

*Indian River Association
of
Free Will Baptists*

2005

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory

*Directory of Churches
of the
Indian River Association*

First Free Will Baptist Church

114 East Derby Avenue
Auburndale, FL 33823
863-967-1275

Rev. Herman Hyman

201 Keystone Road
Auburndale, FL 33823
863-967-4736

Clerk Jean Adelmeyer

311 Orange Street
Auburndale, FL 33823
863-967-2521

First Free Will Baptist Church

938 Lytton Road
Melbourne, FL 32935
321-254-7282

Rev. Steve Berry

3300 Arabian Court
Melbourne, FL 32934
321-259-2449

Clerk Janice Wilder

498 Veronica Ave NE
Palm Bay, FL 32907
321-723-7760

New Hope Fellowship

417 Pineda Street
Cocoa, FL 32922
321-632-1911

Rev. Jim Christian

1220 Hendry
Cocoa, FL 32922
321-636-3244

Clerk Christina Kinney

4820 Meadow Green Rd
Mims, FL 32754
321-267-2070

First Free Will Baptist Church
7455 Babcock Street
Palm Bay, FL 32907

Rev. Bob Thompson
1398 Cindy Circle NE
Palm Bay, FL 32905
321-757-7389

Clerk Delores Wilson
4166 Bayberry
Melbourne, FL 32901

Ryanwood Fellowship FWB
2196 54th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956

Rev. Randy Bryant
2156 54th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956

Clerk Betsy Lucky
3706 Atlantic Boulevard
Vero Beach, FL 32960
772-567-1956

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church
Okeechobee, FL

Rev. Thomas Dees
1854 NE 54th Trail
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-763-4962

Clerk Connie Grounds
6485 NE 9th Lane
Okeechobee, FL 34974
863-467-2426

Other Ordained Ministers

Steve Faison

2156 54th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956

William Bronson

736 16th Street NE
Winter Haven, FL 33881
863-291-6109

Deacons

Melbourne

Bill Swartz, Don Legg, Dewey North
Herman Hannen, D. Miller
Mike Taggart

Okeechobee

Clement Markham, Samuel Lewis,
Frank Wallace, Bryan Moore

Ryanwood Fellowship

Sam Lucky

Officers of the Association

Moderator

Randy Bryant (Ryanwood)
2156 54th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956

Vice Moderator

Jim Christian (Cocoa)
1220 Hendy
Cocoa, FL 32922
321-636-3244

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Diana Bryant (Ryanwood)
2156 54th Avenue
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772-567-1956

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

Betsy Lucky (Ryanwood)
3706 Atlantic Boulevard
Vero Beach, FL 32960
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Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Henry Beard
Cecil Hutchinson

Christian Education Board

Darrell Miller (2007)
Chrissy Kinney (2008)
Sam Lucky (2009)

CTS Director

Josh Raper

Mission Board

Henry Beard (2007)
Don Ingram (2008)
Mike Taggert (2009)
Jim Christian (2010)
Steve Berry (2011)

Ordination Board

Sam Lucky (2007)
Ed Maynard (2008)
Steve Berry (2009)
Thomas Dees (2010)
Bill Swartz (2011)

Camp Board

Mike Taggert (2007)
Randy Bryant (2008)

In Memory

New Hope Fellowship

Arthur Chaffin

Ryanwood Fellowship

Chloe Croft

Melbourne

Willa Crowl

Leroy Harrison

Lawrence Conroy

Reba Sigman

Auburndale

Estell Jones

Billy Hutto



Minutes of the
Indian River Association Meeting

April 30, 2005

Meeting at First Free Will Baptist Church, Melbourne, FL

The meeting opened with the congregation singing, "He Lives" led by Josh Raper with Rosalee Legg at the piano. Steve Berry asked the Scottsmeer pastor, Ed Maynard, to lead in prayer and welcome the body. Bill Swartz gave the morning devotion from II Peter 2:4 and spoke about Jesus giving us peace in our lives. Megan Berry sang "Peace Be Still".

Moderator Randy Bryant gave prayer requests concerning Auburndale pastor R.J. Clark's wife, Nancy, and Winter Haven pastor Lee Fry's wife, Blair. Both are facing illnesses.

The Moderator then asked for the reading of the list of church delegates, followed by standing delegates. All were asked to stand, representing the voting delegates for the meeting.

The Statistical Committee was named, Peggy Haley, Gail Rowles, and Pat Barnard.

There was a MSC to accept the annual minutes, and a MSC to accept the quarterly treasurer's report. There was a questions concerning the ending balance, and it was thought to be a typographical error. The report was accepted on the basis of being corrected before the next meeting.

The Women Active for Christ Reports were given from Scottsmeer and New Hope. A Master's Men report was given by Melbourne.

The Christian Education Board report was given by D. Miller along with it's financial report. There was a MSC to receive the reports as given.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. There was a MSC to receive the report.

State Executive Secretary Randy Bryant gave a report on the work of the State Association. He reminded everyone about the Senior Summit, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the Minister's Retreat, all upcoming events.

The Executive Committee report was given and there was a MSC to table the motion regarding the Letter of Agreement concerning churches looking for pastors.

The offering was received with Josh Raper and Rosalee Legg at the piano. The day's offering will be split between the Shares Plan and the Cuban work.

There was a break for committees to meet. The meeting was called back to order by Moderator, Randy Bryant.

The Statistical Committee gave their report and there was a MSC to receive it.

The Nominating Committee gave their report and there was a MSC to receive it.

Prayer requests were received and Jim Christian led the body in prayer.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business meeting.

The worship service opened with Josh Raper leading the congregation in singing "All Hail the Power" and "To God Be the Glory" with Rosalee Legg at the piano. Bro Dennis Owen spoke on having a servant's attitude in giving, the financial situation of the church in Uruguay, and the plans for the building. The Florida Shares video was shown. Leonel, a Cuban pastor, spoke with Dennis Owen translating. He spoke on the fact that we should be reflecting God in our lives.

