

MINUTES
of the
MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FLORIDA

TENTH QUARTERLY SESSION BEING HELD WITH THE
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF EAU GALLIE
EAU GALLIE, FLORIDA

20 January 1968

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

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Scottsmoor, Florida

20 April 1968

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1228 Hendry Avenue
Cocoa, Florida

To be announced

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

GLEN SPENCE
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Eau Gallie, Florida

W. C. COMBS
1715 Calvados Drive
Cocoa, Florida

LACEY POWERS
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Scottsmeer, Florida

DARRELL GWINN
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Titusville, Florida

IRBY R. MALOY
Cocoa, Florida

CECIL ROGERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

RONALD NEWMAN
Eau Galle, Florida

KENNETH WEEHUNT
Scottsmeer, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

Rev. Glen Spence, Ordained
Rev. Willie T. Jones, Ordained
Rev. W. C. Combs, Ordained
Rev. Lacey Powers, Ordained
Rev. Darrell Gwinn, Licensed

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Winter Haven
Cocoa
Scottsmeer
Titusville

DEACONS

G. W. Cloud
H. L. Hannan
James Fields
Ray Wells
Thomas Christian
Arthur Chaffin
Homer Hallum
J. J. Riffe
Ross Holbrook

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Cocoa
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Titusville

CLERKS

Jenny Johnson
Judy Fountain

CHURCH

Cocoa
Eau Gallie

DELEGATES

Maxine Skaggs
Imogene Knight
Norma Combs
Gracie Chaffin
William Bailes
Mickey Spence
Delma Bailes
Linda Hannan
Bernice Fields
Robert H. Allen
Leola Powers
A. R. Stone
Geraldine Gwinn
Lydia Holbrook

CHURCH

Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Titusville
Titusville

ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

VISITORS

Lena Cloud
Tina Hannan
Anita Curtis
Nancy Wright
Maude Wells
Dawn Hannan
Ann Shupe
Bill Graham
E. L. Craft
Dennis Hayley
Timmy Hannan
Mr. Wilson
Hubert Mays
Jean Mays
Peggy Hayley
Shirley Wells
Ocie Lee Jones
Linda Jones
Annie Hallum
George Downer
Jeff Gwinn
Bobby Chaffin
Becky Chaffin
Mark Combs
Greg Combs
Scotty Combs

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
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Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Winter Haven
Winter Haven
Scottsmoor
Titusville
Titusville
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa

The tenth quarterly session of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday Morning, 20 January 1968, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with a song, "Power in the Blood", led by Brother Herman Hannan. Opening prayer was led by Rev. Lacey Powers. Brother Hannan led in the singing of "Showers of Blessing", and invited all to participate in an altar prayer. After scripture reading by Herman Hannan the meeting was turned over to the Moderator. The Moderator called for the reading of last session's minutes while the credentials committee met to examine the church letters.

The minutes were read by the Clerk. Jenny Johnson made a motion that the report be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

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

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

J. J. Riffe, Chairman
Leola Powers
Thomas Christian

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

Imogene Knight, Chairman
Linda Hannan
Mickey Spence

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

W. Bailes, Chairman
Maxine Skaggs
Geraldine Gwinn

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Herman Hannan, Chairman
A. R. Stone
J. Fields

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Lena Cloud, Chairman
Lacey Powers
H. Hallum

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

Gracie Chaffin, Chairman
Delma Bailes
Norma Combs

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: Ray Wells, Chairman
(To serve at April Meeting) Ross Holbrook
Robert Allen

The Credentials Committee brought the following report:

We, the Credentials Committee, find the letters in order and recommend the seating of the delegates.

(Signed) A. R. Stone, Chairman
D. R. Gwinn
G. W. Cloud

A report of the auditing committee was given by Jenny Johnson. Jenny Johnson made a motion that the report be accepted as read, second by Ray Wells, carried.

A report from the Home Mission Board was given by Ray Wells.

The Home Mission Board has not met in the past quarter, but we can see much progress coming through the Victory Home Mission Board. The Titusville Church is in its building program and we have information from New Smyrna Beach and are investigating this possibility. It is our recommendation that Mid East Coast Home Mission Board be dissolved and we look to the Victory Association for our support.

(Signed) Ray Wells, Chairman

A report was given by State Youth Chairman Ray Wells for the State Youth Board. He reported a Youth Rally in the North Florida Quarterly Conference and also that the Youth Camp for the Victory Association proposed dates are June 17 through 24 for Jr. High and June 27 through June 30 for Senior High. He urged all churches to stand behind their youth and encourage them to participate in all activities of the church.

The Moderator declared the morning session closed.

At this time, at the request of Rev. Glen Spence, who was to preach the morning message, Rev. W. T. Jones, Lakeland, spoke to us using the 11th chapter of Hebrews as the text. He encouraged all of us to increase our Faith by being more diligent in God's work.

After the message, Brother Herman Hannan led in the singing of, "I am Resolved".

Rev. Darrell Gwinn led in prayer, asking the blessing for the food. The morning session was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:30 P.M., and the afternoon session declared open for business by the Moderator.

The first order of business was a letter of recommendation from the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church to the Ordaining Council which was read by the Clerk. The recommendation is as follows:

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie, wish to recommend Brother Ronald Newman to be a licensed minister in this church and association.

(Signed) Judith A. Fountain, Clerk
Rev. Glen Spence, Pastor

At this time, Brother Arthur Chaffin led the afternoon devotion, reading from Psalms 37:1-4.

Brother Herman Hannan led in the singing of "Never Grow Old". The congregation was favored with singing by the "Gospelettes".

The Moderator called for the report of the Ordaining Council.

We, the Ordaining Council have examined Brother Ronald Newman and recommend that he be licensed to preach the gospel for a period of one (1) year.

(Signed) Rev. Glen Spence
Rev. W. C. Combs
J. J. Riffe

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report.

The report is as follows:

Treasury Balance (September 23, 1967) \$ 136.88

Received:

Dues (4 churches)	\$ 40.00
Scholarship Fund	<u>24.50</u>

Total received:

64.50
\$ 201.38

Paid Out:

Victory Association	30.00
Jenny Johnson - Stamps	2.46
Cocoa F.W.B. Church	25.00
(Victory Assoc. Expenses)	
F.W.B. State Co-op Plan	4.00
Randall Book Store	<u>1.65</u>

Total Paid Out:

63.11

Balance

\$ 138.27

Breakdown:

Balance - Scholarship Fund:	\$ 24.50
Balance - Mid East Coast :	\$ 113.77

A motion was by Brother Robert Allen that this report be accepted as read, second by James Fields, carried.

