

**1979
MINUTES
OF THE
THIRTY-FIFTH SESSION
WESCONETT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA**

THEME:

"TO KNOW HIM"

NEXT SESSION

**PINEY GROVE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CHIPLEY, FLORIDA
OCTOBER 29, 30, 31, 1980**

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PROCEEDINGS

Wednesday, October 31, 7:30 P.M.

We began by singing "Stand Up For Jesus," led by Rev. Gary Fry.

Prayer by Rev. Ken Walker. We then sang "I Would Not Be Denied."

The Thirty-Fifth session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order and the Moderator, Rev. Gene Helton, was introduced by the Clerk, Danny Williamson.

The welcome was given by the Host Pastor, Rev. Howard Bass. The congregation then sang "Praise Him."

Rev. Dennis Owen, Missionary to Brazil, was given time to promote his account for the mission field.

An offering was received with prayer by Rev. Charles Powell.

Special song by The Wesconett Trio, "After Calvary" and "Jesus Will Out Shine Them All."

The message was brought by, Rev. Stanley Outlaw, "Four Aids To Entering In." Hebrews 4:11-16.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given, and we dismissed in prayer by Rev. D. W. Collins.

Thursday, November 1, 9:30 A.M.

We began by singing "Victory In Jesus" led by Gary Fry. The congregation sang "Amazing Grace." Prayer by Rev. Lindberg Bass.

M.S.C. to receive a partial report of the Credential Committee.

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

M.S.C. to accept the Youth Board report.

M.S.C. to accept Christian Education Board report.

M.S.C. to receive the Ladies Auxiliary report.

M.S.C. to receive the report of Contacto for information.

We began the morning worship service by singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Norlin Jones.

The congregation sang "Power In The Blood."

An offering was received, with prayer by Gerald Amerson.

Special singing was presented by the Wesconett School student body.

Rev. Stanley Outlaw brought the morning message from Philippians 3:10.

We dismissed for lunch with prayer by Howard Bass.

Thursday, November 1, 1:30 P.M.

We began with a song led by Ken Walker.

M.S.C. to receive, for information, the reports of the National Foreign Mission and the Retirement and Insurance Boards.

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

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

M.S.C. to receive the National Home Missions report for information.

M.S.C. to receive the National Layman's report for information.

M.S.C. to receive a partial report of the Nominating Committee.

M.S.C. to receive the Executive Committee report and adopt item by item.

Item No. 1 to accept the Youth Board's Constitution and By-Laws. M.S.C.

Item No. 2 M.S. tabled to amend Article 4 to read 10 cents per mile, and delete the words *one way*. (October Meeting)

Item No. 2 M.S. tabled (this was from the June 2 meeting.)

Item No. 4 was tabled.

Item No. 6 was defeated.

All other items were passed.

M.S.C. that we adjourn. Prayer by Tom Collins.

Thursday Night, November 1, 7:30 P.M.

We began our service by singing "The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago."

Prayer by Charles Powell.

We sang "He Lifted Me."

An offering was received with prayer by Rev. Harley Brown.

Our special singing was presented by David Gillman, "Ten Thousand Years," and "Build My Mansion Next Door To Jesus."

The congregation sang "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes."

Special singing also by the Wesconett Trio, "Plenty Of Room" and "God Understands."

Prayer by Rev. Wayne Hicks.

Friday, November 2, 9:30 A.M.

We began by singing "To God Be The Glory."

Prayer by Rev. Bud Hill.

We then sang "He Leadeth Me."

Devotion was presented by Rev. Lindberg Bass, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5.

M.S.C. to receive the Resolution Committee report and adopt item by item. All items were passed.

M.S.C. to receive the Sunday School and Church Training Department report for information.

M.S.C. to receive the Credential Committee report.

M.S.C. to pay the typist \$40.00, and the church \$40.00 for paper.

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

M.S.C. to remove from the table the items of the Executive Committee's report. Each item passed.

M.S.C. to receive the report of *Contact* for information.

M.S.C. to reinstate the \$100.00 pay for the editor of the *Co-ordinator*.

M.S.C. to receive a report on the Cuban work for information.

The committee to study the financial giving was appointed. They were: Gerald Fowler, J. D. Norris, Ernest Owen, Bud Hill, and Charles Powell.

M.S.C. to accept the Planning Boards report and adopt item by item.

Items No. 1, 2, 3, 6 passed.

Item No. 4 passed as amended. That this 35% go to the National Co-op and not be earmarked.

Item No. 5 was done away with by the admendment of No. 4.

M.S.C. that \$750.00 be given to the Christian Education Board.

M.S.C. that the following be the National Association delegates; Bob Hager, 823-38th Street, West Palm Beach, Florida 33407; Bob Allen, Scottsmoor 32775; Louise Owen, 1415 26th St. N.W., Winter Haven 33880; Ethel Willey, 2521 S.W. 25th Terr., Miami 33133; Nelda Perkins, Rt. 2, Box 759E, Tampa 33610.

