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of the
SEVENTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION
of the
FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

held with
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bratt, Florida
November, 3, 4, 1961

The Next Session will be held with First Free Will
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P R O C E E D I N G S

Thursday Evening, November 2

The service began with Rev. McFarland leading the congregation in singing "Love Lifted Me". Rev. George led in the opening prayer, and the congregation then sang "Standing on the Promises."

The officers of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists was introduced to the congregation, and Wayne Hicks appointed to serve as Clerk in the absence of Robert Owen, Clerk. Then a welcome was extended by Harvey Henderson, Pastor of the Host Church.

The Moderator, Rev. Irvin Hyman, declared The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists in order for its seventeenth Annual Session. The Moderator then gave his opening address to the Body and read from the Scriptures Zephaniah 3:1-4.

After another song Rev. Owen Ganey, Pastor of Unity Church in Jacksonville, was introduced. Brother Ganey brought the message for the evening. He read Mark 2:1-12, and the title of his message was "Termites from Hell".

The Moderator named the Committee on Committees as Bill Travis, Q. Hansley, and Ernest Owen. The visitors were recognized and welcomed. Then the Credentials Committee was named as follows: Elzie Carroll, Lloyd Carroll, and Floyd Coleman. The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunshine" after which Rev. K. V. Shutes led in the benediction prayer.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

The day started with Rev. Henderson leading the congregational singing, and Rev. Hicks, who read II Samuel 9, led in the morning devotion. The Moderator called the Body to order and a few remarks about parliamentary rules and deliberations.

The Moderator asked for a motion to adopt the Program which had been outlined by the Executive Committee. Rev. D. F. Pelt stated that this was out of order, because the delegates had not been seated.

When the Chair called for a partial report from the Credentials Committee, the Committee was not ready with their report; so the Moderator asked Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama, to give a report of the Children's Home. (see reports).

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report. A motion was carried to accept the report and seat the delegates.

Rev. D. F. Pelt made a motion to seat visiting ministers as visitors, so that they may enter the discussions. Carried.

The Committee on Committees gave their report which was adopted.

The Planning Board made its report, and Rev. McFarland made a motion to table the report. Motion to table carried.

The congregational singing was led by Rev. Henderson for the eleven A.M. Worship Service. We sang "Praise Him, Praise Him", and "At The Cross". Brother E. A. Riggs led in prayer. Rev. Chester A. Huckaby preached the message. His Scripture was taken from Colossians 1:13-19, and his subject was the theme of the Convention. "The Preeminent Christ". After singing "Oh, How I Love Jesus", The Body was dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

For the devotional period Rev. Travis directed the Body in singing "Send the Light." After Rev. Driggers led in prayer the Congregation sang "Let the Lower Lights be Burning." Rev. George was in charge of the devotion. He read from Col. 1:18 and Proverbs 3:5, 6.

A motion was made by Rev. I. O. Cook to take the planning Board report from the table. Motion was lost.

The Board of Superannuation made their report which was adopted.

League Board report was given and adopted.

Rev. Leon Owens made his report as Treasurer. Report adopted.

Melitino was asked to give information on his work in Miami. He stated that the work was growing, and that about 3 weeks ago they had bought property by the help of the National Home Missions Department. Mrs. Yeley lives in one of the apartments of the building.

The Educational Board made its report, and it was adopted.

The report from the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute was adopted. A motion was made by Rev. Huckaby to give the people an opportunity to give to F. F. W. B. B. I. Motion carried.

A motion, made by Rev. Huckaby, was carried to take from the table the Planning Board report. Report adopted.

Rev. Elro Driggers made a motion that we hear the Executive Committee report. The report was given, and Rev. D. F. Pelt made a motion to table this for this Session. This motion got a second, but it was lost by count of more than 2 to 1. The Executive Committee report was adopted by count of over 13 to 1.

Rev. Driggers moved to hear from Rev. Henderson about the Missionaries coming into our Association with the Primitive Baptist Churches. Brother Huckaby made a motion that our State Mission Board work out some plan on behalf of this work with the National Home Mission Department. Motion carried.

