

MINUTES

OF THE
SEVENTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Liberty Free Will Baptist Church

OF VERNON, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 14 AND 15, 1960

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. W. E. George Moderator
Rev. Leon Owens Vice-Moderator
Rev. Harrold D. Harrison Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Henry Hayes 61, David Cook, 61,
J. T. Harrell 61, Buford Harris 63, Marvin Owens 63.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Henry Chestnut 61, Rev. W. E. George 62,
Rev. Freeman Edwards 63.

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Freeman Edwards 61, Rev. Harrold D. Harrison 62.
Rev. Chester Huckaby 63.

CALENDER OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 14, 1961 Chipley
April 15, 1961 Piney Grove
July 15, 1961 Bonifay

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE

November 20, 1960 Beulah
February 19, 1961 St. John
May 21, 1961 Liberty
August 20, 1961 Abigail

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

April 29, 1961 Panama City

LEAGUE CONVENTION

March 25, 1961 Pleasant Hill

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

May 6, 1961 Chipley

MASTER'S MEN CONVENTION

November 11, 1960, February 10, May 12, August 11, 1961.

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 16-22, 1961 Places to be announced

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

October 13, 14, 1961 Poplar Head

YOUTH RALLY

January 28, 1961 Piney Grove
April 29, 1961 St. John
July 29, 1961 Poplar Head
October 28, 1961 Panama City

PROCEEDINGS

Friday Morning, October 14, 1960

The seventy-second annual session of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association was opened by singing "Where The Soul Never Dies." The congregation was led in prayer by Brother Henry Chestnut.

MSC* to adopt program as set up for the association.

Rev. Freeman Edwards brought the morning devotion reading from II Chronicles 1:7-12. The association was then given a warm welcome by Brother Arthur Cook. The response was made by Brother Jack Pitts.

The clerk called the roll for the reading and presentation of church letters. All of the churches in the association presented their letters at the first call. MSC to accept letters and seat delegates.

Visiting ministers and delegates were recognized and welcomed. Present in this first session were Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Howell from the Salem Association, Rev. and Mrs. Finch, Rev. Leo Curtiss and Rev. Rufus Hyman from the State Line Association of Alabama. Also present was the Rev. Bill Fulcher, missionary appointee to Latin America from Nashville, Tennessee.

After a brief recess the association was led in singing by Brother Leon Owens in "Anywhere Is Home." The morning message was delivered by Rev. Chester A. Huckaby using as his text Romans 10:13-15. The message had a real missionary challenge and was used of the Lord to bless those present.

The appointment of the following committees was then made by the moderator. Finance: F. Pippin, Carl Owen, D. W. Poole. Credential Committee: Oma Owen, Cauley Owens, Ruth Sexton. The body was then dismissed with prayer for the lunch hour.

Friday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened by singing. Prayer was led by Brother Ernest Owen. The devotion was in charge of Brother O. W. Skinner who read from Ephesians three and from I John. His subject was "love."

The call was made for Committee Reports.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE — No report. MSC from the floor that a rising vote of thanks be given the host church for entertaining the association.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE — Given by the Pleasant Hill Church. MSC to adopt.

AUXILIARIES — Postponed to Saturday.

EDUCATION — Postponed to Saturday.

TEMPERANCE — Given by Damascus church. MSC to adopt.

OBITUARY — Given by Beulah church. MSC to adopt with amendments.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE — MSC to adopt partial report.

TREASURER'S REPORT — MSC to adopt.

The floor was then open for new business. MSC to receive an offering for Brother Wayne Hartzog, a student at Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. The offering received amounted to \$50.66.

MSC to appoint a committee to make constitutional amendment to set up a student loan fund for students at the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn., from the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association.

Rev. D. W. Poole gave an informational report on the Free Will

*MSC — Motion — Second — Carried.

Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

Motion made and seconded to amend Article VI of the Constitution to include student loan fund. MSC to lay on table the above motion. The Planning Board report was then given as a matter of information. Rev. Clyde Owen gave the Camp Meeting Committee assignments. MSC to dismiss until evening service.

Friday Evening Missionary Service

The evening service was opened with singing and prayer led by Rev. Leon Owens. The devotion was brought by Rev. Harrold Harrison who spoke from John 12:24-26. The congregation was then led in a testimony meeting by Brother Leroy Crawford. Call for the Mission Board Report. Report was given by Rev. Freeman Edwards. MSC to adopt.

