

MINUTES

MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

**OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF FLORIDA**

EIGHTEENTH QUARTERLY SESSION

Being Held With
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
COCOA, FLORIDA
JANUARY 17th, 1970

OFFICERS FOR 1969-1970

Rev. Willie T. Jones, Moderator
Rev. Dale Vanderburg, Ass't Moderator
Ray Wells, Clerk
George Cloud, Ass't Clerk
Robert Allen, Treasurer
Hellen Allen, Statistical Clerk

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD

April 18th, 1970

SCOTTSMOOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

Pastor: Rev. Dale Vanderburg

MID-EAST COAST MINISTER

Ronald Newman ... Citrus Park Village, 416 A-12
Vero Beach, Florida

James Fields ... 1948 Jefferson Ave., Eau Gallie

Lacey Powers ... Eau Gallie, Fla.

Dale Vanderburg ... Box 72, Scottsmeer

W.C. Combs ... 1725 Calvados Dr., Cocoa, Fla.

Willie T. Jones ... 2681 Sadler Lane, Eau Gallie

James L. Christian ... Cocoa, Fla

I. R. Malloy ... 1420 Walter St., Cocoa, Fla.

Cecil Rogers ... Eau Gallie, Fla.

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

HOME MISSION BOARD: Joe Christian (74); James C.
Fountain (73); Robert Allen (72);
Ronald Newman (71); Arthur Chaffin
(70).

Ordaining Council: W.C. Combs, Dale Vanderburg,
Charles Allen.

Youth Directors: Dale & Shirley Vanderburg

CLERKS

John Greer 614 Rollins St. Melbourne, Fla.

Maxine Skaggs ... 502 Falmouth, Merritt Island

L. H. Hallum Scottsmeer, Fla

Gearldine Gwinn 213 Harrison St. Titusville

ATTENDERS

Ministers:

Darrell Griffin

O.K. Wearne

James ...

W.C. Combs

Lacy Powers

Willie T. Jones

Church:

Titusville

Tennessee

Eau Gallie

Cocoa

Eau Gallie

Eau Gallie

Attendees Con't

Ministers:

Dale Vanderburg

I.R. Malloy

Church:

Scottsmoor

Cocoa

Deacons:

Tom Christian

Arthur Christian

Ray Wells

G.W. Cloud

Homer Hallum

J.J. Riffe

Glen Shupe

Paul Francisco

Jime Fountain

Dewey North

J.E. Christian

Cocoa

Cocoa

Eau Gallie

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Scottsmoor

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Titusville

Delegates:

Harold Woods

Betty Woods

Shirley Vanderburg

Shirley Wells

Ocie Lee Jones

Ann Shupe

Reba Greer

Geraldine Gwinn

June Christian

Steve Long

James Holcomb

Arthur Sattler

Scottsmoor

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Titusville

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Clerks:

John Greer

Eau Gallie

Visitors: Lena Cloud, Norma Combs, Rocky

Shane, Robyn Wells, Sarah Riffe, Becky Vander

Burg, Geneva, Tim Francisco, E.M. Malloy, Judy

Regina Fountain, James Jr., Nancy, Rhonda

Wright, Mary North, Jeff Gwinn, Walter Wright,

Okra Mullins, Jerry Christian, Mr. & Mrs. E. Craft

Jenny, Janet Johnson, Richard, Maude Wells &

Callie Conley, Fairborn, Ohio.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning, Jan 17th 1970 - 10:00AM

This session was opened with a song led by Bro I.R. malloy.

Moderator W.T. Jones welcomed everyone and recognized visiting ministers.

Reading of Church letters from Eau Gallie, Scottsmoor, Titusville, Bro Combs pastor of the Cocoa Church stated the new church clerk of Cocoa failed to complete their church letter and request the body seat his delegates in absence of his church letter.

Motion made to table seating of delegates and that when delegates are seated the Cocoa delegates be seated by request of Bro. Combs who will name his delegates as elected from his Church. MSC

Bro. George Cloud came and brought the morning devotional. His message was very inspiring and a challenge to the soul.

Credentials report given and all delegates were seated.

Correspondence letters were read and referred to the respective committees and boards.

Resignations of Bro. Darrell Gwinn were read and accepted by body. Note: Bro. Gwinn moved to Perry for a work there.

