

1961 MINUTES

OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH

Poplar Head Free Will Baptist Church
OF ROUTE 3, BONIFAY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 13 AND 14, 1961

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Buford Harris 63, Marvin Owens 63,
Cauley Owens 64, Ross Pippin 64, Aron Burch 64

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Freeman Edwards 64, Rev. Harrold D. Harrison 62.
Rev. Leon Owens 63.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Quarterly Meetings

January 20, 1962 Abigail
April 14, 1962 Chipley
July 14, 1962 Magnolia

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE

November 18, 1961 Poplar Head
February 18, 1962 Bonifay
May 20, 1962 Panama City
August 19, 1962 Pleasant Hill

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

April 28, 1962 Pleasant Hill

LEAGUE CONVENTION

March 24, 1962 Liberty

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

May 5, 1962 St. John

MASTER'S MEN CONVENTION

November 10, 1961, Chipley; February 9, 1962, Niceville; May 11, 1962, Panama City; August 10, 1962, Piney Grove.

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

January 15-21, 1962—(See Page on Nom. Comm. Report.)

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

October 19-20, 1962 Piney Grove

YOUTH RALLY

January 27, 1962 Niceville
April 21, 1962 Abigail
July 28, 1962 Chipley
October 27, 1962 Pleasant Hill

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 14, 1961, Chipley Church

The service was opened with congregational singing of "I Surrender All" directed by Bro. Bill George. The congregation was then led in prayer by Rev. D. W. Poole after which we sang "At The Cross." The devotion was brought by Rev. J. E. Corey using Matthew 19:26. Welcome was given by Bro. Jack Pitts. Response was made by Bro. C. A. Huckaby. Call for church letters was made by the clerk. MSC* that the letters be received and the delegates seated. Visitors were recognized. Committees were appointed by the moderator. The meeting recessed for a short time after which the congregation was led in singing "Take the Name of Jesus With You." Bro. Ralph Bell led in prayer. Rev. Rufus Hyman was introduced who brought the morning message using as his text II Timothy 1:1-10 and Daniel 11:32. Dismissed for lunch in prayer by Bro. Frank Thompson.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Bro. Bobby Register. Prayer led by Bro. Clyde Owen. The Vice Moderator, Rev. Leon Owens introduced the Moderator, Rev. Bill George who brought the afternoon message. He used as his text Genesis 16:7 and Numbers 32:23. An altar call was given at the close of the message. A prayer of consecration was offered by Bro. C. A. Huckaby and Bro. Frank Thompson. Report of Finance and Credential Committees given. MSC. MSC to receive report of resolution committee and adopt item by item.

1. Be it resolved that a digest committee be appointed in our morning sessions opening our quarterly and annual meetings. This committee is to digest and present the reports of each church for the sake of saving time. This time to be used for a more beneficial purpose such as an opportunity for testimonials, a gospel message, additional time for devotions, etc. MSC.
2. Be it resolved that the minutes of each quarterly session be printed in the annual minutes. MSC.
3. Be it resolved that we support the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute with our prayers, finances and that all who will, and can, register for classes at the opening date. Amended to read that an offering be received for the Institute. MSC. Amount received was \$25.84.
4. That we all give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the fine way in which they have entertained this quarterly session. MSC.

Bro. D. W. Poole gave an informational report on the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama.

MSC to take from the table proposed Constitutional amendment concerning Article IV, Section 1. The amendment which reads as follows was adopted: "To amend Article IV, Section 1 by adding the words 'and Board of Trustees'." The executive committee was authorized to assume the responsibility of the youth encampment planning. The annual missions conference was announced, after which an informational report was given by Mrs. Ruby Tubbs on the Niceville Mission. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John M. Rich.

January 31, 1961

The Executive Committee of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association met at Poplar Head Church to appoint a Youth

*MSC—Motion-Seconded-Carried

Camp Superintendent. Rev. Wayne Hicks of Quincy, Florida was unanimously elected to act as Camp Superintendent this year and the clerk was authorized to inform him of the action of the executive committee and also to inform him to meet with the executive committee at the next quarterly meeting April 15, 1961 at Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

