

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

HELD WITH
PLEASANT HILL CHURCH
October 19 and 20, 1956



OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. C. A. Huckaby _____ Moderator
Rev. A. B. Cook _____ Vice-Moderator
Rev. Wayne Hicks _____ Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Caully Owens 58, Pink Hinson 58, David Cook 57,
Huston Toole 57, Earl Cook 57.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. C. A. Huckaby 59, Rev. Henry Chesnut 58, Rev. Frank Willis 57.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Bill George 59, J. T. Harrold 57, Rev. W. B. Hughes 58.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Quarterly Meetings

January 19, 1957 Beulah
April 20, 1957 St. John
July 20, 1957 Piney Grove

Minister and Deacons' Conferences

November 16, 1956 Chipley
February 15, 1957 Grace
May 17, 1957 Liberty
August 16, 1957 Abigail

Sunday School Convention

June 30, 1957 Pleasant Hill

League Convention

March 31, 1957 Piney Grove

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

August 24, 1957 Chipley

Mission Conference—January, 1957

Liberty Association

October 18 and 19, 1957 Panama City

PROCEEDINGS

Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association, held with Pleasant Hill Church, S. W. of Bonifay, Florida, October 19 and 20, 1956, was opened with congregational singing directed by Rev. Bill George.

Rev. Frank Willis, Pastor of Host Church, gave the morning devotion.

The body was then called to order by the moderator, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, for the opening business session. The Executive Committee served as Credentials Committee. Rev. W. B. Hughes and Rev. Walter Eldridge served as reading clerks. Letters were read from ten churches and delegates were seated.

Visitors were received and welcomed.

After a ten minute recess, singing was directed by Rev. W. E. George, after which a very inspiring message was delivered by Rev. Wayne Hicks.

The meeting was adjourned for lunch.

Friday Afternoon Session

Devotions by Rev. W. B. Hughes.

A Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. Henry Chesnut for our honored dead.

Reports received (See Reports).

After some announcements the meeting was adjourned.

Evening Service

We had a wonderful evening service.

Saturday Morning

Singing directed by Rev. W. E. George.

Devotions by Woman's District Auxiliary Convention.

Renewal of call for reports (See Reports).

Ten minute recess.

Eleven O'Clock Services:

Singing directed by Rev. W. E. George.

Testimony by Rev. George Nobles.

Song by Rev. W. B. Hughes—"When Jesus Comes."

Offering was received.

Sermon by Rev. D. F. Pelt, from Luke 11:1-2.

Adjourn for lunch.

Afternoon Session

Singing directed by Rev. W. E. George.

Devotions by Rev. R. O. Johnson from II Kings 5:1-13.

Visitors received and welcomed.

Report of Finance Committee (See Reports).

Motion carried to adopt letter form.

Motion carried for Clerk to mimeograph letter forms.

Treasurer's report (See Reports).

Motion carried that Ordaining Council have questionnaire ready by first quarterly meeting.

Election of officers as follows:

Executive Committee (See Officers on front cover).

Delegates was appointed to Sister Associations.

SALEM—Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. A. B. Cook, and Mrs. Shivers.

STATE LINE—Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, and Rev. D. W. Poole.

UNION HILL—Rev. R. O. Johnson, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, and Rev. and Mrs. C. A. Huckaby.

STATE ASSOCIATION—Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Owens, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Ola Duncan, and Mrs. D. W. Poole.

ALTERNATES—Mrs. Joyce Kirkland, Mrs. Ray Garrett, and Mrs. Shivers.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION—Mr. and Mrs. Cully Owens, Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Miss Faye Peacock, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mr. Bernard Owens, Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, and Miss Lavada Huckaby.

A rising vote of "thanks" to the Host Church.

Adjournment.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Report of Committee On Nominations

We your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report:

CHURCHES AND COMMITTEES:

Abigail—Education.

Chipley—Obituary.

Grace—Auxiliaries.

Panama City—Stewardship.

Pleasant Hill—Nominations.

Piney Grove—Finance.

Poplar Head—Temperance.

St. Johns—Resolutions.

See rest of report in Calendar of Events.

By Piney Grove Church.

Report of Finance Committee

We, your committee on Finance, submit the following report: Associational purposes \$78.12, Cooperative Program \$305.82, Headquarters Building \$76.25, Total \$469.19.

By Panama City Church.

Report of Committee on Obituary

As we come to the close 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:

Chipley—Bro. J. A. Jowers and Bro. Milledge Retherford.

Piney Grove—Sister Emma Owens.

Grace—Col. Joseph C. Middlebrooks.

Pleasant Hill—Sister Sanders Harris.

St. John—Sister Laura Hynote.

By St. Johns Church.

