

MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH
CHIPLEY CHURCH
October 13 and 14, 1955



OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. C. A. HUCKABY _____ Moderator
REV. A. B. COOK _____ Vice-Moderator
REV. WAYNE HICKS _____ Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Buford Harris 56, Caully Owens 56, David Cook 57,
Huston Toole 57, Earl Cook 57.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Henry Chesnut 58, Rev. Frank Willis 57, Rev. C. A. Huckaby 56.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. M. Rich (56), Mr. J. T. Harrold (57), Rev. W. B. Hughes (58)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Quarterly Meetings

January 14, 1956 _____ Happy Hill
April 14, 1956 _____ Liberty
July 14, 1956 _____ Grace

Minister and Deacon's Conferences

November 17, 1955 _____ Piney Grove
February 16, 1956 _____ St. John
May 17, 1956 _____ Poplar Head
August 16, 1956 _____ Chipley

Sunday School Convention

May 27, 1956 _____

Woman's Auxillary Convention

August 25, 1956 _____ Panama City

Liberty Association

October 19 and 20, 1956 _____ Pleasant Hill

PROCEEDINGS

Thursday Morning, October 13, 1955.

The sixty-seventh annual session was called to order at nine A. M. After opening with prayer and singing, Rev. W. B. Hughes held the devotion from the Scripture Hebrews 13.

The Pastor of the Host Church gave the welcome address with response given by Mrs. W. E. George.

At nine forty-five the church letters were called for. Ten of the eleven churches composing the Association represented. After the letters were read a motion was carried to accept the letters and seat the thirty-three delegates present. It was a privilege to have the following delegates from their respective associations:

SALEM—Mr. W. W. Eiland, Rev. D. F. Pelt and Rev. Walter Eldridge.

UNION HILL—Rev. J. W. Barfoot.

STATE LINE—Rev. and Mrs. George Nobles.

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION—Rev. D. F. Pelt, Moderator; and Mr. W. W. Eiland, Treasurer.

METHODIST—Mrs. Scott.

MISSIONARY BAPTIST—Mr. and Mrs. Jack Pitts.

When a motion was carried to receive these visitors, the congregation sang a song as everybody shook hands and the visitors fellowshipped.

The Congregation was led in singing by Mr. Ernest Owen for the eleven o'clock Service. Rev. D. F. Pelt preached a most interesting sermon from Luke 9:10-17.

An abundant lunch was served by and in the dining room of the Host Church.

Thursday Afternoon.

After the congregation had sung several songs, Rev. R. O. Johnson brought another good message from God's Word.

The Body was then called to order again for further business. The Moderator called for the eleventh church letter which was not present at the earlier call. By motion the letter was received and two other delegates were seated.

Mr. W. W. Eiland, Treasurer for the Florida State Association, gave a report of his work which revealed that we are falling far short of the suggested budget for the State. A motion was made to hear the annual report from the local Treasurer. The report was made and adopted.

Pleasant Hill gave her report on Temperance, and the motion to adopt the report was tabled for the addition of amendments from the floor. Several of the other Churches gave reports at this time which were adopted by motions as each was read. (See reports in Reports of Com-

mittees). A report of the Revisions Committee which was appointed at the last session was presented. The report was tabled.

The delegates from Beulah Church were asked to meet with the Executive Committee.

The Liberty Mission Board gave a report which was adopted.

A letter from Rev. W. M. Martin was presented to the Body. It stated that the Church at DeFuniak asked for a letter of dismissal. A motion was made to refer the matter to the Mission Board who organized the Church.

The Association adjourned until nine o'clock Friday morning.

Thursday Evening.

The evening service was wonderful. It consisted of Congregational singing, a special song by the daughters of Rev. Rich, after which a sermon entitled, "Passion for Souls" by Dr. Oswald J. Smith was shown on film. Rev. J. M. Rich delivered the evening message on Missions, using scripture reading Mark 6:31-44.

Friday Morning, October 14, 1955.

The Devotion was conducted by Rev. W. E. George, who read for the Scripture Acts 20:37-38.

Call for church letters and visitors was renewed. All of the churches had already presented letters. Rev. Rufus Hyman, from Union Hill Association, was seated as a visitor. The roll was called with twenty-seven delegates present.

