

**1978
MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FOURTH SESSION
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA**

THEME:

"BREAKING THE FALLOW GROUNDS"

NEXT SESSION

**WESCONETT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 31, NOVEMBER 1, 2, 1979**

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PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday 7:30 P.M.

We began by singing "I am Bound for the Promised Land," led by Bro. Gary Fry.

Prayer by Bro. Norlin Jones.

Meeting of the thirty-fourth session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order by the clerk and also introduced the Moderator, Bro. Gene Helton.

Welcome to the church was given by the host pastor, Rev. David Matthews.

The congregation sang "Trust and Obey" and "Wherever He Leads, I'll Go."

Bro. Gary Fry blessed our hearts with a special song "Thank You, Lord."

The message for the evening was brought by Rev. Melvin Sanford, from Scottsmore—"Evidence of Fallow Ground."

MSC to accept Committee on Committees report.

MSC to accept the Executive Committee's report.

MSC to table Executive Committee's report.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tom Coxwell.

Thursday, November 2—9:30 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by singing "To God Be The Glory," led by Rev. Bud Hill, with Rev. Gary Fry at the piano.

Prayer by Dr. Roger Reeds.

Song "Heavenly Sunlight."

Moderator to charge and gave the moderator's message, reading from Acts 20:28-32.

1. MSC to receive a partial report of Credential Committee.

2. MSC to receive report of Christian Education—Youth Board.

3. MSC to receive the report of the State Ladies Auxiliary.

4. MSC to receive the report of the Children's Home for information.

5. MSC to receive the report of the Spanish work in Miami for information.

6. MSC to receive the report of the Layman's Board for information.

7. MSC to receive the report of the National Sunday School Department for information.

8. MSC to receive the report of the State Home Mission Board.

9. MSC that the Florida State Home Mission be given the right to deal with the salaries of the missionaries for this associational year.

Rest Period. Prayer by Bro. D. W. Collins.

Song "He Keeps Me Singing."

Prayer by Bro. Gerald Fowler.

Song "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart."

Special Song by Bro. Carlton Lambert, "Blessed Redeemer."

Morning message by Rev. Tom Willey, Jr. "The Process of Breaking Fallow Ground." Hosea 10:11-13 and Jeremiah 4:3, 4.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bud Hill.

Thursday, November 2, 1:15 P.M.

The afternoon session began by singing "There Is Power In The Blood." Prayer by Bro. Trymon Messer.

1. MSC to receive the report of the National Foreign Mission Department for information.

2. MSC to receive the report of the National Home Mission Department, for information.

3. MSC to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee.

4. MSC to receive the report of the National Executive Office for information.

5. MSC to adopt the State Treasurers report.

6. MSC to receive the report of the West Palm Beach Mission for information.

7. MSC to take Executive Committees report from table and adopt item by item.

Item No. 1—MSC.

Item No. 2—MSC.

Item No. 3—MSC.

Item No. 4—MSC.

Item No. 5—MSC.

Item No. 6—MSC.

Item No. 7—MSC.

May 6:

Item No. 1—MS defeated to table

Item No. 1—MS Defeated

Item No. 2—MSC

November 1:

Item No. 1—MSC

Item No. 2—MSC.

Item No. 3—MSC.

MSC to give a rising vote of thanks to the three men on the Salem Bible College Trustee Board for their work.

Item No. 4—MSC.

Item No. 5—MSC.

Item No. 6—MSC.

Item No. 7—MSC.

MSC to give Bro. Gary Fry a rising vote of thanks for his work on the Co-ordinator.

8. MSC to receive report of planning board and adopt item by item.

Item No. 1—MSC.

Item No. 2—MSC.

Item No. 3—MSC.

Item No. 4—MSC.

MSC—Substitute motion to take 1% from National Foreign Mission and 1% from National Home Mission and that be 2% given to the Layman's Board.

Item No. 5—MSC.

MSC to receive report of the mission work in Daytona Beach for information.

MSC to place the Resolution Committee's report in the local paper.

MSC to amend motion to appoint a committee to consist of Bro. David Matthews, Sr., Tom Willey, Howard Bass and Bro. William Pitts, to see that this report get into all the news media.

MSC to adjourn.

Prayer by Bro. Bob Allen.

Thursday, November 2—7:30 P.M.

We began by singing "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Bro. Bud Hill.
Prayer by Howard Bass.

Songs "Joy Unspeakable," "Redeemed By The Blood Of The Lamb" and "Amazing Grace" were sang.

