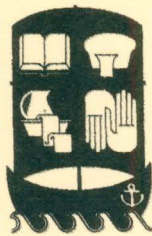


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Indian River District
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Free Will Baptists

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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

Graceway Church FWB

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

Smyrna Free Will Baptist

847 Turnbull Street
New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168
386-428-4741

Clerk Betty Alewine

1989 Myrtle Jo Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32174
386-677-5737

Rev. Matthew Conrad

3304 Umbrella Tree Dr.
Edgewater, FL 32141
386-428-4741

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

Clerk Connie Grounds

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

Rev. Thomas Dees

1854 NE 54th Trail
Okeechobee, FL 34972
863-763-4962

Camino de Gracia

4101 N. Wickham Rd, Suite 126
Melbourne, FL 32935
321-914-6205

Clerk Ana V. Loyselle

Rev. Yoan Chirino

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

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

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
772-696-3409

Vice Moderator Jim Christian (New Hope)
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Cocoa, FL 32926
321-636-3244

Clerk/Treasurer Diana Bryant (Ryanwood)
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Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956
772-538-1882

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
Don Legg

Christian Education Board

Chris Donovan (2014)
Sam Lucky (2015)
Steve Faison (2013)

CTS Director

Cindy Berry

Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2013)
Mike Taggart (2014)
Ron Draper (2015)
Steve Berry (2016)
Henry Beard (2017)

Ordination Board

Steve Berry (2014)
Thomas Dees (2015)
Bill Swartz (2016)
Sam Lucky (2017)
Randy Bryant (2013)

Camp Board

Darrell Miller (2013)
Mike Taggart (2014)

Indian River Association Meeting

May 6, 2011

meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship FWB Church, Vero Beach

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "He Is Exalted" and Cecil Hutchinson opening in prayer. Host pastor and moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body to the Friday night meeting of the Association. He gave general directions to the body and introduced Steve Faison for the evening's devotion.

Steve brought the devotion from John 11.

Moderator Randy Bryant called for the churches appointed delegates to stand as their names were called, then asked the standing delegates to stand also. There was a MSC from the standing delegates to approve this group as the voting body for the evening's business. There was a MSC to approve the printed minutes. The treasurer gave the financial report, and there was a MSC to approve the minutes with a correction of the Macedonian Fund disbursement which should have been \$221.00.

Steve Faison gave the Christian Education Board report. Sam Lucky gave the financial report for this board. There was a MSC to receive the report with it's financial report.

The Mission Board financial report was given by treasurer Cecil Hutchinson. There was a MSC to accept the report. The board had not met and there was no other report.

The Ordaining Board report was given by chairman Sam Lucky. Calvin Butler had been examined by the board and the board is recommending that he be recognized as a minister in good standing by the association. There was a MSC to receive this report. Auburndale will be announcing the date for his ordination soon.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He re-capped the recent State Meeting and announced plans for the Mission Shares Golf Tournament coming up in August. The Christian Worker's Conference, Senior Summit, and Palmer Leadership dates were announced. Next year's Minister's Retreat will be a cruise, and forms are already available for this event.

There was a MSC to take Item 1 off the table.

There was a motion and a second to adopt Item 1. The motion carried.

By general consent, it was decided to take Items 2-5 together.

There was MSC to take Items 2-5 off the table.

There was a motion to adopt Items 2-5. The motion carried.

Item 6 was read, along with the proposed change. There was a MSC to remove Item 6 from the table.

There was a motion to adopt Item 6. There was a second.

A question was asked clarifying the current board makeup. It was explained as the general officers (moderator, assistant moderator, clerk/treasurer) and the chairman of each board (Christian Education, Missions, Ordaining).

There was discussion on the motion, and a vote was taken. The motion did not pass.

The offering was taken with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "This Love is Mine". The evening's offering of \$127.00 will go to Camp Sonshine. A 15 minute break was taken.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard. Our next meeting will be in Okeechobee on July 23 with Keith Farquesen giving the devotion and Sam Lucky as the alternate.

