

1986

MINUTES OF THE
FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

October 29--31, 1986

Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist Church

Tallahassee, Florida

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

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Executive Committee

Central Florida.....Randy Brooks
 Greater St. John's River.....Albert Rollins
 Hispanic.....Benito Rodriguez
 Indian River.....Bob Allen
 Liberty West Florida.....Aaron Birch
 North Florida.....J.D. Norris
 Salem.....Bill George
 South Florida.....Mark Hollis
 West Florida.....R.C. Wiggins

Home Missions Board

1991.....Tom Collins
 1990.....J.D. Norris
 1989.....Bob Allen
 1988.....Leroy Cutler
 1987.....Harvey Hill

Youth Board

1991.....Jimmy Aldridge
 1990.....Ruby Amerson
 1989.....Patsy Helton
 1988.....Darrell Gwinn
 1987.....Howard Bass

Christian Ed. Board

1991.....Steve Hughes
 1990.....Ron Helms
 1989.....Carlie Lloyd
 1988.....Bill Conlon
 1987.....James Christian

Promotion Team

1991.....Odis Whitehead
 1990.....John McCall
 1989.....Darrell Gwenn
 1988.....Mark Hollis
 1987.....Howard Bass

BUSINESS SESSIONS

Wednesday, October 29, 1986, 7:30 P.M.

The service opened with congregational singing led by Stephen Hales, "Victory in Jesus"; prayer was led by Ron Helms. The session was called to order by the clerk, Larry Montgomery, who also introduced the moderator, Gene Helton. The moderator gave greetings and a welcome, and introduced the host pastor, J.D. Norris, who also gave a welcome.

After a congregational song, "Amazing Grace", the offering was received. The piano offertory was played by Mrs. Hales. Special music was presented by Sister Ruby Amerson.

The moderator appointed committees as follows: Credentials Committee: Odis Whitehead, Albert Rollins, R.C. Wiggins.

Committee on Committees: Darrell Gwenn, Bill Conlon, Randy Brooks.

The message was presented by Dr. Ken Riggs of Free Will Baptist Bible College. His text was Matthew 16:18 entitled "What's Right with the Church." After announcements a prayer for adjournment was led by Steve Hughes.

Thursday, October 30, 1986, 9:30 A.M.

The congregation sang "Praise Him, Praise Him" led by Stephen Hales. After prayer we sang "Standing on the Promises."

MSC to receive the partial report of the Credentials Committee given by R.C. Wiggins.

MSC to receive the report of the Committee on Committees, given by Bill Conlon. (see section on reports)

The moderator recognized several new pastors in the state, and had them stand and introduce themselves.

MSC to receive the informational and financial reports of the State Home Missions Board, given by Leroy Cutler.

Elmer Turnbough gave the report for National Home Missions. MSC to receive as information.

MSC to receive the report of the State Youth Board given by Ruby Amerson.

MSC to receive the report of the State Woman's Auxiliary given by Peggy Hutto.

Home missionary at Gainesville, FL, Albert Rollins, gave a report of his work.

Elmer Turnbough, state leader for the Advance Celebration foreign missions project, gave a report, indicating pledge goals from the Florida churches amounted to \$62,324.00. MSC to receive as information.

MSC to receive the report of the Historical Commission given by Steve Hasty.

A correction was noted for the 1985 Minutes, page 12, Executive Board Report, Item 5, c. Expenses are to be taken from the funds raised in the state.

MSC to receive the Treasurer's Report given by John McCall.

Business recessed for the morning worship service. Congregational singing was led by Stephen Hales, Mrs. Wiggins at the piano. After prayer, special music was presented by Ruby Amerson. Dr. Ken Riggs brought the message on "Daily Walk." We were dismissed with prayer and lunch was served by the host church.

Thursday, October 30, 1986, 1:30 P.M.

After congregational singing and prayer, Dr. Ken Riggs again brought a message from the Word.

The business session resumed.

MSC to receive the report of the Promotional Team given by John McCall.

