

**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

*1969*

**MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**SAINT JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Perry, Florida**

*Theme: REDEEMING THE TIME. Romans 13:11-14*

**NEXT SESSION**

**First Free Will Baptist Church  
Tampa, Florida**

**OCTOBER 28-30, 1970**

# OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## GENERAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR ----- Rev. Harvey Henderson  
1415 26th St., N.W., Winter Haven, Fla. 33800

ASSISTANT MODERATOR - Rev. H. Reedy Saverance  
8640 S.W. 125th Ter., Miami, Fla. 33100

CLERK ----- Rev. Millard C. Sasser  
Rt. 4, Box 310-s, Ocala, Fla. 32670

ASSISTANT CLERK ----- Rev. Glenn Hood  
608 Poinsetta Ave., Auburndale, Fla. 33823

TREASURER ----- Bro. Ernest Owen  
Railroad Ave., Chipley, Fla. 32428

PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY Rev. W. A. Hansley  
1812 NE 28th St., Ocala, Fla. 32670

EXECUTIVE BOARD - Rev. Harvey Henderson, Moderator  
Rev. H. Reedy Saverance, Vice Moderator  
Rev. Millard Sasser, Clerk  
Bro. Ernest Owen, Treasurer  
Rev. W. A. Hansley, Promotional Secretary  
Rev. Robert Crawford, Liberty  
305 Forest Ave., Chipley, Fla. 32428  
Rev. Wayne Hicks, North Florida  
6515 Adams St., Quincy, Fla. 32351  
Rev. Daniel Pelt, Salem  
Rt. 1, Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442  
Rev. C. Curtis Sheets, Victory  
4102 E. Knollwood Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33610  
Rev. Elro Driggers, North East  
5208 Saginaw Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32210  
Rev. Elzie Carroll, West Florida  
4 Campbell Ct., Pensacola, Fla. 32507

### PLANNING BOARD

Rev. David Pettis (74)  
Rev. Novis Edwards (73)  
Bro. Chester Cook (72)  
Bro. C. D. Owens (71)  
Bro. Claude Davis (70)

### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Robert Owen (74)  
Rev. Bill George (73)  
Rev. Bill Cathy (72)  
Rev. W. T. Jones (71)  
Bro. George Cloud (70)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Rev. W. T. Turnbaugh (74)  
Rev. Neal Thomsen (73)  
Rev. James Puckett (72)  
Rev. Odis Whitehead (71)  
Mrs. Ruby Amerson (70)

### BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION

Rev. Benito Rodriguez (74)  
Bro. Earl Rogers (73)  
Bro. Stanford L. Adams (72)  
Rev. W. E. Compton (71)  
Bro. Coy Owen (70)

## ASSOCIATION DELEGATES PRESENT

LIBERTY ----- Mary Whitehead, Katie D. Owen, Lucile Cook  
NORTH EAST --- Miss Barbra Buffington, Mrs. Nancy Driggers  
NORTH ----- W. D. Courtney, Charles Tessier  
SALEM ----- Dea Compton, Jimmie Hitchcock  
VICTORY ----- Lena Cloud, Nadine Hood, Ranald Easton, Emma Lou Easton  
WEST ----- Blanche Carroll, Ruby Amerson, Thelma Bass, Margaret Baker, Carrie B. Carroll, Ann Watford

## CHURCH DELEGATES REGISTERED

Marie Owens ----- Piney Grove, Chipley  
Wande Helms ----- Pleasant Hill, Bonifay  
Wesley E. Owen ----- Piney Grove, Chipley  
Pansey Lyan ----- Auburndale  
Eudene Jones ----- Auburndale  
Etha Mae Owen ----- Chipley  
Winnie Lee Sexton ---- Damascus, Marianna  
Lottie Maddox ----- Emmanuel, Lakeland  
Ocie Lee Jones ----- Eau Gallie  
C. T. Richards(Mrs.)-- Chipley  
Martha Pettis ----- Mt. Carmel, Perry  
Louise Hicks ----- Quincy  
W. H. Bennett ----- St. Johns, Perry

## MINISTERS REGISTERED

Arnold Woodlief, W. A. Hansley, Glen T. Hood, Robert B. Crawford, Willie T. Jones, Woodrow Messex, Millard C. Sasser, W. C. Combs, Harvey Henderson, D. W. Collins, H. Reedy Saverance, Odis F. Whitehead, Earl Rodgers, Franklin Suber, Lloyd Carroll, Thomas M. Scott, W. T. Turnbaugh, Elzie Carroll, William Compton, Bob King, Benito Rodriquez, Wilford F. Cathey, Robert Owen, Q. Hansley, Bill George, R. H. Clyatt, Franklin Carlton, Novis Edwards, David P. Pettis, Elro I. Driggers, Wayne Hicks, Milton R. Gann, D. F. Pelt, Walter F. Rice, Curtis Sheets

## DEACONS REGISTERED

Rudolph Harrison, Warren Freeman, G. W. Cope, Dean Mixon, Ernest Owen, Eugene Cuchens, C. J. Owens, George Cloud, S. L. Adams, Robert M. Odom, Chester L. Cook, Coy Owens, Claude T. Davis, Luther L. Sadler, Cloyo T. Crowder, Bernard Owens, Earl C. Cook, W. O. Carter, Joe Spears, Lanzy Grubbs

## VISITORS REGISTERED

There were many who registered as visitors at the State Association. Visitors from the national departments were:

Rev. Robert Shockey --- National Home Missions  
Rev. Harold Harrison -- Sunday School Department

## DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATION	MODERATOR	CLERK
LIBERTY	Rev. Robert B. Crawford 705 Forest Ave. Chipley, Florida 32428	Thomas E. Porter Route 4 Chipley, Florida 32428
NORTH EAST	Rev. Neal Thomsen Madison Ave. Orange Park, Fla. 32073	Mrs. Bithey Mae Wilcox 3445 Lowell Ave. Jacksonville, Fla. 32205
NORTH	Bro. Lanzy Grubbs Route 1, Box 191 Perry, Florida 32347	Mrs. Mary A. Davis Route 1, Box 93 Perry, Florida 32347
SALEM	Rev. Daniel F. Pelt Route 1 Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442	Chester L. Cook Route 1, Box 192 Altha, Florida 32421
VICTORY	Rev. Harvey Henderson 1415 26th St. N.W. Winter Haven, Fla. 33800	Charles Ray Wells 1064 Oklahoma St. Melbourne, Fla. 32901
WEST	Rev. Robert Owen Route 1, Box 269 Atmore, Ala. 36502	Wallace J. Amerson Route 4, Box 303 Atmore, Ala. 36502



# **PROCEEDINGS**

**WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29, 1969, 7:00 P.M.**

convening at

## **ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PERRY, FLORIDA**

The services began with the congregation singing the chorus of "Oh How I Love Jesus" and the song, "Amazing Grace". Rev. Milton Gann directed the singing. Rev. Harvey Henderson led in prayer and the congregation sang "Victory in Jesus".

