

MINUTES

of the

Seventieth Annual Session

of the

West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

Held With

St. John

October 17 and 18, 1958



OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. W. B. Hughes Moderator
Rev. W. E. George Vice-Moderator
Rev. Wayne Hicks Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Henry Hayes 59, David Cook 59, J. T. Harrell 59,
Leroy Crawford 61, Buford Harris 61

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Paul Long 59, Rev. Frank Willis 60, Rev. Henry Chestnut 61.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Bill George 59, Rev. D. W. Poole 60, Rev. Paul Long 61.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 17, 1959 Damascus Church
April 18, 1959 Popular Head Church
July 18, 1959 Piney Grove Church

Minister and Deacons' Conference

November 15, 1958 Liberty Church
February 15, 1959 Chipley Church
May 17, 1959 St. John's Church
August 16, 1959 First Church, Panama City

Sunday School Convention

June 28, 1959

League Convention

March 28, 1959 Chipley Church

Woman's Auxiliary Convention

August 22 First Church of Bonifay

Liberty Missions Conference

January 19-23 Places to be announced

Liberty Association

October 16 and 17, 1959 First Church of Bonifay

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, October 17, 1958

The Seventieth Annual Session of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association opened with Congregational singing directed by Rev. Leon Owens. Prayer was offered by Rev. Ralph Bell.

Rev. Walter Eldridge led into opening devotionall reading Haggai 1: 2-8. As pastor of the Host Church he also gave the welcome address. Mr. Ernest Owen gave the response.

The Moderator read the program for the Association, and it was adopted as read.

The meeting was then called to order by the Moderator, who called for the Church Letters. The roll of delegates was called, and a motion was carried to seat the delegates. All churches reported.

Visitors and delegates from other associations were given recognition and welcomed. A motion was carried to seat these visitors.

A Credentials Committee was appointed. To serve on the committee were Mr. Cauley Owens, Chairman, Mrs. Hewitt, and Mrs. Cook.

After the recess, the singing was conducted by Rev. Leon Owens. An offering was received for the Children's Home of \$53.28. Before Rev. Carlton Lambert brought the message he sang a special, "The Old Rugged Cross." Rev. Lambert used Psalms 126:5, 6 for his scripture.

Friday Afternoon

After singing conducted by Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. Wayne Hicks brought the devotion. Then a Memorial Service was conducted by Rev. A. B. Cook, in remembrance of those who died during the year.

The Moderator then called for reports of committees. The report of the First Church of Panama City as Committee on Auxiliaries was given and adopted. The report of Committee on Education as given by Chipley Church was adopted. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and adopted.

The Executive Committee gave the report of the Board of Education of the State Association. The report was amended and adopted.

Time was given to Rev. William Mishler, Promotional Secretary, for the National Sunday School Board, to present the services and literature offered by the Sunday School Department.

Friday Evening Service

The singing was conducted by Rev. Leon Owens.

The Liberty Mission Board gave its Annual Report which was adopted.

Mr. Jack Pitts gave an oral report of the Missionary conference at the Bible College.

A special song was rendered by Glenda and Franky George.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. William Mishler.

Saturday Morning, October 18, 1958

After a short song service, to start the day, Rev. D. W. Poole brought the devotion. First Corinthians 1:13-23 was read.

The call for Church Letters was renewed, and a motion carried to seat alternate delegates not previously seated.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given but returned to committee for reconsideration.

The Obituary report was given and received by move and second carried.

The business was dismissed for the Worship Service. After a short

recess Rev. Owens led the Congregation in singing. Rev. John M. Rich led in a testimony service. Mr. Chester Cook sang a special. Rev. Paul Long then delivered the message, using for his scripture, Rev. 2:1-7.

Saturday Afternoon

The devotion was under the direction of the Woman's Auxillary Convention and was given by Mrs. Marie Owens. She read Acts 10:36-41. Mrs. Owens also gave the report of the Convention. The report was adopted.

A motion was made that each pastor whose church had a Master's Men, given an oral report about its work and progress. The churches reported, Chipley, Bonifay, and Panama City.

