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## DEACONS

Okeechobee

Ryan Wood Fellowship

Palm Bay

Melbourne

**New Hope Fellowship** 

Titusville

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Scottsmoor

Auburndale

New Smyrna

Clement Markham, Samuel Lewis, Dennis Collins, Frank Wallace

Sam Lucky

**Dewey North** 

Paul Francisco, Bill Swartz

Herbert Rollins

Harold Woods, Roger Adkinson, L.H. Hallum

**Charles Allen** 

W.F. Davis, Sanford H. Lynn, Lester Weitman, Jr., Maxwell Paul

#### Daytona

Faith

Moderator

Vice Moderator

**Clerk-Treasurer** 

Asst. Clerk-Treasurer

Van B. McClung, Charles H. McClung John Williams

# OFFICERS

James Christian, New Hope Fellowship Randy Bryant, Ryan Wood Fellowship Ruby McClain, New Hope Fellowship Sandra Jackson, New Hope Fellowship

# **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

# **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Carl Adkins Henry Beard John Henry

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Randy Bryant1995Ron Burger1996Sam Lucky1997Mike Taggart - CTS Director

# MISSION BOARD

Bill Bailes Mike Dankson Randy Jackson W.F. Davis Dan Merkh



# BOARDS & COMMITTEES (CONT.)

# FINANCE COMMITTEE

Randy Jackson Wallace Back Charles McClung

1995 1996 1997

# **ORDINATION BOARD**

Jim Foster	1995
Carl Adkins	1996
L.H. Hallum	1997
Sam Lucky	1998
Bob Allen	1999

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# **IN MEMORY**

Harry Ellis, Sr. - New Hope Fellowship Myrtle Ward - New Hope Fellowship Forrest Ward - New Hope Fellowship

> Robert Hogan - Scottsmoor Bob Callihan - Scottsmoor Zelma Allison - Scottsmoor

Larry Long - Melbourne George Butler - Melbourne

**Doris Walker - Titusville** 

Hilda Anderson - Ryanwood Fellowship

## Helen Williams - Daytona

# Jewel Hyman - Auburndale Harold Dickerson - Auburndale

William Bailes - Palm Bay

#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING APRIL 30, 1994

The twenty second annual meeting of Indian River Association of FWB convened at First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne, Fla., April 30, 1994.

Opened by singing "His Name is Wonderful" with Sandra Jackson at the piano. Minutes and treasurer's report accepted as printed. Delegates were seated and it was voted to accept late ones as they arrive. Letters were received from all eleven churches.

Statistical Committee appointed as follows: Janet McClung, Mary North, Delma Bailes

**Obituary Committed** appointed as follows: Henry Beard, Ralph Ralston, James Hutto

Woman's Aux. Reports received from Auburndale, Faith & Ryanwood Fellowship

Master's Men Reports received from New Hope Fellowship, Ryanwood Fellowship and Auburndale

CE Board Report given by Bro. Randy Bryant and accepted.

Mission Board Report given by Bro. Randy Jackson, By Laws Change Art. 4 section 1 removed from the table and voted to accept change (MSC).

Bro. Randy Bryant and Bro. John Henry were appointed to serve on Nomination Committee today only in absence of two members. (MSC) Recess until for committees to meet. Statistical Committee report given and accepted. Nomination Committee report given and accepted. Obituary Committee given by Henry Beard.

Doris Walker - Titusville was added to printed list in annual booklet. Moment of silence observed for deceased loved ones and led in prayer by Bro. Sam Lucky.

Ordaining Board had nothing to report for this quarter.

Resolution regarding meeting place for State Meeting was adopted.

<u>Delegates to State Meeting:</u> Diana Bryant, Betsy Lucky, Margaret Merkh & Sandra Jackson. MSC to accept these and give moderator authority to appoint others at the meeting. Business session adjourned. Special song by Bro. Randy Jackson with Diana Bryant at the piano. Bro. Benny Gates brought message using John 6:53-69 "To Whom Shall We Go?" being his subject. Delicious lunch served by Melbourne ladies.

## STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

14 Delegates 5 Visitors 4 Clerks **10 Ministers** 8 Deacons

41 TOTAL

**Rebecca Christian June Haller Ruby McClung** 

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

#### Nominating Committee

**Henry Beard** Carl Adkins John Henry

#### C.E. Board

'97 - Sam Lucky '96 - Unexpired Term - Ron Burger

#### **Mission Board**

'99 - Dan Merkh

'96 - Mike Dankson

Finance Committee '97 Charles McClung

**Ordination Board** '97 - Bob Allen

<u>CTS Director</u> Mike Taggart

Camp Board Darrell Gwinn, Bob Allen

Fellowship Meeting - July 15 - (Message) John Henry Alt. Jim Foster

Association Meeting - July 30 Smyrna Church (Devotions) Maxwell Paul Alt. Harold Woods Morning Message - Jim Christian <u>Alt.</u> Randy Jackson

#### SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY **APRIL 30, 1994**

Activities: In February we held a Valentine Party for the adults in the church, and honored Rev. John Henry for all of his work at the church. He was presented a plaque for his faithful service. There was a money tree for him, also. We wished him well in his role as pastor in Daytona F.W.B. Church. We have a box for the Eldridge, Alabama Children's Home and are collecting items to be delivered to them at the Annual State Meeting. We are supporting the W.N.A.C., Ron Moore & Dennis Owens monthly. Special offerings have been given to the:

Alabama Children's Home

W.N.A.C.

**Otis Whitehead** 

**Curtis Alligood** 

We also purchased Bibles for the How House, a home for recovering alcoholics.

We have given a total of \$360.90 during this period.

We meet the second Tuesday of the month and continue to use the Co-Laborer. Our average attendance is 7.

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT**

#### **APRIL 24, 1994**

The Christian Education Board would like to commend each of the participants in our District CTS Competition. We appreciate all the time and effort from the youth, the parents, and the workers in this activity. The State Competition will be May 6 and 7 at the Ocala Hilton. The Board would like also to commend our District CTS Director, Mike Taggart for his work in the competition.

Youth Camp is fast approaching. Camp Sonshine will meet July 31 through August 5 at the facilities of Camp Challenge in Sorrento. Your church has received some Camp Worker Applications for volunteers to help us. We encourage you to take a week off and come be apart of the greatest ministry we have among our youth.

The C.E. Board has just adopted a new program and we are offering it to our churches. We have purchased The Chuck Bradley Church Growth Series of videos and want to make these available on a round-robin arrangement. We hope to begin this in June. We must first receive a response from our Pastors as to which churches want to participate and which do not. Then we hope to have a different video in your church over the 13 weeks of the program. (Refer to Pastor's Response Form) Over the past quarter, our Board contributed to Apryl Hamby's account to be a part of Team '94. We also had a picnic/fellowship meeting/youth service at the Melbourne Church. We appreciate their hospitality and facilities.



