

2007

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Directory of Churches

First Free Will Baptist Church

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

Interim Ron Draper

3405 Hwy 17 North
Bartow, FL 33830
863-533-2915

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

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

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- 9525

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

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
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

<u>Moderator</u>	Randy Bryant (Ryanwood) 2156 54th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-567-1956
<u>Vice Moderator</u>	Jim Christian (Cocoa) 4650 Hwy 524 Cocoa, FL 32926 321-636-3244
<u>Clerk/Treasurer</u>	Diana Bryant (Ryanwood) 2156 54th Avenue Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-567-1956
<u>Asst. Clerk/Treasurer</u>	Betsy Lucky (Ryanwood) 3706 Atlantic Boulevard Vero Beach, FL 32960 772-567-9525

Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Henry Beard
Cecil Hutchinson
Herman Hannen

Christian Education Board

Chrissy Kinney (2011)
Sam Lucky (2009)
Darrell Miller (2010)

CTS Director

Steve Faison

Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2013)
Mike Taggart (2009)
Jim Christian (2010)
Steve Berry (2011)
Henry Beard (2012)

Ordination Board

Steve Berry (2009)
Thomas Dees (2010)
Bill Swartz (2011)
Sam Lucky (2012)
Randy Bryant (2013)

Camp Board

Darrell Miller (2011)
Mike Taggart (2009)

In Memory

From Cocoa

Jenny Johnson
Louise Allen

From Okeechobee

Clement Markham

From Auburndale

Herman Hyman

From Melbourne

Alice Kingrey
Myrtle Moss
Raymond Gray
Clarence Curtis
Marilyn Berry



Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting April 28, 2007

First Free Will Baptist Church, Auburndale

The congregation sang "I Feel Like Traveling On" with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano to open the service. James Hutto welcomed the body. Mike Taggart brought the morning devotion from Exodus 13:18. Leaders cannot do the job alone, we need to share the work more.

Moderator Randy Bryant asked the clerk, Diana Bryant, to read the names of the elected delegates from each of the reporting churches. They stood as their names were called, then the standing delegates were recognized. There was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day. The printed minutes were presented, and there was a MSC to accept these minutes. Treasurer Diana Bryant presented the financial report for January - February - March 2007. There was a MSC to accept the report as presented.

A Master's Men report was given by Sam Lucky for Ryanwood Fellowship.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Bro. D Miller. The treasurer's report for the board was presented by Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to accept the reports.

The Mission Board Report was given by Steve Berry. The treasurer's report for the board was given by Jim Christian. There was a MSC to accept the reports.

There was no Ordaining Board report.

Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The offering was received, being designated to go to the World Missions Offering. Diana Bryant played No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus. Offering received was \$156.82.

The body took a 20 minute break.

The body reconvened and heard the Statistical Report from Assistant Clerk, 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. Steve Faison will give the devotion at the next meeting with Jim Christian as alternate.

Time was given for announcements. Chrissy Kinney asked for representatives from each church to be able to keep in touch.

The congregation sang "Glad Reunion Day" and "Won't it Be Wonderful There". Joyce and Ron Draper sang "The Other Side of Jordan".

Steve Berry, Mission Board Chairman, introduced Anthony Edgmon for a report from Spain.

Anthony shared progress in the work in Spain, and spoke about their Outreach Center. Steve then introduced Andres Sancho, Missionary in West Palm Beach, for the morning message. Andres spoke in Spanish and Anthony did the translation. The message was titled "Four Witnesses, Four Perspectives". Lot's perspective was of greed. Lot could have shared the riches of Abraham, but Lot wanted the riches of the world. God's perspective was of judgment for the sins of the world. A third perspective came from Lot's wife, she was longing for the world. The fourth perspective was that of Abraham. This perspective makes us take another look. Genesis 19:27 - 28 shows us his compassion for the lost. We need that same compassion for the lost.

