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Minutes

OF THE
FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF FLORIDA

HELD WITH
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TITUSVILLE, FLORIDA

ON
OCTOBER 30, 1976

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JANUARY 29, 1977
AT
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In Memory of

FRANK EDWIN BROWN

August 16, 1895

October 12, 1976

Bro. Brown, a christian for many years, is survived by his wife, Lillie Brown, 2 sons, 1 step-daughter, 7 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.



“Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation, but is passed from death unto life.” John 5:24

TENTH SESSION
of the
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

The tenth session of the Indian River Association met on January 24, 1976, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne, Florida, beginning at 10 o'clock.

Bro. Gwinn, moderator, called the meeting to order. The congregation sang "He Lives" with Bro. Savage directing. Bro. Woods led in prayer.

The morning devotional was brought by Bro. Jimmy Foster. His text was Romans 5:6-11.

Everyone sang "How Great Thou Art" while shaking hands with Christian brothers and sisters in the congregation.

Church letters were all received and in order, according to the clerk, Bro. Griffin.

Standing delegates were recognized by the chair.

MSC to seat elected delegates for the session.

No petitionary letters.

Bro. Gwinn extended a warm welcome to everyone while noting there were no visitors. He expressed warm appreciation to "our folks" for supporting the association and its work by attending the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: Bro. Griffin read a letter from the State Youth Board concerning the State C.T.S. Competition. The letter noted that competition would be held on May 14 and 15 at the International Inn, Orlando. The May 14 service begins at 7 p.m. All contestants' applications for this competition must be mailed to the State Youth Board by May 3rd.

MINUTES: Read by clerk. MSC to accept as printed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Presented by Bro. Griffin. Accepted as read.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT: Report given by Doyle Griffin, camp director. Camp will be held on June 20 through June 25 at Camp Moon near Leesburg. Many workers will be needed, and Bro. Griffin asks that the adults give this matter prayer and consideration.

Dr. Savage presented a report on the Christian Workers' Institute.

WORSHIP HOUR

Mrs. Savage presented special music for the worship service. The morning message was brought by Bro. Jimmy Simmons. His text was taken from Romans 1:8-16. Bro. Simmons showed how the Christian life today should closely parallel with that of Paul.

After the service Bro. Gwinn appointed a finance committee of three with Bro. Harold Woods serving as chairman. He advised them to meet with the treasurer during the lunch break to consider projects that the association might contribute to or support.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session reconvened at 1 o'clock with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Bro. James Fields brought the afternoon devotional from Luke 12:16.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

GENERAL BOARD REPORT: None

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Bro. Woods presented the report as follows:

"We, the Finance Committee, recommend the following monies be donated from the treasury to the organizations or individuals as indicated:

Youth Camp \$200.00

Bro. O. Mullins 50.00

Total \$250.00

Respectfully submitted,
Harold Woods
Penny Flack
R. Christian

It was brought to the attention of the delegates that the monies in the treasury were allocated to the different departments of the association. The only monies available for spending outside would be from the general treasury which shows a balance of \$32.37. Bro. Griffin pointed out that the annual minutes printing bill was due.

Bro. Gwinn apologized to the Finance Committee and delegates; and declared the committee's report void.

Bro. Collins, assistant moderator, suggested that in the future the treasurer be chairman of all finance committees in order to avoid any confusion.

ORDAINING BOARD REPORT: We recommend...

...that as all aspects of his credentials are now in order Rev. David Hayes be received into full fellowship with this association...

...that Bro. Harold Woods, who has been examined by the Ordaining Board, and his credentials found to be in order, be received into the association in good standing as a deacon...

...that having satisfied all requirements set by the association to the satisfaction of the Ordaining Council, Bro. James Simmons receive license to preach, to date from our previous session on October 25, 1975...

...that we give to these brethren the right hand of fellowship with our assurance of our continued love and prayerful support for their work for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Graeme A. Savage
Chairman, Ordaining Board

MSC to accept report and recommendations.

Everyone sang "Blest Be The Tie" and extended the right hand of fellowship to Bros. Hayes, Woods and Simmons.

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT: The dates of the Foreign Mission Conference have been set for April 21 through 25, Wednesday through Sunday. As we are still waiting to be notified as to the number of missionaries who will be sharing with us, the actual schedule of services has yet to be finalized. As soon as it is finalized all the churches will be notified.

As the dates for the Foreign Mission Conference include our next scheduled quarterly meeting we request that the missionaries be invited to be the speakers at the association services.

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Graeme A. Savage
Chairman, Mission Board

MSC to accept Home Mission Board report as given.

MSC to pay \$50.00 to each missionary who will participate in the April Foreign Mission Conference for traveling expenses.

The Moderator excused the Nominating Committee so that they could select speakers for the next association meeting.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Bro. Sam Lucky, chairman, announced that Doyle Griffin was this year's director of youth camp which would be held at Camp Moon, June 20-25.

