

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1967

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Eau Gallie, Florida

Theme: "PREACH THE WORD"

NEXT SESSION

The 1968 session will be held with the Haines City and Winter Haven Churches. The exact site of the session will be announced by the Clerk.

OCTOBER 30 - NOVEMBER 1, 1968

OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

GENERAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR – Rev. Elro Driggers, 9101 N.W. 29th Ave., Miami, Fla.
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ASSISTANT MODERATOR – Rev. W. C. Combs, 1715 Calvados Dr.,
Cocoa, Fla. 32922

CLERK – Rev. Millard Sasser, P. O. Box 516, Niceville, Fla. 32578

TREASURER – Mr. Ernest Owen, Chipley, Fla. 32428

EXECUTIVE BOARD – Rev. Elro Driggers, Moderator
Rev. W. C. Combs, Assistant Moderator
Rev. Millard Sasser, Clerk
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Rev. Floyd Dalton, Northwest Association
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Rev. W. A. Hansley, State Promotional Secretary

PLANNING BOARD – Chester Cook, Altha (72)
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Walter Rice, Tampa (68)

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James Dunlap (71)
Ray Wells, Eau Gallie (70)
Ralph Toole (69)
Odis Whitehead, Bonifay (68)

ASSOCIATION DELEGATES

LIBERTY — Mrs. Bertie Baxter, Mrs. Nancy Cook, Mrs. Corrine George, Mrs. Etha Mae Owen, Mrs. Patricia Pettis

NORTHEAST — Mr. Q. Hansley

NORTH — Mrs. Martha Pettis, Mrs. Alice O'Quinn

SALEM — Mr. Compton, Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Lamb, Mr. Lamb

VICTORY — Mrs. Judy Puckett, Mrs. Rice, Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. Norma Combs, Mrs. Paige, Mrs. Jenny Johnson, Ocie L. Jones, Mrs. Margie Borden, Mrs. Bell

WEST — Mrs. Lucille Parham, Mrs. Thelma Bass, Mrs. Maggie Dochens, Mrs. Louise Owen, Mrs. Thelma Wiggins

CHURCH DELEGATES

Bob Howell — First Free Will Baptist Church of Niceville
Dave Pollett — Wright Free Will Baptist Church, Ft. Walton Beach
Odis Whitehead — Pleasant Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Bonifay
Florine Cope — Mount Carmel, Perry
W. D. Courtnee — St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, Perry
Franklin Suher — St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, Perry
Minnie L. Sexton — Damascus Free Will Baptist Church, Marianna
Winifred Harris — Winter Haven Free Will Baptist Church, Winter Haven
Adele Morris — Lovewood Church, Cottondale
Joe Ladd — 1st Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie



DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Association	Moderator	Clerk
Liberty	Rev. Millard Sasser P. O. Box 516 Niceville, Florida 32578	Rev. Wendall Walley Chipley, Florida 32428
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North	Rev. Floyd Dalton P. O. Box 106 Quitman, Georgia 31643	Mary A. Davis Rt. 1, Box 93 Perry, Florida 32347
Salem	Rev. Walter Eldridge Cottdale, Fla. 32431	C. L. Cook Rt. 1, Altha, Fla. 32421
Victory	Rev. W. C. Combs 1715 Calvados Drive Cocoa, Florida 32922	Ray Wells Rt. 2, Box 965-B Melbourne, Fla. 32901
West	Rev. Robert Owen Rt. 1, Box 269 Atmore, Alabama 36504	Wallace J. Amerson Rt. 4, Box 303 Atmore, Alabama 36504

REGISTERED MINISTERS – Wendell Walley, Bill Cathey, Glen Spence, Marlon E. Bordon, Robert Owen, Millard Sasser, Q. Hansley, Woodrow Messex, W. A. Hansley, Floyd Dalton, Elro Driggers, W. C. Combs, Ed Cook, James R. Puckett, William Compton, Bill George, I. R. Maloy, Harvey E. Hill, Chester A. Huckaby, Cecil Rogers, A. C. Truluck, Howard T. Messer, W. T. Jones, J. C. Jamesin, Curtis Sheets, Wayne Hicks, Melvin Worthington, Lacy Powers, Dennis E. Bias, Novis Edwards.

REGISTERED DEACONS – G. W. Cloud, Ray Wells, Hermon L. Hanna, Robert Odom, Coy Owens, Ernest Owen, Earl Hill, Olan Rehberg, W. Brewer, Thomas Christian, Arthur Chaffin, L. L. Adams, Walter Rice, James Fields, Charles Allen

REGISTERED VISITORS – There were many who registered as visitors at the State Association. Our visitors included representatives from our National Departments:

Rev. Roger Reeds – Sunday School Department
 Rev. Henry Van Kluyde – Foreign Missions Department
 Evangelist Jack Paramore – Free Will Baptist Bible College
 Rev. Carlton Lambert – Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday Evening, November 1, 1967 7:00 P.M.