ST. Petersburg Mission Report was given by Home Missionary Elmer Turnbough. MSC to receive as information.

Harold Harrison gave reports from the National Sunday and CTS department. MSC to receive as information

Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a report from the National Executive office. MSC to receive as information.

MSC to receive as information the report of the National Foreign Missions Department given by Eugene Waddell.

MSC to receive as information the report from Free Will Baptist Bible College given by Ken Riggs.

The clerk, Larry Montgomery, presented the report of the State Executive Committee. MSC to receive the report and adopt item by item. Item 1, MSC to adopt, and for moderator to appoint the committee; Item 2, MSC to lay on the table (necessary for constitution change); Item 3, MSC to adopt; Item 4, MSC to adopt. The moderator appointed the committee for Item 1: Steve Hasty, Lindbergh Bass, Bobby Clyatt.

Brother Hubbard gave a report for the Layman's Board. He gave a challenge for the Master's Men chapters in Florida to raise \$1000 for the National department.

The afternoon session was adjourned with prayer by Darrell Gwinn.

Thursday, October 30, 1986, 7:30 P.M.

Congregational singing was led by Stephen Hales, "Ring the Bells of Heaven" and "Stand Up for Jesus"; prayer was led by Leroy Cutler. Brother Cutler gave a challenge for the St. Petersburg mission need. Tim Jordan, a visitor from Georgia, gave a report and a challenge for the Master's Men.

Special music was presented by Stephen Hales. Ken Riggs preached from Gal. 3:24, 25 on "How to Live Right" or "Seven Principles for Christian Maturity." After announcements the benediction prayer was led by John McCall.

Friday, October 31, 1986, 9:30 A.M.

The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Rescue the Perishing"; prayer by Larry Montgomery. Ken Riggs brought the message from Psalm 143:10 on "The Will of God."

The business session resumed.

MSC to receive the Target 90 report by Larry Montgomery.

Randy Bryant, editor of The Coordinator, gave an informational report on the state newsletter.

MSC to receive the report of the Alabama Children's Home by our state board member, Odis Whitehead.

MSC to remove Item 2 of the Executive Committee report from the table. MSC to adopt.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Jeff Lunsford. MSC to receive the report and adopt item by item. Item 1, MSC; Item 2, MSC; Item 3, MSC.

MSC to receive the report of the Placement Committee given by Bob Allen, and adopt their recommendation for the 1987 association to meet at the Auburndale Church, Oct. 28-30, 1987.

The Budget Committee report was presented by Howard Bass. MSC to receive and adopt item by item. MSC to adopt each item, 1 through 5.

MSC to receive the Statistics Committee final report as presented by R.C. Wiggins.

MSC to receive the Appreciation Committee report presented by Harvey Hill.

Delegates were elected to the 1987 National Association as follows: Bob Hagar, Mark Hollis, Stephen Hales, Carolyn Hasty, Etha Mae Owen, and alternate, Shirley Johnson.

MSC to receive the report of the Nominating Committee given by Leroy Cutler. After two nominations from the floor were defeated, all nominations from the committee were duly elected to office.

MSC to adjourn. We were dismissed with prayer.

REPORTS

Committee on Committees Report

Nominating Committee: Leroy Cutler, Randy Bryant, Robert Owen.
Resolutions Committee: Jeff Lunsford, Steve Hasty, Steve Hughes.
Placement Committee: Bob Allen, Harvey Luke, Bobby Clyatt.
Appreciation Committee: Harvey Hill, Jimmy McNeil, Walter Rice.
Budget Committee: Bill George, Ernest Owen, Howard Bass.

Credentials Committee Report

Reporting at this associational meeting:

Associations	9	Assn delegates21
Ministers	45	Local church delegates.	9
Deacons	10	Visitors54
Total.	148		

Target 90 Report

It was 1 year ago that the Florida State Association officially adopted the Target 90 program to encourage the growth of our Florida Free Will Baptist churches.

While there seems to be a wide-spread interest in the growth of our churches, only 17 churches returned the cards to enroll in the Target 90 program. This is fewer than 1/3 of our Free Will Baptist churches in Florida. I hope this does not accurately reflect the total number of churches that are actually seeking to grow.

