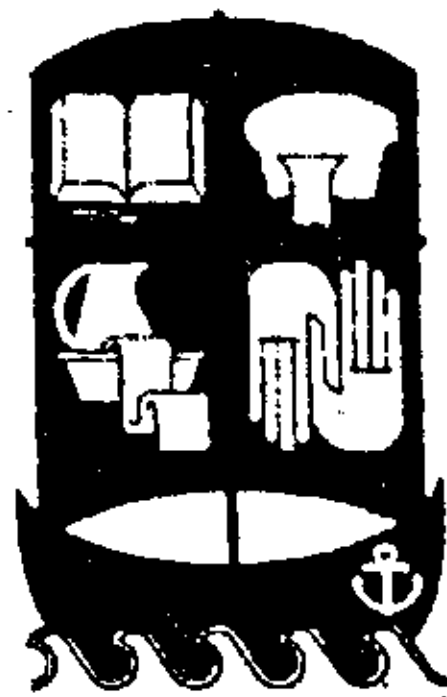


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*Florida State
Association
of
Free Will Baptists*



Florida State Association of



Free Will Baptists

♦ Mission Statement ♦

Definition:

The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists is a fellowship of Christian believers, united to extend the witness of Christ and the building of His Church in the State of Florida and throughout the world.

Purpose:

The purpose of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists is to promote fellowship among Florida Free Will Baptists and to provide opportunity for our churches to accomplish cooperatively what they cannot do individually.

Mission:

God is calling the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists to obey His Great Commandment (Luke 10:27) and fulfill His Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20) through:

- ♦The Exaltation of Jesus Christ
(I John 4:24, I Corinthians 10:31)
- ♦The Evangelization of the Lost
(Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8)
- ♦The Establishment of Biblical Churches
(Acts 2:42-47, 16:5)
- ♦The Equipping of the Saints
(Ephesians 4:11-13, II Timothy 2:2)
- ♦The Edification of the Body of Christ
(Ephesians 4:15-16, Hebrews 10:24-25)



Boards and Committees

Executive Committee

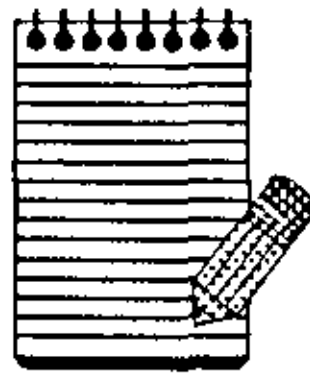
Central - Jimmy Aldridge
Greater St. John's - Howard McNeal
Hispanic - Jose Rodriguez
Indian River - Jim Christian
Liberty West Florida - Jeff Skiles
Salem - David Womack
South Florida - Bob Hager
West Florida - R.C. Wiggins

Auditing Committee

1999 - Randy Brooks
2000 - Katie Owen
2001 - Leroy Cutler

Youth Board

1999 - Randy Jackson
2000 - Ryan McDougald
2001 - Kellie McNeal
2002 - **Danny Conn**
2003 - Charlie Elliott



Christian Education Board

1999 - **Ron Hunter**
2000 - Donna Williford
2001 - Ron Burger
2002 - Steve Hutchinson
2003 - Tommy Capps

Alabama Children's Home

Kevin Flannigan
James Elmore

General Board Member

Millard Sasser

Home Mission Board

1999 - Jim Christian
2000 - Kevin Flannigan
2001 - Tom Collins
2002 - Donnie Hussey
2003 - **David Williford**

Historical Commission

1999 - Robert Owen
2000 - Jeff Skiles
2001 - Ernest Owen
2002 - Thelma Wiggins
2003 - Bertha Turner

Resolution Honoring Rev. Willie Estes George

Whereas:

Bill George pastored five churches in forty-two years, thirty nine in Northwest Florida and three in Southern Alabama,

Pastored the last twenty-four years of his ministry at the Salem Free Will Baptist Church in Steel City, Florida,

Preached 1,075 funerals,

Was the Moderator of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists for nine consecutive years and

Served as Florida's Representative to the Alabama Children's Home

Be it resolved,

that the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dedicate its Fifty-fourth Annual Session to the memory of Rev. Bill George.

Born: June 9, 1918

Died: April 20, 1998

This Resolution was adopted on May 8, 1998



Minutes of the Fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists

The fifty-fourth Annual Session of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Holiday Inn Convention Center in DeLand, Florida on May 6-9, 1998. This was a joint meeting of the State Association, the State Youth Convention, and the Florida Women Active for Christ. "Encouragement in Ministry" was the theme for the meeting.

Wednesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.

Pre-service music was provided by "The Duncan Boys" from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Seffner. Thomas Porter presided over this service and Rev. Donnie Hussey led the congregational singing for the evening. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus" and then Ernest Owen led in prayer. "I Have Decided To Follow Jesus" was then sung by the congregation.

Clerk Randy Bryant called the session to order and introduced the Moderator, Tim Owen. The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee and the Committee on Committees. The Credentials Committee will be made up of: Curtis Alligood, Bill Compton, and R.C. Wiggins. The Committee on Committees will consist of Ron Burger, Percy Cunningham, and Charlie Charles.

"How Great Thou Art" was sung by the congregation and Ashley Hussey presented a special song, "I Surrender All". Rev. David Williford, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Chipley, brought the message from Matthew 28: 18-20 on the subject "Encouragement in Missions".

Announcements followed the message and the service was dismissed in prayer by Kevin Flannagin.

Thursday, May 7, 8:30 a.m.

The morning session was opened with a time of prayer and David Womack led the congregation in prayer.

MSC to receive the partial report from the Credentials Committee. (M- Wiggins S-Charles)

MSC to seat the standing delegates. (M- Aldridge S- Elliot)

MSC to seat District Association delegates and local church delegates. (M-Elliott S- Hussey)

The Report from the Committee on Committees was given. The Resolution Committee will consist of Mike Taggart, Jose Rodriguez, and Ryan McDougald. The Nominating Committee will be made up of Lonnie Buser, Donnie Hussey, and Odis Whitehead.

MSC to receive the Treasurer's Report from Tom Collins. (M- Collins S- Charles)

MSC to receive the report from the Youth Board from Danny Conn. (M- Conn S- Charles)

The Report from Free Will Baptist Bible College was given by Tim Campbell.

MSC to receive the report from our Executive Secretary, Millard Sasser and also "The Coordinator" Report. (M- Waddell S- Hussey)

Special prayer was held for Danny Williamson, Joanna Felts, The George Family, and Woodrow Messix. Robert Owen led in this prayer.

The Body expressed appreciation with a standing ovation to our Executive Secretary, Millard Sasser, for his ministry in our state.

The Report from National Association Executive Secretary, Dr. Melvin Worthington was given.

MSC to receive the Christian Education Board's Report given by Michael Waddell. (M- Waddell S- Capps)

The Report from Randall House Publications was presented by Billy Brown.

The Alabama Children's Home Report was given by Roger Bennett.

The National Association's Board of Retirement Report was given by Bill Evans. Bro. Evans also gave the report for the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

Thursday, May 7, 11:00 a.m.

The Worship Service was opened with the singing of "All Hail the Power" and "Heaven Came Down". Rev. Eddie Hicks presided over the service. The Ladies Trio from First Free Will Baptist Church in Chipley presented a special song entitled "Wherever You Are".

Rev. Arnold Woodlief from Mariana brought the message on "Encouragement In Trials" from Deuteronomy 31: 1-8. The congregation sang "Tell it To Jesus" and then honored Bro. Woodlief with a standing ovation.

Thursday, May 7, 1:30 p.m.

MSC to receive the State Home Mission Board report by David Williford. (M- Williford S- Aldridge)

MSC to receive the special report of the State Home Mission Board concerning the disposition of the Huntington Oaks property. (M- Hicks S- Skiles)

MSC to receive partial report from the Executive Committee and adopt Item 1. (M- Bryant S- Aldridge) (3 Nays recorded)

The Report given from the Foreign Missions Department by Eddie Payne.

A National Home Missions Department report was given by Curtis Alligood.

MSC To Receive Report from the Auditing Committee presented by Leroy Cutler. (M- Cutler S-Brooks)

MSC to submit to the Planning Committee the need for changing the name of the Auditing Committee. (M- Capps S-Hager)

MSC to receive the Executive Committee's Report and adopt it item by item. (M- Skiles S- Bryant)

Item 2 - adopted (M- Hicks S- Aldridge)

Item 3 - adopted (M- Skiles S- Hansen)

Item 4 - (M- Skiles S- Williford)

MSC to table Item 4 (M- Collins S- Elliott)

Item 5 - adopted (M- Cunningham S- Aldridge)

Item 6 - adopted (M- Skiles S- Capps)

Item 7 - adopted (M- Hicks S- Elliott)

Selection of Delegates to the National Association Meeting: Diane Conn and Marie McDougald appointed.

MSC to give Moderator the authority to appoint delegates for the National Association. (M- Williford S- Garrett)

MSC to contribute \$1000.00 to the Trust Fund for Danny Williamson. (M- Williford S- Bradley)

MSC to recess. (M- Porter S- Hicks)

Thursday, May 7, 7:00 p.m.

An ensemble from the West Florida and West Florida Liberty Associations provided music prior to the service.

A volunteer Mass Choir under the direction of Charles Elliott opened the service by singing "Don't Be Afraid". Jeff Skiles then led the congregation in singing "Because He Lives" and Randy Brooks led in prayer.

"He Set Me Free" was sung by the congregation and a Trio from New Hope Fellowship in Cocoa sang "He Did Not Have To Die".

Dr. Melvin Maxwell delivered the message on "Encouragement In Service". The title of his message was "How to Last In The Ministry" from 2 Cor. 4:1.

A time of prayer for Pastors followed the message and the Ensemble sang "Empower Me". A brief time of testimony followed and Moderator Tim Owen dismissed in prayer.

Friday, May 8, 9:00 a.m.

The morning session opened in prayer by Charlie Charles.

MSC to remove Item 4 of the Executive Committee Report from the table. (M- Taggart S- Elliott)

- MSC to separate the two recommendations in Item 4 of the Executive Committee's Report. (M- Flannigan S-Compton)
- MSC to adopt Recommendation 1. (M- Conn S- Skiles)
- MSC to adopt Recommendation 2.
(M- Taggart S- Aldridge)
- MSC to refer the idea of implementing Recommendation #2 for our State Association Boards to the Planning Committee and ask them to report back with the various options.
(M- Williford S- Christian)
- MSC to accept the report from the Resolutions Committee as given by Ryan McDougald. (M- McDougald S- Hussey)
- MSC to authorize the Clerk to have this resolution framed or put in a plaque to be presented to Mrs. Bill George.
(M- Williford S- Collins)
- MSC to adopt the Report from the Credentials Committee.
(M- Wiggins S- Hansen)
- MSC to receive the report of the Nominating Committee and vote section by section. (M- Buser S- Porter)
- MSC to elect C.E. Board nominees. (M- Compton S- Alligood)
- MSC to elect the Mission Board nominees.
(M- Hansen S- Hussey)
- MSC to elect Youth Board nominees.
(M- Hussey S- Collins)
- MS to elect Nominating Committee's nominee for Alabama Children's Home. (M- Hussey S- Collins)
- MSC to amend Nominating Committee's Report to note that we have two representatives from the State of Florida to the

Alabama Children's Home and that James Elmore serve as the other representative with Kevin Flannagin.

(M- Flannagin S- McNeal)

Motion passed as amended.

MSC to elect nominee for the Auditing Committee.

MSC to elect Ernest Owen to the 2001 term on the Historical Committee. (M- Christian S- Taggart)

MSC to elect Bertha Turner to the 2003 term on the Historical Commission. (M- Flannagin S- Christian)

MS to pay Mike Taggart's expenses for the State Meeting. (M- Compton S- Elliott)

MSC to amend the motion to include "that a \$100 honorarium be given to Mike Taggart and Diana Bryant.

(M- Collins S- Compton)

Motion passed as amended.

MS that our people be informed through "The Coordinator" or a letter of the National Associations' Resolution concerning the boycott of Disney. (M- Aldridge S- Whipple)

MSC to amend the motion to include "that we send a letter to Disney informing them of our reaffirmation of this stand against Disney.

(M- Flannagin S- Capps)

Motion passed as amended

MSC to adjourn. (M- Buser S- Ernest Owen)

A special prayer request for Charles Bryant was shared and Ron Hunter dismissed in prayer.

**The State Association then joined the Florida Women Active for Christ for their Missionary Service with Eddie Payne preaching.



Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists

Treasurer's Report

Florida State Assn of Free Will Baptist
RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
12 Months Ending December 31, 1996 and 1997

	Prior Year	Current Year
Income		
Co-Op Funds Received	\$83,859.85	\$115,117.94
Executive Board	\$1,347.04	\$3,731.14
Association Dues	\$2,070.00	\$2,170.00
Church Delegate Dues	\$90.00	\$50.00
State Assn. Offerings	\$242.00	\$0.00
Promotion Funds	\$5,606.27	\$175.00
Amerivision & Randall House	\$4,003.04	\$1,768.35
F. H. M. - Salary Support	\$6,000.00	\$0.00
Interest Income	\$264.21	\$244.79
Total Income	\$103,482.41	\$123,257.22
Co-Op Allocations		
FL Home Mission Board	\$9,631.18	\$24,000.00
Youth Board	\$2,293.15	\$6,540.00
Christian Education Board	\$917.24	\$1,740.00
Alabama Children's Home	\$840.82	\$2,400.00
Historical Committee	\$76.44	\$240.00
Ministers Retirement	\$2,107.92	\$2,814.62
National Co-Op	\$31,241.51	\$24,000.00
Total Co-Op Allocations	\$47,108.26	\$61,734.62
Executive Secretary		
Executive Secretary Salary	\$6,000.00	\$10,200.00
Executive Secretary Salary - 85%	\$3,444.38	\$0.00
Secretary's Housing Allowance	\$13,800.00	\$15,000.00
Exec. Sec. Auto Expenses	\$5,253.11	\$5,663.06
Executive Sec. Travel Expense	\$1,058.05	\$446.22
Exec. Sec. Milage	\$1,171.57	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Nat'l Assn Expenses	\$1,534.11	\$1,425.68
Exec. Sec. Telephone	\$1,491.59	\$1,685.87
Exec. Sec. Office Expense	\$1,806.77	\$3,004.82
Exec. Sec. Miscellaneous	\$646.38	\$278.98
Total Executive Secretary	\$36,205.96	\$37,704.63
Other Assn. Expenses		
Coordinator Expenses	\$2,840.83	\$2,352.43
Accounting Expense - Treasurer	\$900.00	\$900.00
Office Expenses - Treasurer	\$0.00	\$345.97
Board Transportation Expense	\$1,259.82	\$377.40
Board Travel Expense/Hotel & Ect	\$1,529.49	\$553.96
Leadership Conference	\$719.29	\$631.32
State Meeting Expenses	\$114.00	\$1,112.69
Steering Committee - Milage	\$420.90	\$550.77
Steering Committee - Hotel/Meals	\$54.55	\$409.49
Other Assn. Expenses		
Steering Committee - Other Exp.	\$6.00	\$0.00
Plan & Budget Com. - Milage	\$607.60	\$1,056.43
Plan & Budget Com. - Hotel&Meals	\$793.71	\$759.26
Plan & Budget Com. - Travel Cost	\$158.00	\$401.46
Plan & Budget Com. - Other Exp.	\$4.43	\$97.64
Honorium - Moderator	\$300.00	\$300.00
Honorium - Clerk	\$300.00	\$300.00
Honorium - Speakers	\$400.00	\$400.00
Liability Insurance	\$312.30	\$866.97
State Association Expenses	\$0.00	\$29.99
Miscellaneous	\$61.25	\$114.25
National Association Dues	\$1,750.00	\$1,775.00
Office Supplies and Expense	\$292.12	\$308.35
Printing Costs	\$1,876.21	\$378.55
Postage	\$345.56	\$251.27
Promotions	\$0.00	\$1,521.45
Supplies - General	\$0.00	\$51.44
Educational Materials	\$0.00	\$637.00
Telephone	\$127.31	\$132.09
Total Other Assn. Expenses	\$15,173.37	\$16,615.18
Total Disbursements	\$98,487.59	\$116,054.43
Net Receipts and Disbursements	\$4,994.82	\$7,202.79

Florida State Assn of Free Will Baptist
Comparison of Actual With Budget
Twelve Months Ending
December 31, 1997

Account Names	Actual	Budget	Difference
=====	=====	=====	=====
Co-Op Funds Received	-\$115,117.94	-\$102,420.00	12,697.94
Executive Board	-\$3,731.14	\$0.00	\$3,731.14
Association Dues	-\$2,170.00	-\$2,400.00	-\$230.00
Church Delegate Dues	-\$50.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Promotion Funds	-\$175.00	\$0.00	\$175.00
Amerivision & Randall House	-\$1,768.35	-\$8,400.00	-\$6,631.65
Interest Income	-\$244.79	\$0.00	\$244.79
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Sub Totals	-\$123,257.22	-\$113,220.00	10,037.22
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FL Home Mission Board	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
Youth Board	\$6,540.00	\$6,540.00	\$0.00
Christian Education Board	\$1,740.00	\$1,740.00	\$0.00
Alabama Children's Home	\$2,400.00	\$2,400.00	\$0.00
Historical Committee	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$0.00
Ministers Retirement	\$2,814.62	\$2,400.00	-\$414.62
National Co-Op	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$0.00
Executive Secretary Salary	\$10,200.00	\$10,200.00	\$0.00
Secretary's Housing Allowance	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Auto Expenses	\$5,663.06	\$5,663.06	\$0.00
Executive Sec. Travel Expense	\$446.22	\$446.22	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Nat'l Assn Expenses	\$1,425.68	\$1,425.68	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Telephone	\$1,685.87	\$1,685.87	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Office Expense	\$3,004.82	\$1,900.19	-\$1,104.63
Exec. Sec. Miscellaneous	\$278.98	\$278.98	\$0.00
Coordinator Expenses	\$2,352.43	\$2,149.94	-\$202.49
Accounting Expense - Treasurer	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$0.00
Office Expenses - Treasurer	\$345.97	\$345.97	\$0.00
Board Transportation Expense	\$377.40	\$377.40	\$0.00
Board Travel Expense/Hotel & Ect	\$553.96	\$553.96	\$0.00
Leadership Conference	\$631.32	\$631.32	\$0.00
State Meeting Expenses	\$1,112.69	\$0.00	-\$1,112.69
Steering Committee - Milage	\$550.77	\$550.77	\$0.00
Steering Committee - Hotel/Meals	\$409.49	\$409.49	\$0.00
Plan & Budget Com. - Milage	\$1,056.43	\$1,056.43	\$0.00
Plan & Budget Com. - Hotel&Meals	\$759.26	\$759.26	\$0.00
Plan & Budget Com. - Travel Cost	\$401.46	\$401.46	\$0.00
Plan & Budget Com. - Other Exp.	\$97.64	\$97.64	\$0.00
Honorium - Moderator	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Honorium - Clerk	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$0.00
Honorium - Speakers	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
Liability Insurance	\$866.97	\$866.97	\$0.00
State Association Expenses	\$29.99	\$29.99	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$114.25	\$114.25	\$0.00
National Association Dues	\$1,775.00	\$1,775.00	\$0.00
Office Supplies and Expense	\$308.35	\$308.35	\$0.00
Printing Costs	\$378.55	\$378.55	\$0.00
Postage	\$251.27	\$251.27	\$0.00
Promotions	\$1,521.45	\$1,521.45	\$0.00
Supplies - General	\$51.44	\$51.44	\$0.00
Educational Materials	\$637.00	\$637.00	\$0.00
Telephone	\$132.09	\$132.09	\$0.00
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Sub Totals	\$116,054.43	\$113,220.00	-\$2,834.43
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Net Budget Comparrison	-\$7,202.79	\$0.00	\$7,202.79
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Florida State Assn of Free Will Baptist
DESIGNATED FUNDS REPORT
Year To Date Ending 12/31/97

Missionary or Designated Fund	Beginning of Year	Received	Paid Out	Balance
=====	=====	=====	=====	=====
Dennis Owen Family	\$375.99	10,384.76	10,660.75	\$100.00
Bobby Poole	\$10.00	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$0.00
Debra Griffin	\$40.00	\$450.00	\$490.00	\$0.00
Dub Ellison	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Carlisle Hanna	\$25.00	\$300.00	\$325.00	\$0.00
Jeff Turnbough	\$10.00	\$165.00	\$175.00	\$0.00
Ron Moore	\$10.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$0.00
Dale Bishop	\$5.00	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$0.00
Steve Riggs	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00
Kim Zegellen	\$15.00	\$295.00	\$310.00	\$0.00
FM - Sam McVay	\$0.00	\$1,820.18	\$1,720.18	\$100.00
FM - Russian Bibles	\$0.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$0.00
FM - Anthony Edgmon	\$0.00	\$453.92	\$353.92	\$100.00
FM - Dave Franks, Jr.	\$0.00	\$105.40	\$105.40	\$0.00
FM - Cousieau	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$0.00
FM - Smith, Alice	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$0.00
Others - Foreign Missions	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$0.00
FM - General Fund	\$32.35	\$404.69	\$437.04	\$0.00
Curtis Alligood Family	\$285.99	\$864.03	\$1,150.02	\$0.00
Odis Whitehead Family	\$70.00	\$2,101.90	\$2,171.90	\$0.00
Jose Rodriguez	\$0.00	\$2,339.69	\$2,339.69	\$0.00
Carlie Lloyd	\$10.00	\$179.56	\$189.56	\$0.00
John Smith	\$50.00	\$535.00	\$585.00	\$0.00
Highway Helpers	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$0.00
Others - Home Missions	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
HM - General Fund	\$0.00	\$50.71	\$50.71	\$0.00
Fla. Home Missions - G.F.	\$185.88	\$1,168.68	\$1,280.06	\$74.50
Florida Mission Shares	\$0.00	\$4,243.35	\$0.00	\$4,243.35
2003 National Convention	\$1,925.00	\$2,251.00	\$0.00	\$4,176.00
Alabama Children's Home	\$0.00	\$581.55	\$581.55	\$0.00
Bible College	\$90.00	\$1,714.51	\$1,729.51	\$75.00
National General Fund	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00
Exec. Sec. Equipment Fund	\$35.87	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.87
Youth Fund	\$53.07	\$271.77	\$324.84	\$0.00
Historical Committee	\$351.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$351.00
Others - Miscellaneous	\$0.00	\$106.00	\$0.00	\$106.00
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Totals	\$3,735.15	31,489.70	25,863.13	\$9,361.72
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* Please Note That Balances With a "-" Are Debit Balances

FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

YEAR TO DATE SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS
Period Ending 12/31/97

Name	Co-Op	Florida Shares	Missions	Others
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Central Florida Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,487.26	1,217.14
Wayshore FWB Church	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bethany FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christian Home(Bartow) FWB Chu	\$0.00	\$128.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Emmanuel FWB Church	\$185.39	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
Fellowship FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lake Hamilton FWB Church	\$1,329.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$106.00
First FWB Church of Haines Cit	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$56.00
First FWB Church Highland City	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
First FWBC of Tampa	\$1,468.92	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Pathway FWB Church, Inc.	\$4,091.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Kissimmee FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope - Plant City FWB Chur	\$681.13	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Orlando FWB Church	\$330.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shady Brook FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00
Temple FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Unity FWB Church	\$0.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Victory FWB Church	\$570.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75.00
First FWB Church of Sebring	\$2,331.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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Association Totals	11,362.30	\$173.00	1,487.26	1,939.14
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Greater St. John's River Assoc	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$420.00
Blackwelder Memorial FWB Churc	\$262.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith Chapel FWB Church	\$1,414.28	\$287.50	\$0.00	\$0.00
First FWBC of Ocala	\$2,210.41	\$260.35	\$542.74	\$305.00
Grace FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Immanuel FWB Church	\$49.37	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Suwannee Springs FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Wesconnett FWB Church	\$1,059.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Harmony FWB Church	\$1,100.00	\$537.50	\$600.00	\$200.00
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Association Totals	\$6,096.06	1,085.35	1,142.74	\$925.00
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Hispanic Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120.00
Cedars of Lebanon FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ebenezer FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Renacer FWB Church	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$20.00
Association Totals	\$1,650.00	\$0.00	\$41.00	\$140.00
Indian River Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$72.00	\$300.00
New Hope Fellowship FWB Church	\$6,468.81	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00
Daytona FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First FWBC Melbourne	\$3,545.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First FWBC Scottsmeer	\$1,674.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$542.10
First FWBC Titusville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church	\$811.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00
Trinity FWB Church	\$462.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
First FWBC Palm Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First FWBC Auburndale	\$4,407.24	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Smyrna FWB Church	\$120.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Faith FWB Church	\$211.11	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
Palm Bay Mission	\$430.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Church Okeechobee FWB	\$134.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Association Totals	18,265.86	\$0.00	\$72.00	1,097.10
Salem Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$591.16	1,164.94
Christian Home(Blountstown) FW	\$3,885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cottondale FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Cypress Creek FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Damascus FWB Church	\$5,718.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hickory Grove FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Holly Grove FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Huntington Oaks FWB Church	\$1,282.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Lovewood FWB Church	\$253.95	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Malone FWB Church	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Macedonia FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marvin Chapel FWB Church	\$270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Midway FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
New Hope - Sneads FWB Church	\$292.50	\$165.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem FWB Church	\$5,454.75	\$180.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Sneads FWB Church	\$699.96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Traveler's Rest FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Association Totals	18,157.54	\$345.00	\$591.16	1,164.94
South Florida Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,561.76	\$90.00
First Deerfield Beach	\$1,997.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Calvary Chapel FWB Church	18,046.80	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
West Palm Beach FWB Church	\$5,460.23	\$0.00	\$700.00	\$100.00
Association Totals	25,504.69	\$0.00	2,261.76	\$190.00
West Florida Association	\$0.00	\$0.00	5,878.10	\$400.00
Beulah FWB Church	\$8,125.71	1,265.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Christian Home(McDavid) FWB Ch	\$1,400.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First of Pensacola	\$1,544.42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Shiloh FWB Church	\$5,073.74	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Soul's Harbor FWB Church	\$3,640.08	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Association Totals	19,784.89	1,265.00	5,878.10	\$400.00
Liberty Association	\$0.00	\$600.00	\$0.00	1,263.81
Abigail FWB Church	\$692.40	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Piney Grove FWB Church	\$4,947.85	\$0.00	\$685.77	1,119.07
First FWB Church of Panama Cit	\$957.76	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
First FWBC of Chipley	\$4,952.71	\$65.00	10054.49	1,426.75
Pleasant Hill FWB Church	\$2,656.50	\$430.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
St John's FWB Church	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Association Totals	14,207.22	1,110.00	10740.26	3,834.63
Fla Home Mission Board	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fla State Woman Aux	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$601.80
Central Fla WNAC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
Calvary FWB Church	\$60.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$10.00
Amerivision Corp	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	1,997.46
Randall House	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$683.29
Executive Secretary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Bank - Interest Income	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$28.40	\$265.00	\$150.00	\$371.00
Association Totals	\$89.38	\$265.00	\$250.00	3,663.55
Grand Totals	115,117.94	\$4,243.35	22464.28	13,354.36

Florida State Assn of Free Will Baptist
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1997

ASSETS

Current Assets		
Bank Checking Account	\$34,193.83	
Petty Cash Fund - Exec. Sec.	\$1,000.00	
Total Current Assets		\$35,193.83
Fixed Assets		
Autos, Vans, and Buses	\$12,000.00	
Depreciation Allowance	-\$5,600.00	
Total Fixed Assets		\$6,400.00
Total Assets		<u>\$41,593.83</u>

LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Current Liabilities		
Due Historical Committee	\$379.91	
Due Minister's Retirement	\$459.59	
Total Current Liabilities		\$839.50
Missionary Accounts		
Dennis Owen Family	\$100.00	
FM - Sam McVay	\$100.00	
FM - Anthony Edgmon	\$100.00	
Fla. Home Missions - G.F.	\$74.50	
Florida Mission Shares	\$4,243.35	
Total Missionary Accounts		\$4,617.85
Designated Funds		
2003 National Convention	\$4,176.00	
Bible College	\$75.00	
Exec. Sec. Equipment Fund	\$35.87	
Historical Committee	\$351.00	
Others - Miscellaneous	\$106.00	
Total Designated Funds		\$4,743.87
Equity		
General Fund Equity	\$24,189.82	
Current Profit or Loss	\$7,202.79	
Total Equity		\$31,392.61
Total Liabilities and Equity		<u>\$41,593.83</u>

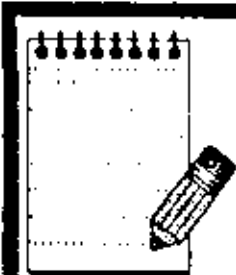
Florida State Assn of Free Will Baptist
Proposed Annual Budget for Year Ending
December 31, 1999

Act	Account Name	Proposed Budget
501	Co-Op Funds Received	-\$126,960.00
602	Executive Board	-\$3,600.00
603	Association Dues	-\$5,250.00
615	Amerivision & Randall House	-\$3,600.00
690	Interest Income	-\$120.00
	Total Budget	<u>-\$139,530.00</u>

Act	Account Name	Proposed Budget
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701	FL Home Mission Board	\$24,000.00
705	Youth Board	\$6,720.00
710	Christian Education Board	\$2,400.00
715	Alabama Children's Home	\$2,400.00
725	Ministers Retirement	\$3,600.00
740	National Co-Op	\$24,000.00
751	Executive Secretary Salary	\$16,800.00
753	Secretary's Housing Allowance	\$18,000.00
759	Exec. Sec. Auto Expenses	\$6,000.00
760	Executive Sec. Travel Expense	\$2,400.00
762	Exec. Sec. Nat'l Assn Expenses	\$1,200.00
763	Exec. Sec. Telephone	\$1,800.00
765	Exec. Sec. Office Expense	\$1,500.00
766	Exec. Sec. Miscellaneous	\$300.00
770	Secretary Salaries	\$2,400.00
791	Coordinator Expenses	\$3,600.00
801	Accounting Expense - Treasurer	\$1,200.00
802	Travel Expense - Treasurer	\$300.00
804	Board Transportation Expense	\$900.00
805	Board Travel Expense/Hotel & Ect	\$900.00
806	Leadership Conference	\$900.00
810	State Meeting Expenses	\$900.00
811	Steering Committee - Milage	\$600.00
812	Steering Committee - Hotel/Meals	\$600.00
813	Steering Committee - Other Exp.	\$120.00
815	Plan & Budget Com. - Milage	\$1,200.00
816	Plan & Budget Com. - Hotel&Meals	\$900.00
817	Plan & Budget Com. - Travel Cost	\$600.00
820	Honorium - Moderator	\$300.00
821	Honorium - Clerk	\$300.00
822	Honorium - Speakers	\$900.00
830	Liability Insurance	\$900.00
840	Miscellaneous	\$300.00
851	National Association Dues	\$2,400.00
853	2003 Convention	\$3,150.00
860	Office Supplies and Expense	\$600.00
862	Printing Costs	\$600.00
863	Postage	\$600.00
865	Promotions	\$1,500.00
878	Supplies - General	\$240.00
880	Educational Materials	\$1,200.00
885	Telephone	\$300.00

	Total Budget	\$139,530.00

We recommend the adoption of the budget for the calendar year 1999, and that the Treasurer have the authority to transfer budget allocations between the following account numbers: Account 759 through 770 and Account 804 through 885 and that the Executive Committee, if necessary, be authorized to prorate a percentage reduction of all the budget items.



Credentials Committee Report

Category	Final Count
Ministers	38
Deacons	8
Associational Delegates	17
Local Church Delegates	2
Visitors	59
TOTALS	124

Curtis Alligood, William Compton, R. C. Wiggins



Executive Secretary's Report

With the Apostle Paul, from our hearts we shout thanks be unto God for His unspeakable (indescribable) gift (II Corinthians 9:15). Without question, 1997 was a year of gifts and victories from God to Florida Free Will Baptists. We encourage you to let these be days of thanksgiving and praise for God's many gifts to us.

Yes, there were disappointments during the year. We do not mean to minimize them, or to look lightly on them. We choose, by faith, to major on the victories. During 1997, we had a large number of churches that had to make pastoral changes. Such times are always traumatic for both pastors and churches. It is also a time of additional expense and strain on budgets both of churches and pastors. Pastoral changes are also opportunities for growth and greater maturity. Our Father graciously walked us through these

experiences and in most cases we are stronger because of them. At the writing of this report, we do have churches that are going through this experience. We pray they will enjoy God's grace and peace, as well as experience growth and maturity.

VICTORIES Our Father gave us victories. Most of our churches report a measure of numerical and financial growth. They report people saved, baptized, and brought into our churches. While we long for greater victories in this area, we rejoice over those we do experience.

Florida Free Will Baptists also enjoy a new vision for missions. During our 1997 State Association, the State Mission Board presented the Florida Shares program to us. The State body received it enthusiastically. A new era for missions began. Some of our churches which had not previously supported missions in a significant way have adopted the program. Smaller congregations that did not think they could have missionaries come to their churches now participate in the world wide missions ministry of the denomination. At the time this report is being written we are on target to reach our 1998 Florida Shares budget. Reaching this budget requires all of us to do what we ought to do, so that we can reach a lost world for Christ. Together we can.

Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists operated on an actual dollar based budget for the first time in 1997. We entered into the budget believing it would help us carry on the work of our state association more efficiently and with a greater sense of accountability. Our churches across the state responded with approval. As our treasurer's report reveals, we met and exceeded the budget. Florida Free Will Baptists are a people who care about their call from God to reach beyond the walls and parking lots of their local churches. I am renewing my commitment for the growth of our State Association, its ministries, churches, and our pastors. I hope you will do the same.

Cooperative giving continues to increase. We are continuing to see new churches accept the challenge to tithe their income to the state association ministries, just as they teach their membership to tithe to the Lord in the church. Tithing is an act of faith in Christ and obedience to Him. This is true for the individual believer, and for the local church. As members of the local church tithe and give offerings, the church is able to carry on its local ministries. As our local churches tithe their income and give offering to the state association ministries, we are able to do the work God calls us to do. This is what cooperative giving is all about. The tithes and offerings of our churches to the state and denominational ministries are the essence of the Together Way. Together we can.

FORWARD CHALLENGES AND VICTORIES As we convene this year for the first time in Deland, Florida our future is bright. Florida Free Will Baptists have open doors of opportunity. We well know that every open door of opportunity brings with it new challenges and sometimes disappointments. But the spoils of battle belong to those who persevere.

THE COOPERATIVE CHALLENGE You have been presented with a challenging 1999 budget. However, it is doable. Note these facts. 1) Just over 50% of our churches consistently tithe their income. I urge you to dream about our potential for Christ when all our churches tithe cooperatively. 2) The 1998 income is on target to be well above budget at the writing of this report. 3) The 1997 income exceeded the 1997 budget substantially. Our track record says we can do it.

THE MISSIONS CHALLENGE The Florida Shares budget increases in 1999. Note these facts. 1) At the time this report was written less than 50% of our churches have begun participating in the Florida Shares program. Dream with me about new churches in Florida, foreign missionary's finances, and lost souls saved around the world as our pastors and churches catch God's view of the church and its mission in the world. Again, our track record says we can do it.

THE SENIOR CHALLENGE The growing population of senior adults in Florida and in our Free Will Baptist churches demands that we launch a ministry that reaches them with the Gospel and meets their needs as senior adults. Many of them come our way with no background in the Christian Faith. This is an evangelism challenge. Many of them come among us searching for friendships and fellowship. Here is a discipleship challenge. Many of them enter into our arena with no spouse, children, or other family ties. Here is a grand challenge to reveal Christ's love in a most rewarding way. Our present Florida Free Will Baptist Senior Adults deserve the privilege of fellowship with other Free Will Baptists across our state. Our challenge is to provide the vehicle.

THE YOUTH CHALLENGE As we scan the horizon of youth, we see a generation of children and youth coming on that is adrift from the moral and spiritual moorings we have known. Only genuine biblical revival can reverse the trend and save our lost generation of youth. We must not even think of changing our message of the Gospel. However, we must honestly search for ways of preaching the message so that our lost generation can hear and receive our Christ. Under God we can.

THE TOGETHER CHALLENGE Free Will Baptists are a diverse body of people. This is true denominationally and within our state. Diversity creates possibilities for distrust. But it also creates opportunities for Divine revelation and intervention. God has created each of us as unique individuals. He gives each of us unique ministries. But in our uniqueness there is beauty and completeness. Together we will reach far more people for Christ than we can separately. Will we have difficulties, misunderstandings, and problems? Yes. But under God and together, Satan will not win the day. The victory is ours.

Thank you for allowing me to be part of this great ministry in Florida. You have placed your confidence and trust in me. You have allowed me the privilege of being in your churches and

homes. My commitment to you is to be faithful to our Christ and to your trust. I ask for your prayers to this end.

Millard C. Sasser, Executive Secretary



The Coordinator Report

The *Coordinator* was published five times in 1997. The average number of copies printed per issue was 1800. According to the treasurer's report, the cost of publication was \$2,352.43, which included printing and mailing. Based on these figures, the cost for publication was just over .26 per copy per issue. There may have been some miscellaneous costs figured elsewhere in the budget. If this is the case, the actual cost per copy per issue increases slightly.

We continue to mail the *Coordinator* directly into the homes of our constituency. This is a little more expensive than mailing it in bundles to the local churches. However, in my opinion, the extra investment will bring us greater dividends as a body of people.

There are no subscription charges for the *Coordinator*. When you receive the *Coordinator* please stop and say thank you for our churches that support the broader ministries of our state association through cooperative giving, for that is how the *Coordinator* is funded.

Some of our church bodies have not yet provided us with a mailing list of their membership. This is to their disadvantage. Receiving the *Coordinator* will, first of all, help our membership stay informed about events across the state. Secondly, it reminds our people that they are not alone in their ministries for Christ. Third, we publish articles regularly to enhance and encourage our pastors and their ministries. When pastors are encouraged, their churches are blessed.

We urge our boards to take advantage of the *Coordinator*. Activities, plans, and future events of the boards printed in the *Coordinator* make it easier for our people to support and encourage them. An informed people will be a supporting body.

Local churches can also take advantage of the ministry of the *Coordinator* by publishing their future events and plans in the paper. Our past events and victories properly portrayed in the *Coordinator* can encourage others. Publicized future events may be just the spark needed to ignite the flames of evangelism, discipleship, and growth another pastor and church needs. Together we can be successful for Christ.

An "It Works Here" column is being introduced in our May issue. This column is intended as a tool for churches and pastors to help each other. If you have experienced success with a ministry in your church, share it with the rest of us. Some will find it to be a powerful tool for Christ where they serve. Remember, we have limited space, so be patient. Your success story is important to the rest of us.

Many years ago when the *Coordinator* was introduced into the state association ministry, we struggled over the right name. The name *Coordinator* was chosen with a specific purpose in mind. The publication was to assist in coordinating the ministries of Florida Free Will Baptists. Editors, including this one, may have fallen short of that intended purpose from time to time. Today, this editor is renewing his commitment to the publication's original purpose. Together we can insure it as a powerful tool for all of us.

Millard C. Sasser, Editor



Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board is a real ministry to pastors, lay persons, and ultimately the churches. The main thrust of our ministry has been the annual Minister's Retreat. Each year we examine the needs of our churches and pastors and pick a theme for the retreat. We then seek a keynote speaker with that expertise to explore the theme and provide assistance in that area. We also pick men in our state to speak on sub-themes.

The retreats are typically attended by ministers, pastors, both full-time and part time, and deacons or laymen. Those attending appreciate the material presented, the knowledge of the speakers, and the relaxed fellowship time shared. In the words of our keynote speaker this year, "a retreat is a time to withdraw from the battle to rest, refresh and reload so you can return to lead forward and win."

The Christian Education Board had Dr. Melvin Maxwell as our keynote speaker this year. He spoke on church administration which was all about people and how we minister to them. He challenged, informed, and encouraged all who attended. We feel that he will also be a blessing to our State Association this year as he speaks to the body.

The Christian Education Board is exploring new ways of touching more churches this coming year. We are examining the ways we can be a more active partner in educating the leaders in the churches. Be looking for these within the year.

The Christian Education Board

Florida State Christian Education Board

1997 Financial Report

Beginning Balance **2094.22**

Income

1/22/97	Deposit	155.28
1/22/97	Retreat Income	1250.00
11/20/97	Deposit	890.00
Total		2295.28

Exoenses

1/8/97	Ramada Inn/Deposit	150.00
1/20/97	Waddell/Printing	36.89
1/22/97	Roy Harris/Honor.	100.00
1/22/97	Tom Malone/Honor.	200.00
1/22/97	FWBBC/Honor.	300.00
1/22/97	Roy Harris/Travel	193.28
1/22/97	Ramada Inn/Rooms	1285.10
1/22/97	Avis Car/Van	306.00
1/30/97	1st Card/Retreat Meals	260.51
3/7/97	Waddell/Survey	102.45
9/2/97	Soul's Harbor/Phone	63.00
11/14/97	Ocala Ramada/Deposit	1030.00
Total		4027.23

Ending Balance **362.27**

Florida State Christian Education Board
Proposed 1999 Budget

BALANCE

Brought Forward	2110.60
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INCOME

State Funds Requested	3000.00
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Conference Fees	1680.00
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TOTAL INCOME	4680.00
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EXPENSES

Retreat

Hotel Expenditures	1770.00
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Speaker Honorarium	500.00
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Speaker Travel	350.00
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Gifts/Books	200.00
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Administrative

Phone Conference	350.00
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Postage	120.00
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Promotional Materials	120.00
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Miscellaneous	70.00
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Travel	200.00
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Scholarships

FWBBC Fl Student Schlrshp.	800.00
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Educational Materials

State Library	200.00
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$4680.00
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Mission Board Report

It has been an eventful year since our board last reported to this body. It has been an exciting year in many respects. We have added another tentmaker missionary, Omar Alfaro, who is working in the Homestead area of Florida. Omar is originally out of the Renacer Church, so there is a sense in which this newest work is the product of one of our current mission churches. It is encouraging to see our mission churches and pastors sending forth laborers into the vineyard. Omar, along with Jean Gurrier at Deerfield Beach, is currently receiving a small monthly subsidy from our board. Both of these works are young, and are working to reach their respective communities for Christ.

