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THIRTY-SEVENTH SESSION
OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MELBOURNE, FLORIDA

THEME:

“BUILDING CHRISTIAN HOMES”

NEXT SESSION

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OCALA, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5, 1982

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Scottsmoor
Cocoa
West Florida
Jacksonville
Marianna

Lakeland
West Palm Beach
Perry
Lakeland
Winter Haven
Tampa
Scottsmoor
Miami
Winter Haven
Miami
Nashville, TN
Bratt
Deerfield Beach
Winter Haven

Auburndale
Haines City

Vero

Melbourne
Nashville, TN
Pensacola
St. Cloud

Tampa
Hollywood
Ocala
Scottsmoor
Vero Beach
Gainsville
Nashville, TN
Melbourne
Bartow
Chipley
Tallahassee
Marianna
Jacksonville
Children's Home, AL
Piney Grove
Daytona Beach
Holly Grove
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Churches

Tampa
Bratt
Winter Haven
Chipley
Bartow
Melbourne
Miami
Tampa
Tampa
Crestview

Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
West Florida
Jacksonville
Salem
Salem
Victory
Tampa
Tampa
Winter Haven
North Florida
Liberty
Greater St. Johns
Greater St. Johns
Liberty
Scottsmoor
Salem
Bartow
Piney Grove
West Florida
West Florida
West Florida
Okchobee
West Florida

Tampa
Deerfield Beach
Chipley
Bratt
Daytona Beach
Melbourne

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Hazel Back
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Lora Rhodes
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Herman Gibson
Doug Christian
Jim Ball
Donna Christian
Jimmy Christian
Marla Grant
Bill Wilson
Hilda Wilson
Sean Halfacre
Kristen Halfacre
April Halfacre
Patti Halfacre
Gran Stinson
Tammy Stinson
Marla Stinson
Debbie Stinson
Virginia Harris
Leon Jones
Dorothy Mess
Christeen Morgan
Marty Dortch
Etheleen Gibson
Birnie Pervis
Helen Sanford
Louise Owen
Sylvia Hill
Pat Brooks
Ethel Willey
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Duane Lopez
Yeney Castro
Patsy Helton
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Vickie Melton
L. Collins
Darrel Thurston
Mabel Thurston
Ruth Karnes
Catharine Wilson
R. Bailey

Bill Graham
Ronald Bass
Orla D. Bass
Sammi Montgomery
Ruby McClan
Bucky Christian
Mrs. Lottlie
Dorothy Adams
Myrtle Hollum
L.H. Hallun
Beverly Harris
Hershel Harris
Betty Lambert
Billie Wall
Edgar Fields
Sue Pittman
Geneva Francisco
Dale Bass
Rosie Sharon
Lottie Flack
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Gene Richardson
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Danny Pippin
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Reba Mollett
Pearl Parkey
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Ruth Bass
Karen Thompson
Pam Maddy
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Valerie Boyd
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Remona Thomley

Mr. & Mrs. Earl K. Pace
Mrs. Mary Foster
Bill Gann
Dorothy Young
Theresa Little
Joyce Rogers
Dessie Jones

Wednesday, October 28
Proceedings (7:30 p.m.)

We opened the thirty-seventh session, by singing "Love Lifted Me," led by Gary Fry.

Prayer by Rev. Danny Keene.

Song "Praise Him."

Meeting call to order by the clerk, Danny Williamson, and the moderator, Gene Helton was introduced.

Welcome by host Pastor, Darrell Gwinn.

Song: "Are You Washed In the Blood."

The Assistant Moderator, Gerald Fowler, took over to lead the service.

An offering was received, with prayer by Jim Christian.

Brother Tom Willey introduced our special music, which was three choruses in Spanish.

The evening speaker, Dr. Melvin Worthington, from the National Department, was introduced.

The message: "The Importance of Christian Homes." Gen. 2:15-25, Col. 3:18-22. Dismissed in prayer by Howard Bass.

Thursday, October 29
(9:30 a.m.)

We began by singing "Revive Us Again."

Prayer by Ken Walker.

Song: "To God Be the Glory."

