Minutes

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST OF FLORIDA

HELD WITH

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH Melbourne, florida

ON

OCTOBER 28, 1978

1978

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In Memory of

KATIE COLLINS JOHNNY WRIGHT SUSIE O'STEEN REV. CECIL COOPER

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



INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

EIGHTEENTH SESSION

The Eighteenth Session of the Indian River Association met on February 4, 1978, at Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. Jim Christian, presiding. The congregation sang "His Way With Thee" and "Blessed Assurance."

Bro. Sanford welcomed everyone to the session and to his church.

Bro. Chaffin brought the devotional and based it on Phil. 3:1-10.

Bro. Christian, moderator, called the meeting to order.

Standing delegates recognized. Elected delegates recognized. Bro. Sanford delivered the charge to the delegates. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

The following committees were appointed:

FINANCE: Greg Godby, Gene Richardson, Roger Adkison

STATISTICAL: Roy Balleu, Sis. Francisco, Sis. Ellis Minutes of last meeting were presented and MSC to accept. Treasurer's report presented; MSC to accept.

Bro. Darrell Gwinn reported the following about the <u>SALEM</u> <u>BIBLE COLLEGE</u>: The Board voted 4 to 2 at its January meeting to dismiss Dr. Savage as president of the college. The Board also voted to shut down the college until certain obligations are met; and members are able to view where the college stands and plans can be made for the future. The Board is now seeking a new president and urge the support and prayers of Florida Free Will Baptist people.

The Okeechobee delegation and members were welcomed to the session. Bro. Ball, their new pastor, responded to the Association welcoming him to the meeting.

Bro. Sanford presented an oral HOME MISSION BOARD report as follows:

> Stressed that our people get behind the Salem Bible College. The Boardwill make some definite plans for the new year.

MSC to accept report.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD reported as follows:

The Christian Education Board of the Indian River Association met with the Victory Association Board on December 2, 1977 at Ft. Pierce, Florida. Topics discussed were: Victory Association joining the Indian River Association for 1978 Youth Camp, and the two Associations joining together to establish a Free

Will Baptist Youth Camp as co-owners of property. Items discussed concerning this joint venture were as follows:

- 1. Director, Victory Association Danny Williams Assistant, Indian River Association - Greg Godby
- 2. Cost per camper: \$20 per camper with \$10 at registration and \$10 on arrival.

Age: 8 years, minimum age of youngest camper

- 3. Workers: Basically volunteers
- 4. Time for camp: 1st choice June 25-30 2nd choice - June 18-23

3rd choice - July 30 - August 4

Evangelist expense: \$200 in State

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\$250 out of State

Plus room and board

5.

- 5a Preference for evangelist - suggestions from each association
- One board member from each association to relay in-5b formation to each association on suggested evangel-Helen Allen, Indian River Association ist:

Bob Hagar, Victory Association

- Director's expense: \$100; assistant, \$50 6.
- Contact Camp Moon shortly after 1st of January for 7. date
- Victory Association (projection) 150 people 8. Indian River Association 60 people (Approximately 150 paid campers)
- Information on future Free Will Baptist Camp site: 9.
 - 10 acres of property located East of Haines City Cost of property: \$15,000

Down payment: \$4,000 (made by Victory Association) Payments of \$2,500 per year. (1st payment made by Victory)

Cost per cabin: \$800

A board with members from each association would control use of the property.

In light of this meeting and this information, and meeting with the Indian River Association Executive Board on January 21, 1978: we, the Christian Education Board, would like to reccommend the following:

- We invite the Victory Association to join the Indian 1. River Association's 1978 Youth Camp.
- That the cost per camper be raised to \$20 this year. 2.
- That the Indian River Association accept the invitation 3. to join the Victory Association in establishing a Free Will Baptist Youth Camp as co-owners of property.

Signed:

Leslie H. Hallum Helen Allen Harold L. Woods

Motion made to accept the board's report as presented. SC. Oral report presented by Bro. Griffin on General Board meeting on January 21, 1978.

Recommendations by Christian Education Board voted upon:

- MSC to invite Victory Association to camp with us this 1. Youth Camp, 1978.
- 2. MSC to raise cost of each camper to \$20.
- 3. MS to become joint owners of camp property in Haines City with Victory Association.

Bro. Gwinn motioned that the original motion be amended to read that Indian River Association become legal co-owners pending legal action that would put Indian River Association on legal property deed as co-owners. SC.

Motion carried as amended.

W O R S H I P

The Worship Hour opened with a special song, "At the Glory Dawn", sung by Bro. and Sis. Ball. Their song was a blessing to everyone.

Bro. Greg Godby brought a stirring message on serving Christ every day of the week, and not just on Sunday.

