



**West**

**Florida**

**Liberty**

**Association**

**OF**

**Free Will Baptist**

**1979**

**Minutes**

**OF QUARTERLY - MEETINGS  
and**

**NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

**PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 20, 1979**

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## WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

### OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Moderator ----- Mr. Thomas Porter  
Assistant Moderator ----- Rev. Harvey Henderson  
Clerk-Treasurer ----- Mr. Eddie Peterson  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ----- Rev. Milton Allen

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Bobby Register - 1980                      Mr. Ralph Toole - 1980  
Mr. L. D. Helms - 1980                      Rev. Bud Hill - 1981  
Rev. Gerald Fowler - 1981  
Mr. Thomas Porter                      Mr. Eddie Peterson

### MISSION BOARD

Mr. Ernest Owen - 1980                      Mr. Wallace Peterson - 1981  
Rev. Bud Hill - 1982

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Earl Cook - 1980                      Wayne Hartzog - 1981                      Ross Pippin - 1982

### YOUTH CO-DIRECTORS

Rev. Gerald Fowler                      Mr. Paul Hill

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### QUARTERLY MEETINGS

January 19, 1980 ..... Piney Grove  
April 19, 1980 ..... Liberty  
July 5, 1980 ..... Gap Pond

### ANNUAL MEETING

October 18, 1980 ..... Abigail

### LIBERTY MISSION CONFERENCE

October 12-16, 1980

### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

May 2, 1980 ..... First, Chipley

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
ABIGAIL F.W.B. Vernon, FL	Rev. Milton Allen 508 Virginia Ave. Bonifay, FL 32425 904-547-4369	Ouida Cook Star Rt. Box 14 Vernon, FL 32462 904-535-2053
FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH OF CHIPLEY 609 South Blvd. West Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-0598	Rev. Bud Hill 705 W. Forest Ave. Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-0046	Beverly Hartzog Rt. 1, Box 114 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-0706
GAP POND F.W.B. 659 Belmar Place Sunny Hills, FL 32428	Rev. Alton Eveson 7904 Surf Drive Misty Harbor Mates Panama City, FL 32407	Dorothy Sanders Rt. 4, Box 167 Chipley FL 32428
LIBERTY F.W.B. Vernon, FL 32462	Rev. B. W. West Cottonwood, AL	Mrs. Myrtle Miller Rt. 1, Box 242-C Caryville, FL 32427
FIRST F.W.B. 305 Airport Dr. Panama City, FL 32405 904-785-0302	Rev. Harvey Henderson 2203 W. Orlando Rd. Panama City, FL 32405 904-769-7555	Azeal B. Justice 2704 Drummond Ave. Panama City, FL 32405 904-785-0985
PINEY GROVE F.W.B. Rt. 5, Box 620 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-7064	Rev. Gerald Fowler Rt. 5 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-1904	Miss Jean Owens Rt. 5, Box 620 Chipley, FL 32428 904-638-4107
PLEASANT HILL F.W.B. Rt. 1 Bonifay, FL 32425	Rev. Floyd Barber Rt. 1 Bonifay, FL 32425 904-535-2851	Mrs. Kathy Burch Rt. 1, Box 100-B Bonifay, FL 32425
ST. JOHNS F.W.B. Rt. 1 Bonifay, FL 32425	Rev. Bobby Register Rt. 2, Box 156 Graceville, FL 32440	Mrs. Lucile Cook Rt. 1, Box 200 Bonifay, FL 32425

#### LAY DELEGATES TO ANNUAL SESSION

ABIGAIL -----	Theron Cook, Marylene Willis, Louis Russ
CHIPLEY -----	Wayne Hartzog, Freda Toole, Rachel Toole, Etha Mae Owen, Paul Hill, Gena Porter
GAP POND -----	William Sanders, Dorothy Sanders
LIBERTY -----	Ned Brock, Mrs. Ned Brock, Mary Miller, Quinton Miller
PANAMA CITY -----	Edna Henderson, Hattie Hodges, Azeal Justice
PINEY GROVE -----	Katie Owen, Brenda Fowler, Jean Owens, Thelma Owens, Vea Peel
PLEASANT HILL ----	Danny Burch, Kathy Burch, Linda Redmon, Elvie Lawerance
ST. JOHNS -----	Carlton Nelson, Barbara Register, Verna Jernigan

# Proceedings

OF  
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

CHIPLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The meeting opened with Bro. Eddie Peterson leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. Bill George led in prayer. Congregation then sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Moderator then called session to order.