The service began with singing led by the local church choir director. The congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart", "There Is Power In The Blood", and "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder." Rev. Robert Owen led the congregation in the opening prayer.

The Association Clerk, Rev. Millard Sasser, introduced the host pastor, Rev. Glen Spence. Rev. Spence welcomed the Association to Eau Gallie and the local church. Rev. Harvey Hill, Moderator of the host Association, was introduced and welcomed the State Association to the Victory Association. The clerk introduced the State Association officers: Bro. Ernest Owen, Treasurer; Rev. Ed Cook, Assistant Moderator; and Rev. Elro Driggers, Moderator.

Rev. Driggers, the Moderator, gave his opening remarks which were based on II Timothy 4: 1,2. He reminded the Association of our duty to "Preach The Word", the Theme of the Association.

The delegates of the various district associations were recognized and special visitors from various departments of labor were welcomed.

Several special numbers were presented by various groups - a group from the local church, the local church choir, and a quartet from the Cocoa Church. The singing was enjoyed by all.

Evangelist Jack Paramore preached the opening message, using Matthew 28:18-20 as his text and "Evangelism Among Free Will Baptists" as his subject. It was a very challenging message.

The following committees were appointed by the Moderator:

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES: Rev. James Puckett, Rev. Floyd Dalton, Rev. Robert Owen, Rev. W. C. Combs, Rev. Bill George.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Rev. Millard Sasser, Ray Wells, Wendell Walley, G. W. Cloud.

Announcements were made and the Benediction was prayed by Rev. Ed Cook.

Thursday Morning, November 2, 1967 9:30 A.M.

Rev. Ed Cook from Chipley led the congregation in singing "At Calvary" and "Blessed Assurance."

Rev. Curtis Sheets brought the morning Devotional message using Matthew 28:16-20 as his text and "Involvement" as his subject.

It was moved, seconded and carried to seat all Standing Delegates. (Ordained Ministers and Deacons)

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept Credentials Committee's partial report. (See Committee Reports)

It was moved, seconded and carried to seat all Association and church delegates. (See Association & Church Delegates for names)

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept Committee on Committees' partial report. (See Committee Reports)

Rev. W. A. Hansley gave the State Promotional Secretary's Report. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. (See Reports section)

Rev. Ed Cook gave the Bethlehem Youth Camp Report and it was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Rev. Harvey Hill gave the Camp Alafai Youth Camp Report and it was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Bro. Ernest Owen gave a report on Camp Meeting. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report as information.

Rev. Henry Van Kluyde gave a report from the National Foreign Missions Department. He introduced Rev. & Mrs. Novice Edwards, Missionary candidates from Florida to the Foreign Mission field. Each gave testimonies of God's gracious guiding.

Rev. Roger Reed brought news from the National Sunday School Department.

Thursday Morning Worship Service

The congregation sang "Revive Us Again." The ladies trio from the Cocoa Church rendered special singing for the worship service.

The Moderator introduced Rev. Melvin Worthington, who preached the morning message. His text was II Timothy 3:14-17; II Timothy 4:1-5; and his subject "The Way to Revival." His message was soul stirring.

The dismissal prayer was prayed and Thanks for the noon meal was included in the prayer.

Thursday Afternoon

Rev. Wayne Hicks led the congregation in singing "The Lily of the Valley." Rev. Bill George brought the afternoon devotional message using Psalm 126:6 as his text and "The Need to Go" as his subject.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the final report of the Committee on Committees. (See Reports)

Rev. Chester Huckaby gave a report on Superannuation.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the State Mission Board's report. (See Reports)

Delegates to the National Association were chosen. The delegates were: Mrs. Anita Messer, Mrs. Louise Owen, Mrs. Keta Cathy, Mrs. Dorothy Messex, Mrs. Imogene Knight. Two alternate delegates were chosen. They were Mr. Robert Howell and Mrs. Etha Mae Owen.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept these as delegates and alternates with the Moderator having power to appoint others if necessary.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report from the Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama, which was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert. (See Reports)

The Treasurer's Report was given by Bro. Ernest Owen and it was moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Evangelist Jack Paramore, representing the Free Will Baptist Bible College, gave a report on the College. The report included students attending, the faculty, and a progress report on the building program of the college.