After the invitation and benediction, Association business continued until the noon lunch.

Bro. Bob Allen presented the following C.T.S. REPORT:

The last Youth Rally was held at Scottsmoor November 19, 1977, and the next one will be held at the Cocoa Church on February 18, 1978 at 6:00 P.M.

Our December Fun Day was cancelled due to the busy Christmas schedule at each church. The next Fun Day will be on March 18 at Wickham Park.

April is the month for competition in each church with April 1, our District Competition, then May, the State Competition. (Would Melbourne want to host the District Competition?)

> Signed: Robert H. Allen

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening hymns, "Living by Faith" and Victory in Jesus." Devotion by Bro. Back of Melbourne.

STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT: MSC

Delegates: 24 Ministers/Deacons: 12-11 Visitors: 49 Total: 96

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

For meeting on April 29 at Titusville:

Devotional: Roy Balleu Alternate: Harold Woods

Message: Bro. Norlin Jones Alternate: Emil Allen Devotional: Dewey North Alternate: Paul Francisco

MSC to accept report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Recommend that we receive an offering today. 50% going to C.T.S. and 50% going to General Fund.

Bro. Chaffie presented the ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

1. Recommend that Bro. John Amburgey be ordained as a Deacon at this session having examined Bro. Amburgey

and found his application to be in order.

- 2. Recommend that Bro. Robert Stinson (Melbourne) be given hand of fellowship and received as a Deacon in this Association. Bro. Stinson has been ordained and served as a Free Will Baptist Deacon before coming to Melbourne.
- 3. Re: Bro. Godby. We have examined him and his application is in order and approved by this Council. We recommend to this body that Ordination Service be held in his church and message and charge be by Rev. Albert Halbrook at Bro. Godby's request. Service to be held this Saturday night at 7:30 P.M., February 11th.
- 4. Re: Bro. Emil Allen. Ordaining Board recommends to this body that Bro. Allen be accepted in this conference pending his letter of recommendation from his conference.
- 5. Re: Bro. Morrison, Melbourne. We recommend that Bro. James Morrison be licensed to preach the gospel for one year under the watchcare of this conference.
- 6. Recommend that Bro. Alsey Joe Ball be accepted into full fellowship with this Association, having examined and acted upon his letter from Phelps Free Will Baptist Church and Wayne Co. Conference.

MSC to accept report as presented. MSC to accept all reccommendations.

Ordination Service for Bro. Amburgey with charge delivered by Bro. Sanford. All brethren that are ordained went forward for altar prayer and laying on of hands for Bro. Amburgey's deaconship.

Bro. Christian led in prayer.

All those that are to be ordained and new pastors were welcomed with right hand of fellowship. The body sang "Amazing Grace" and "Victory in Jesus."

Bro. and Sis. Ball sang another special for the benefit of those ladies who were setting up the lunch earlier. Again, the Balls were a blessing to everyone.

Announcements were made and a standing vote of appreciation given to the Scottsmoor Church for having everyone.



INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS NINETEENTH SESSION

The Nineteenth Session of the Association met on April 29, 1978 at 10:00 A.M. Titusville FWB Church hosted the meeting. Bro. James Christian called the session to order.

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" with Bro. Allen in prayer afterwards. After another congregational leading song "At Calvary", devotion was brought by Bro. Roy Balleu. His devotion was taken from I Peter 1:7-21.

Church letters were all in order.

Standing delegates were recognized by the moderator. Elect-

ed delegates were called by Bro. Griffin, Clerk. MSC to seat all delegates for this session. Moderator charged delegates to vote prayerfully. Bro. Nor-

lin Jones led in prayer.

Visitors were recognized and welcomed to the session. There were no petitionary letters.

Minutes from last meeting presented as printed. MSC. Treasurer's report. MSC to accept.

Moderator appointed the Finance Committee consisting of Bro. Doyle Griffin (Chairman), Bro. Richardson, and Bro. Combs.

Also appointed by the Moderator was the Statistical Committee consisting of Bro. Ralph Ralston, Sis. Gipson, and Bro. Dempsey.

Women's Auxiliary reports were presented. Bro. Gwinn gave special thanks and appreciation for ladies. Sister Helen Allen gave report and thank you for Mrs. North's study course at Cocoa FWB Church on the book of Esther.

Bro. Norlin Jones presented a report on the Daytona Mission. He extended his appreciation for the help that has been given The Daytona Mission rejoices in that they have to the mission. received ten new members since January with two of them visiting the meeting today. The community has written Deltona that they have voted to turn center back to Deltona and wishes it to be donated to the FWB Church. Bro. Jones will go before the Daytona zoning on Tuesday, May 2, to petition changing the zoning to allow the church to exist in the community. Bro. Jones desires our prayers in this matter. It was also noted that the Daytona Mission account is in the red in Nashville.