April 15, 1961, Piney Grove Church

Service opened with singing "Send The Light" directed by the Moderator, Rev. Bill George. The congregation was led in prayer by Bro. Billy Marchant after which they sang "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Bro. Pitts then led in prayer. The devotion was brought by Bro. Cauley Owens who read from II Kings. Welcome by host church was given by Mrs. Freeman Edwards. Response was made by Rev. Rufus Hyman. Digest committee was appointed. Call made for church letters. Visitors welcomed by moderator. Appointment of committees was made by the moderator. The congregation was again led in singing after which the State Association minutes were distributed. After a short recess the congregation was recalled at 10:40. Service was opened by singing "Sweet Hour of Prayer" led by Bro. John M. Rich. Partial report of Digest Committee was given. MSC that report be received and the delegates seated. Bro. C. A. Huckaby then led the congregation in a testimony meeting. Special prayer was held for Bro. Freeman Edwards who was ill in the hospital. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Rev. D. W. Poole brought the morning message using as his text Luke 18:1-8. His subject was prayer. It was a most inspiring message. The congregation was dismissed for lunch by prayer led by Bro. John M. Rich. The afternoon session began by singing "Did You Think To Pray." Prayer was led by Bro. Jack Pitts. Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham was then introduced to the congregation as the afternoon speaker. He spoke from the book of John, verses thirty-five through forty-six. He brought a very inspiring message. The order of service was then changed for the ordination of Bro. Ross Pippin as a deacon in the Panama City Church. The charge was given by Bro. H. D. Harrison. Prayer and laying on of hands by ordained authority led by Leon Owens, Aron Burch, C. A. Huckaby, H. D. Harrison and closed by Bill George. Call for committee reports was made. Credential, Finance, and final Digest reports given. MSC. Report of resolution committee given. MSC to receive it and adopt it item by item. 1. Be it resolved that we request our churches to cooperate with one another in conducting our revivals. 2. Be it resolved that the ladies of the host church remain in the church for the 11:00 worship service rather than leave the building to serve food before the service is dismissed. We feel that leaving the church at that hour distracts from the worship service. 3. Be it resolved that all members of the local churches be more attentive to all of the auxiliaries of the church. MSC to adopt as recorded. Announcements were made concerning the Sunday School convention and the youth rally. The quarterly meeting of the Master's Men was changed to May 19 because of Panama City Revival. The various churches were appointed to serve food at the youth camp. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. MSC to adjourn. Bro. Clayton Anderson dismissed with prayer.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

July 15, 1961, First Church, Bonifay

The third quarterly session opened with singing of "Stand Up For Jesus." The congregation was then led in prayer by Bro. James Rhodes. Greetings were given by the moderator.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. H. D. Shuemaker. He spoke from Psalm 46:7-11. The quarterly meeting was then given

a very cordial welcome by Bro. Buford Harris. The response was made by Bro. Rufus Hyman. Call for the church letters was made. Appointment of committees by moderator. MSC that standing delegates be seated. Visiting ministers and other visitors recognized. Dismissed for recess by Bro. Fowler. The service was resumed with congregational singing of "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Bro. John M. Rich. Bro. Clyde Owen led the congregation in prayer in behalf of Bro. C. A. Huckaby's mother. Mrs. H. D. Harrison was called on to give a report on the National Womans Auxiliary Convention held in Norfolk, Virginia. Bro. D. W. Poole gave a report on Associational giving to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. The congregation was then led in singing "Give Of Your Best To The Master" by Bro. Rich, after which we sang "Is Your All On The Altar." The congregation was led in prayer by the moderator, Bro. Bill George. Bro. Walter Eldridge was introduced who brought the message of the hour. His text was taken from Malachi 3:1-15. It was a very challenging message. We were dismissed in prayer for lunch.

The afternoon session opened with singing "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," led by Bro. John M. Rich, followed by "In The Sweet By and By." Prayer was offered by Bro. James Rhodes after which the congregation sang "Make Me A Channel of Blessing." Call was made for the Digest Committee Report. MSC. The afternoon message was brought by Bro. Harrold Harrison. Following the message Bro. Harrison gave the charge to the candidates for ordination, Bro. H. D. Shuemake and Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham. These two were ordained by the laying on of hands and prayer of consecration after which a time of fellowship was had by bidding the new ministers Godspeed. We sang "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood."

A petitionary letter was received from the Magnolia Church near DeFuniak Springs. The church was placed under the watched care of the Liberty Association until all ordained authority were approved by the ordaining council and the Executive Committee.

The Finance and Credential Committee Reports were given. MSC.

The Resolution Committee withdrew its recommendation at the request of the clerk in favor of the following resolution from the floor. "Whereas in the Constitution of this Association in Article IV, there is no provision for an ordaining board or council, the following amendment to the constitution is recommended:

Article IV, Section 1. be added these words to the list of officers: "and a Presbytery, which shall be responsible to God and to the Association for ordination of Ministers and Deacons, and for their doctrine and moral character."

