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MINUTES

**OF THE QUARTERLY MEETINGS
AND THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

OF THE

**West Florida Liberty
Free Will Baptist
Association**

HELD WITH

**ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OF BONIFAY, FLORIDA**



OCTOBER 17 & 18, 1969

OFFICERS

Rev. Robert B. Crawford Moderator
Rev. Thomas M. Scott Vice Moderator
Thomas E. Porter Clerk-Treasurer
Bro. Wallace Peterson Asst. Clerk-Treasurer
Rev. Otis Whitehead Youth Director

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 17, 1979 Wright
April 18, 1970 Panama City
July 25, 1970 Pleasant Hill

CTS & SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

To be announced

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

To be announced

LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

To be announced

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

October 16 - 17, 1970 Poplar Head

Proceedings

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

BONIFAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JANUARY 18, 1969

THEME FOR THE YEAR:

WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF MODERN YOUTH

PART 1: *The Role of the Christian Teen-Ager in the Church*

Congregational singing began at 10:00 A.M. followed by prayer. The pastor of the host church, Rev. John Holland, gave the welcome address, followed by Rev. Robert Crawford giving the response.

Bro. Terry Kirkland, a teen-ager from the Chipley Church, gave a devotion on "The Christian Teen-Ager and the Work of the Church". He read 11 Timothy 2:22. Bro. Jackie Parker led in prayer at the close of the devotion.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates and a motion carried to seat them and receive the letters. The Moderator appointed the following to serve on Committees: Sisters Katie Owen, Faye Peacock, Patrica Cook, DIGEST; Bro. Loran Cook, Sister Myrtle Shores, and Sister Cleo Cook, FINANCE; the host church, CREDENTIALS. The congregation sang "Bless Be The Ties That Bind".

RECESS

The Associational Youth Choir, with thirty-nine voices, sang, "My Jesus I Love Thee" and prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Willis to begin the eleven o'clock Worship Service. The Credentials Committee reported that 147 had registered. Visitors from other churches and associations were recognized and welcomed by the Moderator.

Following "Victory in Jesus" by the youth choir, Rev. S. E. Newberry from the State Line Association, brought the morning message, reading 1 Timothy 4:12-16 as a text. He spoke on the "The Christian Teen-Ager and Worship".

An offering of \$56.73 was received after the message and designated for the youth work of the local association. After the benediction, lunch was served by the host church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation sang "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story", and prayer was offered by Rev. Odis Whitehead to begin the afternoon session. Rev. Thomas Scott read II Timothy 2:15; 3:16-17 and brought a devotion on "The Christian Teen-Ager and the Word of God".

The following business was transacted:

The pastor of the Bonifay Free Will Baptist Church reported that their letter to the Annual Association had been incorrect in reporting they had communed and washed feet only once in 1968. He said the church had communed and washed feet at least twice as required by the Association.

MSC to accept report of Finance Committee.

MSC to accept report of Digest Committee.

A recommendation which had been given to the Clerk regarding qualifications of officers, was read by the Clerk. It was MS to adopt the recommendation, It was MSC to table the motion.

MSC for the Moderator to appoint a Historical Committee to collect copies of all printed minutes of the West Florida Liberty Association. Rev. Wendell Walley, the Clerk, Bro. Earnest Owen, and Mrs. Effie Squires were appointed to this committee.

MSC that we accept the report of the Examining Committee of the Presbytery recommending that Bro. Eugene Cuchens of Niceville be ordained a Deacon. Rev. Milton Gann gave the charge and Rev. R. B. Crawford prayed the prayer of dedication while the Presbytery laid hands on the candidate.

MSC to adjourn giving the host church a rising vote of thanks.

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THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING
DAMASCUS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

APRIL 19, 1969

PART II of THEME:

Why Christian Education for the Christian Teen-Ager

"I Am Thine, O Lord", sung by the congregation opened the morning session. Prayer was offered by Rev. Frank Willis and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" led by Bro. Eugene Cuchens.

Bro. K. W. Cuchens gave the welcome address and Bro. Eugene Cuchens the response. Bro. Dave Pollitt read John 3:3, 10 and gave devotional thoughts on "How does Christian Education affect my Career"?

