

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

**1970**

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

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Tampa, Florida**

*Theme: RECLAIMING OUR POSSESSIONS*

**NEXT SESSION**

**SALEM ASSOCIATION**

**The church to be announced later.**

**NOVEMBER 3-5, 1971**

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

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MODERATOR ----- Rev. W. C. Combs  
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Rev. C. Curtis Sheets, Assistant Moderator  
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Rev. Darrel Guinn, North Florida Association  
Rt. 1, Box 90, Perry, Florida 32347  
Rev. Benito Rodriquez, Victory Association  
3695 SW 25th Terr., Miami, Fla. 33147

**BOARDS:**

**PLANNING BOARD**

Claude Davis (75)  
614 W. Leon St.  
Perry, Fla. 32347

Rev. David Pettis (74)  
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Rev. Robert Owen (74)  
Rt. 1, Box 269  
Atmore, Ala. 36502

Rev. Bill George (73)  
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Bonifay, Fla. 32425

Rev. Bill Cathey (72)  
7091 Hood St.  
Hollywood, Fla. 33024

Rev. W. T. Jones (71)  
2681 Sadler Lane  
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Mrs. Ruby Amerson (75)  
 Rt. 4, Box 303  
 Atmore, Ala. 36502

Rev. Bob King (74)  
 2815 NW 91st St.  
 Miami, Fla. 33147

Rev. Neal Thomsen (73)

8912 Hipps Rd.  
 Jacksonville, Fla. 32222

Rev. James Puckett (72)  
 1417 SE 3rd Terr.

Deerfield Bch., Fla. 33441

Rev. Odis Whitehead (71)  
 Cottondale, Fla. 32431

**ASSOCIATION DELEGATES PRESENT**

WEST FLORIDA ----- Sis. Ruby Amerson, Bro. W. J. Amerson,  
 Sis. Thelma Bass

LIBERTY ----- Etha Mae Owen, Rachel Crawford

SALEM ----- Sis. Gladys S. Foster

NORTH FLORIDA ---- Sis. Martha Pettis, Geraldine Guinn, Willie  
 Dawson

VICTORY ----- Sis. Rosa Lee Rodgers, Sis. Nellie Craft,  
 Bro. E. L. Craft, Mary Alford, Louise Collins,  
 Vida Mae Rice, Kathryn Sheets

**CHURCH DELEGATES REGISTERED**

Lena Richards ----- Chipley Church  
 Arlene Davis ----- Mt. Carmel, Perry  
 Edra W. Saverance ---- Free Will Baptist Mission, Miami  
 Donnie Hicks ----- Quincy Church  
 Grace Huckaby ----- Travelers Rest  
 Thelma Owens ----- Piney Grove, Chipley  
 Lottie Maddox ----- Emmanuel  
 John Courtney ----- St. Johns, Perry  
 W. H. Bennett ----- St. Johns, Perry

**MINISTERS REGISTERED**

Chester Huckaby, Lloyd Carroll, D. W. Collins, Thomas J. Clay,  
 Cecil Williamson, Leonidas O. V. Eads, Buford Newberry, Bob King,  
 Jim Puckett, Ed Cook, Benito Rodriguez, Glenn Hood, James H. Cook,  
 Curtis Jackson, Paul Kettelman, Curtis Sheets, M. R. Gann, Robert  
 Owen, Bill George, Odis Whitehead, Harvey Henderson, Millard C.  
 Sasser, David P. Pettis, W. A. Hansley, William M. Compton, Danny  
 Williamson, Earl Rodgers, Willford E. Cathey, Robert Crawford,  
 W. C. Combs, Elzie Carroll, Q. Hansley, H. Reedy Saverance,  
 Darrel Guinn.

**DEACONS REGISTERED**

C. D. Owens, Claude L. Davis, Coy Owens, Ernest Owen, Walter F.  
 Rice, Jim Dunlap, J. B. Webbs, Randy Brooks, G. W. Cloud, S. L.  
 Adams, R. L. Hilburn.

## VISITORS REGISTERED

The total number of visitors who registered was ninety. Of this number there were several from our National Association.

## DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATION	MODERATOR	CLERK
WEST FLORIDA	Rev. Robert Owen Route 1, Box 269 Atmore, Alabama 36502	Wallace J. Amerson Route 4, Box 303 Atmore, Alabama 36502
LIBERTY	Rev. Robert Crawford 705 Forest Ave. Chipley, Florida 32428	Eddie Riddick Route 4 Chipley, Florida 32428
SALEM	Rev. Daniel Pelt Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442	Mrs. Lillian S. Rodgers P.O. Box 126 Bascom, Florida 32423
NORTH FLORIDA	Rev. Millard C. Sasser Route 4, Box 310-s Ocala, Florida 32670	Claude L. Davis 614 West Leon St. Perry, Florida 32347
VICTORY	Rev. C. Curtis Sheets 4102 E. Knollwood Ave. Tampa, Florida 33610	Charles Ray Wells 1064 Oklahoma St. Melbourne, Fla. 32901

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# PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 28, 1970, 7:30 P.M.

Convening at

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**TAMPA, FLORIDA**

Supper was served by the Host Church.

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace" and "I Feel Like Traveling On." Rev. Chester Huckaby led the opening prayer.

The local church choir sang three specials.

Rev. C. Curtis Sheets, the local church pastor, gave a welcome address. He was assisted by members of his congregation.

Rev. Millard C. Sasser gave the Association's response to the welcome and introduced visitors from the National Executive Department. Rev. N. R. Smith, from the National Sunday School Department, and Bro. Fred Green, from the National C.T.S. Department, were introduced.

Rev. Harvey Henderson brought the Moderator's Message. His text was Revelation 3:14-19.

A group from the local church sang several specials.

Rev. W. C. Combs preached the evening message. His text was Nehemiah 4:7. His subject was "Reclaiming Our Possessions by Closing the Breaches."

The Moderator called the Association to order and appointed two committees.

No. 1 Committee on Committees:

Rev. Bill Cathey, Rev. David Pettis, Rev. Bill George.

No. 2 Credentials Committee:

Rev. Milton Gann, Rev. Darrell Guinn, Rev. Odis Whitehead.

We were dismissed with prayer by Rev. Rufus Coffey.

**THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 29, 1970**

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in the chorus of "How Great Thou Art" and the hymns, "Battle Hymn of the Republic", and "How Firm a Foundation."

Rev. H. Reedy Saverance led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. David Pettis brought the morning devotion. His text was taken from Acts 19.

The Moderator called the business session to order.

M.S.C. to seat the standing delegates.

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

M.S.C. to seat the delegates from the Salem Association. (The letter from the Salem Association had not arrived at the session at this time.)

The Moderator introduced visitors from various places who were attending the Association.

M.S.C. to receive the report of the Board of Superannuation and to "lay it on the table" until the Friday's session.

M.S.C. to accept the report from the Promotional Secretary.

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

M.S.C. to accept the Christian Education and Youth Board report.

M.S.C. to accept the proposed Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Education and Youth Board.

We received reports from corresponding messenger.

M.S.C. to accept the report from Rev. Rufus Coffey, National Executive Secretary, as information.

#### THURSDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing, "Blessed Assurance." Rev. Milton Gann and Rev. Carlton Lambert sang "In Times Like These."

Rev. Ed Cook, State Home Missionary, preached the morning message. His text was 1 Timothy 4:16.

The morning service was dismissed with prayer by Rev. Millard C. Sasser.

Lunch was served by the host church.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 29, 1970

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing "Blessed Redeemer." Rev. Benito Rodriguez, then Rev. Ed Cook, Mrs. Ed Cook, and Rev. Jim Puckett sang special numbers.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Glenn Hood. His text was 11 Timothy 3:1.

The moderator called the afternoon business session to order.

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

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

M.S.C. to accept report of the National Home Mission Department as information.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the National C.T.S. Department as information.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the National Sunday School Department as information.

M.S.C. to accept the report of the State Home Mission Board.

M.S.C. to accept the partial report of the Executive Committee.

M.S.C. to accept the oral report of Camp Alafia.

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

The local church conducted a short Sunday School Workshop. The Workshop was led by the local pastor, Rev. C. Curtis Sheets.

The afternoon session was adjourned and the meeting dismissed with prayer by Rev. Bob King.

Supper was served by the host church.

#### THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 29, 1970

The evening service opened by singing from local church choir. The congregation then sang "Nothing But The Blood." Bro. Olan Rehburg led in prayer.



The State Home Missionary gave a report about the Mission at West Palm Beach.

M.S.C. to receive the evening offering for the West Palm Beach Mission. The offering was \$94.00

The local church had several special numbers, after which, Rev. Rufus Coffey brought the evening message. His text was Obadiah 1-3, 8-15, 17-21.

The evening service was dismissed with prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 30, 1970

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in singing "There is Power in the Blood."

Rev. Wingate Hansley led the congregation in prayer.

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Robert Crawford. His text was John 21:15-17.

The Friday morning business meeting was called to order by the moderator.

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

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

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

M.S.C. to remove from the table, for discussion, and action, the report of the Board of Superannuation.

M.S.C. to accept the report including the proposed Constitutional and By-Laws changes.

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

M.S.C. to accept the report of the Planning Board.

M.S.C. to amend the Planning Board report by deleting the break down of the monies going to the National Association, making that section read "30% to the National Co-operative Plan."

The motion was carried as amended.

M.S.C. to accept the final report of the Credentials Committee and that the Salem Association report be included in the minutes when it is received by the clerk.

M.S.C. to accept the telegram from the Foreign Missions Department as information.

National Association delegates and alternates were selected by volunteers.

M.S.C. to give the moderator, and/or clerk, and/or promotional secretary, the authority to appoint delegates to the National Association for the State Association at the National Association, in the event the delegates selected at the State Association could not attend the National Association.

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

M.S.C. to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and to vote on it, item by item.

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

M.S.C. to call to remembrance, Rev. W. T. Turnbough and others of our State Association, who have been promoted to Glory. Prayer was made in honor of them and for those still laboring here.

The new moderator, Rev. W. C. Combs, took charge. He made remarks appropriate for the occasion and introduced the speaker for the morning message.

Rev. Milton Gann led the congregation in "Victory in Jesus."

Rev. N. R. Smith preached the morning message. His text was taken from John 5 and Acts 1:8.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

The session ended in prayer led by Bro. Clay.

Lunch was served by the host church.



IN LOVING MEMORY

- THE REVEREND W. T. TURNBOUGH -

On October 8, 1970, God called our beloved pastor home to be with Him. Although we loved him deeply and shall miss him immeasurably, we feel confident that our loss is truly Heaven's gain.

We believe the testimony "Brother Bill" most probably would like to leave with us would be one of his favorite scriptures—the words of Paul in II Timothy 4:7,8 —

"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

We feel sure that, along with St. Johns Church, our denomination as a whole joins with us in our grief over the loss of this dedicated man of God.

ST. JOHNS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
PERRY, FLORIDA





# REPORTS

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Robert Owen  
Robert Crawford  
Bob King

### APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE

Thelma Bass  
Martha Pettis  
W. E. Amerson

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

William Compton  
Ruby Amerson  
E. L. Craft

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Thelma Owens  
Darrell Guinn  
Q. Hansley

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Executive Board to serve  
as this committee

Respectfully submitted,  
Wilford E. Cathey  
Davis P. Pettis  
Bill George

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS:

West Florida	\$ 12.00	
Salem	20.00	(to be mailed in by Salem Treasurer)
North Florida	20.00	
Victory	46.00	
Liberty	26.00	
TOTAL	\$124.00	(when complete)

### RECEIVED FROM CHURCH DELEGATES:

8 delegates	\$ 32.00
13 deacons	26.00
35 ministers	70.00
TOTAL	\$128.00

OFFERING FOR FREE WILL BAPTIST STATE HOME MISSIONS-  
WEST PALM BEACH \$94.00 W.C.

Rev. W. M. Compton  
Bro. E. L. Craft  
Sis. Ruby Amerson

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Placement Committee place the conference of the State Association of Free Will Baptist for 1971 in the Salem Association. The church to be announced later.

Respectfully,  
Q. Hansley  
Thelma Owens  
Darrell Guinn

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

### PARTIAL REPORT:

We your Credentials Committee have examined the letters of the Associations and have found 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 fees. We recommend that delegates be seated.