Report of the Liberty Mission Board

Balance on Hand at Close of Last Year	\$ 28.14
Received from Association	121.59
Received from Earmarked Funds	308.37
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Total	\$458.10
Paid State Treasurer (Earmarked Funds)	\$232.37
Loan to Association (Minute Funds)	38.00
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Total Disbursements	\$270.37
Balance	\$223.17
Total Receipts For Money Sent Direct	\$ 76.43

Respectfully submitted,

Liberty Mission Board.

W. B. Hughes, Sec.

Report of Committee On Auxillaries

We, the Committee on Auxiliaries, adopt the report of last year as we don't see where we can amend the report.

By Poplar Head 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 everything we do. By so doing it will greatly help the teaching of temperance to our youngpeople 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."

By Abigail Church.

Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance October 14, 1955	\$ 391.80
Received during the year:	
Minutes	\$ 63.00
Cooperative Program	1,017.29
Foreign Missions	30.00
Total Income for year	\$1,110.29
 Grand Total	 \$1,502.09

Expenditures:

Moderator	\$ 25.00
Clerk	25.00
Liberty Mission Board	122.75*
Liberty Mission Board	38.00**
Johnson Printing Co.	74.00
State Association	1,191.80
 Total Paid Out	 \$1,476.55
 Balance	 \$ 25.54
Received from Finance Committee	\$ 468.09
 Total	 \$ 493.63

*Includes Special Offering of \$21.02 received at Association.

**Money borrowed to pay for minutes.

Report of Committee on Education

Paul recongnized the importance of education when he wrote to Timothy, "The things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also."—II Timothy 2:2. A return to the teachings of God's Word is the need for this hour.

We make the following recommendations:

1. That each church maintain a Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League. Also that each church conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School during the year.
2. That each church support the Bible College at Nashville, Nennessee.
3. That this Association sponsor an itinerary by the Bible College, the date to be set by the Executive Committee.
4. That each church endeavor to get the denominational papers in each home.
5. That each church send at least one special offering to the youth camp.

Report of Committee on Stewardship

We, your Committee on Stewardship, submit the following report:
According to Luke 12:42, "And the Lord said, who then is that faith-

ful and wise steward, whom his Lord shall make ruler over his household, to 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 far as he is able.

By Pleasant Hill Church.

Report of Liberty District Sunday School Convention

The convention met with St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church on April 29, 1956.

The morning service began with Sunday School, after which Mrs. Edith Redman brought the welcome address, followed by the morning message, which was brought by Rev. Jim Nichols of the Salem Association. His subject was, "Hold Fast to the Banner of God," taken from Joel 3:1.

Lunch was served by the host church for everyone attending. After lunch the program was opened with singing and prayer, followed by the discussion of the following subjects:

"Why I like Sunday School"—by Mrs. Effie Squires.

"What Sunday School Means to Me"—by Mrs. Oma Owen.

By move and second, the convention entered into business. The minutes were read and adopted. By move and second it was agreed that each church send at least one class to attend all of the convention. It was further moved and carried that a District Sunday School worker be elected by this body. Mrs. Oma Owen was elected. A committee was appointed to revise the By-Laws of the convention consisting of the following: Rev. Frank Willis, Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Bro. James T. Harrell.

The following Sunday Schools were represented: Abigail, Pleasant Hill, Grace, Chipley, Poplar Head, St. Johns, Piney Grove, and Liberty.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Rev. W. B. Hughes as President, Vice President, Rev. Wayne Hicks, Secretary, Miss Evelyn Cook.

The next session of the Convention will be held with Pleasant Hill Church on the second fifth Sunday in 1957.

District Woman's Auxillary Convention Met at Panama City Church, August 25, 1956

Meeting was opened with congregational singing and devotions.

A welcome address by Mrs. Jim Hartley, response by Mrs. Corene George.

Report on the Woman's Auxiliary Week at Camp by Mrs. Oma Owen.

A short recess, after which a special number in song by Rev. and Mrs. Wayne Hicks.

Various committees were appointed.

A report from our study course chairman, Mrs. Ibra Usery, on our district study course with Mrs. L. E. Ballard of Bladenboro, North Carolina.

There was a report given by our enlistment chairman, Mrs. Oma Owen.

The eleven o'clock sermon, "Attributes Which Will Make Us Victorious In Christ," by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

A report from our personal service chairman, Mrs. Pearl Barrow.

Adjourn for lunch.

One o'clock P. M., congregational singing and devotion led by Mrs. Bertie Baxter.

Report on the National Association by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

The business session minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted, also the treasurer's report.

Matters of new business, a discussion on having a study course for next year. A motion was made that we have the study course and give the study course chairman and her committee the authority to select the teacher and set the time for the course to be held. A motion to send \$25.00 out of our treasure to missions. A motion was made to send clothing and commodities to children's home this year, the personal service chairman to be in charge of the project.