Delegates to other associations were appointed. State Association: Mr. and Mrs. Carl Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Owens, Mrs. Pitts, Mrs. Hicks, Mrs. Hartley.

A motion to elect Rev. Bill George as field worker for Children's Home was carried.

Salem Association: Rev. and Mrs. Poole, Rev. A. B. Cook, Rev. Leon Owens.

Union Hill: Rev. and Mrs. John M. Rich, and Rev. A. B. Cook.

State Line Association: Rev. and Mrs. Poole, Rev. Walter Eldridge, and Rev. Bill George.

West Fla. Association: Rev. Johnson, Rev. Rich, Rev. A. B. Cook, and Rev. Hughes.

A motion was made to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for the way they welcomed the Association.

Adjournment.

Ministers

Rev. D. F. Pelt-Salem Assn.-State Moderator, Rev. John Edwards, Dothan, Ala., Rev. William J. Mishler, Nashville, Rev. W. E. George, Rev. Frank Willis, Rev. Wayne Hicks, Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. John M. Rich, Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. A. B. Cook, Rev. Paul Long, Rev. J. H. Chestnut, Rev. R. O. Johnson, Rev. W. B. Hughes, Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. I. O. Cook, Rev. G. W. Nobles, Rev. W. S. Driggers, Rev. Alvin Howell.

Delegates

BONIFAY — Mrs. D. W. Poole, Mrs. E. C. Anderson, Mrs. Willie Pelt, Mrs. Pink Henson, Mrs. Warren Pitts.

BEULAH — Mrs. Mae Culbreth, Mrs. Martin.

ABIGAIL — Mrs. Marylene Willis, John Cook.

PANAMA CITY — Sherald Glisson, Mrs. Birdie Lee Hartley.

POPLAR HEAD — Mrs. Estelle Crawford, Mrs. E. A. Whitehead, Mrs. A. F. Squires.

PLEASANT HILL — Mrs. Robbie Lee, Mrs. Mary McCullough, Mrs. Donie Burch, D. E. Burch.

ST. JOHNS — Mrs. Edith Redmon, Henry Redmon, Mrs. Carlton Nelson, L. R. Chestnut.

SALEM — Chester Cook.

FREEPORT — Faye Johnson, Ola Pitts, James Pitts.

LIBERTY — Mary Miller, Essie Milton, Milton Dunn.

PINEY GROVE — Mrs. Thelma Owens, Mrs. Leslie Robert, Mrs. Paul Long, Mrs. Clara McAdams.

CHIPLEY — James Rhodes, C. D. Owens, Mrs. Marie Hayes, Mrs. Oscar Cooper, Earnest Owens, Mrs. Roxie Ann Pitts, Charley A. Cook, Mrs. F. L. Tanton, Mrs. Jowers, Jimmy Finch, A. J. Pitts.

Visitors

Mrs. R. C. Glenn, Linda Martin, Nella Owen, I. T. Baxter, Linda Baxter, Mrs. Ed Martin, Van Hayes, S. O. Foul, Idell Baxley, Mrs. Courne George, Mrs. Annie Mae Cook, Vea Peel, Foular Cook, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. Cuchens, Mrs. Clyde Register, Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Birdie Baxter, Harlan Register, Mrs. J. H. Dykes, Mrs. Ethel Baxter, Mrs. J. W. Vann, Mrs. Molly Skinner.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Treasurer's Annual Report

Balance October 19, 1957 \$ 708.52

Receipts:

Cooperative Program	\$1178.20
Associational Purposes	140.00
Miami Missions	36.00
Woman's Auxiliary Convention	25.00
Bank Credit	3.00
Total Receipts	1382.20

\$2090.72

Disbursements:

Cooperative Program	\$1360.50
Liberty Mission Board	151.16
Liberty Mission Board (loan)	74.00
Adams Printing Co.	107.75
State Convention	20.00
Woman's Auxiliary Convention	25.57
Miami Missions	36.00
Rev. C. A. Huckaby	62.55
Clerk	25.00
Bible College	24.05

Total Disbursements 1886.58

Balance September 30, 1958 \$ 204.14

Report of Committee on Auxiliaries

We, your Committee on Auxiliaries, report that a few of our churches have all the auxiliaries. All of our churches have Sunday Schools.

