

1962 MINUTES

OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

HELD WITH
Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church
OF ROUTE 4, CHIPLEY, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 19 AND 20, 1962

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. Freeman L. Edwards Moderator
Rev. John M. Rich Vice Moderator
Thomas E. Porter 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 65,
Rev. Leon Owens 63.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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July 20, 1963 Piney Grove

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YOUTH RALLY

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PROCEEDINGS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 20, 1962, Abigail Church

The first quarterly meeting was opened with congregational singing of "IN THE SWEET BY & BY" led by the moderator, Rev. Bill George. Opening prayer was offered by Bro. Whit Lawrence. The congregation then sang "TO THE WORK." The devotion was brought by Rev. Earl Stevens using Psalm 27. Welcome was given by Bro. Jim Grower. Response was made by Bro. D. W. Poole. MSC that standing delegates be seated.

Committees were appointed by the moderator as follows:

Finance: Whit Lawrence, D. W. Poole, and Jim Pitts.

Credential Blanch Russ, Jimmy Finch, and Bertie Baxter.

Resolution: C. D. Owens, Archie Cook, and Joyce Kirkland.

Digest: W. E. Peterson, and Aron Burch.

Call for Church letters was made by the clerk. Magnolia and Beulah did not report at first call.

Rev. Arthur Billows and Rev. Daniel Gaskins were welcomed as visiting ministers. The Missionary Conference at Salem was announced by Rev. H. D. Shuemake. We were then dismissed for a recess by the clerk.

The meeting resumed after the recess with the singing of "AT THE CROSS" led by Bro. Freeman Edwards. Bro. D. W. Poole then led in prayer. Bro. Freeman Edwards led the congregation in singing "AMAZING GRACE." Rev. Arthur Billows was introduced by the clerk and brought a very challenging message from Isaiah 6:5.

A Hymn of invitation was sung followed by a prayer of consecration led by Mrs. Vera Owens and closed by Bro. Freeman Edwards. An offering for missions was taken while the congregation sang "WE'LL WORK TILL JESUS COMES." The offering taken amounted to \$20.00. We were dismissed for lunch by prayer led by Bro. Baldwin.

The afternoon session was opened by the congregation singing "PRAISE HIM, PRAISE HIM" led by the moderator. Bro. Carl Owen then led in prayer. The congregation then sung "I'M GETTING READY." MSC that Quarterly report forms be revised by a committee consisting of: H. D. Harrison, Leon Owens, D. W. Poole and Jim Gower. A report was to be made at the next quarterly meeting. Report of Digest, Credential, and Finance Committees given. MSC. MSC to seat the delegates. The floor was opened for nominations for trustees. Marvin Owens, Junior Kirkland, and A. F. Squires were nominated. MSC. MSC that \$200.00 be loaned to the Niceville Church for 12 months at 3 per cent interest. The resolution Committee made a motion that rising vote of Appreciation be given to the host church. MSC. The moderator turned the service over to Bro. Freeman Edwards, who led the congregation in singing "JESUS LOVES EVEN ME."

The charge was given Bro. and Sister Gower by Bro. Harrison. Bro. Edwards led in prayer as the ordained authority laid hands on the candidate. While singing "BLEST BE THE TIE" the congregation extended to Bro. and Sister Gower the right hand of Christian fellowship and bid them God speed in their ministry.

Time was given for announcements.

MSC to adjourn with a rising vote of appreciation to the host church. The dismissal prayer was led by Bro. "Pink" Hinson.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

April 14, 1962, Chipley Church

Service was opened by congregational singing of "TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE" led by Bro. Leon Owens. Bro. Henry Chestnut led in the opening prayer. The congregation sang "HE LEADETH ME." A special prayer was led by Bro. Huckaby. Bro. Earl Cook brought the morning devotion. He read from Jude, verses 1-3.

Welcome was given by Bro. Cauley Owens of the Chipley church. Response was made by Bro. John M. Rich.

Committees were appointed by the moderator as follows:

Finance: Archie Cook, Aron Burch, and John M. Rich.