The Moderator called for a report from the Scholarship Committee. The report is as follows:

We, the Scholarship Committee, recommend that the dispensing of funds from the Scholarship Fund shall be a responsibility of the Executive Board. Applicants for a benefit from this fund shall become eligible after completing satisfactorily the first semester at Free Will Baptist Bible College at Nashville, Tennessee. Spiritual development and dedication to God's work, along with Scholastic achievement should be important considerations.

(Signed) W. C. Combs
J. J. Riffe
J. Fields

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

PULPIT COMMITTEE: We, the Pulpit Committee, recommend the following: Brother James Fields for the morning devotion (Saturday); Rev. Cecil Combs to bring the morning message. Brother A. R. Stone for the afternoon devotion.

(Signed) J. J. Riffe, Chairman
Leola Powers
Thomas Christian

A motion was made by Brother Riffe that the report be accepted, second by James Fields, carried.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the July Session be held at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church.

(Signed) Imogene Knight, Chairman
Mickey Spence
Linda Hannan

A motion was made by Imogene Knight that the report be accepted, second by Bob Allen, carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful and warm hospitality and the delicious food we have all so wonderfully received here in this session. We request that the body all stand to show our appreciation of all we have received.

(Signed) William Bailes, Chairman
Maxine Skaggs
Geraldine Gwinn

A motion was made by Jim Fields that the report be accepted, second by Homer Hallum, carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, your Obituary Committee, are happy and very thankful that we have not had a death reported in conference since the last quarterly meeting.

(Signed) G. W. Cloud, Chairman
Homer Hallum
Rev. Lacey Powers

A motion was made by Brother Cloud that the report be accepted, second by Jim Fields, carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperance Committee, recommend that we totally abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages and habit-forming drugs; that we practice proper health habits and refrain from participation in unwholesome amusements and confusion. Also, that we use our influence to promote temperance in every way.

(Signed) Gracie Chaffin, Chairman
Delma Bailes
Norma Combs

A motion was made by Gracie Chaffin that this report be accepted, second by Bob Allen, carried.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: We recommend:

(1) That the Home Mission Board of Mid East Coast Conference be dissolved. A motion was made by Herman Hannan that this recommendation be accepted, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

(2) That the present church letter form be retained and that the matter be tabled until further study. It is further recommended that the four (4) church clerks and the Mid East Coast Moderator meet sometime before the next session and bring a report at the next meeting. A motion was made by Herman Hannan that this recommendation be accepted, second by Jim Fields, carried.

(3) That the question of Home Mission Board monies be carried over until next conference in order to gather more information. A motion that this recommendation be accepted was made by Herman Hannan, second by Homer Hallum, carried.

It was decided that the dates for the summer quarterly meeting would be set at the April meeting after more information is obtained regarding the National Association Meeting dates.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

	<u>LAST REPORT</u>	<u>THIS REPORT</u>
Ordained Ministers	5	4
Licensed Ministers	2	2
Ordained Deacons	15	14
Total Membership	323	253
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	2	2
Enrollment of Sunday School	358	364
Enrollment of C.T.S.	128	140
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliary	67	61
Enrollment of Master's Men	31	27
Died	0	0
Paid Pastors	\$ 3,451.61	\$ 10,249.35
Value of Church Property	154,225.00	154,225.00

Attendees

Clerks	2
Ministers	4
Deacons	9
Delegates	14
Visiting Ministers	1
Visitors	26
Total Present at this Conference	56

(Signed) Shirley Ham
Statistical Clerk

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

A motion was made by Bob Allen that this meeting adjourn, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes:

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
Pastor's salary	\$ 848.98	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 202.63	\$ --
Evangelistic work	--	10.00	--	219.50
Building and repair	647.72	2,113.06	--	288.30
Literature	311.96	174.73	52.65	73.72
Other	69.06	1,133.17	545.63	1,617.84

Spent for Outside Causes:

Cooperative Plan	241.81	140.00	141.30	--
Foreign missions	125.99	--	--	--
Home Missions	86.38	--	--	13.12
Education	--	1,003.20	--	--
Orphanage	--	--	--	287.68
Associational Projects	--	30.00	--	--
State and National Projects	--	4.00	--	45.00

Total Expenditures	2,329.90	7,008.26	942.21	2,145.16
Value of Church Property	36,800.00	80,000.00	425.00	20,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	17,000.00	--	--	15,000.00

MID EAST COAST CLERKS

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SARAH RIFFE
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MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF FLORIDA

ELEVENTH QUARTERLY SESSION BEING HELD WITH THE

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

20 APRIL 1968

OFFICERS FOR 1967-1968

Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator

Rev. D. Gwinn, Assistant Moderator

Jenny Johnson, Clerk

Robert Allen, Treasurer

Shirley Ham, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1228 Hendry Avenue

Cocoa, Florida

27 JULY 1968

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF

EAU GALLIE

980 Lytton Road

Eau Gallie, Florida

14 SEPTEMBER 1968

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

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1715 Calvados Drive
Cocoa, Florida

LACEY POWERS
P. O. BOX 73
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DARRELL GWINN
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Titusville, Florida

IRBY R. MALOY
Cocoa, Florida

CECIL ROGERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

RONALD NEWMAN
Eau Gallie, Florida

KENNETH WEEHUNT
Scottsmeer, Florida

W. TURNBAUGH
938 Lytton Rd.
Eau Gallie, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

W. C. Combs, Ordained
W. T. Jones, Ordained
Lacey Powers, Ordained
Darrell R. Gwinn, Licensed
O. K. Weehunt, Licensed

CHURCH

Cocoa
Winter Haven
Scottsmeer
Titusville
Scottsmeer

DEACONS

Arthur Chaffin
Herman Hannan
Ray Wells
Charles H. Allen
Homer Hallum
J. J. Riffe
G. W. Cloud
Ross Holbrook
Emory Garrison

