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

General Officers

Moderator—Rev. Irvin Hyman, 2816 Edison Avenue, Jacksonville,
Florida
Vice-Moderator—Rev. A. L. McFarland, 2815 N.W. 91st St., Miami,
Florida
Clerk—Rev. Robert Owen, 610 Poinsetta Road, Auburndale, Florida
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Board of Trustees

1959, Lloyd Crews, 4545 Ramona St., Jacksonville, Florida
1959, Hugh Peacock, Blountstown, Florida
1961, T. C. Mitchell, 2819 N.W. 90 St., Miami, Florida
1961, W. L. Collins, 218 Shortread St., Jacksonville, Florida
1961, Walter F. Rice, Tampa, Florida
1963, Ernest Owen, Chipley, Florida
1963, Harvey Henderson, Route 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama

Board of Directors

Free Will Baptist Bible Institute

Harold Harrison, Chipley, Florida
Chester A. Huckaby, 1548 Mulberry Avenue, Panama City, Florida
Ernest Owen, Chipley, Florida
Harvey Henderson, Route 1, Box 199, Atmore, Alabama
Clyde Owen, Malone, Florida

(All other standing board are composed of five 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. Article II, Section 12).

Planning Board—North Florida Association
Education Board—West Florida Liberty Association
Superannuation Board—South Florida Association
Sunday School Board—Northeast Florida Association
League Board—Salem Association
Missions Board—Central Association

Committees

Program Committee—Executive Board
Credentials Committee—

MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Liberty District:

W. E. George, Route 1, Bonify, Fla.
Leon Owens, Vernon, Fla.
Harold Harrison, Chipley, Fla.
Freeman R. Edwards, Chipley, Fla.
Bill Merchant, Chipley, Fla.
Chester A. Huckaby, Panama City, Fla.

Salem District:

Daniel F. Pelt, Route 1, Grand Ridge, Fla.
Chester H. Pelt, Chipola Jr. College, Marianna, Fla.

Central District:

Fred L. Bradshaw, Plant City, Fla.
Robert Owen, Auburndale, Fla.

Northeast District:

Irvin Hyman, Jacksonville, Fla.
Q. Hansley, Jacksonville, Fla.
Dennis E. Bias, Jacksonville, Fla.
Elzie D. Franks, Jacksonville, Fla.
J. C. Jamison, Jacksonville, Fla.
T. O. Morgan, Jacksonville, Fla.

South Florida District:

Theo. J. Buck, Hialeah, Fla.
William Travis, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
Albert L. McFarland, Miami, Fla.

North Florida District:

Wayne Hicks, Quincy, Fla.
Joe Turner, Ocala, Fla.
Joe Esther, Tallahassee, Fla.
O. D. Phillips, Ocala, Fla.
Arnold Woodlief, Marianna, Fla.

West Florida District:

H. L. Henderson, Atmore, Ala.

VISITING MINISTERS

Durward Long, Lakeland, Fla.
Melitino Martinez, 447 S.W. G. St., Miami, Fla.
L. C. Johnson, Nashville, Tenn.
Ernest Harrson, Wewoka, Oklahoma
Damon Dodd, Savannah, Ga.
Elro I. Driggers, Jacksonville, Fla.

DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Earnest Owen, Chipley, Fla.
John Watson, Plant City, Fla.
Richard Mitchell, Unknown
Troy Smith, Davie, Fla.
Wildon W. Hall, Atmore, Ala.
Coy Owens, Panama City, Fla.
Joe Spears, Blountstown, Fla.
Charlie C. Allen, Jacksonville, Fla.
Jasper Brown, Margate, Fla.
Pirkle Orvin, Jacksonville, Fla.
Walter F. Rice, Tampa, Fla.
B. S. Craven, Jacksonville, Fla.
W. L. Collins, Jacksonville, Fla.