D. Miller dismissed in prayer.

Women Active for Christ Reports:

Scottsmoor: In February we decided to donate \$75.00 towards new pews for our church. In March we helped with the dinner for our homecoming and talked about having a lasagna dinner. In April we decided to pay \$100 on a cabinet for our music system, also set a date for a lasagna dinner, May 21.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Little

New Hope Fellowship: During January, our Woman's Auxiliary hosted the District Association meeting. Our ladies provided the food, drinks and desserts for this event, as well as for the church workday that was held in preparation for the District Meeting.

In February we kept busy with the commencement of our annual chocolate egg production.

We were able to hold a garage sale fund-raiser during March, as well as a service project for the tsunami victims. Our ladies brought in "relief kits" filled with hygienic items, school supplies and baby supplies, and these will be shipped over to the hardest hit areas. And, as usual for this time of year, our ladies donated the candy for our annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt.

Our average attendance is now at 18 and we use our monthly Fellowship Dinners as an opportunity for our WAC and Master's Men to meet.

Monthly, we continue to support the Shares Program through four shares each month, the State Budget, the Alabama Children's Home, and our pastors retirement.

We would like to acknowledge and thank the Lord for the blessings He bestows upon us each and every day - some that are obvious, but even more that we are totally unaware of. God is so good! And, in all that we do we want to honor Him and bring Him glory!

Respectfully submitted, Chrissy Kinney

Master's Men Report:

Melbourne: Our average attendance for the first quarter was fourteen. On Saturday, February 5, we sponsored a breakfast in our fellowship hall for men of our church with a volunteer work party following the breakfast. Several chores were carried out in and around the church property. We will be continuing to have this event every other month for 2005.

On Saturday, February 26, we sponsored a fish fry and pie auction to raise funds to support our projects for the year. We are still supporting (monthly) the mission Share Program of the Florida Free Will Baptists and Christian Law Association.

A youth mission group from the Moultrie, GA area is planning a trip to Brazil in June. The Master's Men gave a love gift to Darryl Burger in the amount of \$100 to help support this trip. Please pray for this group as they make this trip. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to continue to do God's will in the support of our church.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells

Christian Education Board Report

The Board met on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne at 6 pm. Present were Randy Bryant, Josh Raper, Mike Taggert, Christina Kinney, Sam Lucky, and D. Miller.

The CE Board met with Allison Rogers, from the Melbourne church, and her mother Sheila in regard to her application for our scholarship. Allison plans to attend Southeastern Free Will Baptist College in the fall and we are excited about God's plan for her. Allison expressed a deep desire to attend Southeastern and her mother stated that she and her husband have always found Allison's

judgment to be sound and they support her decision. She told us that ever since Allison returned from her visit to the school last year she has been determined to go there. Both Allison and her mother expressed sincere appreciation for our concern about Allison's future.

A tentative date of Saturday, October 22, 2005, at the Melbourne Church has been set. This is our annual fund-raiser to augment our scholarship fund. All proceeds from this event will go to our Indian River Scholarship Fund.

A tentative date of Saturday, March 11, 2006 has been set for the next "Silent Auction" to be held at the Melbourne Church. This event will be slightly different in that we will have a "Live" auction as well. Certain donated items will be sold as part of a live auction in order to get our competitive juices flowing.

A tentative date of Friday and Saturday, February 3 - 4, 2006 has been set for the next Couple's Retreat with the location TBD.

The Board agreed to redistribute the funds received from the Association in the following sums: General Fund - 50%, Scholarship Fund - 25%, Camp Fund - 25%.

Respectfully submitted, D. Miller, Chairman

Mission Board Report

The Indian River Mission Board met the night of the IRA Executive Board Meeting.

* The Mission Board would like to encourage all churches in the association to contribute and International Missions Offering to the National Missions Department during the month of April.

*The Mission Board has been honored to have played a part in co-sponsoring bringing pastors Leonel Sotero and Ariel Gonzalez from Cuba to speak and minister to our Free Will Baptist Churches in Florida and abroad. They have encouraged our hearts in the area of missions. Before they leave on May 11, 2005, they will have

visited 13 different churches in the states. They have spoken at Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, Master's Men Breakfasts, and Association Meetings.

*The Mission Board voted to pay \$1500 of their travel expenses to the United States.

*The Mission Board is also honored to have our Florida Shares supported Missionary to Uruguay with us today, Dennis Owen.

*The Mission Board would like to encourage all churches and church members to consider supporting or raising their support to the Florida Mission Shares Program.

*The Mission Board would also like to make the association aware of a November short-term mission trip it is sponsoring to Cuba. Anyone interested may pick up a brochure today.

*Due to the resignation of Don Ingram, there are now two positions open on the Mission Board.

Respectfully submitted, Jim Christian, Don Ingram, Henry Beard, and Steve Berry

Ordaining Board Report

The Indian River Ordaining Board met together on April 23, 2005 to conduct business. The Ordaining Board would like to make known to the churches in the Association that we have access to criminal background checks for incoming ministers as well as people in your church that work with children. We would also like to remind the association that any churches seeking to have a minister or deacon ordained or ratified should submit that request in writing on church letterhead to the ordaining board. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale requested the ratification of Rev. R.J. Clark's ordination from the Cumberland District Association into the Indian River Association. The board met and interviewed Rev. Clark on April 23, 2005.

After reviewing his Indian River Association Ordaining Board questionnaire for incoming ordained ministers and a subsequent interview, the Ordaining Board highly recommends that we bring Rev. Clark into the Indian River Association as an ordained

Minster pending his credentials being released from the Cumberland Association in TN.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Berry, Bill Swartz, Sam Lucky, Ed Maynard, Thomas Dees

Executive Committee Report

The Executive Committee recommends the following addition to the Constitution to be Article 7, Section 7:

Letter of Agreement

This agreement is between **The Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists** and its **Member Free Will Baptist Churches**.