#### AUBURNDALE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY APRIL 1994

We meet the first Monday evening of each month at different homes of our members. We average 10 in our attendance. We have full support and cooperation of our congregation. We have supported both home and foreign missions through projects such as quarter folders, 30 pieces of silver bags, and valentine banquet. We're working to raise funds for a youth day camp. We're also working on our Missionary Banquet which is planned for Saturday, May 14, 1994. We'll be honoring the State of Florida and the country of Spain. We're extending a welcome invitation to all at this time.

> Respectively Jean Adelmaya

#### FAITH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY APRIL

Our group meets on the second Sunday evening of each month. We have plans to do some remodeling in the junior class room. We hosted a pot luck lunch following our deacon ordination service. We gave \$50.00 to help get a lady into the hospital. We have started a project of making up photo albums for the church. We have been collecting pictures from our early days, and will be adding to these as events happen. Sister Dawn Walker is now in the process of starting work on the albums. We hosted a farewell dinner for our pastor who has moved back to West Virginia. We hated to see him go.

#### Respectfully Submitted Marjorie McClung

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### **RESOLUTION TO STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Florida State Association has held its Annual Meeting in conjunction with the State Woman's Auxiliary and the State Youth Board since 1992, and

WHEREAS, this combined meeting has been held at the Ocala Hilton in Ocala, and

WHEREAS, this format has proven to be the most practical and efficient format in conducting our State affairs,

THEREFORE, be it resolved that we encourage our State Body to continue with the hotel format and that this hotel be in a centrally located area.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL MASTER'S MEN REPORT (4/1/93 - 3/31/94)

#### Average attendance: 7 Enrollment: 13 Average Offering: \$13.75

#### Special Projects:

- Sponsored our first annual fish fry and raised \$844.65
- Donated the sausage for a pancake breakfast to raise funds for our CTS competitors (\$49.80)
- Designated up to \$150.00 of our treasury to be used toward the completion of the church's storage shed.
- Had two Sunday morning prayer breakfasts for the men of the church.
- Donated \$55.00 to sponsor a child to youth camp. And, it was later reported that the sponsored child had received Christ as their personal savior while at camp.
- Purchased new thermostats for the sanctuary.
- Covered the blue building out front.
- Donated \$140.00 to the Nation Master's Men for the "Build-a-House" campaign.
- Donated \$240.00 to sponsor the church softball team.

In Christ, Bob Chaffin



#### RYANWOOD MASTER'S MEN REPORT APRIL 30, 1994

Enrollment: 7 Average Attendance - 5

**Activities:** 

1. Helped Pastor with his new home plans to erect a new sign at the church.

2. Support Children's Home (Alabama).

Respectfully Sam Lucky

## AUBURNDALE MASTER'S MEN REPORT APRIL 1994

We meet the 2nd Monday evening of each month. The average attendance is 9.

Our recent projects include: lighting throughout the church, rework the wood at the pulpit area, fish fry, working on the church grounds, assisted with odd jobs for our shut ins, and support for Apryl Hamby going to the mission field.

Respectfully, James Hutto, President

## RYANWOOD WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The auxiliary at Ryanwood Fellowship meets the last Wednesday night of each month with an average attendance of 5.

Since our last report, we've held a garage sale with proceeds going to the Dennis Owen account, sent two care packages to the Dave Franks Jr. Family in Uruguay, and we have another package being prepared. We're also sending sheet sets to the provision closet.

We recently had a project for our offering for the Laura Belle Barnard missions offering, and we support the \_\_\_\_\_ Bryans in Ivory Coast and the Co-Laborer fund monthly.

Respectfully Submitted Diana Bryant, President

#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S ANNUAL QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 1994 - - March 31, 1994

#### BEGINNING BALANCE DEPOSITS INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE

GENERAL FUND BALANCE DEPOSITS DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE

COLLEGE FUND BALANCE DEPOSITS DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE

\$2,467.10 1,004.53 11.99 1,456.05 \$ 3,027.57

> 585.27 263.13 <u>505.80</u> **\$ 342.70**

> 1,237.02 351.58 <u>700.00</u> **\$888.60**

#### C.T.S. FUND BALANCE DEPOSITS DISBURSEMENTS BALANCE

#### YOUTH CAMP FUND BALANCE DEPOSITS BALANCE TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS

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414.73 50.23 <u>250.35</u> **\$ 214.61** 

230.08 <u>351.58</u> **\$ 581.66 2,027.57** 

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#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

April 1, 1993 - - March 31, 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

DEPOSITS INTEREST SPECIAL OFFERING DISBURSEMENTS ENDING BALANCE

GENERAL FUND BEGINNING BALANCE DEPOSITS TOTAL

#### DISBURSEMENTS

**TOTAL IN GEN. FUND** 

COLLEGE FUND BEGINNING BALANCE DEPOSITS \$1,653.02 2,970.57 34.81 154.95 2,785.78 2,027.57

· · ·	69.73
	792.42 862.15

Apryl Hamby Stamps/Supplies 500.00 19.45 **342.70** 

954.03 1,334.57

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TOTAL		2,288.60
DISBURSEMENTS	Karen Bonenburger	700.00
	Karen Bonenburger	700.00
TOTAL IN COLLEGE FUND		888.60
C.T.S. FUND		· .
BEGINNING BALANCE		176.43
DEPOSITS	· ·	288.53
TOTAL		464.96
DISBURSEMENTS	C.T.S. Material	85.75
	C.T.S. Training Sup.	108.90
· · · ·	C.T.S. Rally (Food)	55.70
TOTAL IN C.T.S., FUND		214.61
YOUTH CAMP FUND		- · ·
BEGINNING BALANCE		452.83
DEPOSITS		744.81
TOTAL	· . ·	1,197.64
DISBURSEMENTS	Camp Seminar	31.13
	Camp Material	64.85
	Camp (Aug. 1-7 93)	520.00
TOTAL IN Y.C. FUND	· · · ·	581.66
TOTAL IN ALL FUNDS		2,027.57



#### INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT APRIL 30, 1994

The Home Mission Board presently has the oversight of one mission church: The First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay. The Board is in the process of completing the loan application to the Church Extension Fund of the Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department for the sum of \$80,000. The amount of \$80,000 will be sufficient to complete construction of the existing building and to pay off an existing loan of approximately \$25,000. The Mission Board also plans to schedule a couple of work days in the near future to hang drywall that has been purchased. There have been several inquiries made by ministers interested in pastoring the Palm Bay church. The Mission Board is inviting Rev. Roy Wilson from Russellville, Arkansas to come to the area to visit the Palm Bay church and the Indian River Association. Rev. Wilson will be in Nashville, Tn. the first week of May and will visit Palm Bay the following week.

Bro. Clyde Scalf, the Mission Board Chairman, recently submitted his resignation to the Mission Board. The Board appreciates Bro. Scalf's dedicated work to the Indian River Home Mission Board.

Please pray for the Mission Board as we fill the two vacant positions on the Board and continue laboring for the Lord.

