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Okeechobee	Clement Markham, Samuel Lewis, Denis Collins, Frank Wallace
Ryan Wood Fellowship	Sam Lucky
Palm Bay	Dewey North
Melbourne	Paul Francisco, Bill Swartz
New Hope Fellowship	Herbert Rollins, Mike Taggart, Robert Griffith
Titusville	Harold Woods, Roger Adkinson, L.H. Hallum, Roy Hunt
Scottsmoor	Charles Allen
Auburndale	W. F. Davis, Sanford H. Lynn, Lester Weitman, Jr., Maxwell Paul
New Smyrna	Charles Randall Saunders
Faith	Van B. McClung, Charles H. McClung John Williams

## OFFICERS

Moderator	James Christian, New Hope Fellowship
Vice Moderator	Randy Bryant, Ryan Wood Fellowship
Clerk-Treasurer	Ruby McClain, New Hope Fellowship
Asst. Clerk Clerk-Treasurer	Sandra Jackson, New Hope Fellowship

# **BOARDS & COMMITTEES**

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

Carl Adkins  
Henry Beard  
John Henry

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

Ron Burger	1996
Sam Lucky	1997
Randy Bryant	1998
Mike Taggart - CTS Director	

## **MISSION BOARD**

Mike Dankson	1996
Randy Jackson	1997
W.F. Davis	1998
Dan Merkh	1999
Jim Christian	2000

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Wallace Back	1996
Charles McClung	1997
Randy Jackson	1998

## **ORDINATION BOARD**

Carl Adkins	1996
L.H. Hallum	1997
Sam Lucky	1998
Bob Allen	1999
Jim Foster	2000

## ***IN MEMORY***

**Herman Crum - New Hope Fellowship**

**Joe Poindexter - New Hope Fellowship**

**Margie Lynn - Auburndale**

**Harold Dickerson - Auburndale**

**Ayron Allen - Auburndale**

**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.

**WNAC Reports** 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.

**C.E. Report** 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:** Cocoa **DATE:** 4-14-95

**MESSAGE:** Jim Foster

**ALTERNATE:** Bob Allen

**ASSOCIATION MEETING PLACE:** Cocoa **DATE:** 4-29-95

**DEVOTION:** L.H. Hallum

**ALTERNATE:** Charles Allen

**MESSAGE:** Randy Jackson

**ALTERNATE:** Ray Wilson

**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

**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.

January 23, 1995

**Recommendation from the Ordaining Board**

Upon meeting with Bro. Frank Wallace in the Ordaining Board in examining him for ratification of ordination credentials, 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

**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 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

## Christian Education Board's Quarterly Financial Report Oct. 1, 1994 - Dec. 31, 1994

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,464.27</u></b>
Deposits	858.97
Interest	7.61
Disbursements	750.00
 Balance on Hand	 1,580.85
 <b>General Fund</b>	
Balance	310.11
Deposits	222.35
Balance	532.46
<b>College Fund</b>	
Balance	718.28
Deposits	300.64
Disbursements	750.00
Balance	268.92

## **Christian Education Board's Quarterly Financial Report**

**Oct. 1, 1994 - Dec. 31, 1994**

**(continued)**

### **CTS Fund**

Balance 124.54

Deposits 42.95

Balance 167.49

### **Camp Fund**

Balance 311.34

Deposits 300.64

Balance 611.98

**Total all Funds 1,580.85**

**C.E. Board Treasurer**

**Sam Lucky**

## **INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD REPORT**

**Oct., Nov., Dec. 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 in 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 McDonalds.

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	815.98
Deposit	654.96
Draft Dividend	130.53

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**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

**TOTAL  
DISBURSEMENTS  
NEW BALANCE**

**-1,292.60**

**\$23,226.27**

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**OCT. 1 THRU DEC. 31, 1994**

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

**2,362.32**

**RECEIVED**

Dues	385.00
Offerings	103.00
TWP (Co-Operative Plan)	7,534.66
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	14.84

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**8,037.50**

**TOTAL**

**10,399.82**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	4,520.78
Mission Board	2,004.22
CE Board	858.97
Board of Retirement	150.69
State Promotional Secretary	500.00
Moderator Honorarium	200.00
Clerk Honorarium	150.00
Trophies	73.99
Flowers	55.50
Postage	10.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**8,524.15**

**NEW BALANCE**

**1,875.67**



**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING  
April 29, 1995**

The twenty-third annual session of Indian River Association of Florida Free Will Baptists convened at New Hope Fellowship on April 29, 1995.

Opened by singing "Jesus Saves" followed with prayer led by Bro. Carl Adkins. Bro. Charles Allen gave devotion from John 15:1-18.

Business session called to order by Moderator Jim Christian. All letters being in order delegates were seated. MSC to accept minutes & treasurer's reports.

**WNAC Reports** received from: Ryanwood Fellowship, Palm Bay, Scottsmoor and New Hope Fellowship.

**Master's Men Reports** received from: Scottsmoor, New Hope Fellowship & Ryanwood Fellowship.

**Statistical Committee** appointed as follows: Betty Burress, Jan Wilder, Delma Bailes

**Obituary Committee** appointed as follows: Ruby McClung, Floyd Walker, Dorothy Briggs

Bro. Millard Sasser gave report on State Work from Promotional Dept.

**CE Board Report** given by Bro. Randy Bryant especially noting that workers are needed for Youth Camp, July 30 thru Aug. 4.

**Mission Board Report** given by Bro. Dan Merkh.

Break for committees to meet.

Meeting resumed with special song by Pam Carter, Sherry Ballew, Corrine Ham and Sandra Jackson.

**Ordaining Board Report** given by Bob Allen (MSC). Stat. Report given and accepted. Obituary report given. Moment of silence observed and prayer led by Sam Lucky. Nominating committee report given and accepted. Finance committee requests that offering of \$64.22 be given to Promotional Office. (MSC).

MSC to remove Item #1 from the table to be voted upon.



## **APRIL 29, 1995 (continued)**

I. Miscellaneous: The Moderator & Clerk will receive annual honorariums; the amount to be determined by the Executive Board.

MSC to accept and add to Constitution & By Laws.

### **New Recommendations**

I. That Art. IV Section 2, item 10 be changed to read as follows: That all applicants for ordination abstain from the use of tobacco in any form.

MSC to table until July meeting.