In the event that one of the member churches of the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists affiliated with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dismisses its pastor or has its pastor resign, the Association's Executive Committee and the church's leadership, as a minimum, agrees to meet to discuss the search and selection process of a new pastor. The church leadership agrees to notify the Executive Committee, in writing, within fourteen days of the original meeting to what extent, if any, the local church would like the Association's Executive Committee involved with their search and/or selection process.

Statistical Committee Report

Meeting April 30, 2005 in Melbourne, FL:

7 Ministers

9 Deacons

3 Clerks

16 Church Delegates

17 Visitors

For a Total of 52 present

Respectfully submitted, Gail Rowles, Peggy Haley, Pat Barnard

Nominating Committee Report

The Next District Association meeting will take place on July 30 and will meet at the Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church in Vero Beach.

Devotion: Don Legg/ Alternate: Mike Taggert

Positions to be filled:

C.E Board 2008 - Chrissy Kinney

Mission Board 2008 - Cecil Hutchinson

Mission Board 2009 - R. J. Clark

Minutes of the
Indian River Association Meeting
July 30, 2005
Meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship, Vero Beach

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" with Josh Raper leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Jim Christian opened in prayer. Randy Bryant welcomed the congregation and introduced Bro. Don Legg for the morning devotion. He took his text from the fourth chapter of Joshua. We need to pass on our memories of what God has done for us, prayers answered, etc. to our children and grandchildren.

The moderator, Randy Bryant, asked the clerk to read the names of the appointed delegates from the churches and they stood. Randy then asked for the standing delegates, church clerks and deacons to be recognized. There was a MSC to seat the delegates and Randy challenged everyone to remember that we are conducting the Lord's business.

The Moderator appointed the Credentials Committee consisting of Debbie Taggart, Chrissy Kinney, and Pat Barnard.

The Moderator recognized one visitor, Jonathan Osborne, from Southeastern College.

The printed minutes were available as people entered and there was a MSC to receive the minutes as printed.

Treasurer Diana Bryant gave the Treasurer's Report covering the period of April - June 2005. There was a MSC to receive the report as given.

There were two reports from Women's Groups, New Hope Fellowship and Scottsmoor. One Master's Men report was given from Melbourne.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Darrell Miller. The Treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

Mission Board Treasurer Jim Christian gave an oral report from the Board who is currently without a Chairman. The Board will be contributing support to those going from our Association to Cuba in November. The Board also met this quarter with the Palm Bay Church regarding their mortgage arrangements and there were no changes made. There is one open position on the Board. Jim also gave the Mission Board Treasurer's report. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Steve Berry. They did not meet over the last quarter.

MSC to receive the report.

There was an item on the table concerning a proposed Constitutional addition. The addition would be Article 7, Section 7. There was a MSC to remove the item from the table. Randy read the agreement and made comments concerning the desire of the Association to help churches as they seek a pastor. He asked for questions. Bro. Ed Maynard stood in opposition to the addition, stating that his church believed this interfered with the autonomy of the local church. After several comments, there was a MSC to leave the motion on the table. Arrangements will be made to bring together pastors and church leaders to revise the motion. Jim Christian commented on the concerns of churches to protect their property from ever becoming anything other than a Free Will Baptist Church and briefly outlined a way that can be done through the deed.

Jonathan Osborne brought a word of greeting from Southeastern FWB College.

Randy, as State Executive Secretary, took a few minutes to share programs and events that are going on in our State work. He mentioned the Golf Tournament to support Mission Shares, The Senior Summit, The Christian Worker's Conference, and

Minister's Retreat. Randy reported on the newly formed Disaster Relief Team. This is designed to be immediate help after any natural disaster. He mentioned the "Macedonian Fund" that has been formed to help struggling churches. Randy mentioned different materials available such as the Coordinator, envelopes that can be used to send Shares contributions, and the new denominational magazine, "One".

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "He Hideth My Soul". Today's offering will be given to the Camp Fund. The offering was \$145.74.

A break was taken for committees to meet.

The Statistical Committee report was given by Crissy Kinney. There were 7 ministers, 8 deacons, 3 clerks, 16 church delegates, and 13 visitors for a total of 47.

MSC to receive the Nominating Committee report.

Churches were allowed to make any announcements before closing the business session. There was a MSC to adjourn and proceed into the worship service.

The Worship Service opened with the congregation singing "When We All Get to Heaven" with Josh Raper leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Darrell Miller was introduced as the Christian Education Board had the service today. He introduced Rachel Bryant who thanked the body for the tuition help she had received through the Scholarship Fund. There was a presentation from camp with testimony from Darrell, a video of camp activities, a testimony from a camper, and a testimony from a first time counselor. Darrell quoted from James and shared how thankful he was to be able to be a part of sharing God's love with young people at camp and to share with them the hope we can have in Christ.

Randy commented on the eternal benefits of youth camp and encouraged churches to give and to pray and to send young people

to camp. We were dismissed from the meeting and Ed Maynard asked the blessing on the meal.

Women Active for Christ Reports:

New Hope Fellowship - During April, our church began the 40 Days of Purpose Program, using the Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren. Our Woman's Auxiliary hosted the program's kick-off event by supplying the food, drinks, and desserts. We also donated towel sets for the Missionary Provision Closet. In May, the church was wrapping up the 40 Days of Purpose, so, once again, the WAC hosted the Weekend Celebration event. We voted in June to use some of our reserve funds to sponsor one the children in our church and send them to Youth Camp this year.