The report of the Revisions Committee was taken from the table to be acted upon by sections. The first section was read, amended, and adopted. The rest of the report was postponed until after the Woman's Auxiliary report.

Rev. Frank Willis preached the eleven o'clock message after the song service. He read Acts 1:1-11, and dwelt on the eighth verse concerning the need of power in the church and individual lives.

Another good lunch was served by the ladies of the Host Church.

Friday Afternoon.

The day turned out to be a sad one, for word came that the companion of Brother Daniel Owen had passed away just awhile before noon. She was at the Association on Thursday.

When the body reassembled the Woman's Auxiliary Convention conducted the devotion under the direction of Mrs. Oma Owen. The ladies also presented their report. The report was received and their minutes to be printed.

The report of the Revisions Committee was taken up again, and each section was read, discussed, and amended before being adopted by the Association.

Next the Temperance report was taken from the table. It also was adopted after the amendments had been amended by the body.

Report of Nominations was given and amended to conform with the report of the Revision Committee, which was adopted.

By motion the Body asked the Moderator to appoint a committee to draw up a letter form on which the churches should report to the Associ-

ation. Appointed: the Clerk, Rev. W. B. Hughes, and Rev. Bill George.

The Ordaining Council was appointed for the committee to perform the task adopted in the report of resolutions.

The same persons were elected to hold the offices of Moderator, Clerk, and Vice-Moderator for another year. (See list of officers for the names of those elected to committees and boards.)

Then the delegates to other Associations were appointed. Union Hill, Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Bertie Baxter, David Cook. State Line, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. R. O. Johnson, Rev. J. M. Rich. Salem, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. A. B. Cook, Rev. J. M. Rich, Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Hicks. Chattahoochee, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. J. M. Rich, Rev. W. E. George, Mr. Huston Toole. Delegates to State Association, Mrs. Frank Clark, Mr. David Cook, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, and Carl Owen. By motion these delegates were authorized to send a proxy if unable to go.

A motion was made to have the Mission conference as a project of the Association, and that the Mission Board make arrangements.

Just before the Body adjourned, there was a rising vote of appreciation to the Host Church for the way in which it entertained and welcomed the Association.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Moderator.

Wayne Hicks, Clerk and Treasurer.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of Resolutions Committee.

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

I—Whereas, the office of the minister and deacon are of such importance, and

Whereas our association has no written standard of ordination; therefore be it

1. Resolved, that this Association adopt a Standard of Ordination for ministers and deacons.
2. Resolved, that the Moderator appoint a committee to draw up questions which must be answered properly to make one eligible for ordination, and present them to the next session of this Association for approval.

II. Whereas, this county will have an opportunity to vote again on the continuation of the dog racing track in Washington County; therefore be it

1. Resolved, that this Association go on record as opposing the dog racing track that is now existing at Ebro, Florida.

III. Whereas, the Sunday School year is divided into quarters, and Whereas, we need more time to make our reports; therefore be it

1. Resolved, that our Associational year begin October 1 and end September 30.

We recommend that each church report to the Quarterly Meetings and the Association no matter how insignificant the report may seem.

ChIPLEY Church.

Report of the Revisions Committee.

We, your Revisions Committee, wish to make the following report:

1. We recommend that the CHURCH DECORUM be changed to read as follows: (See Church Decorum).
2. We recommend that we use the ARTICLES OF FAITH as printed in the National Treatise and that we print them in the Minutes.
3. We recommend that the following CONSTITUTION be adopted. (Printed elsewhere in Minutes.)
4. We recommend that the Associational DECORUM be changed to read as follows: (See Associational Decorum.)

Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. Hughes, Chairman,
David Cook, Ernest Owen,
Wayne Hicks, Aaron Burch.

Report of Committee on Nominations.

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

Churches and Committees:

Abigail—Temperance.
Chibley—Education.
Grace—Resolutions.
Panama City—Finance.
Pleasant Hill—Stewardship.
PineyGrove—Nominations.
Poplar Head—Auxiliaries.
St. Johns—Obituary.

See rest of report in Calendar of Events.

