

MINUTES

Of The

TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

STATE ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF FLORIDA

HELD WITH THE
NEW HOPE FREE WILL
BAPTIST CHURCH, PLANT
CITY, FLORIDA, ON NOVEMBER
2nd AND 3rd, 1956.

THE 1957 SESSION WILL BE HELD WITH
THE CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH,
NEAR BLOUNTSTOWN, FLORIDA.
NOVEMBER 1-2, 1957.

AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL CLERKS OF THE CHURCHES
AND ASSOCIATIONS OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

Dear Friends,

Perhaps you will notice that throughout the minutes there are many things which will appear to be incomplete. We are including in the minutes this year letters which we hope will be filled out completely, in order that our letters might be similar, thus providing more complete statistics for the Clerk to use in compiling his report. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

W. A. HANSLEY, clerk.

OFFICERS, BOARD MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES OF THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. W. B. Hughes, Moderator.....Second St. Chipley, Fla.
Rev. D. F. Pelt, Vice Moderator.....Rt. 5, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. W. A. Hansley, Clerk.....2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.
W. W. Eiland, Treasurer.....Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Mrs. Ada Holley, Statistician.....Blountstown, Fla.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

D. L. Hale (1957).....2205 Thomasville Rd., Tallahassee, Fla.
Rev. Chester Pelt (1957).....% Chipola College, Marianna, Fla.
Rev. H. L. Henderson (1957).....Rt. 6, Box 421, Pensacola, Fla.
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Marvin M. Owens (1959).....Vernon, Fla.
Hugh Peacock (1959).....Blountstown, Fla.
W. A. Fletcher.....Box 154, Dover, Fla.

(All other standing Boards are composed of 5 members from one local association, and said members shall be elected by the local Association or its Executive Committee. The State Association shall alternate the Boards to the local Associations annually.)

PLANNING BOARDLiberty Association
SUPERANNUATION BOARDSalem Association
BOARD OF MISSIONSSouth Fla. Association
BOARD OF EDUCATION.....Northeast Fla. Association
Sunday School BoardCentral Fla. Association
League BoardNorth Fla. Association

PROCEEDINGS

(All reports are enclosed following general proceedings)

Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Session of the Florida State Free Will Baptist Association, when convened with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Plant City, Florida, November 2nd and 3rd 1956.

Hymn: "Old Time Power."

Hymn: "Bring Them In."

Prayer: Rev. Raymond Roberts.

Devotion: Rev. Wayne Brown. (St. John 14: 1-6)

Hymn: "Stand Up For Jesus."

Moderator's Message: Brother Hughes stated that we are here in this organization to transact God's Business. The wrong move could cause souls to be lost. Pray much, and be careful of the things you say. "The supreme task is that of evangelism, or winning the lost to Christ."

Hymn: "What A Friend" and "Sin Can Never Enter There," led by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Fellowship Time: Testimonials of Praise and Gratitude with many persons participating.

Chorus: "Heavenly Sunshine."

Partial Report of Credential Committee was read: Motion to receive and to seat Deacons, Ministers and Delegates which are registered. Carried.

Motion to seat delegates from West Florida Association with letter pending. Carried.

Call for Corresponding Messengers:

Rev. K. V. Shutes—Promotional Secretary for National Superannuation Board. Expresses happiness at being able to be present and brings greetings from National Headquarters of Free Will Baptist.

Rev. W. M. Mischler—Promotional Secretary for National Sunday School Board. Expresses happiness at being able to be present and extended greetings from National Sunday School Board.

Motion to seat the corresponding messengers. **Carried.**

Call for Visiting Ministers from other Denominations. **Rev. B. A. Oswald**, Pastor of the Zephyrhills, Florida First Baptist Church.

Call for Report of Committee on Committees.

Motion to accept the report. **Carried.**

INTERMISSION: 10 minutes.

Meeting called to order by the Moderator:

Hymn: "Praise Him, Praise Him."

Hymn: "I Will Sing The Wonderous Story."

Prayer: **Rev. James F. Miller.**

Choruses: "Heavenly Sunlight." "My Lord Knows The Way."

Solo: **Rev. Albert McFarland**, accompanied by **Mrs. McFarland.**

Introduction of Speaker by the Moderator:

Messenger: **Rev. W. M. Mischler**—Promotional Secretary for National Sunday School Board.

Subject: "Our Challenge of Today."

Texts: III John: 4 Acts 1:8

We have failed in the teaching ministry of the Church! The Sunday School is the greatest field for this job.

1. We have a task to perform.
 - A. To evangelize the world.
2. We need a better informed personnel.
3. We need the Sunday School redefined.
 - A. In 1955, 1256 rural Churches in the U. S. closed their doors.
4. We need more interested pastors.
5. We need more people.

A Free Will Offering received for Sunday School Department which amounted to \$44.06.

Dismissed in prayer by **Rev. Herman Grubbs.**

LUNCH SERVED

Meeting called to order by the Moderator:

Hymn. "Getting Ready To Leave This World."

Prayer: by **Mrs. Vera Owens.**

Hymn: "Heaven's Jubilee."

Devotion: State Woman's Auxiliary Convention—**Mrs. Bertie Baxter.**
St. Mark 14:32-41

Message from the Promotional Secretary of the National Board of Superannuation—**Rev. K. V. Shutes**, whose present address is Rt. 5, Thomaston, Georgia. He asked that everyone take special note of the State Superannuation Board report. (See Reports)

Partial Report of Credential Committee: Motion to accept. **Carried.**

Report of Executive Committee Meeting. Motion to accept the report. **Carried.**

Call for Treasurer Report: Motion to accept the report. **Carried.**

Resignation of Treasurer, **Mr. G. W. Cloud**, accepted.

Call for nomination for Treasurer for unexpired term.

Mr. W. W. Eiland was elected by acclamation.

Call for report of Planning Board. Motion carried to adopt report article by article.

Article 1. adopted.
Article 2. adopted.
Article 3. adopted.
Article 4. adopted.
Article 5. adopted.
Article 6. adopted.
Motion to table the balance of report. **Carried.**
Motion to begin evening service at 7:00 P.M. **Carried.**
Dismissed by Bro. Alvin Howell.

7:00 P.M.

Hymn: "My Burdens Rolled Away."
Hymn: "I Can Tell You The Time."
Devotion: Rev. James W. Finley (Hebrews 6:13-20)

Business Session

Call for Report of Sunday School Board.

Motion to accept report and that we extend a few minutes to the Board to make some explanation concerning the report. **Carried.** Rev. C. A. Huckaby then made some explanations consistent with the report.

Call for Report of the League Board: Motion to accept report and that the President of the State League Convention be given a few minutes on program. **Carried.** Rev. W. A. Hansley made a few brief remarks concerning the State League work.