The Planning Board and Resolutions Committee gave a joint report. The report included six resolutions and four constitutional changes. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report, adopt the resolutions item by item, and to lay the proposed constitutional changes on the table until Friday's session. (See Reports for resolutions) The resolutions were adopted by motions, second, and majority as offered by the Committee.

It was moved, seconded and carried to authorize the Planning Board and the Resolutions Committee to offer proposed constitutional changes to the body at the Thursday night session of this Association.

The Superannuation Board reported with three items. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report and adopt it item by item.

Item One: "We recommend that the monthly check going to our retired ministers on Superannuation be raised from \$15.00 per month to \$20.00 per month." It was moved, seconded and carried to accept this recommendation with the understanding that the amount payable each month was set at \$25.00 per month some association earlier. If this has not been repealed, the ministers will receive \$25.00 per month rather than \$20.00 per month.

Items two and three were accepted as read. (See Reports)

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer.

Thursday Evening

The service began with congregational singing – "The Unclouded Day", "Victory in Jesus" and "The Old Account Was Settled."

Rev. Harvey Hill, Florida State Home Missionary, gave a report on the work at Winter Haven, a report of success.

Special singing by various groups from the host church and the host association was enjoyed by all. Everyone joined in to sing a favorite hymn, "Amazing Grace."

Rev. Wendell Walley was introduced and brought the evening message, using as his text, Eph 1:3,4. His message was a blessing to all.

It was voted and passed to receive a special offering for the fund of the Promotional Secretary. Afterward there was a time of Thanksgiving and testimony by the congregation.

We were dismissed by prayer.

Friday Morning, November 3, 1967

The services started with the congregation singing "Jesus Saves" and "Blessed Assurance."

The meeting was called to order and Rev. Howard Messer was introduced to bring the morning devotional message, using Rom 12:1 as his text.

Mrs. Bertie Baxter gave a report on the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee. (See Reports)

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Board of Christian Education. (See Reports)

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Finance Committee. (See Reports)

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept report of the Placement Committee. (See Reports)

The Resolutions Committee offered four resolutions in addition to those accepted at the previous session. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report as the full report and adopt the report item by item. Each item was adopted as given by the Committee. (All resolutions are listed together in the Reports Section)

It was moved, seconded and carried to take from the table the Constitutional Amendments tabled in the Thursday afternoon session.

Article III, Section I – Present Reading: Officers – The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary and a Treasurer. Proposed Change: Officers – The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and a Promotional Secretary. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the proposed change.

Article III, 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. Proposed Change: The Standing Boards of this Association shall be, Planning, Missions, Education, Superannuation, and Youth Board. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept proposed change.

Article III, Section 3: Now reads – The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, and Treasurer. Other Committees may be appointed as needed. Proposed Change: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Promotional Secretary and one elected member from each affiliated Association. A majority members shall constitute a quorum. Other Committees shall be appointed as needed. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept change.

Article V, Section 2 – Present Reading: 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. Proposed Changes: Fees for an Association are based on \$2.00 per member church. Fees for churches are \$4.00 per delegate. Fees for ministers and deacons are \$2.00 each.

It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the Appreciations Committee's Report. (See Reports)

Many Christians gave testimony of the thanks and praise to God for His marvelous grace to them. There were some special songs by various individuals and groups. A real blessing was enjoyed by all.

The Nominating Committee gave its report. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the report and adopt it item by item. Each item was accepted by the body as recommended by the Committee.

(See Reports)

Rev. Bill George was re-elected to the Board of Trustees of the Childrens Home, Eldridge, Alabama.

It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. The benediction was prayed by Rev. Glen Spence.

REPORTS

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE – A. C. Truluck, Ernest Owen, Robert Odum

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Ray Wells, Earl Hill, Jenny Johnson

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE – William Compton, Martha Pettis,
Thelma Bass

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE – W. E. Cathey, Q. Hansley, Woodrow Messex

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Curtis Sheets, Wayne Hicks, W. T. Jones

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Partial Report:

We have examined the letters of the Association and find all letters in order with proper fees.

We recommend that the Associations' delegates be seated.

We have examined the local church registration and find that proper fees have been paid.

We recommend that the local church delegates be seated.

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Credentials Committee Report cont'd.