We had a Spanish preacher, John of the Cross, from Cuba to speak, instead of the moderator's message. (The interpreter was Tom Willey.)

1. MSC to accept the partial report of the credentials committee.
2. MSC to accept the Greater St. John's River Association, into the State Association.
3. MSC that the delegates of the Greater St. John's River Association be seated.
4. MSC to accept the report of the Committee on Committees.
5. MSC to accept the State Home Missions report.
6. MSC to accept National Home Missions report, for information.
7. MSC to accept the State Ladies Auxiliary report.
8. MSC to accept the Bible College report, for information.

9. MSC to accept the report from the Children's Home.

Song: "Victory In Jesus."

Prayer by Howard Bass.

The Morning Seminar "Structure, Relationship, and Operation of the Free Will Baptist Denomination," by Dr. Melvin Worthington, Acts 1:8.

We had a cake cutting to welcome the State Meeting.

Dismissed in prayer by Odis Whitehead.

Thursday, October 29
(1:30 p.m.)

We began by singing "How Great Thou Art," led by Tom Willey. Prayer by Brother Justus.

1. MSC to accept the State Treasury Report.

2. MSC to accept the report of the Christian Education Board.

3. MSC to accept the report of the National Sunday School Dept., for information.

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

5. MSC to accept the report of the Foreign Missions Department, for information.

6. MSC to accept the report of the State Youth Board.

7. MSC to accept the report of the National Layman's Board.

8. MSC to accept the Executive Committees report and adopt them item by item.

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Item 5. MSC

Item 6. MSC

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Item 1. Tabled MSC

Item 2. Postponed MSC

Item 3. MSC

Item 4. MSC

Item 5. MSC

9. MSC to accept a report on Contacto for information.

Each of our state missionaries were given a time to tell about their work. The Revision Committee are : Larry Montgomery, Bob Allen, Danny Keene. The Promotional Committee: Ken Walker, Jim Simmons, Gerald Fowler. Dismissed in prayer by Charles Powell.

Thursday, October 29
(7:30 p.m.)

We began by singing "When the Roll is Called Up Yonder".

Prayer by Jim Simmons.

MSC to table a move to adopt the revised edition of the Florida Home Mission Board Inc. constitution and by-laws.

Song, "We're Marching to Zion."

Prayer by Lindberg Bass.

Special music was provided by Ken Walker, singing "I'll Rise Again." An offering was received, with prayer by Danny Keene. The evening message, "The Church Ministering To The Family," was brought by Dr. Worthington. Matthew 16:13, I Corinthians 1:1-3, Ephesians 1:1. Dismissed in prayer by J.D. Norris.

Friday, October 30

(9:30 a.m.)

We began by singing "Amazing Grace", led by J.D. Norris.

Prayer by Greg Short.

The morning devotion was brought by Lindberg Bass, II Corinthians 20:3, 4.

1. MSC to receive The Resolution Committee report and adopt item by item.
2. MSC to adopt the Placement Committee Report.
3. MSC to remove from the table the motion concerning the revision of the Florida Home Mission Board Inc. constitution and by-laws. Motion was carried.
4. MSC to pay the typist \$25 and \$15 for supplies.
5. MSC to remove from the table, the motion concerning the change in the Florida State constitution, Article V, Section II. Motion carried.
6. MSC to adopt item II of the October 28 Executive Committee report.
7. MSC to receive the report of the Promotional Committee.
8. MSC to receive the Credentials Committee report.
9. MSC to receive the Planning Board report and adopt item by item.
 - Item 1 MSC
 - Item 2 MSC
 - Item 3 MSC
 - Item 4 MSC
 - Item 5 MSC
 - Item 6 MSC
- Delegates to the National Association were appointed.
10. MSC to accept the report of the Appreciation Committee.
11. MSC that the Moderator be given the power to appoint delegates as needed.
12. MSC that if money, pledged to bring the Cuban preacher and his family out of Cuba, does not come in that the general fund make up the difference, up to \$1000.
13. MSC that the money pledged to bring the preacher out of Cuba be paid at once, out of the State Home Mission treasury, and all pledges be sent to the Mission Board, within the next month.
14. MSC to adopt the Nominating Committee report.

Dismissed in prayer by David Buck.

COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

Nominating Committee: Gary Fry, Roger Duncan, Howard Bass.

Placement Committee: Bob Hager, David Isaac, Tom Kemble.

Resolutions Committee: Danny Keene, Larry Montgomery, R.C. Wiggins.
Appreciation Committee: Freda Powell, Vida Mae Rice, Katie Owen.

Signed: Harvey E. Hill
Odis Whitehead
J.D. Norris

PLANNING BOARD REPORT

Item I -Whereas, we presently have a workable plan of financial support through the Cooperative Plan and/or by designated giving,
-and, whereas, this plan has proved adequate and successful in those states whose churches have joined in unity and cooperation,
-and, whereas, any plan for mandatory support seems objectionable as violating our autonomous church structure,
-and, whereas, any alternate plan of support which depends upon voluntary participation would have the same inherent weakness as the present coop plan,
-and, whereas, this committee feels the problem lies, not in the program, but in the commitment of many of your pastors, people, & churches to actively support the Lord's work,
-and, whereas, a resolution for a state promotional program which should help our financial situation is being presented to the body in this session,

Be it resolved that the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists:

1. express our wholehearted intent to actively support all aspects of the Lord's work,
2. express our concern for the spiritual indifference which causes many of our pastors and churches to remain aloof and relatively uninvolved in our stewardship responsibilities,
3. affirm that there is a great need for additional financial support: missionary accounts are in the red; missionary appointees are delayed in going; our Florida Home Mission projects are struggling because of limited financial assistance; our state home mission board cannot start needed new works because of lack of funds,
4. affirm that God has blessed and will bless us so that the needs of God's work can be supplied as God's people open their hearts and pocketbooks,
5. call this body to prayer, asking God to move upon us with a revival spirit shake us out of complacency, and give us the faith to attempt great things for God,
6. call this body to commitment
 - commitment to honor the Lord who call us
 - commitment to build a great work for Him
 - commitment to give unreservedly so that all aspects of God's work will prosper.
7. discharge this committee of its responsibility in this aspect of the financial program of our state association.

Item II - We recommend that \$60,000 be set as a goal for the State Cooperative Plan.

Item III - We recommend that our treasurer be paid \$20 per month from the General Fund.

Item IV - We recommend that the moderator and clerk be paid \$100 each from the General Fund.

Item V - We recommend that \$100 per quarter be given to Contacto from the General Fund.

Item VI - We recommend that the following distribution of Coop fund monies:

National (35%)

State (65%)

- 63% Home Missions
- 10% Promotion
- 12% Youth Fund
- 10% General Fund
- 5% Children's Home

Submitted by
Odis Whitehead
W.L. Collins
Larry Montgomery

May 30, 1981
Ocala, FL (9:00 a.m.)

Prayer by Brother Gerald Fowler.

Theme: "Building Christian Homes"

Psalm 127:1, Jos. 24:15

1. Wednesday Night: "The Importance of the Christian Home."

1) Damon Dodd 2) Robert Picirilli 3) James Hatch

2. Thursday Morning: "The Structure of Free Will Baptist."

Melvin Worthington or Jack Williams

3. Thursday Night: "The Church Ministering to the Family."

1) Damon Dodd 2) Robert Picirilli 3) James Hatch

4. Friday Morning Devotion: Lindberg Bass

5. MSC to recommend that the Greater St. Johns River be accepted into the Florida State Association.

6. MSC to recommend that the Executive Committee be given the authority to determine the pay for the guest speakers for the state meeting when necessary.

7. MSC to give an honorarium of \$50.00 to the Thursday Morning Speaker for the seminar.

8. MSC that the moderator appoint an alternate for Friday Devotion, if necessary.

9. MSC that Brother Gary Fry be the song director.

Prayer by Tom Coxwell.

October 28, 1981
Melbourne, FL (1:30 p.m.)

Prayer by Jim Simmons.

