

MINUTES

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of the

MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

OF FLORIDA

FOURTEENTH QUARTERLY SESSION BEING HELD WITH

THE SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

18 JANUARY 1969

OFFICERS FOR 1968-1969

Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator

Rev. W. T. Turnbough, Asst Moderator

Elva Turnbough, Clerk

Robert Allen, Treasurer

Geraldine Gwinn, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

4-19-69

1228 Hendry Avenue

Cocoa, Florida

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

7-26-69

938 Lytton Road

Eau Gallie, Florida

MID-EAST COAST MINISTERS

DARRELL GWINN
213 Harrison Street
Titusville, Florida

W. T. TURNBOUGH
2681 Sadler Lane
Eau Gallie, Florida

GLEN SPENCE
McGraw, West Virginia

RONALD NEWMAN
549 Stewart Road
Eau Gallie, Florida

JAMES FIELDS
1948 Jefferson Avenue
Eau Gallie, Florida

LACEY POWERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

O. K. WEEHUNT
Scottsmeer, Florida

W. C. COMBS
1715 Calvados Drive
Cocoa, Florida

CECIL ROGERS
Eau Gallie, Florida

WADE POWERS
Scottsmeer, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

Darrell R. Gwinn
Ronald A. Newman
James Fields
W. T. Turnbough
W. C. Combs
Wade Powers

CHURCH

Titusville
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Scottsmeer

DEACONS

Thomas Christian
James R. Thomason
Arthur Chaffin
Homer Hallum
Ray Wells
G. W. Cloud
Charles H. Allen

Cocoa
Titusville
Cocoa
Scottsmeer
Eau Gallie
Eau Gallie
Scottsmeer

DELEGATES

Jim Fountain
Lula Christian
Robert H. Allen
Norma Combs
Geraldine Gwinn
Debbie Gwinn
Marcia Garrison
Mary Helen Newman
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Craft
Mr. & Mrs. Silas Haynes
Shirley Wells
Bill Bailes
Delma Bailes
Elva Turnbough

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ATTENDEES (Cont'd)

CLERKS

Judy Fountain
Jenny Johnson
Helen Allen

CHURCH

Eau Gallie
Cocoa
Scottsmoor

VISITORS

Nancy Wright
Rhonda Wright
Regina Fountain
Janet Johnson
Judy Johnson
Jimmy Christian
Jeff Gwinn
Mark Combs
Gregg Combs
Scott Combs
Lena Cloud
Shirley Ham
Sandy Gwinn
Rebecca Gwinn
Billie J. Thompson
Theresa Little
Scott Thompson
Gracie Chaffin
Bobby Chaffin
Becky Chaffin
Rocky Wells
Vicki Wells
Shane Wells
Robyn Wells
Doris Allen

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The fourteenth quarterly session of the Mid-East Coast Quarterly Conference convened at the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday morning, 18 January 1969, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Darrell Gwinn. The devotional was given by Ray Wells reading I Peter 5:1-11.

The meeting was turned over to the Moderator, Rev. W. C. Combs, who declared the morning session open for business and called for the report from the Credentials Committee and the seating of the delegates.

We, your Credentials Committee, find the following in order: First Free Will Baptist of Titusville, Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church, Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church and First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie.

(Signed) James Fields
G. W. Cloud

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

The minutes of the last session were approved as read.

The Moderator called for the reading of the correspondence.

Letter to Mid-East Quarterly Conference:

We, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Eau Gallie, having met at our regular business meeting on January 2, 1969 do recommend that

Bro. Ronald Newman be ordained as a minister of God.

After having been set aside for one year under the leadership of the conference as a licensed minister and the watch care of the church, we know and feel that Bro. Newman has met all the requirements to stand and preach the Word of God according to the Bible and those required of a Free Will Baptist minister.

The above request made by the blessing of our church on Bro. Newman for the furtherance of the work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully,
W. T. Turnbough, Pastor
Judith Fountain, Sec'y

A motion was made that the letter from the Eau Gallie Church be accepted and turned over to the Ordaining Council, second and carried.

Moderator appointed committees. See reports.

Morning devotion led by Rev. Wade Powers.
Scripture reading: Psalms 7:10.

After singing the congregation met for prayer and fellowship around the altar. Following the special numbers by the Cocoa Trio, Rev. W. T. Turnbough brought the message using "God's Man and His Message" as the text. Scripture was taken from I Timothy 4:9-16. We were reminded that God has one plan for all believers. We must be converted, called, clean and courageous. God has one message of salvation, separation and compassion.

Rev. W. C. Combs asked the blessing on the food

and the morning session was adjourned for lunch.

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

Bro. James Christian led the afternoon devotion reading II Thessalonians 3:1-5.

The church letters were read by the clerk. A motion was made that these letters be accepted as read. The motion was amended to add Rev. Cecil Roger's name as a minister to the Cocoa letter. Second and carried.

The Moderator called for the report of the Ordaining Council.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, the Ordaining Council, have examined Bro. Ronald Newman and find him of sound doctrine according to scripture. MSC

(Signed) W. C. Combs
Darrell Gwinn
Charles H. Allen)

Rev. W. T. Turnbough gave the charge to Rev. Ronald Newman reading from I Timothy 3:1-7. Prayer by Rev. Darrell Gwinn. W. C. Cloud extended the right hand of fellowship, welcoming Rev. Newman into the conference as a minister.

Bro. Ray and Sis. Shirley Wells were appointed by the Moderator to work with our youth activities in the Mid-East Coast Quarterly Conference.

The Moderator called for the reports of committees appointed at the morning session.

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

(1) That a letter be sent to Congressman Ed Gurney, requesting that he send a recommendation to the Congress of the United States that Bible reading and prayer be permitted back in our schools and that Mr. Gurney be requested to reply to this letter.

(2) An offering be taken and earmarked for the youth work in the Mid-East Coast Conference. These funds be used to promote youth activities in this conference.

(3) Request again that each church send money to Victory Association for Home Mission Board.

(4) Recommend that Ron Newman, Arthur Chaffin, Darrell Gwin be appointed as a committee to investigate the advertising and promotion of the Mid-East Coast church activities. MSC

(Signed) Ray Wells
Ron Newman
Tom Christian

An offering of \$47.00 was received at this time for the youth work.