CHURCH

Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Eau Gallie
Titusville
Scottsmeer

CLERKS

Jenny Johnson
Sarah R. Riffe
Judy Fountain

CHURCH

Cocoa
Scottsmeer
Eau Gallie

DELEGATES

Shirley Ham
Gracie Chaffin
Zora Haynes
Norma Combs
Richard Wells
Maude Wells
Bill Bailes
Delma Bailes
Ernest Craft
Nellie Craft
A. R. Stone
Dorothy Stone
Mrs. Walter Wright
Robert H. Allen

CHURCH

Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer
Scottsmeer

ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

DELEGATES

Leola E. Powers
Allan Persinger
Walter Wright
Geraldine Gwinn
Lydia Holbrook

CHURCH

Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Titusville
Titusville

VISITORS

Gaye Combs
Grace Combs
Ocie Lee Jones
Beulah Persinger
Lassie Allen
Leslie H. Hallum
C. E. Allen
J. G. Hallum
Bonnie Amburgey
Marcia Garrison
Johnny Carroll
Sara Riffe
Mrs. Robert Allen
L. E. Sawyer

CHURCH

Cocoa
Cocoa
Winter Haven
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Scottsmoor
Georgia

The eleventh quarterly session of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday Morning, 20 April 1968, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with a song, "When the Roll is Called up Yonder", led by Ray Wells. Brother Wells read Malachi 3:7 and gave a very inspiring talk on tithing. After prayer, a song was sung - "What a Day that Will Be", and the meeting was turned over to the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Combs.

The Moderator called for the reading of last session's minutes while the credentials committee met to examine the church letters.

The minutes were read by the Clerk. Jenny Johnson made a motion that the report be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE:

Ray Wells, Chairman
Arthur Chaffin
Herman Hannan

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

Gracie Chaffin, Chairman
Sarah Riffe
Delma Bailes

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

Ross Holbrook, Chairman
Richard Wells
A. R. Stone

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

Judy Fountain, Chairman
Zora Haynes
Geraldine Gwinn

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

G. W. Cloud, Chairman
R. H. Allen
E. L. Craft

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

Norma Combs, Chairman
Mrs. E. L. Craft
Mrs. Lydia Holbrook

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:
(To serve at July Meeting)

Darrell Gwinn, Chairman
Charles Allen
William Bailes

A congregational song was sung, "Heavenly Love".

The report of the Credentials Committee was given by Ray Wells.

We, the Credentials Committee, find the letters in order and recommend the seating of the following delegates.

(1)	Robert Allen	Scottsmoor
(2)	A. R. Stone	"
(3)	Robert Allen	"
(4)	Walter Wright	"
(5)	Bill Bailes	Eau Gallie
(6)	Delma Bailes	"
(7)	Ernest Craft	"
(8)	Mrs. Ernest Craft	"
(9)	Richard Wells	"
(10)	Maude Wells	"
(11)	Zora Haynes	"
(12)	Shirley Ham	Cocoa
(13)	Gracie Chaffin	"
(14)	Norma Combs	"
(15)	Geraldine Gwinn	Titusville
(16)	Lydia Holbrook	"

(Signed) Ray Wells, Chairman
Ross Holbrook
Robert Allen

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

Brother Ray Wells gave a report on Youth Camp. He reported that there would be one session, June 17 - 24.

He requested that all correspondence regarding Youth Camp be directed to Brother James Howell at Auburndale. He also reported that the State Youth Rally will be held June 1, 1968, at Panama City.

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report.

Treasury balance: (1/20/68) \$ 138.27

Received: Dues (4 churches)	\$ 40.00
Scholarship Fund	<u>17.00</u>

Total received & deposited:	<u>57.00</u>
	\$ 195.27

Paid Out:

Brevard Rubber Stamp Co.	5.20
Brevard Printing Co.	45.70
F. W. B. Co-operative Plan	<u>4.00</u>
Total Paid Out:	54.90

Total Treasury (4/20/68) \$ 140.37

Scholarship Fund: \$41.50

Mid East Coast Conf: 98.87
\$140.37

The Moderator declared the morning session closed for the morning message.

Brother Ray Wells led in the singing of "Amazing Grace", and the congregation gathered around the altar for family prayer. Brother Wells led the congregation in singing "Victory in Jesus". Brother Wells gave a very inspiring testimony which truly blessed the hearts of all.

Rev. W. T. Jones preached on "Rewards of Faithfulness" using Daniel 5:3 as text, and varied scriptures from the Gospels. Brother Jones blessed our hearts with a wonderfully spirit-filled message.

Rev. W. C. Combs ask the blessing for the food and the morning session was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:00 P.M. and the afternoon session declared open for business, by the Moderator.

Brother A. R. Stone led the afternoon devotion. A congregational number was sung, "Just a Little Talk With Jesus". Brother Jones challenged the body to be more faithful in the tasks we have before us; to get on the ball and get the job done for Jesus.

The Moderator called for the reading of the four (4) church letters. The letters were read by the Clerk. Jenny Johnson made a motion that these letters be accepted as read, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: We, the Business Committee, recommend the following items of business.

- (1) That the letter presented to this committee by the Scottsmoor Church regarding our Sunday School literature, be recognized by the body. We request that each church bear with the National Association until January 1, 1968, at which time we will be receiving a changed publication, which will be prepared by the Free Will Baptist Association in Nashville, Tennessee.

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

- (2) That the new church letter form be accepted, and the clerk be given authority to have the form printed.

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

- (3) That the Home Mission Fund of Mid East Coast Conference be given to the Victory Association Home Mission Fund and that Brother Christian be informed to send monies to Victory Clerk.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that this recommendation be accepted, second by Charles Allen, carried.

- (4) That the next conference be held July 26 & 27, 1968.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that this recommendation be accepted, second by Alan Persinger, carried.

- (5) That we send \$25.00 to the Victory Association Youth Camp.

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that we accept this recommendation, second by C. Allen, carried.

- (6) That we have a special love offering for Brother Jones.

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

- (7) That the church fee be increased to \$15.00 to expand our conference work.

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

- (8) That the Moderator locate and appoint a married couple to work our youth activities in the Mid East Coast.

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that we secure a couple from each church, and then appoint one couple, second by Ray Wells, carried.

