

2008

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**

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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

**Rev. Keith Farquaron**

800 Emerson Drive NE  
Palm Bay, FL 32907  
321-725-1655

**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**  
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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

Auburndale

James Hutto, James Woods

Ryanwood Fellowship

Sam Lucky

## Officers of the Association

Moderator

Randy Bryant (Ryanwood)

2156 54th Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32966

772-567-1956

Vice Moderator

Jim Christian (Cocoa)

4650 Hwy 524

Cocoa, FL 32926

321-636-3244

Clerk/Treasurer

Diana Bryant (Ryanwood)

2156 54th Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32966

772-567-1956

Asst. Clerk/Treasurer

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 (2012)  
Darrell Miller (2010)

## CTS Director

Steve Faison

## Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2013)  
Mike Taggart (2014)  
Jim Christian (2010)  
Steve Berry (2011)  
Henry Beard (2012)

## Ordination Board

Steve Berry (2014)  
Thomas Dees (2010)  
Bill Swartz (2011)  
Sam Lucky (2012)  
Randy Bryant (2013)

## Camp Board

Darrell Miller (2011)  
Mike Taggart (2012)

# *In Memory*

**From Cocoa**  
Fred Stewart

**From Titusville**  
Samuel "Mickey" Wise

**From Auburndale**  
Junior Hatcher  
Richard Spock  
Vertie Kirkland

**From Melbourne**  
Grace Hjost  
June Heitz



# **Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists**

meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church in  
Vero Beach, FL  
on April 26,2008

The meeting opened with the congregation singing a medley of "All Hail the Power", "Blessed Be the Name", and "Something About that Name" led by Steve Faison with Diana Bryant at the piano. Jim Christian led in prayer.

Mike Taggart gave the morning devotion from the book of Exodus. Using Moses as an example, he encouraged us to share the load of the ministry with others. We may be depriving others of the opportunity to serve, to educate themselves, and to draw closer and depend on God by trying to do everything ourselves. We can share our experience and knowledge with others. God will supply us with the help we need if we ask.

Moderator Randy Bryant asked for the clerk to read the names of the elected delegates from the churches. Those delegates stood, followed by the standing delegates. There was a MSC to seat the delegates for the business of the association.

The minutes were presented, and there was a MSC to accept those as printed. The financial report was presented by Treasurer Diana Bryant. There was a MSC to adopt it as printed.

Chairman D. Miller gave the Christian Education Board report. Sam Lucky gave the CE Board financial report. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

Steve Berry gave a report on upcoming camp sessions. There will be two again this year, a junior week and a teen week. The camp theme will be "Mission Faith - Faith, the Final Frontier".

We'll be using teens again this year at junior week, and they will also be leaders at teen week.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. The Mission Board treasurer, Jim Christian, gave the financial report for the board. There was a MSC to accept both reports.

Sam Lucky gave the Ordaining Board report. Sam explained the process in examining candidates brought from the churches.

Randy Bryant gave a report as the State Executive Director. He talked about the State Meeting and encouraged people to attend. This promises to be an exciting meeting as we will be honoring retiring missionaries Dennis and Trena Owen and announcing the totals raised from Project Villalba. He announced the Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the Senior Summit, and encouraged people to attend. He encouraged any who don't receive the Coordinator to sign up for the free publication.

Randy presented a recommendation from the Executive Committee that the District Association meet in session three times per year, in January, April, and October in order to free up July for camp and the National. This was proposed in light of the increased activities and opportunities for fellowship that the District Association provides. The recommendation was tabled.

Randy asked for volunteers to be delegates at the State Meeting. Debbie Taggart, Crissy Kinney Betsy Lucky, and Cecil Hutchinson volunteered. There was a MSC to give Randy the authority to appoint one more delegate if someone becomes available at the State Meeting.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners". Pastors were encouraged to pick up their National Directory and State Digest of Reports

A 15 minute break was taken.

The Statistical Committee Report was given by Assistant Clerk, Betsy Lucky.

### **Statistical Committee Report**

5 Ministers

5 Deacons

3 Clerks

20 Delegates

3 Visitors

**For a total of 36**

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Henry Beard.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The next meeting will take place on August 16, 2008 and will meet at the Okcechobee Church.