MSC to LAY ON THE TABLE. An offering was received for the Children's Home in the amount of \$23.37. Announcements were made. MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality. ADJOURNMENT.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION HELD WITH POPLAR HEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — October 13-14, 1961

The seventy-third annual session of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. John M. Rich. We sang "Heavenly Sunlight." We were led in prayer by Rev. J. C. Watson. The congregation then sang "I'll Live On." The moderator then greeted the congregation. He read the twenty-third Psalm. Rev. H. D. Shuemake brought the morning devotion in the absence of Bro. R. Hyman. He read from the 73rd Psalm. The welcome was given by the pastor of the Poplar Head Church, Rev. Leon Owens. The response was given by Bro. Jack Pitts. The Program of the Association was read by the clerk.

MSC to adopt. The clerk called the roll for presentation of the church letters. All churches reported at the first call. MSC to seat all standing delegates until the Credential Committee reports. The following visitors were recognized and welcomed by the moderator: Rev. J. C. Watson, Rev. H. D. Shuemaker, and Rev. Alvin Howell from the Salem Association; Shelley Fowler and party, and Fletcher Bouldin from State Line Association. The following committees were appointed by the moderator: Digest—Marvin Owens, D. J. Cook, Rev. John M. Rich. Finance—Piney Grove Church delegation. Credential—Mrs. Cluster Russ, Archie Cook, Sister Ruth Sexton. Registration—Rev. Leon Owens, Mrs. Effie Squires, Lois Garrett. The Association recessed for a short time; prayer was offered by Bro. A. B. Cook. Following the recess the Association was led in singing "Trust and Obey." Prayer was offered by Bro. Ruel Johnson.

The clerk read a card from Bro. Frank Thompson in regard to his new work in Tennessee.

A partial report of the Digest Committee was given by Bro. Rich. MSC that the partial report be adopted as read. The Rev. Freeman Edwards led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" after which Shelley Fowler led in prayer. The moderator then introduced the speaker for the 11:00 hour, the Rev. Clyde Owen. He used as his text II Peter 3:18, his message was entitled "Learning and Power." His message was one of challenge and inspiration. The congregation was dismissed with prayer led by Rev. C. A. Huckaby.

Friday Afternoon Service

The afternoon service was opened by the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven," led by Bro. Sam Shuemaker. Prayer was led by Bro. Aron Burch. Rev. C. A. Huckaby offered his resignation from the Mission Board which was accepted by the body. Rev. Walter Eldridge brought the afternoon devotion reading from I Kings 10:1-10. A partial report was given by the Registration Committee. MSC. Credential Report given. MSC. MSC to seat the delegates. Digest Committee Report given. MSC to adopt as read. Obituary Committee report given. MSC to adopt. The congregation stood in memory of the departed. We were led in prayer by Bro. Houston Toole. Resolution Committee report given. MSC to adopt. Report of Education Committee given. MSC to adopt. Report on Auxiliaries given. MSC to adopt. Report of Temperance Committee given. MSC to adopt. Stewardship Committee report given, MSC to adopt. Finance Committee report given, MSC to adopt. The moderator appointed a committee to work with the clerk and moderator in working up the Christian Education report for the State Association. It was composed of Rev. Freeman Edwards, Rev. Leon Owens, and Rev. C. A. Huckaby. MSC to take from the table the proposed constitutional amendment concerning the presbytery. MSC to adopt the amendment to the constitution. An ordination service was held for Bro. Jimmie Finch from the Niceville Church. He was ordained for the office of deacon. The charge was given by Rev. Freeman Edwards and the prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Henry Chestnut. The right hand of fellowship was extended to Brother Finch and his wife. Following this service the congregation was led in singing "They Tried My Lord," led by Brother Ernest Owen. We were dismissed with prayer led by Bro. R. H. Reddick, pastor of the Damascus Church.

Friday Evening Service 7:00 P.M.

The evening service was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Leon Owens. We sang "Whispering Hope," and "Love Lifted Me." Prayer was offered by Brother Marvin Owens. Brother J. T. Gower brought the evening devotion reading from Psalm 119 and other related scriptures. Brother Jack Pitts led the congregation in a testimony meeting. The report of the Mission Board was read and

adopted. Brother Freeman Edwards was introduced as the speaker for the evening service. He read from John 4:27-35. At the conclusion of the message an altar service of consecration was held. Brother Bill George led in this prayer. Following announcements we were dismissed in prayer led by Brother Earl Cook.