The Statistical Report showed 6 ministers, 3 deacons, 3 church clerks, 10 visitors, and 17 delegates present for a total of 39.

Hearing no other business, there was MSC to adjourn the business and enter into the worship service.

The congregation sang "Does Jesus Care" and "How Deep the Father's Love for Us". Steve Faison sang "When I Cry" as a solo. Bro. Ron Draper brought the evening's message from I Timothy 3 on the guidelines the Bible sets out for pastors. Jesus cares about the heavy load the pastor carries. I Peter 5:7 says "casting all your cares on him because He cares about you."

Ordaining Board Report

The ordaining board met with Bro. Calvin Butler on March 19, 2011 at Bob Evans in Palm Bay. Having questioned and being satisfied with Bro. Calvin's answers, we the ordaining board recommend he be ordained as a minister in good standing with the Indian River Association.

Sam Lucky, Chairman

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board sponsored the Indian River Association CTS Competition in Melbourne. Several of our students represented us well at the Florida State CTS Competition last week in Jacksonville. They are to be commended for a job well done. Jake Joines has coordinated those efforts and is also to be commended.

A fundraiser for our Scholarship Fund was planned, but due to illness of critical people involved, has had to be rescheduled. A date will be forthcoming shortly. We are also seeking ways to involve our students more in these fundraising efforts.

The scholarship application process continues to be refined. The guidelines for application are almost ready for distribution to our pastors and churches.

Youth camp dates are set for the summer. Junior Camp will be June 27-July 1 at Camp Eagle in Coleman, FL - Jake Joines will serve as Camp Director with Steve Berry as Supervising Director. Teen Camp is scheduled for July 31-August 5 at Camp Challenge in Sorrento, FL. Charles Cook, a pastor from Cookeville, TN will serve as evangelist for the week. Steve Berry will be the Camp Director.

We are grateful for your continued support of our ministry.
Steve Faison, Chairman

**Constitutional Changes on the Table, Recommended
by the General Board**

Item 1. Article III, 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."

ADD THE SENTENCE: "A church is considered in good standing when it abides by the Treatise of the Faith and Practices 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".

Item 2. 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."**

Item 3. By-Laws, Article 4, Section 2.a

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

Item 4. 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.:"**

Item 5. 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."**

Item 6. Article Four, Section 2 in Constitution

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."

Replace with: "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."

Indian River Association Meeting

July 23, 2011

meeting at

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Okeechobee, FL

Andy Tribble from Melbourne played a piano prelude, and the meeting opened with Matt Berry leading the congregation in singing *Victory in Jesus* with Diana Bryant at the piano. Ron Draper led in prayer and host pastor Thomas Dees welcomed the body. Keith Farquarson brought the morning devotion from Matthew 6:25 "take no thought for your life". Even in a world with a depressed economy and natural disasters, and where Satan shows no mercy, God's righteousness still prevails. God knows what we need, and He will respond. The answer is to "seek first the kingdom of Heaven, and all these things will be added unto you".

The names of the appointed church delegates were read and asked to stand, along with the standing delegates (ministers, deacons, and church clerks). There was a **MSC** to seat these people as the voting body for the day's business.

There was a **MSC** to accept the minutes as presented. The treasurer, Diana Bryant, presented the quarterly financial report and there was a **MSC** to accept the report as printed.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Chairman Steve Faison. Jake Joines reported on Junior Camp, and Treasurer Sam Lucky gave the financial report. Steve Faison shared the results of our competitors at the National with Bobby Berry placing third in his category and Matt Berry placing first in his category. There was a **MSC** to receive the report as presented.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. Their financial report was given by their treasurer, Cecil Hutchinson. There was a **MSC** to receive the report.

The Ordaining Board reported on the ordination of Calvin Butler which took place at the Auburndale Church on May 22, 2011. There was a **MSC** to receive the report.