- (9) That the Clerk write a letter to Brother W. Hansley informing him that most of the churches in the Mid East Coast are supporting the Co-operative Plan and that we are behind him 100%.

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

(Signed) Ray Wells, Chairman
Arthur Chaffin
Herman Hannan

PULPIT COMMITTEE: We, the Pulpit Committee, recommend the following: Brother Darrell Gwinn, 10:00 devotion, Brother Herman Hannan, 11:00 devotion, Brother Lacey Powers to bring the morning message and Brother Thomas Christian for the afternoon devotion.

(Signed) Gracie Chaffin, Chairman
Sarah Riffe
Delma Bailes

A motion was made by Gracie Chaffin that this report be accepted, second by Brother C. Allen, carried.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: We, the Placement Committee, recommend the next conference be held at the Eau Gallie Church.

(Signed) Ross Holbrook, Chairman
Richard Wells
A. R. Stone

A motion was made by Ross Holbrook that we accept this report, second by Brother W. Wright, carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, the Obituary Committee, regret to report the death of Mrs. Zella A. Bright, who was a member of the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to her family and loved ones, but we know she has gone on to a greater place than we.

(Signed) Judy Fountain, Chairman
Zora Haynes
Geraldine Gwinn

A motion was made by Judy Fountain that this report be accepted, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

At this time, the body stood for a moment of silence in memory of Sister Bright.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, your committee, urge our membership to be very temperate in our every walk; in regard to strong drink or habit-forming drugs, to abstain totally. We suggest the body refer to Proverbs 20:1. There no one will be deceived.

(Signed) G. W. Cloud, Chairman
R. H. Allen
E. L. Craft

A motion was made by Brother Cloud that we accept this report, second by Brother C. Allen, carried.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Scottsmeer Church for the wonderful food and their warm hospitality that we have received here today. We would like for everyone to stand to show their appreciation.

(Signed) Norma Combs, Chairman
Mrs. E. L. Craft
Mrs. Lydia Holbrook

A motion was made by Norma Combs that this report be accepted, second by Bill Bailes, carried.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Ordained Ministers	5	4
Licensed Ministers	3	2
Ordained Deacons	14	14
Total Membership	338	253
Number of churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	2	2
Enrollment of Sunday School	432	364
Enrollment of C. T. S.	158	140
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliary	73	61
Enrollment of Master's Men	27	27
Died	1	0
Paid Pastors	\$2,510.60	\$10,249.35
Value of Church Property	175,400.00	154,225.00

Statistical Report (Cont'd)

ATTENDEES	<u>This Report</u>
Clerks	3
Ministers	4
Deacons	9
Delegates	19
Visiting Ministers	1
Visitors	17
Total Present at this Conference	54

(Signed) Shirley Ham
Statistical Clerk

A motion was made by Shirley Ham that this report be accepted, second by Ray Wells, carried.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: The Ordaining Council requested that the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference ordain Rev. Darrell Gwinn and Rev. O. K. Weehunt. A motion was made by Ray Wells that the request of the council be carried out, second by Bill Bailes, carried.

Brother Lacey Powers gave the charge and Brother G. W. Cloud led the ordaining prayer. The laying on of hands was done by ordained ministers and deacons. The Moderator requested that the body extend the right hand of fellowship to these as we sang "Count your Blessings".

A love offering was lifted for Brother Jones; \$26.10.

The Ordaining Council requested that the body accept Rev. Darrell Gwinn to fill the vacancy on the Ordaining Council left by Brother Glen Spence and that Brother Charles Allen fill the vacancy of J. J. Riffe going off the Council. A motion was made by Ray Wells that we accept these two on the council, second by Brother G. W. Cloud, carried.

A motion was made by Ray Wells that the Constitution & By-Laws of the Mid East Coast be recorded in the annual minutes, second by Herman Hannan, carried.

Brother Darrell Gwinn requested that the Mid East Coast supply the Titusville Church with a Letter of Fellowship to assist them in acquiring a loan for church property. A motion was made by Brother Gwinn that this request be granted, second by Arthur Chaffin, carried.

A motion was made by Herman Hannan that we adjourn, second by Ray Wells, carried.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes:

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
Pastor's salary	\$ 549.57	\$ 1,780.00	\$ 181.03	\$ --
Evangelistic Work	203.26	20.00	--	244.00
Building and repair	903.26	1,477.30	--	32.23
Literature	146.90	79.05	24.00	42.05
Other	199.36	130.27	1,796.00	450.00

Spent for Outside Causes:

Cooperative Plan	184.91	--	157.86	--
Foreign Missions	148.73	--	--	--
Home Missions	31.08	--	--	13.12
Education	--	--	13.50	--
Orphanage	--	--	--	--
A Associational Projects	--	10.00	--	--
State and National Projects	--	105.00	--	--
Total Expenditures	2,384.77	3,975.77	2,192.39	1,175.86
Value of Church Property	36,800.00	80,000.00	6,600.00	20,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	17,000.00	--	--	15,000.00

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JENNY JOHNSON
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Titusville, Florida

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MINUTES
of the
MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA
TWELFTH QUARTERLY SESSION BEING HELD WITH THE
COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
COCOA, FLORIDA

27 JULY 1968

OFFICERS FOR 1967-1968

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

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

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

14 SEPTEMBER 1968

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Scottsmoor, Florida

18 JANUARY 1969

Cocoa Church

April 1969

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

W. C. COMBS
1715 Calvados Drive
Cocoa, Florida

LACEY POWERS
P. O. Box 73
Scottsmeer, Florida

DARRELL GWINN
213 Harrison Street
Titusville, Florida

W. T. TURNBOUGH
Wickham Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

IRBY R. MALOY
Cocoa, Florida

CECIL ROGERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

RONALD NEWMAN
Eau Gallie, Florida

KENNETH WEEHUNT
Scottsmeer, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

W. T. Turnbough (Ordained)
W. C. Combs (Ordained)
Darrell Gwinn (Ordained)
Irby Maloy (Ordained)

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Titusville
Cocoa

DEACONS

H. L. Hannan
James Fields
Ray Wells
G. W. Cloud
J. J. Riffe
Arthur Chaffin
Thomas Christian

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Cocoa
Cocoa

CLERKS

Judy Fountain
Jenny Johnson

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa

DELEGATES

Geraldine Gwinn
Allan Persinger
Robert H. Allen
Mrs. E. L. Craft
Mr. E. L. Craft
Imogene Knight
Leonard Knight
Zora Haynes
Shirley Ham
Norma Combs