Roll Call of delegates given.

MSC to seat delegates.

A welcome was then extended to Rev. Bill George and Rev. Buford of the Salem Association who were visiting with us, by the Moderator.

Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Finance - Sister Pitts, Sister Katie Owen

Digest - Sister Hartzog, Sister Jean Owens

Clerk announced that the 1979 Minutes of the Liberty and National Association were available to churches.

Rev. Bill Pitts of the State Christian Education Board gave a report on, and made inquiry to, the possibility of a Bible Workers Institute for our area.

Presbytery report given.

MSC to accept Presbytery report.

Clerk read letter from West Florida Association asking for letter of good standing for the Niceville Free Will Baptist Church and petitioned to join their association.

MSC to grant letter of good standing to the Niceville Free Will Baptist Church.

Moderator to contact Panama City Church as to their absence from last two quarterly meetings.

MSC to give morning offering to CTS and Sunday School Convention.

MSC to elect Rev. Bud Hill to fill term on Mission Board vacated by Rev. Tim Young. His term is to run through 1979.

MSC to elect Rev. Milton Allen to Executive Board to fill vacancy created by Rev. Young's moving.

Church clerks were asked to fully complete church letters before returning to clerk.

Clerk asked all pastors and church clerks to give a list of upcoming events at their churches, that a Calendar of Events could be prepared and given to all churches.

Piney Grove asked Association to sponsor Bible Conference.

MSC for moderator to appoint a committee to study the possibility of a Bible Conference.

Morning offering of \$53.06 was then received.

MSC to accept Finance Committee report.

Morning Worship Service opened with congregation singing "Saved, Saved", "Victory In Jesus", and "Sunlight."

Moderator reconvened business session.

MSC to accept Digest Committee report.

Business session then recessed.

Bro. Bud Hill, pastor of the Chipley Free Will Baptist Church, then brought the morning message from I Thes. 4:1.

Meeting was then dismissed in prayer.

**THE SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF PANAMA CITY**

APRIL 14, 1979

Meeting opened with Bro. Eddie Peterson leading congregation in singing "Send the Light." Bro. Earl Cook led in prayer.

Moderator extended welcome to visitors and delegates. He also encouraged our churches to be faithful to the work of Christ.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, pastor of host church, then extended welcome to the Association and visitors.

Roll Call of delegates given.

MSC to seat delegates.

Moderator then appointed the following committees:

Digest - Sister Hartzog, Sister Ouida Cook

Finance - Sister Jean Owens, Sister Katie Owen

Delegates to the North Florida Yearly Meeting to convene at Camp Mt. Pleasant, April 28, 1979 were appointed as follows: Sisters, Jean Owens, Etha Mae Owen, Beverly Hartzog and Brothers, Wayne Hartzog, Eddie Peterson.

MSC to accept Presbytery report.

Moderator reported he could not locate any defined duties of the various standing and appointed committees of this Association.

MSC to accept Bro. Phil Cook's resignation as Clerk of the Association.

MSC to recommend Rev. Jim Simmons to North Florida Meeting for term on Youth Board.

Period of announcements was then extended.

Mission Board announced Missions Conference would be held jointly with Camp Meeting this year.

MSC to give morning offering to Camp Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Gerald Fowler announced Sunday School Picnic for Association to be held at Sunny Hills on May 4, 1979.

Morning offering of \$44.80 was then received.