Call for Report of Mission Board: Motion to Accept this report. **Carried.**

Hymn: "God Holds The Future In His Hand."

Intrduction of the Underwood Trio by Rev. Bob Wilfong. They sang an inspirational Hymn, "I Am Never Alone."

Introduction of Free Will Baptist Bible College Representative by the Rev. Bob Wilfong.

An Inspirational message was then brought by the Rev. James F. Miller concerning some of our goals and objectives. He stated that at present a goal of \$50,000.00 has been set to be reached by April 1, 1957. He stated that by reaching this goal a Building would be ready for the 1957, 58 school term.

The enlargement program at the college calls for:

1. Strengthening of faculty by having more teachers.
2. Enlarging our library by adding 5,000 volumes to our present 5,000 volumes.
3. Establishing a summer school.
4. Large and better buildings.

Reasons for this improvement program:

1. Ministers, missionaries and teachers are being trained in advancing the cause of Christ.

An offering was received at the end of this message to be sent to the enlargement program of the Bible College. \$21.69 total.

Several blank checks were distributed to be filled out for the amount of \$100.00 each, which is also to be used in this field.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Walter Eldridge.

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30 A.M.

Hymn: "Blessed Assurance."

Prayer: The Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Hymn: "Music In My Soul."

Devotion: Chairman of the State League Convention. The Rev. W. A. Hansley. Matt. 6:17-34.

Hymn: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds."

Meeting called to order by the Moderator.

Call for report of Board of Superannuation. Motion to adopt this report. **Carried**

Motion to seat two ministers who came late. **Carried.**

Call for report of Board of Trustees. Motion to adopt the report. **Carried.**

Call for report of Woman's State Auxiliary Convention.

Motion to adopt the report. **Carried.**

Call for report of Board of Education.

Motion that report be adopted and that Brother Sterling Tucker be given five minutes, concerning report, on program. **Carried.**

The Reverend Sterling Tucker was allotted five minutes on program. He encouraged the State of Florida to stand behind the State Education program. He also gave out some checks from the Free Will Baptist Bible College to various Churches of the state to be filled in and returned.

Call for Report of Revision Committee.

Motion that Report be adopted. **Carried.**

Motion that the following items be added to the Report as drawn up by the Report Revision Committee.

1. Amount spent for Sunday School Literature.
2. Amount spent for League Literature.
3. Sunday School Superintendents name and address.
4. General League Director's name and address.
5. Woman Auxiliaries President name and address. **Carried.**

Call for report of Minister's and Deacon's conference.

Motion that report be adopted. **Carried.**

Motion to remove from table the Planning Board Report.

Article 7. read and carried.

Article 8. adopted.

Recognition of the Oldest member of the laity, and the oldest minister present.

Reverend J. F. Guinn of Plant City, Florida stated that he had been ordained for 57 years and that he preached 11 years before he was ordained.

Mrs. P. F. Holley, of Blountstown, Florida, who stated that she was 85 years of age. She also stated that she accepted Christ as Saviour in 1900.

Motion to extend a rising vote of appreciation to Reverend J. F. Guinn and Mrs. P. F. Holley. **Carried.**

FIVE MINUTE RECESS.

Hymn: "Kneel At The Cross."

Prayer: Bro. I. O. Cook

Message: The Reverend Lonnie Sparks and wife.

Message brought each of us face to face with the challenge of Africa.

An offering was received which amounted to \$37.91.

Call for final report of Credential Committee.

Motion that report be adopted. **Carried.**

Brother and Sister Sparks was given a farewell handclasp by the convention and also a promise of support.

Hymn: "I Feel Like Traveling On."

Hymn: "Victory In Jesus."

Motion that the Moderator appoint a public Relations Committee. **Carried.**

BY APPOINTMENT: Reverend C. A. Huckaby
Reverend D. F. Pelt
Reverend Sterling Tucker
Brother W. E. Holley
Reverend W. A. Hansley

Motion that we extend to this church, local Association and Community a rising vote of thanks. Carried. Done.

Call for Report of Nomination Committee.

Motion to adopt. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.

Dismissed by Reverend Daniel Pelt.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

We your Committee on Committees wish to submit the following:

Present Credentials Committee replacement for immediate work: Sister Ada Holley to replace Bro. C. W. Lynn until he arrives. Bro. J. C. Taylor to replace Rev. Robert Wilfong until he arrives.

Nominating Committee: Mrs. Ida Awerson, Bro. J. L. Harvey, Rev. Jack Buck.

Program Committee: Rev. W. B. Hughes, Moderator; Rev. D. F. Pelt, vice-moderator; Rev. W. A. Hansley, Association Clerk.

Credential Committee: Mrs. Laura Lamb, Rev. Q. Hansley, Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw (chairman) and clerk of host church.

Rev. D. E. Bias
Walter Rice
W. E. Holley
J. L. Harvey
C. A. Huckaby

REPORTS

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We the Superannuation Board met Nov. 2, 1956, at New Hope Church, Plant City, Florida, with the following members present. Rev. Walter Eldridge, Rev. A. B. Cook, and G. W. Hawthorne. The Board elected Rev. Walter Eldridge, Chairman, and C. L. Cook, Secretary and Treasurer.

In January, 1956, the only one receiving aid from Superannuation Board was called to his reward. This was Rev. A. W. Cook.

Since we are trying to enlarge and increase our coverage for Free Will Baptist ministers to equal that of other denominations, we recommend that anyone in the State knowing a retired minister or minister's widow needing assistance from the Superannuation Board, notify the Board.

Report of Finances

Total amount of money raised for Superannuation this year.....	\$413.63
Amount paid out.....	\$297.05
Balance in Treasury Nov. 2, 1956.....	\$116.58

Walter Eldridge
A. B. Cook
G. W. Hawthorne
C. L. Cook

**MINUTES
OF THE FLORIDA STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING
WHICH MET MARCH 1, 1956, IN THE MACEDONIA CHURCH,
NEAR MONTICELLO, FLORIDA**

A hymn was sung by those present. The hymn chosen was **Amazing Grace**. Devotion: Brother Walter Eldridge, reading from Exodus 6. He instructed us as a state body to move from the land of bondage in which we are now to the Promised land.

MODERATOR'S MESSAGE: Brother Hughes, asked us to consider seriously the business which was to come before us on this day. He then asked us to have a period of continued prayer for God's leadership in the business of the day.

**DECLARATION OF SESSION IN ORDER BY THE MODERATOR:
ROLL CALL OF BOARDS.**

THOSE PRESENT FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Rev. W. B. Hughes
Rev. D. F. Pelt
Rev. W. A. Hansley
Brother G. W. Cloud

THOSE PRESENT FROM BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Rev. D. E. Bias proxy for Rev. Charles Jamison.

