

Minutes
OF THE
FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF FLORIDA
HELD WITH
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA
ON
OCTOBER 29, 1977

1977

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD ON
JANUARY 28, 1978
AT
SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

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In Memory of

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ARTHUR JONES Scottsmoor
HAROLD BOWSER Okeechobee
EARNEST CRAFT Melbourne
DOUGLAS ROLLINS Cocoa



*“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*

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FOURTEENTH SESSION

The fourteenth session of the association met on January 29, 1977 at 10 a.m. Cocoa FWB Church hosted the meeting. Bro. Gwinn called the session to order.

The congregation sang "His Way With Thee" with Bro. Sanford leading in prayer afterwards.

Church letters were all in order, with Okeechobee sending their letter to the clerk later.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed to the session.

Standing delegates were recognized by the moderator. Elected delegates were called by Bro. Griffin, clerk.

MSC to seat all delegates for this session.

Minutes from last meeting presented. MSC.

The clerk read a letter received from the Scottsmoor Church which recommended "That the churches in the association who are financially unable to pay \$40.00 (dues) be allowed to continue to pay \$25.00." This letter was in reference to a tabled motion to increase associational dues to \$40.00.

Treasurer's report. MSC to accept.

Moderator directed letter to Finance Committee which he appointed. They were Doyle Griffin, chairman, Betty Woods and Lillie Brown.

YOUTH CAMP report by Bro. Hayes. Youth Camp is set for June 19-25. He asks everyone to pray for the camp as he made plans for this year.

Bro. Gwinn appointed Sam Lucky, J. L. Christian and J. J. Riffe to get speakers for this session.

This committee recommended altar prayer instead of a morning devotion. Everyone sang "Lily of the Valley" and "Count Your Blessings" with altar prayer following.

No General Board report.

Bro. Sanford reported that there was a good spirit among the people at Daytona Beach.

MISSION BOARD report by Bro. Hayes:

Daytona Beach: The church is having a problem obtaining a place to use for worship services. Pray that the Lord will open doors for this purpose.

Also, several pieces of property are being considered at this time, pray that the right decision will be made.

Okeechobee: Since the last association meeting, Okeechobee has had their dedication of the new building and revival service with Bro. Gwinn, evangelist.

These churches need our prayers as well as all the support we can give.

David Hayes

A. R. Stone

Dewey North

It was noted that the State Mission Board has withdrawn support from Okeechobee as they are without a pastor at this time.

The Mission Board was called to the altar at this time for special prayer for the Daytona Beach Mission.

WORSHIP

The Christian Sisters sang several songs for the congregation during the worship hour. Bro. and Sis. Hatfield also sang a special.

AFTERNOON

The meeting reconvened with everyone singing "Heavenly Sunlight" and "Where We'll Never Grow Old."

ORDAINING COUNCIL report by Bro. Christian:

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Melvin Sanford and recommends to this body that he be received into full fellowship of the Indian River Association pending a letter of recommendation from his former association.

The Council met with Bro. Tommy Fisher and in lieu of recommendation from his former labours, we recommend his licensing for one year per normal channels.

The Council met with Terry Gerry and being unable to view his application for licensing in advance of this meeting, the Council will meet out of session for this purpose and will make recommendations to this body in the April session.

Respectfully,
J. L. Christian
Guy McClain
Robert Allen

MSC to accept this report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION report presented by Bro. Christian:

Daytona Beach Mission will be meeting on Friday night, 7:30, in recreation hall at Nova Road and Clearwater Street for 2 more Friday nights. At the end of the 3rd week there is hope of having a more permanent meeting place. Everyone is encouraged to attend, if at all possible.

C.T.S. Competition for our District will be held April 2nd; place to decided today.

State CTS Competition will be held in May (20th & 21st at Wesconnett, Jacksonville.)

Salem Bible College students will be at the Scottsmeer FWB Church on February 26, 7:30 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the sing.

We would like to urge everyone to start setting aside money, food, etc. for our Youth Camp, June 19th-25th. Support our youth.

Due to Bro. Hayes leaving we have no report on property for our own youth camp.