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES WHO REGISTERED

Salem: Audrey Eiland
Liberty: Bill Marchant, Bertie Baxter, Thelma Owens
West Florida: Edna Henderson, Agnes Ashcraft
Central: Mattie Dawson, Louise Owen, Richard Mitchell
South Florida: Allie Brown, Anna May McFarland, Nolan Taylor,
Anna Lee Travis, Doris Hall
Northeast: Nettie Lee, C. C. Allen, Donald Franks, Mrs. Q. Hansley,
Ethel Jamison

CHURCH DELEGATES

Allie Brown, First Church, Margate
Saundra Parrish, First Church, Quincy
William Compten, Davie Church, Davie
W. R. Harris, Unity Church, Jacksonville
Mrs. Chester Pelt, Hickory Grove Church Marianna
Vida May Rice, First Church, Tampa
Dona Booth, Marvin Chapel Church, Marianna
Rosie Lee Rodgers, First Church, Haines City

DISTRICT MODERATORS AND CLERKS

DISTRICT	MODERATOR	CLERKS
Liberty	Rev. Bill George Bonifay, Fla.	Harold Harrison Chipley, Fla.
Northeast	Irvin Hyman 2830 Edison Ave. Jacksonville, Fla.	W. L. Collins 503 Cynthia St. Jacksonville, Fla.
South Florida	Rev. Albert McFarland 2815 N.W. 91st St. Miami, Fla.	Doris Hall Miami, Fla.
Salem	Rev. Clyde Owen Malone, Fla.	Chester L. Cook Rt. 1, Box 192 Altha, Fla.
West Florida	Rev. H. L. Henderson Rt. 1, Box 199 Atmore, Ala.	Agnes Ashcraft Rt. 1, Box 894 Jay, Fla.
Central	Rev. Robert Owen 610 Poinsetta Rd. Auburndale, Fla.	G. W. Cloud P. O. Box 461 Eau Gallie, Fla.

PROCEEDINGS

THURSDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3

The sixteenth annual session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists was opened with the delegation and visitors singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up," directed by Brother Albert McFarland. Rev. Bill George led the congregation in the opening prayer.

The Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, brought the evening devotional.

The Vice-Moderator being, Rev. Albert McFarland, introduced the Rev. Leon Owens, State Treasurer. The Rev. Leon Owens, introduced the Rev. Robert Owen, clerk of the State Association. Robert Owen introduced the Rev. Irvin Hyman, Moderator and pastor of the Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville.

The moderator, Rev. Irvin Hyman, called the association into official session and introduced, Rev. D. E. Bias of Jacksonville, who gave the welcome address, to the State Association.

Special music was rendered by the Trio, from the First Free Will Baptist Church in Miami.

Rev. Irvin Hyman introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, pastor of the First Church in Savannah, Georgia. The subject of his message was "Exalting Christ Through Separation." He used as text, I John 3:1-3.

Rev. Freeman R. Edwards, Rev. Chester A. Huckaby, Rev. D. E. Bias were named as a Committee on Committees.

After proper sleeping facilities had been provided for all who wish to spend the night, the benediction prayer was given and the meeting adjourned until 10:00 o'clock Friday morning.

FRIDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4

The session opened with the singing of "To The Work." The Rev. Harvey Henderson brought the morning devotional, using Matthew 24:37-42 for the Scripture reading and devotional thought. The congregation sang the hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms."

At this time the Moderator recognized Rev. Durward Long, Education Director for the Christian Action League, in the State of Florida.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by the

chairman. *MSC to receive the report and seat the delegates. (See committee reports).

Visiting ministers were recognized and welcomed. (See visiting ministers).

MSC to adopt the report of committee on committees. MSC that a committee be appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws.

MSC that the report of the Superannuation Board be adopted.

MSC to adopt the report of the Sunday School Board.

At this time the Moderator recognized Rev. Ernest Harrison, from the state of Oklahoma, who gave a report of the Oklahoma Free Will Baptist Sunday School Literature.

The congregation sang the hymn, "Love Lifted Me." A special message in song, was rendered by the Miami Trio. The Moderator, Rev. Irvin Hyman, introduced the speaker for the morning worship service. Rev. Harold Harrison used Exodus 21:1-6. The subject of his message was "Exalting Christ Through Missions." A prayer of consecration concluded the morning service.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The service opened by singing the hymn, "I Am Resolved."

The Moderator introduced the Rev. Melitino Martinez, pastor of the Cuban Free Will Baptist Church of Miami. Rev. Martinez spoke for a few minutes.

At this time the Moderator recognized Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, and asked him to give a report of the College.

MSC that we receive an offering for the Cuban Free Will Baptist Church of Miami.

MSC that we receive the report of Education Board and dispose of it item by item. MSC that the first four items be adopted. MSC that item 5 be placed on the table.

MSC that the Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee report be adopted. MSC that the words Friday and Saturday be struck

out of Article II. Section 1. in the Constitution and By-Laws and add the words Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. MSC that this item be placed on the table.

