

2010

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

### Clerk Jean Adelmeyer

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

## Rev. Ron Draper

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

## First Free Will Baptist Church

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

### Clerk Janice Wilder

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

## Rev. Steve Berry

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

## New Hope Fellowship

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

### Clerk Christina Kinney

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

## Rev. Jim Christian

4650 Hwy 524  
Cocoa, FL 32926  
321-636-3244

## First Free Will Baptist Church

7455 Babcock Street  
Palm Bay, FL 32907

### Clerk Maria Bennitto-Miller

575 Conover Ave NE, Palm Bay FL 32907  
321-956-3003

## Rev. Keith Farquarson

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

**Ryanwood Fellowship FWB**

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

**Clerk Betsy Lucky**

3706 Atlantic Boulevard, Vero Beach, FL 32960  
772-567-9525

**Rev. Randy Bryant**

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

**First FWB Church**

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

**Clerk Karen Miller**

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

**Rev. Darrell 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

Calvin Butler

2915 Wheeler Street, Bartow, FL 33830 863-661-6194

Yoan Chirino

2139 Fatzler Road, Melbourne, FL 32935 321-914-6205

William Bronson

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

## Deacons

Melbourne	Bill Swartz, Don Legg, Dewey North 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  
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# Boards and Committees

## Nominating Committee

Henry Beard  
Cecil Hutchinson  
Don Legg

## Christian Education Board

April Joines (2014)  
Sam Lucky (2012)  
Steve Faison (2013)

## CTS Director

Jake Joines

## Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2013)  
Mike Taggart (2014)  
Ron Draper (2015)  
Steve Berry (2016)  
Henry Beard (2012)

## Ordination Board

Steve Berry (2014)  
Thomas Dees (2015)  
Bill Swartz (2016)  
Sam Lucky (2012)  
Randy Bryant (2013)

## Camp Board

Darrell Miller (2013)  
Mike Taggart (2012)

# Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at Frist Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale  
April 24, 2010

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *Joy Unspeakable* led by Steve Faison with Diana Bryant at the piano. Thomas Dees led in prayer and host pastor Ron Draper welcomed the body to Auburndale.

Moderator Randy Bryant introduced Jake Joines, Youth Pastor from Melbourne, for the morning devotion. He encouraged us to continue to be students of the Word, to continue to learn. We need to seek God's Word, and then do it, live it out. We also need to teach it to others.

The elected delegates from each church were asked to stand, followed by the standing delegates. There was a **MSC** to to seat these as the voting body for the day.

There was a **MSC** to receive the minutes from the previous meeting as printed. The treasurer presented the financial report, and there was a **MSC** to receive it as printed.

The CE Board report was given by their new chairman, Steve Faison. Their treasurer's report was given by their treasurer, Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by their chairman, Steve Berry, with an abbreviated treasurer's report. There is a new board treasurer, and they are in the process of getting a new bank account opened. There were a few questions from the body regarding the Palm Bay property situation. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports as printed.

The Ordaining Board report was given by chairman Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive the report and act on it item by item. There was a motion from the floor to postpone acting on recommendation of Keith Farquharson and to table his recommendation. There was a second, and the motion carried.

Sam Lucky read the letter of recommendation from Ron Draper's previous association. There was a MSC to ratify his credentials, receive him into our association, and extend the right hand of fellowship.

There was a motion to accept the recommendation of Yoan Chirino. A question was raised as to why Yoan was not in attendance. That was answered to everyone's satisfaction, and there was a second. The motion was carried.

We took a few minutes to greet and welcome Ron and Joyce Draper into the association.

Randy presented his report as Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He encouraged everyone to attend this year's State Meeting with H.B.London speaking. He highlighted several other events coming up, especially the Mission Shares Golf Tournament in August and the Christian Worker's Conference.

The morning offering was received with Diana Bryant playing *My Jesus I Love Thee* followed by a 15 minute break.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. Our next meeting will be in Titusville on July 24. The devotion will be given by Sam Lucky with the alternate as Don Legg.

There is a recommendation that April Joines replace Chrissy Kinney as CE Board member as Chrissy has resigned.

There was MSC to accept this recommendation.