II. Add Section 8 to Art. VII under Miscellaneous. Association year will run January through December with annual reports to be filed at the next April meeting.

Bro. Randy Bryant suggested churches also change local. MSC to table until July meeting.

III. That each church give \$50.00 per year to help fund the National Assn. meeting in 2003.

MSC to accept.

MSC to begin printing newsletter and purchase computer. Committee appointed to look for one up to \$2,225.00. Carl Adkins, Mike Dankson and Diana Bryant.

Delegates to State meeting: Diana Bryant, Betsy Lucky, Lavern Adkins and Helen Allen. Two more to be appointed at meeting.

Bro. Bob Allen urged churches to attend planning & fellowship meetings.

Prayer request for Bro. Darrell Gwinn who has had by pass surgery.

Meeting adjourned.

Bro. Randy Jackson brought morning message titled "Evangelism".

## **VERO BEACH WNAC**

The Women's Ministries group at Vero Beach meets the first Wednesday night of each month with an average attendance of 5. We give monthly to the Bryan family in Africa and to the Co-Laborer Fund. Over the past quarter we have had projects for the Dennis Owens and the Foreign Missions General Fund. We're also planning a Uruguayan banquet for our Missions Conference with Dennis Owen in May.

## SCOTTSMOOR WNAC

Scottsmoor Women's Auxiliary reporting to the Indian River District held at Cocoa, FL April 29, 1995.

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month, and use the Co-Laborer for our monthly program. Our average attendance is 6.

We held a missiona fair to raise money for Home Missions. We raised \$178.00 with our bake sale, hot dogs, crafts, games, etc. We had the puppets from New Smyrna Free Will Baptist for entertainment. We have sold 2 year planning calendars, held a "Let George Do It Campaign" to raise money for the following: \$100.00 sent to the Bible College for library books, \$20.00 for the State speaker for the women's banquet in May. We also support Dennis Owens, the Moores & WNAC regularly. At the present we are collecting quarter folders for Foreign Missions. Our Treasure Shop we opened in July has been a great benefit, not only to the community but to the church members as well.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dorothy Briggs

### Nominating Committee Report April 29, 1995

Planning & Fellowship Message (July 14, 1995) Bob Allen  
Assoc. Meeting (July 29, 1995)  
Melbourne FWB Church  
Alternate - Mike Dankson

Dev. - L.h. Hallum  
Alt. Maxwell Paul  
Message - Mike Dankson  
Alt. Roy Wilson

### Nominating Committee

Henry Beard  
Carl Adkins  
John Henry

### Finance Committee

Randy Jackson 1998

### C.E. Board

Randy Bryant 1998  
Director - Mike Taggart

Moderator  
Asst.  
Clerk/Treas.  
Asst.

Jim Christian  
Randy Bryant  
Ruby McClain  
Sandra Jackson

### Mission Board

Jim Christian 2000

### Ordaining Board

Jim Foster 2000

## **Christian Education Board Report**

### **April 29, 1995**

The C.E. Board would like to commend all of those involved in our District CTS Competition. The Competition was held on April 8 at Cocoa under the direction of Mike Taggart. We appreciate Mike's work in this area and extend commendations to all of those who competed, judged, or coached. The State Competition will be held on May 26-27 at the Ocala Hilton.

Presently, the C.E. Board is working on plans for a Local Church Ministries Support Committee. This is an idea that has been submitted by a couple of pastors in order to assist our churches in various programs in their church. The design calls for a committee consisting of individuals who are in touch with these ministries, to go to a church at the churches request and help them with their program. Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, CTS, and Teacher Training are some of the areas to be included. This idea is yet to be fine tuned, but any churches that may be interested in this opportunity may contact a C.E. Board member for more information.

camp Sonshing '95 is just around the corner. The dates for camp this year are July 30 - August 4. At the present time, we really need camp workers. I have received a total of 3 worker forms so far. Obviously, we must have many, many more workers. Every church received in the mail a packet of Camp Worker Applications. If you have not seen one of these at your church, ask you pastor about them. If you are interested in going and helping, I just happen to have some forms with me.

Due to the capacity of the camp grounds last year, we must hold the starting age to 9. As you may remember, we had 180 in camp last August and can not accommodate any more than that. The Camper Registration Forms will be going out in a few weeks. Please get those turned in as soon as possible. The fee this year is \$65. That is the cheapest of any youth camp I know of. MaNy camps are \$175 to \$225 per week. The only reason we are able to do it at that price is because of our churches. They send money through Co-Op directly and they send us volunteer workers. Without that ours would be up there too. Please consider how you can assist us in Camp Sonshine '95.

Again, the C.E. Biard is happy to grant a scholarship to James Adkins in the amount of \$750. James is a student at our Free Will Baptist Bible College. We hope there will be others who will take advantage of this assistance for college.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Randy Bryant, Chairman

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

## **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 1, 1995 - March 31, 1995

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,580.85</u></b>
DEPOSITS	1,030.13
INTEREST	9.88
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>64.27</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$2,556.29</u></b>
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<b><u>GENERAL FUND</u></b>	
BALANCE	532.46
Deposits	267.40
Disbursements	<u>64.27</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>735.59</u></b>
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<b><u>C.T.S. FUND</u></b>	
BALANCE	167.49
Deposits	<u>51.51</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>219.00</u></b>
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<b><u>COLLEGE FUND</u></b>	
BALANCE	268.92
Deposits	<u>360.55</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>629.47</u></b>
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<b><u>CAMP FUND</u></b>	
BALANCE	611.98
Deposits	<u>360.55</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>972.53</u></b>
<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$2,556.59</u></b>
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<b><u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	
Classic Awards	37.75
Postage Stamps	11.52
FWAC (Cookbook)	15.00
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>64.27</u></b>

Submitted by:  
Sam Lucky,  
C.E. Treasurer

# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**

## **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**April 1, 1994 thru March 31, 1995**

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,027.57</u></b>
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DEPOSITS	3,688.16
INTEREST	35.40
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>3,194.54</u>
Balance on Hand	<u><b>\$2,556.59</b></u>

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### **GENERAL FUND**

BALANCE	342.70
Deposits	957.43
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	
Postage stamps	38.20
Christian Film Services	453.96
Camp Phone Bill	19.63
Classic Awards	37.75
FWAC (Cookbook)	15.00
Total of Disbursements	564.54
Balance on Hand	<u><b>\$735.59</b></u>