Final Report:

	TOTAL REPORTING	
	This Report	Last Report
Associations	6	7
Churches	84	81
Mission	2	0
Total Membership	5853	5467
Number of Parsonages	19	Unk
Number of Ordained Ministers	105	Unk
Number of Licensed Ministers	24	Unk
Number of Ordained Deacons	185	Unk
Enrollment of Sunday School	4502	Unk
Enrollment of CTS	1530	Unk
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliary	455	Unk
Enrollment of Master's Men	140	Unk
Ministers Registered	30	32
Deacons Registered	16	13
Church Delegates	10	42
Association Delegates	24	36
Visiting Ministers	5	3
Visitors	95	113
Total Registered Present	180	

Millard Sasser
Ray Wells
G. W. Cloud
Wendell Walley

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We your joint committee submit the following resolutions:

1. That we refer a recommendation to increase the support of our ministers now on the superannuation program to the superannuation board.
2. That the state cooperative allocations be revised as follows:
 - a. \$25.00 per month to be deducted from the total receipts for treasurers bookkeeping expenses.

Resolutions Committee Report cont'd.

- b. State co-op plan 50% be based on the following:
 1. Childrens Home 20%
 2. Superannuation 5%
 3. Home Missions 20%
 4. General Fund 5%
 5. Promotion Dept 50%
3. That we recommend to all our churches that they support the state cooperative program.
4. That we instruct our clerk to send a letter to the National Executive Department requesting that the standard letter form used to report to quarterly and annual meetings be revised to include the following information as part of the statistical report.
 - a. Number of Conversions
 - b. Members received
 - c. Members lost
 - d. Deaths
5. That our state treasurer furnish the state promotional secretary a monthly financial statement to be published in the Co-ordinator.
6. That we extend a vote of appreciation to Bro. Wingate Hansley for the outstanding work he has done as our Promotional Secretary.
7. That churches, quarterly meetings, and associations which invite the Promotional Secretary to attend their meetings, receive an offering for his account.
8. That anyone having copies of previous minutes of the state association prior to the year 1963 send them to the state clerk in order that a permanent file may be established and maintained by the state clerk and his successor and also by the state promotional office.
9. That all mission activities, i.e. project 30, church extension, etc., be coordinated and promoted by the state mission board, and this board to elect a secretary-treasurer and all state mission monies be channeled from the state treasurer to this board's treasurer.
10. We recommend that \$251.00 be taken from general fund and added to \$199.00 already sent to the National to bring total to \$450.00 for support of National Associational meeting which was held in Jacksonville in July of this year.

The following are recommended as constitutional amendments:

1. Article III, Section 1 to read: Officers: The officers of this association shall be a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, and Promotional Secretary.
2. Article III, Section 2 to read: Boards: The standing boards of this association shall be Planning, Missions, Education, Superannuation, and Youth Board.

Resolutions Committee Report cont'd.

3. Article III, Section 3 to read: The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Promotional Secretary, and one elected member from each affiliated association. A majority members shall constitute a quorum. Other committees shall be appointed as needed.
4. Article V, Section 2 to read: Fees for an association are based on \$2.00 per member church. Fees for churches are \$4.00 per delegate. Fees for ministers and deacons are \$2.00 each.

A. C. Truluck
Ed Cook
Walter Rice
Robert Odum
W. G. Cloud
Ernest Owen

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee submit the following:

Association Fees Paid		Total Association Fees	\$120.00
Liberty	\$ 20.00	Ministers & Deacons	92.00
Northeast	20.00	Church Delegates	40.00
North	20.00	Special Offering	64.60
Salem	20.00	(Promotional Secretary)	
Victory	20.00	TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$316.60
West	20.00		

Ray Wells
Jenny Johnson
Earl Hill

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to take the opportunity to thank the Eau Gallie Church for the privilege of meeting in their beautiful church and for all their other kindnesses. The various homes in which we received such a warm welcome, the good food we all shared and the warm and wonderful fellowship we have shared while here.

May the Lord continue to bless your church and all the people who make it up. We wish to show this by a standing ovation.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. William Compton
Martha Pettis
Thelma Bass

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Moderator	Rev. Elro Driggers
Assistant Moderator	Rev. W. C. Combs
Clerk	Rev. Millard Sasser
Treasurer	Bro. Ernest Owen

PLANNING BOARD

Retain Chester Cook, Altha, Florida. Term expires 1972

Missions Board

W. C. Truluck	Term Expires 1970
Robert Owen	Term Expires 1969
Bill Cathy	Term Expires 1972

Board of Education

Retain Rev. Ed Cook, Term Expires 1972

Superannuation Board

Sanford L. Adams 1972

Wayne Hicks
W. T. Jones
Curtis Sheets

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the State Association of Free Will Baptist convene with the Haines City and Winter Haven churches in 1968.