The host pastor, Rev. W. T. Turnbough, gave the welcome address. The State Clerk gave the response to the welcome and introduced the officers of the State Association. Among those introduced was the State Moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson, who brought the "Moderator's Message". His text was Rom. 13:11-14 and his subject was "Strengthen the Work".

Rev. Gann led the congregation in the last verse of "Revive Us Again" after which Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "Jesus Saviour, Pilot Me".

The evening message was preached by Rev. C. Curtis Sheets. His text was Eph. 6:13-17 and his subject: "Redeeming the Time with Weapons Tested and Tried". He gave an invitation and many came to the altar for prayer.

The Moderator declared the Association officially to order and appointed two committees.

Committee on Committees:

Rev. Robert Owen, Rev. C. Curtis Sheets, Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Credentials Committee:

Rev. Millard C. Sasser, Rev. Milton Gann, Rev. Robert Crawford.

The Wednesday Evening Service was dismissed with prayer.

## **THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 30, 1969**

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in two hymns: "Oh Happy Day" and "Stand Up For Jesus". Rev. Wayne Hicks led in prayer.

The morning devotional message was preached by Rev. Elzie Carroll. His text was Gen. 1:1,2.

The moderator called the meeting to order. The assistant moderator, Rev. H. Reedy Saverance explained that all ordained deacons and ministers were standing delegates. They were recognized and seated.

M.S.C. to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee and seat all association and church delegates.

NOTE: See the section headed "Reports" for all committees and boards reports.

The moderator called for any corresponding messengers; there were none.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the Committee on Committees.

M.S.C. to accept the Promotional Secretary's report. Time was given for testimonies concerning the work of the Promotional Secretary.

M.S.C. to accept the report from the Children's Home. (Eldridge, Ala.)

M.S.C. to accept the report from Free Will Baptist Bible College as information.

#### THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings". Rev. Glenn Hood led in prayer. Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "The Love of God".

Rev. Wayne Hicks preached the morning message. His text was Col. 4:5 and Eph. 5:16. After the morning message the session was recessed for lunch. Rev. Lloyd Carroll prayed the benediction and the blessings on the lunch.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON

The opening song was "Living by Faith". Rev. Elro Driggers led in the opening prayer. The congregation sang "Work for the Night is Coming".

The afternoon devotion was preached by Rev. Daniel Pelt. His text was Acts 1:18.

M.S.C. to accept the Home Mission Board's report.

M.S.C. to accept the Superannuation Board's report.

M.S.C. to accept the Treasurer's report.

M.S.C. to accept the Executive Board's report and lay the proposed constitutional changes recommended by the board on the table until Friday morning.

M.S.C. to accept the report on Camp Meeting.

M.S.C. to accept the report on Camp Bethlehem.

M.S.C. to accept the report on Camp Alafia.

M.S.C. to adjourn until the evening service.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. Millard C. Sasser.

#### THURSDAY EVENING

Rev. Milton Gann led in singing "Power in the Blood". Rev. C. Curtis Sheets led in prayer. The Youth Choir from the host church sang several special songs.

M.S.C. to accept the Youth Board report as information.

Rev. Harold Harrison gave a report from the National Sunday School Department.

M.S.C. to receive the evening offering for Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Benito Rodreguez sang a solo.

The evening message was preached by Rev. Robert Shockey. His text was Rom. 12:11-14. His subject was "The Church Victorious".

Rev. Paul Kettelman prayed the benediction.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 31, 1969

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing, "Take the Name of Jesus with You". Rev. David Pettis led in prayer, the congregation then sang "Amazing Grace".

Rev. Neal Thomsen brought the morning devotion. His text was Acts 6:9 and Matt. 26:36.



M.S.C. to accept the report from the National Home Missions Department as information.

M.S.C. to remove from the table the three items laid on the table during the Thursday afternoon session, and to consider them item by item.

The three items were:

1. M.S. to amend the Constitution, Article III, Section 1, by adding the words, "assistant secretary".
2. M.S. to amend the Constitution, Article III, Section 2, by making it read as follows: "Boards: the standing boards of this association shall be: Planning, Missions, Superannuation and Christian Education-Youth Board".
3. M.S. to amend the By-Laws, Section 7, by adding the following sentence: "No person shall serve on more than one board at the same time".

M.S.C. to amend the Constitution, Article III, Section 1, as recommended.

M.S.C. to amend the Constitution, Article III, Section 2, as recommended.

M.S.C. to amend the By-Laws, Section 7 as recommended.

M.S.C. to receive the Placement Committee's report.

M.S.C. to receive the final report of the Credentials Committee.

M.S.C. to direct the association clerk to arrange the delegates and alternate delegates to the national association in order without preference as he received their names.

M.S.C. to receive the letters from the national departments as information.

M.S.C. to receive the report of the Resolutions Committee and to adopt the report item by item.

M.S.C. to accept ITEM No. One.

M.S.C. to accept ITEM No. Two. M.S.C. to amend ITEM No. Two, Section Two, by adding the following phrase: "and that he send enough copies of the letter to the local associations for each pastor's use in schools of his area". Motion as amended was passed.

M.S.C. to accept ITEM No. Three.

M.S.C. to accept the Planning Board's report.

M.S.C. to accept the Finance Committee's report.

M.S.C. that a list of delegates present be made available to the various committees of the association. This list is to be made available by a registration committee.

M.S.C. to accept the Nominating Committee's report and be voted on item by item. M.S.C. to proceed to elect.

NOTE: You may find the Nominating Committee's report in the report section. Nominations made from the floor and the result of each vote is given there.

M.S.C. that the moderator appoint a chairman of the Christian Education-Youth Board until the Board meets...Rev. W. T. Turnbough was appointed.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the Appreciation Committee.

M.S.C. that this body ask the West, Liberty, Salem and North Associations to consider organizing into the Northwest Florida Association.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

At this time the Association paid special tribute to those leaders of our Association who were fifty-five years old and above. A time of handshaking as an expression of gratitude for their labour and love. This concluded the twenty-fifth annual session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist.

## REPORTS

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

W. C. Combs  
Coy Owens  
Q. Hansley

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

Ruby Amerson  
Nadine Hood  
Louise Hicks

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Clyatt  
Woodrow Messex  
Bob King

#### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Claude Davis  
Odis Whitehead  
Walter Rice

#### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

W. A. Hansley  
Willie Jones  
Glenn Hood

Respectfully submitted,  
Wayne Hicks  
Robert Owen  
Curtis Sheets

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following resolutions:

1. Since the various boards of the State Association meet on Wednesday morning and since the State Woman's Auxiliary needs only one day for their meeting: Be it resolved that we invite the State Woman's Auxiliary to have their meeting on Wednesday prior to the State Association yearly.
2. Whereas, sex education is being taught, and encouraged to be taught in our public school system and whereas, this sex education teaches immorality instead of morality...