THOSE PRESENT FROM BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Bro. D. L. Hale
Bro. W. W. Eiland proxy for Rev. Chester Pelt
Rev. H. L. Henderson
Rev. W. A. Hansley proxy for Bro. Lloyd Crews
Bro. Ernest Owen proxy for Bro. Marvin Owens

Motion that the chairman appoint proxies for absentee members from various boards. Seconded and dully carried.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Rev. D. W. Poole
Rev. Herman Grubbs
Rev. Walter Eldridge
Rev. C. A. Muckaby

Motion that we accept Bro. Marvin Owen's resignation from the Board of Trustees, seconded, and duly carried.

Board of Trustees, seconded, and duly carried. (Recommendation from Rev. C. A. Huckaby that Bro. Ernest Owen fill the vacancy thus created.)

Motion that this recommendation be adopted, seconded, duly carried.

Motion that we adjourn for lunch, seconded, duly carried.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. H. L. Henderson.

1:50 P.M.

Opening Prayer by Rev. G. W. Burkett.

TREASURER REPORT READ AND RECEIVED AS INFORMATION.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION. CALLED FOR.

State Board of Education Meeting. Drifton, Fla., March 1, 1956

Motion Carried to recommend to the Board of Trustees the following.

1. That the dining room and kitchen at the camp be ceiled.
2. The floor and walls be painted.

3. A hood be placed over the stoves and hot water heater.
4. New tables be built.
5. Fire extinguishers be bought.
6. Storage space be provided.
7. Pipe for well be bought and installed.
8. Notify health dept. to test water.

Motion carried that we recommend to the Executive Committee:

1. Employ a caretaker for the Youth Camp. We recommend Mrs. Martin Crooms.
2. Employ a Camp Superintendent, whose duties shall be to superintend and plan all Youth Camp Sessions, and to set up a schedule for a calendar with this Association as years camp activities.

Signed by the acting Board of Education

G. A. Grubbs—Chairman
C. A. Huckaby—Secretary
Dennis E. Bias
D. W. Poole
W. W. Eiland

THIS REPORT ADOPTED.

REPORT OF STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES CALLED FOR:

Board of Trustees Report

1. We recommend that: Ernest Owens fix pump into operating condition, vent gas water heater and have ply-wood tops put on tables.
2. We recommend that: W. W. Eiland and Ernest Owens secure material for ceiling and painting.
3. We recommend that: H. L. Henderson secure carpenters to donate time to put up ceiling.
4. We recommend that: Each Promotional Secretary and Minister to ask each church in state to have special offering taken for Youth Camp emergencies. To be sent in by April 1, 1956.

D. L. Hale
W. W. Eiland
H. L. Henderson
W. A. Hansley
Ernest Owen

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARIES CALLED FOR:

Rev. Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Florida reports:

That they have held a ministers and wives meeting in which they stressed the importance of the ministers doing their best to promote the work from the pulpit. The cooperation has been good.

Rev. Herman Grubbs, Rt. 1, Perry, Florida. NO REPORT.

Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rt. 2, Chipley, Florida reports:

10 out of 11 churches in his Association support State Budget and National Cooperative Program.

Rev. Floyd Coleman, Rt. 1, Atmore, Ala. reports:

This work is not new in their section and that practically every church is supporting the State Proportional Budget.

Rev. W. A. Hansley, 5856 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, Florida reports:

That none of the churches in his section are supporting either the State proportional budget or the National Cooperative Plan.

Motion to extend a rising vote of thanks to Brother Burkett and the church for the use of the Building. Carried.

Motion to adjourn. Carried.
Dismissed by Brother Daniel Pelt.
Printing Press sold for \$200.00.
Camp Superintendent was employed.

EAU GALLE, FLORIDA

October 27, 1956

To the State Association of Free Will Baptists of Florida, greetings in the name of our Lord, since it seems impossible for me to attend the State Body this time and hoping you may have a glorious session, I am hereby offering this as my report of this years activities, still am very sorry to have it this way and hope ere long we may have the opportunity of again sitting in on your deliberations.

Will try to give a brief report of the office since was so late in getting the proper information, to begin the reporting.

OUR DISTRIBUTIONS ARE THUSLY:

To Moderator and Clerk for 1955 services	\$ 50.00
For minutes of 1955 session including postage	178.71
Promotional services for year	676.82
For National Association fee	45.00
Ear marked funds to 10th, St. Mission, Jax., Fla.....	16.00
To Orphanage	147.21
For Superannuation	77.83
PD to Youth Camp for repairs, maint., etc.	554.74
To National Headquarters for Pro. Prog. Inc. Earmarked funds	1731.21

This above item includes earmarked funds to Tampa

Mission and the Calvary Account.

We have received from all sources the sum of.....\$3980.32

Our Expenses have been..... 3428.74

Now have in treasury the following items

For Church extension

\$321.78

General Account

287.67

Superannuation Account

2.54

The Youth Camp Fund is still overdrawn from General Fund in the amount of \$32.93. If the body will vote to draw from General Fund and Transfer to Camp Fund this amount it will save the report as now made with no Camp Funds on hand, otherwise, the Camp owes to General Fund the amount mentioned above when it comes in as this is the correct money now.

Wishing everyone a wonderful session in the Lord at this sitting, I am humbly your servant, and hope to again be associated with you in the great cause you so loyally represent. Bro. Hughes, I am taking the liberty to draw the check in your favor so you may have it at Association to deliver to my successor with above notations on it for his/her convenience, as I must ask the body to accept my resignations as of this date. Thanks for the cooperation of everyone.

Humbly I am,

G. W. Cloud

P. O. Box 461

Eau Gallie, Florida

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

1. We recommend that the Moderator of each local Association be elected as promotional secretary for the State Association in his respective area, and at his convenience he is hereby asked to present and promote the State Association's Cooperative program with compensation. If accepted, this arrangement will be followed until the Association is able to support a full time Secretary.

2. We recommend that our State Associational Treasurer act as coordinator for the local Promotional Secretaries and that he furnish these Secretaries with financial reports quarterly to be distributed to their churches.

3. We recommend that the Treasurer be paid a salary equal to that of the Moderator and Clerk and that he be authorized to pay the expense of making and mailing his quarterly reports.

4. We recommend that the Mission Board be authorized to employ a State Evangelist, whose duties and salary shall be determined by the Mission Board and the Executive Committee jointly.

5. We recommend that each local Promotional Secretary sponsor a Bible or a Mission Conference annually in which the whole program of our Church shall be stressed.