Credential: Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Mrs. Lucille Cook.

Resolution: Rev. D. W. Poole, Mrs. Leslie Roberts, and Mrs. Effie Squires.

Digest: Leon Owens, Dan Gaskins, and Jimmy Finch.

Resistration: Marilyn Harrison, and Mrs. Burch.

Welcome was given by Bro. Shuemake. Call for Church letters was made by the clerk. All churches presented letters except Beulah at the first call. A partial report of registration committee was given. MSC that letters be received and delegates be seated. We were dismissed in prayer for recess by Bro. Jack Pitts. After recess, the congregation sang "JESUS SAVES" Rev. R. H. Reddick led in prayer. Bro. Huckaby spoke on behalf of the Bible Institute. He displayed the "decal" and asked for contributions of at least \$1.00 from auto owners. Rev. Freeman Edwards was introduced and brought the morning message. He read from Hebrews 11:1,6; Romans 10:17; Jude verses 3 & 4. Invitation given while the pianist played "THY WILL BE DONE." We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. D. W. Poole.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "OUR BEST" led by Bro. John M. Rich. Bro. Jim Gower led in prayer. A special song was sung by the young people of Damascus Church. Rev. R. H. Reddick was the speaker for the afternoon service. Reports of Finance, Credential, Resolution, and Registration Committees given. MSC to accept. The Church letter revision committee was asked to meet and revise forms and to present them at the next meeting. MSC to discontinue Digest Committee and read Church Letters.

Announcements were of Youth Rallies and revivals. Digest Committee report was given. MSC to accept. The announcement was made that the Children's Home was in need of a food locker. MSC to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitalitly. MSC to adjourn.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

July 14, 1962, Magnolia Church

The third quarterly meeting was opened with the congregation singing "STANDING ON THE PROMISES" led by Bro. Freeman Edwards. Bro. Earl Cook led in the opening prayer. The Vice Moderator Bro. Leon Owens called the session to order. The congregation then sang "I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY." Bro. Early Wilson was introduced to bring the morning devotion. He read from Romans 12: 1-5. Welcome was given by the host church. Response was given by Sister Marie Owens.

Committies were appointed by the moderator as follows:

Finance: Earl Cook, Jack Johnson, and Early Wilson.

Credential: Coy Owens, Edith Redmon, and Carl Owens.

Resolution: Aron Burch, Troy Lee Walsingham, and Lonnie Squires.

Digest: Mary Miller Miller, Mrs. Laurette Harrison, and Mrs. Marie Hayes.

Call for Church Letters was made. All churches turned in letters at first call. MSC for moderator to appoint reading clerks to read letters. Bro. John M. Rich and Bro. Dan Gaskins were appointed to read. MSC to receive the letters and seat the delegates. We then took a ten minute recess.

The meeting resumed after the recess with the congregation singing "TO THE WORK" led by Bro. John M. Rich. Bro. Billy Marchant then led in prayer. The congregation sang "SINCE JESUS CAME INTO MY HEART." Bro. Freeman Edwards led in prayer. Bro. Leon Owens was introduced and brought the morning message. He read from Matthew 28: 19-20 and Acts 11: 19-26. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. D. W. Poole.

After lunch, the congregation was led in singing "WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER" by Bro. John M. Rich. Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham led in prayer. The congregation then sang "WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD" led by Bro. John Milton. Rev. H. D. Harrison was introduced as the afternoon speaker and spoke from II Timothy 4: 1-8.

Resolution, Finance, Digest, Credential Committies gave reports. MSC to accept them. MSC to appoint a committee to purchase an adding machine. The clerk, Leon Owens, and John M. Rich were placed on this committee. MSC to receive an offering to help purchase an adding machine. MSC that the Liberty Association sponsor an annual revival. The moderator appointed a committee to look into this matter. Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham was appointed as chairman with 11 pastors of the association as members of this committee.

Announcements were made concerning the camp meeting.

