

1964
MINUTES

OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

West Florida Liberty
Free Will Baptist
Association

HELD WITH

Damascus Free Will Baptist Church

OF FREEPORT, FLORIDA

OCTOBER 16 and 17, 1964

OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Rev. Freeman L. Edwards Moderator

Rev. Millard Sasser Vice Moderator

Rev. Luther Burns Clerk-Treasurer

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Moderator, Clerk, Willie Simmons 65, Lonnie Squires 65

James Rhodes 66. Earl Cook 66. Alex Pippin 66

MISSION BOARD

Rev. Milton Gann 67, Ernest Owen 65,

Rev. Luther Burns 66

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 16, 1965 St. John
April 17, 1965 Chipley
July 17, 1965 Niceville

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

April 24, 1965 Bonifay

C.T.S. CONVENTION

March 27, 1965 Pleasant Hill

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

To Be Announced

MASTER'S MEN CONVENTION

To Be Announced

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

To Be Announced

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

October 14-15, 1965 Piney Grove

PROCEEDINGS

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 18, 1964, Panama City Church

The meeting opened with the singing of "Jesus is all the World to Me", followed with prayer led by Bro. Simmons, from the Damascus Church. The moderator welcomed everyone to the meeting. The Credentials Committee was appointed as follows; Rev. Luther Burns, Bro. Lewis Cook, and Rev. W.E. George. The congregation then sang "Breathe on Me". Rev. H.D. Shuemake led in prayer. The morning devotion was brought by Ross Pippin, he read from I Thessalonians 5. Rev. Woodrow Messex of the Panama City Church gave the welcome, Etha Mae Owen gave the response. She read from Psalms 133.

The moderator called for a report from the Credentials Committee. MSC that the report be accepted. Rev. Luther Burns called the roll of delegates. MSC that the delegates be seated. The moderator then appointed the Finance and Digest committees as follows: Finance: H.D. Shuemake, Bertie Baxter, and Cleo Cook, Digest: Archie Cook, James Whitehurst, and Troy Lee Walsingham.

Rev. Luther Burns gave a report from the newly organized Christian Education program. He announced a Sunday School workshop to be held in our association during the week of March 23-27. He asked if any church had anything planned that would interfere with their attending. We were dismissed for recess with prayer by Rev. W.E. George.

We reconvened after recess with the singing of "God will take care of You". Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham led in prayer. We sang "When I see the Blood". The moderator introduced Rev. Millard Sasser of the Niceville Church as the morning speaker. He read from John 13: 31-35. After the message, we sang "Have Thine Own Way". Bro. Earl Cook dismissed for lunch with prayer.

After lunch we sang "O That will be Glory". Rev. Frank Willis was introduced as the afternoon speaker. He used Luke 10: 17-23 as his text.

After the message, the moderator called for the Registration Committee report. MSC that the report be accepted. The Finance and Digest Committee reports were given, MSC to accept both reports.

Rev. Leon Owens gave a report concerning the revision of the Constitution. MSC that the report be accepted and tabled. Bro. Ernest Owen asked that the Mission Conference date be changed from June to a date earlier in the year. He explained that many people were busy harvesting crops in June. After a lengthy discussion, it was voted to move the date to sometime in February.

Rev. W.E. George passed out receipts to the churches of the association for money sent to the Children's Home.

Rev. John M. Rich asked that we discuss the possibility of establishing a Children's Home at our old Youth Camp. It was announced that the Salem Association was already taking steps in this direction. MSC that the Liberty Assoc. heartily endorse the work of the Salem Assoc. concerning this matter.

Rev. Woodrow Messex announced that the State was planning to print a paper which would carry news of all churches in the state. The first issue is to be available in February.

It was decided that the Sunday School Workshop be held during the week of March 23-27, at the Poplar Head Church.

The Associational revival is to be held in the Vernon area beginning on the second Sunday night in April. Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham announced that a tent would be available. The body voted to have the meeting in a tent.