An offering was received, (\$144.49).

Special song by Rev. Gary Fry "The Little Boy From The Carpenter Shop."

The evening message was brought by Rev. Jack Williams from the National Office. "The Joy of the Harvest" Hosea 10:12.

Dismissed in prayer by Roger Reeds.

Friday, November 3—9:30 A.M.

The meeting began by singing "More About Jesus."

Prayer by Authur Lambert.

Morning devotional brought by Gerald Fowler. John 12:23-38.

1. MSC to receive the report of the Bible College for information.
2. MSC to receive the Placement Committee report.
3. MSC to receive the Finance Committee report.
4. MSC to receive the Credential Committee report.
5. MSC to receive the Appreciation Committee report.
6. MSC to receive a supplement to the Youth Board report for information.
7. MSC to give Sister Peggy Hutto \$20.00 for typing.
8. MSC to invite the National Association to meet in our state in 1983.
9. MSC that if the National Association cannot come in 1983 that they come as soon as possible.
10. MSC to receive the Nominating Committee report and adopt item by item.

Delegates to the National Association were elected. They were as follows: Nelda Perkins, Wallace Back, Hazel Back, Bob Hager, Louise Owen, and the alternates were Joe Stephens and Bob Allen. MSC that the moderator be given the power to fill any vacancy of delegates at the National.

MSC to adjourn. Prayer by Bill George.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATING: Dr. Buford Pierce, Chairman
Rev. Robert Owen
Rev. Gary Fry

PLACEMENT: Rev. Gerald Fowler
Bro. Bob Hager
Rev. Jimmy Christian

FINANCE: Rev. Harvey Hill
Bro. Ernest Owen
Rev. Charles Powell

RESOLUTION: Rev. Bud Hill
Rev. Ken Walker
Rev. Arthur Lambert

APPRECIATION: Sis. Etha Mae Owen
Sis. Patsy Helton
Sis. Thelma Bass

Submitted by:
Harley Brown
Harvey Hill
Lindberg Bass

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Executive Committee

Liberty	Gerald Fowler
West Florida	Lindbergh Bass
North Florida	Wayne Hicks
Central Florida	Randy Brooks
South Florida	Harley Brown
Indian River	Bob Allen
Salem	Bill George

Planning

1-83	Odis Whitehead
1-82	David Matthews

Home Missions

1-81	Kenneth Walker
2-82	Harvey Hill
3-83	Gary Fry

Youth

1-83	Darrel Gwinn
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Christian Education Board

1-79	Ron Knight
2-80	Billy Pitts
3-81	Arthur Lambert
4-82	Bud Hill
5-83	Tom Willey

Alabama Children's Home—Bill George

General Board—Robert Owen

Submitted by,
Buford Pierce
Gary Fry
Robert Owen

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, gambling is morally wrong and carries with it other vices, and whereas, in the eyes of God a moral wrong cannot be made legally right: Be it resolved that the Free Will Baptist believe, in Christian conscience and conviction, express his opposition to Proposition 9 (Casino Gambling) by voice and by vote. Be it further resolved that our pastors teach the

flock Bible principles so as to alert them to the dangers of gambling.

2. Whereas, God has set divine order in the universe, the church and the home, and has placed man in the role of leadership (1 Corinthians 11:3; 8:9) and whereas the underlying motives of ERA seek to destroy and/or reject said order in the home; be it resolved that Free Will Baptists express their opposition to Revision 2 by voice and by vote.
3. Whereas the infiltration of charismatics into our churches has caused considerable confusion; be it resolved that the State Association recommend that our churches secure supply preaching from sources other than those of the charismatic persuasion.
4. Whereas, there is a problem of increasing magnitude among the world's needy people because of overpopulation, war, famine, disasters, food shortages, etc., and

Whereas, our Lord instructs us in Matthew 25:31-46 that service to men in such practical matters as providing food, clothing and medical care is a service to God; and in James 2:14-17 such works as providing food and clothing is seen as a demonstration of faith; and in 1 John 3:17 the love of God is questioned in those who prosper, but do not respond to those in need, and

Whereas, there are evangelical missionary relief agencies such as world vision and world relief commission which couple relief ministries with a ministry of the word: therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that our Free Will Baptist Churches and people be challenged to respond to the needs of suffering humanity with gifts, prayer and support of world relief ministries, thereby serving God and demonstrating His love.