Following the roll call of delegates it was MSC to seat them and adopt the program. The following were appointed to serve on Committees: Rev. Leon Owens, Sister Debbie Tharp, Sister Inez Parrish, DIGEST; Bro. Wallace Peterson, Sister Mary Miller, Mrs. Holland, FINANCE; the host church, CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. "Amazing Grace" was sung as the benediction.

RECESS

The Worship hour began with "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham offered prayer and the Associational Youth Choir sang two specials. An offering of \$35.26 was received and designated for the Associational Youth Program.

Rev. Paul Kettermann, Director of Public Relations for Free Will Baptist Bible College, delivered the morning message on the theme of "How Does Christian Education Affect My Service for the Lord"? Rev. George Newham prayed the benediction and lunch was served by the host church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation sang, "Saved by the Blood" and Rev. Thomas Scott offered prayer to begin the afternoon session.

Bro. Jackie Parker read Col. 1:7 and gave a devotion on "How does Christian Education Compare with secular education"?

The following business was transacted:

MSC to accept the report of the Digest Committee.

MSC to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

MSC to accept the report of the Credentials Committee (reported 122 present).

MSC to give a rising vote of appreciation to the host church,

MSC to adjourn.

THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

ABIGAIL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY 26, 1969

PART III of THEME: "The Christian Teen-Agers Role in Evangelism"

The morning session opened as Bro. Leon Owens led the congregation in singing "O How I Love Jesus". Rev. Milton Gann, the vice-moderator, served as Moderator in the absence of Rev. Bill George the regular moderator.

Rev. Odis Whitehead read Col. 3:1-2 and gave a devotional concerning "The Equipment for Evangelism". Rev. Frank Willis, pastor of the host church, gave the welcome. Rev. Leon Owens gave the response.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates and a motion carried to receive the letters and seat the delegates. The following were appointed to Committees: Bro. A. F. Squires, Rev. David Pettis, and Rev. Odis Whitehead, DIGEST; Sister Oma Owen, Sister Elizabeth Pettis, and Sister Evelyn Berkley, FINANCE; the host church, CREDENTIALS.

MSC to designate the eleven o'clock offering for the Associational Student Loan Program. Bro. Thomas Porter gave a report on the National Association. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace" and Bro. Chester Cook prayed the benediction for recess.

RECESS

For the worship service the congregation sang "I Love to Tell the Story" and "At Calvary". Rev. Milton Gann led in prayer. MSC to receive the report of the Credentials Committee (106 had registered). An offer-

ing of \$44.51 was received for the Student Loan Program. The congregation then sang "Jesus Saves". Rev. Donald Walsingham from the Salem Association read Luke 14:16-24 and preached concerning "The Christian Teen-Agers Engagement in Evangelism". Following the benediction by Rev. Odis Whitehead, lunch was served by the host church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

"Wonderful Words of Life" sung by the congregation opened the afternoon session. Bro. Eugene Cuchens offered prayer and Rev. Wendell Walley gave his testimony of plans to begin church extension work sponsored by the National Home Mission Board and Mississippi State Mission Board.

The Moderator appointed Rev. Robert Crawford to take the place of Rev. Wendell Walley on the Historical Committee.

MSC to give a rising vote of appreciation to Rev. Wendell Walley for his services as Clerk and as pledge of prayer support in his new ministry of church extension in Greenville, Mississippi.

MSC to accept the report of the Digest Committee.

MSC to accept the report of the Finance Committee.

MSC to adjourn giving the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

THE EIGHTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 17-18, 1969

FRIDAY MORNING

The session opened with the congregation singing "At the Cross" led by Bro. Eugene Cuchens. Rev. Milton Gann played the piano. Following a prayer by Bro. John Pettis, the congregation sang "Jesus Saves". Opening remarks were made by the Moderator, Rev. W. E. George, the morning devotion was given by Rev. John Edwards, moderator of the State Line Association. He used John 13:36 and 14:2 as his text. The moderator gave the

welcome and the response was given by Rev. Chester Huckaby.

The Clerk called the roll of delegates and a motion passed to seat them.

The Moderator appointed the following to serve on Committees: DIGEST, Mrs. Effie Squires, Mrs. Paul Cook, and Mrs. Lena Richards; CREDENTIALS, Bro. Bernard Owens, Bro. Earl Cook, and Rev. Odis Whitehead.