MSC to adjourn.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION HELD WITH PINEY GROVE

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — October 19-29, 1962

The Seventy-fourth annual session of the association convened with the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church with congregational singing of "HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION" led by Bro. Leon Owens. Prayer was led by Bro. I. O. Cook. The congregation then sang "BRING THEM IN." The moderator gave a word of greeting to the association. MSC to adopt the printed program. The moderator read from Genesis 13:T and commented thereon. The congregation was again led in singing of "AMAZING GRACE" followed by hand-shaking.

Bro. John Holland was introduced by the moderator and brought the morning devotion. He read from Matthew 16: 24-25. The welcome was given by Bro. Freeman Edwards. Bro. Jack Pitts gave the response.

The call for letters was made. All churches turned in letters at first call except St. John. Bro. Refus Hyman and Bro. Ralph Bell were appointed to read the letters. MSC to have delegates answer as their names are called. MSC to accept apologies of Sister Hall from Beulah about communion and feet washing. MSC to accept letters and seat delegates. Visitors from other groups were then recognized. MSC to receive corresponding memmengers from State Line Association. Rev. Lloyd Carrol dismissed for recess with prayer.

Following the recess, the congregation sang "I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY" and "I LOVE TO TELL THE STORY." Bro. Henry Chestnut then led in prayer. The moderator introduced the Rev. Harvey Henderson from Bratt, Fla. as the morning speaker. He read from Ephesians 4:4. John M. Rich, Earl Cook, and Aron Burch were appointed to the Finance Committee. Bro. Fletcher Baldwin dismissed with prayer for lunch.

Friday Afternoon Service

The afternoon session opened with the congregation singing "FACE TO FACE" led by Bro. Ernest Owen. Bro. C. A. Huckaby then led in prayer. St. John's letter was read by the clerk. MSC to accept the letter and seat delegates. The Digest Committee was then appointed as follows: Bro. Burke, Carl Owen, and Lonnie Squires. Those appointed to the Credential Committee were: Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Squires, and Mrs. Pitts. The afternoon devotion was brought by Bro. I. O. Cook. He read from Matthew 28:16. The call was made for reports. St. John gave the report on Stewardship. MSC to accept. Liberty gave the report on Temperance. MSC to accept. No other reports were ready at this time. Committee on League Board was appointed as follows: Bro. Harrison, Bro. Huckaby, Bro. L. Cook, Bro. Edwards, and Bro. C. Cook.

The Treasurer's report was given. MSC to accept. MSC to pay the association speaker now and future times expenses from the General Fund. MSC to receive an offering for an adding machine. This offering amounted to \$25.16. The moderator gave an oral report on the Children's Home concerning the installation of a walk-in cooler and the need of a meat band-saw. An announcement was made that The Bible Institute is now offering extension courses. A Preacher and Deacon conference at the camp was announced. MSC to adjourn. Bro. Marvin Owens dismissed with prayer.

Friday Evening Service

The evening service was opened with congregational singing of "RESCUE THE PERISHING" and "BRINGING IN THE SHEAVES." Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham brought the evening devotion from Matthew 16:13-20. The congregation then sang "WHEN THE BATTLE IS OVER." A testimony service was conducted by Bro. Leon Owens. The Mission Board report was read. MSC to accept. The Host Church rendered special music.

In the absence of Bro. Clyde Owen, Bro. Loyd Carroll from Pensacola brought the evening message. He read from Luke 6:38 and spoke on the subject of "giving." An offering in the amount of \$10.35 was received. The use of this money was to be decided by the Mission Board. The meeting was then adjourned.

Saturday Morning Service

The association reconvened at Piney Grove. The congregation was led in the singing of "I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY" and "STAND UP FOR JESUS" by Bro. Freeman Edwards. Bro. Dan Gaskins then led in prayer. The moderator gave a warm greeting to the congregation. Bro. Aron Burch brought the morning devotion. He read from Romans 8: 1-4. The call was renewed for letters. There were no new letters. The moderator read from Psalm 133:1 and commented on it. The clerk called the roll of delegates. Bro. Samuel Johnson, National League Director, was introduced by the moderator. He spoke to us about the need of a new headquarters building and promoted the National League Literature. A call was made for the reports from committies. The Obituary Report was given by Panama City. MSC to accept. MSC that obituary reports be attached to association reports by local churches. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Loyd Carrol for recess.