YOUTH CAMP report by Bro. Godby. Youth Camp is set for June 18-23, fee is \$20.00, half of the fee should accompany application, with the remaining balance to be paid when campers arrive at camp. Workers, teachers, and counselors were needed.

Bro. Sanford resigned from Home Mission Board. He stated as his reason for doing so: Two members of the board were from the Scottsmoor Church.

<u>CTS REPORT</u> given by Bro. Bob Allen. He encouraged the youth to participate in the competition. Bro. Bob Allen stated that there are some problems still in judging. Bro. Griffin will be meeting with the Christian Education Board. Bro. Allen read letter from Mrs. Amerson which stressed ratings should be given that would assure at least one contestant from each division going on to State Competition, May 19 & 20. State fee was \$52.50.

<u>FUN DAY</u>: The question of continuing the Fun Day was brought before the body. Bro. Gwinn said that the association had voted it into existence: therefore, the body must vote to cancel. (No action taken on this matter.) Bro. Gwinn reported the last Fun Day was great; but only Okeechobee and Melbourne attended.

It was recommended that the May's CTS Rally be cancelled. The next rally will be held on August 19 at Vero Beach.

MSC to accept the CTS report.

Moderator announced that the Ordaining Boardwill meet during the noon hour. Bro. Gwinn requested that the Ordaining Board and the Executive Board meet with the Okeechobee representatives during the noon hour.

Bro. Doyle Griffin asked that the Christian Education Board honor a decision made at the CTS Competition. MSC.

WORSHIP

The morning message was delivered by Bro. Norlin Jones. Scripture was Luke 19 with "The Passing of Religious Opportunity" as the title of the message.

Bro. Jones stressed that Jesus was heartbroken over Jerusalem because they had rejected:

- 1. the light of God
- 2. the love of God
- 3. the leading of God

The question for the church today: Are there any souls being saved? The Devil doesn't care if one believes as long as their belief is not put into practice. Souls are saved by the "Foolishness of preaching." Jesus calls teachers today to deliver his message and reach hearts of man just as He used the servant girl, the lad's lunch, and the tears during his ministry. Jesus looked over Jerusalem and wept because they resisted and nothing was left but desolation. They had passed up divine opportunities. We must put our trust in Christ and do something when our divine opportunities are before us. All opportunities are gone at death.

Invitation song was "Just As I Am."

AFTERNOON

The meeting reconvened with everyone singing "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus." A solo was presented by Bro. John Amburgy, "How Great Thou Art." The congregation then sang "Blessed Our Hearts."

Bro. Greg Godby gave the devotion taken from the scripture Exodus 8, 10, and 12. Verses were taken from each of these chapters.

Motion that body accept Bro. Sanford's resignation by one of the delegates from Scottsmoor. SC.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

for our Association in the future.

We recommend the following for our next associational meeting, July 29, 1978, at Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church:

Rev. Emil Allen

Morning Devotion: Bro. Charles Linn Bro. Doyle Griffin, Alternate

Worship Service:

Afternoon Devotion:

Bro. James Morrison Bro. John Amburgy, Alternate

Rev. Darrell Gwinn, Alternate

Also, we recommend Bro. Ball to fill the vacancy on the Home Mission Board, and the Home Mission Board arrange a conference

> Respectfully Submitted, Sam Lucky James Foster Cliff Hadwin

MSC to accept candidates for speakers.

MSC to vote on Bro. Ball to serve on Mission Board.

Bro. James Christian encouraged the Home Mission Board in their work.

ORDAINING BOARD REPORT

(Bro. Gwinn spoke for Ordaining Board and the Executive Board meeting.)

Bro. Grover Combs of Melbourne Church came before the Ordaining Council to be accepted into the Association as an ordained minister. Bro. Combs was ordained in Beckly, West Virginia on May 3, 1963, while a member of Grace Gospel Church of Beckly. On the basis of his ordination papers and in respect to the Brethren that laid hands on him and ordained him and upon the examination of the Ordaining Council we desire to recommend Bro. Grover C. Combs to the full fellowship of this Association. Bro. Charles Gray appeared before the Ordaining Council to be accepted into this Association as an ordained minister. Bro. Gray is a member in good standing of Scottsmoor Church.

We, the Ordaining Council, desire to recommend that this fellowship will be extended upon the receipt of his letter from Boone Co. Conference in West Virginia.

Okeechobee Church came before the Executive Board and Ordaining Council concerning guidelines for the liberties to be given a member who is married to a divorced person.

Vote taken and Board in agreement not to vote to license or ordain a man who is married to a divorcee.