Panama City.

Report of Committee on Temperance.

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

Since this world of ours has grown so wicked, especially through the use of strong drink, we are urging each of you to speak against this terrible evil in our land each chance you have.

In World War I the drinking of alcoholic beverages was not only discouraged, but it was specifically forbidden and outlawed. In World War II it was promoted and encouraged. The chief concern was not the good of the boys, their families, or the safety of our nation; but it was the future of the brewing industry. Breweries and distilleries are built, beer joints and package stores are operated, liquor is sold not to benefit or help humanity; but to make money. "A sordid business for the accumulation of money," in that gambling, vice, prostitution, booze and the class that is associated with these. It is without character or merit.

Strong drink has paved the way for many attacks and defeats. The legalized liquor traffic will not pay the U. S. Government enough revenue in a thousand years to make up for its treacherous, undermining work. The repeal of the 18th Amendment has been a great hindrance to our Nation. May God help us as Christians to discourage all intoxi-

cating beverages while we still have the opportunity. It has been the cause of the downfall of many nations. What about America?

We are listing some Scripture references below:

1. Gen. 9:20-26. Here is the first mentioned drunkenness in the Bible.
2. Gen. 19:30-38. In this instance drinking resulted in Lot's debauchery of his own daughters.
3. Gen. 27:25. Issac was drinking wine when he blessed Jacob.
4. Lev. 10:9. Here is an express command not to drink.
5. Deut. 21:20. Drinking leads to stubbornness, rebellion, and gluttony by young men and women; and brings dishonor to parents.
6. Deut. 29:2-6. Abstinence assures better knowledge of God.
7. I Sam. 1:14-15. Hannah, an example of all honored motherhood practiced total abstinence.
8. Job 1:13-19. The children of Job were drinking wine when blown away in the cyclone.
9. Prov. 23:30. Young men and women should shun the company of drunkards.
10. Prov. 23:32. The Word of God says it hurts every one who drinks: "It bites like a snake and stings like an adder."
11. Prov. 23:35. It is habit-forming, one drink always calls for another.
12. Prov. 31:6-7. The only sanction given in Old Testament time for the use of strong drink was that it might be used as a medicine or anesthetic for those about to die. Let no one construe this as a command to take strong drink. We now have far better medicines and anesthetics than whiskey, wine or beer.
13. Eccl. 10:17. Blessings are promised to the temperate and abstaining nation.
14. Dan. 5:1. Belshazzer exhibited as an example of a leader who drank and taught his people to drink. What of America's leaders?
15. Dan. 5:2 ,23. What becomes of a nation when its women resort to drinking?
16. Dan. 5:5-9, 26-29. Ruin and downfall is certain to come to nations when their rulers and leaders cause them to drink.
17. Hab. 2:5. Strong drink is a transgression against God's law.
18. Hab. 2:15. Wrong to give one's neighbor strong drink.
19. Rom. 14:21. Drinking will cause one's brother to stumble.
20. I Timothy 3:8. Deacons must not drink.
21. Deut. 22:5. One should be temperate in wearing apparel. The woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment, for all that do so are abomination unto the Lord Thy God.

Amendments:

I. That this Association go on record this day as opposed to the way in which the present law force has failed to enforce the liquor laws in this county, and further that we, as a body, resolve to vote against an administration of this kind in the coming election.

II. That we parents of this Association take a stand against, and prohibit our children from taking part in the dancing and the wearing of shorts in the physical education program of our schools.

Pleasant Hill Church.

Report of Committee on Education.

One of the first and greatest commissions ever given was, "Go Ye therefore, and teach all Nations . . . Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you, and Lo, I am with you alway . . . " —Matt. 28:19-20.

If the Church fails in this commission they have failed in the purpose for which it was established.

We urge all Churches to use every means in their power to teach through the organization of Sunday Schools and Leagues in all Churches and the conducting of Vacation Bible Schools.

We recommend that the Churches make an effort to get the Church papers in every home.

Piney Grove Church.

Report of Committee on Finance.

Finance Committee report of funds received by us:

Cooperative Program	\$210.20
Minutes	93.76
Missions	30.06
Education	5.00
Superannuation	2.00
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St. Johns Church.