After the recess, the congregation sang "BLESSED JESUS" and "STANDING ON THE PROMISES." Prayer was then led by Billy Marchant. Bro. C. A. Huckaby was introduced by the moderator as the morning speaker. He read from Ephesians 4:3 and spoke on the subject of "unity." We were dismissed for lunch by prayer by Bro. D. J. Cook.

Saturday Afternoon Service

The meeting reconvened with congregational singing of "FOOT-PRINTS OF JESUS." The Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. H. D. Harrison, introduced Mrs. Thelma Owens who brought the afternoon devotion. She read from Genesis 2: 20-22; John 20; 16-17. Her subject was "Women."

A call was made for committee reports. Committies reported as follows:

Resolution Committee — Abigail — No Report.

Education Committee — Piney Grove — MSC to Adopt.

Auxiliaries Committee — Chipley — MSC to Adopt.

Finance Committee — MSC to Adopt.

Credential Committee — MSC to Adopt.

League Board report to State Association MSC to adopt. MSC that the Liberty Association buy at least one share in the new Headquarters building.

An offering was taken to be used in buying a share. The total offering was \$29.00. An amendment that the difference be made up from General Fund was made. The Registration Committee gave their report. MSC to accept. The Resolution Committee gave their report. MSC to accept. The Resolution Committee suggested that the same material be used as was in the minutes of last year. MSC to accept. MSC that the reading of church letters be discontinued at the association and quarterly meetings. Delegates to the State Association were appointed. They were: Carl Owen, Mrs. Carl Owen, Bertie Baxter, and Lola Edwards. MSC that the delegation be empowered to draft someone to sit in, in case of absences. MSC that the clerk prepare an Association Letter and present it to the executive committee for approval. The report of the Nominating Committee was read. MSC that the report be adopted item by item. MSC that the Associational Revival be held in Vernon. MSC that the revival be held in March and that the Mission Board work with Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham as the chairman of that committee. MSC that the Digest Committee work with the clerk and finish their report.

Bro. Bill George, Bro. Cauley Owens, and Sister McAdams were named as the committee responsible for the orphanage pickup of commodities. An announcement of Bro. Merkh's itinerary was made. MSC to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer by Mrs. Vera Owens.

CALLED MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

November 9, 1962

A called meeting of the Executive Committee was held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of electing a clerk-treasurer in the place of the regular clerk who offered his resignation. The committee approved and elected Thomas E. Porter, of the Chipley Church, whose address is South Waukesha Street, Bonifay, Fla.

At this meeting, the committee also approved to give the visiting speaker \$.06 per mile. For the expense of his trip to the meeting.

Reports of Committees

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your committee on stewardship submit the following report:

We feel the need of dedication and consecration of every Christian to the service of the Lord and to His works in every way. Living in perilous times we feel that Ephsians 6:19, does best fit us for service "having on the whole armour of God that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day." I Corinthians 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."

If we want to go home with Christ we will have to withstand temptations, trials, and discouragement in this present world and be on the warpath for Christ against the evil forces of the world. —St. John 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 suggest that each church make a special effort to have more auxiliaries, such as a Boys Auxiliary, because an auxiliary can do a work that the pastor cannot always reach. —ChIPLEY Church.

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We the committee on education wish to submit the following report: In Matthew 28:19, Jesus said "Go ye therefore and teach—" Jesus commanded his disciples to go and teach. He commands his followers today to teach his word. Paul told Timothy in II Timothy 2:15, to "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." In the word of God we are told to study and we are commanded to teach:

1. We suggest that all of our churches give their full support to our Bible College. Where our preachers, teachers, and missionaries are trained.
2. Also that our churches take advantage of the courses being offered by the Bible Institute. —Piney Grove Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The word temperance means to be moderate in all things. That we be temperate in our speech, our actions, and dealings with others, both Christians and unsaved people. We urge that our members, individually and as a body observe temperance in all things and total abstinence from alcoholic drink. We wish to offer the following scriptures to support our report: Proverbs 23:31; Daniel 1:8; Romans 14:21; I Peter 2:11-12; Proverbs 31: 4-5. We urge and pray that our entire membership unite in force. Also to live and teach the evils of intemperance. —Liberty Church.