The Motion to adjourn was made by Rev. Ganey.

FRIDAY EVENING

The song service for the evening was led by Rev. Henderson, and we sang "Send the Light", "Showers of Blessings", and "I am Thine O Lord". Rev. Elro Driggers presented a challenge to the Body on behalf of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

Brother Henderson sang a solo, "The Love of God". The evening message was given by Rev. Emory R. Corbett of Lake Butler, Florida. Bro. Corbett read from Galatians, Chapter 1, verse 6.

SATURDAY MORNING

The day was opened with singing led by Rev. McFarland. Rev.

Harrison led in the Devotion, reading Rev. 3:7,8. The prayer was offered by Rev. Owen Ganey.

The Moderator called for a final report from the Credentials Committee. The report was made and adopted.

The Placement Committee report was adopted.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given with a motion to adopt the report item by item. All items were adopted as given in report except item 5 which was amended to read that the same amount be paid to Vice-Moderator. The Moderator appointed these men to serve on the Revisions Committee; Harrold Harrison, Chester Huckaby and Wayne Hicks.

The report of the Appreciation Committee was adopted.

The report of the Finance Committee was made, and a motion was made to table the report. Motion to table carried.

The Nominating Committee made a report which was accepted and amended.

After Rev. Clyde Owen, who was not present, was elected as State Treasurer; Rev. Hicks was making a statement concerning this action; Rev. D. F. Pelt called a point of order to say that any remarks were out of order. Rev. Elro Driggers offered a motion to let Brother Hicks say what he wishes on the subject. Rev. Hicks made a motion to call Rev. Owen and pay the charges from the General Fund. Motion was Carried. Then Rev. McFarland moved to rescind the action of electing Rev. Owen as Treasurer. This motion was carried. Mr. W. J. Amerson was then elected as Treasurer. A motion was carried to make the change in the report.

A motion was carried to accept the part of the report as a whole which pertained to the assigning of the Boards.

Rev. Huckaby made a motion that we follow the custom in appointing the Credentials Committee. Carried.

A motion made by Rev. Pelt that the Executive Committee be authorized to appoint the Credentials Committee was carried.

The Moderator appointed a man in each Association to promote

giving through the Cooperative Program. Northeast - Elro Driggers, South Florida - William Travis, North Florida - Wayne Hicks, Liberty - Bill George, Salem - H. D. Shuemaker, Central - Fred Bradshaw, West Florida - Harvey Henderson.

A report from the Camp Meeting Committee was adopted.

Rev. McFarland made a motion that the moderator of each local association, along with the clerk, compile a complete list of all local churches, plus all local ministers in good standing, along with their present address, and that these lists be sent to the State Association Clerk to be printed in book form. A sufficient amount of these books then be mailed out to each local association. Motion carried.

Mrs. Bertie Baxter made a motion that the new Treasurer give his name and address to the body. Carried.

The Motion for the Moderator to appoint delegates to the National Association was carried. Appointed were: Donald Dingman, Ann Travis, Louise Hicks, Ruby Pelt, W. E. Holley.

This motion by Rev. Huckaby was carried. That in the event that these delegates cannot go, that they send a proxy. Amendment carried: Mrs. Ruby Pelt moved to appoint 3 alternates, and these to be used when the Clerk is notified. Alternates appointed: Mr. G. W. Cloud, Mrs. G. W. Cloud, Mrs. Oeal Finch, Mrs. Grace Huckaby, Mrs. Inez Esther.

A motion was made by Rev. Huckaby to take from the table the Finance Committee report. Motion carried. Report adopted.

Rev. Driggers moved that the same Sunday School Board report be repeated in the minutes. Carried.

Mr. Holley made a motion to take an offering for the Children's Home. Motion carried.

Rev. Huckaby moved that if we charged any visiting minister a fee, that we refund the money. Carried.

Rev. Huckaby moved that we offer our appreciation to our Moderator for coming all the way from Atlanta, Georgia for the Association. Carried.