W. E. Cathey
Woodrow Messex
Q. Hansley

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

We met at the National Association and again from time to time, we have had telephone contacts between portions of the board, but never a complete board meeting with all members present.

Bro. Jones and I made contacts and handled necessary arrangements for the loan to the First Church at Lakeland.

We have been informed from time to time of the activities of the Executive Board concerning the Church Extension Fund loans, requests, etc.

W. C. Combs
Willie T. Jones

SUPERANNUATION BOARD

We, the Committee, beg to recommend that the monthly check from our Superannuation Board to our eligible members be raised to \$20.00 per month instead of \$15.00 as now set. (See motion to accept report in Proceedings Section)

After investigation, we ask that the name of Rev. A. B. Cook of Rt. 1, Bonifay, Florida be added to the list of eligibles to receive a monthly check of \$20.00

We wish to recommend to all our churches and eligible ministers that they investigate the security of aged and retired christian workers offered by the National Association of Free Will Baptist Superannuation Board.

Humbly submitted,

G. W. Cloud
Wm. Compton
Coy Owens
Q. Hansley

CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT

Florida Cash Contributions 1966-1967

October 1966	\$ 303.67
November 1966	1,137.41
December 1966	743.18
January 1967	179.97
February 1967	683.46
March 1967	578.90
April 1967	237.00
May 1967	417.04
June 1967	629.36
July 1967	208.62
August 1967	830.80
September 1967	237.53
TOTAL	\$6,186.94

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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We your committee on Education make the following report:

1. We propose that the State Association assume the project of donating "two" student desks per church for the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. (Cost per desk is \$16.00 each) We propose that the monies for this project be sent to our State Treasurer by not later than Jan. 1.

2. We propose that each church buy a Lumen from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville for the purpose of displaying in respective churches so as to influence our young people to attend our denominational school. (The cost on a special offer by the College is under \$7.00 per Lumen)

3. We urge spiritual leaders to be more concerned, and voice suggestions to officials in our public schools systems concerning the trend of low moral standards of which results in a general "Breaking Down" of decency in society.

4. We suggest that each church start a monthly teacher meeting.

5. We recommend two Youth Camps be active again this year, with parents encouraging their children to attend.

6. We recommend that the amount of \$250.00 be reconsidered and granted to the Christian Board of Education for the use of promotion.

7. We recommend Free Will Baptist parents remain loyal to Free Will Baptist heritage in sending their children to the Free Will Baptist Bible College for their higher education.

8. We recommend and urge each church in Florida to use Sunday School, CTS or any other literature put out by our National Association and to patronize our bookstore.

9. We recommend and urge each church to sponsor a Daily Vacation Bible School.

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NORTH FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
YOUTH CAMP
CAMP BETHLEHEM

We are truly thankful for the fine session which we had this year. There were 117 registered students, including workers we had approximately 143 total people present for camp.

There were several decisions for Christ, both first time and re-dedications. The spiritual atmosphere was one of the finest in some time. Our teachers and workers did a fine job which accounted for the success of the camp.

The North Florida Association appointed a Youth Camp Board consisting of Claude L. Davis, Perry; Bill George, Bonifay; John Reed, Sneads; Robert Owen, Bratt; Ed Cook, Chipley.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

Balance forwarded from 1966	\$ 218.00
Camper's Fees	1,170.00
St. John's Church, Perry, Fla.	45.00
Liberty Assoc. Ladies Aux.	50.00
Piney Grove Church, Chipley, Fla.	25.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$1,508.00

PAID OUT:

Food and Supplies	\$ 462.91
Printing & Phone Calls	11.55
Insurance	60.00
Sports Equipment	47.35
Labor (salaries for workers)	593.70
Literature	45.91
Repair Eye Glasses	6.00
BALANCE IN BANK: 10/23/67	\$ 441.76

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Respectfully Submitted,
Edward Cook
Camp Director

CAMP ALAFIA

The Youth Camp held at Camp Alafia near Mulberry, Florida in June was a great success.

We thank God for a registration of 173 including workers, for pre-teen sessions and 105 for teens and a total of 278 for both sessions. We praise His name for approximately 105 decisions in the pre-teen sessions, with about 50% of them first time decisions. Approximately 80 decisions in the teen session with about 40% of them first time decisions, a total of 185 decisions for both sessions.