Our average attendance is now at 19 and we use our monthly Fellowship Dinners as an opportunity for our WAC and Master's Men to meet. Monthly, we continue to support the Shares Program through four shares each month, the State Budget, the Alabama's Children's Home, and our pastor's retirement.

We would like to give our praise and thanks to our Lord who continues to bless New Hope Fellowship. The WAC at New Hope Fellowship is growing tremendously and each lady who participates has been able to see the need for godly women, not only in the home, but also in the community. This program has allowed each woman to realize her own potential in doing the Lord's work. The WNAC reaches far beyond the individual, and everyone connected to the program is enriched and is able to have a closer walk with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Kinney

Scottsmoor - In May, we hosted the Lasagna Dinner and Craft Sale. We made \$260 thru donations only. We donated \$100 to help our church with a cabinet for the PA system. We talked about having a yard sale, also a craft sale at the street party in Titusville.

We didn't do much because most of our people were out for different reasons. We talked about giving \$200 to the Tennessee Children's Home but tabled it until September. We have eight members.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Little

Master's Men Reports

Our average attendance for the second quarter was 12. We continue to give \$20 monthly support to the Christian Law Association, the Free Will Baptist Mission Shares, and Southeastern Bible College. Our most recent support of \$20 monthly is now going to our Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, AL. This home is funded by love offerings from churches, private donations, and is not state funded. This Baptist Home support was brought to our attention by a dedicated member of our local church who was raised in a Christian orphanage in TN. So we would like to challenge the other Master's Men groups to help support our Home for Children.

We gave a love gift of \$100 each to six high school and one college graduate. We donated \$500 to our church for financial assistance toward carpet and tile replacement in the Fellowship Hall. We gave a \$300 love gift to our pastor's wife, Cindy Berry for her dedicated service to the church and its members. God is truly blessing the Melbourne Master's Men group and we praise Him for all the things we are able to do for His glory.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells, Jr.

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board met on Monday, June 6, 2005 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne at 6 pm. Old Business:

1) Annual Scholarship Dinner and Gospel Sing: The C.E. Board will host their Annual Gospel Sing at the Melbourne church on

October 22, 2005. A Tri-Tip dinner will be served at 4:30pm at a cost of \$10 per person. Advance ticket sales for the dinner will be necessary so each church will need to identify a contact person to handle their ticket sales. The Gospel Sing itself will commence at 6 pm featuring the local talent. All profits from this event will go towards our Scholarship Fund.

2) Silent Auction: The C.E. Board will host the Silent Auction on Saturday, March 11, 2006 at the Melbourne Church with the time still to be determined. We have decided to add some items that will be offered during a Live Auction bid and we hope to offer some dinner entertainment as well.

3) Couples Retreat: Plans are still underway for us to host a Couple's Retreat on Fri - Sat, February 3 and 4, 2006. The place is still to be determined, as is the cost, but we are determined to conduct this one ourselves. Topics that are under consideration include, "Sharing Household Responsibilities", "Communication", and "Alone Time - Together".

New Business:

1) CTS: The C.E. Board did vote to pay the registration fee for those young people in our Association who competed at the State Competition and were selected to go on to the National Competition in Louisville, KY. We had a total of 21 competitors.

2) CTS Report: Meagan and Matthew Berry placed first with their duet at the National. The Melbourne Patch Chorale placed first in their category at the National. Tim Possinger placed 3rd in Bible Sword Drill.

3) Camp Report: 87 campers, 31 staff, 10 salvation decisions, 20 rededications, 14 made commitments to live pure, 2 commitments to go into Christian service.

Respectfully submitted, D. Miller, Chairman

Statistical Committee Report

Meeting July 30, 2005 in Vero Beach: 7 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 3 Clerks, 16 Church Delegates, 13 visitors, for a total of 47 presents.

Respectfully submitted, Debbie Taggert, Christian Kinney, Pat Barnard

Nominating Committee Report

The next District Association Meeting will take place on October 29 and will meet at the Okeechobee Free Will Baptist Church. The morning devotion will be given by Mike Taggert with Darrell Miller as the alternate.

Minutes of the
Indian River Association Meeting
October 29, 2005

Meeting at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Okeechobee, FL

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Since Jesus Came into My Heart" with Diana Bryant at the piano and Steve Faison leading. Henry Beard opened in prayer and Randy Bryant, Moderator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. Randy introduced the host pastor, Thomas Dees, who welcomed everyone to the church. The moderator introduced Mike Taggart who brought the morning devotion from Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things thru Christ who strengthens me." We don't always know why we are carrying the burden we have, but God knows the reason and we must trust his wisdom.

The clerk read the names of the delegates elected from each church who stood as their names were called. The moderator asked each standing delegate to stand (church clerks, pastors, and deacons), and there was a MSC to seat these as the voting body.

The Statistical Committee was appointed: Jean McEarchen, Gloria Hutchinson, and Lela Bronson

The printed minutes were made available, the body reviewed them, and there was a **MSC** to receive them as printed.

The Treasurer's Report was given, and there was a **MSC** to accept it as printed.

There was a Women Active for Christ report given by Cocoa, and Master's Men reports from Cocoa and Melbourne.

The CE Board report was given by Chairman D. Miller. The CE Board treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky, and there was a **MSC** to receive the report as given.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. As part of the report Matt Kinney gave his testimony concerning his

excitement about their upcoming trip to Cuba. They will be doing some construction projects during their trip, Steve and a few others will be teaching at the Seminary. Jim Christian gave the Treasurer's Report for the board, and there was a **MSC** to receive the reports as given.

Jim Christian, State Mission Board Chairman, shared news about the new state missionary, Daryl Ellis. He is currently looking for a place to live in the Ft. Myers area, and more news will be forthcoming. Pray for this endeavor as it is a work of faith since we are still supporting the Gainesville State Mission work. There was a **MSC** to receive this report as presented.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Sam Lucky. They have received letters from Auburndale to ratify William Bronson's credentials, and from Vero Beach to ratify Steve Faison's credentials. They will be meeting with these men in the near future.