Motion offered by Rev. Ganey to adjourn carried.

In closing the Session Brother McFarland sang, "Great is Thy Faithfulness." The Congregation joined in singing the chorus.

Moderator — Rev. Irvin Hyman

Clerk (pro tem) Rev. Wayne Hicks

R E P O R T S

CHILDREN'S HOME

This is a digest of the report. Receipts October, 1960 through September, 1961.

State Association	\$327.69	W. A. Wilkison	\$ 50.00
Unknown, Baker, Fla.	10.00	Fellowship Church	66.16
South Fla. Qt. Conference	15.61	North Fla. Assn.	10.00
McDavid, Christian Home	104.93	Travelers' Rest	26.58
Southern Union Assn.	45.88	Liberty Auxiliary, Jax.	150.00
Central Fla. Assn.	34.64	Ist Church, Haines City	4.87
Grace, Pensacola	81.80	Salem Assn.	123.00
Liberty Assn.	125.12	Pleasant Ridge	59.00
F. W. B. Temple	48.69	Marvin Chapel	43.20
Mrs. M. A. Beck	2.10	Lovewood	19.00
Ist Church, Crestview	17.75	Niceville Auxiliary	7.50
Ist Church, Bonifay	57.28	1st Church Davie	5.00
Mrs. Linda Barnhill	1.04	1st Church, Jacksonville	23.64
Cottdendale	15.00	Bro. Key	21.00
West Fla. Assn.	25.17	Ist Church, Pensacola	42.16
New Hope	6.00		
Total Cash Receipts			\$1,619.81
Clothing, Commodities, etc. donated			880.00
Capitol City Church, Tallahassee (put in reserve fund)			2,932.36
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		Total receipts from Florida	\$5,432.17

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE: T. J. Buck, Louise Hicks, Thelma Owens.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Harrold Harrison, C. A. Huckaby,
Harvey Henderson.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Jack Pitts, Grace Huckaby, Etha
Mae Owen.

WELCOME COMMITTEE: I. O. Cook, J. C. Dorch, D. F. Pelt.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Clyde Owen, Maurice Benzing, W. E.
George.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: G. W. Cloud, W. W. Eiland, H. D.
Shuemake.

MINISTER AND DEACONS' SUMMER CAMP COMMITTEE: Owen
Ganey, Freeman Edwards, Walter Eldridge.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Travis, Ernest Owen, Q. Hansley

PLANNING BOARD

We, the Planning Board, submit the following recommendations:

1. These percentages for the budgeting of the Cooperative Funds.

National Cooperative Program	40%
National Home Missions	10%
National Foreign Missions	10%
Bible College	10%
Percentages for the State Cooperative Program.	
Children's Home	25%
Superannuation	25%
Youth Camp	20%
Bible Institute	20%
General Fund	10%

2. That all expense created by the operation and maintenance of
the Youth Camp be paid from the Youth Camp Fund.

3. That the Moderator appoint a man in each local association to
encourage each local church to support the Cooperative Program with
at least 10% of its offerings.

4. That those using money from the General Fund be very discreet.

5. That the balance now in the Treasurer's Expense Fund be transferred into the General Fund.

6. That the Treasurer's expenses be paid from the General Fund.

Prayerfully submitted,
North Florida Association

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Upon investigation we find that Brother I. O. Cook is not now active in the pastorate, therefore we recommend that he continue to receive support from our Florida State Superannuation treasury in the amount of \$20.00 per month.

We further recommend that each local association and each local church consider supporting this worthy cause.

We further recommend that each minister consider the possibilities of retirement insurance now offered by our National Superannuation Board. (Write to Mrs. K. V. Shutes, P. O. Box 171, Fayette, Alabama.)

Respectfully Submitted,
South Florida Association

LEAGUE BOARD

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

We ask that each church without leagues endeavor to organize groups in the near future. The young people need your help and the church needs the young people.

We further recommend that all pastors encourage their people to promote the League program. We find that experience in league activities helps our young people to become leaders in our churches. It furnishes a foundation for Christian service when they become adults.