The Executive Committee recommendations were presented by the Moderator Randy Bryant.

Randy explained that dues to the national are going up, necessitating that state dues also go up. Instead of raising dues that each local church pays to the Association, the Executive Committee is recommending that we cap the Benevolent Fund at \$1500 instead of \$2500. The excess monies that have been going into this fund will now go into the General Fund in an attempt to keep dues at their present level of \$100 per quarter. There was a **MSC** to that effect.

There was also a recommendation to suspend the quarterly giving to the Victory FWB Ministries until we see what happens with that ministry since the director, Eddie Hicks, has passed away. There was a **MSC** to suspend the \$15 monthly gift that we have been giving for the time being.

Randy Bryant, State Executive Director, shared upcoming events on the state level, especially the Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, the Senior Summit, the Palmer Leadership Conference for pastors, and the Minister's Retreat Cruise.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard. The next meeting will take place on October 29, 2011 at the Auburndale Church. The morning devotion will be given by James Hutto with Sam Lucky as the alternate. There was a **MSC** to accept the report.

The morning offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "He Hideth My Soul". Today's offering of \$162.00 will go to the general fund.

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

The congregation sang "Jesus Saves" and "O How I Love Jesus" to open the worship service.

Prayer requests were taken and Jim Christian prayed for the requests and the service.

Ken Stewart sang "Stand By Me" before Steve Faison, Chairman of the CE Board led the worhsip service. Matt Berry shared his experience with the National YET Team, and Steve shared letters of thanks from several of our scholarship recipients. Steve shared from Deuteronomy chapter 6 on teaching our children, passing our Christian heritage and the truths from God's Word on to the next generation. Steve read the passage from Genesis with the story of Abraham and Isaac on Mount Moriah. Isaac learned obedience from his father, he learned the lessons of offering and sacrifice, and he learned the lesson of exercising his faith and trust. From this we should learn clean and pure obedience before God. We should learn the comparison to the New Testament gospel message of grace. We will also learn about the substitutionary atonement of Jesus Christ, and be reminded of the resurrection. Hopefully we can use this story to inspire us to consider the impact we are having on those looking up to us.

An invitation was given with "Have Thine Own Way Lord" played. The meeting was dismissed for lunch with Cecil Hutchinson asking the blessing on the noon meal.

Statistics Report

The following were present at the July 23, 2011 meeting in Okeechobee: 8 ministers, 3 deacons, 2 church clerks, 14 visitors, and 14 local church delegates for a total of 41 present.

Mission Board Report

The Indian River Mission Board continues its contributions to the state mission shares support.

Our two Hispanic Missions which we've begun in our association with the help of the state association continue to grow. The Melbourne Hispanic church moved its Sunday morning service time back to 11:15 am from the previous 2:00 pm time and it has shown benefits. The Vero Hispanic Mission celebrated its one year anniversary with over 75 Hispanics in attendance along with other English speakers present. There was a fellowship dinner. Following the worship hour, the congregation rejoiced together as four people were baptized in the above ground swimming pool that was placed just outside of the fellowship hall.

Since the last meeting, the IRA Mission Board voted to donate \$400 to Camp Sonshine for them to donate it to Camp Eagle for the installation expense of the ninth hole on the new putt putt course that will be installed this year.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Berry, Chairman

Christian Education Board Report

Your Christian Education Board continues to strive to bring an awareness of the importance of a Biblical education to our churches. This is accomplished through a number of means, most notably scholarship funding for students to attend various opportunities ranging from camp to denominational conferences and activities, to college.

Lives of students are changed through the challenges they face in these opportunities, and we are blessed to be able to assist these students as they seek God's wisdom and direction in their lives. These students appreciate the efforts of our Association, as evidenced by the words and cards of thanks we have received from them.

In a continued effort to provide scholarship funds, we have scheduled a fund-raise event for Saturday evening, November 19, 2011. It will be at the Graceway Free Will Baptist Church in

Melbourne. The time and type of fund-raiser will be announced at our October meeting. The essential thing that you need to be aware of at this point is to put it on your calendar and begin praying about how much money you will be able to share with the students.