6. We recommend the following per cent budget of our cooperative funds:

National Cooperative Program.....	45%
Florida State Program	50%
State Treasurer's Expense.....	5%

Florida State funds are to be divided as follows:

Orphanage	15%
Superannuation	15%
Youth Camp	35%
Evangelism	35%

7. We recommend that Article II, Section 12, of the State Constitution be amended to read:

Each standing Board shall be composed of 5 members from one local Association, with the exception of the Board of Trustees, and said members shall be elected by the local Association or its Executive Committee. The State Association shall alternate the Boards to the local Associations annually. These Boards are hereby asked to make their reports to their local Associations before they are presented to the State Association.

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of one (1) member from each Association and their term of office shall be four (4) years. Two being elected at each election for only a term of two years. Thereafter all shall be elected as specified herein.

8. Since the Tampa Mission is now a duly organized, English-speaking Church, we recommend that the State Association hence forth consider it just as we do other independent Churches so far as supervision and financial support are concerned.

Signed,

H. A. Grubbs, Chairman
I. O. Cook
J. L. Harvey
Fred L. Bradshaw

REPORT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We your Sunday School Board report the following:

That there are more Sunday Schools and larger enrollments in the State of Florida than ever before. We also find more interest in Teacher Preparation than before.

We recommend the following:

That each District Association organize a Convention if they do not have one already, and that there be more Study Courses, at least one in each Convention.

We recommend also that we have a state Sunday School Convention annually, with a work shop in accord with the Six point record System.

Respectfully submitted,
Chester A. Huckaby
Mrs. Mamie Page

REPORT OF LEAGUE BOARD

We your Florida State Free Will Baptist League Board make and recommend the following suggestions:

1. We urge every adult of every Church to feel a greater responsibility toward the training of our youth today.

2. We have no record of any League Study Courses being sponsored by the Several district Associations. We urge you to work toward this. Ray Turnage, our Promotional Secretary of our National League Board, will be passing through this state about November 15 and has informed us that he will be happy to conduct a few nights of study at a reasonable expense. If you desire to have him contact him within the next few days.

3. We urge the Executive Committee of the State League Convention to draw up letter forms recommended last year, for the individual Leagues to report to State League Convention and send a compiled report to State and National League Boards.

4. We urge all Leagues to co-operate with and attend our State League Convention at Youth Camp in Cottondale, Florida on Saturday before the first Sunday in September each year. Especially do we ask for your combined efforts in the project adopted by the Convention this year. The raising of \$3,000 for dormitories at the Youth Camp.

5. We recommend that each Association sponsor monthly rallies for the interest of our Young People.

Respectively submitted,
Q. Hansley
J. C. Taylor
Mrs. Thelma Holley

MISSION BOARD REPORT

1. We recommend that every Pastor and minister endeavor to promote Missionary education both Home and Foreign.

2. We suggest that the Deacons of every Church assist their pastor in meeting the Budget of the State Association so that the Mission Budget will be met.

3. We also recommend that each Church, which does not support the State Cooperative Program, receive a special offering each quarter for Missions, and that the same be mailed to State Treasurer, as listed in the Minutes.

Raymond Roberts
Theo. J. Buck

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We are happy to report that the kitchen at the Youth Camp has been painted, ceiled overhead, hoods installed over stoves, new tables installed, well repaired, and several double decker bunks repaired in order to better accommodate the children.

Respectively submitted,
W. W. Eiland
W. A. Fletcher.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION REPORT

The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Florida met October 27, 1956, at Traveler's Rest F.W.B. Church, Clarksville, Florida.

There were 15 delegates, 6 State officers, 12 District officers, 17 local officers from 5 Districts, namely: Northeast (Jacksonville), North Florida (Tallahassee), Salem (Marianna), Liberty (Chipley), Northwest (Pensacola), and a Local Auxiliary from Miami. These Officers and Delegates represent a total of 212 Auxiliary Members. Eleven Ministers registered. Several deacons and a large number of visitors, both women and men, were also present.

Those appearing on the program were Mrs. Corrine George, Mrs. Varlie Suggs, Miss Ada Holley and Mrs. Wayne Hicks. Rev. W. A. Hansley from the Unity F.W.B. Church in Jacksonville brought a challenging message on "The Way of Victory."

We were honored to have present with us Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Sparks, Missionary Candidates to Africa who gave testimony of their call to Missions. Rev. Bill Mishler, Promotional Secretary of Sunday Schools, was also present who brought out the fact that teaching Missions is one of the most important phases of Sunday School.

Monies received and paid out were as follows:

Total received	\$130.85
Total paid out	110.39
Balance in Treasury	20.46

The second session of Woman's Auxiliary Camp was a blessing to all who attended. We were very happy to present \$40.20 to the Youth Camp to help pay for the double-decker beds. We are looking forward to an even better session next summer.

The next W.S.A.C. will meet on Thursday before the State Association of Churches and at the same place.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

We your board of Education make the following report:

A one week session was held at the Youth Camp with approximately 51 children attending.

We endorse the camp project of the State League Convention and recommend the whole hearted support of every Church.

We recommend Rev. C. A. Huckaby as Camp Superintendent for the coming year.

We recommend that the Board of Trustees begin work on the ceiling of the dormitories and purchase fans for the dormitories as soon as sufficient funds or materials can be secured.

We endorse the Improvement program of the Free Will Baptist Bible College and recommend the whole hearted support of every Church.

Sterling Tucker
Elvie Johnston
J. C. Jamison

REVISIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We your Revision Committee present the following Letter Form Blank and recommend that it be adopted by this body and request our clerk have a supply printed and mailed to every association, and we request that they use same in reporting to their body.

Respectively submitted,

Rev. Wayne Hicks
Rev. D. E. Bias
W. E. Holley
W. W. Eiland
Rev. Elvie Johnston

FROM _____ (Church or Association)
ADDRESS _____
TO THE _____ FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION CONVENED
WITH _____ DATE _____

We send as delegates our beloved brethern or sisters _____

ALTERNATES _____

Whom we pray you to receive to sit with you in your deliberations.

QUARTERLY OR YEARLY STATISTICS

MEMBERSHIP	FINANCES	EARMARKED FUNDS
Total last Report _____	Offering (General) _____	MISSIONS
Received by Baptism _____	(Building) _____	(Foreign) _____
By Letter _____	PAID OUT	(Home) _____
Restored _____	Cooperative Program _____	Children's Home _____
By Prof. of faith _____	Pastors _____	Superannuation _____
Members lost _____	Evangelists _____	Bible College _____
By Letter _____	Building & Repairs _____	Others (Specify) _____
Expelled _____	MISCELLANEOUS _____	_____
Died _____	TOTAL PAID OUT _____	_____

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP _____ Value of Church Property _____

FEE SENT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL PURPOSES _____

FEE SENT FOR OTHER PURPOSES (Specify) _____

SUNDAY SCHOOL

No. Officers _____, No. Teachers _____, No. Enrolled _____, Average Attendance _____

No. Departments _____, Classes _____ Total Offerings for year _____

Amount spent for Sunday School Literature..... Total Paid Out.....

