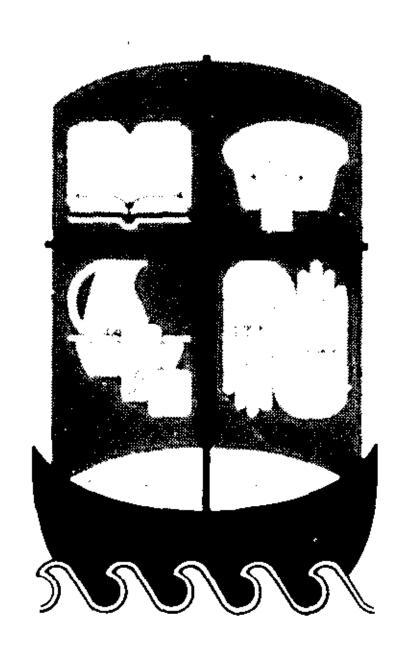
1987 MINUTES

OF THE 43RD ANNUAL SESSION

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS



CONVENED

OCTOBER 28-30, 1987

AUBURNDALE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA

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1992Larry Montgomery 1991Tom Collins 1990J.D. Norris 1989Bob Allen 1988Leroy Cutler 1988Darrell Gwinn
Christian Ed. Board Promotion Team  1992James Osborn 1992Howard Bass 1991Odis Whitehead 1990Doug Carey 1990John McCall 1989Carlie Lloyd 1989Darrell Gwinn 1988Randy Tipton 1988Mark Hollis  Alabama Children's HomeOdis Whitehead
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#### BUSINESS SESSIONS

# Wednesday, October 28, 1987

The service opened with congregational singing, "We're Marching to Zion," led by Ed Green, followed by prayer by Doug Carey.

The 43rd annual session was called to order by the assistant clerk, Randy Bryant, who introduced the moderator, Gene Helton. Brother Helton gave opening comments and named these committees: Committee on Committees: Harvey Hill, R.C. Wiggins, Albert Rollins. Credentials Committee: Bill George, Sam Lucky, Odis Whitehead.

Special music was provided by the Choir of 1st FWB Church of Auburndale and by the Skeans family. The message was presented by Brother Lindberg Bass on the Pastoral ministry from Ephesians 4:11-16. Closing prayer was led by Melvin Worthington.

# Thursday, October 29, 1987, 9:30 A.M.

The congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Ed Green; prayer by R.C. Wiggins.

MSC to receive the partial report of the Credentials Committee, given by Bill George.

MSC to receive the report of the Committee on Committees, given by Harvey Hill.

MSC to receive the Home Missions Board report, given by Leroy Cutler. A plaque of recognition was presented to Harvey Hill for his 10 years on the state mission board. Information was also made of the mission work in Okeechobee in the Indian River Association.

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

MSC to note a record deficit in the Home Missions report.

MSC to receive the State Youth Board report, given by Ruby Amerson. State Youth Rally is May 20, 21 at Tampa.

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

MSC to receive the oral report on the Alabama Children's Home, given by our Florida board member, Odis Whitehead.

Joe Haas from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College brought words of greetings.

MSC to receive the state Treasurer's report, given by Ruby Amerson in behalf of treasurer, John McCall. Note it was requested to separate the designated gifts to foreign missions from the Advance Celebration gifts.

Business session recessed for the morning worship service. The opening hymn was "Saved, Saved!" led by Ed Green, with Diana Bryant at the piano. Prayer was led by Sam Lucky, followed by hymn, "Sunlight." Ed Green sang a solo, "My House is Full." The message on the evangelism ministry was brought by J.D. Norris from Acts 2:42-47. Dismissal prayer by James Christian.

# Thursday, Oct 29, 1987, 1:30 P.M.

Congregational hymn, "Faith is the Victory"; prayer by Sterl Paramore. Special music by Peggy Hutto; hymn, "He Is Able to Deliver Thee" followed by a solo by Donna Christian. The sermon on the edification ministry was brought by Roger Duncan from 2 Cor. 12:19.

The business session resumed. Home missions board chairman Leroy Cutler introduced the new board treasurer, Tom Collins.

MSC to receive the report of the Promotional Team given by Howard BAss.

The National Executive Office Report was given by Melvin Worthington. MSC to receive as information.