We believe churches with leagues grow stronger, attendance is increased, and Christian love and Christ-like relations are evident. The conditions furnishes a more fertile and prepared field for the work of a pastor in reaching the lost and leading them to a closer walk with Christ.

May the Lord give us grace to give more time and effort to this auxiliary of our church during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,
Salem Association

TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

BOOK BALANCE SHEET

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Project	Book Balance October 1, 1960		Receipts & Disbursements Oct. 1, 1960-Sept. 30, 1961		Book Balance Oct. 1, 1961	
	CR.	DB.	CR.	DB.	CR.	DB.
Coop Program			\$1,467.08	\$1,467.08		
Foreign Missions			1,761.84	1,761.84		
Home Missions			1,129.95	1,129.95		
Bible College			952.28	952.28		
Treasurer Expense	\$166.14		110.07	139.03	\$137.18	
Orphanage			410.07	410.07		
Superannuation	592.18		297.10	368.13	521.15	
Youth Camp Operation	726.19		413.59	505.16	634.62	
Youth Camp Building Fund		\$ 96.88	298.41	58.75	142.78	
Kitchen Tile		19.24	19.24			
Bible College Alumni			544.04	544.04		
Co-Laborer			26.48	26.48		
Student Loan Fund			14.00	14.00		
Bobby Poole			316.18	316.18		
W.N.A.C. Project			186.11	186.11		
Dr. Miley			18.30	18.30		
Bill Fulcher			82.20	82.20		
Mexico Student Loan Fund			20.00	20.00		
Hawaii			3.00	3.00		
Molly Barker			2.00	2.00		
Rev. John Moehlman			2.00	2.00		
Sandra Dawson			92.00	92.00		
Wayne Hartzog			50.66	50.66		
Mexico Station			29.00	29.00		
Melitino			75.00	75.00		
Washington, D. C.			51.00	51.00		
Lizzie McAdams			6.34	6.34		
Mrs. Postlewaite			2.00	2.00		
Herbert Waide			2.00	2.00		
Thomas Willey, Jr.			2.00	2.00		
Kitchen Tile		19.24	19.24			
Mt. Olive	10.00			10.00		
African Hospital			13.20	13.20		
General Fund		303.07	223.85	665.63		523.07
Gen. Fund from Ch. Ext.	221.78					
Miami Chapel			273.35			
Miami Ch. from Evang.			500.00	773.35		
F.F.W.B. Institute			26.34			
Fla. Inst. from Evang.			648.60	674.94		
Evangelism	148.60			1,148.60		
Church Extension	221.78			221.78		
						Balance on Hand October 1, 1961 \$912.66

STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

Miami Chapel	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
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YOUTH ENCAMPMENT

Youth Camp Operating Fund	229.75	229.75
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STATE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

Youth Camp Operating Fund	3.00	3.00
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SALEM ASSOCIATION

Youth Camp Building Fund	60.00	
Cooperative Program	1004.76	
Children's Home	45.00	
Bible College	45.00	
Home Missions	19.00	
Foreign Missions	44.34	
Sandra Dawson	50.00	1268.20

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Cooperative Program	531.58	
Cooperative Program (1st Church Pensacola)	180.59	712.17

SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Foreign Missions	161.84	
Home Missions	161.83	
Bible College	161.82	485.49

CAMP MEETING

Youth Camp Operating Fund	2.60	2.60
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FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

Bible College	82.74	
Miami Chapel	126.41	
General Fund	204.00	413.15

FLORIDA STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY

Foreign Missions	233.40	
Home Missions	168.15	
Co-Laborer	26.48	
Sandra Dawson	42.00	
Student Loan Fund	14.00	
Mexico Mission Station	29.00	