Scholarship applications are available for you to take with you today. Please take at least one for your church and place it in your files to use as a master copy, making copies for students as they need them. Please understand these are typically for those receiving college scholarships. Those who may need other types of scholarships, like YET, Truth and Peace, etc. should contact a Christian Education Board member.

The primary reporting to you from the CE Board revolves around our camping ministry. At this point, board member Jake Joines, junior camp director will come and provide a synopsis of Junior Camp, and a preview of teen camp that begins next Sunday, July 31.

Respectfully submitted, Steve Faison, Chairman

Indian River Association Meeting

October 29, 2011

meeting at First Free Will Baptist Church Auburndale

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *The Haven of Rest* with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Darryl Miller led in prayer. The moderator welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by introducing James Hutto for the morning devotion.

James brought the devotion from I Timothy. We need to pay attention as we go thru our daily lives to our prayer life. We need to keep our prayer life up to date, praying daily, asking forgiveness each day. We need to pray for our country and our church.

The moderator recognized the standing delegates from each church; the ministers, deacons, and church clerks. The names were then read of the appointed church delegates. A motion was made from among the standing delegates to recognize this group as our voting body for the day, and that motion carried.

There was a MSC to approve the printed minutes. Diana Bryant gave the treasurer's report, and there was a MSC to receive that report.

Chairman Steve Faison gave the CE Board report. Sam Lucky gave their treasurer's report. There was a MSC to accept their report.

The Mission Board report was given by their chairman Steve Berry. Yoan Chirino, mission pastor in Melbourne and Vero Beach, shared details from the 3rd Anniversary of the Melbourne work, and showed pictures from both the Melbourne and Vero works. Their treasurer's report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. There was a MSC to accept their report.

Randy gave the General Board report with it's recommendations.

1) The General Board recommends that \$500 from our Benevolent Fund be sent to NC churches damaged by a hurricane, and that today's offering be sent along with that amount. There was a MSC to approve that recommendation.

2) Based on the request of Smyrna FWB Church, and further based on the General Board's visit with the church, the Board recommends that the Smyrna Free Will Baptist Church be welcomed back into our association. We further recommend that Matthew Conrad, their pastor, have his credentials ratified and that he be accepted as an ordained minister in good standing with this association. There was a motion to accept the recommendation, and a second. The motion was ammended to accept the church and table the ratification of the pastor's credentials until he is present and his letter of good standing has been received from his former association.

The ammended motion carried.

Randy then reported as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He reviewed the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, the Senior Summitt, and the Palmer Leadership Conference. He thanked the association for their participation in the Cooperative plan of support, and encouraged everyone to do what they can for Mission Shares as it is currently behind budget.

The day's offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "All Because of God's Amazing Grace" The offering of \$149.25 was received and will be sent to the Disaster Relief fund.

The meeting was recessed for 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened with a report from the Nominating Committee given by Henry Beard. There was a MSC to receive the report. The floor was then opened for nominations for a CTS Director and a CE Board member. Cindy Berry was nominated for

the CTS Director position. There was a MSC to elect her. Chris Donovan from the Melbourne church was nominated for the CE Board, there was a MSC to elect him.

There was a MSC to adjourn from the business meeting and enter into the worship service. The congregation sang *Jesus Saves, I Am Thine O Lord*, and *Wherever He Leads I'll Go* led by Steve Faison with Diana Bryant at the piano. Joyce Draper brought special music, "Saved".

Steve Berry introduced Sam McVay for the morning message.