Perhaps a comparison of the 1985 and 1986 reports will be enlightening:

	<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>Gain/Loss</u>
Membership.....	5,344	5,381	+37 (1%)
Sunday School Attendance....	2,938	3,089	+151 (5%)
Baptisms.....	242	215	-27

I believe that a challenging, but realistic, goal for growth is 10%. Our 5% growth in Sunday School attendance is to be commended, but we need to strive for greater things.

Our growth in church membership is obviously lacking, with not quite 1% increase. I am unsure of all the factors involved, but certainly our decrease in baptisms this year is also reflected in the membership figures.

Several of our churches have experienced exciting, substantial growth. Several other churches have shown smaller, but significant increases. But many of our churches have shown no growth, or worse yet, have declined in attendance.

Brethren, while we have experienced some growth and praise God for it, we have not grown as we could and should. Florida is one of the greatest mission fields on this earth, and the fields are ripe unto harvest right where we live and minister. We can grow; we should grow. We need to be reaching out to our unsaved and unchurched communities as never before. Let us strive harder in 1987 to reach people for Jesus and build churches for His glory.

State Home Missions Board

Your Florida State Home Missions Board has had a very busy year. It has been a very fruitful year as well. The response of our Free Will Baptist people in Florida has been outstanding.

The Gainesville work where missionary Albert Rollins and his wife, Irene, have labored so faithfully is proud to report that they are about ready to dedicate their new building. The bricklayers are working this week and so are the sheet-rock finishers. Some of their needs are for paint and painters, pews, and the sale of \$16,000 worth of bonds. He is hoping to have the dedication service by Thanksgiving.

The ST. Petersburg work where missionary Elmer Turnbough and his wife, Gladys, are serving is being pressed to move due to the sale of the property where they have been meeting. New property has been located and approved by the board for purchase. An offer of \$240,000.00 has been accepted by the seller. NOW the challenge is for us to raise approximately \$60,000 by the 15th of November for the down payment and closing costs. The purchase of this property is contingent on us being able to get financing. As of this date about half of the down-payment money has come in and several lenders have expressed an interest in financing the building. They could be in their new building by December 1st.

We are receiving income from the sale of property in Jacksonville and Lake Wales. This has proven to be a good steady source of income for the Florida State Home Mission Board, Inc.

We regret the loss of Reverend Ken Walker from our board due to his acceptance of a new pastorate in Ashland, Kentucky. He and Lou have been a real blessing to the mission work in Florida.

The board met with both of our mission works during the year and find them in good spirit. Truly we are LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.

Treasurer's Report Florida Home Missions Board

Balance on hand 10-14-85..... \$ 27,051.71

Receipts:

COOP	20,576.56
General Fund.....	218.00
Gainesville	3,658.11
St. Petersburg	4,474.98
West Palm Beach	15.00
Steve Hughes, WPB salary assistance	543.46
Tom Willey Jr.	727.83
Lake Wales Property payments	1,693.95
Rent & Payments, Jax. property	5,162.64
Voided check #1318	83.40

Sold Mobile Unit	1,000.00	
FWBBC Walkathon	130.50	
St. Petersburg Land Fund	1,396.00	
Petty Cash returned to Gen. Fund	222.97	
	<u>39,903.40</u>	<u>39,903.40</u>
		66,955.11

Disbursements:

Nat. Home Missions	19,617.25	
Travel Exp. of Board and Missionaries	2,626.24	
Phone	47.12	
Check Returned ISF	549.80	
SC on Returned Check	6.00	
Kermit Bias	1,815.66	
Taxes on Jax. property	337.44	
Annual Incorporation Fee	25.00	
W.P.B. Church	15.00	
Rev. Steve Hughes, WPB	543.46	
Tom Willey, Jr.	727.83	
Bookkeeping	325.00	
Postage	44.00	
Christmas gifts to state missionaries	100.00	
Miss. Assist to National	150.00	
Mobile Unit Registration	83.40	
Closing Costs Jax. property	23.00	
St. Pete property grant	10,000.00	
SE Bank Plus Fund	20,000.00	
FWBBC Walkathon	130.50	
St. Pete Land Fund	1,396.00	
	<u>58,562.70</u>	<u>58,562.70</u>
Balance on hand 10-14-86		8,392.41