Andres shared their growth in numbers over the past three years, they now have children as well as older people. He asked for prayer for their work that they would be able to reach people who have never known Christ as their Savior.

The service closed in an alter of prayer for our missionaries.

We were dismissed.

Master's Men Reports

Vero Beach - We meet once a month, with our average attendance being 6. In February we held our annual yard sale which is used to support our projects, Cuban Pastors and Mission Shares. In March, a group of men from our church went to Ft. Gaines, GA in support of our National Master's Men Gold Tournament. We try to focus on various needs of those in our church and help where we can.

Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky

Christian Education Board Report

The C.E. Board met on February 6, 2007 at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Melbourne, FL. The Board donated \$100 to the International Fellowship of Free Will Baptists. The District CTS Competition was held at the Melbourne church on March 10, 2007. The CE Board will pay the registration fees for the Association's competitors t a cost of \$420.00.

One behalf of the Indian River Association the Christian Education Board in cooperation with some of our local churches would like to recognize some of those who have spent their lives teaching the Word of God:

Vero Beach: Thomas Greene, Betsy Lucky, Cecil Hutchinson, Steve Faison, Diana Bryant, Sam Lucky

Cocoa: Matt Kinney, Chrissy Kinney, Joshua Sprague

Titusville: Nikki McCarty, Jesse McCarty, Sandie Abrams, Samuel Abrams, Traci Johnson, Vicky Greo

Melbourne: Herman Hannan, Mike Taggart, Kyle Miller, Nicole Roop, Linda Wine, Sarah Johnson, Mary Ulrich, Cindy Berry, Theresa Voyer, Kim Rogers, Brenda Wood, Meagan Berry, Katie VanDeventer, Allison Rogers, Deborah Taggart, Tim VanDeventer

These were all given certificates and CD of Bible Study helps.

Bro. D. Miller was elected Chairman of the CE Board for the 2007 year, and Sam Lucky will continue to be the Treasurer.

The CE Board has the responsibility of hosting the October Association meeting in Melbourne. In an attempt to try something new and encourage greater participation, the CE Board made a recommendation to the Executive Committee and we have received their permission to combine the Association meeting with our annual Scholarship Dinner and Gospel Sing. The Association meeting will start at 3:30 pm instead of the customary 9:30 am. The Scholarship Dinner will be held at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at a cost of \$10. The meal will consist of Tri-Tip steak dinner, baked beans, cole-slaw, bread, and desserts. The Gospel Sing will start at 6 pm and we will receive an offering during the singing with all of the evenings proceeds to go to our IRA Scholarship Fund.

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 the Teens 12-19 years of age, and one for the Juniors 8 - 12. The Junior Camp will be at Camp Eagle in Coleman, FL and will commence on Monday, June 25 at 3pm and will run thru Friday, June 29 at 1 pm. The evangelist will be Bro. Randy Jackson. Fees for the Juniors will run \$100 for early registration or \$110 for late registration. The Teen Camp will be held at Camp Sonshine in Sorrento, FL and will commence on Sunday, August 5 and run through Friday, August 10. Mark Cash will be the camp evangelist. Fees for the Teens will run \$140 for early registration and \$150 for late registration. Bro. Steve Berry

will act as the Director for both camps. Bro. Larry Clyatt from the harmony FWB Church will be the Asst. Director for Junior Week, and Mike Taggart will be the Asst. Director for the Teens.

Respectfully submitted, D. Miller, Chairman

Statistical Committee Report

At the April 27, 2007 meeting, convening at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Auburndale, there were 6 ministers, 5 deacons, 2 clerks, 15 church delegates, and 6 visitors for a total of 34 in attendance.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lucky

Indian River Association of Free will Baptists

Meeting at the Titusville Free Will Baptist Church

July 28, 2007

The meeting opened with the congregation singing a medley of "His Name is Wonderful", "Jesus Name Above All Names", and "There's Something About That Name" with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Host pastor, D. Miller welcomed the body to Titusville, and

Bro. Thomas Dees lead in prayer to open the meeting. He introduced the devotional speaker for the morning, Steve Faison. Steve spoke about the importance of building relationships with people in order to win them to Christ. He stressed the importance of our relationship with Christ and the need to continually develop that relationship.

