

2012

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Directory of Churches

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863-967-1275

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Rev. Ron Draper

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Bartow, FL 33830
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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

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Palm Bay, FL 32907
321-725-1655

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386-677-5737

Rev. Robert Sova (interim)

7171 S. US 1
Titusville, FL 32780
321-252-3753

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

First FWB Church

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

Clerk Karen Miller

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

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

1840 39th Blvd
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Clerk Connie Grounds

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

Camino de Gracia

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Melbourne, FL 32935
321-914-6205

Clerk Maria Newman

1275 Crotton Road, Melbourne, FL 32935

Rev. Randy Bryant

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Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-567-1956

Rev. Darrell Miller

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Titusville, FL 32780
321-268-1705

Rev. Thomas Dees

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

Rev. Yoan Chirino

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

Other Ordained Ministers

Steve Faison

6950 30th Square, #201, Vero Beach, FL 32966 772-532-4192

Calvin Butler

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William Bronson

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

Deacons

Melbourne

Bill Swartz, Don Legg, Dewey North

Mike Taggart, Chris Donovan

Okeechobee

Samuel Lewis, Bryan Moore

Auburndale

James Hutto, James Woods

Ryanwood Fellowship

Sam Lucky

Officers of the Association

Moderator

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2156 54th Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32966

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Vice Moderator

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Cocoa, FL 32926

321-636-3244

Clerk/Treasurer

Diana Bryant (Ryanwood)

2156 54th Avenue

Vero Beach, FL 32966

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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

Chris Donovan (2014)
Sam Lucky (2015)
Open (2016)

DYC Director

Cindy Berry

Mission Board

Cecil Hutchinson (2018)
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)
Yoan Chirino (2018)

Camp Board

Darrell Miller (2015)
Mike Taggart (2014)

Indian River District Association

Meeting at New Hope Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

April 28, 2012

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *I'll Fly Away* with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Host pastor, Jim Christian, welcomed the congregation and gave directions.

Randy Bryant, Moderator, welcomed the body and expressed appreciation for everyone who was in attendance. In lieu of a morning devotion, Randy shared prayer requests concerning Ron Draper and Mrs. Thomas Dees. He opened the floor for additional prayer requests.

The clerk called the names of the delegates elected from each church. Standing delegates were recognized, and there was a MSC to seat these as the voting body for the day's business.

There was a MSC to receive the printed minutes, and then the financial report was presented by Treasurer Diana Bryant. There was a MSC to receive the report.

The Christian Education Board report was presented by Chairman D. Miller with comments of the District Youth Competition by Cindy Berry. The financial report for the CE Board was presented by treasurer Sam Lucky. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

There was an item on the table concerning a name change from *District CTS Competition Director* to *District Youth Competition Director* from the Christian Education Board from the last meeting. There was a MSC to remove the item from the table. There was a MSC to adopt the change as printed.

Steve Berry, Mission Board Chairman, gave the Mission Board report. Yoan Chirino, Missionary Pastor to Melbourne and Vero Beach gave a report and showed pictures from their new building in Melbourne. The financial report was presented by Steve in the absence of their treasurer. There was a MSC to receive the entire report.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board this quarter.

There was a recommendation from the Executive Committee that the July meeting be held on Friday night, July 27, due to a conflict with camp preparations. There was a MSC to adopt this recommendation.

Randy gave his report as the Executive Director of the Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists. He mentioned the Palmer Leadership Conference, and encouraged everyone to attend the Florida State Association Meeting being held May 2-4. He reviewed the state mission works, and reported on the new mission work coming to Tallahassee soon. He promoted the Mission Shares Golf Tournament coming up in August and the Christian Worker's Conference in September, and the Senior Summit in October. Randy promoted the WMO offering being received tomorrow, April 29.

The offering of \$129 was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing *All Because of God's Amazing Grace*. A 15 minute break was observed. Announcements were given and the break was taken.

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

There was a MSC to adjourn from the business session and begin the worship service.

The congregation sang *Because He Lives* and *It Is Well With My Soul*. Steve Faison sang *The Love of God* as a special.