1. MSC to change the state constitution Article V, Finance, Section II. To delete the figure \$3.00 and insert \$10.00.
2. MSC to recommend that the constitutional change be made retroactive back, to the district association, to cover this year.
3. MSC to recommend to the body that a Constitution and By-Laws Revision Committee of three (3) be appointed by the moderator.
4. MSC we move the moderator and three other appointed by him to serve in recommending to the body a promotional plan detailing their purpose, number, reimbursement from the state and any other needed details.
5. MSC we recommend that the Co-ordinator be printed on a Bi-Monthly basis, and that the Executive Committee be given the authority to hire a new editor.

Dismissed in prayer by J.D. Norris.

Thursday (6:00 p.m.)

* MSC to pay typist \$25.00 and \$15.00 for supplies.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

I. Whereas, the theme of our state association has been "Building Christian Homes", and whereas, timely messages have instructed and challenged us in this area, and whereas, the national divorce rate is over 50%

Be It Resolved that:

- a. Our pastors be encouraged to teach and preach more upon the home, emphasizing the Biblical principles which God has established for the family.
- b. Our pastors be encouraged to prepare themselves to more effectively deal with the problems of the home by reading, taking counseling courses, and seeking professional Christian counselors to which our pastors may without hesitation refer their people.
- c. Our pastors be reminded of a former resolution concerning the Equal Rights Amendment and Abortion, which are continual threats to the family institution.

II. Whereas, in recent years much of our religious freedom has been threatened, and whereas, bureaucracy and bureaucratic laws have taken away some of our Christian liberties, and brought difficulties to our ministries as we face city councils, zoning and variance boards, etc.,

Be It Resolved that our pastors and churches be informed of the names, addresses and telephone numbers of our senators, congressmen and representatives so that we may seek their help should the need arise.

III. Whereas Florida is one of the fastest growing states in the nation, with many new people moving in each year,
and whereas many of our Florida cities have no Free Will Baptist Church,
or even a fundamental, Bible preaching church,

Be It Resolved that:

- a. Our pastors and churches pray, plan and promote to send needed missionaries into our larger cities in the state of Florida.
- b. Our mission board gather information about our cities in the state that do not have Free Will Baptist churches and send this information to our National Mission Board.
- c. We do everything within our power to help our Spanish speaking people to get not only out of Cuba, but to also get established here in the USA.

IV. Be it resolved that in the coming year we make a special commitment to be a people of prayer, heeding the Biblical mandate to

- 1. pray for our President and Congressional leaders
- 2. pray for laborers, esp. in the harvest fields in Florida
- 3. pray for those in prison, esp. our Christian brethren in Communist lands
- 4. pray for one another, that Florida Free Will Baptists will make a great impact for God.

Respectfully submitted
Danny Keene
Larry Montgomery
R.C. Wiggins

Nominating

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Clerk. Rev. Danny Williamson
Assistant Rev. Harvey Hill
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Central Mr. Randy Brooks
South Rev. Larry Montgomery
Indian River Rev. Bob Allen
Salem Rev. Charles Powell
Greater St. Johns River. Rev. Albert Rollins

Planning Board

(86) Tom Kemble
(82) Rev. W.L. Collins

Missions

(86) Rev. Kenneth Walker
(83) Rev. Rashey Kennedy

Youth

(86) Rev. Charles Powell

Christian Education

(86) Leroy Cutler

Gary Fry
Roger Duncan
Howard Bass

FLORIDA STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

We the Christian Education Board met on October 29, 1981 and elected Bro. Danny Keene of Ocala as our new chairman.

During this year the number of Bible Institutes has remained about the same as last year. We especially want to recognize Bro. Harley Brown and Bro. Ken Walker who have continued faithfully with their Bible Institutes in South Florida.

We propose that the activities of this Board be expanded to include information on Christian Schools. We hope to establish an information bank so that anyone interested in Christian schools including establishment, operation and governmental problems may be informed.

Our new chairman is interested in short training courses for Sunday school teachers and we plan to back him in this program.

We have had no expenditures during this year. We are counting on the \$750.00 appropriated for last year to be available for any expenses incurred in 1982.