MSC that the report of the Mission Board be adopted.

MSC that the report of the League Board be adopted.

MSC that we receive Planning Board and adopt them item by item. MSC that the Executive Board appoint a board of directors for the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute and give their report Saturday morning.

At this time the Treasurer gave his report. MSC that treasurer report be placed on the table.

MSC that the Treasurer be given authority to buy an adding machine and that the money to come out of Treasurer expense.

MSC to adopt the report of the Board of Trustees of the Youth Camp.

MSC to adjourn.

FRIDAY NIGHT

The services opened by singing the hymns, "The Solid Rock." "How Great Thou Art."

The moderator introduced the speaker of the hour, Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. Dr. Johnson the subject, "Exalting Christ Through Christian Education." He used Proverbs 3:6 for the Scriptural basis of his message. After the message, an offering was received for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in the amount of \$80.00.

"Let's get acquainted." A time of fellowship with the singing of the choruses, "The Old Time Religion." "Heavenly Sunshine," was enjoyed by all present.

MSC to adjourn until 9:30 A.M. Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 5

The morning devotion was led by H. G. Joyner, layman of Jacksonville, Florida. The Rev. D. F. Pelt led in prayer.

MSC that the credentials committee report be accepted.

MSC to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee. MSC to

amend motion to adopt the report item by item. (See Report of Resolutions Committee).

MSC to adopt the report of the Welcoming Committee.

MSC that a placement Committee for the next session of the State Association be appointed. The Rev. C. A. Huckaby, W. L. Collins, J. L. Harvey, appointed.

MSC to adopt the report of the Appreciation Committee.

MSC to adopt the report of the Mission Board.

MSC to adopt the report of Finance Committee.

MSC that we accept the report of the Executive Board. MSC to amend motion to adopt the report item by item. MSC to postpone the vote on item 3, until delegates who were late had time to register.

MSC that motion be brought from table, (That the words Friday and Saturday be struck out of Article II. Section 1. in the Constitution and By-Laws and add the words, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Motion lost.

MSC that treasurer report be brought from table. MSC to suspend rules that interferes with the taking the money from the evangelism fund. MSC to amend motion that \$648.60 be given to the Florida Free Will Baptist Institute and that \$500.00 be given to help build a chapel in Miami, for the Spanish speaking people. And that this money come from the evangelism fund.

Item 5 of the report of the Education Board was again placed before the body. Motion made and seconded to adopt item 5. The motion lost. MSC that the Clerk take care of unfinished report of Credentials Committee.

Item 3 of the report of Executive Board was again placed before the body. The Rev. Albert McFarland re-read the recommendation. MSC to adopt item 3 of the Executive Board. (See Executive Board report).

MSC that the Resolutions Committee be responsible or recommend a place for the next session of the Association each year.

MSC that the Moderator appoint the delegates to National Association. The following were named as delegates, Mrs. Chester H. Pelt, Mrs. Edna Henderson, Mrs. Inez Esther, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Owen, Mrs. Irvin Hyman.

MSC that report of Placement Committee be accepted. MSC that the next session of the State Association be held with the Shiloh Church.

MSC to adjourn. The meeting was concluded with prayer.

REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

CREDENTIALS REPORT

	<i>Number</i>	<i>Delegates</i>	<i>Fees</i>
District Associations	6	17	\$120.00
Local Churches	13	11	57.00
Ministers	24	24	40.00
Deacons	11	11	18.00
Total		63	\$235.00

Respectfully submitted,

Credentials Committee

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, wish to make the following report:

Finance Committee: Leon Owens, William Travis, Louise Owen.

Resolutions Committee: Wayne Hicks, Harvey Henderson, Fred Bradshaw.

Appreciation Committee: Anna Mae McFarland, Mrs. J. W. Lamb, Melitino Martinez.

Minister and Deacon's Summer Camp: W. E. George, Albert McFarland, W. L. Collins.

Welcome Committee: Ernest Owen, Daniel Pelt, W. R. Harris.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. C. A. Huckaby

Rev. D. E. Bias

Rev. Freeman L. Edwards

The members of the Planning Board submit the following resolutions and recommendations:

1. We recommend that the following percentages be adopted to budget out State Cooperative Funds:

National Coop. Program	40%
Foreign Missions	10%
Home Missions	10%
Bible College	10%
State Treasurer's Expense	3%
State Program	27%

State Funds To Be Divided As Follows:

Orphange	30%
Superannuation	30%
Youth Camp (Operating Fund)	18%
Youth Camp (Bldg. & Maint.)	20%
General Fund	2%

2. We recommend that the \$221.78 balance in the Church Extension Fund, be transferred to the General Fund to offset the \$201.42 deficit there which was created by the expense of the Insestigation Committee, sent to Miami last year.