Report of Committee on Auxiliaries.

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, find that there are 9 Sunday Schools, 7 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 people's 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.

Abigail Church.

Report of Mission Board.

We, your Mission Board, wish to submit the following report:

We organized one church at DeFuniak Springs, Florida. Rev. W. M. Martin was elected pastor and Mrs. Lillian Beinguesser was elected clerk.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Received from Association	\$ 15.56
Borrowed from bank	100.00
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Total	115.56
Paid out (to organize church and for supplies	115.54
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Received from Association	25.05
Borrowed (to pay bank note)	74.93
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Bal.	100.00
Paid bank note	100.00
Bal. still owed	74.93
Received from Association	68.78
Paid on debt	40.64
Balance still owed	34.29
Cash on hand	28.14

Respectfully Submitted,

West Florida Liberty F. W. B. Mission Board.
W. B. Hughes, Sec.

Treasurer's Annual Report.

Balance October 15, 1954	\$ 384.34
Received during year:	
Cooperative Program	\$ 859.80
Minutes	111.68
Liberty Mission Board	20.39
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Total	991.87
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	\$1,376.21

Expenditures:

State Association	\$1075.82
Moderator	25.00
Clerk	20.00
Liberty Mission Board	105.15
Johnson Printing Company	91.00
Black Insurance Agency	5.00
Quarterly Meeting Expense	3.46
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Balance at Beginning of Association	\$ 50.78
Total received by Finance Committee	341.02
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Balance October 14, 1955	\$ 391.80
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Report of Committee on Obituary.

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

Beulah—Brother Walter Culbreath, Brother Jim Wiley.

Poplar Head—Sister Chesnut.

Grace—Sister C. B. Kite.

Happy Hill—Sister Lucile Tutton.

Beulah Church.



Minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

Meeting opened with prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby. Congregational singing and devotion by Corene George, after which a welcome address was given by Sister Omie Owen and a few minutes was spent in fellowship and old time hand shaking. A short talk was given by Mrs. James Hartley on the Woman's Auxiliary week at Camp and Rev. C. A. Huckaby gave us a few notes on the Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala., expressing their needs, etc. Rev. John M. Rich brought a very inspiring message on the great goals of Christian Achievement and a very pretty duet was rendered by Miss Flossie and Freda Owen. Then Rev. Damon Dodd brought the 11 o'clock message, speaking on Home Missions. Dismissed with prayer for lunch. After the lunch hour, Sister Etha Mae Owen made a talk on their trip to the National Association in Tulsa, Okla., which was very interesting. Next we entered into the business session. The Report of the Registration Committee was read and approved, likewise the other reports from the Finance and Credentials Committee, also the report from the Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Marie Hays.

There being no old business, we entered into new business. There was a discussion on Commodities for the Children's Home in Eldridge, Ala. A move and second was made that each auxiliary prepare a box for the Children in the Orphanage. The Committee appointed to attend to this was the personal service Chairman from each auxiliary. Also a move and second was made to sponsor a truck load of commodities to the Home.

Recommendations of the Executive Committee were read and adopted.

Move and second was made to secure Sister Gertrude Ballard for a week study course to be held at the various churches. The Committee appointed to see after this is as follows: The study course Chairman to be Chairman of the Committee and Mrs. Blaylock, Panama City, Fla., and Bertie Baxter, Chipley, Fla., to be her helpers.

Report of the Nominating Committee is as follows:

President—Etha Mae Owen, Chipley, Fla.

V. President—Oma Owen, Chipley, Fla.

Recording Secretary—Corene George, Bonifay, Fla.

Study Course Chairman—Ibra Ursery, Chipley, Fla.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Buford Harris, Bonifay, Fla.

Field Secretary—Mrs. Bertie Lee Hartley, Panama City, Fla.

Youth Auxiliary Chairman—Mrs. Myrtle Shores, Bonifay, Fla.

Personal Service Chairman—Lucille Cook, Bonifay, Fla.

Program Prayer Chairman—Miss Faye Peacock, Panama City, Fla.