Moderator Randy Bryant asked the Clerk to read the names of the elected delegates from the churches. They stood as their names were called, then the Moderator asked for all standing delegates to stand also. There was a MSC to seat this group as the voting body for the day's business. The printed minutes were presented and there was a MSC to accept these as printed. The treasurer's report was presented by treasurer Diana Bryant, and there was a MSC to accept it as printed.

There were no Women's Ministries or Master's Men reports.

D. Miller presented the Christian Education Board report. Sam Lucky gave the treasurer's report for the board. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

In the absence of Chairman Steve Berry, board member Cecil Hutchinson gave the Mission Board report. Jim Christian presented the treasurer's report from the board. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

State Executive Director, Randy Bryant, shared events coming up around the State and encouraged people to participate. Randy encouraged people to check out the materials available on his table, and encouraged any who don't receive the Coordinator to sign up for that free publication.

The morning offering was to go to Camp Sonshine. The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "To God Be the Glory". The amount of the morning offering was \$273.00.

There was a 20 minute break.

A quartet of Steve Faison, Diana Bryant, Paul and Beth Bryant sang "The Glorious City of God" to reopen the service.

Betsy Lucky gave the Statistical Committee report. The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard.

There was a MSC to adjourn.

The congregation sang "A Shelter in the Time of Storm" and "Rock of Ages".

The quartet sang "Standing on the Rock", and Paul and Beth Bryant sang "There is A Fountain".

Ordaining Board chairman Sam Lucky introduced the speaker for the morning, Paul Bryant. Paul grew up in our association and was ordained by our Indian River Association ordaining board.

Paul spoke from the book of Jeremiah and reminded us that what ever God has called us to do, he will equip us to do. Our greatest excuses do not measure up to God's answers. God promises to be with us in whatever he has called us to do. "Have Thine Own Way" was sang as an invitation.

Instructions were given for the meal and we were dismissed in prayer.

Mission Board Report

The IRA Board has not met as yet this quarter. We hope to meet prior to our association meeting. The Mission Board has completed getting all the churches their mission banners. We want 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.

The First Free Will Baptist Church in Palm Bay still requests its title to said property. Steve Berry has communicated twice within the last quarter with Delma Bailes in regard to property. At this point she seems to be in understanding with the board that it is not a great time to transfer title.

Mission Board member, Steve Berry just returned from a trip to Cuba with 11 others. 21 people trusted Christ for salvation during the trip.

The Mission Board is also wanting to sponsor a mission shares fundraiser.

Respectfully submitted, Cecil Hutchinson

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met on June 21, 2007 at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Melbourne, FL.

Old Business:

The Association meeting will start at 3:30 pm instead of the customary 9:30 am

The Scholarship Dinner will be held at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at a suggested donation of \$10. The meal will consist of Tri Tip steak, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, and dessert.

The Gospel Sing will start at 5:30 pm and we will receive an offering during the singing with all of the evening's profits to go to our IRA Scholarship Fund.

The CE Board would like to ask our churches to begin soliciting groups, quartets, and solo acts for the Gospel Sing.

New Business:

Silent Auction or Couples Retreat: The CE Board voted to pursue a Couple's Retreat for early 2008 instead of the Silent Auction which was due to occur in March. This decision was made based on no students being scheduled to attend college in the fall and the difficulty in hosting two events in a single year. The plan is to attempt the Couple's Retreat in 2008 and the Silent Auction in 2009 if it is the Lord's will. We could then continue each event on a rotating basis as interest permits.