Mrs. Bill Fulcher, missionary appointee to Latin America, gave her personal testimony and rendered special music. Rev. Bill Fulcher then challenged our hearts with a stirring missionary message using as his text Matthew 28:19-20. An offering in the amount of \$8.76 was received for the Fulchers. Congregation was dismissed with prayer until the morning session.

Saturday Morning October 15, 1960

The morning service was opened with singing of "Just A Little Talk With Jesus" after which the assembly was led in prayer by Rev. I. O. Cook. The congregation then sang "Living By Faith."

Scripture reading from I Cor. 16:13-14 and prayer led by the moderator, Rev. Bill George. The morning devotion was brought by Brother Aaron Burch using Deuteronomy 6:4-8.

The call for letters was renewed.

Visitors welcomed from the State Line Association, Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. L. R. Curtis, Rev. Trim Finch, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. John Edwards and Brother Fletcher Bouldin and wife. Rev. Gates was welcomed from the state of Michigan and Rev. I. O. Cook from the Salem Association.

The call was renewed for Committee Reports.

AUXILIARIES — Given by Panama City church. MSC to adopt.

EDUCATION — Given by Bonifay church. MSC to adopt.

PLANNING BOARD report read by Clerk. A move and second was made that this report be received and adopted item by item.

ITEM No. 1 Lost.

ITEM No. 2 MSC.

ITEM No. 3 MSC.

MSC that the Planning Board be instructed to meet and draft a proposal in regard to the establishment of the proposed Bible Institute.

Following a short recess the congregation was led in singing by Rev. Bill George. Rev. Ralph Bell led in prayer. Rev. Gates visiting from Michigan rendered a special in song. Rev. Leon Owens brought the morning message using as his text Luke 10:25-37. A real missionary challenge was presented. Dismissed with prayer for lunch hour.

Saturday Afternoon

Afternoon session was opened with singing and prayer led by Brother Fletcher Bouldin. Supplementary Planning Board report was given and MSC to adopt.

Devotion was given by Sister Corene George reading Psalm 121. She challenged the Womans Auxiliary to meet the quota for the Miley's. A report on the week at Camp Meeting was given by Mrs. Oma Owen.

Credential Committee report given. MSC to adopt. MSC that the amendment to Article VI of the Constitution be removed from

the table. Motion to amend the motion MSC. MSC to carry motion as amended.

The Constitutional change reads as follows:

"Article VI, Section 3. This Association shall sponsor a student loan fund which shall make loans to worthy students within this Association enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. This loan fund shall be established by a representation fee of \$5.00 from each church in the Association payable at each quarterly meeting and annual association and supplemented by gifts. Those being eligible: (1) Shall be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church in this Association. (2) Shall give to the Trustees of this Association a promissory note payable six months after leaving school with 2 per cent interest to begin when note is due. (3) Note to be endorsed by two competent business men."

Motion and second to amend Constitution Article IV, Sec. 1 to read as follows: "and Board of Trustees." MSC to table motion until next Quarterly meeting.

Mrs. Bertie Baxter gave information on the planned orphanage pickup of commodities.

The following delegates to the State Association were appointed: Bill Marchant, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Thelma Owens, Mrs. D. W. Poole and Mrs. Molly Anderson.

Corresponding messengers to the following associations were also appointed.

Salem Association — Leon Owens, Jack Dykes.

State Line Association — Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. Bill George.

West Florida Association — James Pitts, Rev. D. W. Poole.

North Florida Association — Rev. H. D. Harrison, Rev. Freeman Edwards.

The Nominating Committee gave their report. MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to adopt 3rd Quarterly Meeting minutes as amended.

MSC to empower Liberty Association delegates to seat needed delegates if short at the State Association meeting in Jacksonville, Fla.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for the fine job which they did in hosting the 72nd annual session of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association.

After the privilege of various announcements by pastors and others the session was adjourned.

MINISTERS

Rev. Clyde Owen, Rev. Bobby Register, Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. D. W. Poole, Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. Bill George, Rev. Freeman Edwards, Rev. Harrold Harrison, Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. Henry Chestnut. VISITING MINISTERS: Rev. John Edwards, Rev. Rufus Hyman, Rev. L. R. Curtis, Rev. Madison Taylor, Rev. Alvin Howell, Rev. Ralph Bell, Rev. Trim Finch, Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

Reports of Committees

REPORT ON STEWARDSHIP

We, your committee on stewardship, submit the following:

We find stewardship first in (Genesis 15:2) as the steward over Abraham's house. The meaning of the word is "to manage the affairs of another."

