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MINUTES
OF
THE MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

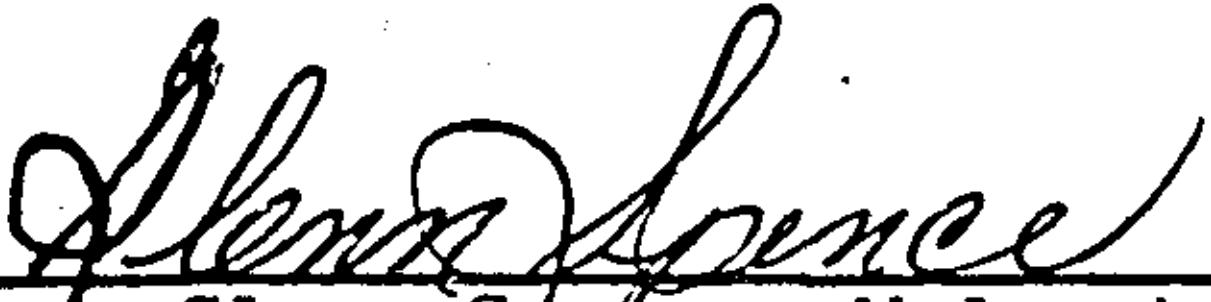
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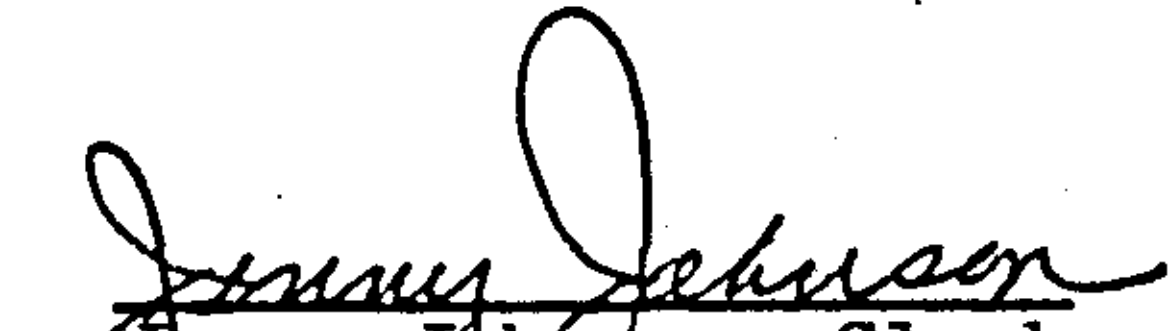
When Convened With
THE COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1228 Hendry Avenue
Cocoa, Florida

MINUTES

MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

14 JANUARY 1967


Rev. Glenn Spence, Moderator


Jenny Johnson, Clerk

The first meeting of the year 1967 of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. on the 14th day of January 1967.

A short devotional was given by Brother James Fields reading from the second chapter of the Gospel of St. Luke. A song was sung by the congregation, "Where the Soul Never Dies". Opening prayer was led by Brother Herman Hannan.

An offering was taken which was turned over to Brother and Sister Thomas Willey, in the amount of \$24.00.

The meeting was then turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Glenn Spence. The Moderator called for the reading of the last meeting by the Clerk.

Jenny Johnson made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read, second by Brother James Fields, motion carried.

The Moderator called for a report from the Treasurer. The report was given by Sister Allen as follows:

Balance last report: \$160.00

Paid Out: 6.75

Balance on Hand: \$153.25

A motion was made by Brother James Fields that the Financial Report be accepted as read, second by Brother Ray Wells, motion carried.

The Moderator called for the reading of the Church Letters from the three (3) Churches in the Conference.

Church Letters from the three (3) Churches in the Conference were read by the Clerk. A motion was made by Brother Ray Wells that the letters be accepted as read with minor corrections, second by Brother J. J. Riffe, motion carried.

The following Committees were chosen by the Moderator to report at the afternoon session:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Brother G. W. Cloud, Chairman
Brother Arthur Chaffin
Brother James Fields

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Sister Bernice Fields, Chairman
Sister Robert Allen
Sister Dorothy Stone

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

Brother Delois Skaggs, Chairman
Sister Linda Hannan
Sister Delma Bailes

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Brother Charlie Ham, Chairman
Brother Ray Wells
Brother Lacy Powers

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Brother W. C. Combs, Chairman
Brother Herman Hannan
Brother A. R. Stone

A motion was made by Brother Herman Hannan that the business session be adjourned until 1:30 PM, second by Brother James Fields, motion carried.

At this time, a heart-stirring message was brought by Brother Thomas G. Willey, Veteran Missionary to Cuba and other foreign fields for over 30 years.

After Brother Willey's message, the meeting was recessed for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 PM.