We are seeing good reports from our other 3 home mission works in Jacksonville, St Petersburg, and Miami. Missionary pastors Odis Whitehead, Curtis Alligood, and Jose' Rodriguez continue to minister effectively. The Renacer Church, under the leadership of Bro. Rodriguez, has assumed an additional \$250.00 per month of their mortgage payment. We have taken this money and used it to help Omar and Jean as we mentioned above.

Last year at our State Association you adopted a new plan of missions support, and directed our board to develop and administer the plan. We worked extensively the last half of 1997 developing promotional and educational materials for the plan, and we traveled the state sharing the information with our people. Additionally, we mailed information packets to all of our pastors. If you need material about the plan, please see any mission board member or Millard Sasser. We will be happy to help you any way we can. The people of our state have responded well. We have just closed out the first quarter of 1998, and we are on target to reach our budget. We will share more up to date information at the state meeting but through March 31 we have received \$33,782.13.

We are grateful for the reception this plan has received, but there are still many who have not become a part of the plan. If you need someone to come to your church and share information about the plan, again, contact any of us or Bro. Sasser. We want to help you as you endeavor to promote the program.

There was one sad incident in our state that our board became involved in. The Huntington Oaks Church closed last July and requested that our board receive the property. We agreed, and upon closure of the church we became responsible for the property. Unfortunately some questions have been raised about this. Our chairman called the men who had the questions in hopes of resolving this matter. In your packet is a special report from our board regarding this matter. We sent them the report. At our request, the chairman of our board, the state moderator, and executive secretary called them seeking an apology and closure. An apology was not given to the state nor those involved. We hope that our actions meet with your approval.

As we close this report, let me add a personal note. I believe we are at a pivotal point in missions in our state. Some opportunities come only once, and having been lost, can never be reclaimed. I urge you to become a part of the mission work of our state. We have opportunities that, if we fail in them, could cause us setbacks that will last for a generation. Please pray for your mission board. We need the guidance of God and the help of His people to accomplish the task that has been given to us.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve Christ and Free Will Baptists through this State Association. All of us consider it an honor to work with and for you.

*David Williford, Tom Collins, Jim Christian, Kevin Flannagin,
Donnie Hussey*

FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS
BALANCE SHEET
As of December 31, 1997

ASSETS

Current Assets

Barentt Bank checking	\$4,724.20
Home Mission Loan Fund - CD	<u>\$19,348.66</u>

Total Current Assets	\$24,072.86
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Investments

M/R - Victory Holiness Church	\$53,120.14
M/R - Church of Christ Lakefront	\$59,856.11
M/R - Street Church Missions	\$108,639.41
M/R - Bible Believers Church	\$109,002.67
M/R - Fellowship Baptist Church	<u>\$35,417.60</u>

Total Investments	<u>\$366,035.93</u>
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Total Assets	<u>\$390,108.79</u>
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LIABILITIES AND EQUITY

Equity

General Fund Equity	\$398,259.91
Current Profit or Loss	<u>-\$8,151.12</u>

Total Equity	<u>\$390,108.79</u>
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Total Liabilities and Equity	<u>\$390,108.79</u>
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FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Period ending December 31, 1997

Income

Co-op Funds Received	\$24,000.00
General Fund Contrubutions	\$1,300.06
Rental Income - Gainesville	\$15,000.00
Interest Income - Mortgages	\$26,151.16
Interest Income - Banks	\$103.38
Interest Income - Home Mission CD	<u>\$1,619.26</u>

Total Income

\$68,173.86

Missionary Projects

Jose Rodriguez Salary Support	\$6,034.08
Jacksonville Non-Salary Support	\$18,000.00
Renacer Non-Salary Support	\$12,000.00
Other Missions Support	<u>\$1,000.00</u>

Total Missionary Projects

\$37,034.08

Building Expenses

Friendship Church Expenses	\$1,205.62
Gainesville Church Expenses	\$20,143.18
Tallahassee Church Expenses	<u>\$6,114.74</u>

Total Building Expenses

\$27,463.54

Overhead Costs

Miscellaneous	\$684.81
Office Supplies and Expense	\$51.49
Florida Shares Promotion	\$5,206.93
State Assn. Exp. - Missionaries	\$300.00
Travel Expense - Board	\$2,426.37
Conferences - Missionaries	\$2,746.76
Conferences - Board	<u>\$411.00</u>

Total Overhead Costs

\$11,827.36

Total Disbursements

\$76,324.98

Net Receipts and Disbursements

-\$8,151.12

Proposed Mission Shares Budget - 1999

Home Missions

Faith Chapel	Mortgage Payment	\$12,000.00
Renacer	Mortgage Payment	9,000.00
Jose Rodriguez	Salary Support	18,600.00
Debt Reduction	Renacer/Jacksonville	20,000.00
Omar Alfaro	Homestead	1,500.00
Jean Guerrier	Deerfield Beach	1,500.00
Future Expansion		8,046.00

Home Missions Total **70,646.00**

Foreign Missions

Dennis & Trena Owen	38,339.00
Anthony & Lean Edgmon	14,910.00
Sam & June McVay	26,420.00
Verlin & Debbie Anderson	19,561.00

Foreign Missions Total **99,230.00**

Total Missions Support **169,876.00**

Cost per share - \$18 per month = \$216 per year

Florida Free Will Baptist Home Missions
Proposed Annual Budget for Year Ending 12-31-1999

<u>Account</u>	<u>Account Name</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
601	Co-Op Funds Received	-\$24,000.00
602	General Fund Contributions	-300.00
621	Rental Income-Gainesville	-15,000.00
622	Rental Income-Tallahassee	-24,000.00
640	Interest Income-Mortgages	24,000.00
642	Interest Income - CD	1,200.00
Total Budget		<u>-88,500.00</u>
710	Florida Mission Shares	\$24,000.00
722	Missionary Christmas Gifts	900.00
739	Other Missions Support	13,260.00
751	Gainesville Church Expenses	15,000.00
752	Tallahassee Church Expenses	21,000.00
830	Liability Insurance	1,200.00
840	Miscellaneous	1,200.00
850	National Assn. Exp/Missionaries	1,500.00
860	Office Supplies and Expense	900.00
862	Printing Costs	300.00
865	Florida Shares Promotion	1,200.00
870	State Assn Exp/Missionaries	600.00
880	Travel Expense/Board	3,000.00
881	Travel Expense/Missionaries	2,400.00
882	Conferences - Missionaries	1,200.00
883	Conferences - Board	600.00
885	Telephone	240.00
Total Budget		<u>\$88,500.00</u>

Mission Board

Special Report

March 1998

Dear Executive Committee:

As you know, the Huntington Oaks Free Will Church has closed. The church requested that our mission board receive the property and we agreed. Since then, certain questions have been raised concerning whether or not we should have received the property. Serious accusations have been made about the Home Mission Board and the former pastor.

Enclosed in this you will find our response to the letter, the letter itself, and answers to the questions raised in the letter. This information is being sent to you, and will be included in our report to the body.

Sincerely,

David Williford
Chairman of the Mission Board.

March 26, 1998

To: Gene Peterman

CC: J.D. Norris, Don Hanna, Trymon Messer, Ron Hunter, Tim Owen, All members of the Florida State Association Executive Committee, Executive Secretary and Clerk of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists, Moderator and Clerk of the Salem Association of Free Will Baptists.

Purpose: To answer the questions of the letter dated Feb. 25, 1998 surrounding the Tallahassee property as it concerns the Mission Board.

We received your letter dated February 25, 1998. We are replying to the letter with a complete report from the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists Home Mission Board. We convened a meeting with all members present (with exception of one member due to a pastoral emergency), our Executive Secretary, our State Moderator, and the last pastor of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. (Hereafter referred to as HOFWBC.)

Those in attendance were:

The Mission Board:

David Williford, Chairman

Jim Christian

Tom Collins

Kevin Flannagin

Others:

Tim Owen, Moderator

Millard Sasser, Executive Secretary

Ron Hunter, Former Pastor of HOFWBC

Having thoroughly reviewed all questions in your letter, we requested all records, minutes, files, bank statements and cancelled checks from our State pertaining to HOFWBC for our review and accounting purposes. We subsequently reviewed the minutes of the last two business meetings of the church in reference to the conveying of the property to our Mission board and also the mission board minutes and notes pertaining to this subject.

Immediately following this cover letter, you will find a complete copy of the letter dated Feb. 25, 1998. **(You may wish to stop and read it in its entirety now and come back and pick back up here in this letter.)** We have answered the letter question by question, and you will find our answers immediately following a re-print of each question.

Upon the receipt of this letter, we were puzzled and bewildered knowing that you (Gene Peterman) were a long standing active member. As treasurer, you wrote and signed every check the church paid. You were a trustee. You were an active, involved member of the HOFWBC church board. You were a vital part of the very board that explored the possible options for the church. You were a key leader and senior member that carried weight in the decision making process. You were in attendance at all meetings when these topics were discussed and voted in favor of every action that the church pursued and accomplished.

After receiving the letter, our chairman, an additional mission board member, and the former pastor personally visited with you, Gene Peterman, at your place of business on March 2, 1998. They were graciously received and you immediately informed them that you, Gene Peterman, did not initiate nor write the letter. Furthermore, you stated that J.D. Norris and Don Hanna prepared the letter and brought it to you for your signature. You stated, that you reluctantly signed the letter after being told, "...it was your duty as the remaining trustee still on the state corporation papers...".

On the following day, our chairman initiated phone conversations with Don Hanna and J.D. Norris. They verified that you, Gene, were not the author of the letter. Don Hanna was asked why this letter needed to be written since he and you were present at the business meeting when these issues were decided. Considering that Don Hanna and you, Gene Peterman, knew the answers to most of these questions, it would appear that this letter was written with the intent to discredit, mislead and raise doubts. We are concerned about the manner in which this matter was handled by them, since Biblical principles should be followed when addressing a possible offense. Neither our chairman nor any other board member was contacted with these questions before they were conveyed to a wider audience, many of whom had no first

hand knowledge of these events. Had these questions been directed to the chairman of the mission board either by a phone call, visit, or personal letter, these questions would have been addressed. Had the answers not been satisfactory, according to Biblical principles, the next step would have been to address these concerns to the Florida State Mission Board and then the State Association's Executive Committee.

Before we answer the questions, one final point needs to be addressed. The opening paragraph of the letter implies that we had been asked to give a report to former members concerning the disposition of the property. There was no request by the church body, either verbally or in the minutes, for our mission board to keep the former members apprised of the status of the property. Had such a request been made by the church body, we would have been more than happy to comply.

In conclusion, we welcome any questions from J.D. Norris, Don Hanna, or others. We do ask that the questions be brought to us in accordance with Biblical principles in a Christian manner consistent with our Church Covenant. We hope this will resolve the questions and settle this matter once and for all.

Sincerely Submitted

David Williford (signed)

The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board

David Williford, Chairman; Jim Chirstian; Tom Collins; Donnie Hussey; Kevin Flannagin

Feburary 25, 1998

To: David Williford
Chairman Florida Home Mission Board
Florida State Associaton of Free Will Baptists

It has been almost 6 months since the Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church was transferred to the Home Mission Board of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. Since there has not been an accounting of the final transactions to the former Membership. Therefore, this letter serves as a request for a formal accounting in the final days and present status of the transaction. There are several questions we would like answered:

1. Has the property been transferred by a Recorded Deed or a quitclaim deed?
2. Has the Property been rented or leased? If so what are the terms and does the rent include the double wide mobile home? Considering the rapid deterioration of a mobile home, when it is not inhabited who is responsible for maintenance?
3. Is the property for sale? If the property is for sale, what are the plans for marketing it? As of this date there has been no for sale signs erected on the property. What is the certified appraisal value and what is the asking price of the property? Has there been any offers to purchase as to date?
4. What are the intentions of the Home Mission board with regards to the profits gained either in the sale or rent of the property? In the light of the statement made by the Chairman of the Board that the Mission Board has no plans to reinvest the money into another work in Tallahassee or surrounding area, where does the board intend to reinvest it? Will it be in establishing works or will it be in administrative costs?
5. In the light of the fact that it was not a Florida work to begin with, and it was the clear intention

from the foundation of the Church with the inclusion of a statement in the Church's Constitution and by laws that the Property go back to the National Association Home Mission Board if it ceased to be a church, why was not the National Association Mission Board consulted before the Florida Association agreed to receive the property? Could it be that the Florida Mission Board saw an opportunity to enrich its coffers in spite of the intentions of the original founders, and members wishes?

6. Will the Florida Home Mission Board continue to honor the agreement that was entered into when the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy dissolved and transferred its assets to Lake Jackson at later date to become Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. There are yet some obligations to the National Foreign and Home Mission Boards that were unfulfilled that were spelled out in a Deed Transfer. I would think it be just as incumbent to fulfill that Deed of Trust and follow the wishes of the Good Folks that trusted Huntington Oaks (Lake Jackson) to carry out the wishes of it's remaining members. The Trust of the Members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy did not cease because of a name change or property transfer. Will there be money to meet these obligations and will they be met?
7. What was the final disposition of the equipment and furnishing of the Church? Who received what and were there any sales of equipment and if so did any person receive any monies from those purchases?
8. At the time the church property was conveyed there was approximately \$10,000 in borrowed funds in

the bank account. Will you give an itemized accounting as to how that money was spent? It is the feeling of some former members there was some personal gain made by some. Please put this rumor to rest by accounting for the remaining funds.

