

2019

Digest of Reports  
and  
Church Directory



Indian River District  
Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists

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# Church Directory

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Bryan Moore, John ~~Grounds~~, Joe Swartz

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# Boards and Committees

## Nominating Committee

Jim Christian  
Keith Farquarhson  
Cecil Hutchinson

## Christian Education Board

### **Dwight Smith (2023)**

Sam Lucky (2021)  
Steven West (2022)

## DYC Director

Open

## Mission Board

**John Johnson (2021)**  
Calvin Butler (2022)  
Cecil Hutchinson (2023)  
Mike Taggart (2024)  
Lonnie Buser (2025)

## Ordaining Board

Mike Taggart (2021)  
**Sam Lucky (2022)**  
Jim Scaggs (2023)  
Jim Christian (2024)

## Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2021)  
Barry Long (2022)

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

meeting at Camino de Gracia Saturday, April 29, 2019

The meeting opened with the congregation singing *This is Amazing Grace* led by the praise team at Camino de Gracia. Lonnie Buser opened the meeting in prayer. Host pastor Ariel Gonzalez welcomed the congregation and gave directions for the property. John Johnson read the opening scripture from Psalm 100.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and explained the day's events. Church delegates were asked to stand, followed by standing delegates. There was a motion made from a standing delegate to seat this body as the voting delegation for the day. **MSC**

There was a **MSC** to approve the minutes as printed. The treasurer's report was given by treasurer Diana Bryant. There was a **MSC** to approve the report as read.

The Christian Education Board report was given by Dwight Smith. He talked about the scholarship program and youth camp. The financial report was given by treasurer Sam Lucky, and there was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Lonnie Buser. The treasurer's report was given by their treasurer, Mike Taggart. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports. Mike also shared information promoting CTS competition and promoting Camp Sunshine.

The Ordaining Board report was given by chairman Sam Lucky. He presented Russell Stillman from Titusville and Justin Johnson also from Titusville for credential ratification. Both were examined by the Ordaining Board and recommended for approval. There was a **MSC** to receive the report and act on it's recommendations item by item. Item one was Russell Stillman: **MSC** to ratify his credentials. Item two was Justin Johnson: **MSC** to ratify his credentials pending the receipt of his letter of good standing from his previous association.

Randy Bryant reported as the State Executive Secretary. He highlighted

the upcoming State Association Meeting, the state's 75th Anniversary, the Mission Shares Golf Tournament, the Christian Worker's Conferences focusing on apologetics in September, and the Senior Retreat in October. He also announced tomorrow's denomination wide World Mission Offering.

The Executive Committee recommended that today's offering be sent to International Missions for the World Missions Offering. There was a MSC to approve this recommendation.

The congregation was invited to come by the front and extend the right hand of fellowship to the two new ministers whose credentials were ratified today before the meeting was turned over to Bro. Don Matchett for the morning's seminar on *How to Build a Mission Minded Church*. He named three obstacles that keep us from building a mission minded church: Self-concern, distractions, and apathy. The three elements in building a church that values missions are sharing a vision originated in missions, a call for genuine enthusiasm and motivation, and sending out members. Action steps suggested were: 1) Schedule 15 minutes this month to share missions on Sunday morning, 2) Schedule or Skype a missionary for one Sunday service, 3) Give an offering to missions this year, 4) Send someone from your church on a short-term mission trip.

Randy announced that our goal of \$10,000 for the JPense Project was exceeded by \$560. We will be skyping with the Teagues at our State Meeting.

The worship session began with the congregation singing *Stand Strong* and *O Come to the Altar*.

Bro. Don Matchett brought the morning message from Matthew 28 on *Completing Your Role in the Mission of God*.

The morning offering was received in the amount of \$375 for the World Missions Offering.