Sam and June shared regarding the work in Spain, and the mission work of Free Will Baptists in general. They thanked the association for their partnership in the work. He shared stories of Spain, and how God has worked in people's lives there, along with stories from all over the world where we are having an impact and God is working. The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Christian Education Board Report

Among the ministries of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists Christian Education Board is to offer scholarships to our students attending Christian Colleges. These scholarships are given with first priority to those students attending Free Will Baptist institutions, with secondary funds offered to those students attending a Christian college studying a degree program not offered by our FWB Colleges. This academic year, the IR Christian Education Board is helping to support six students at two different colleges. The forecast is bright for these students and more are waiting in the wings to enroll in the days ahead.

In the past, two fundraisers were held annually. The economic downturn caused the CE Board to revisit the frequency with which we asked for funds. We have come to the point that we need to raise some much needed support for our Scholarship Fund.

To that end, we are having a spaghetti supper on Saturday night, November 19, 2011 at 6:00 at the Graceway Church in Melbourne. Tickets for the meal are \$10 each, we will also be having an auction that night to raise additional funds.

The newest opportunity to invest in the education of these students will be to sponsor a table at the meal. Similar to sponsoring a hole at a golf tournament, sponsorships will involve a \$50 donation to the Scholarship Fund. Sponsors will have a sign of support placed in a centerpiece at a table surrounded by attendees at the event. This would be an excellent way for a Sunday School class, Master's Men, Women Active for Christ, or church to give to the Scholarship Fund.

Table sponsors should send their check to CE Board Treasurer, Sam Lucky (3706 Atlantic Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960), no later than Monday, November 14, 2011 so that we will have time to prepare the signs for the centerpieces.

There are individual tickets for sale, and you may take a sheet of uncut tickets to photocopy to sell at your church. Please make plans to attend, and prayerfully consider how generously you can give to the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your continued support of building the Kingdom of Christ through the ministry of the Christian Education Board of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists.

Steve Faison, Chairman

Indian River Association Meeting

January 28, 2012

meeting at Titusville FWB Church

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *When We All Get to Heaven* with Steve Faison leading the singing and Diana Bryant at the piano. Host Pastor D. Miller welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Sam Lucky brought the morning devotion and talked about the phrase "Perhaps Today". He emphasized our need to be aware of and anticipate the second coming of our Lord. We are to be watching and waiting for our "blessed hope". He reminded us to live the life God wants us to live aware that Christ could come back at any time.

The clerk read the names of the elected delegates from each church who stood as their names were called. Moderator Randy Bryant then called for standing delegates to stand and asked for a motion from a standing delegate to accept this group as our voting body for today. There was a **MSC** to seat the delegates.

There was a **MSC** to accept the minutes as approved. There was a **MSC** to accept both the quarterly and annual financial reports as given by treasurer Diana Bryant.

The moderator appointed an obituary committee of Jim Christian, Chairman, Dennis Haley, and Yoan Chirino to gather names of members who had died during the past year.

The CE Board report was given by Chairman Steve Faison. It's financial report was given by Sam Lucky, Treasurer. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports. There was a **MSC** to table recommendations made by the CE Board to make constitutional changes.

Mission Board Report

*The Indian River Mission Board continues it's contributions to the state mission shares support

*The two Hispanic Missions that we've begun in our association with the help of the State Association continue to grow.

*The Melbourne Hispanic church hosted it's third anniversary service with 84 Hispanics in attendance and a total of 98 including the English speakers.

*The Vero Hispanic Mission continues to grow in number and discipleship

*The Chairman of the Mission Board is planning a trip to Cuba for the 70th anniversary. Anyone in the association is invited to attend this short term mission trip.

Steve Berry, Chairman

Statistics Report

At the meeting held on October 29, 2011 in Auburndale, FL, there were 9 ministers, 3 deacons, 3 church clerks, 3 visitors, and 16 local church delegates for a total of 34 present for the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report

For the meeting to be held a First FWB Church in Titusville on January 29, 2012, Sam Lucky will bring the morning devotion and D. Miller will be the alternate. Cindy Berry was elected as CTS Director and Chris Donovan was elected as a CE Board member after being nominated from the floor and elected by unanimous vote.