Following is our FINANCIAL REPORT:

INCOME

Central Florida Quarterly Meeting	\$ 128.00
Central Florida Sunday School Convention	21.40
Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Eau Gallie Church	50.00
Ray Wells	10.32
Central Florida Ministers & Deacons Meeting	35.31
Central Florida Woman's District Aux. & S.S. Convention	100.00
Central Florida Woman's District Aux. & Cen. Fla. Q. M.	100.00
Lake Wales Free Will Baptist Church	26.64
Kissimmee Free Will Baptist Church	100.00
Bro. Minor	1.00
S. L. Adams	25.00
Edgewood Park Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Orlando Mission	25.00
Mid East Coast F.W.B. Quarterly Meeting	50.00
Central Florida C.T.S. Rally	22.27
Mid East Coast Ministers & Deacons Meeting	25.00
Mt. Olive F.W.B. Church	32.00
Deerfield Beach F.W.B. Church	50.00
South Florida Quarterly Conference of Dade County	30.00
Spanish Church, Miami, Florida	25.00
Free Will Baptist Church, Miami	100.00
Winter Haven Free Will Baptist Church	52.98
Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Lakeland	22.68
First Free Will Baptist Church, Tampa	55.18
Christian Home F.W.B. Church, Bartow	25.00
First F.W.B. Church, Auburndale	54.25
Central Florida Ministers Conference	50.00
Florida State Association	300.00
Calvary F.W.B. Church, Plant City	50.00
TOTAL	\$1,668.53

Camp Alafia cont'd.

Received from churches and State Assn.	\$1,668.53
Received from campers	2,497.35
Received from refreshment sales	417.73
Received from Insurance Refund	69.85
Received from Change Refund	100.00
Balance Brought Forward from 1966	<u>428.91</u>
TOTAL	\$5,182.37

EXPENDITURES

Camp Rental Fee	\$1,170.45
Teachers, workers, cooks, etc.	909.71
Groceries	1,035.87
Refreshment Stand Supplies for resale	315.51
Camp Insurance	142.00
Literature & Printing	145.02
Recreational Equipment	All donated
Phone (Long Distance)	46.75
Postage	26.45
Office Supplies	3.60
First Aid, Doctor, Hospital calls, etc.	136.69
Change (To make change at camp)	100.00
Home Missions	60.62
Song Books	<u>36.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,128.67

Total Income	\$5,182.37
Total Paid Out	<u>4,128.67</u>
Balance in Bank	\$1,053.76

\$900.00 of the above balance is in the Trust Federal Savings and Loan Association of Winter Haven, Florida. The remainder in a checking account at the Peoples Bank of Auburndale.

Mr. James Howell, 101 Smith Street, Auburndale, Florida is the Youth Camp treasurer.

Rev. Harvey E. Hill

BOARD MEMBERS

Randy Brooks
James Howell
Ray Wells
Jim Puckett
Harvey E. Hill

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

REPORT OF THE FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS WHILE IN SESSION AT THE EAU GALLIE CHURCH, EAU GALLIE, FLORIDA ON NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3, 1967. This report covers from February 15, 1967 – October 31, 1967.

The placing of a promotional man on the field in Florida has been one goal of Florida Free Will Baptists for the past several years. The 1966 session of the State Association, which met with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida, saw this becoming a reality. On page 11, under Resolutions Committee Report, item 1, we read, "Motion was made and seconded that a promotional man be considered and that the state allocations be revised to include the promotional man's salary. Motion was made, seconded and carried to amend the motion to include the Executive Committee have the responsibility of screening for and hiring the promotional man and set up this program. The motion was carried as amended.

On January 25, 1967 I had the privilege to meet with members of your Executive Committee in Ocala, Florida. We discussed the Florida work among Free Will Baptists, in relation with a promotional secretary. At the close of this discussion I felt very definitely led to accept this work. My family and I arrived in Ocala on February 14, 1967. My work with the state officially began on February 15, 1967.

We feel that this step has marked another mile-stone in the history of Florida Free Will Baptists.

I would like to express my appreciation for the privilege of serving in this capacity during the past months. A portion of scripture that has been a great blessing to me during this time is I Corinthians 3: 9a, "For we are labourers together with God."

REPORT (Statistical)

OCALA PASTORATE:

Membership--February (6), At present (30)

Average--Sunday School Attendance (40), Morning Worship average (48)
Offering (\$50.00) per Sunday. These averages based on Sept. & Oct.

Building Program--The building is nearing completion. We have installed 2 bath rooms, doors, windows, floor, partial roof, and partially painted inside.

MILES TRAVELED 18, 403

CHURCHES VISITED 43

ASSOCIATIONS AND QUARTERLY MEETINGS ATTENDED 11

CO-ORDINATORS PUBLISHED 7 (Mailing list at present 330)

NEWSLETTERS PUBLISHED 2

Promotional Secretary's Report cont'd.