As stewards we must be faithful (Luke 16:1-8). Our talents, possessions, and earnings are not necessarily stewardship, but if properly handled as servant of God is real stewardship. True stewardship is not our ability to live and do for God, but how faithful we are in what we do for Him.

We are stewards rather than owners (Luke 19:13). Our talents and possessions are only entrusted to us to be used for the glory of God and the salvation of souls.

There are those with one talent, two talents and so on, and our talents can be improved and enlarged according to our faithfulness in using them.

Each of us are stewards with a personal responsibility to God and not man and some day we will be rewarded for our stewardship.

Pleasant Hill Church

COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

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

The word auxiliary means, "One who Assists," this means more to us as a Church than we might think. In fact the Auxiliaries of our Churches are to "Assist" the Church, for it is a part of the Church.

In reading the reports from the churches, we notice a few churches have all of the auxiliaries, which are: Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, Woman's Auxiliary, Master's Men, G.T.A. and Y.P.A., but at the same time we also noticed several churches did not have all of these, some only had Sunday School.

We feel it will be of great advantage and benefit to the cause of Christ and to the progress of the local church to include all of the Auxiliaries, although it will cost some effort.

May we, during the next year make some effort to do more to organize these needed Auxiliaries in each Church than we have in the past.

Submitted by your
Committee on Auxiliaries
First Church of Panama City

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Education, wish to submit the following report for the consideration of your honorable body:

We find that our people are becoming more educational minded, for which we wish to commend them heartily, and urge that they may continue to promote education within the church and denomination on every level.

However, there are two fields of education that we would suggest that our church emphasize even more, and they are: First, the home. We firmly believe that it is God's will that the home be the primary source of all education, both spiritual and temporal. But we find that in many homes of church people there is no systematic Bible study or even daily family prayer. Once again brethren, this should be the very beginning of all learning.

Second: In our public schools. Within our own state of Florida there is a movement today to prohibit even the reading of God's word in our public schools, and along with this effort to shut out God's word such things as dancing and a trend toward evolution is being taught. We would urge every Christian parent to visit our public schools more, and demand more information concerning just what is being taught to our children, take a greater interest in the Parent-Teacher Associations, and use every means at their disposal to improve sound teaching practices and the materials used in the teaching of children in the public schools of our state.

Satan is still walking to and fro in the earth, seeking whom he may devour, and he can win no greater victory than in poisoning the minds of our children in their formative years unless we who are Christian keep alert to the dangers.

Humbly Submitted,
First Free Will Baptist
Church of Bonifay

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Temperance wish to offer the following report based upon the following scriptures: Prov. 20:1, 20:17, 23:29-31, Eccles. 10:17, Isaiah 5:11, 28:1, Hab. 2:15, Luke 21:34, Eph. 5:18.

Temperance means moderation, especially in respect to the appetite or passions, patience, sobriety: Total Abstinence. We urge that our members individually and as a body observe temperance in all things and total abstinence from alcoholic drink. We, being confronted with the ever increasing traffic and use of alcoholic drinks can visualize the effect of same upon the human race. We urge and pray that our entire membership unite in force and live and teach the evils of intemperance.

Let us go to our Lord in prayer as humble Christians asking Him to be our Leader in living and teaching, that we may hold a light before the world that may guide the careless and unconcerned to seek God as their Saviour and lead them away from the use of alcoholic drink which causes poverty and strife in the home, widowed mothers, orphaned children, needless death, grieving parents, crime, insanity and lost souls. Let us ask God to be our Leader that we may united stand in upholding, living and teaching temperance in all things.

Damascus Church

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

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

Received for Cooperatvie Program	\$407.05
Received for Associational Purposes	47.50
Special offering for Bible College Student	50.66
Unspecified	23.00

TOTAL RECEIVED\$528.21

F. Pippin
Carl Owen
D. W. Poole

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	19
Churches	11
Delegates	42
Total Membership	834
Number Gained	68
Number Lost	28
General Offering	\$ 31,410.33
Value of Church Property	141,310.00
Value of Church Parsonages	15,000.00

Caulie Owens
Oma Owen
Ruth Sexton

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Obituaries, are made to rejoice as we come to the end of another associational year because of the accomplishments that have been made. We are also thankful for the many promises given in the word of God. We are reminded of Job 1:21 where the word says "... The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: blessed be the name of the Lord." In the midst of our sorrow we trust our loss is Heavens gain.