Henry Beard, Chairman

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Berry. Yoan Chirino gave a very exciting report with pictures the Hispanic works in Melbourne and Vero and their growth. The Mission Board treasurer, Cecil Hutchinson, gave the financial report and there was a MSC to receive both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. He introduced Matthew Conrad as the new pastor in New Smyrna. He has been examined and is being recognized as a minister in good standing. There was a MSC to ratify his credentials as we have received a letter of good standing from his prior association.

There was a MSC to keep Cooperative giving distributions the same as last year: 60% to remain in the District Association and 40% to the State Association, with 60% of the monies remaining in the District to go to the Mission Board, 30% to go to the Christian Education Board, and 10% to remain in the General Fund unless the Benevolent Fund is not fully funded at \$1500. If the Benevolent Fund is not fully funded, 5% will remain in the General Fund and 5% will go to the Benevolent Fund.

Randy gave a report in his role as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He recapped the Minister's Retreat and talked about the Palmer Leadership Conference that is coming up. He announced the State Association Meeting and the speaker, Rob Morgan. The State Mission Board is announcing a new missionary hired to start a work in Tallahassee. He has a team of people coming with him, and it will be a joint project with the National Home Mission board. The World Mission offering date was announced as April 29. Randy shared the financial situation of the State, with both Shares and Co-op ending the year in the red. He encouraged everyone to do what they could and thanked everyone for their faithfulness in the past.

The morning's offering was received, with Diana Bryant playing *No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus* and it was announced that the offering would be going to Yoan Chirino's church for the purchase

of a projector. The offering totaled \$1285.53 . During the break, the Conrad family stood at the front and was welcomed and greeted by everyone.

The meeting re-convened with a report from Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Greenville, TN.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard. There was a MSC to receive the report.

There was a MSC to adopt recommendations for the next meeting's devotional speaker and alternate. There was MSC to accept the remaining slate of officers as a whole.

The Obituary Committee read the names of those who have passed away in our churches during the past year. There was a moment of silence observed, and prayer was offered by Jim Christian.

There was a MSC to dismiss from our business and enter into a worship service.

The congregation sang *I Love to Tell the Story, Give Me A Vision, and Lord, Lay Some Soul Upon My Heart*. Steve, Cindy and Matthew Berry sang *Love So Amazing*.

Jeff Shaver spoke from the Book of Acts, Chapter 3 verses 1-6. God calls us to trust, follow and obey Him. God wants to use us for His Kingdom. An invitation was given with the congregation singing *HaveThine own Way Lord*. The meeting was dismissed with prayer and a blessing on the meal.

Christian Education Board Report

The past quarter has been busy for the Indian River Association Christian Education Board. In November 2011 we sponsored a Spaghetti supper and auction fundraiser for the Scholarship Fund. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity. You gave \$3500

to the scholarship fund and we were literally overwhelmed at your kindness. In December, six scholarships were sent to two different colleges in the amount of \$1800. Please continue to pray for and support our students through this means. We are looking at several more students attending eligible Christian colleges in the near future.

On January 10, we had our regular meeting. As a result of that meeting, we can report the following: Our new CTS Competition director, Cindy Berry, gave us an update on the District Competition. We will have that competition on Sunday night, March 19 at 6:00 at Graceway Church in Melbourne. There will be refreshments following the competition and we would encourage your churches to consider simply moving your service to Melbourne that night to support our students. Cindy has packets of information to give to our pastors or church representatives before you leave today. Since both the State and National Associations use SYC and NYC respectively when referring to competition and the youth conferences, we recommend changing the name to District Youth Competition Director instead of CTS Competition Director. Those involved with Free Will Baptists over the years certainly remember CTS (Church Training Service) and perhaps League before that. We feel it would be in keeping with the direction of the denomination's youth ministries. This would require a constitutional change, we would need to vote to table this issue until the April 2012 session.