The following offices were left vacant and filled accordingly:

Executive Board: W.C. Combs

Home Mission Board: Joe Christian

Ordaining Council: Dale Vanderburg

The Moderator appointed Bro. Joe Christian to sit on the Ordaining Council for this session in the absence of Bro. Charles Allen.

Committees were appointed. (See Committee report)

Bro. Dale Vanderburg the Host Pastor then came and delivered a wonderful message. Reading from Jeremiah 6:13-17. A challenge to all. Hearts were blessed and a whole lot of toes were stepped. Praise the Lord for good Gospel preaching.

Treasury report read. MSC to accept.

Bro. Darrell Gwinn gave his testimony. Bro. Ray Wells gave a report on Youth Camp.

Dismissed from Morning session in Prayer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Convened with special singing by a mixture of the Cocoa Trio and the Eau Gallie Gospellettes.

Bro. Joe Christian came and gave the afternoon devotional.

Cocoa church letter read and approved.

G.W. Cloud elected as Ass't Clerk.

Committee reports as follows:

PULPIT: Recommend the following:

Morning Devotion James Fountain

Morning Message James Christian

Afternoon Devotion Paul Francisco

Signed: Ocie Jones, Geraldine Gwinn, June Christian

PLACEMENT: Recommend that the session following

April 18th, 1970 be held at the Eau Gallie

Signed: Glen Shupe, Betty Woods, Steve Long.

OBITUARY: Regret reporting two deaths. Sister Fount Wilson of Eau Gallie and Sister Lula Christian of Cocoa. We ask that the congregation stand in silent prayer in remembrance of these who are rejoicing with our LORD.

Signed: Reba Greer, E.M. Malloy, S. Vanderburg.

TEMPERANCE: 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: James Fountain, Jim Holbrook, J.J. Riffe.

APPRECIATION : 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, Dewey North, Arthur Sattler.

Credentials Committee: Find all church letters to be in order and recommend the delegates be seated.

O Signed: Arthur Chaffin, Ray Wells

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Recommend that Bro's James Fountain, Glen Shupe, Paul Francisco, Dewey North, be ordained as Deacons of the Lord Jesus Christ.

HOME MISSION BOARD: Reports no meetings or action taken this past quarter.

BUSINESS: Recommend the following items of business.

(1) That the minutes hereafter be memiographed.

(2) That the constution be changed on Article

Vll Meetings, at our next session to read as

follows: This conference shall convene at 10:00

AM on Saturday before the third Sunday, in Nov.

February, May, August, at which time the member churches shall report the previous quarters work.

Signed: WC Combs, Pau Francisco, Dale Vanderburg.

All reports approved by body vote.

MSC to adjourn from this session of business.

We then had a wonderful ordaniationn service of deacons and all their wives were present. Charge given by Bro. Combs.

Fellowship and singing, prayer and a wonderful time in the Lord.

Dismissed in prayer.

STATISTICAL REPORT * JAN 17th, 1970

	<u>Last Rpt</u>	<u>This Rpt</u>
Ordained Ministers	10	9
Licensed Ministers	2	1
Ordained Deacons	18	14
Total Membership	318	323
Number of Churches	4	4
Number of Parsonages	4	4
Enrollment of Womans Auxiliary	65	69
Enrollment of CTS	131	208
Enrollment of Master's Men	27	30
Enrollment of Sunday School	425	430
Deceased	0	2
Paid Pastors	12,895.73	5,036.27
Value of Church Property	231,662.00	231,662.00

Attendees

Clerks 1 Ministers 7 Deacons 11 Delegates 12
Visitors 31 Total 62

Signed: Helen Allen, Statistical

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasury Balance: September 20th, 1969 90.32

Receipts:

Dues 60.00

Home Mission Fund 197.20

Special Offering 165.58

Total receipts (plus balance)

364.32

Paid Outs:

Victory Asso'c Fee 40.00

Co-operative Plan 6.00

66

Total

46.00

Balance in Treasury 1-17-70

Gen'l Fund 65.32

Treasury 15.32

Mission 45.32

MINUTES
MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
OF FLORIDA

NINETEENTH QUARTERLY SESSION

Being Held With
The Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church
Scottsmoor, Florida
June 18th, 1970

OFFICERS FOR 1969-70

Moderator: Rev. Willie T. Jones
Ass't Moderator: Rev. Dale Vanderburg
Clerk: Charles Ray Wells
Ass't Clerk: George Cloud
Treasurer: Robert Allen
Statistical Clerk: Helen Allen

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD
August 15th, 1970
First Free Will Baptist Church
938 Lytton Road, Eau Gallie

Session Nov. 14th, 1970
First Free Will Baptist Church
5311 South Barna Ave.
Titusville, Florida

MINISTERS: Ronald Newman, James Fields, Dale
Vanderburg, W.C. Combs, Willie T.
Jones, James L. Christian, I.R.
Malloy, Cecil Rogers

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

Home Mission Board: Joe Christian (74); Jim
Fountain (73); Robert Allen (72); Ron
Newman (71); Arthur Chaffin (70).

