

2022 - 2023

**Digest of Reports  
and  
Church Directory**



**Indian River  
Association  
of  
Free Will Baptists**

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# Church Directory

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### *Deacons*

**Melbourne** – Douglas Luby, Michael Wisnewski  
**New Beginnings** – David Foxworth  
**Okeechobee** - Bryan Moore, Joe Schwartz  
**Titusville** – Michael Taggart  
**Vero Beach** - Sam Lucky

### *Officers of the Association*

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# *Boards and Committees*

## Nominating Committee

Henry Beard  
Cecil Hutchinson  
David Foxworth

## Christian Education Board

Steven West (2025)  
**Dwight Smith (2026)**  
Sam Lucky (2027)

## DYC Director

Open

## Mission Board

Lonnie Buser (2025)  
Darrell Miller (2026)  
Calvin Butler (2027)  
Cecil Hutchinson (2028)  
**Mike Taggart (2029)**

## Ordaining Board

Steven West (2025)  
Mike Taggart (2026)  
**Sam Lucky (2027)**  
Jim Scaggs (2028)  
Darrell Miller (2029)

## Camp Board

Jean Adelmeyer (2025)  
Henry Beard (2026)

*Note: Due to the change in meeting schedule, this digest contains minutes from 2022 and 2023*

**Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists  
Meeting at New Hope Fellowship Church, Cocoa  
July 30, 2022**

The meeting opened with Jimmy Christian leading the congregation in singing "I Shall Not be Moved" with Jeanette Vaughn at the piano. Larry Clyatt led in prayer. Jimmy welcomed the body and gave instructions as to the location of the facilities at the church and announced that lunch would follow the meeting.

Rev. D. Miller read from Galatians 6:9-10 for the morning scripture reading.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed everyone to the meeting. We began by seating the delegates. All standing delegates (ministers, deacons, and church clerks) were asked to stand, followed by those appointed from the churches. There was a **MSC** to seat this group as the morning's voting body. Minutes were sent to each church, and there was a **MSC** to approve them as printed. The Treasurer's Report was given by Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to approve them as printed.

Board reports were called for. Dwight Smith, CE Board Chairman, gave their report. Their treasurer's report was given by their treasurer, Sam Lucky. There was a brief report from Camp Board member, Jean Adelmeyer. There was a **MSC** to accept all reports.

An oral Mission Board report was given by Mike Taggart in the absence of a chairman for that board. He also gave the treasurer's report for their board. There was a **MSC** to receive their reports.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky. Sam announced the ratification of the credentials of Dr. Rick Northrup as an ordained minister. Dr. Northrup is from the Parkway Church in Sebring. There was a **MSC** to accept their report. The body welcomed Dr. Northrup and his wife by filing by and greeting them.

There was a recommendation from the General Board to move the October Picnic to October 22, 2022. There was a MSC to approve that change. There was a recommendation from the General Board to change the constitution to stipulate that the association would meet three times per year in January, June, and October, instead of the current January, April, July, and October schedule. There was a MSC to table the proposal and vote on it at the January 2023 meeting.

Randy gave his report as the Executive Director of Florida FWBs. He gave a recap of the National Association, announced the Christian Worker's Conferences, the Senior Summit, and next year's state association meeting. He mentioned that financial assistance is available for any of these meetings and encouraged everyone to attend.

An offering was received which will go to the World Missions Offering. The offering received was \$386.00. There were 37 in attendance.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business session.

Randy Bryant presented a seminar explaining how the Cooperative Plan of Support "The Together Way" works. He broke it down by local church, district associations, state associations, and the national association. He covered the different boards and ministries at each level, and spoke about how we can accomplish more together than we can separately.

We took a 20 minute break before the worship service.

The worship service opened with the congregation singing *Love Lifted Me*. We sang Happy Birthday to Bro. Larry Clyatt on his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday. The congregation also sang *There's Something About That Name*. Jimmy and Melissa Christian, along with Emily Hamby sang *Nobody*, then Judy Willimas joined them for a second song, *The Church Triumphant*.