Bobby Poole	42.89	
WNAC Special Project	186.11	
Mrs. Lizzie McAdams	6.34	
Cooperative Program	25.90	
Youth Camp Building Fund	40.36	
Miami Chapel	28.20	
Mrs. Postlewaite	2.00	
Herbert Waide	2.00	
Thomas Willey, Jr.	2.00	
Children's Home	24.60	
Youth Camp (Kitchen Tile)	19.24	
Dr. Miley	5.00	
Molly Barker	2.00	
Rev. John Moehlman	2.00	90167
CENTRAL FLORIDA ASSOCIATION		
Cooperative Program	195.09	
Bobby Poole (Auburndale Church)	233.71	
Bobby Poole (Winter Haven Mission)	39.57	468.37
NORTHEAST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION		
Cooperative Program	30.00	30.00
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY ASSOCIATION		
Cooperative Program	1479.25	
Wayne Hartzog	50.00	
Foreign Missions	661.37	
Home Missions	405.23	
Bible College	213.24	
Bible College Alumni	544.04	
Bill Fulcher	82.20	
Melitino	75.00	
Washington, D. C.	51.00	
Children's Home	43.37	
Florida F. W. B. Bible Institute	26.34	
Miami Chapel	58.50	
African Hospital	13.20	
Student Fund in Mexico	20.00	
Hawaii	3.00	

Foreign Missions (Mission Conference)	250.66	
Miami Chapel (Rev. W. E. George)	5.00	3,982.06

NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Cooperative Program	75.10	
Home Missions (Quincy Church)	8.88	
Foreign Missions (Quincy Church)	43.47	
Miami Chapel (Quincy Church)	5.24	
Bible College (Quincy Church)	82.73	
Dr. LaVerne Miley (Quincy Church)	13.30	
Cooperative Program (Quincy Church)	144.47	374.19

EDUCATIONAL BOARD

1. A one week session of the Florida Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was held June 26-30 with 86 campers enrolled. (Financial report and Details are attached.)

2. The Florida Ministers' and Deacons' Conference met September 11-15 with seven ministers and two deacons present. Rev. Rufus Hyman spoke each morning on the subject, "Ministers' and Deacons' Relationships to each other." Services were held each evening at 7:30 with ministers from four different associations bringing the messages. Some much needed work was completed at the Youth Camp and also at the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute during the week. (Financial report attached.)

3. The following recommendations are submitted by this board:

A. We recommend that the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute receive a portion of the State Cooperative money.

B. We the Board of Education hereby reaffirm our faith in our Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee and our Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute near Cottondale, Florida. We present this endorsement for the following reasons:

(1) Because of the kind of education involved; that is, the training of Christian men and women to be ministers, missionaries, and other Christian vocations.

(2) Because the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute belongs

to our own Free Will Baptists of Florida and our Bible College belongs to all Free Will Baptists.

(3) Many of our successful pastors in the State are products of our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville.

(4) A number of students from our state are presently enrolled in our Bible College in Nashville and our Institute near Cottondale.

(5) Our Bible Institute of Florida has already benefitted a number of our churches, and will in a period of time reach and Benefit every area of our State.

(6) We therefore encourage the State as a whole to support these two institutions with prayer, finances, and students.

Respectfully Submitted,
West Florida Liberty Association

YOUTH CAMP STATEMENT

INCOME

State Treasurer	\$ 25.00	
Campers' Fees	694.00	
Traveler's Rest Church	25.00	
Piney Grove Church	5.00	
Marie Owens	5.00	
Miscellaneous	65.53	
Total to be accounted for		\$819.53

PAID OUT

Drinks and Candy	\$ 77.30	
Telephone	4.06	
Material and supplies for campers	34.50	
Workers	333.00	
Bus Ticket	3.96	
Kitchen Supplies	61.66	
Insurance	42.70	
Postage and Supplies	22.55	
Total Paid out		\$579.73

Balance		\$239.80
Retained by Superintendent	\$10.00	
Returned to State Treasurer	\$229.75	
		\$239.75

These churches supplied Food: Liberty, Abigail, Panama City, Poplar Head, Piney Grove, Beulah, St. John, Bonifay, Chipley, Niceville, Cedar Grove, Hickory Grove, Traveler's Rest.