AINING COUNCIL: W.C. COMBS, DALE VANDERBURG, CHARLES ALLEN.

TH DIRECTORS: Dale & Shirley Vanderburg.
RKS: John Greer, Melbourne, L.H. Hallum, Scottsmoor, Jenny Johnson, Cocoa, Carolyn Toney, Titusville.

ATTENDEES

ISTERS: James Fields, W.C. Combs, Willie Jones, Ronald Newman, Dale Vanderburg, R. Malloy, James Christian.
iting Ministers: Fred Spears, Jerry Crosby, old Woodlief.

acons: Tom Christian, Arthur Chaffin, G.W. oud, Homer Hallum, J.J. Riffe, Jim Holcomb ui Francisco, Jim Fountain, Dewey North, arles H. Allen, Ray Wells.

legates: Harold Woods, Betty Woods, Shirley nderburg, of Scottsmoor; Ocie Lee Jones, V. Ladd, Reba Greer, Catherine Morgan, E.L. aft, Nellie Craft, Mary North of Melbourne; cky Christian of Titusville; Shirley Ham, ogene Knight, Lenoard Knight of Cocoa, and rtle Hallum of of Titusville.

erks: John Greer, Melbourne; LH Hallum, nny Johnson.

SITORS: Shirley, Shane, Robyn, Vicki Wells, M. Gower, Helen, Kevin, Ron 2nd, Newman, irley, Becky Vanderburg, Connie Taylor, rolyn Keeling, Jimmy, Donna Christian, Judy hnson, Janet Holcomb, Kathy, Libby, Betty e Barker, Lassie Allen, Norman, Sarah Riffe ry Foster.

RAISE THE LORD FOR THIS GOOD ATTENDANCE.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning; 10:00AM

Service opened with a song, "Everybody Will be Happy", led by L.H. Hallum.

Bro. Dale Vanderburg, host pastor gave welcome to conference and seated standing delegates by reading section of Cons't & By-Laws.

Moderator extended recognition to all visitors and visiting ministers. V.M. Rev. Woodlief from Merrietta gave testimony and report of work in the Salem Association.

James Fountain gave the devotional reading from Ephesians 2:10-21. A wonderful and inspiring words that blessed our hearts and gave us Mana from heaven.

Credentials Committee report given. Carried by vote and delegates seated.

Reading of church letters. MSC

Bro. Ron Newman gave report on Vero Beach work as information only.

Motion made to waive meeting in May and the churches shall report April, May, June, July business in August. MSC

A motion was made previous to the above motion to vote on constitutional change per previous announcement in Jan. 70 meeting. Article VII Meetings was changed. MSC

Dismissed in business for morning.

Several Songs were sung and an offering of \$61.15 was lifted for Sister Leola Powers. Visiting Ministers from Ohio gave their testimony which was a blessing to our hearts. The Christian Trio then filled our hearts with several wonderful songs.

Bro. Jim Christian delivered God's message from the 2nd Chpt of Acts Verses 1&2. Gather together in one mind and one accord and union with one another and the church covenant. Praise God for this wonderful message.

We were then led to prayer by Bro. Ron Newman. A letter of correspondence was read and then sent to council for action.

Committees Appointed by Moderator. (See Rep't)

Dismissed for lunch. Prayer led by Bro. Hallum followed by song and fellowship.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON:

Reconvened with song, "I want to know more about my Lord". Led in prayer by Bro. Craft. A local sister then gave us a solo

"I can almost see the lights of Home".

Bro. Francisco led the devotional reading 1st John 1:1-3. Very inspiring word of God.

Treasurer Report read and approved. The following committee reports were read and accepted: Temperance, Obituary, Placement, Pulpit, Appreciation, Business. Sis. Vandenburg gave Youth Report. Ordaining Council and Home Mission report given and accepted. The Executive Board did not report. Statistical Report made. MSC to accept.