### FINAL REPORT:

We your Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Ministers registered -----	38	
Deacons registered -----	13	
Associations delegates -----	19	
Church delegates -----	9	
Visitors registered -----	90	
Associations represented -----	4	
Number of churches -----	73	plus 3 missions
Church membership -----	6,922	
Number parsonages -----	27	
Number of ordained ministers -----	110	
Number of licensed ministers -----	16	
Number of ordained deacons -----	192	
Sunday School enrollment -----	4,278	
Average Sunday School attendance -----	3,312	
C.T.S. Enrollment -----	1,400	
Average C.T.S. attendance -----	1,131	
Woman's Auxiliaries enrollment -----	416	
Average Woman's Auxiliaries attendance -----	382	
Master's Men enrollment -----	91	
Average Master's Men attendance -----	63	
Mid-week Service attendance -----	1,450	

Respectfully submitted,  
Credentials Committee

NOTE: The motion to receive the Credential Committee's final report included the statement that the clerk would add in the letter from the Salem Association. I received that letter, therefore, the figures given for the word "Associations" and the remaining figures of the report have been revised to include this letter. I also received a corrected letter from the clerk of the Victory Association. The corrections are figured into the report. The clerk has these letters on file for reference by anyone who may want it.

There has been a sad loss of churches in the reports of 1970 over those of 1969. The clerk has listed below a comparison of the 1969 and the 1970 Association reports for your study.

ASSOCIATIONS	1969 CHURCHES	1970 CHURCHES
West Florida	6	6 plus 1 mission
West Florida Liberty	14	13
Salem	14	18
North Florida	8	8
Victory and Northeast	<u>36</u>	<u>28</u> plus 2 missions
TOTALS	78	73 plus 3 missions

Respectfully,  
Millard C. Sasser, clerk

**FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD**  
**ANNUAL REPORT 1969 - 1970**

The board has met twice since the last annual report. Our state mission work is doing fine. Grace Church at Orange Park averaged 38 for Sunday School in September. Bro. Neal Thomsen has done a good work in Orange Park. This project will be completed the last of January 1971. May God bless all those who have supported it.

The West Palm Beach Mission is getting off to a good start. The board accepted this mission as a project September 1970. Bro. Edward Cook was employed to pastor the mission. They are averaging 31 for Sunday School. The prayer support of all Free Will Baptist throughout the state is needed at this time for the advancement of God's Kingdom in West Palm Beach. Let's all do our part in making this project successful.

**MINUTES**

St. Johns Church

October 28, 1969

A MMC to call for the funds on account with the National Home Mission Board.

A MMC to transfer \$2,000.00 from the general fund into the loan fund so that it might be available to needy churches.

A MMC that the next project of the Florida State Home Mission Board be a new mission in a city where there is no Free Will Baptist Church.

Gainesville Church requested a loan of \$4,000.00. After conferring with the pastor and deacon, and other informed sources, a loan of \$4,000.00 was approved for the church.

The board recommended to the State Association that we initiate a mission project in the year 1970, and that the project is to be in a city where there is no Free Will Baptist Church. Areas under consideration were Daytona Beach and West Palm Beach. Other suggested areas were to be considered.

**MINUTES**

West Palm Beach, Florida

July, 1970

After hearing the appeal and meeting the people of the West Palm Beach Mission, the board was in mutual agreement that this was an opportunity with excellent potential. A motion was made and carried that we accept the W.P.B. Mission as our next project.

The board received two names for consideration as Missionary to this mission. Edward Cook was contacted. He accepted the call to the mission under the leadership of the Lord.

A motion was made and carried that this project be for 30 months. After the first year the missionary's salary is to diminish \$25.00 each six months until the contract expires.

A motion carried that this missionary receive \$115.00 weekly salary.

## FINANCIAL REPORTS

### ORANGE PARK MISSION PROJECT

Balance brought forward	\$ 1,722.03
Total receipts	<u>2,762.67</u>
Total	4,484.70
Expenses: Thomsen salary	<u>3,250.01</u>
Balance October 20, 1970	\$ 1,234.69

### WEST PALM BEACH MISSION

Starting balance	\$ 0,000.00
Total receipts	<u>410.20</u>
Total	410.20
Expenses: Edward Cook salary	<u>996.04</u>
Balance October 20, 1970 (minus)	- \$ 585.84

### GENERAL FUND

Cooperative Giving -- State Treasurer Ernest Owen

Balance brought forward	\$ 2,096.21
Total receipts	<u>2,710.39</u>
Total	4,806.60
Expenses: Church extension account	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance October 20, 1970	\$ 2,806.60

### CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Balance brought forward	\$ 2,870.72
Total receipts	<u>5,820.00</u>
Total	8,690.72
Expenses: Robert Owen	\$ 9.65
Gainesville loan	4,000.00
Endorsement stamp	1.67
Board meeting	127.75
Summer Camp meetings	<u>900.00</u>
Total expenses	\$ <u>5,039.07</u>
Balance October 20, 1970	\$ 3,651.65

### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Orlando	\$ 3,189.36
Grace	4,638.67
Lakeland	1,567.38
Ensley	4,855.63
Beulah	3,213.29
Titusville (thru. March 1971)	3,165.31
Gainesville	<u>3,795.50</u>
Total	\$ 24,425.14
Total Bank Balance October 20, 1970	\$ 7,107.10

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciations Committee wish to express our thanks and gratitude for a most heart felt welcome extended to us by our host church, First Free Will Baptist of Tampa, Florida.

The hospitality extended by Rev. Curtis Sheets and the church, also the ones who took us into their homes, is greatly appreciated.

The food has been wonderful and we thank each of you who have had a part in the work done here.