Submitted by,
Rud Hill, Chairman
Rev. Arthur Lambert
Rev. Ken Walker

PLANNING BOARD

We, the Planning Board offer these recommendations for consideration:

1. That \$60,000.00 be set as a goal for the State Cooperative Plan.
2. That our treasurer be paid \$20.00 per month from the general fund.
3. That the moderator and clerk be paid \$100.00 each from the general fund.
4. That these percentages for dividing the cooperative money.

National: (35%)

20%—Executive Department
24%—Home Missions Department
24% Foreign Missions Department

24% Bible College
3%—CTS (National Youth Conference)
3%—Retirement Board
2% Layman's Board

State: (65%)

59%—Home Mission Board
12%—Promotion
16%—Youth Board
8%—General Fund
5%—Children's Home

5. That the 20% sent to the National Executive Department be earmarked 100% for that department.

Submitted by,
Gary Fry
W. L. Collins
Robert Owen

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

May 5, 6, 1978

Place of meeting: Ocala

Prayer by Bro. Harley Brown.

MSC to pay expenses of the Executive Committee for motel and up to \$3.00 for each meal.

1. MSC to correct Constitution and By-Laws. 1. Article V: Finances: Section 4: Delete: Christian Education and Youth Board and Home Mission Board.

2. Home Mission Constitution: Article V: Meetings: 1. 10¢ to 15¢ per mile.

3. Christian Education and Youth Board: Article V: Travel Expense. 1. 10¢ to 15¢ per mile.

We meet with the Salem Bible College representatives and discussed the closing of the college and the possible continuance of the Christian Workers Institute either on a state or local level. No recommendations were made.

4. MSC as we feel that it is our moral obligation to try to settle the financial affairs of Salem Bible College. We move to continue to send the State designated money to the Bible College Board for this purpose. All back salaries that may be due to be excluded from this support.

5. MSC that the three (3) state representatives of the Salem Bible College work with or without the Salem board to gather information on the feasibility of a state educational program and report at the November meeting, also that the state pay their expense out of the general fund.

6. MSC that Bro. Darrell Gwinn be placed on the Salem Bible College Board.

7. MSC to pay motel and meal expense of the Salem College Representatives.

Dismissed in prayer.

May 6: [illegible]

1. MSC to recommend that the Constitution and By-Laws be changed. Article IV, Section 1 be changed, by changing the word first to third and the word November to May.

2. MSC to have Rev. Jack Williams for one of the messages.

Program for meeting:

Theme "Breaking The Fallow Grounds" Hosea 10:12 & Jeremiah 4:3

Wednesday night: "Evidence of Fallow Grounds"—Rev. Melvin Sanford

Thursday morning: "The Process of Breaking"—Rev. Tom Willey

Thursday night: "The Joy of Harvest"—Rev. Jack Williams

Friday morning devotion: Gerald Fowler

Alternate: Rev. Buford Pierce

Song Director: Rev. Gary Fry

Nov. 1, 1978

1:30 P.M.

Auburndale, Fla.

Prayer by Brother Harvey Hill.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved.

1. MSC. We recommend that all money be stopped to the Salem Bible College from the General Fund and all unused designated money be returned to the General Fund.

2. MSC. We recommend that this body underwrite the remainder of the \$750.00 lawyer fee that the board does not have for bankruptcy.

3. MSC. We recommend the Salem Bible College Trustees be dropped from our minutes.

4. MSC. We recommend the Constitution Article III, Section 2 be changed: Delete the word and after missions, and insert the word and after Education.

5. MSC. We recommend that the Christian Education Boards expense be paid from the General Fund not to exceed \$750.00, for this associational year.

6. MSC. We recommend that the Christian Education Board draw up a Constitution and By-Laws and the Youth Board revive their constitution for consideration by this body.

7. MSC. We recommend that an addressing machine be purchased for the coordinator at the expense of about \$480.00.

The Committee on Committees was appointed: Harley Brown, Harvey Hill, Lindbergh Bass.

The Credentials Committee was appointed: Darrel Gwinn, Bob Allen, Jim Simmons.

MSC to adjourn.

Prayer by Brother Pierce.

ANNUAL REPORT FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

It is with great praise to God that we give you, the Florida State

Association of Free Will Baptists, this report. It has been a wonderful year for Florida Free Will Baptist Home Missions. It has been a rewarding year. God has truly blessed our work.