3. We recommend that the authority granted to the Board of Trustees of Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist to sell the Cottondale Youth Camp site be rescinded.

4. We recommend that the Executive Committee of the State Association be authorized to proceed in establishing and setting in operation a Free Will Baptist Bible Institute at the Cottondale Camp site at the earliest possible time.

5. In the event that recommendation 3 and 4 were approved, we recommend the establishing of a Board of Directors for said Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

Liberty Association
Planning Board

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

NOVEMBER 11, 1959 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1960

	Book Balance 11-10-59		Receipts & Disbursements Nov. 11, 59 - Sept. 30, 60		Balance October 11, 60		
	CR.	DB.	CR.	DB.	CR.	DB.	
1. Coop. Program			\$1,780.22	\$1,780.22			
2. Treasurer Expense	10.32		197.80	41.98	\$166.14		
3. Youth Camp Bldg. Fund		\$18.10	457.71	536.49		\$ 96.88	
4. Youth Camp Oper. Fund	542.91		991.02	807.74	726.19		
5. Home Missions			742.98	742.98			
6. Foreign Missions			1,231.68	1,231.68			
7. Gen. Fund	17.10		315.12	635.29		303.07	
8. Superannuation	515.48		296.70	220.00	592.18		
9. Children's Home			304.20	304.20			
10. F.W.B. Bible College			269.88	269.88			
11. Evangelism	752.99		395.61		1,148.60		
12. Church Extension	221.78				221.78		
13. Serving Counter	62.94		51.91	100.00	14.85		
14. Kitchen Tile	27.00		78.91	140.00		34.09	
15. Co. Labor Fund			25.38	25.38			
16. Station Wagon			5.25	5.25			
17. Washington			216.45	216.45			
18. Sandra Dawson			255.59	255.59			
19. Mexico			64.00	64.00			
20. Bobby Poole			22.69	22.69			
21. Student Bonus Fund			1.00	1.00			
22. W.N.A.C. Spec. Prog.			24.47	24.47			
23. Mt. Olive College			10.00		10.00		
	\$2,150.52	\$18.10			\$2,879.74	\$434.04	Book Balance \$2,445.70

Respectfully submitted,

Leon Owens, Treasurer

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

We, your Sunday School Board recommend the following:

1. Every teacher be a *born again christian*.
2. That all Free Will Baptist Sunday Schools use Free Will Baptist literature.
3. That a course in Personal Evangelism be taught by the Pastor or a qualified teacher. Every teacher needs to know the "plan of Salvation" and how to lead a soul to Christ.
4. That the body adopt and use the teachers pledge, included in this report.

Believing that my faithfulness to the work to which God has called me and the example which I set for my pupils are equally vital to fruitfulness, I accept the following as my standard for service.

THE TEACHER'S PLEDGE

1. I PLEDGE to keep my own spiritual life so that it will be an example to my class in Christian testimony, conversation and prayer.
2. I PLEDGE to endeavor to lead all of my students who are unsaved to accept Christ as their personal Saviour.
3. I PLEDGE to make the spiritual life of my students my chief concern, in order to lead them into a fuller life of spiritual growth.
4. I PLEDGE that I will carefully prepare my lesson and make each session a matter of prayerful concern, presenting the doctrines of my church with conviction and honesty; and at the same time I will be considerate of the convictions of others.
5. I PLEDGE to attend all services possible that are conducted at my church; morning worship, mid-week service, young people's service, and revival services; and I will encourage my students to do likewise. (Evening worship services included).
6. I PLEDGE to endeavor to lead all my students to a high standard of regular attendance, punctuality, bringing the Bible, preparation of the lesson, and giving in offering.
7. I PLEDGE to live up to my responsibility in being prompt to see that all absentees are contacted before the following Sunday.
8. I PLEDGE to participate in all programs of the Sunday School to reach new students for the school, and to be cordial in welcoming

new students and visitors into my class, and I will see that all visitors are recognized.

