

*Minutes*

of the

*Eighteenth Annual Session*

of the

*Florida State Association*

of

*Free Will Baptists*

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held at  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Auburndale, Florida  
November 2, 3, 1962

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The next session will be held at Florida Free Will Baptist Youth  
Camp Grounds, Bascom, Florida, October 30 through November 1, 1963

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CENTRAL: Clayton Tucker, W. L. Granger, Sadie Taylor, Lena Guernsey, Lucille Underwood.

LIBERTY: Carl Owen, Mrs. Carl Owen, Lola Edwards, Thelma Owens, Grace Huckaby.

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NORTH: Alice Smith, Kathleen O'Halloran, Trudy Walters.

WEST: Ruby Amerson, Edna Henderson, Alberta Hall, Mrs. Carroll, O. D. Morgan.

NORTHEAST: H. L. Harton, M. A. Huber.

### CHURCH DELEGATES

Joan Grower — Abigail Church — Liberty Assn.

Betty Pippin — Pleasant Hill — Liberty Assn.

Carl Halton — Plant City Church — Central Assn.

C. L. Woodruff — Auburndale Church — Central Assn.

Vida Mae Rice — First Church Tampa — North Fla. Assn.

Mrs. Walter F. Rice — Auburndale Church — Central Assn.

Troy Tucker — First Church Lakeland — Central Assn.

Mrs. Clyde Harris — Emmanuel Church — Central Assn.

Curtis Davis — Bethany Church — Central Assn.

Ray Purvis — Shiloh Church — West Fla. Assn.

Joe Hamilton — Kissimee Church — Central Assn.

### VISITING MINISTERS

Paul J. Ketterman, Nashville, Tennessee

Roger C. Reeds, Nashville, Tennessee

Homer E. Willis, Nashville, Tennessee

Robert Owen, Winter Haven, Fla.

C. A. Williams, Georgia

Daniel J. Merkh, Africa



# PROCEEDINGS

**Thursday Evening, November 1**

**Friday, November 2**

The day began by congregational singing led by C. L. Woodruff. We sang "Tell it to Jesus" and "Whosoever Meaneth Me" after which Rev. Paul Kettermann led in the opening prayer. The devotional was presented by Rev. Elro Driggers who read Eph. 6:10-17 and Jude 3.

After the introduction of the Officers of the Association, Brother Kettermann gave a report from Free Will Baptist Bible College. While the congregation sang "More About Jesus" an offering of \$57 was received.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was called for. Brother Travis made a motion, which was carried, to adopt the report and that the delegates be seated.

The report of the Committee on Committees was heard and adopted.

A motion was made by Rev. Cook to adopt the planned program for this session with the necessary changes.

Rev. Homer Willis, director of National Home Missions, gave a report of the work of the Home Missions Board.

The Moderator read a letter from Rev. Melvin, Executive Secretary for the National Association of Free Will Baptist, regarding the great need for a new headquarters building. The Moderator also read a letter from the Fulchers, our Missionaries in Uruguay. A motion was made by C. L. Woodruff to accept these letters as information. Motion carried.

Rev. Henderson sang "One by One" and as he sang "How Great Thou Art" the congregation joined in on the chorus. After giving a report on the work and progress of the National Sunday School Department, Rev. Roger Reeds brought the morning message. His Scripture was Matt. 28:18-20.

The Moderator asked for the State Treasurer's Report. Brother Amerson gave the report and made a motion that the same be accepted. Motion carried.

Lunch was served by the Churches of the host Association.



**Friday Afternoon, November 2**

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" then Rev. Huckaby led in prayer; and Rev. Robert Owen gave the devotion. The Scripture was Psa. 119:97-105.

The League Board report was heard and adopted.

The Sunday School Board report was read and adopted.

The Body then heard a report from the National Superannuation Board presented by Rev. Huckaby.

Our Moderator called for a report from the Superannuation Board and the Missions Board, but neither was ready with their report.

The Moderator called for the Educational Board report which was read and adopted.

The report from the Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute was adopted.

The Minister and Deacons' Conference report was adopted.

Rev. George gave a encouraging and challenging report about the Children's Home. At present the Home cared for 22 girls and 28 boys.