9. What would it take to interest the Florida Home Mission Board into considering working with the former members to reestablish a work in Tallahassee? Is it the purpose of the Board to establish works, or has the purpose of the board changed to hold Property and collect rent to pay for the administrative cost of The board and its Missionaries? We would like a clear Mission Statement from the Board as to it's future purpose. If there is absolutely no interest on the part of the Board to help reestablish a work, how can you morally take a piece of property in light of clear intentions of founding principals that governed the establishing of the church in the beginning? It is the contention that there are men who would be willing to come to Tallahassee and work for the establishing of a Free Will Baptist Church if given the opportunity and support? Obviously, there is no intention on the part of the board in seeing this accomplished, therefore we think it would be a morally responsible thing to do if you offered the Property to the National Home Mission Board for the purpose of trying to reestablish a work here in Tallahassee, either through a Tent Maker program or a new Missionary which has been done in many occasions and Florida currently a Missionary serving as a TentMaker. After all this was a National Home Mission work from the beginning and was the original intention of the founding of the

church until the Constitution was changed on the night that the Property was conveyed to the Florida Home Mission Board.

9. Was the full Florida Mission Board informed as to this transaction? It is the feeling of some that this was a behind closed doors transaction with just a few folks involved. Again, here is your opportunity to put another rumor to rest by providing dates and times of the meetings in which this transaction was discussed in the presence of the full Mission Board.
10. Is the Florida State Association in agreement with the action of the Florida Mission Board in this matter?
11. What work or department will profit most by the proceeds of this transaction?

Again the purpose of this letter is to request a final report on the closing of the Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. This will allow the former members and Mission Givers across the denomination to know how the property was disbursed in light of the promises made to them while the work was being established. It took 7 years to become self supporting. Also, this will serve to inform the Members of the Florida State Association as to the intent of it's own Mission Board.

Sincerely,

Gene Peterman (signed)

Remaining Trustee on the Documents of Incorporation
Treasure of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church
On behalf of concerned Members

Gene Peterman
912 Lake Bradford Rd.
Tallahassee, Fl 32304

CC:Ron Hunter

Don Hanna

J.D. Norris

Tim Owen

Trymon Messer

All Members of the Florida Home Mission Board

Clerk of Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist

Moderator of Salem Association of Free Will Baptist

Clerk of Salelm Association of Free Will Baptist

REPLY TO THE GENE PETERMAN LETTER DATED

2/25/98

Q-1 Has the property been transferred by a recorded deed or a quitclain deed?

A-1 Our attorneys are working on the legal paperwork and we hope to have them recorded by the time you receive this reply.

Q-2 Has the property been rented or leased? If so what are the terms and does the rent include the double wide mobile home? Considering the rapid deterioration of a mobile home, when it is not inhabited who is responsible for maintenance?

A-2 The property has been leased to a new Baptist Church in Tallahassee, Words of Life Christian Center. They are renting the building and the mobile home. Since they are a new group, and are attempting to begin a day care ministry, we are currently charging \$1,500 per month. The rent will escalate to \$2,500 per month in June. We acknowledge this seems to be a low rate, yet after several groups responded to our advertisement, this was the highest offer. It was a matter of renting for this price or allowing the property to remain vacant. The renters of the property are responsible for normal and typical maintenance on the church and mobile home.

Q-3 Is the property for sale? If the property is for sale, what are the plans for marketing it? As of this date there has been no for

sale signs erected on the property. What is the certified appraisal value and what is the asking price of the property? Has there been any offers to purchase as to date?

A-3 The property was advertised for a couple of months. We have requested interested buyers provide us with an A1A appraisal paid for by them. We have reserved the right to also secure an appraisal if we deem it beneficial to do so. The former church members estimated the value to be \$450,000. There have been no offers for purchase.

Q-4 What are the intentions of the Home Mission Board with regards to the profits gained either in the sale or rent of the property? In the light of the statement made by the Chairman of the Board that the Mission Board has no plans to reinvest the money into another work in Tallahassee or surrounding area, where does the board intend to invest it? Will it be in establishing works or will it be in administrative costs?

A-4 If there should be some profit in the future, the mission board will determine where best to invest the funds to extend mission churches in the state of Florida. We have not determined where the funds will be invested, since numerous key factors remain unknown. At present we have no plans to re-establish a church in the Tallahassee area but this does not preclude a future work in Tallahassee.

As for using moneys for administrative work, yes, there is always a certain amount of that which must be done. For example, the meeting to answer this letter is one such case. Our board pays no salaries to its board members. Our men volunteer their time and labor. In keeping with our constitution, we pay expenses for our members when they travel on behalf of the board.

Q-5 In the light of the fact that it was not a Florida Mission work to begin with, and it was the clear intention from the foundation of the church with the inclusion of a statement in the

Church's constitution and by laws that the property go back to the National Association Mission Board if it ceased to be a church, why was not the National Association Mission Board consulted before the Florida Association agreed to receive the property? Could it be that the Florida Mission Board saw an opportunity to enrich its coffers in spite of the intentions of the original founders, and members wishes.

A-5 We were responding to the request of a local church. We view ourselves as being on the same team as the National Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board. We have the same goals in mind - We want to extend mission churches in Florida. This is addressed more thoroughly in the response to question 9 - one.

Q-6 Will the Florida Home Mission Board continue to honor the agreement that was entered into when the First Free Will Baptist of Quincy dissolved and transferred its assets to Lake Jackson at a later date to become Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church? There are yet some obligations to the National Foreign and Home Mission Boards that were unfulfilled that were spelled out in a deed of transfer. I would think it be just as incumbent to fulfill that Deed of Trust and follow the wishes of the good folks that trusted Huntington Oaks (Lake Jackson) to carry it out its final wishes as it would be to accept the property from Huntington Oaks and carry out the wishes of its remaining members. The trust of the members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy did not cease because of a name change or property transfer. Will there be money to meet these obligations and will they be met?

A-6 Yes, the HOFWBC church dealt with this matter in its final meeting. The church members determined that the obligations to the Home and Foreign Mission Department were satisfied by assigning the property to the Florida State Mission Board, since this board now raises funds for both state home missionaries and foreign missionaries from Florida. In a related matter, there is a

matter of some money due to Louise Hicks. The State Mission Board agreed to make that payment out of funds realized from the sale or rental of the property.

Q-7 What was the final disposition of the equipment and furnishing of the church? Who received what and were there any sales of equipment and if so did any person receive any moneys from those purchases?

A-7 The final business meeting of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church was held on Sunday, July 13, 1997. There were ten members, two non-members and two children present. Frank Kovacs then presented the recommendation of the Church Board concerning certain items in the church. (SEE BELOW) He made a motion to carry through the recommendations of the Church Board. This motion was seconded and passed. The church acted accordingly to see that this was carried out and that all properties were dispersed as the church intended.

This is an insert of the items the church voted on for disbursement.

**Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church
Church Closing
recommendations by
The Church Board**

Summary Information

Financial Assets

Church Property \$450,000

Quincy Note: \$752.57 per month till 12/01/02 (2002) 5 1/2
years (est. \$48,164.00)

Financial Obligations

Bank Note- estimate \$115,000 (\$1229 per month)

Insurance

Electricity - 3 meters

Church - Alarm

Parsonage - Alarm - Ron Hunter is responsible

Sign - Not needed

Lawn Care - \$35.00 a cutting

Phone - Local

Waste Management Garbage - Ron Hunter is responsible

Open accounts needed to be closed

Kinko's -

Office Depot -

Florida Pest Control -

Long Distance Service -

Administrative Areas

Church Minutes - To the Florida State Association of FWB

Church Files - Discard non pertinent

School Records -

Employment - Can Discard if Leon City School
Board does not want them.

Student Records - Should go to Leon County Board
Removal from National directory.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Florida Home Mission Board: That they be given the buildings, property, accounts receivable and any content of the property that are not designated in these recommendations. They will also receive all liabilities of the church as well and both of these would happen upon the vote of acceptance.

Pastor: That the pastor be paid one month beyond final month of service. (final payment Aug.)

That the pastor not be charged rent through August then are tenants of Florida Missions Board.

That when the Florida Missions Board needs the parsonage vacated that the pastor be given sixty days notice and that those sixty days be rent free.

Pastor's Wife: The Church Board would like to recommend giving the piano to Pam Hunter in appreciation for her ministry here, realizing that the pastor's wife is many times not recognized or shown appreciation. We trust this would help her continue her music ministry and say thank you.

Other Areas

Mrs. Louse Hicks: We recommend that she receive the amount of money that was intended to be given to her from the sale of the Quincy Church property. (see attached papers) \$3,325.00 in that she has only been paid \$500.00.

Others on Same Quincy Church Agreement: With the State Home Mission Board receiving the property then the remaining obligations would be met. That includes National Home Missions, National Foreign Missions, and State Home Missions. Kent Barwick was paid in full.

Computer Loan: Based on the previous minutes and vote of the Church when borrowing the money for church improvements, the church voted to borrow money to purchase a computer. The money was never spent for a computer. Bro. Ron has utilized his own for the church for five years. It had minor upgrades and a year or so later died. When he purchased a new computer he continued using it for the Church as well as other areas. We recommend that the money be repaid to Bro. Ron for purchase amount of his new computer and that he keep the printer. This was one of the primary reasons for the add on money in the bank note along with other church improvements. It was never paid because of the other budget concerns. This desire was expressed because of the dedication of the use of his own computer for the length of time that it was used in ministry here.

Physical Properties

There are certain items that the church would like to donate to other Churches, people and/or other mission churches that have a need for them. We list our recommendations below. We would love the Mission Board and Bro. Sasser's help in placing items. There are certain items that have no value or are not worth anything to give away and we recommend these to the Lighthouse Children's Home for them to place in their regular yard sales to benefit their ministry. The following items are listed with a recommendation of their placement.

Camp Mount Pleasant:

- Ten 8' Tables
- older ping pong table with paddles
- one 5' folding table
- 70 padded chairs (like at camp)
- Studiomaster 16 channel mixing board
- Tape Deck
- Peavy AMP PV 8.56 550 watts x 2
- wireless mic
- 4 shur mics
- 2 monitors
- 3 mic stands
- 1 piano mic stand
- lecturn mic

State Executive Office/Mission Churches (to be placed according to needs):

- Pew Bibles NIV (45)
- Hymnals (90)
- communion trays (serves 90)
- book holder (display)
- 20 Navy Blue Hymnals in great shape
- 50 blank tapes with boxes
- split 2 part hexagonal table
- 6 nice folding chairs

clock
Rolodex
Large Legal 5 drawer filing cabinet
Typewriter (with 3 type wheels)
office chair
desk chair
2 hole punch
electric pencil sharpener
Banner for church growth
Friend Day Manual notebook
Wall tract holder
2 office chairs
1 desk chair
refrigerator (good condition)
2 pot bun coffee maker
regular coffee maker
infant walker
misc. silverware
1 standing flip chalk board (3 x 4)
17 Children's chairs
cabinet file with shelves inside
media Cart
small stereo/cart
3' big screen TV
VCR
4' x 7' wall mount chalk board
Fisher Price Table with 2 chairs
pump - portable
toilet paper dispenser rolls - commercial (5)
soap dispensers (9)
5 commercial grade paper towel dispensers
8 children's chairs
office chair
cabinet of shelves
small refrigerator

Ron Hunter:

file from pastor's off. & 3 drwr. fire prf. filing cab. sec. off.

Don Hanna:

Oil Radiator Heater

J.D. Norris:

Home Mission Plaque

Isle dedicated to Carl Wolf

Three Ministry Plaques to the Chairpersons:

Sunday School - Frank Kovacs

Trustees - Ronnie Hunter, Sr.

Women's Auxiliary - Pam Hunter

Remaining Items

up to the discretion of the State Mission board with the items that qualify as yard sale items, that cannot be used by someone else, should be given to The Lighthouse Children's Home so that they can put the items into their regular sales that help their ministry.

Auditorium:

2 way intercom

organ

family bible

4 nice offering plates

2 artificial plants

1 nice set of flags

1 ok set of flags

2 projector screens (portable 3 x 6) both need repair

Library:

misc. library books/magazines

old Peavy amp

space heater

candy dish

Secretary's Office:

old copier (does not work)

copier table (nice)

stack a files

desk, adding machine

very nice 5 x 7 American flag
adding machine paper, 2 artificial plants, 2 desk tables,
ledger files(2), 1 stool

Pastor's Office: desk

Basement:

stove
3 large counter units
microwave - small
1 punch bowl
misc. pots and pans
infant table seat
old wood high chair
16 nice posters
older wood isle
3 desk tables
1 8' picnic style children's table
old 15" TV
misc school supplies
old marker board
bar stool
lamp
white stack tables

Maintenance Room:

3 drawer fire proof filing cabinet
2 drawer filing cabinet
misc. hand tools (not much value)
misc. hardware and paint
misc. other

Cleaning Room:

misc. cleaning supplies
mop bucket w/ringer
2 squeegees
old vacuum

Old Building:

old desk, 2 rocking chairs, toys/books in nursery, 5 nice cribs, counter top w/cabinet, stroller

Notes of Quincy Property and obligations follow.....

Meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy, Florida
January 5, 1985

Subject: Closing down the church and dispensing of the property.

- I. The church could be given to the National Home Mission Board, Nashville, TN
 - a) to then be rented out and help the Evangelism Dept.
 - b) to be sold and then start another Mission
- II. The church could be given to the State of Florida Home Mission Board.
 - a) to then be rented out and help State Mission works.
 - b) to be sold and help start a new work in North Fl.
- III. The church could be given to the North Florida Association.
 - a) to then be rented out and help our State Mission works.
 - b) to be sold and help start a new work in North Fl.
- IV. The church could be given to another Free Will Baptist Church.
 - a) to be rented out
 - b) to be sold and help carry on their ministry
 1. to pay off their loans
 2. to build new buildings
 - a) a plaque could be placed in the building stating that the building and/or land was purchased in part by the First Free Will Church of Quincy, Florida
- V. The church can live on
 - a) The church can help the pastor to move and attend Free Will Baptist Bible College
 - b) The church can pay all the pastor's moving expense
 - c) The church can pay for all the pastor's books
 - d) The church can pay for one year's tuition for the pastor.