M.S.C. to receive the Appreciation Committee's report.

M.S.C. to accept the Nominating Committee report and adopt item by item. All of the items passed.

M.S.C. that Bill George be the representative to the Children's Home.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Prayer by Rev. David Mathews.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

NOMINATING: Gary Fry, Chairman
Harvey Hill
Tom Willey

PLACEMENT: Jim Simmons, Chairman
Norlin Jones
Harley Brown

CREDENTIALS & STATISTICAL: Ken Walker, Chairman
Buford Pierce
Roger Duncan

RESOLUTION: J. D. Norris, Chairman
David Mathews
Melvin Sanford

APPRECIATION: Sis. Louise Owen
Sis. Norlin Jones
Sis. Thelma Bass

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

We, your Credential Committee, recommend the following report for adoption:

Associations reporting were:

West Florida	9 churches
Victory	24 churches
Salem	15 churches
North Florida	13 churches
Liberty	8 churches
Indian River	7 churches
TOTAL	76

Association Fees paid:

West Florida	27.00
Victory	72.00
Salem	48.00
North Florida	39.00
Liberty	29.00
Indian River	21.00
	236.00
Church Delegates	21.00
Total Fees	257.00

Ministers registered	37
Deacons registered	6
Visitors registered	31
Associational Delegates registered	29
Church Delegates registered	4
Associations represented	6
Number of parsonages	35
Number of Ordained Ministers	104
Number of Licensed Ministers	25
Number of Ordained Deacons	129
Sunday School Enrollment	5,374
Sunday School Average Attendance	3,196
C.T.S. Enrollment	1,555
C.T.S. Average Attendance	955
Woman's Auxiliary Enrollment	469
Woman's Auxiliary Average Attendance	310
Master's Men Enrollment	138
Master's Men Average Attendance	73
Mid-week Average Attendance	1,590
Total Church Membership	<u>5,163</u>
Total Registered	103

Respectfully,
Kenneth Walker, Chairman
Buford Pierce
Roger Duncan

ANNUAL REPORT FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD

This has been a year of great accomplishment for Florida Free Will Baptists. With Home Missions we have much to report.

We presently have four Home Missions works in the state. Our newest work is Gainesville. Rev. Robert Smith has recently completed his itinerary. We need more support for this work, however, and ask you to help. Pray for him and his family as they work to build a church on the shores of Lake Newnan. They have been running about 40 in Sunday School.

Rev. Norlin Jones is our missionary in Daytona Beach. Bro. Jones has done a wonderful job with property given by a local civic association. Many have faithfully supported the effort to turn the community house facility into a church. More is needed. There is an outstanding debt of nearly \$4,000.00 for furniture and other necessities. The Daytona Beach church is averaging 18 in Sunday School. Bro. Jones has been hindered in his work by a recurring back problem. Pray for him and his work. This mission as well as the mission in Gainesville are Joint Projects with the National Home Missions Board.

Our church in Tallahassee is a National Home Missions project built by Rev. J. D. Norris. The Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist church averaged 100 for the month of September and needs to expand their facility soon. They are hindered by a \$38,000.00 debt for their land. This work needs help to pay off this amount so the growth they are displaying can continue.

West Palm Beach is our senior mission work in the State. Rev. Harley Brown is the Pastor. Averaging 27 in Sunday School, they have been hindered by a recent rapid turnover rate, losing several members and good supporters. They have an outstanding facility and location but need our prayer and support to grow.

Three of our members, Rev. Ken Walker, Rev. Harvey Hill and Rev. Gary Fry took a tour of three of our four works in April. This type tour is being considered for an annual project as a fact-finding and good will trip for the board.

It has been our joy to serve the Lord and the State of Florida Free Will Baptists this year on the Home Missions Board.

Gary Fry, Chairman

MINUTES April 6, 1979

The Florida State Home Mission Board met April 6, 1979. Members present were: Gary Fry, Buford Pierce, Harvey Hill and Kenneth Walker. Chairman Fry called the meeting to order.

MSC that all state missionaries send a monthly report to all board members. They are to use the same report form used by the national offices. The report should be received by the 10th of each month.

MSC that the mission board make a tour of our work April 30-May 2 including Tallahassee, Gainesville, Daytona Beach, and West Palm Beach.

Buford Pierce,
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES April 30, 1979

MSC to give \$100 to Wingate Hansley for auto expenses as a token of our appreciation of his efforts at Gainesville.

MSC the decision to sell or dispose of the property at Gainesville should not be made until the worker has been on the field at least a year. The decision would be a mutual agreement between the Board and the church.

MSC that after having surveyed the work at Gainesville, we feel a dire urgency to secure a worker as soon as possible. Two reasons prompting this are:

1. The intent of a letter mailed to Mr. O. W. Sams dated 7-26-78.
2. We have met with the people and have seen their burden for the work and the potential that actually exists for a good church.

MSC that the chairman of this Board be in close contact with Bro. Wingate Hansley as to the progress of coming to a workable solution in the situation in Gainesville.