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

Respectfully,  
Sis. Thelma Bass  
Sis. Martha Pettis  
Bro. W. J. Amerson

## BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION REPORT

We your Superannuation Board, recognizing the inadequate provisions of our present Superannuation program and the inability of our State Association to provide an adequate retirement program for our ministers and other full time christian workers, make the following recommendations:

1. That all eligible ministers and christian workers subscribe to the insurance and retirement program recommended by the National Association of the Free Will Baptist, and that our local churches pay at least 50% of the pastors' life insurance premium and where possible contribute to his retirement program.
2. That the present Superannuation program continue for those presently enrolled until "phase-out" but that no new applications be accepted.
3. We further recommend that, if the recommendations of this board are accepted, that the Superannuation Board be dissolved at the close of this Association and that when this present Superannuation program of those who are already enrolled is "phased-out", that all monies remaining in the Superannuation fund be returned to the general fund to be disposed of as needed.
4. We recommend the following changes in the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association:
  - A. That Article III, Section 2, of the Constitution be amended by deleting the word "Superannuation."
  - B. The By-Laws be amended by deleting Section eleven.
5. We recommend that those interested in the retirement and insurance recommended by our National Association contact the Promotional Secretary and that the Promotional Secretary's office maintain an adequate supply of literature concerning the program for distribution when requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
Wm. Compton  
Coy Owens  
S. L. Adams  
Benito Rodriquez  
Earl Rodgers

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Rev. W. C. Combs	(elected)
Vice Moderator	Rev. C. Curtis Sheets	(elected)
Clerk	Rev. Millard C. Sasser	(elected)
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Eddie Riddick	(elected)
Treasurer	Mr. Ernest Owens	(elected)
Promotional Secretary	Rev. W. A. Hansley	(elected)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

West Florida	Rev. Elzie Carroll	(elected)
Liberty	Rev. Robert Crawford	(elected)
Salem	Rev. Harvey Henderson	(elected)
North Florida	Rev. Darrell Guinn	(elected)
Victory	Rev. Benito Rodriquez	(elected)

### PLANNING BOARD

Bro. Claude Davis	(75)	(elected)
Bro. Walter Rice	(72)	(elected)

### MISSION BOARD

Bro. George Cloud	(75)	(elected)
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### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Sis. Ruby Amerson	(75)	(elected)
Rev. Bob King	(74)	(elected)

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Bill George

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert Owen  
Bob King  
Robert Crawford

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA

### FLORIDA CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 1969-70

	<u>Cash</u>	<u>Commodities</u>
October	\$ 465.59	\$ 111.00
November	917.25	543.24
December	1,555.75	148.00
January	373.86	20.00
February	435.87	25.00
March	335.15	95.31
April	533.21	22.00
May	615.91	20.00
June	579.52	5.00
July	224.84	15.00
August	518.06	---
September	376.71	10.95
	\$6,931.72	\$1,016 00



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

The 1970 Youth Camp session was held June 21-26, 1970. The Lord's wonderful blessings were evident during the entire encampment.

There were 147 campers who registered for camp. There were 93 girls and 54 boys, also 20 workers, making a total of 167 persons present for the encampment. The registration was less than last year but all who commented on the camp said there was a great increase in the spirit and good was accomplished during the 1970 encampment. Every one worked in any capacity seemed to have the attitude--I am here to do God's will. Some of the workers acknowledged a revival experience.

Eighty-two persons made decisions at the altar of the Tabernacle. There were 16 conversions, 14 reclaimed backslidders, and 52 rededications.

Reverend Eugene Hales from Jesup, Georgia was the evangelist. Brother Hales presented the Word of God to meet the needs of those present. He did personal counseling with individuals and held question-and-answer sessions with the teenagers as a group. He was God's messenger for this encampment.

Wholesome Christian fun among the counselors and campers alike was much in evidence. Campers diligently worked in their classes to learn God's truths. Reverend R. B. Crawford was camp director and Reverend Eddie Riddick was assistant director.

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**Camp Bethlehem - 1970**

**INCOME:**

Balance from 1969 Camp	\$ 598.39
Campers Fee, Concessions, and Church Gifts	<u>2020.00</u>
Total Received	\$2618.39

**PAID OUT:**

Cooks	\$ 218.60
Teachers, Director, Counselors	561.20
Evangelist	150.90
Printing	16.82
Teaching Literature and Materials	65.72
Insurance	120.00
Sports Equipment	6.60
Food and Supplies	438.58
Candy, potato chips, Nabs, etc.	100.20
Drinks for resale	154.07
Miscellaneous	60.90
First Aid supplies	8.73
Repair on building	<u>5.00</u>
Total Paid Out	\$1907.32

**BALANCE in Treasury and Bank**

**\$711.07**

**NOTE:** The 1970 Camp used a \$89.70 balance credit from the 1969 camp - a credit from the National C.T.S. office in Nashville, Tennessee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert B. Crawford,  
Director

## REPORT

from the

### FLORIDA STATE EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Meeting - March 23, 1970 at St. John's Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Florida. The meeting was scheduled at 1:00 P.M. All members of the board were present except Rev. James Puckett. The meeting was opened with prayer.

Suggested that we wait until the latter part of the meeting to elect our officers due to the fact that one of our board members had not yet arrived and we wanted to have as many of our members present as possible when we elected our officers.

MSC that we accept the invitation of the Youth Camp to meet at Camp Bethlehem, Bonifay, Florida on June 20, 1970. Competition to be held at 10:00 A.M. Also suggested that we make it clear that after this year we would move the State Competition to a centrally located place in order to better accommodate the participants in the southern part of our state.

MSC that for C.T.S. purposes we would be considered as Districts. Those Districts being eligible are as follows: South Florida District, Mid-East Coast District, Central District, North East Florida District, North Florida District, Salem District, Liberty District, and West Florida District. Regardless of which Association these districts have joined, each one of the above listed districts will be permitted to enter their district winners in the State Competition provided they comply with all other rules. (Map has been prepared depicting districts.)

MSC that we as a board accept the rules for Florida State C.T.S. Comp. which we have used in the past. MSC that we add articles about entrance fees to list of rules. MSC that secretary order trophies and quizzing materials which was needed for competition. MSC that since time was limited this year, we go ahead and ask our State Quiz Director, Sister Amerson, to handle competition using the board members to assist. It was then suggested that after this year we consider the possibility of each board member being in charge of a portion of competition. This would be discussed further at next meeting.

Suggestions were made that preceding the competition to decide about disbursement of monies available to winners to help them get to National Competition. It was also suggested we ask Bro. Hnasley to write in the Co-ordinator and ask our churches to take an offering and send it in to the Youth Fund for the purpose of helping them go on to National Competition.