PULPIT COMMITTEE: We, the Pulpit Committee, recommend the following: Bro. Charles Allen, morning devotion, Bro. Ronald Newman, morning message and Bro. Arthur Chaffin, afternoon devotion. MSC

(Signed) James Fields
L. H. Hallum
William Bailes

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE: We, the Placement Committee, recommend that the next conference be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Eau Gallie, 7/26/69. MSC

(Signed) Shirley Wells
Charles Allen
Bob Allen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: We, the Obituary Committee, regret to report the death of Ike Lunsford, 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 better place. MSC

(Signed) Jenny Johnson
Theresa Little
Debbie Gwinn

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE: We, the Temperance Committee recommend that all members of the churches in our conference be very temperate in this life, that we all be sober minded in all things especially in our work and conduct for God. Abstaining from all appearances of evil and keeping our bodies the temple of God so as not to become a stumbling block for others. MSC

(Signed) Silas Haynes
J. J. Riffe
James C. Fountain

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE: We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church for the wonderful fellowship and delicious food we have all received here today. We request that the body all stand to show our love and deepest appreciation. MSC

(Signed) Judy Fountain
Norma Combs
Nellie Craft

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>This Report</u>	<u>Last Report</u>
Ordained Ministers	7	7
Licensed Ministers	2	1
Ordained Deacons	14	15
Total Membership	282	304
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	3	3
Enrollment of Woman's Aux.	72	84
Enrollment of CTS	180	167
Enrollment of Master's Men	27	27
Enrollment of Sunday School	442	443
Deceased	1	2
Paid Pastors	3,440.42	8,953.73
Value of Church Property	193,162.00	181,162.00

Attendees

Clerks	3
Ministers	6
Deacons	7
Delegates	14
Visitors	<u>25</u>
Total Present	55

(Signed) Geraldine Gwinn
Statistical Clerk

MSC

Motion made that necessary corrections be made in the Constitution and By-Laws as printed in Minutes of last session. Second and carried.

The treasurer's report was given as follows:

Treasury Balance September 14, 1968		\$236.40
Receipts: Dues (3 churches)		45.00
Scholarship Fund		<u>27.00</u>
Total Receipts		\$308.40
Expenses:		
Scholarship Fund Savings Account	\$144.10	
Dues to Victory Ass'n	30.00	
F.W.B. Cooperative Fund	4.50	
Brevard Printing Co.	<u>35.00</u>	
Total Expense		<u>213.60</u>
Balance in Treasury January 18, 1969		\$ 94.80
Scholarship Fund:		
Savings Account	\$144.10	
Interest	<u>1.44</u>	
Balance in Scholarship Savings Account	\$145.54	
Scholarship Fund Savings Account		\$145.54
Mid-East Coast Checking Account		<u>94.80</u>
Total Balance		\$240.34

MSC

Motion made that we adjourn, second and carried.

ANNUAL STATISTICS - FINANCIAL REPORT

Spent for Local Causes:

	<u>Cocoa</u>	<u>Eau Gallie</u>	<u>Titusville</u>	<u>Scottsmoor</u>
Pastor's Salary	\$ 1,694.16	\$ 1,537.00	\$ 209.26	\$ --
Evangelistic Work	263.40	142.75	--	--
Building and Repair	156.72	2,113.86	6,247.27	36.24
Literature	333.70	231.59	30.19	112.45
Other	2,216.20	894.94	378.95	935.71

Spent for Outside Causes:

Cooperative Plan	322.02	140.00	136.45	--
Foreign Missions	294.28	100.00	--	--
Home Missions	104.82	--	--	--
Childrens Home	--	75.00	--	237.76
Bible College	--	277.76	7.00	--
Total Expenditures	\$ 5,340.30	5,512.90	7,009.12	1,322.16
Value of Church Property	36,800.00	80,000.00	12,000.00	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 CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTIST OF FLORIDA

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference shall be to unify the work of the various churches 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 conference meeting and through the conference meeting to the regions beyond.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. The conference shall be composed of the standing and elected delegates from the churches of this Quarterly Conference.

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

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

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 conference together with their letter.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of this conference 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 conference 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 conference 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 conference 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 Conference meetings.

ARTICLE V

AUTHORITY: This conference shall have no authority over the churches of which it is composed; but shall act as an advisory body to the local church and shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church that becomes unsound in doctrine or corrupt in practice; provided the conference has dealt with the church 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 shall constitute a quorum to transact business at any regular session of the conference.

ARTICLE VII

MEETINGS: The conference 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 conference to examine candidates for license or ordination to the ministry.

ARTICLE VIII (Cont'd)

The conference 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 conference 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 X

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 XL

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds majority vote of any regular session of this conference, 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 conference 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 conference.
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 conference, shall report to the conference in person and by letter except in emergencies explained by letter, representing said ministers.

BY-LAWS (Cont'd)

8. All officers of the conference 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 conference shall require its pastor to be a member of some church in good standing and full fellowship in the Mid-East Coast Conference and said pastor shall hold a certificate of Ministerial standing issued by the Victory Association Yearly Meeting of which this conference is a member.

11. These By-Laws may be amended or altered by a two-thirds majority vote of any regular session of the conference meeting.

MID-EAST COAST CLERKS

JUDY FOUNTAIN
1848 Oakwood Drive
Eau Gallie, Florida

JENNY JOHNSON
1107 Burnham Street
Cocoa, Florida

IRENE THOMASON
2735 Starlite Drive
Titusville, Florida

HELEN ALLEN
Scottsmoor, Florida

Minutes
MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA

Fifteenth Quarterly Session Being Held With
THE COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Cocoa, Florida

APRIL 19 1969

OFFICERS FOR 1968 - 1969

REV. DARRELL GWINN, Assistant Moderator
REV. W. C. COMBS, Moderator
RAY WELLS, Clerk
ROBERT ALLEN, Treasurer
GERALDINE GWINN, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD

July 26, 1969

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
938 Lytton Road
Eau Gallie, Florida
September 20, 1969

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
5311 South Barnes Avenue
Titusville, Florida

