

2013

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Directory of Churches

First Free Will Baptist Church

3600 US Hwy 92 West
Winter Haven, FL 33823
863-967-1275

Mailing address: PO Box 97

Auburndale, FL 33823

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 Church

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

Rev. Bob Sova (Interim)

Clerk Betty Alewine

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

Ryanwood Fellowship FWB

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

Rev. Randy Bryant

2156 54th Avenue
Vero Beach, FL 32966
772-696-3409

Clerk Betsy Lucky

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

Truth FWB Church

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

Rev. Darrell Miller

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

Clerk Karen Miller

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

Trinity Free Will Baptist Church

1840 39th Blvd
Okeechobee, FL 34972

Rev. Thomas Dees

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

Clerk Connie Grounds

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

Camino de Gracia

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

Rev. Yoan Chirino

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

Clerk Ana V. Loyselle

Other Ordained Ministers

Steve Faison

6950 30th Sq, Apt 201, Vero Beach, FL 32966 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, Chris Donovan

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)

4650 Hwy 524

Cocoa, FL 32926

321-636-3244

Clerk/Treasurer

Diana Bryant (Ryanwood)

2156 54th Avenue

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

Christian Education Board

Sam Lucky (2015)
Henry Beard (2016)
Open (2017)

DYC Director

Cindy Berry

Mission Board

Ron Draper (2015)
Steve Berry (2016)
Henry Beard (2017)
Cecil Hutchinson (2018)
Mike Taggart (2019)

Ordination Board

Thomas Dees (2015)
Bill Swartz (2016)
Sam Lucky (2017)
Yoan Chirino (2018)
Steve Berry (2019)

Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2015)
Mike Taggart (2016)

Indian River District Association Meeting
Saturday, April 27, 2013
Meeting at Ryanwood Fellowship, Vero Beach

The meeting opened with Steve Faison leading the congregation in singing *King of Kings* with Diana Bryant at the piano. D. Miller led in prayer and Will Wilker brought the morning devotion on the importance of being a Christian.

All delegates sent from their churches were asked to stand. Standing delegates were asked to stand also, and there was a MSC from this group to accept those standing as the voting body for the day.

The minutes were approved as printed, with a correction to the CE Board report section noting that 4 students received scholarships instead of 5. There was a MSC to accept the minutes with this change. The treasurer's report was given by Diana Bryant and there was a MSC to accept it as printed. Diana reminded each pastor to pick up a packet for their church containing a District Digest of Reports, the National Digest of Reports, and reporting forms for their church clerk.

Chairman D. Miller gave the Christian Education Board report. D gave a report on the recent Scholarship Auction which raised \$4339.00 and asked for a church representative from each church to help out with CE Board activities. He also reported being able to visit with Southeastern students who received scholarships recently.

Camp Sonshine will be opening the year in the black this year due to some wise moves on the part of the board. He expressed appreciation for the Camp Board treasurer, Mike Taggart. Camp dates are June 10-14, with Jeremy Crittendon as evangelist for Junior Camp. Dates for Teen Camp are July 28 - August 2 with Cliff Donoho as evangelist.

District Youth Competition was held March 17 at the Melbourne church and winners were announced.

The treasurer's report for the CE Board was presented by Sam Lucky, and there was a MSC to receive both reports as presented.

Chairman Steve Berry gave the Mission Board report. He shared plans for a trip to Cuba in September.

Yoan Chirino was asked to report on the works in Melbourne and Vero Beach.

Steve reported on the Palm Bay deed situation; the board is waiting on the Palm Bay folks at this point. The treasurer's report was given by Mike Taggart, and there was a MSC to accept both reports.

Randy gave a report from the General Board concerning the Kissimmee Church. Due to a decision on their part, they will not be joining us.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He announced the State Meeting beginning next Wednesday, May 1 with Dr. Robert Picirilli as the speaker. He announced the Christian Worker's Conferences with Danny Dwyer on the Preservation and Inspiration of Scripture, and that materials were available for the Senior Summitt and the Minister's Retreat Cruise.

He shared plans for the National Association hosted by Florida this year. He mentioned the Florida men who will be speaking, and mentioned the need for volunteers to usher and man the Florida booth. He also explained the need to make reservations on the day that housing opens, May 6, and encouraged everyone to pre-register.