The Stastical Committee report was entered in as information. There were a total of 9 ministers, 6 deacons, 4 church clerks, 11 delegates, and 6 visitors for a total of 36 present.

Randy asked for volunteers to be delegates at the upcoming State Association Meeting. Joyce Draper, Cecil Hutchinson, Gloria Hutchinson, and Betsy Lucky volunteered, and there was a MSC to appoint these four and give the moderator the authority to appoint one more if someone becomes available.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business and move into our worship service. The congregation sang *I Belong to Jesus, Little is Much, and The*

*Longer I Serve Him.* Several requests were mentioned and Jim Christian led us in prayer.

Ron Draper was introduced as the morning speaker. Before he spoke, Joyce Draper sang *What Sin?* Bro. Draper's message was brought from Isaiah 40.

We were dismissed in prayer.

## ***Christian Education Board Report***

The Indian River Association Board met Tuesday, April 6, 3020 at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Viera. Attending the meeting were Mike Taggart, Jake Joines, Sam Lucky, and Steve Faison.

The meeting was opened by chairman Steve Faison, asking Jake Joines to lead in prayer. Sam Lucky gave the treasurer's report, which was approved.

In old business, the Board received updates on Scholarship information. Both Megan and Katie (Southeastern FWB College) have been given their scholarship monies for the 2009-10 academic year. Money (\$500) for Emily Faison (Truth and Peace Leadership Conference) will be given again this year.

Jake Joines gave a report of the Indian River Association Youth Competition. Those competing on the state level include: Matt Berry - Boys Vocal Solo, Melbourne Quartet, Amanda Cain - T-shirt Design, Megan Murphy - Bible Memorization, Short Story, Power Point. The CE Board has paid for the registration to the State Competition for these.

Mike gave a report from Camp Sonshine. The dates have been secured, and all is moving well in plans for this year's camp, An appeal has been made to churches/associations to sponsor one day of meals (\$1000).

In new business, several items were discussed in looking to the future direction of the Board. Anticipating the role of leading the summer quarterly meeting, we began to think about a possible program. The consideration of asking Emily Faison to discuss the ministry and impact of Truth and Peace seems to be the general consensus/direction of the Board.

We also discussed the various ways of funding the scholarships and camp ministry.

Alternate an annual fund raiser:

Auction one year, Singing the following year

Benefit scholarship one year, camp the following year

March seems to be the favored month

Other possible fundraisers

Bowl A Thon

Tract Distribution

Sponsors would donate money per pin/tract distributed, etc.

An important part of our ministry as a board is to maintain the focus and promotion of Christian Education among our churches. We desire to help our churches see the need for Christian Education and how this Board is working to assist the local church. We anticipate better communication of our ministry and how to effectively build Christian Education, making it a tangible benefit to our churches.

*Respectfully submitted, Steve Faison, Chairman*

## *Ordaining Board Report*

The Ordaining Board met March 16, 2010, at the Melbourne Church with the purpose of ratifying the credentials of three ministers. Bro. Keith Farquharson, Bro. Ron Draper, and Bro. Yoan Chirino.

The Ordaining Board recommends the following:

That Bro. Keith Farquharson 's credentials be ratified and he be given the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Keith has been the pastr of the Palm Bay Church for the past year and a half.

That Bro. Ron Draper's credentials be ratified and he be welcomed into our fellowship. Bro. Ron has recently accepted the pastorate of the Auburndale church, coming from the Central Association.

That Bro. Yoan Chirino's credentials be ratified and he also be welcomed into our fellowship. Bro. Yoan is from Cuba and presently has a mission work in Melbourne.

*Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky, Chairman*

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

**Meeting at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville  
July 24, 2010**

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *At Calvary* led by Steve Faison with Diana Bryant at the piano. Palm Bay pastor Keith Farquharson led in prayer, and host pastor Darrell Miller welcomed the body to Titusville.

The morning devotion was given by Sam Lucky from Vero Beach. He talked about being aware of our opportunities to witness, noting that it's easy to have good intentions but get distracted.

Moderator Randy Bryant opened the business session. The elected delegates from each church were named and asked to stand. The association's standing delegates were recognized, and a motion was made to seat this body as the voting delegation for the day's business session.