District C.T.S. Competition will be held on April 3, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Cocoa church; with the host church providing the noon meal.

State C.T.S. Competition will be on May 14 and 15, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday. The event will take place at the International Inn in Orlando.

MSC to accept the Christian Education Board report.

OBITUARIES: None

Bro. Gwinn brought it to the attention of the body that the Victory Association wished the Indian River Association to join with them in investigating a youth camp site and possibly purchasing same.

Bro. Savage moved that the body commit themselves in principle only to support the investigation of any youth camp plans in the south Florida area. SC.

The Victory Association youth camp committee will meet with the south Florida representatives and Indian River representatives on Thursday, February 5, 6:30 p.m. at Howard Johnson's in Ft. Pierce.

The moderator advised the body that the Victory Association had extended an invitation to the Indian River Association to disband and join with them in their association. No action.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Speakers suggested by the Nominating Committee report were voided for the next session in order that missionaries participating in the mission conference might speak.

Bro. Griffin advised the body that Victory Association wanted to camp with this association.

Move to accommodate as many Victory campers above our own number as possible. SC.

Motion amended to read: 85 spaces held for Indian River and other spaces to be allotted to Victory Association. SC.

Motion to amend previous motion to read: 100 spaces rather than 85 spaces. Seconded; carried as amended.

DISTRICT C.T.S. REPORT: Bro. Bob Maddy announced that the C.T.S. Competition would be held on April 3, 10 a.m., at Cocoa. C.T.S. Rally on February 21, 6:30 p.m., at Scottsmeer. He expressed the hope that the future rallies would involve more youth; and also include films.

Motion made that Indian River Association host the State Association in 1977, with the meetings held at Melbourne church; and all churches cooperate in providing food and sharing expenses. S.

Move that above motion be tabled until next session. SC.

The entire congregation stood in recognition and appreciation of the Melbourne church hosting this session and providing a delicious noon meal.

Meeting adjourned. Altar prayer followed; especially for the sick and others.

ELEVENTH SESSION
of the
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

The eleventh session of the Indian River Association met on April 24, 1976, at 10 a.m., at the First F.W.B. Church of Vero Beach.

Bro. Darrell Gwinn, moderator, called the meeting to order. The congregation sang "Tell It To Jesus", with Bro. Sam Lucky leading the singing. Bro. David Hayes led in prayer. Everyone sang "When We All Get To Heaven."

Sis. Alice Smith, Missionary appointee to the Ivory Coast, brought a stirring devotional.

Church letters were all received and in order; according to the clerk.

Standing delegates were recognized by moderator.

Elected church delegates were recognized; MSC to seat same for this session.

Charge to delegates given by Bro. Gwinn; he strongly emphasized their responsibility.

Petitionary letter received from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Okeechobee requesting membership into the Indian River Association. Letter given to Ordaining Board for consideration.

Bro. Gwinn recognized and welcomed all visitors to sit with us for this meeting.

Minutes of last meeting, January 24, presented by clerk, Doyle Griffin; MSC to accept minutes as printed.

Treasurer's report presented; MSC to accept as read.

An offering was taken after prayer by Bro. Jim Foster. "I Am Resolved" was sung by the congregation. Amount of offering: \$32.60.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSC to remove tabled motion and present to delegates. Motion as follows: "That the Indian River Association host State Association meeting in 1977, with meeting to be held at Melbourne church; and all churches of association co-operating in providing food and sharing expenses".

Melbourne Church graciously extended the use of their facilities. Motion passed.

Clerk instructed to write State Association extending this invitation.

Woman's Auxiliaries of Vero Beach, Scottsmeer, Titusville, Melbourne, presented reports.

Home Mission Board report by Bro. Savage: accepted as read.

Resignation of Bro. Savage from Home Mission Board regretfully accepted; our prayers and support go with him and his family as they move to Salem to begin full-time work with the new Salem Bible College.

Bro. Griffin presented youth camp report, stressing the need for churches to support it.

The morning session closed with prayer; worship followed with Bro. Combs preaching.

WORSHIP HOUR

Everyone sang "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story". Sis. Savage sang "Saved, Saved".

Bro. Jim Combs, missionary from Brazil, preached an inspiring morning message.

Following sermon, Finance Committee appointed: Bros. Griffin, Herman Crum and Roy Hunt.

Bro. Herbert Wilkerson spoke on soul-winning and offered dismissal prayer and blessing.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with singing "At Calvary". Bro. Jim Christian prayed. Sis. Bea McGorry sang special music, "So Send I You".

CTS REPORT: None

MSC for association to hold a fall Home Mission Conference.

Bro. Savage gave report on the Salem Bible College.

Ordaining Board report by Bro. Savage. MSC to accept report: each item dealt with individually, and voted upon. MSC to accept each item. Bro. Savage resigned from board.