In other discussions, we will be also be asking the Executive Committee to assist us in exploring the feasibility of restructuring the election process of the CTS Competition Director to be more in line with the the competition cycle on the State and National levels. We realize we are just coming off a fantastic scholarship fundraiser, but we must be preparing to come to you again to continue to replenish the fund. Please be listening in the near future for other opportunities to assist our students as they make preparations for lives of Christian service.

Steve Faison, Chairman

Proposed Constitutional Changes:

Current:

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 two (2) trustees of the Camp Sunshine Board, representing and elected by this association and whose terms shall run concurrent with Camp Sunshine 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.

- 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.

Proposed:

Section 3

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The **District Youth Competition Director (DYC)** shall be elected annually by the Association at its **July** meeting.

- 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 Cristian leaders.
- d. To be responsible for coordinating all **youth competition** programs of this association.

Mission Board Report

*The Indian River Mission Board met via a Skype Video Conference Call on January 9th, 2012. All members were present.

*The Indian River Mission Board continues its contributions to the state mission shares support *Our two Hispanic Missions that we've begun in our association with the help of the State Association continue to grow.

*The Melbourne Hispanic church has rented a new facility for worship and had it's first Sunday on January 15th, 2012. The State Mission has given \$2800 toward the purchase of 60 new chairs and various sized tables.

*Wednesday, January 25th, the Graceway Church held a joint service with the Hsipanic Mission in their new facility. During this service, Pastor Berry publicly released the mission from Graceway Church to go out on its own and to be led totally by Pastor Yoan Chirino under the direction of the Sate Mission Board.

*The Church is located at 4885 N Wickham Road #1006, Melbourne, FL 32940 (321)724-9999

*New Hope Fellowship Church and Mike Taggart donated various peices of sound equipment to the Melbourne Hispanic Mission . Mike & Debbie Taggart spent Saturday the 14th of January installing the new equipment.

*The rental cost for the facility has been negotiated from \$2350 per month to \$1500 per month with a one year lease.

*The mission board invites all churches, Sunday School classes and auxiliaries to give toward the relocation of the Melbourne work with a free will offering.

*Video presentation by Pastor Yoan Chirino

*The Vero Hispanic Mission continues to grow in number and discipleship

*The Chairman of the Mission Board is planning a trip to Cuba for the 70th Anniversary to leave on February 22 and return February 28th.

*The Board is in consideration of bringing Leonel and Eleydis Sotero to the United States during the month of April, 2012 to preach in our churches and promote missions.

*The mission board made its public corporation filing for 2012 and received approval

Steve Berry, Chairman

Ordaining Board Report

The Ordaining Board recommends that we ratify the credentials of Matthew Conrad and welcome him with the right hand of fellowship into the Indian River Association.

Sam Lucky, Chairman

Statistics Report

For the meeting held on January 28, 2012, in Titusville, there were 7 ministers, 4 deacons, 6 church clerks, 10 visitors, and 21 local church delegates for a total of 41 present at the meeting.

Obituary Committee Report

The following members passed away during 2011. From Titusville, Peggy Wise. From Vero Beach, Becky Greene. From New Hope Fellowship, Jerry Stevens. From Auburndale, Ethel Lightly.

Nominating Committee Report

For the April meeting: Devotion: Mike Taggart, with D. Miller as the alternate.

Nominating Committee:

Don Legg replacing Don Legg

Christian Education Board:

Sam Lucky replacing Sam Lucky for the 2015 term.

CTS Director

Cindy Berry replacing Cindy Berry for the 2013 term.

Camp Sonshine Representative

Mike Taggart replacing Mike Taggart for the 2014 term.

Mission Board

Henry Beard replacing Henry Beard for the 2017 term

Ordaining Board

Sam Lucky replacing Sam Lucky for the 2017 term.