Joyce Kirkland announced the Youth Rally at Damascus on January 25. MSC that a person be appointed to get the temperance committee report published in newspapers in Washington and Holmes Counties. Mrs. Etha Mae Owen was appointed to get it printed in Washington County and Thomas Porter was appointed to get it printed in Holmes County.

It was announced that film strips were available for use in the association. H.D. Shuemake asked that the association buy a film strip projector and pledged the \$5.00 toward the purchase. MSC that we buy the projector. An offering in the amount of \$21.38 was taken to be applied on this projector.

A Youth Fellowship Meeting was announced at Chipley on Feb. 1, 1964 at 7 P.M.

MSC that we adjourn.

SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

April 18, 1964, Pleasant Hill Church

The meeting opened with the singing of "Jesus Is All the World to Me" led by Rev. Leon Owens. Rev. Walter Eldridge led in prayer. Bro. Owens then led us in the singing of "He Lives".

The moderator then appointed the Credentials Committee. They were as follows: Rev. Leon Owens, Bro. C.D. Owens, and Bro. Earl Cook.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. Aron Burch who read II Cor. 5:20 and led us in prayer. As part of the devotion, we sang "The King's Business".

The welcome was given by Miss Shirley Cook of the host Church. The response was given by Mrs. Vera Owens.

The Clerk called the roll of the delegates. MSC that the delegates be seated.

The Moderator called for business before recess. Rev. W.E. George asked that the ministers meet with him during recess.

After recess, we reconvened for the morning worship. Rev. Eustace Riggs, Evangelist from Eldridge, Alabama, brought the message. We then recessed for lunch which was served by the host church.

After lunch we sang "Bring Them In" after which our afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. W.B. Hughes, a visiting minister.

The Moderator called for committee reports. They were given as follows: Registration Committee, Credential Committee, Finance Committee, and Digest Committee. MSC that reports be accepted.

Rev. W.E. George asked if some Church in the Association would accept the responsibility of paying for tile to cover two rooms at the Children's Home. Bro. Wallace Peterson made a motion that we receive an offering for this purpose. This offering amounted to \$31.00.

Rev. W.E. George gave a report of the Associational Revival which was held April 12th through April 17th. Services were held in a tent which was located on the grounds of the Abigail Church in Vernon. The Evangelist was Rev. Eustace Riggs.

The Moderator announced the Sunday School Convention which was to be held at the Poplar Head Church on Saturday, April 25th. The District Youth Rally was to meet the same night at the Liberty Church.

It was moved that we adjourn with a rising vote of thanks to the Pleasant Hill Church.

THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

July 18, 1964, Liberty Church

The meeting opened with the singing of "Love Lifted Me". Bro. Bill George led in prayer. We then sang "The Son Hath Made Me Free".

The Moderator made opening remarks and appointed the Credentials Committee. He then introduced Bro. Ernest Owen who brought the morning devotion. Bro. Leon Owen led in prayer. The Welcome was given by Bro. Arthur Cook. The response was given by Mrs. Jonell Peterson. Visitors were recognized. We were dismissed with a prayer for recess by Bro. Millard Sasser.

After recess we sang "I'd Rather Have Jesus". We were led in prayer by Bro. Earl Cook. We had a partial report of the Credential Committee and a roll call of the delegates.

The Moderator appointed the Finance Committee and the Digest Committee. We had a special song by Bro. Milton Gann and his family.

Bro. Freeman Edwards was introduced by Bro. Bill George as the morning speaker. After the message we were dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we sang "Victory in Jesus" and were led in prayer by Mrs. Etha Mae Owen.

Instead of an afternoon message, we saw filmstrip entitled "A Witness To The World". We were then led in prayer by Bro. Freeman Edwards.