Randy gave the Executive Secretary's report. Randy mentioned the Christian Ministries Board's work in Disaster Response both in Mississippi and in Florida since Hurricane Wilma. Randy mentioned the Senior Summit, the State Meeting in May of 2006, and the fact that the State Digest of Reports are available. Randy thanked the body for their support, and for all they are doing. God has blessed the state of Florida tremendously.

The offering was received for the General Fund. The offertory, "He Hideth My Soul" was played by Diana Bryant. There was a fifteen minute break taken. The Pastors in attendance were asked to meet with the moderator during the break.

The meeting reconvened after the break. As a matter of old business, there was a **MSC** to take the addition to the constitution which was mentioned at the last meeting off the table. The Executive Committee has re-worded the "Letter of Agreement" regarding churches who are looking for pastors, the new agreement was passed out, and the Executive Committee recommended that

we adopt it as printed: There was a MSC to adopt the substitute motion.

The Mission Board presented a video about the work in Cuba.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business meeting.

The congregation sang "Glad Reunion Day" and "He Lives" with Diana Bryant at the piano and Steve Faison leading. Randy asked Steve Berry to speak for a few minutes about the ministry of the Ordaining Board as they were responsible for the day's service. There was special music presented by Thomas Dees daughter in law and granddaughter. They sang "There is a River", "O Come Angel Band", and "In Your Love". Bro. Josh Raper, Youth Pastor from Melbourne, brought the morning message from II Timothy 3:14 - 18. There are some things we need to hold onto; our cause, the cross, our calling, our convictions, our Christ, and His coming. The congregation sang "Jesus Paid It All" and we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bronson.

Women Active for Christ Reports

New Hope Fellowship: During July, our ladies donated a few prizes and giveaways for the youth camp. We also voted to donate \$150 toward the four men from our church who are going on the Cuban Mission trip next month. In August, it was decided that we were going to save our pennies (and nickels, dimes and quarters - maybe even dollars if I can sneak them off my husband's dresser when he isn't looking!) for the 2013 National Convention, which is going to be held here in Florida. We also put together an encouragement care basket for a lady who used to attend our church. During September, we donated \$25 to a person who had a specific need in our church, and we also prepared, hosted, and cooked our Pastor's Appreciation Dinner and Night of Entertainment.

Our average attendance is now at 20 and we use our monthly Fellowship Dinners as an opportunity for our WAC and Master's

Men to meet. Monthly we continue to support the Share Program through four shares each month, the State Budget, the Alabama Children's Home, and our pastor's retirement. As always, we would like to give our Lord and Savior the praise and honor for all that we are able to do for others in His name.

Respectfully submitted, Christina Kinney

Master's Men Reports:

New Hope Fellowship: We have an average of 11 in attendance. We give \$40 to missions. In September we had a church work day to move and paint parking stoppers. We put on a golf tournament at Turtle Creek Golf Course in Rockledge. We had 13 in attendance. We elected 2 men to fill open spots. Treasurer will be Doug Christian, and Secretary will be Richard McEarchern. We are planning to have another Golf Tournament for Master's Men in November. Masters Men from all churches are invited. I will be sending all churches a flyer for details.

Respectfully submitted, Richard McEarchern

First, Melbourne: Our average attendance for the third quarter was nine. We currently still support the following on a monthly basis: Christian Law Association - \$20, Southeastern Bible College - \$20, AL FWB Children's Home - \$20, FWB Mission Shares - \$60. We gave a love gift in September to Pastor Amato Gonzales for the support of the Cuban ministry. God is continuing to bless our Master's Men at Melbournse with the help of our Pastor and Youth Pastor. May God receive the glory for all we attempt to do and bless our leadership as we work together.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells, Jr.

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board met on September 15 at 6pm at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne. Bro. Josh Raper opened the meeting with prayer.

Fall Singing, October 22: The scholarship dinner/singing was held at the Melbourne FWB Church on October 22, 2005. A tri-tip dinner was served at \$10 per person with \$965.00 raised. A singing followed at 6pm where the talent from the Association was put on display. An offering was received during the singing which brought in another \$509.05 for a total of \$1474.05 for our scholarship fund. Special thanks to Bro. Josh and Sis. Chrissy for all their time and effort in putting it together, to the men and women at New Hope Fellowship for preparing the meal, all the talented singers who gave of their time, Bro. Mike for working the sound room for us, but most of all we want to thank those who came together and worshipped our Lord while supporting this good cause.

Couples Retreat: The Indian River Association's Couple's Retreat is scheduled for Friday/Saturday, February 3-4, 2006. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando near the airport. Cost is TBD but we are trying to keep it around \$100 per couple and will include a coffee/cookie dessert break on Friday evening and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. NOTE: We had one local business owner from one of our churches volunteer to underwrite our coffee and cookie break on Friday night, if one or more of our men's or women's groups would like to underwrite the cost of the continental breakfast it would certainly be appreciated.

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction is scheduled to be held at the Melbourne FWB church on Saturday, March 11, 2005, with the time TBD. We ask that each pastor would supply a name to Chrissy Kinney as a contact person in order to coordinate donated items and ticket sales for the dinner. As you know, this has been a very successful event for us in the past and we have decided to add a "live" auction to the dinner along with some entertainment.

Our dinner this year will be the same Tri-Tip dinner we had for the Gospel Singing.

Scholarship Disbursement: The C.E. Board did vote to send each of our college students \$500 towards their Fall Tuition.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell Miller, Chairman

Statistical Committee Report

Meeting at Okeechobee, Florida, the Indian River Association meeting was attended by 6 Ministers, 5 Deacons, 5 Clerks, 16 Delegates, and 7 Visitors for a total of 39.