Board is in agreement to return this matter to the local church and will serve in an advisory capacity.

Members	present	: Bro.	Gwinn	Bro.	Fields
		Bro.	Christian	Bro.	Griffin
		Bro.	Allen	·Bro.	Chaffin

MSC to receive Bro. Combs.

MSC to receive Bro. Gray pending letter.

Right hand of fellowship was extended to each man.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Dues from 7 churches - \$175.00.

We recommend that an offering be taken and given to CTS. The reason for this is approximately \$180.00 in bills that are due and their account will be in the red when paid. (Purchase of CTS Bibles by Scottsmoor, \$14.50.)

> Respectfully Submitted, Doyle Griffin Gene Richardson Grove Combs

MSC to receive offering: \$41.88 donated to CTS.

MSC to receive Finance Committee report.

Moderator announced the General Board met with Okeechobee in April to set that body in order as a Free Will Baptist Church.

STATISTICAL REPORT

Standing Delegates:

Ministers ----- 8 Deacons ----- 13 Church Clerks ---- 3 Elected Delegates --- 22 Visitors ----- 47

Total Present ----- 93

MSC to publish a monthly newsletter for our association. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Keep Brother Jones in prayer as he meets with Daytona. District Women's Auxiliary Meeting to be held in Melbourne on May 13, 1978.



INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TWENTIETH SESSION

The Indian River Association of Free Will Baptist churches met July 29, 1978 with the Cocoa Church. Bro. Christian, moderating.

The session opened with the congregation singing "At The Cross." Bro. Charles Linn, Vero Beach Church, brought the morning devotion.

The meeting was called to order by Bro. Christian.

Standing delegates were recognized and elected delegates called. Bro. Christian urged the delegates to vote with conviction, to speak out if they disagreed; and he also spoke of our need to strengthen the Indian River Association in the State of Florida.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. Griffin; approved as read.

The treasurer's report was presented as printed. MSC to accept.

The following committees were appointed by Bro. Christian: FINANCE: Doyle Griffin, Chairman

Bro. Riffe and Bro. Back

STATISTICAL: Betsy Lucky, Chairman

Sis. Betty Woods and Sis. Allen

It was noted that only one member of the Mission Board was present.

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Bro. Gwinn pointed out that Bro. Ball, a member of the Mission Board, had left the Okeechobee Church and that he should be replaced on the Board.

Bro. Christian appointed Bro. Bob Allen to serve on the Nominating Committee during the lunch hour. That Committee would nominate a new member to serve on the Home Mission Board.

Bro. Jones, pastor of the Daytona Mission, made the following report to the session:

- 1) The civic association voted to give their building and property to the Daytona F.W.B. Mission. Value of this is about \$56,000. The F.W.B. congregation will hold the deed to the property.
- 2) The Mission has lost several people during the past two weeks; summer residents and those who simply were not of the F.W.B. doctrine.
- 3) Bro. Jones believes that his people will have to work harder; set higher goals to move in the right direction; and according to the F.W.B. doctrines.

PRAYER ITEMS FOR DAYTONA:

Pray that the Mission will receive the needed \$10,000 to buy pews, carpet the floors, partition in the rear of the social hall and purchase a steeple in order to change the image of the building.

Bro. Allen presented the following C.T.S. REPORT:

The next rally will be held at Vero Beach on August 18th, beginning at 6:30 P.M. The new attendance trophy will be at this rally. The last Fun Day attendance was low. Everyone is urged to get involved in this project. The next Fun Day is scheduled for September 16 at Wickham Park. Bro. Allen stressed that he and everyone was very proud of our young people who were involved in the competition. Three girls from our district won at the State level competition. He encouraged all adults to get involved with the competition in their churches. Bro. Allen recommended that the Finance Committee designate the offering today to go to the C.T.S. fund.

MSC to accept the C.T.S. report as presented.

No YOUTH CAMP REPORT.

Bro. Christian asked that Sis. Griffin present a report on the newsletter. Several suggestions were offered and the churches were encouraged to elect a reporter to gather news and mail it in to the Griffins. It was stressed that the "Indian River News" will only be successful as our people make it with their news, praise items and prayer needs.

Several news items have been picked up by the State Co-_COrdinator and the "Contact" and printed in these papers. We are happy to see news from our Association in these publications. The morning session was closed with prayer.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Everyone sang "To God Be The Glory" and "Amazing Grace"; and greeted one another with the right hand of fellowship. Altar prayer followed the singing.

Bro. Emil Allen, pastor of Titusville, preached the morning message.

Bro. Allen shared his appreciation for the new newsletter and for the Griffin's work with it. He encouraged the pastors to get someone to be responsible for getting the news to the Griffins.