Those departed this year are as follows: from Panama City church, Mrs. Annie Peacock, Mr. J. H. Mercer; from Pleasant Hill Church,

Mr. James W. Yates; from Chipley church, Mrs. Myrtle Spooner; from Bonifay church, Mr. A. W. Bowlin; from Piney Grove church, Mr. Daniel Owens and Mrs. Jim Roberts.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance October 15, 1959	\$ 136.18
RECEIPTS:	
Cooperative Program	\$2275.68
General Fund	197.50
Home Missions	823.47
Foreign Missions	990.57
Free Will Baptist Bible College	107.00
Bal. Rec'd. from Liberty Mission Board	269.54
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	4663.76
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TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$4799.94
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Cooperative Program	2048.13
Home Missions	823.47
Foreign Missions	990.57
Free Will Baptist Bible College	107.00
Moderator's Fee	25.00
Clerk's Fee	25.00
Fee to Florida State Assoc.	20.00
Adam's Ptg. Co. (minutes)	102.50
Liberty Mission Board	101.87
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TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$4243.54
Balance on Hand October 1, 1960	
General Fund	161.18
Mission Fund	395.22
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	556.40
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	\$4799.94

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board met three times this year and in one meeting voted to aid the Beulah Church in their Building Program by a gift of \$100.00. We are happy to announce that this church is now in their new building and we ask that you pray for their continued success.

We feel that our Missions Conference was a success in that \$233.07 was received in cash and \$636.00 in pledges together with \$453.00 in pledges taken during the Chipley revival. This makes a total of \$1089.00 in pledges.

In spite of our good report according to the latest information released by our Home and Foreign Mission Boards, Florida is behind in her giving for the year according to her assigned quota. May this serve as a reminder to each of us that the command to reach the lost everywhere with the gospel has not been rescinded. Will you vow with us just now to give more, pray more and witness more that the lost everywhere may have opportunity to hear the glorious news that Jesus saves?

Rev. H. D. Harrison
 Rev. D. W. Poole
 Rev. Freeman Edwards

PLANNING BOARD

Recommendation No. 1 — That the old Cottondale camp site be disposed of by the Board of Trustees and that value received be used

to obtain additional property adjoining the present camp site. The tabernacle at Cottondale to be moved to new camp site if possible.

Recommendation No. 2 — That the following percentages be adopted to budget our cooperative funds:

National Cooperative Program	40%
Foreign Missions	10%
Home Missions	10%
Bible College	10%
Treasurer's Expense	3%
State Program	27%

State Funds to be divided as follows:

Orphanage	30%
Superannuation	30%
Youth Camp (Operating Fund)	18%
Youth Camp (Bldg. & Maint.)	20%
General Fund	2%

Recommendation No. 3 — That the \$221.78 balance in the church extension fund be transferred to the General Fund to offset the \$201.42 deficit there which was created by the expense of the investigation committee sent to Miami last year.

NOTE: In view of the proposed Bible Institute at Cottondale the Planning Board recommended that Item No. 1 above be voted down, which was done and the following amendments were made to the report, which were adopted.

"We recommend that the authority granted to the Board of Trustees of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists to sell the Cottondale Youth Camp site be rescinded."

"We recommend that the Executive Committee of the State Association be authorized together with the Board of Education to proceed to establish and to set in operation a Free Will Baptist Bible Institute at the Cottondale Camp site at the earliest possible time."

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following report: Committees assigned to churches —

Auxiliaries	Pleasant Hill
Education	Liberty
Finance	Piney Grove
Nominations	Chipley
Obituaries	St. John
Resolutions	Panama City
Stewardship	Poplar Head
Temperance	Beulah

Calendar of Events

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Sunday School Convention

April 29, 1961 — Panama City

League Convention

March 25, 1961 — Pleasant Hill

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May 6, 1961 — Chipley Church

Master's Men Convention

November 11, 1960
February 10, 1961
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Vice Moderator Rev. Leon Owens
Clerk-Treasurer Rev. Harrold D. Harrison

Executive Committee

Marvin Owens 63
Buford Harris 63
Henry Hayes 61
David Cook 61
J. T. Harrell 61

Ordaining Council

Freeman Edwards 63
Henry Chestnut 61
W. E. George 62

Mission Board

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby 63
Rev. Freeman L. Edwards 61
Rev. Harrold D. Harrison 62