Officers were elected:

Chairman ----- Rev. W. T. Turnbough

Vice Chairman ----- Rev. J. Puckett

Secretary ----- Sis. Ruby Amerson

Meeting Adjourned.

Secretary,  
Sis. Ruby Amerson

A 2nd meeting of the State Education-Youth Board was held at Camp Bethlehem preceding the State C.T.S. Competition. Purpose of the meeting was to discuss funds to help winners to the National As-

sociation, Fresno, California. All members of the board were present except Rev. J. Puckett (Bro. Puckett was not informed of the meeting - since he was not expected to attend the State Competition.)

All members of the board present agreed that we could take \$50.00 from the State Youth Fund to give to the winners for the purpose of helping them in their expenses. A balance of \$472.39 was in the State Youth Board Treasury at competition time.

It was stated that if the 1st place winner could not go, then these funds should be passed on to the 2nd place winner, etc. Also should the funds not be used by these winners then it should be returned to the treasury.

Ruby Amerson/secretary

A very informal meeting was called of the State Education-Youth Board during Camp Meeting at Camp Bethlehem since four members of the board were attending camp. All members of the board were present except Bro. Odis Whitehead (who was not informed of the meeting). The purpose of the meeting was to discuss any matters which might need to be taken care of before Board Meeting in October.

It was stated that our C.T.S. Competition needed to be held earlier in 1971 than we held it this year so that we would have more time to plan to attend National Competition. Each board member was asked to check and see about the dates that school will be let out in their own area so that we would know how or when to plan meeting.

It was also decided that since Ocala was centrally located in the state, we would hold our competition there for 1971. The secretary was requested to write Bro. Sasser and see if his church would host our 1971 State Meeting.

Next Board Meeting to be held October 28, 1970, State Association, Tampa, Florida.

Ruby Amerson/secretary

## MEETING OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

October 28th, Tampa, Florida

The meeting was attended by Bro. Odis Whitehead and Sis. Ruby Amerson. A letter was received by Bro. Neal Thomsen giving his approval for the board to proceed with the business.

It was stated that the secretary had received a letter from Bro. Sasser with his approval for the State Competition to be held at the Ocala Church. The board accepted this as the place. The date set for competition was May 22, 1971. (With the stipulation that this could be changed if deemed necessary.) The competition to start at 9:30 A.M. The board members to have individual phases of competition.

The board felt that if at all possible we would not try to hold another board meeting until a time set prior to the competition, in an effort to save all monies possible for the expenses of our winners to Nashville, Tenn. Most all plans are made and those not yet settled could be settled at next meeting or by correspondence.

It was also reported that the Christian Education-Youth Board members participated in the following:

Rev. Turnbaugh)

Rev. Whitehead) Taught in the Bethlehem Youth Camp Program

Sis. Amerson )

Rev. Thomsen ) Worked in the Alafia Youth Camp Program

Rev. Puckett )

Rev. Turnbaugh)

Rev. Thomsen ) Attend all sessions of the Youth Meetings

Rev. Puckett ) at Camp Meeting

Sis. Amerson )

Each member of the board have promoted Youth activities in their individual districts.

Meeting was adjourned.

### CAMP MEETING REPORT FOR 1970

Camp meeting began July 27th going through July 31st, with 147 registered campers. There were a number of visitors attending the morning and evening services.

Our day began with a Mission Study brought by Bro. Jim Combs, our missionary to Araras, Brazil, South America. Bro. Combs showed us some films made in the area of South America where he is and told us some of the conditions they face in their mission work. Next, Rev. Harold Harrison, Promotional Secretary of our Sunday School Department, from Nashville, Tennessee, taught a class about the events of "the end times." Also in the afternoon, Bro. Harrison held a class designed to help a person (us) "THINK HIMSELF SYSTEMATICALLY THROUGH THE BIBLE." Our evangelist, Rev. Winston Sweeny, from Kingsport, Tennessee, brought our morning and evening messages.

This year at Camp Meeting, special emphasis were given to our youth under the direction of our Youth Director, Bro. Neal Thomsen. Each afternoon at 6:00 P.M. our youth had a special preaching service. Each day two of the following young men preached: Randy Hood, Greg Barlow, Arthur Hood and Ronnie Fowler. These services were a real blessing to our youth and our adults.

On Wednesday afternoon July 29th, we held our regular business meeting at which time the following items were adopted: that we continue to ask our churches to send \$50.00 or a donation to our camp meeting to pay for food, speakers and (or) other needs; that we buy paper plates and cups for camp meeting; that we continue to serve the same well balanced type meals: that all children attending camp meeting must be accompanied by their parents or an adult who will be responsible for them; that adults be assigned to our dormitories to keep order at night; that we dispense with printed brochures and use our State paper "The Co-Ordinator" to publicize our Camp Meeting. The following officers were re-elected for the year 1970-71:

President ----- Wallace Peterson

Vice President ----- Rev. Robert Owen

Secretary and Treasurer ----- Katie D. Owen

Youth Director ----- Rev. Neal Thomsen

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie D. Owen  
Secretary and Treasurer



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR CAMP MEETING - 1970

### INCOME:

Balance brought forward	\$ 200.60
Receipts from offering, registration and snack bar	<u>1,489.73</u>
Total to be accounted for	\$1,690.33

### PAID OUT:

Central Office Supply (Brochures)	\$ 83.40
Postage	6.00
Gillis Insurance Agency	90.00
Cooks	200.00
Speakers	335.00
National Foreign Missions (for Jim Combs Account)	185.75
Food	317.73
Soft Drinks	94.35
Candy	<u>42.20</u>
Total Expenditures	\$1.393.33

BALANCE IN TREASURY - October 20, 1970 \$297.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie D. Owen  
Secretary and Treasurer

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT 1970

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

1. We recommend that the budget for the cooperative plan of support be set at \$25,000.00 for 1970-71.
2. We recommend that the treasurer be paid \$30.00 per month from the general fund co-op.
3. We recommend that the moderator and clerk fees be raised from \$25.00 each to \$30.00 each. This too, is to be paid from the general funds.
4. 30% to the National Association  
70% to the State Work  
60% to the Promotional Department  
15% to Mission Board  
10% to Superannuation  
5% to General Fund  
5% to Christian Education-Youth  
5% to Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama

David P. Pettis  
C. D. Owens  
Claude Davis

**REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
TO THE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
Convening with the  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, TAMPA, FLORIDA**

"Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. A-men". 1 Timothy 1:17.