Saturday Morning Service, October 14, 1961

The service was opened with the congregation singing "I'll Live In Glory" led by Brother John M. Rich. Brother Earl Stevens led in prayer followed by congregational singing of "Sitting At The Feet of Jesus." The moderator read and commented from Psalm 126. Bro. Coy Watson led in prayer. Brother Trim Finch brought the morning devotion. The call was made for petitionary letters. A letter was presented by the Niceville Free Will Baptist Church seeking admission into the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association. MSC to receive them into full fellowship. The moderator extended a cordial welcome to visitors and corresponding delegates who were received from the State Line Association. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Wayne Love for a fifteen minute recess. Following the recess the congregation was again led in singing by Bro. John M. Rich. Brother Burke led the congregation in prayer followed by singing "The Old Ship of Zion" by the congregation. The congregation gave a love offering for Brother and Sister Poole in the amount of \$39.62. The moderator of the Association, Rev. Bill George, was introduced by Rev. Leon Owens, the assistant moderator. Bro. George then brought the morning message. His text was taken from II Kings 4:2; the title of his message was, "Where Is Elijah's God?" It was a challenging message. We were dismissed with prayer by Brother Earl Cook.

Saturday Afternoon Session

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing led by Bro. John M. Rich. Brother Ralph Bell led in prayer. Mrs. Lola Edwards was then introduced who brought the afternoon devotion for the Womans Auxiliary. It was a challenging devotion. Mrs. Leroy Crawford volunteered to be publicity chairman to publicize Associational meetings. Delegates were appointed to the State Association by the moderator. They were as follows: Mrs. Roxie Pitts, Brother James Pitts, Archie Cook, Etha Mae Owen, and Florene White. MSC that the moderator be empowered to appoint delegates to the State Association in the absence of any of the above. The following were appointed to aid the Auxiliary in gathering commodities for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home: Freeman Edwards and Leon Owens. The treasurer's report was read. MSC to adopt. A partial report of the Christian Education Board to the State Association was given. MSC to adopt partial report. The Nominating Committee report was read. MS to adopt the report item by item. Motion amended to adopt report by acclamation. MSC. MSC that an offering be received and gifts accepted for Mr. Recus Hammock. An offering in the amount of \$29.41 was received. The congregation stood in giving a rising vote of thanks to the host church for the wonderful hospitality displayed at this annual session of the Association. Mrs. Lola Edwards was appointed to teach the young children at the next quarterly session. Adjourned with prayer.

Ministers

Freeman Edwards, A. B. Cook, H. D. Harrison, W. E. George, C. A. Huckaby, Leon Owens, R. Johnson, Jno. M. Rich, Henry Chestnut, James T. Gower, Sr., R. H. Reddick, Earl Stevens. VISITING MINISTERS: Walter Eldridge, J. C. Watson, Alvin Howell, H. D. Shuemaker, Clyde Owen, M. H. Taylor, Ralph Bell, Trim Finch and Bobby Register.

Reports of Committees

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee on stewardship submit the following report: I Cor. 6:19-20 and I Peter 1:19, "Ye are not your own ye are bought with a price, even the precious blood of Christ." We recognize from these passages that not only do we not own our bodies, but neither are we owners of any worldly goods. All things belong to God by virtue of creation. We feel the need of a greater appreciation for, and a better understanding of the true meaning of stewardship in its entirety. We would encourage our people to remember Jesus' last words as recorded in Mark 16:15, "Go ye into all the world and preace the gospel to every creature." Let us so live as though we knew Christ was coming for His church today. Who knows that He will not do so?
—Poplar Head Church

COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We your committee on auxiliaries submit the following report: Since auxiliary means to assist; our churches stand in much need of assistance to create greater unity and fellowship. We urge our presidents or some responsible person of the different auxiliaries to make an effort to organize as many auxiliaries as possible in every church.
—Pleasant Hill Church

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We, your committee on education wish to submit for your consideration, the following report: Whereas we are living in a day when people are going overboard in education, and great stress is being laid on secular education but very little on Christian education, may we suggest the following:

1. Good Sunday schools with qualified teachers who teach with a heart's desire to win their pupils to the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. May we suggest full support of our Bible College and our own Bible Institute five miles south of Cottondale, where such subjects are being offered as English, Evangelism, Speech and Bible Doctrine. May we urge our people of this Association to attend if by all means possible, these classes. It is a great opportunity to broaden one's Christian education.

—Respectfully submitted, Liberty Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your committee recommend the following:

1. That all Free Will Baptists abstain from strong drink.
2. That all Free Will Baptists familiarize themselves with Isaiah 5.
3. That we practice temperance in words, appetite, passions, and temper.
4. That all Free Will Baptists vote a dry ticket every time there is an opportunity in county, state, or national elections.

