

2017

Digest of Reports
and
Church Directory



Indian River District
Association
of
Free Will Baptists

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Church Directory

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Boards and Committees

Nominating Committee

Jim Christian
Cecil Hutchinson
Keith Farquarhson

Christian Education Board

Steven West (2019)
Dwight Smith (2020)
Sam Lucky (2021)

DYC Director

Mission Board

Mike Taggart (2019)
Lonnie Buser (2020)
John Johnson (2021)
Calvin Butler (2022)
Cecil Hutchinson (2023)

Ordaining Board

Jim Christian (2019)
John Johnson (2020)
Mike Taggart (2021)
Sam Lucky (2022)
Jim Scaggs (2023)

Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2019)
John Johnson (2020)

Indian River District Association Meeting
April 29, 2017 at
Smyrna FWB Church, New Smyrna Beach, FL

The meeting opened with Sam Lucky leading the congregation in singing *Living by Faith* with Diana Bryant at the piano. Bro. Lonnie Buser opened in prayer. Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed everyone and noted our newest members from Parkway in Sebring. The host pastor, James DeVore, welcomed the body and gave instructions and directions as to the facilities.

The scripture reading for the morning was given by John Johnson, pastor of the Graceway Church, from Psalm 91.

The meeting was called to order. All elected church delegates were asked to stand, followed by standing delegates from each church that had lettered and paid their dues. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the morning's business. There was a **MSC** to receive the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was presented by clerk/treasurer Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to receive it as printed.

The CE Board report was given by Chairman Dave Buck, with it's financial report by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

A video was shown promoting Camp Sonshine. D. Miller spoke about camp and encouraged pastors to recruit both workers and campers for the program.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Steve Faison. He reported on the recent Mission Rallies held at Camino de Gracia and in West Palm Beach. He reviewed the Mission Shares plan of support. Mike Taggart gave the treasurer's report, and there was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

Randy gave a report from the Executive Committee. He presented the Parkway FWB Church in Sebring, FL, for membership in the Indian River Association. It is the recommendation of the Executive to receive them. There was a **MSC** to receive them as members. The pastor and his members with him stood and were welcomed by the body.

A second item from the Executive Committee involved the coming seminars for the next couple of years. A schedule was distributed for churches to share their history over the next few sessions, culminating with Matt Pinson sharing a session on FWB Heritage in January of 2019.

A new schedule of meeting dates and locations was distributed. It was announced that today's offering would go to the World Missions Offering.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He thanked the Association for their faithful giving to the Cooperative Program and the Shares Plan of Support. He reviewed the State Meeting, The Shares Golf Tournament, The Senior Summit, The Christian Worker's Conferences, The Minister's Retreat, and various other events coming up in the state. He reminded people to get their email addresses in to receive the Coordinator via email as it is no longer being mailed. Our mission works are doing well, we are negotiating on a piece of property in West Palm Beach for the work there.

The offering was taken with Diana Bryant at the piano playing *Wonderful Grace of Jesus*. The offering totaled \$341.00.

Nick McQuiston presented a seminar on Using Social Media in your Church for Outreach.

A 15 minute break was taken, and when the body reconvened delegates were elected for the upcoming State Meeting: **MSC** to elect Cecil Hutchinson, Gloria Hutchinson, Diana Bryant, Debbie Taggart, Maria Miller as delegates to the State Association.

There was a **MSC** to adjourn.

The congregation sang *His Grace is Sufficient* and *Blessed Assurance*. Steve Faison brought the morning message from Matthew 28, and reminded us of the importance of people's last words. Christ's last words to us were to go and make disciples, His last command, our great commission.

Time was given for testimonies and announcements from the churches' before adjournment.