Bro. Edwards asked that we decide who should keep the filmstrip projector. MSC that the Clerk keep it. MSC that the Clerk also have the authority to maintain the projector. Bro. Ernest Owen moved that we receive an offering and divide it between the Children's Home and Missions. Bro. Coy Owens led us in prayer after the offering. The offering was \$33.52. Bro. Milton Gann and Mrs. Bertie Baxter gave a report of the National Association.

Reports were given by the Digest Committee, Finance Committee, and Registration Committee. These were accepted respectively by the body.

Bro. Bill George gave a copy of the By-Laws of the Camp Meeting to each pastor.

A revival was announced in the Niceville Church.

MSC that we adjourn. Bro. Loran Cook dismissed our meeting with prayer.

ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

October 16-17, 1964, Damascus Church

Friday Morning

The meeting opened with the singing of "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Rev. H.D. Shuemade. We were led in prayer by Bro. Millard Sasser. The moderator introduced Bro. Walter Eldridge who brought the morning devotion. He used Hebrew II.

The welcome was given by Bro. Bill George, pastor of the host church. The response was given by Mrs. Oma Owen.

The moderator made opening remarks. He gave advice on parliamentary procedure.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates. MSC that delegates be seated as per roll call.

The moderator appointed the following committees: Digest, Finance, Credential and Registration.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Loran Cook for a short recess.

The meeting opened after recess with the singing of "At Calvary". We were led in prayer by Bro. David Cook. We then sang "Bringing in the Sheaves".

The moderator recognized Bro. Watson and Bro. H.D. Shuemade as visiting ministers from other associations. He then introduced Bro. Milton Gann who brought the morning message. After the message, we sang "Have Thine Own Way". We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Jack Pitts.

Friday Afternoon

The meeting opened after lunch with the singing of "Trust and Obey". Bro. Aron Burch led in prayer. The moderator introduced Bro. Eugene Cuchens who gave the afternoon devotion.

After the devotion the meeting was declared in business session. The following committees reported and their reports were accepted respectfully by the body. They were: Registration Committee, Credentials Committee, Obituary Committee, Resolution Committee, Education Committee, Auxiliary Committee, Stewardship Committee, Digest Committee and Finance Committee.

Announcements were made. MSC that we adjourn. Bro. Jack Pitts led us in prayer.

Friday Night

The service was opened with singing "Send The Light" followed by two verses of "Let the Lower Lights be Burning". We were then led in prayer by Bro. K.W. Cuchens.

A filmstrip was shown. The title of it was "Chosen Vessels". A challenge to witness as the early christians did was set forth, as it portrayed Bible characters at work telling the story of redemption.

The highlights of the National Missions Conference, held annually in Nashville, Tennessee under the direction of the Home and Foreign Missions Departments was given by Bro. Luther Burns.

We sang "I'll go Where You want Me to Go" as a song of invitation. Announcements were made and then we were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Willie Simmons.

Saturday Morning

This session opened with the singing of "I am Resolved" led by Bro. Frank Willis, Bro. James Rhodes led in prayer. We then sang "I Am Thine O Lord". The moderator introduced Bro. Earl Cook who brought the morning devotion.

The moderator then welcomed everyone and recognized visitors. We were then declared in business by the moderator.

The first item of business was the reading of the treasurers report. MSC to adopt.

The moderator asked that we elect five delegates to the State Association. Volunteers were as follows: Mrs. Lucille Cook, Mrs. Coreen George, Mrs. Catherine Clark, Mrs. Lola Edwards, and Bro. Archie Cook. Mrs. Jack Pitts volunteered as an alternate. These were duly elected by the body.

The Children's Home Committee was appointed to collect food for the Home before Thanksgiving. Mrs. Clara McAdams, Bro. Bill George, and Bro. Freeman Edwards were appointed to serve.

The Temperance Committee with Mrs. Milton Gann as spokesman, gave their report. This came from the Panama City Church. MSC to accept.

We recessed with prayer by Mrs. Coreen George.

Following recess, we reassembled in the Church for the morning worship hour. Bro. Leon Owens, pastor of the Liberty Church, brought the message. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. John Rich.

