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Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Directory of Churches

First Free Will Baptist Church

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863-967-1275

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First Free Will Baptist Church

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Melbourne, FL 32935
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Rev. Steve Berry

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Melbourne, FL 32934
321-259-2449

Clerk Janice Wilder

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

New Hope Fellowship

4650 Hwy 524
Cocoa, FL 32926
321-632-1911

Rev. Jim Christian

4650 Hwy 524
Cocoa, FL 32926
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

Clerk Delores Wilson

4166 Bayberry, Melbourne, FL 32901

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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

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First FWB Church

1335 Montego Street
Titusville, FL 32780
321-269-4033

Rev. Darrell Miller

4800 Cathedral Way
Titusville, FL 32780
321-268-1705

Clerk Janie Gibson

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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

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1766 16th Ave SW, Vero Beach, FL 32962
772-532-4192

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

Deacons

Melbourne	Bill Swartz, Don Legg, Dewey North Herman Hannen, Mike Taggart
Okeechobee	Samuel Lewis, Bryan Moore
Ryanwood Fellowship	Sam Lucky

Officers of the Association

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Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Henry Beard
Cecil Hutchinson
Herman Hannen

Christian Education Board

Chrissy Kinney (2008)
Sam Lucky (2009)
Darrell Miller (2010)

CTS Director

Steve Faison

Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2008)
Mike Taggert (2009)
Jim Christian (2010)
Steve Berry (2011)
Henry Beard (2012)

Ordination Board

Open (2008)
Steve Berry (2009)
Thomas Dees (2010)
Bill Swartz (2011)
Sam Lucky (2012)

Camp Board

Randy Bryant (2008)
Mike Taggert (2009)

In Memory

Cocoa

Jenny Johnson, Louise Allen

Okeechobee

Clement Markham

Melbourne

Alice Kingrey, Mrytle Moss, Raymond Gray,
Clarence Curtis, Marilyn Berry

Auburndale

Herman Hyman



Indian River District Association Meeting

April 21, 2006

meeting at New Hope Fellowship

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "I Feel Like Traveling On" with Jimmy Christian leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Don Ingram opened in prayer. Moderator Randy Bryant introduced Jim Christian, host pastor, who welcomed the congregation and introduced the devotional speaker, Steve Faison.. Steve spoke about Job and how we can rely on God's faithfulness during difficult times. He led the congregation in singing "It is Well With My Soul".

The Moderator called for the clerk to read the names of the elected church delegates who stood as their names were called. The standing delegates (ministers and deacons) stood and there was a MSC to seat these as the voting body.

Randy named Betsy Lucky, Patsy Hyman and Jan Wilder to serve as the Statistical Committee.

There was a MSC to accept the minutes as printed. The annual Digest of Reports was distributed containing all minutes and reports from the year 2005.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Treasurer Diana Bryant. There was a MSC to accept the report as printed.

Women Active for Christ reports were given by New Hope Fellowship and Auburndale, and Master's Men reports were given by New Hope Fellowship and Melbourne.

D. Miller gave the Christian Education Board report.

Henry Beard gave an oral Mission Board report in the absence of Steve Berry, chairman. Jim Christian gave the financial report for the board. There was a MSC to receive the report.

Randy Bryant gave an oral report on his trip to Cuba to teach in the seminary.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Secretary. He mentioned the upcoming State Association Meeting, and talked about the program entitled "Building Kingdom Stewards" which will feature Stan Toler. He encouraged people to come and benefit from this program. He announced the National Association Meeting in Birmingham and the fact that there were no hotel rooms available at this time. Randy announced plans for the Annual Mission Shares Golf Tournament at the Meadowbrook Golf Tournament in August. The Southern Christian Worker's Conference will be held in Orlando on September 15 and 16. The Senior Summit will be held in Ocala in November of this year. David Shores from Illinois will be the speaker. Randy thanked the Association for their tremendous support.

The offering for the day was received and will go toward the World Missions Offering in April. Randy also informed the congregation about several flyers available concerning the Shares program, the state cooperative program, and The Coordinator.

A 15 minute break was taken.

The meeting resumed and reports were heard from the Statistical Committee and the Nominating Committee. Delegates to the State Meeting were nominated: Betsy Lucky, Cecil Hutchinson, and Gloria Hutchinson. There was a **MSC** to appoint these, and give the moderator the authority to appoint two others. There was a **MSC** to adjourn the business session.

The congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven" and "Heaven's Jubilee". The trio from Cocoa sang "Hide Thou Me" and Jimmy Christian sang "Beulah Land" for special music before

Jim Christian introduced the speaker for the morning, Daryl Ellis, Missionary to the Ft. Myers area.

Daryl spoke from Acts Chapter 15 and the need to be encouragers. Daryl used the acronym LIFT: L: is for listen. Barnabas listened and was an encouragement to Mark. I: is for initiate. Barnabas, again, brought Paul before others and presented him as a believer after Paul's conversion. F: is for follow through, don't just think about it, do something. T: is for teaching. Barnabas was a leader in the early church, and was an incredible example in encouragement.

After announcements from the churches and the blessing on the meal, the meeting was dismissed.