Statistical Report

There were a total of 10 ministers, 3 deacons, 6 church clerks, 11 visitors, and 24 local church delegates for a total of 51 present. *Betsy Lucky*

Mission Board Report

The charge of the Indian River Association Mission Board is largely to educate and encourage our district association member churches in missions and how we can become more involved in evangelism. To that end, your Indian River Association Mission Board conducted two Mission Rallies February 17 and 18. On Friday night, the Rally was held at our Hispanic church in Melbourne and Saturday, the Hispanic Association joined us at the mission work in West Palm Beach. The purpose for these rallies was to encourage our missionaries and their churches and to raise awareness about the Mission Shares Plan of Support. Although hampered by much illness, we were very encouraged by a combined total of 114 people who attended the two day event.

State Executive Director Randy Bryant explained the Mission Shares Plan of Support and encouraged churches and individuals to participate. We were honored to have Sam McVay to interpret and to share the importance and value of Mission Shares to the missionary. Missionary Lazaro Reisgo preached in both services. Each church helped provide music for the event, and an offering was received at each service for the mission churches.

We would like to thank the Florida State Association Mission Board for their financial assistance in hosting the rallies.

The Board will be spending some time evaluating the success of the rallies and determining whether to do them again in the future. Your input is appreciated.

Please accept the challenge of promoting and supporting the Mission Shares plan of Support in your area. Our missionaries depend on it!
Respectfully submitted, Steve Faison, Chairman

Christian Education Board Report

Winterblast Teen Retreat was February 3-5 and was attended by 20 kids, 3 kids prayed for issues in their lives. Junior Camp will be from June 12-16, Teen Camp will be from July 30 - August 4.

Our Association does not have any competitors this year, so the board was compelled to try and encourage the kids to compete, so we're planning a youth rally on September 30 at Graceway Church from 12 - 2:30 pm. There will be all forms of CTS competition and games for ages 4th - 12th grade. We're going to have a game for all the kids to compete in with questions from the Bible Millionaire game and very similar to it but our game will be called "Are You Smarter than a Church Leader?" We're trying to make it where they can answer on their phones, we hope to have flyers to give out at the April 29 meeting.

We're also working on a power point presentation to distribute to the pastors in our Association that's intended to be shown to the children and their parents to get them excited about competition.

Dave Buck, Chairman

Indian River District Association Meeting

July 29, 2017

at Calvary Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church

The service opened with the praise team from Hollywood leading the congregation in *Open the Eyes of my Heart*. The morning scripture, Psalm 8, was read by Parkway's pastor, Jim Scaggs. Host pastor Barry Long welcomed the body for the morning's meeting. He gave instructions and directions for the facilities and led in prayer.

Moderator Randy Bryant opened the meeting by asking all elected delegates from the churches to stand, followed by all standing delegates. There was a MSC from the standing delegates to seat these as the voting body. Two special guest were introduced, Bro. Keith Farquarhson's mother, who is 104 years old, and Bro. Ariel Gonzalez, who will be following Yoan Chirino as pastor at Camino de Gracia.

There was a **MSC** to accept the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Diana Bryant and there was a **MSC** to accept it.

Dave Buck, CE Board Chairman, gave the CE Board report. Its treasurer's report was given by Sam Lucky, and there was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by chairman Steve Faison. Steve reviewed the past Mission Rallies and highlighted the National Missions Hotline as being a great way to keep up with mission news and needs. The mission board treasurer's report was given by Mike Taggart and there was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

Randy took a few minutes as State Executive Director to share things that were happening around the state, National competition results, the upcoming Shares tournament, Christian Worker's Conferences, and Senior Summit. Diana Bryant also shared about the Shine! Conference that will be in Florida in November.

Sam Lucky gave the Ordaining Board report. There was a **MSC** to ratify the credentials of Jim Scaggs. There was a **MSC** to ratify the credentials of Barry Long. The two pastors were called to the front of the auditorium and folks were called to come by and welcome them to the body.

Randy mentioned that all state events can be registered and paid for online.

There was a **MSC** to adjourn from the business. During the seminar time, church history was given from three churches: New Hope Fellowship in Cocoa, Calvary Fellowship in Hollywood, and Ryanwood Fellowship in Vero Beach.