We would like to take an offering today for Salem Bible College.

Respectfully submitted,
J. L. Christian
L. H. Hallum
Helen Allen

MSC to accept report.

MSC to hold C.T.S. Competition on April 2, beginning at 10 a.m., at Melbourne Church.

Bro. Gwinn advised Christian Education Board to get judges ready and literature on hand before the competition.

Offering received for Salem Bible College-\$85.09 (includes \$5 check made out to Bible College).

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report presented as follows:

APRIL 30, 1977

1. Morning Devotion:
Guy McClain
Doyle Griffin, alternate
2. Morning Message:
James Christian
James Foster, alternate
3. Evening Devotion:
Robert Allen
Paul Francisco, alternate

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report (by committee appointed by Moderator in morning session.)

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend that due to the absence of Harold Woods, the moderator appoint one temporary member to replace the absent member in order that this situation not be necessary again. This Committee's report be presented in afternoon.

Sam Lucky
J. L. Christian
J. J. Riffe

C.T.S. report presented by Bro. Allen:

Each church was challenged to give \$200 towards Salem Bible College.

Statistical Report by Bro. Doyle Griffin:

Delegates	25
Visitors	28
Ministers	9
Deacons	8
Total	70

FINANCE COMMITTEE report presented as follows:

The receipts for this day from churches' dues total \$125.00. Offering for Salem Bible College is \$85.09.

A motion is presently on the table to increase the church dues to \$40.00 per session. In view of correspondence from the churches, we recommend that all action regarding increasing the church dues be rescinded. We feel that we should all be in unity and harmony.

Respectfully,
Doyle Griffin
Lillie Brown
Betty Woods

MSC to accept Finance Committee report.

MSC for each church to receive offering at their Sunday worship to offset minutes' printing bill.

NO NEW BUSINESS.

Bro. Bob Allen suggested changes in some offices so one person did not serve on two boards at the same time.

Bro. Gwinn suggested this be dealt with later.

Bro. Gwinn called on the two visitors to speak. They were Bro. Ball of Central Florida Association and Bro. Spivey from Faith FWB Church.

Announcements from floor.

Dismissal with prayer.

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FIFTEENTH SESSION

The session was held on April 30, 1977 at the Melbourne Church. The meeting was called to order by Bro. Gwinn at 10 a.m.

The congregation sang "When We All Get To Heaven". Bro. Collins led in prayer.

Bro. Griffin brought the devotional which was based on Luke 14:28.

The business portion began with calling of church letters. All were in order. Standing delegates recognized; elected delegates called. All delegates were seated for this session.

Bro. Gwinn read a letter from the Faith F.W.B. Church in which they expressed interest in becoming a part of the Indian River Association. He then read an answering letter sent the Faith Church from this association.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed to the meeting, including three visitors from Faith Church.

Minutes of last meeting read by clerk. MSC to accept with corrected date of W.A. District meeting. It was noted that some names on registration section were not under correct heading. Bro. Griffin pointed out that the names were taken directly from the registration sheets and that in some cases there would also be incorrect spelling because the clerk was unable to read the writing.

MSC that each host church set up and man a Registration Table at all future sessions of the Association.

Treasurer's report presented by Bro. Griffin. MSC to accept report as printed.

W. A. reports presented from Okeechobee, Vero Beach, Melbourne and Cocoa.

Bro. Gwinn appointed a Statistical Committee. They were Sis. Griffin, Sis. Mary North and Sis. Maude Wells.

Finance Committee appointed as follows: Doyle Griffin, Ch., Bro. Crumm and Sis. Balleu.

Bro. Hayes presented a partial Youth Camp report.

Jim and Susan Moser, missionary appointees to Brazil, will be at Youth Camp. Bro. Moser will be preaching at the evening services. Arts and crafts will be part of the camp program. Supplies for this will be furnished by two businesses in Titusville, Bro. Hayes reported.

A partial C.T.S. presented report by Bro. Allen. He warmly expressed appreciation to our youth, judges, host church and everyone concerned with the recent CTS Competition.

Bro. Gwinn declared the session out of order for further business as we entered into worship.