Women's Ministries Reports

New Hope Fellowship: Our Women Active for Christ meets the first Wednesday night of the month with an average of 18 attending. Every month a lay volunteers to bring a program and Jimmie Ann Ingram gives a devotional. Monthly we give to the Alabama Children's Home, the Pastor's Retirement, and the Shares Program. In January we donated a washer to a church member in need. Our Secret Pals were revealed at a meeting at Kay's BBQ. We welcomed the pastors and wives who came for the Minister's Retreat Cruise. In February we discussed plans for the WAC District Meeting and prepared a gift basket for the scholarship auction. In March we visited a member in the nursing home. In April we collected pennies for Miss Becky to take to the State Meeting for the 2013 fund and we hosted the District WAC meeting.

Auburndale: The Auburndale Women Active for Christ meets at 4:30pm on the first Sunday of each month. We support the Shares Program and have made donations to improve our church appearance. We use quarter folders and offerings as our main method of fund raising. We presented the Christian Jewish

Passover Celebration program for the church as our Pre Easter program.

Master's Men Reports

Melbourne: Our average attendance for the first quarter was twelve. We continue to hold our meetings on the first Monday of each month, we also continue to sponsor a fellowship breakfast on the first Thursday of each month for everyone that is able to attend. We were able to donate \$350 towards the purchase of a new refrigerator and freezer for our fellowship hall which was purchased and installed in March. God continues to bless us as we are able to continue to support The Christian Law Association, Free Will Baptist Mission Shares, Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama, and the Southeastern Bible College in North Carolina. May God receive the praise and glory for all the things we are willing and able to do. Please continue to pray for us as we strive to do God's will in our church.

New Hope Fellowship: Our average attendance is 10. In January we got together or discuss the roof which Josh finished. We got together to discuss the water problem in the parking lot. In February we voted to up our Mission Shares support to four shares and to cook the roast for the Silent Auction. We sold extra tri tip as a fund raiser. In March we got the metal building done and the ditch half done.

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board met on December 12, 2005 at 6pm at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne:

Old Business:

Couple's retreat: The Couple's retreat was held on Feb 3 - 4 at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando. We had fifteen couples attend at a cost of \$100 per couple. The \$100 included a room, a meal on Friday evening, a breakfast buffet on Saturday morning as well as a coffee and cookie break. Br. Steve Berry facilitated a video seminar by Dr. Kevin Leman and Mr. and Mrs.. Woo provided the entertainment. Everyone who attended enjoyed a great time of fun and fellowship. The C.E. Board has decided to attempt a Couple's Retreat every other year so we look forward to 2008.

Silent Auction: The Silent Auction was held on Saturday March 11, 2006. We had 99 people in attendance with over ninety items donated. We raised \$5349 for our young people in college. This year we added a live auction portion as well as live entertainment during the dinner. As always, our people responded to this event with overwhelming generosity and we all had an extremely enjoyable evening. A special thanks to the Master's Men of New Hope Fellowship for preparing the Tri-tip steak as well as our ladies who set up the Fellowship Hall. I do want to thank all those on the C.E. Board who worked so hard to make this a successful evening.

New Business:

Scholarship Fund: The C.E Board has voted to place our scholarship fund in the Free Will Baptist Foundation. This past period paid an interest of 4.75% and we believe we can benefit from this type of find. We can make four withdrawals a year without penalty and we can contribute whenever we like. Randy Bryant, Sam Lucky, and Darrell Miller will be on the account. The C.E. Board will also make a change to the policy which will read that the C.E. Board will vote each semester to determine the distributions to be made to each student for that semester. The policy will allow for hardship cases to be reviewed by the C.E. Board on a case by case basis.

Fall Singing: The Fall Singing will be held at the Melbourne FWB Church on Saturday, October 7, 2006.

Bro. Josh's Departure: Bro. Josh has resigned his position a Youth Pastor at the Melbourne FWB Church. Bro. Josh' departure will create a vacancy on the CE Board for the CTS Director.

Camp Sonshine: Camp Sonshine will be held in Sorrento, FL July 23 - 28. Bro. Eric Hovind from Creation Science evangelism will be the Camp Evangelist. The CE Board encourages each of our churches to make a concerted effort to get your young people to attend camp this year. This will be an opportunity for them to be armed with the truth about evolution vs. creation.

State CTS Competition: The CE Board did agree to pay the registration fees for those young people in our Association who will be competing in the State Association Competition.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell Miller, Chairman

Statistical Committee Report

For the Indian River Association Meeting at the New Hope Fellowship Church on April 22, 2006:

Ministers	6
Deacons	4
Clerks	4
Church Delegates	18
Visitors	20
TOTAL	52

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lucky, Chairman, Patsy Hyman, Janice Wilder

Nominating Committee Report

The next District Association Meeting will take place on July 29 and will meet at the Melbourne FWB Church. The devotion will be brought by Sam Lucky with the alternate being Darrell Miller.

Steve Faison is being nominated to fill the vacancy of CTS Director.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

July 29, 2006

Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church,
Melbourne, FL

Pastor Steve Berry welcomed the congregation to the morning's meeting. Congregational singing, "Standing on the Promises" was led by a group from Southeastern FWB College. The Majesty Trio from Southeastern sang "Blind But Now I See" and "So Much God".

Randy Bryant, Moderator, welcomed the body. Herman Hannen opened the meeting in prayer. Sam Lucky brought the morning devotion from I Peter 5:8.

The Clerk read the names of elected delegates from each church and they stood as their names were called. Standing delegates were called on to stand, and there was a **MSC** from the standing delegates to seat this group as the voting body.

There was a **MSC** to receive the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was read and there was a **MSC** to accept it as printed.

A Women Active for Christ report was heard from New Hope Fellowship. A Master's Men report was heard from New Hope Fellowship also.