An offering of \$130 was received for the general fund. A 15 minute break was taken.

The worship service opened with Calvary Fellowship's praise team leading the congregation in singing *I'm Running to Your Arms*, and *Holy, Holy, Holy*. CE Board Chairman Dave Buck introduced the speaker for the morning, Paul Bryant. Paul spoke on avoiding distractions in ministry from the book of Nehemiah.

We were dismissed in prayer by John Johnson.

Statistics Report

At Calvary Fellowship in Hollywood, there were 5 ministers, 2 deacons, 2 church clerks, 3 visitors, and 11 church delegates registered for a total of 23 present for the meeting.

Ordaining Board Report

The Ordaining Board received a letter from Parkway Free Will Baptist Church in Sebring requesting ratification of Bro. Jim Scaggs credentials. Having met with Bro. Scaggs, we the Ordaining Board recommend his credentials be ratified.

We also received a letter from Calvary Fellowship FWB in Hollywood requesting ratification of Bro. Barry Long's credentials. We met with Bro. Barry this morning and the ordaining board recommends his credentials be ratified.

Jim Christian, John Johnson (Randy Bryant sat in for Jim Scaggs meetings), Yoan Chirino, Mike Taggart, Sam Lucky, Chairman

Mission Board Report

The Indian River Association Mission Board met June 5, 2017 in Vero Beach. In that meeting, we discussed and evaluated the recent Mission Rallies as well as other ways to fulfill our purpose as a board to educate and encourage our Association in missions. Details will be forthcoming of our plans to host a Prayer Summit for Missions in April 2018 and a Missions Banquet in 2019.

Please do continue praying for and financially supporting our missionaries, both stateside and internationally. Be encouraged to subscribe to the Missions Hotline available weekly from International Missions.

Steve Faison, Chairman, Cecil Hutchinson, Secretary, Mike Taggart, Treasurer, Calvin Butler, Lonnie Buser

Christian Education Board Report

Junior Camp was June 12-16 with 40+ kids attending. 5 gave their lives to Christ and 25 prayed to rededicate their lives and pray about other important matters. Teen Camp will be July 30-August 4.

Our Association does not have any competitors this year so the board was compelled to try and encourage the kids to compete so we're planning a youth rally on September 30 at Graceway Church from 12:00 - 2:30pm. There will be all forms of CTS competition and games for ages 4th grade - 12th grade. There will be games for the kids to compete in with questions from the Bible Millionaire game, but our game will be called "Are You Smarter Than a Church Leader?" We're trying to format it so kids can answer the questions on their phones.

We also have a powerpoint presentation to distribute to the Pastors to be shown to parents and kids to get them interested in competition.

Dave Buck, CE Board Chairman

Indian River District Association Meeting

January 27, 2018

at Truth FWB Church, Titusville, FL

The quarterly session of the Indian River Association met in Titusville on Saturday morning, January 27 at 9:30 am. The meeting opened with Nick McQuiston leading the congregation in singing *How Great is Our God* with Noharis McQuiston at the piano and John Johnson leading in prayer. Host pastor D. Miller welcomed the body. Keith Farquarson read the morning scripture from Matthew 9:1-17.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and mentioned all that were not present due to sickness this morning. He welcomed the new pastor at New Smyrna, Bro. Herman Copley. He asked all elected delegates from reporting churches to stand followed by standing delegates, deacons and pastors. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the morning. An Obituary Committee was appointed consisting of John Johnson, Henry Beard, and Josh Sprague.

There was a **MSC** to approve the minutes as printed. The quarterly and annual reports were given by treasurer Diana Bryant and there was a **MSC** to approve them as printed.

Randy announced that we were in an unusual position of having neither a Mission Board nor Christian Education Board Chairman due to recent resignations. Sam Lucky, CE Board treasurer, gave a treasurer's report. Lisa Mooney sent a CTS report and it was given by Mike Taggart. D. Miller gave a report on Camp Sonshine. There was a **MSC** to accept all three reports.