At this time Rev. C. A. Huckaby read his statement of resignation from the Board of Directors of our Bible Institute. A motion was made and the Body accepted the resignation.

**Friday Evening**

After congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Burden, and special singing "O What A Day", A Missionary service was held with Missionary Dan Merkh bringing information from his field of labor, Ivory Coast, Africa and preaching from Matt 24. The offering for missions was \$87.00.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Revisions Committee report. The report was read and a motion by Rev. Hicks to table the report was carried.

**Saturday Morning, November 3**

The day was begun with Brother Woodruff leading the congregation in "When the Roll is Called up Yonder". The devotion was rendered by Rev. George, who read Jude 3, for the Scripture.

The report of the Superannuation Board was heard and adopted.

The Appreciation Committee report was adopted.

The Finance Committee made it's report which was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee reported. Rev. Driggers moved to adopt the report. This motion was amended by a motion by Rev. Travis to adopt the report item by item. Carried as amended. Item one was amended to appoint a committee to investigate having the National as soon as possible. Adopted as amended. Items two and three were adopted as read.

Rev. Henderson gave the report of Placement Committee which was adopted.

The Welcoming Committee reported, and the new ministers coming into the state work were welcomed.

Nominating Committee report called for. A motion was made by Rev. Freeman Edwards to adopt the report in two items. Item one: The Moderator asked for other nominations from the floor. Rev. Messex made a motion to cease nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation. Second item also adopted as read.

Planning Board gave its report. A motion made by Rev. Hicks to adopt the report was carried.

The Camp Meeting Committee then gave its report, and Rev. Edwards made a motion to adopt this portion and include in the minutes the financial statement to be received from Mrs. Rogers.

A report from Mission Compasion De Cristo was made by Rev. Henderson. A motion was made and carried to accept report and have printed in minutes.

A final report from the Credentials Committee was adopted.

A motion was made by Rev. Cook to take from the table the report of the Revisions Committee. A motion to adopt the report item by item was also carried. Moved, seconded, and carried to substitute Section 2 of the By-Laws. Rev. Huckaby moved to not throw away the Section concerning insurance protection. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Rev. Burden to retain the same names as the Board of Trustees of Florida Free Will Bible Institute.

The Moderator named the committee to investigate having the National Association in our State: Executive Committee, Elro Driggers, and Dale Burden.

Delegates to the National Association: Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Travis, Mrs. Messex, Mr. Cloud, Mr. Amerson; Alternates: Mrs. Amerson, Mrs. Ganey, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Carroll, Mrs. Driggers.

A Motion was made by Rev. Messex that the trustees offices be declared vacant. Motion carried. New trustees elected: (see page one for names).

Rev. Henderson made a motion to retain the same Committee to study the Constitution. Rev. Huckaby offered a substitute motion that a committee be retained and that Moderator appoint this committee. The substitute motion was carried. Rev. George, Rev. Messex, and Rev. Hicks were named as the Committee.

The motion to adjourn was made by Rev. George.

Rev. H. D. Harrison—Moderator  
Rev. Wayne Hicks—Clerk

# REPORTS

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

- I. FINANCE COMMITTEE: W. H. Horton, Mrs. Walter Lamb, Mrs. Bill Travis.
- II. RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Bro. Elro Driggers, Bro. J. C. Dortch, Bro. Bill George.
- III. APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Bro. Lloyed Carroll, Bro. Woodrow Messex, Brother Lancaster.
- IV. WELCOME COMMITTEE: Bro. Fred Bradshaw, Mrs. Thelma Owen, Bro. Wildon Hall.
- V. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Freeman Edwards, Bro. I. O. Cook, Bro. G. W. Cloud
- VI. PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Bro. Carl Owen, Bro. H. Henderson, Bro. Walter Lamb.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Rev. Chester Huckaby, Rev. Owen Ganey, Mrs. Ruby Amerson

## BOARD OF HOME MISSIONS

Dear Brother:

On behalf of the entire missionary family in Alaska, Canada, Hawaii, Mexico, and through the continental United States — greetings.

The board of National Home Missions wishes to express thanks to each of your churches, ministers, and members for their prayers and gifts this past year.