The Christian Education Board Report was given by D. Miller. The Board's financial report was given by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive each report. Steve Berry, Camp Director, also gave a report on decisions made at Camp and encouraged churches to send young people to Welcome Days at our colleges.

The Mission Board Report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. The financial report was also given by Steve Berry. There was a MSC to accept the reports as presented.

An oral Ordaining Board Report was given by Sam Lucky. They had no requests to examine individuals over the past quarter.

Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He reported on the State Meeting, the National Meeting, the upcoming Shares Golf Tournament, and the upcoming Christian Worker's Conference. Flyers for the Senior Summit were made available for the November retreat.

The offering was taken with an offertory "It Is Well With My Soul" with Diana Bryant at the piano.

Jonathan Blankenship gave a report from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College.

A 10 minute break was taken.

The Service reconvened with a song by the Majesty Trio, "Just Ask". The congregation sang "Tell It To Jesus".

The Statistical Report was given by Betsy Lucky. There was a MSC to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. There was a MSC to receive the report. Bro. Jim Christian was given time to share some exciting events taking place at his church, New Hope Fellowship. He shared that Cocoa's property has sold and they will be building a new church in the near future. He also invited any who wanted to attend to travel with his church to the Stan Toler conference "The Model Church" in Albany, GA.

There was a **MSC** to adjourn from the business session.

The Christian Education Board was in charge of the morning's service. Several young people from the association presented their competition pieces. There were several musical pieces and a sermon. Steve Faison presented the Music and Arts competition program and we saw a video of the "year in review" from some of the association's youth groups.

Women Active for Christ Reports

New Hope Fellowship: We have a monthly attendance of 16. Our ladies volunteer each month for the program. Our recent programs have been: Spending Time With God, Focus on the Family, and How to Be a Good Missionary. Jimmie Anne give a devotional each month, the topics have been: Isaiah 41:10, Take Up Your Cross, Being a Good Missionary, Making Sacrifices.

Some of our projects have been: Sending cards to a sister in the nursing home and visiting with her, sending a care package to a soldier in Iraq, collected \$211.75 to send to the state for the National WNAC meeting which will be held in 2012.

Some new ideas for fund raising: Rummage Sale, Silent Auction, Candy Sale, Possibly Easter Eggs

Our monthly donations are: Shares (4), Pastor's Retirement, Children's Home, State Budget

Respectfully submitted, Gail Rowles

Master's Men Reports

New Hope Fellowship: Our Master's Men has an average attendance of 11 at our monthly meetings. Through our monthly dues we continue to support the mission shares program through 4

shares monthly. During this past quarter the Master's Men group has taken on the project of drying in our new storage building.

Respectfully submitted, Richard McEarchern

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board met on June 6, 2006, at 6 pm at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Melbourne.

Old Business:

1. Fall Singing: The Fall Singing will be held at the Melbourne FWB Church on Saturday, October 7
2. CTS Sponsorship: The C.E. Board voted to pay the State registration fees for our young people competing at the State Association Meeting. Cocoas' cost was \$100 and Melbourne's was \$315, which was reimbursed out of our General Fund.
3. Campaign to get our youth to Bible College: The C.E. Board is looking at ways to challenge our young people to attend one year of Bible College immediately following High School Our thoughts are
if we an get them there for one year then they will more than likely choose to stay. We believe this needs to become a philosophy of the local church as well as in the home if we are to be successful. Dr. Hovind teaches that 85% of Christian young people who attend secular colleges fall away from their faith; We need to combat this by encouraging our young people to attend one of our Bible Colleges.

NOTE: Camp Sonshine will be sponsoring trips to "Welcome Days" and "Get Acquainted Days" at the Free Will Baptist Bible College and Southeastern Free Will Baptist College during the coming year for our young people in grades 9 - 12.

New Business:

1. The Board agreed to bring Kyle Miller on in a training/learning capacity. He will not have an official vote on the board, but will be utilized to work along with the other Board Members. This is a step towards trying to involve our younger generation in the business of the Indian River Association.

2. CTS: Bro. Steve Faison is the new CTS Director. Bro Steve has suggested that it might be time to institute an education program concerning CTS and it's programs. CTS has changed over the years and possibly with some information people will be more interested in participating. He is available to come into your church and speak to your congregation about CTS if you would like to update your congregation on CTS.

3. Camp Donations: The C.E. Board voted to donate \$150 to Camp Sonshine to be utilized towards gifts/prizes. These prizes are awarded each night during camp through a series of drawings. Campers earn "Honor Slips" by being caught doing nice things such a picking up trash, looking out for a younger camper, carrying chairs, etc.

4. Camp Report: There were 97 young people in attendance at this year's Camp Sonshine. We had 26 decisions for the Lord ranging from first time decisions to accept Christ as Savior, to 6 rededications, as well as young people committing their lives to lifetime service for Christ. Let's all remember to pray for these young people as they go back home, some to very unhealthy home situations, that they will be able to live their lives for the Lord.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell "D" Miller

Mission Board Report

The IRA Board canceled its scheduled meeting due to scheduling conflicts and ongoing projects that were keeping the mission program of our association going forward. Below is a list of the completed and ongoing projects of your associational missions program:

*The IRA Mission Board has an ongoing goal for our associational churches to contribute a combined total of \$5000 more to our Florida Shares program in 2006 than in 2005. Please inform your church folks and give them an opportunity to share in the Great Commission through the Florida Shares Program.

