

**1977**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE**

**THIRTY-THIRD SESSION**

**SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE  
SALEM, FLORIDA**

**THEME:**

**“GO BRING FORTH FRUIT”**

**NEXT SESSION**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA  
NOVEMBER 1, 2, 3, 1978**

**OFFICERS, BOARDS, AND COMMITTEES**  
of the  
**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

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Assistant .....Rev. Harvey Hill, 122 Shelton Ave., Auburndale 33823  
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Liberty ..... Wayne Morrison, 659 Belmar Place, Sonny Hills 32428  
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North Florida .....Claude Davis  
Victory .....Mr. Randy Brooks, Pierce Road, Winter Haven 33880  
Indian River ..... Mr. Bob Allen, Scottsmore 32775  
Salem .....Rev. Buford Pierce, Rt. 1, Box 115, Marianna 32446  
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(80) Rev. Buford Pierce, Rt. 1, Box 115, Marianna 32446  
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Authur Lambert (80)  
Roger Russell (83)  
James Christian (86)

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Association	Moderator	Clerk
Indian River	Rev. Darrel Gwinn 2681 Sadler Lane Melbourne, 32935	Doyle Griffin 30 Tanen Court Vero Beach, 32960
Liberty	Mr. Thomas Porter Rt. 4 Chipley, 32428	Mr. Philip Cook Rt. 1, Box 100A Bonifay, 32425
North Florida	Rev. Arthur Lambert Rt. 4, Box 480 Perry, 32347	Mrs. Sandra Lambert Rt. 4, Box 480 Perry, 32347
Salem	Herbert L. Padgett Rt. 1, Box 651 Marrianna, 32446	Ruby C. Pelt Rt. 1, Box 254 Grand Ridge 32442
Victory	Rev. John Gilliland 8530 Stirling Rd. Hollywood, 33024	Rev. Harvey Hill 122 Shelton Rd. Auburndale, 33823
West Florida	R. C. Wiggins 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola	Charles L. Isaac Rt 4, Box 58 Cantonment

## PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, November 2, 1977

The meeting of the 33rd session began with Dr. Kelton leading the congregation in singing "The Comforter Has Come." The meeting was called to order by the Clerk, Danny Williamson, who introduced the Moderator, Gene Helton. Otis Whitehead led in prayer.

Dr. Savage gave the welcome for the college.

The congregation sang "Heavenly Sunlight," "Sorrows." The Kelton Family rendered our special songs, "Getting Ready Today," and "God's Wonderful People."

Rev. Bill George brought the evening message, "Go! Bring Forth Fruit—The Need." (John 15:16).

The Committee on Committees were appointed: John Gilliland, Bob Allen, Charles Powell. The Credentials Committee: Darrell Gwinn, D.W. Collins, Harvey Hill. M.S.C. to accept the Executive Committees partial report.

M.S.C. to table Executive Committee's report until Thursday.

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Harvey Hill.

Thursday November 3

9:30 a.m.

The meeting began by singing "Send a Great Revival," led by Dr. Kelton. Congregation also sang "Bring Them In." Prayer by Auther Lamburt. Devotion by Brother Eddie Payne from (Isaiah 54:2).

1. M.S.C. to accept report of Committee on Committees.
2. M.S.C. to accept report of Christian Education Youth Board.
3. M.S.C. to accept partial report of the Credentials Committee.
4. M.S.C. to accept report of Ladies Auxiliary.
5. M.S.C. to accept report from the Children's Home per info.
6. M.S.C. to accept a report of the mission work of Daytona Beach, for information.
7. M.S.C. to accept a report of the mission work of Tallahassee, for information.

After a short rest period, we resumed by singing "At Calvary," and "Victory in Jesus." An offering was received.

The college choir sang, "Wafaring Stranger," and "Reach Out!"

Brother Bud Hill Introduced the speaker for the morning message, Brother Gary Fry, who delivered a message on "The Method" (John 15:1-12).

Dismissed in prayer by Brother Darrell Gwinn.