The morning devotion will be given by James Hutto and the alternate will be Don Legg.

There was an announcement from Ryanwood Fellowship regarding Bro. Randy's 25th Anniversary at the church on May 25. Jim Christian asked for prayer for his church as they meet with the St. John's Water Management board on May 13 regarding the building project.

MSC to adjourn from the business session.

The congregation sang a medley of "When We All Get to Heaven", "Face to Face", "Until Then", and "When We all Get to Heaven" followed by Steve Faison and Diana Bryant singing "Amazing Grace My Chains are Gone" Steve Berry introduced Rodney Holloman for the morning message. Mark Chapter 11 was the text for Bro. Holloman's message. The message was titled "Praying that Matters".

\*Prayer that matters expresses faith in God

\*Prayer that matters is expectant.

\*Prayer that matters forgives others first.

Forgiveness says "I won't hold it against you.", "I won't bring it up again".

Randy gave directions for lunch, then reminded everyone that we would be having an afternoon session beginning around 1:00 pm. Prayer and the blessing on the meal was offered by D. Miller.

Rodney Holloman presented a seminar entitled "Weilding the Sword: Sharpening Our Skills to Better Study and Preach the Word" in an afternoon session.

### **Master's Men Report**

**Melbourne** - Our average attendance each meeting for the first quarter of 2008 was thirteen. God truly blesses us as we fellowship and study His precious word at each meeting. We have several plans for the year to raise funds to support our financial obligations we have taken on for the year of 2008. We praise God for the many blessings He has given us and is going to give us this year. May He receive the honor and glory for all we accomplish.

*Respectfully submitted, Richard Wells, Jr.*

### **Mission Board Report**

Mission Board meeting at First Free Will Baptist, Melbourne, FL  
Members present: Steve Berry, Mike Taggart, Henry Beard, and Cecil Hutchinson:

Items of business:

1. Elect officers (chairman, vice chairman, secretary, treasurer). Mike made a motion to keep officers in current position. Seconded by Cecil. Board voted to approve.
2. Discussed First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay. Mike made a motion to move forward with the transferring of property to the Palm Bay Church. A clause added to remain (church and property) a Free Will Baptist Church in good standing with the

State and National FWB for a period of not less than twenty years. This based on ledgal advice by attorney. Seconded by Henry. Motion carried.

3. Reviewed Macedonian Lock-Up. Raised \$9550.90 total from District Churches. Board discusssed things that were okay and where improvements could be made.

4. World Mission Sunday. Will inform District Churches of this April 27th offering.

5. Discussed donation for Project Villalba. Mike made a motion to give \$2000 to Project Villalba out of the Indian River Board account. Seconded by Henry. All agreed. \$5303.56 remaining balance in account.

6. Discussed short term mission trip being promoted by the State Mission Board. The state Mission Board is encouraging Florida Pasotrs to plan and take a short term mission trip in the near future.

7. Mission Booth for the Sate Meeting. Mike made a motion to upgrade our booth with a new TV and DVD player. This to be purchased out of the District Misison Board Account at a cost of approximately \$500. Seconded by Cecil. All agreed.

8. Organize a Mission Promotion Committee. Cecil, Henry and Mike will meet to work out a plan for presenting and promoting mission support. Motion made by Mike and seconded by Henry.

9. Door knocking project. Mike will contact D Miller concerning this project and report back to the Mission Board.

10. All members in agreement for the necessity of a quarterly meeting. Next board meeting scheduled for August 12, 2008, at 9:30 am at the First Free Will Baptist Church , Melbourne, FL

### Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met on 10 April 2008 at the Bob Evans restuarant in Melbourne, FL at 6:00 pm.

#### Old Business:

1. Villalba Mission Project: The CE Board donated \$1000 towards the Villalba Mission Project

2. Bible Techniques Seminar: The CE Board, working in conjunction with the Ordaining Board, sponsored Dr. Rodney

Holloman to be with us last night in Melbourne where he presented two classes on Bible Study Techniques and will bring us our message later this morning as well as present another class this afternoon entitled "Wielding the Sword: Sharpening Our Skills to Better Study and Preach the Word". It is our hope that as many of you as possible will take advantage of his being with us today to stay and learn the techniques he has to offer.