Your Quota for 1962 was set at \$2,500.00 and to date you have given \$2,884.71.

We need your support now more than ever in the past, and feel that Free Will Baptists of Florida will continue to pray and give to the National Home Missions cause.

Eight new states became members of the National Association this year as a result of National Home Missions work. Idaho, Colorado, Iowa, and Kansas were among them. Other new areas added recently are — Alaska, Washington, District of Columbia, Oregon, and the work in Old Mexico.

May this be a great session of your State Meetings.

Sincerely and earnestly,  
Homer E. Willis (signed)

P. S. Please urge your churches to:

1. Send their Vacation Bible School Offering to National Home Missions.
2. Place this department of work in their church budgets.
3. Observe November as National Home Missions Month.
4. Receive a special offering on Sunday, November 18, which is National Home Missions Sunday.



**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT. OCT. 1, 1961-SEPT 30, 1962**

	Balance Oct. 1, 1961	Received	Disbursed	Balance Sept. 30, 1962
National Coop. Fund .....		\$ 1,440.96	\$ 1,440.96	
Foreign Missions .....		1,522.97	1,522.97	
Home Missions .....		1,087.23	1,087.23	
Rev. Miller .....		74.91	74.91	
Rev. Billows .....		562.54	562.54	
Rev. Willey, Sr., .....		83.45	83.45	
Bill Fulcher .....		71.45	71.45	
Miami Mission .....		20.02	20.02	
Miami Bldg. Fund .....		100.00	100.00	
Sister Rice .....		66.80	66.80	
Rev. Walker .....		20.00	20.00	
League Board .....		45.00	45.00	
Bobby Poole .....		166.68	166.68	
Bible College (General)....		917.03	917.03	
Bible College (Alumni) ....		394.00	394.00	
Bible College (Anniversary)		40.00	40.00	
Children's Home .....		478.97	478.97	
Bible Institute .....		316.37	316.37	
Alaska Fund .....		60.00	60.00	
Rev. Fred Hersey's .....		13.50	13.50	
Cuban Mission .....		10.00	10.00	
Co-Labor (Womens Auxiliary) .....		14.71	14.71	
State Mission .....		6.00	6.00	
Volena Wilson .....		2.00	2.00	
Rev. Aycock .....		2.00	2.00	
Rev. Cronk .....		2.00	2.00	
Women's Auxiliary:				
(National Project) .....		27.50	27.50	
(Pre-Easter Project) ....		21.07	21.07	
(Pre-Christmas Project)		17.50	17.50	
(Pre-Thanksgiving Project)		31.50	31.50	
Rev. D. Skiles Church (Iowa)		12.22	12.22	
Rev. Sparks .....		2.00	2.00	
Mrs. Jo Stevens .....		2.00	2.00	
Student Loan Fund .....		2.00	2.00	
W.N.A.C. Spec. Project ....		3.73	3.73	
Superannuation .....	\$ 521.15	296.68	220.00	\$ 597.83
Youth Camp .....	777.40	542.58	452.66	867.32
General Fund .....	(385.89)	393.10	518.70	(511.49)
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$ 912.66</b>	<b>\$ 8,870.47</b>	<b>\$ 8,829.47</b>	<b>\$ 953.66</b>

## AMOUNT RECEIVED AND SOURCE

## West Fla. Association

Mission Compasion De Cristo .....	\$ 63.91	
Coop. ....	625.95	\$ 689.86

## Salem Association

Coop. ....	1,069.47	
Rev. A. Billows .....	207.22	
Foreign Missions .....	241.42	
Home Missions .....	108.69	
Children's Home .....	142.04	
Youth Camp .....	65.00	
Bible College (General) .....	99.70	
Bible College (Alumni) .....	15.00	
Superannuation .....	15.00	
Sister Rice Mission .....	40.26	2,003.80