Thursday November 3

1:15 p.m.

We began the afternoon session by singing "To God be the Glory." Prayer by Brother Charles Powell.

1. M.S.C. (tabled) to add the Christian Education Youth Board to the list of names of those to have their mileage expenses changed. (See Executive Committee's report, Item No. 3.)

2. M.S.C. to accept a report of the Free Will Baptist College for information.

3. M.S.C. to accept a report of the National Laymen's Board for information.

4. M.S.C. to receive a report of the C.T.S. Department for information.

5. M.S.C. to accept a report of the Sunday School Department for information.

6. M.S.C. to accept a report of the Foreign Missions Department for information.

7. M.S.C. to accept a report of the National Home Mission Department for information.

8. M.S.C. to include the State Home Mission Department in the mileage change (see Executive Committee's report, Item No.3).

9. M.S.C. to accept a report of the National Executive Department for information.

10. M.S.C. to accept the state treasurer's report.

3:50 p.m. Brother Harrold Harrison held a Sunday School Seminar.

#### Thursday 7:30 p.m.

We began our service by singing "Saved By The Blood," and "To God Be The Glory." Prayer by Buford Pierce.

The Men's Quartet from the college rendered our special singing: "I've Never Been This Homesick Before." An offering was received.

The evening message was brought by Brother Norlin Jones, "The Results," (John 15:12-21). Dismissed in prayer by G.W. Cloud.

#### November 4 Friday 9:30 p.m.

We began our meeting by singing, "To God Be the Glory." Prayer by Roger Russell. The Women's Quartet from the college sang, "God's Not Dead," "Hear My Prayer." Devotion by Brother Jimmy Christian, (Acts 17:32-34).

1. M.S.C. to give Edith Flack a check for \$20.00 for typing services and the college \$20.00 for paper.

2. M.S.C. to accept Placement Committee report.

3. M.S.C. to take Executive Committee's report from table.

4. M.S.C. to accept Executive Committee report and adopt Item by Item.

M.S.C. Item No. 1

M.S.C. Item No.2

M.S.C. Item No. 3: This to include Christian Education Youth Board and Home Mission.

M.S.C. Item No. 4

M.S.C. Item No. 5

M.S.C. Item No. 6

5. M.S.C. to receive the report of the Salem Bible College for information.

6. M.S.C. to receive report of West Palm Beach Mission.

7. M.S.C. to accept the report of the Home Mission Board, and adopt Item by Item.



M.S.C. Item No. 1

M.S.C. Item No. 2

M.S.C. Item No. 3

8. M.S.C. to accept a report on the Spanish Missionary Work in the state for information.

9. M.S.C. TABLED that all National reports be given on Friday or at the conclusion of State Business.

10. M.S.C. to accept Credentials Committee's Report.

11. M.S.C. to accept Finance Committee's Report.

12. M.S.C. to accept the Resolution Committee's Report, and adopt Item by Item.

M.S.C. Item No. 1

M.S.C. Item No. 2

M.S.C. Item No. 3

13. M.S.C. to accept Planning Board's Report and adopt Item by Item.

M.S.C. Item No. 1

M.S.C. Item No. 2

M.S.C. Item No. 3

M.S.C. Item No. 4

M.S.C. Item No. 5

14. M.S.C. to accept the Nominating Committee Report and adopt Item by Item.

M.S.C. Item No. 1

M.S.C. Item No. 2

M.S.C. Item No. 3

M.S.C. Item No. 4

M.S.C. Item No. 5

M.S.C. Item No. 6

15. M.S.C. to give a vote of thanks to the Hartzogs.

16. M.S.C. for clerk to write a letter of appreciation to the Hartzog's.

17. M.S.C. that the moderator have power to fill vacancies of delegates at the National Meeting. (NOTE OF INFORMATION: \$61.00 was received for the Mission in Colorado.)