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

We, your committee on registration, submit the following:

Ministers	11
Deacons	17
Delegates	46
Visitors	49

Respectfully submitted,
Piney Grove Church

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Cooperative Program	\$257.51
Received for Associational Purposes	81.87
Received for Student Loan Fund	45.00
Received for Home Missions	95.58
Received for Foreign Missions	39.37
Received for League Extension	22.00
Received for Adding Machine	25.61
Received for Bible College	30.00
Received for National Headquarters Building	29.00

TOTAL RECEIVED\$625.32

—John M. Rich, Earl Cook and Aron Burke

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

Ministers	15
Churches	13
Delegates	47
Total Membership	901
Number Gained	68
Number Lost	21
General Offering	\$ 30,869.76
Value of Church Property	\$187,560.00

—Effie Squires, Jim Pitts

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, your committee on obituaries, submit the following report:

We wish to ask every one to stop at this time to pay our respects to the memory of the following members who have forever laid aside the working tools of life and have said farewell to this life and have gone to be present with the Lord: Sister Gertie Bodiford, from Piney Grove; Brother Reese Gunn, from Liberty; and Brother Marion Hicks, from Liberty.

Farewell Christian friends and loved ones. We mourn your passing, but we rejoice in your victory, and we hope in Christ to meet you in the morning.

May we all bow and pray, with a few minutes' silent meditations.

—Respectfully submitted, First Church of Panama City

TREASURER'S REPORT 1962

Balance, October 1, 1961:

General Fund	\$ 229.97
Mission Board	259.53
Student Loan Fund	110.00

\$ 599.50

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Program	1893.46
General Fund	270.16
Home Missions	1088.81
Foreign Missions	946.62
Bible College General Fund	450.00
Bible College Alumni Fund	379.00
Student Loan Fund	165.00
Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute	45.00
Miscellaneous Offerings	140.32
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$5977.37
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$5977.87

DISBURSEMENTS:

Washington County News (Qtrly. Forms)	19.75
Niceville Church (Loan)	200.00
Cooperative Plan	1704.11
Home Missions	1088.81

Foreign Missions	946.62	
Bible College General Fund	450.00	
Bible College Alumni Fund	379.00	
Printing Minutes	112.00	
State Association Fee	20.00	
Moderator and Clerk Fees	50.00	
Returned Check	5.00	
Bible Institute	45.00	
Miscellaneous	130.53	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$5151.32
Balance on hand, October 1, 1962:		
General Fund	292.88	
Mission Board Fund	258.67	
Student Loan Fund	275.00	
TOTAL		\$ 826.55
		\$5977.87

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 1962 session of the Association.

—Respectfully submitted, Abigail Church

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board is pleased to report another successful missionary conference. We again were challenged by our conference speakers, Bro. Homer Willis, and Bro. Arthur Billows, to continue the support of missions both at home and throughout the world.

The offering for the missions conference was \$307.15, and the total pledges were \$1575.20. We thank God for this support. This reflects a 25 per cent increase in our overall mission giving over the previous year.

The dates for our annual mission conference have been set for February 3-10. We will be fortunate again this year to have a speaker or speakers directly from the field. Pray for the mission board that we will plan a program that will honor and glory to our wonderful Saviour.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Harold D. Harrison
Rev. Leon Owens
Rev. Freeman Edwards

STATE LEAGUE BOARD REPORT

We, your State League Board, submit the following report:

We urge each pastor without established Leagues to endeavor to lead his people in the establishment of Leagues in the local church since the League program is the total church in training.

Necessary information for the establishment of such may be obtained from our National League Board which is our denominational service agency to the total church program.

