MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH SESSION
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MIAMI, FLORIDA
THEME: "Boldness to Witness"

NEXT SESSION
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TAMPA, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1975



OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES of the

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

GENERAL OFFICERS

ModeratorRev. Milton Gann, 2203 W. Orlando Ave., Panama City 32401

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EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

PLANNING

(79) Rev. Wingate Hansley - P. O. Box 1312, Ocala 32670 (78) Rev. Gene Helton - 2815 N.W. 91st St., Miami 33147

(77) Rev. Wayne Hicks

(76) Aron Burch - Rt. 1, Bonifay 32425

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

MISSION

(79) Rev. Elro Driggers - 5208 Saginaw Ave., Jacksonville 32200

(78) Rev. Bill George - Rt. 1, Bonifay 33024

(77) Rev. Charles Hollingshead - 705 Forest Ave., Chipley 32428

(76) Rev. Jim Puckett - 1417 S.E. 3rd Terrace, Deerfield Beach 33441

(75) George Cloud - 204 Avenue B, West, Melbourne 32901

Christian Education - Youth Board

(79) Jim Fountain - Melbourne 32901 -

(78) Karen Freeman - Perry 32347

(77) Rev. Otis Whitehead - Cottondale 32431

(76) Rev. Charles Powell - Rt. 2, Box 113A, Cottondale 32431

(75) Mrs. Ruby Amerson - Rt. 4, Box 303, Atmore, Alabama 36502

Among those visitors present were Rev. Paul Ketteman, of the Free Will Baptist Bible College; Rev. Bob Shockey, National Home Mission; Rev. Rufus Coffey, Executive Department; and Roger Reed, Sunday School Department.

District Association

Association	Moderator	Clerk
Salem	Herbert L. Padgett Rt. 1, Box 651 Marianna 32446	Mrs. Lillian S. Rodgers P. O. Box 126 Bascom 32423
Victory	Rev. D. W. Collins 252 Marveline Drive Lakeland 33801	Rev. W. T. Jones Rt. 2, Box 772 Haines City 33844
Indian River	Rev. Darrell Gwinn 2681 Sadler Lane Melbourne 32901	Doyle Griffin 30 Tanen Court Vero Beach 32960
North Florida	Rev. W. A. Hansley 1812 N.E. 28th Ocala 32670	Rev. Reedy Severance 6416 Seaboard Avenue Jacksonville 32210
West Florida	Rev. Harvey Henderson Rt. 1, Box 269 Atmore, Alabama 36502	Wallace J. Amerson Rt. 4, Box 303 Atmore, Alabama 36502
Liberty	Rev. W. C. Combs Rt. 4, Box 328 Chipley 32428	Rev. Charles Powell Rt. 2, Box 113A Cottondale 32431

Associational Delegates Present

West Florida Association 1. Mrs. Ray Purvis 2. Mr. Ray Purvis 3. Edna Henderson	West Florida Liberty 1. Mrs. Freda Powell 2. Mrs. W. C. Combs 3. Etha Mae Owen
4. W. J. Amerson 5. Mrs. W. J. Amerson	4. Mrs. David Pettis
North Florida Association	Victory Association
1. Martha Pettis	1. Mrs. Inez Smith
2. Q. Hansley	2. Vida Mae Rice
3. Louise Hicks	3. Mary Alford
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Indian River Asociation	5. Louise Collins
1. Helen Allen	6. Cindy Stevens
2. Geraldine Gwinn	7. Linda Gilliland

Salem Association

1. Mary Nell Whitehead

PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, October 30, 1974

The meeting of the 30th session of the Florida State Association was called to order by the clerk, Danny Williamson.

The moderator, Rev. Milton Gann, was introduced by the clerk, who then introduced Bro. G. W. Harris, the song director for the evening service. Bro. Harris led the congregation in singing, "The Banner of the Cross." The prayer was led by Bro. Freddie Lockwood. Song, "Whosoever Leadeth Me."

Welcome by host pastor, Rev. Gene Helton. Response by the moderator. The congregation gave a rising vote of appreciation to the Miami Church. Song, "His Way With Me." Special song by the Church Choir, "In Times Like These."

Offering received. Prayer by Rev. Robert Crawford. Special song by G. W. Harris, "Loveth Thou Me."

Evening message by Rev. Milton Gann, using Acts 4:31 and Luke 24:45. "Boldness to Witness Spiritual Truths." A very inspiring message.

Committee on committees appointed: Bro. W. J. Amerson, Bro. W. C. Combs, Bro. William Compton.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Cecil Combs.

Thursday, October 31, 1974 - 9:30 a.m.

Service began by singing "Faith Is the Victory," led by Rev. Jim Puckett. Song "Victory in Jesus." Prayer by Reedy Saverance.