There was a MSC to accept the minutes from the last session as printed. Clerk/Treasurer Diana Bryant gave the financial report for the past quarter, and there was a MSC to accept it as given. There were no Master's Men or Women Active for Christ reports.

Steve Faison gave the Christian Education Board report. CE Board Treasurer Sam Lucky gave the board's treasurer's report. There was a MSC to accept both reports as given.

There was a MSC to table the two constitutional changes presented by the Christian Education Board:

Currently in Section 3:

- a. Appoint youth camp director (Deleting)
- b. To organize and supervise a camping program (Deleting)
- 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 this association

**Proposed in Section 3:**

- a. To act as trustees and to hold title to any properties deeded to this association for the purpose of camping
- b. To be responsible for all monies received for or related to the camping program of this association
- c. To support and promote the education of our youth and Christian leaders
- d. To be responsible for coordinating all CTS programs of this association

Board member Ron Draper gave the Mission Board report and it's accompanying treasurer's report. There was a MSC to approve the reports as read.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to receive his report as given. That action took off the table the recommendation to ratify the credentials of Palm Bay Pastor Keith Farquharson. Bro. Farquharson shared his testimony with the body. There was a MSC to ratify the credentials of Bro. Farquharson, and welcome him into our association. The right hand of fellowship was extended to him in welcome.

Bro. Randy gave a report as the Executive Director of Florida. He reviewed the previous week at the National Association in Oklahoma. He also shared upcoming activities of the state; The Mission Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the Senior Summit. He talked about the Palmer Leadership Institute for pastors and church leaders in October and encouraged pastors to attend.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus". The morning offering of \$106 will go to the Youth Camp program.

There was a 15 minute break taken.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Henry Beard. The next meeting will be held at New Hope Fellowship on October 30 with the devotional speaker being Don Legg and Herman Hannan as the alternate. There was a MSC to accept this report.

Time was given for announcements from the churches.

There were 5 Church Clerks present, 13 Elected Delegates, 3 Visitors, 8 Ministers, and 5 Deacons for a total of 34 present.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *More About Jesus* and *Higher Ground*. Prayer requests were taken, and Ron Draper led in prayer. The congregation sang *I Am Thine O Lord*. Herman and Linda Hannen sang *Follow Me*.

Bro. Steve Faison brought the morning message representing the Christian Education Board. He spoke from Deuteronomy 6 and Ephesians 4 and explained the biblical concept of Christian Education. He reviewed the Truth and Peace program, the YET Team program, and encouraged true Christian Education in our churches. He used the example of Paul and Timothy. Paul endorsed Timothy's ministry thru mentoring, he equipped him, and he was an example of endurance to maturity for Timothy. The congregation sang *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* to end the service.

Directions were given for lunch and the meeting was adjourned.

### **Christian Education Board Report**

The Christian Education Board of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists met Thursday, July 15, 2010 in Palm Bay. We discussed some potential fundraising events for our Scholarship Fund. We will be having a spaghetti supper along with a bake sale in the fall. The date will be announced at this meeting. We will look to have another fund-raiser in Spring 2011 and will likely continue that trend for the next few years.

The Board approved scholarships for four students from the IR Association attending Christian colleges. These scholarships are in the amount of \$400 each.

Also, as you see reported in our Financial Statement for the Spring Quarter 2010, we supplied funds for Emily Faison to attend Truth & Peace, Matt Berry to attend YET, and Katie Van Deventer to go on a Mission Trip to Brazil. We have received written notes and letters of thanks from some of these students. We appreciate and recognize their acknowledging our assistance.

The CE Board has been evaluating our charter as outlined the Constitution of our Association. As result of those evaluations, the Christian Education Board offers the following recommendations:

Currently: Section 3

- 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

Proposed: Section 3

- a. To act as trustees and to hold title to any properties deeded to this association for the purpose of camping
- b. To be responsible for all monies received for or related to the camping program of this association
- c. To support and promote the education of our youth and Christian leaders
- e. To be responsible for coordinating all CTS programs of this association

*Respectfully submitted, Steve Faison, Chairman*

## **Ordaining Board Report**

We, the Ordaining Board, recommend the following: That Bro. Keith Farquharson's credentials be ratified and that he be given the right hand of fellowship. Bro. Keith has been the pastor of Palm Bay Free Will Baptist Church for the past year and a half.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

For the next meeting at New Hope Fellowship in Cocoa on October 30, 2010, the devotional speaker will be Don Legg with the alternate being Herman Hannan.