Respectfully submitted, Jean M. McEarchern, Gloria Hutchinson, Lela M. Bronson

Nominating Committee Report

The next District Association Meeting will take place on January 28, 2006, and will meet at the Auburndale Free Will Baptist Church. Devotions will be given by Darrell Miller with Josh Raper as the alternate. Mike Taggart was elected to the Mission Board.

Letter of Agreement

Addition to the Constitution, Article VII, Section 7.

Original:

(Laid on the table on July 30, 2005)

This agreement is between **The Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists** and **it's Member Free Will Baptist Churches**.

In the event that one of the member churches of the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists affiliated with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dismisses its pastor or had its pastor resign, the Association's Executive Committee and the church's leadership as a minimum agrees to meet to discuss the search and selection process of a new pastor. The Executive Committee will make contact with the church within fourteen (14) days of the original meeting to determine what extent, if any, the local church would like the Association's Executive Committee involved with their search and/ or selection process.

Replace the original recommendation with the following:

This agreement is between **The Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists** and **it's Member Free Will Baptist Churches**.

In the event that one of the member churches of the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists affiliated with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dismisses its pastor or has its pastor resign, the Association requests the church to notify our Executive Committee of such action. The Executive Committee agrees to meet with the church's leadership in order to determine to what extent, if any, the local church would like the Executive Committee involved in their search and/ or selection process.

Minutes of the
Indian River Association Meeting
January 28, 2006
Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" with Diana Bryant at the piano and Steve Berry leading. Steve welcomed the congregation and led in prayer. Bro. D. Miller had the morning devotion . Randy Bryant, Moderator, welcomed the body and introduced the new pastor at Auburndale, Rev. Herman Hyman, who came and welcomed the body also.

The Clerk read the names of delegates elected by the churches, and there was a MSC to seat elected and standing delegates as the voting body for the day.

The Statistical Committee was appointed and will consist of Betty Swartz, Betsy Lucky, and Jean McEarchen.

Randy asked churches for names of those gone to be with the Lord during the year from their congregations. These names will be compiled into a report and go into the minutes.

The Treasurer's Reports were presented, both the Quarterly and Annual reports. There was a MSC to receive these reports with a correction made to the quarterly report - the Total to be Accounted for should be \$15,830.23 instead of the \$5830.23 listed on the page.

There was a report from the Women's group in Cocoa. There were Men's Reports from the Cocoa and Melbourne churches.

Bro. D. Miller gave the Christian Ministries Board Report and talked about the Couple's Retreat coming up next weekend. He announced plans for the Silent and Live Auction coming up in March and asked for a contact person from each church. Flyers and tickets will be available at the end of this meeting. The Board was able to distribute \$3000 to students last year. Plans for camp were

announced, Dr. Eric Hovind, from Creation Science Evangelism, will be the speaker. The Treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive the reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. He reported on their various activities, and then proposed a By Law change to Article 3 Section 1 regarding terms and the makeup of the board. They are requesting that a change be made so that the board can be made up of a total of five members and not bound to an exact number of ministers and laymen. Steve also mentioned Randy's trip to Cuba to teach in the Seminary. Jim Christian gave the Treasurer's Report. The change was tabled until the next meeting. There was a **MSC** to receive the reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman, Sam Lucky. The Board met with three different men and proposed that their report be received and be voted on person by person. Sam presented Steve Faison and there was a **MSC** to ratify his credentials. William Bronson was presented and there was a **MSC** to ratify his credentials pending the receipt of a letter from his former association. Herman Hyman was presented, and there was a **MSC** to ratify his credentials. Bro, Bryan Moore was presented to be ordained as a deacon, and there was a **MSC** to ordain him. The time and date of the ordination service will be announced. Sam handed out the annual cards of good standing.

Randy spoke as the State Executive Secretary and gave an excellent financial report for the State. Randy thanked the churches for their generous giving and reminded them that everything the State Ministries are able to do is through cooperative giving. Mission Shares exceeded their budget for the first time in history. We have a new work this year, Daryl Ellis in Ft. Myers, so we will need to challenge everyone to support the plan. Randy reported on the Minister's Retreat Cruise.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "All That Thrills My Soul is Jesus".

Mike Taggart asked for input as to what ministers would like to do at their annual retreat.

The right hand of fellowship was extended to Steve Faison, Herman Hyman, and William Bronson. Randy expressed his appreciation for the men, and there was a time of fellowship for all to greet the men.

Randy gave the Executive Committee report. There was a **MSC** to keep the current format for at least one more year to have each board be responsible for the worship service at each Quarterly Meeting. There was a **MSC** to set Cooperative Giving percentages at 60% for the State work, and 40% to remain in the District. In the District, 60% will go to the Mission Board, 30% to the Christian Education Board. The remaining 10% will go to the General Fund unless the Benevolent Fund needs to be brought up to \$2500 where it is capped. In that case the remaining 10% will be split 5% and 5% between the General Fund and the Benevolent Fund.

Prayer requests were given and time was spent in prayer for those special needs.

The Nominating Committee report given by Henry Beard: For the next meeting, Steve Faison will give the devotion, with Sam Lucky as the alternate.

Nominations were presented:

CE Board - Sam Lucky - 2009

Mission Board - Steve Berry - 2011

Ordaining Board - Bill Swartz - 2011

Camp Board - Randy Bryant - 2008

Nominating Committee - Henry Beard, Cecil Hutchinson

There was a **MSC** to elect by acclamation. Time was given for nominations from the floor for the Nominating Committee, none were given.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "Higher Ground" and "I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary" with Diana

Bryant at the piano and Steve Faison leading the singing. Sister Hyman sang a special entitled "One Scarred Hand" and "The Blood Covered It All".