The Moderator gave a welcome to all visitors and recognized a delegation from the State Line Association.

Rev. Hansley, State Promotional Secretary, gave a report of the progress of his work and the growth of our denomination in the state. Bro. Ernest Owen, State Treasurer, gave a financial report of the state work and appealed to the local churches to support the cooperative plan of support.

The meeting was recessed by prayer.

RECESS

The session reconvened with the singing of "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" led by Rev. Milton Gann. Following a prayer by Rev. R. B. Crawford, the congregation sang "At Calvary".

The morning message was brought by Rev. Ralph Bell. He used Proverbs 22:6 as a text. Following the message the Credentials Committee gave a partial report.

The meeting was dismissed for lunch with prayer by Bro. Pettis. Lunch was served by the host church.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "Come Thou Fount" and "Higher Ground. Bro. Fletcher Bowlin led in prayer.

The afternoon devotion was given by Bro. Jack Cox, Associational Youth Director, using Luke 10:2 as a text.

The following business transpired:

MSC to receive the reports of the Stewardship, Education, Credentials, and Finance Committees. Item 7 of the Education Committee report was amended to read, "A letter will be sent to the various county school

boards of the counties represented in the association protesting sex education in the public schools".

Since there was no further business, the moderator adjourned the session until Saturday Morning.

SATURDAY MORNING

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "There is a Name I Love to Hear: and "Saved, Saved". The morning devotional was given by Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham. He used Colossians 3:16-17 as his text. Prayer was offered by Bro. Bobby Kennedy.

The Treasurer's Report was given and adopted.

A motion was made, seconded, but lost to hold the annual meeting at one church on Friday and another church on Saturday.

The Finance Committee gave its report and it was adopted. The Woman's Auxiliary report was given and adopted.

An announcement was made that the truck from the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama would pick up gifts for the children in this area on the afternoon of November 17 or the morning of November 18. These gifts may be in the form of cash or commodities. The moderator dismissed the meeting for a short recess.

RECESS

The meeting opened following the recess with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name" and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart". Rev. B. W. West offered a special prayer for Mrs. Flossie Porter who is in the hospital in Chipley. Rev. Milton Gann and his son sang "Jesus Use Me" and "It's A Lonesome Road" immediately before the morning message.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Gerald Baxley. He used the subject "Teens Responsibility to Parents" and Psalms 1 as his text.

Following the morning message the meeting was dismissed for lunch with prayer. Lunch was served by the host church.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven" and

"Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Milton Gann. Prayer was offered by Rev. Thomas Scott. The afternoon devotional was given by Mrs. Harold Register using Matthew 6 as a text.

The following business transpired:

MSC to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee. (See Reports).

MSC to accept the report of the Obituary Committee. (See Reports).

MSC to accept the report of the Registration Committee. (See Reports).

MSC to accept the report of the Presbytery.

MSC to accept the report of the Nominations Committee. (See Reports).

MSC to accept the report of the Digest Committee. (See Reports).

Rev. Otis Whitehead was elected as youth director and Rev. David Pollitt was elected to be his assistant.

The following persons were elected as delegates to the State Association in Perry, Florida on October 29-30: Mrs. Iris Owens and Mrs. Earl Cook. MSC giving the Moderator the authority to appoint a full delegation at the State Meeting.

The Moderator expressed the groups appreciation for the warm hospitality of the host church. Announcements were made concerning various activities in the various churches.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer by Rev. John Edwards.

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REPORTS OF COMMITTEES AT THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Christian Education submit the following items for your prayerful consideration:

1. That each local Church select some person to keep the Church Congregation informed as to the progress and needs of Free Will Baptist Bible College.
2. That all leaders in the Church receive and study the Free Will Baptist Bible College Bulletin.
3. That our Churches encourage students to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College, pray for these Bible College students and help them financially where there is a need.
4. That our Church leaders be encouraged to receive and study "Heartbeat" and "Mission Grams" from our National Missions Departments.
5. That every family read "The Co-ordinator" and "Contact", our State and National Church Magazines.
6. That strong emphasis be given to the ministry of our Sunday Schools, Church Training Service, and the Woman's Auxiliary to help our people know God's Word and God's will for their lives.
7. We believe to teach Sex Education in our schools is against Christian dignity, therefore we oppose the Course being presented in our secular schools.
8. That pastors and parents show a concern for Christian reading for our youth in the home and in the Church. Parents should prevent the reading of ungodly books and magazines, also the seeing of ungodly movies on television.