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

meeting October 31, 2010

at New Hope Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

The meeting opened with the congregations singing *To God Be the Glory* with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. After prayer by Ron Draper, the body was welcomed by host pastor Jim Christian, who introduced Don Legg for the morning devotion. He spoke to us about trusting God in every aspect of our lives using Psalm 23:1 as his scripture reference.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body. Clerk Diana Bryant read the names of appointed church delegates, who stood as their names were called. Standing delegates were then recognized, and there was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day's business. The minutes from the previous meeting were made available, and there was a MSC to adopt them. Diana Bryant presented the treasurer's report, and there was a MSC to receive the report with a change to the date listed on the report from "September 31, 2010" to :July 31, 2010" as the beginning balance date.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Chairman Steve Faison. The financial report for the CE Board was given by Treasurer Sam Lucky. Camp Director Steve Berry gave a report on our camp program. There was a MSC to accept both the CE Board and CE Board Financial reports.

The Mission Board Report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. He shared a power point presentation highlighting Yoan Chirino's Hispanic work in Melbourne and Vero Beach. The financial report was given by Steve Berry in the absence of Treasurer Cecil Hutchinson. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. The Board is recommending Bro. Jake Joines for ordination. There was a MSC to receive the report.

Randy Bryant gave a report as the State's Executive Director. He reported on the Shares Golf Tournament which raised about \$1000 for the Mission

Shares Program. He also reviewed the Christian Worker's Conference and the Senior Summit which took place in the last month. He shared the state's financial needs in the general budget and shares program, and encouraged pastors to attend the upcoming Palmer Leadership Conference.

The offering for the morning had been designated for the Scholarship Fund. The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "Jesus is All the World to Me".

There was a 20 minute break.

The nominating committee report was given naming Jake Joines as the devotion speaker for the next meeting in Melbourne on January 29, 2011, with Steve Faison as the alternate. There was a MSC to receive the report. There were a total of 40 in attendance with 7 Ministers, 3 Deacons, 5 Church Clerks, 11 Visitors, and 14 Delegates registering. There was a MSC to adjourn.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *Majesty, Thou Art Worthy, and As the Deer*. Steve Faison provided special music for the morning singing *He Touched Me*. The Mission Board had responsibility for the morning service and Yoan Chirino preached the morning message from Matthew 28:19-20. We have been commanded to share the gospel, but there are three obstacles we have to overcome; the fear of sharing the gospel, a lack of knowledge, and disobedience. Steve Berry closed the service thanking God for the opportunities He has brought our way from the association's first trip to Cuba.

Randy thanked everyone for coming, asked the blessing on the meal, and dismissed the body for lunch.

### **Mission Board Report**

The Mission Board continues to make small payments to Dean Meade Law Firm. On 1/16/10 Delma Bailes called Steve Berry inquiring about the status on transfer of title to Palm Bay. Steve informed her that we continue to make payments to our lawyer assuming that our lawyer and Pam Bay lawyer are making progress.

The Mission Board is in process of closing out its bank account and moving the last \$500 from old account to new account with Cecil Hutchinson as new treasurer.

In July, the IRA Mission Board voted to help support the Chirino family with salary support of \$100 per month for their mission work in Melbourne, Palm Bay, and Vero Beach.

On October 17, the Hispanic Mission to Melbourne and Vero Beach had its second anniversary service with a total of 133 people present. 36 were English speakers from the Melbourne church, 97 were Hispanic folks.

Yoan Chirino preached for the Hispanic Associational Meeting in West Palm on October 23, 2010.

Yoan Chirino is preparing to deliver message to the Association on October 30th along with a power point chronicling the progress of the new mission in Melbourne and Vero Beach. The Chirinos will go to the Greater St. John's associational meeting on November 5 and 6 and be their guest speaker emphasizing missions.