Randy introduced the morning program by sharing some statistics about the state of pastors and christian leaders today, noting that many are leaving the ministry and fewer are accepting the call to the ministry. Jim Christian, Steve Berry, and Randy Bryant shared from their hearts about why fewer young men are accepting the call to the ministry. Jim encouraged everyone to get in and stay in the Word. Steve proposed that we do not believe Scripture like we used to, and we are not presenting the office of "bishop" correctly to our young people. Randy noted that there are less young people in church, we must win young people, have a positive attitude about the ministry, and pour our lives into young men. We need to preach such as to show a passion for the ministry. Pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth workers.

The meeting was dismissed and the blessing was asked on the meal.

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met February 6, and again on April 16, 2012 at Bob Evans in Viera.

All members were present.

1. **Proposed Constitutional Change:** The CE Board has a proposed change to Article Four: Function Of the Board, Section 3 currently tabled and due to be voted on during the April IRA District Meeting.
2. **Scholarship Fund Raiser:** The CE Board is sponsoring "Sam Lucky's Family Fun Night and Fish Fry" to be held on Saturday, May 19th.
 - Location: Graceway FWBC, Melbourne
 - Date: Saturday, May 19, 5:00 pm
 - Cost: \$12 each, \$20 per couple, children 8 and under \$5
 - Menu: Fish, hushpuppies, coleslaw, drinks and desserts (Desserts will be provided by the IRA churches)
 - Cindy Berry will coordinate with each IRA church
 - Tickets will be presold as well as being available at the door. Cindy should have contacted each church and established a point of contact for ticket sales.
 - Table Sponsorships: Table Sponsorships are available for a minimum of \$50
 - Past, present, and future college students will be highlighted
3. **Fall Gospel Sing:** The CE Board is looking to revive the Fall Gospel Sing and has set a tentative date of October 13 for the event.
4. **Couples Retreat or Marriage Seminar:** The CE Board is looking to bring back a Couple's Retreat or Marriage Seminar for next year to be alternated with our Silent Auction. Tentative dates discussed are March 8-9, 2013. Details will be discussed at future meetings after we complete the Fish Fry event.
5. **CE Board Educational Charter:** As a means to fulfill a portion of our role to educate the membership of the Indian River Association, the CE Board has put together an informational

bulletin. The intent is to provide these at each IRA meeting as well as thru social media means (facebook, church website, etc.)

6. **IRA Choir:** The CE Board would like to explore the interest of the IRA in forming the Association Choir for the July meeting. We see this as an opportunity to involve others in ministering to their brothers and sisters during our meetings. Those of you who would be willing to participate should contact Bro. Steve Faison.
7. **Virtual CE Board:** The CE Board is exploring the possibility of being able to conduct virtual CE Board meetings as a way to expand our communication within the IRA. As we develop our concept of operation and perfect it this could be a means in which we can improve communication throughout the IRA especially with pastors and certainly with bi-vocational pastors.

Camp Sonshine:

1. **Camp Sonshine Constitution and By-Laws:** A question had been raised as to whether or not a conflict existed between the IRA Constitution and By-Laws and the Constitution and By-Laws of Camp Sonshine due to a reference in our Article Four, Section 3 which referred to our appointing a Camp Director. Bro. "D" reviewed the Constitution and By-Laws of Camp Sonshine to see if there was a conflict in regards to the appointment of a Camp Director. Section 5 of the By-Laws reads "This Board shall have full authority to do all acts for and in the name of Camp Sonshine." There is no conflict, especially now wince the oversight of the amendment to Article 4, Section 3 under "Functions of this board shall be" has been brought to the clerks attention and there will no longer be a reference to the IRA CE Board appointing the youth camp director.
2. The Trustees and Directors of Camp Sonshine have voted to discontinue their relationship with Camp Challenge and to move the Camp Sonshine Teen Camp to the Florida Baptist Encampment in Groveland, FL.
3. The Trustees and Directors of Camp Sonshine are currently in communication with the Camp Eagle Board in an attempt to establish some sort of "formal" relationship. At this point a letter

has been sent stating what Camp Sonshine would be willing to offer as well as what we would expect to receive. The

Board is currently waiting on a response from the Camp Eagle Board. Basically Camp Sonshine is offering resources for consideration in the future planning of Camp Eagle.

