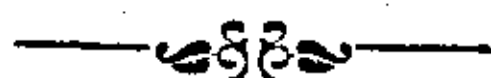


ST. JOHN  
8000 W. 10th AVENUE  
MAYVILLE, TENN. 37203

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE**  
**SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**Of The**  
**West Florida Liberty**  
**Free Will Baptist Association**

Held With  
First Church, Panama City  
October 18 and 19, 1957



**Officers and Boards**

Rev. W. B. Hughes ..... Moderator  
Rev. D. W. Poole ..... Vice-Moderator  
Rev. Wayne Hicks ..... Clerk-Treasurer

**Executive Committee**

Moderator, Clerk, Cully Owens 58, Pink Hinson 58, Henry Hayes 59,  
David Cook 59, J. T. Harrell 59.

**Ordaining Council**

Rev. Henry Chesnut 58, Rev. Paul Long 59, Rev. Frank Willis 60.

**Mission Board**

Rev. W. B. Hughes 58, Rev. Bill George 59, Rev. D. W. Poole 60.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 18, 1958 ..... Abigail  
April 19, 1958 ..... Liberty  
July 19, 1958 ..... Pleasant Hill

### Minister and Deacons' Conferences

November 15, 1957 ..... Poplar Head  
February 14, 1958 ..... Panama City  
May 16, 1958 ..... Piney Grove  
August 15, 1958 ..... Pleasant Hill

### Sunday School Convention

June 29, 1958 ..... Bonifay

### League Convention

March 29, 1958 ..... Poplar Head

### Woman's Auxiliary Convention

August 23, 1958 ..... Poplar Head

### Liberty Association

October 17 and 18, 1958 ..... St. John

## PROCEEDINGS

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Friday Morning, October 18, 1957

The day began with Congregational singing and devotion given by the Host Church. Scripture reading Psalms 8.

The Moderator then called the body to order and called for the reading of the Church Letters. Every church was represented at the first call with letters and delegates, including Damascus, the new church at Freeport. A motion was made by Rev. Bill George to receive the letters and seat the delegates. Carried. A motion was made by Rev. W. B. Hughes to receive the letter from Damascus. Motion carried.

A motion made by Rev. D. W. Poole to seat visitors in our body as visitors, was carried. State Line Association: Mrs. S. R. Dudley, Rev. Bobby Jones. Little River Association (Ga.): Rev. Paul Long. Union Hill Association (Ala.): Rev. Rufus Hyman. Midway: Rev. L. R. Curtis.

The welcome was given by the pastor of the host church. The response was then given by Rev. W. B. Hughes.

After a short recess the congregation then came together for the eleven o'clock service. The singing was arranged by Rev. W. E. George, music director. Mr. Earnest Owen was given a few minutes to speak in behalf of the Youth Camp. Then Rev. Walter Eldridge delivered the sermon and scripture reading, Joshua 6:1-16.

### Friday Afternoon

After the devotion rendered by Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. D. W. Poole had charge of the Memorial Service in honor of those who died during the year. He read from the Scriptures Job 14:14-22. He then called for the report of the Obituary Committee which gave the names of those who had passed on.

The Moderator called for reports. Temperance and Education reports and a partial report of Nominations were adopted. Rev. Poole offered a motion that the chair rule on whether the Nominating Committee should nominate officers. Ruling: This committee to offer nominations for all offices to be filled in the Association. Obituary report was completed and adopted. A partial report of the Finance Committee was adopted. Resolutions Committee report was amended and Adopted. A motion offered by Rev. W. B. Hughes to strike out words down to the word, "it" in section II was carried. The Moderator asked the Ordaining Council to serve as this committee. (see 1955 Minutes, Page 3).

A call was then made for the appointment of delegates. A motion was made by Rev. Leon Owens to commit authority to the clerk to appoint alternate delegates to State Association. A motion to amend Section 2 of Article II of the Constitution was tabled.