18. M.S.C. to accept Appreciation Committee's Report.

Delegates to the National Association—1978:

Louise Owen  
1415 26th St. N.W.  
Winter Haven, Fl. 33880

Robert L. Hager  
823-38th Street  
West Palm Bch, Fl. 33407

Robert H. Allen  
P.O. Box 23  
Scottsmoor, Fl. 32775

G.W. Cloud  
326-18th St.  
Greeley, Colorado 80631

Vivian M. Mathews  
608 Roinsettia Road  
Auburndale, Fl. 33823

19. M.S.C. to dismiss.

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Nominating—Buford Pierce  
Limberg Bass  
Jimmy Christian

Placement— Bud Hill  
Harley Brown  
Norlin Jones

Finance— Odis Whitehead  
Robert Owen  
Auther Lambert

Resolution— Tom Willey, Jr.  
Herbert Padgett  
G.W. Cloud

Appreciation—Ruby Amerson  
Patsy Helton  
Etha Mae Owens

Credentials— Darrell Quinn  
D.W. Collins  
Harvey Hill

Submitted by: John Gilliland  
Charles Powell  
Bob Allen

We, the Placement Committee, would like to recommend that the State Association next year be held at the Free Will Baptist Church in Aurburndale.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bud Hill  
Harley Brown  
Norlin Jones

We, the Credentials Committee, recommend the following report to be adopted:

<u>Associations</u>	<u>Churches 1976</u>	<u>Churches 1977</u>
West Florida	8	8
Victory Association	26	26
Salem	15	15
North Florida	10	13
Liberty	11	9
Indian	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	76	78

## ASSOCIATIONAL FEES

West Florida	\$24.00
Salem	48.00
Liberty	27.00
North Florida	39.00
Victory	78.00
Indian River	21.00
Church Delegates	<u>70.00</u>
TOTAL	\$307.00

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>
Ministers Registered	48	21
Deacons Registered	17	9
Visitors Registered	125	38
Association Delegates Registered	23	30
Church Delegates Registered	12	14
Associations Represented	6	6
No. Of Parsonages	30	31
No. of Ordained Ministers	110	101
No. of Licensed Ministers	30	17
No. of Ordained Deacons	153	153
Sunday School Enrollment	4,022	4,047
S.S. Average Attendance	3,348	3,373
C.T.S. Enrollment	1,352	1,377
C.T.S. Average Attendance	1,061	1,086
Women's Aux. Enrollment	459	464
Women's Aux. Average Att.	356	361
Master's Men Enrollment	117	120
Master's Men Average Att.	88	90
Mid-week Average Attendance	1,595	1,605

Signed:  
Darel Gwinn  
Harvey E. Hill  
D.W. Collins

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

May 28, 1977

### Executive Committee Meeting At Perry, Florida

The meeting began with prayer by Brother Norlan Jones. Brother Bob Shockey was given an opportunity to tell about the National Mission project in Tallahassee, Florida.

Brother Norlan Jones gave a report on Daytona Beach. A letter from the National Board of Retirement and Insurance was read, concerning the state dropping them from their support. They were asking to be put back on Cooperative giving.



1. M.S.C. to recommend that the Retirement Board and C.T.S. be included in the Cooperative giving.

The state appointed committee on incorporating the Salem Bible College into the state support, gave a report on their recommendation. Discussion was held.

### THEME

“Go! Bring Forth Fruit”

*Wed. Night* The Need—Bill George

*Thurs. Mornings* The Method—Gary Fry

*Thurs. Night* The Results—Norlin Jones

Alternate—Roger Duncan

*Thurs. Afternoon* Sunday School Seminar—Harrold Harrison 3 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Song Director—Don Hurot

2. M.S.C. to ammend Article III. Section No. 3 of the Constitution to read, “and one elected member from each affiliated association or quarterly meeting.”

3. M.S.C. to ammend Article V. New Section No. 4. Mileage for Executive Committee members and representatives of Children’s Home to be paid 15 cents a mile one way, from the General Fund.

4. M.S.C. that the state contact the Trustee Board of the Salem Bible College and ask if it would be feasible for the Executive Committee to meet with them to discuss the recommendations, By-Laws, and Constitution.