ChIPLEY Free Will Baptist Church

REPORT OF THE REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Registration submit the following attendance report:

	<u>Fri.</u>	<u>Sat.</u>
Ministers -----	13	14
Deacons -----	13	14
Delegates -----	36	39
Visitors -----	20	45
	<u>82</u>	<u>115</u>

Respectfully submitted,
St. Johns Church

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Realizing the dark days in which we live, let us as Christians be constant in prayer for our nation as a whole; praying especially that the leaders of our land will be led by the Holy Spirit in things they say and do. Pray that the Lord will send forth more laborers into the harvest. Let each of us as Christians be more concerned for our fellow man.

Respectfully submitted,
Grace Church

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We your Committee on Finance make the following report on all monies received at this session from church letters and offerings:

Earmarked Money -----	\$ 103.00
Co-operative Program -----	1152.27
Associational Purposes -----	65.00
Student Loan Fund -----	35.00
Children's Home -----	30.86
Project 24 -----	40.00
National Foreign Missions -----	355.07
National Home Missions -----	170.59
Bible College General Fund -----	370.00
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TOTAL	\$ 2321.79

Respectfully Submitted,
Piney Grove Church

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON AUXILIARIES

We your Committee on Auxiliaries submit the following report:

All thirteen of our churches have a Sunday School. Nine have CTS groups, seven have Woman's Auxiliary and three have Master's Men. Eleven have prayer meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pleasant Hill Church

REPORT OF THE OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Let us all pause and pay respect to the memory of the following members who have departed this life during the past year:

Bro. W. T. Morris from Abigail; Sister Nellie Anderson from Bonifay; Bro. Albert Martin and Bro. Walter Garret from Damascus; Bro. Henry Sheffield from Liberty; Sister Lou McEachern from Panama City; Bro. L. C. Kirkland and Bro. Foster Williams from Piney Grove; Bro. Alvin Howell, Bro. Elton Searcy, and Sister Myrtle Shores from Poplar Head; and Sister Adams from Wright.

Respectfully Submitted,
Poplar Head Church

REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

We your Stewardship Committee submit the following report:

1. A spiritual steward is one who takes care of that which belongs to God. "The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world and they that dwell therein". Psalms 24:1
2. God's claim is first. "But seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you". Matthew 6:33.
3. Life is precious. "For Ye are bought with a price. Therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit which are God's". 1 Corinthians 6:20.
4. Accountability. "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God". Romans 14:12.

Abigail Church

REPORT OF DIGEST COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP

Total Members -----	1068
Members Received:	
By Baptism -----	27
By Profession of Faith	9
By Letter -----	18
Members Lost:	
By Letter -----	31
Deceased -----	11
Excluded -----	0
Total Gain -----	52

PAID OUT

Local Expenditures:

Pastor's Salaries --	\$20,092.68
Evangelistic Work --	1,742.96
Bldg. & Repairs ----	14,930.81
Literature -----	2,535.76
Miscellaneous -----	7,665.52

TOTAL \$46,967.73

Outside Expenditures:

Coop. Plan -----	\$2,789.29
Foreign Missions ---	1,999.71
Home Missions -----	1,064.91
Bible College -----	1,307.13
Orphanage -----	509.30
Student Loan -----	125.00
Assoc. Fees -----	195.00
State Missions -----	279.18
Other -----	315.36
	<u>\$8,584.88</u>

TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$55,552.61
 TOTAL RECEIPTS \$71,807.23

AUXILIARIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Enrollment -----	765
Average Attendance --	535

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Enrollment -----	58
Average Attendance --	50

MASTER'S MEN

Enrollment -----	35
Average Attendance --	23

C.T.S.