The National Foreign Missions report was given by Fred Warner, who introduced Ron Moore, a missionary appointee to the Ivory Coast. Melvin Worthington was asked to report on the special study commission regarding charges against missionaries in Ivory Coast. The

report was MSC as information.

Elmer Turnbough gave the report of Advance Celebration, indicating a good response in Florida.

Missionary Ron Moore gave greetings to the body and shared his personal testimony of God's leading him to Ivory Coast mission field.

MSC to receive as information the FWBBC report given by Robert Crawford.

MSC to receive as information the report of the Nat. Retirement and Insurance Board .

MSC to receive the Christian Education Board report given by STeve Hughes.

The moderator made explanations about changes in the state Treasurer's report.

The Executive Committee report was given and MSC to receive and adopt item by item. MSC to adopt item 1. MSC to adopt item 2. A substitute motion was offered for item 3, to take excess money that did not show on this year's treasurer's report and use it to finish the \$10,000 commitment for the 1989 Nat. Assn. fund. MSC for the substitute motion. MSC to lay item 4 on the table. MSC to adopt item 5 (that our moderator appoint the steering committee for the 1989 nat assn.).

MSC to adjourn.

# Thursday, October 29, 1987, 7:30 P.M.

Congregation sang "Onward Christian Soldiers; prayer was led by Don Hanna. The youth choir from Eaton Park brought special music. A chalk art and magic presentation was given by Bronco West. Congregation sang "We've a Story to Tell" followed by prayer for special requests. The message was preached by Larry Montgomery on the World-wide ministry.

An offering was received for the future mission work in Mayport, Florida. Willie Jones led the benediction.

### Friday, Oct. 30, 1987, 9:00 a.m.

Congregational singing: "The Church's One Foundation"; prayer by R.C. Wiggins. Special music was provided by Sterl Parramore: "Then Jesus Came." Congregation sang "To God be the Glory"; the message on the stewardship ministry was preached by Robert Owen from 1 Cor. 4:1,2. A report of the previous evening's missions offering and a report of a possible new Florida missions work in Mayport was given.

The business session opened with a Target 90 report by Larry Montgomery; MSC as information.

MSC to remove Item 4 of Executive Committee report from the table. MSC to adopt.

Resolutions committee report was given by Jimmy Aldridge. MSC to accept and adopt item by item. Item 1: MSC to adopt as amended. Items 2,3,4: MSC to adopt.

The moderator appointed the 1989 Nat. Assn. steering committee: Chairman--current moderator; Prayer-- Elmer Turnbough; Registration--Doug CArey; Hospitality-J.D. Norris; Ushering--Roger Duncan.

The Placement committee report was given by Leroy Cutler, recommending the 1988 State Association meet at the 1st FWB Church of Chipley. MSC.

Jim Christian gave the budget committee report. MSC to accept and adopt item by item. MSC to adopt item 1; MSC to amend item 2 by eleminating 1% to convention fund and adding it to children's home; MSC to adopt item 2 as amended. MSC to adopt items 3,4,5. MSC to designate \$25 from general fund to host church for typing, paper, etc.

Credentials committee report given by Bill George. MSC.

The Appreciation committee report was given by Steve Hughes. MSC.

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Moderator appointed as delegates to the 1988 Nat. Assn. Mark Hollis, Wallacé Back, Sammie Montgomery. MSC to accept these with moderator's privilege to appoint others to fill openings.

MSC to receive and elect the slate of officers from the Nominating committee report.

MSC that the state minutes be mailed to district clerks within 4 months of this annual meeting, and that more than 3 copies per church be provided.

Jim Christian gave report and information on the group health insurance plan which the state has endorsed.

MSC to give standing vote of thanks to Gene Helton for 12 years service as moderator, and the clerk be directed to have a plaque engraved and presented to Brother Helton.

Mrs. Allen, from the state historical committee, asked all churches to write their church history and make available to the historical committee.

MSC to adjourn; congregation sang "Bless be the Tie that Binds"; prayer by Bobby Clyatt.

### COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

# Nominating Committee:

- 1. J.D. Norris
- 2. R.C. Wiggins
- 3. Robert Owen

- 1. Leroy Cutler
- 2. Ernest Owen
- 3. Randy Bryant

# Budget Committee:

- 1. James Christian
- 2. Howard Bass
- 3. Mark Hollis

### Resolutions Committee:

- 1. Darrell Gwenn
  - 2. Bobby Clyatt
  - 3. Jim Aldridge

# Placement Committee: Appreciation Committee:

- 1. Steve Hughes
- 2. Thelma Bass
  - 3. Ruby Amerson

#### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

### Reporting at this associational meeting:

Associations	.9
Ministers	
Deacons	16
Delegates	23
Visitors	
Total attendance	73

Seven associations have sent their fees. One has assured us they will mail it in. No contact with the Hispanic Association except by letter.

#### HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Your Florida Free Will Baptist Home Missions Board has had a most successful year by dedicating two new buildings.

Rev. Elmer Turnbough and his good people at St. Petersburg dedicated their building purchased from another denomination. Rev. Albert Rollins, with the help of missionary builder, Howard Quartney, and Masters Men groups also completed their new building in Gainesville.

We recognize the faithful service rendered by Rev. Harvey Hill on the Home Mission Board. He will be retiring from the Board after ten years.

We are praying for God to call out a person to begin a new church in Mayport, Florida this year.

There has been a decrease in the designated giving to the State Home Missionaries during the year. We believe this is due to the Missionary being busy with building projects and not being able to be out among the people. We would like to encourage the churches to renew any faith promises made in the past.

Leroy R. Cutler, Chairman

# FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD, INC. TREASURER'S REPORT GENERAL FUND October 14, 1987

Cash in Banks - October 14, 1986		\$44,028.65
Receipts:		
Jacksonville Property Payments Lake Wales Property Payments Florida FWB State Association Deerfield Beach FWB Church Miscellaneous	\$7,087.92 1,195.32 26,252,53 114.00 6.25	
Interest Earned	3,268.58	37,924.60
Total Cash Available		81,953.25
Disbursements:		
Support for St Petersburg Mission Support for Gainesville Church Kermit Bias Contract Payments Board Members Travel Expenses Missionary Travel Expense Printing Costs Kenneth Walker Gift Annual Corporate Fee Postage Phone Expenses	12,000.00 8,188.00 4,429.95 1,498.40 722.34 138.72 198.45 33.00 22.16 6.89	27,237.91
Cash in Banks - October 14, 1987	,	\$54,715.34
Detail of Cash in Banks October 14, 1986		
Checking Account Saving Account Certificate of Deposit Security Plus Account Total at October 14, 1986	\$8,392.41 3,577.68 11,548.58 20,509.98 \$44,028.65	
Detail of Cash in Banks October 14, 1987		
Checking Account NCNB Money Market Account Hollywood Federal C. D.	2,771.84 39,164.91 12,778.59	
Total at October 14, 1987	\$54,715.34	•

# FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD, INC. TREASURER'S REPORT DESIGNATED FUNDS October 14, 1987

Cash in Banks - October 14, 1986

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Receipts:		
St Petersburg Mission St Petersburg Mission - Property Fund Gainesville FWB Church West Palm Beach FWB Church	\$3,844.23 4,025.00 2,556.34 97.00	
Rev. Tom Willie, Jr.	114.60	\$10,637.17
Total Cash Available		10,637.17
Disbursements:		
St Petersburg Mission St Petersburg Mission - Property Fund Gainesville FWB Church West Palm Beach FWB Church	3,589.23 4,025.00 2,416.34 97.00	
Rev. Tom Willie, Jr.	114.60	10,242.17
Cash in Banks - October 14, 1987		<u>\$395.00</u>
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Amounts Due To Designated Organizations		
St Petersburg Account Gainesville Account	\$255.00 140.00	
Total at October 14, 1987	\$395.00	

#### STATE YOUTH BOARD REPORT

The Florida State Youth Board met in conjunction with the State YOuth Rally competition on May 15 and 16, 1987 at the Wesconnett FWB Church. All board members were present except Mrs. Helton, who had asked Pam STewart to take her place and assist in the competition. Sis. Ruby went over all registration forms to show that they were in order. It was mentioned that one district had not paid their fees.

The board met with judges, quiz leaders and score-keepers at 6:00 p.m. Rules and guidelines were discussed. The board met again on Sat. morning and it was decided that each Bible winner would receive \$125 and each talent winner \$75 to assist them in the Nat. competition.

The board met in conjunction with the State Assn. Board members present were Darrell Gwenn, Jimmy Aldridge, Howard Bass and Ruby Amerson.

Sis. Ruby gave information that Mrs. Helton has asked to be replaced, and suggested that Pam Stewart be recommended to the nominating committee as her replacement. It was also noted that this year Howard Bass's term expires.

