

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

*1971*

MINUTES  
OF THE  
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

MARVIN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Marianna, Florida

*Theme: "REVIVE US AGAIN"*

NEXT SESSION

WESCONNETT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
Jacksonville, Florida

NOVEMBER 1-3, 1972

# OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES

## FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

### GENERAL OFFICERS

MODERATOR ----- Rev. W. C. Combs  
1715 Calvados Dr., Cocoa, Florida 32922

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5208 Saginaw Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. 32210

CLERK ----- Rev. Eddie Riddick  
Route 4, Box 328, Chipley, Fla. 32428

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE -- Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator  
Rev. Elro Driggers, Assistant Moderator  
Rev. Eddie Riddick, Clerk  
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Rev. Elzie Carroll, West Florida Association  
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705 Forest Ave., Chipley, Fla. 32428  
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Route 4, Box 5, Marianna, Fla. 32446  
Rev. Darrel Gwinn, North Florida Association  
Route 1, Box 90, Perry, Fla. 32347  
Rev. Milton Fields, Victory Association  
2681 Sadler Lane, Melbourne, Fla. 32901

### BOARDS:

#### PLANNING BOARD

Aron Burch (76)  
Route 1  
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Claude Davis (75)  
614 W. Leon St.  
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Rev. David Pettis (74)  
100 Air Force St.  
Ft. Walton Bch., Fla. 32548

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Route 3, Box 430A  
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Rev. Jim Puckett (76)  
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George Cloud (75)  
204 W. Ave., B  
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Rev. Robert Owen (74)  
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Winter Haven, Fla. 33880

Rev. Bill George (73)  
Route 1,  
Bonifay, Fla. 32425

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

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Otis Whitehead (76)  
Cottondale, Fla. 32431

Mrs. Ruby Amerson (75)  
Route 4, Box 303  
Atmore, Ala. 36502

Rev. Freddie Lockwood (74)  
5208 Saginaw Ave.  
Jacksonville, Fla. 32200

Rev. Neal Thomsen (73)  
Deerfield Beach, Fla. 33441

Rev. Charles Powell (72)  
Route 2  
Cottondale, Fla. 32431

### ASSOCIATION DELEGATES PRESENT

WEST FLORIDA ----- Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Sis. Thelma Bass,  
Sis. Alberta Hall, Sis. Eunice Godwin,  
Sis. Bernice Purvis

LIBERTY ----- Sis. Carolyn Riddick

SALEM ----- Sis. Bobbye Edwards, Bro. William Booth, Jr.,  
Sis. Edna Henderson, Sis. Ollie Rehberg,  
Sis. J. R. Long, Sis. Ruby Benton

NORTH FLORIDA ----- Sis. Claude Davis, Sis. Geraldine Gwinn,  
Sis. Martha Pettis, Bro. W. H. Bennett,  
Sis. Dwight McDonald

VICTORY ----- Sis. Rosa Lee Rodgers, Sis. Mary Alford,  
Sis. Louise Collins, Bro. Ronald Easton

### CHURCH DELEGATES REGISTERED

Lena Richards -----	Chipley Church
John Courtney -----	St. Johns, Perry
June Courtney -----	St. Johns, Perry
Wayne Hartzog -----	Chipley Church
Mrs. John Dawson -----	Quincy Church
Mrs. Louise Hicks -----	Quincy Church
Mirauda Ditty -----	Hickory Grove, Bascom
Lottie Maddox -----	Emmanuel Church, Lakeland
Joe Nell Peterson -----	Piney Grove Church, Chipley
Katie D. Owen -----	Piney Grove Church, Chipley
Juanita Mazerae -----	Travelers Rest Church, Clarksville
Vida Mae Rice -----	First FWB Church, Tampa

### MINISTERS REGISTERED

Harvey Henderson, Bill George, Milton Gann, James Roebuck, Robert Owen, W.A. Hansley, Elzie Carroll, Bob King, R.B. Crawford, David P. Pettis, Lloyd Carroll, D.F. Pelt, William M. Compton, Donnie Hussey, Wilmore J. Mockerson, W.C. Combs, Earl Rodgers, Ed Cook, Jim Puckett, Eddie Riddick, D.W. Collins, Jimmy G. Youngblood, Roger Duncan, W.E. Cathey, C.L. Danny Williamson, Otis Whitehead, Freddie Lockwood, Elro Driggers, Novis Edwards, Darrel Gwinn, Q. Hansley, J.B. Lovering, Charles Powell, Chester A. Huckaby.

### DEACONS REGISTERED

J.B. Webb, Ernest Owen, George W. Hatcher, Walter J. Rich, Herbert L. Padgett, Doyle R. Miller, Olan Rehberg, Earl Hill, John Stewart, Grady W. Grant, W.W. Eiland, C.D. Owens, Alvin Hilcock, G.W. Cloud, Claude L. Davis.

### VISITORS REGISTERED

The total number of visitors who registered was one hundred and fifteen (115). Of this number there were several from our National Headquarters in Nashville.

### DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

ASSOCIATION	MODERATOR	CLERK
WEST FLORIDA		Wallace J. Amerson Route 4, Box 303 Atmore, Ala. 36502
LIBERTY	Rev. Robert Crawford 705 Forest Ave. Chipley, Fla. 32428	Rev. Eddie Riddick Route 4, Box 328 Chipley, Fla. 32428
SALEM	Rev. Harvey Henderson Route 4, Box 5 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Lillian S. Rodgers P.O. Box 126 Bascom, Fla. 32423
NORTH FLORIDA	Rev. Darrel Gwinn Route 1, Box 90 Perry, Fla. 32347	Claude L. Davis 614 W. Leon St. Perry, Fla. 32347
VICTORY	Rev. Jimmy G. Youngblood 4102 E. Knollwood Ave. Tampa, Fla. 33610	Charles Ray Wells 1064 Oklahoma St. Melbourne, Fla. 32901

# PROCEEDINGS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 3, 1971, 7:30 P.M.

Convening at

**MARVIN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

**MARIANNA, FLORIDA**

Supper was served by the hosts.