Workers: Rev. and Mrs. W. E. George, Rev. and Mrs. Harrold Harrison, Rev. and Mrs. Freeman Edwards, Rev. Leon Owens, Rev. Irvin Hyman.

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE REPORT

Receiver for fees	\$18.00	
Total		\$18.00
Disbursements		
Rufus Hyman, Honorarium	\$15.00	
State Treasurer for lights and phone	3.00	
Total		\$18.00

FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Board of Directors of the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute met on December 3, 1960 to formulate plans for the opening of the Bible Institute. In subsequent meetings Rev. H. D. Harrison was named Administrative Dean, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Chairman of the Board, Rev. Clyde Owen as Treasurer. Rev. Freeman Edwards and Rev. H. D. Harrison were named as instructors. The Board of Directors consists of Mr. Ernest Owen, Rev. C. A. Huckaby, Rev. H. L. Henderson, Rev. Clyde Owen, and Rev. H. D. Harrison.

A kickoff rally was held at the Institute site on February 25, 1961 at which Rev. Charles A. Thigpen, Dean of Free Will Baptist Bible College, was the principal speaker. The Spring semester began on March 7, 1961.

The following one semester hour courses were offered: Bible Survey, Bible Doctrine, Techniques of Teaching, Sunday School Administration, Personal Evangelism, and Daily Vacation Bible School.

The total enrollment for the first semester was twenty-six. Of this number there were eighteen men and eight women. This number

was made up of students from the states of Alabama and Florida representing three associations and thirteen churches. Of the twenty-six students there were nine ministers, two deacons, and fifteen laymembers. A total of eighty-one semester hours were enrolled for.

The second semester of the Bible Institute began on September 19, 1961.

The following courses are being offered: Bible Survey II, Bible Doctrine II, Principles of Speech, Preparatory English, Personal Evangelism II, and I Corinthians. The total enrollment for the second semester has been twenty-three. Twelve of this number are returnees from the first semester. This group of students consists of eighteen men and five ladies. They represent the states of Alabama and Florida and come from three different associations and nineteen different churches. The student body is made up of eleven ministers, two deacons, and ten laymembers. A total of fifty-four semester hours have been enrolled for this term. We are presently operating two nights per week, from 6:00 until 9:00 P.M.

Brother Wayne Love, a Free Will Baptist layman, from Cottonwood, Alabama, was employed as instructor in Speech and English this semester. Brother Love is a graduate of Troy State Teachers College, Troy, Alabama.

Out of our enrollment this semester, we have seven students with previous college training ranging from two years to one semester; ten who are High School graduates; four who have finished the ninth grade; and two who have finished the eighth grade. This gives us an average grade 1 level attainment of 11.3.

Initial efforts have been made in the building of a good theological library. Presently we have seventy-two selected volumes.

We feel that God has greatly blessed the Florida Free Will Bible Institute and that it is worthy of your prayer and financial support.

Our financial report for the past year is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

H. D. Harrison, Administrative Dean

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

RECEIPTS

Florida State Association	\$648.60	
Liberty Association	24.84	
Institute Rally Day Offering	66.65	
Churches, (Florida)	159.07	
Salem Association	37.00	
Liberty Assn. S. S. Convention	50.00	
Liberty Assn. Master's Men	30.00	
Spring Hill Church, (Alabama)	26.65	
State Association	1.50	
Tuition and Registration Fees	420.00	
Sale of Books	112.50	
Miscellaneous	27.75	
Total Receipts		\$1602.56

DISBURSEMENTS

Instructors	\$250.00	
Utilities	39.44	
Maintenance and Repairs	425.86	
Postage	12.14	
School Supplies	78.32	
Printing	25.70	
Books	155.22	
Promotional Work	60.52	
Honorarium	50.00	
Total Disbursements		1097.20

BALANCE SEPTEMBER 1, 1961 \$ 505.36

Respectfully submitted,
Clyde Owen, Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as of this Session, to reaffirm our faith in the stand taken by our National Association relative to congregational church government while in session at Norfolk, Virginia.