Respectfully submitted,
October 29, 1981
Tom Willey, Jr. Chairman (1981)
J.D. Norris
Robert Owens
Danny Owens, Chairman Elect

FLORIDA WOMAN'S STATE AUXILIARY REPORT

The Florida State Woman's Auxiliary held its annual meeting in Auburndale this year to include a prayer retreat and our annual meeting. We had a truly enjoyable meeting. Some of the highlights of our Friday night services included skits, special music, and declamations from various districts and locals across the state. Different ladies were also kind enough to share with the body their ideas about the Missions groups in their respective auxiliaries. Mrs. Mable

Wiley was our guest speaker for the Friday night and Saturday morning services. She blessed our hearts as she spoke to us on the topic "LAUNCHING OUT FOR JESUS". She told us that we must be dedicated and must sometimes go and live in places which would not be necessarily to our choosing if we were to go for Jesus as He commanded. We felt really privileged to have Mrs. Wiley as our speaker.

After our Friday night services we were dismissed to prayer groups headed by Phyllis Bass, Mary North, Sandra Jackson and Mable Wiley. These groups provided the ladies a time to share their needs and the needs of others and then a time for special prayer for these needs. We followed our prayer time with food and fellowship and a little sleep.

Our treasurer's report showed a total of \$4,502.09 in disbursements. Our state project showed a total of \$720.31 for WNAC; \$502.55 for Contacto; \$1,327.77 for Foreign Missions; and \$1,413.54 for Florida State Home Missions. We were very thankful that God blessed our ladies to surpass our projected project. We have set a goal this year of \$5,000.00 and will again support WNAC, CONTACTO, Foreign Missions and Florida State Home Missions. When you send your money in you may designate the department for which it is sent, if not, our treasurer will divide it equally between the four groups. Any monies left in the treasurer from dues, will be tithed to the WNAC office.

Last year we requested each local send \$10.00 to help defray the expense of a speaker. This worked out really well so we thought we would continue this year with the same method. Every local auxiliary is asked to send \$10.00 to the state treasurer to help with the expenses of our missionary speaker. This money should be sent in as quickly as possible.

It was suggested that the President and Vice-President try and keep the state abreast of our activities through the use of the CORDINATOR. In order to do this we need each local auxiliary to send us a newsletter of events in their group. We will in turn compile these and ask Bro. Gary Fry to publish it in his paper.

For those with elderly people in their church who cannot participate in the auxiliary actively, we encourage you to get the "mission pray-er". This keeps them abreast of the needs of our missionaries and can be obtained free by writing WNAC.

Next year our auxiliary prayer retreat and annual meeting will be held in South Florida at the camp grounds near Boca Raton on June 4th and 5th. This retreat will include three meals and lodging for one price. Watch the Coordinator for the prices and other details. We encourage each of you to make every effort to be present.

I move that you accept this report as given.

FLORIDA STATE HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Home Mission program in Florida consists of one State Project in Daytona Beach, one Joint Project in Gainesville, and one National Project in Tallahassee.

DAYTONA BEACH:

Rev. John Rhodes and his wife Gail serve in Daytona Beach. Their efforts have been divided between the completion of several projects started earlier at

the property and the regular work of the Mission. Their Sunday School average for September was 26. Rev. Rhodes was retained by the Board at the 1980 State Meeting under a yearly renewable contract.

GAINESVILLE:

Rev. Albert Rollins and his wife Irene are our missionaries to Gainesville. Their progress has been in several areas including obtaining new sanctuary furniture and working for an increase in attendance. Their September Sunday School average was 33. The need to relocate in Gainesville is great.

TALLAHASSEE:

Rev. J.D. Norris and his wife Beverly minister in Tallahassee. Their outreach includes Lake Jackson Christian Academy, a print ministry and Radio and TV in addition to the outreach of the church in the community. Their Sunday School average in September was 90.

The Board met various times as business demanded. The minutes of all meetings are available for inspection to any one interested.