5. M.S.C. to ask Dr. Savage to mail a copy of College Charter Constitution and By-Laws to each Executive Committee member and a special meeting be called on August 27th at Ocala.

6. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Prayer by Dennis Owen.

### EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 27, 1977

Ocala, Florida

9 a.m.

Meeting began with prayer by Brother Lambert.

1. We recommend hat the state not adopt the Salem Bible College as a part of the State Association at this time.

2. M.S.C. to present suggested changes of the Christian Worker’s Institute Constitution and By-Laws to the Trustee Board of Salem Bible College.

1:20 p.m.

Joint meeting of State Executive Committee and the Trustee Board of Salem Bible College. Prayer by W.C. Combs.

The Executive Committee’s recommendation for Constitution and By-Law changes were read and discussed. We dismissed in prayer by Brother Kelton.

November 2—1:45 p.m.

Opening prayer by Brother Bass.

1. M.S.C. to recommend Gary Fry as editor of *Coordinator*, and be paid up to \$25.00 per week, as personal expense for editing the paper.

2. After careful consideration, that it not be wise to assume control and responsibility of Salem Bible College. We do not feel the state is financially able to assume this responsibility. We also feel it would be unfair to the college for the state to take complete control and yet not bear the burden of the support. We feel this could limit the school's ability to draw needed support from other areas. Therefore, we recommend that Salem Bible College be affiliated with the State Association to advance the cause of Christ on this basis. The state will elect three members of the nine-member board to act in behalf of the state.

We should adopt this with the understanding that as our support grows, changes in the board structure should be made to give the state more control.

3. That at least the same amount Co-op be given to the Salem Bible College this year.

#### **NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT:**

Moderator	Gene Helton
Assistant Moderator	Bud Hill
Clerk	Danny Williamson
Assistant Clerk	Harvey Hill
Treasurer	Earnest Owen

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Liberty	Wayne Morrison
West Florida	Lindberg Bass
North Florida	Claude Davis
Central Florida	Randy Brooks
South Florida	Harley Brown
Indian River	Bob Allen
Salem	Buford Pierce

#### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Gary Fry

#### **MISSION BOARD**

Graeme Savage

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Howard Bass  
Darrel Gwinn (to finish term of Mrs. Freeman)

#### **SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE TRUSTEE**

Authur Lambert	(80)
Roger Russell	(83)
James Christian	(86)

Buford Pierce  
Jim Christian  
Lindberg Bass

## REPORT OF THE FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD TO THE 1977 FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

It is with great joy that we, your State Home Mission Board, bring this annual report to you.

God has been very good to us this year. We feel that it is one of our best reports to be given to you, the Free Will Baptists of Florida. We want to thank each of you who have prayed for the work, for your giving and for our missionaries, for their willingness to go and serve where God leads.

We now have three Home Mission works under the watchcare and supervision of the State Home Mission Board; Rev. Harley Brown in West Palm Beach, Rev. Norlin Jones in Daytona Beach and Rev. J.D. Norris in Tallahassee. God has blessed and continues to bless in a wonderful way in each of these.

God has met each and every need we have had. We, as a Board, have had total and complete unity in each of our meetings. Each one is willing to be led of God—willing to let God have His way.

We rejoice each month as we receive the reports from our missionaries that souls are being saved—somewhere between 60 to 70 have been saved in the past six or seven months in our missions. That is better than some of our churches are doing. AMEN! Sometimes the truth hurts.

We want to thank *You* Florida Free Will Baptists and each of our missionaries and their families for a job well done.

We ask each of you to pray, give and go as God leads and pray much for you State Home Mission Board as we seek to do God's will in establishing more Free Will Baptist Churches in Florida.