Delegates: Salem: Rev. Hughes, Rev. Poole, Rev. Cook, Rev. George. Union Hill: Rev. Hughes and Rev. Cook. West Fla.: Rev. Hughes and Rev. Poole. Florida State: Mrs. A. B. Cook, Mrs. Frank Willis, Mrs. Effie Squires, Mrs. Estelle Crawford, Mrs. Bertie Baxter. National: Mrs. James Hartley, Mrs. W. B. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Owen, Miss Flossie Owen, and Miss Freda Owen.

### Friday Evening Service

After the showing of two films, Rev. Bobby Jones delivered an inspiring message.



### **Saturday Morning**

To start the day off at the District Woman's Auxiliary Convention arranged the devotion given by Mrs. Oma Owen. A motion was then carried to recognize and seat visitors. From the Salem Association: Mr. and Mrs. Chester Cook, Mrs. C. R. Weeks, Mrs. C. F. Tew, Mrs. Edith Dawson, Mrs. Wilson Mazerac, Mrs. H. C. Gause. St. Andrew Baptist Church: Mrs. S. C. Hartley. Little River (Ga.) Mrs. Paul Long.

Renewed call for reports. Auxiliary report amended and adopted. Stewardship report adopted. A motion carried to adopt the report of the planning board (state association) by sections.

After a short recess the Moderator preached his farewell message to the Association.

### **Saturday Afternoon**

An altar prayer was held for Bro. Stolnaker. The Moderator then called for the report of the Treasurer. A motion offered by Rev. George to adopt this report was carried. A motion carried to pay Clerk \$25 and balance of the undesignated money be sent to Free Will Baptist Bible College. The Finance Committee's report was adopted by move and second. The motion by Rev. Hughes to instruct Clerk to mimeograph copies of our report to the State Association was carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was adopted. A motion that the Secretaries of the Sunday School and League Conventions send minutes to Clerk to be printed in the Minutes.

The Moderator called for Miscellaneous Business. Rev. Bill George was elected field worker for the Children's Home in this Association. Mr. Chester Cook was elected by this body for this job in Salem Association.

A motion made by Mr. Marvin Owens that each church send \$5 to each Quarterly Meeting and Association. Rev. Hughes made motion to adjourn.

Rev. Wayne Hicks, Clerk

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Moderator

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## **REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

### **Resolutions Committee Report**

We, your Committee on Resolutions approve the report for 1956 and suggest that it be reapproved.

St. John Church

### **Temperance Committee Report**

We, your Committee on Temperance, adopt the Report made by Abigail Church in 1956. We think it a wonderful report and we don't see where we could add to it.

Poplar Head Church

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Chipleigh — Education

Liberty — Obituary.

Panama City — Auxiliaries.

Abigail — Stewardship.

Bonifay — Nominations.

St. John — Finance.

Piney Grove — Temperance.

Poplar Head — Resolutions.

See Calendar of Events and Front Cover for rest of report.

### Pleasant Hill Church

#### Obituary Committee Report

As we come to the close of another Associational year we wish to recognize our dead. God in His infinite wisdom saw fit to call from our midst these beloved brothers and sisters:

Bonifay: — Mr. Ernest Simmons, Mrs. Winnie Williams.

Piney Grove: — Mrs. Mary Weeks, Mrs. Ellafair Peel, Mr. Ariah Owens, Mr. H. L. Trawich.

Poplar Head: — Mrs. Georgeann Johnson.

Abigail: — Mrs. Larah Johns.

Liberty: — Mrs. Ada Foster.

Pleasant Hill: — Mr. Sanders Harris.

St. John: — Mrs. Callie Nelson, Mrs. Stella Owens.

### Chipley Church

#### Education Committee Report

We, your Committee on Education made the following report. We recommend that:

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, Tenn.

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.

5. That all the Leagues in this Association make quarterly reports to the National League Board and that 10 per cent of the League offerings be sent with the report.