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That we, the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist, go on record as opposing these courses in the school curriculum.
2. That our Clerk write letters of protest to the proper school authorities.
3. Whereas, the Back to the Bible Broadcast is heard by many Free Will Baptist families, and whereas, this program is a source of strength and help spiritually, therefore be it resolved that our State Clerk write a letter of encouragement to the Rev. Theodore Epp in appreciation for the program.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. A. Hansley  
Glen Hood  
Willie T. Jones



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

### Partial Report:

We have examined the letters of the Associations and find all letters in order with proper fees. We recommend the Association delegates be seated.

We have examined the local church registration and find that nine churches have registered and paid their proper fees. We recommend that the delegates from these local churches be seated.

### Final Report:

Ministers registered	35
Deacons registered	20
Association Delegates	19
Church Delegates	13
Visitors	61
Associations	6
Number of quarterly meetings	24
Number of Churches	78
Church membership	5,857
Number of parsonages	27
Number of ordained ministers	103
Number of licensed ministers	17
Number of ordained deacons	167
Enrollment of Sunday Schools	4,363
Average attendance of Sunday School	3,479
Enrollment of Church Training Service	1,649
Average attendance of CTS	1,142
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliaries	388
Average attendance of Woman's Auxiliaries	250
Enrollment of Master's Men	105
Average attendance of Master's Men	69
Mid-week service average attendance	1,505

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Crawford  
Milton Gann  
Millard C. Sasser



## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, want to express our thanks and gratitude for a job well done by our two host churches; St. Johns and Mt. Carmel of Perry, Fla. We want to say thanks to the entire North Florida Association for their contributions.

They have opened their hearts as well as their homes to us and the hospitality extended to us has been just wonderful. The food served at each meal time was enjoyed by all. We realize the women of these churches made a big sacrifice and we do appreciate this. A special vote of thanks to Bro. and Sister Turnbough for their faithful work and hospitality.

May God bless his work in this area and may he continue to help them grow.

We wish to show our thanks and appreciation by a standing ovation.

Respectfully,

Sis. Ruby Amerson

Sis. Nadine Hood

Sis. Louise Hicks

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS

West Florida	\$ 12.00
Salem	20.00
North East Florida	20.00
Victory	60.00
North	20.00
Liberty	26.00

Total from Associations	\$158.00	\$158.00
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### RECEIVED FROM CHURCH DELEGATES

13 delegates	\$ 52.00
18 deacons	36.00
33 ministers	66.00

Total delegate fees	\$154.00	154.00
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OFFERING FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE		77.34
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Total received by the Association		\$389.34
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Respectfully,

Robert Clyatt

Bob King

Woodrow Messex

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

The 1970 session was voted on in the 1968 session held in Winter Haven/Auburndale. That Body voted to go to the First Church in Tampa. Rev. C. Curtis Sheets, Pastor.

Respectfully,

Claude L. Davis

Walter F. Rice

Odis F. Whitehead

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. Harvey Henderson	(elected)
Vice Moderator	Rev. H. Reedy Saverance	(elected)
Clerk	Rev. Millard C. Sasser	(elected)
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Glenn Hood	(elected)
Treasurer	Bro. Earnest Owen	(elected)
Promotional Secretary	Rev. W. A. Hansley	(elected)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Liberty Association	Rev. Robert Crawford	(elected)
North Fla. Association	Rev. Wayne Hicks	(elected)
Salem Association	Rev. Daniel Pelt	(elected)
Victory Association	Rev. C. Curtis Sheets	(elected)
North East Fla. Association	Rev. Elro Driggers	(elected)
West Fla. Association	Rev. Elzie Carroll	(elected)

### PLANNING BOARD

Rev. David Pettis	(74)	(elected)
Bro. Claude L. Davis	(70)	(elected)
Bro. C. D. Owens	(71)	(elected)

### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Robert Owen	(74)	(elected)
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Rev. Thomas Scott was nominated from the floor.

### SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Rev. Benito Rodriguez	(74)	(elected)
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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Milton Gann (Rev. Gann declined the nomination)  
Mrs. Ruby Amerson was nominated from the floor and elected. (70)  
Rev. Odis Whitehead (71) (elected)  
Rev. James Puckett (72) (elected)  
Rev. Neal Thomsen (73) (elected)  
Rev. W. T. Turnbough (74) (elected)

Signed:

W. C. Combs

Coy Owens

Q. Hansley

## MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board recommends to the State Association that we initiate a mission project in the year 1970. Said project is to be in a city where there is no Free Will Baptist Church. This project is to be initiated when a missionary can be employed. Areas under consideration are Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach. Other suggested areas will be considered.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Cathey  
Willie T. Jones  
Bill George  
G. W. Cloud

## FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD ANNUAL REPORT 1968-1969

The board has met two times since the last annual report. Our state mission work is progressing well. We regret that we are not able to meet the requests which we have received from several of our newer churches and mission projects. The work at Orange Park is doing fine under the able leadership of Bro. Neal Thomsen, who was employed as our state missionary January 22, 1969.

### BOARD MEETING REPORTS

October 30, 1968 (Minutes)

The Mission Board met jointly with the Executive Board at the Winter Haven Church, October 30, 1968. Bro. W. C. Combs read from the Scriptures, and Bro. W. E. Cathey led in prayer.

The board has been relieved of any obligation to the Hollywood Free Will Baptist Church concerning a previous loan request (attn. prev. minutes). They have decided to borrow through other channels.

The prospect of assisting churches by means of purchasing their bonds with Mission's funds was discussed, and decided against because it would be a violation of the Board's Constitution and By-Laws.

A motion was made and seconded that we recommend to the State another mission project, similar to the Project 30, to be operated from state funds without assistance from the National Association. This undertaking is to be called the Florida State Home Mission Project.

The Grace Free Will Baptist Church of Orange Park has requested, and is under consideration for mission aid at this time. The Board requested that Bro. Hansley contact Grace Church and negotiate a contract with them to be initiated at which time a missionary is available.

The board elected officers before the State Meeting due to the fact that someone needed to be instructed about the duties of Secretary and Treasurer by Bro. A. C. Truluck while he was present (Bro. Truluck has moved to Georgia).

Robert Owen was elected as Chairman, and W. E. Cathey was elected as Secretary-Treasurer. Mission Board members present were: Robert Owen, W. T. Jones, W. E. Cathey, and A. C. Truluck.