MID - EAST COAST MINISTERS

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GLEN SPENCEMcGraw, West Virginia
RONALD NEWMANVero Beach, Florida
JAMES FIELDS1948 Jefferson Avenue, Eau Gallie, Florida
LACEY POWERSEau Gallie, Florida
O. K. WEEHUNTScottsmoor, Florida
W. C. COMBS1715 Calvados Drive, Cocoa, Florida
CECIL ROGERSEau Gallie, Florida
WADE POWERSScottsmoor, Florida

GENERAL OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

ModeratorW. C. Combs
Assistant ModeratorDarrell Gwinn
ClerkRay Wells
TreasurerRobert Allen
Statistical ClerkGeraldine Gwinn
EXECUTIVE BOARD: G. W. Cloud (73); J. J. Riffe (72); Charles Allen (71);
Frank Brown (70); Darrell Gwinn (69)
HOME MISSION BOARD: O. K. Weehunt (73); Robert Allen (72); Ronald
Newman (71); Arthur Chaffin (70); Darrell Gwinn (69)
YOUTH DIRECTORS: Ray Wells, Shirley Wells (69)

MID - EAST COAST CLERKS

JUDY FOUNTAIN1848 Oakwood Drive, Eau Gallie, Florida
JENNY JOHNSON1107 Burnham Street, Cocoa, Florida
HELEN ALLENScottsmoor, Florida
GERALDINE GWINN213 Harrison Street, Titusville, Florida

ATTENDEES

MINISTERS

CHURCH

I. R. Maloy	Cocoa
Darrell R. Gwinn	Titusville
Ronald A. Newman	Vero Beach
James Fields	Eau Gallie
W. T. Turnbough	Eau Gallie
W. C. Combs	Cocoa
Wade Powers	Scottsmoor
O. K. Weehunt	Scottsmoor

DEACONS

Thomas Christian	Cocoa
Arthur Chaffin	Cocoa
Ray Wells	Eau Gallie
G. W. Cloud	Eau Gallie
Charles H. Allen	Scottsmoor
J. J. Riffe	Scottsmoor
Ross Holbrook	Titusville

DELEGATES

Robert H. Allen	Scottsmoor
Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Craft	Eau Gallie
Shirley Wells	Eau Gallie
Lillian Bush	Titusville
Lilly Brown	Eau Gallie
Frank Brown	Eau Gallie
J. V. Ladd	Eau Gallie
Becky Christian	Cocoa
June Weehunt	Scottsmoor
Gracie Chaffin	Cocoa
Sarah Riffe	Scottsmoor
Shirley Ham	Cocoa

CLERKS

Geraldine Gwinn	Titusville
Jenny Johnson	Cocoa
Helen Allen	Scottsmoor
Elva Turnbough	Conference

ATTENDEES (Continued)

VISITORS	ADDRESS
Mary Powers	Scottsmoor
Lassie Allen	Scottsmoor
Lydie Holbrook	Titusville
Leon Jones	Kissimmee
George Downer	Cocoa
Donnie Combs	Cocoa
Essie Mae Maloy	Cocoa
Norma Combs	Cocoa
Alan Brick	Cocoa
Rev. W. T. Jones	Kissimmee
Rev. Glen Hood	Auburndale
Judy Johnson	Cocoa
Harry Ellis, Jr.	Cocoa
Harry Ellis, Sr.	Cocoa
Ressa Whitaker	Cocoa
Imogene Knight	Cocoa
Leonard Knight	Cocoa
Genevieve Williams	Cocoa
Zora Haynes	Cocoa
Ruby McLain	Cocoa
Sandra Stephens	Cocoa
Bebbie Stephens	Cocoa
Lula Christian	Cocoa
Ocie Lee Jones	Kissimmee
Jimmy Christian	Cocoa
Jeff Gwinn	Titusville
Mark Combs	Cocoa
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Shane Wells	Eau Gallie
Robyn Wells	Eau Gallie
Doris Allen	Scottsmoor

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, April 19, 1969 — 10:00 A. M.

The fifteenth quarterly session convened at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, led by Rev. Darrell Gwinn. Led to prayer by Brother G. W. Cloud. Devotional led by Charles Allen reading from Psalm 133.

The meeting was turned over to the Moderator, who declared the morning session open for business. Welcome was given to visiting ministers and visitors. Body recognized standing delegates until Credentials Committee Report given.

Correspondence was read and referred to proper channels by body vote.

State Promotional Sect., Rev. Wingate Hansley, gave a report on the State work and its progress. Cottondale work re-opened and Orange Park doing very well.

A letter, requested at last session, to be written to Ed Gurney, was read. MSC

Credentials Committee Report given and Delegates seated by Body Vote.

MSC to approve minutes as printed in fourteenth session.

Letters of resignation from Sister Elva Turnbough and Rev. W. T. Turnbough were read and motion was made to accept them. Second and carried.

Recommendation to receive Rev. Wade Powers was referred to the Ordaining Council.

Report made. MSC (see reports for info) Financial.

Brother Ronald Newman gave an excellent detailed report on the work at Vero Beach.

Committees appointed. (see reports)

Congregational singing, led by Brother Maloy.

Prayer for the morning message, led by Rev. Glen Hood.

A most inspiring message was then brought by Rev. Ronald Newman from Numbers 32:1-23.

Adjourned for lunch until 1:00 P. M.

Closed in prayer by Rev. W. T. Jones.

Saturday Afternoon, April 19, 1969 — 1:00 P. M.

Reconvened with congregational singing.

Devotional, led by Arthur Chaffin.

Special singing by The Christian Trio and Sister Imogene Knight.

Testamonial Service, and Altar Prayer

Reports Given as follows:

Pulpit Committee	—	MSC	See Reports
Placement Committee		"	"
Appreciation Committee		"	"
Obituary Committee		"	"
Temperance Committee		"	"
Business Committee		"	"

Home Mission Board Elected. See General Officers

Assistant Moderator Elected " " "

Clerk Elected " " "

Missionary Offering was taken in the amount of \$103.52.

Ordaining Council Report MSC. Also the right hand of fellowship was given Brother and Sister Powers. Brother Powers is pastor of the Scottsmoor Church.

Informative talk given by Brother Hansley, who blessed our hearts with a soul-searching message. May God bless him in his efforts for the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's support him with our prayers.