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### **C.T.S. FUND**

BALANCE	214.61
Deposits	184.39
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	
CTS Competition Fees (Pam Stewart)	<u>180.00</u>

Balance on Hand	<u><b>\$219.00</b></u>
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### **COLLEGE FUND**

BALANCE	888.60
Deposits	1,290.87
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	
James Adkins (8-24-94)	800.00
James Adkins (12-31-94)	750.00
Balance on Hand	<u><b>\$629.47</b></u>

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### **CAMP FUND**

BALANCE	581.66
Deposits	1,290.87
<b><u>Disbursements</u></b>	
Seminar (Camp Materials)	100.00
Publix (Food for Camp)	800.00
Balance on Hand	<u><b>\$972.53</b></u>

<b>TOTAL FOR ALL FUNDS</b>	<u><b>\$2,556.59</b></u>
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# NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP MASTER'S MEN ANNUAL REPORT

April 31, 1994 thru March 1, 1995

Average attendance	9
Enrollment	13
Average offering	\$18.00

## SPECIAL PROJECTS:

1. Sponsored the church softball team by donating \$250.00
2. Donated \$100.00 to Meals on Wheels on behalf of Bro. & Sis. Ward
3. Donated \$500.00 for new cabinets in the church kitchen.
4. Sold strawberry's as a fund raiser with a profit of \$430.00.
5. Tore down and hauled away old double wide modular from church property.
6. Had several men's Saturday morning breakfasts.

## OBITUARY

### COCOA

Bro. Harry Ellis Sr. (Deacon)  
Bro. Forrest Ward  
Sis. Myrtle Ward

### SCOTTSMOOR

Robert Hogan (Deacon)  
Bob Callihan  
Leina Allison

### MELBOURNE

Larry Long  
George Butler

### TITUSVILLE

Doris Walker

### DAYTONA

Helen Williams

### RYANWOOD

Hilda Anderson

### AUBURNDALE

Jewel Hyman  
Harold Dickerson

### PALM BAY

William Bailes



March 21, 1995

We the Ordaining Board recommend that Bro. David Adams of the Daytona Free Will Baptist Church be license to preach the Gospel for one year.

Present:

Rev. Bob Allen Chairman  
Rev. James Foster  
Rev. Carl Adkins  
Bro. L.H. Hallum  
Bro. Sam Lucky

### **LADIES AUX. PALM BAY**

Average attendance 8

We continue to meet in members homes and combine auxiliary with fellowship and dinner.

We have a mission box each Sunday at the church and sent Brother Wilson \$57.00 last month.

Each member gives \$5.00 on their birthday to the auxiliary offering. We sent Bro. and Sis. Merke a love offering as a small token of our appreciation for their help.

Respectively  
Delma Bailes, Sec.

### **RYANWOOD MASTER'S MEN REPORT**

Monthly - Alabama Children's Home

Meet first Wednesday of every month

Average attendance of 6

Attack magazine

Bro. Sassac: information on Co-Op. Very informative, nice breakfast for men.

Thank you, Sam

### **SCOTTSMOOR MASTER'S MEN REPORT**

The master's men of the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church has installed a baptistery in the church, we converted the rooms on each end of the baptistery to a pastor's study & secretary's office. We converted the pastor's old office to a teen class room. We would like to thank the ladies of the church for feeding us almost every day while we were working on this project.

Respectfully submitted  
Rick Burress

## **STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

24 DELEGATES  
9 VISITORS  
4 CLERKS  
12 MINISTERS  
8 DEACONS

57 TOTAL

Jan Wilder  
Delma Bailes  
Betty Burress

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

Today's offering was \$64.22 to be given to the State Promotional Department.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Jackson

### **FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FWB EXECUTIVE OFFICE EXECUTIVE REPORT TO THE INDIAN RIVER ASSOC.**

#### **GREETINGS:**

Our Lord said" "For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope." (Jer. 29:11). These beautiful thoughts God had toward His nation (even in their captivity because of their sin) are also the thoughts He has toward us and the thoughts He wants us to have toward each other in His Kingdom work. God has a dream, (a plan) for you, your church, and your ministry. Together we can attain His plan for us as Free Will Baptists in your association and in Florida.

#### **UPDATE:**

The faithful cooperative support and special gifts of many of the Indian River Association churches to the state association ministries helps continue state wide growth. The following churches of the Indian River Association have supported our State Work through Co-Op during 1994; New Hope, Scottsmoor, Ryanwood Fellowship, Daytona Church, First of Auburndale, First of Melbourne, Faith, Smyrna, Palm Bay, and Trinity. Thank you for your faithfulness to Free Will Baptist ministries in Florida.



**FLORIDA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FWB EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
EXECUTIVE REPORT TO THE INDIAN RIVER ASSOC.  
(continued)**

PLEASE NOTE: If your church does not support Co-Op or give to state ministries by special gifts, the Florida State Association struggles to accomplish God's plan for us. Together we can accomplish His call to us Florida Free Will Baptists.

The following churches in the Indian River Association contributed to the ministry of the State Association by ordering their Sunday School Literature through the State Office this past quarter. New Hope, Daytona, First of Melbourne, Ryanwood Fellowship, First of Auburndale, Smyrna, Faith in Orlando. We say "thank-you" to these churches, thank you for your cooperation and support. If your church did not order your Sunday School materials through our office I trust you will consider doing so next quarter. This is one way you can support the State Association without it costing you any more money than what you would have paid out any way.

Many of our people in the Indian River Association have joined us in our campaign against the wickedness of the gay, lesbian, pornographic, abortion, feminist, and other radical movements by switching from telephone companies that support these with their income and switching to LifeLine Long Distance service. LifeLine gives the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists 10% of all our long distance dollars we pay to LifeLine. In addition they do not support the various movements that are named above. If you have not switched to LifeLine I urge you to do so. It will generally cost you less in long distance dollars and you will be supporting Free Will Baptists causes as well.

The Indian River Association continues to be a leader in the support of the ministries of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. Thank you for your continued support.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

May 19, 20 - Christian Worker's Retreat; Camp Mt. Pleasant; Dr. Alton Loveless and Mr. Dean Jones from Randall House and National Youth Ministries will be the speakers for the retreat.

May 24-27: Florida State Association to be held at the Ocala Hilton in Ocala, Florida. Be sure to plan to attend.

July 16-20: National Association in Charlotte, N.C.