Superintendent's Name

Address

LEAGUE

No. Enrolled....., No. Officers....., No. Groups....., Average Attendance.....

Total Offerings....., Amount spent for League Literature.....,

Total Paid out.....

General Director's Name

Address

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

No. Members....., No. Circles....., Members G. T. A.....

Members Y. P. A....., Total Offerings....., Total Paid Out.....

Auxiliary's President....., Address.....

TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM ALL SOURCES....., DISBURSEMENTS.....

WE HAVE AS PASTOR, Reverend.....

Address

WE HAVE CALLED AS PASTOR, Reverend.....

Address

The Spiritual condition of our Church is.....

Condition of Prayer Meeting is.....

Our Meeting Days are.....

We have communed and washed feet..... times this year.

This letter ordered written in Conference this....., 19.....

.....Moderator

.....Clerk

.....Address

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following:

1. Planning Board: Assignment to Liberty Association.
2. Superannuation Board: Assignment to Salem Association.
3. Mission Board: Assignment to South Florida Association.
4. Board of Education: North East Florida Association.
5. Sunday School Board: Assignment to Central Florida Association.
6. League Board: Assignment to North Florida Association.
7. Delegation from State Association to National Association.

NORTH FLORIDA: Mrs. Lillian Grubbs, Mrs. Doris McDaniels.

CENTRAL FLORIDA: Mrs. Dora Bradshaw, Mr. J. C. Taylor, Mr. G. M. Page, Mr. Elzie Blanchard, Mrs. J. C. Taylor, Mrs. J. W. Linley, Mr. W. C. Doss.

SOUTH FLORIDA: Mrs. Winnie Tucker, Mrs. Guy Hall, Mrs. K. L. Warren, Mrs. Ruby Buck, Mrs. Lucille Andrews, Mr. Guy Hall.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Mr. J. L. Harvey, Mrs. W. A. Hansley, Mr. W. L. Collins, Mrs. D. E. Bias, Mrs. J. C. Jamison, Mrs. J. L. Harvey.

WEST FLORIDA: Mr. Ed. Holley, Mrs. Ida Amerson, Mr. Van Pinson, Thelma Holley, Mr. L. V. Pinson, Mr. J. C. Dortch.

SALEM ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Daniel Pelt, Mr. Walter Lamb, Mrs. Walter Lamb, W. W. Eiland, Chester Cook.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION: Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Mr. Cully Owens, Mrs. Cully Owens, Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Miss Faye Peacock, Mrs. D. W. Poole.

8. We recommend that the Conference be held at Christian Home Church near Blountstown, Florida in 1957.

9. We recommend that Sister Ada Holley fill the unexpired term of J. L. Grizzard as Statistician.

Rev. Theo. J. Buck
J. L. Harvey
Ida Amerson

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Associations Representing	7	Delegates	29	Fees	\$110.00
Churches Representing	14	Delegates	16	Fees	\$ 72.00
Deacons Present	11			Fees	\$ 22.00
Ministers Present	24			Fees	\$ 48.00
		Total voting body	89	Total fees	\$252.00

Elvie Johnston
C. W. Lynn
Robert L. Wilfong

MINISTERS REGISTERED

Rev. Walter Eldridge—Box 145, Cottondale, Florida
 Rev. J. Charles Jamison—2110 Forest Hill Rd., Jacksonville 8, Florida
 Rev. Daniel F. Pelt, Marianna, Florida
 Rev. L. O. Cook—Altha, Florida
 Rev. Raymond Roberts—Rt. 2, Box 326 H, Plant City, Florida
 Rev. D. E. Bias—3480 Commonwealth Ave., Jacksonville, Florida
 Rev. Sterling A. Tucker—2819 N.W. 90th St., Miami, Florida

Rev. Q. Hansley—5856 Timuquana Rd., Jacksonville, Fla.
 Rev. W. A. Hansley—2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Florida
 Rev. D. W. Collins—Rt. 4, Box 24, Plant City, Florida
 Rev. Albert McFarland—3510 N.W. 83rd St., Miami, Florida
 Rev. A. B. Cook—Rt. 1, Bonifay, Florida
 Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw—Plant City, Florida
 Rev. B. H. Champion—1832 W. Highland St., Lakeland, Fla.
 Rev. Robert L. Wilfong—P.O. Box 11211, Tampa, Florida
 Rev. Alvin Howell—P.O. Box 377, Bonifay, Florida
 Rev. Elvie Johnston—509 Pine St., Auburndale, Florida
 Rev. C. A. Huckaby—Rt. 2, Chipley, Florida
 Rev. Herman Grubbs—Rt. 1, Perry, Florida
 Rev. T. M. Colburn—Ocsee, Florida
 Rev. W. B. Hughes—Chipley, Florida
 Rev. Theo. J. Buck—17201 N.W. 33 Court, Opa-Loka, Florida
 Rev. Wayne Hicks—123 East Ave. North, Panama City, Florida
 Rev. James W. Finley—900 Ferndell Rd., Orlando, Florida

DEACONS REGISTERED

Chester Cook—Route, Altha, Fla.
 C. W. Lynn—616 Ash St., Auburndale, Fla.
 Elzie L. Blanchard—Box 191, Highland City, Fla.
 Walter F. Rice—2302 36th St., Tampa, Fla.
 W. E. Doss—P.O. 161 Orlo-Vista, Fla.
 Guy Hall—3052 N.W. 90th St., Miami, Fla.
 W. W. Eiland—Rt. 1, Marianna, Fla.
 J. L. Harvey—Gen. Del., Baldwin, Fla.
 G. M. Page—Winter Haven, Fla.
 Owens Coy—3210 Second Ct., Panama City, Fla.
 W. E. Holley—3505 W. Avery, Pensacola, Fla.
 J. C. Taylor—Box 827, Plant City, Fla.

DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTING

NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....	\$20.00
Delegates: Mrs. Guy Hall, Mrs. William Grubbs, Vida Mae Rice.	
LIBERTY ASSOCIATION	\$20.00
Delegates: Mrs. Vera Owens, Mrs. Clara McAdams, Mrs. Thelma Owens, Mrs. Bertie Hartley, Mr. M. M. Owens, James Rhodes.	
SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....	\$15.00
Delegates: Mrs. Albert McFarland, Mrs. Sterling A. Tucker	
CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....	\$10.00
Delegates: Julius Guy, Marvin Parrish, G. W. Hawthorne, Richard Mitchell, Mrs. James W. Finley.	
SALEM ASSOCIATION	\$10.00
Delegates: Miss Ada Holley, Mr. J. W. Lamb, Miss Fay Wiley, Mrs. J. W. Lamb, Mrs. Ruby C. Pelt, Mr. Jimmy Hitchcock, Mrs. Chester Cook.	
WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....	\$20.00
Delegates: Mr. James Cook, Mrs. Ida Amerson, Mrs. James Cook, Mrs. Thelma Holley	
NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....	\$10.00
Delegates: None.	

STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATIONS

NOTE: Most figures incomplete due to Churches making incomplete reports.

NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

No. Churches	9	
No. New Churches	0	
Churches Dismissed	0	
Total Churches	9	
Total Membership	163	
Ordained Ministers	9	
Licensed Ministers	3	
Sunday Schools	5	
Leagues	0	
Woman's Auxiliaries	4	
Paid Foreign Missions		\$ 17.73
Paid Home Missions		\$ 50.00
Paid Orphanage		\$ 30.00
Paid Youth Camp		\$ 60.00
Paid on Education		\$ 52.37
Paid on Publication		\$ 94.71
Paid Building Repairs		\$1,020.57
Paid to Pastors		\$3,874.42
Paid for Revivals		\$ 255.00
State Budget Program		\$ 61.42
TOTALS		\$5,516.22

Moderator: Lanzy A. Grubbs, R.F.D. 1, Box 153, Perry,, Fla.
 Clerk: Mrs. Lillian Grubbs, R.F.D. 1, Box 107-M, Perry, Fla.

LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Churches	11	
Membership	606	
Ordained Ministers	9	
Licensed Ministers	1	
Sunday Schools	10	
Leagues	7	
Woman's Auxiliaries	7	
Cooperative Program		\$ 1,105.28
Children's Home		\$ 41.92
Superannuation		\$ 51.51
Bible College		\$ 125.00
Home Missions		\$ 418.01
Foreign Missions		\$ 418.65
Paid Evangelists		\$ 1,248.78
Paid Pastors		\$12,316.43
TOTALS		\$21,735.58
Property Value		\$76,608.60

Moderator: Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rt. No. 2, Chipley, Fla.
 Clerk: Wayne Hicks, 123 East Ave. N., Panama City, Fla.

SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Churches	3
Membership	174
Ordained Ministers	7
Licensed Ministers	1
Sunday Schools	3

Leagues	2	
Women's Auxiliaries	1	
Paid Pastors		\$ 4,429.90
Paid Evangelist		\$ 171.15
Home Missions		\$ 139.66
Foreign Missions		\$ 518.56
Building & Repairs		\$ 5,687.67
Education		\$ 230.91
Publication		\$ 166.35

TOTALS \$11,344.20

Moderator: Rev. Theo. J. Buck. Clerk: Mrs. Alma Mitchell.

CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Churches	4	
New Churches	1	
Churches Dismissed	0	
Total Churches	5	
Membership	409	
Ordained Ministers	12	
Sunday Schools	4	
Leagues	3	
Woman's Auxiliaries	3	
Foreign Missions	(None)	
Home Missions	(None)	
Paid Pastors		\$ 7,551.38
Value of Property		\$54,700.00

Moderator: Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw.

Clerk: Rev. Raymond Roberts, Rt. 2, Box 326 H, Plant City, Fla.

SALEM ASSOCIATION

Churches	21	
Sunday School	15	
Leagues	7	
Ordained Ministers	13	
Licensed Ministers	4	
Membership	1421	

Moderator: Rev. Walter Eldridge.

Clerk: Chester L. Cook, Rt. 2, Altha, Fla.

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Churches	10	
New Churches	1	
Churches Dismissed	1	
Total Churches	10	
Membership	575	
Ordained Ministers	16	
Licensed Ministers	2	
Sunday Schools	9	
Leagues	4	
Woman's Auxiliaries	2	
Paid Pastors		\$ 5,892.78
Home Missions		\$ 334.39
Building & Etc.		\$ 3,825.04
Foreign Mission		(None)
Revivals		\$ 691.22
State Budget Program		\$ 446.14

TOTALS \$11,189.57

Moderator: Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rt. 6, Box 421, Pensacola, Fla.

Clerk: Millie Donaldson, Rt. 2, Box 97, Pensacola, Fla.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Churches	4	
Mission	1	
Total Churches	4	
Membership	380	
Ordained Ministers	7	
Licensed Ministers	2	
Sunday Schools	5	
Leagues	2	
Woman's Auxiliaries	2	
Paid Pastors		\$6,415.00
Paid Evangelist		\$ 330.16
Home Missions		\$ 760.68
Foreign Mission		\$ 166.16
Orphanage		\$ 23.16
Education		\$ 686.08
Publication		\$ 118.50
Building & Repairs		\$ 680.13
TOTALS		\$9,188.87

Moderator: Rev. W. A. Hansley, 2830 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

Clerk: C. H. Andreu, 1639 Shadowood Lane, Jacksonville, Fla.

MINUTES OF THE FLORIDA STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Conference called to order at 11:00 o'clock by Rev. Bradshaw, church pastor for the purpose of worship.

Singing from the "Church Hymnal" by the congregation: Song No. 333. Prayer by Rev. R. Roberts. Songs No. 28 and 5.

Preaching by Rev. Elvie Johnston from Rev. 1:9-20. His subject, "Ills of Church," was very much enjoyed by all as timely and well presented.

Dismissed for lunch hour through prayer by Rev. H. A. Grubbs.

Thursday Afternoon

Songs by congregation, Prayer by Rev. R. Roberts. Devotional by Rev. Q. Hansley.

Moderator Rev. Hughes, called session to order at 2:00 P.M. and stated that the theme for this session is I Tim. 4:11.

Call for Committee Reports:-

Constitutional Revision Committee—No Report to offer.

Nominations Committee appointed—D. F. Pelt, R. Roberts, and W. A. Hansley.

A motion was carried that Moderator appoint the standing committees. He did so as follows:

Examining—R. Roberts, C. A. Huckaby.

Ministerial Ethics—W. W. Eiland, J. C. Taylor, Q. Hansley.

Camp Meeting—H. A. Grubbs, Harvey Henderson, W. B. Hughes.

New Business: A motion that Rev. W. B. Hughes become a member of Camp Meeting Committee was carried.

A motion and second that the Constitution be changed to read—"Ministers and Deacons Conference be held in conjunction with Camp Meeting" was lost lacking 2/3 majority.

A motion and second that time and place of Conference be left to decision of first three officers of this session was declared unconstitutional by moderator.

Vote of previous motion lost in lack of 2/3 majority was declared void due to lack of understanding.

Motion concerning constitutional change restated and opened for further discussion. It finally carried with $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.

Motion carried that Credentials Committee Report be accepted.

Report of Ministerial Ethics & Education Committee was accepted by voice vote.