RECOMMENDATION: Since the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association belongs to and supports the National Association of Free Will Baptists, we recommend that our Sunday Schools use literature offered by the Sunday School Board of the National Association. Thereby we become more loyal to and strengthen our Denomination.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that our churches which do not have leagues organize this auxiliary; that all of our leagues send a quarterly report with 10 per cent of its total offerings to the secretary of our National League Board, Mr. Ray Turnage 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville, Tennessee.

May we not forget the supreme task of the Church with all its auxiliaries to "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

First Church, Panama City, Florida
Report of Nominating Committee

We, your Committee on Nominations, humbly present the following report:

For Stewardship Chipley Church
 For Auxiliaries Liberty Church
 For Education First Church of Panama City
 For Temperance Abigail Church
 For Finance First Church of Bonifay
 For Nominations St. John's Church
 For Resolutions Piney Grove Church
 For Obituaries Poplar Head Church

For rest of report see Calendar of Events and front cover.

Respectfully Submitted,

First Church of Bonifay

Board of Missions Report

We, your Board of Missions, wish to submit the following report:

The Missions Conference, co-sponsored by the Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Liberty Mission Board was the best ever held. We had the largest number in attendance and received more for missions than ever before.

Plans have already been made for the Missions Conference this year. Miss Laura Bell Barrard and Rev. Louis Moulton, Promotional Secretary of the National Board of Foreign Missions, are to be the speakers. The date of the conference this year will be January 19-23. Pray much for this Conference.

Balance on Hand \$ 150.74

Receipts:

10% of Cooperative Funds	\$151.16
Payment of Loan	71.00
Offering at Association	44.52
Missions Conference	382.70
Quarterly Meeting	45.32
Chipley Church	347.78
Piney Grove Church	173.37
Popular Head Church	76.92
St. John	5.00
Liberty	49.15
Panama City	184.37
First Church Bonifay	72.00
Miscellaneous	58.00

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TOTAL\$1754.41

Disbursements:

State Treas.	\$1264.99
Bob L. Jones	10.00
Damascus Church	100.00
Wayne Hicks (Loan)	24.00
Wayne Hicks (Paper)	1.20

Liberty Mission Board (Miss. Conf.)	25.00	
Washington Co. News-Memo Paper93	
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Balance on Hand\$ 328.29

Resolution Committee

We your Resolution Committee resolve that we re-affirm our position of being opposed to the dog track.

Poplar Head Church

Finance Committee

We, your Committee on Finance, submit the offering report:

Money sent for Cooperative Program	\$472.71
Fees for Assn. purposes	52.50
Missions	100.28
Children's Home	53.28
Unspecified	10.00
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Respectfully Submitted,

Bro. Ray Garrett,
Sis. Lois Garrett,
Sis Courne George

Report of Credentials Committee

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

We find 20 ministers, 56 delegates, 14 deacons, 52 visitors.

We find 11 churches reporting, total membership 752 gained by profession of faith and otherwise 40, lost 20. Amount taken in \$25,426.31; amount spent \$28,264.74. Value of church property \$106,567.00. Value of Parsonage \$20,000.00. We find 10 Sunday Schools. Amount taken in, \$1,213.56; amount spent \$678.69; number in Sunday School 617. We find 7 Leagues, number enrolled 228, amount taken in \$384.14, amount spent \$103.43; 5 Women's Auxiliaries, number on roll 73, amount taken in \$1,661.77, amount spent \$1,473.96; 4 G. T. A.'s, 44 enrolled; 4 Y. P. A.'s, number enrolled 46.

Respectfully Submitted,

C. D. Owens, Mrs. Lewis Cook,
Mrs. Jack Hewett

Temperance Committee Report

Be it resolved that we encourage our people to restrain from patronizing eating places and all other kinds of business that sell alcoholic beverages.