#### Randy Jackson, Sec./Treas.

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#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT

January, February, March 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

\$19,314.46

#### RECEIVED

Deposits Draft Dividends \$

\$3,546.46 127.18

#### **Total Received**

\$3,673.64

\$22,988.10

## NEW BALANCE

## INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

April, May, June 1994

**BEGINNING BALANCE** 

RECEIVED



Deposit	
Deposit	
Draft Divider	ld
	<b>Total Received</b>

\$720.51 475.79 122.27 **\$1,318.57** 

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Rev. Mike Dankston Rev. Benny Gates Betty Swartz Apryl Hamby Rev. Dan Merkh Rev. Roy Wilson Rev. Randy Jackson Rev. Dan Merkh Ron Berger Rev. Randy Jackson Total Disbursements

75.00 75.00 65.91 821.00 53.41 533.00 50.04 62.32 700.00 41.12 **\$2,476.80** 





#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT April 1, 1993 thru March 31, 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

#### RECEIVED

Dues Offering TWP (Co-Operative Plan) Scottsmoor Melbourne Auburndale New Hope Fellowship Ryanwood Fellowship Daytona Faith New Smyrna Trinity Palm Bay

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op) **Mission Board CE Board** Plaque for Arthur Chaffin Word Processor Postage & copies **Board of Retirement** Honorariums (Clerk & Moderator) **New Ministers Cords** State Dues Annual Minutes Filing Cabinet **Helen Sanford Reimburse Mission Bd.** Palm Bay Church

2,955.03 5,856.64 4,698.32 6,935.51 567.54 317.68 603.51 2,120.70 861.20 424.84 TOTAL RECEIVED TOTAL

> -15,204.56 -6,931.20

<u>27.453.52</u>

29,038.15

\$1,584.61

1,540.00 572.55 25,340.97

### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS NEW BALANCE

17

-2,970.55 -23.00 -289.99 -89.50 -347.37 -100.00

-7.00 -165.00 -178.64 -44.36 -357.21 -200.00 <u>-78.00</u>

<u>-26.986.38</u> <u>\$2,051.75</u>

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#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING **JULY 30, 1994**

The seventy fourth quarterly meeting of Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Smyrna FWB Church on July 30, 1994 in their new location. Opened with congregation singing "The Old Account Was Settled" followed with prayer by Bro. Dan Merkh. Pastor Charles Rhodes welcomed the churches as well as the new State Promotional Secretary, **Rev. Millard Sasser.** 

Devotion by Maxwell Paul reading from Genesis 22:3 stressing the faith of Abraham and the need for faith today. Bro. Jim Christian moderator called the meeting to order and delegates were seated. All letters received and in order.

Statistical Committee appointed as follows:

Debbie Taggart, Laverne Adkins & Vicie Gates

Woman's Aux, reports received from Scottsmoor, New Smyrna, Faith, New

Hope Fellowship and Daytona

Minutes and treasurer's report accepted as printed.

Master's Men from New Hope Fellowship

CE Report given by Mike Taggart and accepted.

Moderator introduced the State Promotional Secretary Rev. Millard Sasser. He also presented the need for the associations to help support this new position by having each church donate \$100.00 toward the financing of this position. The Moderator encouraged Indian River Assn. to give a minimum of \$1,100.00. Recess for committees to meet.

Rev. Millard Sasser - Florida State Assn. of FWB P.O. Box 1371 Silver Springs, FL 34489 Phone: (904) 732-5628

Any events in Indian River he would like to be notified - special projects any message of encouragement. Also receives information for Co-Ordinator.

Ordaining Board had nothing to report

Statistical Committee report given and accepted as information.

Nomination Report given and accepted. In order to show our support of the State Promotion office it was MSC that today's offering be taken for this purpose.

Mission Board report given and accepted

Finance Committee report given and accepted.

Bro. Sasser presented a report as the State Promotional Secretary. The purpose of this office is to be an office of encouragement. He plans for his office to be a service office. He will be reporting to us of his plans as they get going. MSC to adjourn business part of meeting.

Meeting was turned over to the new Smyrna church who presented special music by the church choir. We then enjoyed a special song by the puppet team "Praise Pals." Bro. Millard Sasser brought the message speaking from

I Corinthians 12:4-27 subject being "God Calls Us To Worship Him."

#### STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

10 Ministers 4 Deacons 2 Clerks 20 Delegates 13 Visitors

49 Total

Respectfully Submitted, Debbie Taggart Vicia Gates Laverne Adkins

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Planning & Fellowship Meeting October 14, 1994 at Cocoa Speaker - John Henry Alternate - Jim Foster

**Association Meeting** 

October 29, 1994 at Scottsmoor Devotion - Charles Allen Alternate - Charles McClung Message - Jim Christian Alternate - Randy Jackson

> Respectfully Submitted, Henry Beard

#### FAITH WOMAN'S AUX. REPORT

Our ladies auxiliary meets the second Sunday evening at 5:30. We sponsored a paint day for our kitchen and dining room, also remodeling Junior Class room. We thank the men for their assistance in this. We also served lunch for Father's Day. The fathers and everyone were invited. We thank God for the good food and good fellowship.

> Respectfully submitted, Marjorie McClung

#### SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUX.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Our average attendance this quarter has been 4. We have supported: Dennis Owen, W.N.A.C. and Judy Bryant the State speaker in May at Ocala. We had two ladies attend the State Auxiliary meeting, Laverne Adkins and Helen Allen.

We sponsored a fish fry and fellowship time to honor and to say goodbye to a faithful member and her daughter, Elaine Scarboro and Tanya. Also included to be honored was Bob & Evelyn Hogan. We presented a housewarming gift to Diana Bryant and family. Sister Bryant has been a great blessing and inspiration to us in the auxiliary world. We also opened a thrift shop and monies to be used for missions and other projects.

#### DAYTONA WOMAN'S AUX.

Our projects for this quarter - April 9th. We had a spaghetti dinner and May 13th & 14th we had a rummage sale. All monies received was donated to the Building Fund for the church baptismal. The Vice-President of our Ladies Auxiliary, Helen Williams, went home to live with her Heavenly Father June 10, 1994. We miss her very much, she was active in the auxiliary and was also our song leader for all church services. Pray for her family and for us, she left a void in all our lives.

#### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP WOMAN'S AUX.

The WNAC of New Hope Fellowship meets once a month with ten active members. Each quarter our auxiliary supports Dennis Owen, Underground Evangelism, the National WNAC and the Pastor's Retirement Fund. This quarter our auxiliary sponsored a college pounding for Josh Ballew who will be leaving for college in the fall.

#### **NEW SMYRNA WOMAN'S AUX**

We voted in our new officers for the year: President - Shirley Rhodes Vice-President - Peggy Warren Secretary/Treasurer - Deborah Saunders Service/Prayer Chairman - Linda Liford

We had a Valentine Day fund raiser to build the new kitchen in time for the Association this month. It went so well we kept it going until Easter. We raised alittle over \$450.00. We sent to our missionary Dennis Heath some money to help out his family at Easter. We went to the nursing home every Thursday morning. Last month we had some of the children of the church come along with puppets. They wanted us to bring the puppets back again as soon as we were ready with a show. We also voted to send \$10.00 each registration fee (\$50.00) to send five children to go to camp this summer. We had a yard sale on the 16th of this month to pay for the children to go to camp this summer.



#### INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT JULY 30, 1994

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The Home Mission Board elected Rev. Dan Merkh as the new Chairman of the Board. Rev. Merkh was appointed by the association to replace Rev. Clyde Scalf. Rev. Mike Dankson, pastor of the Auburndale Church, was also appointed to serve on this board. The Mission Board is pleased to report that the new pastor for the mission work at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay is Rev. Roy Wilson from Russellville, Arkansas. We have made this work a joint project with the National Home Mission Board. Therefore, Rev. Roy Wilson will begin his itinerant work immediately following his orientation in Nashville, Tennessee. We would encourage each of our churches to keep this work in your prayers and expecially Rev. Wilson as he begins the difficult task of seeking support for his account. The Board secured construction estimates to complete dry wall, gutter and electrical work and some of this work is already in progress. The Indian River Mission Board is in the process of securing a loan with the National Department of Retirement and Insurance to provide funds needed to complete the construction work at the Palm Bay Church. The Mission Board contributed \$821.00 to the account of Apryl Hamby from the New Hope Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church. This contribution enabled Apryl to participate in the Free Will Baptist summer Missionary Program. Apryl worked with the Eagletons in Ivory Coast, Africa. Thank you for your prayers and support.

#### Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Merkh

#### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP MASTER'S MEN REPORT April 1994 - June 1994

Average Attendance \_9\_\_\_ Enrollment \_\_\_9\_\_\_ Average offering \_\_\_11.50\_\_\_

Special Projects: Sister Ward

the church

Tournament in

Donated \$100.00 to Meals on Wheels for Bro. & Set aside \$500.00 toward new kitchen cabinets for

Paid \$225.00 entrance fee for National Softball Nashville Tennessee



#### **INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD** TREASURER'S REPORT April, May, June 1994

### **BEGINNING BALANCE** Received

Deposit Deposit Draft Dividend

**Total received** 

\$22,988.10

720.51 475.79 122.27 \$1,318.57

Disbursements	۰. · ·
Rev, Mike Dankston	75.00
Rev. Benny Gates	75.00
Betty Swartz	65.91
Apryl Hamby	821.00
Rev. Dan Merkh	53.41
Rev. Roy Wilson	533.00
Rev. Randy Jackson	50.04
Rev. Dan Merkh	62.32
Ron Berger	700.00
Rev. Randy Jackson	41.12
Total disbursements	\$ 2,476.80

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#### New Balance

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#### REPORT of the Christian Education Board July 30, 1994

The Christian Education Board is currently involved in circulating the Chuck Bradley Video Series among our Association's churches which requested them. This series of 13 videos have been well received by our participating churches. The Board would like to remind those churches who are using the videos to make sure they get them to the next church in time! We would also like to ask each church to make a contribution to the C.E. Board sometime during the use of these videos. This will help in the purchase of these videos.

Any church that is not participating in this video series at the present time is encouraged to see these videos in the future. If you are interested, contact Randy Bryant or Sam Lucky about its availability.

As you know, **Camp Sonshine "94** begins tomorrow. Early registration indicates that we will be having a full house again this year. We appreciate each church that participates in the ministry to our youth. We also appreciate so much the many volunteers from our churches that make Youth Camp a big success. We are trusting the Lord for many decisions again this year. We also want to remind you about our College Scholarship Fund. If you have any student enrolling in one of our colleges this semester, please encourage them to apply for a scholarship to help them with their expenses. We have given over \$4000 in scholarships in the last few years to help our students in the education.

The financial report is enclosed.

## In His Service Randy Bryant, Chairman

#### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S QUARTERLY** FINANCIAL REPORT April 1, 1994 - June 30, 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

DEPOSITS INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS **Balance on hand**  \$2,027.57 966.64

9.80

<u>749.04</u>

342.70

251.45

<u>469.04</u>

\$125.11

\$2,254.07

**GENERAL FUND** BALANCE Deposits Disbursements

#### Balance

COLLEGE FUND BALANCE Deposits

888.60 338.33

#### Disbursements

Balance



214.61

48.35

180.00

\$82.94

C.T.S. FUND BALANCE Deposits Disbursements



YOUTH CAMP BALANCE Deposits **Disbursements** 

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**Balance** 

581.66 <u>338.33</u> 100.00 \$819.99

**TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS** 



### **INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**

#### QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT APRIL - JUNE 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

#### RECEIVED

Dues Offering TWP (Co-Operative Plan) Scottsmoor Melbourne Auburndale New Hope Fellowship Daytona Faith Smyrna Trinity Palm Bay

787.44 2,259.42 1,384.88 2,288.36 322.99 172.86 635.02 317.25 265.68 <u>\$ 2,051.75</u>

385.00 43.50 8,433.90

# TOTAL RECEIVED



#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op) Mission Board CE Board State Assoc. Dues Board of Retirement Copies (Annual & quarter) Phone calls & postage New checks -5,060.34 - 2,255.51 - 966.64 - 330.00 - 151.41 - 43.29 - 23.68 - 11.26

#### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS NEW BALANCE

<u>- 8.842.13</u> 2,072.02

#### INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING Oct. 29, 1994

The seventy fifth quarterly meeting of Indian River Association of Florida FWB convened at Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church on October 29, 1994

Opened by congregation singing "Redeemed". Bro. Emil Allen led in prayer followed with devotions given by Bro. Charles Allen using 150th Psalm.

Business session opened with moderator James Christian seating delegates. MSC to accept minutes and treasurer's report as printed.

Statistical Committee appointed as follows: Mary North, Judy Williams, LaVerne Adkins

C.E. Report given by Bro. Randy Bryant and accepted.

<u>WNAC</u> reports given from New Smyrna, Scottsmoor, New Hope Fellowship, Palm Bay, and Ryanwood Fellowship.

Master's Men reports received from Scottsmoor, New Hope Fellowship and Ryanwood Fellowship.

Bro. Millard Sasser gave report on his work as State Promotional Secretary. Told us about ordering literature from Randall House through his office and about Lifeline phone service being available to FWB with 10% of long distance calls going to the State work. Applications were distributed.
Break for committees to meet for 20 min. Session resumed at 10:45 by receiving offering.
Mission Board report given by Bro. Dan Merkl and accepted.
The Moderator urged all churches to participate in support of Palm Bay Church with faith promises.
Revival Committee report given by Bro. Adkins which is to be held at Titusville Church. (Feb.6-11).
Statistical Committee report given by Mary North.
Nomination Committee report given by Bro. Beard.