Brethren, Pray for us  
Your Florida State H.M. Board

John Gilliland, Chairman  
Buford Pierce, Secretary-Treasurer

### FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD Treasurer's Report 10-22-76 to 10-22-77

\$2,366.12	On Hand 10-22-76
*24,680.58	Deposited
27,046.70	Total On Hand
**17,612.03	Disbursed
<u>29,434.67</u>	Balance 10-22-77

#### RECEIVED

\$12,806.47	Co-op Money
1,182.14	Gifts to General Fund
6,554.14	Loan Payments
1,779.92	Designated for Daytona
202.35	Daytona Beach Land Fund
937.24	West Palm Beach
150.00	Okeechobee (Designated)
15.47	Sunny Hills

737.41  
 200.00  
 115.44  
24,680.58

Tom Willey  
 Repayment of Loan by N. Jones  
 Moving expense refund by Harley Brown  
**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**DISBURSED**

\$3,840.00	National H.M.-Norlin Jones
500.00	Norlin Jones-Expenses
200.00	Norlin Jones-loan
3,300.00	Mobile Chapel
150.00	J.D. Norris-travel expense
5,261.15	WPB Pastor's Salary
1,500.00	Compton-Okeechobee
175.00	Okeechobee Church
737.41	Tom Willey
221.40	Board Travel Expense
488.63	Board Phone Expense
325.00	Bookkeeper (13 mos.)
385.00	Prospective Pastor Expense
500.00	Harley Brown-moving expense
15.47	Sunny Hills
12.97	Checks
<u>**\$17,612.03</u>	<b>TOTAL DISBURSED</b>

**CASH ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

\$8,981.01	General Fund
202.35	Daytona Beach Land Fund
43.47	Daytona Beach Fund
207.84	West Palm Beach Fund
<u>\$9,434.67</u>	Cash In Bank

**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:**

\$ 695.86	Grace, Orange Park
937.00	Titusville
3,493.05	Wright
3,835.98	Camp Mt. Pleasant
<u>\$8,961.89</u>	Total Owed to H.M. Board

**SAVINGS ACCT. BALANCES**

\$6,295.13	4-yr. certificate
79.33	Passbook Savings Acct.
<u>\$6,374.46</u>	

**TOTAL ASSETS:**

\$9,434.67	Cash on Hand
6,374.46	Cash in Savings
8,961.89	Acct. Receivable
<u>\$24,771.02</u>	

We, your Florida State Home Mission Board, make the following recommendations:

1. That we cut the salary of our missionary in W.P.B. 10% 1-1-78 and 15% more 4-1-78 making the church responsible for 50% of his salary and the state 50%.

2. That Tom Willy Jr. be recognized as a missionary at large to the Spanish speaking people of Florida, and be affiliated with the F.S.H.M.B. and that we allow his support to be channeled through our Mission Board Treasure.

3. That any association, or church, having a Missionary Conference use one of our own State Missionaries: Tom Willy Jr., Norlin Jones, Harley Brown, or J.D. Norris Jr.

Item No. 1 Ammend to change dates: (to) April 1st and June the 1st defeated.

We, the Planning Board, offer these recommendations for consideration.

1. We recommend 50,000 for a goal for the State Cooperative Plan.

2. We recommend that our treasurer be paid \$15.00 per month from the General Fund.

3. We recommend that our Moderator and Clerk be paid \$75.00 each from the General Fund.

4. We recommend these percentages for dividing the Cooperative money:

20%	Executive Department
23%	Home Missions Department
23%	Foreign Missions Department
23%	Bible College
9%	C.T.S.
2%	Retirement Board
65%	For State projects divided thus: (no charge)
50%	Home Mission Board
10%	Promotional Board
16%	Youth Board
5%	General Fund
5%	Children's Home
14%	Salem Bible College

5. We recommend that the 20% that is to be sent to the National Executive Dept. be earmarked 100% for that department.

Planning Board:  
Wayne Hicks  
Robert Owen  
Herbert Padgett

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report: Monies received from delegate fees \$307.00.