Credentials committee was appointed: Gene Helton, G. W. Cloud, Darrell Gwinn.

Randy Brooks brought the morning devotion, using Acts 1:8. Moderator's message "How to Have Happiness." Bro. Dan Merkh gave an oral report on the mission works in France. Standing delegates seated.

MSC to accept Credentials Committee partial report.

MSC to seat elected delegates of each association and church.

MSC to receive report of Committee on Committees.

MSC to receive report of West Palm Beach Project.

MSC to receive report of Women's Auxiliary.

MSC to receive report of National Executive Office.

We dismissed for a short rest period. We then resumed by singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Also we sang, "The Banner of the Cross" and "Near the Cross." Freddie Lockwood and Jim Puckett sang, "The Longer I Serve Him."

The morning message was brought by Rev. Bob Shockey, from the National Home Mission Department. His text was "Boldness to Witness Against Social Trends," Acts 2:38.

We were dismissed for lunch in prayer by Rev. Elro Driggers.

Thursday, October 31 - 1:15 p.m.

The afternoon session began by singing "Rescue the Perishing". Another song "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood."

Rev. Charles Hollingshead brought the afternoon devotional, I Cor. 16:9.

MSC to receive the report of the National Home Mission Department and CTS Department.

MSC to receive report of the Resolutions Committee and adopt item by item: Item 1 MSC, Item 2 MSC to table, Item 3 MSC, Item 4 MSC, Item 5 MSC.

MSC to receive State Home Mission Report.

MSC to receive report of the National Sunday School Department.

MSC to receive report of the Bible College.

MSC to receive report of the Christian Board of Education.

We dismissed in prayer by Bro. W. J. Amerson.

Thursday Evening - 7:30 p.m.

Our service began by singing "My Savior's Love," and "Oh, How I Love Jesus." Prayer requests were taken and Rev. Robert Owen led in prayer. The choir from the Hollywood Church sang "If That Isn't Love."

An offering was received.

Rev. Jim Puckett blessed our hearts in singing "Because He Lives."

The evening message was brought by Rev. Harvey Henderson. Text: "Boldness to Witness with Spiritual Wisdom." (Acts 4:5).

MSC to give all offerings received to the West Palm Beach Project.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Paul Ketterman from the Bible College.

Friday, November 1 - 9:30 a.m.

We began our service by singing "Showers of Blessings," led by Rev. Jim Puckett. Prayer by Rev. Robert Crawford. Song "He Included Me" and "He Lives."

The morning devotion was brought by Rev. Gene Helton, Acts 4:13.

MSC to receive report of Layman's Board.

MSC to receive Treasury's Report.

MSC to receive Executive Board's report and adopt item by item: Item 1 MSC, Item 2 MSC.

MSC to remove Item 2 of the Resolutions Committee's report from the table.

MSC to place the item back on the table and to appoint a study committee for further study. Those appointed: Milton Gann, W. C. Combs, Wingate Hansley, Otis Whitehead, and W. J. Amerson.

MSC to receive the Finance Committee's report.

MSC to receive Credentials Committee's report.

MSC to receive Nominating Committee's report.

MSC for Rev. Wingate Hansley to serve on the General Board.

MSC to receive the Planning Board's report.

MSC to receive the Placement Committee's report.

MSC to give place for a Sing-spiration in the next State Meeting and a testimony time.

MSC to receive the Appreciation Committee's report.

An announcement: The Youth Rally will meet at the Wesconnett Church, May 16, 17, 18.

Delegates to the National Association were appointed: Edna Henderson, Rt. 1, Box 269, Atmore, Ala. 36502; Bob Allen, P. O. Box 23, Scottsmore, Fla. 32775; G. W. Cloud, Melbourne, Fla. 32901; Mrs. Gene Helton, 2815 NW. 91st St., Miami, Fla. 33147; G. W. Harris.

Alternate Delegates: S. L. Adams, Rt. 1, Box 734, Bartow, Fla. 33830; Mrs. Gilliland; Katherine Browning, 3403 Hickman Ave., Plant City, Fla. 33566, Song, "Till We Meet."

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gene Helton.

Credentials Committee We the Credentials Committee submit the following report:

Association	Churches 1973	Churches 1974
West Florida		8
West Florida Liberty		12
Salem		16 0
North Florida	15	23
Indian River		5
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TOTAL	62	73
Association	Fees	
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	24.00	
West Florida Liberty		
North Florida		
Victory		
Indian River	15.00	
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TOTAL	177.00	
Ministers regis	stered	
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Womens Auxi	liary enrollment	392
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	attendance	
Mid-week Me	eting attendance	

FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD, INC.