Randy reminded the body about the World Missions Offering which would take place tomorrow. Today's offering will go to the WMO. He reminded everyone to pray for Project Tallahassee's, Grand Opening Service tomorrow, as well as the mission works in West Palm, Melbourne, and Vero Beach.

Delegates to the State Meeting were appointed: Cecil Hutchinson, Gloria Hutchinson, Becky Christian, Melissa Christian, and Debbie Taggart.

There was a 15 minute break taken. After the break, Henry Beard presented the Nominating Committee report and there was a MSC to approve it. For the next meeting, July 27, the morning devotion would be given by Nick McCuiston with the alternate being Steve Faison. Henry Beard was elected by acclamation to fill the empty CE Board spot.

Announcements from the churches were made and there was a MSC to adjourn from the business session and enter into the worship service.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *Now I Belong to Him, He's Been So Good to Me, and Under the Spirit's Control*. Steve Faison sang *Sinner Saved By Grace*.

The morning message was brought by Jim Christian on "The Message that Never Changes". He noted four things: 1. The gospel needs no additions. 2. Distorting the gospel is serious business. 3. Only the gospel saves. 4. Only the gospel produces real life change.

The meeting was dismissed and the blessing was asked on the food by Keith Farquharson.

Statistical Report

For the meeting held on April 27,2013, at Vero Beach, there were 9 ministers, 3 deacons, 5 church clerks, 9 visitors, and 20 local church delegates, for a total of 46 present for the meeting.

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists
October 26, 2013
meeting at Trinity FWB Church, Okeechobee, FL

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *When We All Get to Heaven* with Steve Faison leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. Steve also brought the morning devotion from II Timothy Chapter 2. Christians need to be studying the Bible in order to share it with others.

Moderator Randy Bryant asked host pastor, Thomas Dees, to give a welcome and give people information needed for the day.

The clerk called the names of the appointed church delegates and they were asked to stand. The standing delegates were also recognized, and there was a MSC to seat this group as the voting body for the day,

Treasurer Diana Bryant presented the financial report, and there was a MSC to receive the report as printed.

Palm Bay's delegation arrived, and their delegates were also seated.

The CE Board report was given by interim chairman Mike Taggart, with their financial report given by their treasurer, Sam Lucky. Steve Berry gave details on the "Seal the Deal" rally after camp, and details on Camp SonShine this past year. August 2-8 are the dates for teen camp next year. There was a MSC to approve both the CE Board's report and their financial report.

The Mission Board report was presented by Steve Berry. Mike Taggart gave the financial report. Steve reviewed the recent trip to Cuba, the work in Cuba, and the recent transfer of the deed to the Palm Bay church. There was a MSC to receive both reports.

There was a recommendation from the Executive Committee to set the dates for next year's association meetings as follows: February 1 (Auburndale), May 3 (New Smyrna), July 19 (Titusville), October 25 (Cocoa). There was a MSC to adopt. Dates had to be changed due to conflicts with the Minister's Retreat, the State Meeting, and the National Association Meeting.

Randy gave a report as the State's Executive Director, reviewing the National, the Christian Worker's Conference, and the recent Senior Summit. He also mentioned the upcoming State Minister's Retreat, a cruise in January. He mentioned that Co-Op was on budget, but that the Shares program was severely underfunded. This report is given as information only.

The offering was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "All Because of God's Amazing Grace." A break was taken for about 15 minutes before finishing the business and entering into the worship service. The morning offering of 246.43 went to the general fund.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Henry Beard. The devotion at our next meeting will be brought by Sam Lucky with Jim Christian as alternate. Jean Adelmeyer was nominated to fill the unexpired term for the Camp Board. There was a **MSC** to accept the report. Nominations were called for from the floor, and hearing none, nominations ceased. **MSC to elect by acclamation.**

MSC to adjourn from the business session.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *Standing on the Promises* and *That Glad Reunion Day*. Steve Faison sang *I'd Rather Have Jesus*.

The Mission Board was responsible for the morning's service. Steve Berry shared pictures from the recent trip to Cuba by a few members of the Mission Board. Henry Beard and Mike Taggart both gave their testimony regarding the trip. Diana Bryant shared about her upcoming mission trip to Kazhkastan and Tajikistan. Ron Draper ended the morning with a message regarding our responsibility to see that missions and missionaries are funded so that the gospel is presented to the World.

Randy shared that he had been challenged by everything said today. He challenged the body to realize just how blessed we are and act accordingly and gave an invitation while the congregation sang *I Surrender All*.