*Steve Berry, Chairman*

## **Christian Education Board Report**

The Christian Education Board met while in Orlando at the Christian Worker's Conference on September 17. We discussed the continuing efforts to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. The schedules are tight and money is sometimes tighter. Please pray with us that these funds can be adequately raised to assist our students.

Currently, we are supporting four students in two different colleges. Three young ladies are attending Southeastern Free Will Baptist College in North Carolina: Megan Berry and Katie Van Deventer from Melbourne, and Ashley Ramey from Titusville. Emily Faison is attending Southeastern University in Lakeland, FL. We are proud of each of these young ladies and the testimony they are living out for Christ. Please continue to pray for them.

As we look to the future, there are more students on the horizon to potentially need scholarship assistance from the Christian Education Board.

That is what makes it so imperative that we put as much into the Scholarship Fund as possible.

At our last Executive Committee meeting, the Christian Educaiton Board was asked to develop some guidelines to use for scholarship distribution and make them available to our Association. Those have been drafted, and as the Board has time to review them, they should be available for the next Association meeting in January.

*Steve Faison, Chairman*

# Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

meeting at First FWB Church, Melbourne, FL  
January 29, 2011

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *He Abides*. Host pastor Steve Berry welcomed the congregation and called on Junior Wells to open in prayer. The morning devotion was given by Jake Joines. He spoke from I Samuel 4 on our priorities. Our focus should be on cultivating a relationship with God and sharing Him with others. We should not place our highest priority on things which are not eternal.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body to the annual meeting. The clerk called the names of those appointed by their churches to be delegates, then the moderator recognized the standing delegates. There was a **MSC** to recognize these as the voting delegation for the day's business.

Bill Swartz, Milton Harrell, and Keith Farquesson were appointed as the Obituary Committee.

Randy recognized visitors Keith Burden, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, and his wife, Debbie, from Tennessee.

There was a **MSC** to receive the minutes from the last meeting as printed. The quarterly treasurer's report was given with a **MSC** to receive it, followed by the annual treasurer's report. There was a **MSC** to receive that report also.

Steve Faison, Chairman of the Christian Education Board, gave their report. Sam Lucky gave the treasurer's report for the CE Board. There was a **MSC** to receive their report with a correction to the total balance in the Scholarship Fund to read \$34.47.

The Mission Board report was given by Steve Berry, Chairman. The treasurer's report for the board was given by Cecil Hutchinson. There was a **MSC** to accept their reports.

The Ordaining Board reported that they will be examining Calvin Butler from Auburndale in March.

Randy shared a report as the State's Executive Director. He reviewed and shared plans for the Palmer Leadership Institute, The Mission Board's upcoming trip, the State Meeting, and the Shares Golf Tournament. He announced the redesign of the Coordinator and encouraged those who do not receive it to subscribe. FLAFWB.com is the state's website and information and registration materials are available there. He shared the shortfall in the state's budget and Mission Shares, and encouraged everyone to give as they could.

The General Board Recommendations were presented. They were read and there was a MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item 1 - MSC

Item 2 - MSC

Item 3 - MSC

Item 4 - MSC to table these recommendations.

MSC to table a recommendation for a change in Article Four Section 2 as presented by Darrell Miller from Titusville reading:

**Present:** "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.

**Proposed:** "There shall be a General Board, composed of the officers of the association, the chairmen of the various boards and the pastors of the member churches of this association, which shall serve as the association out of session.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing *O That Will Be Glory For Me*.

The amount received was \$222 which will be given to the State's Macedonian Fund.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard. Nominations were read as presented by the Nominating Committee. There was a MSC to accept the report.

The moderator opened the floor to other nominations, and Darell Miller was nominated for the assistant moderator's position.

There was a **MSC** to accept the rest of the slate by acclamation.

A vote was then taken for the position of Assitant Moderator and Jim Christian was elected.

Bill Swartz gave the Obituary Committee report and there was a moment of silence in memory of those who had passed away during the past year. Jim Christian then led in prayer.

There was a **MSC** to adjourn the business session and open our worship service.

The congregation sang *Power in the Blood, Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*, and *Send the Light* led by Tim Vandeventer with Rosalee Legg at the piano. The Melbourne quartet sang an arrangement of Just a Closer Walk With Thee.