Respectfully submitted,

MISSION COMPASION DE CRISTO

1120 South Tays Street

El Paso, Texas

The Mission is located just a few blocks from the Mexican border in El Paso, Texas. The Director of the Mission is the Rev. W. L. Miller, who along with his wife and one son and one daughter, live in their house trailer on the Mission grounds. The Millers are members of the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida.

Across the border in Juarez, Mexico, is the Children's Home with 18 children, who are fed, clothed, sent to school and given medical attention in order that their greatest need which is spiritual might be met.

At the present one native Pastor is employed by the Mission, Brother Moreno. Another is helping, whom we soon hope to be able to employ.

Some of the native women who have been converted are carrying the message into the hills and many of the homes wherever they can walk to do so. There is an average of over 14 services each week.

There is also a church building being erected in Juarez which should soon be completed.

Brother Miller will appreciate your prayers and financial support, and do visit their work any time possible. Mail all correspondence to Rev. W. L. Miller, Box 5149 Ascarate P. O. Station, El Paso, Texas.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Total Reporting: 7 associations

3 individual churches

Total membership in Florida 5,058

Number of churches 75

Number of preachers reporting 38

Number of deacons registered 14

Number of delegates registered 27

(See list of those who registered for rest of report)

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Placement Committee, wish to offer this Body our suggestion that we accept the very kind invitation from the Central Association to hold our next session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale, Florida in the Central Association of Florida.

We also would like to make mention that Miami invited the Association to convene with their Church for the next session, but due to the fact that South Florida has had the Association since Central Florida, we suggest that we convene with Central Association at First F. W. B. Church at Auburndale, Florida.

Humbly submitted by,

G. W. Cloud, H. D. Shuemaker, W. W. Eiland

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

I. Be it resolved that the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists go on record as being opposed to the use, sanction, or sale of intoxicants. Be it further resolved that we use our influence against political candidates who favor the traffic of intoxicants.

II. Be it resolved that we as Christians abstain from the sinful amusements and unholy conformities to the world, in particular, the theatres, public bathing, the dance, gambling devices, and as Christian examples, both men and women, we be more modest in our dress.

III. Be it resolved that a committee be appointed to study our present Constitution and By-laws and recommend needed changes at our next Session.

IV. Be it resolved that each local association as a standing board of the State Association give grave consideration to their responsibilities throughout the year as outlined in Article III, Section 1-13 in our State Constitution and By-laws.

V. 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.

VI. Be it resolved that this Body stand for silent mediation in memory of those who have departed this life since we last met.

Chester Huckaby, Harvey Henderson

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, your Appreciation Committee, submit the following report:

We appreciate the fine job that the West Florida Association has done in taking care of this session of the Florida State Association.

We especially appreciate the way in which homes of this community and West Florida Association were opened to visitors and delegates of this Convention.

We appreciate the challenging message, and the Spirit of love which was predominate in this session of our Association. May we all go forward from this meeting with a new determination to avail ourselves of every opportunity to exalt Christ and our Denomination that He might really have pre-eminence in our lives.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Pitts, Grace Huckaby, Etha Mae Owen

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

ASSOCIATIONS: North East and South Florida Associations paid \$10 each.

Central, Salem, Liberty, North, and West Florida Associations paid \$20 each.

Total from Associations \$120.00

INDIVIDUAL CHURCHES: First Church, Panama City, \$4.00

First Church, Pensacola 8.00

Hickery Grove 4.00

First Church, Quincy 4.00

Total from Churches 20.00

Total Fees for ministers, deacons, and delegates	133.00
Special Offering for Bible College	46.07
Special Offering for Bible Institute	49.73
Grand Total	\$342.80

Theo J. Buck, Thelma Owens, Louise Hicks

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee submit the following: (see general officers and board members for those elected)

Board Member for Children's Home — Rev. W. E. George.