Morning Worship Service opened with congregation singing "The Regions Beyond." Bro. Harvey Henderson, pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Panama City, brought a message in song entitled "Because He Lives." He then brought the morning message from Acts 3:1-11.

Moderator then reconvened the business session.

Rev. Steve Sanders was then ordained to the ministry. Rev. Gerald Fowler gave the charge. The Presbytery laid hands upon Rev. Sanders, with Rev. Bud Hill leading the dedicatory prayer.

MSC to accept Finance Committee report.

MSC to accept Digest Committee report.

Meeting was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Eddie Peterson.



## THE THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

JULY 7, 1979

Meeting opened with Bro. Steve Sanders leading congregation in singing "Victory is Mine." Rev. Harvey Henderson led in prayer.

Roll Call of delegates given.

MSC to seat delegates.

Moderator then appointed following committees:

Finance - Beverly Hartzog and Brenda Fowler

Digest - Katie Owen and Joe Nell Peterson

Presbytery report was given. MSC.

MSC upon recommendation by Presbytery to receive Rev. Bobby Register into Association pending the receiving of letter of good standing.

Announcements were made.

MSC that a committee be appointed by moderator to study the possibility of cutting down to two meetings a year in order to save gasoline and that they report back to body at yearly meeting in October, 1979. Appointed to the committee: Rev. Harvey Henderson, Rev. Gerald Fowler, Bro. Aron Burch.

Recessed for short while until Morning Worship Services.

Morning Worship Service opened with congregation singing "Fill My Way With Love" and "I'll Live On."

MSC to accept Finance Committee report.

MSC to accept Digest Committee report.

Morning offering of \$59.45 was received. MSC that the offering be given to Home Missionary Account for Gainesville, Rev. Robert E. Smith, Missionary.

Rev. Harvey Henderson sang a solo "Til the Storm Passes By."

Rev. Robert Smith brought morning message from II Samuel 23:1-3 and Psalms 19:9 titled "David's Mighty Men."

Rev. Ruben Bell dismissed in prayer and asked blessing on the noon meal. After which we all enjoyed meal by host church that could be described in two words! "Mmm-Mmm".

**THE NINETY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION  
PLEASANT HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**OCTOBER 20, 1979**

Meeting opened with Rev. Bud Hill leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing" followed by "Blessed Assurance." Mrs. Lucile Cook accompanied on the piano. Rev. Harvey Henderson led in prayer.

Moderator welcomed all the meeting.

Roll Call of delegates given.

MSC to seat delegates.

MSC to dismiss a Digest Committee report for this meeting.

MSC to pay Rev. Freeman Edwards \$200.00 from the local Home Mission Fund.

MSC to give Mission Board authority to pay expenses of Mission Conference out of local Home Mission Fund.

Morning offering of \$53.57 was received.

MSC to receive Stewardship Committee report.

MSC to receive Obituary report.

MSC to receive Resolution Committee report.

MSC to recess for 5 minutes.

Meeting reconvened.

MSC to receive Auxiliaries report.

MSC to receive Finance Committee report.

Registration Committee reported 71 present.

MSC to receive S.S. and C.T.S. Convention report.

MSC to recommend Rev. Gerald Fowler to fulfil the term of Rev. Jim Simmons on the Youth Camp Board.

Rev. and Mrs. Bill George were recognized as visitors from the Salem Association.

The Morning Worship Hour began with the congregation singing "Praise Him, Praise Him." Rev. Gerald Fowler then brought the morning message. He brought his text from Ephesians 4:1-13 with the main theme being "Having a Healthy, Living, Vibrant, Growing Local Church With a Burdened Heart." The message ended with an alter prayer led by Rev. Bill George.

Bro. Houston Toole dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the food.

We all then went down to the camp dining hall to find enough food to feed the "Children of Israel." Lunch was delicious.

Meeting reconvened at 1:20 P.M.

Presbytery report was given.

MSC to receive Nominating Committee report.

MSC to receive Education Committee report, Sunday School and C.T.S. Officers report, and drafted Rev. Harvey Henderson to help plan the Annual Convention.