League literature for every age group in addition to the "League Pointer," a monthly publication of League aids and "Depth," a new daily devotional guide written by Free Will Baptists, are available from our National League Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

We further urge each church to be well represented at our annual State League Convention which will meet at the Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, Florida next year.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. C. A. Huckaby
Rev. Freeman Edwards
Rev. H. D. Harrison
D. J. Cook

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Total membership last report	856	TOTAL PAID OUT..\$	1,786.47
Received by Baptism	31	Gen. Offerings	\$ 30,656.76
By letter	29	Bld. Offerings	\$ 5,847.50
Restored	1	Bldg. (Bank)	\$ 21,899.50
By profession of faith..	9	PAID OUT	
Members lost	21	Coop. Program	\$ 1,583.33
By letter	14	Pastors	\$ 19,830.64
Died	7	Evangelists	\$ 1,479.24
Total Membership	905	Bldg. and Repairs	\$ 23,461.83
Value Church Prop-erty	\$178,060.00	Miscellaneous	\$ 5,187.12
Fee sent for Assoc. Purposes		Foreign Missions	\$ 1,010.58
Fee for other purposes..\$	544.45	Home Missions	\$ 971.99
SUNDAY SCHOOL		Children's Home	\$ 342.18
Departments	20	Superannuation	\$ 140.30
Classes	70	Bible College	\$ 769.00
Officers	31	TOTAL PAID OUT ..\$	54,776.21
Teachers	67	LEAGUE	
Offerings for year	\$ 9,117.01	No. enrolled	344
Amt. spent for litera- ture	\$ 1,243.00	No. Officers	29
Total paid out	\$ 1,538.04	No. Groups	33
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY		Avg. Attendance	227
No. members	87	Total Offerings	\$ 824.73
No. circles	6	Amt. for Lit.	\$ 414.15
GTA Members	47	TOTAL PAID OUT ..\$	367.79
YPA Members	58	MASTERS MEN	
Total Offerings	\$ 1,830.40	No. Members	37
TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES		Members in BA	11
DISBURSEMENTS		Total Offerings	\$ 254.24
		TOTAL PAID OUT ..\$	290.40
		TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES	
		DISBURSEMENTS	
		\$ 58,758.91	

DELEGATES

ABIGAIL—Mrs. Joan Gower, Mrs. Ovida Cook.
BEULAH—
BONIFAY—Mrs. Ola Hinson, Mrs. Mollie Anderson, Mrs. Melvinne Pitts.
CHIPLEY—Mrs. H. D. Harrison, Mrs. Ernest Owen, Mrs. Grady Washington, Mrs. Cluster Russ, Mrs. Thomas Porter, Mrs. Lonnie Washington, and Mrs. Lena Richards.
DAMASCUS—Mr. Jim Pitts, Mr. Bobby Johnson, Mrs. Commie Johnson.
LIBERTY—Mrs. Annie May, Mrs. Mary Miller, Mrs. Lizzie McAlwain.
MAGNOLIA—Mrs. Bonnie Linton, Mrs. Edith Zuber, Mrs. Cassie Burke.
NICEVILLE—Mrs. Emmitt Finch, Mrs. Jack Tubbs, Mrs. Sue Finch.
PANAMA CITY—Sgt. Russell Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. J. Williams, Mr. Edwin Simmons, Mrs. C. A. Huckaby, Mr. W. Fond.
PINEY GROVE—Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Wallace Peterson, Mr. Marvin Owens, Mr. Carl Owen, Mrs. Clara McAdams.
PLEASANT HILL—Mrs. Elaine Tiller, Mrs. Jennell Walsingham, Norma J. Felder.
POPLAR HEAD—Mrs. Effie Squires, Mrs. Mittie Morris, Mr. Harvey Martin.
ST. JOHN—Mrs. Carlton Nelson, Mr. Loran Cook, Mrs. Cleo Cook.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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

Stewardship	Bonifay
Auxiliaries	St. John
Education	Pleasant Hill
Temperance	Chipley
Finance	Niceville
Nominations	Damascus
Resolutions	Liberty
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—Respectfully submitted,
Poplar Head Church