#### **Board Recommendations**

I. That Association give honorarium of \$200.00 each to Moderator and Clerk (MSC) this year and that the following be added to the Constitution & By-Laws as <u>Section 7 under Article VII - Miscellaneous.</u>

II. The Moderator and Clerk will receive annual honorariums; the amount to be determined by the Executive Board. MSC to be added. Motion to be table until next meeting.

III. To give \$500.00 donation to State Executive Secretary. (MSC)

IV. That quarterly dues be raised to \$45.00. (MSC)

Plaque was shown for Bro. Darrell Gwinn who is retiring and was not present to receive it. Nomination Committee was urged to pray about his replacement on Ordaining Board and Youth Camp Board. Bro. Jim Christian was appointed to fill the positions temporarily. Bro. Randy Bryant read resolution regarding Proposition 8 and it was accepted.

Since the State of Florida has Proposition 8 (which favors & allows casinos in our State) on the ballot for November 8, and since gambling and casinos encourages action which we deem unscripture and damaging,

Be is resolved, that we stand opposed to this proposition and,

Be it further resolved, that we encourage our people to vote against this proposition.

Bro. Bob Allen offered his resignation from Youth Camp Board. MSC to receive it regretfully. Rising vote of thanks given for Bro. Bob for his many years of faithful service in this position.

MSC to appoint Bros. Randy Bryant and Carl Adkins to Youth Camp Board temporarily. Meeting adjourned.

#### SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Scottsmoor Woman's Auxiliary reporting to the Indian River District Association - held at First FWB Church at Scottsmoor, Florida, October 29, 1994.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month with an average of five in attendance, and we continue to use the Co-Laborer for our programs.

In July we opened a thrift store to benefit the people in the Scottsmoor area. We have chosen the name of the Treasure Shop.

We have supported Dennis Owens, the National Auxiliary and the National 2003 to be held in Florida.

In September we sent \$100.00 to the FWB Bible College for the school library for books required to help the school keep their accreditation. Respectfully submitted Helen Allen

#### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

We currently have 10 members with an average attendance of 8. We support monthly: Pastor's retirement plan, WNAC (National), Dennis Owen's, and Underground Evangelism.

This quarter we sponsored a wedding shower for our pastor's son, Doug and his fiancee, Dawn. We also had a spaghetti supper for a fund raiser.

Respectfully submitted Judy Williams

#### WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The Women's Ministries group at Ryanwood Fellowship meets the last Wednesday night of each month. We have an average attendance of 5.

We regularly support the Robert and Judy Bryan family in the Ivory Coast, and this past quarter have sent support to the Owens, the Fran,s, and the Bryans. We also support the WNAC office in Nashville. This past quarter we have hosted the District Auxiliary Meeting, and sent two of our ladies to the National Retreat at Ridgecrest, North Carolina. We were also able to place a phone call to Uruguay at one of our meetings and enjoyed talking to Becky Franks, missionary wife there. We were able to find out about the work there, and get current prayer requests.

Presently we have a project underway to buy books for the Library at Free Will Baptist Bible College, and are preparing Christmas gifts for the Dave and Becky Franks family in Uruguay.

We also visit and take holiday gifts to two of our ladies who are in nursing homes.

Respectfully submitted, Diana Bryant, President

**STATISTICAL REPORT** 

Ministers Deacons Delegates Visitors Clerks

65

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#### **NEW SMYRNA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY**

Number of members:

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August meeting - three people just read our lesson and talked about it. September meeting - six people and two girls. Read our lesson and talked about it. Made up our mind to clean-up our church two weeks before our homecoming.

We had our Homecoming on the 9th of October, we had a record attendance of 93 people breaking our old record attendance of 63. We also had our first record attendance for Sunday of 48 people. We had well over 100 for our Homecoming Dinner. For the afternoon of the Homecoming we had the "Southern Songboys" to sing.

No meeting for October.

We were having new couples coming in on Wednesday's, so we will have to come up with a new day for our meetings.

**Deborah Saunders** 

#### RYANWOOD FELLOWSHIP MASTER'S MEN

Meeting held last Wednesday of every month. Average attendance 5 Headed up the operation face lift. (25th year of celebration) New sign - new brick on front of church Painting, trimming trees Supported Alabama Children's Home

#### Sam Lucky

#### NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP MASTER'S MEN

Enrolled 9 Average Attendance 9

We contribute to Meals on Wheels. Help with repairs on church property. We plan to see Christmas trees as a fund raiser.

#### SCOTTSMOOR MASTER'S MEN

Started meeting Sept. 11, 1994Had six meetings average of six attending.We actually organized on Oct. 1, 1994 and voted in our officers.PresidentB. J. HicksonMembership ChairmanRay BennettChoristerCharlie AllenSec. & TreasurerConda (Rick) BurressActivities ChairmanJared Hickson

Two of the ladies of the auxiliary cooked breakfast for us that morning and we had eight members join us.

On 10-13-94 we started repair on one of our church members carport and finished at a later date.

On 9-21-94 ran elect. supply & installed a/c unit for one of our church members.

10-1-94 washed windows and installed window a/c unit for another member.

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OCTOBER 29, 1994

SECTION ONE - PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

PLACE: DATE: Jan. 13, 1995 Cocoa **MESSAGE: Jim Foster ALTERNATE:** Bob Allen **ASSOCIATION MEETING PLACE:** Titusville DATE: Jan. 28, 1995 **DEVOTION:** Charles McClung **ALTERNATE:** L. H. Hallum **MESSAGE:** Randy Jackson **ALTERNATE: Roy Wilson** 

#### LADIES AUXILIARY PALM BAY

The ladies auxiliary reorganized in September of this year. We meet at a different members home each month. The meetings are combined with the masters men meeting at the same time, with fellowship, and a dinner. A special offering was made for our home missionary Rev. Roy Wilson. A donation box was placed in back of the church for this project. A craft and yard sale is scheduled for December. The meetings have been well attended.

Resp. Delma Bailes Sec.

#### **REPORT ON ASSOCIATION REVIVAL**

A committee was formed to explore the possibility of the Indian River Association promoting an annual revival meeting. The members of that committee is comprised of Bro. Emal Allen of the Titusville Church, Bro. James Foster of the Bithlo (Bunker Hill) Church, and Bro. Carl Adkins of the Scottsmoor Church. We met on the tenth of October at the Titusville Church and it was decided "with the approval of the sister churches" that the first revival would be held at the Titusville Church, and Bro. Allen would lead the services. We will try to have Bro. Millard Sasser our promotional secretary of the State of Florida, to be our first speaker, revival will start the sixth (6) of February 1995, and run through the eleven th (11) of February 1995, or longer if the Lord leads. Bro. Allen will get the Southern Song Boys for one night of the revival. The first night we hope to start off with a good turn out.



### REPORT ON ASSOCIATION REVIVAL (Cont.)

The next speaker will be Bro. Ron Burger of Melbourne, on Tuesday night, with the Fellowship Quartet, Bro. Jim Christian of Cocoa with the New Hope Fellowship Singers on Wednesday night, on Thursday night the speaker will be Bro. Mike Dankson of the Auburndale Church with some of their singers, on Friday night, Bro. Roy Ballew of Titusville with their talent, and on Saturday night Bro. Roy Wilson, the new pastor of the Palm Bay Church with their singers. Scottsmoor, Bithlo and the other churches will have singers as needed, and can be used. We plan to take only one offering, and that to offset the cost of the revival, (ie) lights, air cond., advertisement, etc.