W. E. Cathey  
Secretary-Treasurer

January 22, 1969 (Minutes)

The Mission Board met at the Grace Free Will Baptist Church near Orange Park Jan. 22, 1969. Bro. Wingate Hansley gave the devotional thoughts from Ps. 15, and Bro. Bill George led in prayer.

The previous minutes were read and MMC to receive the minutes. The treasurers report was given and MMC to receive the report. Our new board member, Bro. G. W. Cloud, was introduced. Bro. Neal Thomsen, the missionary candidate for Florida work, was also introduced.

The board prepared a joint agreement by which the missionary will agree to comply, concerning duties, pay, vacation, etc.

Bro. Neal Thomsen was permitted to speak to the board. We were favorably impressed by his testimony, formal preparation, Christian philosophy of life and anticipatory enthusiasm about serving in the capacity under consideration.

After questioning Bro. Thomsen on doctrinal points, the board agreed to his employment. Bro. Thomsen is neither licensed nor ordained but plans to request such as soon as practical.

All members of the board were present at this meeting.

W. E. Cathey  
Secretary-Treasurer



## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### Orange Park Mission Project

Balance brought forward		\$ 2,774.95
Total receipts		3,005.59
Total		<u>\$ 5,780.54</u>
Expenses:		
Thomsen salary	\$3,899.97	
Thomsen itinerant	158.54	
Total Expenses	<u></u>	4,058.51
Project balance Oct. 20, 1969		\$ 1,722.03 *
Note: Balance of acct. with N. H. M. B. \$569.65 (Harvey Hill)		

### General Fund (Cooperative Giving)

Received of State Treasurer (Ernest Owen)	\$ 2,096.21 *
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### Church Extension Fund

Balance brought forward		\$ 738.92
Total receipts (loan payments)		3,240.00
Expenses:		
Amortization (Loan payment schedules)	\$ 7.50	
Board Meetings	166.00	
Miscellaneous supplies	10.00	
Board phone bill	14.70	
Victory Youth Camp	300.00	
Camp Meeting	300.00	
Camp Bethel	300.00	
Natl. H. M. Board (Henderson Acct.)	10.00	
Total Expenses	<u></u>	1,108.20
Balance		<u>\$ 2,870.72 *</u>

### Accounts Receivable (After Sept. Payment 1969)

Lakeland Church	\$ 1,708.69
Orlando Church	3,468.83
Beulah Church	3,491.37
Ensley Church	5,270.67
Titusville Church	3,580.43
Grace Church (Orange Park)	5,066.32
Total	<u>\$22,586.31</u>

\* Total Bank Balance Oct. 20, 1969 \$ 6,688.96



## BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We your Superannuation Board wish to submit for your information the following resolutions; that Rev. James W. Roberts, Rt. 3, Box 396, Marianna, Florida and Rev. Rubin Bales, 2001 West Bush Blvd., Tampa, Florida, each receive \$25.00 per month.

Respectfully submitted,  
S. L. Adams  
Earl Rodgers  
Willie Compton  
Coy Owen

## CHILDREN'S HOME REPORT - ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA

This has been a good year for us. The Lord has blessed us in many ways. The status of the children is good and we are blessed with a fine dedicated staff.

Our needs have been amply supplied this year and we want to thank the people of Florida for the part they played in supplying these needs. May God bless you as you continue to serve Him.

We want you to know that your trustee, Bro. Bill George, is doing a great job in this capacity. He is 100% faithful in attending the meetings and has been a tremendous asset to me personally in making decisions concerning the welfare of the Home. We look forward to his coming every quarter, and although he has further to drive than most of the fellows, he is one of our most faithful trustees. He was on the board when I went to the Home and has been one of the reasons for whatever success it has had. Not only do I look forward to his coming, but all of the children are glad when Bro. George is in our presence. Thank you for sending us such a man.

There are 46 children in the Home at present.

OCT. 1, 1968 - SEPT. 30, 1969

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Commodities</u>
October	\$ 438.75	\$ 73.00
November	702.36	755.02
December	1,307.24	93.88
January	446.14	10.00
February	440.39	51.00
March	437.99	140.00
April	531.99	46.00
May	296.60	20.00
June	517.31	-----
July	302.89	-----
August	554.74	35.00
September	500.85	-----
	<u>\$6,477.25</u>	<u>\$1,223.90</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Carlton Lambert

**NORTH FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST  
YOUTH CAMP, CAMP BETHLEHEM**

The Youth Camp session in 1969 was held June 16-20. It was a successful session for our Lord and Saviour.

There were 182 campers who registered for camp and there were 30 workers making a total of 212 persons present for camp. The camp facilities were crowded but there was a good spirit of cooperation on the part of those present. The teachers, sponsors, cooks, and all workers manifested the spirit of Christ as they carried out their different duties.

There were many decisions for Christ. Some were saved and others reclaimed or rededicated to the Lord. There was a wholesome spiritual emphasis that characterized the entire week.

Rev. Dwight Riggs was our evangelist and he presented God's word to meet the needs of all ages. Brother Riggs also taught a class to teenagers using the book, "Are You For Real". Bro. Riggs did personal counseling to help individuals who had spiritual, mental, social or emotional problems.

Brother Wendell Walley, Camp Director, stated he was leaving Florida to go to Greenville, Mississippi as a Home Missionary. The Youth Camp board and ministers of the youth camp area met during the encampment and elected Brother Robert Crawford to be the Youth Camp Director.

These motions were passed: (1.) Workers are to be paid \$15.00 honorarium plus 5¢ per mile. (2.) Fees will be \$12.00 per camper. (3.) There will be two sessions: a preteen week beginning June 14 (Sunday P.M.) and continuing until Saturday noon. Then teen week will begin Saturday P.M. and continue through Friday noon.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FROM CAMP BETHLEHEM**

**INCOME:**

Balance forwarded for 1968	\$ 616.70
Campers Fees and Concessions	2,514.45
Total Received	<u>\$3,131.15</u>

**PAID OUT:**

Cooks	\$ 270.00
Teachers, Director, Counselors	564.60
Evangelist	200.00
Printing	2.34
CTS Literature	238.03
Insurance	129.00
Sports Equipment	28.39
Food and Supplies	604.94
Candy	139.20
Drinks for resale	188.91
Miscellaneous	130.00
Free Will Baptist Foreign Missions	30.00
Child Evangelism Press	6.35
Total Paid Out	<u>\$2,522.76</u>

BALANCE in Treasury	\$598.39
CREDIT BALANCE at CTS Office	89.70
TOTAL USABLE ASSETS	<u>\$688.09</u>

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendell Walley, Director

## CAMP ALAFIA YOUTH CAMP

1969

The 1969 Youth Camp session was the largest in attendance we have ever had. There were 278 campers and 24 workers. We are expecting a larger number of campers and workers in 1970. We had 20 first time decisions, 30 rededications and 4 to accept the call to the ministry. There was a greater amount of expenditures this year and lesser offerings from our churches. In time our churches gave in excess of \$1,000.00, whereas this year the churches gave less than \$250.00. Due to the increase in insurance, food, etc. our expenses have increased making it necessary for the churches to come forth and help.