*In April of 2006, the IRA Missions Ministry assisted in bringing two pastors from Cuba to the United States for 45 days. Following this report you will find a list of the trip's accomplishments.

*Your Mission Board Chairman hosted a group of five students and Professor Rodney Holloman, all from Southeastern Free Will Baptist College, to Cuba in early June. They successfully took in four desktop computers for the seminary in Pinar Del Rio and two laptop computers for the leaders of the denomination there. Those computers were fully equipped with Logos Bible Software in Spanish as well as Microsoft XP Professional Suite in Spanish. Twelve adults and one 17 year old girl accepted Christ as their personal Savior during the services conducted throughout the week.

*The Mission Board assisted Cuban Free Will Baptists by designing and printing an 11 x 17 color poster with a picture of all of the pastor's photos positioned on a map of Cuba. Seventy five posters were sent to Cuba for the churches there and seventy five were given out to churches here to help with the promotion of the Cuban work. Added to that, the board chairman made a trip to the National offices with the Cuban pastors.

*The Mission Board wants to make our church members aware of the Impulse Video Magazine which is available quarterly to individuals who subscribe for a \$30 per year fee. Registration forms are available today.

*During the quarter, the mission board completed an Indian River Association Mission Booth which was on display at the Florida FWB State Meeting. The purpose of this booth is to help our folks know what our association is doing for missions, challenge us to do more, as well as let folks know how they can get involved. All associational churches are invited to fill out a request form and set the booth up for a month at a time in their local church.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Berry

Statistical Committee Report:

On July 29, 2006, meeting in Melbourne, there were 6 ministers, 8 deacons, 2 clerks, 2 church delegates, and 19 visitors for a total of 56 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lucky

Nominating Committee Report:

The next District Association Meeting will take place on October 28, 2006, at the Ryanwood Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church with D Miller providing the devotion and Rev. Thomas Dees as his alternate.

Respectfully submitted, Cecil Hutchinson

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church
October 28, 2006

Steve Faison opened the meeting by leading the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing". Thomas Dees opened in prayer and host pastor and moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body.

The morning devotion was given by D. Miller. He spoke from II Corinthians Chapter 12. God's grace is sufficient even when he tells us "no" to something we have prayed for.

The Moderator asked for all elected church delegates to stand as their names were called. The standing delegates acted to seat the delegates to serve as the voting body for this meeting. There was a MSC to receive the minutes as printed.

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

Women's Ministries reports were heard from Cocoa and Vero Beach. The women from Vero Beach showed pictures of the recent Brown Bag Auction they held to raise money for the Ft. Myers mission work launch.

A Master's Men report was heard from Melbourne.

The Christian Education Board report was given by D. Miller. Their treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to receive the reports. A Camp Report was given as information by Camp Board Chairman, Randy Bryant.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. Pastor Raniel from Cuba was present and brought greetings from the churches in Cuba with Steve Berry translating. There was a

MSC to receive the Mission Board report along with the treasurer's report presented by Jim Chrisitan. It was mentioned that the Board wants to give an offering to Raniel for expenses.

The Ordaining Board had no report.

Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He reported on the Shares Golf Tournament, The Christian Worker's Conference held in Orlando and upcoming in the Panhandle, and the upcoming Senior Summit. He shared information concerning the Minister's Retreat in January. May 2 - 5 are the dates of the State Meeting in 2007. The theme will be "Privileged to Serve". Kerry Steedley will be the speaker. Randy introduced the Interim Pastor Program.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "To God Be the Glory". The offering totaled 113.00 and was designated to go toward Raniel's expenses. A 15 minute break was taken. Pastors were asked to meet with D. Miller during the break and pictures from Camp were shown on the screen for people to see.

The meeting reconvened. The Statistical Report was given by Assistant Clerk Betsy Lucky. There were a total of 6 ministers, 6 deacons, 3 clerks, 11 church delegates, and 4 visitors for a total of 40 present.

The Nominating Committee Report was given. The next meeting will be in Okeechobee with the devotion to be given by Don Legg with Mike Taggart as the alternate.

There was a **MSC** to dismiss.

The worship service was opened with a trio of Steve Faison, Diana Bryant, and Sam Lucky singing "Do You Know My Jesus". The congregation sang a medley of songs on the name of Jesus: "His

Name is Wonderful", "Jesus Name Above All Names", "Something About That Name", and "Blessed Be the Name".

The Ordaining Board was responsible for the morning service. A skit was presented on "how not to usher" entitled "The Ultimate Usher" with Chrissy Kinney, D. Miller and Kyle Miller. Sam Lucky spoke on the pastor-deacon relationship.

Steve Berry brought a short message from II Corinthians 11. We as churches must keep our focus and find a way to reproduce ourselves. We must change to be able to produce new churches and win souls to Christ. We need revival. We need a vision of how we will go forward.

Randy gave directions for the meal, and we were dismissed in prayer.

Women Active for Christ Reports

New Hope Fellowship: We have an average of 17 women present monthly, and we continue to support the Shares Program, our Pastor's retirement, the Alabama Children's Home, and the State Budget. Our monthly devotions are given by Ms. Jimmi Ann Ingram and our monthly programs are presented by a volunteer from our Women's Auxiliary Group. Our September program was especially thought provoking, it was titled "How Will you Spend Your Dash?" Our headstones will have our birth date and the date of our death. The dash between those dates is what is important. Please continue to pray for New Hope Fellowship as we go through this transition. Satan is trying to place stumbling blocks in our path, but we know to rely on God.