Be it resolved that the Clerk notify the pastor of the host church of the association. Appoint 3 for credentials committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Clyde Owen, Bill George, Maurice Benzing

CAMP MEETING COMMITTEE

The Florida Free Will Baptist Camp Meeting convened July 24-28, 1961, with the largest attendance since moving to it's new location. Each day Christians were warmed by the Holy Spirit of God as we listened to His Servants teach the great truths of Ephesians, Colossians, and Missions.

We were challenged and our hearts made glad throughout the week as Brother and Sister Fred Hersey from Japan spoke on Missions and the work that Free Will Baptists are doing for the Lord in Japan.

The evening Services were a real blessing as we listened to and sang songs of Sion. Brother Bonnie Hughes of Columbia, Tennessee brought challenging messages each evening. Many boys and girls dedicated their lives to the Lord for special services of which some are in Bible College being schooled for the tasks which lie ahead.

Brother Homer Willis of Nashville, Tennessee will be the Evangelist for next year's meeting.

We ask that all Florida Free Will Baptist ministers and their

churches cooperate with us in making the camp a blessing to our people. Make plans and reserve the last week in July for Camp Meeting. July 23-27, 1962 is the date for next year's meeting.

Brother Clyde Owen
Camp Meeting President

Financial report of Camp Meeting for 1960 and 1961.

RECEIPTS

	1960	1961
Balance brought forward		\$126.09
Received from Churches by mail	\$ 68.50	60.00
Received from Churches at camp	97.51	15.00
Individual offerings	35.00	6.45
Night offerings	177.95	172.07
Concession sales	43.22	37.95
Received cash for food		40.50
Received from Woman's State Aux. at Camp ..		35.15
Missions offering		47.91
Total amount received	\$ 422.18	\$415.03

PAID OUT

Miscellaneous expenses (food, supplies, etc.) ...	\$ 42.19	\$ 23.63
Printing and signs	8.70	38.82
Evangelist	125.00	100.00
Cooks	105.00	115.00
Gas	12.60	9.00
Telephone bill	2.60	9.53
Foreign Missions		50.00
Total Disbursements	\$ 296.09	\$ 345.98
Balance Carries forward	\$ 126.09	\$ 195.14

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lillian Rodgers, Sect. and Treasurer

SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

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.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Association	Churches	Membership	O-ained Ministers	Sunday Schools	Sunday School Enrollment	Leagues	League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	Auxiliary Enrollment	Youth Auxiliaries	Youth Auxiliary Enrollment	Master's Men Chapt.	M. M. Enrollment	Prayer Meetings	Parsonages	Value of Parsonages (in thousands)	Value of Church Property	General Offerings	Spent Locally	Cooperative Program	Other than Cooperative (missions, etc.)
Central -----	13	860	13	13	397	7	304	7	97					12	1	\$13	\$157,000	\$ 35,628.92	\$ 46,379.44	\$	\$ 1,216.10
Liberty -----	13	869	10	13	796	9	391	7	83	5	60	4	42	11	2	20	156,896	27,211.01	36,971.33	1,423.55	6,544.28
Northeast -----	5	437	10	5	399	3	188	5	49					5	2	10	60,000	18,000.00	16,000.00	150.00	453.31
North -----	10	656	14	10	490	4	130	4	46	1	16			10			60,000	20,545.31	30,475.17	144.48	242.82
Salem -----	20	1333	15	17	704	9	250	6	73			1	5				184,900	23,699.46	23,470.20	1,046.74	753.46
South -----	3	153	5	3	260	1	50	1	28	2	35	1	18	3	1	17½	127,000	14,559.51	7,022.00		1,165.61
West -----	8	543	15	8	503	6	176	4	41					8	2	12	90,500	18,558.74	42,510.84		1,734.35
TOTALS -----	72	4851	82	69	3549	39	1489	34	417	8	111	6	65	49	8	\$72½	\$836,296	\$158,202.95	\$202,827.98	\$ 2,764.77	\$12,109.93

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

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, Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, a Treasurer, an Executive Board, Planning Board, Board of Missions (home and foreign), and 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) percent 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 mem

bers 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 report 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 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 of 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.