Camp Sonshine - Juniors: Camp Sonshine for our juniot age young people was held in Coleman, FL June 25-29. Bro. Randy Jackson was the Camp Evangelist and we had 4 decisions for salvation. We also had 4-5 teen counselors who worked that week ministering to our juniors.

Camp Sonshine - Teens: Camp Sonshine for the teens will be held in Sorrento, FL August 5-10. Mark Cash will the the Camp Evangelist. Please pray for all who will be attending.

Statistical Committee Report

For the meeting on July 28, 2007 at Titusville:

Ministers	6
Deacons	5
Clerks	3
Church Delegates	17
Visitors	<u>8</u>
Total Attendance	39

Nominating Committee Report

The next District Association Meeting will take place on October 27, 2007, and will meet at the Melbourne Church at 3:30 pm. The devotion will be given by Jim Christian with Matt Kinney as the alternate.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Melbourne, FL
October 27, 2007

The business meeting opened with the congregation singing "Sunlight" led by Steve Faison with Diana Bryant at the piano. Cecil Hutchinson opened in prayer, and Steve introduced Jim Christian for the afternoon devotion.

Jim read the 3rd Psalm, and talked about the need to have confidence in God. This Psalm talks about the peace we can have in our lives, no matter what is going on around us.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and asked the clerk to read the names of the elected delegates from each church and they stood as their names were called. Standing delegates (church clerks, ministers, and deacons) were also asked to stand. There was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day's business.

Randy reminded everyone to sign in and reminded them to pick up copies of the minutes. Delegates were asked to vote on accepting the minutes. There was a MSC to accept the minutes as printed. Treasurer Diana Bryant gave the Treasurer's Report, and there was a MSC to accept it as printed.

Bro. Bronson shared that Henry Beard was in the hospital with chest pains. Randy asked for prayer for him as he also lost his mother within the past week.

There were no reports from Women Active for Christ groups, and one report from a Master's Men group (Melbourne).

The Christian Education Board report was given by Chairman D. Miller. Their financial report was presented by Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Steve Berry. It's financial report was given by Jim Christian. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

There will be no nominating committee report since we will not need a devotional or morning message speaker at the next meeting. The Executive Committee is responsible for the entire program at the next meeting. Randy gave some dates to remember since they will change from the normal dates. February 2 will be the first Association Meeting of the year, the April 26 meeting will be in Vero Beach with the Ordaining Board in charge of the service, August 16 will be in Okeechobee with the Christian Education Board in charge of the service. October 25 will be at Auburndale with the Mission Board responsible for the program there.

The Statistical Committee Report was given by Betsy Lucky. There were 7 ministers, 6 deacons, 2 church clerks, 19 church delegates, and 16 visitors for a total of 50 present.

Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association. He reported on the Family Life Conferences, and promoted the Senior Summit which is coming up in November. Randy reminded everyone about our Mission Shares program and invited people to pick up materials to have on hand reminding people about the program. Our Co Op is on track financially, but the Shares program is behind by several thousand dollars. Randy encouraged everyone to do what they can. Everyone was asked to send in pictures and notes about things going on in their churches to share with everyone around the state.

Randy shared with the body his and Diana's experiences on their trip to Spain to visit our Shares Missionaries, The Edgmons and McVays. He showed pictures and explained the work there. Randy shared a picture from a high mountain showing several towns with many people but no evangelical churches. Pray that the Lord will call workers and be thankful that we can be a part of the work there.

Randy asked for any other items of business, and hearing none there was a **MSC** to adjourn. Instructions were given for the dinner, and the blessing was asked on the meal. We were dismissed to eat dinner and invited to come back for the fund raising Gospel Sing to be held at 5:30 pm. An offering would be taken at the singing for the CE Board's Scholarship Fund.

Master's Men Report

Melbourne - God is continuing to bless the Masters Men at the Melbourne Church. We continue to meet the first Monday of each month followed by a breakfast the following Thursday. We invite the widows of our congregation to attend along with the wives of our group. Our average attendance has been fifteen.