—Respectfully submitted, Beulah Church

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Finance Committee submit the following report:

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| Received for Cooperative Program | \$201.15 |
| Received for Associational Purposes | 75.00 |
| Received for Student Loan Fund | 35.00 |
| Received for Home Missions | 13.00 |
| Received for Foreign Missions | 8.00 |

TOTAL RECEIVED\$332.15

Bertie Baxter Jessie Owens
Thelma Owens Vera Owens
Carl Owens

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

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| Ministers | 10 | |
| Churches | 13 | |
| Delegates | 47 | |
| Total Membership | 869 | |
| Number Gained | 39 | |
| Number Lost | 32 | |
| General Offering | | \$ 27,217.01 |
| Value of Church Property | | 156,896.54 |
| Value of Church Parsonages | | 20,000.00 |

Archie Cook
Ruth Sexton
Blanche Russ

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your committee on obituaries submit the following report: As we have come to the close of another Associational year we are made to rejoice because of the accomplishments that have been made; but we find sorrow in the midst of our rejoicing as we remember those of our members whom God has called from our midst. We trust that our loss is heaven's gain. Those departed are as follows: From St. John, Bro. J. W. (Jim) Kelley; from Liberty, Joseph W. Tutton; from Piney Grove, Bro. Tom Calhoun, Sister Jim Roberts, and Aunt Mollie Peel who was the last charter member of that church; from Abigail, Sister Ida Douglas; from Beulah, Sister Fannie English; from Damascus, Bro. J. W. Melvin; from Panama City, Bro. Homer Alvis.

—Respectfully submitted, St. John Church

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance October 1, 1960\$ 556.40

RECEIPTS:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cooperative Program | \$1,643.56 | |
| General Fund | 248.00 | |
| Home Missions | 612.23 | |
| Foreign Missions | 1,007.93 | |
| Bible College General Fund | 213.24 | |
| Bible College Alumni Building | 544.04 | |
| Aid to Bible College Students | 50.66 | |
| Orphanage | 43.37 | |
| Student Loan Fund | 110.00 | |
| Bible Institute | 26.34 | |
| TOTAL RECEIPTS | | \$4,499.37 |
| TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR | | \$5,055.77 |

DISBURSEMENTS:

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|-------------------------------------|------------|------------|
| Cooperative Program | \$1,479.25 | |
| Home Missions | 612.23 | |
| Foreign Missions | 1,007.93 | |
| Bible College General Fund | 213.24 | |
| Bible College Alumni Building | 544.04 | |
| Aid to Bible College Students | 50.66 | |
| Orphanage | 43.37 | |
| Bible Institute | 26.34 | |
| Niceville Mission | 300.00 | |
| Moderator and Clerk Fees | 50.00 | |
| Association Dues | 20.00 | |
| Phone Call | 2.85 | |
| Minutes (Printing) | 105.08 | |
| Supplies | 1.28 | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | | \$4,456.27 |

Balance on hand October 1, 1961:

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| General Fund | \$ 229.97 | |
| Mission Board Fund | 259.53 | |
| Student Loan Fund | 110.00 | |
| TOTAL | | \$ 599.50 |

\$5,055.77

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that we offer a rising vote of appreciation to the host church for the fine way in which they entertained this the 1961 session of the Association.

—Respectfully submitted, Panama City Church

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board met four times during the year. We met with the Niceville Mission and assisted in its organization. We met with the mission a second time at its request. Recently we met with them to assist in organizing into the First Free Will Baptist Church, Niceville, Florida. At this meeting we presented the church with \$300.00 to be used on their newly purchased building. Their plans were to use the gift to put a roof on the building. Please pray for this work, that many souls might find Christ as a result of the church.

We also visited the Magnolia Church near Ponce de Leon to examine them concerning Free Will Baptist Doctrine. Our meeting was very encouraging as the church whole-heartedly adopted our Treatise of Faith and Practices.

Our Missions Conference we believe was very successful as our hearts were again challenged to the responsibility of getting the gospel out to the uttermost parts of the earth. We received \$250.66 in cash offerings, and a total of \$1513.60 in pledges. The increase in pledges was nearly one-third above the previous year, for which we thank the Lord.

Let us continue to be missionaries for Christ wherever He might send us, and continue to support the work of the Lord elsewhere with our prayers and money.

Begin now to make plans to attend our Mission Conference which will be in January. We feel we are very fortunate in obtaining Brother Homer Willis, our National Home Mission Director, and Bro. Arthur Billows, our missionary to Mexico, as our conference speakers. Pray that this conference will be the best yet, for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. A. Huckaby

Rev. H. D. Harrison

Rev. Freeman L. Edwards

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. A one week session of the Florida Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was held June 26-30 with 86 campers enrolled. (Financial report and details are attached).
2. The Florida Minister's and Deacons' Conference met September 11-15 with seven ministers and two deacons present. Rev. Rufus Hyman spoke each morning on the subject, "Ministers' and Deacons' Relationships to Each Other." Services were held each evening at 7:30 with ministers from four different associations bringing the messages. Some much needed work was completed at the Youth Camp and also at the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute during the week. (Financial report attached).
3. The following recommendations are submitted by this board:
 - A. We recommend that the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute receive a portion of the State Cooperative money.
 - B. We the Board of Education hereby reaffirm our faith in our Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee and our Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute near Cottondale, Florida. We present this endorsement for the following reasons:
 - (1) Because of the kind of education involved; that is, the training of Christian men and women to be ministers, missionaries, and other Christian vocations.
 - (2) Because the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute belongs to our own Free Will Baptists of Florida and our Bible College belongs to all Free Will Baptists.
 - (3) Many of our successful pastors in the State are products