Our work at West Palm Beach with missionary pastor Harley Brown is doing just great. They are moving just about as we had planned. They are self-supporting except for 50% of Bro. Brown's salary. They have a great ministry for God and Free Will Baptists there in West Palm Beach.

The work at Daytona Beach under our missionary Norlin Jones and his family is being successful. It is just unbelievable how God has intervened there, giving them land, building, tables, chairs, and many other things without any cost to them. All we can say is "Praise God." Now we know for a surety that God is in the plan. The mission is growing and giving and going. Pray for them.

Words cannot express what God is doing with and through our missionary J. D. Norris and the people in Tallahassee. God has given them some choice land, a very nice double-wide mobile chapel and educational building. God opened a door for them to borrow \$40,000 to buy this place to worship and build a church for God in our state capital. They need your prayers and support.

There is more—God has given us a church and property in Gainesville, FL which is debt free. Thanks to the people in Gainesville, especially Bro. Sams. Pray with us that we will very soon be able to build a great Bible believing, soul-winning church in the city where our state university is located.

Also, we have deeds to the church and property of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville, FL. We have not as of yet removed the family out who is living in the church but God is working, we are praying and all that is needed is time to take care of this situation.

We want to thank the State Association, the churches, and the people for their prayers, support and help in praying, giving, and going for Florida State Home Missions.

We covet your continued support as *YOUR* State Mission Board—grows and goes—for God in Florida.

Buford Pierce
Secretary-Treasurer

Mr. O. W. Sams
106 S.E. 39th Street
Gainesville, Florida 32601

To the members of the Free Will Baptist Church of Gainesville, Florida:

First of all let us say thank you for giving to us (The Florida State Home Mission Board) the church building property and mobile home there at Gainesville. We want to assure you that we will do all that we can to see that there is a sound, fundamental, Bible-believing, soul winning, Free Will Baptist church in Gainesville.

We pledge to you people that have worked so hard and gave so willingly, that when and if we see that it is best to sell and relocate the church, that every cent that we should get from the sale will go directly to the work there in Gainesville.

May God bless you as you live and serve Him. We will be praying and doing everything we can for you there—"brethren pray for us."

Yours truly,
Buford Pierce
Secretary-Treasurer

Florida FWB Home Mission Board, Inc.

Treasurer's Report

November 1, 1977-October 20, 1978

On hand November 1, 1977	\$ 9,434.67
Deposited during year	<u>24,581.18</u>
	34,015.85
Paid Out	<u>26,166.43</u>
Balance as of October 20, 1978 (in balance with bank)	\$7,849.42

Cash Receipts:

Coop gifts	13,506.16
Loan Payments	2,589.33
General Fund offerings	735.96
Daytona Beach Acct.	1,655.28
West Palm Beach Acct.	1,000.31
J. D. Norris acct.	321.77
Tom Willey acct.	3,651.92
Designated for Coop	80.00
Daytona land acct.	200.45
Des. for Sunny Hills	165.00
Des. for Okeechobee	75.00
N. Jones—repaid loan	600.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$24,581.18

Cash Disbursements:

Norlin Jones salary	\$7,563.75
Harley Brown salary	5,494.50
Tom Willey	3,651.92
Lake Jackson property	4,000.00
Daytona Beach repair	1,200.00
Stove for WPB parsonage	379.00
Hospitalization ins. for Brown and Jones	987.30
Legal fees, taxes, etc.	444.16
Bookkeeper	300.00
J. D. Norris acct.	321.77
Board Travel Expense	232.97
Phone Expense	225.76
Sunny Hills Mission	165.00
Okeechobee Church	75.00
Coop Fund	80.00
Daytona Land Fund	337.80
Loan to Norlin Jones	600.00
2 pages in Contacto	100.00
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$26,166.43

ACCOUNT BALANCES:

General Fund	\$7,749.22
WPB acct.	<u>100.20</u>
Cash in Bank	\$7,849.42

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:

Titusville	\$ 388.32
Wright	2,968.35
Camp Mt. Pleasant	<u>3,464.34</u>
	\$6,821.01

SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCES:

4½ yr. cert.	\$6,783.73
Passbook acct.	<u>83.61</u>
	\$6,867.34

TOTAL HM BOARD ASSETS (Cash)

Cash in Bank	7,849.42
Accounts Receivable	6,821.01
Savings accounts	<u>6,867.34</u>
	\$21,537.77

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Florida State Woman's Auxiliary Convention met in Hollywood on June 3, 1978.