Randy shared the highlights from the past year for the mission board, mentioning the mission rallies at Camino de Gracia and the West Palm Beach work. Mike Taggart gave the quarterly and annual treasurer's reports. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Sam Lucky. The Board recommends Ariel Gonzales' credentials be ratified and accepted into our association. There was a **MSC** to accept this recommendation.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He mentioned the Minister's Retreat cruise, coming up in about a month. The State Association Meeting reservation forms are available, and the theme will be "Maximum Ministry with Minimum Liability" with Dr. David Gibbs speaking.

The Mission Shares Golf Tournament date has been changed to June 15-16. The Christian Worker's Conference for the peninsula will be September 21-22 with Neil Gilliland as our speaker. He'll be sharing ways for us to minister to each other in difficult times.

From the Executive Committee:

- 1) There will be a Board Orientation Meeting on March 17 at 10 AM underwritten by the Christian Education Board.
- 2) Today's offering will go to the general fund.

The Nominating Committee Report was given by Cecil Hutchinson with a **MSC** to receive the report.

MSC to accept as a slate as a whole after hearing no other nominations.

The position for NYC was left open.

The morning offering of \$441.00 was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "All Because of God's Amazing Grace". A short break was taken.

The church histories presented today were: Truth in Titusville, Auburndale, and Graceway in Melbourne.

A 10 minute break was taken before we entered into the morning worship service.

The Obituary Committee report was given by Josh Sprague. There was a MSC to receive the report and there was a standing moment of silence to remember those lost and their influence on our lives. Prayer was offered by Randy Bryant.

There was a MSC to adjourn.

The worship service was opened with Nick McQuiston leading the congregation in singing *Trust and Obey*. Truth's choir sang *I'm in This Church* and *In The Old Fashioned Way*. The congregations sang *Your Name*, then Randy introduced the morning speaker, Will Beauchamp. Will brought the morning message from Acts 12:1-5. The message closed with pastors kneeling at the altar and the congregation praying for the pastors.

Attendance today: 64

Obituary Report

From Melbourne: Marge Gowell, Bill Swartz, Geraldine Tickle, David Peavey, and Mary Chekowski

From Auburndale: Bill Bronson

From Truth: Elaine Ratliff

From Cocoa: Mell Rappolya

From West Palm: Jean Banta

Nominating Committee Report

Nominating Committee

2019 Jim Christian
2019 Cecil Hutchinson
2019 Keith Farquarson

Christian Education Board

2021 Sam Lucky
2020 Dwight Smith (replacing Dave Buck, resigned)
DYC position left vacant

Mission Board

2023 Cecil Hutchinson
2021 John Johnson (replacing Steve Faison, resigned)

Ordaining Board

2023 Jim Scaggs

Camp Board

2020 John Johnson

Camp Sonshine Report

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Camp Sonshine I am pleased to submit the following report for our Junior and Teen camps for 2017. Our camp themes this year was, "Answer the Call" based on I Thessalonians 5:24, "Faithful is He that calleth you, who also will do it."

Junior Camp was held 12-16 June at Camp Eagle in Sumpterville, FL. Our director was Bro. Nick McCuiston, youth pastor from Truth FWBC and our Co-director was Bro. Greg Smith, youth pastor at Ebenezer FWBC. We had a total of 47 junior campers, 6 teen counselors, and 13 adult counselors.

As camp evangelists, Bro. Steven, Bro. Nick and Bro. Greg shared the pulpit throughout the week. Our evangelists along with sisters Lindsay Clyatt and Noharis McCuiston shared their testimonies during the morning sessions and Bro. Clark Ryman and Sis. Lindsay taught the boys and girls split sessions. Sis. Lori Howard and Barbara Zipperer were our camp

cooks and although I was only there for one meal it was fantastic as always. We had 5 salvation decisions, 9 rededications, and 2 who prayed to be better witnesses.