WORSHIP SERVICE

After congregational singing, Bro. Jim Christian brought a stirring message that was based on 2 Kings 5:1-11. Bro. Christian emphasized the servant girl's compassion, her testimony and Naaman's faith. He challenged everyone to take a closer look at their own lives; especially in these three areas.

The service closed with the invitation, "I Surrender All", with several coming for rededication and prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang "Jesus Saves". Bro. Hayes led in prayer.

Bro. Bob Allen warmed our hearts with the afternoon devotional.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE report by Bro. Amburgy:

SPEAKERS FOR JULY 30

- Morning Devotion -

Guy McClain Gene Richardson, Alternate

- Morning Message -

Don Hicks Jim Simmons, Alternate

- Afternoon Devotion -

Dewey North Paul Francisco, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
John Amburgy, Chairman
Sam Lucky
Harold Wood

MSC to accept report.

GENERAL BOARD by Bro. Griffin as follows:

The General Board met with the Okeechobee Church on Feb. 2 and on Feb. 7, 1977 as they requested. The Board served as an impartial board in hearing problems of the church. The General Board served in an advisory capacity only.

The results of these meetings were that the pastor, Bro. William Compton, left the church; and the Okeechobee church will continue to be under the watchcare of the Indian River Association at this time.

We trust the Lord will have His way in this work.

Respectfully submitted,
Darrell Gwinn
James Christian
W. L. Collins
William Hayes
Doyle Griffin

MSC to accept this report.

Okeechobee Church requested the October meeting be held at their church. MSC same.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD report presented as follows:

We would like to recommend that we contact the National C.T.S. Department and ask for a representative to come and meet with us to give help in establishing a more successful and effective C.T.S. program in our churches and our District. We ask that each church help in the expense of this program.

We recommend that each church C.T.S. tithe their offerings to our District Association to help pay the expenses of our District Youth Rallies and our District Competition.

Reminder: Jr. and Sr. Days at Salem Bible College on May 11, 12 and 13.

Submitted by Christian Education Board,
Helen Allen

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION WINNERS

Memorization

Tina Bass (3rd year) Melbourne 1st Place
Jana Amburgy (3rd year) Scottsmeer 2nd Place

Sword Drill

Johnny Mathis Scottsmeer 1st Place
Lisa Wright Melbourne 2nd Place

Tic Tac Toe

Scottsmeer, Mary Mathis, Allan Mathis,
Gerald Allen, Russel Allen

Declamation

Nancy Quiet, Melbourne, Crusader

Art

Shane Moody, Scottsmeer, Herald

Music

Keyboard: Cynthia Griffin, Vero Beach

Vocal Solo: Dawn Hanna, Melbourne

Vocal Ensemble: Jana Amburgy; Baray,
Gerald & Russell Allen,
Scottsmeer

Choir: Melbourne Youth Choir

Bible Bowl

Janet Johnson, Bob Piper, Don Piper
and Chuck Ham, Cocoa

We thank our judges and the Christian Education Board for helping organize and taking care of all the events in our competition. Without each ones help, we could not have had as successful a day as we did.

At this meeting we are presenting the following medals:

Nancy Quiet for Declamation
Cynthia Griffin for Keyboard
Dawn Hanna for Vocal Solo
Melbourne Choir (Trophy)

YOUTH CAMP report by Bro. Hayes as follows:

Camp days set for June 19-24. Registration will be made available in a couple of weeks.

Request that people dress remembering that the camp represents Christ and we should dress accordingly. Make plans now to attend. No shorts, levi jeans for women.

David Hayes, Director

MSC to accept report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE presented as follows:

The dues from our churches today total \$125.00. The balance of the youth camp find (\$18.28) has been given to camp director, David Hayes. We recommend that \$150 be taken from the Home Mission Board account and given to the Youth Camp. The Mission Board is in agreement with this recommendat on.

Respectfully,
Doyle Griffin
Bro. Crumm
Tommy Balleu

MSC to accept as read.

STATISTICAL REPORT by Sister North:

10 Ministers 10 Deacons 23 Delegates 20 Visitors

Committee strongly recommends that names be printed in future for clarity.