Rev. Harvey Henderson, pastor of Holley Grove Church, led the congregation in singing "Revive Us Again". Prayer was led by Rev. Paul Kettelman from the Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville. The congregation then sang "Blessed Assurance" and "I Am Thine O Lord". The welcome was offered by Rev. Daniel Pelt of the Salem Association. The response and introductions followed by Rev. Eddie Riddick, State Clerk. Our moderator, Rev. W.C. Combs, brought the moderator's message using Revelation 3:1-6 in speaking on the theme of "Revival and Personal Holiness".

The special music was rendered by the Salem Youth Choir. They sang "His Name Is Wonderful", "There Is A Fountain", and "I'll Tell The World That I'm A Christian". Rev. Harvey Henderson sang a special entitled "All That Thrills Me Soul Is Jesus". Rev. Homer Willis, Director of the Home Missions Department in Nashville, was introduced for the evening message. The text was taken from Ezra 8:21-23. The subject was "A Prayer for Revival". After the message the session was declared open for business. The two following committees were appointed:

No. 1 Committee on Committees:

Rev. Ed Cook, Rev. Bill George, and D.W. Collins

No. 2 Credentials Committee:

Rev. Darrel Gwinn, Rev. C.A. Huckaby, and Rev. Roger Duncan

We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Harold Harrison.

**THURSDAY MORNING, NOVEMBER 4, 1971, 9:30 A.M.**

The session opened with the congregation singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Reford Wilson, head of the Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, led in prayer. The congregation then sang, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Danny Williamson. The session was declared open for business.

The standing delegates were seated.

MSC to receive partial report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to seat additional delegates.

MSC to receive the partial report of the C.E. & Youth Board.

MSC to receive Promotional Secretary's report.

MSC to receive report of Committee on Committees.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the National Executive Department.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the National Home Missions Department.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the National Foreign Missions Department.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The morning service was opened with the congregation singing "I Love To Tell The Story". The prayer was led by Rev. Reedy Severance. Rev. Harvey Henderson then sang a special song entitled "Master The Tempest Is Raging". Rev. Elro Driggers, pastor of the Wesconnett Church in Jacksonville, brought the morning message entitled "The Failure of Courage" using Joshua 1:9 & Matt. 14:21-36 as a text. Several preachers and laymen responded to the invitation to stand against compromise. A prayer of consecration was offered by Rev. Milton Gann, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Panama City. The session was recessed for lunch with a prayer by Rev. Robert Owen.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON, 1:30 P.M.

The afternoon session was opened by singing "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth". Rev. Bill George led in prayer. Rev. Darrel Gwinn, pastor of Mt. Carmel Free Will Baptist Church in Perry, brought the morning devotional using Rom. 1:16 as his text.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

MSC to receive the correspondence from the National Sunday School Department.

MSC to receive the Executive report.

MSC to present to the body the recommendations item by item.

MSC to lay item 1 on the table.

MSC to lay item 2 on the table.

MSC to lay item 3 on the table.

MSC to receive the State Home Missions report.

MSC to receive the Camp Bethlehem Youth Camp report.

MSC to receive the Camp Alafia Youth Camp report.

MSC to receive the Bethlehem Camp Meeting report.

MSC to accept the Planning Boards report and act on it item by item.

MSC to accept the Co-operative Budget of \$25,000.

MSC to pay Treasurer \$30. per month.

MSC to amend the previous motion to be \$15 per month instead of \$30.

MSC to pay Moderator and Clerk \$30 each.

MSC to table the percentages of co-operative spending for the year 1971-72 until after the vote concerning the Promotional Department.

(This is entitled part 2 of the Credential report)

MSC to recess with prayer by Brother Wingate Hansley.

#### THURSDAY NIGHT, 7:30 P.M.

The session was opened with the congregation singing "I Am Thine O Lord". Rev. Milton Gann led in prayer. The Salem Youth Choir sang "Jesus Took My Burdens All Away" and "Jesus Is Coming Soon". Rev. Freddie Lockwood of the Wesconnett Church brought a special in song entitled "We Won't Have To Cross Jordan Alone". Rev. Bob King, pastor of the Miami Church, brought the evening message using 11 Kings 4 on "How To Raise The Dead". The congregation was dismissed in prayer by



Rev. William Compton, newly elected pastor of Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Vero Beach.

**FRIDAY MORNING, 9:30 A.M.**

The congregation sang "I Want To Be A Worker For The Lord". Bro. Earl Rodgers led in prayer. The devotional was brought by Rev. Eddie Riddick using 11 Corinthians 8:1-7 on "Giving Ourselves To God".

MSC to receive the final report of the Credentials Committee.

MSC to include 1 minister and 1 deacon in the Credentials report who came in late.

MSC to receive the recommendation of the Placement Committee.

The following delegates were chosen for the National Association meeting in Fort Worth, Texas.

1. G.W. Cloud, 204 W. Ave. B, Melbourne, Fla. 32901
2. Bro. Ronald E. Easton, 106 W. Hanna Ave., Tampa, Fla. 33604
3. Bro. Thomas Porter, Route 4, Chipley, Fla. 32428
4. Bro. Ernest Owen, Route 2, Chipley, Fla. 32428
5. Sis. Bobbye Edwards, Route 3, Box 430-A, Marianna, Fla. 32446

MSC to accept the above delegates to the National Association by acclamation.

MSC to give the State Moderator power to appoint any additional delegates needed at the National.

MSC that the items on the table from yesterday be lifted from the table in order.