May our hearts be united in praise and thanksgiving for His blessings upon us, individually, local church groups, and as a State Association, during the past 12 months.

This is the fourth report that I have given. We have seen a gradual increase in all phases of our state work each year. Again this year we have seen progress as several of our churches have assumed a full time program and begun paying their pastor a full time salary. Many of our churches have reported erection of new buildings (both sanctuaries and educational). Above all else, we have experienced revivals across the state which has resulted in souls being won to Christ. We have seen at least one church reach above 600 in Sunday School which proves that with the proper emphasis, larger Free Will Baptist Churches can be built in Florida. Many other churches report a consistent growth during the past 12 months. Two of our churches are now operating schools. They are: the Deerfield Beach Church and the Ebenezer Church, Miami.

Our "COOPERATIVE PLAN" of support has received, through this means, \$20,569.00 this year. We are thankful for this amount. Of course, God has made this possible because of His faithfulness, but we must also thank you for your response. I feel personally, that more of our churches should respond to our "COOPERATIVE PLAN." WHAT COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED IF EVERY CHURCH IN OUR STATE ASSOCIATION SENT 10% OF ITS REGULAR OFFERINGS THROUGH THE "COOPERATIVE PLAN"?

We are becoming more mature in our state. Through a quarter of a century working together, in our State Association, we have attained a stability in purpose that will guide us into the future. MATURITY brings RESPONSIBILITY. Our responsibilities are greater today than ever before. We need to formulate some long range plans, setting goals for ourselves, and attempting to reach certain phases of these plans yearly. Having come this far, we cannot afford to take one backward step! Our plans MUST include a constant forward movement. Experience should give us wisdom to know how to best use our opportunities. Above human experience and wisdom, we are thankful for the Holy Spirit who is sent to direct the work of God among men.

During the past year your Promotional Secretary has:

Traveled 26,931 miles (October 1, 1969 - September 30, 1970)

Visited 73 churches.

Held 5 revivals.

Attended 16 Associations and Quarterly Meetings.

Attended and helped in 2 camps, and attended Camp Meeting.

Made 1 trip to the Free Will Baptist Children's Home,

Eldridge, Alabama.

Attended the National Association in Fresno, California

during July.



Due to the illness of the Reverend Rufus Coffey, our National Executive Secretary, we did not have our regular Promotional Secretaries meeting this year.

I have had the privilege to fill vacant pulpits due to sickness, resignations, and vacations this year.

It has been my desire to see our work in unity throughout the state. To this end I have labored, and feel that at this time we are nearer that goal than ever before. Thank you for your cooperation.

The tremendous task of reaching Florida and the world with the GOSPEL is ever before us. May the Lord direct us in our efforts.

In His Service,  
W. A. Hansley

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

October 31, 1969

The meeting was called to order by the moderator immediately following the 1969 session of the State Association at the St. Johns Free Will Baptist Church, Perry, Florida.

MSC that the Promotional Secretary be permitted to purchase a folding machine for the "Co-Ordinator." The purchase could be up to \$300.00.

MSC that the Promotional Secretary be permitted to purchase a adding machine for the "Co-Ordinator." The purchase could amount to \$100.00.

MSC to adjourn.

Millard C. Sasser, Clerk  
Harvey Henderson, Moderator

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 31, 1970

This meeting was held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ocala. Those present at the meeting were: Rev. Harvey Henderson, Rev. H. Reedy Saverance, Bro. Ernest Owen, Rev. Elro Driggers, Rev. Eddie Riddick, stand-in for Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. Millard C. Sasser, and one visitor, Bro. Andy Griffin.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Rev. Elro Driggers led in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was stated: it being to plan the program for the State Association. The following people were selected as speakers for the Association:

Wednesday evening -----	Rev. W. C. Combs
Thursday morning devotion -----	Rev. David Pettis
Thursday morning message -----	Missionary Ed Cook
Thursday afternoon devotion -----	Rev. Glen Hood
Thursday evening message -----	Dr. Robert Picirilli, if available;
Friday morning devotion -----	Rev. Eddie Riddick

The theme selected for this Association was "Reclaiming Our Possessions."

MSC to turn vacant church property deeds which we have over to Rev. Hansley for him to check into the best method of disposing of the property. After he has made investigation, he is to let the Executive Board know his findings. NOTE FOR FUTURE INFORMATION: The deeds spoken of here refers to property which was at some time in the past deeded to Free Will Baptist Churches. The property, in most cases, has been lying dormant for many years. It is not known by this Board if anything can be done by the State Association to salvage any of the property.

MSC to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer.

Millard C. Sasser, Clerk  
Harvey Henderson, Moderator

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 28, 1970

The committee members present were: Rev. Harvey Henderson, Bro. Ernest Owen, Rev. Curtis Sheets, Rev. Robert Crawford, Rev. Wingate Hansley, Rev. Elzie Carroll, Rev. Millard C. Sasser.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Rev. Elzie Carroll led in prayer.

MSC to have a semi-annual meeting of the Executive Committee, Tuesday after the fourth Sunday in April: April 27, 1971.

MSC to meet at 1:00 P.M. current time.

MSC to meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ocala.

MSC to accept the minutes of the previous committee meetings.

MSC for Rev. Hansley to continue his work of investigation in the properties mentioned in the minutes of the committee meeting of August 31, 1970.

RECESS FOR LUNCH.

MSC we reaffirm that we are operating under the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association adopted in 1962.

The Executive Committee discussed with the Superannuation Board ideas concerned with superannuation.

MSC to receive the Promotional Secretary's report, with appreciation, as information.

MSC that the Executive Committee recommend a Layman of the Year and a Minister of the Year for 1971 and each year thereafter.

MSC to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Ernest Owen.

P.M.

The committee was called to order by the moderator and the meeting opened with prayer by Rev. Harvey Henderson.

MSC that Rev. Odis Whitehead be asked to bring the devotion Friday morning in Rev. Eddie Riddick's place, who could not attend the Association because of illness.

The Superannuation Program was discussed with the Superannuation Board.