We have been blessed financially. So far this year we have purchased the new tables for the Fellowship Hall, gave a love gift to four high school graduates, and sent a benevolent gift to a needy family from the denomination in SC. We continue the support of four Children's Homes, Southeastern Bible College, Christian Law Association, and the Florida Mission Shares.

Please continue to pray for us that we will be doing what God would have us to do. May He receive the honor and glory for all we accomplish.

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met on June 21, 2007 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne, FL. Present were Randy Bryant, Christian Kinney, Steve Faison, Mike Taggart, Sam Lucky, and D Miller.

Old Business: October Association Meeting/Scholarship Dinner & Gospel Sing: The C.E. Board met to discuss the final arrangements for the October Indian River Association Quarterly

District meeting, Scholarship Dinner, and Gospel Sing. The Association Meeting will start at 3:30 instead of the customary 9:30 am. The Scholarship Dinner will be held at 4:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall at a suggested donation of \$10. The meal will consist of Tri-Tip steak, baked beans, cole slaw, bread, and dessert. The Gospel Sing will start at 5:30 pm and we will receive an offering during the singing with all of the evening's profits to go to our IRA Scholarship Fund.

New Business:

Associational Educational Event: The C.E. Board discussed the issue of attendance to Church/Association or State events and how that usual attendance is a core group of people with little change over the last few years. Possibilities are being discussed for subjects that may arouse interest and a format that may be diverse and able to provide a little something for everyone. The C.E. Board would certainly encourage our pastors and members to contact any Board member with ideas or subjects that they would like to see addressed to help you better deal with life or help you in ministry.

CTS - The District CTS Competition should be held soon in preparation for the State competition. We are looking at a date in March with a place and time to be determined. The C.E. Board has ordered the new CTS handbooks for the churches so they can be distributed to the pastors at the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Darrell Miller, Chairman

Mission Board Report

The Mission Board met at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Melbourne, FL on October 1, 2007. Present were Jim Christian, Steve Berry, Mike Taggart, Henry Beard, and Cecil Hutchinson.

Items of Business:

Discussed the Palm Bay church situation. Steve will contact Delma Bailes to determine if the church has adequate liability insurance to protect the property.

Discussed a short term missionary trip for our association. A Cuban mission trip in June will be offered to association members at the October 27, 2007 meeting.

Discussed the West Palm Mission work, and received updates on progress there.

Discussed the Ft. Myers Mission work and received an update on the progress to date.

Discussed and planned fund raising ideas for missions shares. The Macedonian Project was approved for February 23, 2008. Details will be presented at the October 27, 2007 association Meeting.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at the New Hope Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in
Cocoa, FL

on February 2, 2008

The meeting opened with Steve Faison leading the congregation in singing a medley of songs about the name of Jesus, "His Name is Wonderful", "Jesus, Name Above All Names", and "There's Just Something About That Name" with Diana Bryant at the piano.

Host Pastor Jim Christian welcomed the body to the annual meeting.

Moderator Randy Bryant opened the meeting. He introduced a new feature "The Year in Review" in place of the morning devotion. Pictures were shown of activities during the year in our churches and at youth camp and youth competition.

Randy asked for the delegates sent from the local churches to stand as their names were called, and then asked for the standing delegates to rise. There was a MSC to accept this as the voting body and delegates were seated.

An Obituary Committee was appointed of Thomas Dees, Chairman, Dennis Haley, and Sam Lucky. They will gather names of those from our churches who passed away during the past year and report back after the morning break.

There was a MSC to approve the minutes as printed. The Treasure's Quarterly and Annual reports were given, and there was a MSC to accept both as printed.

There was a Master's Men report from the Melbourne Church.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Chairman D. Miller. The quarterly and annual Treasurer's report was given by their treasurer, Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

The Mission Board Report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. He gave details on the Macedonian Lockup taking place on February 23, 2008. Jim Christian gave the board's quarterly and annual treasurer's report, and there was a MSC to accept both reports.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

The Moderator reminded everyone about date changes and places for future association meetings: April 26, Vero; August 16, Okeechobee; and October 25, Auburndale.