Enrollment -----	386
Average Attendance --	376

PRAYER MEETING

Average Attendance --	286
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ASSETS

Value of
 Church Property
 \$278,027.00

Value of
 Parsonage Property
 \$50,000.00

Respectfully Submitted,
 Patricia Cook
 Lena Richards
 Effie Squires

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your Nominating Committee submit the following report:

COMMITTEES ASSIGNED TO CHURCHES:

Stewardship -----	Wright
Education -----	Panama City
Nominations -----	Chipley
Auxiliaries -----	Liberty
Finance -----	Bonifay
Resolutions -----	Niceville
Obituaries -----	Grace

QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

January 17, 1970 -----	Wright
April 18, 1970 -----	Panama City
July 25, 1970 -----	Pleasant Hill

SUNDAY SCHOOL & C.T.S. CONVENTION:

March 1, 1970 -----	Piney Grove
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LIBERTY MISSIONS CONFERENCE:

To be announced

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

To be announced

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION:

October 16, 17, 1970 -----	Poplar Head
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BOARD OF MISSIONS:

Bro. Ernest Owen 71, Rev. Otis Whitehead 72,
Rev. Robert Crawford 70.

OFFICERS OF ASSOCIATION:

Moderator -----	Rev. Robert B. Crawford
Vice Moderator -----	Rev. Thomas Scott
Clerk-Treasurer -----	Thomas Porter
Asst. Clerk -----	Wallace Peterson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Bro. Lonnie Squires	Bro. Leslie Roberts
Bro. James Rhodes	Bro. Ross Pippin
Bro. Aron Burch	

Respectfully Submitted,
Damascus Church

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We your Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Ordained Ministers -----	15
Licensed Ministers -----	5
Ordained Deacons -----	41
Delegates -----	53
Churches -----	13
Total Church Membership ----	1023

Respectfully Submitted,
Bernard Owens
Otis Whitehead
Earl Cook

DELEGATES TO THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION

ABIGAIL -----	Mrs. Inez Parish, Mrs. D. J. Cook and Mrs. Patrica Cook
BONIFAY -----	Mr. Raymond Nelson, Mrs. Carlton Nelson, Mrs. Melvina Pitts and Mrs. Ruth Holland
CHIPLEY -----	Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Mrs. Lena Richards, Miss Virginia Bell, Mrs. Iris Owens, Mrs. Joyce Kirkland, Mr. Jackie Parker, Mr. James Rhodes and Mr. Leonard Tharp
DAMASCUS -----	Mrs. Lurene Johnson, Mrs. Ida Kent and Mr. Jim Pitts
GRACE -----	Mrs. Pearl Williamson and Mrs. Jennie Newham
LIBERTY -----	Mrs. Myrtle Miller, Mrs. Annie May Cook and Mrs. Mary Cook
NICEVILLE -----	Mr. Jack Cox, Mr. James Jones, Sr. and Mrs. Grace Isaac
PINEY GROVE ----	Mrs. Katie Owen, Mr. Wesley Owen, Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs. Bertie Baxter and Mr. Marvin Owens
PLEASANT HILL --	Mrs. Shirley Ann Walsingham, Miss Jerrine Burch and Mrs. Elvie Lawrence
POPLAR HEAD ----	Mr. A. F. Squires, Mrs. Effie Squires, Mrs. Vernelle Bryant and Mrs. Effie Whitehead
ST. JOHNS -----	Miss Carolyn Cooper, Mr. Loran Cook and Mr. Pete Cooper
WRIGHT -----	Mrs. Mary Bailey and Mr. Harrison

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

ACCOUNT	BALANCE	RECEIVED		PAID OUT	BALANCE
	Oct. 19, 1968	Churches	Coop.		Oct. 18, 1969
GENERAL FUND	316.62	256.32		261.49	311.45
STUDENT LOAN	204.00	189.51		350.00	43.51
LOCAL HOME MISSIONS	244.45		205.59	35.67	414.37
FOREIGN MISSIONS		2480.87		2384.08	96.99
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS		845.47		845.47	
YOUTH RALLY FUND		91.99		56.73	35.26
FWB BIBLE COLLEGE					
GENERAL FUND		760.13		760.13	
BUILDING FUND		622.15		622.15	
FWB CHILDREN'S HOME		164.43	205.59	370.02	
PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY		44.44		44.44	
COOPERATIVE PROGRAM		4111.89		4111.89	
CAMP MEETING		50.00		50.00	
EARMARKED COOPERATIVE MONEY		55.10		55.10	
STATE MISSIONS		265.50		265.50	
TOTALS	\$765.07	\$9937.80	\$411.18	\$10,212.67	\$901.18

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 the ordination of deacons and the license and ordination of ministers, 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, 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 the first two quarters and on Saturday before the first-fourth Sunday in the third quarter.