Accounts Receivable

Gainesville Church	1,000.00
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Savings Accounts:

Certificate, 10.25%, \$10,000 + interest	11,548.58
Passbook Account	3,577.68
Two Church Bonds	2,000.00
Security Plus Account	20,509.98
	<u>\$ 37,636.24</u>

Total Assets:

Cash on hand	8,392.41
Accounts Receivable	1,000.00
Savings Accounts	<u>37,636.24</u>
	<u>\$ 47,028.65</u>

Executive Committee Report

Item 1: (a) We recommend the appointment of a 3-person study committee to examine the matter of any church closings or loss from our associations. This committee is to make a study for 1 year, and report to the 1987 State Association any pertinent information and/or recommendations. Expenses are to be paid from the general fund.

(b) District clerks are asked to provide information on church closings in their district on the annual report form.

Item 2: We recommend a Constitution change for the state Youth Board. Article IV, Travel Expenses, to read..."Any called meeting that requires a member to stay overnight, his room and board shall be paid from the Youth Fund account."

Item 3: We recommend that we pay the expenses of our association speaker, and provide an honorarium of \$350.

Item 4: We recommend the host church be given \$20 for paper, copying, etc.

Resolutions Committee Report

1. Whereas the State of Florida will hold it's general election on November 4, 1986, be it resolved that this body encourage all believers to exercise their American right and fulfill their Christian duty by voting, and that we encourage our people to pay particular attention to the stands taken by the candidates on moral issues in the upcoming election.

2. Whereas this body went on record at our State Meeting in 1984 as supporting the boycott of 7-11 stores for selling pornographic materials, and sent the Southland Corporation a letter stating the same, and whereas the boycott has successfully resulted in their removal of such materials, be it resolved that we, by letter, commend the Southland Corporation for their recent decision.

3. Be it resolved that all Florida Free Will Baptists vehemently oppose legalized gambling in any of its subversive forms, since its practice destroys character, fiscal responsibility, and is contrary to the clear teachings of such Scriptural passages as 1 Timothy 6:10, "For the love of money is the root of all evil; which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows."

Be it further resolved that we do categorically oppose the current referendum effort to consider the issue of casinos on a county basis, and a state-run lottery.

Woman's Auxiliary Report

Using the scripture of Matthew 28:19 and 20, Peggy Hutto presented a devotional: "Wanted: A Missionary Heart" depicting a Christian as having 3 areas of "heart growth," a growing heart,

a glowing heart and a going heart. She also stated the state Woman's Auxiliary had raised \$2,020.34 in 4 months for the Dennis Owen account as well as approximately \$3,000 toward the 1989 National Association--a lot for which to be thankful.

Budget Committee Report

1. We recommend that \$65,000 be set as the goal for the State Cooperative plan of support for 1987.
2. We recommend the following distribution of CO-OP money:
National - 40%; State - 60% to be disbursed as follows:

Home Missions.....	65%
Youth Board.....	13%
General Fund.....	8%
Promotion.....	6%
Children's Home.....	6%
Historical Society.....	1%
Convention Fund.....	1%
3. We recommend our treasurer be paid \$40.00 per month from the general fund.
4. We recommend the moderator and clerk be paid \$200 each from the general fund.
5. We recommend that the treasurer sit in with the Budget Committee as an advisor.

Placement Committee Report

We the placement committee recommend that the 1987 state association meet at the Auburndale Church.

Appreciation Committee Report

The Appreciation Committee wished to express our sincere thanks to the Lake Jackson Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful meals, beautiful facilities and warm hospitality given to us during this association.

We also express our appreciation to Stephen Hales and the musicians and special singers for inspirational music and singing.