9. I PLEDGE my regular attendance at Teacher's Meetings and Workers' Conference for the promotion of my Sunday School, and to take advantage of any training course offered for teachers.
10. I PLEDGE that if at any time I am unable to teach my class, I will notify either my assistant teacher or superintendent as soon as possible.
11. I PLEDGE to be subject to the authorities of the Sunday School with the understanding that my appointment may be changed at any time.
12. I PLEDGE, by the help of God, to be faithful in performing my duties to the best of my ability and to be as efficient as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

South Florida Association
Sunday School Board

REPORT OF LEAGUE BOARD

We, your League Board, wish to make the following report:

We ask each church without a League to consider again this organization. Your People need your help through the league.

That every pastor see that a league is organized in his church.

Respectfully submitted,

Central Florida Association
League Board

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

We, your Mission Board, wish to make the following report:

With information received from five Districts, the amount of \$3,836.96 has been given to missions. However we feel that, this amount does not give a true picture of the amount that has been given throughout the State, and do not wish you to accept as such. At the 1959 session the Mission Board ask each Association to promote a missions conference in their District. We ask that you make special effort to have this Mission Conference.

We feel sure that the Missionaries who are on itenerate work,

would be happy to work with you in these conferences, or any other mission program you have planned. Should you desire "We hope you will," to arrange your program to include them. Contact your Home and Foreign Missions Boards to arrange the schedule.

We, your Mission Board, ask that the Florida State Association, endorse an itinerate (with approval of Brother Homer Willis) for Brother Martinez in this State and also provide a minister of this Association to accompany him throughout the state in these services, for the purpose of raising money for a church in Miami, for the Spanish speaking people.

Respectfully submitted,

West Florida Association
Mission Board

REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the Executive Committee meet one day in advance of the State Association to co-ordinate all standing board reports. Motion made to amend that all local Associations reports be sent to the Clerk ten days before each session of the State Association.

2. Be it resolved that the visiting speakers invited for this session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist be paid expense for trip. Motion made to amend that in the future out of state speakers be paid traveling expense.

3. Be it resolved that in expression of our appreciation to our Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, that they be paid \$25.00 each from the general fund.

4. Be it resolved that the local church pay its pastor fees to the State Association.

5. WHEREAS, Roman Catholicism is both a religious and political system;

WHEREAS, the Vatican does not recognize civil authorities;

WHEREAS, the Roman Catholic Church believes it is the true church, and all other churches are "synagogues of Satan";

WHEREAS, it seeks the uniting of church and state;

WHEREAS, it does not allow religious freedom to those of other faiths in countries of the world where it dominates;

WHEREAS, in countries where Roman Catholicism is in power the Protestants are persecuted and sometimes put to death;

WHEREAS, there is a fear among many true Protestant believers of pressure being applied by the Vatican in this country to a greater extent;

WHEREAS, our Free Will Baptist churches have always and traditionally believed the Bible to be our supreme authority instead of the Pope in Rome, therefore, be it resolved;

That the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists, go on record this 5 day of November 1960 as opposing the election of Senator John Fitzgerald Kennedy, a loyal son of the Catholic church to the presidency of the United States of America.

Be it further resolved, that we urge our people to prayerfully study the problems, and allow the Holy Spirit to direct them as they go to the polls to vote on November 8th.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Hicks
Harvey Henderson
Fred Bradshaw

REPORT OF PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

As Placement Committee for the Florida Association of Free Will Baptist, we recommend as for invitations received that this body choose between, Shiloh Church, West Florida Association and the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp for the 1961 session (Shiloh church invitation) was accepted.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. Huckaby
W. L. Collins
J. L. Harvey

REPORT OF REVISIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Committee, ask the following changes be made.

1. ARTICLE III—Section 9. That the words Reading Clerk, and Statistician be omitted from this Section.

2. ARTICLE III—Section 11. That the word "Training" to be changed to "Youth"; that the words "and Christian Education for Christian workers," in this Section.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Hicks
D. F. Pelt
Leon Owens
Harold Harrison
Bill George

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Association Dues	\$100.00
Deacons Dues	22.00
Ministers	51.00
Delegates	33.00
Total	\$206.00

Respectfully submitted

Finance Committee

REPORT OF THE SUPERANNUATION BOARD

By the request of Brother I. O. Cook that the question of his superannuation benefit be considered as follows:

The question being should he continue to receive benefits since he is able to resume his pastoral duties.