After lunch the meeting reconvened with the singing of "At Calvary". Bro. Marvin Owens led in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Mrs. Vera Owens.

After the devotion we entered into the business session. The first item of business was the acceptance of the resignation of Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham from the Mission Board. The reason was that he had moved to another association.

The moderator gave the Mission Board report. MSC to accept the report with the amendment that the money (\$60.00) be given rather than loaned to the Faith Mission. MSC to give the Niceville Church credit for \$60.00 on their loan.

A discussion followed as to what food was to be furnished by our association to the State Association. It was announced that each Church would be notified.

The Nominations Committee report was given by the Chipley Church. The report is broken down as follows: The committees assigned to the various churches was accepted as read, the quarterly meetings and the yearly meeting as outlined in the report was accepted as read, the dates suggested for the Sunday School Convention and the C.T.S. Convention was accepted as set forth in the report. It was recommended that the Ministers and Deacons Conference be discontinued. MSC to accept this recommendation. The Committee also recommended that the Womans Auxiliary Convention, the Masters Men Convention, and the District Youth Rally be allowed to chose their own meeting times. MSC to adopt this proposal. The annual District Missions Conference was to be held as close to the first of February as possible. MSC to accept.

Bro. Milton Gann was nominated for the Mission Board and was elected. Bro. Luther Burns was nominated and elected to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Troy Lee Walsingham who had resigned.

The nominating committee submitted the names of: Bro. James Rhodes, Bro. Earl Cook, and Bro. Alex Pippin to serve on the Executive Committee in place of Bro. C.D. Owens, Bro. Ross Pippin, and Bro. Aron Burch. MSC to accept these. MSC to elect general officers one at the time with nominations allowed from the floor. Bro. Luther Burns was elected Clerk. Bro. Millard Sasser was nominated by the Committee and Bro. Leon Owens from the floor for Vice-Moderator. Bro. Millard Sasser was elected. The Committee nominated Bro. Freeman Edwards for Moderator. Bro. Bill George was nominated from the floor. Bro. Edwards was elected.

Announcements were made as follows: The Investigating Committee for the Presbytery was announced by the President, Bro. Bill George. Bro. Edwards announced the District Youth Rally for the last Saturday of October at Poplar Head.

MSC to adjourn.

Reports of Committees

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Committee on Stewardship submit the following report:

1 Cor. 6:19,20 and 1 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 preach the gospel to every creature". Let us so live as though we knew Christ was coming for His church today.

Respectfully submitted,
Abigail Church

COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We your Committee on Auxiliaries submit the following report:

We are thankful to report that we have eleven Sunday Schools, nine Leagues, seven Ladies Auxiliaries, four Masters Men, four Y.P.A.'s, and three G.T.A.'s. We would like to suggest that you use the people in your Church by organizing these helping services of your Church.

Respectfully submitted,
Piney Grove Church

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We your Resolution Committee submit the following report:

Be it resolved that the Nominating Committee take into consideration the associational services, in which lunch is to be served, and give churches that have dining hall facilities the winter months services.

Be it resolved that we offer a rising vote of appreciation to the host church for the wonderful way in which they have entertained this, the 1964 session of the association.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonifay Church

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

We your Committee on Education submit the following report:

Since we feel that one of the great needs of our day is for a better knowledge of God's Word and whereas the Atheistic and Communistic movements are so rapidly involving our schools of higher learning, be it resolved that we heartily endorse our denominational education program such as the Bible College, teacher training courses, study courses, and daily study and meditation on the Word of God with family devotions.

Respectfully submitted,
Damascus Church

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We your Temperance Committee recommend the following:

1. That the West Florida Liberty Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as being against, and voicing a conviction against any and all use of alcoholic beverages.

2. That we practice daily family devotions in our homes.

3. That we go down on record as being totally against corrupt government and we as Christians will seek a leader and not a party for President.