### Abigail Church

#### Report of Committee on Auxiliaries

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries wish to commend the churches of Liberty Association in their establishment of all the auxiliaries in most of the churches, but we do find that in a few of the churches some of the auxiliaries are not organized. This should not be so. The church represents the Body of our Christ, and the omission of any auxiliary of the church is taking away an organ or link, of the Body of Christ, thereby hindering to just that extent the full usefulness of the church. Therefore, we your committee on Auxiliaries recommend, and earnestly urge every church of Liberty Association to use every means possible to have Sunday School, League, Woman's Auxiliaries and Master's Men organized at the earliest possible date, and we further urge the churches to encourage and support your auxiliaries with every means at your disposal.

We notice a few churches that do not have Woman's Auxiliaries, we earnestly recommend that these churches contact your Woman's Auxiliary Field Worker, Mrs. Birdie Lee Hartley, 331 Maine Ave., Panama City, Fla. and enlist her assistance in organizing an auxiliary as soon as possible.

### First Church, Bonifay

#### Report of Finance Committee

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

sociational purposes, \$101.00; Cooperative Program, \$433.92; Special Offering, \$37.55.

### Piney Grove Church

#### Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance .....	\$494.73
Received during the year:	
Cooperative Program .....	\$1,208.57
Associational Purposes .....	73.00
National Home Missions .....	25.37
Damascus Church .....	25.00
Undesignated money .....	49.05
Total for year .....	1,380.99
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	\$1,875.72

#### Disbursements:

State Association .....	\$1,362.98
State Convention .....	20.00
Liberty Mission Board .....	151.41
Moderator .....	25.00
Rev. C. A. Huckaby .....	95.66
Damascus Church .....	25.00
National Home Missions .....	25.37
National Headquarters Building .....	76.25
Total Disbursements .....	\$1,781.67

Balance at beginning of Association .....	94.04
Received from Finance Committee .....	609.47
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Balance October 19, 1957 .....	\$703.51

#### Report of Committee on Stewardship

We, your Committee on Stewardship submit the following report:

Paul told the Philippian jailer to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. When one accepts Christ as Saviour he must also accept Him as Lord. The believer should begin at once to learn of his stewardship responsibilities under the Lordship of Christ. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof, the world, and they that dwell therein." We should realize that God owns everything, and every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Not just how often we attend church, but every moment of our lives. Not just how well we tithe our increase, but how we use the rest, which we call our own. Not how many talents we possess, but how we use what we have. Let us conduct ourselves knowing that we and our possessions belong to our Creator.

First Church, Panama City

#### Liberty Missions Board Report

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

The Mission Board co-sponsored a missions conference with the Woman's Auxiliary Convention which was a great success. There has been one church organized in the Association this year at Freeport, Florida. Rev. C. A. Huckaby and Rev. W. B. Hughes conducted the first week of the meeting, and Rev. Rufus Hyman conducted the second week of the meeting and perfected the organization of the church. Rev. R. O. Johnson was elected pastor.

We wish to make the following recommendations: 1. That the Mis-



sion Board be authorized to give the Freeport Church \$100.00 as follows: the association pay \$50 owed to the mission board to the said church and the Mission Board pay \$50. 2. We recommend that this Association raise \$25 per month for the support of the cuban church in Miami.

# Financial Report of West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Mission Board

Cash on Hand, October 1, 1956 ..... \$223.17

## RECEIPTS:

10% of Co-operative funds .....	152.57	
Missions Conference .....	174.95	
Poplar Head Church .....	47.10	
St. Johns Church .....	44.92	
Liberty Church .....	55.00	
Abigail Church .....	25.00	
Piney Grove Church .....	193.81	
Panama City Church .....	45.00	
Chipley Church .....	325.68	
Total Receipts .....	\$1,064.03	\$1,064.03