MSC that the chairman send a letter to Norlin Jones in Daytona Beach as to the following:

1. We really appreciate his labor of love.
2. He has our prayers for his physical and spiritual health.
3. We suggest:
 - a. that a sign be erected as soon as possible.
 - b. that the building and property be cleaned.
4. We will promote his work whenever we can.

MSC that the chairman send a letter to Harley Brown at West Palm Beach as to the following:

1. We appreciate his work and the sweet spirit and response of the church.
2. We want you to pray seriously about a percentage change before November and the state meeting.
3. We feel it better if you suggest the percentage of change than us.
4. We feel that the people understand our position better, but we want you to keep that position before them.

MSC that the Board sponsor a Home Missions Walk-A-Thon Boost from September 1-15, 1979. The participants are to choose their own Saturday within that time span. Our goal will be \$8,000.00 to be divided equally between Tallahassee, West Palm Beach, Daytona Beach, and Gainesville. This special giving is to be above our regular missions giving. A letter is to accompany the money to each church advising its use.

Gary Fry,
Chairman

MINUTES May 23, 1979

The Florida State FWB Home Mission Board met at Marvin Chapel FWB Church in Marianna, FL. Board members present were: Gary Fry, Kenneth Walker, and Buford Pierce. The purpose of the meeting was to meet with and question Rev. Robert Smith from Virginia concerning his going to Gainesville, FL as missionary-pastor.

MSC that the Board pay his expense. He was given a check for \$200 to cover mileage, motel and meals.

MSC that the Board meet Friday morning, May 25, 1979, in Crestview, FL in order for the Board to have time to pray and think about what steps to take.

Buford Pierce,
Secretary-Treasurer

May 25, 1979

The Florida State HM Board met at Crestview, FL with Gary Fry, Kenneth Walker, and Buford Pierce present.

MSC that we hire Rev. Robert Smith to be our missionary in Gainesville, FL according to the approved contract.

MSC that it be a joint project if acceptable to the National Home Mission Board. If not, it will be a state project.

MSC that the Florida HM Board work out his itinerate as agreed on by the board members.

Buford Pierce,
Secretary-Treasurer

MINUTES October 17, 1979

The Florida State Home Mission Board met at Gainesville, Fla. Members present were Ken Walker, Harvey Hill, and Gary Fry. The immediate purpose of the meeting was to explain the contractual arrangements with Rev. Robert Smith and express what the board expected of the church as support for Bro. Smith. Those requests were:

1. \$100.00 monthly car allowance.
2. Housing equal to \$150.00 monthly.
3. \$50.00 monthly for utilities.
4. That the church designate in their records that \$300.00 of the Pastor's monthly salary is housing allowance for tax purposes.
5. That the church support the Cooperative Program in accord with Article 9, Section 3 of the Constitution and By-Laws of the Florida State Home Mission Board.

These articles were to be voted upon in a special called business meeting at the church.

MSC to recommend as a course of action at West Palm Beach the following:

1. Support shall continue at the present rate of 50% for six (6) months until April 30, 1980.
2. Support shall continue from May 1, 1980 until October 31, 1980 at the rate of 25%.
3. On October 31, 1980, support by the State Home Missions Department shall cease.
4. That the missionary-pastor be free to work to supplement his income.
5. Recommendation: That the Florida State Home Mission Board mileage be adjusted to be in line with the Executive Committee allowance (see Art. 5).

Discussion was made concerning our Walk-A-Thon. It was not as successful as hoped.

The Board discussed the necessity of all members receiving a monthly report from all our missionaries in the state.

MSC that the Secretary/Treasurer send monthly Financial Reports to all board members as well.

Gary Fry, Chairman

FLORIDA FWB HOME MISSION BOARD, INC.

Treasurer's Report

October 20, 1978-October 25, 1979

Balance on Hand October 20, 1978	\$7,849.42
Deposited	29,785.14
	<u>37,634.56</u>
Paid Out	31,835.11
Balance October 25, 1979 (in balance with bank)	<u>\$5,799.45</u>

Cash Receipts:

COOP gifts	\$13,631.08
Daytona Church Repair	3,285.00
Daytona Beach acct.	3,089.60
Tom Willey	2,455.76
Gainesville	2,094.09
West Palm Beach	1,691.86
Loan payments	1,507.62
Tallahassee	925.14
General Fund	668.48
Okeechobee	327.51
Contacto	116.00
TOTAL RECEIVED	<u>\$29,785.14</u>

Cash Disbursements:

Daytona Church Repair	\$8,285.00
Daytona—Norlin Jones	6,658.52
WPB—Harley Brown	4,320.00
Gainesville—Robert Smith	4,179.75
Tom Willey	2,455.76
Hospitalization Ins.	1,537.26
Board members travel expense	1,216.08
Moving expense for missionaries	711.00
Tallahassee—Norris	691.90
Board phone expense	510.89
Okeechobee	327.51
Bookkeeper	275.00
Property Taxes	218.96
Fill-in speakers	171.65
Gainesville church repair	125.00
Contacto	116.00
Postage, supplies	34.83
TOTAL PAID OUT	<u>\$31,835.11</u>