3. CTS Competition: The CTS Competition was held at the FFWBC Melbourne on March 30. Those young people who will represent us at the state meeting are:

New Hope Fellowship Memorization	Alec Christian	First Grade
FFWBC Melbourne Memorization/Short Story	Megan Murphy	Third Grade
FFWBC Melbourne	Shannon McLay	Vocal Solo
FFWBC Melbourne	Heather Rogers	Vocal Solo
FFWBC Melbourne	Matt Berry	Vocal Solo
FFWBC Melbourne Solo/Keyboard	Meagan Berry	Vocal
FFWBC Melbourne Ensemble	Patch Club	Vocal
FFWBC Melbourne Ensemble	Crosstrainer's	Vocal
FFWBC Melbourne	Bobby Berry	Keyboard
FFWBC Melbourne	April Miranda	Drawing

#### New Business:

1. Truth and Peace: Emily Faison has been selected to attend Truth and Peace for the second year in a row and the CE Board has voted to help sponsor Emily by providing for her airfare. Truth and Peace is a leadership conference that is quite extensive in its requirements for consideration, so Emily's selection for the second consecutive year says a lot about her, her parents, her church, and it certainly reflects well on the Indian River Association.

2. Scholarship Singing: This year the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville will host the annual Scholarship Gospel Singing on November 8 at 5:30 pm. We will add a twist this year

as we will begin with a "Brwn Bag Auction. Fifteen "Brown Bags" will be auctioned off for the purpose of raising money for our young men and women attending one of our FWB Colleges. Coffee, soda, and desserts will be provided during the auction and then we will dismiss to the sanctuary for the Gospel Sing. We will utilize the same format this year as last by bringing in the Association choir and then we will invite several singers throughout the Association to sing as well. The goal this year will be to hold the singing portion down to an hour.

# **Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists**

meeting at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church in  
Okeechobee, FL  
on August 16,2008

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Praise Him Praise Him" with Steve Berry leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant asked the host pastor, Thomas Dees, to open the meeting in prayer. Bro. Thomas also gave a word of welcome.

The morning devotion was brought by Bro. James Hutto. Jeremiah 8:20 speaks about the harvest, there are many people who are not saved. We need to get back to teaching what our denomination believes. We need to be training workers. We know the the Word of God, we need to follow it. Matthew 11:28 assures us that Christ is with us.

The Moderator asked for the names of the delegates who have been sent from their churches and asked them to stand. Standing delegates were recognized, and there was a MSC to seat this body as the voting body for the business of the day.

There was a MSC to receive the minutes as printed. The Treasurer's Report was given, and there was a MSC to receive the report.

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

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

Chairman Steve Berry gave a Mission Board report, with the treasurer's report (in the absence of Treasurer Jim Christian). There was a MSC to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Board reported on requests from the Auburndale Church for two deacons and a minister to be examined. These will be acted on in the next month or so.

Randy Bryant gave a report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He gave a report on the State Association Meeting, The Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the Senior Summit. Randy also shared the situation with the State Budget shortfall, and the shortage in the Mission Shares program. He encouraged people to be in prayer, and to give as they can. He commended Chrissy Kinney for her work on the Coordinator.

Randy read the recommendations from the Executive Committee. The first was to remove from the table the motion to change the meeting times of the Association. There was a MSC to remove Item 1 from the table.

There was a motion and second for Item One. There was extensive discussion on the matter and then a vote was taken.

Item 1 reads: Article Five be changed to read: "The meetings of this association shall be on the last Saturday of January, April, and October". The vote was 13 in favor and 13 opposed.

There was a motion and second to table this item again. The motion carried.

There was a MSC to adopt Item 2: "The Executive Committee recommends giving \$2000 from the Benevolent Fund to the State Cooperative Fund".

The offering was received with the offertory "O They Tell Me of a Home" being played by Diana Bryant. There was a 15 minute break. The offering was \$99. This morning's offering will go to the State Cooperative Fund.

The Statistical Report was given by Assistant Clerk Betsy Lucky. Present today are: 6 ministers, 4 deacons, 5 clerks, 17 church

delegates, 12 visitors for a total of 44. There was a MSC to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard: For the next meeting Sam Lucky will give the devotion, Don Legg will be the alternate. There was a MSC to receive report.