## Liberty Association

Coop. ....	1,628.99	
Foreign Missions .....	760.89	
Home Missions .....	545.38	
Rev. Fulcher .....	69.45	
Rev. Walker .....	20.00	
Miami Missions .....	14.00	
Miami Chapel .....	2.00	
Bible College (General) .....	410.00	
Bible College (Alumni) .....	379.00	
Bible College (Anniversary) .....	40.00	
Florida F.W.B. Bible Institute .....	50.00	
Rev. Billows .....	355.32	
Rev. D. Skiles Church (Davenport, Iowa)	12.22	
League Board (Expanding our Horizons)	45.00	
Cuban Mission .....	36.00	
Rev. Willey, Sr. ....	57.45	
Rev. W. L. Miller (Mexico) .....	11.00	
Alaska Fund .....	60.00	
Superannuation .....	11.50	
Sister Rice .....	26.54	4,534.74

## Fla. F.W.B. Bible Institute

Refund on Insurance .....	55.98	55.98
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## Hartford Insurance Co.

Youth Camp (Damage by lightning)	48.15	48.15
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## North Fla. Association

Coop. ....	80.54	
Miami Bldg. Fund .....	100.00	
Coop (First F.W.B. Church of Quincy)	73.47	254.01

**North East Fla. Association**

Coop. ....	36.38	36.38
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**Central Fla. Association**

Bobby Poole (First F.W.B. Church of Auburndale) .....	152.25	152.25
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**State Association Meeting**

Children's Home .....	52.88	
Bible College (General) .....	47.11	
Fla. F.W.B. Bible Institute .....	50.23	
State General Fund .....	285.00	435.22

**Youth Camp Meeting**

Youth Camp .....	156.31	156.31
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**Florida State Women's Auxiliary**

Bobby Poole .....	9.34	
Student Loan Fund .....	1.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving Mission .....	31.50	
Pre-Christmas Mission .....	17.50	
Rev. Sparks .....	2.00	
Mrs. Jo Stevens .....	2.00	
Foreign Missions .....	121.44	
Home Missions .....	68.69	
Coop. ....	65.36	
Co. Labor (WNAC) .....	7.00	
Pre-Easter Mission .....	21.07	
National Proj. (WNAC) .....	27.50	
Rev. D. R. Cronk .....	2.00	
Rev. Fulcher .....	2.00	
Rev. Bobby Aycock .....	2.00	
Miss Viola Wilson .....	2.00	
State Mission .....	6.00	
Miami Mission .....	4.02	
Rev. Fred Herseys .....	13.50	
Children's Home .....	9.00	414.92

**Liberty Dist. Women's Auxiliary**

Foreign Missions .....	39.25	
Coop. ....	22.20	
Home Missions .....	4.00	
Co. Labor Fund .....	5.00	
Children's Home .....	4.87	75.32

**First F.W.B. Church of Auburndale Women's Auxiliary**

Co. Labor .....	2.71	
Bobby Poole .....	5.09	
W.N.A.C. Special Project .....	3.73	
Student Loan Fund .....	1.00	12.53

**Women's Auxiliary Liberty F.W.B. Church, Jacksonville**

Youth Camp .....	1.00	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b> .....		<b>\$8,870.47</b>

### LEAGUE BOARD

We, your State League Board submit the following report and recommend its adoption.

We urge each pastor without established Leagues to endeavor to lead his people in the establishment of Leagues in the local church since the League program is the total Church in training.

Necessary information for the establishment of such may be obtained from our National League Board which is our denominational service agency to the total church program.

League literature for every age group, in addition to the League Pointer, a monthly publication of League aids, and depth, a new daily devotional guide written by Free Will Baptists, are available from our National League Board in Nashville, Tennessee.

We further urge each church to be well represented at our annual State League Convention which meets at the Unity Church in Jacksonville, Next Year.

Respectfully submitted,

West Florida Liberty Free Will Baptist Association

### SUNDAY SCHOOL BOARD

That Florida Sunday Schools participate in the "Leading Citizens for Sunday School" drive sponsored by the National Sunday School Association. In this campaign, citizens will be enlisted who will pledge to do the following:

In 1963 enroll 3 new scholars in Sunday School.

In 1964 enroll 4 new scholars in Sunday School.

In 1965 enroll 5 new scholars in Sunday School.

If this plan is carried out to its fullest by the end of 1965 there will be 5 million new scholars enrolled in Sunday School.