Randy gave a report as the Director of State Ministries. He reviewed the Minister's Retreat, and encouraged people to attend the State Meeting coming up the end of April. The theme will be "The Unchanging Mission in a Changing World". Randy talked about Project Villalba and showed a DVD introducing that project. He encouraged everyone to get involved and make this project of raising \$50,000 as a state a success.

The Executive Committee recommended that we give \$1750.00 from the General Fund for Project Villalba. There was a MSC to adopt this recommendation

The Morning Offering was received with Diana Bryant playing "This is My Story". The offering was \$282.00 and will go toward Project Villalba. A 15 minute break was taken.

The Assistant Moderator, Jim Christian, introduced the representative from FWB Family Ministries who shared about their work in Erwin Tennessee. He thanked our churches who have let them visit and share their work.

The Statistical Committee report was given by Betsy Lucky. She reported 6 ministers, 5 deacons, 6 clerks, 22 delegates, and 8 visitors, for a total of 47.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Thomas Dees.

Henry Beard gave the nominating committee report. There was a MSC to accept nominating committee report. There was a MSC to approve all those who were replacing themselves. Time was given for nominations from the floor for the Ordaining Board, There was a motion and second that nominations cease and proceed to elect the nominated candidate, it carried. There was a MSC to cease nominations for the Camp Board and proceed to elect the nominated candidate.

Announcements were given from the attending churches.

The worship service was opened with the congregation singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus", "His Grace is Suffieient", "Grace Greater Than Our Sin", and "Amazing Grace". Steve Faison sang "He Touched Me".

Randy Bryant brought the morning message from Hebrews Chapter 13 1 - 7, 17. He spoke about he Pastor's responsibilities to the Church and Church's responsibilities to the Pastor.

Assistant Moderator Jim Christian dismissed the body and asked the blessing on the food.

Steve Berry dismissed in prayer.

Mission Board Report

The IRA Mission Board has not met as yet this quarter. We hope to meet prior to our associational meeting.

*January 18, Steve Berry, Randy Bryant and Sam Lucky went to lunch with Ralph Williams, the interim pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay.

Our goal was to welcome him into the association as well as discuss the Palm Bay Church's concerns about their deed to the property.

*The mission board wants to make our church members aware of the Impulse Video Magazine which is available quarterly to individuals who subscribe for \$30 per year.

Registration forms are available today.

*The Mission Board is sponsoring the Macedonian Lock-Up on February 23, 2008. Our financial goal is to raise \$5000 for Project Villalba. Letters of invitation have been sent to each church in the association that would like to participate. The Lock-Up will be held from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Berry, Jim Christian, Henry Beard, Mike Taggart, Cecil Hutchinson

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board did not meet this quarter due to scheduling conflicts so all communication was conducted via email.

Old Business:

October Association Meeting/Scholarship Dinner & Gospel Sing:
We were able to raise \$418.83 after expenses for the Scholarship Fund.

New Business:

Election of Officers: The current chairman is Bro. D. Miller and the current Treasurer is Bro. Sam Lucky. The decision of the board was to keep current officers in place for 2008.

Vilalba Mission Project: The State Mission Board has an initiative to raise \$50,000 to help support the Villalba Mission Project. The CE Board voted to donate \$1000 towards this effort.

Association Education Support: The CE Board is looking at the possibility of partnering with the Ordaining Board to help underwrite the cost of bringing Dr. Rodney Holloman down to teach a seminar on Bible Study Techniques.

CTS Competition Dates: No dates have been set as of yet but Melbourne has requested that we hold the District Competition on March 8, 2008, although their calendar is flexible. They are just looking for scheduling stability as they go forward.