The meeting was dismissed in prayer by Keith Farquarsen.

Statistics Report

For the meeting held on October 26, 2013, there were 5 ministers, 2 deacons, 4 church clerks, 6 visitors, and 21 local church delegates present for a total of 38 present.

Nominating Committee Report

The next meeting will be held on February 2, 2014. Sam Lucky will give the devotion with Jim Christian as the alternate. Jean Adelmyer was elected to fill the 2015 term on the Camp Board.

Christian Education Board Report

The Christian Education Board met on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Bob Evans in Palm Bay at 6pm. Randy Bryant, Henry Beard, Sam Lucky, Mike Taggart, and Cindy Berry were present.

Due to the resignation of Bro. D. Miller, Moderator Randy Bryant chaired the meeting.

The Board accepted the resignation of Bro. D. Miller and Bro. Chris Donovan. By majority vote, Michael Taggart was elected interim chairman until associational elections in January 2014. The treasurer's report was presented by Sam Lucky.

The CE Board voted to grant \$500 in financial scholarships to six college students for the fall semester. The students are; Matt Berry, April Mirance, Megan Murphy, and Sarah Brett, all from Graceway; and Ashley Ramey and Christa Daily from Titusville.

The "Seal the Deal" rally held on September 14 at Graceway Church was reviewed. It was held as a way to encourage our teens as they started their new school year. Graceway and Auburndale were the only participating churches. Everyone who attended had a great time.

Camp Sonshine Report

The Board of Directors and Trustees of Camp Sonshine met on August 1 at Camp Sonshine at 12:30 pm.

Decisions: Junior Camp - 6 salvation decisions
Teen Camp - 6 salvation decisions, 10 rededications, 2 Christian service commitments.

Camp Fund: As a result of continued good management on the part of our Camp Board, our Camp Directors and the wonderful support that we receive from our churches, we have been able to keep our camp finances in the black with a third quarter balance of \$3303.40.

2014 Camp
Directors and

Honorariums: The election for the 2014 Camp Directors and honorariums has been deferred to the February 2014 meeting. This was done because of the dates for the National meeting being changed and an issue with the dates for Teen camp. We are anticipating that by the February meeting the dates will be resolved.

Camp

Donations: We would like to encourage each of our churches to include Camp Sonshine in their budget for regular giving. If we could get every church in the association to give on a regular basis we can continue to ensure low registration fees for the campers.

District
Youth

Competition: There were five churches at the 2013 DYC. The service included competition as well as a time of worship led by the youth of all churches, concluding with a challenging message from Pastor Steve Berry. Following the service everyone gathered in the fellowship hall for refreshments while each competitor received an award. Graceway and New Hope sent competitors to the state competition where some advanced to the national competition.

DYC

Results:

Bible Memorization: All advanced to state
7th Grade, Will Wilker, New Hope
4th Grade, Bryce Davis, New Hope
6th Grade, Alec Christian, New Hope
Bible Tic Tac Toe:
New Hope Teens

Music: TASK Force Ensemble, Vocal Ensemble,
Graceway
Will Wilker, Woodwind Solo, new hope
Kayla madson, Bowed Strings Solo, Graceway

Communications: Impact Drama Duo, Graceway
Art: Taylor, Hannon, Painting, Graceway

State Results:

First place winners advanced to the National:
Kayla Madson, 1st Place Violin Solo
Taylor Hannan, 1st Place Painting
TASK Force youth Ensemble, 2nd Place

2013 National Finalists:

Taylor Hannah, 1st Place
New Hope Teens, 2nd Place

Upcoming Events:

The Board is actively working on a Spring Dinner/Auction event. We will be posting information early January 2014. We are presently seeking items fo the auction part of this events. if you would like to donate any items to this auction please contact one of the Board Members. The Board is also looking at ways to promote Christian Education in other areas. We are open to suggestions as to what type of things the District would like to see the CE Board provide.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Taggart, Chairman, IRA Christian Education Board

Mission Board Report

The Mission Board continues its financial support for the Florida mission Shares Plan of Support.

The Indian River Association's 10 year reunion mission trip was completed with great success on Septemberr 22-30. The group ministered in 15 churches and mission churches in the provinces of Havana, Cienfuegos, and Pinar del Rio. Visiting the Cedars del Libano Seminary was a highlight of the trip. During the trip the team saw 16 people accept Christ as their Savior.