MSC that the 1988 Youth Competition be held at the First FWB Church of Tampa on May 20, 21, 1988.

It was suggested to ask the Planning Board to increase our percentage to 14%--if not, please do not decrease. If enough funds are not raised through the Coop Sis. Ruby is to designate a Youth Sunday, and ask each church to take an offering for the State Youth Fund.

The matter of having 5 judges was duscussed, and it was agreed that this was better and more satisfactory. MSC to adjourn.

#### STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Florida State Woman's Auxiliary met in Ocala in June, 1987. We report a membership of 215 and a total giving of \$9, 159.66. We adopted the Dennis Owens and Bobby Pooles as our projects this year.

In preparation for the 1989 Nat. Assn. we still have cookbooks for sale at \$5.00 each. Our next meeting will be June 3 and 4 at the Ocala Church.

#### PROMOTIONAL TEAM REPORT

Your Florida state promotional team has a strong desire to be of service to our Lord and the work of Free Will Baptists in our state. WE are presently pursuing the idea of placing a sign on the I-75 entrance into Florida, welcoming people to our state and listing the cities with Free Will Baptist churches in them.

We also plan to place a special "spotlight" section in future editions of the <u>COORDINATOR</u> in order to emphasize the work of our various associations. We encourage pastors and churches to send news of special events, revivals, conferences, etc. to the editor, Randy Bryant.

We are in full support of the recommendation by the Executive Committee to pursue the possibility of hiring a part-time promotional man for the state. We would be happy to work with such a man to see God's work furthered through Free Will Baptists in our state.

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT

The Christian Education Board gave a report to the Executive Committee at their semi-annual meeting this past May. Enclosed in the report was an appeal to see this particular board regain its status as a viable part of the State Association. In spite of the declining use and activities of the board, we do see a strengthening commitment to fulfill the duties and purposes of the board. For this, we are thankful.

One facet in which we are seeking to fulfill the purposes of the board is through establishing a state-wide video rental library. By doing this, we can help meet the spiritual needs of individuals and families, as well as aiding our churches in education, evangelism, and edification.

Already, the board has the following series of tapes available for rent: "Revival God's Way" by Leonard Ravenhill (seven sessions); "The Cults" by Dr. William Hendricks (seven sessions); and "Focus On The Family" by Dr. James Dobson (seven sessions). Other series and individual tapes will be forthcoming. Rental information will be available as soon as the details are worked out.

As a further ministry involving videos, we are investigating the feasibility of taping conferences, revivals, and seminars sponsored by our churches. These tapes would then be available for rent or sale as permission is given.

Currently we are looking into the prospect of re-establishing the Bible Institute Program, Leadership and Teacher Training Programs, Youth Outreach Programs and any other programs that will aid in the growth of our churches.

Please pray for us as we seek to minister to Florida's Free Will Baptists. Be sure to visit the Christian Education Roard display area. May God bless you is our prayer.

# ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS OCTOBER 1, 1986 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1987 MR. JOHN MCCALL, TREASURER

SOURCE	BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	DISBURSED	BALANCE
General fund Youth Promotional Historical N. Convention State Home Mission Children's Home National Coop Christian Ed. Board Bible College Foreign Mission National Home Mission Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$ 2,110.17 943.17 4,906.00 86.18 5,660.08	\$ 6,220.95 5,961.37 2,768.54 402.59 708.59 22,134.08 2,181.25 19,025.06 279.35 2,751.56 315.78 225.00	* 3,987.15 5,144.31 3,500.00 65.00 22,134.08 2,181.25 19,025.06 279.35 2,751.56 315.78 225.00	\$ 4,343.97 1,760.23 4,174.54 423.77 6,368.25
TOTALS	\$14,347.88	\$62,974.12	\$59,608.54	\$17,713.46

Checking Account - \$5,082.51

Bond-Gainsville - 2,000.00

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#### EXPLANATION OF DISBURSEMENTS

#### General Fund:

Otis Whitehead (Childrens Home)	\$	288.00
Printing of Minutes		286.12
Moderator	•	200.00
Clerk		200.00
Lake Jackson & typing		220.00
Ken Riggs Travel	•	240.30
Ken Riggs Honoriam		350.00
Contacto Magazine		400.00
Treasurer		480.00
Church Insurance		109.00
Dues to National Association		750.00
Executive Board Travel Expense	•	436.12
Postage & Ledger for Treasurer		27.61