The moderator called for any other items of business, or any announcements the churches might have. Hearing none, the business meeting was a MSC to adjourn.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "I Want to Know More". Bro. D Miller turned the service over to Mike Taggart who gave us a presentation on Camp Sonshine. Mike shared statistics from camp and showed a power point presentation on both the Junior and Senior weeks of camp.

There was special music from the Okeechobee church. "Sometimes I Just Want to Praise You" was sung by John Grounds, and a mother daughter team sang "Are You Afraid to Die" and "Rest High on That Mountain".

The morning message was brought by Steve Faison. He spoke about the tools we have in our life for Christian Education. We have to connect with people, we must cut some false doctrines out of our churches, we have to complete the job, we can get our mistakes forgiven, and He must be our power source. There is no tool too insignificant for God to use. Use whatever is in your hand, like Moses, to accomplish God's will.

There was an invitation given with the pianist playing "I Surrender All". The body was dismissed for lunch and the blessing was asked on the food.

## Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met via email this quarter.

### Old Business:

1. Scholarship Singing: This year the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville will host the annual Scholarship Gospel Singing on November 8 at 5:30 pm. We will add a twist this year as we will begin with a "Brown Bag Auction". Fifteen brown bags will be auctioned off for the purpose of raising money for our young men and women attending one of our FWB Colleges. Coffee, soda, and desserts will be provided during the auction and then we will dismiss to the sanctuary for the Gospel Sing.

We will utilize the same format this year as last by bringing in the Association choir and then we will invite several singers throughout the Association to sing as well. The goal this year will be to hold the singing portion down to an hour.

2. We will have two students attending Southeastern Free Will Baptist College this fall, Meagan Berry and Katie Van Deventer, both from our Melbourne church. The C.E. Board will be sending \$500 to each of their school accounts for this first semester.

3. Camp Sonshine was a great success this year as Junior camp was held June 23-27 and Teen Camp was held August 3-8. Our camp did well in being able to provide a quality experience that included sound Biblical instruction and each child was challenged to grow spiritually. That is and will always be our goal. We were able to keep the costs reasonable for the campers. Although we remained in the black after paying all of our expenses, we are slightly over \$4000 short from where we were at the end of last year's camp. In order to help keep the cost down for our campers next year, we are asking each of the four Associations that attend camp to sponsor one day of kitchen expenses to feed our campers at \$1000 per day. By infusing \$4000 into our camp fund this should allow us to keep the cost to our campers at a reasonable amount.

# Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at First Free Will Baptist Church in  
Auburndale, FL  
on October 25, 2008

The meeting opened with Steve Faison leading the congregation in singing *Sunlight, Sunlight*, with Diana Bryant at the piano. Jim Christian led in prayer. Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the congregation, and welcomed the visitors in the audience. Sam and June McVay, Danny Elliott, Charlie Elliott, and Lee Craddock were visiting, and Steve Berry introduced the Cuban pastor that is leading the Cuban church meeting at the Melbourne facilities. James Hutto brought the welcome from the host church and gave directions and instructions.

The morning devotion was given by Sam Lucky. Sam spoke from Proverbs Chapter 3 verses 5-7. Sam gave an illustration on trust using an incident he experienced in not trusting his GPS system to give directions. God wants us to trust him from the bottom of our hearts, depend on Him, and be confident that He will show us the right way.

The delegates who had been sent from their churches were asked to stand as their names were called. The moderator asked for standing delegates to stand also, and there was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day.

The minutes from the last meeting were presented, and there was a MSC to approve them as printed.

The treasurer's report was given, and there was a MSC to receive it as printed.

Randy asked for reports from any Women Active for Christ groups, or Master's Men reports. There were none.

As a matter of old business, Randy explained that the vote taken regarding different meeting dates should have died instead of being tabled again since a constitutional amendment requires a 2/3 vote to carry. There were no questions.

Darrell Miller gave the Christian Education Board report. Sam Lucky gave the Board's financial report. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. Steve asked Pastor Johan to come forward and bring greetings to the body with Sam McVay translating. There was a MSC to receive the report, with it financial report as given by Jim Christian.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. Calvin Butler, James Woods, and James Hutto have been recommended to the body for licensing for Calvin Butler, and the others for deacons. There was MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item One - to license Calvin Butler - MSC

Item Two - to recognize James Woods as an ordained deacon in good standing with the Indian River Association - MSC

Item Three - to recognize James Hutto as an ordained deacon in good standing with the Indian River Association - MSC

These men were asked to come to the front and let everyone come by and extend the right hand of fellowship.