A devotional was given by Brother Ray Wells. A song was sung, "Heavenly Sunlight", led by Sister Linda Hannan.

The Moderator then called for reports from the Committees previously selected.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, your Committee, wish to report that we find:

	<u>DELEGATES PRESENT</u>	<u>DEACONS PRESENT</u>
Cocoa Free Will Baptist	3	5
Eau Gallie First FWB	4	5
Scottsmoor First FWB	4	1

(Signed) G. W. Cloud, Chairman
James Fields
Arthur Chaffin

Brother G. W. Cloud made a motion that this report be accepted as read, second by Brother James Fields, motion carried.

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, The Pulpit Committee, recommend the following to bring devotional messages at the next session:

Saturday Morning

Devotion: Brother Arthur Chaffin
Message: Brother Lacy Powers

Saturday Afternoon

Devotion: Brother Herman Hannan

(Signed) Bernice Fields, Chairman
Dorothy Stone
Helen Allen

Sister Bernice Fields made a motion that the report of the Pulpit Committee be accepted as read, second by Brother James Fields, motion carried.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next meeting be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church at Eau Gallie, Florida.

(Signed) Delois Skaggs, Chairman
Linda Hannan
Delma Bailes

Sister Linda Hannan made a motion that this report be accepted as read, second by Brother James Fields, motion carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference, wish to thank the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful and warm hospitality and the delicious food that we have all so wonderfully received here in this session.

We request that this body all stand to show our appreciation of all we have received. We pray that God will continue to bless you in your efforts here.

(Signed) Charlie Ham, Chairman
Ray Wells
Lacy Powers

A motion was made by Charlie Ham that this report be accepted as read, second by Brother Ray Wells, motion carried.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report was brought by Brother Ray Wells as follows:

CHURCHES REPORTING	3
MINISTERS REPORTING	5
DEACONS REPORTING	8
DELEGATES PRESENT	11
VISITORS	<u>18</u>
TOTAL	45

A motion was made by Brother Ray Wells that the Statistical Report be accepted as read, second by Brother Arthur Chaffin, motion carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Items brought before the body by the Business Committee are as follows:

1. We recommend that Item #2, which was tabled in the last session regarding changing of Conference date, remain unchanged.

Brother W. C. Combs made a motion that we accept this recommendation, second by Brother Herman Hannan, motion carried.

2. We recommend that name cards be printed for Delegates, Deacons, Clerks and Ministers.

Brother W. C. Combs made a motion that we accept this recommendation, second by Brother Ray Wells, motion carried.

3. We recommend that the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference tithe 10% of their income to the Co-Operative Plan of Support of the State Association.

Brother W. C. Combs made a motion that we accept this recommendation, second by Brother Herman Hannan, motion carried.

Brother Ray Wells brought a very informative report regarding the Youth Camp which will be held at Camp Alafia at Brewster, Florida. The camp will be split up into two (2) sessions this coming year, the first session beginning June 19th through 23rd for Pre-Teens, ages 7 through 12; and June 26th through 30th for Teens ages 13 through 20. He also reported that it will be necessary to raise \$1400 to support the youth camp.

The Moderator reported that the Ordaining Council had met and that the following deacons and ministers were ordained and licensed.

DEACONS

Arthur Chaffin - Cocoa, Ordained
D. L. Lane - Cocoa, Ordained
H. L. Rollins - Cocoa, Ordained

MINISTERS

O. K. Weehunt - Scottsmeer, Licensed
Darrell Gwinn - Eau Gallie, Licnesed
Cecil Rogers - Eau Gallie, Ordained

The Moderator requested the deacons and ministers present to step forward and the body to extend to them the right hand of fellowship.

Brother Glenn Spence made a motion that the report of the Ordaining Council be accepted as read, second by Thomas Christian, motion carried.

A motion was made by Brother Herman Hannan that the business portion of this session be adjourned, second by Brother Thomas Christian, motion carried.

The body was then blessed with a heart warming, spellbound talk by Mrs. Thomas Willey, as she related to us some of the experiences she and Brother Willey encountered during their many years as missionaries to the Foreign Field.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Willey.

March 1967

MINUTES
OF
THE MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF THE
VICTORY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA

WHEN CONVENED WITH

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAU GALLIE
980 Lytton Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

OFFICERS FOR 1966-1967

Rev. Glenn Spence, Moderator
Rev. W.C. Combs, Assistant Moderator
Jenny Johnson, Clerk
Robert Allen, Treasurer
Shirley Ham, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE WITH

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Scottsmeer, Florida
July 22, 1967

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

GLENN SPENCE
442 HELEN ST.
EAU GALLIE, FLA.

W.C. COMBS
1715 CALVADOS ST.
COCOA, FLA.

LACY POWERS
SCOTTSMOOR, FLA.