Bank Balances:

General Fund	\$3,852.68
Daytona Beach	466.87
Gainesville	414.34
West Palm Beach	598.71
J. D. Norris	466.85
Cash on Hand	<u>\$5,799.45</u>

Accounts Receivable:

Wright Church	\$2,411.29
Camp Mt. Pleasant	3,192.95
	<u>\$5,604.24</u>

<u>Savings Accounts:</u>		<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	
Certificate acct.	\$7,312.01	Cash on Hand	\$5,799.45
Passbook acct.	88.16	Accts. Receivable	5,604.24
	\$7,400.17	Savings Accts.	7,400.17
			<u>\$18,803.86</u>

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The Florida State Youth Board met in connection with the State Competition at Chipley First Free Will Baptist Church, Chipley, Florida. All members were present.

We went over programs for competition and registration forms. We agreed to set up the competition in separate parts of the church then convene to the main auditorium for finals. Rev. Hill was put in charge of Bible Bowl with Sis. Helton assisting. Bro. Helton took Tic-Tac-Toe with Bro. Bass & Bro. Guinn assisting. Sis. Amerson & Bro. Powell was to take charge of Bible Sword Drill and Memorization.

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

It was brought to the attention of the board that one contestant from Lake Jackson in the Art Division had been left off of the registration form and that a singing participant from Piney Grove should be added. MSC to add these contestants.

A meeting was held with all judges to give out score sheets and answer any questions they may have about their division of judging.

It was announced that all music and art would take place on Friday night. MSC to adjourn.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Youth Board was called into session to decide about expenses to No. Carolina. It was agreed by the board that we would give the winners who would represent us in National Competition \$100.00 each to help with traveling and lodging.

We discussed where we could have the competition in 1980. Due to the fact we had about 525 in attendance we need to take into consideration when selecting a meeting place. It was suggested we go to Melbourne. Bro. Guinn was to get with his people and report back at State Meeting.

The winners for this year were:

MEMORIZATION: First Grade—Jeffrey Baxter, first place; Jason Stabler, Tie for Second; Dennis Gay, Tie for Second; Second Grade—Tracey Hood, First Place; Dawn Adams, Tie for Second; Jenifer Baxter, Tie for Second; Tammy Stinson, Tie for Second; Third Grade—Roger Duncan, First Place; Rachael Toole, Second Place.

SWORD DRILL: Ronnie Hunter, First Place; Michael Nettles, Second Place; Ruby Buck, Third Place.

BIBLE TIC TAC TOE: First Place—North Florida, Lake Jackson Church—Theresa Folsom, Tammy Norris, Kelley Campbell, Alisa Lee.

Second Place—Central, Tampa Church—Nora Burgess, Annie Evans, Pamela Perkins, Carlena Nunley.

BIBLE BOWL: First Place—West Fla., Shiloh Church—Barney Lowery, Darryl Hall, Mike McCall. Second Place—Central, Tampa Church—Mary Lou Perkins, Melody Spencer, Gail Martin, Rita Bass.

VOCAL SOLO—Herald, Larry Fluty; Crusader, Keli Harvey; Ambassador, Patty Wilkins; (David Gilmon and Fay Morgan had a 1 rating)

VOCAL ENSEMBLE—Duet, Christian Home Bartow; Trio, Christian Home Bartow; Quintet, New Hope Quintet.

INSTRUMENTAL SOLO—Herald, Roger Collins, Crusader, Jeff York; Ambassador, Ken Collins.

INSTRUMENTAL ENSEMBLE—Winterhaven Ensemble.

PIANO SOLO—Herald, Connie Whitehead; Crusader, Rodney Prince. (Debra Bowles, Melody Spencer and Rhonda Simpson also scored a 1 rating.)

ORAL COMMUNICATION—Herald, Dawn Evans; Crusader, Melody Spencer; Ambassador, Fay Morgan.

ART—Herald, Theresa Folsom; Crusader, Melody Spencer; Ambassador, George Perkins.

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

October 31, 1979

The Florida State Youth Board met in conjunction with State Assoc. All board members were present.

MSC that we hold our State Competition in the Melbourne Free Will Baptist Church Melbourne, Florida. Date to be announced after secretary finds out what night Grad Nite will be held. Date will be announced in Coordinator.

Discussion of judges to be used. It was agreed by the board that we will continue to use Free Will Baptist to judge our competition. It was also stated that our judges for the 1979 competition were most competent and did a very good job.

Winners in National Competition were mentioned.