On October 1, 2013, Treasurer Mike Taggart and Chairman Steve Berry signed the transfer of deed document completing the Indian River Mission Board's obligation of transfer of property title to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Palm Bay.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Berry, Chairman

Indian River District Association Annual Meeting
February 1, 2014
meeting at
First Free Will Baptist Church of Auburndale

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "At Calvary". Jim Christian opened the meeting in prayer, and Bro. Sam Lucky was introduced for the morning scripture reading from I Corinthians 9.

The moderator confirmed that all churches had reported, and church delegates were asked to stand. Standing delegates were then recognized and there was a MSC to seat this body as the voting delegation for the day's business.

The printed minutes were available, and there was a MSC to receive those as printed.

The quarterly financial report was presented by treasurer Diana Bryant, and there was a MSC to accept it. The annual financial report was presented, and there was a MSC to accept it.

Chairman Mike Taggart gave the CE Board report with Sam Lucky giving it's financial report. There was a MSC to accept the report.

Chairman Steve Berry gave the Mission Board report. The financial report was given by treasurer Mike Taggart. There was a MSC to receive those reports.

The General Board recommendations were presented by Moderator Randy Bryant.

1. The General Board recommends that we keep the co-op percentages the same as the current year. There was a MSC to adopt this recommendation.
2. The Board recommends that today's offering go to Diana Bryant for her mission trip to Kazakhstan. This was offered as information only and needed no vote.
3. The Board recommends that we streamline our business and allow more time for educational seminars and preaching. Steve Berry showed an informational video introducing

upcoming seminars. This was also offered as information only and needed no vote.

Randy passed out a questionnaire for people to indicate the subjects that they were most interested in and felt would be most beneficial.

He announced the seminar for the next meeting "Making Your Church Look Good", focusing on advertising opportunities for churches, Sunday School classes, etc.

Randy then gave a report as the State Executive Director. He showed a picture of the group that went on the Minister's Retreat cruise, and shared news of upcoming events in the State. Randy also shared regarding the mission works in Melbourne and Vero Beach. The Vero Beach work is getting a new pastor, Alfredo Trujillo, which will allow Yoan Chirino to concentrate solely on the Melbourne work. The state finances were mentioned, with Co-Op being almost at budget, and Mission Shares significantly below budget. Randy encouraged everyone to do what they could in mission giving.

Henry Beard gave the Nominating Committee report. There was a MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

For the position of Christian Education Board member 2017 term:
MSC to leave the position open
Mission Board: Replacing Mike Taggart : Mike Taggart for (2019)
Ordaining Board: Replacing Steve Berry : Steve Berry for (2019)
Camp Board: Replacing Mike Taggart: Mike Taggart for (2016)

MSC to adopt by acclamation.

Replacing Henry Beard and Cecil Hutchinson on the Nominating Committee: Henry Beard and Cecil Hutchinson, leaving the remaining position open. MSC

The morning offering of \$146.00 was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus". Announcements were made from the various churches and there was a MSC to close the business session.

Randy reminded pastors to give names of those in their churches who had passed away during the year to the clerk for inclusion in the annual minutes.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing "Just Over in the Glory Land", "When We All Get to Heaven", and "What a Day that Will Be". A solo, "Beulah Land", was provided by Lou Lewis from Auburndale.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Hoy Duncan from the Tampa church. He spoke from Romans 16:1-9. He encouraged us to be a helper to the people of God. He encouraged us to be a help to sinners, the saints of God, the shepherds of God, and to the Savior.

Statistical Report

For the meeting held on February 1, 2014, the following were present: 8 Ministers, 3 Deacons, 4 Church Clerks, 10 Visitors, 14 Local Church Delegates for a total of 39.

Mission Board Report

The Mission Board continues its financial support to the Florida State Shares Plan of Support, to our association missionary, Yoan Chirine, and to Camp Sonshine.

Christian Education Board Report

The Annual Christian Education Scholarship Fund-raiser is being planned as a spaghetti dinner with a silent and live auction. The Dinner/Auction will be held on March 27 at Graceway Church in Melbourne. The cost per meal will be \$10 per adult and \$5 per child 12 and under. The menu will be salad, spaghetti with meat sauce, bread, and desserts. Drinks will be sweet and unsweet tea, coffee, lemonade and water. The auctioneer will be Steve Berry. Serving and silent auction will start at 5 pm with the live auction starting at 6. Door prizes and table sponsorships will be available. Posters and pre-sale dinner tickets will be provided to each church to help promote this event.