4. That we realize our bodies are the temples of the Holy Ghost, and the individual is to use his body as God's vessel.

Respectfully submitted,
Panama City Church

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We your Obituary Committee submit the following report:

We wish to ask everyone to stop to pay our respects to the memory of the following members who have said farewell to this life and have gone to be present with our Lord: Bro. Bingham Morris from Poplar Head; Bro. Carlton Griffin from Piney Grove; Bro. Curtis Bowlin from Bonifay; Bro. J.A. Retherford from Chipley; Bro. Jim Strickland from St. Johns; Sister Dellar Hicks from Liberty.

May we bow and pray with a few minutes of silent meditation.

Respectfully submitted,
Liberty Church

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board met in March and agreed to loan Bro. H.D. Shuemaker \$60.00 to be used in paying rent on a house that would be used as a dwelling and as a place to start a Mission work in Marianna, Florida.

We also want to report what we believe was a successful Missions Conference. Our speakers were Rev. Louis and Florine Coscia who are now in language study preparing for the field of service in Brazil. Our hearts were challenged by the messages from these two servants of God.

Our offering for the conference was \$141.80 and the total pledges were \$757.20.

Pray now for our next Missions Conference which will be held in February, trusting we will have a bigger and better one for the glory of God.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Ernest Owen
Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham
Rev. Freeman L. Edwards

REPORT OF CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We your Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Ministers -----	12
Churches -----	12
Delegates -----	36
Membership -----	844

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Louise Cook
Mrs. Jerrine Burch
Mrs. Marylene Willis

REPORT OF REGISTRATION

We your committee on registration, submit the following:

Ministers-----	11
Deacons-----	11
Delegates-----	32
Members and Visitors-----	33
Total Present-----	87

Respectfully submitted,
Damascus Church

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

Total membership last report-----	826	Total Membership- 838
Received by Baptism--	5	Value of Church property-----\$197560.00
By Letter-----	9	Fee sent for Assoc. purposes-----\$ 50.00
Restored-----	1	Fee sent for other purposes-----\$ 547.06
By Profession of Faith	11	TOTAL SENT WITH LETTERS-----\$ 597.06
Members lost-----	3	
By Letter-----	2	
Died-----	1	

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Departments-----	11
Classes-----	69
Officers-----	31
Teachers-----	80
Enrollment-----	690
Offerings for year-----	\$10,200.88
Amount spent for literature-----	\$ 968.82
Total paid out--	\$ 1,372.88

LEAGUE

No. Enrolled----	332
No. Officers----	31
No. Groups-----	35
Avg. Attendance-	238
Total Offerings-\$	239.84
Amount spent for literature----	\$ 145.79
TOTAL PAID OUT--	\$ 223.92

PAID OUT

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

No. Members-----	82
No. Circles-----	8
GTA Members-----	32
YPA Members-----	44
Total Offerings-\$	703.28
Total Paid Out--	\$ 777.90

Coop. Program---	\$ 1,812.68
Pastors-----	\$19,441.16
Evangelists-----	\$ 1,321.57
Building and Repairs-----	\$ 9,366.53
Miscellaneous---	\$ 4,878.42
Foreign Missions\$	1,281.14
Home Missions---	\$ 829.78
Children's Home-\$	470.83
Bible College---	\$ 744.70
Total Paid Out--	\$40,146.81

MASTER'S MEN

No. Members-----	33
Members in BA---	0
Total Offerings-\$	36.45
Total Paid Out--	\$ 36.60

General Offerings-----	\$37,217.45
Building Offerings-----	\$ 5,796.03

TOTAL RECEIPTS FOR ALL SOURCES-----	\$48,636.96
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS-----	\$44,939.83