Gary Fry
Chairman

FLORIDA FWB HOME MISSION BOARD, INC.
Treasurer's Report
10/14/80-10/14/81

Balance on hand 10/14/80\$ 6,712.93

RECEIPTS:

COOP20,252.78
Loan Payments1,612.65
Tom Willey, Jr.1,201.00
CONTACTO.600.00
General Fund245.35
Daytona Beach4,737.62
Tallahassee.629.78
Gainesville4,367.44
West Palm Beach445.09
Okeechobee10.00
34,101.71

34,101.71

Total.\$40,814.64

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Home Missions10,465.84
West Palm Beach1,040.09
Gainesville1,475.00
Tallahassee.600.00
Daytona Beach16,200.00
Supply Preaching.1,003.00
Tom Willey, Jr.1,201.00
CONTACTO.600.00

Property Tax	273.40	
Bookkeeping	300.00	
Board Phone Exp.	225.28	
Travel Expenses for Bd. and Missionaries .	1,418.57	
Okeechobee	185.00	
Smyrna	25.00	
Postage & Supplies.	149.12	
	<u>35,161.30</u>	
Balance on Hand 10/14/81	\$	<u>35,161.30</u> 5,653.34

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE: SAVINGS ACCOUNTS: TOTAL ASSETS:

\$1,245.75 Wright Church	\$7,400.74 Certificate (11.75%)	5,653.34 Cash on hand
<u>2,142.50</u> Camp Mt. Pleasant	<u>1,239.88</u> Passbook Acct.	3,388.25 Accts. Rec.
\$3,388.25	\$8,640.62	<u>8,640.62</u> Savings Accts.
		\$ <u>17,682.21</u>

**FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST
HOME MISSION BOARD, INC.**

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**"Promotional Team"
A Strategy For Promotional Work
Florida Free Will Baptists**

I. Select District Area Promotional Men (5)

- a. nw district-West FL Assoc. and Liberty - G. Fowler
- b. nc district-Salem & N. FL Assoc. - Charles Powell
- c. ne district-Greater St. Johns River Assoc. - H. Bass
- d. Central FL district- Indian River Assoc. & Central Assoc. - D. Gwinn
- e. South FL district- South FL Quarterly - K. Walker

II. Promote the Fall Program of FWB work

- a. our state work, special projects, missions, etc.
- b. our National work, missions, (esp. if missionaries came from FL)
- c. meet with assoc. and/or pastors, or a pastor to promote our work
- d. our FWB Bible College and its value to our people
- e. Promote a financial support for our ministries
(suggest that a systematic support of our work is needed.)

III. Procedure for the Program

- a. Select a Promotional Coordinator (could be one of the 5)
(This man would assimilate the news items, project, needs, etc. and mail out bi-monthly letters to the team of this information to be used along with that they have.)

- b. Expenses for traveling would be 10¢ a mile to meetings that would not have normally been attended.
- c. That the moderator appoint these (5) men.

Ken Walker
Gerald Fowler
Howard Bass

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Appreciation Committee wish to express our very sincere thanks for the wonderful food and fellowship that was enjoyed during the thirty-seventh session of the Florida State Association.

We recommend that a rising vote of thanks be given to the Melbourne Church for their gracious hospitality shown unto each of us.

Respectfully submitted:

Vida Mae Rice
Katie Owen
Freda Powell

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Placement Committee recommend that the 1982 State Association meeting be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Ocala. We would also like to express our appreciation for other invitations that were offered.

Bob Hager
David Isaac
Tom Kemble

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The Florida State Youth Competition met May 22-23 in Tampa with the First Free Will Baptist Church. The State Youth Board met and went over the program for the competition and registration forms. Due to a full evening of music and art competition it was decided to move the Instrumental solos and the Declarations to Saturday morning. Saturday, the Board met to decide expenses to the National. It was decided to pay \$200.00 to Bible winners and \$150.00 to Music and Art winners, with no group receiving over \$500.00.

The youth board met Thursday, October 29, and decided to have the 1982 Florida State Youth Competition in Marianna, FL, May 21-22, 1982.

The National adopted a rule change in Sword Drill with a winner from each grade. The Board moved for the District to send a winner and runner-up from each grade.

CAMP MT. PLEASANT REPORT

June 14-July 3, 1981

TEEN WEEK - Director	Rev. Clifford Holland	
67 Enrolled	6 Rededications	
PRE-TEEN WEEK - Director	Rev. Charles Powell	
70 Enrolled	15 Conversions	
	50 Rededications	
JUNIOR WEEK - Director	Rev. Gary Fry	
23 Enrolled	3 Conversions	
	8 Rededications	

CAMP VAIRA

June 14-19, 1981

We had a very exciting camp this year. Our evangelist was Rev. Jeff Lunsford, who did a fine job preaching the Word. We had the Evangels, from the Bible College Drama Club, on Friday morning. They were a real blessing to us. *We had 14 first time decisions and 38 rededications. We had 150 campers.* I would like to thank everyone who made our camp possible.