Bro. Sam Lucky was appointed to Nominating Committee to substitute for Bro. Maddy. This committee was excused from meeting to select speakers for next session, July 31, at Scotts-moor Church.

Nominations taken from floor for Ordaining Board and Home Mission Board. Rev. Wm. L. Collins elected to fill Dr. Savage's place on Ordaining Board. Rev. David Hayes elected to serve on Home Mission Board, filling Bro. Savage's vacated post.

Finance Committee report given by Bro. Griffin, treasurer. MSC to accept report and recommendations. Bro. Gwinn instructed committee to get CTS offerings in order; and report at next meeting.

Nominating Committee presented their report of next sessions speakers.

Christian Education Board reported the association CTS Competition had been held. Winners should plan to be at the State CTS Competition on May 14 and 15, Orlando. The next CTS Rally is on AUGUST 21, 6:30 P.M., Titusville Church.

Statistical Report presented as follows:

Ministers	8
Deacons	4
Delegates	18
Visitors	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	55

Sis. Savage and Sis. Christian were elected to serve as delegates to the National Association of Free Will Baptists in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

R E P O R T S

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT ... April 24, 1976

Daytona Beach: The State Mission Board has entered into a joint project with National Home Mission Board, and it's anticipated that the work in Daytona Beach will begin by August, this year.

As the missionary to Daytona Beach will have to raise his support, mainly in Florida, all churches in association are requested to give their full support to this need.

Mission Conference: We are in the process of having a Foreign Mission Conference at this time; and we want to express our appreciation for the co-operation received from all our churches, and to the three missionaries who are sharing with us: Miss Alice Smith, Rev. Sam Wilkinson and Rev. Jim Combs.

The Home Mission Board wants to have a Home Mission Conference in the fall and we recommend that the association authorize such a conference; and all churches share in this.

Signed:

Graeme A. Savage, Chairman
Indian River Mission Board

Dr. Graeme A. Savage offers his resignation both as chairman and member of this board.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT: Youth Camp will be held at "Camp Moon" near Leesburg again this year. Dates for camp will be from Sunday afternoon, June 20 through Friday noon, June 25. Cost of camp will be \$17.50 for each camper.

Several adults are needed for teachers, counselors, crafts and recreation. If you can attend camp for a week of work, fun, and fellowship, please contact me.

I would like to take this opportunity to challenge each church and each individual to pray about what God would have you do to help financially support our youth camp. About \$2000 is needed; and only about \$1300 of this will come from the campers.

We're trusting the Lord to impress on our churches the need to provide the additional funds needed to support the youth camp.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Griffin, Camp Director

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT ... April 24, 1976

We recommend:

(1) That Bro. Doyle Griffin be recognized as an Ordained Deacon in good standing with the Indian River Association;

(2) That Bro. Sam Lucky be recognized as an Ordained Deacon in good standing with the Indian River Association;

(3) That Bro. James Foster be ordained to preach the Gospel, that the Ordination Service be held prior to the close of the association meeting at Vero Beach April 24.

(4) That we recognize the Okeechobee Free Will Baptist Mission as part of this Association; that Executive Board act in advisory capacity to this work.

(5) That all these brethren, Bros. Griffin, Lucky and Foster, be given the right hand of fellowship by the association with the pledge that we will uphold them in our prayers and love in their various places of service for the Lord.

Graeme A. Savage, Chairman
Ordaining Council

Dr. Graeme Savage offers his resignation as both chairman and member of the Ordaining Council of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptist.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Due to C.T.S. Rally balance being about minus \$75.00, after paying a current bill for medals, the Finance Committee recommends that \$50 be transferred from the Home Mission Account to the C.T.S. Rally account in order to help cover the deficiency.

Doyle Griffin, Chairman
Roy L. Hunt
Herman Crum

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

For July 31 meeting at Scottsmoor:

Morning Devotion -----	Arthur Chaffin, Cocoa
Sermon -----	Wm. L. Collins, Vero Beach
Afternoon Devotion -----	Harold Woods, Titusville
Alternate Devotion -----	Bro. Stone, Scottsmoor
Alternate Sermon -----	Jim Christian, Cocoa

Rev. David Hayes, Chairman
Bob Allen
Sam Lucky

ORDINATION SERVICE:

Bro. Sam Wilkinson, foreign missionary to Brazil, South America, brought the charge to Bro. James Foster, candidate for ordination into the ministry. Bro. Wilkinson delivered a stirring message to Bro. Foster and the congregation.

Bro. Foster is a member of the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church.

May God richly bless him in his new role as a witness for God and His Word. Our prayers and brotherly love go with Bro. Foster as he shares his testimony daily with those around him.

TWELFTH SESSION of the INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

MORNING SESSION

The twelfth session of the Indian River Association was called to order by Bro. Gwinn on July 31, 1976 at 10 a.m.

"Victory in Jesus" was sung by everyone; followed with Bro. Stone praying. The group then sang "I Feel Like Traveling On".