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 en-

rolled 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 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, 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.	1	0	0	0	37	\$ 596.06	\$ 60.00	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 117.63	\$ 105.00	F.T.
Beulah	Rev. Troy L. Walsingham	Jessie L. Fowler Graceville, Fla.	0	0	0	0	7	134.13		3,000.00			1st&3rd Sun 8.00 Eve.
Bonifay	Rev. John Holland Bonifay, Fla.	Annie Bowlin Bonifay, Fla.	2	10	0	1	77	1,363.74	70.00	16,200.00	80.05	122.00	F.T.
Chipley	Rev. H. D. Harrison Chipley, Fla.	Cluster Russ Chipley, Fla.	3	14	8	0	155	3,900.00	200.00	57,000.00	292.11	890.40	F.T.
Damascus	Rev. R. H. Reddick Warrington, Fla.	F. Pippin Freeport, Fla.	6	1	0	2	53	600.00	165.78	5,500.00		30.00	1&3
Liberty	Rev. W. E. George Bonifay, Fla.	J. H. Milton Bonifay, Fla.	1	1	0	2	50	885.72	125.96	3,000.00	172.15	1,344.00	1,3Sun.;Sat.nite before
Panama City	Rev. C. A. Huckaby Panama City, Fla.	Russell E. Bailey Panama City, Fla.	3	5	0	0	108	3,610.00	200.00	17,000.00		120.00	F.T.
Piney Grove	Rev. Freeman Edwards, Chipley, Fla.	Bernard Owens Chipley, Fla.	5	2	1	1	149	2,700.00	200.00	20,000.00	428.25	1,378.72	F.T.
Pleasant Hill	Rev. T. L. Walsingham, Chipley, Fla.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla.	5	4	1	0	78	1,255.00	50.00	21,860.00		218.04	F.T.
Poplar Head	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fla.	A. F. Squires Bonifay, Fla.	1	2	0	0	79	2,080.00	150.00	15,000.00	277.57	291.84	F.T.
St. John	Rev. Earl Stevens Midland City, Ala.	Loran Cook Bonifay, Fla.	4	0	4	1	76	995.00	150.00	4,000.00	100.00	247.36	F.T.
Niceville	Rev. Daniel Gaskins Niceville, Fla.	Mrs. James Whitehurst Niceville, Fla. RR					22	1,011.13		6,000.00	47.68	121.77	F.T.
Magnolia	Rev. Jno. M. Rich Chipley, Fla.	Edith Zuber Ponce de Leon, Fla.					14	699.86	107.50	6,000.00	67.92	44.86	1 & 3
TOTALS.....			31	39	14	7	905	\$19,830.64	\$1,479.24	\$178,060.00	\$1,583.33	\$3,921.99	

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTERS	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Members Received	By Baptism	Miles Traveled	Money Received
REV. FREEMAN EDWARDS	1	104	0	2	1	7	5	18,000	\$ 2,710.00
REV. BILL GEORGE	2	190	10	21	1	25	25	6,737	2,568.56
REV. HAROLD D. HARRISON	1	135	3	5	0	17	6	14,500	4,157.68
REV. LEON OWENS	1	149	0	0	0	1	1		1,080.00
REV. CHESTER A. HUCKABY	1	168	2	5	3	35	26	30,000	3,740.00
REV. TROY LEE WALSINGHAM	2	147	3	2	1	6	5	4,650	1,445.00
REV. JAMES T. GOWER, SR.	1	107	0	0	0	6	1		596.06
REV. JOHN M. RICH	2	150	2	1	0	1	1	7,200	1,412.00
REV. H. D. SHUMAKE (No report)									
REV. D. W. POOLE (No report)									
REV. A. B. COOK (No report)									
REV. R. H. REDDICK (No report)									
REV. JOHN HOLLAND (No report)									
REV. EARL STEVENS (No report)									
REV. DANIEL GASKINS	1	121	2	0	0	7	2		1,000.00

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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