ITEM 1 MSC that the State Association Constitution, Article V, Section 2, be changed to read "Fees for an association are based on \$3.00 per member church and fees for churches are \$5.00 per delegate".

ITEM 2 MSC that the State Association temporarily suspend the office of Promotional Secretary due to present working conditions of the budget.

ITEM 3 MSC that the State Association pay \$25 per week to someone to publish the Co-ordinator.

ITEM 4 This item was a resolution and is included in the Resolution Committee report.

ITEM 5 MSC that we place the \$2,279.55 into the Home Mission Board for loan to churches.

MSC that we accept part 2 of the Planning Boards report.

MSC that we accept the Resolutions Committee report.

MSC to accept the report of the Appreciation Committee by a rising vote of thanks to the Salem Association for hosting the Association.

MSC to adjourn.

# REPORTS

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Jim Puckett - Deerfield  
C.D. Owens - Chipley  
Walter Rich - Tampa

### APPRECIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Claude Davis - Perry  
Mrs. Thelma Bass - Beulah, Pensacola  
Mrs. Mary Alford - Lakeland

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

Milton Gann  
David Pettis  
Danny Williamson

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

Freddie Lockwood - Jacksonville  
Roger Duncan - Kissimmee  
Charles Powell - Cottondale

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Executive Board to  
serve as this committee

Respectfully submitted,  
Bill George  
D.W. Collins  
Ed Cook

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

### RECEIVED FROM ASSOCIATIONS:

West Florida	\$ 12.00
Salem	36.00
North Florida	20.00
Victory	56.00
Liberty	26.00
TOTAL	<u>\$150.00</u>

### RECEIVED FROM CHURCH DELEGATES:

11 Delegates	\$ 56.00
15 Deacons	30.00
34 Ministers	68.00
TOTAL	<u>\$154.00</u>

OFFERINGS RECEIVED \$131.41

Respectfully submitted,  
David P. Pettis  
Milton Gann  
Danny Williamson

## PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Placement Committee, would like to recommend that the 1972 session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist convene at the Wesconnett Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Florida.

Respectfully submitted,  
Freddie Lockwood  
Charles Powell  
Roger Duncan



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Ministers registered -----	35
Deacons registered -----	15
Associational delegates -----	21
Church delegates -----	12
Visitors registered -----	116
Associations represented -----	5
Number of churches -----	72
Church membership -----	5581
Number of parsonages -----	28
Number of ordained ministers -----	102
Number of licensed ministers -----	18
Number of ordained deacons -----	202
Sunday School enrollment -----	4089
Sunday School attendance -----	3381
C.T.S. enrollment -----	1427
Average C.T.S. attendance -----	1183
Women's Auxiliaries enrollment -----	352
Women's Auxiliaries attendance -----	284
Master's Men enrollment -----	91
Master's Men attendance -----	65
Mid-week Service Attendance -----	1425

<u>ASSOCIATIONS</u>	<u>1970 CHURCHES</u>	<u>1971 CHURCHES</u>
West Florida	6 plus 1 mission	6
West Florida Liberty	13	13
Salem	18	18
North Florida	8	7
Victory Association	<u>28</u> plus 2 missions	<u>28</u>
TOTALS	73 plus 3 missions	72

### ASSOCIATIONS FEES

West Florida	\$ 12.00
Salem	36.00
North Florida	20.00
Victory	56.00
Liberty	<u>26.00</u>
TOTAL	\$150.00

### CHURCH DELEGATES

12 Delegates	\$ 48.00
15 Deacons	30.00
35 Ministers	<u>70.00</u>
TOTAL	\$148.00

Respectfully submitted,  
 Credential Committee  
 Roger Duncan  
 Darrel Gwinn

## FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

### ANNUAL REPORT 1970 - 1971

The board has not met since the last state meeting. The West Palm Beach Project is doing fine; therefore, we have been able to conduct our business by mail or telephone.

Your Mission Board agreed unanimously to loan \$7,000.00 to the West Palm Beach Church for the purchase of the building in which they are meeting. September 1971.

The Orange Park Project was completed with a financial surplus of \$820.12. This amount was transferred to the West Palm Beach Project, and the account was closed. February 1971.

The account of the West Palm Beach Project, (Bro. Ed Cook) presently stands in the red by \$358.49. September 1971.

All the churches to which the board has made loans have their accounts paid up to date. The Lakeland Church paid off their account of \$1,530.72 last December. Titusville Church is paid up thru January 1972.

We, the Board, wish to thank the churches and individuals who through their prayers, love, dedication and sacrifice to God have made our Home Mission work in the State of Florida successful.

### FINANCIAL REPORTS

#### ORANGE PARK MISSION PROJECT

Balance brought foward	\$ 1,234.69
Total receipts	<u>235.41</u>
TOTAL	\$ 1,470.10
Expenses: Thomsen salary	<u>649.98</u>
Balance January 1970	\$ 820.12
Funds transferred to W.P.B. February 1971	<u>820.12</u>
Orange Park Mission Account Closed	\$ 000.00

#### WEST PALM BEACH MISSION

Balance brought foward	(Minus)	\$ 585.84
Total received		<u>5,989.95</u>
TOTAL		\$ 5,404.11
Expenses: Salary and Miscellaneous		<u>6,168.60</u>
Balance September 1971	(Minus)	\$ 764.49
Note: November salary paid.		