Teen Camp was held 31 July - 4 August at the Florida Baptist Encampment in Groveland, FL. Our Teen Camp director was Bro. Steven West, youth pastor at Graceway FWBC and our co-director was Bro. Nick McCuiston, youth pastor at Truth FWBC. We had a total of 47 campers and 17 adult counselors. Our Camp Evangelist was Bro. Paul Bryant, pastor of Cross Creek Church in Olive Branch, MS.

This year we did a couple of new things. We added a morning praise and worship time after breakfast. The intent was to establish an environment with high energy to set the tone for the day. During the session we all took part in the "Victory Chant" and each morning one of us gave their personal testimony in relation to answering the call. On Wednesday night we had a panel assembled (Bros. Nick, Greg, Steven and Clark) to answer questions that had been submitted by the campers. The questions were very challenging and our panel did a great job with their answers.

On Thursday we honored Bro. Mike Taggart with a plaque to recognize his 33 years of faithful service to Camp Sonshine. As always, I can't say enough about our camp cooks, Sis Jean and Sis Linda absolutely kill it every year. It's the only camp I know of that you go to and actually gain weight while you are there.

We had 5 salvation decisions, 8 rededications, and 2 who accepted a call into fulltime ministry.

Several years ago the board made a conscious decision to train our young men to be camp directors and that is why you have seen someone such as myself fill the position as Executive Camp Director who has the overall responsibility of the camp but as the case was this year Bro. Steven West was the Teen Camp Director and Bro Nick McCuiston was the Junior Camp Director with Bro Nick acting as Teen Camp co-director and Bro. Greg acting as Junior Camp co-director.

You will note that I mentioned we had six teen counselors and this in keeping with our continued effort to train our young people to grow into leadership positions within our state. These young people are ones who

have proven to be leaders in their local church and have volunteered to come and assist with our junior campers in an effort to not only be helpful but to learn how to be camp counselors.

I cannot say enough about how proud I am with the job that Bro. Steven, Bro. Nick, and Bro. Greg did in running our camps this part year. I will tell you that it was one of the best camps I have ever been to.

Our next Board meeting will be on 10 February at 9:30 am at Vero.
Respectfully submitted, Darrell "D" Miller, Executive Director, Camp Sonshine

CTS Report

Unfortunately, 2017 was the first year in many years that the churches in the Association failed to produce any CTS competition. Therefore, we have no report on CTS competition results.

To help encourage young people in the Association to participate in CTS competition, the Association held a youth rally on September 30. Youth leaders and young people from the ages of 4th - 12th grade were invited to participate in this activity. The event was held at Graceway Church and an exciting number of youth attended. All the churches in our Association were invited as well as the youth group from Ebenezer.

We met, enjoyed lunch, then played a mock game of Bible Millionaire utilizing an on-line program that allowed the teams to login with their cell phones to answer questions. At the end of the competition, the group participated in a time of fellowship, outside games, and a very exciting bounce house.

It is the hope of the Christian Education Board that the churches will encourage their young people to instill the word of God in their hearts through this exciting and fun program.

Should your church need assistance in starting a CTS Competition program, please contact the Indian River Association Christian Education Board.

Respectfully submitted, Lisa Mooney

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering

January 1 - December 31, 2017

Beginning Balance January 1, 2017 **\$ 4756.48**

Receipts

| | |
|---------------|---------|
| Dues | 4500.00 |
| Offering | 635.00 |
| Provo Account | 26.50 |
| Shares | 60.00 |

Together Way Plan

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|--------------------------|---------|
| Auburndale | 5698.07 |
| Calvary | 7998.56 |
| Graceway | 4200.00 |
| Iglesia Camino de Gracia | 1730.00 |
| New Hope Fellowship | 5659.27 |
| New Smyrna | 400.00 |
| Okeechobee | 2344.00 |
| Palm Bay | 475.00 |
| Parkway | 173.00 |
| Ryanwood Fellowship | 4988.55 |
| Titusville | 1300.00 |
| West Palm Beach | 310.22 |