CHURCH

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

VISITORS

Mrs. Edna Gwinn
Jennie Greear
Ruby Hill
Jeff Sisk

CHURCH

Clendenin, W. Va.
West Norton, Va.
Central - Virginia
Cocoa

ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

VISITORS

CHURCH

Karen Ham	Cocoa
Judy Johnson	Cocoa
Melissa Gregis	Cocoa
Pamela Ham	Cocoa
Janet Johnson	Cocoa
Gracie Chaffin	Cocoa
Bobby Chaffin	Cocoa
Mary Ruth Sisk	Cocoa
Shane Sisk	Cocoa
Lula Christian	Cocoa
Debra Maloy	Cocoa
James L. Christian	Cocoa
Becky Christian	Cocoa
Donna Christian	Cocoa
Jimmy Christian	Cocoa
Margie Carter	Cocoa
Becky Chaffin	Cocoa
Mrs. D. L. Lane	Cocoa
Mr. D. L. Lane	Cocoa
Essie Mae Maloy	Cocoa
Scotty Combs	Cocoa
Delois Skaggs	Cocoa
Maxine Skaggs	Cocoa
Charlie Ham	Cocoa
Sherry Ham	Cocoa
Chuckie Ham	Cocoa
Gregory Ham	Cocoa
Lena Carter	Cocoa
David Carter	Cocoa
Jim Smith	Cocoa
James Carter	Cocoa
Elva Turnbough	Eau Gallie
Linda Hannan	Eau Gallie
Bill Graham	Eau Gallie
Tina Hannan	Eau Gallie
Timmy Hannan	Eau Gallie
Lena Cloud	Eau Gallie

ATTENDEES(Cont'd)

VISITORS

CHURCH

Joey Christian

Titusville

The twelfth quarterly session of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday Morning, 27 July 1968, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Herman Hannan and family prayer. Rev. Darrell Gwinn read Psalm 23, and gave an inspiring devotional relating his conversion experience.

The meeting was turned over to the Moderator. The Moderator declared the morning session open for business and called for the reading of last session's minutes by the Clerk. A motion was made that the minutes be accepted as read, second and carried.

The Moderator called for a report from the Credentials Committee.

We, the Credentials Committee, find the Church Letters in order except the letter from Titusville which is incomplete, due to failure on part of Clerk to forward letter prior to vacation time and recommend seating of delegates.

(Signed) Darrell Gwinn, Chairman
Charles Allen
William Bailes

A motion was made that the report be accepted as read, second and carried.

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

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: Arthur Chaffin, Chairman
J. J. Riffe
James Fields

PULPIT COMMITTEE: G. W. Cloud, Chairman
Geraldine Gwinn
Mrs. E. L. Craft

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:	Robert Allen, Chairman E. L. Craft Allan Persinger
OBITUARY COMMITTEE:	Shirley Wells, Chairman Leonard Knight Shirley Ham
TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:	Darrell Gwinn, Chairman I. R. Maloy G. W. Cloud
APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:	Judy Fountain, Chairman Geraldine Gwinn Shirley Wells
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: (To serve at September Meeting)	Thomas Christian, Chairman Maude Wells Imogene Knight

The Moderator called for the Treasurer's report.

Treasury Balance: (4/20/68)		\$ 140.37
Received: Dues (4 churches)	\$ 40.00	
Scholarship Fund	36.50	
Love Offering	26.10	102.60
Total		\$ 242.97
Paid Out: Youth Camp	25.00	
Jenny Johnson	3.82	
(Stamps, Phone Calls)		
F.W. Co-op Plan	4.00	
W. T. Jones	26.10	58.92
(Love Offering)		
Total Treasury - 7/27/68		\$ 184.05

Breakdown:

Scholarship Fund	-	\$ 78.00
M. E. C. Conf.	-	106.05

Letters to the Titusville Church and Rev. Hansley, ordered written at the last session, were read by the Clerk. A motion was made that this correspondence be filed in the conference files, second and carried.

The Moderator declared the morning session closed for morning devotion and morning message.

Brother Herman Hannan led the morning devotion, beginning with congregational singing. He read Acts 9:1 and gave a short talk regarding this scripture. At this time, the service was turned over to the speaker, a newcomer to our Quarterly Meeting, Rev. W. T. Turnbough from Nashville, Tennessee, now serving as Pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie. Scripture was taken from Acts:4:31 - 37 and various other related scriptures. The text, "Early Church - Great Church". Brother Turnbough challenged our hearts as he urged us to pattern our churches after the early church; to practice what we preach, and to tithe our time, talents and money unselfishly to God. A hymn of invitation was sung at the close of the message.

Brother G. W. Cloud ask the blessing for the food and the morning session was adjourned for lunch.

The meeting re-convened at 1:00 P.M. and the afternoon session declared open for business.

Brother Thomas Christian led the afternoon devotion. An enjoyable service with many enlightening testimonies and enthusiastic congregational singing.

The Moderator called for a report from the Business Committee.

We, the Business Committee, recommend the following:

- (1) That the women from the various churches be dismissed to make plans to organize a conference to be admitted to a district unit of the Woman's Auxiliary.

A motion was made that this request be carried out, second, carried.

- (2) That the body elect two (2) persons to sign for the savings account for the Scholarship Fund.

A motion was made that Robert Allen, as Treasurer, be one of the signees and that the Moderator appoint the other one, second and carried. The Moderator appointed Rev. Darrell Gwinn.

- (3) That the conference churches give consideration for conducting a combined watch night service and to report back at next conference by delegate.

A motion was made that this recommendation be accepted, second and carried.

(Signed) Arthur Chaffin, Chairman
James Fields
J. J. Riffe

At this time, a letter was read by the clerk, requesting the acceptance of Rev. W. T. Turnbough into the fellowship of the conference. The Ordaining Council reported that they have examined Rev. Turnbough and enthusiastically recommend his acceptance into the body. A motion was made, second and carried.