Randy introduced the speaker for today's service, Steven West, pastor of Graceway Church in Melbourne. He spoke from Romans Chapter 1 on "The Believer's Blueprint".

Randy dismissed the body and mentioned the death of Miriam Mesa from Miami. Lonnie Buser dismissed us in prayer.

### ***CE Board Report***

The CE Board met on June 20 with Dwight Smith, Sam Lucky, and Steven West present. Sam Lucky reported on the recent Camp Board Meeting. Financial reports will be provided for associations contributing to the camp funds. There will be another Camp meeting in Titusville on July 18. The Board also discussed reminding everyone that there is financial assistance available for any not able to attend conferences due to finances.

### ***Camp Board Report***

We have confirmed Camp Sonshine for 2023 at the Florida Baptist Youth Encampment for July 18-23, 2023. The Camp Director will be Bro. Bob Brown from Harmony Church. The Board will meet again in January 2023 and will have further details to report concerning the camp theme, evangelist, and staff to share.

The Board has elected officers for 2022/2023: President, Josue Suarez, Miami; Vice President, Steven Etchison, Lake Butler; Treasurer, Donna Ryman, Ocala; Secretary, Jean Adelmeyer, Auburndale

The Board sincerely regrets that we were not able to provide camp in 2022 and look forward to a great camp in 2023 with God's blessings. We ask that we all begin praying for the camp and campers and that God's will be done.

### **Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting at the Parkway Free Will Baptist Church in Sebring Saturday, January 28, 2023**

The annual meeting opened with the congregation singing *To God be the Glory*. Pastor Jim Scaggs welcomed the body and gave directions on the facilities. David Foxworth read the scripture for the morning from Romans 8:29-39 and reminded us that we have the Holy Spirit for peace and comfort even in a troubled world.

Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the body and recognized David Williford who was present representing Welch College. Randy called on Lonnie Buser to lead us in prayer as we opened the business session.

Randy invited standing delegates to stand and then elected delegates from the churches. There was a **MSC** to seat these as the voting body for the day. There was a **MSC** to receive the minutes from the previous meeting. The treasurer's reports were presented by Diana Bryant, and there was a **MSC** to accept the quarterly report, and then a **MSC** to accept the annual report.

Dwight Smith gave the CE Board report followed by the quarterly and annual treasurer's reports. There was a **MSC** to accept both reports.

Jean Adelmeyer gave a Camp Board report announcing that the dates had changed to Monday – Saturday, June 19-24, 2023 to allow kids to be home for Father's Day on Sunday, June 18. Camp fee is set at \$175.00 per camper. There was a **MSC** to receive the report.

The Mission Board financial reports were given by Clerk Diana Bryant for Mike Taggart since he was out of town at the present time.

The Ordaining Board report was given by Chairman Sam Lucky, mentioning their examination of deacon candidate David Foxworth. There was a **MSC** to accept the report.

There was a **MSC** to bring the recommendation from off the table regarding the number and schedule of meetings for the association. There was a **MSC** that the association meetings would be held the last Saturday of January, June, and October each year.

There was a **MSC** to set dues at \$175 due at each meeting. It was noted that reports would be due at each meeting also.

There was a **MSC** to table a motion to remove the word "original" from the name of the association. It will be voted on at the July meeting. The nominating committee report was given by Henry Beard. **MSC** to receive the report as a whole. Randy gave time for the body to nominate each position from the floor. The general officers were all re-nominated for their positions with time given for other nominations. Hearing none, there was a **MSC** for the report to stand as presented.

Randy gave a report as the State Executive Director. He mentioned Mission Shares, Co-op, and several events happening in our State. He updated the body on the mission work in The Villages, and announced that the Mission Board has entered into a new partnership with a Cuban pastor starting a new church in Tampa. He presented forms for the State Association Meeting coming up in April and mentioned that the State Mission Board will underwrite the cost for any pastor who cannot afford to come. The Mission Shares Golf Tournament has been scheduled for June, 2024.

There was a MSC to elect Cecil Hutchinson, Gloria Hutchinson, Diana Bryant, and Betsy Lucky as delegates to the state meeting and giving Randy Bryant the authority to appoint others as they are available.