DARRELL GWINN
PALM BAY, FLA.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, your Committee, wish to report that we find:

	<u>DELEGATES PRESENT</u>	<u>DEACONS PRESENT</u>
Cocoa Free Will Baptist	4	2
Eau Gallie First FWB	6	3
Scottsmoor First FWB	5	3
First FWB Church of Titusville	1	1

(Signed) Thomas Christian, Chairman
J.J. Riffe
Herman Hannan

A motion was made by Thomas Christian that the report of the Credentials Committee be accepted as read, second by Essie Mae Maloy, carried.

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, your Pulpit Committee, suggest that the following be used for the July Quarterly Conference:

Saturday Morning

Devotion: 10 AM. J.J. Riffe
11 AM. Thomas Christian

Message: Rev. Woodrow Messex

Saturday Afternoon

Devotion: Ray Wells

(Signed) G.W. Cloud, Chairman
Larkin Lockhart
Linda Hannan

A motion was made by G.W. Cloud that the report of the Pulpit Committee be accepted as read, second by Jim Fields, carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We the Business Committee recommend the following:

1. That the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville be accepted in this Conference with full fellowship.

A motion was made by G.W. Cloud that Item #1 be accepted as a recommendation, second by Ray Wells, carried.

The meeting was called to order by the singing of hymns led by Herman Hannan. Morning devotion was led by Arthur Chaffin. "Amazing Grace", was sung as everyone gathered around the altar and prayer was led by G.W. Cloud.

The meeting was turned over to the moderator Rev. Glenn Spence. The moderator called for the reading of last meeting minutes by the clerk. Jenny Johnson made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

Church Letters received from the four (4) Churches reporting were read by the clerk. A motion was made by Thomas Christian that the letters be received as read, second by Maxine Scaggs, carried.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report. In absence of the Treasurer, Robert Allen the Treasurer's report was read by the conference clerk.

A motion was made by Jenny Johnson that the report be accepted as read, second by Ray Wells, carried.
The Treasurer's report is as follows:

Balance last report:	\$183.25
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Paid Out:

Jenny Johnson (Tel. Calls)	1.54	
Randall Book Store	10.00	11.54
(Treatise of Faith)		

Balance as of March 31, 1967	\$201.71
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The following Committees were chosen by the moderator to report at the afternoon session:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Thomas Christian, Chairman
J.J. Riffe
Herman Hannan

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

G.W. Cloud, Chairman
Larkin Lockhart
Linda Hannan

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Ray Wells, Chairman
Arthur Chaffin
Charles Allen

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

James Fields, Chairman
Gracie Chaffin
Sarah Riffe

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Walter Wright, Chairman
Jean May
Essie Mae Maloy

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Maxine Scaggs, Chairman
Shirley Wells
Mrs. Richard Wells

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Richard Wells, Chairman
Shirley Ham
Mary Wright

At this time business session was closed and the morning message was brought by Rev. Lacy Powers. His text was from the second Chapter of Hebrews stressing us to remember the covenant we made with the Lord.

After Brother Powers message the morning session recessed for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 PM. Linda Hannan led the congregation in a song, "Theres Power In The Blood". A short devotion was led by Herman Hannan reading from 2 Peter Chapter 5.

The moderator than called for reports from the Committees previously selected.

2. That we elect a Statistical Clerk for this Conference.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that we elect a Statistical Clerk by nomination, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried. Nominations was opened from the floor. Shirley Ham nominated by Ray Wells. A motion was made by Maxine Scages that nominations cease, second by G.W. Cloud, carried.

3. Request that we send \$50.00 to Victory Association Youth Camp.

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that Item #3 be accepted, second by George Downer, carried.

4. Request that we send \$25.00 to Anti-Jai Lai Fronton Committee with our Prayers and Blessings.

A motion was made by Thomas Christian that Item #4 be accepted as read, second by Bro. Hallum, carried.

5. Request that each Church Clerk mail their Quarterly Letters in one week prior to conference.

No vote necessary.

6. That each Church in the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference tithe 10% of their income to State Co-Operative Program.

A motion was made by Thomas Christian that Item #6 be accepted as read, second by Ray Wells, carried.

7. That each Church start to place special emphasis on the coming National Association Convention in Jacksonville in July, the Victory Association in Cocoa 'n October, and the State Association in Eau Gallie in November.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that Item #7 be accepted as read, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

8. Request that each Church plan to send their Pastor to the National Association Convention.

No Vote necessary.

9. That we have our next Quarterly Meetings on Saturday before the 4th Sunday in July and September in order not to interfere with the National and Victory Association and that our meeting in September end our fiscal year.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that Item #9 be accepted as read, second by Thomas Christian, carried.

(Signed) Ray Wells, Chairman
Arthur Chaffin
Charles H. Allen

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next Quarterly meeting be held at the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church.