Bro. Tommy Fisher of the Melbourne Church brought the morning devotional.

All church letters were received and declared in order, according to the clerk.

Standing delegates were recognized by chair.

Elected church delegates were recognized; MSC to seat same for this session.

No petitionary letters.

Bro. Gwinn welcomed all visitors; extending a special welcome to Bro. Greg Godby, West Palm Beach Church, and senior at Bible College.

Bro. Griffin read a copy of his letter to the State Association which extends an invitation to the session to meet at Melbourne in 1977.

MSC to accept minutes of last meeting as printed.

Treasurer's report presented; MSC to accept as read.

Woman's Auxiliary reports presented by Melbourne, Titusville, and Scottsmoor.

Youth Camp report given by Bro. Griffin. MS to accept. Motion carried by body.

Offering taken for youth camp: \$70.00.

MORNING WORSHIP

The congregation sang two hymns and welcomed one another with right hand of fellowship.

Bro. Godby brought the sermon. He challenged the men to get involved in the Church's mission and use themselves for the advancement of God's salvation message.

God needs men of prayer, inspiration and passion. Men who will not make any compromises in their work for Christ, Bro. Godby said. His message was based on Ezek. 22:23-31.

Many came to the altar for prayer and rededication after this stirring message.

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Bro. Gwinn appointed a Finance Committee: Doyle Griffin, Chairman, Steve Bass and Charles Allen.

Okeechobee's letter presented by clerk. Bro. James Hatfield, Okeechobee, seated as a delegate.

Bro. Jim Foster welcomed everyone to the Scottsmeer Church; extending invitation to noon meal. Benediction and blessing offered.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Everyone sang "He Lives" then prayer by Bro. Wright.

Devotional by Bro. Harold Woods, Titusville.

Bro. Gwinn called session into order.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer noted the C.T.S. offering taken last November has not been turned in. Bro. Gwinn said he would take care of this matter.

NEW BUSINESS: M made for moderator to appoint planning committee to consider half-day sessions. Moderator noted Nominating Committee also served as Planning Committee. Bro. Collins objected. MSC.

Bro. Gwinn appointed following to serve on Planning Committee: John Amburgy, Chairman, Tommy Flack and Charles Allen.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Report by Steve Bass. M that Deacons-Ministers' fund (\$36.00) be transferred to CTS Rally fund. SC.

ORDAINING BOARD: Report by Bro. Collins. MSC to accept.

MISSION BOARD: Report by Bro. Hayes. Accepted as information only.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: by Bro. Hayes.

CTS RALLY: No report.

Bro. Collins challenged the Home Mission Board to remember the Okeechobee work when planning our association's mission work.

Bob Maddy resigned as CTS District Director, citing pressure of work and other obligations as his reasons.

Floor opened for nominations for CTS District Director.

Bro. Bob Allen was nominated and elected as director of the District CTS Rally.

Bro. Allen asks that we pray for him in this important job; supporting him by attending all rallies. Bro. Allen feels that God has been leading him in this new direction.

Bro. Maddy resigned the Nominating Committee. Sam Lucky nominated and elected to replace him.

Bro. Bob Allen issued a challenge to each church to set aside monies for next year's youth camp-starting right now.

Bro. Gwinn noted coming events listed on program: CTS Rally in August; picnic in September; annual association meeting in October.

State Association meets November 3-5. Delegates to be appointed at October session.

After announcements from churches the session dismissed with prayer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

We recommend that the Deacons-Minister's Fund (which has been idle for several years) be abandoned and the monies transferred to the CTS Rally fund.

Doyle Griffin, Chairman
Steve Bass
Charles H. Allen

HOME MISSION BOARD:

The original person slated to come to Daytona Beach has withdrawn. We plan at this time to contact Bro. Millard Sasser for possibly relocating here. Please pray for this need.

David Hayes, Chairman
Bob Allen
A. R. Stone

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

July 31, 1976, at Scottsmoor Church.

Rev. Tommy Fisher, per the request of the Melbourne Church, met with the Ordaining Council this day. Since Bro. Fisher comes from another denomination we recommend that he be given the required questionnaire for all candidates for ordination or for validation of their credentials.

That Bro. Fisher meet back with this body on October 30, 1976, at the annual session.

Prayerfully submitted,
W. L. Collins, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Speakers for October 30th meeting:

- Devotions -

James Hatfield, Okeechobee ----- Morning
Sam Lucky, Vero Beach ----- Afternoon
A. R. Stone, Scottsmoor ----- Alternate

- Sermon -

Tommy Fisher, Melbourne -----
W. L. Collins, Vero Beach ----- Alternate

David Hayes, Chairman
Bob Allen
Bob Maddy

THIRTEENTH SESSION
(FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION)
of the
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

The thirteenth session of the Indian River Association convened on October 30, 1976, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville.