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Bro. Allen's scripture was 2 Tim. 4:1-8. This passage is a charge for everyone, Bro. Allen pointed out.

Pastors are "charged" to give their congregation a vision, a task to go forth and witness. God is spelled with G-O, and this is just what the church is commanded to do.

Pastors must not be slack in their responsibility to the They must reprove, rebuke and exhort with love their members. members to better service for Christ. We are not to "play" Performing church duties on Sunday and living for the church. devil all week is not what God accepts.

Our task while on earth is to glorify Christ. Even as we work now for Christ we can rejoice in His love and in the expectation of His coming for us. Now is the time to work for Christ and bring others to know Him. The worship service closed with prayer.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began with Bro. Morrison bringing the devotional.

NEW BUSINESS

November 18th is the next C.T.S. Rally which will be held at Daytona Mission.

It was noted that Okeechobee is without a pastor. Pray for the congregation as they seek to fill this vacancy.

The Christian Education Board presented a report from that Bro. Woods read the report as it was written by Sis. Allen. body. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT:

Bro. Gene Helton from the Miami Church told me at the National Association meeting that there will be a board meeting concerning the joint efforts of the Victory Association and the Indian River Association before our State Meeting in November on the camp property.

A Board will be organized with representatives from each association to work out an agreement on the property, future plans, etc. This will be a governing Board of the camp.

I recommend that this Board (from our Indian River Association) be appointed so that the members will be prepared for this meeting.

Due to the absence of L. H. Hallum, member of the Christian Education Board (he is on vacation); and not getting to see Harold Woods (because I have just returned from vacation)...I respectively submit this report.

Helen Allen

Motion moved and seconded to accept report.

Bro. Gwinn brought to the floor's attention that the session could not accept the recommendation in the report as it represented only one member of the C.E.D.

eleven to nine to accept report and recommendation. Vote:

STATISTICAL REPORT:	Ministers present
	Deacons present
	Church Clerks present 0
	Elected Delegates
	Visitors
	Total present \dots $\overline{64}$
	Respectfully submitted,

Betsy Lucky Betty Woods Lassie Allen

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ORDAINING BOARD REPORT: NONE PRESENTED

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT presented as follows:

We, the Nominating Committee, recommend that the vacancy on the Hone Mission Board be filled by Bro. Norlin Jones of the Daytona Beach Mission. Bro. A. J. Ball, formerly of this board is now living in another state.

We recommend the following speakers for the next meeting, October 28th at Melbourne:

Morning Devotional:

Bro. Dewey North Alternate, Bro. Sam Lucky Morning Message:

Bro. Sanford Alternate, Bro. Foster Afternoon Devotional:

Bro. Arthur Chaffin Alternate, Bro. Harold Woods

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT as follows:

Dues from seven churches totaled: \$175.00 Gift to Youth Camp from Cocoa Church: 50.00

Gift to Youth Camp from District WA: 62.50

Youth Camp gifts will be given to Assistant Camp Director, Greg Godby, to pay for camp expenses.

This committee recommends that an offering be taken and given to the C.T.S. fund today.

Respectfully submitted, Doyle Griffin J. J. riffe Wallace Back

MSC to accept report and recommendation.

The following Woman's Auxiliaries reported to the session:

District, Vero Beach, Melbourne, Cocoa, Titusville and Scottsmoor.



SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION (TWENTY-FIRST SESSION)

OF THE

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The meeting convened at the Melbourne Church on October 28, 1978 at 10:00 A.M. with Bro. Christian moderating. After a congregational song, Bro. Gwinn gave the welcome. Morning devotional was given by Bro. Dewey North.

All church letters reported to be in order by the clerk, except Daytona which was not represented at meeting. All delegates were properly seated for the session.

No petitionary letters presented.

Minutes of last meeting presented. MSC to accept. Annual and Quarterly Treasurer's Report presented. MSC to accept.

Finance Committee appointed: Bro. Griffin, Bro. Back, and Bro. Ralston.

Statistical Committee appointed: Louise Richardson, Georgia Mounts, and Charles Linn, Sr.

Obituary Committee appointed: Edna Ellis, Helen Allen, and Adell Dees.



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

Bro. Baldwin from the Victory Association presented an oral report on the joint youth camp project. (details in Christian Education Board report.)

District C.T.S. Director's report: Once again Melbourne and Scottsmoor enjoyed the District Fun Day in September. Due to holiday activities, we postponed our December Fun Day last year. Our next Fun Day would be in March of 1979 if desired.

I would like to encourage each C.T.S. group to get behind our youth camp project and support the work financially or any way possible.

A reminder that our Youth Rally will be held at the Daytona Mission on November 18, 1978. Our last rally was at Vero and everyone enjoyed the film, food, and fellowship. Scottsmoor won the attendance trophy at this session.