Presently at Camp Alafia, a new dormitory that will house 70 new students is being built. A new mess hall with air conditioning has already been built. With these facilities, we will be able to house 270 campers with no problem at all during the 1970 session.

Due to the great demand of this camp, we can only have one week of camp in 1970 which will be August 9-14, for teens and preteens. We ask that you plan now to attend this session. There will be a registration at the Victory Association meeting for you to register to work at camp in 1970 and also the job you desire to do. Please help us!

Yours in Christ,

Ray Wells

Jim Puckett

W. T. Jones

Randy Brooks

James Howell

1969

### YOUTH CAMP REPORT

October 8, 1969

#### INCOME

Central Florida Quarterly Meeting	\$ 200.00
State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptist	300.00
Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Mt. Olive Free Will Baptist Church, Highland City	25.00
Auburndale Free Will Baptist Church	50.00
Central Florida Quarterly Meeting - Offering	26.58
First Free Will Baptist Church, Miami	50.00
New Hope Free Will Baptist Church, Plant City	38.18
First Free Will Baptist Church, Gainesville	25.00
First Free Will Baptist Church, Titusville	25.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME FROM CHURCHES &amp; GIFTS, OFFERINGS</b>	<b>\$ 789.76</b>

## EXPENDITURES

Camp Rental Fee	\$1,219.75
Cooks, Cleaning, Kitchen help	400.00
Groceries	849.28
Camp Insurance	200.90
Literature and Printing	150.97
Postage & Phone Calls & Travel Expense	404.94
First Aid Supplies	15.96
Recreational Equipment	42.87
Office Supplies	35.37
Refreshment Stand Supplies - For Resale	212.01
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$3,532.05</b>

**TOTAL INCOME - FROM CAMPERS AND GIFTS FROM CHURCHES  
& CONFERENCES** **\$4,137.91**

BANK BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 8, 1969 \$722.15  
GENERAL BANK BALANCE OCTOBER 8, 1969 \$722.15

SOME BILLS ARE OUTSTANDING AS OF THIS DATE, OCTOBER 8, 1969

DEPOSITED IN FIRST FEDERAL SAVING & LOAN ASSOCIATION  
SEPTEMBER 27, 1968 \$562.32

BANK BALANCE SEPTEMBER 27, 1968 \$ 116.29  
INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES \$4,137.91

\$4,254.20  
TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$3,532.05 3,532.05

BANK BALANCE OCTOBER 8, 1969 ----- \$ 722.15

James E. Howell  
Free Will Baptist Youth Camp Treasurer  
101 Smith Street  
Auburndale, Florida 33823

## CAMP MEETING REPORT, 1969

Camp Meeting began July 28th going through August 1, with 133 registered campers. There were a number of visitors attending morning and evening services.

Each morning we started the day with devotions, having a different speaker each morning. Next, Brother Neal Thomson, our State Missionary, brought us a message on missions. Then, we had Bible Study taught by Brother Willie Justice of Florence, Alabama. The morning and evening services were alternated between Bro. Willie Justice and Brother Bob Shockey from our National Home Mission Board. We added something a little different for the evening this year by having a service conducted by one of our State Ministers in mid-evening, leaving the rest of the time for fellowship and recreation. The week was one of the most successful camp meetings we've had.

On Thursday, July 31, we held a business meeting at which time we decided: to elect a youth director for the youth activities at camp meeting; to ask each church in the state to send \$50.00 or a donation to camp meeting for food, speakers and other needs of the camp; and to elect the following officers for the year 1969-70: President, Wallace Peterson; Vice President, Rev. Robert Owen; Secretary-Treasurer, Katie Owen; Youth Director, Rev. Neal Thomsen.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR CAMP MEETING, 1969

#### INCOME:

Balance brought forward	\$ 29.84
Received from former treasurer	238.04
Received from churches	285.00
Receipts from registration, offerings and snack bar	<u>878.60</u>
Total Receipts	\$1,431.48

#### PAID OUT:

Washington County News (for Brochures)	\$ 51.35
Phone calls, postage, and stationary supplies	14.51
Gillis Ins. Agency	79.80
Cooks	215.00
Speakers	240.00
National Home Missions	90.00
State Home Missions	38.87
Food	431.10
Soft Drinks	73.75
Candy	<u>35.30</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1,269.68
Balance in Treasury	\$161.80

Respectfully Submitted,  
Katie D. Owen

### PLANNING BOARD REPORT

We your Planning Board submit the following budget and recommendations as our report:

1. We recommend that the budget for the cooperative plan of support be set at \$23,000.00 for 1969-70.
2. We recommend that the treasurer be paid \$25.00 per month from the general fund.
3. \$23,000.00 budget for 1969-70.

30% to the National Association.

25% to National Cooperative Plan	\$1,725.00
25% to National Home Missions	1,725.00
25% to National Foreign Missions	1,725.00
25% to Bible College, Nashville	1,725.00



70% to go to State Work.

60% to Promotional Department	\$9,660.00
15% to Mission Board	2,415.00
10% to Superannuation	1,610.00
5% to General Fund	805.00
5% to Christian Education-Youth	805.00
5% to Children's Home, Eldridge, Ala.	805.00

Respectfully Submitted,  
Novis Edwards  
G. W. Cloud  
Chester Cook

**REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
TO THE TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CONVENING WITH THE  
ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, PERRY, FLORIDA**

"Unto Him (God) be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." Ephesians 3:21.

With joy and thanksgiving to God, we bring this report to you.

Our work in Florida has seen another year of progress, causing us to have the greatest year that we have ever experienced.

We continue to see more pastors and churches taking an active interest in our State and National work.

The greatest challenge, that Free Will Baptists in the State of Florida, have ever seen is presently before us. There is a tremendous need for us to "Enlarge the place of thy (our) tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thine (our) habitation; spare not, lengthen thy (our) cords, and strengthen thy (our) stakes;" Isaiah 54:2.

How will we meet the challenge that is before us? "In a day of protest, violence, increased crime and lawlessness, what can Free Will Baptists do to become more spiritually influential? Will we drift with the current or sit on the side lines and wring our hands in despair? Or will we seek to counteract the crisis of our time with a vigorous witness for Christ? Amid the turmoil of a confused world, I trust we can exert a positive spiritual influence for Christ. We as a denomination must stand ready to meet the challenge of these perilous times. It is a tremendous time in which we live, but it is a tragic time to waste a life" the Rev. Rufus Coffey.