Additional information can be secured from our own National Sunday School Department.

That Florida Sunday Schools purchase their literature from the National Sunday School Board, 3801 Richland Ave., Nashville 5, Tennessee.

By,

Northeast Florida Association

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

A one week session of the Florida Free Will Baptist Youth Camp was held June 25-29, with 86 campers enrolled.

The following recommendations are submitted by this board:

We the Board of Education hereby reaffirm our faith in our Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee and our Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute near Cottondale, Florida. We therefore encourage the State as a whole to support these institutions with prayer, finance, and students.

We further recommend that all churches of the Association of Florida to put forth more effort to send more children to the Youth Camp, as it is a good place for Christian training.

Salem Association

**YOUTH CAMP STATEMENT****Income**

Retained by Superintendent .....	\$ 10.00
Received from Campers .....	693.00
Sneads .....	6.00
Marvin Chapel .....	20.00
Lovewood .....	15.00
Panama City .....	18.25
Misc. ....	20.00
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$782.25</b>

**Paid Out**

Workers .....	\$390.50
Material and supplies .....	37.25
Drinks and Candy .....	72.20
Insurance .....	45.45
Postage and supplies .....	13.00
Kitchen Supplies .....	67.54
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$625.94</b>
Returned to State Treasurer .....	\$156.31

**FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE**

The Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute completed its third semester of operation on June 14, 1962.

The Fall semester enrollment for 1961 was 23. The following courses were offered during this period: Bible Survey II, Bible Doctrine II, Principles of Speech, Preparatory English, Personal Evangelism, and I Corinthians.

The Spring semester enrollment for 1962 was 17. The following subjects were offered then: Bible Survey III, Child Psychology, Biblical Backgrounds, Missions, Homiletics I, and Bible Doctrine III.

Presently our Institute is conducting extension courses in local churches. The State Line Association in Alabama has 51 persons enrolled in two such courses: Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Techniques of Teaching.

In the regular called annual meeting the Board of Directors were elected to fill the following offices:

Chairman of the Board .....	Rev. Harvey Henderson
Vice Chairman .....	Rev. Clyde Owen
Secretary .....	Rev. C. A. Huckaby
Treasurer .....	Ernest Owens
Administrative Dean .....	Rev. H. D. Harrison

The Rev. Freeman Edwards and H. D. Harrison were retained as instructors.

Our Annual Treasurer's Report is attached and made a part of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

C. A. HUCKABY, Chairman



**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE  
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Balance Cash on Hand, Sept. 6, 1961 ....	\$505.36	
<b>Receipts—Sept. 6, 1961-Oct. 31, 1962</b>		
Tuition and Registration fees .....	454.00	
Sale of Decals .....	53.50	
Sale of Books .....	447.64	
Library Gifts .....	57.00	
From rent of bldg. to School Board	350.00	
Gifts and Corporation Fund .....	230.88	
Other Receipts .....	243.23	
Refund .....	57.56	
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$2399.17</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
Salaries .....	\$1020.00	
Books and Supplies .....	757.78	
Utilities .....	31.18	
Repairs .....	18.98	
Freight and Postage .....	7.50	
Decals .....	25.00	
Insurance .....	55.98	
<b>TOTAL .....</b>		<b>\$1916.42</b>
Balance per Books, Oct. 31, 1962 .....		\$ 482.75
Balance per Bank Statement, Oct. 31, 1962 .....		\$ 482.75

ERNEST OWEN, Treasurer

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTER AND DEACON'S CONFERENCE**

The Minister and Deacon's Conference was scheduled for Oct. 22-26, at the State Youth Camp. The program was to consist of work, recreation, eating, devotions and a panel discussion on important doctrinal subjects. Only five registered for the week and two of these present only for one day.

The meeting was therefore called off Tuesday at noon because of lack of participants. We therefore recommend the suspension of the annual Minister and Deacon's Conference and that every minister and deacon in the State take part in our annual "Camp Meeting" in July, which is a time of Worship and fellowship for all.

Respectfully submitted,

Minister and Deacon's Committee

**REPORT OF BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION**

Upon investigation, we find that Brother L. M. Tomley of Milano, Florida, is not now active in the pastorate and therefore we recommend that he be listed for support from our Florida Superannuation treasury in the amount of \$20 per month.