Bible Bowl

Shiloh F.W.B.—Barney Lowery, Darryl Hall, Mike McCall

Sword Drill

Lake Jackson, Tallahassee—Ron Hunter

Memorization

Tampa First, F.W.B. Church—3rd Grade—Roger Duncan

Music & Art—(Those who scored a 1 Rating)

Music—Keli Harvey

Patti Wilkins

Art—Butch Perkins

Piano—Rodney Prince

Oral Communication—Melody Spencer

Fay Morgan

Instrumental Solo—Ken Collins
Roger Collins
Jeff York
Instrumental Ensemble—Winter Haven

Camp Vaira June 17-22

We are happy to report a very good camp this year. We had good cooperation among all the workers. We had 176 campers and 37 workers. There were 23 first time decisions for Christ and 67 rededications. Rev. Tim Thompson was the evangelist.

I would like to thank all the workers, and all those who helped to make this camp possible.

Danny Williamson
Camp Director

REPORT OF CAMP MT. PLEASANT

Two sessions of camp were held.

Teen Week—June 10-June 15

76 enrolled

76 decisions of which 4 announced their call to the ministry, 12-15 felt the call to some form of full-time service, and approximately 20 said that they were going to attend Bible College.

Rev. Gary Fry, Director

Rev. J. D. Norris, Evangelist

Pre-Teen Week: June 17-12

117 enrolled

Approximately 45-50 decisions

Rev. Arthur Lambert, Director

Rev. Larry Russell, Evangelist

We also rented the camp to two associations from Alabama, a retreat by the Damascus Church; and the Women's Auxiliary from the State Line Association in Alabama used it for a weekend retreat.

It was also used for Camp Meeting August 5-10 with Rev. Ron Edgil and Rev. Jim Turnbough from Alabama as speakers. Ernest Owen and Rev. Bill George were co-directors.

We are now using our new 20 x 40 swimming pool and planning on building two class rooms, which are greatly needed.

The camp is available for weekend retreats and/or week-long youth camps. Anyone interested may contact the Secretary-Treasurer of the Board:
Rev. Bud Hill
705 W. Forrest Avenue
Chipley, Florida 32428
904/638-0046

Respectfully,
Rev. Bud Hill

MINUTES OF MEETING OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

On January 8, 1979 at 6:00 P.M. the Christian Education Board of the Florida State Association met at the Hollywood Free Will Baptist Church, Hollywood, FL. Four of the five board members were present. Bro. Arthur Lambert was not able to attend due to meeting on the same day with lawyers to close out the unfinished business of the former Salem Bible College.

Pastor Larry Montgomery and his wife graciously took care of our lodging and meals while in Hollywood. The only expenses occurred were gas allowance for mileage and any meals on the road.

The Board passed one recommendation to the FL State Association.

"We the Christian Education Board recommend that the State Association grant the Christian Education Board the power to establish an office to provide a central location for records, storage and the purchase of materials and books for use in the state wide institute program. We also ask for power to appoint the man in charge of these records."

The Christian Education Board recommends to those interested in starting a Bible Institute the following curriculum at this time.

The Evangelical Teacher Training Association Preliminary Courses.

1. Old Testament Survey Law and History
2. Old Testament Survey Poetry and Prophecy
3. New Testament Survey
4. Understanding People
5. Understanding Teaching
6. Teaching Techniques
7. Sunday School Success

At this time three of the Board members are preparing each, one syllabus, to be used as study and teaching material in Bible Institutes.

Syllabus for

1. Orientation for Christian living—prepared by Tom Willey, Jr.
2. Personal Evangelism—prepared by Bud Hill
3. Faith for Today (F.W.B. Doctrine)—prepared by William Pitts

These syllabus manuals will be ready by the 1979 Florida State Meeting.

Bud Hill took down our mileage one way to turn into Ernest Owens, Treasurer of the State Association, so each board member would be reimbursed for expenses occurred because of this meeting.

Also Tom Willey, Jr. will make a sketch of the chain of commands of the Statewide Bible Institute Program.

We adjourned at about 11:00 P.M., January 8, 1979.

Submitted by,
Ron Knight, Secretary

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY November 1, 1979

I am proud to be able to report to the Florida State Association on behalf of the State Woman's Auxiliary.

Our state auxiliary met in Auburndale on June 2 with our theme being "Knowing and Growing." We had 49 in attendance. During our fiscal year for 1978-79 our state collected and disbursed a total of \$4,048.65, \$1,394.14 of which was for our state projects, which included Daytona Beach Mission, Contacto Magazine, WNAC, Tom Willey, Jr., Tallahassee Mission, and Mabel Willey. Other gifts included *youth camps*, various *missionaries*, and *Foreign and Home Missions*. The only money kept in our treasury from the monies received is 25¢ from each \$1.50 dues received from our district and local members.

Already this year our state treasurer has received \$1,118.03, \$692.02 of which has been properly credited to our state project accounts, which consist this year of *Daytona Beach* and *Tallahassee Missions*, *WNAC*, *Tom Willey, Jr.* personal account, and *Jim Combs*. Our state goal for these five accounts is \$275.00 each or a total of \$1,375.00. Divided equally among our members it would come to \$6.75 per member for the entire year.