MSC to receive youth camp offering, \$47.00.

MSC to accept report as presented.

MSC that name tags be ordered through the clerk for future association meetings.

HOME MISSION report by Bro. Hayes as follows:

Since our last association the Daytona Church has been able to obtain a place of worship. They had 50 present for the first service.

Bro. Jones, pastor of Daytona, will make additional comments of this work.

Bro. Jim Moser, missionary appointee to Brazil, will speak at Titusville at the 11 o'clock service and at Scottsmeer during the 7:30 service.

William Hayes, Chairman

MSC to accept report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report presented as follows:

April 4: Council met and opened with Scripture from I Thess. 5 by Bro. Bob Allen.

Prayer by Bro. Guy McClain.

Terry Gerry's application and questionnaire was reviewed by the Board and all agreed that all questions were answered in accordance with the Free Will Baptist Treatise of Faith and Practices.

April 30: The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Terry Gerry and after questioning by members of the Council we recommend that Bro. Gerry be licensed to preach the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Having received Bro. Melvin Sanford's Letter of Recommendation from his former association he is now accepted into the full fellowship of this Body.

Due to Bro. Collins moving out of the area, the Council by mutual agreement, has appointed James Christian as Chairman of this Council. Bro. Collins will remain a member of this council and association.

W. L. Collins
James Christian
Robert J. Allen
James H. Fields

MSC to license Bro. Terry Gerry.

Right hand of fellowship extended to Bro. Gerry and Bro. Sanford.

Christian Education Board was dismissed in order that they might set a date for the next C.T.S. Rally.

Announcements from churches.

C.R. Board announced that the next CTS Rally would be held at VERO BEACH on AUGUST 20 at 6 P.M.

Moderator reminded churches that Okeechobee needs financial help.

Meeting adjourned. Dismissed with prayer.

OKEECHOBEE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Sales and gifts- \$89.65; paid out \$45.49; balance on hand \$45.20. We meet the 1st Monday of each month.

VERO BEACH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Elected new officers (includes new W.A. members who have been so willing to help); good participation in Pre-Easter Week of Prayer with offering of \$20.69. We are preparing a Welcome Food Box for our new pastor; and a visitation program.

Betsy Lucky, President

MELBOURNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Enrollment 12. Average Attendance 8. "Co-Laborer" magazines used for programs. Projects consisted of spaghetti supper which was a real success with lots of fun and fellowship among our people. This pulled us out of a financial bind and we got our debts paid. Our auxiliary voted to do something

special for an elderly person in our church. A nice shirt and tie was presented to Bro. George Cloud in a Sunday morning service. A great blessing for all.

Also, the auxiliary voted to send food or anything that could be used to the Salem Bible College. We also sent \$55.00 in cash.

Now the ladies are quilting and tacking quilts. The owner of the quilt is donating the money to the auxiliary. They are on the fourth quilt. Our next project will be curtains for the choir and around the piano.

Delma Bailes, President

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS SIXTEENTH SESSION

The Sixteenth Session of the Indian River Association was held on July 30, 1977, at First F.W.B. Church, Vero Beach. Bro. Gwinn, moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus". Bro. Sanford led in prayer.

The group then sang, "Heavenly Sunlight". Bro. Jim Christian brought the devotional. Prayer by Bro. Paul Francisco.

All church letters were declared in order for this session. Standing delegates were recognized and elected delegates called by the clerk. All delegates were seated in order for this session.

Minutes of April 30th meeting read by Bro. Griffin. MSC to accept minutes.

Treasurer's report presented as printed. MSC to accept.

Four Woman's Auxiliaries reported to the session: Titusville, Cocoa, Melbourne and Okeechobee.

Bro. Gwinn appointed a Finance Committee of Tina Rhoden, Cliff Hadwin and Doyle Griffin, chairman.

HOME MISSION BOARD: No report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: No report.

DISTRICT CTS REPORT: An oral report was presented with discussion on possibly changing host church for CTS Rally. Instead of Vero Beach (because of two meetings in one month) the meeting would be moved to another church.

MSC to table item until after session.