Respectfully submitted, Gail Rowles

Master's Men Reports

Melbourne: We continue to have our meetings the first Monday of each month with an average attendance of nine. The first Thursday

following the monthly meeting we continue to serve breakfast to the men, ladies, and widows of our church. Breakfast is now prepared in the Fellowship Hall by Dennis Hiers and his wife, Norie, and a \$5 donation is accepted with the exception of the widows. The proceeds go back into the Master's Men offering and funds are used for various projects around the church. Some of our recent projects have been the purchase of a drop screen installed in the Fellowship Hall for the Young Adult Sunday School class and others to use. New landscaping was done in the front church entrance and mulch replaced in the playground area. We continue to support the following ministries with a monthly love offering of \$20 each: Christian Law Association, AL Children's Home, VA Children's Home, SC Children' Home, Southeastern FWB College, FL Mission Shares. may God continue to bless the Master's Men of Melbourne and receive the glory for all we attempt to do.
Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells, Jr.

Mission Board Report

The IRA Mission Board met at the First FWB Church of Melbourne on August 21, 2006. The IRA Mission Board has an ongoing goal for our association's churches to contribute a combined total of \$5000 more to our Florida Shares program in 2006 than in 2005. Please inform your church folks and give them an opportunity to share in the Great Commission through the Florida Shares Program.

on October 25 and 26 the Indian River Association was represented at the Florida State Mission Shares Golf Tournament in Gainesville, FL. Attending were Randy Bryant, Buster Brister, Sam Lucky (Ryanwood Fellowship), and Dave Johnson, Chris Donovan, Kyle Miller, Matt Berry, and Steve Berry (First, Melbourne). The annual golf tournament raised significant money for the missions shares program. It should be noted that Buster Brister and Sam Lucky brought home the first place trophy for the second year in a row.

The Mission Board has an incomplete project of making new mission banners for all of our association churches. To date, Ryanwood Fellowship is the only church that has expressed a need not to have a banner because of using other functional methods to promote missions. We hope to complete the project in the next quarter.

The First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay has expressed its desire to have title to the said property transferred from the IRA Mission Board to the church. Their note with the Church Extension Loan Fund was satisfied during the summer. The mission board has met with Dean Meade Law Firm to handle the transaction. At this point, we are waiting further information from the First Fee Will Baptist church of Palm Bay to complete the transaction.

The mission board wants to make our church members aware of the "Impulse Video Magazine: which is available quarterly to individuals who subscribe for a \$30 per year fee. Registration forms are available today.

It is our pleasure to have Reniel Sobrino from Cuba with us today He is Pastor of one of our Free Will Baptist Churches in Cuba.
Respectfully submitted, Steve Berry, Chairman

Christian Education Board

The CE Board met on October 17, 2006 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne:

Old Business:

Fall Singing: The Fall Singing was held at the Melbourne FWB Church on Saturday, October 7, 2006. 106 people attended and \$1632.29 was raised for the Scholarship Fund. The cost of the meal was \$384.63 but this cost was paid out of the General Fund so all proceeds went to the Scholarship Fund.

New Business:

1. CTS: Purchase of CTS Rules for each church in the Association. The CE Board voted to go ahead and purchase 10 CTS Rule books for distribution to the churches within the Association.
2. Honor Christian Educators in our churches: The CE Board is planning to honor the men and women in each of our churches who have worked to educate our congregations about the Word of God. Our plan is to present each person involved in Christian Education with a Certificate of Appreciation and a small gift at an Association meeting next year. I need to meet with the Pastors during the break to go over some of the logistics of this plan.
3. Create a District Association Web page: The CE Board is looking into creating a district Association Web page. This is pending the approval of the Executive Committee but the idea is that the Web page would be used to: Advertise coming events within the Association, Provide links to denominational information, Include pages with information about each church within the Association as well as provide a link to that church's web page should they have one, It could be used to communicate to Camp Sonshine students, it would also give some of our younger people an opportunity for ministry within the Association.
4. Ways to generate more interest in the association meetings; We will attempt to begin an Indian River Association Choir commencing with the Annual meeting in January. Bro. Steve Faison will take on the responsibility of organizing the choir. He and Bro. Mike Taggart will select the music and see that it is distributed in a timely manner so that those who wish to participate may rehearse prior to our meeting in January. The thought is that perhaps those who normally do not attend the meeting may attend if they are active in the choir. Other ideas include: conduct themed meetings, conduct training for WAC and MM groups, Special singing, include youth activities, advertise the meetings via web page/news letter, ask the churches to submit a church database consisting of member's names and addresses so we can send mailers with info on special events. These are just some of the things we have discussed in an attempt to generate more interest.

Your input would be greatly appreciated, let us know what your congregation would like to see included in our meetings as a way to get more people involved with our business.

Respectfully submitted, D. Miller

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

Meeting at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Okeechobee
January 26, 2007

The Meeting opened with Steve Faison leading the congregation in singing "Just Over in the Glory Land" with Diana Bryant at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant called on Bro. Bronson to lead in prayer, then the congregation greeted each other before being seated. Randy welcomed the body to the 35th Annual Session of the IRA. Home pastor Thomas Dees welcomed the body and Randy recognized several visitors present.

Bro. Don Legg brought the morning devotion from I Thesalonians 5:12 reminding us of the need to express appreciation to our church leaders.

The clerk read the names of the elected delegates from each church, then the standing delegates were recognized. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the day.