A special committee report was given on the idea of reducing quarterly meetings to just two per year. A poll was taken and the majority of the churches preferred to keep meeting four times yearly.

A rising vote of appreciation was then given to host church for a wonderful meal.

Announcements were made.

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MSC to give offering to the Youth Camp.

MSC to appoint Mrs. Etha Mae Owen as delegate to Florida State Association Meeting.

MSC to give Moderator power to appoint delegates.

MSC to adjourn.

Bro. Wayne Hartzog dismissed in prayer.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NOMINATIONS

We, your Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

#### OFFICERS

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Assistant Moderator -----	Rev. Harvey Henderson
Clerk-Treasurer -----	Mr. Eddie Peterson
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ---	Rev. Milton Allen

#### YOUTH CO-DIRECTORS

Rev. Gerald Fowler - Mr. Paul Hill

#### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

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#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Ross Pippin - 1982

#### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Bud Hill - 1982

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October 12-16, 1980

#### WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

May 2, 1980 ----- Chipley-First

#### COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

Stewardship -----	Abigail
Education -----	Gap Pond
Nominations -----	Piney Grove
Resolutions -----	Chipley
Obituaries -----	Liberty
Finance -----	St. Johns

Respectfully Submitted,  
First, Chipley

## AUXILIARIES

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

Churches that have:	Sunday Schools	8
	C.T.S.	7
	Prayer Meeting	8
	Woman's Auxiliary	4
	Master's Men	3

## BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Liberty Missions Conference was held October 14-18 with Rev. Dennis Owen, appointee to Brazil, and Rev. Freeman Edwards. Cash Gifts ----- \$ 805.00

Pledges ----- 213.00 per month

TOTAL Pledges----- \$2,556.00 one year

TOTAL ----- \$3,361.00

We encourage each church to do their best in the financial support of all works.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Liberty Mission Board

## COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your Committee on Christian Education, submit the following report.

1. That each local church see that its' congregation is regularly informed as to the needs and progress of Free Will Baptist Colleges.
2. That each church be alert to the educational interests of it's students, encourage those who can and will to attend the Bible Colleges, supporting them with prayers and financial aid.
3. That each church strive to strengthen and build its auxiliary organizations. The Liberty Association reports indicate that all churches have Sunday Schools, four churches have Church Training Service, two have ladies auxiliaries and two have Master's Men. In cases where any of these organizations are not active, if assistance is needed, sister churches stand ready to help.
4. That we continue a strong emphasis on Bible Study to help combat the increasingly dangerous trend toward ungodliness in all areas of life.
5. Encourage all churches to take advantage of the Teacher Training Program, Vacation Bible School, Youth Camps or any other program that would help to further educate our churches in Christian service.
6. Let each church encourage our people not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the days approaching. (Hebrews 10:15).

## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Resolution Committee, submit the following report:

1. Each church write the T.V. networks and ask them to remove the vulgarity, cursing, and evil, filthy plots from our T.V. shows.
2. Each church if and when they call a pastor, check his past record to find out if he is leaving his association in good standing. The same when we accept him into the association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Liberty Church

## OBITUARIES

We, your Obituary Committee, submit the following report:  
Let us pause and ask everyone to stand for a moment of silent meditation and prayer in memory of the following Brothers and Sisters in Christ who have gone on to be present with the Lord.

Pleasant Hill  
First, Chipley

Piney Grove  
Gap Pond

First, Panama City

Elvin Burch  
R. B. Wynn  
Lonnie Washington  
Virginia Duncan  
Boy Finch  
Ralph Baker  
Marion Sexton  
Beuren McLellan

Respectfully submitted,  
St. Johns Church

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Brethren,

In Matthew 24 and 25, we find Christ Discourse dealing with events and signs of this last age, which occur prior to His return to earth.

Christ, in the midst of this discourse offers three striking examples to describe what His people are to be doing.