This was the fourth annual session. Bro. Gwinn, moderator, welcomed everyone. Opening hymn "Love Lifted Me." Prayer.

Bro. James Hatfield, Okeechobee church, gave the devotional and reported on his church.

Meeting called to order.

Church letters in order.

Standing delegates recognized and elected delegates seated for session.

No petitionary letters.

Visitors welcomed to session.

Rev. and Mrs. Norlan Jones, new home missionaries to Daytona Beach, were recognized and welcomed to the Association.

No corresponding messages.

MSC to approve minutes of last meeting. Treasurer's quarterly and annual report given. MSC to approve.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: appointed Jean Richardson, Bob Thomas, and Geraldine Gwinn.

DISTRICT C.T.S.: Bro. Bob Allen reported a good attendance at the last rally, August 21, at Titusville. He challenged the churches to raise youth camp money.

Next rally on November 20 at Cocoa, beginning at 6:00 P.M. Churches will be responsible for rally programs and refreshments.

GENERAL BOARD: No report.

Bro. Gwinn announced that the Victory Association wished to meet with Indian River Association concerning 1977 Youth Camp plans. Particularly to consider camping at Tampa (\$2.00 per camper) with two camps: Teens and under teens. Victory would furnish teachers, counselors, and workers.

Woman Auxiliaries' reports presented by Titusville, Cocoa, and Vero Beach. District Report presented.

WORSHIP

Congregation sang "At Calvary" with Mary Ann Myers, Vero Beach, playing piano.

The Titusville youth choir sang two songs.

Bro. Tommy Fisher preached the morning message. He used John 1:45-49 as his text. Bro. Fisher emphasized that the whole Bible is true; God is the greatest and He never changes.

After closing prayer, Bro Gwinn appointed Finance Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Doyle Griffin, Chairman, Ruby McClain and David Peavy.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Everyone sang "I Am Resolved" with prayer following-then "When We All Get to Heaven."

HOME MISSION REPORT: Presented by Bro. Hayes.

We the Mission Baord make the following report:

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1034 Clearwater Rd.

Daytona Beach, Florida 32018

Phone 1-(904)-255-1385

Okeechobee- Rev. Wm. Compton- pray for Bro. Compton a job.

Mail: %James Hatfield

306 Southwest 11th Ave.

Okeechobee, Florida 33472

Phone 1-(813)-763-6779

These churches need your prayer and financial support.

HOME MISSION CONFERENCE: will be held December 1-5 as follows: Wednesday-Okeechobee; Thursday-Vero Beach; Friday-Melbourne; Saturday-Cocoa; Sunday-Scottsmeer.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. David Hayes, Chairman

MSC to accept report.

Bro. Jones spoke shortly about plans and hopes for Daytona Beach Mission. Quoted I Cor. 9:16. He challenged everyone to support the work with gifts and particularly their prayers.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Sam Lucky appointed David Hayes camp director for 1977. MSC to accept report.

Bro. Hayes to meet with Victory Association about camp plans and report back to General Board within 30 days.

General Board will decide on definite camp plans.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Dues of \$125 received from our churches. We have an up-coming bill for approximately \$140 for printing annual minutes. With this in mind we recommend an offering be taken to help in this area.

We also recommend that the Association consider raising church dues to \$40 per session to assist association work and new churches in our area.

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Griffin
Ruby McClain
William Peavy

Motion to raise dues to \$40 per church, each session, tabled until next session (since this involves constitution change).
General offering taken.

PLANNING COMMITTEE: Presented by Bro. Amburgy. Recommended limiting session to half day meetings; 9 AM to 11 AM for business, one hour worship, dismissal, then dinner.

Motion made to continue sessions as is. Eighteen for and eight opposed. MC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: We, the Nominating Committee, make the following report for the annual board replacement:

Nominating: John Amburgy, Chairman; Harold Woods,
Sam Lucky.

Mission: Dewey North, 3 year term.

Ordination: Rev. W. L. Collins, 5 year term, temporary chairman.

Christian Education: L. H. Hallum, 3 year term.

C.T.S. Director: Bob Allen

Respectfully submitted,
David Hayes
Sam Lucky
Bob Allen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: Bro. Frank Brown, Melvourne Church. Requested a page in black in annual minutes in memory of Bro. Brown.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Gwinn
Bob Thomason
Gene Richardson

STATISTICAL REPORT: Yearly Report:

Average # per session-

Attendance	56
Delegates	20
Ministers	8
Deacons	8
Visitors	22
Ministers in I.R. Assn.	8
Deacons in I.R. Assn.	21

Committee reminded churches they are entitled to two delegates; plus one delegate for each 25 members (or fraction thereof)- not to exceed six delegates.

Association entitled to five delegates to State Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Hatfield
Herman Crumm
Nancy Griffin

Moderator read covenant and admonished our people to honor their promise "not to forsake assembling ourselves" for conference meetings.