Ray Wells gave Youth Camp report.

Bro. Joe Ladd then gave a wonderful testimony.

Bro. James Holbrook was then ordained as a Deacon. Bro. directed the Ordination service Charge given by Bro. Newman. We then had fellowship and singing.

Session dismissed in prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Credentials: Find all church letters to be in order and recommend the delegates be seated. Signed: Harold Woods, James Fields, Homer Hallum.

Temperance: Urge all members to be more diligent to strive for zeal and enthusiasm for the furtherance of the Lord's work in this conference. J. Christian, J. Fountain, D. North

Obituary: Regret to report the deaths of Bro. Lacy Powers of Eau Gallie, Sister Maxine Skaggs of Cocoa and request that this body

stand in a moment of silent prayer for those who have gone on to meet the Lord.

Signed: Reba Greer, Paul Francisco, H. Woods.

Placement: Aug. 15th, 1970 at the First Free Will Baptist of Eau Gallie, Nov. 14th, 1970 at the Titusville Free Will Baptist of Titusville. Signed: Betty Woods, L.H. Hallum, E. Craft.

Pulpit: Morning Devotional-G.W. Cloud, Message-Rev. Ron Newman, Afternoon Devotional-

Jim Holcomb. Alt. Messenger-Dale Vanderburg.

Signed: J.J. Riffe, Nellie Craft, Imo. Knight.

Appreciation: Wish to thank the Scotts Moor 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.

Signed: James Holcomb, Tom Christian, L. Knight.

Ordaining Council: Recommend that Bro. James Holcomb be ordained as a deacon in this Conference. Signed: W.C. COMBS, T. CHRISTIAN, and DALE VANDERBURG.

Business: Recommend that Article 5 governing the functioning of the Home Mission Board be revised to read: The Home Mission Board shall be authorized to use the finances at their discretion for Home Mission work, and shall report their activities each quarter to this conference.

Signed: W.C. Combs, Ron Newman, Homer Hallum.

STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>Last Rpt</u>	<u>This Rpt</u>
Ordained Ministers	9	8
Licensed "	1	1
Ordained Deacons	14	18
Membership	323	330
Churches	4	4
Parsonages	4	4
Womans Auxiliary	69	69
C.T.S.	208	136
Master's Men	30	27
Sunday School	430	387
Deceased	2	2

aid Pastors	5,036.27	3910.27
alue of Churches	231,662.00	Same

Attendees

clerks 4- Ministers 10- Deacons 10- Delegates-
4- Visitors 32 Total 78.

Signed: Helen Allen, Statistical Clerk

TREASURER'S REPORT

treasury Balance: Jan 17th, 1970----- 318.10

Receipts:

Fees -----	60.00	
Youth -----	26.28	
Ministers & Deacons-	40.00	
Total	126.28	444.38

Paid Outs:

Bass Printing-	90.00	
Youth -----	8.90	
Co-Operative -	6.00	
Total	99.90	*99.90
		344.48

Gen'l Fund 70.88, Youth 37.90, Mission 235.70

MINUTES OF MINISTERS & DEACONS

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Song
Victory In Jesus, Prayer and Devotional by
James Christian. Minutes of previous meeting
read and accepted. Ministers and Deacons re-
port read and accepted. Treasurer report read.
Motion to give 25.00 to Mid-East Coast Home
Mission Board.

Attendees: 5 Ministers, 8 Deacons, 1 Visit-
ing Minister, & 7 Visitors.

Motion to adjourn Business. MSC

Message by Bro. Dale Vanderburg reading from
Rev. 2 & 3.

Closed with altar of prayer and song.

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 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 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 conference.

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

Section 3. Membership from different churches representing in conference. Each church organization is entitled to (2) two members, plus (1) one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members of church membership or fraction thereof, no church shall 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

Section 1. The officers of this conference shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk, 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

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

Section 3. This conference shall have the 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: This conference shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday before the third Sunday in Nov., Feb., May, August, at which time the members churches shall report the previous quarters work.

Article VIII

Qualifications of Candidates, For Licensing and Ordination: The Ordaining Council shall consist of three (3), two (2) Ordained ministers and

one(1) ordained deacon, shall serve as a committee for the conference to examine candidates for licensure or ordination to the ministry. The conference shall set up the following standards for the ministry:

1. The candidate must 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 to be annual. They must preach twelve (12) or more sermons per year. Said report to accompany the letter requesting the renewal of the license. Failure to comply applicant will not be issued card for next year.