- I. Matthew 25:44-51 (Evil vs Wise Servant) We are directed to be faithful over God's business and watch for His return.
- II. Matthew 25:1-13 (Foolish vs Wise Virgin) We are enjoined to be persistent in our readiness and preparation for His return.
- III. Matthew 25:14-30 (Parable of Talents) We are instructed to be faithful in our exercise of the work He has given us to do.

As Christ has illustrated, brethren, in these last times let us as His servants be found watching, waiting and working until His return.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pleasant Hill

## SUNDAY SCHOOL AND CTS CONVENTION

### ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual SS & CTS Convention was held February 16 & 17, 1979 at Piney Grove F.W.B. Church.

Friday, February 16, Rev. Gerald Fowler welcomed the S.S. & CTS Convention to Piney Grove. Rev. Pete Allen led in prayer.

Visitors and members of each church represented were recognized.

Eddie Peterson led the theme song "I Want To Be A Worker."

Jim Simmons, acting president, made opening remarks.

Special music by Eddie Peterson "Only One Life To Offer."

J. D. Norris, Home Missionary to Tallahassee, presented the seminar "How to Have a Growing Sunday School," with 4 main points:

1. Do you want your SS and church to grow?
2. Are you willing to pay the price for growth?
3. There is no secret to SS and church growth (get them under the sound of the Gospel.)
4. Reason we need to have a growing SS is because there is a judgement day coming.

Pins in the form of a hammer were presented to the deacons and pastors signifying the motto "Building for Jesus." An altar of prayer was held.

Offering was taken for convention expenses. Benediction by Thomas Porter.

Saturday, February 17, Rev. Jim Simmons called the meeting to order. He reported that a \$62 offering was received the previous night.

MSC to have the SS and CTS Convention during the week of February 11-16, 1980.

MSC that the officers be responsible for revising the yearly report form mailed to the churches.

The following officers were elected:

President -----	Jim Simmons
Vice-President -----	Gerald Fowler
Secretary -----	Beverly Hartzog

Bud Hill gave information ob Bible courses to be taught in our area.

MSC to adjourn the business meeting.

Kim Howell, bus worker from First FWB Church of Dothan, Alabama, gave a short message on the rewards of a bus ministry.

Rev. Terry Beck, pastor of Howard Grove FWB Church, presented the seminar, "What Part Can Young People Play In Sunday School."

81 were present.

Beverly Hartzog  
Secretary

# TREASURER'S REPORT

CO-OP ----- \$4,163.18

Aldridge -----	\$ 65.00
Aycock -----	195.00
Combs -----	70.00
Coscia -----	65.00
Eagleton -----	65.00
Ellison -----	65.00
Haas -----	135.00
Lee -----	65.00
Poole -----	125.00
Richards -----	70.00
Sparks -----	65.00
Sunny Hills -----	17.98
West Palm Beach -----	15.00
N. Jones -----	(379.10)
Payne -----	346.57
Children's Home -----	100.00
L. Russell -----	17.00
Wayne Hicks -----	(17.30)
R. Smith -----	(27.00)
Dennis Owen -----	20.00
Jerry Barrows -----	10.00
Patrick Dicksons -----	10.00
Camp Mt. Pleasant -----	44.80

Free Will Baptist Bible College --- \$ 267.50

General Fund - '78 ----- 457.32

Local Home Missions - '78 ----- 483.48

BALANCE in Bank - \$ 580.16 - 1979 Close of the year.



# CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. Name. This Association shall be known as the WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

ARTICLE II. Composition. This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist Churches, conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE III. Representation. The Conference of this Association shall consist of delegates from the several Churches of which it is composed, each Church being entitled to two (2) delegates for the first twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each subsequent twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

Section 2. All ordained ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the Association shall be standing delegates.

ARTICLE IV. Officers, Boards, and Committees.

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer who shall be chosen at the yearly session in October and shall be elected for one year.

Section 2. The Presbytery, which consists of all ordained ministers and deacons, shall be responsible to God and to the Association for the ordination of deacons, the licensing and ordination of ministers, and for their doctrine and moral character.