A discussion as to the needs of the Youth Camp. A motion that each auxiliary send a donation of \$10.00 to be used at Youth Camp and to sponsor a kitchen shower and send by January 1.

A report was given by the Credentials Committee.

Officers elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Marie Owens, Chipley, Fla.

V. President—Mrs. Oma Owen, Chipley, Fla.

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

Assistant Recording Secretary—Mrs. Cleo Cook, Bonifay, Fla.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Effie Squires, Bonifay, Fla.

Treasurer—Mrs. Annie Lee Harrell, Bonifay, Fla.

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

Youth Auxiliary Chairman—Mrs. Joyce Kirkland, Chipley, Fla.

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Ibra Usery, Chipley, Fla.

Stewardship Prayer Chairman—Mrs. Louise Hicks, Panama City, Fla.

Personal Service Chairman—Mrs. Estelle Crawford, Bonifay, Fla.

Delegates appointed to the State Convention were: Mrs. Ibra Usery, Mrs. Effie Squires, Mrs. Bunch Hewitt, Mrs. Annie Lee Harrell, Mrs. Jim Hartley.

Alternate: Mrs. Wilson Roberts.

Meeting dismissed with prayer.

Committee On Resolutions

(As amended by Association)

We wish to go on record as heartily approving the 1955 report of the Committee on Resolutions, and suggest that it be re-read and re-approved.

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 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.

By Grace Church.

Quarterly Meetings Were Held As Follows:

1. Happy Hill Church—January 14, 1956.
2. Liberty Church—April 14, 1956.
3. St. Johns Church—July 14, 1956.

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 member 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 Meetings 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 the 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.

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ASSOCIATION DECORUM

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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.

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CHURCH DECORUM

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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 for 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 Saviour 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 restoration 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 employment 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	Rec. By Baptism	Otherwise	Dismissed By Letter	Died	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelists	Value of Church Property	Meeting Days
ABIGAIL	Rev. H. E. Stolnaker Chipley, Fla.	Voncille Anderson Vernon, Fla.	2	2			25	\$ 181.31	\$ 37.00	\$ 2,000.00	2 & 4
BEULAH	Rev. A. J. Carr Cottondale, Fla.	Mrs. Mollie Skinner Graceville, Fla.					34	99.50	25.00		1 & 3
CHIPLEY	Rev. W. B. Hughes Chipley, Fla.	Mr. G. W. Hayes Chipley, Fla.	16	4		2	102	2,975.00	310.00	35,000.00	F. T.
GRACE	Rev. D. W. Poole Bonifay, Fla.	Ernest Simmons Bonifay, Fla.	1	4	7		50	1,736.80	60.00		F. T.
LIBERTY	Rev. W. E. George Bonifay, Fla.	Mary Miller Caryville, Fla.	5	3			26	232.19	39.15		1 & 3
PANAMA CITY	Rev. Wayne Hicks Panama City, Fla.	Mr. Barto Keel Panama City, Fla.	6	9			41	587.71	263.05	8,000.00	F. T.
PINEY GROVE	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Chipley, Fla.	Bernard Owens Chipley, Fla.	3	2	8	1	143	3,073.00	227.30	20,000.00	F. T.
PLEASANT HILL	Rev. Frank Willis Panama City, Fla.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla.—Rt. No. 1			2	1	43	342.96	110.58	21,860.00	F. T.
POPLAR HEAD	Rev. R. O. Johnson Freeport, Fla.	A. F. Squires Bonifay, Fla.	2	1	2		34	312.50	115.00	3,000.00	1 & 3
ST. JOHN	Rev. Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.	Edith Redman Bonifay, Fla.			2	1	108	796.61	62.00	4,000.00	F. T.
TOTALS			35	25	21	5	606	\$10,337.58	\$1,239.08	\$93,860.00	

Minister's Annual Report

MINISTER	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Members Received	By Baptism	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Expense
REV. A. B. COOK	2	31	1	2		2	2	2,598	\$ 355.41	\$ 129.35
REV. W. E. GEORGE	2	157		12		18		4,707	1,009.02	
REV. WAYNE HICKS	1	115				16	6	12,000	587.71	
REV. C. A. HUCKABY	1	186	6	8	3	38	36	30,000	3,791.32	1,500.00
REV. W. B. HUGHES	1	175	8	5	2	20	16	20,000	3,506.67	1,000.00
REV. R. O. JOHNSON	2					5	4		312.50	
REV. FRANK WILLIS	1	92	1	1		12		7,952	452.33	

CHURCH COVENANT



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, to 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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