Our theme was "Keys to Service." We were privileged to have Mrs. Mable Willey as our keynote speaker. All our speakers were inspirational and each challenged us to use the "keys" God had given us to open doors for His service.

There were two (2) locals and one (1) district who failed to report so our over all total membership was 199, a decrease of 43 ladies from the previous year.

We raised a total of \$1,245.52 designated for Sunny Hills Mission, Mable Willey, Daytona Beach Mission, Bobby Poole and WNAC. However, a grand total of \$4,200.50 passed through our treasurers hands for various missions projects.

Our project for the 78-79 fiscal year is to raise \$1,250.00 to be divided between Mable Willey, WNAC, Tallahassee, Tom Willey, Jr. & Daytona Beach. This would average \$6.29 per lady per year or 53¢ per month per lady.

Our next annual meeting will be held June 2, 1979, in Haines City, Fla.

I strongly request that this body give careful consideration to the constitutional revision before you to change the State Association to the 3rd week of May as this would put the Florida State Associational Meeting only two (2) weeks from the State Auxiliary convention. We women would also like to see the State Association time changed, but to a time when school would be out thereby making it possible for the auxiliary to meet in conjunction with the State Association.

Minutes of the last meeting are available and if someone from each district would please see me I'll give you your copies.

STATE YOUTH BOARD

May, 1978

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

State Competition and Rally in Jacksonville. All members of the board were present.

We went over programs for competition, registration blanks were approved and discussion for other judges and scorekeepers to be used. MSC that we set up our competition in separate parts of the church and then convene to the main auditorium for the finals.

The box of extra questions were opened and medals checked to be sure we had all the materials we needed.

Bro. Hill was placed in charge of Bible Bowl with Bro. Powell assisting. Bro. Helton took Tic-Tac-Toe, Bro. Gary Fry to assist. Bro. Gwinn also. Sis. Ruby had memorization and sword drill with Bass assisting in all areas needed.

All Music and Arts Festival competitors were to perform on Friday night and Bible Competition to be held on Saturday.

Saturday Morning

The Youth Board was called into session to make a decision about the instrumentals using their music. They were disqualified because the rules state that your music cannot be used in competition.

It was agreed by the board that we would give the winners who would represent us in National Competition \$125.00 each to pay for travel, motel and eats. MSC

MSC that we pay for the speaking equipment that Bro. Bass had arranged for us to use.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

Submitted by,
Sis. Ruby Amerson
Sec. & Treas. of State Youth Board

STATE COMPETITION WINNERS

Memorization:

1st grade—Billy Jo Thomas, Scottsmoor 1st place

Charles Beauchamp 2nd place

2nd grade—Roger Duncan, Tampa 1st place

Miranda Baker, Shiloh 2nd place

3rd grade—Jamie Zigler

Sword Drill

Dwan Evan, Tampa

Johnny Mathis, Scottsmoor

Tammy Norris, Tallahassee

Bible Tic Tac Toe

Central—Tampa FWB Church

Nora Burgess, Ammie Evans, Melody Spencer

West Florida—Jeff Amerson, Mike McCall, Sheela Hall

Bible Bowl

Shiloh—Donna Hall, Linda Amerson, Barney Lowery, Darryl Hall

First FWB Tampa, Rita Bass, Cindy Martin, Gail Martin, Shirley White

Piano Solo

Adventurer—Jeff Duncan, Tampa

Herald—Rodney Prince, Quincy

Crusader—Linda Cook
Ambassador—Tinker Brake

Vocal Solo

Crusader—Kele Harvey Buelah
Ambassador—Rusty Russel

Declamations

Adventurers—April Cook, Vero
Herald—Ricky Jo Thomas, Scottsmoor
Crusader—Cindy Martin, Tampa
Ambassador—Mary Jane Toole, Vero

Art

Crusader—George Perkins, Christian Home Bartow
Herald—Melody Spencer, Tampa

Vocal Ensemble

Shiloh Quartet

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

November 1, 1978

The Florida State Youth Board met in conjunction with the State Association in Auburndale. All members present.

Minutes of the May meeting were read and approved. Also a letter from Rev. Bud Hill from the Chipley Church asking that the Youth Rally and Competition be held in First Church at Chipley, MSC.

It was generally agreed by the board that we should offer some financial assistance to the church if they decided to try and feed the people at the State Competition. A date for the rally was to be announced later.