October, 1973 - Oct. 22, 1974

	t. 1973\$16,690.12					
Deposited	during year41,986.28	4-yr. savings acct	\$10,000.00			
Total		Interest earned	540.68			
**Disburse	ed54,508.01	Balance in bank	4,168.39			
Balance on	hand 10/22/74\$ 4,168.39	Total Cash available	\$14,709.07			
**DISBUR	SEMENTS:					
\$14,000.00	Paid off loan for West Palm Be		d with			
10 010 00	First Federal Savings and Loa	·	.			
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10.152.54	NW Florida Yearly Meeting (Y	outh camp money + \$152.54	interest)			
10,000.00	Money transferred to First Fe					
7,800.00	Rev. Ed Cook - Salary					
600.00	Camp Mt. Bethel - Camp Vayu	ka				
560.63	Rev. Ed Cook - travel and mise	•				
353.95	Labor - Youth Camp (refunded					
321.92	Travel Expense for board men					
225.50	Sunny Hills Mission Fund (pai		ike)			
102.90	Recording fee for WPB proper	'ty				
49.92	Phone Calls Charles and published stamp					
10.26 2.50	Checks and rubber stamp Service charge for transfer of	Mission Board money to Ch	inlay Rank			
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\$54,508.01						
TOTALS	IN EACH ACCOUNT	ACCOUNTS RECEIVA	ABLE			
Church E	Extension\$405.98	Grace\$2,600.74				
Ed Cook	Account	Titusville2,008.87				
	id (co-Op)2,939.81	Gainesville				
WPB Bld	lg. Fund822.60	West Palm Beach				
		Wright				
	\$4,168.39	Mt. Zion	3,535.11			
			\$21,318.32			

We, your Mission Board, wish to recommend that we transfer the ownership of the West Palm Beach Land to the West Palm Beach Church so they can continue with their plans to locate on the new site.

Sincerely requested,

James Puckett, Chairman
Robert Owen
G. W. Cloud
Charles Hollingshead,
Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF FLORIDA CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH BOARD

The Florida State Youth Rally was held Friday night and Saturday, May 17 and 18, 1974 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Melbourne, Fl. The speaker for the Friday night services was Bro. Luther Hansley, who brought a very inspiring message to about 200 of our Florida Free Will Baptist Young People. A total of 225 was registered by Saturday.

The Board held a business meeting immediately following the Friday night service with Bro. Otis Whitehead and Sis. Ruby Amerson present. MSC that we give each contestant \$100 to help them with expenses to Wichita, Kansas. MSC that we give Bro. Luther Hansley the offering taken (\$57.68) and add \$100 from the Youth Fund to help him with expenses and to help him with account for summer missionary program. MSC that we would approach the Nominating committee at the Association in Miami to ask them to please give us some men or women who were interested in our Youth program to serve on our board. The Youth Competition has gotten so big that we need help to oversee this phase of our State Program. The extra questions were opened and trophies were inspected and everything set in order for the service on Saturday.

The competition was held on Saturday. The winners were:

Memorization: 1st Place - Melissa Smith, West Florida

1st Grade 2nd Place - Stephanie Cook, South Florida

3rd Place - Patty Bennett, South Florida

2 and 3 Grade 1st Place - Harold Smith

2nd Place - Jeff Amerson 3rd Place - Welsey Moreno

Sword Drill: 1st Place - Regina Fountain, Melbourne

2nd Place - Ruth Smith, West Florida

3rd Place - Mary Edwards, North Florida

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe: 1st Place - West Florida

Randy Reddick, Donna Pulaski Rhonda Mandel, Sandra Mandel

2nd Place - South Florida Tim Travis, Kathy Curtis

Kim Rhinehard, Tony Pearson

3rd Place - Mid-East Coast Penny Flack, Steve Bass Teresa North, Donny Maddy

Bible Bowl: 1st Place - Miami, First Church

Teresa Helton Darla Buck

2nd Place - West Florida, Shiloh Church

Kathy Amerson, Pam Amerson Vicki McElhaney, Faye Morgan

DECLAMATIONS & TALENT

Adventurer - 1st Place, David Reid, Shiloh

Herald - 1st Place, Edith Flack, Melbourne

2nd Place, Linda Amerson, Shiloh

Crusader - 1st Place, Remona Thomley, Melbourne

2nd Place, Sandra Wiggins, West Florida

Vocal Solo -

Faye Morgan, Shiloh

Vocal Group -

1st Place, Miami, First Church

2nd Place, Trio, Linda Amerson (West Florida)

Donna Hall, Lisa Amerson

Piano Solo -

Adventurer: 1st, Regina Fountain

Herald: 1st Place, Kim Blankinship, Beulah;