- of our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.
- (4) A number of students from our state are presently enrolled in our Bible College in Nashville and our Institute near Cottdale.
 - (5) Our Bible Institute of Florida has already benefitted a number of our churches, and will in a period of time reach and benefit every area of our State.
 - (6) We therefore encourage the State as a whole to support these two institutions with prayer, finances, and students.

Respectfully submitted,
 WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY FREE WILL
 BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 Rev. W. E. George, Moderator
 H. D. Harrison, Clerk.

YOUTH CAMP STATEMENT

INCOME:

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| State Treasurer | \$ 25.00 |
| Camper's Fees | 694.00 |
| Traveler's Rest Church | 25.00 |
| Piney Grove Church | 5.00 |
| Marie Owens | 5.00 |
| Misc. | 65.53 |
| Total to be Accounted for | \$ 819.53 |

PAID OUT:

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Drinks and Candy | \$ 77.30 |
| Telephone | 4.06 |
| Materials and Supplies for campers | 34.50 |
| Workers | 333.00 |
| Bus ticket | 3.96 |
| Kitchen Supplies | 61.66 |
| Insurance | 42.70 |
| Postage and Supplies | 22.55 |
| Total Paid Out | \$ 579.73 |
| BALANCE | \$ 239.80 |
| Retained by Superintendent | \$ 10.00 |
| Returned to State Treasurer | 229.75 |
| | \$239.75 |

We had 86 campers.

These churches supplied food: Liberty, Abigail, Panama City, Poplar Head, Piney Grove, Beulah, St. John, Bonifay, Chipley, Niceville, Cedar Grove, Hickory Grove and Traveler's Rest.

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. George, Rev. and Mrs. Harrold Harrison, Rev. and Mrs. Freeman Edwards, Rev. Leon Owens and Rev. Irvin Hyman.

MINISTER'S AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE REPORT

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| Received for Fees | \$ 18.00 |
| Total | \$ 18.00 |
| Disbursements: | |
| Rufus Hyman, Honorarium | 15.00 |
| State Treasurer for lights, phone | 3.00 |
| Total | \$ 18.00 |

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

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| Total membership last report | 830 | Gen. Offerings | \$ 27,211.01 |
| Received by Baptism | 39 | Bldg. Offerings | \$ 7,422.92 |
| By letter | 23 | PAID OUT | |
| Restored | 5 | Coop. Program | \$ 1,423.55 |
| By profession of faith.. | 17 | Pastors | \$ 17,730.91 |
| Members lost | 36 | Evangelists | \$ 1,560.99 |
| By letter | 29 | Bldg. and Repairs | \$ 6,781.85 |
| Died | 7 | Miscellaneous | \$ 2,719.94 |
| Total Membership | 869 | Foreign Missions | \$ 1,019.80 |
| Value Church Prop-erty | | Home Missions | \$ 852.18 |
| Fee sent for Assoc. Purposes | \$ 141.00 | Children's Home | \$ 247.69 |
| Fee for other purposes.. | \$ 153.39 | Superannuation | \$ 10.00 |
| | | Bible College | \$ 1,694.67 |
| | | TOTAL PAID OUT .. | \$ 36,971.33 |

SUNDAY SCHOOL

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|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Departments | 25 |
| Classes | 76 |
| Officers | 48 |
| Teachers | 88 |
| Offerings for year | \$ 8,510.52 |
| Amt. spent for literature | \$ 556.85 |
| Total paid out | \$ 1,262.57 |

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

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| No. members | 83 |
| No. circles | 9 |
| GTA Members | 33 |
| YPA Members | 60 |
| Total Offerings | \$ 1,651.61 |
| TOTAL PAID OUT.. | \$ 1,671.06 |

LEAGUE

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| No. enrolled | 391 |
| No. Officers | 38 |
| No. Groups | 36 |
| Avg. Attendance | 267 |
| Total Offerings | \$ 821.49 |
| Amt. for Lit. | \$ 142.76 |
| TOTAL PAID OUT .. | \$ 746.69 |

MASTERS MEN

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| No. Members | 42 |
| Members in BA | 9 |
| Total Offerings | \$ 882.80 |
| TOTAL PAID OUT .. | \$ 867.00 |