July 30-August 4: Camp Sonshine

Thank you  
Millard C. Sasser

# INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD

## QUARTERLY REPORT

January - March, 1995

The Home Mission Board is continuing to work with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay. A loan has been approved by the National Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists for \$80,000. We are currently awaiting the transaction of funds, pending completion of legal paper work.

An attorney has been secured by the board to perform a title search and review details of the loan with a representative from the National Mission Board.

After the money is received, a general contractor will be hired to complete building construction.

A letter was written to each board member of the National Board of Retirement and Insurance, on behalf of the Indian River Mission Board, stating our displeasure and disappointment of a loan rejection to the Palm Bay mission work.

This past month the board received a report from Rev. Roy Wilson updating his current intinerate activities. Listed below are the services conducted and funds accumulated:

Regular church services	43
Quarterly meetings attended	4
Traveled approximately	6500
Funds accumulated	\$9,000
Faith Promises	800 (monthly)
Decisions	
Salvation	2
Rededications	17

The board will be paying the expenses for Bro. Wilson and his family to attend the Florida State Meeting in May.

We are asking for your continued prayers and support of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay.

Respectfully submitted  
Dan Merkh, Chairman

**INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION  
ANNUAL REPORT  
April, 1994 - March, 1995**

The Home Mission Board is excited about the progress of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay. This past year, the Palm Bay church was accepted as a joint mission project with the National Home Mission Board. Through the National Home Mission Board and the Indian River Mission Board has acquired a loan to help finance the completion of construction, as well as, the needed financial aid to support a full time pastor.

Rev. Roy Wilson has accepted the challenge to build a strong church at the Palm Bay mission work. He has already begun intinerate work in Arkansas and is looking forward to the time that he can move to Palm Bay. The Mission Board has been able to oversee the completion of the framing of the interior walls, the installation of rain gutters and the beginnings of electrical work. We anticipate the hiring of a general contractor to complete the construction of the Palm Bay Mission Church.

Bro. Dan Merkh, Chairman of the Indian River Mission Board, has been traveling to various churches of the Indian River Association raising support for the McDonalds. The McDonalds are Free Will Baptist missionaries serving in Japan. The Mission Board is hoping that these efforts, on the behalf of the McDonalds, will enable them to stay on the field where they are needed.

This past year, the Home Mission Board helped Apryl Hamby as a member of the Summer Missionary Program. We would like to encourage other young people to get involved with missions by participating in this program.

Please remember the Mission Board in your prayers, as we endeavor to serve you in our efforts to evangelize the Indian River District and the entire world.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dan Merkh, Chairman

**INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD**  
**TREASURER'S REPORT**  
January - March 1995

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

**\$23,226.27**

January 3	1,349.26
February 8	896.78
March 31	1,506.84
TOTAL DEPOSITS	3,752.84
DRAFT DIVIDENDS	132.48

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Rev. Dan Merkh	-50.00
Rev. Dennis Owens	-100.00
Rev. Jack Roster	-58.00
Rev. Jack Roster	-58.00
Rev. Jim Christian	-25.20
Rev. Dan Merkh	-69.67

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>-417.28</u></b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b><u>\$23,226.27</u></b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b><u>3,885.36</u></b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>\$417.28</u></b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>26,694.35</u></b>

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION  
MISSION BOARD  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
April, 1994 thru March, 1995**

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

**\$22,988.10**

**DEPOSITS**

May 18	720.51
June 2	475.79
July 11	1,059.21
August 3	576.75
September 26	549.58
October 21	815.98
November 3	654.96
January 10	1,349.26
February 8	896.78
March 27	1,506.84

<b>TOTAL DEPOSITS</b>	<b>\$8,605.66</b>
<b>DRAFT DIVIDENDS</b>	<b>512.27</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$9,117.93</u></b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

April - June	\$2,476.80
July - September	1,225.00
October - December	1,292.60
January - March	417.28

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>\$5,411.68</u></b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>\$26,694.35</u></b>

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY TREASURE REPORT**  
**January, February, March - 1995**

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

**\$1,875.67**

**RECEIVED**

Dues		495.00
Offering		83.35
TWP (Co-Operative Plan)		9,036.21
Scottsmoor	536.66	
Melbourne	2,591.70	
Auburndale	1,660.33	
New Hope Fellowship	2,436.41	
Ryanwood Fellowship	369.07	
Daytona	200.00	
Faith	148.30	
New Smyrna	418.00	
Trinity	463.03	
Palm Bay	212.71	

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**9,614.56**

**TOTAL**

**\$11,490.23**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	-5,421.73
Mission Board	-2,403.63
CE Board	-1,030.13
Board of Retirement	-180.72
Dennis Owen	-383.35
Postage	-10.00
Copies	-39.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**-9,468.56**

**NEW BALANCE**

**\$2,021.67**

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL TREASURE REPORT

April 1, 1994 thru March 31, 1995

### BEGINNING BALANCE

\$2,051.75

### RECEIVED

Dues		1,650.00
Offering		311.85
TWP (Co-Operative Plan)		32,306.66
Scottsmoor	2,835.30	
Melbourne	7,439.89	
Auburndale	5,973.87	
New Hope Fellowship	9,504.72	
Ryanwood Fellowship	973.66	
Daytona	1,090.38	
Faith	630.36	
New Smyrna	2,050.52	
Trinity	780.28	
Palm Bay	1,027.68	
Reimbursement for trophies		14.84

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**34,283.35**

**TOTAL**

**\$36,335.10**

### DISBURSEMENTS

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	-19,383.98
Mission Board	-8,605.67
CE Board	-3,688.16
Board of Retirement	-628.85
State Assn. Dues	-330.00
Copies	-116.99
Postage and calls	-53.68
New checks	-11.26
State Promotional office	-582.00
Honorariums	-400.00
Trophies	-73.99
Flowers	-55.50
Dennis Owen	-383.35

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**-34,313.43**

**NEW BALANCE**

**\$2,021.67**



## *Never Quit*

*When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,  
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,  
When the funds are low, and the debts are high,  
And you want to smile, but you have to sigh,  
When care is pressing you down a bit,  
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.  
Life is queer with its twists and turns,  
As everyone of us sometimes learns,  
And many a failure turns about,  
When he might have won had he stuck it out;  
Don't give up though the peace seems slow,  
You may succeed with another blow.  
Success is failure turned inside out,  
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,  
And you never can tell how close you are;  
It may be near when it seems so far.  
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit.  
It's when things seem worse,  
That you must not quit.*