The Moderator called for the reading of the church letters by the clerk. A motion was made that these letters be accepted as read, with exception that the Scottsmoor Church revise their letter to be a quarterly report instead of the one submitted for a nine month period and that the Titusville Church forward a completed letter at the earliest possible convenience, second and carried.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: We, the Pulpit Committee, suggest the following to bring devotionals. Brother Jimmy Christian 10:00 A.M., Brother D. V. Skaggs, 11:00 A.M. and Brother James Fields, 1:00 P.M. Morning Message: Rev. Darrell Gwinn.

(Signed) G. W. Cloud, Chairman
Mrs. E. L. Craft
Shirley Wells

A motion was made that this report be accepted as read, second and carried.

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next conference be held at the Scotts Moor Free Will Baptist Church.

A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, the Obituary Committee, regret to report the death of Mr. Charles Carter, who was a member of the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church. We wish to extend our deepest sympathy to his family and loved ones, but we know he has gone on to a greater place than we.

(Signed) Shirley Wells, Chairman
Leonard Knight
Shirley Ham

A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

At this time, the body stood for a moment of silence in memory of Brother Carter.

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.

(Signed) Judy Fountain, Chairman
Geraldine Gwinn
Shirley Wells

A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, your Temperance Committee, urge our membership to be very temperate in every walk; in regard to strong drink or habit-forming drugs, to totally abstain. We suggest the body refer to Proverbs 20:1, there no one will be deceived.

(Signed) D. R. Gwinn, Chairman
G. W. Cloud
I. R. Maloy

A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

STATISTICAL REPORT:

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Ordained Ministers	8	5
Licensed Ministers	1	3
Ordained Deacons	15	14
Total Membership	303	338
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	2	2
Enrollment of Sunday School	447	432
Enrollment of C.T.S.	173	158
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliary	76	73
Enrollment of Master's Men	27	27
Died	1	1
Paid Pastors	\$ 1,026.65	\$ 2,510.60
Value of Church Property	175,400.00	175,400.00

Attendees

Ministers	4
Deacons	7
Delegates	12
Visiting Ministers	0
Visitors	42
Clerks	2
Total Present at this Conference	77

A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

A motion was made that an offering be lifted and that it be placed in the Scholarship Fund, second and carried. Amount - \$14.35.

Ray Wells gave a report on Youth Camp Activities and a progress report on Youth work in the state. A motion was made that this report be accepted, second and carried.

The Moderator called for a decision regarding Item #8 of recommendations from the Business Committee at the last session. A motion was made that this item be tabled until next session, and further discussed at that time, second and carried.

A motion was made that we omit the reading of the conference minutes at each session, second and carried.

The Moderator asked for testimonies from those who attended the National Association Meeting at Oklahoma. Several inspiring testimonies were given of benefits and blessings received by attending these National meetings. We especially were inspired by the testimony of Brother G. W. Cloud as he told of his varied experiences down through the years as he has attended the National Meetings since their inception. We appreciate Brother Cloud's faithfulness and trust that God will spare him to continue the good fight.

A motion was made that we adjourn, second and carried.

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of the

MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF FLORIDA

THIRD ANNUAL SESSION BEING HELD WITH

THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST OF EAU GALLIE

EAU GALLIE, FLORIDA

14 SEPTEMBER 1968

OFFICERS FOR 1968-1969

Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator

Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Asst Mod.

Elva Turnbough, Clerk

Robert Allen, Treasurer

Geraldine Gwinn, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 1-18-69
Scottsmoor, Florida

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 4-19-68
1228 Hendry Avenue
Cocoa, Florida

MID EAST COAST MINISTERS

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213 Harrison St.
Titusville, Florida

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~~Wickham Road~~ 2681 Sadler Lane
Melbourne, Florida

GLEN SPENCE
Elyria, Ohio

RONALD NEWMAN
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Eau Gallie, Florida

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Eau Gallie, Florida

LACEY POWERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

O. K. WEEHUNT
Scottsmeer, Florida

W. C. COMBS
1715 Calvados Drive
Cocoa, Florida

I. R. MALOY
Cocoa, Florida

CECIL ROGERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

Darrell R. Gwinn
Lacey D. Powers
W. A. Hansley
W. T. Turnbough
Ronald A. Newman

CHURCH

Titusville
Scottsmoor
Ocala
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie

DEACONS

G. W. Cloud
Arthur Chaffin
Thomas Christian
James Fields
J. J. Riffe
Ray Wells

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Scottsmoor
Eau Gallie

CLERKS

Jenny Johnson
Judy Fountain

CHURCH

Cocoa
Eau Gallie

DELEGATES

Gracie Chaffin
Norma Combs
Ann Shupe
E. L. Craft
Shirley Ham
Maude Wells
Elva Turnbough
Sarah Riffe, Alternate
Johnnie Carrol, Alternate
Zora Haynes, Alternate

CHURCH

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

VISITORS

Nancy Wright
Bobby Chaffin
Becky Chaffin
Scotty Combs

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Cocoa
Cocoa

ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

VISITORS

Pamela Ham
Judy Johnson
Jeff Gwinn
Lena Cloud
Hubert R. May
Jean May
Robert Allen
Charlie Ham
Shirley Wells
Robyn Wells
Vicki Wells
Shane Wells
Bernice Fields
Delma Bailes

CHURCH

Cocoa
Cocoa
Titusville
Eau Gallie
St. Cloud
St. Cloud
Scottsmoor
Cocoa
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie

The third annual session of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie, Saturday Morning, 14 September 1968, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with devotions led by James Fields reading scripture from Romans 12. Congregational singing led by Jim Fields.

In the absence of the Moderator, the meeting was turned over to the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Darrell Gwinn. Rev. Gwinn declared the morning session for business and called for a report from the Credentials Committee and the seating of the delegates.

We, the Credentials Committee, find the letters of the Eau Gallie Church, the Scottsmoor Church and the Cocoa Church in order and in order and recommend the seating of the delegates. MSC

(Signed) Thomas Christian
Maude Wells
J. J. Riffe

The Moderator chose the following to serve on the Credentials Committee at the January meeting; James Fields, G. W. Cloud and Lacey Powers.