Representative to the State Executive Committee:

Sam Lucky

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

For period covering

January 1 - December 31, 2011

Beginning Balance January 1, 2010	\$4582.71
Receipts	
Dues	2500.00
Offering	656.00
Interest	.58
<u>Together Way Plan</u>	
Auburndale	6564.09
Melbourne	5341.00
New Hope Fellowship	3177.83
Okeechobee	1193.00
Palm Bay	100.00
Ryanwood Fellowship	5424.25
Smvrna	
Titusville	2300.00
Total Receipts	\$27,256.75
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	<u>\$31,839.46</u>
Disbursements	
Florida State Association Co-Op	\$14,520.11
Indian River Mission Board	5380.10
Indian River Christian Education Board	2690.06
Board of Retirement	263.32
Shares	720.00
Victory FWB Ministries	90.00
Honorariums	800.00
Executive Committee Expense	299.02
Dues to State Association	1400.00
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Camp Sonshine	127.00
Macedonian Fund	201.00
Benevolent (NC Church Tornado Relief)	646.00
Total Disbursements	\$27,336.61
Ending Balance December 31, 2011	<u>\$4502.85</u>
<u>Fund Balances</u>	
General Fund	3431.12
Benevolent Fund	1071.73

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2011**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,646.76
DEPOSITS	
OLD ACCOUNT CLOSED	507.84
INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION	<u>5,703.72</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$11,858.32
DISBURSEMENTS	
YOAN CHIRINO	\$ 1,200.00
DEAN MEADE	481.50
FL. MISSION SHARES	3,600.00
GRACEWAY FWB CHURCH	154.22
CAMP SUNSHINE	<u>900.00</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 6,335.72
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 5,522.60

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
CECIL HUTCHINSON**

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
January--December--2011**

Beginning Balance		3303.84
Deposits:	Co-op	2851.87
	Gifts	201.00
	Scholarship Fund	<u>3500.00</u>
	Subtotal	9856.71
Disbursements:		<u>7478.62</u>
Balance on Hand		2378.09
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General Fund		2939.33
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>2128.90</u>
	Subtotal	5058.23
Disbursements:	To Scholarship Fund	3164.53
	Ce Bd Meeting (BobEvans)	114.77
	Gifts to Students	100.00
	CMBD Competition	735.00
	E-Team	200.00
	Welcome Days	200.00
	Auction/Dinner (Expense)	<u>243.86</u>
	Subtotal	4758.16
Balance on Hand		310.07
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Scholarship Fund		235.47
Deposits:	From General Fund	3164.53
	Auction /Dinner	<u>3500.00</u>
	Subtotal	6900.00
Disbursements:	Southeastern FWB College	4200.00
	Southeastern University	1000.00
Balance on Hand		1700.00
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Camp Fund		340.04
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>712.97</u>
	Subtotal	1053.01
Disbursements:	Camp Sonshine	684.99
Balance on Hand		368.02
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Foundation (Scholarship Fund)		4289.26
	Earnings for 7/01/2011	70.72
	Earaning for 1/01/2011	<u>59.45</u>
Balance in Account		4419.43

INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

Preamble

We, the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the state of Florida, do ordain this constitution for the purposes of advancing, promoting, and increasing all phases of the causes of Christ.

Constitution

ARTICLE ONE: NAME

This organization shall be known as the Indian River Association of Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

This association shall be composed of such Free Will Baptist Churches as shall adopt this compact and agree to this constitution. One may obtain associate membership by statement of Christian faith.

ARTICLE THREE: DELEGATION

Section 1

The standing delegation of this association shall consist of all ordained ministers, ordained deacons, association clerks, and church clerks of this association in good standing with this association.

Section 2

Voting privileges shall be extended to all standing delegates and to those duly elected or appointed delegates representing the churches of this association in good standing with this association. 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 Camp Sonshine Board, representing and elected by this association, and whose terms shall run concurrent with the Camp Sonshine Board. The District Youth Competition (DYC) Director shall be an ex-officio member of this board.

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- c. To support and promote the education of our youth and Christian leaders.

d. To be responsible for coordinating all youth competition programs of this 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 2012