- e) the church can allow the pastor to stay in the parsonage free until he moves to Nashville
- VI. the dispensing of the church and all of the equipment and property.
 - a) Turn it all over to the party that the group chooses
 - b) All legal fees, insurance and rent or resale will be handled by the group receiving the property.
- VII. The church agreement
 - a) All must be in one accord to close the church
 - b) The church must be in agreement to disperse in unity
 - c) the church must be in harmony about the placing of the properties and all of the equipment.
 - d) The church must live on in our hearts and lives.
 - e) Much good has been accomplished and many souls have been saved through this ministry.
 - f) The church membership must be encouraged to remain in the Free Will Baptist Denomination

Conclusion:

Everything has been done to remain open...The membership feels that there is not enough active members to continue meeting and many of the non-active members have already placed thier membership in other churches. Therefore the active members feel that it would be more honorable to disperse and dispose of all assets in a manner that would be pleasing to our Lord.

The decision made about the First Free Will Baptist Church of Quincy, Florida is a serious responsibility and the decision made are entirely the choices of the pastor, Rev. Ken Barwick, and the active membrship of this church.

Notes of Sale of Quincy Church

Sale price of buildings	\$85,000.00
Less 10% Reality fee to	
Lake Jackson	8,500.00
Balance	76,500.00

Interest for the 1st 12 months	6,904.49
Principal for 1st 12 months	2,122.20
Total Income for 1st 12 months	9,036.69
76,500 to be divided according to sale terms:	
Kent Barwick 10%	7,650.00
State Hm Missions 10%	7,650.00
Nat Hm Missions 5%	3,825.00
Nat Fgn Missions 5%	3,825.00
Wayne Hicks 5%	3,825.00

7,500 from 1/2 down payment	7,500.00
Lawyer closing fee	1,500.00
Balance	6,000.00

Lake Jackson owes Industrial Bank \$14,856.27. \$6,000.00 is to be paid on this note now with the balance to be paid off in monthly installments of \$750.00 (+/-). This note should be paid off in 12 months.

At the end of the year, Fellowship Independent Baptist Church will pay off the other 1/2 of the down payment of \$7,500.00. This money will be sent to Kent Barwick, along with another \$150.00 to settle his account.

Proposed Disbursement of proceeds: starting in years 2-9 (1987 is year 2)

National <u>Home Missions</u>	National <u>Foreign Missions</u>	State <u>Home Missions</u>	<u>Wayne Hicks</u>
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$500.00	\$500.00	\$1000.00	\$500.00
\$325.00	\$325.00	\$650.00	\$325.00

In years 2-9 Lake Jackson will receive \$6526.69 per year

In year 9 Lake Jackson will receive \$7401.69

In years 10-15 lake Jackson
will receive \$9026.00 per year

In this manner Lake Jackson's income will always be on the increase.

Q-8. At the time the church property was conveyed there was approximately \$10,000 in borrowed funds in the bank account. Will you give an itemized accounting as to how that money was spent? It is the feeling of some former members there was some personal gain made by some. Please put this rumor to rest by accounting for the remaining funds.

A-8. First of all, this board does not deal in rumors. We deal in facts and the facts are as follows. We are including in this report the record that you wrote in your own handwriting. You wrote the checks as directed by the church. The months that are included are June and July 1997. The balance of the remaining funds will be applied to the mortgage in order to close the account in accordance to the wishes of the church. No one from the Florida Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board has ever received or dispersed any money from Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church bank account. The records show that no personal gain has been made by anyone. (See copies of ledgers following this report.)

(there are two question nines for some reason, so we answered them as question nine number one and question nine number two.)

Q-9. What would it take to interest the Florida Home Mission Board into considering working with the former members to reestablish a work in Tallahassee? It is the purpose of the Board to establish works, or has the purpose of the Board changed to hold property and collect rent to pay for the administrative cost of the board and its missionaries? We would like a clear mission statement from the board as to its future purpose. If there is absolutely no interest on the part of the board to help reestablish a work, how can you morally take a piece of property in light of clear intentions of founding principals that governed the establishing of the church in the beginning? It is the contention that there are men who would be willing to come to Tallahassee

and work for the establishing of a Free Will Baptist Church if given the opportunity and support? Obviously, there is no intention on the part of the Board in seeing this accomplished, therefore we think it would be a morally responsible thing to do if you offered the property to the National Home Mission Board for the purpose of trying to reestablish a work here in Tallahassee, either through a Tent Maker program or a new missionary which has been done in many occasions in Florida currently a missionary serving as a tent maker. After all this was a national Home Mission work from the beginning and was the original intention of the founding of the church until the constitution was changed on the night that the property was conveyed to the Florida Home Mission Board.

A-9 (number one) A) Our policy is that we do not go in and attempt to re-establish works that have failed. In our experience it is much more difficult to revive a work that has closed, than to begin a new work. There is evidence to show that when we have attempted to re-establish churches in our state, that it has not been successful. All members voted to close except one. How can we realistically expect one member to do what the entire body could not do? B) It is the purpose of this board to hold properties as needed and to promote missions around the world. We do not seek property to acquire, but we have been expected to be stewards of properties previously held by Free Will Baptists. C) A Free Will Baptist Church is an autonomous body. The Mission Board has a moral obligation to honor the wishes of HOFWBC. What are the wishes of those who struggled and remained through the difficult days any less important than those who began the work? There were charter members at the business meeting and they all voted to close the church. D) The State Mission Board and the National Home Mission Board are on the same team with the same goals. We are simply carrying out the wishes of the autonomous body.

Q-9 Was the full Florida Mission Board informed as to this transaction? It is the feeling of some that this was a behind closed

doors transaction with just a few folks involved. Again, here is your opportunity to put another rumor to rest by providing dates and times of the meetings in which this transaction was discussed in the presence of the full mission board.

A-9 (number two) Again, this board does not deal in rumors. We deal in facts and the facts are as follows: The entire mission board was informed from the very beginning. The pastor first met with the mission board at the state meeting May 14th, 1997 and asked if the mission board would receive the property if the church voted to transfer the property to the mission board. The mission board agreed that if the property were offered we would receive it. From that time forward everyone was apprised of the process and actions of the church. The board members were apprised of the situation by personal phone calls. The church voted to transfer the property to the Florida State Mission Board on July 13th, 1997, with certain stipulations (see page 7). The entire Florida Home Mission Board met July 23rd at 3:30 pm in the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the National Association of Free Will Baptists. At that time, we voted to accept these conditions and receive the property.

Q-10 Is the Florida State Association in agreement with the action of the Florida Mission Board in this matter?

A-10 The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists entrusts to the individual boards the authority to conduct their business and answer to the body each year at the state meeting. We will be including information on the Tallahassee property in our report for May 1998 to be presented to the body. At that time, they will either accept or reject our actions. In the past, we have received properties and the state has never questioned our actions. Even though the state delegates have supported our actions, it would be presumptuous on our part to assume in advance of their vote that this action will meet with their approval.

Q-11 What work or department will profit most by the proceeds of this transaction?

A-11 The entire missions program of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists will be supported by the proceeds of the rental or sale of this property.

We hope that you see that the Mission Board acted only in response to what was asked by the body of HOFWBC and have complied or are complying to all that was requested. The monies were dispersed by the body of HOFWBC and every check was written by Gene Peterman in compliance with the vote of the body. All properties were dispersed in accordance with the vote of the body, including individual items, the physical land and all buildings. All of these denials are included in this report and are part of the minutes of the final business meeting of HOFWBC. The disbursements were documented in written form and distributed to every member present at that meeting and received a majority vote with one declining vote and none abstaining.

The Mission Board has endeavored to conduct itself in a very forthright and professional manner in these activities. The Mission board never offered advice, nor sought the property, nor suggested any disbursements of the property or properties. The church board acted in what they believed was the best possible end to a work while being good stewards of the money and properties that were invested by Free Will Baptists.

In Summary we hope you see the facts and acknowledge that the actions of the church were in compliance with the autonomy of a local Free Will Baptist Church. The Mission Board commends the pastor and the church board for having dealt forthrightly, openly, and with integrity in this matter. This report will be sent to all named in the letter, the Executive Committee of our state, and any others who would inquire.

Sincerely Submitted, David Williford (signed)

The Florida State Assoc of Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board

David Williford, Chairman; Jim Christian, Tom Collins, Donnie Hussey, Kevin Flannagin

CC: Gene Peterman, Don Hanna, J.D. Norris, Trymon Messer, Ron Hunter, Tim Owen, Salem Association of FWB: Moderator and Clerk, Florida State Association of FWB: Executive Committee, Florida State Association of FWB: Clerk and Executive Secretary

Appendix

Minutes of the Business Meetings of the Church - June 97 July 97

Letters sent to inform of meeting from the Church
Members - Active, Members - Inactive,
Attendees/non-members

Letter requesting the presence of the Chairman of the Home Mission Board

Copies of last two months of treasurer's reports (provided by the mission board and was not an official report to the church)
June 97 July 97

A business meeting was held on Sunday June 7, 1997. There were seven members, four non-members and three children present.

The moderator called the meeting to order. The minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the minutes.

The pastor then reviewed the financial history of our church. He has the history of bringing the issue of non-growth to us on several different occasions. He told of the different meetings held to discuss the topic as well as a new program attempted to encourage us to speak to others boldly and invite them to church. Special services were tried to spark and interest in soul-winning and evangelism. A special presentation was given to the

congregation on a Sunday morning stressing the dire financial situation of the church. All of these were met with little or no enthusiasm or success. The pastor told of his conversation with the church board the matter. He told them that he would be willing to resign so that they could look for another Pastor. The church board was not interested in this. They had all been discussing the situation for several months and fully felt that it was God's will that the church close. The Pastor then told of his conversations with several men in our state about the situation and they all agreed with the church board's decision. In fact they had stated they were surprised that the church has lasted as long as it has given it's many problems in the past years. Ron stated at this time that he would be willing to leave at any point in this meeting if it were the pleasure of the body.

Frank was then given the floor. He explained the suggestion of the church board to revert the property to the State Home Mission Board. This would require a change of our constitution as it states that the property be reverted to the National Home Missions Board should this situation present itself. A motion was made to proceed with the closing of the church. The motion was passed. Much discussion ensued following this motion, however, the motion stood as stated above.

A motion was then made to amend our constitution to turn the property over to the State of Florida Home Missions Board. This motion was passed. As our constitution states any constitutional change will be tabled for a period of 30 days.

A motion was then made to allow the Church Board to be the agent in bringing a list of recommendations concerning the closing to the church body at the next scheduled business meeting. This motion was also met with much discussion and the motion passed as stated above.

A motion was then made concerning the gathering times of the congregation between now and the time of the next business meeting. It was agreed to meet one more wednesday night and one more Sunday morning, and that a letter would be sent out stating such. The motion was passed. It was agreed as well by motion

that Sunday July 13 would be our next business meeting at 6:00 p.m. At this time the church would present their recommendations and the church body would vote on said recommendations. This motion was passed.

A time of discussion then ensued. It was the desire of the church body that only personal property of specific individuals would be allowed to be removed from the property. The desire was presented to convey the property as it is to the Home Mission Board.

Bro. Don then expressed a concern in protecting Ron's reputation. He praised Ron for being brave and staying with the church till the very end and not leaving when he considered it months ago. Bro. Frank then commended the church board for their leading and upholding the best interests of the church.

The meeting was then closed with Prayer. The meeting was adjourned.....

The final business meeting of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist church was held on Sunday, July 13, 1997. There were ten members, two non-members and two children present. Gene Peterman opened the meeting in prayer.

Pastor Ron Hunter shared his thoughts on the history of the church. A copy was entered into the minutes. The Pastor's wife Pam Hunter, then did the same. A copy was included in the minutes.

Bro. Ron then warned everyone to address only the moderator and not one another during the meeting. He then called the meeting to order. At this time he read a letter he had written to the Florida Home Missions Board inviting them to this meeting to answer any questions. He introduced David Williford.

The minutes from the previous meeting were read. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the minutes as read.

A motion was then made to limit discussion on any motion to ten minutes so that the meeting would not last so long. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion was made to remove the motion of changing the constitution off the table. The motion was to change Article II Section 2 of the constitution. This section states our property should be transferred to the National Home Missions Board. Our church body wishes to transfer the church property to the Florida Home Missions Board.

At this time Don Hanna expressed his belief that the desire of the Florida Home Missions Board was to sell the property and fund other state works. He stated that it should be returned to the National Board since it was started as a National work. He said that he would put up \$5,000.00 of his own money to fund a new man to try this church again. A motion was then made to proceed with changing the constitution. It was seconded and passed.

Bro. David Williford was then given the floor. He stressed that the Florida Home Missions Board was not a part of directing this decision. They were approached and asked if they would receive the property if it were offered to them by our church body. They agreed to help in any way that they could. He stated that he would decline the property if conditioned to put another missionary here, due to the fact that the history of the church lends itself to not being successful.

Don Hanna then voiced a motion to allow the church board chairman and a member of the National Home Missions Board and the Florida Home Missions Board to meet at the National in Cincinnati and discuss the issue before a final decision is made. They should then report back to the church their recommendation. The motion was seconded but did not pass.

Frank Kovacs then presented the recommendation of the church board concerning certain items in the church. (See attached) He made a motion to carry through the recommendations of the Church Board. This motion was seconded and passed.