Jim Scaggs presided over the ordination service for Deacon David Foxworth.

David Williford gave a report from Welch College.

The congregation sang *Trust and Obey*, then took a 15 minute break for coffee and donuts.

The morning worship service opened with the congregation singing *Holy, Holy, Holy* and *Higher Ground*. Special music of *In His Time* was presented.

The morning offering was received totaling \$316.00 and there were 41 present in the service.

State Moderator and Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tampa, Will Beauchamp, brought the morning message from 2 Kings about Josiah and his example of righteous living and revival. The congregation sang *Lord Send a Revival* as an invitation, and Charlie Elliott from Tampa dismissed in prayer.

### ***Christian Education Board Report***

The Christian Education board has sent a donation of \$1000 to Southeastern College and \$1500 to Welch College, donated \$500 to the

Master's Men disaster relief fund, and sponsored one individual to the Christian Worker's Conference.

*Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith*

### ***Camp Board Report***

The board met on January 7, 2023 and welcomed Michelle Perez from the Hispanic Association as a new Camp Board Member.

Camp Sonshine is set for Sunday June 18, 2023 to Friday, June 23, 2023 at the Florida Baptist Youth Encampment. However, we are in discussions with the camp to see if we would be able to change our dates to Monday, June 19, 2023 to Saturday, June 24, 2023 so Father's Day would not be interrupted. We are hopeful this request will be approved and we will keep you updated.

Pastor Bob Brown of Harmony Church with the Greater St. John's Association will be the 2023 Camp Director.

Based on the current cost of food we had to increase the camper rate from \$160 to \$175. We retained the 10% gradual discount for up to 4 siblings.

2023 Worker Application Questionnaires and Background Forms are being sent out. It is requested these be completed and returned as quickly as possible to Bro Bob Brown at 6129 SW County Road, Lake Butler, FL 32054. The last date to receive an application will be April 1, 2023.

The Camp Sonshine trailer and equipment had been stolen after camp in 2021, the Board voted to proceed with purchasing a replacement in preparation for our 2023 camp.

*Respectfully submitted, Jean Adelmeyer, Secretary*

### ***Ordaining Board Report***

The Ordaining Board met at Ryanwood Fellowship Church in Vero Beach on September 13 with the purpose of interviewing Bro David Foxworth for ordination for deacon. After questioning and answering and good fellowship, we, the ordaining board, recommend he be ordained at the time and place he and the church choose.

*Respectfully submitted, Sam Lucky, Chairman*

## *Nominating Committee Report*

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
	Henry Beard	Henry Beard
	Keith Farquarhson	Open
	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson
<b>DYC Director</b>	Open	Open
<b>Christian Education Board</b>	Dwight Smith	Dwight Smith
<b>Mission Board</b>	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson
	2026 Open	Darrell Miller
<b>Ordaining Board</b>	Jim Scaggs	Jim Scaggs
<b>Camp Board</b>	Jean Adelmeyer	Jean Adelmeyer

### **Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists Meeting at Camino de Gracia Church, Melbourne, FL July 1, 2023**

The morning service opened with the congregation singing "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" led by Sam Lucky with Diana Bryant at the piano. The morning scripture, Luke 2:49 was read by Jesus Garcia. The host pastor, Ariel Gonzalez, led in prayer and welcomed the congregation.

Moderator Randy Bryant called the meeting to order and commended the host church for their hospitality. Standing delegates (ministers, deacons, and church clerks) from the churches were asked to stand, then elected delegates were recognized and asked to stand. There was a motion from one of the standing delegates to receive this group as the voting body for the day the the motion was seconded and carried.

The minutes had been emailed earlier, there was a MSC to receive them as printed.

The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Diana Bryant. There was a MSC to receive the report as printed. Diana gave an explanation of the negative balance in the general fund, and explained the new procedures being followed since we have changed our meeting schedule. Minutes will be sent to the churches immediately following each quarterly meeting, and

treasurer's reports will be sent quarterly. Those interested in receiving the reports were encouraged to submit their email address.

The Christian Education Board gave a report via treasurer Sam Lucky, and he then gave their treasurer's report. There was a MSC to receive the reports.