Moderator Randy Bryant gave his report as the Executive Director of the State of Florida. He shared details and reviews on the Christian Worker's Conference, the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, and The Senior Summit. He shared concerning the finances of the state, mentioning that co-op allocations had temporarily halted, but that through special gifts it looked like they would be able to be reinstated. He asked for prayer for the

executive committee as they made decisions regarding the 2009 budget that would have to be adjusted. Shares is also behind budget, and Randy asked that everyone do what they can and be in prayer for the work.

He announced the Minister's Retreat in January with Eddie Moody speaking on "Emotional First Aid" to help pastors in the counseling area of their ministry. He asked churches to consider sending their pastors.

The offering was received, with the day's offering to be divided between the accounts of Sam and June McVay and Danny and Dawn Elliott. A 15 minute break was taken.

The meeting opened again with the Statistical Committee Report showing 7 ministers, 6 deacons, 5 clerks, 18 church delegates, and 14 visitors for a total of 50 in attendance. There was a MSC to receive the report.

The Nominating Committee report was given: The next District Association Meeting will take place on January 31 at the Titusville Church. Don Legg will give the devotion, with Herman Hannen as the alternate.

Steve Faison announced a choir practice immediately after lunch for the choir singing at the Auction/Singing.

D. Miller asked that the association switch locations for the January 31 meeting. It will take place in Cocoa instead of Titusville.

The State website is up and running very well, folks were invited to visit the site.

Steve Berry announced Melbourne's Homecoming, and the Sunday School contest associated with it.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business portion of the meeting.

The worship service was opened in prayer by Lee Craddock. The congregation sang "*Heaven Came Down*", and "*The Haven of Rest*".

Since the Mission Board was in charge of the day's service, Chairman Steve Berry introduced Sam and June McVay and Danny Elliott who would be sharing their work in the day's service.

June McVay sang the song "People Need the Lord" in both English and Spanish with Sam playing the guitar. Sam then gave a ministry update, and shared how the building of the church was going.

The congregation sang "This is the Day" while Danny and Dawn Elliott's prayer cards were passed out.

Danny Elliott shared his family's burden for the people of Quebec City, Canada. He then spoke from II Corinthians 5 : 14 - 21. Paul is sharing his heart with the Corinthians, trying to get them to see things from a spiritual perspective. We have received from Christ a new birth, a new task, a new title, and a new message. It is our responsibility to get the gospel to unreached people everywhere.

Steve Berry gave an invitation with "Have Thine Own Way Lord". Then we were dismissed in prayer by Charlie Elliott.

### Ordaining Board Report

The Ordaining Board met September 30, 2008 at the Auburndale FWB Church to interview Bro. Calvin Butler for licensing. We also met with Bro. James Hutto and Bro. James Woods, deacons at the Auburndale Church to ratify their credentials into the Indian River Association. After the meeting, the Ordaining Board recommended the following:

Having talked at length with Bro. Calvin Butler and him answering the questions satisfactorily we recommend that:

- 1) Calvin Butler be licensed for one year.
- 2) Bro. James Hutto and Bro. James Woods became deacons in good standing with the Indian River Association of FWB. Both are long time members and faithful workers.

Ordaining Board members: Rev. Randy Bryant, Rev. Steve Berry, Rev. Thomas Dees, Bro. Bill Swartz, Bro. Sam Lucky (Chairman). Thanks to Rev. Jim Christian for sitting in on the September meeting.

### Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met on September 11, 2008 at the Bob Evans restaurant in Melbourne at 6:00 pm.