A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn.
Respectfully Submitted, Pam Hunter, Clerk

HUNTINGTON OAKS F.W.B. CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT JUNE 1997

Prepared By	Initials	Date
Approved By		

WILSON JONES

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JUNE 1997	PAID TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
					2,303.41
6/1	THOMAS E. PETERMAN - REPAIR LOAN	7193	250.00	✓ 1098125 SAVINGS	✓ 1078466
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. SALARY	7194	677.77	✓ 239 5/8	✓ 1015928
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. RETIREMENT	7195	1000	✓ 10890 TITLES	✓ 1005728
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. INSURANCE	7196	362.23	✓ 607 5/8	✓ 970132
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. SS/RETIREMENT	7197	1530.00	✓ 70900 TITLES	✓ 1050732
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. BOOK ALLOWANCE	7198	500.00	✓ 75228 QUINCY CHURCH	✓ 1122960
6/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. GAS ALLOWANCE	7199	500.00	✓ 268 5/8	✓ 1118228
6/1	MANICURED LAWN SERVICE	7200	195.00	✓ 35991 TITLES	✓ 1134719
6/14	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. STATE MEETING	7201	788.90		✓ 1255829
6/14	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. PETTY CASH - MAY	7202	161.68		✓ 1039661
6/14	NOEL SINGLETARY - BABY SITTING	7203	420.00		✓ 1035461
6/18	FLORIDA PEST CONTROL	7204	355.53		✓ 1031908
6/18	CENTEL - FLORIDA	7205	500.71		✓ 1026901
6/18	TAIDUIN ELECTRIC	7206	592.51		✓ 1020976
6/18	EWB CONVENTION - PRL REGISTRATION	7207	700.00		✓ 1013976
6/18	KINKOS	7208	15.00		✓ 1012476
6/18	NATIONWIDE ANNUAL INS CO	7209	382.57		✓ 974217
6/18	WASTE MANAGEMENT OF LEON CO.	7210	400.00		✓ 970017
6/23	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. PETTY CASH - JUNE	7211	233.00		✓ 946717
6/26	SALEM ASSOCIATION - TITLES - MAY 97	7212	130.86		✓ 933631
6/30	WAKULLA BANK		1229.72	✓	810659
			718860	✓ 1279178	810659
	INCOME:				
	TITLES - - - - -	1244.91	PEW BIBLES	7905	
	SUNDAY SCHOOL - - - - -	1134	CHURCH MINISTRY	13000	
	QUINCY CHURCH - - - - -	75228	YOUTH FUND	12026	
	SAVINGS TRANSFER - - - - -	1098125			
	TOTAL INCOME - - - - -	1299178			
	BANK BALANCE - WAKULLA BANK - -	810659			
	CHECKS OUTSTANDING - - - - -	438743			
	ACTUAL BALANCE - - - - -	810659			
	SAVINGS ACCOUNT BALANCE	1063510			
	INTEREST	+ 134.15			
	TRANSFER TO CHECKING	- 1098125			
	BALANCE	- 0			

HUNTINGTON OAKS F.W.B. CHURCH FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 1997

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JULY 1997	PAID TO	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT	DEPOSITS	BALANCE
					8106.59
✓ 7/1	MANICURED LAWN SERVICE	7213	100.00	✓ 75228 QUINCY CHURCH	✓ 8728.57
✓ 7/1	FLORIDA PEST CONTROL	7214	344.71		✓ 8383.86
✓ 7/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. SALARY	7215	607.77		✓ 7776.09
✓ 7/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. RETIREMENT	7216	1000		✓ 6776.09
✓ 7/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. INSURANCE	7217	362.23		✓ 6413.86
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✓ 7/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. BOOK ALLOWANCE	7219	500.00		✓ 4383.86
✓ 7/1	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. GAS ALLOWANCE	7220	500.00		✓ 3883.86
✓ 7/13	SALEM ASSOCIATION	7221	125.83		✓ 3758.03
✓ 7/13	TAIDUIN ELECTRIC	7222	201.11		✓ 3556.92
✓ 7/13	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. - NATIONAL CO.	7223	1200.00		✓ 2356.92
✓ 7/13	NOEL SINGLETARY - BABY SITTING	7224	250.00		✓ 2106.92
7/13	VOID	7225	- 0		✓ 2106.92
✓ 7/14	RONALD E. HUNTER, JR. COMPUTER	7226	3000.00		✓ 306.92
✓ 7/14	LOUISE NICKS - PAYMENT	7227	162.50		✓ 144.42
✓ 7/30	WAKULLA BANK		1229.72	✓	1814
			8670.63	✓ 75228	1814

Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church
Financial Report
June 1997

PREVIOUS BALANCE 2,303.41

INCOME

Tithes	1,246.91	
Sunday School	11.34	
Quincy Church	752.28	
Savings Transfer	<u>10,981.25</u>	
Total Income	12,991.78	<u>12,991.78</u>

BALANCE 15,295.19

EXPENSES

Thomas Peterman - Repay Loan	2,500.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Salary	627.77	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Retirement	10.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Book Allowance	50.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - S/S	153.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Insurance	362.23	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Gas Allowance	50.00	
Manicured Lawn Service	195.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - State Meeting	788.90	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Petty Cash - May	161.68	
Noel Singletary - Babysitting	42.00	
Florida Pest Control	35.53	
Centel - Florida	50.07	
Talquin Electric	59.25	
FWB Convention - Pre-Registration	70.00	
Kinko's	15.00	
Nationwide Mutual Ins. Co.	382.59	
Waste Management of Leon Cty.	42.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Petty Cash - June	233.00	
Salem Association - Tithes - May 97	130.86	
Wakulla Bank - Bank Note	1,229.72	
Total Expenses	<u>7,188.60</u>	<u>7,188.60</u>

NEW BALANCE 8,106.59

Bank Balance - Wakulla Bank	8,494.02	Designated Funds -
Checks Outstanding	<u>387.43</u>	Pew Bibles - 79.05
Actual Balance	8,106.59	Church Ministry - 130.00
		Youth Fund - 120.26
Savings Account Balance	10,635.10	
Interest	346.15	
Transfer to checking	<u>10,981.25</u>	
Final Savings Balance	0	

Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church
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PREVIOUS BALANCE	8,106.59
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INCOME

Quincy Church	<u>752.28</u>	
Total Income	752.28	<u>752.28</u>

BALANCE	8,858.87
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EXPENSES

Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Computer	3,000.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Salary	627.77	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Retirement	10.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Book Allowance	50.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - S/S	153.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Insurance	362.23	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Gas Allowance	50.00	
Manicured Lawn Service	120.00	
Ronald E. Hunter, Jr. - Nationals	1,200.00	
Noel Singletary - Babysitting	25.00	
Florida Pest Control	34.47	
Talquin Electric	20.11	
Salem Association - Tithes - June 97	125.83	
Wakulla Bank - Bank Note	1,229.72	
Louise Hicks - Payment	1,662.50	
Total Expenses	<u>8,670.63</u>	<u>8,670.63</u>

NEW BALANCE	188.24
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June 10, 1997

Dear Member:

I wish this was a positive letter bearing good news and happy greetings. This letter comes after much painstaking attempts to avert such actions. After attempting to stabilize the small membership, and church attendees as well as to seek out the inactive membership, the church continued on a growing then losing cycle. The losing continued to outweigh the growing and the church can not continue in such a trend.

I brought this alarm to the church in November of 96, and challenged that the church needed to consider the call of every believer to minister in fulfilling the great commission and to minister within the body of Christ. Some thought it was the role of the pastor, others thought it was anyone other than them, and some took it very seriously and were faithful to the church and its services and ministries.

It may have been unfair to cast such a large burden on such a small congregation but the needs were there. The truth is that our church can not continue as it is and I with the church board began to explore several options. We even went beyond ourselves to others who were familiar with the church and its history and present situation. After looking at the options the obvious conclusion was realized, the church can not continue.

The Church Board recommended at the business meeting this past Sunday evening to proceed with the closing of the church. Our church was founded as a mission church which means that it was built by the giving and support of Free Will Baptists beyond just the congregation present at the beginning. We have an obligation to our denomination to give back the property and the building so that it can be an asset to those who gave to further the cause of Christ under the name of Free Will Baptists. That was also the recommendation of the Church Board, and to give it to the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptist Home Mission Board. The State Home Mission Board has utilized other church properties from similar situations to be a source of revenue for other Home Mission Churches. They currently own four other properties that help bring in significant funds through the sale, lease, and rental of the properties. The church voted to accept the recommendations of the church board and close the church and give the property back to our denomination. The State Home Mission Board agreed to accept the property assets and liabilities relieving the church of all obligations if the church closes. This was the vote of the body to do this and a change in our constitution is needed to accomplish these items and the change was proposed and according to our constitution tabled for a minimum thirty days.

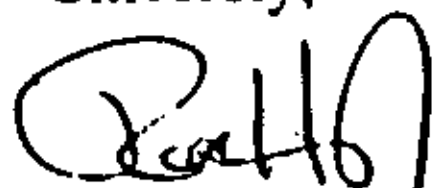
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The church also voted that the next business meeting will be on July 13, 1997. At this time the Church Board will bring back a detailed proposal to close the church with a proposed agreement with the State Home Mission Board about the properties. The body of the church will then vote on proposed agreement and the tabled item. The church also voted to have one last Sunday morning service this Sunday the 15th and that the morning service will be the final service of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church. The church will continue to meet all its obligations according to the approved budget of the church until the business meeting in July.

I am still available to help and assist you in any way. One main concern I have is that each family find a place of worship and be faithful to it. I will be glad to help anyone find another church that you find acceptable and can be committed to its work. I have included in this correspondence a letter of recommendation for your membership dated currently that you will be able to use when you find a new church home. This has been done for all active members.

It is a sad day when a church has to close. I ask that we do what is right in these final days and handle all business matters decently and in order so as to be acceptable in all means. I would like to thank the Church Board for having to work through very tough areas, and I would like to thank you ahead of time for helping to bring all these matters to an appropriate close.

Sincerely,



Ron Hunter, Jr.
Pastor



June 15, 1997

Dear Church Clerk/Secretary:

This is to certify that NAME EXAMPLE is an active member of Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church of Tallahassee, Florida Inc. , in good standing as of the above indicated date just before the closing of our church. We commend them to the fellowship of God's People at your church.



June 10, 1997

Dear Inactive Church Member:

I hope that this letter finds you working and ministering in another church where you are being used to minister in your talents. This is a brief letter about events in the church which to our knowledge holds your membership. Whether you have joined another church without notification to our church clerk, you are attending another church, or are not in church at all this letter serves you as information about Huntington Oaks Free Will Baptist Church.

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Sincerely,

Ron Hunter, Jr.
Pastor

June 15, 1997



June 26, 1997

Florida Mission Board
1387 South Blvd.
Chipley, FL. 32428

Dear Chairman:

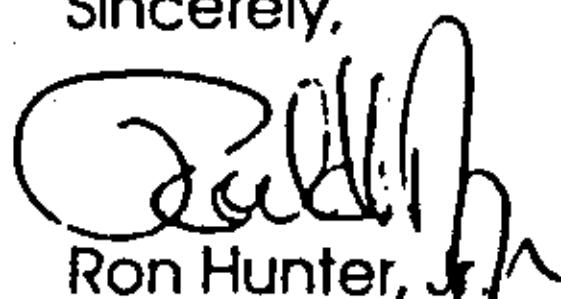
I want to thank the Florida's Mission Board's help in what has been a very difficult process. You have made yourselves available to our board to answer many questions. We as the church board would like a representative from your board to be at our business meeting.

We would like you to be there to answer any questions that may arise from the body in reference to the recommendations of the church board. We feel that this would greatly assist our church and that the people would be most appreciative.

We also feel that it is important for there to be someone from our state to witness this difficult event. We also feel it important to report all that is done from a first hand perspective so as to protect the pastor, the church board and the body.

Thank you once again for making yourself available to us. Your board has been most gracious in their help. Please thank them as well.

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Psalm 27

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Synopsis of the Executive Committee Meeting

The State Executive Committee met on Wednesday, May 6, 1998. Present were David Williford, Jeff Skiles, David Womack, Jim Christian, Tom Collins, Tim Owen, Jose Rodriguez, Danny Conn, Michael Waddell, Norm Hansen, Millard Sasser, Ron Hunter, Lonnie Buser, Jimmy Aldridge, Howard McNeal, and Randy Bryant. Bill Whipple and Tommy Capps were present as visitors.

Our meeting was opened with a devotional thought from our Moderator, Tim Owen. The Committee received the minutes from the last meeting. Reports from the following were adopted: Treasurer, State Home Mission Board, C.E. Board, Youth Board, the State Executive Secretary, and the Planning-Budget Committee.

A great deal of time was spent on the Special Report from the Mission Board on the Huntington Oaks property. A letter of commendation to the Board and rebuke to those who questioned the integrity of the Board and our officers was approved.

Items dealing with the purchase of office equipment for the Executive Secretary, the purchase of a computer for our State Treasurer, the adoption of the '99 budget, recommendations to the National on its nominating procedure, and its funding of commissions were all approved.

A clarification was made concerning the reimbursement of Executive Committee members' expenses and was endorsed by the Committee.



Executive Committee Report

As a result of our meeting on May 6, 1998, we present the following items:

Item 1- We recommend that this body adopt the attached letter dealing with the commendation of our State Home Mission Board in their handling of the Huntington Oaks property and the rebuking of those who called into question their integrity.

Item 2- We recommend that we give our Executive Secretary a love gift of \$750 to go towards his travel to visit his daughter during this illness.

Item 3- We recommend the adoption of the proposed '99 budget with the addition of \$600 to Item 710 and the reduction of Item 880 to \$600.

Item 4- We recommend that our National Association consider changing its nominating process as indicated on the attached handout and that we send this request to the National Executive Committee and the General Board.

Item 5- We request the National Executive Committee consider the funding of our National Commissions and the possibility of a zero based budget.

Item 6- We recommend that the State Association purchase a computer for our State Association's Treasurer.

Item 7- We recommend that our Executive Secretary be allowed to purchase needed office equipment (i.e. copier, monitor) with the excess from the '97 Budget allocated to the Executive office.

**Letter resulting from
Item 1 above:**

The Florida State FWB Association is on record to document our full support and approval of the Florida State Mission Board in the matter of the disposition of the property of the Huntington Oaks FWB Church. The Mission Board continues to keep the Executive Board and the State Association apprised of its activities and we consider their actions, as well as, the Church and its pastor, to be above reproach and consistent with Scriptural teaching.