4. The Trustees and Directors of Camp Sonshine have voted to hold a training session for the teen counselors that work at our Junior Camp held at Camp Eagle. The training is planned to be held at Camp Eagle beginning on the Friday evening prior to junior camp. Training would be on Friday and Saturday, the teens would attend church at Shady Oaks, and then be ready to receive the juniors on Monday.

5. Camp Eagle (Junior Camp)
 - a. Camp Director: Bro. Steve Berry (IRA)
 - b. Asst Camp Director: Jeremy Crittendon (Hispanic Assoc.)
 - c. Dates: 11-15, June 2012
 - d. Camp Fees: \$145 (\$120 early registration)
 - e. Camp Evangelist: Jeremy Crittendon and Jerod McNeil, each to preach two nights

6. Camp Sonshine (Teen Camp)
 - f. Camp Director: Steve Berry (IRA)
 - g. Asst.. Camp Director: Jeremy Crittendon (Hispanic Assn.)
 - h. Dates: July 30 - August 2012
 - i. Camp Fees: \$195 (\$175 early registration)
 - j. Camp Evangelist: Heath Ferguson

District Youth Competition:

1. The District Youth Competition was held at Graceway FWBC on March 18 at 6 pm with a time of fellowship afterwards. The event was extremely well done and our young people performed very well. Participants were: Megan Murphy, Bible Memorization, Graceway; Jacob Sprague, Alec Christian, and Emily Cobb, Sword Drill, from New Hope Fellowship; Cassie Mclay, Vocal Solo, Graceway, Bible Tic Tac Toe, Team, New Hope Fellowship, Cassie McLay, Vocal Solo, Graceway,

Bobby Berry, Male Vocal Solo, Graceway, Eli and Nicole, Vocal Duet, Camino de Gracia, Patch Club Ensembl, Graceway; Tyler Crowl, Piano Solo, Graceway; Impact Drama Team, Graceway; Dylan Crowl, Drawings, Graceway; Morgan VanSkyhawk, Single Photo, Graceway; Matthew Gray, Preaching, Graceway
D. Miller, Chairman

Mission Board Report

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 moved into its new facility and is growing in attendance. Last Sunday they had 137. The address is 4885 N Wickham Road #106, Melbourne, FL 32940. They have asked to host the fall 2012 IRA meeting. The Vero Hispanic Mission continues to grow in number and discipleship.

July 6-13, the Berry family has been invited along with Josh & Kristie Baer to speak and minister at the Cuban Pastor's & Wives retreat in Pinar Del Rio. The Berry's will minister in song as well as encourage the pastor's families to place family before ministry.

The Board is in consideration of bringing Leonel and Eleydis Sotero to the United States during the month of October 24-November 30, 2012.

April 29, 2012 is World Mission Offering Sunday. The Mission Board would like to encourage our IRA churches to receive a special offering for International Missions.

Steve Berry, Chairman

Nominating Committee Report

Next meeting date: Friday night, July 27, 7:00 pm in Melbourne
Devotion: Mike Taggart, with D. Miller as the alternate

Statistics Report

For the meeting held April 28, 2012 at New Hope Fellowship, Cocoa, FL, there were 7 ministers, 2 deacons, 6 church clerks, 5 visitors, and 13 local church delegates present for a total of 33 present.

Betsy Lucky, Assistant Clerk

Indian River District Association

Meeting at Graceway FWB Church, Melbourne

July 27, 2012

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *Dwelling in Beulah Land* with Bobby Berry leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant introduced host pastor Steve Berry who welcomed the body. Cecil Hutchinson led the congregation in prayer.

Mike Taggart brought the devotion for the evening. He spoke about an experience he had recently, making him think about escaping sin. Luke 19:10 talks about Christ coming to seek and save those who are lost. Just like a sparrow who had been caught in a mouse trap set at his farm who could not free itself, we also cannot get free from the bonds of sin on our own, only Christ can free us.

After asking the clerk if all churches had lettered in and paid their dues, Randy asked for delegates sent from their churches to stand. Standing delegates (ministers, deacons, and church clerks) were then asked to stand. There was a MSC to seat this delegation as the voting body for the night's business.

There was a MSC to approve the minutes as printed. The clerk/treasurer presented the Financial Report, and there was a MSC to approve the report as printed.