In order for us to see something of our progress for the past twenty-five years, I have prepared a chart showing the over all giving during this time. The State Association was organized in 1945. Either the records are inadequate, or Minutes are missing, making it impossible for us to give an accurate report until after 1950. (See chart for information).



The following chart shows us our cooperative giving from 1955:

1955	-----	\$ 434.94
1956	-----	No report
1957	-----	\$ 3,853.25
1958	-----	\$ 3,935.95
1959	-----	No report
1960	-----	\$ 1,780.22
1961	-----	\$ 3,492.27
1962	-----	\$ 2,902.94
1963	-----	\$ 3,073.41
1964	-----	\$ 2,572.98
1965	-----	\$ 6,136.54
1966	-----	\$ 7,405.15
1967	-----	\$15,496.72
1968	-----	\$17,479.63
1969	-----	\$20,779.56

We praise the Lord for the cooperation throughout our State during the past year, thus, exceeding our budget of \$20,000.00 by more than \$500.00.

Another area of progress is the plan of distribution of our State Paper, "THE CO-ORDINATOR". The committee that was appointed to set up guide-lines for the Promotional Secretary, with the approval of the Executive Committee, decided to send the paper on an all family plan, to each church in the state without charge. This has increased the distribution from less than 500 copies to almost 1500 copies per month.

For several months during the past year, I have attempted to help the Edgewood Park Church, Leesburg. We have now secured a pastor and the work is showing signs of progress.

#### STATISTICAL REPORT:

Miles traveled: 24,027

Churches visited: 47

Associations and Quarterly Meetings attended: 17

Co-Ordinators published: 12

Florida Camps and Camp Meetings attended: 3

I have attended a treatise Revision Committee Meeting, Dec. 3,4, 1968, also the Promotional Secretaries meeting, January 7,8, 1969 in Nashville, Tennessee, also the National Association in St. Louis, Missouri during July.

It would be impossible to report all the activities of our office during the past year. I would like to express my appreciation for your help and support to make our office a success.

I trust that the excitement of the soon coming of our Lord will encourage us to make this new year the greatest that we have ever experienced.

W. A. Hansley

## 25 YEARS OF FINANCIAL REPORTS

### INCOME FROM ALL SOURCES

1945	*				
1946	*				
1947	*				
1948	*				
1949	*				
1950	\$	1,895.93			
1951	\$	2,159.01	2M		
1952	\$	2,289.30			
1953	\$	6,924.58			
1954	\$	8,345.20			
1955	\$	3,933.41			
1956	\$	3,980.32			
1957	\$	5,247.13	5M		
1958	\$	10,304.67			
1959	\$	8,217.78			
1960	\$	7,738.57			
1961	\$	10,083.76			
1962	\$	8,870.47			
1963	\$	8,567.88		8M	
1964	\$	6,904.15			
1965	\$	10,390.92	(a) \$20,000.00	\$30,390.92 *	
1966	\$	16,966.49			15M
1967	\$	30,515.98	\$1,540.50	\$6,040.00	\$38,096.48
1968	\$	30,459.11	(b)	(c)	30M
1969	\$	36,130.28			

- \* Incomplete reports
- \* No minutes on file
- a Insurance collected on Youth Camp
- b Church extension
- c Sale of Cottondale property

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING HELD AT EDGEWOOD PARK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
LEESBURG, FLORIDA - APRIL 25, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson. We had an opening song: "Standing on the Promises". Rev. W. C. Combs led in the opening prayer.

The roll was called by the clerk. The following board members were present: Rev. Harvey Henderson, Rev. H. Reedy Saverance, Rev. Millard C. Sasser, Rev. W. A. Hansley, Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Bro. Ernest Owen, and Rev. Wayne Hicks. We had several visitors at the board meeting. They were: Rev. Chastin from Leesburg, Rev. W. C. Combs, Rev. Robert Crawford, and Rev. Glen Hood.

The first item of business discussed was the church at Leesburg. Rev. W. A. Hansley made a statement concerning the church and the church's property. The amount owed on the property at the time was \$5,593.74. The monthly payments are \$60.00 per month.

Rev. Hansley asked that the Executive Board become the trustees of the property. The present trustees were not members of the church and there were no male members to become trustees.

M.S. that the Executive Board accept the property as trustees of the property and that Rev. Hansley work with the church a couple of days per week for about four months while we try to help find a pastor for the church. The motion was made by Rev. Millard C. Sasser, seconded by Rev. H. Reedy Saverance. With much discussion on the motion by the members of the Executive Board members and the visiting brethren.

M.S.C. to amend the second part of the previous motion to read two months rather than four months. The motion as amended was carried.

M.S.C. that the State Clerk (Millard C. Sasser) and the Promotional Secretary (W. A. Hansley) act as the trustees of the property.

M.S.C. that the Executive Board ask the Promotional Secretary to ask the churches to receive an offering twice a year for the support of the CO-ORDINATOR. The motion was made by Rev. Wayne Hicks. All present participated in a lengthy discussion before the motion was carried. This is an amendment to the guidelines for the Promotional Secretary: Article No. 3 under Section No. 1 entitled "Duties".

M.S.C. to amend Article No. 1 under Section No. 11 by adding the word "be" after the word "and" and before the word "responsible" and by adding the following sentence at the end of the Article: "The Executive Board's decision must be approved by the State Association."

M.S.C. to accept the proposed guidelines as amended.

We then recessed for lunch.

M.S.C. to resume conference.

M.S.C. for the moderator to appoint a committee to prepare a constitution and by-laws for the Board of Christian Education. The committee members appointed were: Rev. W. A. Hansley, Bro. Ernest Owen, Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. W. C. Combs, and Rev. Harvey Henderson.

M.S.C. to use Rom. 13:11-14 as our theme text, and the theme: "Redeeming the Time" for the 1969 session of the State Association.

The various speakers for the Association were named after a lengthy discussion. They were selected by general consent rather than by formal motion.

The clerk was instructed to contact the proposed speakers and prepare the programs for the association.

M.S.C. to adjourn. We closed the meeting with an altar prayer after having several prayer requests.

Millard Sasser, Clerk  
Harvey Henderson, Moderator

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING  
HELD AT ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
OCTOBER 29, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the assistant moderator, Rev. H. Reedy Saverance. Rev. W. T. Turnbough led in prayer. The following members were present: Rev. H. Reedy Saverance, Rev. W. T.

Turnbough, Bro. Ernest Owen, Rev. W. A. Hansley, Rev. Millard C. Sasser, with Rev. Harvey Henderson and Rev. Wayne Hicks coming in later. Minutes of the last board meeting were read and adopted.

M.S.C. to place Rev. Daniel Pelt on the program for the Association to replace Rev. James Pelt who could not be present.

M.S.C. to recommend an amendment to the Constitution: Article III, Section One to the Association by adding the words: "Assistant Secretary".