### **CE Board Report**

The board met on April 4, 2019 via conference call. The meeting was called to order by chairman, Dwight Smith. Sam Lucky opened with

prayer. Members present were Steven west, Sam Lucky, Jean Adelmeyer, and Dwight Smith. The minutes of the last meeting were read and agreed upon. Steven stated that Matthew Gray reported he had not received the scholarship check we sent. Sam reassured us the check was mailed, but he will look at the account to verify the check had been cashed, and Steven will contact the school to investigate further as the check was sent directly to the school. Sam Lucky discussed the treasurers report. The need for a CTS leader was discussed.

The Melbourne Church is planning a mission trip for the Graceway youth July 8 - 14 to the Emanuel Church in West Palm Beach, they will be assisting with their Vacation Bible School.

We agreed to move 25% of the money in the general fund to the scholarship fund. We also agreed to distribute future income as follows: 25% to camp, 25% to scholarship fund, and 50% to the general fund.

Jean Adelmeyer gave an update on the upcoming summer camp, and Steven West closed in prayer.

*Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith*

### **Mission Board Report**

We are glad to report the State of Florida had a tremendous response to the JPense project, and it was a great success. This Mission Board contributed \$1500 to that project.

The young people of Grace FWB in Melbourne have plans for a mission trip to work with our Hispanic mission in West Palm Beach this July 8 - 13. They will be assisting in their Vacation Bible School.

Our speaker for the April 28 meeting taking place at Camino de Gracia, Melbourne, will be Don Matchett, IM's Director of Church Relations. We will be emphasizing the World Missions Offering which is scheduled denomination wide for April 29.

*Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Buser*

**Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists**  
meeting at Trinity FWB Church, Okeechobee Saturday, July 27, 2019

The meeting opened with the congregation singing "Living By Faith" with Sam Lucky leading and Diana Bryant at the piano. John Johnson led in prayer.

Ariel Gonzalez read the morning scripture from II Timothy 1:1-14. Thomas Dees, host pastor, welcomed the body. Attendance for the morning was 40. Standing delegates were recognized, then elected delegates from the churches were asked to stand. There was a **MSC** to recognize these as the voting body for the day. Minutes had been sent by email, and there was **MSC** to approve those as printed. The Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Bryant, Treasurer, and there was a **MSC** to approve them as printed.

Dwight Smith gave the Christian Education Board report, and its Treasurer's Report was given by Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports. Randy mentioned attendance numbers from Camp Sonshine, but we had no other report as our camp board members were not present.

Lonnie Buser gave the Mission Board report along with their treasurer's report. There was a **MSC** to receive both reports.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

Randy gave a report as Executive Director for the State of Florida. He reported on the recent National Association where Dr. Eddie Moody was elected as the new National Executive Secretary. He will be with us in our January meeting. Randy announced the upcoming Shares Golf Tournament, the next Christian Worker's Conferences, and the Senior Summit. Randy mentioned Boris Sarbolus from Cuba who will be in Florida during September and available for a few services.

Jim Christian, State Mission Board Chairman, announced a new work that is in the planning stages near The Villages.

The offering of \$243.96 was received with Diana Bryant at the piano playing "The Old Rugged Cross".

A video was presented showing the highlights of the VBS that the Melbourne youth presented at the Emmanuel mission work in West Palm Beach where the Sanchez's minister. Stephen West shared some of the stories from the week, and some of the decisions that were made.

Mike Wooten, from the FWB Foundation, shared about the Estate Planning Program that the Foundation offers.

A 15 minute break was taken, then the meeting continued with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Blessed Assurance". Stephen West sang a special, "I Am Redeemed". Bro. Russell Stillman brought the morning message from II Samuel 23 on David's mighty men. We need to be bold like David's men, proclaiming the gospel in a world increasingly away from God and biblical values.

Randy announced that our next meeting would be the Annual Picnic at Ballard Park in Melbourne from 11am - 2 pm. The Association will provide the meat, buns, and condiments, people need to bring side items, desserts, and drinks. January's meeting will be at Graceway with Dr. Eddie Moody speaking for us. Time was given for announcements, then we were dismissed for lunch.

**Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists**  
**meeting at Graceway FWB Church, Melbourne, FL**  
**January 25, 2020**

The meeting opened with the congregation singing Heaven Came Down and Glory Filled my Soul with Diana Bryant at the piano and Steven West leading the singing. Host Pastor John Johnson welcomed the congregation and gave instructions and directions concerning the facilities. Sam Lucky read the morning scripture from Psalm 111.

Moderator Randy Bryant again welcomed the congregation and called the meeting to order. Delegates elected from the churches stood, followed by the standing delegates, ordained pastors and deacons. There was a MSC to seat this group as the voting body for the day.

The Obituary Committee was appointed consisting of Jim Christian and Henry Beard.

There was a **MSC** to approve the minutes as printed.

The quarterly and annual treasurer's reports were given and there was a **MSC** to approve both reports. Randy mentioned that the Executive Committee had approved a disbursement from the Benevolent Fund of \$500 to the Stillman family who has a new premature baby in the hospital in Orlando. That will be reflected on the next treasurer's report.

The CE Board report was given by Chairman Dwight Smith. Their treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Sam Lucky. There was a **MSC** to approve both reports.

The Mission Board report was given by Chairman Lonnie Buser. Their treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Mike Taggart. There was a **MSC** to approve both reports.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He mentioned the State Budget which finished the year a little ahead of budget, and the Shares program, which finished the year a little below budget. He encouraged giving to the Shares program and noted there were new posters and rack cards for the churches to use. He mentioned the State Meeting which will focus on "Breathing Life into Your Sunday School". Victoria Little will also be speaking at the meeting.

The Mission Shares Golf Tournament will be held in June this year, and the Christian Worker's Conferences will be held in September and November with Bro. Eddie Moody teaching. He mentioned the state mission works which are doing well. He requested prayer for the West Palm work for help in finding property for the church, and mentioned the new property acquired near The Villages in central Florida. The WMO date was announced and giving was encouraged.

Mike Wooten, from the Free Will Baptist Foundation, was present and shared concerning the estate planning program.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Cecil Hutchinson. There was a **MSC** to receive the report as presented. There was a **MSC** to elect the entire slate by acclamation.

The seminar portion for the morning was conducted by Dr. Eddie Moody on "Preparing our Young People to Survive and Thrive in Today's Culture" from Daniel Chapter 1.

A 10 minute break was taken after which The Obituary Committee report was given by Jim Christian. A moment of silence was observed for Pauline Dickerson from Auburndale and then Sam Lucky led in prayer.

The worship service began. The morning offering of 223.00 was received while "It Is Well With My Soul" was played by Diana Bryant. There was a MSC to adjourn the business session.

There was special music brought by a trio from Melbourne singing "Chain Breaker". The congregation sang "Redeemed" and "I Will Sing the Wondrous Story" with Diana Bryant at the piano and Tim Van Deventer leading the singing. The Melbourne quartet sang another song, "Soon".

There were 34 in attendance at the morning service as Randy introduced Dr. Eddie Moody once again for the morning message. The text for the morning was Ephesians 4. He emphasized that unity is not an option and that ministry is required of everyone who is a child of God. He introduced all kinds of helps that the National Association is now offering for training and information thru the website and the new podcasts that are available.

The video was shown announcing that IM finished in the black and appointed 21 new missionaries this year. All deficit accounts have been erased and monthly giving is encouraged.

The meeting was dismissed with Keith Farquarson asking the blessing on the meal.

### **Mission Board Report**

I spoke with Jose Sanchez concerning the Mission Church he pastors in West Palm Beach, FL. Jose said the church is doing well. They have a membership of 40 with an attendance of 70 on Sunday mornings. The church has two services a week, Sunday morning and Wednesday night. We also have a young missionary appointed from the Florida panhandle. His name is Jacob Austin. Jacob will come under the Florida Mission

Shares plan of support. This means our contributions to the program are very important. We do not believe this is something to pray about, we already know God's will concerning missions. Some go, some stay, but all can pray and support those who go.

The Mission Shares Plan of Support has been the best support program ever developed in my opinion, so please, if you haven't been supporting the program, get on board and lets keep our missionaries in the field.