Mike Taggart gave a report for the Mission Board followed by their treasurer's report. There was a MSC to receive both reports. Mike asked for suggestions anyone had on ideas for mission support the board could facilitate.

Jean Adelmeyer gave a camp board report on the recent camp session which saw 58 in attendance. Steven Etchison shared some thoughts on camp as the new director and co-chairman of the board. He talked about his desire to get camp attendance up and some changes they were planning to make to better facilitate the programs.

There was no report from the Ordaining Board.

Randy gave a report as the Florida State Executive Director. He reported on the Shares Golf Tournament, the upcoming Christian Worker's Conference, the upcoming Senior Summit with Gene Williams speaking, and the Minister's Retreat cruise in January.

There was a MSC to remove the issue of dropping the word "original" from the association's name. There was a MSC to remove the word "original" from the association name making it The Florida State Association of Free Will Baptists.

With no other business, we received the offering for the morning which would go to the General Fund. The offering amount was \$418.00.

Don Matchett from the International Missions Department was present and shared a seminar about the World Mission Offering. He shared its history, who it benefits, and what it accomplishes. He mentioned new materials coming out for kids, and new materials for churches. He shared information on many of our partnerships that are supported by the WMO.

Randy thanked the body for their prayers and support after his strokes. He dismissed the body for a 15 minute break before the worship service.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business session. There were 30 in attendance.

The worship session opened with the congregation singing *When We All Get to Heaven*. A group of women from the host church sang *Mighty to Save*. Don Matchett brought the morning message from Acts 2 and talked about God's plan for the gospel to get to every part of the globe. The purpose of the church is to glorify God, edify the saints, and to evangelize the world. The Holy Spirit is our strength and our guide to get this job done.

Randy made a few announcements and mentioned the pastors of Sebring and Palm Bay with health issues we need to remember in prayer. We were dismissed in prayer by Titusville pastor D. Miller.

#### ***Christian Education Board Report***

The board sent \$500 to Southeastern College and \$500 to Welch College to aid students who are preparing to go out into the world to make a positive impact for Jesus. The board sent \$500 to the Mission Shares Golf Tournament. We remind everyone that the CE Board will provide financial aid to anyone desiring to attend different events throughout the year such as the Christian Worker's Conference, senior Summit, etc. The board also has agreed to send financial aid to our General Board at times when they bring in special speakers, etc.

*Respectfully submitted, Dwight Smith, Chairman*

#### ***Camp Board Report***

Camp Sonshine took place on June 19 thru June 24, 2023 at the Florida Baptist Youth Encampment in Groveland, Florida with the theme being "Guardians of the Galaxy".

We had an attendance of 58 children and a total of 84 in attendance. The Evangelist was Blake Nance from Norther Florida. David Mitchener assisted with the music and Welch College provided two students who worked as counselors in the girl's cabins. We thank everyone for their hard work and a successful camp.

Camp Sonshine for 2024 is scheduled for June 17 thru June 22, 2024.  
Camp Director will be Steven Etchinson from Harmony Church.

In 2023 Josue Suarez, our chairman, applied for a grant from the Florida State Mission Board and we were honored to receive funds of \$25,000 to help us replace our trailer which had been stolen as well as the camp supplies and equipment. This was such a blessing and we thank God for this.

*Respectfully submitted, Jean Adelmeyer, Secretary*

**Indian River District Association of Free Will Baptists  
Meeting at Trinity Free Will Baptist Church, Okeechobee, FL  
January 27, 2024**

The meeting opened with Sam Lucky leading the congregation in singing *The Lily of the Valley* with Diana Bryant at the piano. Moderator Randy Bryant welcomed the congregation and read the morning scripture from Matthew 11:25-30, one of the greatest invitations we have in scripture, "come unto me all ye who labor and are heavy laden".

Bro. Thomas Dees, host church pastor, welcomed the body and gave instructions and directions concerning the facilities.

The moderator asked all appointed church delegates to stand, followed by the standing delegates. There was a **MSC** to appoint these as the voting body for the day. There were 25 present at the meeting.