Camp Director
Danny Williamson

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

	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>10/1/80</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>FROM</u> <u>COOP PLAN</u>	<u>DISBURSED</u>	<u>BALANCE</u> <u>10/1/81</u>
National Executive Dept.		105.63		105.63	
National Coop Plan			14,912.73	14,912.73	
Foreign Missions		1,243.69		1,243.69	
Home Missions		397.36		397.36	
Children's Home (Alabama)		2,610.47	1,384.75	3,995.22	
Children's Home (Tennessee)		174.53		174.53	
Bible College, Nashville		1,970.64		1,970.64	
Superannuation	582.14	42.50		327.50	297.14
State Missions and Church Extension		319.46	16,340.08	16,659.54	
General Fund	*3391.15	639.14	2,215.60	3,555.88	2,690.01
Youth Board	4115.99	670.00	4,431.20	6,192.98	3,024.21
State Promotional Fund	***1656.17		3,323.41	3,258.70	1,720.88
Youth Camp, Mt. Pleasant		289.07		289.07	
State Coop Plan		42,607.77			

EARMARKED FOR MISSIONARIES & MISSIONS

Coscia	108.50	108.50
Payne	824.36	824.36
Aldridge	75.00	75.00
Richards	211.79	211.79

Lee	100.30	100.30	
Ellison	75.00	75.00	
Eagleton	75.00	75.00	
Aycock	260.00	260.00	
Poole	248.37	248.37	
Sturgill	234.06	234.06	
Sparks	75.00	75.00	
Van Hook	120.00	120.00	
Barron	60.00	60.00	
Dickins	64.00	64.00	
Gibbs	55.00	55.00	
Hanna	275.00	275.00	
D. Owen	4,140.04	4,140.04	
Haas	89.50	89.50	
Bishop	215.54	215.54	
V. Maness	26.57	26.57	
Hughes	137.78	137.78	
Gainesville	1,163.92	1,163.92	
Daytona	1,479.62	1,479.62	
Okeechobee	175.00	175.00	
Lake Jackson	654.70	654.70	
West Palm Beach	95.00	95.00	
Sunny Hills	879.08	879.08	
New Smyrna	25.00	25.00	
Def. Accts.	369.38	369.38	
Totals	9,745.45	63,395.98	7,732.24
In Bank of Washington County			1,270.24
In First Federal Savings & Loan			6,461.37
Accumulated Interested			365.03
TOTAL ALL ACCOUNTS			\$8,097.27

EXPLANATIONS

STATE PROMOTIONAL FUND

** To correct 1980 Balance	3.04
Postage, Printing (CoOrd)	2158.70
Rev. G. Fry, Salary	1100.00

GENERAL FUND

Clerk	100.00
Moderator	100.00
Postage, Reports	72.98
Assoc. Exp., Annual Meeting	123.29
Speaker, Annual Meeting	100.00
Typing, Annual Meeting	40.00
Fee to National	125.00
Travel Exp., Children's Home	180.00
Travel Exp., Exec. Board	363.40
Travel Exp., Moderator	235.00
Treasurer	240.00
Minutes	476.21
Bible College Founders Club	1000.00
Contacts	400.00
TOTAL	\$ 3555.88

YOUTH BOARD

Travel Expense	318.60
Trophies, Medals, Mat.	311.88
Nat. Reg. Fee	300.00
Tele. calls, Mat.	112.50
Awards to Winners	<u>5150.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6192.98
(1 Award Returned	150.00)