It was brought to the attention of the board that we had a balance of \$3,987.00 in our Youth Board General Fund. Moved and seconded that we return \$1,500.00 back in to the State General Fund. Motion failed.

It was agreed by the board that we expand our program to reach more of our young people over the state. God has blessed with the youth and also with the funds and we should pray about this and let the Lord lead us to greater work for Him. It was also brought to the attention of the board that the 1980 National Youth Conference would be held in California and we would need these monies for expenses. We were all to report back to the meeting in May about any suggestions we had.

We discussed the stand taken by the National Department on the dress code, and agreed that the secretary of the board should get copies of this dress code and be sure that all of our churches get copies and that it be printed in the Coordinator.

Bro. Helton mentioned that if the Executive Committee Report was passed by the body that we would be expected to rewrite our Constitution and By-Laws.

Bro. Gwinn expressed his appreciation for having the opportunity to serve on the Youth Board this past year.

MSC to adjourn, dismissal prayer by Bro. Bass.

Submitted by,
Mrs. Ruby Amerson
Sec. Florida State Youth Board

CAMP MT. PLEASANT—1978 Youth Camp

Two sessions of camp was held: *Pre-teen camp June 18, 1978*

76 campers and 18 workers
Rev. Gerald Fowler, Director of Pre-teen camp
Preacher—Rev. Tim Owen

Teen Camp June 11, 1978

35 campers and 12 workers
Rev. Gary Fry, Director of Teen camp
Preacher—Rev. Jimmy Marcum

Reports of great cooperation and excellent behavior of all campers during these two weeks. The directors wish to thank all of those who worked with them to make the camp spiritual and successful.

Submitted by
Rev. Bud Hill

Money received from churches, camp and rental of camp
January—December 1977

January	195.00
February	690.50
March	832.95
April	634.00
May	579.00
June	1,569.05
July	2,127.98
August	389.55
September	571.53
October	324.60
November	217.50
December	60.00
	<u>8,191.46</u>

Money Disbursed	
Utilities	733.08
Fla. Home Missions	1,621.30
Missions	207.00
Recreation Equipment	93.94
Insurance	682.25
Telephone	195.00
Food	605.34
Salary for personnel	1,100.00
Miscellaneous	702.42
	<u>6,185.00</u>

VICTORY ASSOCIATION YOUTH CAMP

June 18-23, 1978

We had a very inspiring camp, with Rev. Roger Duncan as the evangelist. There were 153 campers and 26 workers. We had 21 first time decisions and 43 rededications.

I would like to thank everyone of the workers for making our camp a success, and also those who gave financially, for making it possible.

Financial Report

Receipts

Conferences and churches	\$1,193.81
Campers fees	3,060.00
On hand January 1978	30.16
Total	<u>4,283.97</u>

Expenditures

Groceries	1,658.51
Medical	42.69
Camp rent	1,439.36
Meals and mileage	69.75
Director's and assistant's fees	150.00
Scrap book and films	30.27
Camp film	39.40
Insurance	105.00
*Teaching aids and crafts	54.42
*Groceries	17.18
Total	<u>3,606.68</u>

