50; Other ——. Total, \$197.44.
Motion made and carried that report be accepted.
Offering received for Missions, \$17.71.
The Indian Mission Field — Mrs. J. H. Revis.
Rev. John M. Rich was elected to act as moderator of Ministers &
Deacons Meeting. Motion made and carried that minister and deacons
meet once every three months. Motion made and carried that all Sun-
day School meet for a Sunday School conference at Poplar Head, Rev. W.
B. Hughes to be speaker, Bro. Bill George to act as chairman.
Adjournment.

Abigail Free Will Baptist Church, May 29, 1954

Theme — The Article of Faith and Practice.
Song — Congregation.
Scripture Reading — Rev. Frank Willis.
Prayer — Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

Letters received and delegates seated—9 churches, 34 delegates.
First and Second Articles of Faith — Bro. Bill George.
Song — Congregation.
Prayer — Sister Monnie Retherford.
Testimony Service.
Sermon — Rev. Frank Willis.
Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Singing — Congregation.
Prayer — Cecil Blackstock.
Third and Fourth Articles of Faith — Rev. Wayne Hicks.
Fifth and Sixth Articles of Faith — Bro. Joe Revis.
Song — Congregation.
Talk — Rev. W. B. Hughes.
Report of Executive Board: We ask that a committee see the churches not present and ask them to meet with us next meeting.
Report of Finance Committee: Unified Program, \$332.41; Minutes, \$14.00; Other, \$59.00. Total \$405.41. Committee: Joe Revis, Clyde Owen, Cecil Blackstock.
Motion made and carried that report be accepted. Adjournment.

ChIPLEY Free Will Baptist Church, August 28, 1954

Theme — The Church Covenant.
Song — Congregation.
Prayer — Bro. N. E. Chesnut.
Scripture Reading — Rev. Wayne Hicks.
Welcome — Pastor of ChIPLEY Church, Rev. W. B. Hughes.
Letters received and delegates seated.
Request from Piney Grove that Rev. Robert Owen be ordained.
Request from Grace Church that Rev. Alvin Howell be ordained.
Appointment of Committees:
Credentials Committee: Rev. Robert Owen, Mrs. Buford Harris, Bro. T. D. Owens.
Nominating Committee: Miss Faye Peacock, Bro. Aaron Burch, Bro. C. D. Owens.
Finance Committee: Bro. Bill George, Bro. J. T. Cook, Bro. W. O. Skinner.
Paragraphs One and Two of Church Covenant — Bro. Cecil Blackstock
Paragraphs Three and Four of Church Covenant—Rev. Clyde Owen.
Song — Congregation.
Motion made and carried that offering be taken for Rev. J. H. Chesnut and Rev. Frank Willis for sickness, offering \$36.73.
Congregational Singing.
Ordination Service:
Rev. Robert Owen and Rev. Alvin Howell to preach the gospel.
Bro. Cecil Blackstock as Deacon of Panama City Church.
The candidates were questioned by Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. W. B. Hughes gave the charge. Prayer by Rev. J. H. Chesnut, Rev. R. O. Johnson, Bro. Ernest Owen.
Dismissed for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Paragraphs Five and Six of Church Covenant—Rev. John M. Rich.

Balance of Church Covenant — Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

Report of Finance Committee: Unified Program, \$213.05; Minutes, \$10.00; Other, \$7.00. Total \$235.05.

The report was accepted by move and second.

Report of Credentials Committee: 8 churches, 9 ministers, 10 deacons, 27 delegates. Report was accepted.

Report of Nominating Committee: Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hughes; Vice-Moderator, Rev. Wayne Hicks; Clerk, Oma Owen. Motion made and carried that report be accepted and votes taken on all three officers at one time. All were re-elected.

Adjournment.

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Moderator.
Oma Owen, Clerk.

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 day's 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 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 for 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 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 acknowledge 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 voluntary, 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.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

Article 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates from churches in good standing only, and shall be called together by the Moderator elected at the 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 elected at the last session shall officiate until new officers are elected.