#### GENERAL FUND (COOPERATIVE)

Balance brought foward	\$ 2,806.60
Total Receipts	<u>1,808.18</u>
TOTAL	\$ 4,614.78
Expense: Summer Camps & transfer of funds	<u>1,900.00</u>
Balance September 1971	\$ 2,714.78

CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Balance brought foward	\$ 3,651.65
Total receipts	<u>9,770.72</u>
TOTAL	\$13,422.37
Expense: \$6,000 savings \$7,000 WPB Mis.	<u>13,041.00</u>
Balance September 1971	\$ 381.37

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Orlando	\$ 2,892.66
Grace	4,884.64
Ensley	4,414.98
Beulah	2,918.07
Titusville	2,918.07
Gainesville	3,536.12
West Palm Beach	<u>6,965.00</u>
TOTAL Accounts Receivable	\$25,611.47
Total Bank Balance	\$ 2,331.66
Total in Savings Account	<u>2,101.00</u>
Balance on hand September 1971	\$ 4,432.66

**REPORT OF THE  
HOME MISSION PROJECT  
IN**

**WEST PALM BEACH, FLORIDA**

TO THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENING AT  
MARIANNA, FLORIDA: NOVEMBER 3rd THROUGH 5th, 1971

FROM THE WEST PALM BEACH HOME MISSION PROJECT, COVERING THE PERIOD  
OF JANUARY 1, 1971 TO NOVEMBER 1, 1971

**ORGANIZED INTO CHURCH**

In January of 1971 the West Palm Beach Mission organized into a Free Will Baptist Church. Brother Jim Puckett preached the dedication message and Brother Bob King presented the charge to the people. Brother W.C. Combs attended the service representing the State Executive Board and Brother W.E. Cathey attended representing the Home Mission Board. We had a fine service with special singing and a time of fellowship and refreshments after the meeting.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

In the past few months we have seen our Sunday School average pick up, for this we thank the Lord. For the period of January 1 to November 1 we have averaged 49 in Sunday School and 56 in the morning worship service. We set a new record on October 31, 1971 of 67 in Sunday School and 70 in worship service.

**OTHER SERVICES**

Our evening services have improved considerably with approximate averages of: 20-25 for C.T.S. and 25-30 for preaching. Our mid-week

services has held strong with an average of 20-30 with an all time high of 43 in one service.

#### PROPERTY PURCHASES

As you recall from our report in the "Crier" we have been attempting to purchase a parsonage and a building to worship in. We were told 1-95 would soon take the house we were using as a parsonage and the people we were renting the church from were anxious to liquidate their organization and sell the building. This would leave us out on the street in both areas. It took six months for the deal to go through on the parsonage. We just could not understand this kind of a delay. However, God was working, the interest rate dropped to 7%, the lowest in some time for F.H.A. We were able to borrow \$7,000 and buy the 4121 Garden Ave. property for our church building. We plan to use this for a temporary location until God opens a choice piece of property for us. We have been forced to build a new room for a Sunday School class room. We partitioned off a portion of the auditorium for this much needed space.

#### ASSUMES PERCENT OF SALARY

As of September 1, 1971, the church has been able to assume from the Mission Board \$108 per month of the Cook's salary. Help us pray that the Lord will continue to supply the need.

#### DECISIONS

We have seen seven decisions for Christ with thirty rededications.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME: \$4,753.12

EXPENDITURES: \$4,911.22

\$2,518.46	Rent & Mortgages
144.41	Classroom equipment
65.05	Advertising
50.52	Evangelism
187.00	Insurance
317.32	Bus Ministry
167.59	Miscellaneous
62.45	Missions
161.07	Improvements
36.65	Benevolence
30.00	So. Florida Association
50.00	Pulpit Supply
20.52	Bible College (Nashville)
223.13	Literature
108.00	Salary
46.17	Office Supplies
622.00	Utilities

#### PRAYER REQUEST

Help us pray that God will continue to open doors of opportunities and that we will see more saved and become involved in the work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Edward Cook  
Pastor, West Palm Beach  
Free Will Baptist Church

## APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

As your Appreciation Committee, we wish to thank the Lord first for the real unity and harmony in this Twenty-Seventh Annual Association.

We appreciate the love of God that has shown through the lives of those in attendance. The moving of the Holy Spirit in the business sessions.

For the generous hospitality which has been shown to us by the pastor and members of Marvin Chapel Free Will Baptist Church and the Sister Churches in this area, which have given so fully of themselves and their possessions.

We further wish to express our appreciation of Bro. Wingate Hansley who has so ably served in the capacity of Promotional Secretary, to bring us closer together in our state work.

May God continue to use him and bless him and us in our work until Jesus comes.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Arlene Davis  
Mrs. Thelma Bass  
Mrs. Mary Alford

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee met Thursday, November 4, 1971, and submit the following nominations:

Moderator	Rev. W.C. Combs	(elected)
Vice Moderator	Rev. Elro Driggers	(elected)
Clerk	Rev. Eddie Riddick	(elected)
Assistant Clerk	Rev. Danny Williamson	(elected)
Treasurer	Ernest Owen	(elected)

### EXECUTIVE BOARD

West Florida Association	Rev. Elzie Carroll	(elected)
Liberty Association	Rev. Robert Crawford	(elected)
Salem Association	Rev. Harvey Henderson	(elected)
North Florida Association	Rev. Darrel Gwinn	(elected)
Victory Association	Rev. Milton Fields	(elected)

### PLANNING BOARD

Bro. Aron Burch, Bonifay (76)

### MISSION BOARD

Rev. Jim Puckett (76)

### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

Rev. Otis Whitehead	(1976)
Rev. Freddie Lockwood	(1974)
Rev. Charles Powell	(1972)

### CHILDREN'S HOME

Rev. Bill George (1972)

Prayerfully submitted,  
James R. Puckett  
C.D. Owens  
Walter Rice

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

**FLORIDA CASH CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**October 1, 1970--September 30, 1971**

October 1970	\$ 406.66
November 1970	970.49
December 1970	1,483.57
January 1971	237.86
February 1971	435.28
March 1971	284.13
April 1971	256.68
May 1971	489.39
June 1971	715.26
July 1971	415.16
August 1971	352.23
September 1971	772.77
TOTAL	<u>\$6,819.48</u>

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

The Bethlehem Youth Camp experienced another wonderful year of success this year. The camp was held June 20-25, 1971.