TOTAL ..... \$1,287.20

## DISBURSEMENTS:

State Treasurer .....	927.83	
Mrs. Eunice Edwards (Miss. Conf.) .....	100.00	
Rev. C. A. Huckaby (Expense Miss. C.) .....	10.12	
C. A. Huckaby (Loan for Minutes) .....	50.00	
R. E. Winsett Music Co. (Song Books) .....	17.50	
Freeport Church .....	25.00	
Free Will Baptist Press (Literature for Freeport) .....	5.55	
Total Disbursements .....		\$1,136.00

Cash on hand, Septetmber 30, 1957 ..... \$ 151.20

## Money Sent Direct:

Panama City Church (Foreign Missions) .....	21.80
St. John's Church (Freeport Church) .....	25.00

Total ..... \$46.80

TOTAL RECEIPTS From All Sources ..... \$1,110.83

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS from all sources ..... \$1,182.80

Respectfully submitted,

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

W. B. Hughes, Secretary

## Minutes of Liberty Dist. Auxiliary Convention

Meeting opened with congregational singing.

Prayer — Mrs. Marie Owens, President of Dist. Convention.

Devotion — Mrs. Joyce Kirkland, Chipley Fla.

Welcome — Mrs. Marie Hays, Chipley, Fla.

Response — Mrs. Estelle Crawford, Poplar Head.

Report of Women's Auxiliary week at camp — Mrs. Oma Owen ,Piney Grove.

Appointment of Committees.

Nominations — Mrs. Ollie Mae Kirkland, Mrs. Bunch Hewett, Mrs. Louise Hicks.

Credentials — Mrs. Corene George, Mrs. Peacock, Mrs. Marie Hays.

Finance — Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Estelle

Crawford.

Report of various Chairmen:

Enlistment — Mrs. Oma Owen.

Personal Service — Mrs. Estelle Crawford.

Youth Auxiliary — Mrs. Joyce Kirkland

Study Course — To be given later.

Recess.

Singing led by Mrs. Joyce Kirkland. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

Message — Rev. Bill George, St. Luke 14:16-24.

Song — Congregation. Prayer by Rev. H. A. Pitts of Winfield, Ala.

Afternoon

Singing — Congregation. Prayer by Rev. Leon Owens.

Devotion — Mrs. Frances Owens. Prayer by Mrs. Marie Owens.

Report of Study Course Chairman. A resolution was adopted that, the Study Course Chairman, together with the Mission Board, sponsor a Study Course this year and invite Mrs. Thomas H. Willey, of Cuba, as speaker. The President and Vice President were asked to work with this group to work out details of the Study Course.

Report on the National Association was given by Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. H. A. Pitts, the Vice Moderator of the National Association, was asked to give some highlights of the National Auxiliary work.

Business was opened by reading minutes of last meeting.

Treasurers report was given by Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, report accepted by move and second.

The needs of the Youth Camp were discussed. By move and second it was agreed that each auxiliary give at least \$10.00 by Jan. 1, 1958 to be used as needed at camp. By move and second it was also agreed that each auxiliary buy a 12 place setting of plastic dishes for camp. Rev. Wayne Hicks was to locate a place where these could be bought.

Offering received to pay light bill at Camp, \$15.86.

Report of Credentials Committee, Minister 8, Local Aux. 6, Dist. Officers 7, Delegates, 13.

Report of Nominating Committee:

President — Mrs. Marie Owens, Piney Grove, Chipley, Fla.

Vice President — Mrs. Corene George, St. John, Bonifay, Fla.

Recording Secretary — Mrs. Oma Owen, Piney Grove, Chipley, Fla.

Assistant Recording Secy. — Mrs. Cleo Cook, St. John, Bonifay, Fla.

Corresponding Secretary — Mrs. D. W. Pool, Bonifay, Fla.

Treasurer — Mrs. Vera Owens, Piney Grove, Chipley, Fla.

Field Sec. — Mrs. Bartie Lee Hartley, Panama City, Fla.

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

Personal Service Chairman — Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Piney Grove, Chipley, Fla.

Stewardship — Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Chipley, Fla.

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

There being no nominations from the floor, this report was accepted as read, by move and second.