Total Receipts **\$40,498.17**

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR **\$45,254.65**

Disbursements

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Florida State Association Co-Op | \$ 21,208.17 |
| Indian River Mission Board | 8009.95 |
| I.R.Christian Education Board | 4004.96 |
| Board of Retirement | 220.75 |
| Shares | 780.00 |
| Honorariums | 1000.00 |
| Executive Committee Expense | 289.91 |
| Dues to State Association | 3000.00 |
| General Board Member Expense | 300.00 |
| Printing Annual Minutes | 87.92 |
| WMO | 341.00 |
| Supplies/Postage | 75.58 |
| Benevolent | 400.00 |
| Hope Project | 300.00 |
| Provos Account | 26.50 |
| Picnic Expense | 200.00 |
| Anthony Edgmon Account | 200.00 |

Total Disbursements **\$40,444.74**

Ending Balance December 31, 2017 **\$ 4809.91**

Fund Balances

| | |
|-----------------|---------------|
| General Fund | 3822.04 |
| Benevolent Fund | <u>987.87</u> |
| | 4809.91 |

INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
Jan. 1, 2017 – Dec. 31, 2017

Beginning Balance \$2,185.41

DEPOSITS

Indian River Association \$6,843.84
Fla. State Mission Board \$500.00

TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR **\$9,529.25**

DISBURSEMENTS

Indian River Missionary Support \$1,600.00
FLORIDA MISSION SHARES \$3,600.00
CAMP SONSHINE \$600.00
Annual Corp. Renewal \$61.25
Board Meeting's \$163.58
Mission Church's Rallies \$1,260.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS **\$7,284.83**

ENDING BALANCE **\$2,244.42**

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED

MICHAEL TAGGART

**Christian Education Board's
Annual Financial Report
Jan-Dec- 2017**

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Beginning Balance | | 5516.95 |
| Deposits: | Co-op | 2819.04 |
| | Scholarship Fund | 261.00 |
| | Correction | <u>.04</u> |
| | Subtotal | 8597.03 |
| Disbursements: | | <u>2863.41</u> |
| Balance on Hand | | 5733.62 |
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| General Fund | | 4722.45 |
| Deposits: | Co-op (75% of 2819.04) | 2114.28 |
| | Correction | <u>.04</u> |
| | Subtotal | 6836.77 |
| Disbursements: | SEFWBC 4 Scholarship at \$250 each (Christa Daley, Sarah Brett, Tiffany Voyeur Matthew Gray) | 1000.00 |
| | Speaker for Association | 200.00 |
| | Expense for Youth Rally | <u>637.50</u> |
| | Subtotal | 1837.50 |
| Balance on Hand | | 4999.27 |
| <hr/> | | |
| Scholarship Fund | | 221.00 |
| Deposits: | Calvary Kids, | <u>261.00</u> |
| | Subtotal | 482.00 |
| Disbursements: | Matthew Gray (SEFWBC) | <u>250.00</u> |
| Balance on Hand | | 232.00 |
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| Camp Fund | | 573.50 |
| Deposits: | Co-op (25% of 2819.04) | <u>704.76</u> |
| | Subtotal | 1278.26 |
| Disbursements: | Camp Sonshine | <u>775.91</u> |
| Balance on Hand | | 502.35 |
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| FWB Foundation (Scholarships) | | 5066.16 |
| | Earnings for July to December 2016 | 70.04 |
| | Earning for Jan to June 2017 | <u>70.11</u> |
| Balance on Hand | | 5206.31 |

In Memory

From Auburndale

Bill Bronson

From Cocoa

Mell Rappolya

From Melbourne

Marge Gowell

Bill Swartz

Geraldine Tickle

David Peavey

Mary Chekowski

From Titusville

Elaine Ratliff

From West Palm

Jean Banta



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 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, 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 Sunshine Board, representing and elected by this association, and whose terms shall run concurrent with the Camp Sunshine 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