(Signed) James Fields, Chairman
Sarah Riffe
Gracie Chaffin

A motion made made by James Fields that the report of the Placement Committee be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

The Statistical Report was brought by Ray Wells as follows:

CHURCHES REPORTING	3
MINISTERS PRESENT	3
VISITING MINISTERS	4
DEACONS PRESENT	9
DELEGATES PRESENT	15
VISITORS	<u>12</u>
TOTAL	46

A motion was made by Ray Wells that the Statistical Report be accepted as read, second by Jim Fields, motion carried.

REPORT FROM ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We the Ordaining Council have examined Brother Ross B. Holbrook's Certificate of Ordination and his person and recommend that he be accepted as a Deacon in full standing of the Titusville Free Will Baptist Church.

(Signed) Rev. Glen Spence
Comittee Chairman

Brother Wingate Hansley our Field Secrestary for the State of Florida brought to us a informative report of the happenings throughout the state and informed the body that a state wide news letter called the Co-Ordinator would be published monthly, and invited all Churches to report any items of news or coming events pertaining to their Church for publication.

These items shall be given to the Mid East Coast conference Clerk by the 25th of each month in order that a collective list can be mailed to Brother Hansley by the following month.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that we receive an offering to be sent to the national Association, second by G.W. Cloud, carried.

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that we adjourn, second by Arthur Chaffin, Carried.

MID EAST COAST CLEPKS

CHARLES BEVANS
1424 ROSEMARY DR.
EAU GALLIE, FLA.

IRENE THOMASON
2735 STARLITE DR.
TITUSVILLE, FLA.

SARAH RIFFE
SCOTTSMOOR, FLA.

JENNY JOHNSON
1107 BURNHAM ST.
COCOA, FLA.

MINUTES
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OF THE
VICTORY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA

WHEN CONVENED WITH

THE SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA
22 JULY 1967

OFFICERS FOR 1966-1967

Rev. Glenn Spence, Moderator
Rev. W. C. Combs, Assistant Moderator
Jenny Johnson, Clerk
Robert Allen, Treasurer
Shirley Ham, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST
1228 Hendry Avenue
Cocoa, Florida

23 September 1967

EAU GALLIE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST
980 Lytton Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

20 January 1968

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

GLENN SPENCE
442 HELEN ST.
EAU GALLIE, FLA.

W. C. COMBS
1715 CALVADOS DR.
COCOA, FLA.

LACY POWERS
SCOTTSMOOR, FLA.

DARRELL GWINN
TITUSVILLE, FLA.

MID EAST COAST CLERKS

CHARLES BEVAN
1424 ROSEMARY DR.
EAU GALLIE, FLA.

IRENE THOMASON
2735 STARLITE DR.
TITUSVILLE, FLA.

SARAH RIFFE
SCOTTSMOOR, FLA.

JENNY JOHNSON
1107 BURNHAM ST.
COCOA, FLA.

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

Rev. Glenn Spence
Rev. Woodrow Messex
Rev. W. C. Combs

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
First, Haines City
Cocoa

DEACONS

James Fields
G. W. Cloud
Charles Allen
Emory Garrison
J. J. Riffe
Arthur Chaffin
Thomas Christian
Ross Holbrook

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Cocoa
Cocoa
Titusville

CLERKS

Sarah Riffe
Jenny Johnson

CHURCH

Scottsmoor
Cocoa

DELEGATES

Shirley Ham
Gracie Chaffin
Norma Combs
Mickey Spence
Theresa Little
Bernice Fields
Judith Fountain
Mr. Walter Wright
Mrs. Walter Wright
A. R. Stone
Robert H. Allen
Lydia Holbrook

CHURCH

Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Titusville

ATTENDEES
(Cont'd)

VISITORS

Lassie Allen
Doris Allen
Dorothy Stone
Imogene Knight
Lula Christian
Allan Persinger
Kay Messex
Calvin Messex

CHURCH

Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Cocoa
Cocoa
Scottsmeer
First, Haines City
First, Haines City

The meeting was called to order by singing of hymn, "I Want to be ready to Meet Him". Scripture was read by Brother G. W. Cloud from Psalms 27:1 - 14.

The meeting was turned over to the Moderator, Rev. Glenn Spence. The Moderator called for the reading of the church letters. Four (4) letters were read by the clerk. A motion was made by Brother G. W. Cloud that the letters be accepted as read, second by Brother W. C. Combs, carried.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report. The Treasurer's report was read by Treasurer, Robert Allen, as follows:

Balance last report:	\$ 201.71
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Received:

Dues (Four churches)	40.00
Special Collection	25.00

Total Balance	<hr/>	\$ 266.71
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Paid Out:

State Co-op Plan	7.00	
Youth Camp	50.00	
Anti Jai-Lai	25.00	
National Assoc.	25.00	
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Balance this report:	\$ 159.71
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A motion was made by Brother G. W. Cloud that this report be accepted as read, second by Brother W. C. Combs, carried.