An Obituary Committee was appointed to gather the names of those from our churches who have passed away during the past year: The Committee consisted of Bill Swartz, Charles Jordon, and Matt Kinney

The minutes having been distributed beforehand, there was a **MSC** to accept them as printed.

Treasurer Diana Bryant presented both the Quarterly and Annual financial reports, and there was a **MSC** to accept both as printed.

A Women Active for Christ report was given by Okeechobee and a Masters Men report was given by Melbourne and Vero Beach.

Board Reports:

The Christian Education Board report was given by chairman, D. Miller. We also heard from Rachel Bryant thanking the Association for their support during college. She has graduated from nursing school and is living in Vero Beach.

The CE Board Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Sam Lucky.

There was a **MSC** to receive the report with its treasurer's report.

The Mission Board report was given by chairman Steve Berry.

The Mission Board treasurer's report was given by Jim Christian.

There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by chairman Sam Lucky.

There was a **MSC** to recognize D. Miller as an ordained minister on the recommendation of the Ordaining Board.

There was a **MSC** to receive the Ordaining Board report.

Moderator Randy Bryant presented the report of the Executive Committee. There were three recommendations:

1 - To continue format of the last two years of having our boards be responsible for the quarterly worship services: April - Mission Board, July - Ordaining Board, October - Christian Education Board, January - Executive Committee

2 - To keep the same disbursement percentages as the past year: Of total giving, 60% goes to the State Cooperative Fund, 40% remains in the District. Of that 40%, 60% goes to the Mission Board, 30% goes to the CE Board, 5% goes to the Benevolent Fund and 5%

goes to the General Fund. If the Benevolent Fund is fully funded (\$2500), 10% goes to the General Fund.

3 - We recommend that we welcome the Titusville Church back into the Association, based on their request.

There was a MSC to accept the report and vote item by item.

1 - MSC

2 - MSC

3 - MSC

Bro Randy asked the Titusville members to stand and be recognized, and the body welcomed the group into the fellowship.

Randy gave a report as the State's Executive Director, mentioning the following dates:

The Senior Summitt -November 2007

The Florida Ministers Retreat

Mission Shares promotional weekends

State Meeting May 2 - 5, 2007, with the theme of "An Honor to Serve", Lt. Col. Kerry Steedley will be the speaker. Laymen will be sharing their military experiences in the Thursday AM service.

Andres Sancho will be speaking in one of the worship services. We will be recognizing vetrans in the Thursday PM service.

The State ended the calendar year with the Shares program being in the black after being \$18,000 below budget in December. Co-op ended up \$8000 under budget for the first year since in several years. Everything the State does comes thru co op funding and we need to support the Information was given on signing up to receive the Coordinator.

Jim Tolbert, new representative from TN Family Ministries, spoke and shared the work of the Ministry with our people.

An offering of \$152.00 was received with Diana Bryant playing "This Is My Story Medley".

There was a 15 minute break taken and the choir was asked to meet for practice.

The Statistical Report was given by Assistant Clerk Betsy Lucky:
7 ministers 9 deacons 3 clerks, 14 delegates, 31 visitors TOTAL :
64

Nominating Committee Report:

Next meeting: Devotion: Mike Taggart Alternate - Sam Lucky
MSC

Officers: **MSC** - to accept and open floor for nominations. Upon hearing no others, **MSC** to cease nominations and proceed to elect by acclamation. **MSC** to accept slate for nominating committee by acclamation.

Obituary Committee Report:

The following members went to be with the Lord in 2006: From Cocoa, Jenny Johnson and Louise Allen. From Okeechobee, Clement Markham. From Auburndale, Herman Hyman. From Melbourne, Alice Kingrey, Myrtle Moss, Raymond Gray, Clarence Curtis, Marilyn Berry. The congregation stood in memory of these and Jim Christian led in prayer.

The Ordaining Board handed out the annual cards of good standing and prayer was offered asking God's blessing on the ministry of these men.

The congregation sang "Love Lifted Me", and the choir sang an arrangement of " O How I Love Jesus". The congregation sang "My Jesus I Love Thee".

Randy introduced Dave Thomas, pastor of the Hollywood church who would be bringing the morning message. He spoke from Mark 14: 3 - 9. If you want to do big things for God:

1. Find out what God wants you to do and do it the best you can.
2. Hear what God has to say to you.
3. Be ready to do things when people are against you.
4. Do things when God tells you.
5. Give your all.

Randy dismissed the body in prayer.

Women Active for Christ Report

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church - This quarter has been a sad one in our congregation. We lost a church member that was a spiritual light to all of us. His name was Clement Markham and he will be sorely missed. We have tried to be a source of comfort to his family. We have prayed for them, phoned them, and sent cards of comfort.

Each month the auxiliary sends an offering to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Also, we make fruit baskets for the sick in our congregation. We helped with donations to church dinners and a Christmas Party. We honored our Pastor with a gift on his birthday and on Christmas. Also, a gift for the Pastor's wife. We sent an offering to the FWB Children's home in Alabama for Christmas. We enlist donations for this cause all year round and take a special offering during December. All the proceeds go to the Children's Home. We will endeavor this year to be more bold in serving Christ and doing His work. Love one another and press on to reach Heaven one day soon.

Respectfully submitted, Connie Grounds, Secretary

Master's Men Report

Melbourne: The Master's Men of Melbourne had a wonderful year and were richly blessed of God. We had an average attendance of 10. We were able to add two more children's homes to our

monthly support giving us three children's homes, one Bible college, The Christian Law Association, and Florida Missions Shares. We continue to support numerous projects in our local church.