Delegates appointed to state Convention are as follows: Bunch Hewitt, Ammie L. Harrell, Ruth Sexton, Marie Owens, Mrs. Crones. Each president of local auxiliary to be a committee to prepare refreshments for State Convention with Lena Richards as Chairman. Next District Convention to held with Panama City Church.

Meeting dismissed with prayer.

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Minutes of Quarterly Meetings

ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

October 30, 1954

Singing—Congregation.

Prayer—Rev. Alvin Howell.

Scripture Reading—Rev. C. A. Huckaby (St. Matt. 11:1-19).

Testimony Service.

Short talk by the Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Call for Letters was made.

Letters received and delegates seated by move and second.

Appointment of Committees:

Credentials Committee: Sisters Louise Cook and Marie Owens.

Finance Committee: Bro. John Cook, Bro. Cecil Blackstock and

Sister John Clark.

Song and Prayer Service.

Sermon—Rev. W. M. Martin (St. Matt. 16).

Dismissed for lunch—Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Afternoon

Singing by Congregation.

Prayer—Sister Marie Hays.

Sermon—Rev. Frank Willis (Acts 8:26-40).

Reading of Minutes; Minutes approved.

Recognition of visitors—Mrs. Ethel Williams; Mrs. George.

Report of Credentials Committee: 7 churches; 3 Deacons; 7 Ministers; 23 Delegates; Report accepted by move and second.

Report of Finance Committee: For Unified Program, \$69.10; Minutes, \$13.00; Total, \$82.10; Report accepted by move and second.

Motion made and carried that an offering be taken to help pay for Minutes; Offering \$15.48.

Motion made and carried that Rev. C. A. Huckaby purchase supplies for Clerk of Union Meeting.

Motion made and carried that service be omitted tonight.

Adjournment.

POPLAR HEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Jan. 29, 1955

Theme for Meeting—Love.

Song—Congregation.

Prayer—Rev. Clyde Owen.

Devotion—Rev. W. M. Martin (Psalm 23).

Moderator made a few remarks on the theme "Love."

Call was made for letters; Motion made and carried that letters be received and delegates seated.

Finance Committee: Bro. N. E. Chestnut; Bro. Cecil Blackstock, Sister Clara McAdams.

Song—Congregation.

Love For God—Rev. Clyde Owen (Mark 12:28).

Song—Led by Rev. John M. Rich.

Message—Rev. Billy Buster, from Illinois (St. John 14:1-6).

Afternoon

Congregational singing—led by Bro. Bill George.

Special Music—The Cook Family.

Devotion—Rev. H. E. Stalnaker, from Mississippi (Matt. 7:72).

Song—Congregation.

Love Thy Neighbor—Sister Marie Hays (St. Luke 10:29).

Song—Congregation.

Love For the Church—Rev. C. A. Huckaby (Ruth, Chapter 1).

Report of Credentials Committee: 8 Churches; 12 Ministers; 9 Deacons; 25 Delegates. Report accepted by move and second.

Report of Finance Committee: Unified Program, \$146.31; for Minutes, \$20.00; Total, \$166.31. Report accepted as read.

Visitors recognized: Bro. Day, Br. Eiland, Bro. and Sister Broom, from Salem Association.

Rev. Huckaby discussed the Delegates to National Association.

Rev. Martin gave a report on the Home Mission work in DeFuniak Springs.

Bro. Eiland, the State Association Treasurer, gave a report on the financial condition of the State Treasury.

The Moderator discussed the setting up of a permanent Credentials Committee. There was a move and second that the body elect members of the Committee annually. Moved and carried. The following were elected: Bro. Archie Cook, Sister Corene George, Sister Oma Owen.

Motion made and carried that this meeting be moved to DeFuniak Springs for tonight.

Offering was taken for Associational Expense.

Adjournment.



MINUTES OF THIRD UNION MEETING HELD WITH BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH—MAY 28, 1955

Singing—Congregation.

Theme—Prayer.

Prayer—Rev. Alvin Howell.

Scripture Reading—Rev. A. B. Cook (Psalm 23).

Song—Congregation.

Testimony service led by Bro. Broom.

Special Music—Sister Earl Cook and Daughter.

The Meaning of Prayer—Rev. John M. Rich.