The following Committees were chosen by the Moderator to report at the afternoon session:

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

W. C. Combs, Chairman
A. R. Stone
Ross Holbrook

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

G. W. Cloud, Chairman
James Fields
Charles Allen

PLACEMENT AND PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Shirley Ham, Chairman
Bernice Fields
Lydia Holbrook

The Placement and Pulpit Committee were chosen to serve as one committee, for this conference only, due to shortage of delegates.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Thomas Christian, Chairman
Gracie Chaffin
Judy Fountain

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Robert Allen, Chairman
Emory Garrison
Arthur Chaffin

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Theresa Little, Chairman
Norma Combs
Mickey Spence

Morning devotion was led by Brother Thomas Christian, opening with a song, "Just a little talk with Jesus". An altar prayer was led by Brother Christian, followed by a song, "Whispering Hope". Special music by the Cocoa Trio.

The morning message was brought by Rev. Woodrow Messex of the First Free Will Baptist at Haines City, Florida. Scripture read from Isaiah 58:11.

After Brother Messex message, the morning session recessed for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 P.M. Robert Allen led in the sing of hymns, "Kneel at the Cross" and "Victory in Jesus". The afternoon devotion was led by Brother James Fields. Scripture reading was from John 10:7. Brother Allen led the congregation in singing "I Need No Mansion Here".

The meeting was turned over to the Moderator, declaring the meeting open for business.

The Moderator called for reports from the Committees previously selected.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

1. That a Study Committee be appointed to prepare a recommendation for next conference preparatory to setting up a Scholarship Fund to assist students going to FreeWill Baptist Bible College.

A motion was made, second, carried.

The following were appointed, by the Moderator, to serve on this Committee:

W. C. Combs, James Fields, J. J. Riffe

2. That the Clerk be commended for the minutes and that we continue preparing them in book form, supplying necessary financing and that a roll of attendees be included.

A motion was made, second, carried.

3. That an offering be received for Brother Messex with an expression of our appreciation for a fine message.

A motion was made, second, carried.

An offering taken in the amount of \$17.10.

A motion was made and second that the location of the January session of the Mid East Conference be included in the minutes. The next meeting (January session) will be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Eau Gallie, Florida, carried.

It is recommended that a report be obtained from Ray Wells as to the duties of the Statistical Clerk. This report to be read at the next session.

(Signed) W. C. Combs, Chairman
A. R. Stone
Ross Holbrook

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

We, the Credentials Committee, report the following:

Churches reporting	4
Total Membership	254
Ministers present	2
Visiting Ministers	1
Deacons present	8
Delegates present	11
Visitors present	10

We wish to report that there are two (2) ministers at the Cocoa Church.

(Signed) G. W. Cloud, Chairman
James Fields
Charles Allen

PLACEMENT AND PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement and Pulpit Committee recommend that the next session be held at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church, Cocoa, Florida, and that the following bring devotionals and messages at the next session:

Saturday Morning

Devotion: 10 A.M. James Thomason

Message: Rev. Darrell Gwinn

Saturday Afternoon

Devotion: 1:30 P.M. G. W. Cloud

(Signed) Shirley Ham, Chairman
Bernice Fields
Lydia Holbrook

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church for extending a warm welcome and the wonderful food which we have received.

(Signed) Thomas Christian,
Chairman
Judith Fountain
Gracie Chaffin

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee, are happy to report no deaths to any of our members since the last conference.

(Signed) Robert Allen, Chairman
Arthur Chaffin
Emory Garrison

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that we commit ourselves from total abstinence of alcoholic beverages and in the use of habit-forming drugs and practicing proper health habits and dressing modestly, refraining from all lustful amusements and languages. We urge

each christian that special emphasis be put on daily prayer. "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of."

(Signed) Theresa Little, Chairman
Norma Combs
Mickey Spence

A motion was made and second that the meeting adjourn, carried.