> Respectfully submitted Bo. Carl Adkins

#### CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT October 29, 1994

The C.E. Board is just completing our Chuck Bradley Video Series. We had 6 of our churches participating in this video series. We also have a couple of our churches who have requested the series and will be receiving it as soon as it finishes its rounds. If there were any of the videos that your church did not get to see, let us know and we will be happy to see that you have that opportunity. A big "THANKS" to Sam Lucky for scheduling and coordinating the video series with the churches.

Our C.E. Board had the privilege of assisting James Adkins of Scottsmoor with his tuition at Free Will Baptist Bible College. He is in his first semester and was given \$800 scholarship. If you have anyone planning on attending one of our colleges next semester, please have them submit an application to the Board for scholarship assistance.

We are pleased to report that we had a very successful youth camp again this year. Camp Sonshine had a total of 185 with may decisions for the Lord. We want to express our thanks to the churches who sent campers and workers, to those who made financial contributions, and to the many dedicated workers. Without you we could not have such a successful youth camp.

We do share our appreciate to Bro. Darrell Gwinn for his many years of service to our Board and to our Youth Camp Board. We certainly appreciate all he has done for our Association and its youth and wish him and his wife the very best the Lord has for them.

> Respectfully submitted, Randy Bryant, Chairman

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT July 1, 1994 thru September 30, 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

DEPOSITS INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS Balance on hand 832.42 8.11 <u>- 1.631.23</u> **\$1,464.27** 

\$2,254.97

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	GENERAL FUND
125.11	BALANCE
216.23	Deposits
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COLLEGE FUND		
BALANCE	•	1,226
Deposits	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	291
Disbursements		800
Ba	lance	718

C.T.S. FUND BALANCE	82.94
Deposits	<u>41.60</u>
Baiance	<u>124.54</u>
YOUTH CAMP FUND	<b>:</b>
BALANCE	819.99
Deposits	291.35
Disbursements	<u>- 800.00</u>
Total	<u>311.34</u>
TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	\$1,464.27
DISBURSEMENTS	800.00
Public (food for camp)	800.00
James Adkins (college)	11.60
Postage stamps	<u>19.63</u>
Camp phone bills	\$ 1,631.23
TOTAL	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	CE Board Treasure Sam Luck



#### INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD OCTOBER 29, 1994

The Home Mission Board is happy to report the progress of the First Free Will Baptist Mission Church of Palm Bay.

The Board has recently received the appraisal for the church property in Palm Bay. The building and property "AS IS" has been appraised at \$153,000. The projected price given for the completed building is \$195,000. We feel that the value of the property will only increase as the city of Palm Bay continues to move in the direction of the church.

Bro. Merkh will be going to Nashville, Tennessee soon to meet with the Free Will Baptist Department of Retirement and Insurance. Bro. Dan will meet with the Board concerning the loan of \$80,000 to complete the construction of the church and to satisfy an existing loan. We feel that in light of the property value the acquisition of the loan shouldn't be a problem.

The Mission Board has been continuing some special projects at the church. The framing has been completed for interior walls, and the rain gutters are scheduled to be installed next week. Due to the excessive amount of rain that we've had recently we had to hire some bushhog work to be done on the property.

Bro. Roy Wilson is still doing his itinerant work in Arkansas and is anticipating his move to Palm Bay in the next few months. The National Home Mission Board requires a substantial amount of support before Bro. Wilson can move to Florida.

The Board requests your continued support of prayers and offerings for the work in Palm Bay. We ask each church in the Indian River Association to give to this mission work faithfully, remember, Palm Bay is <u>our</u> work!!

#### Respectfully submitted, Rev. Dan Merkh, Chairman

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#### **INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION** QUARTERLY MEETING Jan. 28, 1995

The seventy sixth quarterly meeting of Indian River Association of Florida FWB convened at First FWB church of Titusville on Jan. 28, 1995. Opened by singing "Are you Washed in the Blood". Bro. Jim Foster led in prayer. Special music was brought by ladies from Faith FWB church. Devotion was given by Bro. Charles McClung using text from I Peter. Business session opened by moderator with seating of the delegates. Recognized Dennis & Trena Owen.

Statistical Committee appointed as follows: Laverne Adkins, Ruby McClung and Dorothy Wood. MSC to accept minutes and treasurers report as printed.

<u>WNAC Reports</u> received from Faith, New Hope Fellowship and Ryanwood Fellowship. The State also presented a report reminding us that the State of Fla. will soon be hosting the National Association. In an effort to help subsidize the cost the State Aux. is in the process of preparing a State cookbook.

Master's Men Reports received from Scottsmoor and Ryanwood Fellowship.

Mission Board Report given by Bro. Dan Merkh. Bro. Merkh requested a letter be sent to the National Board of Retirement stating our disapproval of their refusing a loan to the Palm Bay work. MSC to accept the report and sending the letter.

Ordaining Report given and accepted.

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<u>C.E. Report</u> given and accepted. Bro. Bob Allen was presented a plaque for his faithful service to the assoc. as a member of the Youth Camp Board. **Revival Committee** report given and accepted.

Promotional Secretary report : Bro. Sasser began by commending the strong financial support from the Indian River Assoc. through co-operative giving and stated the benefits of same. He encouraged the churches to order their literature through the state office and switch their phone service to Lifeline.

Financial Report given and accepted.

Nominating Committee Report given and accepted.

Statistical Committee Report read by Sis. Laverne Adkins and accepted. Bro. Sam Lucky led the congregation in songs and the meeting was then turned over to the visiting missionary Bro. Dennis Owen. Dennis shared with us his work in Uruguay. Then brought a message on the "Great Difficulties" of Life". His text was taken from John 1:1. Through his message he portrayed how Jesus is always near when we seem to be totally alone.


#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1-28-95

#### SECTION ONE - PLANNING AND FELLOWSHIP MEETING

PLACE: **MESSAGE: ALTERNATE: ASSOCIATION MEETING PLACE: DEVOTION: ALTERNATE: MESSAGE: ALTERNATE:** 

Cocoa Jim Foster **Bob Allen** Cocoa L.H. Hallum Charles Allen Randy Jackson Ray Wilson

**DATE: 4-14-95** 

**DATE:** 4-29-95

Ordaining Board item:

Jim Foster to replace Bro. Gwinn

#### **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT January 28, 1995**

Today's offering is \$83.35 We recommend that it goes to the account of missionaries Dennis & Trena Owens. We further recommend that the I.R. Association give an additional \$300.00 from the General Fund to the Owen's account.

> **Respectfully Submitted** Randy Jackson Charles McClung

#### **MASTER'S MEN VERO BEACH January 28, 1995**

Meet first Wednesday of every month.