2nd Place, Debbie Buck, Miami Church

Crusader: 1st Place, Sandra Wiggins, West Florida

Trumpet Solo, Danny Williams, Chipley

The Melbourne Church did a fantastic job of hosting the Youth Rally.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The Christian Education Youth Board met in conjunction with the Florida State Association in Miami, October 30, 1974. All Board members were present. It was brought to the attention of the board that the listing of members in 1973 was in error and that they should read as follows:

Rev. Floyd Merritt - 78
Rev. Otis Whitehead - 77
Rev. Charles Powell - 76
Sis. Ruby Amerson - 75
Rev. Freddie Lockwood - 74

Rev. Merritt has moved from Florida and will have to be replaced by the Association this year.

MSC by the board that we consider holding our 1975 State Youth Rally in Jacksonville, at the Wesconnett F.W.B. Church if we get a firm commitment from them on Thursday. The Rally would be held the third weekend in May, 16-17, 1975.

A discussion was held on our Speaker for the '75 Rally and we all decided to give it some thought and prayer and make our decision by mail.

It was agreed that we would try and improve on our Judging of our Competition and that just as soon as a decision was made on our location that we would begin working on our Judges so that they would be better prepared.

We discussed limiting our Talent and was MSC for the Secretary to write a letter to each of the districts to judge their own district Talent entries real closely and that if we have to we will begin some of Talent contestants on Friday Night with the Youth Service rather than cut some of our young people who want to be included.

A letter was read from the South Florida Quarterly recommending that our Rally choose a Central Location (this has been the problem over the past few years since our Youth Rally has grown so, to find a central location that can handle the Rally). Jacksonville would be centrally located.

Reported that our Talent took 1st place, Memorization took 2nd place, Sword Drill took 3rd Place, and Bible Bowl Team 4th place in National Competition.

MSC that we recommend Bro. Jim Fountain of Melbourne to be placed on our board. Bro. Fountain has been very helpful and is deeply concerned about young people.

Our next meeting will be held prior to State Rally to make final decsions and preparations for State Comp.

Submitted by
Ruby Amerson
Secretary of Florida Education Youth Board
Rev. Otis Whitehead, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT OF EDUCATION YOUTH BOARD

1,0000	C C .
West Florida	52.50
South Florida	
Mid East Coast.	20.00
Liberty	7.50
North	
Central	3.50
Offering	57.68
Returned Tic-	_
Tac-Toe	48.36
TOTAL	\$224.54

Received:

Checks Out:

Helton - Bible Bowl	200.00
	400.00
Fountain Dec. 2 Sword Drill	
Bass - memorization	
R. C. Wiggins Talent	100.00
	\$1,100.00
Registration Nat'l	•
Travel for Board	
Trophies, postage, phone	
Extra Questions medals	
Luther Hansley	157.68
	\$470.38

YOUTH CAMP

\$1,570.38

Report for the North West Florida Youth Camp held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia, June 16-21, 1974:

No. of campers enrolled, 67

TOTAL

No. of staff, 8

Decisions, 18 saved and 49 rededications, 1 called to full-time Christian work. Description of facilities: Camp located five miles North of Ashburn Georgia, on U.S. Highway 41 North. Two dormitories divided into sections, two cabins,

dining hall, Chapel, canteen building, two outside shelters with picnic tables, picnic tables scattered about the property, a lake for fishing and swimming, showers at lake, baseball field and indoor games in dining hall.

The caretaker, Mr. Marvin Franks, assists with problems at the camp and also makes necessary purchases in the area.

Bro. Freddie Lockwood was speaker.

Financial report:
Food, \$397.45
Literature and Supplies, \$115.65
Staff, \$555.50
Rent, \$115.00
Insurance, \$43.80
Miscellaneous, \$16.89
Total, \$1,244.29

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Charles O. Hollingshead

VICTORY ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP REPORT

(Camp Vayuka)

I would like to report that we had a very wonderful and exciting camp this year. The spirit of the campers and workers was just great.

We had nine first-time decisions for Christ and eight rededications. Our Evangelist. Rev. Donnie Hicks, led the camp in a revival spirit all week. On Thursday night we had a great rally in which all the campers and workers pledged to deep service to the Lord.

Our finances this year were up a great deal from the past. We do want to thank those churches, individuals, the Central Quarterly Meeting, CTS Rally, and the State Home Mission Board who helped make our camp possible.

Please remember to pray for our camp next year, and include it also in your budget.