#### TOTAL

#### Youth Board:

# Trophies & Medals Board Member Travels West Conn. Host Winners Travel National Cts. Registration 5 498.71 75.60 100.00 4,100.00 370.00

### State Promotional Work:

**\$3,987.15** 

Promotional Board Printing of Coordinator

**\$3,500.00** 

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- Item 1. We recommend the hiring of a part-time promotional man for our state work. The following is a basic outline of the proposal:
- a. His basic responsibility would be to promote all phases of the state work, and as possible, the national ministries.
- b. He would try to visit each district's quarterly meeting once during the year. While in that area he would be in as many church services and visit personally with as many pastors and/or church leaders as is practicale.
- c. The above trips would involve 9 or 10 weekend trips annually, involving 3 or 4 days each.
- d. He would utilize available space in the Co-ordinator and also the phone and mail to further the work.
- e. Expenses for this part-time promotional position would come from the state's promotional and/or general funds. We believe the promotional man would raise a sizable portion of his expenses as a result of his work.

\$ 2,000 Travel (auto rental & gas)
2,000 Misc. (motels, food, etc.)
500 Phone, mailing, etc.
1,000 Honorarium (\$100 per trip @ 10 trips)
\$ 5,500 Total expense

Note: if we adipt this proposal, our districts, churches and pastors would need to be considerate in providing opportunities for the promotional man to be in their services and programs, and be considerate of the special expenses.

- Item 2. We recommend that this body endorse the health insurance program, "Indian River Association, Lighthouse Plan", and express appreciation for it being made available to our people. This is only an endorsement, and the state association does not accept any financial responsibility.
- Item 3. We recommend that we set a special day for each of our churches to receive an offering for the 1989 Nat.

Assn. fund. The special day would be the last Sunday in March (Roll Call Sunday). We presently have \$6,368.25--the goal is to complete the \$10,000 commitment.

Item 4. We recommend a constitution change for the Christian Education Board. ARticle 5 would be changed to read 12¢ per mile (instead of 10¢).

Note: Item 3. A substitute motion MSC to take excess money that did not show on the treasurer's report and use it to finish the \$10,000 commitment.

#### TARGET 90 REPORT

We have now been in the Target 90 campaign for 2 years. Perhaps is will be interesting to compare our figures:

	1985	1987	<u>1987</u>	Gain/	Loss
Membership	5,344	5,381	5,697	+316	(5.9%)
S.S. Att.	2,938	3,089	2,946	-143	(4.1%)
Baptisms	242	215	263	+48	(22%)

The gain/loss percentages are comparing 1987 over 1986.

You will note a healthy gain in membership of almost 6%. While this is not up to our goal of 10%, it is still commendable and gives us incentive to keep trying. Sunday School figures are not encouraging. Why this decrease? Perhaps we need more and better follow-up and discipling work. The really bright spot in this report is a 22% increase in baptisms. We commend the churches for this record, and urge you on to even greater things in 1988.

Now, the truth of the matter is that this report, while showing the general pattern of growth, is not really accurate. The reports from the district clerks are not all complete, some are obviously only "guestimates", and some simply repeat last year's figures. Possibly this is because of inadequate reporting from the church clerks. Whatever the reason, we desperately need complete and accurate reports. Let's work on it.

#### CHURCH CLOSING COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met January 13, 1987 at Beulah Church. Because of work schedule the chairman was unable to attend. After discussing what we knew of the problem, we agreed that we needed to hear from remnants of churches which have closed or gone to other denominations. We concluded that the best way to obtain information was by questionnaire.

By the end of February we had compiled a questionnaire which met the approval of each committee member. The Chairman informed us at that time that we would meet again prior to sending out the questionnaires. There has been no substantial action since that time, however.

#### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

- 1. We resolve that this body stand against the selling of pornographic material and seek to get our people to boycott Circle-K and Cumberland Farm Stores (Note: Amended to add: "and all other stores selling pornographic materials, and that our state clerk notify these store headquarters concerning this resolution.")
- 2. Be it resolved that Free Will Baptists oppose the practice of abortion because murder is against God's will. Also that we let our state senators know of our stand.
- 3. We resolve that this body stand against all the filth that is on T.V. and write the major networks.
- 4. Whereas our state Christian Education Board has begun a ministry in video tapes, therefore:

Be it resolved that every church in the state be advised of available films and that each pastor urge the use of these films.