By, Robert Allen

Report accepted for information. Bro. Allen recommended that December Fun Day be postponed until the third Saturday in March. MSC.

WORSHIP

"I Will Sing The Wondrous Story" sung by the congregation, followed by prayer. Bro. Amburgey sang "How Great Thou Art." Rev. Sanford brought the morning message. He spoke on The Church-Yesterday, Today, and Forever. The worship service concluded with the congregation singing "Is Your All On The Altar."

AFTERNOON SESSION

"Send The Light" was the opening hymn, followed by prayer. Rev. Ron Knight brought the afternoon devotional.

Call to order for business.

OBITUARY REPORT presented.

HOME MISSION BOARD: No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE presented report.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE presented report. The body accepted each recommendation.

ORDAINING BOARD presented report: Each item presented was voted on by the body and accepted.

Sis. Knight was elected as a delegate to the State Association.

MSC to give moderator authority to appoint additional delegates at meeting.

MSC to give the Association clerk the authority to purchase a typewriter for the Association.

Announcements were made by various churches. Dismissed.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

<u>1978-1979 Nominating Committee</u>: James Morrison, John Amburgey, Sam Lucky

Home Mission Board (term expires 1981): James Foster Christian Education Board (term expires 1981): Doyle Griffin Ordination Board (term expires 1983): Rev. Emil Allen District C.T.S. Director: Robert Stinson

Indian River & Victory Youth Camp Board: Robert Allen (1979); Darrell Gwinn (1983)

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We recommend the following speakers for the next session to be held in Vero:

Morning Devotional:	Sam Lucky
	Alternate, Harold Woods
Morning Message:	Rev. Ron Knight
	Alternate, Rev. Darrell Gwinn
Afternoon Devotional:	Doyle Griffin
	Alternate, John Amburgey
(All nominees were ele	cted)

Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky James Foster

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT:

We, the Obituary Committee, are sad to report that Katie Collins, wife of the former pastor of the Vero Beach Church, passed away shortly after moving to Jacksonville, also Johnny Wright from the Melbourne Church, and Susie O'Steen from the Scottsmoor Church, and also Rev. Cecil Cooper, former pastor of the Cocoa Church. I know that we are all saddened because of their passing, but they are in a far better place than this world.

> Submitted By: Edna Ellis Helen Allen Adell Dees

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

6 churches reported today with dues of \$150. (1) We reccommend \$350 of the Home Mission Board fund be spent for mission work, with \$200 to the Okeechobee Church and \$150 to the joint youth camp project. The Home Mission Board agreed for monies to be spent from this fund. (2) We recommend an offering be taken and given to the General Fund. Submitted By: Doyle Griffin Wallace Back Ralph Ralston

MSC to accept each recommendation of Finance Committee.

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT:

- (1) We, the Ordaining Council, upon the receipt of a letter from the Boone Quarterly meeting of F.W.B., recommend that Bro. Charles Grey be given the full hand of fellowship in the Indian River Association as an ordained Minister.
- (2) Recommend that we extend the hand of fellowship to Bro. Ron Knight, pastor of Vero Beach Church, and full fellowship will be extended upon receipt of his credentials.
- (3) That Bro. Arley J. Ball be given a letter of good standing as a minister of the Indian River Association.
- (4) Upon examination of Bro. Boyd Mounts and Bro. Tom Dees, we recommend that they be ordained as Deacons.

Submitted By: Ordaining Council

MSC to accept each recommendation from Ordaining Council.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

Attendance at meeting today:

Ministers	7
Deacons	11
Delegates	27
Visitors	_ 27
Total	72

Submitted By: Louise Richardson Georgia Mounts Charles Linn, Sr.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT:

The Christian Education Board accompanied by other interested members of the Indian River Association met August 14, 1978 at Ft. Pierce with representatives of the Victory Association to discuss the proposed joint youth camp. This meeting was called to discuss the current status of the camp and to establish definite proposals to be voted upon by the respective associations.