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DELEGATES

ABIGAIL--Mrs. Inez Parrish, and Mrs. Louise Cook.
BONIFAY--Carol Naylor, Mrs. Frank Willis, Bro. Charles
Bowlin, and Bro. Sims.
CHIPLEY--Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Linda Dean, Mrs. Lola
Clark, Mrs. Bernice Powell, and Bro. J.S.
Retherford.
DAMASCUS--Mrs. Lurene Johnson, Bro. K.W. Cuchens, Bro.
Eugene Cuchens, and Mrs. Lorene Howell.
LIBERTY--Bro. Quinton Miller, Mrs. Annie Mae Cook,
Mrs. Lizzie McAlwain, and Mrs. Essie Milton.
NICEVILLE--Mrs. Millard Sasser, and Bro. McCoy.
PANAMA CITY--Mrs. Zula Gann, Gary Gann, and Phil Gann.
PINEY GROVE--Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Thelma Owens, Mrs.
Wilma Sharron, Bro. Dewey Sharron, and
Bro. Marvin Owens.
PLEASANT HILL--Mrs. Jerrine Burch, Mrs. Lucille Cook,
and Bro. Whit Lawrence.
POPLAR HEAD--Bro. A.F. Squires, Mrs. Effie Squires,
and Mrs. Roxie Pitts.
ST. JOHNS--Mrs. Oma Lee Cooper, Bro. Paul Jernigan,
Bro. Loran Cook, and Mrs. Coreen George.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Received for Cooperative Program-----	\$388.22
Received for Associational Purposes-----	59.00
Received for Student Loan Fund-----	40.00
Received for Home Missions-----	.00
Received for Foreign Missions-----	6.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	<u>\$493.22</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Poplar Head Church



TREASURER'S REPORT 1964

Balance, October 15, 1963:

General Fund-----	\$ 464.86
Mission Board-----	365.48
Student Loan-----	220.00
TOTAL-----	<u>\$1050.34</u>

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Program-----	\$1545.11
General Fund-----	518.19
Home Missions-----	983.29
Foreign Missions-----	1131.70
Bible College, General Fund-----	439.00
Alumni Building Fund-----	250.00
Student Loan Fund-----	190.00
Miscellaneous Offerings-----	113.26
TOTAL-----	<u>\$5170.55</u>
Total to be accounted for:-----	6220.89

DISBURSEMENTS:

Washington County News-----	\$ 150.00
Moderator and Clerk fees-----	50.00
Eustace Riggs-----	120.00
Living Word of Faith (tent)-----	73.45
Film Strip Projector-----	104.50
State Association fee-----	20.00
Children's Home-----	71.05
Student Loan (Edward Cook)-----	400.00
Cooperative Program-----	930.65
Home Missions-----	854.58
Foreign Missions-----	981.92
Bible College General Fund-----	394.00
Alumni Fund-----	200.00
Loan to Faith Mission-----	60.00
Miscellaneous-----	24.58
TOTAL PAID OUT-----	<u>\$4434.73</u>

Balance on Hand October 15, 1964:

Cooperative Fund-----	\$ 459.96
Mission Board-----	459.98
Student Loan-----	60.00
General Fund-----	432.73
Foreign Missions-----	149.78
Home Missions-----	128.71
General Fund Bible College-----	45.00
Alumni Building Fund-----	50.00
Total Balance-----	<u>\$1786.16</u>
TOTAL-----	<u>\$6220.89</u>

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

COMMITTEES ASSIGNED TO CHURCHES:

Stewardship----- Niceville
Education----- Chipley
Nominations----- Piney Grove
Auxiliaries----- Abigail
Temperance----- Poplar Head
Finance----- Pleasant Hill
Resolutions----- Damascus
Obituaries----- St. John

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April 24, 1965----- Bonifay

C.T.S. CONVENTION:

March 27, 1965-----Pleasant Hill

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY:

(Will select their own date)

MASTER'S MEN CONVENTION:

(Will select their own date)

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION YOUTH RALLIES:

(Will select their own meeting times)

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE:

(Near first of February. Exact times and places
of meeting will be announced later.)