Church letters read. MSC

Statistical Report Given. MSC

Youth Report Given. MSC

Motion to adjourn. Carried

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: We, this committee, recommend the following items of business:

- (1) That \$25.00 be paid to the State Promotional Dept. for Brother Hansley's expense to our meeting.
- (2) Request all churches tithe 10% of its total income.
- (3) That this conference elect a Home Mission Board, consisting of five members and that their term run 5-4-3-2-1 year and the 1-year man be the chairman.
- (4) That a FIRST Missionary offering be taken for the new Home Missionary Board, to support the New Mount Zion Free Will Baptist Church, Vero Beach, Florida.

- (5) That a MEC Co-operative program be presented by Ray Wells at the next conference meeting.
- (6) A Youth Rally be held at the Titusville Church on May 23rd, 1969, Friday Night at 7:30 P. M.
- (7) The Ministers and Deacons minutes be printed in the main body conference minutes.

Signed: Robert Allen, D. R. Gwinn, Ray Wells

PULPIT: We, this committee, recommend the following:

Morning DevotionW. T. Jones
 Morning MessageWade Powers
 Afternoon DevotionO. K. Weehunt

Signed: Tom Christian, I. R. Maloy, Sister Brown

PLACEMENT: We, this committee, recommend that the September meeting be held at the Titusville Free Will Baptist Church.

Signed: O. K. Weehunt, Shirley Ham, Becky Christian

OBITUARY: We, this committee, are pleased to report there were no deaths during the last quarter.

Signed: Lillian Bush, Helen Allen, Geraldine Gwinn

TEMPERANCE: We, this committee, recommend that all the members of the churches in our conference be sober-minded in all things, especially in our work and conduct for God. That we offer assistance and guidance to the young people, and all members in enabling them to abstain from the appearances of evil, so as not to become a stumbling block for others.

Signed: Jenny Johnson, Ronald Newman, Sister Sattler

APPRECIATION: We, this committee, wish to thank the Cocoa Church for the wonderful fellowship and delicious food we have received here today. We request that the body stand to show our love and deepest appreciation.

Signed: Shirley Wells, James Fields, Ross Holbrook

CREDENTIALS: We, this committee, find all church letters to be in order and recommend the delegates be seated.

Signed: Arthur Chaffin, J. J. Riffe, E. L. Craft

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, this council, recommend that Rev. Wade Powers be received into this body in full fellowship.

Signed: Cecil Combs, Darrell Gwinn, Charles Allen

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Enrollment of Sunday School	476	442
Deceased	0	1
Paid Pastors	\$3,336.70	\$3,440.42
Value of Church Property	\$211,162.00	\$193,162.00

Attendees

Clerks 4 Ministers 8 Deacons 7 Delegates 13 Visitors 39 Total 71
Signed: Geraldine Gwinn, Statistical Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasury Balance: Jan. 18, 1969		\$ 94.80
Receipts:		
Dues	\$75.00	
Scholarship Fund	37.00	
Youth Program	47.00	
	<hr/> \$159.00	<hr/> 159.00
Total (Receipts plus Balance)		<hr/> \$253.80
Paid Out:		
Brevard Printing Co.	\$44.00	
Scholarship Fund	37.00	
Co-Operative Plan	7.50	
	<hr/> 88.50	<hr/> 88.50
Balance in General Fund 4-19-69		<hr/> \$165.30
Note: Scholarship Fund Savings Account		\$182.54
Total General Fund & Scholarship Fund		\$347.84

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME:

	Eau Gallie	Cocoa	Tiusville	Scottsmoor
General Church Offering	\$1,840.18	\$ 279.74	\$ 141.03	\$ 741.48
Sunday School Offering	2,352.80	3,281.18	1,236.46	188.23
Auxiliary	43.03	199.11	---	---
C. T. S.	---	78.06	---	---
Special Offerings	100.00	325.29	126.02	336.09
*Bond Sales			10,450.00	
TOTAL	\$4,336.01	\$4,085.32	\$11,953.51	\$1,265.80

PAID OUT:

Pastor's Salary	\$1,077.00	\$1,745.00	\$ 514.70	-0-
Evangelistic Work	-0-	243.68	100.00	-0-
Building & Repairs (Mortgages)	1,967.05	777.18	12,423.18	-0-
Literature	159.11	297.16	43.93	49.00
Co-Operative Plan	105.00	222.52	143.42	-0-
Foreign Missions	85.00	105.00	-0-	-0-
Home Missions	45.00	11.61	-0-	43.00
Children's Home	-0-	-0-	-0-	128.71
Bible College	205.65	200.00	-0-	-0-
Youth Camp	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Scholarship Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	3.00
Other	714.00	454.61	-0-	915.65
TOTAL	\$4,312.81	\$3,855.76	\$13,225.23	\$1,139.36

Minutes of Ministers and Deacons Meeting

April 19, 1969

The meeting was called to order with Hymn #24, and an altar of prayer.

Brother James Fields brought a short devotional from the Book of Acts.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

The reports for the quarter from the Ministers and Deacons, were read and accepted.

There was no old business.

Brother J. J. Riffe, from Scottsmoor, read a letter, recommending Rev. Wade Powers, from the South West Association of Free Will Baptists. It was moved and seconded that Brother Powers be accepted by this meeting and the right hand of Christian fellowship be extended. The motion carried.

The Moderator read a letter from Rev. W. T. Turnbough requesting a letter of recommendation from this meeting. It was moved and seconded this request be granted and the clerk be instructed to write the letter. The motion carried.

It was suggested that Revivals be scheduled by conference members so that they do not conflict with each other.

It was suggested that the conference purchase a tent for use in starting new works.

The Moderator made several comments and suggestions for furthering the work in this area.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned with prayer. Rev. Cecil Combs brought the message.