The CE Board voted to grant \$250 financial scholarships to 6 students; Matt Berry (Graceway), April Miranda(Graceway), Megan Murphy (Graceway), Sarah Brett (Graceway), Ashley Ramey (Titusville), and Christa Daily (Titusville).

District Youth Competition will be Saturday, March 8 at 5 pm at the Graceway Church in Melbourne.

Camp Sonshine Junior Camp will be at Camp Eagle June 9-13, Camp Director will be Jeremy Crittenden. Ten Camp will be at the Florida Baptist Encampment July 27-August 1 with Steve Berry serving as Director and Stephen Jackson serving as Camp Evangelist.

Indian River Association

Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering

January 1 - December 31, 2013

Beginning Balance January 1, 2013 \$4977.77

Receipts

Dues	3400.00
Offering	706.43

Together Way Plan

Auburndale	7599.11
Graceway	4730.00
Iglesia Camino de Gracia	1141.78
New Hope Fellowship	4051.79
Okeechobee	1126.00
Palm Bay	120.00
Ryanwood Fellowship	5893.02
Smyrna	617.00
Titusville	900.00

Total Receipts \$30,285.13

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

\$35,262.90

Disbursements

Florida State Association Co-Op	\$15,440.21
Indian River Mission Board	5967.61
I.R.Christian Education Board	983.81
Board of Retirement	230.45
Shares	940.00
Honorariums	1000.00
Executive Committee Expense	183.11
Dues to State Association	2700.00
Executive Board Member Expense	
to State Association	200.00
Printing Annual Minutes	45.24
WMO	205.00
Project Tallahassee	300.00

Total Disbursements \$30,195.43

Ending Balance December 31, 2013

\$5067.47

Fund Balances

General Fund	3815.59
Benevolent Fund	1251.88

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
January --- December 2013**

Beginning Balance		2935.01
Deposits:	Co-op	2926.15
	Gifts/Fund Raiser	<u>4364.00</u>
	Subtotal	10,225.16
Disbursements:		<u>6634.70</u>
Balance on hand		3590.46

General Fund		1442.51
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>2194.60</u>
	Subtotal	3637.11
Disbursements:	To Scholarship Fund	690.12
	CEBD Meeting (Dinner)	283.07
	CTS competition (CMB)	450.00
	Randall House	<u>56.96</u>
	Subtotal	1480.15
Balance on hand		2156.96

Scholarship Fund		1309.88
Deposits:	From General Fund	690.12
	Fund Raiser	4339.00
	Gift	<u>25.00</u>
	Subtotal	6364.00
Disbursements:	Scholarships	5000.00
	Expense (Fund Raiser)	<u>120.90</u>
	Subtotal	5120.90
Balance on hand		1243.10

Camp Fund		182.62
Deposits:	Co-op	<u>731.55</u>
	Subtotal	914.17
Disbursements:	Camp Sonshine	<u>723.77</u>
Balance on Hand		190.40

All Funds		3590.46
Foundation (Scholarship Fund)		4604.71
	Earnings for 6/30/2013	62.65
Balance as of 12-31-2013		4667.36

**INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION
MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
JANUARY - DECEMBER 2013**

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$ 5,743.05
DEPOSITS-IRA	<u>\$ 6,852.28</u>
 TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR	 \$ 12,595.33
 DISBURSEMENTS	
YOAN CHIRINO	\$ 1,200.00
FL. MISSION SHARES	\$ 3,600.00
CAMP SONSHINE	\$ 600.00
CORPORATION RENEWAL	\$ 61.25
PAUL MASSIE	\$ 1,000.00
BOARD MEETING EXPENSE	\$ 134.23
MISSIONARY TRAVEL AWARDS	\$ 1,900.00
MISSION PROJECTS	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 \$ 9,495.48
 ENDING BALANCE	 \$ 3,099.85

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED
MICHAEL TAGGART**

January 2014 account activity:
1/2/2014 Check to Yoan Chirino for \$ 100.00

Account balance as of 1/13/2014 \$ 2,999.85

In Memory

From Cocoa

Shirley Ham
Elijah Miles

From Titusville

Milton Harrell

From Auburndale

Melba Kirkland
Jessie Hatcher
Bernice Mathis

From Melbourne

Betty Swartz
Tiny Weeks
Marjorie Kuhn



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.

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