We also wish to express our appreciation to Brother Gene Helton for his many faithful years of service as our moderator.

We recommend a rising vote of thanks for all of the above.

Nominating Committee's Report

Executive Committee:

Central Florida.....Randy Brooks
Greater St. John's River.....Albert Rollins
Indian River.....Bob Allen
Hispanic.....Benito Rodriguez
Liberty West Florida.....Aaron Birch
North Florida.....J.D. Norris
Salem.....Bill George
South Florida.....Mark Hollis
West Florida.....R.C. Wiggins

Home Missions Board:

1991 (to replace Ken Walker): Tom Collins

Christian Education Board:

1988 (to replace Tom Willey): Bill Conlon

1991 (to replace Odis Whitehead): Steve Hughes

Youth Board:

1991 (to replace Elmer Turnbough): Jimmy Aldridge

Promotion Team:

1988 (to replace Ken Walker): Mark Hollis

1991 (to replace Odis Whitehead): Odis Whitehead

Alabama Children's Home:

Odis Whitehead

General Board Member:

Robert Owen

Florida State Youth Board

The Florida State Youth Board met in conjunction with the State Youth Competition on May 16 and 17, 1986 at the Wesconnett Free Will Baptist Church in Jacksonville.

All Board members were present with the exception of Brother Gwinn, who had asked Brother Helton to sit in his place. Sister Ruby went over all registration forms to show that they were in order with the exception that one district had not paid their fees. Brother Bass assured the board that his treasurer would be at the meeting and he would take care of the fees.

Questions were opened and passed out to each of the board members in charge of each category.

The youth board met with the judges, quizleaders and scorekeepers at 6:00 p.m. We went over the rules in each category and answered questions.

The board met again on Saturday morning and it was decided that we would ask the executive board to include expenses for the board to include 1 night motel and any expense board members had for meals.

It was approved by the board that we would give each Bible contestant \$150.00 and each music and arts contestant \$100 to assist them in the travel to National Competition in Oklahoma.

The next board meeting to be held in Tallahassee, during the State Association in October.

The Board met at Lake Jackson FWB Church in conjunction with the state association. Board members present were: Sis. Ruby Amerson, Sis. Patsy Helton, Bro. Darrell Gwinn, and Bro. Howard Bass.

MSC to have the State Youth Competition May 15 & 16, 1987 at the Wesconnett FWB Church in Jacksonville.

MSC to request the Executive Board for a change in our By-Laws and Constitution to coincide with their board for payment of Motel and food for board members to attend any youth board meeting except the one at the state association.

MSC for us to request the Budget Committee to consider changing our percentage of the funds for Youth Board from 12% to 15% so that we would have enough funds to cover our expenses.

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
 FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
 October 1, 1985 - September 30, 1986
 Mr. John McCall, Treasurer

<u>Source</u>	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursed</u>	<u>Balance</u>
General Fund	\$ 6,215.87	\$ 2,604.11	\$ 6,709.81	\$ 2,110.17
Youth	1,596.25	4,898.70	5,551.78	943.17
Promotional	5,946.41	3,353.51	4,393.92	4,906.00
Historical		323.43		323.43
N.Con.	1,563.96	4,065.67		5,629.63
State Home Mission		23,371.03	23,371.03	
Children's Home		1,975.16	1,975.16	
National Coop		21,561.96	21,561.96	
Bible College		300.00	300.00	
Foreign Missions		2,896.47	2,896.47	
National Home Mission		374.74	374.74	
Camp Mt. Pleasant		455.00	455.00	
Gainesville		429.48	429.48	
St. Petersburg		92.55	92.55	
Sturgill		205.52	205.52	
Owen		126.00	126.00	
Payne		956.91	956.91	
West		5.00	5.00	
Totals	\$15,322.49	\$67,995.24	\$69,405.33	\$13,912.40

Includes Interest on CD--\$2,261.59

Explanation of Disbursements

General Fund:

Willard Wilcox, Honorarium	\$ 650.00
Moderator	259.86
Clerks	273.00
Treasurer	480.00
Clerk Expenses (Typing)	50.00
Whitehead (Exp. for Children Home)	360.00
Postage for Treasurer	44.00
Ex. Board Travel Expense	1,133.14
National Fees	760.00
Travel Expense Advance	1,659.99
Honoring Cocoa Church	200.00
Project 90 Exp.	787.00
Helton (flowers for w.J. Amerson)	30.00
	<u>\$6,709.81</u>

Youth Board:

Medals	\$ 116.05
Trophies (Benton)	203.00
Nat. C.T.S. Regist.	320.00
Winners Travel	4,550.00
Board Mem. Travel	362.73
	<u>\$5,551.78</u>

State Promotional Work:

Gerald Fowler, Coord. Exp.	\$4,393.92
Randy Bryant, Coord. Exp.	

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS

District Association	No. of Churches	Church Membership	Members Added	Members Lost	Baptisms	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enroll.	Sunday School Avg. Attend.	C.T.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Avg. Attendance	Woman's Auxiliary enroll.	Woman's Aux. Avg. Attend.	Master's Men Enrollment	Master's Men avg. attend.
Central Florida	18	1266	164	61	57	33	6	38	1031	880	247	208	88	62	14	11
Gr. St. John's	9	328	-	-	20	11	0	11	360	237	35	28	40	32	12	10
Hispanic	3	196	15	13	10	7	3	12	145	95	-	-	75	45	45	25
Indian River	10	778	60	43	27	18	1	21	480	375	187	128	61	49	33	25
Liberty West FL	7	516	14	23	5	5	2	11	337	268	95	74	41	36	24	23
North Florida	4	177	37	9	10	5	5	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Salem	15	1114	51	59	37	17	7	29	661	494	300	263	82	54	23	19
South Florida	5	420	64	32	36	5	2	12	346	285	108	130	50	42	38	34
West Florida	4	586	24	9	13	9	2	12	386	270	217	160	18	15	-	-
Totals	75	5381	429	249	215	110	28	156	3746	2904	1189	991	313	303	189	147

51	District Associations	Full-time Pastors	Part-time Pastors	City Churches	Rural Churches	Parsonages	Churches with Day Care, Christian Day School, etc.	Total Church Income	Value of all Church Properties	Enclosed for Dues
	Central	10	8	10	8	5	1	\$ 387,783	\$ 1,576,860	\$ 255
	Gr. St. John's	6	3	8	1	5	1	140,000	990,000	135
	Hispanic	2	1	3	0	1	2	150,000	750,000	45
	Indian River	3	6	5	5	5	0	150,708	739,000	150
	Liberty West FL	5	2	3	4	5	0	126,334	684,000	105
	North Florida	4	0	1	3	2	1	237,320	575,000	60
	Salem	13	0	4	9	7	1	330,556	1,385,000	225
	South Florida	4	1	4	1	4	2	174,184	1,219,000	75
	West Florida	4	0	1	3	3	1	146,960	460,000	75
	Totals	51	21	40	34	37	9	\$ 1,843,845	\$ 8,378,860	\$ 1,125

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 for 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 Home Missions, Christian Education and Youth Boards.

Section 3. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer, the chairman of each standing board, and one elected member from each affiliated district association. District associations shall recommend their representative on the Executive Board annually. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

The Promotional Team is a standing committee of this association. Other committees may be appointed as needed.

Section 4. When vacancies occur either by death, removal from office, or by resignation, the general officers shall appoint a temporary replacement until the next regular session of this body, at which time the body shall elect a permanent replacement. 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 five (5) members which shall be elected to five (5) year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected yearly.

Section 7. This body shall have the right to discipline any officer or board member who does not conduct his office in a Christian and business-like manner according to the rules of Christian conduct laid down in the New Testament.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

Section 1. Regular: This association shall convene annually on Wednesday evening, Thursday, and Friday before the first Sunday in October.

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 in this body shall pay a representation fee annually. The amount of this fee for an association is \$15.00 per member church. The fee for local churches is \$10 per delegate.