Article 4. The Moderator shall call the Body to order, see that order is preserved, and 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. The roll shall be called each morning, and all not answering to their names marked absent.

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

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

Article 8. 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. 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. No main motion shall be submitted to the Body when there is a main motion before the house; unless, the first one be withdrawn by the person who made such move. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject, and not more than ten 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, except 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. He must not use abusive language or personal reflection upon anyone.

Article 12. This Association shall have a treasurer whose office shall be combined with that of the Clerk; an Executive Committee which shall be elected as follows, two members for two years and three members for two years, electing two one year and three the next; and a Mission Board consisting of three members elected as follows: one member shall be elected each year. No church shall be considered in this body who shall retain a minister that has stepped aside from his obligations in any form (as in I Timothy chapter three); unless, said minister has shown by his actions that he has repented of the former evil.

Article 13. Any minister who will voluntarily step aside shall immediately turn his credentials over to the Executive Committee. The 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. No church shall retain a minister or deacon who does not rule his own house well.

Article 15. No church shall be recognized in this body who does not commune and wash feet at least twice a year and who does not have conference quarterly. Each church shall state in its associational letter as to whether this ordinance has been kept or not. Also state how much it as 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 has an appointment or is serving churches who fails to meet at the appointed hour, shall be due acknowledgments to the 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.

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number Members Received	By Baptism	By Letter and Confession of Faith	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expense Paid Out		
REV. WAYNE HICKS	1	126				4	1	3		\$ 530.09			
REV. C. A. HUCKABY	1	179	5	6	3					2,789.84			
REV. W. B. HUGHES	1	160	6	4	1				5000	3,104.00	\$500		
REV. JOHN M. RICH	1	180	3	2	1	15				2,220.00			
REV. FRANK WILLIS	2	123	3			15		2	9330	838.07			

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptism	By letter	Confession of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelists	Unified Program and Denominational Work	Meeting Days
ABIGAIL	Frank Willis Rt. 3, Box 24-C Panama City, Fla.	Voncile Anderson Vernon, Florida							21	\$ 271.44		\$ 160.10	2nd and 4th
BEULAH	A. J. Carr Rt. 1 Marianna, Fla.	Mrs. Mollie Skinner RFD Graceville, Fla.		2	1	2	2	1	41	131.00	28.64	7.00	3rd
(16) CHIPLEY	W. B. Hughes Chipley, Fla.	G. H. Hayes Chipley, Fla.	9	8		3		1	62	2,540.00	365.00	340.19	Full Time
GRACE	Woodrow Messex Bonifay, Fla.	A. J. Hightower Bonifay, Fla.	4		1				50	1,905.00	165.00	328.18	Full Time
HAPPY HILL	R. O. Johnson Freeport, Fla.	Lizzie McEluain Vernon, Fla.							12	47.00	7.75		4th
PANAMA CITY	Wayne Hicks 3307 2nd Place Panama City, Fla.	Miss Faye Peacock Highland Park St. Panama City, Fla.	1	3					24	381.81		149.11	Full Time
PINEY GROVE	Chester A. Huckaby Route 2 Chipley, Fla.	Bernard Owens Route 4 Chipley, Fla.	4	3		8		2	177	2,369.85	200.00	412.00	Full Time
PLEASANT HILL	Alvin Howell Bonifay, Fla.	James T. Harrell RFD Bonifay, Fla.	2					1	78	151.87	87.92	103.28	2nd & 4th
POPLAR HEAD	Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.	A. F. Squires RFD Bonifay, Fla.	2			2			65	343.54	85.00	171.00	1st & 3rd
ST. JOHN	Frank Willis Rt. 3, Box 24-C Panama City, Fla.	Edith Redman Bonifay, Fla.	2					3	95	440.90	167.88	127.00	1st & 3rd
TOTALS			24	16	2	15	2	8	625	\$8,582.41	\$1,107.19	\$1,797.86	

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