There were 180 campers who registered for camp (79 boys and 101 girls). There were also 22 staff and workers making a total of 202 persons. The Spirit of Christ was evident among all workers and many campers. All staff showed a real sense of dedication and a concern for the spiritual welfare of each camper. I believe this to be a major reason for the many spiritual decisions made during the week.

Ninety-three persons made public decisions at the altar. Many other private decisions were evidenced among the campers. There were 30 first time decisions for salvation, 54 rededications, and 9 who came for special prayer.

Reverend Jerry Banks, our camp evangelist, from Colquitt, Georgia, brought some very inspiring and challenging messages. He was God's man for the hour. His messages showed a deep concern and compassion for each and every camper.

Morning classes were held for each age group on Christian Growth, Vocation, and Bible Study. Spiritual decisions were reported in many of the classes. Reverend Eddie Riddick was camp director and Reverend Robert Crawford was the assistant.

Plans are already being made for a better and more exciting camp in 1972. The dates will be June 18-23.

Following are the Minutes of the Camp Board which met July 29, 1971 at the Bethlehem Camp Grounds:

MSC to receive the Treasurer's report as given.

MSC to set 1972 camp dates for June 18-23, 1972.

MSC to set June 5th as a deadline when all camp registrations must be in due to the large number of non-registered campers who came on the opening day this year.

MSC to close youth camp after the noon meal on Friday and to encourage all campers to remain at camp until this time.



MSC to give the director power to refuse a camper who comes prepared to break the rules of the camp in regards to dress, discipline, etc.

MSC to limit the number of campers to 160 per week. The first 160 registrations received will be accepted.

### FINANCIAL REPORT Camp Bethlehem - 1971

#### INCOME:

Balance from 1970 camp	\$ 711.07
Camper's Fees, Concessions & Church Gifts	<u>2658.01</u>
Total Received	\$3369.08

#### PAID OUT:

Cooks	\$ 210.00
Teachers, Director & Counselors	330.00
Evangelist	125.00
Traveling Expense for all personel	178.17
Printing, Stamps & Office Supplies	15.00
Literature and Materials	124.01
Insurance	80.80
Sports Equipment	17.70
Food & Supplies for Kitchen	663.19
Candy & Concessions for Resale	117.40
Drinks for Resale	164.55
First Aid Supplies	14.24
Telephone Call	<u>1.18</u>
Total Paid Out	\$2041.24

BALANCE in Treasury

\$1327.84

### CAMP ALAFIA

There was an oral report given on Camp Alafia but no written report was handed to the clerk.

### REPORT from the

### FLORIDA STATE EDUCATION-YOUTH BOARD

A meeting of the State Education Youth Board was held May 20th in Ocala, Florida. Those members of the board attending the meeting were Rev. Otis Whitehead and myself. Rev. Neal Thomsen called advising that he had the flu and would not be able to attend but would go along with any decisions the board made.

We had received registration from six (6) districts, however, one district was eliminated because of sickness at the last minute and was not able to attend.

Those districts attending were: North Florida, South Florida, West Florida, Central Florida, Mid-East Coast Florida.

After a check of our balance in the Youth Board Fund we found that we would be able to assist each winner in helping them get to the National Competition. It was the decision of the board to give each winner \$60.00 to help them with transportation, motel, and meals to

Nashville, Tenn. on the 12th and 13th of July at the National Youth Conference.

The competition was well attended. We were fortunate indeed to have Bro. Fred Green, assistant to Bro. Samuel Johnson of our C.T.S. Department in Nashville Headquarters, with us.

Bro. Whitehead and I carried out the competition together. We tried to use judges, timekeepers and scorekeepers from every district represented.

The Winners of the competition were:

Sword Drill	1st place	Dedra Dunlap, Tampa Church	
	2nd place	Linda Amerson, Shiloh	
	3rd place	Dewanna Courtney, St. Johns Church	
	tie	Donna Pulaski, Beulah Church	
Tic-Tac-Toe Team	1st place	West Florida Team	
		Kathy Amerson	Faye Morgan
	2nd place	Vickie McElhaney	Pam Amerson
		Mid-East Coast Team	
Bible Bowl Team	1st place	Remona Thomley	Debbie Bevan
		Rickey Thomley	Sheri Haley
	2nd place	West Florida Team	
		Jackie Downer	Cynthia Morgan
Declamations:	1st place	Martha Owen	Debbie Smith
	2nd place		
Adventurer	1st place	Donna Pulaski, Beulah Church	
	2nd place	Ann White, West Palm Beach	
Herald	1st place	Faye Morgan, Shiloh	
	2nd place	Nancy Davis, Shiloh	
Crusaders	1st place	Cathy Cofield, Beulah	

## MINUTES

### OF

## FLORIDA STATE EDUCATION YOUTH BOARD

The Florida State Education and Youth Board met at Marvin Chapel FWB Church on Wednesday, November 3, 1971 at 1:30 P.M. Two members of the board were present: Rev. Otis Whitehead and Ruby Amerson.

It was decided to hold our 1972 competition in Perry, Florida. Tentative date set for May 20, 1972. Definite plans would be given after checking with the two pastors in that area.

We discussed the National Competition and found that our teams and winners did real good at the National level. It was also stated that the Bible Bowl and TicTacToe Teams returned \$43.45 back into the State Treasury.

Plans were made for improving our state level competition and including all our districts.

The board discussed action taken in 1969 at the State Meeting concerning a letter which was to be written by the state clerk to our State Education authorities stating that we, as Free Will Baptist take a stand against the teaching of sex education in our schools. This, we understand, will be taken care of by our Executive Board.