Song—Congregation.

Offering for Home Missions (\$20.39).

Moderator's Remarks.

Message—Rev. D. W. Poole—Subject: "What Is That In Thine Hand";
"The Little Things In Life."

Afternoon

Singing—Congregation.

Prayer—Bro. N. E. Chesnut.

Report of Credentials Committee: We have present with us 11 churches, 28 delegates, 10 ministers, 10 deacons. There was \$202.54 sent in for Unified Program, \$18.00 for Minutes.

The following Churches sent in the Tithe of their offering: Piney Grove, Panama City, St. Johns, Liberty, Poplar Head, Abigail, Pleasant Hill.

The Credentials Committee—Archie Cook, Corine George, Oma Owen.

Prayer In the Home—Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Prayer In the Church—Rev. Wayne Hicks (Matt. 21:12, 13).

There was a Special Prayer in the Alter led by Sister Corine George.

Song—"Just As I Am."

Request that Bro. W. B. Usery be ordained as Deacon in Chipley Church. Request was accepted by motion and second. Rev. John M. Rich questioned the Candidate; Rev. W. B. Hughes gave the Charges, using Acts 6:3 for his remarks.

Prayer of Dedication—led by Bro. W. H. Toole and Rev. Bill George. Minutes of last meeting read and adopted.

Visitors recognized: Bro. Crews, Sister Sizemore from another denomination, Bro. Broom, Salem Association, Bro. and Sister D. W. Poole, State Promotional Secretary.

Rev. W. B. Hughes discussed the Loyalty Gift Offering.

Rev. D. W. Poole gave a report on the State Work.

Adjournment by motion and second.



MINUTES OF FOURTH UNION MEETING HELD WITH FIRST F. W. B. CHURCH OF PANAMA CITY, JULY 20, 1955

Singing—Congregation.

Prayer—Bro. Jim Hartley.

Scripture Reading—Rev. Messex.

Singing—Congregation.

Prayer—Bro. R. M. Partin.

Message—Rev. Robert Owen.

Afternoon

Singing—Congregation.

Prayer—Rev. Frank Willis.

Special Music—Bro. Don Hardy.

Devotional—Bro. Bill George.

Report from National Association—RRev. C. A. Huckaby.

Report of Credentials Committee: There are 10 churches, 30 delegates,

7 ministers, 7 deacons present. There was \$216.45 sent in for Unified Program, \$16.00 for Minutes.

The following churches sent the tithe of their offering: Panama City, Chipley, Pleasant Hill, Grace, St. Johns, Abigail, Piney Grove, Poplar Head, Liberty.

Committee: Archie Cook, Corene George, Oma Owen.

Report on National Woman's Auxiliary.

Report from a few young people who attended the Youth Camp Training Session.

Report of Nominating Committee: We the Nominating Committee, submit the following officers to be voted on:

Moderator—Rev. Bill George.

Vice Moderator—Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Clerk—Faye Peacock.

R. M. Partin,

Louise Hicks,

T. B. Owens.

Report accepted by move and second.

Credentials Committee for next year elected:

Faye Peacock, Chairman,

Mrs. Earl Cook,

T. B. Owens.

Moved and carried that we ask the Executive Board of the Liberty District to see the Treasurer of the Florida State Association concerning the disbursement of state funds.

Offering received for the Building Fund for the Host Church.

Amount, \$60.00.

Adjournment by move and second.

Moderator, Rev. W. B. Hughes.

Vice Moderator, Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Clerk, Oma Owen.

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CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name. This Association shall be known as the WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. Composition. This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE III. Representation. The Conference of this Association shall consist of delegates from the several Churches of which it is composed, each Church being entitled to two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the Association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE IV. Officers, Boards and Committees. The officers of this Association shall be a Clerk-Treasurer, Moderator, and Vice-Moderator, who shall be chosen at every session of the Association, with assistants as may be deemed necessary.

Section 2. The Standing Committees of this Association shall be: Executive, Finance, Obituary, Temperance, Stewardship, Auxiliaries, Resolutions, and Nominations. Other committees shall be appointed as the need may arise. The Executive Committee shall be composed of seven members of which the Moderator of the Association, who shall be Chairman of the Committee, and Clerk shall be standing members. The other five members shall be elected for two year terms as follows: two one year and three the next year.