WORSHIP

"When the Roll is Called Up Yonder" sang by the congregation. Bro. Collins led in prayer.

Rev. Jim Simmons preached the morning message. He used 2 Tim. 4:1-8 as his text.

After the invitational hymn, Bro. Fisher dismissed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The session opened with singing, "At the Cross". Bro. Woods prayed. Bro. Guy McClain brought the devotional.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Bro. Melvin Sanford was nominated to serve on Home Mission Board as replacement for Bro. David Hayes. SC.

REPORT: The following speakers are chosen for the October 29th meeting at Okeechobee:

Morning Devotion

Larry Spivey - Dewey North, Alternate

Morning Message

Terry Gerry - James Fields, Alternate

Afternoon Devotion

Guy McClain - Doyle Griffin, Alternate

Respectfully submitted,
James Amburgy, Chairman
Sam Lucky
Harold Woods

GENERAL BOARD: No report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: On recommendation from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville, the Ordaining Council recommends to this Body that Bro. Cliff Hadwin be accepted into the Body, the Indian River Association, as a deacon in good standing.

It is recommended that the clerk of this association send a letter of good standing to the Southeast Alabama Association of Free Will Baptists for Bro. David Hayes, former pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville.

Signed: James L. Christian
W. L. Collins
Guy McClain
Robert H. Allen

Everyone extended the right hand of fellowship to Bro. Hadwin.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: Oral report given regarding finances.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: The committee reports dues today from five churches totaled \$125. We would like to recommend an offering be taken to help pay for the expenses of the CTS Rally.

Signed: Doyle Griffin, chairman
Tina Rhoden
Cliff Hadwin

Offering received totaled \$23.75.

Motion made to remove tabled motion regarding CTS Rally. SC.

Motion made for Vero Beach to host CTS Rally on August 20, then the rally go to Scottsmeer for next meeting in November. SC.

YOUTH CAMP REPORT:

Balance from last year's camp fund \$ 18.25

Receipts

District Woman's Auxiliary	\$ 71.84
Indian River Association	197.00
Vero Beach Church	101.00
Titusville Church	40.79
Bro. Ralston	17.50
Jim Simmons	44.66
35 CAMPERS DUES	612.50
Total Received	\$1085.29

Total to be accounted for \$1103.54

Expenses

Camp Rent	\$ 500.00
Air Conditioner	96.00
Insurance	50.70
Food	430.18
Telephone Expense	8.90
Miscellaneous	17.74
Total Expenses	<u>\$1103.52</u>

Balance in Youth Camp account \$.02

David Hayes, Camp Director

SEVENTEENTH SESSION (FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION) OF THE INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The meeting convened at Okeechobee Church on October 29, 1977 at 10 a.m. Bro. Gwinn, moderating. Everyone sang "Victory in Jesus". Welcome. Prayer. Devotional by James Fields from Melbourne Church.

All church letters reported to be in order by clerk, Doyle Griffin. Delegates were properly seated for this session.

No petitionary letters. No corresponding messages or messengers.

Visitors welcomed to meeting. Bro. Kelton represented Salem Bible College.

Minutes read. MSC to approve. Treasurer's report presented. MSC to approve as printed.

Committees appointed: Statistical, Finance and Obituary.

Woman's Auxiliaries reported to session. No report by District Woman's Auxiliary.

WORSHIP

"Amazing Grace" sung by congregation. Bro. Kelton sang two very special songs and accompanied himself with the guitar.

Bro. Terry Gerry brought the message based on Romans 8:32. We must stop working for God as though we expect to "get something back". Take a look, God has all He needs. We need Him and our tasks for Him must be actions of Love. As we serve Him ...He'll serve us by providing our every need, Bro. Gerry pointed out. God gave His Only Son for us; so He will certainly take care of our needs today. We must learn to trust God and stand on His promises. We should turn away from dwelling on "supplying our needs: and channel our energies more towards serving God. Our first step is to "clean out our heart" and "fill it with God" and His love and purposes.

The worship hour concluded with the congregation singing "Just As I Am".

Jim Foster and Arthur Chaffin were appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee.