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OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA

Sixteenth Quarterly Session Being Held With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Eau Gallie, Florida

JULY 26TH, 1969

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REV. W. C. COMBS, Moderator
REV. DARRELL GWINN, Assistant Moderator
RAY WELLS, Clerk
ROBERT ALLEN, Treasurer
GERALDINE GWINN, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD

September 20, 1969
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
5311 South Barnes Avenue
Titusville, Florida

JANUARY 17TH, 1970

COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

1228 Henrly Avenue

Cocoa, Florida

MID - EAST COAST MINISTERS

DARRELL GWINN213 Harrison Street, Titusville, Florida
GLEN SPENCEMcGraw, West Virginia
RONALD NEWMANVero Beach, Florida
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O. K. WEEHUNT*GA*.....Scottsmoor, Florida
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WADE POWERS*W. VA*.....Scottsmoor, Florida
WILLIE T. JONES2681 Sadler Lane, Eau Gallie, Florida
JAMES L. CHRISTIANCocoa, Florida

GENERAL OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

ModtratorW. C. Combs
Assistant ModeratorDarrell Gwinn
ClerkRay Wells
TreasurerRobert Allen
Statistical ClerkGeraldine Gwinn
EXECUTIVE BOARD: G. W. Cloud (73); J. J. Riffe (72); Charles Allen (71);
Frank Brown (70); Darrell Gwinn (69)
HOME MISSION BOARD: James C. Fountain (73); Robert Allen (72); Ron-
ald Newman (71); Arthur Chaffin (70); Darrell Gwinn (69)
Frank Brown (70); Darrell Gwinn (69)

MID - EAST COAST CLERKS

JUDY FOUNTAIN1848 Oakwood Drive, Eau Gallie, Florida
JENNY JOHNSON1107 Burnham Street, Cocoa, Florida
HELEN ALLENScottsmoor, Florida
GERALDINE GWINN213 Harrison Street, Titusville, Florida

ATTENDEES

Ministers	Church
Darrell R. Gwinn	Titusville
Ronald A. Newman	Vero Beach
James Fields	Eau Gallie
W. C. Combs	Cocoa
Wade Powers	Scottsmoor
Lacey Powers	Scottsmoor
Willie T. Jones	Eau Gallie

DEACONS

Thomas Christian	Cocoa
Arthur Chaffin	Cocoa
Ray Wells	Eau Gallie
G. W. Cloud	Eau Gallie
Charles H. Allen	Scottsmoor
J. J. Riffe	Scottsmoor
Dewey North	Eau Gallie
James Fountain	Eau Gallie

DELEGATES

Robert H. Allen	Scottsmoor
Gary Harris	Eau Gallie
Shirley Wells	Eau Gallie
Debbie Gwinn	Titusville
Ann Shupe	Eau Gallie
Delma Bailes	Eau Gallie
J. V. Ladd	Eau Gallie
Becky Christian	Cocoa
Doris Allen	Scottsmoor
Norma Combs	Cocoa
Sarah Riffe	Scottsmoor
Jim Christian	Cocoa
Linda Hannah	Eau Gallie
G. E. Allen	Scottsmoor
Arthur Jones	Scottsmoor

CLERKS

Geraldine Gwinn	Titusville
Jenny Johnson	Cocoa
Helen Allen	Scottsmoor
Judy Fountain	Eau Gallie

ATTENDEES (Continued)

Visitors	Address
Mary Powers	Scottsmoor
Mrs. R. A. Newman	Vero Beach
Evelyn Hitziger	Vero Beach
F. E. Brown	Eau Gallie
Shirley Ham	Cocoa
Lillie Brown	Eau Gallie
Essie Mae Maloy	Cocoa
John Bailes	Eau Gallie
David Bailes	Eau Gallie
Bill Graham	Eau Gallie
Richard Wells	Eau Gallie
Maude Wells	Eau Gallie
Nancy Wright	Eau Gallie
Rhonda Wright	Eau Gallie
Lisa Wright	Eau Gallie
Bernice Fields	Eau Gallie
Regina Fountain	Eau Gallie
Myrtle Fountain	Eau Gallie
Leroy Fountain	Eau Gallie
Yvonne Peaks	Eau Gallie
Janice Wilder	Eau Gallie
Terrace Wilder	Eau Gallie
Kimberly Wilder	Eau Gallie
Ocie Lee Jones	Eau Gallie
Vincent E. Wilder	Eau Gallie
Jeff Gwinn	Titusville
Mark Combs	Cocoa
Gregg Combs	Cocoa
Scott Combs	Cocoa
Dorothy Griffith	Eau Gallie
Bill Wilson	Eau Gallie
Rocky Wells	Eau Gallie
Vicki Wells	Eau Gallie
Robyn Wells	Eau Gallie

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, July 26, 1969 — 10:00 A. M.

The Sixteenth quarterly session convened at the Eau Gallie Church.

The meeting was opened with the singing of "At Calvary," led by Darrell Gwinn, followed by J. J. Riffe leading in prayer.

The clerk extended the conference appreciation and introduced the Officers to the body. The morning devotional leader was introduced. The home pastor, Rev. Willie T. Jones, brought devotional from Hebrews 2:14-18.

The Moderator came and opened the floor for business.

Correspondence was read and referred to the proper channels.

Brother Jones and G. W. Cloud gave reports on the National Association meeting, held in St. Louis, Missouri.

Credentials report was read and accepted.

Conference letters were read and adopted by the body, and delegates were seated.

The Moderator then appointed the committees to transact today's business. (See committee reports.) Ray Wells then presented a M. E. C. Co-operative plan proposal. MSC to accept the proposal as information only. Ed's. note: This proposal was later turned over to the Executive and Mission Board for a study.

Dismissed from the morning business with the singing of, "Send The light."

Rev. Wade Powers brought the morning message, preaching from Acts 20:18, plus a few other scriptures. A wonderful and most inspiring message about our Free Will Baptists and how we should believe and be devoted to this, and if we call ourselves Free Will Baptists, then we ought to act like Free Will Baptists. Amen.

After the message we had fellowship and singing, "Victory In Jesus."

Dismissed for lunch by Tom Christian.

Saturday Afternoon, July 26, 1969 — 1:00 A. M.

Re-convened with the singing of, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder," led by Jim Christian.

In the absence of O. K. Weehunt, Brother Jim Christian gave the evening devotional by reading the entire chapter of I Corinthians.

A group of the girls got together and filled our hearts with some special singing.

We then sang "Amazing Grace," followed by fellowship with an altar of prayer.

The Moderator then came and opened the business session.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Financial report, given by Treasurer. MSC.

Pulpit report. MSC.

Placement Committee report. MSC.

Appreciation Committee report. MSC.

Obituary Committee report. MSC

Temperance Committee report. MSC

Business Committee report. MSC.