*Respectfully submitted, Lonnie Buser, Chairman*

### **CE Board Report**

The CE Board met on 1/6/2020 via conference call. We discussed continuing our financial support of Matt Gray by awarding him \$1000 towards his tuition at Welch College. We discussed the need for a DYC director. No candidates have been identified for this position. It was decided to inform the churches that are interested in sending competitors that they need to submit their applications directly to the State.

*Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith, Chairman*

### **Nominating Committee Report**

Nominating Committee:

Cecil Hutchinson, Jim Christian, Keith Farquharson

Christian Education Board:

Dwight Smith - 2023 Term

DYC - No Nominee

Mission Board:

John Johnson - 2025 Term

Ordaining Board:

John Johnson - 2025 Term

Camp Board:

Barry Long - 2022 Term

**Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
For period covering  
**January 1 - December 31, 2019**

|  |                           |
|--|---------------------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance January 1, 2019</b> | <b>\$ 6032.88</b>         |
| <b>Receipts</b>                          |                           |
| Dues                                     | 5450.00                   |
| Offering                                 | 1004.00                   |
| <br>                                     |                           |
| <b><u>Together Way Plan</u></b>          |                           |
| Auburndale                               | 5047.56                   |
| Calvary                                  |                           |
| Graceway                                 | 3300.00                   |
| Camino de Gracia                         | 6216.44                   |
| New Hope Fellowship                      | 6031.25                   |
| New Smyrna                               | 350.00                    |
| Okeechobee                               | 2914.50                   |
| Palm Bay                                 | 400.00                    |
| Parkway                                  | 2667.08                   |
| Ryanwood Fellowship                      | 5833.48                   |
| Titusville                               | 1200.00                   |
| West Palm Beach                          | 3636.58                   |
| <br>                                     |                           |
| <b>Total Receipts</b>                    | <b><u>\$44,050.89</u></b> |
| <br>                                     |                           |
| <b>TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR</b>         | <b><u>\$50,083.77</u></b> |
| <b>Disbursements</b>                     |                           |
| Florida State Association Co-Op          | \$ 22,633.05              |
| Indian River Mission Board               | 8497.25                   |
| I.R.Christian Education Board            | 3754.39                   |
| Board of Retirement                      | 206.66                    |
| Shares                                   | 720.00                    |
| Honorariums                              | 1300.00                   |
| Executive Committee Expense              | 227.95                    |
| J Pense                                  | 386.00                    |
| Dues to State Association                | 3600.00                   |
| General Board Member Expense             | 300.00                    |
| WMO                                      | 375.00                    |
| Picnic Expense                           | 230.00                    |
| <br>                                     |                           |
| <b>Total Disbursements</b>               | <b><u>\$42,230.30</u></b> |
| <br>                                     |                           |
| <b>Ending Balance December 31, 2019</b>  | <b><u>\$ 7853.47</u></b>  |
| <b><u>Fund Balances</u></b>              |                           |
| General Fund                             | 6353.47                   |
| Benevolent Fund                          | <u>1500.00</u>            |
|  | 7853.47                   |

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT  
Jan. 1, 2019 - Dec. 31, 2019**

Beginning Balance \$4,508.34

**DEPOSITS**

Indian River Association \$8,161.06

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$12,669.40**

**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 Expenses \$0.00

Teen Mission Support \$500.00

IRA Speaker's Honorarium \$150.06

New Checks \$0.00

Jpense Project \$1,500.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$8,011.31**

**ENDING BALANCE \$4,658.09**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**MICHAEL TAGGART**

**Christian Education Board's  
Annual Financial Report  
Jan-Dec-2019**

|                          |          |                |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------|
| <b>Beginning Balance</b> |          | <b>4718.18</b> |
| Deposits:                | Co-op    | <u>3586.59</u> |
|                          | Subtotal | 8304.77        |
| Disbursements:           |          | <u>2520.69</u> |
| Balance on Hand          |          | <b>5784.08</b> |