MSC to re-establish Bro. Chaffin as an active deacon in this association.

Robert Thomason's deacon status challenged from floor. Report from his church at Titusville: Mr. Thomason has not attended for several months.

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Glory to His Name" was the opening hymn. Prayer. Bro. Kelton brought the devotional which was based on John 3:16,17. He spoke on "talking with Christ" and we can be victorious through Him just as He was victorious.

A couple from Okeechobee blessed our hearts with two special songs.

Everyone sang "Amazing Grace" while shaking hands with each other.

Call to order for business.

GENERAL BOARD: No report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD: No report.

HOME MISSION BOARD: No report.

THE CTS DIRECTOR, Bob Allen, presented an oral report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE reported as follows:

Moderator -----	Jim Christian ----	Cocoa Church
Vice Moderator -----	Melvin Sanford ---	Scottsmeer Church
Clerk Treasurer -----	Doyle Griffin ----	Vero Beach Church
Asst. Clerk-Treasurer ---	Nancy Griffin ----	Vero Beach Church
Christian Education Board ---	Harold Woods (1980)	Titusville Church
Home Mission Board -----	Melvin Sanford	
	(1980)	Scottsmeer Church
Ordination Board: -----	Darrell Gwinn (1980)	Melbourne Church
	Melvin Sanford	
	(1981)	Scottsmeer Church
	Deacon Arthur	
	Chaffin (1982)	Cocoa Church
C.T.S. Director -----	Bob Allen -----	Scottsmeer Church
Youth Camp Director: to be appointed by Christian Education Board		

Nominating Committee:

James Foster	Scottsmeer Church
Cliff Hadwin	Titusville Church
Sam Lucky	Vero Beach Church

MSC to accept report. Nominees were elected as presented by Nominating Committee.

After Finance Committee report an offering was taken for the General Fund. Amount: \$44.65. MSC to accept Finance Committee report.

STATISTICAL REPORT presented by Hazel Back.

Bro. Kelton reported for SALEM BIBLE COLLEGE.

22 full-time students and 22 part-time students.

Prayer needs: four married couples at the college need jobs.

Need more financial help and also a riding lawnmower.

OBITUARY REPORT by Bro. Foster.

ORDAINING COUNCIL report by Bro. Christian. MSC to accept.

Deacon and minister cards given out by Bro. Gwinn.

Delegates appointed to State Association meeting: Greg Godby, Bro. Back and Sis. Back.

DAYTONA BEACH MISSION's letter to association read by Bro. Griffin.

MSC to accept Daytona into Association.

STATISTICAL REPORTS: We the Statistical Committee make the following report: Ministers 8, Deacons 5, Delegates 15, Visitors 10, Total 38.

We have six churches represented and one from Salem Bible College. Please sign at the door if you have not.

Respectfully submitted,
Nancy Griffin
Hazel Back
Mary Foster

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We the Obituary Committee announce the following deaths during the past year:

Scottsmoor - Sis. Akra Mullins
Bro. Arthur Jones
Rev. Delbert Mullins

Okeechobee - Harold Bowser

Melbourne - Earnest Craft

Cocoa - Douglas Rollins

Signed: Betty Woods
Marty Adkison
Bob Callihan

ORDAINING COUNCIL

1. It is recommended that Bro. Godby be received under the watchcare of the Indian River Association as a licensed minister pending a letter of recommendation from his former association. At such time proper steps will be taken for ordination.

2. Having received a letter of recommendation for Bro. Norlin Jones from his former association and the council having met with him, he is recommended to be received into the full fellowship of this association as an ordained minister.

3. Having received a letter of request for membership in this Association from the Daytona Free Will Baptist Mission, it is recommended that they be received into this Association as a Mission under the watchcare of the National, State, and Indian River Association.

4. It is recommended that the clerk send a letter of recommendation for Bro. W. L. Collins to the North Florida Association.

Respectfully submitted,
James L. Christian
James H. Fields
Robert Allen

COCOA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Our meetings are held each month on the second Monday at the church with each member taking turns presenting the program. We have twelve members enrolled with an average attendance of eight.