The Committee has unanimously agreed to follow the policy of the Social Security Board: that policy being that he be placed on a trial period of three months after which he can report the state of his health and ability to continue active service. If he is able to continue, his benefit be discontinued.

Therefore we recommend that the State Superannuation Board grant him the same period of grace effective November 1, 1960.

We further recommend that all churches take the matter of their superannuation responsibilities more seriously by supporting the worthy cause enthusiastically.

Respectfully submitted,

Salem Association

REPORT OF THE WELCOMING COMMITTEE

We, the Welcoming Committee, extend to each and every person who has been privileged to attend this Convention, a warm welcome. We are sincerely glad that God has granted you this privilege, and is a privilege to carry on the work that needs to be done for our Blessed Redeemed. We thank Him for each and every one of you. May God continue to bless us as we labor together for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Welcoming Committee

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

1. We had two youth sessions at the Free Will Baptist Youth Camp consisting of one week each, with 90 campers in attendance. Six of the seven districts were represented.

2. A Minister's and Laymans' meeting was conducted at the camp during October 17-19 with a fair attendance. During this time the men installed 40 additional Navy bunks for sleeping purposes.

3. An old fashioned camp meeting was held during the summer under the direction of Evangelist Frank Thompson of Gainesville, Florida.

4. Also, the State League Convention was held at Florida Youth Camp again this year.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Money Received from Campers	\$649.50	
Gifts and Miscellaneous Income	326.15	
Total Receipts		\$975.65
Paid Out:		
Groceries and Supplies	\$ 72.38	
Supplies for Campers	52.56	
Trip to Florida Caverns	11.50	
Drinks	125.27	
Kitchen Help	138.50	
Teachers, Superintendent & Evangelist	435.00	
Insurance	52.05	
Return to State Treasurer	88.39	
		\$975.65

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION BOARD OF TRUSTEES

For the year of 1960, we, your Board of Trustees are happy to report the following progress, recognizing that each are the blessings of God. The Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was remodeled as follows.

1. Some of the rooms were petitioned making more convenient in their use.

2. The stage in Auditorium was rebuilt.

3. 200 Auditorium seats purchased and installed.

4. 100 Navy bunks purchased and about 50 installed.

5. 20 new folding or portable bunks purchased.

6. Kitchen floor tiled.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Trustees

REPORT OF THE APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, your appreciation committee, submit the following report.

We appreciate the Northeast Florida Association for a job well done in hosting this session of the Florida State Association.

We appreciate the challenging messages brought by our speakers in this session.

We appreciate the "Spirit of Christ" manifested in the deliberations of this body, a greater denomination, and the extending and enlarging of our interests in the cause of Christ.

Above all, we appreciate the opportunity and the privilege of "exalting Christ" and lifting Him up before a lost and dying world.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Albert McFarland

Mrs. J. W. Lamb

Rev. Melitino Martinez

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

We recommend to this body that it take a definite stand against modernism and all social sin and we must "have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness" (Eph. 5:11) if the Lord Jesus Christ shall be exalted. We must exalt the Lord Jesus Christ through personal conviction's based upon the word of God.

It is our personal conviction that a devoted life to the cause of Christ involves clean living. Therefore, "whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him." Col. 3:17.

The Executive Committee of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist recommend, that the resolution which was passed by the body while in session at Miami, Florida, 1958 to endorse and support Mount Olive Junior College, Mount Olive, North Carolina, be rescinded by this body in this session.

We name the following as the Board of Directors for the Florida Free Will Baptist Institute. Harold Harrison, Chester A. Huckaby, Ernest Owen, Harvey Henderson and Clyde Owen.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Board

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE ASSOCIATION

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 Baptist."

ARTICLE II — OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Boards, delegates and fees and time of meeting

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be: A Moderator, 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 officer 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. Associations 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 represented 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 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 nominee, 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 the first 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 officers 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 members 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 or receipts and disbursements.

Section 7. All officers and board members must be Free Will Baptists 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 and Treasurer 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 Youth Camp and 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 elected 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 Youth Camp.

Section 13. It shall be the duty of the Superannuation Board to make general plans for Superannuation for aged ministers, and to co-operate 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 benefites:

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 the 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. Application 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 associations join us in the future.