The annual treasurer's report was given, and there was a **MSC** to accept it. Diana let the churches know that there were packets available to them today with the reporting forms needed for the coming year. Churches not in attendance will receive theirs in the mail. She also reminded them of the importance of dues being paid timely.

Sam Lucky gave the Christian Education Board report noting their action of sending \$1000 each to Southeastern College and Welch college along with its quarterly and annual treasurer's reports. There was a **MSC** to accept these reports.

Mike Taggart gave the report for the Mission Board along with its quarterly and annual treasurer's reports.

There was a recommendation from the General Board to allocate cooperative funds as follows: 55% to Mission Board, 25% to Christian Education Board, 20% to General Fund. There was a MSC to accept this recommendation.

Randy then gave a report as the State Executive Director. He reported on the Minister's Retreat Cruise, and announced the dates for the State Meeting. April 24-27 are the dates, and the location is the Doubletree Hotel Jacksonville Airport. The annual mission luncheon is seeking table sponsors this year to underwrite the cost of the luncheon, keeping it free for all to attend. Table sponsorship is \$300 and a sign will be placed on the table acknowledging the sponsorship. Florida is hosting the National Association in Tampa this year. Eric Thomsen shared information about the upcoming National Association Meeting and listed the top 5 reasons people should attend the National. Randy announced that the state finished the year at budget, with Mission Shares being slightly below budget. He thanked the churches for what they have done, and encouraged continued support for Mission Shares

Jean Adelmeyer gave a report from Camp Sonshine,

Henry Beard gave the nominating committee report. The committee's recommendations were voted on position by position. David Foxworth was elected to fill the open spot on the Nominating Committee. All other positions were approved as proposed by the committee. MSC to accept the slate of officers as presented.

There was a MSC to adjourn the business meeting.

Eric Thomsen presented a seminar on *Preserving Your Church History*. Each church was given the book "To Honor our Heritage" on this topic provided by the Christian Education Board.

State delegates were appointed: Debbie Taggart, Ceil Hutchinson, Gloria Hutchinson, and Diana Bryant were appointed as a MSC for the moderator to appoint delegates as needed.

A 15 minute break was taken, then the worship service was opened with the congregation singing *Standing on the Promises* and *Blessed Assurance*. The morning offering was received with Diana Bryant playing *No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus*. Caleb Smith provided the special music and sang *The Anchor Holds*. Eric Thomsen brought the morning message from Matthew Chapter 9:35-38. We need to be moved with compassion for the world, motivated to give them the gospel and to pray for more workers to get the gospel to the world.

Randy mentioned the next meeting scheduled for June at the Melbourne church with a program from the International Missions Department called GO GLOBAL, and we were dismissed.

### ***Nominating Committee Report***

<b>Nominating Committee</b>	<b>Current</b>	<b>Nominee</b>
	Cecil Hutchinson	Cecil Hutchinson
	Henry Beard	Henry Beard
	Open	David Foxworth
<b>Christian Education Board</b>	Sam Lucky	Sam Lucky
<b>Mission Board</b>	Mike Taggart	Mike Taggart
<b>Camp Board</b>	Henry Beard	Henry Beard

### **Currently Unfilled Positions**

DYC Director  
Vice Moderator

### ***Camp Sonshine Report***

A "Winter Blast Camp" has been planned for February 17-19, 2024 at the Groveland Campground for our teens. The camper fee will be \$75.00 and can be paid on-line or at time of check-in. Bro. Anthony Edgmon will be the speaker. The theme will be on world missions.

Summer Camp is planned for June 17-22, 2024 at the Groveland Campground. The camper fees will be \$180 for the first child, \$165 for a second child, \$150 for the third child and up. Deadline for registrations is May 27, 2024, and late registrations will be \$200 each. The theme will be "To the Ends of the Earth" from Matthew 28.

The board encourages all of our churches to promote these events as well as to give special consideration for financial support due to increased cost for providing these outings for our young people. We also ask for your prayers to help us give the highest standard of ministry and to open the hearts of the staff and campers to God's will.

We want to thank the Association for all the support and love throughout the years and we will strive to provide the best camps possible.