Old Business:

1. Brown Bag Auction and Gospel Sing: The CE Board is hosting a Brown Bag Auction and Gospel Sing at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville on Saturday, November 8 beginning at 5:30 pm. The Brown Bag Auction will be held in the Fellowship Hall where coffee/soda and desserts will be provided. After the Auction has been completed we will adjourn to the sanctuary for the Gospel Sing. This year the CE Board has voted to send the proceeds from the auction and gospel sing to Camp Sonshine. We will utilize the same format this year as last by bringing in the Association Choir and then we will invite several singers throughout the Association to sing as well. The goal this year will be to hold the singing portion down to an hour.
2. CTS District Competition: The District CTS Competition will be held Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 6 pm in Titusville.
3. Scholarships: The CE Board distributed \$500 each to two of our students attending Southeastern FWB College, Meagan Berry and Katie VanDeventer. The CE Board also voted to make a one time gift of \$500 each to Noelys and Noharis Rodriguez to help with their tuition to Southeastern.

**New Business:**

1. **OJT Position:** Kyle Miller had held an OJT position with the CE Board but due to his schedule he had been unable to participate. He has resigned, but the CE Board has been able to add Bro. Jake Joines to that position and we look forward to working with him in the future.
2. **Camp Sonshine** Camp Sonshine was a great success this year as Junior Camp was held June 23-27, and Teen Camp was held August 3-8. Our camp did well in being able to provide a quality experience that included sound Biblical instruction and each child was challenged to grow spiritually and that is and will always be our goal. We were able to keep the costs reasonable for the campers and although we remained in the black after paying all of our expenses we are slightly over \$4000 short from where we were at the end of last year's camp. In order to help keep the cost down for our campers next year we are asking each of the four Associations that attend camp to sponsor one day of kitchen expenses to feed our campers at \$1000 per day. By infusing \$4000 into our camp fund this should allow us to keep the cost to our campers at a reasonable amount.
3. **Silent Auction:** The CE Board's Silent Auction is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne.

**Treasurer's Report as of 9-11-08:**

General Fund (75%)	\$1425.67
Scholarship Fund (0%)	\$490.47
Camp Fund (25%)	\$0
Trust Fund	\$6524.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$8440.40</b>

Respectfully submitted, Darrell Miller, Chairman

**Indian River Association of  
Free Will Baptists**  
at New Hope Fellowship FWB Church in  
Cocoa, FL  
on January 31, 2009

The meeting opened with the congregation singing a medley of "All Hail the Power", "Majesty", and "Thou Art Worthy" with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Host pastor Jim Christian welcomed the body and made some announcements regarding the facilities.

The morning devotion was brought by Don Legg. Bro. Legg read scripture from Hebrews 10: 35. He spoke on the importance of faith.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed several guests, Jimmy and Janie Aldridge, the Tolberts, and Verlin Anderson.

The list of appointed delegates from the churches was read and each stood as their names were called. The Moderator asked for all standing delegates to rise, and there was a MSC made to seat this group as the voting body for the day's business.

Dennis Haley, Milton Harrell, and Sam Abrams were appointed to serve as the Obituary Committee for this annual meeting.

There was a MSC to receive the printed minutes from the last meeting. The quarterly financial report was given and there was a MSC to receive that report. The annual financial report was also given and there was a MSC to receive that report.

There were no reports from Women Active for Christ groups or Master's Men groups.

CE Board Chairman D Miller gave his report. There was a MSC to receive his report, along with the board's quarterly and annual financial reports as given by treasurer Sam Lucky.

The Mission Board report was given by Steve Berry, Chairman. Their quarterly and annual financial reports was given by Jim Christian, and there was a MSC to receive their reports.

Randy introduced Bro. Jimmy Aldridge who shared concerning the upcoming annual World Mission Offering. They showed a video highlighting the importance of the WMO in April.

The Ordaining Board had no report.

Bro. Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of Florida Free Will Baptists. He spoke about the recent Minister's retreat, announced dates for the State Meeting, the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, and the Senior Summit. Randy also spoke promoting the Shares Plan of mission giving.

Jim Tolbert was introduced representing FWB Family Ministries in Greenville, TN. He informed us of the work of the Hope Center at the ministry and all the babies that were saved from abortion last year. He also let us know about his upcoming bicycle ride to raise funds for the ministry. He asked for pledges from people as he rides his bicycle 1000 miles beginning May 4, 2009.

Randy gave the Executive Committee report with it's recommendations:

1. That we remain with our current percentage designations: Of all cooperative giving, 60% goes on to the state and 40% remains in the district. Of that 40%, 60% goes to the Mission Board, 30% goes to the Christian Education Board, and the remaining 10% goes either to the Benevolent Fund (if it is not funded up to \$2500), or the General Fund.