## *Thoughts for the Day*

*Have courage for the great sorrows of life  
and patience for the small ones; and  
when you have laboriously accomplished  
your daily task, go to sleep in peace.*  
**GOD IS AWAKE.**

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*When good friends walk beside us,  
On the trails that we must keep,  
Our burdens seem less heavy,  
And the hills are not so steep.  
The weary miles pass swiftly,  
Taken in a joyous stride,  
And all the world seems brighter  
When friends walk by our side.*

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*We cannot tell the precise moment when  
friendship is formed. As in filling a vessel  
drop by drop, there is at least a drop  
which makes it run over; so in a series of  
kindness there is at least one which makes  
the heart run over.*



**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY MEETING**  
**July 29, 1995**

The seventy seventh quarterly meeting of Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists convened at FWB Church of Melbourne on July 29, 1995. Opened by congregation singing "Showers of Blessings" led by Bro. Randy Jackson with Sandra Jackson at the piano. Bro. Mike Dankson led in prayer. Devotion was given by Bro. Maxwell Paul using Ezra 6:1-12. Business session opened by Moderator Bro. James Christian. All letters received and in order. MSC to allow Bro. Judd to represent Titusville Church since no delegates were listed on their letter. MSC that committee of at least three persons be appointed to look into the situation with Daytona Church which has withdrawn from association. Committee as follows: Dan Merkh - Chairman, Carl Adkins, Mike Dankson. With right to do whatever necessary to recover the Daytona work.

Woman's Aux. reports received from: Smyrna, Auburndale, Faith, Scottsmoor

Master's Men reports received from: Auburndale

Statistical Committee appointed as follows: Helen Allen, Betty Burress and Dorothy Harris

Mission Board report given by Bro. Dan Merkh

CE Board report read by Moderator. Churches were asked to select reporter for upcoming newsletter.

Minutes and treasurer's report accepted as printed.

No report from Ordaining Board.

Break for twenty minutes.

Statistical Committee report given by Helen Allen.

Nominating Committee report by Bro. Henry Beard. Offering received and voted to go into general fund.

By Laws Changes accepted as printed. The following By Laws change to be tabled until Oct. meeting.

Add to Art. III Section I under Function of Officers: The Moderator shall serve as Ec. officio member on all boards and committees

Business portion adjourned.

Altar prayer held for Daytona Church. Mike Dankson brought message titled "True Worship" from Mark 14:3-9. Lunch served by host church.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**July 29, 1995**

Planning and Fellowship Meeting October 13, 1995

Message  
Alternate

Bob Allen  
Carl Adkins

Assoc. Meeting October 28, 1995 (Ryanwood Fellowship)

Devotion  
Alternate  
Message  
Alternate

Charles McClung  
Charles Allen  
Ron Burger  
Carl Adkins

### **SCOTTSMOOR WOMAN'S AUX.**

We continue to meet on the second Tuesday of each month. Our average attendance is 5. We continue to use the Co-Laborer for our monthly programs.

Our activities:

- Quarter folders were used for our Pre-Easter offering which was sent to the McDonalds
- Had an Easter Egg Hunt for the children
- Held a craft and flea market day to help support our thrift shop
- We raised money for name plates to go on our pastor's pictures in the fellowship hall, and for carpet for the steps to the baptistery by having a bake sale and our canning campaign
- We helped with Vacation Bible School
- We paid for a banquet ticket for Laverne Adkins that she could attend the Florida State Auxiliary Meeting

We continue to support Dennis Owens, Ron Moore and W.N.A.C.

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

Our June meeting we had 5 ladies present. No meeting in July. The auxiliary had two yard sales in July to raise money to sponsor a trip to the National Convention in Charlotte N. Carolina. Four ladies went to the National Convention. There were some inspirational speakers at the WNAC. Among them was Steve Lytle, a missionary to Panama, and Sister Mable Willey, a retired missionary to Panama and Cuba. Mable is ninety years old and she spoke at the WNAC banquet. She was an inspiration to all that heard her speak.

### **AUBURNDALE WOMAN'S AUX.**

The auxiliary of the Auburndale Church meets every first Monday night at the church. We use the Co-Laborer magazine. In April we used the 30 pieces of silver offering and decorated the church for Easter. At the end of VBS we had a fish fry to support our mission projects. In July our ladies decorated in memory of our veterans. We supported 2 youth activities and took food to 3 bereaved families. We have flavoring, cards and crafts available to purchase and our funds go to missions. We enjoy our activities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Hutto

### **AUBURNDALE MASTER'S MEN**

The Auburndale Master's Men meets the second Monday of each month. We have devotions and fellowship. In this quarter we have been involved in projects to help improve our church & grounds. Among our projects was the remodeling of our entrance way, painting our educational building & assisting with a fish fry to fund remodeling of our Sunday School rooms.

Respectfully submitted,  
James Hutto

### **STATISTICAL COMMITTEE REPORT**

14 Deacons & Ministers  
4 Clerks  
20 Delegates  
13 Visitors

51 TOTAL

Respectfully Submitted,  
Betty Burress  
Dorothy Harris

### **FAITH WOMAN'S AUX. REPORT**

We still have as our meeting night the second Sunday of the month. Since our group is very small, and in the summer months with vacations it gets even smaller; we haven't had many meetings. About the only thing we have done is sponsor a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for our youth group. Hopefully with summer nearing an end we can get back to being more active, and more participation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Marjorie McClung

## **INDIAN RIVER HOME MISSION BOARD**

### **Quarterly Report**

**April - June, 1995**

The Indian River Home Mission Board is pleased to report that on August 14, the board will meet with Bro. Richard Adams of the National Home Mission Board to receive the funds needed to complete the construction of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay.

The Board has been working diligently to see to the completion of the necessary legal work involved in finalizing a loan.

In May, Bro. Roy Wilson attended the Florida State Association Meeting. At the meeting, he shared his desire to see the Palm Bay work flourish. He also spoke with pastors and scheduled itinerate dates that he will be visiting Florida churches.

After the State Meeting, Bro. Wilson and his family visited the church at Palm Bay. Bro. Wilson encouraged the members to continue to have faith in the work there at Palm Bay.

Bro. Wilson is continuing his itinerate work in Arkansas. His standing account has built up sufficiently. However, his monthly support is still lacking. Monthly support for the work must increase before Bro. Wilson will be able to move to Palm Bay.