M.S.C. to recommend to the Association an amendment to the By-Laws, Section Seven by adding the words: "No person shall serve on more than one board at the same time.

M.S.C. to recommend to the Association an amendment of the Constitution: Article No. III, Section Two by making it read: "The standing boards of this Association shall be: Planning, Mission, Superannuation, and Christian Education-Youth Board".

M.S.C. to relieve the members of the Board of Christian Education and the Youth Board of any further responsibilities and that members be elected for the combined Christian Education-Youth Board at this Association.

We were dismissed for ten minutes.

Upon returning from the ten minute recess, the moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson, presided over the meeting.

M.S.C. to authorize the clerk to have 500 copies of the Minutes of this Association printed.

M.S.C. to refer the money in the State Treasury under the heading, "Education" and "Youth Camp" to the Planning Board to make suggestions to this Association for its use.

Recessed for lunch.

We resumed the meeting with Rev. Harvey Henderson presiding.

M.S.C. that the committee which was appointed by the Executive Board April 25, 1969 for the purpose of drawing up a Constitution and By-Laws for the Board of Christian Education be retained to draw up a Constitution and By-Laws for the Christian Education-Youth Board and that the Moderator appoint a chairman until the committee meets. The committee members were: Rev. W. A. Hansley, Bro. Ernest Owen, Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. W. C. Combs, and Rev. Harvey Henderson.

M.S.C. to have all Free Will Baptist ministers in Florida listed in the minutes along with their addresses and telephone numbers.

M.S.C. to give the books which the State Association has that were in the Florida Bible Institute Library to the Oklahoma Bible College. Rev. W. A. Hansley will contact Dr. J. D. O'Donald, the college president about getting the books to the college.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Closed with prayer.

Harvey Henderson, Moderator  
Millard C. Sasser, Clerk

BOARD MEETING HELD OCTOBER 30, 1969 AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH

The moderator called the meeting to order.

M.S.C. to give Rev. Robert Shockey an honorarium of \$75.00

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Millard C. Sasser, Clerk

**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
 October 17, 1968 - October 17, 1969

<u>PROJECT</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>Oct. 17, 1968</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>(FROM COOP. DIV.)</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>Oct. 17, 1969</u>
National Coop. Plan		22.71	1537.84	1560.55	
Foreign Missions		1452.99	1537.84	2990.83	
Home Missions		854.83	1537.84	2392.67	
Children's Home (Ala.)		1091.96	1148.27	2240.23	
Bible College		3310.37	1537.84	4848.21	
Superannuation	1660.56	32.37	717.64	1140.00	1270.57
Church Extension Fund			2152.98	2152.98	
"Coordinator"		189.10		283.10	
State Promotional Fund		683.22	9329.60	8151.99	
State Project 30 & 24		769.79		769.79	
State Coop. Plan		20779.56		275.00	
General Fund	669.06	1026.76	717.64	1432.10	981.36
Education	20.00				20.00
Youth Camp	120.00	30.00			150.00
Youth Board		14.87	287.07	225.77	76.17
Earmarked for Missionaries:					
Craft		233.34		233.34	
Billows		150.00		150.00	
Coscia		469.36		469.36	
Tyson		80.44		80.44	
Payne		991.32		991.32	
Fulcher		1.00		1.00	
Combs		40.00		40.00	
Aldridge		120.00		120.00	
Willey, (Mrs. Mabel)		143.60		143.60	



Willey Memorial		55.48		55.48
Richards,		120.00		120.00
Powell		924.76		924.76
Lee		120.00		120.00
Garcia	12.54 (IN RED)	715.06		702.52
Ellison		206.00		206.00
Cousineau		576.02		576.02
Eagleton		649.40		649.40
Merk		45.75		45.75
Deficient Accounts		145.22		145.22
National Superannuation		85.00		
State Mission Board		<u>3949.86</u>		<u>3949.86</u>
TOTALS		\$1933.42	\$36,130.28	\$34,322.43
				\$3741.27 Balance 10/17/69

# EXPLANATION

## GENERAL FUND

<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	
\$1026.76	\$ 60.75	Printing Prog., Reports etc.
	50.00	Clerk & Moderator's Fee
	67.00	Love Offering to Bro. Diggers
	6.85	Bookkeeping Supplies
	145.70	Travel Exp. to Nashville (Comm.)
	81.40	Travel Exp. Guidelines Comm.
	114.00	Travel Exp. Children's Home
	60.00	Fee to National Assoc'n.
	600.00	Rental on Camp Bethlehem
	93.70	Travel Exp. Exec. Comm.
	<u>153.00</u>	Printing Minutes
	\$1432.10	

## SUPERANNUATION

<u>Receipts</u>	
\$32.37	(+717.64 from Coop.)
<u>Disbursed</u>	
\$295.00	Rev. Bennett Cook
295.00	Rev. Joe Turner
275.00	Rev. O. N. Eads
275.00	Rev. J. A. Pettis



# ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Associations	No. Quarterly Meetings	No. Churches	Church Membership	No. Parsonages	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	No. Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrolment	Sunday School Avg. Attend.	C.T.S. Enrolment	C.T.S. Avg. Attend.	Woman's Aux. Enrolment	Woman's Aux. Avg. Attend.	Master's Men Enrolment	Master's Men Avg. Attend.	Mid-Week Service Avg. Attend.	Amount Enclosed for Fees	Value of Parsonage Prop.
LIBERTY		14	1068	5	15	5	42	765	535	328	258	68	50	35	21	286	\$ 26.00	\$ 42,800.00
NORTH FLORIDA		8	628	2	13	1	18	403	305	163	114	41	*	*	*	*	*	25,956.04
NORTH EAST	3	6	258	1	5	1	3	111	42	115						85	20.00	
SALEM			1103				46	647	451	305	195	49	33	10	10	189	20.00	15,000.00
VICTORY	3	30	2244	14	48	7	73	1989	1610	466	372	171	129	56	34	750	60.00	167,912.00
WEST FLORIDA	3	6	566	1	10	1	14	428	336	272	212	59	38	4	4	195	12.00	8,000.00
TOTAL	9	64	5867	23	91	15	196	4343	3279	1649	1161	338	250	105	69	1505	\$138.00	\$259,668.04

Associations	Pastor's Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for Local Causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions Missions	Home Missions