In Christ's Service,

Rev. Danny Williamson Director

VICTORY ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP 1974

Treasury Report

On hand - January			208.37
Christian Home		100.00	
First, Tampa First, Haines City	prince publicate Militaria Principal de la Companya de la Comp	100.00	
Walter Rice Jack Burke	• • • • • • • • • • • • •	 25.00	
Roger Duncan		 10.00	
Central Fla. Quar Bethany, Eaton P			

Kissimmee F.W.B. C.T.S. Rally Mt. Olive, Highland City State Home Mission New Hope, Plant City First, Auburndale Emmanuel, Lakeland Central Fla. Ministers & Deacons First, Winter Haven Resale groceries Camper's Fee		
Canteen		
	3302.88	3302.88
		3511.25
Paid out in 1974: Insurance Phone bills & stamps Mileage Office supplies First-aid Camp rent Literature & crafts Groceries & canteen supplies Freight on commodities Printing & ice Cooks' fees Director & Assistant Dir. fees Evangelist fee Returned to Mrs. Huggins (Campers did not come)	10.41129.5812.3311.82531.0082.61115.3110.6028.1760.0070.0070.0075.00	
	2310.43	0544 05
Total to be accounted for in 1974 Total paid out in 1974		3511.25 2310.43
TOTAL in bank - October 1, 1974		1200.82

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating Committee:

Finance Committee:

Resolution Committee:

Appreciation Committee:

Placement Committee:

John Gilliland, Ed Cook, Robert Allen

Q. Hansley, Buford Pierce, W. J. Amerson

W. C. Combs, Robert Crawford, Charles

Hollingshead

Robert Owen, S. L. Adams, Otis

Whitehead

Placement Committee:

Harvey Henderson, Randy Brooks,

Ernest Owen

Credential Committee:

Gene Helton, G. W. Cloud, Darrell Gwinn

Submitted by:

W. C. Combs, W. J. Amerson, W. Compton.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fees and Offering	gs received:		
West Florida			\$24.00
Salem Victory	• • • • • • • • • • •		48.00
Victory	• • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • •	27.00
Liberty			36.00
Liberty Indian River	• • • • • • • • • • •		15.00
North Florida .	••••••		27.00
	TOTAL	}	\$177.00
Offerings:			
Wednesday p.m			\$53.01
Thursday p.m.			72.50
	TOTAL		\$125.51
TOTAL TO ACC	OUNTFOR		\$302.51

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our sincere appreciation to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Miami and the South Florida Quarterly Conference for the fine and efficient way in which they have hosted this session of the Florida State Association.

We recommend that this body respond by giving them a standing vote of appreciation.

Otis L. Whitehead Robert Owen S. L. Adams

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the members of the Placement Committee, wish to express our appreciation to invitations to Liberty Association and to Wesconnett Church.

We recommend that this body accept the invitation and convene with the Central Quarterly Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist of Tampa for our 1975 session.

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Henderson Randy Brooks Ernest Owen

PLANNING BOARD

We, your planning board, submit the following budget and recommendation as our report:

Part I

- 1. We recommend that the budget for the Cooperative Plan of Support be set at \$25,000 for 1974-75.
- 2. We recommend the treasurer be paid \$15 per month from the general fund.
- 3. We recommend that the Moderator's and Clerk's fees be \$30 each.

Part II

1. We recommend the Co-operative monies be disbursed in the following manner:

40% to the National Association Cooperative plan

60% to the State, to be disbursed as follows:

50% to the Mission Board

20% to the Promotional Department

10% to Christian Educational and Youth

Board

5% to the Children's Home

15% to the General Fund

Respectfully submitted,

Harvey Henderson Darrell Gwinn Randy Brooks Robert Allen

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

October 30, 1974

The meeting began with the Moderator, Rev. Milton Gann, reading Phillipians 4:19. Altar prayer led by Rev. Charles Hollingshead.

Those present at the meeting: Milton Gann, Ernest Owen, Ed Cook, Danny Williamson, Harvey Henderson, Randy Brooks, William Compton (for Bob Allen).

A study committee was appointed by the Moderator to study the possibility of changing the meeting dates of the State Association. Those appointed: Randy Brooks, Harvey Henderson, Robert Crawford.

MSC for the Moderator to attend the Promotional Meeting on the National level and the State to pay expenses.

MSC to give a five cent (5c) per mile supplement to all boards for travel expenses. This to include Bill George.

MSC to recommend that the passbook interest of \$604.41 be put in the general fund.

MSC to continue the Co-ordinator on a monthly basis for another year.

The Moderator appointed a Historical Committee to gather state information and report to the National Association.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 1. MSC that all local churches and association use the new multi-form church letters.
- 2. Tabled: That the annual Association meeting, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, before the second (2nd) Sunday in June. Proposed possibility of time schedule:

Wednesday - Women's Auxiliary, C.T.S., and Board Meetings.
Wednesday night - Youth planning meeting.
Thursday - State Association, Youth Meeting,
Women's Auxiliary Executive Committee meeting.
Thursday night - Awards for Youth and Mission Service.
Friday - State Association.