Motion made to replace O. K. Weehunt on the Mission Board as he has moved from the State. James C. Fountain was elected by acclamation.

The Home Mission Board gave its report along with a proposal. The report was accepted as information.

Motion was made by Ray Wells that the Mission Board proposal and the MEC Co-operative proposal be tabled until September, and that these proposals be reviewed by the Executive Board and Home Mission Board and that they recommend a unified plan to the next session of business in September.

Ordaining Council report was given. MSC.

A special Home Mission offering was lifted for \$28.00.

A motion was made to send \$25.00 to the Youth Camp.

Motion made to adjourn.

Adjourned this session in prayer, led by Charles Allen.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUSINESS COMMITTEE: We, this committee, recommend the following items of business:

- (1) That the Scholarship Fund be discontinued and the funds be transferred to the MEC Home Mission Board.
- (2) No action to be taken on the 10% tithes being sent to the State.
- (3) That we write a letter to the Brevard County School Board stating our opposition to the Sex Education program in Public Schools. This letter to be composed and written by the Clerk and Moderator.

Signed: Arthur Chaffin

Signed: Arthur Chaffin, G. W. Cloud, J. J. Riffe

PULPIT: We, this committee, recommend the following:

Morning DevotionArthur Chaffin
Morning MessageW. T. Jones
Afternoon DevotionJames Fields

Signed: Ann Shupe, Norma Combs, Delma Bailes

PLACEMENT: We, this committee, recommend that the January meeting be held at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church.

Signed: Thomas Christian, Wade Powers, Gary Harris

OBITUARY: We, this committee, are pleased to report there were no deaths during the last quarter.

Signed: Ron Newman, Linda Hannah, Lacey Powers

TEMPERANCE: We, this committee, recommend that all the members of the churches in our conference be sober-minded in all things, especially in our work and conduct for God. That we offer assistance and guidance to the young people, and all members in enabling them to abstain from the appearances of evil, so as not to become a stumbling block for others.

Signed: R. H. Allen, Shirley Wells, Lilly Brown

APPRECIATION: We, this committee, wish to thank the Eau Gallie Church for the wonderful fellowship and delicious food we have received here today. We request that the body stand to show our love and deepest appreciation.

Signed: Sarah Riffe, Essie Mae Malloy, Debbie Gwinn

CREDENTIALS: We, this committee, find all church letters to be in order and recommend the delegates be seated.

Signed: Charles Allen, J. V. Ladd, F. E. Brown

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, this council, recommend that Brother James Lee Christian be granted a license to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ for one year, under the watch care of the church. We also recommend Rev. W. T. Jones into full fellowship of this conference.

STATISTICAL REPORT — JULY 26, 1969

	Last Report	This Report
Ordained Ministers	10	11
Licensed Ministers	1	1
Ordained Deacons	14	19
Total Membership	301	314
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	3	4
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Youth Program	16.41	
Mt. Zion F.B.C. Church	103.52	
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	\$187.18	\$187.18

Total (Receipts plus Balance) \$352.48

Paid Out:

National Assn. CTS	\$ 27.98	
Brevard Printing Co.	50.00	
Scholarship Fund	7.25	
Co-Operative Plan	6.00	
State Prom. Secretary	25.00	
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	\$219.75	\$219.75

Balance in General Fund — 7-26-69 \$132.73

Note: Scholarship Fund Savings Account \$193.34

Total General Fund & Scholarship Fund

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MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE — JULY 25, 1969

The meeting was opened with Hymn No. 130. Brother Darrell Gwinn brought the Devotional. His text was I Corinthians, chapter 13.

We had prayer around the Altar.

The Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

The Ministers and Deacons Report was read and approved.

There was no old business.

Rev. W. T. Jones was introduced to the conference. Brothers Glenn Shupe, Dewey North, Jim Fountain, and Paul Francisco, were introduced as new Deacons from the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church. It was moved and seconded that these men receive the right hand of Christian Fellowship. MSC.

It was moved that each minister prepare an Information Report, to be presented quarterly, of his Church's progress. MSC.

It was moved to send \$25.00 as a donation to Youth Camp. MSC.

Rev. W. T. Jones was appointed to bring the Message at the next meeting. Also, Brother Glenn Shupe was appointed to bring the Devotional at the next meeting.

The date of our next Ministers and Deacons meeting will be on September 19, 1969, at the Titusville Church.

Brother Wade Powers brought the message.

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OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF FLORIDA

Fourth Annual (Seventeenth Quarterly) Session
Being Held With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Titusville, Florida
SEPTEMBER 20th, 1969

OFFICERS FOR 1969 - 1970

REV. WILLIE T. JONES, Moderator
REV. DALE VANDERBURG, Assistant Moderator
RAY WELLS, Clerk
ROBERT ALLEN, Treasurer
HELEN ALLEN, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD

JANUARY 17th, 1970
COCOA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
1228 Hendry Avenue — Cocoa, Florida

APRIL 18th, 1970
SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

MID-EAST COAST MINISTERS

DARRELL GWINN 213 Harrison Street, Titusville, Florida
RONALD NEWMAN Citrus Park Village, 416 A-12, Vero Beach, Florida
JAMES FIELDS 1948 Jefferson Avenue, Eau Gallie, Florida
LACEY POWERS Eau Gallie, Florida
DALE VANDERBURG Box 72, Scottsmoor, Florida
W. C. COMBS 1715 Calvados Drive, Cocoa, Florida
WILLIE T. JONES 2861 Sadler Lane, Eau Gallie, Florida
JAMES L. CHRISTIAN Cocoa, Florida
I. R. MALLOY 1420 Walter Street, Cocoa, Florida

GENERAL OFFICERS, BOARDS, COMMITTEES

Moderator Willie T. Jones
Assistant Moderator Dale Vanderburg
Clerk Ray Wells
Treasurer Robert Allen
Statistical Clerk Helen Allen

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Darrell Gwinn (74); G. W. Cloud (73); J. J. Riffe (72);
Charles Allen (71); Frank Brown (70).

HOME MISSION BOARD: Darrel Gwinn (74); James C. Fountain (73);
Robert Allen (72); Ronald Newman (71); Arthur Chaffin (70);
Frank Brown (70).