Meeting adjourned and was called to order again on Thursday evening after lunch. Two board members, Rev. Jim Puckett and Rev. Bob King had arrived and we met to discuss the status of our Youth Board. Bro. Puckett and Bro. King both felt that since they had not functioned on the board, they should be removed and be replaced by 2 more members. We understand that they were to make their resignations formal to the Nominations Committee.

MSC that Rev. Otis Whitehead act as chairman of the board and Mrs. Ruby Amerson as secretary.

Next board meeting is to be held at Perry, Florida, May 19, 1972 at the church chosen for competition site.

It was reported that two board members worked in Youth Camp in 1971; Ruby Amerson in Camp Bethlehem and Bob King in Camp Alafia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ruby Amerson, Secretary  
State Youth Board

### FREE WILL BAPTIST CAMP MEETING REPORT

July 25th through July 30th again hosted another week of Camp Meeting at Camp Bethlehem, Bonifay, Florida. There were 90 registered campers and a good number of visitors from the churches in the surrounding area attending the evening services. A most inspiring and enlightening week was enjoyed.

Fellowship around God's word and with His people is always a privilege and joy. We were privileged to have three of Free Will Baptist's most capable men to break the Word of God to our souls. Bro. Bobby Aycock, missionary to Brazil, started each day with a message from God's Word as he also presented many of the problems and needs faced in his work in Brazil. Our burdens were deepened and hearts blessed as he shared slides of the work following the Wednesday night service.

Rev. Roger Reeds, Director of our National Sunday School Department in Nashville, stirred our hearts and souls with thought provoking messages each morning and afternoon. Many applications were made during his messages as to how a strong, effective Sunday School is the backbone of our churches.

Our evangelistic services each morning and evening were conducted by Rev. Tom Hamilton from Homerville, Georgia. The presence and filling of the Holy Spirit in his life was evident as this compassionate man of God presented most challenging messages from God's Word. We praise God for several decisions made during these services.

Each day before the evening services, Vesper services were held separately for men, women and young people. This was a chance to share our devotional thoughts and prayer request with each other. Every day was filled with blessings. Good fellowship with fellow christians, good times during recreation and good food.

At our business meeting on Wednesday afternoon the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President	Rev. W.M. Compton
Vice President	Rev. Harvey Henderson
Secretary & Treasurer	Mrs. Katie D. Owen

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie D. Owen  
Secretary & Treasurer

# FINANCIAL STATEMENT

## CAMP MEETING -- 1971

### INCOME:

Balance Brought Foward	\$ 297.00
All Receipts	<u>1166.62</u>
TOTAL	\$1463.62

### PAID OUT:

Cooks	\$ 180.00
Postage	8.00
Paper Plates	58.88
Gillis Insurance Agency	40.00
Speakers	266.00
National Foreign Missions (Bobby Aycock Account)	204.47
Food	317.97
Soft Drinks	48.67
Candy	<u>35.10</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$1159.09

BALANCE in Treasury-October 20, 1971 \$ 304.53

Respectfully submitted,  
Katie D. Owen  
Secretary & Treasurer

### PLANNING BOARD REPORT

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

- PART I - 1. We recommend that the budget for the co-operative plan of support be set at \$25,000 for 1971-72.
2. We recommend that the treasurer be paid \$30 per month from the general fund.
3. We recommend that the Moderator and Clerk fees be \$30 each.

- PART II - 1. We recommend that the Co-operative money be disbursed in the following manner:

35% to the National Association Co-operative	\$ 8,750.00
65% to the State Work	<u>16,250.00</u>
	\$25,000.00

The State Money will be disbursed as follows:

20% to the Promotional Department	\$ 3,250.00
50% to the Mission Board	8,125.00
10% to Superannuation	1,625.00
5% to the General Fund	812.50
10% To the Christian Ed. & Youth Board	1,625.00
5% to the Children's Home	<u>812.50</u>
	\$16,250.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Novis C. Edwards  
Claude Davis  
David Pettis  
Walter Rich

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
TO THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
Convening with the  
MARVIN CHAPEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
MARIANNA, FLORIDA

"Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end". (Ephesians 3:20,21)

My report will be very brief. This report is being given with mixed emotion, since this is my final report as promotional secretary. Four years and eight months ago I began this work with limited experience, much determination, a desire to be of service to our Free Will Baptist work, and great faith in the Free Will Baptist people across the state. Above all else I felt that this was God's will for my life, and that His blessings would be upon our work. I am thankful for the support which I have received from our people, and for the blessings the Lord has bestowed upon us.

Our work for this year has been limited. I accepted the pastorate of the Ocala Church in February, gave my resignation to the Executive Board to be effective in May, however, by request of the board I consented to continue my services, on a part time basis, until the State Meeting.

With this part time arrangement I have not been able to attend several Quarterly and Associational meetings across the state, and due to limited travel and correspondence I have had material to publish in the "Co-Ordinator" on an irregular schedule.

I trust that the Lord will direct us in our endeavors, that we will be able to solve our differences, consider and follow the best course of action for our state at this present time.

I have with me the following pieces of equipment which I am turning over to the Executive Board:

- 1 Royal Electric Long Carriage Typewriter
- 1 Elliott hand operated Address-O-Graph
- 1 Gestetner Mimeograph Machine (Electric)
- 1 Electric Gestetner Folding Machine
- 1 15-inch Pilot Stapler

I am also turning over my records, file of Minutes of the Florida State Association, with the exception of 1947 and 1950 copies, which I have been unable to obtain. A full file of 5 copies of each issue of the "Co-Ordinator" which I have printed, is being turned over as well as a file of many previous copies.

I am now working on a public job, but offer my assistance to our State Association and its officers when I can be of service.

In His Service,  
W.A. Hansley



## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

March 23, 1971

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. EST at the Ocala Church by Bro. W.C. Combs, State Moderator, reading Psalms 82. Bro. Ernest Owen, State Treasurer, led in prayer. The meeting was declared open for business by Bro. Combs.

