

**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**1964**

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST YOUTH CAMP**  
**BASCOM, FLORIDA**

**NEXT SESSION**  
**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA**  
**NOVEMBER 3-5, 1965**

**OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**  
**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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## DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Moderator	Clerk
Central	Rev. Robert Owen Winter Haven, Fla.	Mr. G. W. Cloud P.O. Box 461 Eau Gallie, Fla.
Liberty	Rev. Freeman Edwards Rt. 4, Chipley, Fla.	Rev. Luther Burns Chipley, Florida
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## MINISTERS WHO REGISTERED

Thomas Clay, Tampa, Florida  
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 Harvey Henderson, Atmore, Alabama  
 Freeman L. Edwards, Chipley, Florida  
 Walter Eldridge, Cottondale, Florida  
 Woodrow Messex, Quincy, Florida  
 I. O. Cook, Altha, Florida  
 J. B. Lovering, Marianna, Florida  
 Luther Burns, Chipley, Florida  
 Elro Driggers, Jacksonville, Florida  
 Milton Gann, Panama City, Florida  
 Alvin Howell, Bonifay, Florida  
 Robert Owen, Winter Haven, Florida  
 Millard Sasser, Niceville, Florida

## DEACONS WHO REGISTERED

Ernest Owen, G. W. Cloud, Chester Cook, J. R. Long,  
 Maurice Benzing, Walter Rice, Jack Pitts, G. B. Scott  
 Earl Hill, Coy Owens, Houston Toole.

## CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

First Free Will Baptist Church, Auburndale - Preston Granger.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley - Etha Mae Owen, Dewy Hartzog.

First Free Will Baptist Church, Tampa - Tillie Clay.

Damascus Free Will Baptist Church, Altha - Annie Cloud.

Cypress Creek Free Will Baptist Church, Alford - Charlie Morris.

Marvin's Chapel Free Will Baptist Church, Marianna - Viola Sellers.

## ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

SALEM: Ella Grantham, J. W. Hitchcock, Minnie Lee Sexton, O. F. Bracewell, Nella Mae Melvin.

WEST FLORIDA: Ernest Thomley, Edna Henderson, Lucille Parham, Thelma Wiggins, Augusta Grice.

SOUTH FLORIDA: None

CENTRAL: Lena Cloud, Ocie Jones, Margaret Cooper, Mamie Page, Pluma Bethune.

WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY: Bertie Baxter, Lola Edwards, Roxie Pitts, Coreen George, Mrs. Luther Burns.

NORTHEAST FLORIDA: Gary Whitlatch, James Lancaster.

NORTH FLORIDA: Vida Mae Rice, Alice Smith, Martha Pettis.

## VISITORS

Rev. Billy Melvin, Tenn., Rev. Harrold Harrison, Tenn.  
Rev. Kenneth Riggs, Tenn., Rev. Manse Cason, Ga., Rev. Chester Huckaby, Ga., Rev. L.D. Scott, Ga., Rev. J.J. Scott, Ga., Rev. John Edwards, Ala. (others were present but did not register)



# PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening, October 28

The service began with Brother Chester Cook leading the congregation in singing. Brother Robert Owen led in the opening prayer.

The officers of the association were introduced by the clerk. The Moderator introduced the theme "Redeeming The Time", and brought his message using as the text Ephesians 5:16. After a song by the congregation, Brother Harvey Henderson sang "How Great Thou Art".

Brother Harvey Hill brought the message in place of Brother Dale Burden who was scheduled to speak. His subject was "How Great Is God", using Psalm 145 as his text.

The Moderator appointed two committees. Committee on Committees: Bill George, Harvey Henderson, Ernest Owen, G.W. Cloud. Credential Committee: Luther Burns, Chester Cook, Maurice Benzing.

After the hymn "Amazing Grace", and an old fashioned hand shaking, we were dismissed in prayer.

Thursday Morning, October 29

The service began with Brother Milton Gann leading the congregation in several songs. Brother John Edwards led in prayer. The devotion was brought by Brother Millard Sasser, on Redeeming the Time.

The Moderator recognized the standing delegates. A partial report of the Credential Committee was given. MSC.