Note: These minutes were taken in Conference by Mickey Spence and prepared by Jenny Johnson.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

Financial Report

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
General Church Offering	\$ 140.61	\$ 1331.47	\$ 235.10	\$ 563.87
Sunday School Offering	2072.39	2737.53	818.02	167.60
Woman's Auxiliary	49.46	206.45	-	-
Masters Men	-	54.70	-	-
C.T.S.	55.92	47.31	-	-
Special Offerings	57.92	-	23.00	178.76
From All Sources	2376.30	4492.46	1076.12	910.23
PAID OUT:				
Pastor's Salary	468.62	1800.00	185.40	-
Evangelists	12.86	40.00	-	-
Foreign Missions	15.00	-	107.62	-
Home Missions	123.00	-	-	11.28
Bible College	-	-	-	-
Children's Home	-	-	-	149.76
State Co-op Program	151.88	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	672.71	2603.96	3.19	-
Value of Church Property	43,800.00	80,000.00	425.00	30,000.00

ANNUAL MEETING

MINUTES

OF

THE MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF THE

VICTORY ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF FLORIDA

WHEN CONVENED WITH

THE COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

COCOA, FLORIDA

23 SEPTEMBER 1967

OFFICERS FOR 1967-1968

Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator

Rev. Darrell Gwinn, Assistant Moderator

Jenny Johnson, Clerk

Robert Allen, Treasurer

Shirley Ham, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

EAU GALLIE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST

980 Lytton Road

Eau Gallie, Florida

20 January 1968

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Scottsmoor, Florida

20 April 1968

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

GLENN SPENCE
442 Helen St.
Eau Gallie, Fla.

W. C. COMBS
1715 Calvados Dr.
Cocoa, Florida

LACY POWERS
Scottsmoor, Fla.

DARRELL GWINN
Titusville, Fla.

MID EAST COAST CLERKS

JUDY FOUNTAIN
1848 Oakwood Dr.
Eau Gallie, Fla.

IRENE THOMASON
2735 Starlite Dr.
Titusville, Fla.

JENNY JOHNSON
1107 Burnham St.
Cocoa, Fla.

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

Rev. Glen Spence
Rev. W. C. Combs
Rev. Lacey D. Powers
Rev. D. R. Gwinn

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Scottsmoor
Titusville

DEACONS

G. W. Cloud
Herman L. Hannan
Ray Wells
James Fields
Charles H. Allen
Ross Holbrook
James R. Thomason
Arthur Chaffin
Thomas Christian

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Titusville
Titusville
Cocoa
Cocoa

CLERKS

Irene Thomason
Judy Fountain
Jenny Johnson

CHURCH

Titusville
Eau Gallie
Cocoa

DELEGATES

Mickey Spence
Shirley Wells
Linda Hannan
Lillie Brown
Frank Brown
Dorothy Stone
Arvil R. Stone
Robert H. Allen
Allan Persinger
Geraldine Gwinn
June Christian
Imogene Knight
Gracie Chaffin
Shirley Ham

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Titusville
Titusville
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa

ATTENDEES
(Cont's)

VISITORS

Evelyn Downer
Kathy Thomason
Carol Thomason
Debbie Gwinn
Sandy Gwinn
George Downer
Rocky Wells
Vicki Wells
Shane Wells
Robyn Wells
A. R. May
Rita May
Josie May
Paul May
Lula Christian

CHURCH

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Cocoa

The meeting was opened with devotion led by Brother James Thomason. The congregation participated in the singing of, "Stand up for Jesus", followed by altar prayer led by Rev. W. C. Combs. Herman Hannan led in the singing of, "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart".

At the request of Moderator, Rev. Glen Spence, the meeting was turned over to the Assistant Moderator, Rev. W. C. Combs. Rev. Combs extended a welcome to all visitors and declared the meeting open for business, calling for reading of last session minutes, by the Clerk. Jenny Johnson made a motion that the minutes be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

The following committees were chosen by the Moderator to report at the afternoon session:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Darrell Gwinn, Chairman
A. R. Stone
G. W. Cloud

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Frank Brown, Chairman
James Thomason
Charles Allen

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

Ross Holbrook, Chairman
Thomas Christian
June Christian

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Irene Thomason, Chairman
Shirley Wells
Dorothy Stone

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Arthur Chaffin, Chairman
Ray Wells
Lacey Powers

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Herman Hannan, Chairman
Gracie Chaffin
Judy Fountain

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Linda Hannan, Chairman
Geraldine Gwinn
Lillie Brown

The Treasurer's report was given by Brother Robert Allen as follows:

TREASURY BALANCE RECEIVED FROM REV. DELBERT MULLINS	\$ 160.00
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RECEIPTS:

Dues Collected	\$ 140.00	
Special Collection	25.00	
Special Donation	5.00	170.00
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	\$	330.00

EXPENSES:

Certificates	6.75	
Phone Call	1.54	
Randall Book Store	10.00	
Brevard Printing Co.	63.33	
Co-Operative Plan	11.50	
Youth Camp	50.00	
Anti Jai-Lai	25.00	
National Assoc.	25.00	\$ 193.12
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BALANCE AS OF 9/23/67	\$ 136.88
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Herman Hannan led in the singing of "At Calvary".