Monies received from offerings (11-3-77)

A.M. \$90.24  
P.M. 86.03  
\$483.27

Total monies received

Respectfully submitted by:  
Reverend Odis Whitehead  
Reverend Robert Owen  
Reverend Authur Lambert



## RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

Whereas, the proponents of present day humanistic ideologies have used the basic American ideals of equal rights for all men to promote laws that tend to appear on the surface to re-enforce our freedoms, but in fact weaken the moral fibers of our nation. We recommend that each Free Will Baptist believer, as a citizen of this state, be alert to the dangers of such movements as Gay Rights legislation, the Equal Rights Amendment, the Childrens Bill of Rights, and abortion on demand legislation. Although all of these are based on areas of legitimate abuse which as Christians we should avoid, we feel that the above porposed legislation entails dangers for our Christian life-style.

Whereas, dealers in pornographic materials are flooding our communities and the Supreme Court has ruled that the definition of obscenity is to be dictated by the local community. We recommend that each Free Will Baptist take an active part in his or her community by expressing his personal convictions in opposition to this type of immorality.

Whereas, pornographic dealers will go out of business if no one buys their wares, we recommend that as Christians we refrain from purchasing or in anyway backing anyone who is in anyway involved with the distribution of these materials.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tom Willey Jr.  
Herbert Padgett  
G.W. Cloud

## WOMAN'S AUXILARY REPORT

*Minutes: Jacksonville, Blountstown*

Normally at this point in our program I present a lot of facts and figures; however, this year I intend to deviate from this practice slightly and bring only one fact and one figure. The figure is 217 FWB Ladies Auxiliary members ho report through the Florida State Association do not report through the Florida State Women's Auxiliary Convention. In fact, there's a problem somewhere in the churches who have auxiliaries and yet refuse to co-operate with the district and state work.

So many people are under the false impression that all monies sent through district and state treasurers are divided between these organizations. Anything you send ear-marked for a certain work goes directly to that work.

The purpose of the auxiliary is to promote missions—not buy drapes for parsonages, etc.—there may be times that it would be feasible for an auxiliary to do this type work if they're sure it isn't interfering with their mission work.

Please read with me from Romans 10:8-15. Whatever we do, no matter how small, in Christ's name and for His glory, we will reap bountiful returns.

If you need help in understanding the function of the auxiliary better, please get my address or phone number from the sheet which has been placed on the table outside where the minutes are, and contact me. I'll be glad to help or recommend someone who can.

Also, please note the invitation on the bottom of the same paper to a prayer retreat next Friday night from 8 p.m. until Saturday morning in Auburndale.

I hope that you will consider getting behind our state work and allowing God to lead you as our ladies work for His glory.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy L. Hillto  
Florida State President

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Salem Bible College for their invitation to convene with them for our yearly meeting.

We thank them for the fine, efficient way they have hosted this meeting and made us feel welcomed. We thank the ladies of the college and surrounding churches for the delicious meals they have served.

Our special thanks and appreciation go to Dr. and Mrs. Savage for their leadership and efforts to make this meeting successful.

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

Sis. Patsy Helton  
Sis. Etha Mae Owen  
Sis. Ruby Amerson

### Wednesday, Nov. 2, 1977—Salem Bible College

The Florida State Education Youth Board met in conjunction with the State Association at Salem Bible College, Rev. Helton, Rev. C. Powell and Sis. Ruby Amerson present.

Secretary passed out new booklet of guidelines for Florida State competition. Chairman suggested we asked one person from each district to be responsible to get these booklets to their churches.

MSC to give Rev. H. Harrison love offering of \$125.00 to help with his expenses to come and give the Sunday School Seminar.

MSC that if the Jacksonville Church would accept us we would go back there for the 1978 State Youth Rally. Date to be decided and published after secretary checks on some items.

Bro. Helton suggested that we begin to investigate a central location convention center so that we would not have to impose on the Wesconnect Church every year.

Bro. Helton suggested that we begin to try and locate some judges outside of our Florida Free Will Baptist Churches to help with the judging of music division. Secretary to begin checking into this. Suggested we try the South Georgia Assoc. and see if we can find someone in that area.