That we be temperate in our speech, our actions, and dealings with others, both Christians and unsaved people.

In connection with this report, we ask that each of you read Titus 2:2-8.

Piney Grove Church

Committee On Stewardship

We, your Committee on Stewardship, approve the report for 1957 and suggest that it be reapproved.

Abigail Church

Education Committee

We, your Committee on Education, wish to submit the following report. We recommend:

1. That each church maintain a Sunday School and Free Will Baptist League. Also that each church conduct a Daily Vacation Bible School.
2. That this association sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School workshop and that each church send representatives.
3. That each Church support the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn.
4. That each Church urge its Young People to attend one session of the Youth Camp.
5. That each Church receive an offering for the Youth Camp Building Fund.

Chipleigh Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

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

As we come to the close of another Associational year, our hearts are made to rejoice over the many accomplishments that have been achieved, but there is sorrow mixed with our rejoicing as we remember those of our number whom God has called from our midst, but we trust our loss is Heaven's gain. Those departed are:

1. Beulah — Sis. Martha Austin.
2. Piney Grove — Sis. Nancy Williams, Bro. W. H. (Uncle Billy) Shores, Bro. Joe Hampton.
3. St. John — Bro. R. L. Walsingham, Bro. Jim Anderson, Bro. Charles Slay.
4. Pleasant Hill — Bro. Cecil Harris.
5. Poplar Head — Sis. Amanda Chesnut.

Liberty District Auxiliary Convention

Poplar Head Free Will Baptist Church, Sept. 1958.

Meeting opened with song and prayer.

Devotions by Mrs. Corene George.

Welcome by Mrs. Effie Squires.

Response by Mrs. Etha Mae Owen.

Report of Ladies Week at Camp by Bertie Lee Hartley.

Appointment of Committees:

Nominating — Mrs. Joyce Kirkland, Mrs. Wilson Roberts, Mrs. D. W. Poole, Elvie Lawrence, Marie Hayes.

Finance — Mrs. Vera Owens, Mrs. Ocell Finch, Mrs. Effie Squires.

Credentials — Mrs. Cleo Cook, Mrs. Allen, Mrs. Willie Dee Martin.

A short play (A Yielded Christian) was given by the Y. P. A. of the Host Church, directed by Leroy Crawford.

Reports — Recording Secretary, Mrs. Oma Owen; Personal Service, Mrs. Berte Baxter.

Recess 10:50.

Message by Rev. W. B. Hughes, Subject—Missions, Scripture—Matt. 24:37-40; John 5:40.

Dismissed for Lunch with Prayer by Mrs. Marie Owens.

Lunch, 12:00.

Afternoon:

Devotions by Rev. Wayne Hicks, Matt. 28:18-20.

Business opened with the reading of minutes for 1957. Minutes adopted by move and second.

Reports — Youth Auxiliary, Mrs. Joyce Kirkland; Study Course, Mrs. Ibra Usery; WNAC Report, Rev. Paul Long.

Old Business: Balance of \$12.00 on the dishes for camp paid by move and second.

New Business: It was moved and carried that this convention buy a water cooler for the camp, as a project for this year. Moved and carried that the President appoint a Committee to secure a cooler.

Committee — Rev. Wayne Hicks, Rev. Bill George, Rev. W. B. Hughes.

A discussion on the needs of the Children's Home was lead by Rev. Bill George. It was decided to help the Home by sending a load of food and clothing.

A Study Course for this year was discussed. By a move and second it was agreed to work with the Mission Board again this year, and that we invite Rev. Louis Moulton, and Miss Laura Belle Bernard to conduct this study course.

Reports:

Credential Committee — 5 Ministers, 9 Officers, 11 Delegates, 17 Visitors, 4 Local Presidents.

Finance Committee — Report accepted by move and second.