MSC to move Bro. Riddick from assistant clerk to clerk.

Agenda of business was read by the clerk.

MSC to seat Bro. C.D. Owens as proxy for Bro. Robert Crawford, who was unable to be present.

MSC that we discuss changing the Constitution, Article 5, Section 2 to eliminate fees for ministers and deacons. The suggestion was brought by Bro. W.J. Amerson, clerk of the West Florida Association, at the request of the Association.

MSC to recommend to the State Association that Article 5, Section 2 be changed to read "Fees for an Association are based on \$3.00 per member church. Fees for churches are \$5.00 per delegate, and to delete the words "Fees for ministers and deacons are \$2.00 each". (Item 1 in minutes)

MSC to approve the action of sending \$100 to Rev. Rufus Coffey as an honorarium for speaking at the 1970 State Association in Tampa. The committee discussed and planned the program for the 1971 Florida State Association.

MSC to change the Trustee of the Leesburg property from Rev. Millard Sasser to Rev. C. Curtis Sheets.

MSC that the Trustees of the State Association which are the Executive Committee as soon as possible return the deeds on the Ocala Church to the Church.

MSC that Bro. Wingate Hansley take charge of getting the deed drawn up and mail it to the Committee Members for signing.

Discussion opened on the resignation of Bro. W.A. Hansley as State Promotional Secretary.

MSC to accept his resignation.

MSC to amend the above motion by saying "as a full time Promotional Secretary".

MSC to pay Bro. Hansley half of his present salary to put out the Co-Ordinator and travel to as many quarterly meetings as possible.

MSC to amend the previous motion by paying expenses to the National Association, Promotional Secretaries meeting in Nashville, one-half of the previous \$300 a year honorarium, and \$200 per month for the remainder of 1970-71.

MSC that the previous motions concerning the employment of the State Promotional Secretary supersede any previous guidelines set up by the State Association concerning his office.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,  
Eddie Riddick  
State Clerk



## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 3, 1971, 9:30 A.M.

The meeting opened with the singing of "Revive Us Again". Bro. Bill Cathey led in prayer. Bro. Combs brought the devotional thought from Psalm 1. The minutes of the March 23, 1971 meeting were read.

Discussion was then opened concerning the State Promotional Secretary.

MSC to temporarily suspend the office of Promotional Secretary due to present budget and working conditions of the budget. (Item 2 in minutes)

MSC to pay \$25 a week salary to someone to put out the Co-Ordinator. (Item 3 in minutes)

MSC that be it resolved that each quarterly meeting in the State Association be admonished to choose a local reporter to report monthly to the publisher of the "Co-Ordinator". (Item 4 in minutes)

MS to place the \$2,254.55 from sale of Leesburg property into the State Mission Board for loan to churches. (Item 5 in minutes)

MSC to adjourn for lunch.

### Afternoon Session

The afternoon meeting was opened with Rev. David Pettis leading in prayer. The motion to place the \$2,254.55 in the State Mission account was carried.

MSC to adjourn.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

November 4, 1971, 4:30 P.M.

MSC to carry through with the writing of various persons concerning sex education in public schools.

The committee then proceeded to draw up the Resolutions report.

November 5, 1971

(After Association Closed)

The Executive Committee met after the session was closed. Members of various churches were asked to sit in for special discussion concerning the State Program of giving etc.

MSC to elect Rev. Eddie Riddick as publisher of the "Co-Ordinator" for the year.

MSC to adjourn.

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas the Promotional Secretary's position has been temporarily suspended, and whereas the responsibility of the Promotional Secretary has rested in the hands of the Executive Committee, be it resolved that the selecting of the editor of the "Co-Ordinator" be also left with the Executive Committee,
2. Further be it resolved that each quarterly meeting in the State Association choose a reporter to report monthly to the publisher of the "Co-Ordinator".

Respectfully submitted,  
The Executive Committee

# ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

## FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

	BALANCE OCT. 17, 1970	RECEIPTS	FROM COOP PLAN	DISBURSED	BALANCE OCT. 18, 1971
National Coop Plan			5593.13	5593.13	
Foreign Missions		1390.29		1390.29	
Home Missions		1014.93		1014.93	
Children's Home (Ala.)		1102.18	652.54	1754.72	
Bible College		2013.61		2013.61	
Superannuation	1051.38	34.00	1305.06	1350.00	1040.44
State Missions & Church Extension		210.90	1957.57	2168.47	
State Coop Plan		18,643.71			
General Fund	1252.38	969.84	652.54	1486.02	1388.74
Christian Education & Youth	655.57	76.51	652.54	827.70	556.92
State Promotional Fund	1998.34	341.94	7830.33	6481.47	3689.14
"Coordinator"	357.05 (IN RED)	162.38		366.87	561.54 (IN RED)
Earmarked for Missionaries:					
Craft		147.27		147.27	
Billows		204.50		204.50	
Coscia		164.95		164.95	
Palmers		132.31		132.31	
Payne		722.93		722.93	
Combs		1056.73		1056.73	
Aldridge		120.00		120.00	
Willey, Tom Jr.		1360.82		1360.82	
Richards		125.00		125.00	
Powell		990.52		990.52	
Lee		115.00		115.00	
Garcia		166.95		166.95	
Ellison		111.00		111.00	
Cousineau		606.08		606.08	
Eagleton		436.55		436.55	
Merk		17.00		17.00	
Hanna		175.00		175.00	
Waid		7.58		7.58	
Walley		9.00		9.00	
Cronk		100.00		100.00	
Calvary		334.55		334.55	
Aycock		623.69		623.69	
Hughes		245.38		245.38	
McCoys		25.00		25.00	
Hersey		42.40		42.40	
West Palm Beach, Cook		1035.69		1035.69	
Tokyo Church		50.00		50.00	
India Relief		53.80		53.80	
Central Youth Camp		5.00		5.00	
For Leesburg Property		2254.55			2254.55