Moderator issued cards to ministers and deacons who were in good standing with association.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Tommy Fisher. Pending a letter of recommendation from his former church, the board will meet with Bro. Fisher again at his request in order to finalize preceedings.

After examination of Bro. Jimmy Simmons the board recommends him to the body of this association as an ordained Free Will Baptist minister. Present field of labor sufficient.

The Board has received a letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Scottsmoor recommending Rev. Melvin Sanford to the association. Due to sickness in his family, Rev. Sanford was not able to be here. The Board will meet with him upon his return.

Respectfully submitted,
W. L. Collins
James L. Christian
Gary McClain
Robert H. Allen

Bro. Hayes brought the ordaining sermon which was based on Romans 10:14,15.

The congregation sang "Blest Be the Tie" and extended right hand of fellowship to Bro. Simmons.

Bro. Collins presented Bro. Simmons' certificate of ordination.

STATE DELEGATES: James Hatfield, Eula Hatfield,
and Katie Collins.

MSC for moderator to appoint other delegates at state meeting.

Announcements from churches.

Okeechobee church dedication in about 3 weeks.

Adjourned with prayer.

COCOA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Enrollment: 9 Average Attendance: 6 New Members: 2. Cash and gifts to three college students. Program planned for Thanksgiving Day of Prayer. Drew names for prayer partners. Voted to start making a quilt and cushion covers from double knit scraps.

TITUSVILLE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Correction on July 31 report for Titusville.

Stated- we will not have sales projects for raising money.

Correction- we voted to sell within our church and churches. We would have such things as cake auctions, dinners at the church and accept donations.

Projects (annual) 1975-1976

1. purchase duplicating machine for the church
2. sent \$5 a month to Sunny Hills Mission
3. sent \$5 a month to a foreign missionary
4. Tithe 10% of income
5. observe pre-Easter emphasis month and Pre-Thanksgiving with special program and offering for missions
6. sent \$50 to District designated to Youth Camp
7. made 60 Christmas baskets for the Titusville Nursing Home
8. had a shower for Tammy Baller before she left for college.

Projects (annual) 1976-1977

1. continue to support home and foreign missions with special offerings.
2. to support missions closet
3. make tray cards for the nursing home
4. make Christmas stockings for the children's ward at Jess Farrish Hospital.

VERO BEACH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

12 members; average attendance, 9. Purchased palm plants and pots for sanctuary. Sponsored outing for youth to gospel "Living Sound" concert with pizza supper afterwards.

Sponsored Halloween Fellowship with Teens' haunted house being highlight of evening. Directing Christmas play and fellowship. Making stuffed toys for children's Christmas gifts. Diet Club on Thursdays. Supporting Robert and Judy Bryan. Linen shower for Missionary Provision Closet with 15 sheets and 4 pairs pillowcases given.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Active members: 41; Average Attendance at meetings: 31.

Supporting Salem Bible College, youth camp, Daytona Beach Mission as district projects.

Projects for 1976-1977: Each local was asked to give \$75 if possible to the District project.

ATTENDEES

DELEGATES

Norman A. Shiles
Sarah Crumm
Nancy Griffin
Betsy Lucky
A. R. Stone
L. Porter
M. Myers
Geraldine Gwinn
Becky Gwinn
John R. Amburgy
Jimmie Hatfield
Bob Callihan
Martha Simmons
Herman Crum
Gene Richardson
Louise Richardson
William D. Peavy

MINISTERS

Rev. William Hayes
W. L. Collins
Darrel Gwinn
Jim Christian
James Foster
Tommie Fisher
James A. Simmons

DEACONS

J. J. Riffe
Doyle L. Griffin
Sam Lucky
Paul Francisco
Robert H. Allen
Homer Hallum
Charles Allen
Ray
Gary McClain
Bob Thomason

VISITORS

Sarah Riffe
Ruby McClain
Becky Christian
Doug Christian
Jimmy Christian, Jr.
Donna Christian
Kathleen Collins
Helen Allen
Carol Hatfield
Eula Hatfield
Jana Amburgy
Myrtle Callihan
George Mitchell
Lucille Mitchell
Cliff & Helen Vetten
Ralph Ralston
Norlin D. Jones
Barry Allen
Iassie Allen
Bonnie, David,
 & Daniel Amburgy
Rev. & Mrs. Delbert Mullins
Jenny Johnson
Nancy Hayes
Micky & Peggy Wise
George Ballew
Marty Adkison
Betty Woods
Darrell Miller
Bill Graham
Charlotte Graham

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1, 1975 thru September 30, 1976

BALANCE ON HAND ... October 1, 1975 \$ 490.45

RECEIPTS

Church dues	500.00	
Offerings, CTS	121.30	
Offerings, General	53.05	
Offerings, Home Mission Conference ...	33.20	
Youth Camp	1689.00	
Total Income		<u>\$2396.55</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		<u>\$2887.00</u>