*Respectively submitted,*  
*Jean Adelmeyer, Secretary*

## *In Memory*

### **From Auburndale**

William Overstreet 4-16-2022

Peggy Hutto 7-25-2023

Lela Bronson 8-24-2023

### **From Graceway**

Lavonna Fleming 3-18-2022

Ruth Bass 8-15-2022

Ima Sigman 9-30-2022

**Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists  
Annual Treasurer's Report  
For period covering  
January 1 - December 31, 2022**

**Beginning Balance January 1, 2022** **\$ 7142.75**

**Receipts**

Dues	5350.00
Offering	1059.36
Shares	447.00
Bd Ret Reimburse	6.00

**Together Way Plan**

<b>Auburndale</b>	
<b>Hollywood</b>	
Melbourne	3600.00
Camino de Gracia	100.00
Cocoa	7941.00
New Smyrna	500.00
Okeechobee	4889.00
Palm Bay	275.00
Sebring	4312.00
Vero Beach	6976.20
Titusville	900.00
West Palm Beach	5787.77

Christian Education Board	345.00
Mission Board	345.00

**Total Receipts** **\$42,833.33** (41,661.96)

**TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR** **\$49,976.08**

**Disbursements**

Florida State Association Co-Op	\$ 21,193.55
Indian River Mission Board	9574.35
Christian Education Board	5874.68
Board of Retirement	139.46
Shares	1167.00
Honorariums	1600.00
Dues to State Association	4200.00
NAFWB	500.00
State Delegate Compensation	200.00
Shares Tournament	50.00
Picnic	1037.21
Printing Minutes	193.34
Villages Project	675.00

**Total Disbursements** **\$ 45,317.53** (41,137.11)

**Ending Balance Dec 31, 2022** **\$ 4658.55**

**Fund Balances**

General Fund	3158.55
Benevolent Fund	<u>1500.00</u>
	4658.55

Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists

# Annual Treasurer's Report

For period covering

January 1 – December 31, 2023

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Beginning Balance January 1, 2023 \$4658.55

**Receipts**

Dues	4680.00
<b>Together Way Plan</b>	
Auburndale	4052.62
Camino de Gracia	25.00
Cocoa	7641.14
Hollywood	---
Melbourne	3300.00
Okeechobee	3706.00
Palm Bay	100.00
Sebring	972.15
Smyrna	475.00
Titusville	900.00
Vero Beach	8615.51
West Palm Beach	2561.76

**Total Receipts** **\$37,029.18**  
**Total To Be Accounted For** **\$41,687.73**

**Disbursements**

Florida State Association Co-Op	21,132.08
Indian River Mission Board	5637.29
Indian River CE Board	3017.84
Board of Retirement	107.88
Shares	720.00
State Dues	4200.00
Honorariums	1450.00
Picnic	977.37

**Total Disbursements** **\$37,242.46**  
**Board Percentges Returned** **5,433.61**  
**Ending Balance** **\$9878.88**

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**Fund Balances**

General Fund	8378.88
<u>Benevolent Fund</u>	<u>1500.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>9878.88</b>

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT  
Jan. 1, 2022 - Dec. 31, 2022**

Beginning Balance \$6,463.77

**DEPOSITS**

Indian River Association \$9,321.62

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR \$15,785.39**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**Mission Projects**

Indian River Missionary Support \$2,000.00

FLORIDA MISSION SHARES \$3,600.00

CAMP SONSHINE \$600.00

Demographic Studies \$600.00

Mission Shares Golf Tournament \$100.00

Jeanne Buser Memorial to Fla. Mission Shares \$500.00

**Administrative Expenses**

Annual Corp. Renewal \$61.25

IRA Picnic \$345.00

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$7,806.25**

**ENDING BALANCE \$7,979.14**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**MICHAEL TAGGART**

**INDIAN RIVER MISSION BOARD  
ANNUAL TREASURERS REPORT  
Jan. 1, 2023 - Dec. 31, 2023**

Beginning Balance \$7,979.14

**DEPOSITS**

Indian River Association \$5,472.09

**TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR** **\$13,451.23**

**DISBURSEMENTS**

**Mission Projects**

Indian River Missionary Support	\$2,000.00
FLORIDA MISSION SHARES	\$3,600.00
CAMP SONSHINE	\$600.00
Mission Shares Golf Tournament	\$100.00
IRA Picnic Reservation	\$200.00
IRA Picnic	\$399.12