During the last quarter we gave two baby showers for two of our members and have another one planned. Through various projects and offerings we have raised money to help with repairs on our church and to contribute to one foreign and one home missionary: Sister Arida Wade and Brother Norlin Jones. We collect discount coupons and used postage stamps for the Childrens Home. We had our Emphasis program and had an offering of \$37.00. Now we are planning a bazaar of all home made articles between now and the holidays.

MELBOURNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We have fifteen members with an average attendance for the year of nine. We took in three new members. Our means of making money came from Bake Sale-Flea Market-Spaghetti Supper. Quilted five quilts. We sent donations, food and vacuum cleaner to Salem Bible College. Also money was sent to foreign missionary, Alice Smith, and home missionary, Virgil Maness. We honored some of our Senior Citizens with the theme "Because we love you". We bought new curtains for choir and piano. Also had nursery shower for new toys in the nursery. Our projects for next month will be a shower for the missionary provision closet and a bazaar.

Secretary and Treasurer,
Geraldine Gwinn

TITUSVILLE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Titusville FWB Woman's Auxiliary meet in the homes of our members on the second Tuesday night of each month. Each lady takes a turn with the monthly Co-Laborer program. We have an average monthly attendance of seven and our monthly tithes and offerings have been an average of \$25.00 or more each month.

Activities:

1. We are supporting a home and foreign missionary.
2. Missionary provision closet.
3. Thanksgiving baskets.
4. One lady of our auxiliary had a Sarah Coventry party in her home and in her name. She donated all proceeds into our Auxiliary treasury.
5. Had our Emphasis program and an offering of \$26.00. All ladies participated.
6. We are in the process of planning our Pre-Thanksgiving program of prayer. It is planned for November 20.
7. We have been calling, cards of special invitations have gone out to prospective members.

We have been seeing a unity among our ladies of the auxiliary, and great things have been happening and we're looking to the Lord for even greater things. We can accomplish these things if we continue to put our faith and trust in God.

Respectfully submitted,
Marty Adkison, President

VERO BEACH-JUDY BRYAN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

During the past year we have had an enrollment of thirteen members with an average attendance of ten. Our women's auxiliary supports Robert and Judy Bryan, foreign missionaries to Africa, with \$5.00 monthly. In this past year we have also sent \$25.00 to Daytona Beach for the mission work there.

As Mission Action Project, we carpeted the church nursery. A company in Vero Beach contributed enough carpet squares to do all of the Sunday School rooms. We thank our deacons for helping in this project. Our Emphasis Offering was \$20.00. We gave Christmas gifts to all the children attending the Christmas Program. A linen shower was held for missionary closet in Nashville, with linens being contributed with a total value of \$77.00. We observed the Weeks of Prayer, sending offerings to our missions departments.

Our women have adopted a Constitution and By-Laws.

Nancy Griffin, President

SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

During the past year our attendance has averaged sixteen. We have really enjoyed meeting together for our programs and fellowship. At the first of the year we drew secret sisters and decided to have some fund raising projects so that we could support one home missionary and one foreign missionary as well as do some work around the church. Our home missionary is Rev. Norlin Jones at the Daytona Mission and our foreign missionary is Alice Smith at the Ivory Coast. We send each \$15.00 every other month.

Our fund raising projects have consisted of Mile of Dimes, selling two year calendars, Let George Do It, Valentine party, hat sale, sweet booth at Founder's Day, Stanley party, bake sale, selling brag books and pin cushion dolls, daily membership calendars, and our present project of selling coupons for family group portraits. We also collect store coupons and stamps. Most of the coupons are sent to the Childrens Home. We had a Tupperware party so that we could get some things for our church kitchen.

With some of the money we have raised we have paneled and carpeted the pastor's study. In May and June we awarded a plaque to the Mother and the Father of the year. Also for Father's Day we presented the pastor with a new suit. In June we also honored the three high school graduates from our church with a small party.

Our church was the host church for the State Women's Auxiliary meeting. The last Wednesday night in August we had our Emphasis Program and collected \$28.37 to be sent to WNAC. In September we had a clothing shower for the Graeme Savage children.