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| TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES | \$ 35,935.93 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | \$ 35,437.71 |

DELEGATES

ABIGAIL—Mrs. Bessie Taylor, Mrs. Archie Cook, Archie Cook.
 BEULAH—Mrs. Mae Culbreth, Bessie Callaway, Jane Hall, Mr. J. W. Callaway.
 BONIFAY—Mr. J. B. Davis, Mr. Warren Pitts, Mrs. Ann Bowlin.
 Alternates: Mrs. Nellie Anderson, Mrs. Willie Pelt, Mrs. Mollie Anderson.
 CHIPLEY—Mrs. Blanch Russ, Mrs. H. D. Harrison, Mrs. Roxie Pitts, Mrs. Vassie Washington, Mrs. Rhodie Washington, Mrs. Joyce Kirkland. Alternates: Etha Mae Owen, James Rhodes, Dale Bush, Ronnie Hartzog.
 DAMASCUS—Mr. Jim Pitts, Mrs. Ola Pitts, Bobbie Johnson, Bill Garrett, Edna Cuchens, Connie Johnson.
 LIBERTY—Mrs. Myrtle Miller, Mrs. Annie Mae Cook, Mr. Carson McAlwain, Mrs. Lizzie McAlwain.
 MAGNOLIA—Mrs. Bonnie Linton, Mrs. Edith Zuber, Mrs. Cassie Burke.
 NICEVILLE—Mr. James Whitehurst, Mrs. Emmitt Finch, Sue Finch, Mrs. Mary Garr.
 PANAMA CITY—Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Mrs. Ruth Sexton, Mrs. Virginia Morris, Mrs. Clara McAdams. Alternates: Edwin Simmons, Chester Huckaby, Jr., Mary Webb.
 PINEY GROVE—Thelma Owens, Vera Owens, Jessie Owens, Carl Owens, Bertie Baxter, Thelma Owen.
 PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Jerrine Burch, Elvie Lawrence, Lucille Cook, I. Burch.
 POPLAR HEAD—Harvy Martin, Lela Martin, Mrs. Effie Whitehead, J. Walter Martin, A. F. Squires, Charlotte Martin.
 ST. JOHN—Lois Garrett, Edith Redmond, Henry Redmond, Carlton Nelson, Mettie Crawley, Loren Cook.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee submit the following report:
Committees assigned to churches:

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| Stewardship | St. John |
| Auxiliaries | Chipley |
| Education | Piney Grove |
| Temperance | Liberty |
| Finance | Damascus |
| Nominations | Poplar Head |
| Resolutions | Abigail |
| Obituaries | Panama City |

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

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|------------------------|----------|
| January 20, 1962 | Abigail |
| April 14, 1962 | Chipley |
| July 14, 1962 | Magnolia |

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE:

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|-------------------------|---------------|
| November 18, 1961 | Poplar Head |
| February 18, 1962 | Bonifay |
| May 20, 1962 | Panama City |
| August 19, 1962 | Pleasant Hill |

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION:

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| April 28, 1962 | Pleasant Hill |
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LEAGUE CONVENTION:

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| March 24, 1962 | Liberty |
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WOMANS AUXILIARY:

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| May 5, 1962 | St. John |
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MASTER'S MEN CONVENTION:

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| November 10, 1961 | Chipley |
| February 9, 1962 | Niceville |
| May 11, 1962 | Panama City |
| August 10, 1962 | Piney Grove |

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE—JAN. 15-21, 1962:

Day Services 9:30 A.M.

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| Monday | Poplar Head |
| Tuesday | Liberty |
| Wednesday | Chipley |
| Thursday | Bonifay |
| Friday | St. John |
| Sunday (Rally—2:00 P.M.) | Piney Grove |

Night Services 7:00 P.M.

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| Monday | Abigail |
| Tuesday | Panama City |
| Wednesday | Pleasant Hill |
| Thursday | Magnolia |
| Friday | Niceville |
| Saturday | Beulah |

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

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| Piney Grove | October 19-20, 1962 |
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LIBERTY ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLIES:

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| January 27, 1962 | Niceville |
| April 21, 1962 | Abigail |
| July 28, 1962 | Chipley |
| October 27, 1962 | Pleasant Hill |

MISSION BOARD:

Leon Owens 63, Freeman Edwards 64, H. D. Harrison 62.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION:

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| Moderator | W. E. George |
| Vice Moderator | Leon Owens |
| Clerk-Treas. | H. D. Harrison |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Marvin Owens 63, Buford Harris 63, Cauley Owens 64, Ross Pippin 64, Aron Burch 64.