EXPENSES

Rev. Gwinn, Honorarium, 1975	50.00	
Doyle Griffin, Honorarium, 1975	50.00	
Florida State Association dues	15.00	
Home Mission Conference	133.20	
Foreign Mission Conference	166.00	
Office Supplies	58.15	
Annual Minutes, 1975	150.70	
C. T. S.	195.88	
Association Picnics	48.01	
Youth Camp	1742.01	
Vero Beach Postmaster, postage	6.89	
Total Expenses		<u>\$2616.07</u>
BALANCE AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 1976		<u>\$ 270.93</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1 thru September 30, 1976

BALANCE ON HAND, JULY 1 \$ 40.27

RECEIPTS

Dues from 5 churches	125.00	
Offering, (Youth Camp) 7/31	70.00	
Offering, CTS, 8/21	42.39	
Offering, CTS, 11/75	43.51	
Total Income		<u>\$ 280.90</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		<u>\$ 321.17</u>

EXPENSES

Morse's Office Supplies	6.70	
Vero Beach Post Office	2.89	
Brevard Co., picnic table	5.20	
Robert Allen, picnic supplies	21.60	
Halsey-Griffin Office Supplies	13.85	
Total Expenses		<u>\$ 50.24</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, SEPTEMBER 30, 1976		<u>\$ 270.93</u>

TREASURY BREAKDOWN

General Fund	\$ 43.42
C.T.S. Rallies	53.27
Home Mission Board	155.99
Youth Camp	18.25
Treasury Balance	<u>\$270.93</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Griffin, Treasurer

ANNUAL STATISTICAL TABLE

	Number Baptisms	New Members	Members Lost	Total Membership	Value of Church & Parsonage Property	Paid Pastor	Other Salaries	New Construction & Re-Modeling	Debt Retirement	Other Local Expenses	Co-operative Plan	Foreign Missions	Home Missions & Home Ext.	State Office	Association Dues
COCOA	3	28	12	75	\$121,500.	\$ 6,330.	\$ 0	\$ 491.00	\$ 4,111.	\$ 2,227.00	\$ 678.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 500.00	\$100.
MELBOURNE	12	25	24	147	109,362.	7,800.	1,300.	1,450.00	0	-	4,964.17	0	0	0	100.
OKEECHOBEE	1	0	0	8	40,000.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
SCOTTSMOOR	6	5	4	42	45,000.	5,900.	960.	4,665.02	1,400.	2,669.17	1,407.24	402.81	323.35	1,285.88	100.
TITUSVILLE	5	0	4	45	55,000.	7,170.	0	0	4,239.	4,245.00	0	0	0	0	100.
VERO BEACH	11	7	0	36	36,900.	2,760.	0	6,900.00	1,690.	2,234.84	0	345.30	385.11	0	100.
TOTALS	38	65	44	353	\$407,762.	\$29,960.	\$2,260.	\$13,506.02	\$11,440.	\$11,376.01	\$7,049.41	\$798.11	\$783.46	\$1,785.88	\$500.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
Indian River Association
of
Original Free Will Baptists
of the
State of Florida

PREAMBLE

We, the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE ONE: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

This association shall be composed of such Free Will Baptists churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution.

ARTICLE THREE: DELEGATION

Section 1. The standing delegation of this association shall consist of all ordained ministers, ordained deacons, association clerk, and church clerks of this association in good standing with this association.

Section 2. Voting privileges shall be extended to all standing delegates and to those duly elected or appointed delegates representing the churches of this association in good standing with the association.

Section 3. Each church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (25) members (or fraction thereof) -- not to exceed a total of six (6) elected or appointed delegates.

ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS AND BOARDS

- Section 1. The general officers of this association shall be the moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk-treasurer and the assistant clerk-treasurer. These officers shall be elected on odd years for the term of two years.
- Section 2. There shall be a General Board, composed of the officers of the association and the chairmen of the various boards, which shall serve as the association out of session.
- Section 3. The standing boards of this association shall be the Missions Board, Ordaining Board, and the Christian Education Board.

ARTICLE FIVE: MEETINGS

The meetings of this association shall be on the last Saturday of January, April, July, and October.

ARTICLE SIX: AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present- providing the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed on the table and voted upon in the next session.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE ONE: MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. All churches affiliated directly with this association shall be required to adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists as adopted by the National Association of Original Free Will Baptists. Application for membership must contain a statement to this effect.
- Section 2. Churches desiring to affiliate themselves with this body must make application by letter and representation to this association.

ARTICLE TWO: REPRESENTATION

Each church shall be requested to pay dues of \$25.00 per session.

ARTICLE THREE: FUNCTION OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all meetings of the association. He shall be empowered with the authority to appoint any committees not otherwise provided for by the constitution.

Section 2. The duties of the vice-moderator shall be to preside at the request of or in the absence of the moderator and assist him in such ways as are necessary and advisable.