Keith Burden was introduced as the speaker for the morning. He spoke from Philippians chapter 2 verses 5 - 8. We are to have the attitude of Jesus Christ. He did not think of Himself, He was a servant-leader.

## *Christian Education Board Report*

The Christian Education Board met Monday night, January 17, at Bob Evans in Palm Bay. We have set Sunday night, March 27, for the District Competition. It will be at 6 pm at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Melbourne. Jake Joines has been busy getting promotional materials ready and can answer any questions you or your church might have.

We will have a fundraiser supper Friday night, April 15 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Melbourne. More details will follow, but please mark the date on your calendar. Another fundraiser opportunity will be later in June, hoepfully to involve more of the students when they will be out of school for the summer.

Camp dates have been set. Junior Camp will be June 27-July 1 at Camp Eagle in Coleman, FL. Jake Joines will serve as Director, with Steve Berry acting as Supervising Director. Teen Camp will be July 31-August 5 at Camp Challenge in Sorento. Charles Cook, a pastor in Cookeville, TN will serve as evangelist. Steve Berry will be the Director.

The CE Board also discussed our scholarship criteria and application process. We are continuing to refine the process to make it better. Please continue to pray for us as we endeavor to be good stewards of the monies you entrust to us. More information will be forthcoming in the weeks and months to come.

## *Mission Board Report*

The Mission Board continues to contribute \$300 per month to the Florida Mission Shares program. The Mission Board continues to contribute \$100 per month to Yoan Chirino's salary support for his work in our association with the two Hispanic missions:

**Primera Iglesia Bautista Libre de Melbourne** - The work continues to progress although the church has had a setback after taking a biblical stand on separation from the world. Some of its attendees/new converts have chosen to leave the church. There are ongoing communications with the new believers and we trust they will return to the church. Attendance has averaged 19 for the last quarter. Three people have been baptized.

**Iglesia Bautista Libre de Vero Beach** - The work continues to progress forward in both spiritual growth and numerical growth. The average attendance for the quarter has been 27. There were three people baptized and one rededication to Christ.

The Mission Board has a balance with the Dean Mead Law Firm of \$500.

## *General Board Report*

The General Board of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists met on January 18, 2011. From this meeting, the Board offers the following recommendations:

1. Due to scheduling conflicts, we recommend moving our April meeting to Friday night, May 6 at 7:00 pm in Vero Beach and our July meeting to July 23 in Okeechobee.
2. We recommend the same budget allocations for this year as previous years. The co-op allocation percentages are for 40% to remain in Indian River and 60% go to the State co-op. Of the 40% that remains in the Indian River Association, the division is as follows: 60% goes to the Mission Board, 30% goes to the CE Board, 5% goes to the Benevolent Fund if it is not fully funded at \$2500, and 5% goes to the General Fund. If the Benevolent Fund is fully funded, 10% goes to the General Fund.

3. We recommend today's offering go to the State Association's Macedonian Fund.

4. To reflect consistency and clearer understanding, we recommend the following changes to our Constitution and By-Laws:

a. Article III, Section 2

Add the sentence: **"A church is considered in good standing when it abides by the *Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists* and when it follows the reporting and dues requirements of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists."**

b. By-Laws, Article 4, Section 2

Replace "three ministers and two deacons who are members of this association in good standing" with

**"three ministers and two deacons who are recognized in good standing by the Indian River Association."**

c. By-Laws, Article 4, Section 2, a

Replace "seeking membership in this association" with **"seeking to be recognized in good standing in this association"**

d. By-Laws, Article 4, section 2,c,1

Replace "wishing to become members of this association" with **"desiring to be recognized in good standing by this association."**

e. By-Laws, Article 7, Section 1

Replace "each minister and deacon who is a member of the Indian River Association" with **"each minister and deacon who is recognized in good standing by the Indian River Association."**

## *Nominating Committee Report*

The next meeting will be held at Vero Beach on Friday night, May 6, at 7:00 pm. The devotion will be given by Steve Faison, with the alternate being Keith Farquharson.