The Executive Committee of the Central Florida Quarterly Meeting discussed the property at Leesburg with the Executive Committee, and suggested that the property be disposed of.

MSC that the Promotional Secretary draw up forms for "the Layman of the Year" and "the Minister of the Year" awards, and that these forms be published in the "Co-Ordinator", so that churches and ministers could have them for the 1971 session of the State Association.

MSC to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. H. Reedy Saverance.

Millard C. Sasser, Clerk  
Harvey Henderson, Moderator

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**October 29, 1970 - Noon**

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. The Leesburg property was the point of discussion.

MSC we appoint a committee that will meet with someone who knows the value of property in that area and to proceed to sell the property at the highest price possible.

The committee selected was made up of: Rev. Wingate Hansley, Rev. Q. Hansley, and Rev. C. Curtis Sheets.

Meeting adjourned.

### **Executive Committee Meeting**

**October 29, 1970 - P.M.**

MSC that beginning 1971 session and each year thereafter, digest of reports, including National reports.

MSC P. Kettlman spoke at Fellowship breakfast.

MSC to meet at 9 A.M. Friday.

MSC to have 500 copies of the minutes of this Association printed.

Millard C. Sasser, Clerk  
Harvey Henderson, Moderator

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# ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

## FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

	BALANCE Oct. 17, 1969 (Adjusted)	RECEIPTS	FROM COOP PLAN	DISBURSED	BALANCE Oct. 17, 1970
National Coop Plan			1542.67	1542.67	
Foreign Missions		1532.16	1542.68	3074.84	
Home Missions		1391.39	1542.67	2934.06	
Children's Home (Ala.)		1777.32	719.92	2497.24	
Bible College		2624.86	1542.68	4167.54	
Student Loan Fund		149.74		149.74	
Superannuation	1270.57	41.00	1439.81	1700.00	1051.38
Church Extension Fund		349.00	2159.75	2508.75	
State Project 24		714.77		714.77	
State Coop Plan		20569.03			
General Fund	981.36	929.10	719.92	1378.00	1252.38
Christian Education & Youth	246.17	84.00	719.93	394.53	655.57
State Promotional Fund	1243.17	776.50	8639.00	8660.33	1998.34
"Coordinator"		263.05		620.10	357.05
Dollars from Scholars		476.21		476.21	(IN RED)
Call-a-Thon		70.00		70.00	
National Superannuation		20.00		20.00	
Earmarked for Missionaries:					
Craft		167.19		167.19	
Billows		161.50		161.50	
Coscia		186.00		186.00	
Tyson		41.00		41.00	
Payne		736.05		736.05	
Combs		72.70		72.70	
Aldridge		140.00		140.00	
Willey, Mrs. Mabel		122.56		122.56	
Willey, Tom Jr.		96.55		96.55	
Richards		125.00		125.00	
Powell		354.28		354.28	
Lee		150.00		150.00	
Garcia		378.73		378.73	
Ellison		114.64		114.64	
Cousineau		196.42		196.42	
Eagleton		497.26		497.26	
Merk		87.02		87.02	
Wilkinson		325.69		325.69	
Hanna		389.15		389.15	
Wald		256.38		256.38	
Wiley		32.39		32.39	
Owens		160.00		160.00	
West Palm Beach		92.80		92.80	
Walley		44.00		44.00	
Missent & Refunded		494.67		494.67	
Missent & Refunded		2282.70		2282.70	
Deficient Accounts		78.48		78.48	
TOTALS, Balance 10/17/70	\$3,741.27	\$39,551.29		\$38,691.94	\$4,600.62

### EXPLANATIONS

#### GENERAL FUND

Receipts	Disbursed	
\$929.10	\$ 21.25	Prog. & Reports
	50.00	Mod. & Clerk Fee
	232.65	Minutes
	60.00	Fee to Nat'l Assn.
	600.00	Rental on Camp
	60.10	Travel Exp. to Children's Home
	79.00	Travel Exp. Executive Board
	275.00	Secretarial Help
	\$1,378.00	TOTAL

#### PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

300.00	Honorarium
265.00	Exp. to Nat'l Assn.
5,866.63	Salary
2,228.70	Travel etc.
\$8,660.33	

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

##### & YOUTH BOARD

Disbursed
30.00 Fee to National
150.00 To Winners
40.75 Trophies & Medals
173.78 Travel Expense
\$394.53

#### SUPERANNUATION

Disbursed
\$25 per month to:
Rev. A. B. Cook
Rev. Joe Turner
Rev. O. V. Eads
Rev. James Roberts
Rev. Rubin Boles
Rev. T. A. Pettis until deceased

## 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 Aver. Att.	C.T.S. Enrolment	C.T.S. Aver. Att.	Woman's Aux. Enrolment	Woman's Aux. Aver. Att.	Master's Men Enrolment	Master's Men Aver. Att.	Mid-Week Serv. Aver. Att.	Amt. enclosed for Fees	Value of Parsonage Property
WEST FLORIDA	3	6	586	1	11	1	14	409	339	247	201	55	46	4	4	180	\$ 12.00	\$ 8,000.00
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	3	13	1154	5	20	4	38	681	495	273	233	73	49	32	21	293	26.00	55,000.00
SALEM	4	18	1326	3	22	4	50	712	495	228	169	57	39	8	6	180	20.00	25,500.00
NORTH FLORIDA	2	8	595	3	9	1	18	409	277	161	123	32	*	*	*	*	20.00	30,000.00
VICTORY	4	28	2261	15	48	6	82	2067	1706	491	405	199	148	47	32	797	56.00	186,162.00
TOTALS	16	73	6922	27	110	16	192	4278	3312	1400	1131	416	382	91	63	1450	\$134.00	\$304,662.00