Brother Milton Gann was recognized and given a hearty welcome to our state as a new minister.

National officers were recognized. Brother Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of our National Association, Brother Kenneth Riggs of the Church Training Service, and Brother Harrold Harrison of the Sunday School Department.

Visiting ministers were Chester Huckaby. L. D. Scott, J. J. Scott, Manse Cason of Georgia; and John Edwards, Alabama.

A partial report of Committee on Committees was given. Carried. Report of Christian Education Board was given. Motion made to receive report and adopt item by item. Motion carried. After a general discussion all items were adopted except item 4. This item was tabled.



Brother Kenneth Riggs gave us information from the Church Training Service Department.

We adjourned for a short recess.

Services began with singing by the congregation. Prayer was given by Brother Billy Melvin.

The Moderator introduced the speaker, Rev. Robert Owen who was substituting in place of his brother Clyde. The message was a challenge to all on "Denying of Self".

The Committee on Committees gave complete report. MSC.

Dismissed in prayer for lunch and fellowship.

#### Thursday Afternoon, October 29

After enjoying a good lunch prepared by the Liberty and Salem Association, services began by singing and prayer.

Rev. John M. Rich brought the devotion, on "Sowing in Tears".

Brother Billy Melvin, Executive Secretary of our National Association gave his report. He gave information on our national magazine "Contact" and expressed thanks for the good response of subscribing to this good Christian magazine. He urged all of our churches to take advantage of getting this magazine into our homes. He also gave information on the much needed "National Headquarters Building" that is proposed to be erected in Nashville. This information was received gladly and an offering was taken for this worthy cause. The offering was \$50.65.

The Moderator was given authority to appoint a delegate to work with the Superannuation Board. Three of its members were absent. Brother Gary Whitlash was appointed.

Rev. Chester A. Huckaby gave us a report from the National Superannuation Board. He encouraged churches to take out insurance for their pastor enabling the pastor to receive retirement benefits under this plan.

Credential Committee report was given in complete. MSC.

The Finance Committee gave their report. MSC.

Brother Harrold Harrison gave a report from the National Sunday School Department. He reported a substantial increase in literature sales and expressed thanks for this. He encouraged all churches to support this department by buying literature from the office in Nashville.

A motion was made to investigate the possibility of having the National Association in Florida in July 1957. Motion Carried.

Brother Bill George gave the report on the Children's Home. Move to receive report as information. Carried.

Delegates were chosen for the National Association to be held in Raleigh, North Carolina in July. Ernest Thomley, Okra Mullins, Edna Henderson, Mr. I.O. Cook, Lola Edwards, Mrs. Harvey Hill, Mrs. Elro Driggers. The Moderator was given authority to appoint delegates if chosen delegates were not present.

Brother Milton Gann gave a report from Our Bible College in Nashville. He expressed thanks for our college and its support by the churches. He urged our continual support with prayer, pupils and finance.

We were dismissed in prayer.

#### Thursday Evening, October 29

Services began by singing. Brother Cloud led in prayer. We enjoyed a very lively testimony service. Brother Kenneth brought a message in song, "The Ninty and Nine".

Brother Harrold Harrison brought the message from Philippians 2. His subject was "To The Glory of The Father". God blessed and challanged our hearts through the message.

We were dismissed in prayer.

#### Friday Morning, October 30

Service began with singing and prayer. The devotion was brought by Brother Harvey Henderson.

The Superannuation Board gave its report. MSC.

The Mission Board gave its report. MSC. Prayer was given at this time in behalf of our mission work.

The Youth Camp Board of Trustees gave its report. MSC.

The Treasurer's Report was given. Motion to adopt. Carried.

The Bible Institute Board of Trustees gave its report. MSC.

The Placement Committee moved that we meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale, November 3-5, 1965. MSC.

Brother Robert Hill from the National Laymen's Board gave his report. He challanged our churches to use our laymen in this important auxiliary, "The Master's Men", by going forward as men "All Together To Advance Christ's Kingdom".

The Christian Board of Education report was moved from the table. Motion to amend item 4 to read as "we recommend that necessary expenses involved by this

board be paid from the Youth Camp Fund but not to exceed \$250.00. Motion carried.