Slate of officers presented:

Nominating Committee: Henry Beard, Cecil Hutchinson, Don Legg  
CE Board: April Joines (2014 term)  
CTS Director: Jake Joines (2012 term)  
Camp Sonshine Rep: Darrell Miller (2013 term)  
Mission Board: Steve Berry (2016 term)  
Ordaining Board: Bill Swartz (2016 term)

Representative to the State Executive Committee: Sam Lucky

General Officers:

Moderator: Randy Bryant (2013 term)  
Asst. Moderator: Jim Christian (2013 term)  
Clerk/Treasurer: Diana Bryant (2013 term)  
Asst Clerk/Treasurer Betsy Lucky (2013 term)

## ***Statistical Report***

8 Ministers, 4 Deacons, 5 Church Clerks, 15 Visitors, 18 Delegates, for a total of 50 present.

# Indian River Association Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering  
January 1 - December 31, 2010

<b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2010</b>	<b>\$3102.03</b>
<b>Receipts</b>	
Dues	2600.00
Offering	667.00
Interest	.15
<b><u>Together Way Plan</u></b>	
Auburndale	7458.41
Melbourne	4374.50
New Hope Fellowship	5365.39
Okeechobee	1743.00
Palm Bay	---
Ryanwood Fellowship	5318.43
Titusville	4805.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$32,331.88</b>
 <b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	 <b><u>\$35,433.91</u></b>
 <b>Disbursements</b>	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$17,056.93
Indian River Mission Board	6250.32
Indian River Christian Education Board	3116.17
Board of Retirement	309.13
Shares	720.00
Victory FWB Ministries	180.00
Honorariums	800.00
Executive Committee Expense	176.65
Dues to State Association	1400.00
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association(2 yrs)	400.00
World Missions Offering	135.00
Camp Sonshine	106.00
Scholarship Fund	201.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$30,851.20</b>
 <b>Ending Balance December 31, 2010</b>	 <b><u>\$4582.71</u></b>
 <b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>	
General Fund	3243.91
Benevolent Fund	1338.80

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
QUARTERLY TREASURER'S  
REPORT  
OCTOBER ---DECEMBER 2010**

**BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$5,956.60**

**DEPOSITS**

**IRA** **1,175.16**

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR** **\$7,131.76**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**Yoan Chirino** \$ **300.00**

**Dean Mead** **285.00**

**Mission Shares** **900.00**

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$1,485.00**

**NEW BALANCE** **\$5,646.76**

**Christian Education Board's  
Annual Financial Report  
January -December-2010**

<b>Beginning Balance</b>		\$2,554.16
Deposits:	Co-op	3,150.24
	FWB Foundation	<u>1,200.00</u>
	Subtotal	6,904.40
Disbursements:		<u>3,600.56</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>\$3,303.84</b>

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<b>General Fund</b>		\$1,939.18
Deposits:	Co-op (75%)	<u>2,362.68</u>
	Subtotal	4,815.44
Disbursements:	Meeting expense	227.53
	Fl State CMB	145.00
	Emily Faison (Truth/Peace)	500.00
	Southeastern FWB College-	
	Katie Van Deventer	250.00
	Melbourne Church (Matt Berry)	<u>250.00</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>2,929.33</b>

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<b>Schoalrship Fund</b>		434.47
Deposit	FWB Foundation	1,200.00
Disbursements:	Southerneastern FWB College	
	Katie Van Deventer	400.00
	Meagan Berry	400.00
	Ashley Ramey	400.00
	Southeastern University (Emily Faison)	<u>400.00</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>34.47</b>

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<b>Camp Fund</b>		180.51
Deposits:	Co-op	787.56
Disbursement	Camp Sonshine	<u>628.03</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>340.04</b>

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<b>FWB Foundation</b>		
<b>Beginning Balance</b>		5,408.92
Earnings- Jne 30		80.34
Withdrawal		<u>1,200.00</u>
<b>Balance on Hand</b>		<b>4,289.26</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. A church is considered in good standing when it abides by the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and when it follows the reporting and dues requirements of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### **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 recognized in good standing by the Indian River Association. 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 to be recognized in good standing with this 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 desiring to be recognized in good standing by 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 recognized in good standing by 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.

Revised January 2011