- 3. We recommend that each of our churches subscribe to the National Home Mission Board's Church Extension Loan Fund, by giving \$100 per year, over a five-year period. (MSC)
- 4. MSC that we publish in the Co-ordinator the names of any Florida Free Will Baptist Ministers whose credentials have been revoked by a District Association or Local CHurch.
- 5. MSC that our State, District Association, and Local Churches write the F.C.C., N.B.C., A.B.C., and C.B.S. to voice our displeasure with the showing of violence and immorality on T.V. The addresses are as follows:
- (1) Mr. Richard Wiley.
 Federal Communications Commission
 1919 "M" Street, Northwest
 Washington, D.C. 20554
- (2) Mr. Bob Howard
 President NBC TV
 30 Rockefeller Plaza
 New York, New York 10020

Respectfully submitted,

Cecil Combs
Robert Crawford
Charles Hollingshead

- (3) Mr. Fredrick Pierce American Broadcasting Co. 1330 Ave. of the Americas New York, New York 10019
- (4) Mr. Robert Wood President CBS 51 W. 52nd Street New York, New York 10019

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Planning Board Gene Helton to fill unexpired term of David Hutchinson (1978). Wingate Hansley for 5-year term to replace David Pettis (1979).

Mission Board Elro Driggers for 5-year term to replace Robert Owen (1979). Christian Education Board Keren Freeman, of St. John's Church in Perry, to fill unexpired term of Merritt Floyd (1977).

Jim Fountain, of Melbourne, for 5-year term to replace Freddie Lockwood

(1979).

Since the State did not receive any recommendations from the Association, we, the nominating committee do make the following recommendations:

Executive Committee

Liberty - W. C. Combs, Chipley

West Florida - Harvey Henderson, Bratt Salem - William Compton, Cottondale North Florida - Reedy Saverance, Wesconnett (upon receiving letter of good standing) Victory - Randy Brooks, Winter Haven Indian River - Bob Allen, Scottsmore

REPORT ON WEST PALM BEACH PROJECT TO FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B. MIAMI, FLORIDA

1974

This has been a year filled with mixed emotions. The excitement of being in our churches throughout the state and the weariness of traveling and being away from the family.

I appreciate the Mission Board's support and patience with us. I am also thankful for each pastor who allowed us to be in their churches presenting the Land Fund Project.

BAPTISMS ... DECISIONS

During the ten months since January, we have baptised eleven people with still more candidates for baptism. There have been numerous rededications and several first time decisions. Pray that we can reach more people.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

During the this last year the Lord has been very good to us. This has been a year when many of our people have been without work and some even had to move away because of work shortages. We had an income of $\sqrt{1}$, \$8,089.45 into the general fund, with expenditures of \$7,639.01. This is covering September 1973 to August 1974. During this same time we received \$2,110.25 into the building fund. We presently have \$566.15 left in the building land fund.

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

The average attendance for Sunday school has been in the thirties and the average attendance for morning worship has been in the high forties. Our church represented in the C.T.S. competition. Our first graders placed first, second and third in Bible memorization, district level, and two tied for second place on the state level. In sword drill they placed first, second and third, district level, and fifth in the state. The tic tac toe team placed first in the district and second in the state competition. This was a boost to our C.T.S. attendance.

WALK-A-THON

The south Florida quarterly meeting sponsored a Walk-A-Thon and raised over \$3,000 for the Land Fund. It is impossible to express our feelings for each of these churches and their people. It was a real time of fellowship 🐴 and sore feet.

FAMILIES MOVING

We still are plagued with families moving out of the state. Just last month we lost a family of six. The turnover has been overwhelming at times. We praise God for His help, for each time a family moves he sends us a new prospect. Today three-fourths of our congregation is made up of Christians who have been saved two years or less.

LAND FUND VICTORY

Thanks to God and the fine F.W.B. of Florida, the West Palm Land Fund Project is paid off. It exceeded my wildest imagination . . . THANK YOU !!!

PROPOSAL FOR SELLING CHURCH

We are presently renting the old building to a Spanish speaking congregation. They have requested an option to buy. We are waiting on the Lord to see if this is his direction for us. An appraiser is working up an appraisal for us so we can set a fair price on the building. The new group is using the building on Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday afternoon.

CONTACT FOR NEW BUILDING

Brother Jim Puckett and I made a trip over to Clewiston to check on buildings and plans. Bill Willis is checking on some plans for us. Brother Willis is a F.W.B. from Savannah, Georgia. Our biggest drawback is the high interest rate and the method of securing financing to build.