As we look ahead to the year 2007, we pray God will continue to bless the men of Melbourne and increase our attendance. In addition, we pray God's blessing on the men of the Association and use each of us for His glory. May God richly bless each of you.

Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board did not meet this quarter but instead communicated via email.

Old Business:

1. CTS Rule Books. Steve Faison distributed CTS rule books last meeting to our churches and is available to you for an informational presentation on the current status of CTS and its many options for participation. The District Competition will be in March at the Melbourne church with date and time TBD.
2. Honor Christian Educators in our churches. The C.E. Board plans to honor the men and women in each of our churches who have worked to educate our congregations about the Word of God. In order to accomplish this, the C.E. Board will need to receive the completed Christian Educator's ID forms prior to April 1, 2007. The goal is to make the presentations during the March meeting. Christian Educator's ID forms are available after the meeting today.

New Business:

1. Youth Involvement at District Association Meetings: The C.E. Board has been considering ways to involve our youth in Association Meetings and have a couple of ideas to pass on as informational items only at this point, but we do so with the hope of receiving meaningful feedback to help us plan.

*Attempt to hold a youth rally during an Association Meeting. This would require some adult supervision and absence

from the business but would pay dividends in the time spent in ministering to our young people.

*Invite a Youth Evangelist to minister to the youth while the adults are in business. Perhaps do this at the subsequent meeting to the one where the Youth Rally is held.

2. Create a District Association Web page: This page could be useful to keep the local churches informed on upcoming Association business/events. In turn the local church representative could use the material from the Web page to print a newsletter for those members who do not have computer access.

*It would require a Webmaster a minimal cost to maintain.

*There would have to be a local church representative to provide information, in written form, to the web masters in order for this program to work effectively. This would be a good place to involve a young person in ministry.

3. Ways to generate more interest in the Association Meetings: In the interest of generating more interest among our adults, the CE Board has thought about the following and offers these as information in the hope of receiving appropriate feedback for planning purposes.

*Have an Indian River Association Choir. Send the music out ahead of time so the churches can practice and then they can form up on the day of the meeting to perform. Bro. Steve Faison has agreed to be the Choir Director for the Association and we will get our first performance from the Association Choir today.

*Conduct themed meetings

*Conduct training for WAC/MM groups

*Special singing

*Advertise the meetings in WEB pages, newsletters

*Ask the churches to submit a church database consisting of member's names and addresses so we can send mailers with info on special events

*Turn the Annual meeting into more of a Jubilee
Youth Camp:

We will be attempting something new with our Youth Camps this coming summer. Instead of having one combined camp, we will have two camps, one for Teens 12-19, and one for Juniors 8-12.

Junior Camp will be at Camp Eagle in Coleman, FL and will commence on Monday June 25 at 3pm and will run through Friday, June 29 at 1 pm. The evangelist will be Bro. Randy Jackson. Fees for the Juniors will run \$100 for early registration and \$110 for late registrations.

Teen Camp will be held at Camp Sonshine in Sorrento, FL and will commence on Sunday August 5 after morning worship services and run through Friday, August 10 at 1 pm. The camp evangelist for the Teens will be Bro. Mark Cash. Fees for the Teens will run \$140 for early registration and \$150 for late registration.

Bro. Steve Berry will act as director for both camps and Bro. Larry Clyatt from the Harmony FWB Church will be the Asst. Director for the Juniors. Mike Taggart will be the Asst. Director for the Teens.

Please make this a matter of prayer now as we will need to staff both camps and we certainly need to see young people attend, find the Lord, or spend time growing in the Lord. As you know, with anything new there is a tendency to resist, so lets talk camp up and help explain the positives of having a Junior camp directed specifically towards their age group.

Year in Review:

1. Scholarship Funds: The CE Board, as a result of your generosity, was able to provide \$3500 in college scholarships in 2005 and 2006.
2. Couple's Retreat: The Couple's Retreat was held on February 3-4 at the Holiday Inn Select in Orlando. We had fifteen couples attend at a cost of \$100 per couple. The \$100 included the room, a meal on Friday evening, and a breakfast buffet on Saturday morning as well as a coffee and cookie break. Bro. Steve Berry facilitated a video seminar by Dr. Kevin Leman and Mr. and Mrs. Woo provided the entertainment.
3. Silent Auction: The Silent Auction was held on Saturday, March 11, 2006. We had 99 people in attendance with over ninety items donated. We raised \$5349 for our young people in college. This time we added a live auction portion as well as live

entertainment during the dinner. As always our people responded to this event with overwhelming generosity and we all had an extremely enjoyable evening.

Mission Board Report

The Mission Board met by phone conference, members present were Jim Christian, Steve Berry, Mike Taggart, Henry Beard, and Cecil Hutchinson

We opened in prayer led by Henry Beard. We discussed the Palm Bay issue and our options. There was a MSC to have Steve contact Bill Skaggs and have him get a resolution from the church to authorize him to sign the new deed drawn up from the Indian River Mission Board to the Palm Bay Free Will Baptist Church for the transfer of the property. Steve is also to consult with the CLA for advice on the wording of the deed. Points of interest: Have Bill ask for Charlie Charles' resolution from the IRA Mission Board authorizing Charlie Charles to sign the 1999 contract representing the Mission Board. Have Bill ask for the original contract as we only have a copy. Might ought to have our lawyer write to the church asking for a resolution from the church for Bill to sign the contract.