ORDAINING COUNCIL: W. C. Combs, Darrell Gwinn, Charles Allen

YOUTH DIRECTORS: Dale Vanderburg, Shirley Vanderburg

MID-EAST COAST CLERKS

JOHN GREER 614 Rollins Street, Melbourne, Florida
JENNY JOHNSON 1107 Burnham Street, Cocoa, Florida
L. H. HALLUM Scottsmoor, Florida
GERALDINE GWINN 213 Harrison Street, Titusville, Florida

ATTENDEES

Ministers

	Church
Darrell R. Gwinn	Titusville
Ronald Newman	Vero Beach
James Fields	Eau Gallie
W. C. Combs	Cocoa
Lacey Powers	Scottsmoor
Willie T. Jones	Eau Gallie
Dale Vanderburg	Scottsmoor
Jim Christian	Cocoa

Deacons

Church

J. R. Thomason	
Arthur Chaffin	Cocoa
Ray Wells	Eau Gallie
G. W. Cloud	Eau Gallie
Charles H. Allen	Scottsmoor
J. J. Riffe	Scottsmoor
Ross Holbrook	Titusville
Ray Wells	Eau Gallie
J. E. Christian	Titusville

Delegates

Church

Barbara A. Fisher (Alternate)	Scottsmoor
Richard Wells	Eau Gallie
Maude Wells	Eau Gallie
Debbie Gwinn	Titusville
Bernice Fields	Eau Gallie
Lily Brown	Eau Gallie
J. V. Ladd	Eau Gallie
Essie Malloy	Cocoa
Helen Allen	Scottsmoor
Norma Combs	Cocoa
Jeanette Paynter	Scottsmoor
Reba Greer	Eau Gallie
Harry Ellis	Cocoa
Faye Sattler	Cocoa
Frank Brown (Executive)	Eau Gallie
Shirley Vanderburg	Scottsmoor

Clerks

Church

Geraldine Gwinn	Titusville
John Greer	Eau Gallie

ATTENDEES (Continued)

Visitors	Address
C. E. Allen	Scottsmoor
Mrs. R. A. Newman	Vero Beach
Kevin Newman	Vero Beach
Doris Allen	Scottsmoor
Shirley Ham	Cocoa
Theresa Little	Eau Gallie
Sheila Allen	Eau Gallie
Linda Fields	Eau Gallie
Connie Fields	Eau Gallie
Bill Graham	Eau Gallie
Mary Graham	Eau Gallie
Billie Jean Thompson	Eau Gallie
Scott Thompson	Eau Gallie
Sandy Gwinn	Titusville
Becky Gwinn	Titusville
Gladys Rash	Titusville
Wilma Rash	Titusville
Linda Rash	Titusville
John Christian	Titusville
Joey Christian	Titusville
Carol Thomason	Titusville
Amanda Holbrook	Titusville
Lydia Holbrook	Titusville
Carolyn Toney	Titusville
Joni Christian	Titusville
Jeff Gwinn	Titusville
Greg Ham	Cocoa
Chuck Ham	Cocoa
Imogene Knight	Cocoa
Albert Scott	Vero Beach
Trudy Scott	Vero Beach
Ronald Newman II	Vero Beach
Cassie Fisher	Scottsmoor
Becky Vanderburg	Scottsmoor
June Christian	Titusville
Pauline Hickman	Kingsport, Tennessee
Sarah Osborne	Kingsport, Tennessee

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday morning, September 20, 1969 — 10.00 A.M.

The Seventeenth Quarterly Session (Fourth Yearly) convened at 10:00 A.M. with song, "Kneel at the Cross," led by Brother James Fields.

Led to the altar in prayer by Brother Willie T. Jones.

Morning devotional led by Brother Arthur Chaffin. Led in song, "I'll Fly Away," by Brother Fields. The Clerk extended appreciation and thanks to the conference and introduced the officers to the body.

Moderator W. C. Combs declared floor open for business.

Credentials Committee report given finding the letters in order and recommended seating of the delegates. M.S.C.

Correspondence letters were read and referred to respective committees and boards. Conference letters were read and adopted by body.

Committees were appointed. (See committee reports)

A special letter was read to body from Evangelist Arnold Woodlief requesting work.

Business declared closed until afternoon to go into morning worship.

Several wonderful songs were sung and special prayer by Brother G. W. Cloud. Brother Jones brought the morning message, reading from Hebrews 9th Chapter, Verse 11-28. A most inspiring message and a wonderful challenge.

Several songs were sung and morning worship dismissed.

Treasury Report given at this time and accepted by the body.

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer led by Brother John Greer.

Saturday Afternoon

Reconvened with the singing of "Joy Unspeakable" and "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There."

Devotional led by Brother James Fields. A very heart-warming devotional given by Brother Fields. The Lord truly blessed.

The Moderator then came and opened the business session.

Committee reports were given as follows:

Business Committee report. MSC.

Pulpit Committee report. MSC.

Placement Committee report. MSC.

Appreciation Committee report. MSC.

Obituary Committee report. MSC.

Temperance Committee report. MSC.

Motion made to place W. T. Jones on the Ordaining Council for this session in place of Brother Combs.

The Home Mission Board gave its report along with the proposals listed under Committee Reports. All items were adopted. MSC.

Request by Vero Beach for Executive Board to set church in order.

A special General Church offering was lifted for \$16.68.

Ordaining Council report was given. MSC.

Election of officers. (See front section)

Motion made to adjourn.

Adjourned this session in prayer, led by Brother Ellis.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PULPIT: We, this committee, recommend the following:

OGIE JONES
Morning Devotion G. W. Cloud
Morning Message Dale Vanderburg
Joe Christian
Afternoon Devotion Joe Christian
Joe Christian

Signed: J. V. Ladd, Richard Wells, Harry Ellis

PLACEMENT: We, this committee, recommend that the April 18, 1970 meeting be held at the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church.

Helen Shryver
Betty Wood
Steve Long

Signed: John W. Greer, Jeanette Paynter, Barbara Fisher

OBITUARY: We, this committee, are pleased to report there were no deaths during the last year.

Reba Greer
Shirley Wells
E. J. Lloyd

Signed: Helen Allen, Bernice Fields, Lillie Brown

TEMPERANCE: We, this committee, recommend that all the members of the churches in our conference be sober-minded in all things, especially in our work and conduct for God. That we offer assistance and guidance to the young people, and all members in enabling them to abstain from the appearances of evil, so as not to become a stumbling block for others.)