The Board would like to ask that you consider the work at Palm Bay and pray that the financial needs of the itinerate be met so that Bro. Wilson may be able to begin the next phase of a missionaries work.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Dan Merkh

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION  
HOME MISSION BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT  
April 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995**

**BEGINNING BALANCE**

**\$26,694.35**

**DEPOSITS**

May 31	1,074.56
June 30	132.04

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Mike Dankston	\$29.93
Dean, Mean, Spiel, Vogel, Goldman and Boyd	750.00
Labor Finders	139.65
Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay	283.15
Rev. Roy Wilson	200.00
Department of State	122.50
Indian River Association	1,000.00
ITT Hartford Insurance	154.34
Dean, Mean, Spiel, Vogel, Goldman and Boyd	263.50
Rev. Roy Wilson	1,018.25
ITT Hartford Insurance	394.02

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$4,355.34</b>
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$26,694.35</b>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>1,206.60</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>4,355.34</b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>\$23,545.61</b>

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT  
July 29, 1995**

Camp Sonshine '95 begins tomorrow at Camp Challenge in Sorrento. Of course, this is dominating our planning and our efforts this quarter. We are anticipating about 150 campers and about 30 workers for the week of Youth Camp. We want to express our thanks to the many volunteers who make our camp possible. We also want to thank the churches who have sent special gifts to the camp. Our Camp Sonshine is operating on a very tight budget this year. If your church could help us out with a special offering,

## **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD REPORT**

**July 29, 1995**

**(continued)**

it would be greatly appreciated. Basically, the fees from the campers cover the rental of the property. The food, supplies, and other needs come from our churches through their co-operative giving and special offerings. Because of these contributions, we are able to provide camp for one of the lowest prices anywhere. This makes it possible for more of our young people to attend and to be challenged in their walk for the Lord.

The C.E. Board would like to commend those from our Association who participated in the State CTS Competition and the National. We are very proud of all of you and trust you will keep up the good work.

Presently, the Board is making plans for a Church Clerks' Seminar. We are hoping to have this sometime this fall. As soon as all the details are worked out, you will be notified.

Respectfully submitted,  
Randy Bryant, Chairman



# **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD'S**

## **QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT**

**April 1, 1995 - June 30, 1995**

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,556.59</u></b>
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DEPOSITS	878.78
INTEREST	10.80
DISBURSEMENTS	<u>- 1,056.59</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>\$2,389.67</u></b>

### **GENERAL FUND**

BALANCE	735.59
Deposits	230.50
Disbursements	<u>- 652.70</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>313.39</u></b>

### **C.T.S. FUND**

BALANCE	219.00
Deposits	43.94
Disbursements	<u>- 203.80</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>59.14</u></b>

### **COLLEGE FUND**

BALANCE	629.47
Deposits	<u>307.57</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>937.04</u></b>

### **CAMP FUND**

BALANCE	972.53
Deposits	307.57
Disbursements	<u>- 200.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,080.10</u></b>

<b>TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS</b>	<b><u>\$2,389.67</u></b>
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### **DISBURSEMENTS**

State C.T.S. Competition	140.00
CTS Material	152.70
IRA (Computer)	500.00
Camp Material and Seminar	200.00
Randall House	63.80
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>1,056.50</u></b>

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

## QUARTERLY TREASURE REPORT

April, May, June - 1995

### BEGINNING BALANCE

\$2,021.67

### RECEIVED

National Mtg.	50.00
Dues	495.00
Offering	64.22
Donations on computer	1,500.00
Co-Operative Plan	6,043.84
Scottsmoor	982.52
Melbourne	1,697.01
Auburndale	1,586.06
New Hope Fellowship	2,466.83
Ryanwood Fellowship	178.30
Faith	169.20
New Smyrna	360.64
Palm Bay	268.11

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

**9,817.89**

**TOTAL**

**\$11,839.56**

### DISBURSEMENTS

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	-4,625.20
Mission Board	-2,050.51
CE Board	-878.78
Board of Retirement	-154.18
National Meeting	-50.00
State Dues	-330.00
State Promotional Department	-64.22
Honorariums	-400.00
Postage and calls	-20.00
Copies	-30.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**

**-8,602.89**

**NEW BALANCE**

**\$3,236.67**



**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**JAN. 1, 1995 THRU DEC. 1995**

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>1,875.67</u></b>
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**RECEIVED**

Dues	1,935.00
Offering	269.38
National Meeting	50.00
Donations on Computer	1,500.00
Together Way Plan (Co-Op)	31,414.60
Scottsmoor	2,882.75
Melbourne	7,279.60
Auburndale	6,297.09
New Hope Fellowship	9,372.18
Ryanwood Fellowship	1,229.23
Faith	583.77
Daytona	200.00
New Smyrna	1,603.03
Palm Bay	982.92
Trinity	984.03

<b><u>TOTAL RECEIVED</u></b>	<b><u>35,168.98</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>37,044.65</u></b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	18,848.76
Mission Board	8,353.48
CE Board	3,580.07
Board of Retirement	632.29
National Meeting	50.00
Donations on Copier	250.00
Computer	2,669.52
State dues	330.00
State Promotional Dept.	64.22
Honorariums	400.00
Dennis Owen	383.35
Paper for newsletter	174.50
Postage calls & copies	279.00

<b><u>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	<b><u>36,015.19</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>37,044.65</u></b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b>1,029.46</b>

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION  
QUARTERLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 29, 1995**

The seventy eighth quarterly meeting of Indian River Assoc. of Free Will Baptists met at Ryanwood Fellowship on Oct. 29, 1995. Opened with song "He Brought Me Out" with Diana Bryant at the piano and Margaret Merkh at the organ. Prayer was led by Bro. Mike Dankson followed by devotion by Bro. Charles Allen.

**Statistical Committee:** appointed as follows: Lassie Allen, Jenny Johnson, Delma Bailes.

The Daytona committee was asked to meet during break.

Treas. report & minutes accepted as printed.

**Mission Board:** report given by Bro. Merkh and accepted.

**WNAC reports:** given from: Ryanwood Fellowship, New Hope Fellowship, Scottsmoor, Melbourne and Faith.

**Master's Men:** reports from Cocoa and Ryanwood Fellowship.

Adjourn for 30 minutes for committees to meet. Moderator called meeting back to order.