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 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 a living mate.

10. No minister or deacon shall be considered in good standing with this body that has ever been divorced and remarried, 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 and who fails to meet the appointed hours, shall render 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 violates the rules and regulations of this Associational Decorum, or who shall depart from the Articles of Faith and the general doctrines and practices of Free Will Baptist's, shall immediately turn his credentials in (namely: Card of Standing and License and Ordination Certificates) over to the Presbytery of this 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 good standing with this body that holds fellowship with a minister or deacon that does not conform to all the requirements 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."

CONSTITUTION OF PRESBYTERY

NAME

This body shall be known as the Presbytery of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association of Florida.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Presbytery shall be to ordain deacons and to license and ordain ministers for their work, and to discipline its members.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of this Presbytery shall consist of all ordained ministers holding cards of standing in the Presbytery and deacons who hold membership in any Free Will Baptist Church affiliated with the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Assn.

This Presbytery may invite visiting ministers to sit in council with it in any assembly thereof.

REPORTS

Each ministerial member of this Presbytery shall be required to make annual written reports to this Presbytery of his work on report blanks furnished by the Presbytery.

DONATIONS

Each member of this Presbytery shall be asked to donate \$1.00 annually. This fund is to be used for acquiring necessary equipment, the printing of such materials as cards of standing, certificates of ordination, constitution and by-laws, minutes of meetings, stationery, and, for the defraying of necessary traveling and mailing expenses.

OFFICERS

The officers of this Presbytery shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be elected annually and shall serve until their successors are elected. It shall be the duty of the moderator to appoint all committees for the purpose of examining all applicants for ordination to the ministry and to make investigations that may be deemed necessary by this body.

MEETINGS

This Presbytery shall hold a regular annual session at the end of the first day of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association.

Called sessions may be held at the call of the moderator, his assistant, or, any five members of said Presbytery who deem it necessary. Five regular members shall constitute a quorum, which shall be required in all assemblies for the transaction of legal business, providing all churches are notified.

ORDINATION OF MINISTERS

This Presbytery shall have the power to examine and license or ordain applicants to the full work of the gospel ministry.

Any candidate having held licenses for three consecutive years and satisfactorily completed examinations, shall be eligible for ordination on the recommendation of this Presbytery.

A licensed minister having successfully pastored for one year and upon recommendation by this Presbytery, shall immediately become eligible for ordination without necessarily fulfilling the three year requirement mentioned above.

Any licensed minister, who comes from another association in good standing, must serve at least one year in our association before being eligible for ordination on the recommendation of this presbytery.

CARDS OF STANDING

This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of standing to its ministerial members upon the presentation of a report in person (or in case of sickness or some unavoidable hindrance letters may be accepted).

Any minister failing to hold a card of standing shall not have a voice in this Presbytery. Any minister having lost his standing because of a failure to report, may be reinstated in this Presbytery upon the presentation of his report, and the manifestation of a sincere interest in the work of the Lord.

Ministers who are retired, or who have reached age of retirement, and have continued to manifest a sincere interest in the work of the Lord may be issued a lifetime card of standing which they may hold as long as they hold membership in this Presbytery, or as long as their conduct is unquestionable.

Ministers not holding cards of standing shall not be eligible to pastor churches affiliated with the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association of Florida.

DISCIPLINE AND WITHDRAWAL

This Presbytery shall have the power to try and withdraw fellowship from any member upon evidence of guilt of unChristian conduct; or, who is teaching or preaching heresy, or who has proved to be disloyal to the tenets of Faith as held by the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association of Florida.

ORDINATION OF DEACONS

This Presbytery shall have the power to examine and recommend for ordination, or to ordain, deacons who come from their churches with recommendations for this office.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session of the Presbytery, notice of such intended alterations having been given in writing, and recorded at the next previous session.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS
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WRIGHT	David Pettis 100 Air Force Ft. Walton Bch., Fla.	Miss Audrey Pettis 100 Air Force Ft. Walton Bch., Fla.