The Auburndale church has sent a check by me for the last three months collections in the amount of \$104.00 to bring our total collected for state projects along in the state to \$796.02.

We were privileged to have two guest speakers at our convention in June. *Mrs. Lorene Miley* was our keynote speaker and *Mrs. Cleo Pursell* told us about our national work. Though we were small in number our blessings were multiplied through the message delivered by these ladies.

We now have *three districts* and *three locals* reporting to our state. If your church has an auxiliary and you are not sure how you should report, see me during the day and I'll try to help you. Maybe you have funds which you *have not sent*, why not *mail them* on to the treasurer so our missions projects can benefit from them now.

I have noticed last year when the state association prepared *its budget* *everyone* was included in their plan of work except the woman's auxiliary. I hope that you will consider our auxiliary work important enough this year to at least remember us with some small amount in the state budget.

Respectfully submitted,
(Mrs.) Peggy L. Hutto
State President

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

	BALANCE		FROM		BALANCE
	10/7/78	RECEIPTS	COOP PLAN	DISBURSED	10/1/79
National Executive Dept.			2,453.23	2,453.23	
National C.T.S. Dept.			367.97	367.97	
National Retirement Dept.			367.97	367.97	
Foreign Missions		823.12	2,943.85	3,766.97	
Home Missions		361.00	2,943.85	3,304.85	
Children's Home (Alabama)		2,514.38	1,139.00	3,653.38	
Bible College, Nashville		970.11	2,943.85	3,913.95	
Superannuation	1,133.14	8.00		275.00	866.14
State Missions and Church Extension		749.80	13,440.08	14,189.88	
General Fund	*1,268.90	1,067.30	1,822.38	1,815.04	2,343.54
Youth Board	3,987.75	362.50	3,644.76	5,605.68	2,389.33
State Promotional Fund	1,351.48	57.09	2,733.58	2,792.60	1,349.55
Youth Camp (Mt. Pleasant)		36.00		36.00	
State Coop Plan		35,045.83			
National Master's Men			245.32	245.32	
<u>EARMARKED FOR MISSIONARIES</u>					
Coscia		55.00		55.00	
Palmer		295.00		295.00	
Payne		902.96		902.96	
Combs		60.00		60.00	
Aldridge		55.00		55.00	
Richards		55.00		55.00	
Lee		55.00		55.00	
Ellison		55.00		55.00	
Eagleton		55.00		55.00	
Aycock		290.00		290.00	
Poole		175.00		175.00	
Sturgill		79.22		79.22	
Sparks		55.00		55.00	
Van Hook		385.00		385.00	
Barron		50.00		50.00	
Dickens		50.00		50.00	
Gibbs		45.00		45.00	
Hanna		520.00		520.00	
D. Owen		480.00		480.00	
Haas		130.00		130.00	
Russell		17.00		17.00	
Smith, Gainesville		85.65		85.65	
Daytona, Jones		1,559.89		1,559.89	
Okechobee		275.00		275.00	
Lake Jackson, Tallahassee		152.59		152.59	
West Palm Beach		15.00		15.00	
CELF		45.77		45.77	
Totals	7,741.27	47,993.21		48,735.92	6,948.56
In Bank of Washington County					1,149.59
In First Fed. Savings & Loan Pass Book Acct.					5,798.97
Balance					6,948.56
Accumulated Interest thru 9/30/79					316.41
TOTAL all Accounts and Interest					7,264.97

EXPLANATIONS

STATE PROMOTIONAL FUND
(Disbursed)

Post., Printing, & Expenses	2,248.03
Rev. G. Fry, Expense & prom. meeting	110.50
Equipment	434.07
	2,792.60

GENERAL FUND (Disbursed)

Clerk	75.00
Moderator	75.00
Reports, Postage, Supplies	53.65
Food	200.00
Fee to Nat'l Assn.	125.00
Children's Home Travel	135.00
Minutes	457.96
Speaker	100.00
Treasurer	240.00
Travel (Exec. Board)	208.50
Travel (Educational Board)	144.93
	1,815.04

YOUTH BOARD (Disbursed)

Travel Expense	256.81
Reg. Fee	160.00
Trophies	232.42
Winners	3,300.00
Post., Tele., & Lit.	156.45
To Daytona Beach	1,500.00
	5,605.68

*1978 Balance General Fund 972.33 & Interest 296.57 = 1,268.90

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

June 2, 1979

Prayer by Bob Allen.

1. MSC to recommend changes in the Florida State Youth Board's constitution and By-laws. Motion and discussion was tabled until the November meeting.
2. MSC to recommend a change in the Florida State Association Constitution and By-laws Article 5 Section 4 by adding the words, "and if a called meeting requires members to stay over night, the room and board of each member will be paid from the general fund."
3. MSC that the lodging of each member who stayed over night at this meeting, be paid.
4. MSC to recommend that each church give more thought to the co-op giving plan.
5. MSC to have one man do the preaching at the association meeting in November.

Theme: To Know Him, Philippians 3:10.