Bro. Compton gave a short testimony saying he is available to work anywhere he's needed.

**Nomination Committee:** report given by Bro. Adkins.

**Daytona Report:** given by Bro. Merkh.

The committee will meet with church members and wait. It was noted that it would cost \$5,000 for either side to go into a law suit.

MSC to enter as information.

**Statistical Committee:** report given and accepted.

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

Video on Word of Life Camp shown.

Video on copyright laws shown.

Add to Art. III Section I under Function of Officers: The Moderator shall serve as ex officio member on all boards and committees.

Business session adjourned.

Bro. Ron Burger brought message using I John 1:3, titled "Fellowship".

Lunch provided by host church.

## **MASTER'S MEN VERO BEACH**

Average attendance: 6  
Meet monthly 1st Wed. - 1st Sat.  
Children's Home in Alabama  
Mens breakfast - different speakers  
Study lesson - equipping men for special warfare by Randy Bryant  
General maintenance around the church

## **SCOTSMOOR AUXILIARY**

Average attendance: 5  
Meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month.  
We use the Co-Laborer as our study guide  
We handed out quarter folders for our special offering to our home office.  
We hosted the District Retreat.  
We continue to support Dennis Owens, Ron Moore and WNAC.  
We moved our thrift shop next to church.  
Pray for us as we labor for the Lord.

## **RYANWOOD FELLOWSHIP WOMEN'S MINISTRIES**

The Ryanwood Fellowship Women's Ministries meet the first Wednesday night of each month. For our programs we use the Co-Laborer and various other sources. This past quarter we've studied various accounts of answered prayer from our missionaries, and had an average attendance of 5.  
We support the Robert & Judy Bryan family in the Ivory Coast monthly, and gave an offering to the Dennis Owen account this past quarter. We also sponsored a Uruguayan banquet when Dennis Owen was with us. We recently sent Christmas gifts to Mirial Gainar, a single missionary in Japan.  
State - Cookbooks available  
Nat'l - Manuals & yearbooks available

Diana Bryant

## **FAITH LADIES AUXILIARY**

The ladies auxiliary of Faith Free Will Baptist church meets on the second Sunday of the month at the church.  
On the 17 of Sept. we hosted a dinner for all the church members who celebrated birthdays in the months of Sept. and Oct.  
We are making a contribution to the building of a basketball court for the youth of our church. We are having a food drive at this time to be able to help the needy of our community at Thanksgiving.

Respectfully  
Shirley Skaggs

## **NEW HOPE FELLOWSHIP LADIES AUXILIARY**

Enrolled 17

Our average attendance for the women is 12

The women are participating in the \$20.00 a year and cookbook fund-raiser for the Nationals to be held in Florida the year 2003.

We have started taking our prayer requests and writing them on pieces of paper and each women draw 1 or 2 and pray for those specific requests for the month.

We held 2 going away to college parties.

We are participating in a fund-raiser selling two year calendars at the present time.

We cooked for a family that lost a loved one.

We subscribe to Co-Laborer.

We're working toward district & state projects.

We support the Owens monthly.

We help in our pastor's retirement plan.

We give monthly to underground evangelism.

We give monthly support to Palm Bay.

We voted to try and send 2 youth to camp each year.

### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT OCT. 28, 1995**

Planning & Fellowship Meeting

Jan. 12, 1996 - Cocoa

Message  
Alternate

Clement Markham  
Frank Wallace

Association meeting

Jan. 27, 1996 - Okeechobee

Devotion  
Alternate  
Message  
Alternate

Charles McClung  
Sam Lucky  
Carl Adkins  
Randy Bryant

### **STATISTICAL REPORT**

Ministers	11
Deacons	8
Delegates	21
Clerks	4
Visitors	3

**Total Present**

**47**

Submitted by  
Lassie Allen, Jenny Johnson,  
Delma Bailes

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD**  
**OCTOBER 29, 1995**

The Christian Education Board would like to report a very successful Camp Sonshine. We had a total of 147 with us for the week. There were numerous decisions for the Lord during that week. We appreciate your help and your support to make our camping program what it is.

On September 16, the C.E. Board sponsored a Local Church Ministries Seminar at the Melbourne Church. There were 4 churches represented at this session which highlighted the ministries of CTS, Woman's Auxiliary (Women Active For Christ), and Master's Men. We commend Mike Taggart, Sam Lucky, and Diana Bryant for their direction in each area. We also want to express our thanks to the Melbourne Church for hosting the seminar.

Our Board had the privilege of providing April Hamby and James Adkins a scholarship for this semester at FWBBC. We appreciate these young people seeking the Lord's direction and by providing help for them, you become a part of their present and future ministry.

On January 13, the C.E. Board is going to be providing a Clerk's Seminar and Appreciation Dinner. This will be held at the Auburndale Church and will serve as an opportunity for our Church Clerks to understand what their job consists of and its importance. This will also be a great chance for your church to show its appreciation to the clerk by sending them to this seminar. The C.E. Board will be providing a dinner at a local restaurant to express our thanks to each one. More details will be coming on this very important event.

Respectfully submitted  
Randy Bryant, Chairman

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

## QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

July 1, 1993 thru September 30, 1993

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,389.67</u></b>
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Deposits	1,016.31
Interesa	5.28
Special Gift (Youth camp)	210.00
Disbursements	<u>- 2,378.76</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b><u>\$1,242.50</u></b>

### **GENERAL FUND**

BALANCE	313.39
Deposits	266.86
Disbursements	<u>- 308.76</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>271.49</u></b>

### **C.T.S. FUND**

BALANCE	59.14
Deposits	50.31
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>109.45</u></b>

### **COLLEGE FUND**

BALANCE	937.04
Deposits	352.21
Disbursements	<u>- 1,000.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>289.25</u></b>

### **YOUTH CAMP FUND**

BALANCE	1,080.10
Deposits	562.21
Disbursements	<u>- 1,070.00</u>
<b>Balance</b>	<b><u>572.31</u></b>

### **DISBURSEMENTS**

Youth Camp	1,070.00
Vero Bowl (Lock-In)	50.00
Christian Film Service	106.29
Apryl Hamby (Bible College)	500.00
James Adkins (Bible College)	500.00
Speakers for CTS Seminar	100.00
Randall House	52.47
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>-2,378.76</u></b>



## INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD

### Quarterly Report

July - September, 1995

The Board met with the attorney in August and finalized the loan agreement. the Board has since received the check from the National Home Mission Board and paid off the existing Gwinn mortgage and is in the process of receiving construction bids.