STATISTICAL TABLE

	Rec. by Baptism	Otherwise	Dismissed by Letter	Died	Excluded	Total Membership	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Value of Church Property	Cooperative Program	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Bible College - General	Children's Home	Promotional Secretary	Student Loan	Associational Fees	Communed & Washed Feet
ABIGAIL	2	0	0	1	0	53	\$ 1350.42	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 269.39	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$20.00	\$20.00	4
BONIFAY	0	3	5	1	0	76	1300.00	150.00	16,000.00	0	52.51	63.28	0	0	0	20.00	0	2
CHIPLEY	5	2	2	0	0	172	5224.75	55.00	75,000.00	1,117.69	1,290.00	548.50	480.00	0	0	20.00	20.00	4
DAMASCUS	0	0	0	0	0	76	420.00	0	7,500.00	65.66	12.63	13.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	3
GRACE	0	2	0	0	0	36	907.08	25.00	250.00	0	0	50.00	0	0	0	0	20.00	4
LIBERTY	1	0	5	1	0	49	1335.93	130.00	3,000.00	251.45	120.00	120.00	0	145.50	0	20.00	20.00	4
NICEVILLE	10	9	2	0	0	72	540.00	95.00	25,000.00	104.00	249.37	75.25	0	0	0	20.00	0	4
PANAMA CITY	1	0	3	0	0	147	4940.00	0	32,000.00	0	0	0	0	0	0	20.00	20.00	4
PINEY GROVE	4	1	0	3	0	124	5039.50	670.00	60,000.00	1,210.00	731.00	403.00	1,193.00	110.00	10.00	20.00	20.00	3
PLEASANT HILL	0	1	1	0	0	80	1370.00	100.00	17,500.00	205.00	25.75	0	100.00	67.88	0	20.00	20.00	4
POPLAR HEAD	2	3	0	3	0	71	2080.00	125.00	25,000.00	0	131.51	43.54	0	212.00	0	20.00	20.00	4
ST. JOHNS	0	0	0	0	0	79	325.00	15.00	20,000.00	83.43	23.00	23.15	0	0	0	20.00	20.00	2
WRIGHT	2	6	13	1	0	33	200.00	338.00	12,000.00	208.54	18.00	5.25	7.13	48.57	0	15.00	0	4
	27	27	31	10	0	988	\$25,032.68	\$1,743.20	\$287,050.00	\$3,575.16	\$2,653.77	\$1,344.97	\$1,680.13	\$583.95	\$10.00	\$215.00	\$200.00	46

MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

	Sermon Preached	Revivals Held	Conversion Witnessed	Number Baptised	Received into the Church	Sick Rooms Visited	Prayer Meetings Held	Couples Married	Money Received	Funerals Preached	Homes Visited
WENDELL WALLY Piney Grove	130	3	8	4	5	?	38	0	\$5,720.00	4	?
BILL GEORGE	160	9	10	10	31	?	48	4	3,800.00	22	?
LEON OWENS Liberty-Spring Hill	179	1	3	2	4	?	50	1	2,680.93	3	?
FRANK WILLIS Abigail	90	1	3	2	2	?	?	1	1,550.30	3	?
ROBERT CRAWFORD Chipley F.W.B. Church	114	1	7	5	8	785	57	2	5,415.00	4	470
DAVID PETTIS Wright F.W.B. Church	103	0	10	1	8	12	49	0	200.00	1	150
THOMAS SCOTT Niceville F.W.B. Church	127	5	13	10	10	?	40	3	965.00	1	?
JOHN HOLLAND Bonifay F.W.B. Church	140	0	0	0	3	25	8	2	1,300.00	1	30
ODIS WHITEHEAD Pleasant Hill	103	0	?	2	1	?	58	1	1,345.00	0	?
GEORGE NEWHAM, Pensacola, Fla. Grace F.W.B. Church	125	0	5	0	3	840	52	2	907.08	0	32
TROY WALSHINGHAM Poplar Head	146	4	6	0	5	?	52	0	2,265.00	5	?
MILTON GANN Panama City F.W.B. Church	181	3	23	14	18	150	49	2	5,250.00	3	200

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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