The Moderator called for a motion from the floor that the minutes of last session be accepted as written. MSC

OLD BUSINESS:

Page 7, Item (3) as recorded in minutes of last session:

- (3) That the conference churches give consideration for conducting a

combined watch night service and
to report back at next conference
by delegate.

It was decided that the four churches in this
conference will combine their watch night
services and that the place, time and etc.,
to be decided upon by the business committee
and report later in this session. MSC

Page 10, paragraph #3, minutes 27 July 1968.
This item tabled until next session. MSC

Moderator appointed committees. See reports.

Morning devotion led by Arthur Chaffin.
Scripture reading: Ezra 7:10.

After congregational singing, the service
was turned over to Rev. W. A. Hansley, our
State Promotional Representative, from Ocala,
Florida, who brought the morning message.
Scripture: Titus 2:11-14. Brother Hansley
spoke to us about the New Testament Church,
challenging churches everywhere to return to
strict teaching of the Bible. Our hearts were
stirred by this wonderful message as he brought
to our attention the falling away of many
churches in this country, and the blessed
promise that Christ is coming again to rapture
his church.

Meeting adjourned until 1:00 P.M.

Meeting re-convened at 1:00 P.M., and the
afternoon session declared open for business.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Treasury Balance September 23, 1967 . \$ 136.88

Receipts: Dues Collected	\$ 180.00
Scholarship Fund	117.10
Special Offering	<u>26.10</u>

\$ 323.20

Expenses: Victory Assoc.	\$	30.00
Cocoa F.W.B. for		25.00
Assoc. Expenses		
State Co-op Plan		18.00
Printed Materials		93.30
(Minutes, etc.)		
Misc. (envelopes,		6.28
stamps, phone		
calls, etc.)		
Youth Camp		25.00
W. T. Jones (Love		26.10
Offering)		
	\$	223.68

Balance in Treasury September 14, 1968 \$ 236.40

Breakdown:

Scholarship Fund:	\$	117.10
Mid East Coast :		<u>119.30</u>
	\$	236.40

MSC

The Moderator called for reports fo committees selected at the morning session.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: We, the Business Committee, recommend the following.

(1) That the combined watch night service be held at the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church; the pastors to arrange the order of service. MSC

(2) The following changes be made in the Constitution and By-Laws of the Mid East Coast Association of Free Will Baptists of Florida.

(a) Article IV, Section I, strike word (October).

(b) Article VII, Meetings, change to September.

(c) By-Laws -- Item #10, change Central to Victory. (2 places)

MSC

(3) That a love offering be lifted and given to Rev. Hansley. MSC Love Offering: \$13.75,

The Church Letters of the Eau Gallie Church, the Cocoa Church and the Scottsmeer Church were read by the Clerk. MSC The Titusville Letter will be forthcoming.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: We, the Pulpit Committee recommend the following: Brother Ray Wells, morning devotion, Rev. W. T. Turnbough, morning message and James Christian, afternoon devotion. MSC

(Signed) Thomas Christian
Ann Shupe
Maude Wells

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next conference be held at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church, 4-19-69. MSC

(Signed) Judith Fountain
Zora Haynes
Johnnie Carroll

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, The Obituary Committee, are happy to report that there have been no deaths reported in our conference in the last three months. We thank God for his mercies and goodness to our brothers and sisters in Christ. MSC

(Signed) Sarah Riffe
Catherine Morgan
Jenny M. Johnson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperance Committee, urge that we be very temperate in our way of walk. In reference to the scripture, 1 Thess. 5:22, "Abstain from all appearance of evil", such as habit-forming drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco and wearing of apparel. Our bodies are the temple of God and we should treat it as such, that we might not be a stumbling block to our sinner friends. MSC

(Signed) Gracie Chaffin
Shirley Ham
W. T. Turnbough

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the Appreciation Committee of the Mid East Coast Quarterly Conference, wish to thank the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful and warm hospitality and the delicious food that was prepared. We request that this body all stand to show our appreciation of all we have received. MSC

(Signed) Norma Combs
Maude Wells
Elva Turnbough

Letter to the Ordaining Council:

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie, wish to recommend Brother James Fields to the Ordaining Council to be examined, for a license to preach the gospel.

(Signed) Judith A. Fountain
Church Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Brother James Fields and we recommend that he be granted license to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. MSC

(Signed) D. R. Gwinn
W. T. Turnbough
J. J. Riffe

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Ordained Ministers	7	4
Licensed Ministers	1	2
Ordained Deacons	15	14
Total Membership	304	253
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	3	2
Enrollment of WMA	84	61
Enrollment of CTS	167	140
Enrollment of Masters Men	27	27
Enrollment of Sunday School	443	364
Died	2	0
Paid Pastors	8,953.73	10,249.35
Value of Church Property	181,162.00	154,225.00

Attendees

Clerks	3
Ministers	4
Deacons	6
Delegates	9
Visiting Ministers	1
Visitors	<u>18</u>
Total Present	41

(Signed) Shirley Ham
Statistical Clerk

MSC

The Moderator declared the floor open for officers for 1968-1969.

Moderator: W. T. Turnbough nominated, he declined; W. C. Combs nominated, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

Assistant Moderator: W. T. Turnbough nominated, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

TREASURER: Robert Allen nominated, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

CLERK: Elva Turnbough nominated, Jenny Johnson nominated, Jenny Johnson declined, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

STATISTICAL CLERK: Shirley Ham nominated, she declined; Geraldine Gwinn nominated, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Nominations were open to replace 2 members going off board -- L. Hallum and Billie Combs (who was never replaced). G. W. Cloud nominated for 5 year man and J. J. Riffe nominated for the 4 year man, a motion that nominations cease, second, carried.

EXECUTIVE BOARD (Active):

G. W. Cloud	5 years
J. J. Riffe	4 years
Charles Allen	3 years
Frank Brown	2 years
Darrell Gwinn	1 year

Delegates to represent Mid East Coast Conference at Victory Association:

Jenny Johnson	Gracie Chaffin
Norma Combs	Mr. & Mrs. E. Craft
Judy Fountain	Richard Wells
Maude Wells	Shirley Ham

A motion that the meeting be adjourned, second, carried.