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. Section 1. Officers, Boards and Committees. The officers of this Association shall be a Clerk-Treasurer, Moderator, Vice Moderator, Board of Trustees, and a Presbytery, which shall be responsible to God and to the Association for ordination of ministers and deacons, and for their doctrine and moral character, 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 judgment may promote the cause of Christ and the interest of the Churches within the limits of this Association.

Section 2. This Association shall sponsor a Quarterly Meeting to be held on Saturday before the first-third Sunday in each Quarter who 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 ROBERT'S 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 acknowledgement, (6) for reference of deferred business, (7) for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church, and (8) for miscellaneous business.

12. It shall be the duty of every church member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline, and rules of holy living.

13. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences and any member who may be generally remiss in attending meetings of the church shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his conduct; but the church may exempt members from this if necessary.

14. When the Moderator calls for absentees the clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the Moderator shall appoint some brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

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

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

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

18. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon request, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

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

20. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling. Those who speak must rise to their feet, and keep to the point in debate.

21. No one shall speak more than three times on the same subject without permission from the Moderator, nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

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

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

24. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend his trial provided his residence be known to the church.

25. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

26. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church: "Will you hear the testimony of the witness?"

27. The evidence in every case of dealing and 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 hu-

mility, 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, 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 | PASTOR | CLERK | Rec. by Baptism | Otherwise | Dismissed by Letter | Died | Total Membership | Paid Pastor | Paid Evangelist | Value of Church Property | Cooperative Program | Total Earmarked Money | Meeting Days |
|---------------|---|---|-----------------|-----------|---------------------|------|------------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Abigail | Rev. J. T. Gower Vernon, Fla. | Mrs. Archie Cook Vernon, Fla. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 29 | \$ 480.28 | \$ 50.00 | \$ 3,500.00 | \$ 88.93 | \$ 40.00 | F.T. |
| Beulah | Rev. A. J. Carr Grand Ridge, Fla. | Jessie L. Fowler Graceville, Fla. | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 24 | 286.25 | 8.70 | 3,000.00 | | 49.00 | F.T. |
| Bonifay | Rev. D. W. Poole Bonifay, Fla. | Annie Bowlin Bonifay, Fla. | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 65 | 1,143.34 | 156.05 | 16,200.00 | 96.92 | 213.16 | F.T. |
| ChIPLEY | Rev. H. D. Harrison ChIPLEY, Fla. | Cluster Russ ChIPLEY, Fla. | 13 | 6 | 6 | 0 | 144 | 3,880.00 | 100.00 | 35,000.00 | 420.43 | 1,581.83 | F.T. |
| Damascus | Rev. R. H. Reddick Warrington, Fla. | F. Pippin Freeport, Fla. | 6 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 39 | 600.00 | 258.94 | 6,336.54 | | 58.57 | 1&3 |
| Liberty | Rev. W. E. George Bonifay, Fla. | J. H. Milton Bonifay, Fla. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 50 | 864.99 | 134.00 | 3,000.00 | 173.79 | 1,340.50 | Sun.; Sat. nite before |
| Panama City | Rev. C. A. Huckaby Panama City, Fla. | Clara McAdams Panama City, Fla. | 3 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 90 | 3,690.00 | 190.00 | 17,000.00 | | 71.39 | F.T. |
| Piney Grove | Rev. Freeman Ed- wards, ChIPLEY, Fla. | Bernard Owens ChIPLEY, Fla. | 3 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 144 | 2,600.00 | 200.00 | 20,000.00 | 347.27 | 1,049.84 | F.T. |
| Pleasant Hill | Rev. T. L. Walsing- ham, ChIPLEY, Fla. | Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla. | 0 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 66 | 1,091.23 | 168.30 | 21,860.00 | | 127.83 | F.T. |
| Poplar Head | Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fla. | A. F. Squires Bonifay, Fla. | 12 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 74 | 2,080.00 | 195.00 | 15,000.00 | 196.21 | 104.20 | F.T. |
| St. John | Rev. Earl Stevens Midland City, Ala. | Lois Garrett Bonifay, Fla. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 77 | 930.00 | 100.00 | 4,000.00 | 100.00 | 186.40 | F.T. |
| Niceville | Rev. Daniel Gaskins Niceville, Fla. | Mrs. James Whitehurst Niceville, Fla. RR | | | | | 15 | | | 6,000.00 | | | F.T. |
| Magnolia | Rev. Jno. M. Rich ChIPLEY, Fla. | Edith Zuber Ponce de Leon, Fla. | | | | | 14 | 129.82 | | 6,000.00 | | 17.31 | 1 & 3 |
| TOTALS..... | | | 38 | 40 | 29 | 7 | 831 | \$17,775.91 | \$1,560.99 | \$156,896.54 | \$1,423.55 | \$3,901.03 | |

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

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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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