*Paid in cash

4,283.97
3,606.68

Balance on hand in checking

677.29

Danny Williamson
Director

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists
Ernest Owen, Treasurer

	<u>Balance</u> <u>10/10/77</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>From</u> <u>Coop Plan</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>10/7/78</u>
National Executive Dept.			2,900.42	2,900.42	
National CTS Dept.			1,305.18	1,305.18	
National Retirement Dept.			290.04	290.04	
Foreign Missions		1,277.70	3,335.46	4,613.16	
Home Missions		424.69	3,335.46	3,760.15	
Children's Home (Alabama)		2,839.20	1,346.62	4,185.82	
Bible College, Nashville		626.43	3,335.46	3,961.88	
Salem Bible College		1,083.27	3,770.52	4,853.79	
Superannuation	1,419.14	14.00		300.00	1,133.14
State Missions and Church Extension		503.93	13,466.16	13,970.09	
State Coop Plan		41,434.33			
General Fund	1,054.67 (+Int. 281.21)	508.24	1,346.62	2,218.41	972.33
Youth Board	2,792.79	410.00	4,309.17	3,524.21	3,987.75
State Prom. Fund	1,259.90	7.75	2,693.22	2,609.39	1,351.48
Youth Camp (Mt. Pleasant)		149.50		149.50	
 Earmarked for missionaries					
Coscia		65.00		65.00	
Palmer		305.00		305.00	
Payne		569.29		569.29	
Combs		65.00		65.00	
Aldridge		65.00		65.00	
Willey, Jr.		51.27		51.27	
Richards		60.00		60.00	
Lee		65.00		65.00	
Ellison		81.00		81.00	
Eagleton		65.00		65.00	
Aycock		300.00		300.00	
Poole	In red 5.00	180.00		175.00	
Sturgill		96.92		96.92	
Gap Pond, Sunny Hills		495.00		495.00	
Sparks		60.00		60.00	
Van Hook		395.00		395.00	
Returned check		53.36		53.36	
Lynn Miley		5.00		5.00	
Barron		60.00		60.00	
Dickson		60.00		60.00	
U. Jones & Daytona		1,026.31		1,023.31	
Gibbs		265.70		265.70	
Hanna		505.00		505.00	
D. Owen		709.00		709.00	
Call-a-thon		15.00		15.00	
Okechobee		300.00		300.00	
Haas		65.00		65.00	
Lake Jackson, Tallahassee		225.45		225.45	
Horton		12.40		12.40	
Harris		4.75		4.75	
Johns		5.16		5.16	
Thomas		11.93		11.93	
West Palm Beach		10.00		10.00	
	<u>6,802.71</u>	<u>55,531.58</u>		<u>54,889.59</u>	<u>7,444.70</u>
In Bank of Washington County					<u>1,942.30</u>
In First Fed. Savings & Loan Pass Book Acct.					<u>5,502.40</u>
Balance					<u>7,444.70</u>
Accumulated Interest thru 9/30/68					<u>296.57</u>
TOTAL all Accounts and Interest					<u>7,741.27</u>

EXPLANATIONS

State Promotional Fund (Disbursed)	
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hartzog	100.00
Postage & printing	2,382.89
Rev. G. Fry, expense & prom. meeting	<u>126.50</u> 2,609.50
General Fund (Disbursed)	
Clerk	75.00
Moderator	75.00
Reports, postage, supplies, Telephone	92.28
Food	200.00
Fee to Nat'l Assn.	125.00
Children's Home Travel	225.00
Minutes	400.58
Travel to Prom. Meeting	190.50
Travel (Exec. board)	645.05
Refund N. Fla.	10.00
Treasurer	<u>180.00</u> 2,218.41

Youth Board (Disbursed)	
Travel Expense	193.50
Reg. fee	110.00
Trophys	76.25
Medals	78.71
Winners	*3,000.00
Speaker	125.00
Post. & Tele.	<u>65.75</u> 3,649.21
*Ck ret. by winner	125.00
Refund by winner	125.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report.

Associations fees	231.00
Delegates fees	40.00
Special offering	144.49
Total	415.49

Submitted by
Rev. Harvey Hill
Mr. Ernest Owen
Rev. Charles Powell

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, recommend the Wesconett Free Will Baptist Church of Jacksonville, for the 1979 state association meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Gerald Fowler
Robert Hager

THE YOUTH BOARD

The Florida State Youth Board met in a called meeting Friday morning, November 3, 1978. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the need of the Daytona Beach Church. It was the decision of the board that since the Lord has blessed us spiritually, financially and in number that we should share these blessings with our brethren. The board voted that we would give \$1,500.00 from the Youth Board Fund to the Daytona Beach Project. Submitted by the board.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credential Committee, recommend the following report to be adopted:

West Florida	8	8
Victory Association	26	26
Salem	15	14
North Florida	13	12
Liberty	9	8
Indian River	7	7
	<u>78</u>	<u>75</u>

Association Fees

West Florida	\$24.00
Salem	48.00

Liberty	24.00
North Florida	36.00
Victory	78.00
Indian River	21.00
Church Delegates	40.00
	<u>271.00</u>

	1977	1978
Ministers registered	21	50
Deacons registered	9	15
Visitors registered	38	78
Association delegates registered	30	28
Church delegates registered	14	12
Associations represented	6	6
No. of parsonages	31	31
No. of Ordained ministers	101	103
No. of Licensed ministers	17	21
No. of Ordained deacons	153	149
Sunday school enrollment	4,047	5,234
S. S. Average attendance	3,373	4,285
CTS Enrollment	1,377	1,914
CTS average attendance	1,086	1,574
Woman's Aux. enrollment	464	615
Woman's Aux. average attendance	361	360
Master's men enrollment	120	193
Master's Men average attendance	90	131
Mid-week average attendance	1,605	1,344
Total church membership		5,798
 Total Registered	 132	 183

Submitted by,
Darrel Gwinn
Jim Simmons
Bob Allen

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the members of The First Free Will Baptist Church of Aburndale for their kind hospitality during our state meeting.