Moved that Christian Board of Education employ Youth Camp Superintendent. Carried.

Brother I. O. Cook moved that addresses of all board members be placed in minutes. Carried.

Planning Board gave its report to remain as same. Carried.

Resolutions Committee Report given. Moved to receive and adopt item by item. Carried.

Brother Harvey Hill, National Home Mission Board member gave information from this department.

While waiting for unfinished reports, Brother Kenneth Riggs brought a message in song.

Motion made that Executive Committee hire and regulate a Promotional Secretary for this state, and money that is in the Bible Institute Fund be used to begin this work. Carried.

Moved that Luther Burns act as director of our state paper, the "Co-ordinator" until Promotional Secretary be employed. MSC.

Nominating Committee report given. Moved to receive and adopt item by item. MSC.

Move to receive Appreciation Committee report. Carried.

Adjourned with prayer.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: Robert Owen, James Lancaster, Thelma Wiggins.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Charlie Morris, Ocie Jones, Bertie Baxter.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: Margaret Cooper, Etha Mae Owen, Minnie Lee Sexton.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE: Chester Cook, Milton Gann, Vida Mae Rice.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: Coy Owens, Woodrow Messex, Preston Granger.

Submitted by:

Bill George, Harvey Henderson, Ernest Owen, G.W. Cloud.



## **MISSIONS BOARD REPORT**

We are happy to report that our missionary number is growing, both Home and Foreign. We recommend that each local Association have a Missions Conference each year, and to use our Missionaries as they are available.

We urge all of our churches to support our missionaries regularly with our prayers and finance. We have exceeded our quota for Foreign Missions this year and have almost reached our quota for Home Missions, for which we are grateful. We find that the churches that are Mission minded are doing a greater work for God in other phases of His work.

We ask that the body have a special prayer at this time for all our Missionaries.

Prayerfully submitted,  
Mission Board

## **BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT**

We as a partial board in attendance submit for your information that we have had no meeting of our board during this year. We have not had any request to make any investigation or recommend any change in the program now being used in our State.

Superannuation Board

## **BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT**

At the Annual Association last year it was decided to sell the Bible Institute property. Since this has not been done, the Board feels that it could be the leading of the Lord to keep the property and make use of it.

We recommend to this Association that some person be secured to operate a Book Store in the institute building and be allowed to live there. It is the feeling of many that a Promotional Secretary is needed for our State, and if this should become a reality, book sales and care-taking could be done in conjunction with promotional work.

Board of Trustees

## **PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

We recommend that the percentages for budgeting the Cooperative Funds remain the same as it was last year.

Planning Board

## YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT

The Youth Camp building has experienced another year without any major repairs. A vent for the hot water heat-we has been installed and the roof has been patched up in places with plastic cement.

However in the near future the Trustees feel it is necessary to add a kitchen and dining room in order to have more classroom space for our summer Youth Camp.

Therefore we are asking all our churches to keep the Youth Camp in their prayers and to let God lead them in financial support that the building might continue to be used for the glory of our wonderful Savior.

Board of Trustees

### Income:

Retained from 1963 .....	\$ 10.00
Campers Fees .....	880.00
Niceville Church .....	20.00
Pleasant Hill Church .....	15.00
Miami Church .....	3.00
Marvins Chapel Church .....	10.00
Holly Grove Church .....	10.00
Lovewood Church .....	15.00
Panama City Church .....	12.00
St. John's Church .....	3.00
Mr. Braswell .....	10.00
Drinks .....	50.00
TOTAL .....	<u>\$1.038.00</u>

### Paid Out:

Teachers, Director and Evangelist .....	\$ 453.26
Insurance .....	45.00
Camp Literature .....	29.60
Phone (Long Distance) .....	9.02
Postage .....	5.50
Refill Fire Extinguisher .....	3.00
Sporting Equipment .....	13.68
Sur Gas .....	12.00
Hardware and Medical Supplies .....	23.68
Groceries .....	155.40
Drinks .....	78.89
Refund (Two sick students) .....	12.00
TOTAL .....	<u>\$ 841.03</u>
Returned to State Treasurer ....	\$ 196.97

## BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

We the Board of Christian Education submit the following:

We have met three (3) times during the year. We met November 1, the closing day of the State Association, at which time we elected officers and made plans for the next meeting. November 19 we met in Auburndale with four (4) of our members present, and on June 26, at the Youth Camp with two (2) members present and our State Moderator.