**Administrative Expenses**

Annual Corp. Renewal	\$61.25
New Checks	\$46.64

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$7,007.01**

**ENDING BALANCE** **\$6,444.22**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED**

**MICHAEL TAGGART**

Christian Education Board's  
Annual Financial Report  
Jan-Dec-2022

Beginning Balance		6837.64
Deposits	Co-op	<u>4661.27</u>
Subtotal		11498.91
Disbursements		<u>3684.77</u>
Balance on Hand		7814.14
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General Fund		4736.67
Deposit	Co-op (50% of 4661.27)	<u>2330.65</u>
Subtotal		7067.32
Disbursements:	CM BD	155.00
	Camp Bd Lunch	184.77
	Welch College	1500.00
	IRA Picnic Lunch	<u>345.00</u>
Balance on Hand		4882.55
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Scholarship Fund		1787.08
Deposit	Co-op (25% of 4661.27)	<u>1165.31</u>
Subtotal		2952.39
Disbursement	Welch College	1500.00
Balance on Hand		1452.39
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Camp Fund		313.89
Deposit	Co-op (25% of 4661.27)	<u>1165.31</u>
Balance on Hand		1479.20
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All Funds		7814.14
FWB Foundation beginning balance in 2022		5786.28
Earnings-for the year		<u>144.86</u>
Balance on Hand		5931.14

Christian Education Board's  
Annual Report  
Jan- Dec-2023

Beginning Balance				7814.14
Deposits:	Co-op			<u>2736.04</u>
	Subtotal			10550.18
Disbursements:				<u>4579.12</u>
Balance on Hand				5971.06

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General Fund				4882.55
Deposit:	Co-op			<u>1368.02</u>
	Subtotal			6250.57
Disbursements:	Welch College			1500.00
	Fla Mission Shares			500.00
	CWC Registration			180.00
	Masters Men			500.00
	IRA Picnic			<u>399.12</u>
Balance on Hand				3079.12

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Scholarship Fund				1452.39
Deposit	Co-op			<u>684.01</u>
	Subtotal			2136.40
Disbursements	Southeaster College			<u>1500.00</u>
Balance on Hand				636.40

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Camp Fund				1479.20
Deposit	Co-op			<u>684.01</u>
Balance on Hand				2163.21

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Total all Funds 5971.06

FWB Foundation				6008.83
Earnings from Jan 1, to June 6, 2023				<u>80.39</u>
	Balance in account		6089.22	

# INDIAN RIVER ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

## Preamble

We, the Indian River Association of 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 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, assistant moderator, clerk-treasurer, and 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 board's 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, June, 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 up on 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 General Board 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 Christian Education Board to disburse their 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 General Board at the planning meeting before the annual meeting of the association.

## **Section 5**

All elected boards, officers and 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 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 replace 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 jursidiction of the Mission

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.
- d. 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 function 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 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 June 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 2**

All committees not provide 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.

## **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 General Board of such action. The General Board agrees to meet with the church's leadership in order to determine to what extent, if any, the local church would like the General Board 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 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 2023

# **Indian River Association**

## **Meeting Schedule**

### **2024**

**January 27 – Okeechobee**  
**June 29 – Melbourne**  
**October 26 – Picnic - Melbourne**

### **2025**

**January 25 – Vero Beach**  
**June 28 – Auburndale**  
**October 25– Picnic – Melbourne**

### **2026**

**January 31 – Smyrna**  
**June 27 – Hollywood**  
**October 31 – Picnic – Melbourne**

### **2027**

**January 30 – Titusville**  
**June 26 – West Palm Beach**  
**October 30 – Picnic – Melbourne**

### **2028**

**January 29 – Cocoa**  
**June 24 – Sebring**  
**October 28 – Picnic – Melbourne**