OUTLOOK

The outlook for the church is good yet with hard, difficult days ahead. We still feel West Palm is where the Lord wants us, so it is our plan to continue with the church. If we can ever get relocated, I am sure the congregation will grow and will also stabilize. Our people are excited and eager to accomplish the move, so please help is pray and work it through.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward Cook, West Palm Beach, Florida

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Ernest Owen, Treasurer

· -	ALANCE 14, 1973	RECEIPTS	FROM COOP PLAN	DISBURSED	BALANCE Oct. 10, 1974
National Coop. Plan			9,838.54	9838.54	
Foreign Missions		1,485.10			
Home Missions		354.16			
Children's Home (Ala.)		895.55	737.88	1633.43	
Bible College		1,438.33	• • • • • • •		
Superannuation	551.01	161.25	737.88	400.00	1050.14
State Missions & Church Extension	1	524.55	7378.91	7903.46	
State Coop. Plan	•	24,596.34		·.	
General FUnd	884.56	195.00	737.89	1552.11	265.34
Christian Education (Youth Board)	1329.52	224.54	1475.79	1570.38	1459.47
State Promotional Fund	1312.43	110.00	2951.57	2805.87	1568.13
Youth Camp (Mt. Pleasant)	3274.00	1,878.89	737.89	1607.07	4283.71
Camp Meeting Fund	300.00	· · ·			
Earmarked for Missionaries:	•		•		
Craft		230.76		230.76	
Cosia		74.44		74.44	
Palmer		80.57		80.57	
Payne		827,77		827.77	
Combs		515.08		515.08	
Aldridge		60.00		60.00	
Willey, Jr.		414.76		414.76	
Richards		92.00		92.00	
Lee		30.00		30.00	
Cousineau		101.00		101.00	
Ellison		65.00		65.00	
Eagleton		30.00		30.00	
Hanna		3.00		3.00	
Cronk		30.00	•	30.00	
Aycock	. : .	30.00		30.00	
Cook		124.66		124.66	
West Palm Beach Land		1157.95		1157.95	•
Poole		135.59		135.59	
Sturgill		168.81		168.81	
Willey, Mabel	40.00	90.00		90.00	
Gap Pond, Sunny Hill Mission	48.00	177.50		225.50	
Sparks		35.00		35.00	
Banks Van Hook		350.00		350.00	$(x_1,\dots,x_n)\in \{x_n,\dots,x_n\}$
Call-a-Thon		140.00		140.00 128.50	i
Project 30		128.50		18.00	
Kulongo New Testaments		18.00		10.00	
Hughes		10.00 3.00		3.00	
Waid		2.80		2.80	
Ciyatt		25.00		25.00	
TOTALS	\$7699.52	37,014.90	· <u>····································</u>	\$35,787.63	8926.79
In 1st Bank of Chipley					(926.78)
In 1st Federal & Loan Passbook According to 1st Federal & Loan Passbook According 1st Federal & Loan Passboo	ct.				(8000.00) 604.41
BALANCE in Banks and on Book 16	0/10/74				\$9531.20

EXPLANATIONS

GENERAL FUND (Disbursed)		STATE PROMOTIONAL FUND (disbursed)
Clerk	30.00	\$1200.00 Mr. & Mrs. W. Hartzog
Moderator	30.00	(for publishing "Coordinator")
Reports	15.00	50.75 Repair on machine
Fee to National Association	60.00	1565.12 Postage, Supplies & Printing
Minutes	625.98	Coordinator
Travel Expense (Exec. Board)	132.17	
Travel Expense (C. Home)	90.00	\$2805.87 TOTAL
Speaker	100.00	
Postage & Supplies Clerk	88.96	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & YOUTH BOARD (disbursed)
Ensley Church	200.00	\$ 45.00 National Registration Fee
Treasurer	180.00	1100.00 To State Winners
		61.35 Postage, Telephone calls & Trophies
TOTAL	\$1552.11	110.25 Medals
	V1002.11	96.10 Travel Expense
SUPERANNUATION		157.68 Guest Speaker
J. Turner (now deceased)	100.00	
J. Roberts	300.00	61570 20 TOTAL
		\$1570.38 TOTAL
TOTAL	\$400.00	
CAMP MT. PLEASANT (disbursed)		
Recording Deed	\$6.85	
Wire	3.51	
REA Dept. Service	40.00	
Electric Bill	2.77	Refund of \$48.36 made by winners.
Steel	78.00	NOTE: \$ 700.00 from 1973 Superannuation Balance
Concrete	380.50	500.00 from 1973 General Fund Balance
Cottage (1)	703.35	2000.00 from 1973 State Promotional Balance
Building Material	392.09	\$3200.00 TOTAL added to Camp Mt. Pleasant
Condina metalisi	332.03	Balance
TOTAL	\$1607.07	1973 Balance Above shows adjusted balance.