The report of the Nominations Committee was accepted by standing vote and the following officers elected as recommended:

President—Fred L. Bradshaw

Vice President—Sterling A. Tucker

Secretary-Treasurer—H. A. Grubbs

A motion carried to accept a partial treasury report.

A motion carried to adjourn this Conference.

Those registering, reporting, and paying fee of \$1.00 are as follows:

MINISTERS

NAME	No. Churches Pastored	Sermons Preached	Revivals Held	Conversions Witnessed	No. Baptised	Rec'd in Church	Sick Calls	Associa- tion & Q. Meetings
F. L. Bradshaw	1	189	2	93	48	35	152	
T. J. Buck	1	54	0	150	6	5	25	4
D. W. Collins	0	38	0	20	0	0	14	5
H. A. Grubbs	1	113	2	9	5	11	23	5
W. A. Hansley	1	125	2	31	14	33	156	7
Q. Hansley	1	98	0	7	5	4		6
C. A. Huckaby	1	186	6		5	38		6
W. B. Hughes	1	180	8	25	16	20	700	8
Leon Owens	0	21	0	0	0	0	7	0
R. Roberts	1	150	1	20	10	25		5
Frank Willis	1	92	1	12	0	0		3

Registered Ministers with NO REPORT

E. H. Johnston	D. F. Pelt	Olvin Howell
J. F. Guinn	S. A. Tucker	L. V. Pinson
J. A. Sikes	G. V. Underwood	R. M. Hughes
D. E. Bias	B. H. Champion	J. C. Jamison

DEACONS

W. E. Holley	W. W. Eiland	J. D. Benefield
J. L. Harvey	W. F. Rice	J. C. Taylor
G. M. Page		

REPORTS

Credentials Committee—

We find there are thirty-three ministers and deacons registered, having paid their fee.

H. A. Grubbs, Chairman

Nominations Committee—

We recommend the following as officers of this Conference: President, Rev. Fred L. Bradshaw; Vice-President, Rev. Sterling Tucker; Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. H. A. Grubbs.

We further recommend that the officers serve as Program Committee for next year.

D. F. Pelt, Chairman

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand November, 1955.....\$15.60
Received from conference Nov. '55..... 19.00
Total on hand November, 1956..... 34.60
Rec'd from Conference, Nov. 1956..... 33.00
Total in Treasury 67.60

No Expenses

Ministerial Ethics & Education—

This report is missing

The Report of Ministerial Ethics Committee

We your committee recommend that this body re-adopt and re-emphasize the report as given and adopted last year (1955) in the meeting of this body at Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Fla. Item by item one through seven as carried in 1955 State Minutes.

1. That every minister adopt Matt. 7:12, "Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them." as her standard of Ministerial Ethics, remembering that our lives must set a standard of unselfishness, love, and consideration for others.

2. On entering a new field, a minister should give prayerful and careful consideration to the plans, program, and practices of his predecessor, remember that it is unchristian and unethical to speak ill of the character or work of another minister.

3. There are duties that a minister should perform in relation to his successor. He should survey the field, the church roll, the various boards and agencies of the church, with plans and programs that are in action.

4. When ready to leave the field, the minister should leave.

5. There should be no feeling of rivalry or competition against brother ministers. Professional jealousy has no place in the life of a Christian Minister.

6. We further recommend that this Conference send a petition to the Board of Publications & Literature of the National Association of Free Will Baptists requesting the publication of a Code of Ministerial Ethics for Free Will Baptist Ministers.

7. Realizing a need for Ministerial Education, we recommend that this Conference sponsor an Extension School thru the Extension Dept. of the Free Will Baptist Bible College in conjunction with our Camp Meeting.

8. We further recommend that every minister prepare himself with special training in order that he might offer his people a program that will interest and hold our senior boys and girls in and to the Free Will Baptist faith.

9. We also further recommend that in the event our ministers are unable to attend our Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges that the ministers of a locality pick a capable man for that locality to teach a special training course furnished by the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

10. We your committee feel the importance of a program in every Church that will help hold interest and train our youth to be real Free Will Baptist in the years to come and most of all real Christian boys and girls at heart.

Rev. E. H. Johnston

W. E. Holley

MINISTERS YEARLY REPORT
TO THE
FLORIDA STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

NAME

ADDRESS

1. Name of churches pastored.....
2. Number of sermons preached
3. Number Revivals held
4. Number Conversions witnessed
5. Number Baptised
6. Received into Church
7. Sick calls made
8. Couples married
9. Funerals conducted
10. Prayer Meetings held
11. Associations attended.....National.....State.....Local.....
12. Quarterly Meetings attended
13. Remarks
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FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Constitution Preamble:

In order to promote fellowship and broaden understanding among the Ministers and Deacons of The Florida Free Will Baptist State Association and for the purpose of advancing the cause of Christ as represented by the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

We propose to set up this organization and keep the rules according to this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I.—Name. This Organization shall be known as The Florida State Free Will Baptist Ministers and Deacons Conference.

ARTICLE II.—The purpose of this organization shall be:

Section 1.—To promote fellowship and harmony among our Ministers and Deacons.

Section 2.—To serve as an auxiliary of Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists in its program of devising and executing measures for the advancement of the Cause of Christ.

Section 3.—To disseminate information pertaining to the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE III.—The composition of the Ministers and Deacons Conference:

Section 1.—This Ministers and Deacons Conference shall consist of all Licensed and Ordained Ministers and Deacons who are members of Florida Churches.

ARTICLE IV.—Finance: Each Minister and Deacon holding membership in this Conference shall contribute the sum of one dollar (\$1.00) annually for general expense.

ARTICLE V.—Officers and Committees.

Section 1.—Officers of this Conference shall be: A Moderator, a Vice-Moderator, Secretary-Treasurer—all whom shall be lected annually at the close of each session.

General Officers shall be The Executive Committee of this Conference.

Section 2.—The following Committees shall be designated Standing Committees of this Conference, consisting of 3 persons for each committee.

(1)—Examining Committee. (2)—Ministerial Ethics and Education.
(3)—Camp Meeting Arrangement Committee.

Other standing Committees may be authorized and elected by this Conference as the needs may arise. All Committees shall be elected annually.

Article VI—Time of Meeting. This Conference shall hold its regular meeting annually in conjunction with the Florida State Camp Meeting.

ARTICLE VII—This Constitution may be altered or amended at any regular meeting of this Conference by a two-thirds majority vote of all members present.

Constitution and By-Laws

of the

FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Constitution Preamble:

Preamble:

We, the Free Will Baptists of Florida, for the sake of power that comes of unity and oneness of purpose; for the advancement of the cause of Christ; for the Glory of God and the good of mankind do ordain and establish this constitution and By-Laws:

ARTICLE I. NAME OF ASSEMBLY

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as "The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists."