We wish to thank them for the delicious meals, the wonderful welcome and each thing that was done to make our meeting progress smoothly.

Our special thanks to Bro. Matthews for the arrangements for our Prayer Breakfast. It was indeed uplifting to all who attended.

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

Submitted by,
Etha Mae Owen
Thelma Bass
Patsy Helton

ASSOCIATION 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 Avg. Attendance	CTS Enrollment	CTS Avg. Attendance	Woman's Auxiliaries Enrollment	Woman's Auxiliaries Avg. Attendance	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men Avg. Attendance	Mid-week Service Avg. Attendance	Amount enclosed for fees	Value of Parsonage property
Indian River	1	7	442	1	10	2	18	404	328	158	135	79	60	24	10	156	21.00	12,362.00
Liberty	1	8	554	5	7	2	23	423	336	228	167	62	48	25	18	237	24.00	110,000.00
North Florida	1	12	541	6	12	1	8	378	312	142	102	28	26	13	10		36.00	82,000.00
Salem	1	14	1,213	5	18	5	42	751	555	368	265	108	70	7	6	251	48.00	130,000.00
Victory	2	26	2,489	13	45	10	58	2,903	2,479	785	747	293	125	124	86	567	78.00	438,250.00
*West Florida	1	8	559	1	11	1		375	275	233	158	45	31			133	24.00	10,000.00
Totals	7	75	5,798	31	103	21	149	5,234	4,285	1,914	1,574	615	360	193	130	1,344	231.00	782,612.00

Associations	Pastor's Salaries	Evangelistic work	Building and repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for local causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions
Indian River	31,990.60	2,694.61	9,583.16	31,215.37	*	75,483.74	10,162.57	814.21
Liberty	47,000.00		64,200.00		33,800.00	145,000.00	4,500.00	3,150.00
North Florida	38,378.80		27,719.25			66,098.05	8,046.71	6,523.73
Salem	68,125.22	3,736.00	36,143.99	961.22	31,020.84	139,967.27	7,968.32	4,772.07
Victory	270,410.03	6,896.42	52,350.74	10,038.05	104,785.73	311,014.75	5,412.76	10,918.49
West Florida	29,961.40		1,762.53	*	25,458.76	69,273.34	6,813.35	3,581.59
Totals	485,866.05	13,327.03	191,759.67	42,214.64	195,065.33	806,837.15	42,903.71	29,760.09

*Literature & other was combined.

	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Assoc. Projects	State and National Projects	Total spent for outside causes	Total expenditures	Value of Church Property
Indian River		4,708.54					15,685.32	91,169.06	483,000.00
Liberty	1,880.00	1,695.00				2,220.00	24,800.00	169,800.00	363,000.00
North Florida	139.55	1,869.11					16,588.10	82,686.15	606,500.00
Salem	2,325.69	2,191.10	1,840.54	96.17	915.00	115.00	20,223.89	160,191.16	537,000.00
Victory	3,898.51	3,738.72	1,517.76	30.00	2,455.50	1,865.28	29,331.32	336,544.48	1,465,250.00
West Florida	1,437.37		756.45				13,419.18	82,692.52	223,000.00
Totals	9,681.12	14,202.47	4,114.75	126.17	3,370.50	4,200.28	120,047.81	923,083.37	3,677,750.00

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**CONSTITUTION
and
BY-LAWS
of the
FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

PREAMBLE

We, the Free Will Baptists of Florida, for the sake of power that comes of unity and oneness of purpose; for the advancement of the cause of Christ; for the glory of God and the good of mankind do ordain and establish this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I—NAME OF ASSEMBLY

Section 1. This assembly shall be known as "THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS."

ARTICLE II—REPRESENTATION

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of delegates elected from the local associations belonging to this body and delegates elected from the local churches embraced by the various associations.

Section 2. All deacons and ministers who are members of, and in good standing with, a local church and local association, which are members of this body are standing delegates.

Section 3. The general officers of this body shall be standing delegates.

Section 4. The delegates shall be elected as follows: One (1) delegate 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, Christian Education and 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 and representatives of Children Home, 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 15¢ 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

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

Fifteen 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.