Section 3. 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. The Moderator of the Association, who shall be Chairman of the Committee, and the 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 4. The Board of Missions consisting of three (3) members shall be elected as follows: one member shall be elected each year.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees, consisting of three members, shall be elected on a rotating basis, whereby one member is elected annually.

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.

Section 1. The sessions of this Association shall be held on 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 contrary 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.

#### ARTICLE VII. Student Loan Fund.

Section 1. This Association shall sponsor a Student Loan Fund which shall make loans to worthy students within this Association enrolled in a Free Will Baptist Bible College. This loan fund shall be established by a representation fee of \$10.00 from each church in the Association payable at each quarterly meeting, annual association and supplemented by gifts. Those 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.

Section 2. This loan shall be under the guidance of the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE VIII. Finances. The general expense of the Association shall be provided by each Church according to its ability. A representation fee of \$10.00 will be submitted by each member church at each quarterly meeting and annual session. The Moderator shall receive twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per year and the Clerk one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per year. 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 IX. 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 X. 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 session.

ARTICLE XI. 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. 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 must 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. It is recommended that all business shall be brought before the body through Resolution Committee 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 the first time and five minutes the other two times 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. The speaker must not use abusive language or personal reflections upon anyone.

8. Each minister shall make an annual report of his work as directed by the Constitution of the Presbytery.

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 if either he or his wife has ever been divorced and re-married, drinks intoxicating beverages, or fails to pay or make proper satisfaction of their 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 the churches of this Association 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 Baptists, shall immed-

ately turn his credentials (namely: Card of Standing, License and Ordination Certificates) over to the Presbytery of this Association.

15. No church should be considered in good standing with this body that calls a pastor not affiliated with a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with a local, state, or national body.

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 associational year; or if preferred, it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as the church 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 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. It shall be their 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 the books, Minutes, etc., belonging to the clerk shall be delivered to them by their 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 services has just been concluded, and generally then, (2) Invite visiting brethren to seat, (3) Open the door for reception of members, (4) Call for absentees, (5) Call for acknowledgement, (6) for reference of deferred business, (7) for matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church, and (8) for miscellaneous business.

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

13. Any 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 their conduct; but the church may exempt members from this if necessary.

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

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

16. Visiting brethren called in as help from sister churches shall be allowed to speak 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 conference 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 appoint 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 had 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.

## 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."-(I 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**

### **ARTICLE I. Name.**

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

### **ARTICLE II. Purpose.**

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

### **ARTICLE III. Membership.**

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



2. This Presbytery may invite visiting ministers to sit in council with it in any assembly, but they would not have voting privileges.

#### ARTICLE IV. Reports.

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

#### ARTICLE V. Donations.

1. Each member, ministers and deacons, of this Presbytery shall be required 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 expenses.

#### ARTICLE VI. Officers.

1. The officers of this Presbytery shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, clerk and treasurer and assistant 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 that are deemed necessary.

#### ARTICLE VII. Meetings.

1. This Presbytery shall hold a regular annual session during the time of the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association.
2. Called sessions may be held at the call of the moderator; his assistant, if moderator absent, or any three (3) ministers and two (2) deacons of said Presbytery who deem it necessary, providing all churches are notified.
3. Three (3) ministers and two (2) deacons who are members in good standing of this Presbytery shall constitute a quorum, which shall be required in all assemblies for the transaction of legal business.

#### ARTICLE VIII. Ordination of Ministers.

1. This Presbytery shall have the power to examine and license or ordain applicants to the full work of the gospel ministry.
2. A minister seeking membership in this Presbytery from another association or denomination must present to this Presbytery a letter of good standing from the association or denomination of which he was a member, a letter of recommendation from the church in this association of which he is pastor or a member, and must successfully complete the written examination for ministers given by this Presbytery.
3. Any candidate having held licenses for three (3) consecutive years, upon a letter of recommendation from his church and having successfully completed all examinations shall be eligible for ordination on the recommendation of this Presbytery. A licensed minister must preach twelve (12) sermons a year and submit an annual report to this Presbytery.
4. 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 (3) year requirement.