We further recommend that each local association and church

be encouraged to support this phase of the Lord's work.

Also, we encourage each minister to consider the possibilities of the program of retirement insurance now offered by our National Superannuation Board. Some vital changes have been made in it recently. Write to: National Association of Free Will Baptists, 3801 Richland Avenue, Nashville 5, Tennessee, for information.

Respectfully submitted,  
South Florida Association

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

#### Association fees paid:

North East .....	\$ 10.00	
South Florida .....	10.00	
Central .....	10.00	
Salem .....	20.00	
Liberty .....	20.00	
North .....	20.00	
West Florida .....	20.00	\$120.00

Minister's fees .....	58.00	
Deacon's fees .....	26.00	
Delegate's fees .....	44.00	\$128.00

#### Special offerings:

Bible College .....	57.00	
Dan Merkh .....	87.00	
		\$144.00

GRAND TOTAL .....		\$392.00
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Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Walter Lamb, Mrs. Wm. Travis, W. H. Horton

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, your Appreciation Committee submit the following:

We appreciate, and our hearts have been blessed by the wonderful way the Central Association and the First Church of Auburndale have cared for the Florida State Association and we want to express our thanks for the Christian fellowship we have received in the homes that have been opened for our comfort.

We have been challenged by the Gospel messages and reports we have so much enjoyed and for the wonderful "unity of the spirit" and love that has prevailed in behalf of the whole state Association we truly appreciate this, and we would not forget to express our thanks to almighty God for His goodness toward us.

We also appreciate the visitors from the National headquarters and the Missionaries that have been with us, as well as every visitor.

Let's all express our appreciation to our Master by a great effort for Him—and "Now".

Respectfully submitted,  
Lloyd Carroll, Woodrow Messex

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following:

1. Be it resolved that the Chair (Moderator) appoint a committee to explore the possibility of getting the National Association to meet within the bounds of our State.

2. Be it resolved that in expression of our appreciation to our Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, along with visiting speaker, Bro. Reeds, that they be paid \$25 each from the General Fund.

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

Elro Driggers, W. E. George, J. C. Dortch

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, your Placement Committee wish to make the following suggestion:

That since no one asked for the Association in their letter, that unless someone asks for it from the floor, that it go to the Youth Camp at Two Egg, Florida.

J. W. Lamb, Carl Owen, Harvey Henderson

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following:

Board of Trustees-Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute:  
Rev. Wayne Hicks.

See Boards assigned to Associations on page 1.

### PLANNING BOARD

We, your Planning Board, make these recommendations:

Percentages for budgeting the Cooperative funds:

National Cooperative Program .....	40%
National Home Missions .....	10%
National Foreign Missions .....	10%
Bible College .....	10%
State Cooperative Work .....	30%

The 30% for State work:

Children's Home .....	25%
Superannuation .....	20%
Youth Camp .....	10%
Bible Institute .....	10%
General Fund .....	35%

### CAMP MEETING

Plan now to attend Camp Meeting which will be held the last

week in July at the Florida Free Will Baptist Youth Camp, near Two Egg, Florida.

A time of Christian fellowship is in store for all as we will be featured with evangelistic messages from one of our widely known evangelists and mission centered messages from one of our own missionaries. Pray much that this week of worship and fellowship will bring honor and glory to the name of our Saviour.

Respectfully,

Freeman Edwards, Vice President

**MISSION COMPASION DE CRISTO**

1120 South Tays St.

El Paso, Texas

The main Mission and office is located in El Paso, Texas, just a few blocks from the Mexican border. Rev. W. L. Miller is the Director. He, his wife, son and daughter are members of Friendship Free Will Baptist Church in Pensacola, Florida.

They maintain several regular worship places in and around Juarey, Mexico. Also a children's home, where 28 to 30 children are fed, clothed, sent to school and given medical attention. They are daily and constantly given spiritual training, preparing them to go out and win their people to Christ. Several have said that they wished to be missionaries. Several lives have been saved through medical aid and hundreds have been clothed.