A \$131.00 offering was received and it was announced that it would be given to missionary Verlin Anderson's account. The offertory was a medley of "Power in the Blood" and "Nothing But the Blood" played by Diana Bryant. A 15 minute break was taken.

The Obituary Committee gave it's report, listing those from our churches who had passed away during the year. A moment of silence was observed and prayer was offered giving thanks for their lives and asking the Lords comfort on their families.

The Nominating Committee report was given and there was a MSC to receive the report and proceed to elect. There was a MSC to adopt the entire slate in it's entirety.

The Statistical Committee report was entered into the record. There were 5 ministers, 4 deacons, 4 clerks, 15 church delegates, and 10 visitor for a total of 38.

There was a MSC to adjourn the Business Meeting and enter into the Worship Service. The congregation sang a medley of "Jesus Loves Me", "Jesus Loves Even Me", and "O How He Loves You and Me". Steve Faison sang "A Portrait of Grace".

Randy introduced Verlin Anderson, Missionary to the Ivory Coast for the morning message. He spoke from II Timothy 2:2 and the need to live so that others can see Christ and imitate us. He commended the Association for the different ministries of the group, and shared his ministry in the Ivory Coast with Community Health Evangelism.

The meeting was dismissed and will meet again on April 25 in Titusville.

### **Christian Education Board Report**

The Christian Education Board did not meet this quarter due to scheduling conflicts, however some business issues were addressed via email.

Old business:

1. Brown Bag Auction and Gospel Sing: The C.E. Board hosted a Brown Bag Auction and Gospel Sing at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville on Saturday, November 8th beginning at 5:30 pm to benefit Camp Sonshine. The auction raised, at last report, \$1683. Thank you for your generous support.

2. CTS District Competition: The District CTS competition will be held Sunday, March 29, 2009 at 6 pm at the FFWBC Titusville.

3. Scholarships: The CE Board distributed \$500 each to two of our students attending Southeastern FWB College, Meagan Berry and Katie VanDeventer.

New Business:

1. Silent Auction: The CE Board's Silent Auction is scheduled for Saturday, April 18, 2009 at the FFWBC of Melbourne beginning at 6pm.

2. CTS Competition Manuals: Each church should receive a CTS manual from Bro. Steve Faison before leaving today.

3. Camp Sonshine: The Camp Sonshine Board meeting will be held at the FFWBC of Melbourne on Saturday, February 14 at 9:30 am

## **Mission Board Report**

On January 17, the Indian River Mission Board joined with members of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville. We began the morning with breakfast in the church fellowship hall prepared by the Titusville folks. After breakfast, we had a soulwinners training session. Following the soulwinning session, the team went out to a neighborhood near the church and knocked all the doors in this neighborhood. Pastor D.E. and Karen Miller knocked doors on Barna Road introducing themselves as the new pastor.

The IRA Mission Board and the First Free Will Baptist Church voted to bring Leonel Sotero and Ariel Alfaro from the Free Will Baptist Convention in Cuba to the United States for a month of

preaching and sharing with our churches. The IRA Mission Board voted to contribute \$1000 to the expense of bringing Cuban pastors. Any of our churches that would like to host one or both of the Cuban pastors should call Pastor Steve Berry to arrange services.

Meagan Berry has joined the Southeastern FWB College Mission Team to travel and minister in Cuba in May. For information purposes, Noelys and Noharis Rodriguez have signed up to attend as well. Both of these girls have attended Camp Sonshine.

Pastor Steve Berry went to Cuba on January 26th and returned on January 30. Ten adults were saved during the trip.