We have an average attendance of 6

We made a commitment to contribute to the Master's Men Dept. on a monthly basis.

Had a good fellowship dinner over the Christmas Holidays.

We continue support for the Alabama's Children's Home.

Prayer request for our President, Sam Croft. He's had foot surgery recently, and will be laid up for 4 or 5 weeks.

> Bro. in Christ Sam Lucky

#### STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Statistical Committee reports 14 elected delegates, 2 church clerks, 10 ministers and 8 deacons with a total of 34. Visitors 7, with a total attending the association meeting of 41.

**Respectfully Submitted** LaVerne Adkins & Ruby McClung

#### **RECOMMENDATION FROM THE ORDAINING BOARD:**

Upon meeting with Bro. Frank Wallace in the Ordaining Board in examining him for ratification of ordination creditials, we the Ordaining Board recommend to this body that his credentials be ratified.

Upon meeting with Bro. Dennis Collins in Cocoa, January 23, 1995 and examining him for the office of deacon, we the Ordaining Board recommend he be ordained in the Trinity Free Will Baptist Church of Okeechobee and the date and time of service be set by his home church.

> Respectfully submitted Rev. Jim Christian Rev. Bob Allen Rev. Carl Adkins L. H. Hallum Sam Lucky

#### FAITH WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The ladies auxiliary of the Faith Free Will Baptist church, have as their meeting time, the second Sunday evening of the month. This quarter our activities have basically tied in with preparing for various dinners, and helping out with refreshments for youth meetings from time to time. We have several projects in the planning stage, that hopefully we can report on next time. Pray for us. Respectfully Submitted Marjorie McClung - President

#### NEW HOPE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The New Hope Ladies Auxiliary meets the first Wednesday night of each month. Our programs are taken from the national catalog, the Co-Laborer. This past quarter the auxiliary honored the Senior citizens of our church by sponsoring a Christmas banquet. We also recognized our pastor for 20 years of faithful service by holding a fellowship at the church. Our auxiliary gives monthly support to the Dennis Owen family as well as the WNAC.

#### RYANWOOD FELLOWSHIP WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Ryanwood Fellowship Women's Ministries meets the first Wednesday night of each month. We use the Co-Laborer and other sources for our programs. We average 5 in attendance.

This past quarter we have sent sheet sets to the Provision Closet in Nashville, raised funds for the Free Will Baptist Bible College Library, and sent Christmas presents to the Dave and Becky Franks family in Uruguay. We were also able to speak to them by phone. Locally, we had Thanksgiving and Christmas projects for two of our ladies who are in nursing homes.

We give monthly support to the Robert and Judy Bryans in the Ivory Coast.



## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT January 26, 1995

The Christian Education Board had the privilege of giving James Adkins a scholarship of \$750 for his second semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College. We also want to encourage all of our young people to consider attending our Bible College and to apply to this Board for assistance.

The Chuck Bradley Video Series has completed its round. There are several of our churches that are going to be viewing those that they missed or the entire series during this quarter. The response has been very good to this series and we trust it will be a benefit to the rest of our churches. On the subject of videos, the C.E. Board owes two video series on the ministry of deacons. We are more than happy to have our churches use those at any time.

District CTS Competition is coming up very quickly. April 8th will be the date of our District Competition. Mike Taggart, our District CTS Director will be in touch with each church as to your competitors.

There are several avenues of service to our churches which we are looking at. We trust you will share any needs or ideas you have with us so that we can assist our churches more effectively.

**Christian Education Board** 

#### Randy Bryant, Chairman Sam Lucky, Treasurer Ron Burger Carl Adkins Mike Taggart

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## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S** QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT October 1, 1994 - December 31, 1994

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

\$1,464.27

DEPOSITS INTEREST DISBURSEMENTS **Balance on hand** 

858.97 7.61 - 750.00 \$1,580.85

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>			
BALANCE Deposits	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	•	310.11 222.35
	Balance		532.46
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COLLEGE FUND	
BALANCE	718.28
Deposits	300.64
Disbursements	750.00
Bala	ance 268.92



#### INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD REPORT OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, DECEMBER - 1994

The Mission Board is still actively seeking a loan for the completion of the Palm Bay mission church. The National Board of Retirement denied the loan for the church and now the Mission Board is looking at a couple of possibilities:

- 1. The Board has granted Bro. Dan Merkh permission to try and secure a loan from an individual.
- 2. The National Home Mission Board will have funds available for loans in the near future. In February, the National Mission Board will be meeting to review the loan application for the Palm Bay mission.

Roy Wilson, the missionary pastor for Palm Bay, is still doing itinerate work in Arkansas. He currently has \$5,935.00 in his cash account and his monthly support is growing each month.

The Indian River Mission Board is planning to sponsor a missionary conference. The proposed date of the conference will be May 6-10. We are hoping to see an increase in monetary support as well as a new awareness of our missionaries needs.

Our Mission Board Chairman, Rev. Daniel Merkh, will be volunteering his services to assist in raising support for the Don McDonalds in Japan, whose account is now in great need.

Bro. Merkh will be contacting the Indian River pastors to set up services on behalf of the McDonald's.

The Mission Board is saddened to report the loss of Bro. Bill Bailes. Bro. Bailes served the Lord faithfully while here on earth and now rejoices in the glory of the Lord. Our sympathy is extended to his wife, Sis. Delma Bailes, and his family.

#### Respectfully Submitted, Rev. Dan Merkh, Chairman



#### INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT **October, November, December 1994**

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

\$22,917.40

## **Received**

Deposit Deposit

**Draft Dividend** 

## **Total received**

815.98 654.96 130.53 \$1,601.47

Disbursements		
Flowers by Lisa		48.23
Daniel Merkh		329.73
ITT Hartford		205.97
Jim Christian		40.82
Dan Merkh		56.41
Orval B. Archer		579.94
Ordered New Checks		31.50
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#### **Total disbursements**





New Balance

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INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

#### **QUARTERLY TREASURE REPORT** Oct. 1 thru Dec. 31, 1994

TOTAL

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

### RECEIVED

Dues	· .
Offerings	
TWP (Co-Operative Plan)	
Scottsmoor	751.41
Melbourne	1,553.35
Auburndale	1,494.73
New Hope Fellowship	2,314.55
Daytona	204.22
Faith	141.20
Smyrna	529.00
Palm Bay	233.00
Ryanwood Fellowship	313.22
Reimbursement for trophies	
•	<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>

\$2,362.32

385.00 103.00 7,534.66

14.84 8.037.50 \$10,399.82

## **DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op) **Mission Board CE Board Board of Retirement** State Promotional Secretary **Moderator Honorarium Clerk Homorarium Trophies** Flowers Postage

### **TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS NEW BALANCE**

-4,520.78 -2,004.22 -858.97 -150.69-500.00 -200.00 - 150.00 - 73.99 - 55.50 - 10.00 <u>\$8.524.15</u> 1.875.67