ARTICLE II. OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Boards, Delegates and Fees and time of Meeting.

Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be: A Moderator, and Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Board, Planning Board, Board, of Missions (Home and Foreign), an Educational Board, Board of Superannuation, Sunday School Board, League Board and Board of Trustees and any other officers and Boards that this Association may decide while in session to add because of changes of necessity. This Association shall convene annually on Friday and Saturday before the First Sunday in November.

Section 2. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected from the local associations, belonging to this body, delegates elected from the local churches embraced by the various associations and churches.

The delegates shall be elected as follows: One delegate from each local church composed of one hundred members or fraction thereof, and one delegate for each additional hundred members, or fraction, thereof; five delegates from each local Association composed of fifteen churches, or a fraction thereof, and one additional delegate for each additional four churches or fraction thereof. The additional delegates cannot be used unless the churches are active and are represented in the session in which they are appointed.

Fees are \$10.00 for an Association with five (5) churches. Asso-

ciations with more than 5 churches, fees are \$20.00; and for churches \$4.00 per delegate. All deacons and ministers are standing delegates. Fees are \$2.00 for deacons and ministers.

Section 3. Ministers cannot be appointed as delegates from the local associations or churches. All visitors and ministers who do not belong to or pastor for this body can only be seated as honorary members.

Section 4. All churches and associations representing in this body shall pay entrance fee annually. The amount of this fee shall be determined by the body while in session and may be changed by a two-thirds vote in any session.

Section 5. All funds coming into this body shall be spent under a budget plan. This budget must be approved by the body while in session and no funds may be used in any way except as budgeted.

Section 6. It shall be the duty and power of the delegates of this body to make all laws which shall be necessary for the carrying on of the work of this Association, and these laws must be in keeping with this constitution and must be kept on records so conflicting regulations may be avoided.

Section 7. Fifty (50) per cent of the delegates elect shall constitute a quorum.

Section 8. All officers except board members shall be elected to serve a term of two years.

Section 9. Any officer may be re-elected as the body shall see fit, but officers, or nominees, must give his consent to serve willingly.

Section 10. When vacancies occur either by death or removal from office, or by resignation the body shall fill vacancy either by proxy or by election of officer to the vacancy at any regular session of the body and the proxy may be appointed by the body to fill any absentee's place who does not attend the session.

Section 11. Election years shall be odd years. Thus the regular elections shall take place on odd years of the calendar.

Section 12. Each standing Board shall be composed of 5 members from one local Association, with the exception of the Board of Trustees and said members shall be elected by the Local Association or its Executive Committee. The State Association shall alternate the Boards to the local Associations annually. These Boards are hereby asked to make their reports to their local Associations before they are presented to the State Association.

The Board of Trustees shall be composed of one (1) member from each Association and their term of office shall be four (4) years. Two being elected at each election for only a term of two years. Thereafter all shall be elected as specified herein.

Section 13. This body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian and business-like manner according to the rules of Christian conduct laid down in the teachings of the New Testament. Thus the right to discipline in this body is confined to this body, but a charge against a member of this body and the members of local churches shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly thereby.

ARTICLE III. DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over all the deliberations of this body while in session.

Section 2. The moderator shall have the power to rule measures out of order providing this ruling is sustained by one-third of the delegates present.

Section 3. The Vice-Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the Moderator in his absence.

Section 4. The Vice-Moderator shall be ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

Section 5. It shall be the duty of the clerk to make and keep records of all the business proceedings and activities of this body.

Section 6. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to receive all funds, pay all bills and keep records of receipts and disbursements.

Section 7. All officers and board members must be Free Will Baptist who are in good standing in their respective churches and associations, must belong to this body and must, when elected, live within bounds of the Association. The treasurer must give bond.

Section 8. It shall be the duty of the planning board to provide general plans for this Association, make the budget and regulate fees.

Section 9. The Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Reading Clerk and Statistician shall act as the Executive Board. This Board shall have full authority to do all acts for and in the name of the Association when the Association is not in session.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of the Mission Board to make plans for church extension and operate any state mission work and also work in the interest of the foreign mission program of the National Association. It shall be the duty of Mission Board to help make our people missionary minded.

Section 11. It shall be the duty of the educational board to make plans for operating the Florida Training Camp and Christian education for Christian workers. This board shall keep our National

and State educational work before our people. It shall be their duty to create interest in Christian education.

Section 12. Board of Trustees shall be 5 in number, to be selected by the association. Their duties shall be to take and hold all real property of the association.

They shall further have full charge and responsibility for the maintenance of the Training Camp and Tabernacle.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the superannuation board to make general plans for superannuation for aged ministers, and to cooperate with the National Association in providing insurance protection for our younger ministers.

BY-LAWS TO SECTION 13

PURPOSE—

The purpose of the program is to make possible for active Free Will Baptist Ministers and full-time Christian Workers the following benefits:

1. Protection for loved-ones in case of untimely death. (Face value of insurance policy with accumulated dividends.)
2. A regular income in case of total and permanent disability.
3. Income from retirement age to death.
4. The above benefits shall be provided through and by the provisions of the State and National Superannuation program.

PLAN—

The National board finances this program with funds sent from the State Superannuation boards. The State Treasurer keeps 75 per cent of these funds for the operation of the State program, and will send 25 per cent to the National Treasurer.

AMOUNTS OF BENEFITS FROM STATE TREASURER

The amount of monthly benefits shall be governed by the following rules:

1. The amount shall be \$10 per month to the disabled Minister or Christian Worker, and to be increased (not to exceed \$25) if the total amount in the State treasurer permits, but in no case shall this be done if it will prevent all payments to be made for the Associational year to all those receiving benefits.

ELIGIBILITY—

The above benefits shall be paid monthly to the following:

1. To any Free Will Baptist Minister or full-time Christian Worker who is a member in good standing of a church in the Florida State Association who has a total or permanent disability or upon reaching the age of 70 years.
2. The titles given above Free Will Baptist Minister or full-time Christian Worker shall be as follows to Free Will Baptist Ministers who have either pastored or done full-time Evangelistic or Teaching work for 10 years. Christian Workers shall have done full-time Christian work as teachers or Missionaries (Home and Foreign) or Evangelistic work for 10 years for the Free Will Baptist Church.
3. Applications must be made to and approved by the Florida State Superannuation Board, while in private session.
4. That the traveling expense of Board members shall be paid for all Board meetings by the board.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

Section 1. Amendments to this constitution must be put before the body while in session one day before voted on, and must be read at least twice and passed by two-thirds of the delegates present. All amendments must be ratified by three of the associations, now belonging to the body and by a majority of the associations belonging to same, should other associations join us in the future.

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