We, the Credentials Committee, having examined the four (4) Church Letters, find them in order and pleased to report the following within the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference: Ministers - 4; Deacons - 15; Delegates elected - 11. G. W. Cloud, Chairman, James Fields, Charles Allen

The Moderator called for the reading of the four (4) Church Letters. The Church Letters were read by the Clerk. Herman Hannan made a motion that the Church Letters be accepted as read, second by Rev. Glen Spence, carried.

Ray Wells brought a report on the functions and responsibilities of the Statistical Clerk, which was questioned at the last session. Ray Wells made a motion that the report be accepted, second by Bob Allen, carried.

The Moderator then declared the morning business session closed.

At this time, Rev. Darrell Gwinn, Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church at Titusville, brought a challenging, stirring message, as he related his conversion experience and challenged each and every Christian to walk closer to the Master.

After Brother Gwinn's message, the morning session was recessed for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 P.M. The meeting was begun with devotion led by Brother G. W. Cloud. Herman Hannan led in the singing of, "Victory in Jesus". Prayer was led by Brother Bob Allen. Scripture was read from II Corinthians 5:1 - 10 and Galatians 1:12. Closing prayer was led by Brother G. W. Cloud.

The meeting was declared open for business by the Moderator.

Ordaining Council Chairman, Rev. Glen Spence, brought the following recommendation to the Body:

1. That Brother Joseph Christian, Brother Charles Bevan and Brother James R. Thomason be accepted into the conference as Ordained Deacons, having been ordained at the Ministers and Deacons Conference on 9/22/67.

Ray Wells made a motion that this recommendation be accepted, second by James Fields, carried.

Brother Spence asked these deacons and their wives to present themselves to the Body and invited all Christians to extend them the right hand of fellowship. Brother Herman Hannan led in the singing of, "Standing on the Promises".

OLD BUSINESS:

The Moderator called for a report from the Study Committee, appointed at the July session, to investigate the possibility of setting up a Scholarship Fund to assist students going to Free Will Baptist Bible Colleges. The following report was given by James Fields:

Recognizing the need for training and educational development for our young people who shall fill the jobs, such as Pastors, Evangelists, Missionaries and other full-time Christian work, we recommend that a Scholarship Fund be established and administered by the Conference.

This to be financed by donations from interested individuals and auxiliary organizations of this conference. We further recommend that each church request \$.25 per quarter per member to help finance this fund.

Rules and regulations governing such to be submitted by this Committee to next conference for approval.

W. C. Combs	(Signed)
James Fields	"
J. J. Riffe	(Absent)

The Moderator called for reports of Committees selected at the morning session.

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, the Pulpit Committee, recommend that Brother Herman Hannan lead the Saturday Morning Devotion and that Brother Arthur Chaffin lead the afternnon devotion. We also recommend that Brother Glen Spence bring the Saturday morning message.

(Signed) Frank Brown, Chairman
Charles Allen
James R. Thomason

A motion was made by Brother Brown that this report be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the April Session be held at the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church.

(Signed) Ross Holbrook, Chairman
Thomas Christian
June Christian

A motion was made by Brother Holbrook that this report be accepted as read, second by Ray Wells, carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church for the warm welcome and the delicious food that we received here in this session. We request that this body all stand that we may show our appreciation of all the work they have done for us.

(Signed) Irene Thomason, Chairman
Shirley Wells
Dorothy Stone

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that we commit ourselves to temperance in bodily appetites, dress modestly, totally abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and habit-forming drugs. That we practice proper health habits, guard our thoughts, refrain from lust for positions and material possessions, and refrain from participation in unwholesome amusements and confusion. Also, that each Christian use their influence to promote temperance in the lives of others.

(Signed) Linda Hannan, Chairman
Geraldine Gwinn
Lillie Brown

A motion was made by Linda Hannan that this report be accepted as read, second by Darrell Gwinn, carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee, are happy to report no deaths to any of our members since the last session.

(Signed) Herman Hannan, Chairman
Gracie Chaffin
Judith Fountain

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that this report be accepted as read, second by Ray Wells, carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

We, the Business Committee, make the following recommendations:

- (1) That the Moderator appoint a Committee of three (3) members, along with the Conference Clerk and Treasurer, to audit the Conference Treasury records from the beginning of the Conference to the present date. This report to be made to this body at the January meeting, 1968.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that we accept this recommendation, second by Glenn Spence, carried.

- (2) That this conference contribute \$25.00 to the Cocoa Church for host to the Victory Association and that all churches combine efforts to supply the menu for this meeting.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that this recommendation be accepted as read, second by James Fields, carried.

- (3) That each church elect a coordinator to assist Imogene Knight of the Cocoa Church in helping with the menu and bedding for the Victory Association Meeting.

A motion was made by G. W. Cloud that we accept this recommendation, second by Ray Wells, carried.

- (4) That each church be very diligent in filling out each and every space on the church letter.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that we accept this recommendation, second by James Fields, carried.