From our meeting on November 19, we recommend the following to our Associations and churches:

1. That each Association purchase a slide-filmstrip projector and make use of the free filmstrips offered by our National Sunday School Department.
2. That each association sponsor a Sunday School Teacher Training Workshop during this Associational year.
3. That each church or churches close enough to each other have a Church Training Service Workshop using the services of Brother Samuel Johnson, our National (League) Church Training Service Director.
4. That each church in Florida use the Sunday School, Church Training Service, or any other literature put out by our National Association, and patronize our Bookstore.
5. That every church subscribe to "Contact" on the Family Plan.
6. That we recommend and urge young people from out of State to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.
7. That our pastors encourage our young people to take advantage of the opportunity offered by the Free Will Baptist College to attend the Bible Conference each year.
8. That each church sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

The above recommendations were mailed to each Associational Moderator and Clerk in the State. We asked that they read and take action on these at the next meeting of their Association.

In this letter, we offered our services in helping to arrange for the Sunday School and Church Training Service Workshops in their area. We also offered our help without cost except for expenses necessary such as travel, telephone calls, etc.

We also requested that each clerk send us a list of the churches, pastors, and clerks in his Association. We have received only one list.

There were three weeks of Workshops conducted by our National Sunday School Department. Two of these were sponsored by this Board. These were conducted in the Central and Liberty Association.

There were nine (9) nights of Church Training Service Workshops in three Associations. They were conducted in the Central, Liberty and Northeast Associations.

A Sunday School Convention Rally was held in the Central Association, at which a Board Member of the National Sunday School Department spoke.

In view of the work done last year and the work yet to be done and the expediency of the job before us, we make the following requests:

1. That you grant to us and your own work of Christian Education prayer and moral support.
2. That you grant to us the opportunity to serve you in a greater capacity through:
  - a. Invitations to meet with you in your District Associations on behalf of our Board..
  - b. Invitations to help you with Sunday School and Church Training Service organizations and problems; Vacation Bible School planning, and any other work that might come under this Board.
  - c. Give to us the names and addresses of every District Association Moderator and Clerk.
  - d. Give to us the name and address of every church, Pastor, and Clerk in the state.
3. That any Church Training Service or Sunday School Workshop conducted in our State can be channeled through this Board.
4. We recommend that necessary expenses involved by this Board be paid from the Youth Camp Fund, but not to exceed \$250.00

Prayerfully submitted,  
Board of Christian Education

## **CAMP MEETING**

We were blessed and challenged in Camp Meeting this year with messages from the Bible and information from the Mission Field. Plan now to attend Camp Meeting July 26-30 and be blessed not only from hearing the Word but from wonderful Christian Fellowship.

Brother Bill George  
President

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee submit the following: Association Fees paid; West Florida \$20, Central Florida \$20, Northeast Florida \$10, South Florida \$10, Liberty \$20, Salem \$20, North Florida \$20.

Total Association Fees -----	\$ 120.00
Minister Fees -----	28.00
Deacons Fees -----	22.00
Church Delegates -----	28.00
Cooperative -----	3.50
Youth Camp Building Fund -----	20.00
National Headquarters Building Offering -----	50.65
	<u>\$ 252.15</u>

Respectively submitted,  
Charlie Morris, Bertie Baxter, Ocie Lee Jones

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Resolutions Committee submit the following:  
Because of the distance to travel for the churches in Central and South Florida for our youth to attend the Youth Camp:

1. We recommend that the State Association permit the churches in these areas to have their own Youth Camp providing a camp can be secured, and supported by these churches.
2. We recommend that this Association appoint a committee to meet with the county commissioners and ask that the road by the Youth Camp, known as Central School be paved.