CORRESPONDENCE

Several letters have been written to co-ordinate the State and National work.

Several letters have been written to pastors and persons moving to help in locating nearby Free Will Baptist Churches.

Various other correspondence.

COMPILE LISTS OF PASTORS AND CHURCHES

At present we have 89 member churches in the State Association and 10 or more churches that are either un-affiliated, or members of bodies in other states.

FLORIDA CAMPS HELPED IN (2)

REVIVALS HELD (3)

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE COMING YEAR

News items are a must for the CO-ORDINATOR. Elect someone from each local church, quarterly meeting, and association to get the news in!

Help us in getting the CO-ORDINATOR IN EACH FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME in the state.

Pray daily for our state work.

Do not hesitate to call or write when you need the help of your promotional secretary.

(Mailing address: P. O. Box 1312, Ocala, Florida 32670)

(Office address: 1748 NE 28th Street, Ocala, Florida 32670)

(Phone: 629-5031 Ocala, Florida)

This is my report. It is difficult to report the anxieties, difficulties, joys, and blessings that have occurred. The blame for any failures can be placed upon me. The credit for any success must go to the Lord Jesus Christ.

W. A. Hansley

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ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
 FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
 OCTOBER 18, 1966 - OCTOBER 17, 1967

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>Oct. 18, 1966</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
National Coop Plan	\$	\$
Foreign Missions		1,289.50
Home Missions		991.46
Children's Home (Ala.)		855.62
Children's Home (Tenn.)		13.85
Children's Home (S.C.)		20.00
Bible College		1,464.58
Superannuation	1,321.29	94.25
Church Extension Fund	23,971.15	7,580.50
"Coordinator"	16.00	220.29
State Promotional Fund	830.12	392.93
State Missions (Proj. 30)		5,740.03
State Coop. Plan		15,496.72
General Fund	813.25	294.70
Education	20.00	
Youth Camp		45.00
National Assoc'n Expense		199.00
Earmarked for Missionaries:		
Craft		15.00
Brooks		195.79
Billows		106.97
Henderson		96.00
Coscia		150.00
Ella R. Jones		18.14
Tyson		167.25
Poole		45.00
Payne		724.05
Fulcher		82.00
Combs		25.00
Aldridge		150.00
Wilkerson		30.45
Martin		9.00
Willey, Sr.		44.50
Willey, Jr.		81.30
Richards		60.40
Powell		62.00
Lee		57.00
Rice		45.00
Hersey		90.00
Garcia		150.62
Ellison		87.14
Missions, Deficit Accts.		300.00
Other:		
Lake Wales Church		305.44
Ocala Bldg. Fund		300.00
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>\$26,971.81</u>	<u>\$38,096.48</u>

Ernest Owen, Treasurer

<u>(FROM COOP. DIV.)</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>Oct. 18, 1967</u>
(\$5,423.84)	\$ 5,423.84	\$
(774.85)	2,064.33	
(774.83)	1,766.29	
(1,549.67)	2,405.29	
	13.85	
	20.00	
(774.85)	2,239.43	
(387.41)	180.00	1,622.95
	24,900.00	6,651.65
	336.30	100.01 (IN RED)
(2,711.94)	7,072.41	3,137.42 (IN RED)
(2,711.93)	5,511.40	2,940.56
(387.42)	780.12	715.25
		20.00
		45.00
	199.00	
	15.00	
	195.79	
	106.97	
	96.00	
	150.00	
	18.14	
	167.25	
	45.00	
	724.05	
	82.00	
	25.00	
	150.00	
	30.45	
	9.00	
	44.50	
	81.30	
	60.40	
	62.00	
	57.00	
	45.00	
	90.00	
	150.62	
	87.14	
	300.00	
	305.44	
	<u>1800.00</u>	1,500.00 (IN RED)
	\$57,810.31	\$ 7,257.98 (Balance 10/17/67)

E X P L A I N A T I O N

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (Originally Youth Camp Fund)

Received:

\$ 40.00	on Sale of SH Gas Tank
848.00	Interest on Loan to Bank
420.00	(7) Payments on Loan to Grace Church (Int. \$206.85)
100.00	(2) " " " " Ocala Church (Int. 4.76)
80.00	(2) " " " " Orlando Church (Int. 39.90)
52.50	(2) " " " " Lakeland Church (Int.19.89)
6,040.00	On Sale of Cottondale Youth Camp
<u>\$ 7,580.50</u>	

Disbursed:

\$ 1,500.00	to settle suit on Cottondale Youth Camp
900.00	Rent on Camp Bethelhem & Camp Alfalfia
6,000.00	Loan to Grace, Orange Park
500.00	Loan to Ocala
4,000.00	Loan to Orlando
2,000.00	Loan to Lakeland
4,000.00	Loan to Beulah, Pensacola
6,000.00	Loan to Ensley, Pensacola
<u>\$24,900.00</u>	

GENERAL FUND

Received:

\$ 204.00	Fees
90.70	Offering

Disbursed:

\$ 10.00	Sign for Assoc'n at Chipley
14.00	Reports
50.00	Speaker
40.00	To Rev. Willey, Sr.
75.00	To Mod., Clerk, Treasurer
115.00	For Printing Minutes
60.00	Fee to Nat. Assoc'n.
5.20	Suppl.
117.78	Telephone Calls
232.90	Travel Expense for Exec. Board
8.04	Material for CTS Contest at National
50.00	Fees for CTS Contest at National
2.20	Check Book
<u>\$ 780.12</u>	

STATE PROMOTIONAL FUND

Received:

\$ 392.93 Special offerings for Rev. Hansley

Disbursed:

\$ 3,683.38 Salary for Promotional Secretary (8½ months)
 900.00 Housing Allowance
 1,298.16 Travel Expense For Promotional Secretary
 250.00 Moving Expense " " "
 798.52 Equipment & Supplies for setting up office
 to publish "Coordinator"
 142.35 Legal etc. to clear title of Ocala Church
\$ 7,072.41

SUPERANNUATION

Received:

\$ 69.25

Disbursed:

\$ 180.00 To Rev. Joe Turner

COORDINATOR

Received:

\$ 220.29 Subscriptions

Disbursed:

\$ 336.30 Printing & Mat.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE, CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

<u>LOAN</u>	<u>PAID ON PRINCIPAL</u>	<u>INT. @ 6%</u>	
\$6,000.00	\$213.15	\$206.85	Grace
500.00	95.24	4.76	Ocala
4,000.00	40.10	39.90	Orlando
2,000.00	32.61	19.89	Lakeland
4,000.00	(Borrowed Sept. 19, 1967)		Buelah
6,000.00	(Borrowed Sept. 20, 1967)		Ensley

COOP. RECEIPTS BY ASSOCIATION

<u>Total Receipts</u>	<u>Coop Plan</u>	
\$ 3,904.24	\$ 2,779.24	West Florida
1,039.43	1,014.43	North Florida
968.25	748.25	North East
2,081.78	1,110.79	Salem (Last quarter not in)
10,243.88	4,206.75	Liberty
6,799.90	5,637.26	Victory

Money for Proj. 30 not included in receipts here.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

ASSOCIATIONS	CHURCHES	TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	ORDAINED MINISTERS	SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	CTS ENROLLMENT	WOMANS AUXILIARY ENROLLMENT	MASTER'S MEN ENROLLMENT	PRAYER MEETING ATTENDANCE	PARSONAGES	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	SPENT LOCALLY	CO-OPERATIVE PROGRAM	EDUCATION	MISSION	OTHER
LIBERTY	13	1,059	15	738	345	85	49	263	4	\$ 244,927.00	\$ 65,046.37	\$ 3,596.22	\$1,092.00	\$ 2,599.19	\$14,266.41
NORTHEAST	No Rpt.	310	No Rpt.	258	92	12	No Report	-----		122,900.00	12,876.00	417.52	50.00	230.00	No Report
NORTH	7	493	10	356	132	27	No Report	-----		104,000.00	16,830.32	853.26	277.70	2,884.46	2,299.04
SALEM	17	1,327	9	504	178	75	8	111	3	186,500.00	30,602.92	1,843.77	850.00	1,376.00	2,448.21
VICTORY	31	2,079	46	2,167	572	197	70	679	11	576,175.00	159,698.93	5,277.40	1,269.80	2,595.15	48,715.31
WEST	9	584	15	479	211	59	13	173	1	103,950.00	27,198.20	2,720.14	740.17	2,372.15	2,968.81
TOTALS	77	5,852	95	4,502	1530	455	140	1226	19	\$1,338,452.00	\$322,252.74	\$14,708.31	\$4,279.67	\$11,956.95	\$70,697.78

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, Treasurer, and Promotional Secretary.

Section 2. Boards: The standing boards of this association shall be Planning, Missions, Education, Superannuation, and Youth Board.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, Promotional Secretary, and one elected member from each affiliated association. A majority members shall constitute a quorum. Other committees shall 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 for an association are based on \$2.00 per member church. Fees for churches are \$4.00 per delegate. Fees for ministers and deacons are \$2.00 each.

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 submit 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.

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