ANNUAL STATISTICS - FINANGIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes:

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
Pastor's salary	\$ 2,556.58	\$ 5,560.00	\$ 837.15	\$ --
Evangelistic Work	218.26	90.00	--	410.65
Building and repair	2,045.78	6,517.33	2,187.00	70.40
Literature	684.12	344.53	108.77	147.92
Other	452.28	2,131.70	1,479.42	4,506.21

Spent for Outside Causes:

Cooperative Plan	753.10	420.00	561.41	--
Foreign Missions	492.04	--	--	--
Home Missions	172.17	25.00	--	13.12
Education	200.00	1,221.19	20.75	--
Orphanage	--	--	--	585.35
Associational Projects	--	--	--	--
State and National Projects	--	--	--	--
Total Expenditures	8,137.30	17,025.98	1,158.01	5,738.15
Value of Church Property	36,800.00	80,000.00	6,600.00	20,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property	17,000.00	12,362.00	--	15,000.00

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE MID EAST
COAST ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF
FLORIDA

ARTICLE I

NAME: This Association shall be called the Mid East Coast Association of Free Will Baptist of Florida, and shall be composed of such consistent and well regulated Free Will Baptist Churches or Quarterly Conferences, as shall unite in this compact and agree to this constitution.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this organization shall be to unify the work of the various churches or conferences and to promote harmony of feeling and concert of action in adopting and carrying into operation such measures as may promote our Lord's work in the associational meeting and through the association meeting to the regions beyond.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. The conference of this association shall be composed of the standing and elected delegates from the churches or Quarterly Conferences of this Association.

Section 2. The standing delegates of this Association shall be ordained and licensed ministers, deacons, church clerks, members of the Executive Board together with the clerk of the Association.

Section 3. Membership from different churches, representing in Association.

Section 3 (Cont'd)

Each church organization is entitled to two (2) members, plus one (1) delegate for each twenty-five (25) members of church membership or fraction thereof, no church to be allowed more than six (6) elected delegates. These members to be received by vote of standing body of Association together with their letter.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and assistant clerk, and Treasurer, all of whom shall perform such duties as usually devolve upon such officers. These officers shall be elected annually.

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of seven (7) members. The Moderator and Clerk of the Association shall be standing members of this board with five (5) to be elected whose terms of office shall be as follows. One member for one (1) year; one member for two (2) years; one for three (3) years; one for four (4) years; one for five (5) years. The Moderator of the Association shall be the chairman of this board. No member of this board can be absent from three (3) consecutive meetings unless a justifiable reason is given without being automatically disqualified as a member of the board.

Section 3. This association shall have power to elect such Councils and boards as are deemed necessary.

Section 4. These officers shall be men of good REPUTE and active in both their local church and their Quarterly Association Meetings.

ARTICLE V

AUTHORITY: This Association shall have no authority over the churches or Quarterly conferences of which it is composed; but shall act as an advisory body to the local church or Quarterly conference, and shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church or Quarterly conference that becomes unsound in doctrine or corrupt in practice; provided the association has dealt with the church or Quarterly conference according to the National Treatise of Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE VI

QUORUM: Four (4) or more ministers, and/or Deacons from two (2) or more churches or Quarterly conferences shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any regular session of the association.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS: The Association shall meet annually at a place selected by body while in session in annual meeting on Friday and Saturday before third Sunday in September of each year, and in quarterly meeting on Saturday before third Sunday in January, April and July of each year.

ARTICLE VIII

QUALIFICATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR LICENSING AND ORDINATION: The Ordaining Council consisting of three (3), two (2) Ordained Ministers and one (1) Ordained Deacon shall serve as a committee for the Association to examine candidates for license or ordination to the ministry.

ARTICLE VIII (Cont'd)

The Association shall set up the following standards for the ministry:

1. The Candidate must be able to furnish good evidence of a divine call to the ministry.
2. Licensed ministers shall be required to carry license for one year and shall be required to submit in writing a report of their ministry to the local church of which they are a member. This report is to be annual. They must preach twelve (12) or more sermons per year. Said report to accompany the letter requesting the renewal of license. Failure to comply, applicant will not be issued card for next year.

ARTICLE IX

MINISTERS COMING FROM OTHER DENOMINATIONS:

Ministers coming to the Association from other denominations shall be examined in the same manner as any new minister. Any Free Will Baptist minister coming from other Free Will Baptist Associations must conform to article eight (8) and appear for examination before the ordaining council. He must be recommended by a Free Will Baptist Church of which he is a member and shall be received into this body by a majority vote of the members voting.

ARTICLE IX

QUALIFICATIONS OF A DEACON: All persons requested to become a deacon by any local church must serve six (6) months on trial before being ordained. He shall give evidence of possessing the qualifications according to the Word of God.

ARTICLE XI

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended by a 2/3 majority vote of any regular session of this Association, notice having been given at next previous session.

BY-LAWS

1. All sessions shall be opened by singing and reading a portion of GOD's Word and prayer. These shall be closed by prayer.
2. All business except routine, shall be brought before the body by committees, but should any committee refuse to present to this body any business given to it by any member then such business may be presented from the floor, but cannot be discussed unless by a vote of the body.
3. The Moderator, or in his absence, the Assistant Moderator, shall preside over all sessions and shall limit all discussions according to By-Law #4. He shall call to order any and all persons who do not respect the constitution of this Association meeting, and shall have power to stop all discussions when they are not carried on in the spirit of Christ and are leading to confusion in the association.
4. Discussions shall be limited to five (5) minutes and no person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any subject without special permission from the Moderator.
5. No one shall leave the conference without the consent of the Moderator.
6. Anyone desiring to speak shall arise and say, "Brother Moderator" and shall speak no further until they are recognized by the Moderator.
7. All Ministers, Licensed and Ordained members of this Association, shall report to the association in person and by letter except in emergencies explained by Letter, representing said ministers.

BY-LAWS (Cont'd)

8. All officers of the Association shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a majority vote at the end of the session.
9. All committees shall be appointed by the Moderator, but any appointment may be changed by a majority vote of the body.
10. Each Church in the Association shall require its pastor to be a member of some church in good standing and full fellowship in the Victory Association and said pastor shall hold a certificate of Ministerial standing issued by said Victory Yearly Meeting.
11. These By-Laws may be amended or altered by a 2/3 majority vote of any regular session of the Association Meeting..

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