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| <b>General Fund</b>    |                         | <b>3927.79</b> |
| Deposits               | Co-op                   | <u>2072.54</u> |
|                        | Subtotal                | 6000.33        |
| Disbursements:         | SEFWBC (Matt Gray)      | 1000.00        |
|                        | Moved to Scholarship Fd | 941.97         |
|                        | Graceway Youth Group    | <u>500.00</u>  |
|                        | Subtotal                | 2441.97        |
| <b>Balance on Hand</b> |                         | <b>3558.36</b> |

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| <b>Scholarship Fund</b> |                   | <b>232.00</b>  |
| Deposits:               | Co-op             | 617.40         |
|                         | From General Fund | <u>941.97</u>  |
| Balance on Hand         |                   | <b>1791.37</b> |

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|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Camp Fund       |               | 558.38         |
| Deposits:       |               |                |
|                 | Co-o          | <u>896.65</u>  |
|                 | Subtotal      | 1455.04        |
| Disbursements:  | Camp Sonshine | <u>1020.69</u> |
| Balance on Hand |               | <b>434.35</b>  |

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**All Funds** **5784.08**

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| FWB Foundation                           | (Money for Scholarship) | 5424.23        |
| Earnings from Jan 1,2019 to June 30,2019 |                         | <u>73.82</u>   |
| <b>Balance as of June 30, 2019</b>       |                         | <b>5498.05</b> |

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Preamble

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

## Constitution

### ARTICLE ONE: NAME

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

### ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP

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

### ARTICLE THREE: DELEGATION

#### Section 1

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

#### Section 2

Voting privileges shall be extended to all standing delegates and to those duly elected or appointed delegates representing the churches of this association in good standing with this association. A church is considered in good standing when it abides by the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and when it follows the reporting and dues requirements of the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists.

#### Section 3

Each church shall be entitled to two (2) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (25) members (or fraction thereof), not to exceed a total of six elected or appointed delegates.

### ARTICLE FOUR: OFFICERS AND BOARDS

#### Section 1

The general officers of this association shall be moderator, the assistant moderator, the clerk-treasurer, and the assistant clerk-treasurer. These officers shall be elected on odd years for the term of two years.

#### Section 2

There shall be a General Board, composed of the officers of the association and the chairmen of the various boards, which shall serve as the association out of session.

### **Section 3**

The standing Boards of this Association shall be the Mission Board, the Ordaining Board, and the Christian Education Board.

### **Section 4**

Each of these standing boards shall after the annual association meeting, elect a chairman. The responsibilities of the chairman are to oversee their respective boards' operation and to attend all General Board Meetings personally or by proxy of another board member. Failure to attend or be represented at two consecutive General Board Meetings shall constitute reason for dismissal from the General Board.

## **ARTICLE FIVE: MEETINGS**

The meetings of this association shall be on the last Saturday of January, April, July, and October.

## **ARTICLE SIX: AMENDMENTS**

This constitution may be amended or altered at any regular session of the association by a two-thirds majority vote of the delegates present, providing the proposed amendment or 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.

*In  
Memory*

From Auburndale

*Pauline Dickerson*



## IRA Meeting Schedule

### 2020

- January 25 - Graceway, Melbourne
- April 18 - Ryanwood Fellowship, Vero Beach
- July 25 - First, Palm Bay
- October 31 - Picnic

### 2021

- January 30 - First, Auburndale (Winter Haven)
- April 21 - Smyrna, New Smyrna Beach
- July 31 - Calvary Fellowship, Hollywood
- October 30 - Picnic

### 2022

- January 29 - Truth, Titusville
- April 30 - West Palm Beach
- July 30 - New Hope, Cocoa
- October 29 - Picnic

### 2023

- January 28 - Parkway, Sebring
- April 29 - Camino de Gracia, Melbourne
- July 29 - Trinity, Okeechobee
- October 28 - Picnic

### 2024

- January 27 - Graceway, Melbourne
- April 27 - Ryanwood Fellowship, Vero Beach
- July 27 - First, Palm Bay
- October 26 - Picnic