Discuss Missions in our Association:

- *Publicize a short term mission trip to Cuba in June of 2007
- *We wanted to make folks aware that Mirial Gainer is having back surgery (fusion)
- *Give a report on the work in Ft. Myers
- *Give information about the State Shares Pastor's Conference on Feb 22 and March 22.
- *We have not moved forward on getting new banners for all the churches in our association
- *We wanted to put out feelers as to anyone that would have interest to go see Dennis and Trena Owen in Uruguay for a short term mission trip

*Action Item - Mike and Jim are going to work together on the planning of an Associational Mission Shares Walk-a-Thon fundraiser for the Fall of 2007

Discuss April as Missions Month

Discuss the Mission Board's Associational Meeting Service Plans

*Contact Andres Sancho to be our guest speaker for the Mission Board's Associational Meeting

*Highlight the works that we have and how they are doing

*Encourage Florida Shares

Ordaining Board Report

The Ordaining Board met on December 17, 2006 at the Melbourne church with the purpose of interviewing Bro. D. Miller. Having questioned and being satisfied with Bro. D's answers, we, the Ordaining Board, recommend that he be ordained as a minister in good standing with the Indian River Association.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky, Chairman

Nominating Committee Report

The next District Association Meeting will take place on April 28, 2007, and will meet at the Auburndale Church. The devotion will be provided by Mike Taggart with Sam Lucky as the alternate.

For Nominating Committee:

Henry Beard, Cecil Hutchinson, Herman Hannen

Moderator: Randy Bryant to replace himself

Asst. Moderator: Jim Christian to replace himself

Clerk/Treasurer: Diana Bryant to replace herself

Asst Clerk/Treasurer: Betsy Lucky to replace herself

C.E. Board 2010 term: D. Miller to replace himself

Mission Board 2012 term: Henry Beard to replace himself

Ordaining Board 2012 term: Sam Lucky to replace himself

Camp Board 2009 term: Mike Taggart to replace himself

**Indian River Association
Annual Treasurer's Report**

For period covering
January 1 - December 31, 2006

Beginning Balance January 1, 2006	\$4,430.83
Receipts	
Dues	2400.00
Offering	597.00
Interest	
	12.96
<u>Together Way Plan</u>	
Auburndale	6276.01
Melbourne	3761.74
New Hope Fellowship	5689.21
Okeechobee	964.00
Palm Bay	—
Ryanwood Fellowship	4605.49
Total Receipts	<u>24,326.41</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$28,757.24</u>
Disbursements	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$11,961.94
Indian River Mission Board	4104.55
Indian River Dhristian Education Board	2052.27
Board of Retirement	233.69
Shares	800.00
Victory FWB Ministries	180.00
Honorariums	1100.00
Executive Committee Expense	102.09
Dues to State Association	1200.00
Cuba	113.00
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Benevolent	250.00
International Missions Offering	183.00
Office Expense	29.50
Total Disbursements	\$22,510.04
Ending Balance December 31, 2005	<u>\$6247.20</u>
Fund Balances	
General Fund	3747.20
Benevolent Fund	2500.00

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1 – DECEMBER 31, 2006**

BEGINNING BALANCE	8,582.43
DEPOSITS	4,352.92
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:	12,935.35

DISBURSMENTS	
Florida Mission Shares	3,600.00
1st Free Will Baptist Melbourne	2,189.58
Randy Bryant	400.00
Ebenezer Free Will Baptist	250.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	6,439.58

NEW BALANCE	6,495.77
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**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
Jan. 1—Dec. 31, 2006**

Beginning Balance		\$4,180.05
Deposits:		
Co-op		3,370.20
Interest		5.69
Scholarship Fund		7,056.85
Couples Retreat (Registration)		1,700.00
Gift		<u>1,000.00</u>
Subtotal		17,312.79
Disbursements:		<u>16,288.45</u>
Balance on Hand		\$1,024.34

General Fund		1,856.70
Deposits:		
Co-op		2,099.08
Interest		5.69
Couples Retreat (Registration)		<u>1,700.00</u>
Subtotal		5,661.47
Disbursements:		
Couples Retreat Expense		136.05
Holiday Inn (Couples Retreat)		2,902.88
Silent Auction Expense		433.96
CTS Registration (Cocoa)		100.00
CTS Registration (Melbourne)		315.00
Three CEBD Meetings (Dinner)		217.11
Camp Sonshine		150.00
Mission Trip (Southeastern)		150.00
Fish Fry Expense		384.63
D. Miller (Expense)		<u>206.00</u>
Subtotal		4,995.63
Balance on Hand		\$665.84

Scholarship Fund		1,861.04
Deposits:		
Co-op		428.56
Gift		500.00
Silent Auction		5,494.75
Dinner / Sing		888.29
Offering		599.00
Dividends (FWB Foundation)		<u>74.81</u>
Subtotal		9,846.45
Disbursements:		
Scholarships		
Kyle Miller		500.00
Allison Rogers		500.00
Rachel Bryant		1,000.00
FWB Foundation		<u>7,774.81</u>
Subtotal		9,774.81
Balance on Hand		71.64

Camp fund		462.31
Deposits:		
Co-op		842.56
Gift		<u>500.00</u>
Subtotal		1,804.87
Disbursements: (Camp Sonshine)		<u>1,518.01</u>
Balance on hand		286.86

All Funds		\$1,024.34
FWB Foundation		7,774.81
Total Accounted For		8,999.15

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.