WOMAN’S STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION

June 4, 1960

1. MEMBERSHIP REPORT

No. Registered at this Convention	43
No. of Members Last Year	316

The Following Districts were Represented

Liberty
Salem
West Florida
Central Florida
Northeast Florida
Mt. Carmel of Parry (Local)

2. FINANCIAL REPORT

Cash in Bank Oct. 24, 1959	\$ 8.69
Total Receipts (Nov. 1959 - June 4, 1960)	113.10
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	\$121.79
Disbursements	\$111.83

OFFICERS OF WSAC

President—Mrs. Louise Owen, Auburndale, Florida

Vice-President—Mrs. Mildred Pelt, Marianna, Florida

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Vertie Suggs

Corresponding Secretary - Treasurer—Mrs. Corine George, Bonifay,
Florida

Youth Chairman—Mrs. Azeal Justice, Panama City, Florida

Study Course Chairman—Mrs. Joan Gower

Stewardship Prayer—Mrs. Irvine Hyman, Jacksonville, Florida

Personal Service—Mrs. Bertie Baxter

Camp Committee—Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Mrs. Oma Owen, Mrs.
Lillian Rogers

STATISTICAL REPORTS OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Districts	Churches	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Sunday School Enrollment	F.W.B. League Enrollment	F.W.B. Leagues	Woman's Auxiliaries Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	Youth Auxiliaries Membership	Youth Auxiliaries	Master's Men Membership	Master's Men	General Offering	Spent for Local Causes	Co-Operative Program	Other than Co-Operative Program	Children's Home	Parsonage	Prayer Meetings	Sunday Schools	Value of Parsonages	Value of Church Property
West Florida	8	645	15	488	188	6	43	9	53	4	46		\$ 17,563.27	\$ 22,991.93	\$ 410.83	\$ 202.95	\$ 353.97				\$ 5,000.00	\$ 83,250.00
Liberty	11	834	12	767	387	6	68	9	53	4	46		32,841.91	27,531.01	2,275.68	4,742.90	533.48	2	11	11	20,000.00	126,730.00
Salem	19	1,303	15			5							13,205.96	10,782.92	1,323.08	247.35						158,700.00
Northeast Florida	5	360	9	365	125	4	43	3	39	1	20		19,286.05	20,852.05	101.23	877.59	66.21	2	5	5	10,000.00	60,000.00
South Florida	3	140		190	57								13,350.00	7,013.16	89.13	855.36		1			17,500.00	168,000.00
Central Florida	8	595		700	326	3	49	2	27				27,577.22	26,334.11	348.25	4,514.67	122.09	1	8	8	13,000.00	168,000.00
North Florida																						
TOTAL	54	3,877	51	2,510	1,083	18	203	14	119	5	66		\$129,824.41	\$115,505.18	\$4,548.20	\$11,440.82	\$1,076.75	6	24	24	\$95,500.00	\$764,680.00

Value of Denominational Property:

F.W.B. Institute	\$15,000.00
Youth Camp	50,000.00
	\$65,000.00

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORT BLANKS

REPORT OF A DISTRICT ASSOCIATION TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

To the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists meeting at _____
_____ on _____, 19____.

Delegates:

Alternates:

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GENERAL INFORMATION:

Name of District _____

Moderator's Name and Address _____

Clerk's Name and Address _____

Date and Place of Next District Meeting _____

STATISTICS:

Number of Churches _____, Number of Members _____
(resident _____, non-resident _____) Number of Ordained
Ministers _____, Number of Licensed Ministers _____ Number
of Ordained Deacons _____ Active _____, Inactive _____.

AUXILIARIES:

Number of Sunday Schools _____, Number of Members _____,
Number of Leagues _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Young People's Auxiliaries _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Go-Tell Auxiliaries _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Boy's Auxiliaries _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Master's Men Auxiliaries _____, Number of Members _____
Number of Prayer Meetings _____, Average Attendance _____

FINANCE:

Total Giving in Church _____

General Offerings _____, Building Fund _____

Spent for Local Causes:

Pastor's Salaries _____, Evangelists _____, Literature _____

Building and Repair _____, Miscellaneous _____ Total _____

Spent for Outside Causes:

Co-Operative Fund _____

Other than Co-Operative Fund:

Foreign Missions _____, Home Missions _____, Education _____

Orphanage _____, Superannuation _____, District, State and Na-

tional Projects _____, Miscellaneous _____, Total _____

Value of Church Property _____

Value of Parsonages _____, Number of Parsonages _____

Amount Enclosed for Associational Fee _____

Amount Enclosed for Other (Specify) _____

Remarks _____

_____, Moderator

_____, Clerk

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