Respectively submitted,  
James Lancaster, Thelma Wiggins, Robert Owen

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee submit the following:  
We express our gratitude to the churches of Salem, and Liberty Associations for the good meals during this meeting. We appreciate the Womans Auxiliary of these two Associations for making arrangements for the meals and taking care of the building, making our stay here comfortable.

We thank the Lord for His wonderful Spirit that has so richly blessed each one. We ask that each one now stand in thanks to those that helped, and in praise to our Wonderful Saviour.

Respectively submitted,  
Margaret Cooper, Etha Mae Owen, Minnie Lee Sexton



## CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

### Total Reporting:

Associations -----	7
Churches -----	61
Total Membership -----	4726
Ministers registered -----	15
Deacons registered -----	11
Church Delegates -----	7
Association Delegates -----	25
Visiting Ministers -----	8

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We recommend the next State Association meet with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale, November 3-5, 1965.

Respectively submitted,  
Coy Owens, Preston Granger, Woodrow Messex

### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

(See Officers and Boards on Page One)



**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 21, 1963 — OCTOBER 15, 1964**

Project	FINAL		Balance
	Balance Oct. 20, 1963	Received	Disbursed Oct. 15, 1964
National Coop Fund .....	- \$ 1,029.20	\$ 1,029.20	-
Mission Compasion De Cristo ...	- 87.51	87.51	-
Foreign Mission .....	- 1,221.21	1,221.21	-
Home Mission .....	- 969.62	969.62	-
Bobby Poole .....	- 195.00	195.00	-
Children's Home ( South Carolina)	- 16.38	16.38	-
Children's Home (Tennessee) ...	- 20.38	20.38	-
Children's Home (Alabama) .....	- 319.14	319.14	-
C. Hannas .....	- 120.61	120.61	-
Ellison .....	- 120.61	120.61	-
Bible College (Gen.) .....	- 721.46	721.46	-
Bible College (Alum.) .....	- 200.00	200.00	-
Paynes .....	- 464.64	464.64	-
Fulcher .....	- 9.00	9.00	-
Cronks .....	- 10.00	10.00	-
Aldridge .....	- 10.00	10.00	-
Phipps .....	- 25.45	25.45	-
Whaley .....	- 10.00	10.00	-
Billows .....	- 85.65	85.65	-
Coscia .....	- 145.18	145.18	-
Alaska .....	- 30.00	30.00	-
Rice .....	- 16.45	16.45	-
Dawson .....	- 16.45	16.45	-
Kirby Jo Godwin .....	- 50.57	50.57	-
Headquarters Building Fund .....	- 27.82	27.82	-
Y. C. Song Books .....	- 107.65	-	107.65
Superannuation .....	335.72 210.97	240.00	306.69
Youth Camp .....	658.79 122.17	289.38	491.58
General Fund .....	(382.32) 541.03	353.54	(194.83)
TOTAL	\$ 612.19 \$ 6,904.15	\$ 6,805.25	\$ 711.09

# AMOUNT RECEIVED AND SOURCE

## WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

## TOTAL

Coop. ....	\$ 716.01	
Mission De Cristo .....	<u>87.51</u>	\$ 803.52

## SOUTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Coop. ....	\$ 40.00	
Home Missions .....	10.00	
Foreign Missions .....	10.00	
Children's Home (Tenn.) ....	20.38	
Children's Home (So. Car.)..	16.38	
Children's Home (Alabama)...	34.41	
Bible College .....	<u>25.18</u>	\$ 156.35

## CENTRAL

Coop. ....	\$ <u>150.58</u>	\$ 150.58
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## FIRST F.W.B. CHURCH OF AUBURNDALE

Bobby Poole .....	\$ 195.00	
Foreign Missions .....	<u>73.22</u>	\$ 268.22

## NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Coop. ....	\$ <u>30.20</u>	\$ 30.20
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## TALLAHASSEE F.W.B. CHURCH

Coop. ....	\$ 27.00	
Foreign Missions .....	32.00	
Home Missions .....	<u>86.00</u>	\$ 145.00

## SALEM ASSOCIATION

Coop. ....	\$ 673.85	
Home Missions .....	13.05	
Foreign Missions .....	13.05	
Paynes .....	448.19	
Billows .....	40.65	
Youth Camp .....	45.00	
Bible College .....	45.00	
Children's Home .....	50.00	
Superannuation .....	18.00	
C. Hannas .....	120.61	
Ellison .....	<u>120.61</u>	\$ 1,588.01