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

October 14, 15, 1965----- Piney Grove

MISSION BOARD:

Bro. Milton Gann 67, Bro. Ernest Owen 65,
Bro. Luther Burns 66.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION:

Moderator----- Bro. Freeman Edwards
Vice Moderator----- Bro. Millard Sasser
Clerk-Treasurer----- Bro. Luther Burns

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Willie Simmons 65, Lonnie Squires 65, James
Rhodes 66, Earl Cook 66, Alex Pippin 66.

Respectfully submitted,
Chipley Church

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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 acknowledgment, (6) for reference of deferred business, (7) for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church, and (8) for miscellaneous business.

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

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

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.

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.

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. C.L. Newsome Panama City, Fla.	Mrs. Archie Cook Vernon, Fla.	0	1	0	0	37	50.00			69.59	99.20	2nd & 4th Sun.
Bonifay	Frank Willis Panama City, Fla.	Etta Clark Bonifay, Fla.	0	2	2	2	43	1655.00	54.00	16,200.00		99.22	F. T.
Chipley	Luther Burns Chipley, Fla.	Cluster Russ Chipley, Fla.	0	3	8	1	127	3900.00	240.00	75,000.00	504.86	1603.93	F. T.
Damascus	Rev. W.E. George Bonifay, Fla.	Eugene Cuchen Freeport, Fla.	1	0	3	0	54	1020.00	145.00	7,500.00	237.58	246.11	1st & 3rd Sun.
Liberty	Rev. Leon Owens Vernon, Fla.	J.H. Milton Bonifay, Fla.	1	6	1	1	54	1145.51	100.00	3,000.00	216.36	476.36	1st & 3rd Sun.
Niceville	Millard Sasser Niceville, Fla.	Mrs. Jack Tubbs Niceville, Fla.	8	7	3	0	42	1189.45	125.32	5,000.00	135.26	201.01	F. T.
Panama City	Rev. Milton Goss Panama City, Fla.	Lowell Pippin Panama City, Fla.	4	0	3	0	113	2890.50	205.00	28,000.00		113.67	F. T.
Piney Grove	Rev. Freeman Edwards, Chipley, Fla.	Wallace Peterson Chipley, Fla.	7	0	0	1	148	3120.00	230.00	35,000.00	369.65	1532.96	F. T.
Pleasant Hill	Rev. I.O. Cook Cypress, Fla.	Mrs. Lucille Cook Bonifay, Fla.	2	1	0	0	81	1370.00	60.00	21,860.00		185.26	F. T.
Poplar Head	Rev. Alvin Howell Bonifay, Fla.	A.F. Squires Bonifay, Fla.	0	1	2	0	65	1800.70	47.25	15,000.00		335.43	F. T.
St. John	Walter Eldridge Cottondale, Fla.	Loran Cook Bonifay, Fla.	4	1	2	0	73	1300.00	115.00	5,400.00	279.35	372.35	F. T.
		TOTALS -----	27	22	24	5	837	19,441.16	1321.57	211,960.00	1812.65	5265.50	

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTERS

	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Number Revivals	Number Funerals	Number Marriages	Members Received	By Baptism	Money Received
REV. FRANK WILLIS, Panama City, Fla.	1	106	0	2	0	5	1	\$1,682.96
REV. TROY LEE WALSINGHAM	2	121	0	3	0	3	2	1,370.00
REV. JOHN M. RICH	1	115	0	3	3	7		1,300.00
REV. BILL GEORGE	2	144	4	12	3	1	1	2,010.00
REV. MILLARD SASSER	1	229	5	1	1	15	8	1,240.00
REV. LUTHER BURNS	1	106	2	4	4	3		4,125.00
REV. WALTER ELDRIDGE	1	116	3	2	0	5	4	1,475.00
REV. FREEMAN EDWARDS	1	110	1	1	1	7	7	3,220.00
REV. LEON OWENS	2	166	2	2	1	7	1	1,145.51
REV. ALVIN HOWELL (No Report)								
REV. MILTON GANN (No Report)								
REV. C. L. NEWSOME (No Report)								

NOTES

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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