Fifteen general contractors have been contacted for price quotations for the completion of the church. Unfortunately, due to hurricane Erin, the contractors are all way behind schedule with their present obligations. The Board is now considering contacting contractors outside the Brevard County area in an effort to find someone who can complete the project.

In the last Mission Board meeting the Board voted to adjust the salary for Bro. Wilson during the itinerate work. A letter was sent to Bro. Wilson, as well as, Bro. Trymon Messer of the National Home Mission Board describing the changes.

The changes were as follows:

1. To adjust the salary of Bro. Wilson to \$600.00 per month and \$25.00 per itinerate service. In addition, Bro. Wilson will have his travel expenses reimbursed for services.
2. Due to the need for a full time pastor at Palm Bay, a motion was made to give Bro. Wilson until June 1, 1996, to raise his full monthly support. If full support has not been raised by this date, his services as missionary pastor for Palm Bay Mission shall be terminated.

Please continue your prayers and support for the Palm Bay work.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Dan Merkh, Chairman

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
TREASURER'S REPORT  
July-September 1995**

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>\$23,545.61</u></b>
Deposits	
August 16	1,757.98
August 25	55,216.33
September 21	<u>605.93</u>
<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b><u>\$57,580.24</u></b>
<b>Draft Dividends</b>	<b><u>251.58</u></b>
<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>\$81,377.43</u></b>
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<b><u>DISBURSEMENTS</u></b>	
SMITH SURVEYING	300.00
ECD (Plans)	44.00
Rev. Christian	25.20
Rev. Merkh	129.08
Rev. Dankson	23.52
Dean, Mead (Attorney)	1,533.43
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b><u>2,055.23</u></b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>-79,322.20</u></b>

**REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE  
CONCERNING  
DAYTONA FWB CHURCH**

To the Indian River Association Quarterly meeting convening at the Ryanwood Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, October 28, 1995.

Several inquiries were made and information gathered concerning the church and the property. Bro. Norlan Jones sent what papers he had on the beginning of the work. The Home Mission Department in Nashville, TN. also gave some information by phone. Bro. Carl Adkins obtained a copy of the deed and the revision of the deed, along with a copy of the constitution and by-laws of the church. Bro. Jim Christian has submitted the papers to a lawyer for his legal opinion concerning the matter.

After hearing from the lawyer, the committee will meet again and take what ever action is deemed advisable. An effort also may be made to meet with several members of the church to see what can be worked out.

The committee will report its findings at the next quarterly meeting. If you have any information concerning the church in Daytona, please contact one of the members of the committee. Bro. Carl Adkins, Bro. Mike Dankson, Bro. Jim Christian or myself. Please be much in prayer for the committee as it attempts to find a solution to this problem.

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

## QUARTERLY TREASURER REPORT

JULY 1 - SEPT. 30, 1995

### BEGINNING BALANCE

3,236.67

### RECEIVED

Dues		450.00
Offering		64.81
Together Way Plan (Co-Op)		8,837.81
Scottsmoor	676.86	
Melbourne	1,934.33	
Auburndale	1,527.20	
New Hope Fellowship	2,941.93	
Ryanwood Fellowship	478.46	
Faith	102.60	
New Smyrna	416.00	
Palm Bay	239.43	
Trinity	521.00	

**TOTAL RECEIVED**

9,352.62

**TOTAL**

12,589.29

### DISBURSEMENTS

Computer Table & supplies	-2,669.52
Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	- 5,302.69
Mission Board	- 2,348.05
CE Board	- 1,006.31
Board of Retirement	- 180.76
Postage & supplies	- 20.00

**TOTAL  
DISBURSEMENTS**

- 11,527.33

**NEW BALANCE**

1,061.96

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 1995**

<b><u>BEGINNING BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>1,061.96</u></b>
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**RECEIVED**

Dues	495.00
Offering	57.00
Together Way Plan (Co-Op)	5,831.91
Scottsmoor	686.71
Melbourne	1,056.56
New Hope Fellowship	1,527.01
Ryanwood Fellowship	203.40
Faith	163.67
New Smyrna	408.39
Palm Bay	262.67
Auburndale	1,523.50

<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b><u>6,383.91</u></b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>7,445.87</u></b>

**DISBURSEMENTS**

Fla. State Assn. (Co-Op)	-
	3,499.14
Mission Board	-
	1,551.29
C.E. Board	-664.85
Board of Retirement	-116.63
Donation on Copier	-250.00
Paper for Newsletter	-174.50
Postage, calls & copies	-160.00

<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>=</b>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b><u>6,416.41</u></b>
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>1,029.46</u></b>

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION**  
**QUARTERLY TREASURER'S REPORT**  
**Oct. 1 - Dec. 31, 1995**

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<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>	
<b>NEW BALANCE</b>	<b><u>1,029.46</u></b>

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION

## ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan. 1, 1995 thru Dec. 1995

### BEGINNING BALANCE

1,875.67

### RECEIVED

Dues	1,935.00
Offering	269.38
National Meeting	50.00
Together Way Plan (Co-Op)	5,831.91

Scottsmoor	686.71
Melbourne	1,056.56
New Hope Fellowship	1,527.01
Ryanwood Fellowship	203.40
Faith	163.67
New Smyrna	408.39
Palm Bay	262.67
Auburndale	1,523.50

**TOTAL RECEIVED**  
**TOTAL**

6,383.91  
7,445.87

### DISBURSEMENTS

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Mission Board	-1,551.29
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**TOTAL**  
**DISBURSEMENTS**  
**NEW BALANCE**

-6,416.41  
1,029.46



# 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 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.

## **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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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.

## **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 Sonshine Youth Camp Board, representing and elected by this association and whose terms shall run concurrent with Camp Sonshine 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.

## **FUNCTION (Section 2 continued)**

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 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 abstain from the use of tobacco in any form.

## **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 Board shall be composed of two (2) ministers, two (2) deacons and (1) layman.

### **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.



## **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 two-thirds 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. The Moderator shall serve as ex-officio member of all boards and committees.

### **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 take care of all necessary correspondence. The clerk-treasurer



## **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.



## **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.

### **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 and by paying annual dues designated by the association. Associate members DO NOT have voting privileges.

# **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 duly 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.