Since repeated conversations with J.D. Norris and Don Hanna have proven fruitless, we consider it our Scriptural mandate, according to Luke 17:3 & 1 Timothy 5:20, to publicly rebuke these men for composing and distributing a letter intended to question the integrity of the members of our Mission Board, our State officers, and the last pastor. The deceptive manner in which this letter was written and distributed violated Biblical principles. The tone of the letter did not reflect a proper Christian attitude. This attempt to spread discord among brethren is recognized as a serious matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Executive Board of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists

From Item #4 above:

**Recommendation Concerning the National Association
Nominating Committee**

Explanation:

For the last several years (3 or 4) the nominating committee of the National Association has consisted of the General Board divided in half. Each year an alternating half of the general board makes up the nominating committee. This seemed to be a good idea by some. It has been a worthy experiment, but in our opinion the experiment has failed to bring about the desired equity and

balance. We see the following problems with it:

1. For all practical purposes the same men end up being the nominating committee every two years. The state generally sends the same men to the National Association to serve on the General Board year after year. The end result of this is that the same men serve on the nominating committee every other year. In our opinion such an arrangement places a very large amount of power in the hands of the same few annually.

2. This system creates a greater climate for the playing of politics in the National Association. This has been demonstrated this year. It is a dangerous setting when department personnel can unduly influence members of the nominating committee to place their choice for their board members in nomination. A tremendous conflict of interest can easily be seen here.

3. It seems to us that the present system fails to allow for the broader input into the National Association by the general population of the Association. Participation is restricted to a very small percentage of the denomination. There is a great deal of ability, knowledge, and wisdom not being utilized in our ranks.

Resolving the Problem

It may be needful to have some members of the General Board on the nominating committee. But in our opinion there should also be some members on the committee from the general population of the Association. Therefore one way to solve the problem could be to have a 7-member committee with 3 members from the general board and 4 members from the larger body of the Association. (The numbers could change). The committee should certainly be made up of men representing the broadest possible spectrum of the Denomination.

1. Recommendation: We recommend that the nominating committee of the National Association be a seven-man committee with a maximum of three men from the General Board serving on the committee. (Again, the numbers could change). We further

recommend that the nominating committee be appointed by the moderator and approved by the general board. (This will require a constitutional change.)

Concerning Service on National Boards

At the present time we have term limits (2 five year terms) for an individual serving on any particular board. In our opinion this is good. The problem is that we have no regulations concerning individuals immediately moving from one board to another. As a result we find ourselves facing the situation of individuals serving out their term limits on one board simply to be placed on another board immediately. This year we have at least two men who have served their term limits on particular boards and are being nominated for immediate service on another board. This has happened previously s well. In our opinion, through this practice we send a very strong and very wrong message:

1. We send the message that only a small few in the denomination have the capability or interest to serve our denomination well. This is a very mistaken idea.
2. We imply that if a person can serve well in one capacity he will also be able to serve well in other capacities. This is not necessarily so.
3. We send the message that a person needs no rest from the battles of the boards and denominational politics.
4. We prevent fresh minds and often more objective minds from having an opportunity to be a blessing to the denomination.
5. We provide opportunity for the politics of the "good ole boy" or "buddy system" to control the denomination.

Solution

This problem can be resolved by requiring that after a person has served his term limits on one board he may not be elected to another board until a one year sabbatical. This will allow for a broader spectrum of input from across the denomination. It will also help prevent "buddy politics" from ruling the denomination.

It will also allow time for the person who has served us well on a board to get a much deserved rest from the pressures of the denomination.

2. Recommendation: We recommend that when a person has served his term limits on one board that he must have at least a one year sabbatical before being elected to any other board. (This may require a constitutional change).



Auditing Committee Report

We, the Auditing Committee, have checked the bank balances and they reconcile with the records. We have looked at the bank deposits and expenditures and found no discrepancies in the State Treasurer's Report or the Home Mission Board's Treasurer's Report.

We, on a related issue, recommend the changing of the Committee name from "Auditing" to "Financial Oversight Committee."

Leroy Cutler, Chairman, Randy Brooks, Katie Owen



Youth Board Report

We met once at the 1997 State Meeting and held three Conference calls with all members present. We discussed the CTS Competition and divided the various responsibilities. We adopted the following items:

1. Deadline for CTS Registration would be April 6, 1998
2. The NYC Theme, "Faith Works" would also be used for the State Conference.

We are also planning a Fall Walk-A-Thon as a State Youth Project. "Faith Walks" will be the adaptation of the NYC theme to promote this event. Proceeds from this fund-raiser will benefit the State Missions Share Program.

A new web page for the State Youth Work has been included in the Florida FWB State Web site. We invite the youth to check this out as it is being developed. The address is

<http://fwbfsa.org/florida.htm>

Members: Randy Jackson, Kellie McNeal, Clerk/Treasurer, Randy Hill resigned as Chairman, March 5, 1998. Danny Conn was selected as Chairman. We have two vacancies on our board since both Randy Hill and Len Scott have moved out of state. We thank you for the opportunity to serve our state and its youth.

Important Notes

- Deadline for CTS Registration - April 6
- Theme of State and National Conference "Faith Works
- State Youth Project - Fall Walk-A Thon "Faith Walks" proceeds to benefit State Mission Share Program

Meetings: Conference call, January 29, 1998, Conference Call February 26, Conference call, March 5, 1998.

Florida State Youth Board Financial Report

January 1, 1997 - December 31, 1997

Beginning Balance		\$11293.43
Income:		
	Co-op	6540.00
	Make A Way	22851.65
	Registration Fees	1550.00
	TOTAL	30941.65
Total to be accounted for		<u>42235.08</u>
Expenditures:		
	Competition	3030.54
	Education	172.00
	National Registration	975.00
	Phone	138.63
	Newsletter	64.63
	Miscellaneous	414.05
	Make A Way	35203.00
	TOTAL	<u>39997.85</u>
Ending Balance		<u>2237.23</u>

1999 Youth Board Budget

Income:		
	Co-Op	6720.00
	Competition Registration	<u>1,300.00</u>
		8020.00
Outflow:		
	Competition	3900.00
	Board Expense	400.00
	Phone/Conference Calls	600.00
	Postage	400.00
	Office Expense	250.00
	Honorariums	500.00
	Youth Event (at State)	1500.00
	Miscellaneous	<u>470.00</u>
		8020.00



Nominating Committee Report

<u>Office</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Nominee</u>
<u>Executive Committee</u>		
Central	Jimmy Aldridge	Jimmy Aldridge
Greater St. John's	Howard McNeal	Howard McNeal
Hispanic	Jose Rodriguez	Jose Rodriguez
Indian River	Jim Christian	Jim Christian
Liberty W Florida	Jeff Skiles	Jeff Skiles
Salem	David Womack	David Womack
West Florida	R.C. Wiggins	R.C. Wiggins
<u>Christian Education Board</u>		
2003	Michael Waddell	Tommy Capps
2000	Curtis Alligood	Donna Williford
<u>Home Mission Board</u>		
2003	David Williford	David Williford
<u>Youth Board</u>		
1999	Len Scott	Randy Jackson
2000	Randy Hill	Ryan McDougald
2003	Randy Jackson	Charlie Elliott
<u>Alabama Children's Home</u>		
1999	Kevin Flannagin	Kevin Flannagin
<u>Auditing Committee</u>		
2001	Leroy Cutler	Leroy Cutler
<u>Historical Commission</u>		
2002	Chuck Walker	Chuck Walker
2003	Bertha Turner	Bertha Turner

Lonnie Buser, Odis Whitehead, Donnie Hussey

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

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 fifteen (15) churches or fraction thereof, and one (1) additional delegate for each additional four (4) churches or fraction thereof. These 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, Treasurer, and Assistant Treasurer, to be elected by this body while in regular session..

Section 2. Boards: The standing boards of this association shall be Home Missions, Christian Education, and Youth Boards.

Section 3. When the State Association deems it wise, committees or commissions may be established to perform a specific service in a restricted area on a more or less permanent basis. The number of members and their terms of office of any committee or commission shall be decided by vote of the State Association, and the members shall be elected by the Association.

Section 4. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, the chairman of each standing board, and one elected member from each affiliated District Association. District Association shall recommend their representatives on the Executive Board annually. A majority of members shall constitute a quorum.

Section 5. 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 6. General officers of the Association shall serve for the term of two (2) years.

Section 7. Each standing board and the Historical Commission shall be composed of five members which shall be elected for five year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected annually.

The auditing committee shall be composed of three members which shall be elected for three year terms on a rotating basis, so that one new member shall be elected annually. Members of the auditing committee may not be members of any standing board or committee.

The Budget Committee shall be composed of the Executive Secretary, Moderator, Treasurer, and chairman of each standing board.

Section 8. 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.

Section 9. The Executive Committee is to hire an Executive Secretary and to direct his office. The Executive Secretary is to be a non-voting member of all boards and committees.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

tion 1. Regular: This association shall convene annually in a joint meeting with the State Woman's Auxiliary and the youth Competition on Wednesday evening, Thursday, Friday and Saturday after the first day in May.

tion 2. Special: The Executive Committee may be called into session by the Moderator, or by a majority of members.

tion 3. Quorum: Fifty (50) percent of the delegates shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE V - FINANCES

tion 1. All churches and associations in this body shall pay a representation fee annually. The amount of fee for an association is \$75.00 per member church. The fee for local churches is \$10.00 per delegate.

tion 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.

tion 3. Mileage for the Executive Committee members and standing Board members shall be paid at the same rate for that fiscal year. Expenses are to be paid from each Board member's account. If a called meeting requires a member to stay overnight, his room and board will be paid from the General Fund or his Board's account. Mileage and expenses shall be paid for the Moderator to attend the denomination's annual leadership conference.

BY-LAWS

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

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

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

tion 4. (1) It shall be the duty of the State Association treasurer, or someone designated by the State body, to receive all funds, pay all appropriate bills, disburse co-operative and designated funds in a timely manner according to the State Association's budget. (2) It shall be the duty of each State Board treasurer to receive all funds for the board he serves, pay all appropriate bills, and disburse appropriate funds in a timely manner. (3) The State Association treasurer and all State Board treasurers shall use the same accounting system. (4) Each treasurer of the State Association shall submit his/her records to the State Association's Audit Committee annually for audit.

tion 5. It shall be the duty of the audit committee to conduct a financial audit of each treasurer's books annually. The audit shall take place after the fiscal year and before the State Association convenes. The date of the audit will be agreed upon by the audit committee and the various treasurers who shall be present at the time their books are audited.

tion 6. It shall be the duty of the Budget Committee to make recommendations to the State Association concerning the total State Association Budget and the allocations of State Cooperative receipts.

tion 7. Each officer, board member, and standing committee or commission member must be in good standing with 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.

tion 8. 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 and shall make a general report of all their actions to this body annually.

tion 9. 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 FREE WILL BAPTIST HOME MISSION BOARD

ARTICLE I - 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 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 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 member expenses shall be paid from the general fund at the IRS rate for that fiscal year.

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 the 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 Association 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.

CONSTITUTION OF THE FLORIDA STATE YOUTH BOARD

ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The Board shall be known as the Youth Board of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

ARTICLE II - DUTIES OF THE BOARD

Section 1. The duties of this board shall be to: (1) Promote youth camps, youth rallies, and to be a coordinating agency between District, State, and National officers (2) Coordinate and direct CTS competitive activities (3) Encourage and equip church leaders in their ministry to youth

Section 2. This board shall give a report of its activities, board meetings and financial status to the Florida State Association at its annual meeting.

ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. This board shall be composed of five members who shall be elected for a term of five years and arranged whereby that only one member's term expires annually. In the event irregular vacancies occur on this board, they will be filled by the Florida State Association.

Section 2. Officers of this board shall be a Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for one 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 as the need arises. The Secretary shall maintain a permanent record of all the Board's activities. The Treasurer shall keep a complete record of all financial activities of this board. All records and financial transactions are property of the Youth Board and shall be surrendered to new officers.

ARTICLE IV - MEETINGS

This board will meet semi-annually. Meetings may be called by the Chairman or the Secretary as the need arises.

ARTICLE V - FINANCES

This board shall receive its finances from churches and individuals making special contributions, cooperative program allocations, and special offerings received through promoting youth. Mileage, room and board shall be paid from the general fund of the Youth Board for all meetings. Mileage shall be paid at the current IRS rate.

ARTICLE VI - AMENDMENTS

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the state.

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, CTS, Free Will Baptist Bible 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 CTS groups and to assist in the training portion of existing CTS groups.

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

ARTICLE V - TRAVEL EXPENSES

Mileage shall be paid at the current IRS rate for the fiscal year 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 VII - AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of the Board Members and final approval of the State Association.

ion 8. Any work receiving financial support as a loan must accept such on terms and conditions agreed 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.

ion 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 \$100.00 loaned.

ion 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 in the Free Will Baptist denomination.

ion 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.

ion 12. Contracts shall be considered delinquent when three (3) successive payments have not been made. It shall be determined by the Board if contracts may be held valid and open for a longer period of time.

ion 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.

ion 14. The Board shall have the right by majority vote to sell any personal or real property it deems is not necessary for continued religious use.

ion 15. Nominal grants by the board to worthwhile churches or missions may be made when it is in the best interest of the denominational cause in which benefits are certain. Grants of this nature shall be subject to the money being immediately available and shall not exceed \$1000.00 without joint approval of the Mission Board, the State Executive Committee or Association.



Florida Statistics

CATEGORY	TOTALS
Number of Churches	68
Number Reporting	61
City Churches	35
Rural Churches	33
Full-time Pastors	41
Part-time Pastors	27
Ordained Ministers	116
Licensed Ministers	18
Ordained Deacons	139
Baptisms	457
Members Added	407
Members Lost	190
Total Membership	5,730
S.S. Enrollment	3,240
CTS Enrollment	586
WNAC Enrollment	528
Master's Men Enrollment	220