DELEGATES

ABIGAIL — Mrs. D. J. Cook, John Cook, Louise Cook.
BEULAH — Johnny Calloway, Janie Hall, Bessie Calloway.
BONIFAY — J. B. Davis, Edgar Mears, Melvinie Pitts.
CHIPLEY — Blanche Russ, Roxie Pitts, Lauretta Harrison, Cleo Clarke, Ibra Usery, Inez Senn. Alternates: Etha Mae Owen, James Rhodes, Willadene Rhodes, Marilyn Harrison.
DAMASCUS — Ed Garrett, Walter Garrett, Lurene Johnson. Alternates: Chastine Pippin, Leila Simmons, F. Pippin.
LIBERTY — Eula Cook, Lizzie McEluain, Annie Mae Cook. Alternate: May Dykes.
PANAMA CITY — Walter Morris, Alec Pippin, Ruth Sexton, Lavada Huckaby, Monty Sexton. Alternates: Grace Huckaby, Eliza Mae Shiver.
PINEY GROVE — Carl Owen, Thelma Owens, Oma Owen. Alternate: Clara McAdams.
PLEASANT HILL — Jerrine Burch, Sarah Yates, Leslie D. McCullough. Alternate — Lucille Cook.
POPLAR HEAD — A. F. Squires, Harvey Martin, Effie Squires. Alternates: Effie Whitehead, Frances Owens.
ST. JOHN — Maggie Levins, Clara Nelson, Lois Garrett, Cleo Cook, Laura Harris, Mrs. Jack Hewett, Suzie Clark.

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.

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 Meeting 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.

Section 3. This Association shall sponsor a student loan fund which shall make loans to worthy students within this Association enrolled in Free Will Baptist Bible College. This loan fund shall be established by a representation fee of \$5.00 from each church in the

Association payable at each quarterly meeting and annual association and supplemented by gifts. Those being eligible: (1) Shall be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church in this Association. (2) Shall give to the Trustees of this Association a promissory note payable six months after leaving school with 2 per cent interest to begin when note is due. (3) Note to be endorsed by two competent business men.

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 regulation 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 hours, 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 the 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 recording 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 acknowledgment, (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 ver-

bally 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.

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 Scripture 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 resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free and is the ground of salvation by faith.

8. **THE TERMS OF SALVATION.** The conditions of salvation are: 1. Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. 2. Faith or the unreserved committal of one's self to Christ as 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. 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."—(1 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 work 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	PASTOR	CLERK	Membership				Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Cooperative Program	Total Earmarked Money	Meeting Days	
			Rec. by Baptism	Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Died							Total Membership
Abigail	Rev. W. E. George (Temp. Assign.)	Mrs. Archie Cook Vernon, Fla.	7				33	\$ 484.18	\$ 75.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 95.87	\$ 75.00	2 & 4
Beulah	T. L. Walsingham Chipley, Fla.	Mrs. Bessie Calloway Graceville, Fla.	5	3	2		24	152.32	27.96	3,000.00	6.00	12.00	F.T.
Bonifay	Rev. D. W. Poole Bonifay, Fla.	Annie Bowlin Bonifay, Fla.		1			70	1,131.87	125.00	16,200.00	49.29	20.92	F.T.
Chipley	Rev. H. D. Harrison Chipley, Fla.	Joyce Kirkland Chipley, Fla.	9	13	7	1	144	3,230.00	330.00	35,000.00	727.32	1,264.74	F.T.
Damascus	Rev. J. C. Watson Marianna, Fla.	F. Pippin Freeport, Fla.	2				39	610.00	231.15	2,750.00		21.97	1 & 3
Liberty	Rev. W. E. George Bonifay, Fla.	J. H. Milton Bonifay, Fla.	2				48	703.23	170.56	3,000.00	150.20	275.00	1 & 3
Panama City	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Panama City, Fla.	Ruth Sexton Panama City, Fla.	4	15	11	2	93	3,470.00	160.00	17,000.00	472.47	85.00	F.T.
Piney Grove	Rev. Freeman Ed- wards, Chipley, Fla.	Bernard Owens Chipley, Fla.	6	6	1	2	150	2,600.00	200.00	20,000.00	362.47	607.52	F.T.
Pleasant Hill	Rev. Rufus Hyman Slocomb, Ala.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla.	1	3		1	66	679.38	154.66	21,860.00		28.39	F.T.
Poplar Head	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fla.	A. F. Squires Bonifay, Fla.	5				60	2,080.00	150.00	15,000.00	141.10	287.76	F.T.
St. John	Rev. W. Eldredge Cottondale, Fla.	Lois Garrett Bonifay, Fla.			4		77	1,000.00	120.00	4,000.00	101.57	235.00	F.T.
			41	41	25	6	804	16,140.98	1,744.33	141,310.00	2,116.29	2,913.30	

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.