James Fields
Myrtle Hollingsworth
Jim Robinson

Signed: Joe E. Christian, James Fields, J. J. Riffe

APPRECIATION: We, this committee, wish to thank the Titusville Church for the wonderful fellowship and delicious food we have received here today. We request that the body stand to show our love and deepest appreciation.

Shirley Wells
Dewey Sattler

Signed: Reba Greer, Maude Wells, Faye Sattler

CREDENTIALS: We, this committee, find all church letters to be in order and recommend the delegates be seated.

Woods
Joe Fields
Joe Holland

Signed: J. V. Ladd, F. E. Brown, C. E. Allen

ORDAINING COUNCIL: We, this council, recommend that Brother James Fields be ordained to preach the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. We also recommend Rev. Dale Vanderburg into full fellowship of this conference.

Signed: Darrell Gwinn, Charles Allen, Willie T. Jones

HOME MISSION REPORT: See Page 11.

Combs
Dewey

ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT — SEPTEMBER 20, 1969

	This Report	Last Report
Ordained Ministers	10	7
Licensed Ministers	2	1
Ordained Deacons	18	15
Total Membership	318	304
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	4	3
Enrollment of Woman's Auxiliary	65	84
Enrollment of CTS	131	140
Enrollment of Master's Men	27	27
Enrollment of Sunday School	425	443
Deceased	0	3
Paid Pastors	\$12,895.73	\$ 8,953.73
Value of Church Property	\$231,662.00	\$181,162.00

Attendees

Clerks 2 Ministers 8 Deacons 8 Delegates 16 Visitors 37 Total 71
Signed: Geraldine Gwinn, Statistical Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasury Balance: September 14, 1969\$236.40

Receipts:

Dues	\$240.00	
Home Mission Fund	109.75	
Youth Program	63.41	
Vero Beach Mt. Zion		
F.B.C. Church	103.52	
	<u>\$516.18</u>	<u>\$516.18</u>
Total (Receipts plus Balance)		\$753.08

Paid Out:

Home Mission	\$188.35	
Victory Assn. Fee	30.00	
Minutes Printing	218.00	
Youth Work Expense	47.89	
Co-Operative Plan	24.00	
State Prom. Secretary	25.00	
Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church	103.52	
Victory Youth Camp	25.00	
	<u>\$662.76</u>	<u>\$662.76</u>
Balance in Treasury 9-20-69		\$ 90.32

General Fund	\$ 36.00
Earmarke Home Mission	38.50
M.E.C. Youth Work	15.59
Balance	<u>\$ 90.32</u>

M.E.C. Home Mission Fund	
In Savings	<u>\$193.34</u>
TOTAL CASH ASSETS	\$283.66

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCOME	Eau Gallie	Cocoa	Titusville	Scottsmoor	Totals
General Church Offering	\$ 7,312.30	\$ 1,681.02	\$ 481.45	\$ 3,109.49	\$12,594.26
Sunday School Offering	9,077.13	13,618.20	5,079.11	1,005.65	28,780.09
Auxiliary	94.86	454.88	—0—	—0—	549.74
C. T. S.	57.99	336.67	8.16	—0—	402.82
Special Offerings	1,122.19	473.41	19,184.16	1,903.52	22,683.28
Master's Men	61.97	—0—	—0—	—0—	61.97
TOTAL	\$17,726.44	\$16,574.18	\$24,752.88	\$ 6,018.66	\$65,672.16

PAID OUT:

Pastor's Salary	\$ 4,598.00	\$ 7,445.86	\$ 851.87	—0—	\$12,895.73
Evangelistic Work	142.75	507.08	100.00	654.70	1,404.53
Building & Repairs (Mortgages)	8,999.52	4,376.71	23,887.02	1,042.95	38,306.20
Literature	1,050.56	1,284.90	156.43	200.68	2,692.57
Co-Operative Plan	628.56	908.33	557.81	—0—	2,094.70
Foreign Missions	297.90	500.50	—0—	—0—	798.40
Home Missions	—0—	122.96	—0—	43.00	165.96
Children's Home	75.00	—0—	—0—	499.20	574.20
Bible College (Church)	—0—	1,000.00	—0—	—0—	1,000.00
Youth Camp	—0—	75.00	—0—	—0—	75.00
Scholarship Fund	819.85	—0—	—0—	—0—	819.85
Other	639.41	2,145.56	—0—	3,643.63	6,428.60
TOTAL	\$17,251.55	\$18,366.90	\$25,553.13	\$ 6,084.16	\$67,255.74

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

ARTICLE I

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

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this conference shall be to unify the work of the various churches 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 conference meeting and through the conference meeting to the regions beyond.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. The conference shall be composed of the standing and elected delegates from the churches of this Quarterly Conference.

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ARTICLE IV

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ARTICLE VIII

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Article 3

That any motions, suggestions, ideas, etc., that require action by the Home Mission Board be submitted in writing to the Home Mission Board at least one month prior to the desired action.

Article 4

That Mid-East Coast Conference Home Mission Board operate within the jurisdiction of the Mid-East Conference.

Article 5

That the Home Mission Board present to each church in conference the programming of money to be spent at least one month prior to the conference day.

Article 6

That the Home Mission Board go to each church to present a program to finance the Home Mission Board, and the amount that is to be agreed upon be paid to the Home Mission Board.

Article 7

That the Mid-East Coast Home Mission Board be granted authority to arrange with participating churches for a scheduled preaching service for our licensed and ordained preachers, in good standing with said conference. That we try to encourage said preachers to participate and become active preachers.

Signed by:

HOME MISSION BOARD

Robert H. Allen
James C. Fountain
Arthur Chaffin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. W. C. Combs, Moderator
G. W. Cloud
Charles H. Allen
J. J. Riffe

DELEGATES TO VICTORY ASSOCIATION WITH \$30.00 FEE

1. Norma Combs
2. Geraldine Gwinn
3. June Christian
4. Shirley Vanderburg
5. Maude Wells

6. Lilly Brown
7. John Greer
8. Reba Greer
9. Helen Allen
10. Ocie Lee Jones