5. Any licensed minister, who comes from another association in good standing, must serve at least one (1) year in our association before being eligible for ordination on the recommendation of this Presbytery.
6. Any man who is a candidate for ordination or license as a minister must be recommended by the church of this association of which he is a member.

#### ARTICLE IX. Cards of Standing.

1. This Presbytery shall issue annually cards of good standing to its ministerial members upon the presentation of a report.
2. Any minister failing to hold a card of good standing from West Florida Liberty Association shall not have a voice in this Presbytery.
3. Ministers who are disabled, 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.
4. Ministers not holding cards of standing shall not be eligible to pastor churches affiliated with the West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association in Florida.

#### ARTICLE X. Ordination of Deacons.

1. 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 and who have successfully completed the written examination.

#### ARTICLE XI. Discipline and Withdrawal.

1. 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.

#### ARTICLE XII. Amendments.

1. 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 previous session.

#### ARTICLE XIII. Business.

1. All business to come to the Presbytery attention must be sent to the clerk of the Presbytery two (2) weeks before the associational meeting in order to be taken care of.

# MINISTER'S ANNUAL REPORT

MINISTER	HOME PHONE	CHURCH	Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Conversions Witnessed	Number Baptised	Received into the Church	Sick room visits	Homes visited	Prayer Meetings Conducted	Couples Married	Funerals Conducted	Money Received
MILTON ALLEN		Abigail	1		1		1	3	26		3	0	0	\$ 3,640.
GERALD FOWLER	Chipley 638-1904	Piney Grove	1	163	1	3	1	3	-	1260	36	0	4	10,680.
HARVEY HENDERSON	Panama City 769-7555	First, Panama City	1	109	1	4	3	13	-	-	51	1	1	8,995.
BUD HILL	Chipley 638,0046	First, Chipley	1	268	2	15	7	18	946	807	37	1	4	9,100.
BOBBY G. REGISTER		St. John	1	173	2	21	21	21	100	200	52	2	1	3,200.
STEVE SANDERS		Liberty	2	156	0	3	0	0	50	100	50	1	0	3,701.
JIM SIMMONS	Moved to Perry 9/11/79 Mt. Carmel	Pleasant Hill	2	104	0	8	7	10	-	-	50	0	1	6,525.
FRANK WILLIS	Vernon 535-2894		Physically disabled to Pastor											

STATISTICAL TABLE

	ABIGAIL	FIRST, CHIPLEY	GAP POND	LIBERTY	FIRST, PANAMA CITY	PINEY GROVE	PLEASANT HILL	ST. JOHNS
Number Baptised	1	7	-	-	3	1	6	-
Members Added	2	18	3	-	5	2	10	10
Members Lost	29	2	4	2	8	1	9	11
Resident Members	28	234	9	-	68	-	-	-
Non-Resident Members	8	23	-	-	2	-	-	-
Total Membership	36	257	9	25	70	124	64	54
S.S. Enrollment	27	100	16	20	58	115	64	35
C.T.S. Enrollment	21	61	-	-	-	40	44	35
W.A. Enrollment	-	17	5	-	-	15	-	13
M.M. Enrollment	-	12	-	-	-	9	-	-
Value Church Property	35,000.00	130,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	135,000.00	150,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00
Pastor's Salary	3,921.11	13,900.00	1,122.00	2,537.19	6,650.00	11,560.00	7,340.00	2,945.00
Foreign Missions	-	957.00	275.00	-	120.00	1,392.18	764.00	80.71
F.W.B.B.C.	-	245.00	-	-	245.00	749.54	72.50	51.15
Home Missions	337.35	301.00	91.00	-	240.00	1,685.33	742.80	177.70
District State Work	-	998.00	-	-	-	-	309.63	80.00
Student Loan	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	-	40.00	40.00	40.00
Associational Fees	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00	40.00

# CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace", to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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