### **Nominating Committee Report**

The Indian River District Association will meet at the Titusville FWB Church on April 25, 2009. Devotional Speaker: Steve Faison Alternate: Bill Swartz

Nominating Committee: Herman Hannan replacing himself.  
Christian Education Board: Sam Lucky replacing himself. (2012)  
CTS Director: Steve Faison replacing himself.  
Mission Board: Mike Taggart replacing himself. (2014)  
Ordaining Board: Steve Berry replacing himself. (2014)  
Camp Board: Mike Taggart replacing himself (2011)

### **♦ In Memory ♦**

The following members went to be with the Lord during the past year: Samuel "Mickey" Wise - Titusville

Richard Spock - Auburndale  
Junior Hatcher - Auburndale  
Vertie Kirkland - Auburndale  
June Heitz - Melbourne  
Grace Hjost - Melbourne  
Fred Stewart - Cocoa

**Indian River Association  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
For period covering  
January 1 - December 31, 2008**

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2008</b>	<b>\$7109.37</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Dues	2800.00
Offering	655.00
Interest	9.50
<u><b>Together Way Plan</b></u>	
Auburndale	7905.44
Melbourne	4033.00
New Hope Fellowship	5075.68
Okeechobee	2823.00
Palm Bay	—
Ryanwood Fellowship	4696.79
Titusville	2671.50
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$30,669.91</b>
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b><u>\$37,779.28</u></b>
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$16,311.13
Indian River Mission Board	5809.27
Indian River Christian Education Board	2905.32
Board of Retirement	291.97
Shares	720.00
Victory FWB Ministries	180.00
Honorariums	1100.00
Executive Committee Expense	66.80
Dues to State Association	1400.00
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Offering to State Co-op	2000.00
Project Villalba	2132.00
Office Depot - Printer	464.96
Computer Repair	209.98
Copies	30.07
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$33,821.50</b>
<b>Ending Balance December 31, 2008</b>	<b><u>\$3957.78</u></b>
<b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>	
General Fund	3241.69
Benevolent Fund	716.09

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2008**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	<b>7,366.90</b>
<b>DEPOSITS</b>	
Co-op	1,136.66
Spain Land Fund	6,802.00
Spain Land Fund	2,448.90
Co-op	1,569.30
Co-op	1,642.87
<b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR:</b>	<b>20,966.63</b>

**DISBURSMENTS**

Florida Free Will Baptist (Spain Land Fund)	11,250.90
Dean Mead (Attorney)	1,000.00
Florida Mission Shares	3,600.00
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Melbourne (TV/DVD)	249.82
1 <sup>st</sup> FWB Melbourne ( Misc)	90.51
Florida Dept of Corporations	551.00

**TOTAL DISBURSMENTS** **16,742.23**

**NEW BALANCE** **4,224.40**

**Christian Education Board's  
Annually Financial Report  
January -December 2008**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		<b>\$2,804.23</b>
Deposits:	Co-op	2,857.17
	Interest	4.40
	FWB Foundation	2,000.00
	Brown/Bag Auction/Sing (Camp)	<u>1,683.00</u>
	Subtotal	9,348.80
Disbursements:		<u>5,107.08</u>
Balance on Hand		<b>4,241.72</b>

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<b>General Fund</b>		<b>2,057.64</b>
Deposits:	Co-op	2,142.89
	Interest	4.40
	Subtotal	4,204.93
Disbursements:		
	Project Villalba	1,000.00
	CEBD Meetings (Bob Evans)	85.49
	Rodney Holloman (Expense)	471.00
	Truth/Peace- (Emily Faison)	333.50
	FI State Competition	400.00
	New Checks.	<u>17.38</u>
	Subtotal	2,307.37
Balance on Hand		<b>1,897.56</b>

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<b>Scholarship Fund</b>		<b>490.47</b>
Deposits:	Foundation	<u>2,000.00</u>
	Subtotal	2490.47
Disbursements:		
	Southeastern FWB College (Nosley Rodriguez \$500) (Noharis Rodriguez \$500) (Meagan Berry \$500) (Kate Vandenventer \$500)	2,000.00
Balance on Hand		<b>490.47</b>

<b>Camp Fund</b>		<b>398.19</b>
Deposits:	Co-op	572.21
	Brown Bag Auction/Sing	<u>1,683.00</u>
	Subtotal	2653.40
Disbursements:		
	Camp Sonshine	799.71
Balance on Hand		<b>1,853.69</b>

<b>Total All Funds</b>	<b>\$4,241.72</b>
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**FWB Foundation**

Beginning Balance	8,335.68
Earning - Jan-June	188.58
July -Dec	151.28
Withdrawal	<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand	<b>6,675.54</b>

# 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 Executive 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.