Bro. Randy introduced the new state moderator, Bro. Paul Smith. He spoke about the State work and then brought the morning message from Hebrews Chapter 12.

Women Active for Christ Report

New Hope Fellowship: Our average attendance is holding steady at 21 ladies and monthly we continue to support our Pastor's Retirement fund, The Alabama Children's Home, The State Budget and the Mission Shares Program through four shares monthly. During October our ladies hosted a fundraising dinner with a Latin theme to raise not only money, but excitement for the upcoming Mission Trip to Cuba. We transformed our fellowship hall into an outside courtyard that would rival your favorite Mexican restaurant!

In November we wanted to try something new - so we decided to host a "ladies only" afternoon Autumn Tea Party. Once again, we were able to transform our fellowship hall - this time into a pumpkin patch. All of the ladies who attended were asked to wear garden hats to make the atmosphere even more festive. We were treated to a lovely devotion by Mrs. Diana Bryant. During November, we also collected canned goods and money for three Thanksgiving Baskets that were given to needy families in our church.

December brought our annual Christmas Fellowship which was held at a BBQ restaurant this year. The WAC treated our senior members to dinner as a special appreciation for them and all they do for our church.

It seems like the last quarter of each year is always the busiest time for us and it would be very easy to get caught up in all the

activities, but the ladies of NHF would like to as always, thank the Lord for His faithfulness and patience toward us.

Respectfully submitted, Jean McEarchern

Master's Men Reports

New Hope Fellowship: Our average attendance is 12, and we support 2 mission shares each month. During October our men cooked the Tri Tip dinners for the Gospel Singing held at the Melbourne Church for the District Scholarship Fund.

In November our men helped a family in need, and worked on the drainage ditch for the church property. We were able to put a new roof on the rental home for the church. Also in November four of our men went to Cuba along with Bro. Steve.

December was a slow month. We had a guest speaker, Bro. Raper, who is a Home Missionary from Colorado.

We need to remember to give all glory and honor to our Lord Jesus Christ in all we do and say.

Respectfully submitted, Richard McEarchern

Melbourne:

We continue to conduct our meetings on the first Monday of each month. Our average attendance for 2005 was eleven. Several projects were accomplished at our church in 2005. New letters were installed on the front of the church. The fellowship hall was repainted and new blinds were installed. Numerous other works were performed through out the year.

We currently support: Free Will Baptist Mission Shares, Christian Law Association, Southeastern Bible College, and the FWB Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama.

To help support our financial needs, we have a membership enrollment fee in January of each year as well as a love offering at each meeting.

Please pray for us as we go into the year 2006. May God receive the honor and glory for each and every thing that we accomplish as we do what he has in store for us, as we support our church, Pastor, and Youth Pastor. To God be the Glory!

Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells, Jr.

Christian Education Board

The C.E. Board met on December 12, 2005, at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne.

Old Business:

Couples Retreat: The Indian River Association's Couple's Retreat is scheduled for Friday/Saturday, February 3-4. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando near the airport. Cost is \$100 per couple and will include a deli buffet on Friday evening which we have just added in an attempt to help defray costs to our couples, a Breakfast buffet on Saturday morning a coffee and cookie break on Saturday, if one or more of our men's or women's groups would like to underwrite the cost of one of the buffets it would certainly be appreciated.

Our program is a video presentation by Dr. Kevin Leman, topics will include; "Designed to be Different" Balancing the Challenges and & Benefits of two Distinctive Personalities, "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" Doing Your Best for the One you Love the Most, and "Don't Rock the Jukebox" Resolving Conflict by Turning One and Tuning In.

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction is scheduled to be held at the Melbourne FWB Church on Saturday, March 22, at 6pm. We ask that each pastor would supply a name to Chrissy Kinney as a contact person in order to coordinate donated items and ticket sales for the dinner. As you know this has been a very successful event for us in the past and we have decided to add a "Live" auction to the dinner along with some entertainment. Our dinner this year will be the same Tri-Tip steak dinner we had for the Gospel Singing. We also have flyers and tickets for each of our churches so if you would see me before you leave in order to pick those up I would appreciate it.

New Business:

Scholarship disbursements: The C.E. Board did vote to send each of our college students \$500 towards their Spring Tuition.

Dr. Eric Hovind with Creation Science Evangelism will preach at our Youth Camp July 23-28, 2006. Please keep Bro. Eric and the camp in your prayers.

Respectfully submitted, D. Miller, Chairman

Mission Board Report

The IRA Mission Board met on December 12, 2005. We reviewed the power point display from Anthony and Lea Edgmon, we reviewed photo's from the ITA sponsored mission trip to Cuba in November, and we reviewed our Mission Statement as stated in the 2004 Digest of Reports. We voted to increase our goal for Mission Shares by \$5000 above 2005, we voted to pay \$1500 to bring one of the Cuban pastors to Indian River during April 2006, We voted to have the Mission Board members take a trip to our State Mission work in West Palm on a Sunday night. While there, we will discuss doing Operation Saturation. We voted to bring a by-law change before the Association. We want to remove the last

sentence from Article 4 Section 1 (Function of the Board). Randy Bryant has been asked to go to Cuba and teach in the seminary and we want to challenge each church to help.

Ordaining Board Report

The Ordaining Board met January 10 at the Melbourne Church with the he purpose of ratifying the credentials of three ministers. They are Bro. Steve Faison, Bro William Bronson, and Bro Herman Hyman. We also reviewed the questionnaire of Bro Bryan Moore who is a candidate for Deacon from the Okeechobee church. We have received letters from their churches requesting the interviews. After the interviews, the Ordaining Board recommends the following:

We recommend that Bro. Steve Faison's credentials be ratified. Bro. Steve has ministered in the Washington D.C. area and is from the Northern Virginia Quarterly Conference. He and his family are now members of the Ryanwood Fellowship Church of Vero Beach. In the letter of recommendation from his former association it says he was a wonderful part of their conference and they recommend him highly to our association.