A short meeting held after church services to call the moderator's attention to the fact that the Education Youth Board had been left off of the list of groups to have their mileage raised from 10¢ to 15¢ per mile one way.

Adjourned.

The Florida State Youth Board met in conjunction with the State Youth

Rally and competition in Jacksonville, May 20th, 1977. The meeting was attended by Rev. G. Helton, Rev. D. Owen, Rev. Charles Powell Sis. Karen Freeman and Sis. Ruby Amerson.

Programs for the youth competition were given out. We discussed last minute plans for dividing into groups for the teams to have their preliminary games. We also decided that we would not have any teams in competition on Friday night. The leader in Bible Bowl competition was to make a decision as to when he felt that it would be necessary for him to begin Bible Bowl in order for us to finish on schedule.

Rev. Norlin Jones had asked for the Board to hear him regarding a plan to involve the Youth Board in a fund raising project for the (Mission) in Daytona Beach. We agreed that we would wait until the morning meeting to make any decision on this request.

The new books of rules were passed out and generally accepted. Bro. Dennis Owen moved that we eliminate the clause that would allow a church to send their contestants to the State Competition if they did not belong to an association. This was carried.

The secretary was to print up the booklet and send out to the churches involved in competition.

Saturday morning, May 21st, 1977. The Board met again (all members present). It was agreed that we would tell Bro. Jones that we could not as a Board support his project with fund raising but if he wanted to approach the youth in the state on an individual basis we would each help all we could.

It was MSC that we would give each winner \$125.00 to help with their expenses to the National Youth Competition. Also that we would continue the same pattern on the awards as we had used in the past.

The judges, scorekeepers, timekeepers and quiz leaders were to meet at 6:00 p.m. to go over any questions they might have about their role in the competition. We agreed the Board would meet at 9:00 a.m. Saturday morning.

By telephone Rev. Helton asked the Board to agree for him to set up a Sunday School or C.T.S. workshop for the State Association. All Board members agreed to this.

Secretary  
Florida State Youth Board  
Mrs. Ruby Amerson

## FLORIDA STATE CTS WINNERS

### MEMORIZATION

1st Grade—Miranda Baker, 1st Place  
Steve Ritter, 2nd Place

2nd Grade—Jamie Ziglar, 1st place  
3rd Grade—Tina Bass, 1st place  
Bryan Ritter, 2nd place

### SWORD DRILL

Dawn Evans, 1st place  
Donna McDonald, 2nd  
Johnny Mathis, 3rd

### **BIBLE TIC TAC TOE**

West Florida Team—1st place

Laura Ziglar

Kelly Brown

Charles Lashare

Indian River, 2nd place

Mary Mathis

Allan Mathis

Gerald Allen

Russell Allen

### **BIBLE BOWL**

South Florida—1st place

Lisa Helton

Rhonda Simpson

West Florida—2nd

Linda Amerson

Donna Hall

Daryl Hall

Barney Lowery

### **TALENT, MUSIC AND ARTS DECLAMATIONS**

Keli Harvey, Herald

Steve Bass, Crusader

Faye Morgan, Ambassador

### **KEYBOARD**

Melody Spencer, Herald, 1st

Rodney Prince, Herald, 2nd

Donna Pulaski, Crusader, 1st

Linda Cook, Crusader, 2nd

### **VOCAL SOLO**

Donna Kay McDonald, Adventurer, 1st

Dawn Hanna, Herald, 1st

Keli Harvey, Herald, 2nd

David Gilmon, Crusader, 1st

Rusty Russell, Crusader, 2nd

Sissy Brake, Crusader, 3rd

Fay Morgan, Ambassador, 1st

### **ART**

George Perkins, Crusader, 1st

### **MUSIC GROUP**

Tait Trio, 1st



## CAMP MT. PLEASANT YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Two weeks of camp were held.

Rev. Buford Pierce was the camp director the first week and Rev. Bud Hill was the director for the second week. Fifty-five attended the camp the first week and Rev. Tim Rolin was the speaker. Sixty-five attended the camp the second week and Rev. Gary Fry was the speaker. A total of 26 rededications were made, and 13 first time decisions.