Associations	Pastor's Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for Local Causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
WEST FLORIDA	\$ 12,655.00	\$ 1,407.09	\$ 13,562.51	\$ 2,163.35	\$ 6,279.63	\$ 29,624.65	\$ 3,545.03	\$2,712.73	\$1,164.21
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	22,894.22	2,507.57	13,475.86	3,308.60	8,550.15	50,736.40	3,059.80	2,092.19	1,082.10
SALEM	24,152.34	1,916.00	21,778.71	2,696.50	7,606.47	58,150.02	2,236.58	937.95	709.35
NORTH FLORIDA	16,343.95	994.47	12,805.18	1,019.92	2,382.77	33,546.29	3,247.07	675.88	315.00
VICTORY	64,421.83	4,037.61	81,137.65	7,329.53	50,576.65	207,503.27	7,688.23	2,095.36	1,389.57
TOTALS	\$140,467.34	\$10,862.68	\$142,759.91	\$16,517.80	\$75,395.67	\$379,560.63	\$19,776.71	\$8,514.11	\$4,660.23
Associations	Education	Orphanage	Super-annuation	Assn'l Projects	State and National Projects	Total spent for outside causes	Total Expenditures	Value of Church Property	
WEST FLORIDA	\$ 500.56	\$ 267.77	\$ 40.00	\$ 485.72	\$ 192.70	\$ 9,662.98	\$ 45,049.15	\$ 95,000.00	
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	1,364.84	830.71	*	183.00	510.45	10,376.07	61,112.47	285,527.00	Other \$1,137.98
SALEM	1,131.34	841.87	143.00	194.00	25.00	6,219.09	64,234.11	204,700.00	
NORTH FLORIDA	66.63	528.31	*	367.00	*	5,199.89	38,746.18	69,500.00	
VICTORY	309.43	1,921.63	*	249.80	629.10	14,283.12	221,786.39	845,500.00	
TOTALS	\$3,372.80	\$4,390.29	\$183.00	\$1,479.52	\$1,357.25	\$45,741.15	\$430,928.30	\$1,500,227.00	Other \$1,137.98

\* No Report



## DELEGATES TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

G. W. Cloud  
204 W. Ave. B  
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W. Linebaugh Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Frances Dailey  
Route 5, Box 142-B  
W. Linebaugh Ave.  
Tampa, Florida 33612

Mrs. W. M. Compton  
McDavid, Florida

Willie Dawson  
Route 2, Box 67  
Havana, Florida

## ALTERNATE DELEGATES

C. D. Owen  
307 N. 3rd Street  
Chipley, Florida 32428

Ernest Owen  
Railroad Ave.  
Chipley, Florida 32428

Mrs. Ernest Owen  
Railroad Ave.  
Chipley, Florida 32428

James Genett  
761 89 Ave. North  
St. Petersburg, Fla. 33702

## DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS

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.

Respectfully,  
Millard D. Sasser, Clerk

Rev. Elzie Carroll  
3 Campbell Ct.  
Pensacola, Fla. 32503

Rev. R. H. Reddick  
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Pensacola, Fla. 32508

Rev. Lloyd Carroll  
3101 E. Lloyd St.  
Pensacola, Fla.

Rev. J. D. Parham  
Rt. 1, Box 92  
McDavid, Florida 32568

Rev. B. M. Mathews  
Rt. 9, Box 651  
Pensacola, Fla. 32503

Rev. W. C. Stanford  
Rt. 2, Box 233  
Cantonment, Fla. 32533

Rev. Zell Cheatham  
20 Austin St.  
Pensacola, Fla.

## LICENSED MINISTER:

Rev. B. F. Godwin  
Rt. 1, Century, Fla.

## LIBERTY ASSOCIATION

Rev. Frank Willis  
Panama City, Florida

Rev. John M. Holland  
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Rev. Robert B. Crawford  
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Chipley, Florida

Rev. George Newham  
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Rev. Leon Owens  
Vernon, Florida

Rev. Thomas M. Scott  
Box 101  
Niceville, Florida

Rev. Milton Gann  
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Panama City, Florida

Rev. Eddie Riddick  
Route 4  
Chipley, Florida

Rev. Odis Whitehead  
Route 4  
Bonifay, Florida

Rev. Troy Lee Walsingham  
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Chipley, Florida

Rev. Dave Pollitt  
S. Depot St.  
Bonifay, Florida

Rev. David Pettis  
100 Air Force St.  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

Rev. Don Pettis  
Rt. 1, Box 172D  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

Rev. J. A. Pettis  
818 Navy St.  
Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

## MINISTERS OF THE NORTH FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

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Pastor - First Free Will Baptist Church  
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Rev. D. R. Guinn  
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Phone 458-7785

Pastor - Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church  
(State Road 361 East, Pisgah Road,  
Perry, Florida)

Rev. Wayne Hicks  
6515 Adams St.  
Quincy, Florida 32351  
Phone 629-8013

Pastor - First Free Will Baptist Church  
Quincy, Florida

Rev. Edgar Albright  
1011 8 Marion St.  
Lake City, Florida  
Phone 752-5615

Pastor - Lake City Free Will Baptist Church  
(2 blocks south of Highway 90,  
corner of Lamond and East Putnam St.  
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# 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, and Christian Education-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.



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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. 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.

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### 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.

# CONSTITUTION

AND

## BY-LAWS

OF THE

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

#### Article 1. NAME:

This board shall be known as the Christian Education-Youth Board of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist.

#### Article 2. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this board shall be to promote Sunday School, Church Training Service, Free Will Baptist Bible College, Youth Camps, Youth Rallies, Vacation Bible Schools, and Teacher Training Programs, and to be a co-ordinating agency between National, State, and District offices.

#### Article 3. THE BOARD:

Section 1. Composition - This board shall be composed of five members.

Section 2. Tenure of Office - The members of this board shall be elected for a term of five years and arranged whereby that only one member's term expires annually.

Section 3. Vacancies - In the event irregular vacancies occur on this board they will be filled by the Florida State Association.

Section 4. Time of Meeting - This board will meet semi-annually. As need arises called meetings may be held.

Section 5. Organization - The board shall elect a Chairman and Secretary.

#### Article 4. DUTIES OF THE BOARD:

Section 1. To set up and direct CTS competitive activities.

Section 2. To promote and encourage Teacher Training Courses that have been approved by the National Sunday School Department of the local and district group meetings.

Section 3. The board shall give a report of its activities at the Florida State Association annual meeting.

#### Article 5. TRAVEL EXPENSES:

Ten cents per mile one way shall be paid board members for all meetings except the board meetings in connection with the State Association.

#### Article 6. AMENDMENTS:

This Constitution and By-Laws may be amended by a majority vote of the State Association.



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