## FLORIDA STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY

Coop. ....	\$ <u>4.69</u>	\$ 4.69
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LIBERTY DISTRICT MASTER'S MEN

Song Books (Youth Camp) .....	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
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LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Coop. ....	\$ 930.65	
Foreign Missions .....	835.66	
Home Missions .....	603.29	
Fulcher .....	9.00	
Cronks .....	10.00	
Aldridge .....	10.00	
Phipps .....	25.45	
Whaley .....	10.00	
Billows .....	45.00	
Coscia .....	145.18	
Bible College (Gen.) .....	394.00	
Bible College (Alum.) .....	200.00	
Alaska .....	30.00	
Children's Home .....	41.76	
Kirby Jo Godwin .....	50.57	
Rice .....	16.45	
Paynes .....	16.45	
Dawson .....	16.45	\$ 3,389.91

STATE MEETING

Headquarters Bldg. Fund .....	\$ 27.82	
General Fund .....	232.20	
Youth Camp Song Books .....	102.65	\$ 362.67
TOTAL .....		\$ 6,904.15

Paid Out of General FundPaid Out of Youth Camp Fund

W. J. Amerson .....	\$ 25.00	Lights .....	\$111.78
Wayne Hicks .....	25.00	Telephone .....	90.60
Wayne Hicks (Newspaper) ..	75.00	Insurance .....	83.40
Minutes .....	115.50	Chipley Hardware .....	3.60
State dues to National ..	60.00		\$289.38
Elro Driggers (Executive Board Meeting) .....	30.00		
H.L. Henderson (Executive Board Meeting) .....	15.24		
Postage, etc. ....	7.80		
	\$353.54		

# 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, Youth Camp Trustees, and Trustees of Florida Free Will Baptist Bible Institute.



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. The regular election shall take place each year.

Section 6. Each standing board shall be composed of 5 members which shall be elected for 5 year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

Section 7. 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 1. 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 five (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 two-thirds 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 of receipts and disbursements and to surrender all records when leaving office.

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 this 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.

## ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

ASSOCIATIONS	CHURCHES	MEMBERSHIP	ORDAINED MINISTERS	SUNDAY SCHOOLS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	LEAGUES	LEAGUE ENROLLMENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY	AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	YOUTH AUXILIARIES	MASTER'S MEN CHAPTERS	PRAYER MEETINGS	PARSONAGES	VALUE OF CHURCHES	GENERAL OFFERINGS	SPENT LOCALLY	COOPERATIVE PROGRAM	BIBLE COLLEGE	MISSIONS	OTHER
Central	13	916	20	12	961	8	336	7	98	0	4	12	0	\$305½	\$ 49,614.43	\$100,423.40	\$ 150.58	0	\$ 9,585.42	\$ 920.12
Liberty	12	844	12	11	690	8	363	8	82	9	3	11	6	209	32,490.25	32,223.03	1,812.65	\$ 744.70	2,091.27	1,306.97
Northeast	5	284	9	5	351	2	107	3	29	2	1	5	0	139	14,321.34	14,516.10	34.46	0	975.22	5.00
North	10	597	19	10	502	4	165	5	40	2	0	10	0	80½	14,123.48	29,838.45	30.20	125.00	2,076.39	36.34
Salem	20	1316	11	15	743	10	220	6	64	4	1	8	1	143½	28,078.21	16,288.10	927.01	45.00	1,429.11	380.00
South	3	209	3	3	253	2	88	1	21	2	1	3	1	135	26,237.63	26,500.93	1,416.14	456.79	1,765.56	253.13
West	8	560	17	8	545	6	313	2	27	2	2	8	1	115½	25,116.64	22,739.74	994.69	0	1,577.44	166.37
TOTALS	71	4726	91	64	4045	40	1592	32	361	21	12	57	9	\$1127	\$189,981.98	\$242,529.75	\$5,365.15	\$1,371.49	\$19,500.41	\$3,067.93

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