Bro. Helton of the Victory Association gave the following report: The Victory Association purchased 10 acres of land outside of Haines City for \$15,000. A down payment of \$4,000 was made and the first payment of \$2,000 plus interest has been paid. The next payment is due in January 1979. The camp treasury has a balance of \$615. In addition, a power line has been run through the length of the property, which costs approximately \$800. This also has been paid. Currently there are no buildings on the property and all construction is still in the planning stage. The Victory Association is in the process of obtaining a set of blueprints, and a building permit for the initial start of the project. The prints will be along the guidelines previously presented to this association. A discussion followed concerning the camp status. The present camp treasury was indicated to maintain a minimum balance for day to day operating cost, but that the present balance could be used for any incurred expense of the camp, including being applied to a property payment. During this discussion, a question was raised about the financing required for operating and construction of the camp. Bro. Helton speaking for the Victory Association stated that no specific assessment to each church was contemplated. It was hoped that each church would recognize their responsibility toward the camp cost and give according to their ability. It was suggested that each church should strive for at least \$100 a year. However, it was stated that no church would be required to make this donation. Upon completion of this discussion, the meeting was opened to discuss the business of the proposed merger. Bro. Jim Christian stated that the Indian River Association had previously voted in favor of merger pending a determination of its legality. Bro. Helton stated that the board from Victory Association had discussed this matter and suggested that the camp be incorporated under a separate name, and that a five member board of trustees be elected with members from each association, to govern the camp as officials of the corporation. This suggestion was discussed and it was agreed that this would be taken to the respective associations as a proposal to be voted upon at the next regular meeting.

The makeup of the proposed board was discussed concluding with an agreement on the following proposal:

The five member board consist of three members from the Victory Association and two from the Indian River Association with each serving a five year term. Initally this would start with an election within the association from which the incumbant was originally elected. This would allow board members to be replaced on an orderly basis without disrupting the on going work of the board. It was suggested that the camp name be chosen from suggestions obtained by sponsoring a contest among members of each association. The winning name would be chosen by the five member board of trustees. The person submitting the winning name would be given a free camping trip to the next camp.

In concluding this report the Christian Education Board makes the following proposals: (1) That this report be accepted. (2) That the proposal to incorporate the camp under a separate name with a five member board of trustees be accepted. (3) That we elect two board members at this meeting to represent the Indian River Association on the Board of Trustees. One term to be for a period of one year expiring in 1979, and the other to expire in 1983, a term of four years. (4) That we initiate a camp name contest within our association with the 30th of November to be the deadline for submitting names. Names submitted to be sent to the newly elected board members.

Submitted By: Leslie H. Hallum Helen Allen Harold Woods

MSC to accept Christian Education Board report and recommendations.

SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

In August we had V.B.S. with an average attendance of 75. The Lord blessed us all. We had our emphasis program. We also had a workshop to make things for Bazaar, which we held October 20 and 21.

We had a picnic which we invited the children from Central Florida Children's Home. It's always a blessing to get together for a day of fellowship.

Our Auxiliary meetings are the first Thursday of each month. Our average attendance is 15. The Lord has been answering many prayers and we praise Him.

Dorothy Briggs, President

TITUSVILLE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

For the past three months we continued to have our monthly programs at the church. We meet on the second Tuesday night of each month. Since our last report we have enrolled three new members, which we are thanking the Lord for. We are continuing our support of a foreign and home missionary. They are Vergil Maness of Deleware and the Sturgills in Brazil. Three of our ladies went to visit the Central Florida Children's Home and were really blessed. Our ladies collected all items that were needed and are at the present time working on our Christmas Project for the home. Each lady has taken a child and is going to purchase a Christmas gift for that child with a few little extra things added.

Our average monthly attendance is 9 and our average monthly offering is \$20 each month.

COCOA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We have a present enrollment of 14 with an average attendance of 10. We meet each second Monday of each month at the church and our programs are taken from the Co-Laborer, with each taking turns presenting them.

In September we had the study course "What Happens When Women Pray" with Jenny Johnson teaching. All who attended were blessed and gained a new awareness of prayer. In August we presented WNAC Emphasis Month program to our church and \$55 was given for missions.

The church welcomed Donnie Piper on leave from the Army with a fellowship gathering after church service.

We are supporting Tom Willey in his ministry in Miami, to Spanish speaking people through "Contacto." Our part of the district project money was sent to Norlin Jones account. During the past six months we have given \$50 to our church building fund. We have begun Women's visitation on each Thursday morning at 9:30.

MELBOURNE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

During the past months we have given three sunshine baskets to invalids. We have many compliments from persons receiving these baskets which consist of 7 small gifts with memory verses. The gifts are to be opened one a day and each day a scripture is read.

Our Auxiliary has made two presentations of "Just Because We Love You." A gift was presented to Tami Stinson and Tina Bass for their dedication to the CTS competition. The latest presentation under this program was given to our pastor. Our auxiliary gave a wedding shower for Tina Rhoden.

Our new project is selling candy and nuts for monies for our treasury. Also plan a study course for the future*months, more on this in the next report. Mary North. President

JUDY BRYAN WOMAN'S AUXILIARY (VERO BEACH)

Our auxiliary supports the Bryans in Africa and the Ellisons in South America with gifts of \$5.00 monthly each. We contributed \$20.00 towards our WNAC Emphasis month in August. Our auxiliary sponsors a time-out one morning each month for our women to meet for prayer, praise and sharing. We have had a linen shower for our missionary provisions closet this year. We sponsored a grocery box for our new pastor and wife.