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Associations		No. Quarterly Meetings	No. Churches	Church Membership	No. Parsonages	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	No. Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrollment	Sunday School Average Attendance	C.T.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Average Attendance	Woman's Auxiliaries Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries Average Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Average Attendance	Mid-Week Service Average Attendance	Amount Enclosed for Fees	Value of Parsonage Property
West Florida		1	8	582	2	15	0	17	463	440	261	250	56	33	12	6	272	\$24.00	\$19,000.00
Liberty		1.	12	1,004	5	16	3	N/A	665	525	321	242	39	27	22	13	230	\$36.00	\$61,000.00
Salem	· -	1	16	1,273	5	15	5	46	617	465	235	195	79	. 57	13	10	190	\$48.00	\$56,000.00
North Florida		1	9	704	4	12	3	14	515	412	147	103	30	25	20	16	180	\$27.00	\$59,000.00
Victory	•	2	23	1,539	13	30	· .4··	52	1,295	1,141	259	232	153	75	42	31	602	\$27.00	\$266,250.00
Indian River		1	5	314	4	4	2	14	314	275	104	94	35	28	0	0	139	\$15.00	\$66,362.00
Total		7	73	5,416	33	92	17	143	3,869	3,258	1327	1116	392	245	109	76	1613	\$177.00	\$527,612.00

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

(Continued)

Associations	Pastors' Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for Local Causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Edu + tion	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State and National Projects	Total Spent for Outside Cause	Total Expenditures	Value of Church Property
West Florida	\$18,242.00	\$2,001.09	\$29,850.13	\$3,390.48	\$5,724.53	\$59,208.23	\$4,649.25	\$2,527.27	\$1,638.77	\$18.00	\$185.25	0	\$392.60	\$1,286 39	\$10,041.79	\$54,494.28	\$87,500.00
Liberty	\$36,153.72	N/A	\$23,725.83	0	\$30,835.83	\$90,715.38	\$5,838.50	\$3,893 69	\$3,231.74	\$1,584.00	\$2,136.24	0	\$1,263.66	0	-\$18,030.83	\$108,745 21	\$230,292.00
Salern	\$46,830.29	\$3,417.02	\$18,191.60	\$4,673.10	\$18,649.81	\$91,761.83	\$4,321.71	\$2,183.70	\$2,940.65	\$1,784.26	\$1,754.38	\$161.34	\$338.25	\$357.00	\$13,832.29	\$105,594.12	\$343,500.00
North Florida	\$32,016.68	\$3,764.96	\$22,040.31	\$2,465.70	\$12,805.50	\$63,093.15	\$4,328.65	\$2,097.47	\$759.00	\$520.00	\$556.05	. 0	\$768.48	0	\$9,029.65	\$72,122.80	\$274,500.00
Victory	\$79,144.44	\$6,635.51	\$57,797.02	\$9,283.94	\$95,047.49	\$202,912.50	\$3,604.95	\$3,278 91	\$3,441.21	\$1,224.09	\$1,582.61	0	0	\$1,361.54	\$15,723.70	\$218,636.20	. \$687,750.00
Indian River	\$16,095.00	0	0	0	\$19,805.68	\$35,900.68	\$2,608.00	\$791.40	\$607.71	0	0	0	Ö	\$1,455.00	\$5,525.11	\$41,425.79	\$199,638.00
Total	\$228,482.13	\$15,818.58	\$151,604.90	\$19,813.22	\$182,868.84	\$543,591.77	\$25,351.06	\$14,772.44	\$12,619.08	\$5,130.35	\$6,214.53	\$161.34	\$2,762.93	\$4,459 93	\$72,183.37	\$601,019.40	\$1,823,180.00

^{*} No report

[‡] Includes money listed as other outside causes

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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."

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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 of 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. General officers of this Association shall serve for the term of two (2) years.

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 sussion.
- 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.

CONSTITUTION

and *BY-LAWS*

of the

FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I - NAME

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

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

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

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

This board shall be composed of members elected by the State association and shall serve terms established on a rotational basis: one member's 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 IV - OFFICERS

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 V - 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 VI - COMMITTEES

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

ARTICLE VII - 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 VIII - 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 IX - 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 adivsory 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 I - 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 board's activities and financial transactions. All records and property mortgages and 'titles shall be surrendered to the succeeding secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE II - 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 III - 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 IV - 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 I - NAME

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

ARTICLE II - 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 III - 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 IV - 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 V - 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 VI - 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.