**FREE WILL BAPTIST**  
Ernest Owen, Treasurer

In Bank of Washington County	1,300.31
In First Fed. Savings & Loan Pass Book Acct.	5,221.19
Balance in Banks and on Books	<u>6,521.50</u>
Accumulated Interest Thru 9/30/77	281.21
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS & INTEREST	6,802.71

*Adjusted Balance		Fee to Nat. Association	125.00
in General Fund		Children's Home Travel	45.00
1976 Balance	3,404.27	Speaker	100.00
+1976 Interest	267.18	Minutes	378.90
to Salem Bible College	2,500.00	Post, Telephone	34.36
Total	1,171.35	Travel to Prom. meeting	177.50
STATE PROMOTIONAL FUND		Travel, Executive Board	301.70
(Disbursed)		Treasurer	180.00
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hartzog		Total	1,659.31
(for publishing Coord)	1,300.00	YOUTH BOARD (Disbursed)	
For Printing Coord.	1,255.50	Travel Expense	173.25
For Post. & Mailing	453.68	Reg. Fee	105.00
For new Typewriter	244.50	Trophys	67.25
For Supplies	14.52	Medals	101.25
Total	3,268.20	*Winners	2,500.00
		Pictures	25.00
EXPLANATIONS		Post.,Tele.	51.75
GENERAL FUND (disbursed)			3,023.87
Clerk	50.00	*\$125.00 was returned by winner,	
Moderator	50.00	not included in above total.	
Reports	16.85	SUPERANNUATION	
Food	200.00	Rev. James Roberts	300.00

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Associations	Pastors' Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for Local Causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions
Indian River	\$33,051.79	*	\$14,039.37	*	\$37,916.50	\$85,007.66	\$6,686.16	\$411.02
Liberty	50,451.00	*	24,033.00	*	69,192.00	143,676.00	6,975.00	4,677.00
North Florida	39,368.00	3,400.00	22,026.00	*	31,388.70	96,182.78	7,224.35	17,545.88
Salem	59,786.38	3,055.63	27,233.33	6,467.99	6,000.00	102,553.33	5,107.55	2,603.26
Victory	87,667.60	7,054.67	41,102.41	9,017.71	99,038.70	243,881.09	4,417.16	8,485.01
West Florida	29,909.00	*	5,303.00*		28,709.58	63,921.58	8,199.35	3,496.26
TOTAL	300,233.77	13,510.30	133,737.11	15,485.70	272,245.56	735,222.44	38,609.57	37,218.43
* No Report								



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
Indian River	1	7	430	1	7	2	16	301	264	120	93	38	27	33	21	129	\$21.00	\$12,362.00
Liberty	1	10	798	5	15	10	23	423	336	228	167	62	48	25	18	237	27.00	89,000.00
North Florida	1	13	489	4	14	4	18	330	599	172	148	10	10			159	39.00	108,000.00
Salem	1	15	1,277	4	14	2	28	590	540	299	230	86	67	16	11	260	48.00	45,000.00
Victory	2	26	1,783	13	42	7	58	1,558	1,306	368	296	194	149	74	49	658	78.00	368,750.00
West Florida	1	8	572	2	12	2	12	468	323	253	180	53	34	5	5	199	24.00	19,000.00
TOTAL	7	79	5,349	29	104	27	155	3,670	3,368	1,440	1,114	443	335	153	104	1,642	237.00	642,112.00

**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 for 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 and Treasurer.

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, and one elected member from each affiliated association or Quarterly meeting. 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 by election of officer to the vacancy at regular session of the body and a 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.

Section 4. Mileage for Executive Committee members, representatives of Childrens Home, Christian Education Youth Board and Home Mission Board, to be paid 15¢ a mile one way, from the General Fund.

#### 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 recommend the budget to this body.

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 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 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 \$1,000.00 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 Baptist 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 \$1,000.00 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 coordinating 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.