We are especially grateful for our mission prayer chairman for keeping us personally in touch with all our foreign missionaries. Sis. Rowe has done this by writing over 40 letters and cards to our missionaries.

We are sponsoring the ingredients for making Christmas gifts for our children and the teens will make the gifts.

We are looking forward to having our Christmas party and revealing our secret pals.

We welcome our newest member, Mrs. Teresa Knight, our pastor's wife.

Our ladies meet each month in different homes. Programs are taken from our national magazine, "Co-Laborer"; and we use the program helps to make our programs informative and interesting.

Our ladies will participate in a prayer retreat in February which will be held from Friday afternoon through Saturday afternoon. Along with emphasis on prayer needs, a special speaker will contribute towards this new venture.

We will set aside a Wednesday before Thanksgiving to emphasize our prayer and Thanksgiving offerings for our National Home Missions month.

ATTENDEES

Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Nancy Griffin, President

MINISTERS

James Fields James Foster Jim Christian Melvin Sanford James Morrison Darrell Gwinn Charles Gray Ron Knight

DEACONS

Doyle Griffin Sam Lucky

DELEGATES

Edna Ellis Hazel Back Wallace Back Glenn Walters Charles Linn, Sr. Lassie Allen Sarah Riffe Dorothy Briggs Helen Allen Dorothy Young Boyd Mounts Adell Dees Georgia Mounts Homer Fanin Thomas Dees Louise Richardson Ruby McClain Ralph Ralston Becky Christian Roberta Daff Bonnie Amburgey Betsy Lucky Joan Miller Nancy Griffin Mickey Wise Roger Adkison

VISITORS

Mr. Wm. Wilson Mrs. Wm. Wilson Teresa Knight Robert Owen Carlas Baldwin Bob Maddy Beth Briggs Allen Briggs Leah Cloud Susan Walters Gene Richardson Donna Christian Jana Amburgey David Amburgey Daniel Amburgey James Ball Willie Jones Marty Adkison Brenda Woods Peggy Wise Gladys Spradling Mary North Geraldene Gwinn Mr&Mrs. R.L. Gibson

Arthur Chaffin Bob Allen J. J. Riffe Homer Hallum George Cloud Paul Francisco John Amburgey Harold Woods Dewey North

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

October 1, 1977 - September 30, 1978

BALANCE ON HAND, October 1, 1977 \$ 370.99

RECEIPTS

Church Dues	650.00	
Offerings, General Fund	74.72	
Offerings, C.T.S	255.35	-
Total Receipts		980.07
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$1351.06

EXPENSES

Halsey-Griffith Office Supply	56.00	
Vero Beach Postmaster	31.66	
Beach Office Supply	14.79	
Bro. Gwinn, Honorarium, 1977		
Bro. Griffin, Honorarium, 1977	50.00	
Florida State Association dues	21.00	
Annual Minutes Printing	161.44	
C.T.S. Expenses	183.11	
Cathedral Press, Inc	9.00	
Total Expenses	577.00	577.00
BALANCE ON HAND, September 30, 1978		\$ 774.06

Respectfully submitted, Doyle Griffin, Clerk-Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 1978 through September 30, 1978

BALANCE ON HAND, July 1, 1978 \$ 592.45

RECEIPTS

Offering at Assn. Meeting, 7/29/78 (CTS)	29.81	
Dues from seven churches	175.00	
Scottsmoor (CTS Tithes)	18.75	
Cocoa (CTS Tithes)	4.83	
Total Receipts		228.39
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$ 820.84

EXPENSES

Halsey-Griffith Office Supply 11.78	
Vero Beach Postmaster (mail minutes) 8.10	• •
Cathedral Press	
(year's supply of stencils) 9.00	
Vero Bch. Postmaster (Sept. Newsletter) 3.11	
Beach Office Supply	
(stencils, paper, envelopes) <u>14.79</u>	
Total Expenses	46.78
BALANCE ON HAND, September 30, 1978	\$ 774.06
TREASURY BREAKDOWN	

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General Fund	\$259.84
C.T.S. Fund	48.23
Home Missions Board	
TOTAL TREASURY	\$774.06

Respectfully submitted, Doyle Griffin, Clerk-Treasurer

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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.

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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 ordaination as a deacon or recognization of ordaination 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.
- The constitution and by-laws, with any amendments and Section 5. alterations, shall be printed in the annual minutes each year.
- Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary guide Section 6. for all meetings of the association or its auxiliaries, boards or committees.
- A quorum shall consist of a majority of any board or com-Section 7. mittee.

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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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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