In the absence of chairman D. Miller, there was no CE Board report, but DYC director Cindy Berry gave a report on the youth competition. Sam Lucky gave the CE Board financial report, and Steve Berry gave a report on the upcoming week of Teen Camp. There was a MSC to receive that report.

Steve Berry gave the Mission Board report and Cecil Hutchinson gave their financial report. There was a MSC to receive their report.

Randy shared information regarding the request from Camino de Gracia to join our association.

The General Board will be meeting with them and bringing a recommendation to the body at the next meeting which will be held at their church.

Randy then gave a report as the State Executive Director, recapping both the State Meeting and National Meeting. He announced plans for the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, and the Senior Summit, noting that forms for both events were available. The Christian Worker's Conference was also promoted, coming up in September. The Christian Law Association will be speaking at the conference this year. Randy talked about the new mission work in Tallahassee and our responsibilities there, and noted that we will soon be making electronic giving possible for Mission Shares.

Randy asked for other items of business. Hearing none, the meeting recessed for 15 minutes.

The meeting reconvened with the Nominating Committee report from Henry Beard. At the next meeting, the morning devotion will be given by D. Miller, and the alternate will be Don Legg. There was a MSC to receive his report.

Pastor Yoan Chirino gave a report on his works in Melbourne and Vero Beach.

Henry Beard shared information concerning their move into the Pathway FWB Church building as they have purchased it and will combine churches in the near future.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business session and move into the worship service.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "*I Just Keep Trusting My Lord*" and "*Love Lifted Me*". Chris Donovan then introduced Chase Van Skyhawk for a devotion. He spoke about having a passion for praying for our families and lost people that we know. Following the devotion, there was a camp video. The offering of \$127.00 was received with Morgan VanSkyhawk at the piano. Matt Berry sang "I Stand Redeemed". Matt Gray brought the evening message on the hunger to go

and follow Christ, the hinderances in following, and the honor to be called.

Randy announced to pastors that the annual digests were available to pick up before they left. We were dismissed in prayer by Yoan Chirino.

Mission Board Report

The Indian River Mission Board continues its contributions to the state mission shares support plan. Our two Hispanic Missions, begun in our association with the help of the State Association, continue to grow. The First FWB Church of Palm Bay has submitted a letter to the Indian River Mission requesting the property title be transferred from the mission board to the church. Due to the busyness of the summer schedule the board has not met to formally vote, although individually we know that the board is in agreement with transferring the property. We expect this transfer of property to be completed during this next quarter.

Steve Berry, Chairman

Statistics Report

For the meeting held on July 27, 2017 at the Graceway FWB Church in Melbourne, there were 6 ministers, 2 deacons, 3 church clerks, 15 visitors, and 12 local church delegates for a total of 38 present for the meeting.

Betsy Lucky, Assistant Clerk

Indian River District Association

Meeting at Camino de Gracia, Melbourne

October 27, 2012

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *I Want to be a Worker* with Yoan Chirino leading and Roberto Rodriguez at the piano. Cecil Hutchinson opened the meeting in prayer, and host pastor Yoan Chirino welcomed the body. Moderator Randy Bryant also welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted the significance of a new church being birthed and joining our association.

The morning devotion was given by Titusville pastor Darrell Miller from Mark 10:17. By becoming part of God's family, we gain much, both in the life to come and in this present life. The love and help of our spiritual brothers and sisters is invaluable.

The names of the delegates sent from the churches were called and they stood as they were called. The standing delegates were recognized and there was a **MSC** from one of them to seat those recognized as the voting body for the day's business. The minutes were approved as printed. Treasurer Diana Bryant gave the treasurer's report, and it was approved as printed.

The moderator called for the leadership delegation from Camino de Gracia to come to the front. There was a **MSC** to receive this body into the Indian River Association as a recognized church. Their delegates; Rafael Rodriguez, Marilyn Garcia, and Roberto Rodriguez, were seated. Randy welcomed the church, and then Steve Berry, Mission Board chairman, gave a presentation. The church leadership was presented with a plaque, Pastor Yoan was given a plaque, and Marilyn, the pastor's wife, was given a silver bracelet with five charms representing her five ministries: her husband, her daughter, Matanzas, Melbourne, and Vero Beach.

With Diana Bryant at the piano playing, the body extended the right hand of fellowship to the new church.