6. MSC that Lindberg Bass have the devotions.
7. MSC that Gary Fry be the song director.
8. MSC to adjourn.

Prayer by Bud Hill.

October 31, 1979

1:00 P.M.

Prayer by Gerald Fowler.

1. MSC to change constitution Article 5 Section 4 by deleting the words 'one way'.

- MSC to amend it to read 10¢ per mile. The amended passed:
 "The change would read "10¢ per mile, from the General Fund."
 2. MSC to recommend that the chair appoint a committee to study a program for the state that will work toward improving financial giving.
 3. MSC to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Christian Education Board.
 4. MSC to adopt the Constitution and By-Laws of the Youth Board.
 5. MSC to pay our speaker a \$100.00 honorarium plus the expenses.
 6. MSC that the host church no longer be asked to feed the state Association. Defeated by the body.
 7. MSC that the Moderator appoint the Committee on Committees.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Danny Williamson, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, the economy and the energy problems that face our nation present added problems of travel; and, whereas, adequate facilities to accommodate all phases of the National Association are not always available at convention sites; and, whereas, ready access to all National Headquarters offices and the Free Will Baptist Bible College is available in Nashville; be it resolved that the State Association write a letter to the National Executive Office suggesting that the feasibility of centralizing our National Association Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, be taken into consideration.
2. Whereas, "Contacto" magazine is meeting an important need for Christian literature in the Spanish language; and, whereas, "Contacto" is used and appreciated by many Spanish-speaking Free Will Baptist churches, pastors and missionaries, both in the United States and abroad; be it resolved that the Florida State Association ask the Home Mission Board and the Foreign Mission Board of the National Association of Free Will Baptists to contribute to the financial support of "Contacto" magazine.
3. Whereas, some of our denomination members are still sympathetic toward the charismatic movement; and, whereas, the infiltration of charismatics into our churches has caused considerable confusion; be it resolved that our pastors preach and teach strongly on the doctrine of the Free Will Baptists and enlighten their people to the truths of God's Word.
4. Whereas, Free Will Baptists believe the Bible clearly teaches the doctrine of capital punishment; be it resolved that the State Association of Florida Free Will Baptists go on record as being for capital punishment and to instruct the clerk to write a letter to the Honorable Bob Graham and inform him of our vote of support in his stand for capital punishment.
5. Whereas, on a national level we have almost twice as many ordained and licensed ministers than churches; and, whereas, on a state level we have 49 more ordained and licensed preachers than churches, and considering that many of these ministers who hold credentials refuse to pastor churches, serve as supply pastors, work faithfully in a local church, and attend faithfully the District and State meetings; be it resolved by this body to

recommend to our District Associations to set standards whereby to judge a minister's zeal, sincerity, and faithfulness in attendance and work for our local churches, District Associations and State Association.

6. Whereas, the Bible teaches killing of the unborn baby is a sin; and, whereas, abortion on demand clearly is the murder of the helpless unborn; be it resolved that Free Will Baptist express their opposition to the practice of abortion on demand.

Respectfully,
J. D. Norris, Jr., Chairman
Melvin Sanford
David A. Matthews, Sr.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee wishes to make the following report:

Moderator—Rev. Gene Helton
Assistant Moderator—Rev. Bud Hill
Clerk—Rev. Danny Williamson
Assistant Clerk—Rev. Harvey E. Hill
Treasurer—Ernest Owen

Executive Committee

Liberty—Rev. Gerald Fowler
West Florida—Rev. Lindberg Bass
North Florida—Rev. Jim Simmons
Central Florida—Randy Brooks
South Florida—Rev. Harley Brown
Indian River—Bob Allen
Salem—Charles Powell

Planning

Rev. Larry Montgomery—Term to expire 1984

Missions

Rev. Danny Williamson—Term to expire 1984

Youth

Rev. Gene Helton—Term to expire 1984

Christian Education

J. D. Norris, Jr.—(To fill unexpired term of Billy Pitts)—1980

Wingate Hansley—Term to expire 1984

Submitted by:
Gary Fry
Tom Willey
Harvey E. Hill

PLANNING BOARD

November 1, 1979

We, the Planning Board offer these recommendations for consideration:

- 1. That \$60,000.00 be set as goal for the Stae 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 be used for dividing cooperatives monies.**

NATIONAL (35%)

20% Executive Department
25% Home Mission Department
25% Foreign Mission Department
25% Bible College
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 \$50.00 per quarter be given to Contacto from the General Fund.**

Submitted by,
W. L. Collins
Robert Owen
Odis Whitehead
David Matthews

THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We, the Placement Committee, recommend the 1980 State Association meeting be held at the Piney Grove Free Will Baptist Church in Chipley, Florida.

Submitted by:
Rev. Jim Simmons, Chairman
Rev. Norlin Jones
Rev. Harley Brown

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to express our sincere appreciation to the Westconett Church of Jacksonville, for the delicious meals, and wonderful welcome.

We recommend a standing vote of appreciation.