Delegates to state convention are, Oma Owen, Estelle Crawford, Mrs. Peacock, Joyce Kirkland, and Mrs. D. W. Poole. Alternate Bunch Hewett.

A move and second was made that we give \$25.00 as a start on the mission fund for the African Project.

Adjourned to meet again on Saturday, August 23, 1958, with Poplar Head Church. Dismissed with prayer.

Recording Secretary,

Mrs. Oma Owen



## 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 Association 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 de-

nomination, as in its judgement 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 the appointed hour, shall be due acknowledgements 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

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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 acknowledgements, (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 con-

ferences 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 acknowledgement shall be recorded in the church book.

23. 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 of some sister church. All other persons must join by letter, baptism, statement, or restoration.

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## 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 Saviour 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. **PERSERVERANCE.** 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).

1 5. **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, JUDGEMENT, 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. James Cain Blountstown, Florida	Mrs. Archie Cook Vernon, Florida	1	3		1	24	\$348.74	60.00		2 & 4
BEULAH	Rev. A. J. Carr Marianna, Florida	Ms. Mollie Skinner Graceville, Florida					37	103.72	31.50		3
CHIPLEY	Rev. W. B. Hughes Chipley, Florida	Mr. G. H. Hayes Route 4, Chipley, Fla.	19	4	3		125	3,245.00	250.00	35,000.00	F. T.
DAMASCUS	Rev. R. O. Johnson Freeport, Florida	Mr. F. Pippin Freeport, Florida	5	18			23			2,500.00	2 & 4
BONIFAY FIRST	Rev. D. W. Poole Box 102, Bonifay, Fla.	Mrs. Prescilla Harris Bonifay, Florida	4	12	5	2	58	1,579.97	60.00	12,000.00	F. T.
PANAMA C. FIRST	Rev. Wayne Hicks 123 East Ave., N., Panama C.	Mr. Ross Pippin 2717 E. 5th St., Panama C.	1	5	1		46	2,072.01	242.51	12,000.00	F. T.
LIBERTY	Rev. W. E. George Route 1, Bonifay, Florida	Mrs. Mary Miller Chipley, Florida	3		1	1	27	217.72	72.00	3,000.00	1 & 3
PINEY GROVE	Rev. Paul Long Route 4, Chipley, Florida	Mr. Bernard Owens Chipley, Florida	2	4	11	4	144	3,078.45	200.00	20,000.00	F. T.
Pleasant HILL	Rev. Frank Willis 8417 W. Hwy 98, Panama C.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Route 1, Bonifay, Florida	15	2		1	52	360.17	50.21	21,860.00	F. T.
POPLAR HEAD	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Florida	Mr. A. F. Squires Rt. 1, Bonifay, Florida	9	1	3		45	357.95	175.00	8,000.00	F. T.
ST JOHN	Rev. Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Florida	Mrs. Edith Redman Route 4, Bonifay, Florida	14	4		2	81	925.66	188.00	4,000.00	F. T.
			73	53	24	11	662	\$12,289.39	\$1,329.22	118,360.00	

## 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. C. A. HUCKABY	1	201	6	12	1	32		36,500	\$3,876.37	\$1,825.00
REV. W. B. HUGHES	1	153	5	5	2	29	19	2,000	3,382.00	1,000.00
REV. W. E. GEORGE	2	152	5	5	1	12	12	3,952	1,227.27	
REV. PAUL LONG	1	125	1	1	1	3		15,000	2,250.00	
REV. FRANK WILLIS	1	127	3	4	3	21	15	15,447	615.88	
REV. WALTER ELDRIDGE	1	94	1	4		18	14	3,500	985.66	
REV. A. B. COOK	1	110	1	1		14	12	2,500	370.79	200.00
REV. R. O. JOHNSON	2	144			1	28	8		357.00	
REV. WAYNE HICKS	1	150	3	1		6	1	12,000	2,231.00	650.00



## 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 Saviour 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 principles 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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