Section 3. The duties of the clerk-treasurer shall be to keep accurate minutes of the association's meetings, to compile the minutes of the boards and auxiliaries and to prepare and publish them. It shall be his further duty to take care of all necessary correspondence. The clerk-treasurer shall receive all associational monies and disburse them as directed by the association.

Section 4. The duties of the assistant clerk-treasurer shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the clerk-treasurer and to assist him in any way necessary.

ARTICLE FOUR: FUNCTION OF THE BOARDS

Section 1. The Missions Board shall be composed of three (3) members whose terms of office shall be three(3) years and whose terms shall be staggered so as only one member shall be replaced each year.

The function of this Board shall be:

a. To supervise any and all missions' programs of this association and to coordinate their efforts with our state and national agencies.

b. To be vested with the power of trusteeship; to hold and convey titles of any property coming under the jurisdiction of the Missions Board through this association or as dealing with any or all property requiring trusteeship of the Indian River Association.

c. To formulate and promote a live missionary program by the aiding of weak churches, the establishment of new churches and by an earnest effort to keep a spirit of revival present in the association.

It shall not be the function of this board to hold joint ownership of any church or church properties.

Section 2. The Ordaining Board shall be composed of three (3) ministers and two (2) deacons who are members of this association in good standing. Board members shall be elected to staggered terms of five (5) years with one member being replaced or re-elected each year.

Functions of this board shall be:

- a. To examine all applicants for ordination and all previously ordained ministers and deacons seeking membership in the association.
- b. To ordain or assist in the ordination of deacons and ministers when requested to do so by the church of the candidate.
- c. To consider the following in carrying out the duties of the office:
 - (1) That all ministers and deacons wishing to become members of this association shall be recommended from the church of which they are members.
 - (2) That all examinees shall be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked of them.
 - (3) That all applications must be made prior to the association meeting to the chairman of the Ordaining Board.
 - (4) That a person presented for ordination to the ministry, or to be recognized as a minister in good standing, must be pastoring; be in a state of retirement due to age or health; be engaged in a full-time area of Christian work; or have a justifiable cause preventing his pastoring.
 - (5) That ministers desiring to be ordained must have been licensed for a period of one year and have pastored for at least six months prior to ordination. Six months pastoring or related Christian work during the one year tenure of licensing will be accepted as a pre-requisite for ordination.
 - (6) For a person to be presented for ordination as a deacon or recognition of ordination as a deacon he must have served as an associate or deacon-elect for a period of at least one year. If he has served as deacon in this association previously and still holds his credentials then this period of service would be waived. If he is coming from another association it would be waived provided he actively holds valid credentials from a Free Will Baptist Church or Association.
 - (7) That all ordination services be conducted at the time and place recommended by the candidate's church.

ARTICLE FOUR, SECTION 3. The Christian Education Board shall be composed of three (3) members whose terms of office shall be three (3) years and whose terms shall be staggered so as only one member shall be replaced or re-elected each year. The District C.T.S. Director shall be an ex-officio member of this board.

The District C.T.S. Director shall be elected annually by the Association at its annual meeting.

Functions of this Board shall be

- a. Appoint youth camp director.
- b. To organize and supervise a camping program.
- c. To act as trustees and to hold title to any properties deeded to this association for the purpose of camping.
- d. To be responsible for all monies received for or related to the camping program of this association.
- e. To support and promote the education of our youth and Christian leaders.
- f. To be responsible for co-ordinating all C.T.S. programs of this association.

ARTICLE FIVE: COMMITTEES

Section 1. The nomination committee shall be composed of three (3) members to be elected at the October session and who shall serve for a period of one year.

Section 2. All committees not provided for by either the constitution or its by-laws may be appointed by the moderator as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE SIX: REPORTING

Section 1. Each church is requested to mail its report to the clerk fifteen (15) days prior to the association session.

Section 2. Each Woman's Auxiliary of the association shall give a report at the sessions.

Section 3. The District Woman's Auxiliary shall give a report at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1. Forty percent (40%) of all offerings shall go for missions.

Section 2. Each minister and deacon who is a member of the Indian River Association shall be expected to attend or report to all associational meetings unless providentially hindered.

Section 3. The name, date of birth, date of death, age and church affiliation of any member overtaken by death each year shall be included in that year's minutes, and such information shall be given to the clerk-treasurer by the clerks of the churches.

- Section 4. At the death of a minister a page in the following year's minutes (draped in black as a memorial to the deceases) shall give all pertinent information concerning him and his ministry.
- Section 5. The constitution and by-laws, with any amendments and alterations, shall be printed in the annual minutes each year.
- Section 6. Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary guide for all meetings of the association or its auxiliaries, boards or committees.
- Section 7. A quorum shall consist of a majority of any board or committee.

ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the proper voting representation present--providing that the proposed amendment or alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed upon the table and voted upon in the next session.

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