Native ministers aid in the work. Eighteen regular services are held weekly and many house to house calls. Hundreds have been saved. They are receptive to the Gospel.

Your prayers are important to this work, your prayers and financial help will be greatly appreciated by Rev. W. L. Miller, whose address is P. O. Box 9321, Paisano Annex, El Paso, Texas.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Total reporting: 7 Associations, 10 individual churches.

Statistics: 5,013 total membership; 74 churches; 2 missions; 29 preachers; 13 deacons; 39 delegates; and 6 visiting ministers.

See delegates and visitors on pages 2 and 3.

# CONSTITUTION

## AND

# BY-LAWS

## OF THE

# FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

# OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### 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 — REPRESENTATION

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected from the local associations belonging to this body and delegates elected from the local churches embraced by the various associations.

Section 2. All deacons and ministers who are members of, and in good standing with, a local church and local association, which are members of this body are standing delegates.

Section 3. The general officers of this body shall be standing delegates.

Section 4. The delegates shall be elected as follows: One (1) delegate from each local church composed of 100 members or fraction thereof and one (1) delegate from each additional 100 members or fraction thereof; five (5) delegates from each local association composed of 15 churches or fraction thereof and one (1) additional delegate for each additional four (4) churches or fraction thereof. The additional delegates can not be used unless the churches are active and are represented in the session in which they are appointed.

### ARTICLE III — OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section 1. Officers: The officers of this association shall be a moderator, assistant moderator, secretary and a treasurer.



Section 2. Boards: The standing boards of this association shall be Planning, Missions, Education, Superannuation, Sunday School, League, Youth Camp Trustees, Trustees of Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute, and any other officer and boards that this association may desire while in session to add because of changes of necessity.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the moderator, assistant moderator, secretary, and treasurer. Other committees may be appointed as needed.

Section 4. 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 5. Election years shall be odd years. Thus the regular elections shall take place on odd years of the calendar.

Section 6. Each standing board shall be composed of five (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 with the exception of the Youth Camp and the Bible Institute Boards of Trustees. These alternating boards are hereby asked to make their reports to their local associations before they are presented to the State Association.

Section 7. The Boards of Trustees shall be composed of five (5) members and their terms of office shall be 5 years.

Section 8. 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 IV — MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular: This Association shall convene annually on Wednesday evening, Thursday, and Friday before the first Sunday in November.

Section 2. Special: The executive committee may be called into session by the Moderator, or by a majority of its members.

Section 3. Quorum: Fifty (50) percent of the delegates shall constitute a quorum.

#### ARTICLE V — FINANCE

Section I. 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 2. 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. Fees are \$2.00 for deacons and

ministers.

Section 3. 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.

### BY-LAWS

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 standing 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 Executive committee 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 the Mission Board to help make our people missionary minded.

Section 11. 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.

Section 12. 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.

Associations	Churches	Membership	Ordained Ministers	Sunday Schools	S. S. Enrollment	Leagues	League Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries	W. A. Enrollment	Youth Auxiliaries	Master's Men	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Parsonages	Value of Parsonages (in thousands)	Value of Church Property	Total Local Expenditures	Total Outside Expenditures
Central .....	12	957	18	12	886	7	419	8	97		3	4		1	16	\$170,500	\$ 38,614.32	\$ 1,056.21
Liberty .....	13	902	12	12	704	9	344	7	87	10	4			4	25	145,060	51,686.06	4,732.88
Northeast .....	5	450	10	5	450	3	200	3	50	3				3	10	150,000	18,000.00	1,000.00
North .....	11	538	16	10	540	6	244	4	48	1		2	24	1	12	53,000	18,727.78	575.28
Salem .....	20	1344	13	14	691	10	328	5	51	2		2	54			131,000	24,514.83	2,191.17
South .....	3	141	5	3	262	3	98	1	24	3	1	1	6	1	17½	207,000	22,744.00	415.67
West .....	10	680	19	10	568	6	276	4	48	1	1	9	21	2	5	119,000	19,675.64	2,133.75
Totals .....	74	5012	93	66	4101	44	1909	32	405	20	9	18	85	11	85½	\$975,560	\$193,962.63	\$12,104.96