- (5) That every Christian pray for the Titusville Church in their efforts to buy land and build.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that we accept this recommendation, second by James Fields, carried.

- (6) That all churches in the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference close out the church year August 31st of each year.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that this recommendation be accepted as read, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

(Signed) Arthur Chaffin, Chairman
Ray Wells
Lacey Powers

STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>LAST REPORT</u>	<u>THIS REPORT</u>
Number Churches	3	4
Total Membership	224	253
Number Parsonages	1	2
Ordained Ministers	8	4
Licensed Ministers	1	2
Ordained Deacons	12	14
Enrollment of Sunday School	347	364
Enrollment of C.T.S.	141	140
Enrollment of Womans Auxiliary	62	61
Enrollment of Masters Men	29	27
Died	0	0

ATTENDEES

Ministers		4
Deacons		9
Delegates		16
Visiting Ministers		0
Visitors		16
Total Present at this Conference		45
Paid Pastors	\$ 8,549.26	\$ 10,249.35
Value of Church Property	154,225.00	154,225.00

(Signed) Shirley Ham
Statistical Clerk

A motion was made by Shirley Ham that this report be accepted as read, second by Bob Allen, carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Nominations were open from the floor for the office of Moderator. W. C. Combs nominated by Ray Wells, a motion that nominations cease by G. W. Cloud, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

Nominations were open from the floor for the office of Assistant Moderator. Darrell Gwinn nominated by Linda Hannan, a motion that nominations cease by Bob Allen, second by Herman Hannan, carried..

Nominations were open from the floor for the office of Treasurer. Ross Holbrook nominated Bob Allen, a motion that nominations cease by Herman Hannan, second by Ray Wells, carried.

Nominations were open from the floor for the office of Clerk. Jenny Johnson nominated by Ray Wells, a motion that nominations cease by Glenn Spence, second by Bob Allen, carried.

Nominations were open from the floor for the office of Statistical Clerk. Shirley Ham nominated by Herman Hannan, a motion that nominations cease by Bob Allen, second by Ray Wells, carried.

The following were selected, by the Moderator, to serve on the auditing committee with the Conference Treasurer and Clerk: James Fields, Joe Thomason, Arthur Chaffin.

At this time an offering was taken as the congregation sang, "Blessed Assurance", led by Herman Hannan. Offering taken was \$24.37.

The following volunteered to serve as delegates to the Victory Association:

Gracie Chaffin
Imogene Knight
Judy Fountain
Essie Mae Maloy
Mrs. A. R. Stone

Shirley Ham
Geraldine Gwinn
Shirley Wells
Alan Persinger
Mr. A. R. Stone

Nominations were open from the floor to fill the following vacancies:

Executive Board: Charles Allen nominated by A. R. Stone, a motion that nominations cease by Lacey Powers, second by Ray Wells, carried.

Ordaining Council: It was decided that the members presently on the Council would be retained as follows:

J. J. Riffe	One (1) year
W. C. Combs	two (2) years
G. Spence	three (3) years

Home Mission Board: Present Home Mission Board Members are: A. R. Stone, T. Christian, J. Fields, and C. Allen. All offices are vacated except C. Allen who was elected to serve as the three-year man.

Nominations were open from the floor to fill these vacancies. Arthur Chaffin nominated Ray Wells, Herman Hannan nominated Ross Holbrook, Bob Allen nominated A. R. Stone, he declined, Herman Hannan nominated Arthur Chaffin. The following will serve as new members on the Home Mission Board: Ray Wells, Ross Holbrook, Arthur Chaffin.

A motion was made by Bob Allen that each church make a contribution toward expenses of Victory Association, second by Ray Wells, carried.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that the meeting be adjourned, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Financial Report

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
General Church Offering	\$ 765.51	\$ 4,363.31	\$ 54.05	\$ 1,798.30
Sunday School Offering	9,096.15	9,279.64	1,151.85	732.35
Woman's Auxiliary	160.29	527.98	--	--
Masters Men	--	122.01	--	--
C.T.S.	144.26	158.51	--	--
Special Offerings	142.92	146.97	--	10,643.17
From All Sources	10,309.13	14,946.19	1,205.90	13,173.82
PAID OUT:				
Pastor's Salary	2,571.61	6,600.00	147.74	930.00
Evangelists	332.86	200.97	--	138.75
Foreign Missions	195.00	26.00	--	55.00
Home Missions	556.12	--	--	30.44
Bible College	100.00	--	--	--
Children's Home	14.94	--	--	527.61
State Co-Op Program	388.61	265.00	105.49	--
Miscellaneous	1,944.64	3,747.15	700.00	286.25
Alterations/Repairs	2,093.97	176.37	--	10,160.32
Value of Church Property	43,800.00	80,000.00	425.00	35,000.00