It has been a busy year for our auxiliary and we wish to thank the Lord for his many blessings.

Cynthia Cantrell, Secretary

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

D. R. Gwinn, Melbourne
Greg Godby, Vero Beach
James R. Morrison, Melbourne
James V. Foster, Scottsmeer
Jerry Gerry
James L. Christian, Cocoa
James Fields, Melbourne
Norlin Jones

DEACONS

Doyle Griffin, Vero Beach
Sam Lucky, Vero Beach
Robert Allen, Scottsmeer
Arthur Chaffin, Cocoa
J. J. Riffe, Titusville
Cliff Hadwin, Titusville

DELEGATES

Sarah Riffe, Scottsmeer
Nancy Griffin, Vero Beach
Mary Foster, Scottsmeer
Ruby McClain, Cocoa
Dorothy Adams, Cocoa
G. G. Godby, Vero Beach
Hazel Back, Melbourne
Wallace Back, Melbourne
Ralph Ralston, Titusville
Bob Callihan, Scottsmeer
Bob Maddy, Melbourne
Geraldine Gwinn (Alt.), Melbourne
Betty Woods, Titusville
Marty Adkison, Titusville
Roger Adkison, Titusville
Betsy Lucky, Vero Beach

VISITORS

Mr. & Mrs. H. L. Gibson, Melbourne
Mr. & Mrs. Bill Graham, Melbourne
Darwin Kelton, Salem Bible College
Myrtle Callihan, Scottsmeer
Betty Barger
Roy E. Baller, Titusville
Chris Hadwin, Titusville
Sharon Hadwin, Titusville
Becky Gwinn, Melbourne
Georgia Mounts, Okeechobee
Mr. & Mrs. Homer J. Fannin, Okeechobee
Mr. & Mrs. William M. Murphy, Okeechobee
Mr. & Mrs. Thomas M. Dees, Okeechobee
Mr. & Mrs. George Dempsey, Okeechobee
Boyd Mounts, Okeechobee

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

October 1, 1976 - September 30, 1977

BALANCE ON HAND ... October 1 \$ 270.93

RECEIPTS

Offerings, Salem Bible College	80.09	
Church Dues	500.00	
Offerings, CTS	103.83	
Offerings, General	29.17	
Gifts, Annual Minutes	115.00	
Youth Camp, Gifts/Offering	247.00	
Total Income	1075.09	<u>1075.09</u>
TOTAL to be Accounted for		<u>\$1346.02</u>

EXPENSES

Bro. Gwinn, Honorarium, 1976	50.00	
Bro. Griffin, Honorarium, 1976	50.00	
Florida State Association Dues	18.00	
Office supplies/postage	21.79	
Annual Minutes, 1976	158.79	
C.T.S. Expenses	181.11	
Youth Camp, Directly	200.00	
Youth Camp, Bro. Hayes	215.25	
Salem Bible College	80.09	
Total Expenses	975.03	<u>\$ 975.03</u>
BALANCE ON HAND, September 30, 1977		<u>\$ 370.99</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1977 - September 30, 1977

BALANCE ON HAND ... July 1 \$ 182.56

RECEIPTS

Offering, 7/30, C.T.S.	23.76	
Offering, 8/20, C.T.S.	41.17	
From Cocoa, Youth Camp	50.00	
From Scottsmeer, Youth Camp	50.00	
Dues from five Churches	125.00	
From Melbourne, Youth Camp	100.00	
Total Income	389.93	<u>\$ 389.93</u>
TOTAL to be Accounted for		<u>\$ 572.49</u>

EXPENSES

Vero Beach Postmaster	1.50	
FWB Foreign Missionary, Jim Moser	200.00	
Total Expenses	201.50	<u>\$ 201.50</u>
TOTAL ON HAND AS OF SEPTEMBER 30		<u>\$ 370.99</u>

TREASURY BREAKDOWN

General Fund	\$189.01
C.T.S. Fund	24.02
Youth Camp	-----
Home Mission Board	205.99
Total Treasury	<u>\$370.99</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Doyle Griffin,
Clerk-Treasurer

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.

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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