BALANCE ON BOOKS	\$4,600.62	\$37,399.54	\$33,631.91	\$8,368.25
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BALANCE IN BANK				\$8,368.25
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### EXPLANATIONS

#### GENERAL FUND

##### Disbursed

\$ 30.00	Clerk
30.00	Moderator
100.00	Rev. Rufus Coffee, Speaker
14.00	Reports
20.87	Postage & Supplies (6 Clerks)
15.65	Telephone calls (Bro. Sasser)
50.00	Fee to National Association
235.00	Minutes
175.00	Secretarial Help (Treasurer)
125.50	Travel Expense (Executive Bd.)
90.00	Travel Expense (Bro. George C. Home)
600.00	Rent Camp Bethlehem
<b>\$1,486.02</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

##### Disbursed

\$4,900.05	Salary
300.00	Honorian
130.84	Expense to National Association
1,150.58	Travel etc.
<b>\$6,481.47</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH BOARD

##### Disbursed

\$ 60.00	To Sword Drill Winners
240.00	To Tic Tac Toe Winners
120.00	To Declamation Winners
240.00	To Bible Bowl Winners
30.00	Registration Fees
64.00	Travel Expense Youth Bd.
67.50	Medals
6.20	Postage, Etc.
<b>\$ 827.70</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

#### SUPERANNUATION

\$25.00 per month to:  
 Rev. Joe Turner  
 Rev. O. V. Eads  
 Rev. Rubin Boles  
 Rev. James Roberts  
 Rev. A. B. Cook 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	1	6	631	2	10	3	14	446	368	278	217	51	38	0	0	153	\$ 12.00	\$ 18,000.00	
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	1	13	1142	5	16	5	44	752	536	306	242	60	42	38	25	293	26.00	50,800.00	
SALEM	1	18	1285	3	20	6	50	703	511	238	193	54	40	6	5	196	36.00	27,500.00	
NORTH FLORIDA	1	7	478	3	9	0	16	303	213	129	98	15	10	10	7	89	20.00	50,000.00	
VICTORY	4	28	2045	15	47	4	78	1885	1753	458	433	172	154	37	28	694	56.00	247,800.00	
TOTALS	8	72	5581	28	102	18	202	4089	3381	1409	1183	352	284	91	65	1425	\$150.00	\$394,100.00	

Associations	Pastor's Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for Local Causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions
WEST FLORIDA	\$ 15,491.00	\$ 1,682.01	\$ 13,140.17	\$ 2,158.89	\$ 7,381.80	\$ 39,853.87	\$ 3,472.41	\$ 3,478.34	\$1,357.00
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	31,117.18	1,927.26	31,552.33	3,812.98	11,639.15	80,046.90	5,537.06	2,610.57	1,162.88
SALEM	32,808.34	2,037.96	11,402.27	3,870.39	8,542.01	58,660.97	2,298.19	981.49	1,110.36
NORTH FLORIDA	13,418.52	1,061.75	8,554.63	1,362.83	0	24,397.73	2,563.59	764.65	450.00
VICTORY	75,552.50	3,376.85	54,711.25	6,667.98	47,858.09	188,166.67	5,054.74	6,677.05	2,935.87
TOTALS	\$168,387.54	\$10,085.83	\$119,360.65	\$17,873.07	\$75,421.05	\$391,126.14	\$18,930.99	\$14,512.10	\$7,016.11

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	\$ 159.38	\$ 188.73	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 337.82	\$ 8,998.68	\$ 48,852.55	\$ 127,500.00
WEST FLORIDA LIBERTY	1,349.93	1,513.73	0	356.75	1,493.20	14,024.12	94,071.02	316,500.00
SALEM	868.61	1,982.54	24.00	888.53	105.00	8,258.72	66,919.69	262,700.00
NORTH FLORIDA	214.24	607.87	0	0	0	4,600.35	28,998.08	45,000.00
VICTORY	1,587.06	2,009.15	0	0	571.87	18,835.74	197,002.41	1,001,600.00
TOTALS	\$4,179.22	\$6,302.02	\$ 24.00	\$1,245.28	\$2,507.89	\$54,717.61	\$435,843.75	\$1,753,300.00

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Bobbie Edwards  
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Ronald E. Easton  
106 W. Hanna Ave.  
Tampa, Fla. 33604

Ernest Owen  
Route 2  
Chipley, Fla. 32428

## DIRECTORY OF FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST MINISTERS

These are the reports from the various associations with regards to their ministers. Some lists may be incomplete.

### WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

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Rev. Charles Powell  
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Rev. Trim Finch Kennedy Heights Newton, Ala. 36352	Rev. J.B. Lovering Route 1 Marianna, Fla. 32446	Rev. Harvey Henderson Route 4, Box 5 Marianna, Fla. 32446
Rev. Joe Murkerson Blakely, Ga. 31723	Rev. Novis Edwards Route 3, Box 430-A Marianna, Fla. 32446	Rev. James W. Roberts Route 3, Box 396 Marianna, Fla. 32446
Rev. J.J. Scott Brinson, Ga. 31725	Rev. J.C. Watson Marianna, Fla. 32446	Rev. Milton P. Allen 404 McCrary Drive Marianna, Fla. 32446
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Rev. Daniel Pelt Grand Ridge, Fla. 32442	Rev. Chester Huckaby Route 3 Chipley, Fla. 32428	Rev. James Pelt Route 1, Box 256B Blountstown, Fla. 32424

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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 \$3.00 per member church, and fees for churches are \$5.00 per delegate.

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. 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.

# 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 Rallys, 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.

# CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His Grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit in the bonds of peace," to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring and as far as we are able, to promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principles sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of Missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the World. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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