We recommend that Bro. William Bronson's credentials be ratified. Bro Bill is from the St.Cloud area and is from the Free Will Eastern Conference Baptist Mission in North Carolina. He has been a great help to the Auburndale church for the past four years. His credentials are in order and he comes highly recommended.

We recommend that Bro. Herman Hyman's credentials be ratified. Bro Herman is coming from the Immanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Santee, South Carolina. he also is a former member of the South Carolina conference. He is now the pastor of the Auburndale Church, and has been there since December of 2005. Bro. Herman says he is where God wants him to be.

We recommend Bro Bryan Moore for ordination as a deacon. Bro Bryan is a member of the Okeechobee church and has been for the

past 4 years. He has been set aside for a year. He comes highly recommended by his pastor, Bro. Thomas Dees. The time and date of the ordination will be set by the church.

I want to thank Bro. Steve Berry, Bro. Thomas Dees, and Bro. Bill Swartz for their insight and contributions to the Ordaining Board.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky, Chairman

Statistical Committee Report

For the meeting on January 28, 2006, meeting at the Auburndale Church, there were 7 ministers, 7 deacons, 2 clerks, 10 church delegates, and 6 visitors present for a total attendance of 34.

Respectfully submitted, Betty Swartz, Chairman

Nominating Committee Report

Position:	Nominee:	Year
C.E. Board	Sam Lucky	2009
Mission Board	Steve Berry	2011
Ordination Board	Bill Swartz	2011
Camp Board	Randy Bryant	2008
Nominating Comm	Henry Beard	
	Cecil Hutchinson	

Indian River Association Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering
January 1 - December 31, 2005

Beginning Balance January 1, 2005	\$4,447.21
Receipts	
Dues	2500.00
Offering	670.73
Interest	7.09
<u>Together Way Plan</u>	
Auburndale	5828.71
Melbourne	5104.60
New Hope Fellowship	15,588.90
New Smyrna	200.00
Okeechobee	822.00
Palm Bay	---
Ryanwood Fellowship	5817.92
Total Receipts	<u>36,539.95</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$ 40,987.16</u>
Disbursements	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$20,020.27
Indian River Mission Board	7211.12
Indian River Dhristian Education Board	4807.43
Board of Retirement	428.31
Shares	824.00
Victory FWB Ministries	180.00
Honorariums	600.00
Ordaining Board Expense	153.64
Executive Committee Expense	141.83
Dues to State Association	1600.00
Cuban Pastors	104.00
Printing Annual Minutes	90.00
Camp	145.73
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Deposit Error	50.00
Total Disbursements	\$36,556.33
Ending Balance December 31, 2005	<u>\$4,430.83</u>
<u>and Balances</u>	
General Fund	1930.83
benevolent Fund	2500.00

Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
January 1, 2005–December 31, 2005

Beginning Balance	3,958.81
Deposits:	
Co-op	4,337.55
Interest	3.49
Scholarship	<u>1500.00</u>
Subtotal	9,799.85
Disbursements:	<u>5,619.80</u>
Balance on Hand	4,180.05

General Fund	972.07
Deposits:	
Co-op	2,139.67
Interest	3.99
Transfer from Scholarship	<u>325.62</u>
Subtotal	3,441.35
Disbursements:	
Board Meeting (Dinner)	295.06
Christian Bd. Ministries	580.00
NYC Registration	375.00
Expense (Sing and Dinner)	<u>334.59</u>
Subtotal	1,584.65
Balance on hand	\$1,856.70

Scholarship Fund	\$2,573.17
Deposits:	
Co-op	1113.49
Sing and Dinner	<u>1500.00</u>
Subtotal	5186.66
Disbursements:	
Scholarships	3000.00
From General Fund	325.62
Balance on hand	1,861.04

Camp Fund	413.07
Deposits:	
Co-op	<u>1084.39</u>
Subtotal	1497.46
Disbursements:	
Camp Sonshine	1035.15
Balance on hand	462.31

All Funds

4,180.05

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
2005**

BEGINNING BALANCE	8,297.89
DEPOSITS	
Co-Op	6,506.32
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:	14,804.21
DISBURSMENTS	
Florida Mission Shares	3,600.00
Melbourne 1 st FWB (Cuban Ministers & Cuban Trip)	2,500.00
Jim Christian (Lunch reimbursement)	108.68
Jim Christian (Mileage)	13.10
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	6221.78
BALANCE	8,582.43

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 (25) members (or fraction thereof), not to exceed a total of six elected or appointed delegates.

ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS AND BOARDS

Section 1

The general officers of this association shall be 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, the Ordaining Board, and the Christian Education Board.

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.

ARTICLE TWO: FINANCE

Section 1

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 the 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 reimbursed at the current IRS rate for mileage and actual expenses for lodging and meals if required when traveling on 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 in 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 their further duty to take care of necessary correspondence. The clerk-treasurer shall receive all associational monies and disburse them as directed by the association.

Section 4

The duties of the assistant clerk-treasurer shall be to function at the request of or in the absence of the clerk-treasurer and to assist 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 one (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.
- 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 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, the 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.

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

Section 3

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

ARTICLE SEVEN: MISCELLANEOUS

Section 1

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 parliamentary guide for all meetings of the association or its auxiliaries, boards or committees.

Section 6

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

Section 7

In the event that one of the member churches of the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists affiliated with the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists dismisses its pastor or has its pastor resign, the Association requests the church to notify our Executive Committee of such action. The Executive Committee agrees to meet with the church's leadership in order to determine to what extent, if any, the local church would like the Executive Committee involved in their search and/or selection process.

ARTICLE EIGHT: AMENDMENTS

The by-laws may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds 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.