***1980 Balance General Fund and Interest \$345.99 = \$3391.15**

Associations	No. Quarterly Meetings	No. Churches	Church Membership	No. Parsonages	No. Ordained Ministers	No. Licensed Ministers	No. Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enrolment	Sunday School Avg. Attendance	C.T.S. Enrolment	C.T.S. Avg. Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary Enrolment	Woman's Auxiliary Avg. Attendance	Master's Men Enrolment	Master's Men Avg. Attendance	Mid-Week Service Avg. Attendance	Amount enclosed for fees	Value of Parsonage Property
Indian River	1	8	549	1	15	2	15	437	363	170	119	77	51	25	13	185	24.00	
Liberty	1	8	579	4	9	5	17	369	320	143	105	46	12	25	9	192	24.00	155,000.00
N. Florida	1	13	437	5	15	7	14	778	366	186	128	57	40	20	15	241	774.21	136,000.00
Salem	1	15	966	9	18	3	54	690	545	347	304	67	53	8	6	198	48.00	217,500.00
Victory	2	23	1593	11	38	12	53	1475	1252	388	354	164	121	57	44	557	69.00	526,750.00
West FL	1	6	621	2	9	1	18	569	365	226	128	31	31	0	0	97	18.00	
Greater St.																		
John's River	1	8	516	0	10	2	12	370	314	128	118	40	30	0	0	193	24.00	
TOTAL	8	81	5261	32	114	32	182	4688	3525	1588	1256	482	338	135	87	1663	981.21	1,035,250.00

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

Associations	Pastors' Salaries	Evangelistic Work	Building and Repair	Literature	Other	Total \$ for local causes	Cooperative Plan	Foreign Missions
Indian River								
Liberty	55,072.71		4,993.46	38,924.71		116,350.66	5,802.46	4,840.35
N. Florida	45,283.00	125.00	13,302.56	7.75	36,520.94	94,616.50	9,163.13	6,662.43
Salem	89,485.00	5,118.44	62,424.21	12,644.37	52,857.27	222,529.25	9,890.52	2,060.12
Victory	247,748.12	6,999.52	69,801.03	12,224.80	169,071.55	566,565.77	5,750.73	17,018.76
West FL	40,660.71		14,177.00	36,377.89	7,991.00	99,206.60	7,034.35	5,705.05
Greater St.								
John's River								
TOTAL		12,242.96	164,698.26	100,179.52	266,440.76	1,099,268.70	37,641.19	36,286.71

Associations	Home Missions	Education	Orphanage	Superannuation	Associational Projects	State and National Projects	Total spent for outside causes	Total expenditures	Value of Church Property
Indian River									
Liberty	3,490.33								
N. Florida	8,764.98		1759.95			3,832.08	15,699.65	132,050.31	700,000.00
Salem	5,224.92	2896.54	3671.97	76.00	1481.79		22,223.47	110,088.64	771,000.00
Victory	5895.31	3051.33	1501.29	24.00	1323.95	100.00	25,401.86	247,931.11	738,408.33
West FL	2,997.44	364.91			281.41	3,636.82	38,835.19	605,501.39	1,906,250.00
Greater St.						1,057.28	17,440.44	116,647.04	467,000.00
John's River									
	26,372.98	6312.78	6933.21	100.00	3087.15	8,626.16	119,600.61	1,212,218.49	4,582,658.33

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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 \$10.00 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—NAME**

This board shall be known as the Florida Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board, Inc.

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 the the Constitution and By-Laws of the State Association.

ARTICLE IV—OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

Officers of this board shall be Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and 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. Committees may be appointed by the chairman or elected by the board as the need arises.

ARTICLE V—MEETINGS

Meetings shall be held as the need arises. Necessary meetings may be called by the chairman or the secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE VI—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. Mileage for board members' expenses shall be paid from the general fund, limited to 10¢ per mile.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. 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.

Section 2. A majority membership shall constitute a quorum and be duly authorized to transact business. All items of business must receive a majority vote of a quorum before it is considered final. All members not present in meetings shall be notified of decisions made by the board.

Section 3. 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.

Section 4. A complete report of the board meetings and activities and a complete financial report must be presented to the annual State Associational meeting.

Section 5. 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 6. 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 7. Any work receiving financial support must agree to support the denominational cooperative program.

Section 8. Any work receiving financial support as a loan must accept such 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 9. 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 10. 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 11. 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 12. 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 13. 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 14. 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.

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.