LIBERTY	\$ 25,092.68	\$1,073.40	\$ 14,931.81	\$ 2,535.76	\$ 7,629.52	\$ 51,269.17	\$ 3,575.41	\$2,653.72	\$1,432.89
NORTH FLORIDA	15,525.00	625.00	1,938.68	1,982.71	4,566.13	27,839.67	3,138.34	534.00	*
NORTH EAST	798.88	105.00	1,347.40	137.10	1,414.21		255.72	60.00	
SALEM	19,669.37	1632.11	11,868.51	2,211.72	3,534.93		2,150.50	727.40	301.70
VICTORY	63,453.24	4155.73	69,470.69	8,377.36	33,517.01	103,326.92	5,717.32	2,609.84	1,759.86
WEST FLORIDA	14,185.00	1058.51	19,658.05	1,755.10	1,458.00	38,722.77	3,589.94	2,685.75	1,122.48
TOTAL	\$138,744.17	\$8649.65	\$119,215.14	\$16,999.75	\$52,119.80	\$211,158.53	\$18,427.23	\$9,270.71	\$4,616.93

Associations	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State & National Projects	Total spent for Outside Causes	Total Expenditures	Value of Church Property
LIBERTY	\$1,780.13	\$ 595.28	\$ 0	\$260.00	\$ 245.43	\$10,542.86	\$ 61,812.03	\$ 254,177.00
NORTH FLORIDA	88.00	555.96	0	0	40.00			25,000.00
NORTH EAST						315.72	3,022.73	171,000.00
SALEM	803.82	1,003.56	24.00	177.00	2,543.49		44,307.71	244,000.00
VICTORY	1,005.00	1,373.40		46.00	1,454.22	15,469.12	208,796.04	643,100.00
WEST FLORIDA	859.85	346.50	60.00	423.75	408.59	9,432.01	48,254.78	95,000.00
TOTAL	\$4,536.80	\$3,874.70	\$84.00	\$906.75	\$4,691.73	\$35,759.71	\$366,193.29	\$1,332,277.00

\*No Report

## DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

### DELEGATES

Mrs. Elva Turnbough, Rt. 1, Box 391-B, Perry, Fla. 32347  
Mr. G. W. Cloud, 902 Ave. B, Melbourne, Fla. 32901  
Mr. John Greer, Melbourne, Fla.  
Mrs. John Greer, Melbourne, Fla.  
Mr. Wallace J. Amerson, Rt. 4, Box 303, Atmore, Ala.

## DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS

### NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

Rev. J. B. Stewart, Rt. 5, Box 270, Live Oak, Fla.  
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\* Rev. Franklin Carlton, Rt. 1, Box 358, Perry, Fla.  
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\* Rev. Franklin Suber, Perry, Fla.  
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\* Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Rt. 1, Box 391-B, Perry, Fla.  
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### LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

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NOTE: These are the reports from the various associations with regards to their ministers. I regret that all the associations and ministers are not listed, but I did not receive them. I waited until January 2, 1970 on sending the manuscript to the printers. As of that date those listed are all I had received.

Respectfully,  
Millard C. Sasser, Clerk



# **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 cannot 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, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, and Promotional Secretary.

Section 2. Boards: The standing boards of this association shall be Planning, Missions, Education, Superannuation, and Christian-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 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. No person shall serve on more than one board at the same time.

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.

# CONSTITUTION

AND

## BY-LAWS

OF THE

### FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### CONSTITUTION

##### Article 1. NAME:

This board shall be known as the Florida State Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists.

##### Article 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this board shall be that of promoting mission work among Free Will Baptists in the State of Florida.

##### Article 3. MEMBERSHIP:

This board shall be composed of members elected by the State association and shall serve terms established on a rotational basis: one members term shall expire annually. The number of members of this board shall be determined by the constitution and by-laws of the state association.

##### Article 4. OFFICERS:

Officers of the Board shall be: A Chairman, a Vice Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for one (1) year and may be elected to serve succeeding terms. Members of the board shall elect the officers of the board.

##### Article 5. MEETINGS:

Meetings shall be held as the need arises. Necessary meetings may be called by the chairman or the secretary-treasurer. Mileage for board members expenses shall be paid from the general fund limited to 10¢ per mile one way.

##### Article 6. COMMITTEES:

Committees may be appointed by the chairman or elected by the board as the need arises.

##### Article 7. REPORTS:

A complete report of the board meetings and activities and a complete financial report must be presented to the annual state associational meeting.

##### Article 8. FINANCES:

This board shall receive its finances from churches and individuals making special contributions, cooperative program allocations, interest on loans, and special offerings received through promoting missions.

## Article 9. MISCELLANEOUS:

Section 1. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board must be Free Will Baptists which prove themselves sound in doctrine and practices as Free Will Baptists.

Section 2. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board shall consider this board as an advisory body in such matters as the selection of a pastor and further financial obligations.

Section 3. Any work receiving financial support must agree to support the denominational cooperative program.

Section 4. Any work receiving financial support must accept such as a loan on terms and conditions agreed upon by them and the board as set forth in this constitution and such information shall be made available to them and fully understood by those receiving the support.

Section 5. Proper security must be granted the board for loans received. First mortgage is desired but second mortgage may be accepted; however no loan shall be granted in excess of the appraised value of the property. Interest shall be paid at the rate of 6% per annum. Monthly payments shall be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per \$1000.00 loaned.

Section 6. Missions or churches receiving financial support must be in good standing with an association or quarterly meeting affiliated with the state or national association and must have a pastor who is in good standing with the Free Will Baptists denomination.

Section 7. An agreement must be understood between the borrower and the board that in the event financial obligations cannot be met and rights to the property must be relinquished that said rights shall be turned over to the mission board and the decision of the board in regards to the property shall be final.

Section 8. Contracts shall be considered delinquent when 3 successive payments have not been met. It shall be determined by the board if contracts may be held valid and open for a longer period of time.

Section 9. The board shall have the right by majority vote to purchase property in desirable locations when there is good potential for organizing a Free Will Baptist Church. This action shall of necessity be subject to the availability of funds. In such matters full title must be acquired and no investment shall exceed the appraised value of property. Organizational work under such conditions shall be under complete supervision of the mission board.

Section 10. Nominal grants by the board to worthwhile churches or missions may be made when it is in the interest of the denominational cause in which benefits are certain. Grants of this nature shall be subject to money being immediately available and shall not exceed \$1000.00 without joint approval of the mission board and the state executive committee or association.

## **BY-LAWS**

### **Article 1. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:**

Officers of the board shall hold office according to the terms set forth in the constitution and shall carry out those duties peculiar to their respective offices. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a permanent record of the boards activities and financial transactions. All records and property mortgages and titles shall be surrendered to the succeeding secretary-treasurer.

### **Article 2. VOTING AND QUORUM:**

A majority membership shall constitute a quorum and be duly authorized to transact business. All items of business must receive a majority vote of board members before it is considered final. All members not present in meetings shall be notified of decisions made by the board.

### **Article 3. DUTIES OF MEMBERS:**

All members shall endeavor to support mission work through cooperative efforts of the board. Any member that fails to cooperate with the board for a period of one year may, upon recommendation of the board, be replaced by the state association.

### **Article 4. AMENDMENTS:**

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the board members and final approval of the state association.