D. Miller, chairman, presented the CE Board Report. A video was shown to review the year at Camp Sonshine. Cindy Berry gave the report from

CTS Competition. There was a MSC to receive the report, along with the treasurer's report as presented by treasurer Sam Lucky.

The Mission Board report was given by chairman, Steve Berry. He called on Yoan Chirino to report on the mission works in Melbourne and Vero Beach. There is a 10 Year Anniversary trip to Cuba being planned for next year. The title to the Palm Bay property should be turned over to them during the next quarter, pending the legal transacion being completed. Cecil Hutchinson presented the treasurer's report, and there was a MSC to receive the entire report.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He shared results from the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the Senior Summitt. He shared the upcoming Minister's Retreat in January, and encouraged churches to send their pastor. He reviewed the State mission works, and shared the plan of the new work in Tallahassee to begin services in January.

Henry Beard gave the Nominating Committee report, with Sam Lucky being named a devotional speaker for the next meeting with Don Legg as the alternate. The Palm Bay Church will host the meeting in January. Henry also shared the experience of the Auburndale Church as they moved into their new property, the old Pathway FWB Church property. They are thankful for the new property, and saw three converts this past Sunday.

Keith Farquesson gave a report from the Pam Bay Church, and introduced some new members.

There was a MSC to adjourn from the business session. There was a 10 minute break before the worship service.

The worship service began with the congregation singing *Tu Fidelidad es Grande* and *How Great Thou Art*. Elizabeth Chirino and Diana Bryant played a duet on the keyboard of *Amazing Grace*". The congregation then sang *Because He Lives* in English and Spanish. Cindy and Steve Berry sang *He is Good* in Spanish as a special. Steve Berry introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Leonel Sotero who spoke in Spanish while Steve Berry translated into English. Leonel brought greetings from the church in Cuba, and spoke from Matthew 28. He spoke about our attitudes. We are to focus on the souls of people, not the material goods of the church.

Mike Taggart asked the blessing on the offering, which would be given to the ministry of Leonel Sotero and the Cuban churches. Two young people from the Iglesia Camino de Gracia sang *I Wish You Jesus* during the offering. The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Jim Christian and a meal was provided by Camino de Gracia.

CE Board Report

The CE Board met at Bob Evans in Viera on August 27, 2012 at 6 pm. Members present were Steve Faison, Cindy Berry, Sam Lucky, and D. Miller.

The Board discussed the Fall Gospel Sing scheduled for Friday, November 16 from 7 - 8:30 pm as its scholarship fund raiser. The event is to be held in the fellowship hall of Graceway FWB Church. A \$10 donation will be requested, each church is being asked to provide two songs, or a skit. Table sponsorships will be offered for \$50, and a love offering will be received. Coffee, soda, and desserts will be provided. Video recordings from the students being assisted by the scholarship fund will be shown at the event, and "D" will provide a slide for churches to use in their pre-service announcements. The CE Board voted to give three students \$500 each for the fall semester. Students are Ashley Ramey, April Miranda, and Matt Berry. A fourth scholarship was awarded to Christa Dailey on October 3 once the CE Board received her application.

Camp Sonshine income for the year was \$23,301.78, with expenses at \$20,673.13. What has allowed us to operate in the black this year has been primarily our special donations and the decision to change venues for Teen Camp. We received donations from the participating associations in the amount of \$3,794.76, and gifts from churches and individuals in the amount of \$3629.52. The cost of renting Camp Challenge in 2011 was \$11,160, and the cost of renting the facilities at Florida Baptist Encampment this year was \$7310, for a savings of \$3850. We have been able to keep campers costs to a minimum for several years now. Junior camp fees were \$145 or \$120 if paid early. Teen fees were \$195 or \$175 for early registration. The board would again like to request that each of our participating associations sponsor one day of kitchen operations, which equates to roughly \$1000, and that churches place camp in their budgets.

Indian River District Association

Meeting at First FWB Church of Palm Bay

January 26, 2013

The meeting opened with host pastor Keith Farqueson welcoming the body and leading the congregation in singing *All Hail King Jesus, The Lily of the Valley, and Saved, Saved!*.

The morning devotion was brought by Sam Lucky from Vero Beach. He related an incident that happened on his job during the week and how God used it to show Him that he misses opportunities to share Christ daily. He challenged us to take every opportunity we have to share Christ, and to be aware of those opportunities.