Respectfully,
Louise Owen, Chairman
Thelma Bass
Trannie Jones

Indian River	1	7	481	2	12	5	16	392	363
Liberty	1	8	639	4	9	1	23	435	329
North Florida	1	13	552	7	15	2	12	488	41
Salem	1	15	1,252	7	19	3	53	668	548
Victory	2	24	1,653	13	38	13	13	2,932	1,067
West Florida	1	9	586	2	11	1	12	459	356
Total	7	76	5,163	35	104	25	129	5,374	2,704

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

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Indian River	174	130	77	52	20	11	128	21.00	52,000.00
Liberty	166	150	50	38	21	15	163	29.00	105,000.00
North Florida	159	23	28	25	12	9	25	39.00	104,200.00
Salem	336	254	96	73	7	5	266	48.00	172,000.00
Victory	500	264	174	89	72	27	508	72.00	418,750.00
West Florida	220	134	44	33	6	6	200	27.00	10,000.00
Total	1,555	955	469	310	138	73	1,290	236.00	861,950.00

Associations

C.T.S. Enrollment

C.T.S. Avg. Attendance

Woman's Auxiliaries Avg. 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

	Associations	Pastors' Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for local causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions
Indian River	46,956.55					76,158.92	123,115.47	10,276.63	250.00
Liberty	49,975.30	30,473.51	7,584.90			14,802.44	102,836.15	5,586.97	3,588.86
North Florida	41,717.00		57,000.00			79,084.00	177,801.00	8,316.00	16,072.00
Salem	85,095.63	4,563.84	22,766.55	9,355.89	59,385.46	181,167.37	10,216.15	2,041.30	
Victory	125,379.08	9,579.21	41,047.54	11,941.29		289,194.33	8,817.78	12,067.86	
West Florida	40,845.00	390.00	19,217.00		19,495.00	88,081.00	8,487.00	2,405.00	
Total	389,968.56	45,006.56	147,615.99	21,297.18	248,925.82	962,195.32	51,700.53	36,425.02	

*No Report

Associations	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State and National Projects	Total spent for outside causes	Total expenditures	Value of Church Property
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Indian River	1,457.12	1,171.40		240.00	10.00	2,126.35	15,761.10	138,876.57	543,000.00
Liberty	3,575.18	1,463.19	2,510.45				16,724.65	119,560.80	760,000.00
North Florida	607.00	988.00				685.00	26,688.00	204,469.00	872,000.00
Salem	3,441.89	1,041.00	2,687.85	1,350.00	930.25	372.00	22,080.42	203,247.79	582,000.00
Victory	3,992.49	3,344.06	1,641.13	24.00	3,027.70	1,797.86	34,712.91	325,285.91	1,570,950.00
West Florida	1,890.00	28.00			1,025.00		13,826.00	101,907.00	453,000.00
Total	14,963.68	8,035.65	6,839.43	1,614.00	4,992.95	4,976.21	129,793.08	1,093,347.00	4,780,950.00

*No Report

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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's Home, to be paid 10¢ a mile from the General Fund, and if a called meeting requires members to stay over night, the room and board of each member will be paid 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 of 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.

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 FLORIDA STATE YOUTH BOARD

ARTICLE I—NAME

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

ARTICLE II—DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1. The duties of this board shall be to promote Youth Camps, Youth Rallies, and to be a co-ordinating agency between District, State and National Offices.

Section 2. To set up and direct C.T.S. Competitive activities.

Section 3. This board shall give a report of its activities to the Florida State Association's annual meeting.

ARTICLE III—MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. 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. Meetings—This board will meet semi-annually. As need arises called meetings may be held.

Section 5. Organization—The board shall elect a chairman and a secretary.

ARTICLE IV—TRAVEL EXPENSES

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

ARTICLE V

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

CONSTITUTION
of the
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD
of the
FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

ARTICLE I—NAME

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

ARTICLE II—PURPOSE

The purpose of this board shall be to promote the educational aims of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists, among these, Statewide Bible Institutes, Teacher Training Programs, Sunday School, C.T.S., Free Will Baptist Colleges and any other training methods that will help in the growth of our churches.

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. The Board shall elect a Chairman, Assistant Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer, which shall be elected annually.

Section 4. Vacancies—In the event irregular vacancies occur on this Board they will be filled by the Florida State Association.

Section 5. The Board shall meet at least once a year and/or whenever a meeting is deemed necessary.

ARTICLE IV—DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1. To create a statewide Bible Institute program that will assist and encourage the development of regional extensions in each local association.

Section 2. To assist and encourage the growth of Sunday Schools through Sunday School Conventions, workshops, etc.

Section 3. To promote the organizing of new C.T.S. groups and to assist in the training portion of existing C.T.S. groups.

Section 4. To encourage the young people of our churches to further their education in our denomination's institutions.

ARTICLE V—TRAVEL EXPENSES

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

If a called meeting requires members to stay overnight the room and board of each member will be paid.

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 Association meeting.

ARTICLE VIII—AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the board members and final approval 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.