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION** 

#### QUARTERLY TREASURER REPORT **JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH - 1995**

#### **BEGINNING BALANCE**

# 1,875.67

#### RECEIVED

Dues Offering TWP (Co-Operative Plan) Scottsmoor Melbourne Auburndale New Hope Fellowship Ryanwood Fellowship Daytona Faith New Smyrna Trinity Palm Bay

536.66 2,591.70 1,660.33 2,436.41 369.07 200.00 148.30 418.00 463.03 212 71

495.00 83.35 9,036.21

## **TOTAL RECEIVED** TOTAL

9.614.56 11,490.23

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op) **Mission Board CE Board Board of Retirement Dennis Owen** Postage Copies



#### TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS -9.468.56 **NEW BALANCE** 2,021.67



## **INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**

ANNUAL TREASURER REPORT April 1, 1994 thru March 31, 1995

## **BEGINNING BALANCE**

#### RECEIVED

Dues Offering TWP (Co-Operative Plan) Scottsmoor Melbourne Auburndale **New Hope Fellowship Ryanwood Fellowship** Daytona Faith New Smyma Trinity Palm Bay **Reimbursement for trophies** 

2,835.30 7,439.89 5,973.87 9,504.72 973.66 1,090.38 630.36 2,050.52 780.28 1,027.68

TOTAL

#### 14.84 TOTAL RECEIVED <u>34.283.35</u> 36,335.10

## DISBURSEMENTS

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op) **Mission Board CE Board Board of Retirement** State Assn. dues Copies Postage & calls New checks **State Promotional office** Honorariums **Trophies** Flowers Dennis Owen

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **NEW BALANCE** 

-19,383.98 -8,605.67 -3,688.16 -628.85 -330.00 -116.99 -53.68 -11.26 -582.00 -400.00 -73.99 -55.50 - 383.35

\$2,051.75

1,650.00

32,306.66

311.85

34.313.43 \$2,021.67

## **INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**

## PREAMBLE

We, the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida, do ordain this constitution for the purposes of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the causes 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 Baptist Churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution. One may obtain associate membership by statement of Christian faith.

## **ARTICLE THREE: DELEGATION**

#### Section 1

The standing delegation of this association shall consist of all ordained ministers, ordained deacons, association clerks, 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 duty elected or appointed delegates representing the churches of this association in good standing with this association.

#### Section 3

Each church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (1) 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 Mission Board, ordaining Board and Christian Education.



## ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS AND BOARDS (continued)

#### Section 4

Each of these standing boards shall after the annual association meeting, elect a chairman. The responsibilities of the chairman are to oversee their respective boards' operation and to attend all General Board Meetings personally or by proxy of another board member. Failure to attend or be represented at two consecutive General Board Meetings shall constitute reason for dismissal from the General 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 of alteration is presented in writing during one session, placed on the table and voted upon in the next session.



## 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.

#### Section 3

Any Christian or Church desiring to affiliate themselves with this body as an associate member may do so by signing a statement of Christian faith an by paying annual dues designated by the association. Associate members DO NOT have voting privileges.

#### ARTICLE TWO: FINANCE

The manner of financial support for this association shall be by dues of each member church according to the amount designated by the association. These dues shall be retained in the General Fund for the administration of the association.

#### Section 2

The Mission Board and Christian Education Board shall be financed by retaining a percentage (to be designated by the association) of the Cooperative Plan before sending it to the State Treasurer. The percentage that is retained in the Association and its disbursement will be recommended by the Finance Committee at each annual meeting. A twothirds majority of the association will rule.

#### Section 3

It will be the responsibility of the Mission Board and Christian Education Board to disburse the funds and present a written report at each Association Meeting.

#### Section 4

The books of the clerk-treasurer and each board shall be audited each year by the Executive Board at the planning meeting before the Annual meeting of the association.

#### Section 5

All elected boards, officers & committees will be paid 21 cents a mile for transportation expenses, lodging and meals, if required when traveling on Association business.

## **ARTICLE THREE: FUNCTION OF THE OFFICERS**

#### Section 1

The duties of the moderator shall be to preside at all the meetings of the association. He shall be empowered with the authority to appoint any committees not otherwise provided for 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 and reports of the boards and auxiliaries and to prepare and publish them. It shall be his further duty to taker care of all necessary correspondence. The clerk-treasurer

## ARTICLE THREE: FUNCTION OF THE OFFICERS (cont.)

## Section 3 (continued)

shall receive all associational monies and disburse them as directed by the association. He shall be an ex-officio member of the Finance Committee, as well as serve in the position of chairman of this committee.

#### 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 Mission Board shall be composed of five (5) members whose terms of office shall be five (5) years and whose terms shall be staggered so that 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 trustees 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 staggering terms of five (5) years with one member being replaced or re-elected each year.

The 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.

#### FUNCTION (Section 2 continued)

c. To consider the following in carrying out the duties of the office:

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(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 full-time in the art of Christian work; or have 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.

(6) The licensed minister must come before his local church after one (1) year of licensing for recommendation to the Ordaining Council for re-

licensing or ordination.

(7) For a person to be presented for ordination as a deacon or recognition of ordination as a deacon, he must have served one year. If he has served as a 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.

(8) That all ordination services be conducted at the time and place recommended by the candidate's church.

(9) That a licensed minister who turns in his license to the Ordaining Board must go through all required processes previously needed for licensing.

(10) That all applicants for ordination be non-smokers.

## **ARTICLE FOUR: (continued)**

#### Section 3

The Christian Education Board shall be composed of three members whose terms of office shall be three (3) years and whose terms shall be staggered so that only one member shall be replaced or re-elected each year. Board shall also consist of the two (2) trustees of the <u>Sonshine</u> Youth Camp Board, representing and elected by this association and whose terms shall run concurrent with Camp <u>Son</u>shine Board. The District CTS Director shall be an ex-officio member of this board.

The District CTS 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 coordinating all CTS programs of his

association.

## ARTICLE FIVE: COMMITTEES

## Section 1

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

## Section 2

The finance committee shall be composed of three (3) members to be elected at the annual session. The members shall serve in a rotating sequence of three (3) year terms. The duty elected clerk-treasurer shall be an ex-officio member of committee.

## Section 3

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 Women's Auxiliary of the association shall give a report at the sessions.

#### Section 3

The district Women's Auxiliary shall give a report at the annual meeting.

## ARTICLE SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

#### Section 1

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

#### Section 2

The name, date of birth, 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 3

At the death of a minister, a page in the following year's minutes (draped in black as a memorial to the deceased) shall provide all pertinent information concerning him and his ministry.

#### Section 4

The constitution and by-laws, with any amendments and alterations, shall be printed in the annual minutes each year.

#### Section 5

Robert's Rules of Order shall be the parliamentary guide for all meetings of the association or its auxiliaries, boards of committees.

#### Section 6

A quorum shall consist of a majority of any board or committee.

## ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS

The 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 CONVENANT

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 tolling 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.