The clerk recognized the churches that had sent their letters and paid dues. As each church was called, the delegates sent from their church were asked to stand. The standing delegates, ministers and deacons, also stood. There was a **MSC** from one of the standing delegates to seat this group as the voting body for the day.

The treasurer presented both the district and annual treasurer's report, and there was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Obituary Committee was appointed, and consisted of Karen Miller, Crissy Kinney and Jan Wilder.

Darrell Miller, Chairman of the CE Board, gave his report and also reported on happenings at his church in Titusville. He shared their plans to divide the association into two teams to head up the fund raising efforts of the board as well as youth activities. Titusville, Melbourne, New Hope, New Smyrna, and Iglesia Camino de Gracia will be one group, and Ryanwood, Auburndale, Okeechobee, and Palm Bay will be the other group. An organizational meeting will be held at Titusville on February 4. Student Scholarships were given out for the semester to five students at Southeastern. A Camp Sunshine Board will be meeting in February, and District and State Youth Competition dates were announced.

The CE Board treasurer's reports, both quarterly and annual, were given by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to accept both the board report and the financial reports.

The Mission Board report was given by chairman Steve Berry. Yoan Chirino shared the progress of his works in Melbourne and Vero Beach. Things are going very well with both congregations.

The mission board's new treasurer, Mike Taggart, gave the mission board report. Cecil Hutchinson, the former treasurer, was a victim of identity theft and gave up the position out of concern for the association. Steve reported on the visit of Leonel Sotero, pastor from Cuba, and total offerings for his November visit which totaled \$26,000.00. A mission trip to Cuba was announced for September 22 - 30, 2013. Cost will be \$1200. An update was given on the deed for the property in Palm Bay. Steve reviewed the history of the Indian River Mission Board in the birth of the Palm Bay Mission, which is now a church. A meeting was held yesterday at a title company, but questions arose for Keith Farqueson regarding language in the contract. All questions were settled during the course of the day, and the deed will be signed over in the coming week.

The Mission Board treasurer, Mike Taggart, gave the financial report. There was a **MS** to receive both reports, then a time was given for questions. Hearing none, there was a standing vote taken. The motion was **carried**.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

The Executive Board report was given, sharing the request from the Ocean Street Church of God to become a part of our association. Randy shared that the Executive Committee will be meeting with the church to examine their church and will report back to the body with a recommendation.

Randy shared a report as the Executive Director of the State of Florida. He reported on the recent Minister's Retreat, and the up-coming State Meeting to be held May 1 - 4 at the Jacksonville Marriott. Dr. Robert Picirilli will be the main speaker for the meeting. Lynnette Morgan will be speaking at the missions luncheon, and Chad Donoho will be speaking at the mission service on Friday morning, along with youth competition to be held on Friday and Saturday. Randy shared news concerning the National meeting which will be held in Tampa in July. He reminded us that we have responsibilities for the meeting, particularly needing ushers. He encouraged everyone to pre-register to save time when they arrive. He encouraged all who could to attend. Randy made all pastors aware that

Randall House had provided booklets and CDs regarding the inspiration and preservation of scripture, along with some information regarding translations, for each pastor. He announced the date for the WMO, and encouraged all to sign up for the Coordinator, the state newspaper.

An offering was received and would go to Project Tallahassee for their start up costs.

The morning offering totaled \$255.00

Bro. Henry Beard gave the nominating committee report. There was a MSC to receive the report and the slate was elected as a whole.

The statistical committee report showed 6 ministers, 3 deacons, 6 clerks, 13 visitors, and 21 local church delegates for a total of 48.

The Obituary Committee gave their report and a moment of silence and prayer was offered for those from our association's churches who had passed away during the year.

The business session was adjourned.

The congregation sang *How Great Thou Art*.

Keith Farquesen sang *The Stranger of Gallilee* as a special for the day.

Bro. Cliff Donoho was introduced as the speaker for the morning. He shared the work of Project Tallahassee, and its progress. The first service is scheduled for February 24, and he provided a list of material needs of the church. A time was given for questions, then Cliff spoke from I Corinthians 9: 24-27. Paul shows us three things: the ambition godliness requires, the attention godliness requires, and the aggression holiness requires. An invitation was given following the message.