Section 3. The Board of Missions consisting of three (3) members shall be elected as follows: one member shall be elected each year.

Section 4. The Ordaining Council consists of three (3) members to be elected as follows: one members each year.

ARTICLE V. Membership. Any well-organized and well-regulated Free Will Baptist Church which conforms to the practices, and adopts the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the treatise of their faith, and in the Minutes of the National Association, and is in favor of all the benevolent enterprises of the denomination, may at any time, on application, by vote of this body, become a member thereof.

Section 2. Churches from other Associations wishing to become members of this Association must present a letter of recommendation from the Associations of which they were previously a member.

ARTICLE VI. Meetings. The sessions of this Association shall be held on Friday and Saturday before the third Sunday in October at which time it shall be the duty of the churches of which this Association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standing, prospects, and statistics. At this time the Association shall act upon such questions and topics as may be referred to it by its respective Quarterly Meeting or Churches, and transact such other business not repugnant to this Constitution, nor to the practices of the denomination, as in its judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Churches within the limits of this Association.

Section 2. This Association shall sponsor a Quarterly Meeting to be held on Saturday before the first-third Sunday in each Quarter whose representation shall be the same as that of the Association.

ARTICLE VII. Finances. The general expense of the Association shall be provided by each Church according to its ability. The Moderator and Clerk shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) each per year, and the remainder of the money shall be used for Minutes, postage and any other expense that may occur.

Section 2. Each Church shall send at least 10% of its income to the Treasurer of the Quarterly Meetings and the Association for the different phases of the denominational work.

ARTICLE VIII. Discipline. This Association shall have power to discipline the Churches of which it is composed, and to exclude them for disorderly walk, if labor proves unsuccessful, but in no case to reverse their decisions, nor to interfere with any of their internal regulations.

ARTICLE IX. By-Laws. This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this Constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its sessions.

ARTICLE X. Amendments. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the Association at any regular session, notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.



ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. This Association shall be called to order by the Moderator elected at the last session if present. If absent, by the Vice-Moderator, or someone elected by the body.

2. The Moderator shall 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.

3. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the Moderator in his absence.

4. 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.

5. No delegate or minister shall be allowed to absent himself from the body during any session without permission from the Moderator.

6. All business shall be brought before the body by move and second and shall be disposed of according to ROBERTS' RULES OF ORDER. 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.

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

8. 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.

9. 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.

10. No minister or deacon shall be considered in good standing with this body that has more than one living wife, drinks intoxicating beverages or fails to pay or make proper satisfaction of his just and honest debts.

11. All ministers serving churches shall preach at least one sermon a year on doctrine and rules of holy living.

12. Any minister 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.

13. No minister shall preach in our churches that cannot bring a clear record from his home church.

14. Any minister who will voluntarily step aside shall immediately turn his credentials over to the Executive Committee of the Association.

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. The pastor's salary, number of conferences and the number of communion and feet washing services shall be contained in the associational letter.

16. No church shall be considered in this body that holds fellowship with a minister or deacon that does not conform to Article 10 of this Decorum.



CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last conference in associational 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 they 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 for the conference must be appointed by the church in conference at least thirty (30) days in advance.

3. When a pastor wishes to resign a church he shall give the church a sixty (60) day notice; or when the church wishes to call a pastor it shall give the present pastor a sixty (60) day notice.

4. 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.

5. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and distribution of all contributions, and to assist the pastor in administration of the Lord's Supper and Washing the Saints' Feet.

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. When a clerk is appointed, all of the books, Minutes, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be delivered to him by his predecessor.

9. Some suitable member shall be elected treasurer whose duty shall be to distribute all funds as directed by the church.

10. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and Washing of the Saints' Feet as often as the church sees fit. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any orderly matter of dealing.

11. 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) Call for acknowledgments, (6) for reference of deferred business, (7) for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church, and (8) for miscellaneous business.

12. 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.

13. 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 shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his conduct; but the church may exempt members from this if necessary.

14. 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.