Nominating Committee Report

For the next meeting on April 26, 2008 meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church in Vero Beach, the devotional speaker will be Mike Taggart with Don Legg as an alternate.

Position	Current	Nominee
Nominating Committee		
	Henry Beard	Henry Beard
	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson
	Herman Hannan	Herman Hannan
Christian Education Board		
2011 Term	Chrissy Kinney	Chrissy Kinney
CTS Director		
	Steve Faison	Steve Faison
Mission Board		
2013 Term	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson

Ordaining Board

Open

Randy Bryant

Camp Board

2010 Term

Randy Bryant

Darrell Miller

General Officers:

2010 Terms

Moderator

Randy Bryant

Randy Bryant

Vice Moderator

Jim Christian

Jim Christian

Clerk/Treasurer

Diana Bryant

Diana Bryant

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

Betsy Lucky

Betsy Lucky

Statistical Report

Present: Ministers: 6, Deacons: 5, Clerks: 6, Church Delegates:
22, Visitors: 9 TOTAL: 47

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Lucky, Assistant Clerk

Obituary Committee Report

From Auburndale: Ethel B. Lawrence

From Melbourne: Priscilla Graves, Arthur Hjont

From Titusville: Ruth Vest, Mac McClusky, Mike
Christian

Respectfully submitted, Thomas Dees, Chairman

Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering

January 1 - December 31, 2007

Beginning Balance January 1, 2007.	\$6247.20
Receipts	
Dues	2500.00
Offering	577.82
Interest	21.66
<u>Together Way Plan</u>	
Auburndale	7984.62
Melbourne	4975.37
New Hope Fellowship	6533.09
Okeechobee	2354.00
Palm Bay	---
Ryanwood Fellowship	4889.06
Titusville	1873.60
Total Receipts	\$31,709.22
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$37,956.42</u>
Disbursements	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$17,165.83
Indian River Mission Board	6216.49
Indian River Christian Education Board	3108.14
Board of Retirement	353.06
Shares	720.00
Victory FWB Ministries	180.00
Honorariums	1050.00
Speaker Travel Expense	200.00
Executive Committee Expense	179.51
Dues to State Association	1200.00
Printing of Annual Minutes	74.02
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Benevolent	200.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$30,847.05</u>
Ending Balance December 31, 2007	<u>\$7109.37</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>	
General Fund	4609.37
Benevolent Fund	2500.00

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2007**

BEGINNING BALANCE	6,495.77
DEPOSITS	5,756.13
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:	12,251.90

DISBURSMENTS	
Florida Mission Shares	3,600.00
Dean Mead (Attorney)	660.00
Donna Lindsay (Banners)	625.00
TOTAL DISBURSMENTS	4,885.00

NEW BALANCE	7,366.90
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**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
January 1st—December 31, 2007**

Beginning Balance	1,024.34
Deposits:	
Co-op	2,877.93
Interest	3.11
Refund (Christian Minister Board)	25.00
Scholarship Fund	<u>1,066.00</u>
Subtotal	4,996.38
Disbursements:	<u>2,192.15</u>
Balance on Hand	2,804.23

General Fund	665.84
Deposits:	
Co-op	2,158.45
Interest	3.11
Refund (CMB)	<u>25.00</u>
Subtotal	2,852.40
Disbursements:	
International Fellowship	100.00
Meetings (Bob Evans)	184.24
State Youth Board	420.00
Randall House	<u>90.51</u>
Subtotal	794.75
Balance on Hand	2,057.65

Scholarship Fund	71.64
Deposits: (Dinner/Sing)	1,066.00
Disbursements: (Dinner/Sing) Expense	<u>647.17</u>
Balance on Hand	490.47

Camp Fund	286.86
Deposits: (Co-op)	453.15
Disbursements: (Camp Sonshine)	<u>483.90</u>
Balance on Hand	256.11

Foundation 6-30-07	8,136.37
12-31-07 (Earnings)	<u>199.31</u>
Balance	8,335.68

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 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.