Be it further resolved that the Education Board investigate the possibility of videoing the messages of the state association, and until videos are avail-

able, the board make cassette tapes available.

Be it further resolved that churches which own videos be requested to make them available for use through the education board.

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. We recommend that \$65,000 be set as the goal for the state Cooperative Plan of support for 1988.
- 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	. 7%
C.E. Board	. 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.

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The appreciation committee wishes to express our sincere thanks to the Auburndale FWB Church for their dedication in providing such good food, the friendly atmosphere, and the beautiful decorations given to us during this associational meeting.

We also express our appreciation to Dr. Edd Greene and the musicians and special singers for the inspirational music and singing.

We also wish to express our appreciation to all of

the state officers for their hard work and faithfulness in providing such an outstanding state meeting.

Again, we appreciate the speakers for such challenging and soul stirring messages.

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

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

We recommend the following slate of officers:

Moderator-- Leroy Cutler Clerk: Randy Bryant Asst. Mod.--Harvey Hill Treasurer--R.C. Wiggins

Asst. Clerk--Don Hanna

**Executive Committee:** 

Central FL....Randy Brooks St. John's..Albert Rollins Salem.....Bill George South FL..Sterl Parramore West FL....Lindberg Bass

Indian River...Bob Allen Liberty W. FL. Aaron Birch North FL....J.D. Norris Hispanic-Benito Rodriguez

Home Missions Board: Larry Montgomery (1992)

Youth Board: Pam Stewart (1989) to replace Patsy Helton

Jim Christian (1992)

Christian Ed. Board: James Osborn (1992)

Doug Carey (1990) Randy Tipton (1988)

Promotion Team: Howard Bass (1992)

Alabama Children's Home Board Member: Odis Whitehead

ASSOCIATIONAL STATISTICS										•						
District Association	No. of Churches	Church Membership	Members Added	Members Lost	Baptisms	Ordained Ministers	Liscened Ministers	Ordained Deacons	Sunday School Enroll.	S.S. Avg. Att.	C.T.S. Enrollment	C.T.S. Avg. Att.	Woman's Aux. Enroll.	Woman's Aux. avg. att.	Master's Men enroll.	   Master's Men avg. att
Central Florida	18	1350	196	68	64	32	4	38	1035	888	229	225	86	75	9	6
Gr. St. John's	9	328	-	_	-	7	0	11	360	239	35	32	40	32	15	15
Hispanic	3	165	25	0	21	7	2	15	175	140	-	-	73	58	39	30
Indian River	10	832	32	9	18	17	1	19	500	387	168	127	56	46	38	33
Liberty West FL	7	540	_	_	10	7	-	11	370	-	95	-	·			-
North Florida	4	307	72	13	25	7	4	12	295	232	-		7	6	5	5
Salem	15	1209	90	26	50	19	_	44	716	538	278	194	80	51	17	11
South Florida	5	366	48	16	27	8	1	9	372	296	187	139	40	38	33	27
West Florida	4	600	53	12	28	7	0	13	294	192	128	95	15	12	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
Totals	75	5697			243	111	12	172	4117	2912	1120	812	397	318	156	127

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	District Association	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	· <b>-</b>	· •	9	8	7	1	352,198.07	3,197,860.00	255	
20	Gr. St. John's	. 3	3	7	2	3	0	148,000.00	990,000.00	135	·
	Hispanic	3	. 0	3	0	1	2		1,340,000.00	45	
	Indian River	5	5	6	4	5	0	81,531.71	738,365.00	150	
	Liberty West FL	5	2	3	4	5	0	, <del>-</del>	700,000.00	105	
	North Florida	4	0	0	4	2	1, .	_	<b>-</b> .	60	
	Salem	12	Ō	5	9	7	1	335,059.94	1,483,800.00	225	
	South Florida	3	2	5	0	4	1	312,376.99	1,605,000.00	. 75	
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	Totals	39	12	39	34	37	7 \$	1,386,237.38 \$	10,055,025.00	\$1110	1 7

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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 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 connot 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 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.

#### ARTICLÉ 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 churche 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 meet ing 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 tiems of business must receive a majority vote of a quorum before it si 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 mortgate 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

Twelve (12) 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 tern 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 authorit 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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