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

16. Visiting brethren called in as help from sister churches shall be allowed to speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

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

18. 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.

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

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. When the Moderator speaks he must nominate some brother as Moderator to act in his stead.

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

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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?"

27. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the church book.

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

29. 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, baptism, statement, or restoration.



ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. **THE BIBLE.** The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice.

2. **GOD.** There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey.

3. **CHRIST.** Christ is God manifest in the flesh; in His divine nature truly God, in His human nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever present Savior and Lord.

4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT.** The Scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God.

5. **THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD.** God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the

constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires.

6. **THE SINFULNESS OF MAN.** Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity, therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability sin, and become guilty before God.

7. **THE WORK OF CHRIST.** The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as Savior and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit, freed from the dominion of sin and becomes a child of God. 3. Continuance in faith and obedience until death.

9. **ELECTION.** God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ Men become His elect.

10. **FREEDOM OF THE WILL.** The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish.

11. **SALVATION FREE.** God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely.

12. **PERSEVERANCE.** All believers in Christ, who through grace persevere in holiness to the end of life, have promise of eternal salvation.

13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES.** Baptism, or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper, are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel; Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility, of universal obligation, and to be ministered to all true believers.

14. **TITHING.** God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament; Jesus Christ endorsed it in the Gospel (Matt. 23:23), and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him."—(I Cor. 16:2).

15. **THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH.** The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.

16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION.** The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Statistical Table

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS	Baptism	Otherwise	Dismissed By Letter	Expelled	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Meeting Days
ABIGAIL	Rev. Alvin Howell Bonifay, Fla.	Voncile Anderson Vernon, Fla.						19	\$ 255.76		2nd and 4th
BEULAH	Rev. Alvin Pettis Rt. 4, Bonifay, Fla.	Mrs. Mollie Skinner RFD, Graceville, Fla.		3	4		2	35	187.60	25.00	3rd
CHIPLEY	Rev. W. B. Hughes Chipley, Fla.	Mr. G. H. Hayes Chipley, Florida	10	9		1		83	2,846.00	275.00	Full Time
GRACE	Rev. J. M. Rich Chipley, Fla.	Priscilla Harris Bonifay, Fla.		2			1	56	1,930.00	220.00	Full Time
HAPPY HILL	Rev. R. O. Johnson Freeport, Fla.	J. H. Tutton, Rt. 1, Vernon, Fla.	1	1			1	13	119.45	21.00	2nd and 4th
LIBERTY	Rev. W. E. George Bonifay, Fla.	Mary Miller Caryville, Fla.	7	1				20	131.38	33.69	1st and 3rd
PANAMA CITY	Rev. Wayne Hicks Panama City, Fla.	Miss Faye Peacock Highland Park Panama City,		2				24	585.05	53.89	Full Time
PINEY GROVE	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Chipley, Fla., Rt. 2	Bernard Owens Chipley, Fla., Rt. 4	5	2	4			183	2,510.61	214.00	Full Time
PLEASANT HILL	Rev. Frank Willis Panama City, Fla.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla., Rt. 1		1	1			81	162.34	162.50	2nd and 4th
POPLAR HEAD	Rev. R. O. Johnson Freeport, Fla.	A. F. Squires Bonifay, Fla.					1	64	255.42	37.50	1st and 3rd
ST. JOHN	Rev. Robt. Hinderson Columbia, Ala.	Edith Redman Bonifay, Fla.	9	1	1			108	569.23	100.00	1st and 3rd
				21	10		5	667	9,552.84	1,143.48	

Ministers' Annual Report

MINISTER	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Number Members Received	By Baptism	Miles Traveled	Expense	Money Received
REV. A. B. COOK										
REV. W. E. GEORGE	2	108		1		19	19	2,439		\$ 606.42
REV. WAYNE HICKS	1	106								602.66
REV. C. A. HUCKABY	1	168		5	2	35				2,842.61
REV. W. B. HUGHES	1	110	1	6	2	19	10	5,000	\$349.78	2,915.00
REV. FRANK WILLIS	3	121	3	1	1	5	3	14,538		731.30

CHURCH COVENANT

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Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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