Nominating Committee — Pres., Mrs. Marie Owens; Vice-Pres., Mrs. Corene George; Recording Sec., Mrs. Oma Owen; Assisting Rec. Sec., Mrs. Cleo Cook; Corresponding Sec., Mrs. D. W. Poole; Treas., Mrs. Vera Owens; Field Sec., Mrs. Bertie Baxter; Youth Aux. Chairman, Mrs. Joyce Kirkland; Personal Service, Mrs. Charlotte Long; Stewardship, Mrs. Etha Mae Owen; Study Course, Mrs. Ibra Usery.

Moved and carried that this report be accepted with the exception of President, Youth Aux. Chairman, and Stewardship Chairman, the following being elected from the floor:

President, Mrs. Etha Owen; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. Azael Justice; Stewardship, Mrs. Estelle Crawford.

Delegates to State Convention appointed by President — Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Shiver, Mrs. W. B. Hughes, Mrs. Pearl Barrow, Mrs. Oma Owen.

Adjourned with prayer, to meet again on the 22nd day of August, 1959, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Bonifay, Florida.

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 communities 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 denomination, 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.

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 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

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 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 any one 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.

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 of 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 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. **PERSISTENCE.** 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 Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Cooperative Program	Total Earmarked	Meeting Days
Abigail	Rev. Frank Willis Panama City	Mrs. Archie Cook Vernon				1	23	297.97	50.00	3,000	51.99	10.00	2 & 4
Beulah	Rev. A. B. Cook Bonifay	Mrs. Molly Skinner Graceville				1	18	31.54		500			1 & 3
Chipley	Rev. W. B. Hughes Chipley	Mr. G. H. Hayes Chipley	5		4		128	3,515.00	200.00	35,000	303.23	1,233.68	F. T.
Damascus	Rev. H. Henderson Niceville	Mr. F. Pippin Freeport	9	2			34	100.00	115.04	2,500		18.15	2 & 4
Bonifay First	Rev. D. W. Poole Box 102, Bonifay	Mrs. Prescilla Harris Bonifay	5	5	1		67	1,242.24	115.25	16,000	211.71	120.44	F. T.
Panama City First	Rev. Wayne Hicks 123 N. E. Ave. P.C.	Mrs. Ruth Sexton 117 Poston Ave., P. C.	20	12			78	3,160.00	300.00	12,000	437.74	171.30	F. T.
Liberty	Rev. W. E. George Rt. 1, Bonifay	Mr. J. H. Milton Bonifay	4	2			38	441.32	66.30	3,000	19.65	98.00	1 & 3
Piney Grove	Rev. Paul Long Rt. 4, Chipley	Mr. Bernard Owens Chipley	1			3	152	2,627.00	200.00	20,000	350.00	323.00	F. T.
Pleasant Hill	Rev. B. G. Register Graceville	Mrs. Lucille Cook Rt. 1, Bonifay	4	1			58	469.97	35.00	21,860	63.49	6.00	F. T.
Poplar Head	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon	Mr. A. F. Squires Rt. 1, Bonifay		5	4	1	50	1,087.50	140.00	8,000		225.01	F. T.
St. John	Rev. Walter Eldridge Cottondale	Mrs. E. Redman Rt. 4, Bonifay	10	1	1	3	88	918.70	200.00	4,000	136.36		F. T.
			58	28	10	9	734	13,891.24	1,421.59	145,850	1,580.17	2,205.58	

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	3	54							\$ 238.45	
REV. W. E. GEORGE	2	190	9	11	4	35		4,143	1,836.67	
REV. WAYNE HICKS	1	142	4	1	2	32	20	15,000	3,520.00	
REV. W. B. HUGHES	1	143	3	12	3	6	5	20,000	3,900.00	\$1,000.00
REV. R. O. JOHNSON	1	196				11	9	624	100.00	
REV. PAUL LONG	1	135	1	2		1	1	12,500	2,792.00	250.00
REV. LEON OWENS	1	116		1		1		3,308	1,112.50	231.56
REV. D. W. POOLE	1	108		1	3	10	5	15,000	1,857.00	
REV. FRANK WILLIS	1	136	2	7	2	13	4	21,215	718.46	

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 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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