Announcements were given from the area churches. The body was dismissed and lunch was served by the host church.

Nominating Committee Report

The next meeting will be held on April 27 in Vero Beach. Will Wilker will bring the morning devotion with Nick McCuiston as the alternate.

The following slate of officers was presented:

Moderator - Randy Bryant
Vice Moderator - Jim Christian
Clerk/Treasurer - Diana Bryant
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer - Betsy Lucky

Nominating Committee: Cecil Hutchinson, Don Legg, Henry Beard
Mission Board 2018 term: Cecil Hutchinson
Ordaining Board 2018 term: Yoan Chirino
Camp Board 2015 term: Darrell Miller
CE Board 2016 term: Open

In Memory

The following members passed away during 2012:

From Auburndale:
Lula Rogers, Evon Martin

From Graceway:
Paul Slicer, Charlie Berry, Yvonne Clevenger,
Bernadette "Cookie" Serrano

From Titusville:
Al St. John

Indian River Association Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering

January 1 - December 31, 2012

Beginning Balance January 1, 2012 \$4502.85

Receipts

Dues	3300.00
Offering	1897.53

Together Way Plan

Auburndale	7657.33
Graceway	3687.00
Iglesia Camino de Gracia	1050.61
New Hope Fellowship	5623.34
Okeechobee	1700.00
Palm Bay	40.00
Ryanwood Fellowship	5504.81
Smyrna	724.00
Titusville	1200.00
Total Receipts	\$32,384.62

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR **\$36,887.47**

Disbursements

Florida State Association Co-Op	\$16,372.26
Indian River Mission Board	6098.01
Indian River Christian Education Board	3048.90
Board of Retirement	211.82
Shares	720.00
Honorariums	100.00
Executive Committee Expense	109.29
Dues to State Association	2400.00
Executive Board Member Expense to State Association	200.00
Iglesia Camino de Gracia	1285.53
Camp Sonshine	127.00
Benevolent (Ron Draper)	825.21
Printing Annual Minutes	55.68
Graceway/Cuba	356.00
Total Disbursements	\$31,909.70

Ending Balance December 31, 2012 **\$4977.77**

Fund Balances

General Fund	4223.20
Benevolent Fund	754.57

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION
MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2012**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,522.60
DEPOSITS-IRA	<u>\$ 5,827.20</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	\$ 11,349.80
DISBURSEMENTS	
YOAN CHIRINO	\$ 1,200.00
FL. MISSION SHARES	\$ 3,600.00
CAMP SONSHINE	\$ 150.00
BOARD MEETING EXPENSE	\$ 101.00
GRACEWAY FWB REIMBURSEMENT	<u>\$ 555.75</u>
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,606.75
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 5,743.05

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
MICHAEL TAGGART**

January 2013 account activity:

1/7/2013 Check to Yoan Chirino for \$ 100.00

1/22/2013 Deposit from IRA \$1,399.67

Account balance as of 1/23/2013 \$7,042.72

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
January--December-2012**

Beginning Balance		2,378.09
Deposits:	co-op	2,913.52
Fun Night		<u>1,800.00</u>
Sub Total		7,091.61
Disbursements:		<u>4,156.60</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>2,935.01</u>

General Fund		310.07
Deposits:	co-op	<u>2,185.16</u>
Subtotal		2,495.23
Disbursements:	Cebd Meeting (B. Evans)	308.05
	CTS Competition	<u>744.67</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>1,442.51</u>

Scholarship Fund		1,700.00
Deposit	Fun Night	<u>1,800.00</u>
Subtotal		3,500.00
Expense for Fun Night		190.12
Scholarships		<u>2,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>1,309.88</u>

Camp Fund		368.02
Deposits:	co-op	<u>728.36</u>
Subtotal		1,096.38
Disbursement:	Camp Sonshine	<u>913.76</u>
Balance on Hand		<u>182.62</u>

Balance in Check Book		2,935.01
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FWB Foundation		4,480.54
	Earnings 1/2012--6/2012	61.29
	Subtotal	4,541.83
	Earning from 7/1/2012 to 12/31/2012	<u>62.88</u>
	Balance in December 2012	4,604.71

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.

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

Functions of this board shall be:

- 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 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