Section 2. All Cooperative Plan 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 3. Mileage for the Executive Committee members and the Florida board member to the Children's Home shall be paid at twelve (12) cents per mile from the General Fund. If a called meeting requires a member to stay over-night, his room and board will be paid from the General Fund. Mileage and expenses shall be paid for the moderator to attend the denomination's annual leadership conference.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to preside over all deliberations of this body while in session. All meetings shall be governed by Roberts Rules of Order.

Section 2. The Assistant Moderator shall assume the duties, rights and privileges of the Moderator in his absence.

Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to make and keep records of all the business proceedings and activities of this body.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to receive all funds, pay all bills, and submit records when leaving office. The Treasurer must give bond while filling this office.

Section 5. Each officer and board member must be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church which is a member of this body. He must be in good standing with his local association, and must live within the boundaries of this Association. No person shall serve on more than one board at the same time.

Section 6. 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 7. Amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws 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 AND COMMITTEES

Officers of this board shall be 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 12¢ 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 Sec.-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 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 Baptists.

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 coordinating 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

Twelve (12) cents per mile shall be paid board members for all meetings except the board meeting in connection with the State Association. Any called meeting that requires a member to stay overnight, his room and board shall be paid from the Youth Fund account.

ARTICLE V

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

CONSTITUTION OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

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 (10) 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.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA STATE PROMOTION COMMITTEE

ARTICLE I - NAME

This standing committee shall be called the Promotional Team of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This standing committee shall be composed of five men representing five districts. The districts are: 1) West Florida, composed of West Florida and West Florida Liberty Associations,

2) North Florida, composed of the Salem and North Florida Associations, 3) Northeast, composed of the Greater St. John's Association, 4) Central, composed of the Indian River and Central Associations, 5) South Florida, composed of the South Florida and Hispanic Assns.

Section 2. The members of this Team shall be elected for a term of five (5) years and arranged whereby only one member's term expires annually.

Section 3. The committee shall elect a chairman, assistant chairman, and secretary-treasurer. These officers shall be elected annually. The chairman shall chair the meetings of the Team, coordinate all the activities, and call special meetings. The assistant chairman shall help the chairman with these responsibilities and supply as chairman in his absence. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain permanent records of the committee's activities and financial transactions.

Section 4. The Florida State Association shall fill any irregular vacancies during its annual meeting. The Executive Board may make temporary appointments until the State Association convenes.

Section 5. This Team shall meet semi-annually, and annually at the Florida State Association Meeting.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

It is the general responsibility of this Team to encourage the participation and financial support of our churches and pastors in our Free Will Baptist programs (local, state, and national) with the intended purpose of producing larger and stronger existing churches and new churches.

ARTICLE IV - DUTIES

Section 1. This Team shall have the freedom to pursue different avenues in order to comply with the Team's general purpose. All avenues shall be in accordance with the Bible and the Florida State Constitution.

Section 2. This Team shall develop a communications network whereby information from the National Departments and the State Boards and the State Meeting can be dispersed to the local pastors and churches.

Section 3. Each district representative shall encourage participation from the churches in his district through the use of Associational Meetings, special meetings with the churches, individual contact with pastors and the use of letters or news-letters.

Section 4. This TEam shall be in charge of the state-sponsored paper, The Coordinator. This TEam shall be vested with the authority to hire and dismiss an editor, disbursement of all monies for its expense, and the general oversight of its publication.

ARTICLE V - TRAVEL EXPENSE

Section 1. Ten (10) cents per mile, per vehicle, shall be paid Team members for all meetings except the meeting in connection with the State ASsociation. If a meeting requires members to stay overnight, room and meal of each will be paid.

Section 2. Each district representative shall be reimbursed for his actual (true) expenses for fulfilling his obligations described in Article IV, Section 3. The chairman, assistant chairman and secretary-treasurer shall be reimbursed for their actual expense for meeting their duties described in Article II, Section 3.

ARTICLE VI - REPORTS

This Team shall give a report of its activities; functions, programs, and finances at the annual State Associational meeting.

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