Article IX

Ministers Coming From Other Denominations: Shall be examined in the same manner as any new minister. Any Free Will Baptist minister coming from other 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 person 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 two-thirds majority vote of any regular session of this conference, notice having been given at the next previous meeting.

BY-LAWS

All sessions shall be opened by singing and reading a portion of God's Word and Prayer. They 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, shall preside over all sessions and shall limit all discussions according to By-Law # 4. He shall call to order all persons who do not respect the constitution of this conference 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. Discussion 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 rise 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 minister.

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.

HOME MISSION BOARD BY-LAWS

Article 1. That one member from each church make up this Board, and as other churches come into the conference they will place one member on this Board.

Article 2. That any member who is absent from two meetings in succession, without permission of the Board, his chair shall be declared vacant, and the church he represents be asked to supply the Board with an active member.

Article 3. That any motions, suggestions, ideas, etc. that require action by the Board be submitted in writing to the Board at least one month prior to the desired action.

Article 4. The Board operate within the jurisdiction of the Mid-East Coast Conference.

Article 5. This Board shall be authorized to use the finances at their discretion for Home Mission work and shall report their activities to this conference quarterly.

Article 6. That the Board go to each church to present a program to finance the Board, and the amount that is to be agreed upon be paid to the Home Mission Board.

Article 7. The Board be granted authority to arrange with participating churches for a scheduled preaching service for our licensed and ordained preachers, in good standing with this conference. That we try to encourage said preachers to participate and become active preachers.

MINUTES
MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
of
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

Twentieth Quarterly Session

Being Held With
The First Free Will Baptist of Melbourne
August 15th, 1970

Officers for 1970-71

Moderator: ----- Rev. W. T. Jones
Ass't Moderator: ---- Rev. James Christian
Clerk: ----- G. W. Cloud
Ass't Clerk:----- Leon Jones
Treasurer: ----- Robert Allen
Statistical Clerk:----- Imogene Knight

Next Session To Be Held
Nov. 14th, 1970
First Free Will Baptist Church
5311 South Barna Ave.
Titusville, Fla

February, 1972
Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church
5228 Hendry Ave.
Cocoa, Fla.

MINISTERS: Ronald Newman, James Fields, Dale
Vanderburg, W.C. Combs, Willie T.
Jones, James L. Christian, I. R.
Malloy, Cecil Rogers.

Executive Board: James Fields (75) W. C.
Combs (74), G. W. Cloud (73),
J. J. Riffe (72), Charles Allen (72)

Home Mission Board: Arthur Chaffin (75)
Joe Christian (74), Jim Fountain (73)
Robert Allen (72), Ronald Newman (71)

State Promotional Secretary: Rev. Wingata Hansley
1812 NE 28th St., Ocala, Fla 32670

Ordaining Council: W.C. Combs, (72) Dale Vanderburg (71), Charles Allen (73)

Youth Directors: Dale & Shirley Vanderburg

Clerks: John Greer-Melbourne, Dorothy Stone-Titusville, L.H. Hallum-Scottsmoor, Fern Junk-Cocoa.

ATTENDEES

Ministers: Delbert Mullins, W.A. Hansley, James Fields, Dale Vanderburg, W.T. Jones, W.C. Combs, Ron Newman, J.L. Christian.

Deacons: Ray Wells, G.W. Cloud, J.J. Riffe, J.E. Christian, Dewey North, Thomas Christian.

Clerks: John Greer, Helen Allen.

Delegates: SCOTTSMOOR- Shirley Vanderburg, Sarah Riffe, Doris Allen, TITUSVILLE- Okra Mullins, June Christian, Becky Christian, Joan Christian, MELBOURNE- Reba Greer, Delma Bailes, Ocie Jones, Bille Bailes, COCOA- Norma Combs, Imogene Knight, Leonard Knight.

Visitors: Scottsmoor- Connie & Dina Taylor, Karen Sanders, Mr. & Mrs. Walter Wright, Ricky & Randy Vanderburg, Cocoa- Leona Powers, Scott, Greg, Doni Combs, Titusville- Joe, John, Joni Christian, Melbourne- Concy Thomley, Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Craft, Lena Cloud, Vero Beach- Helen, Kevin, Ron Jr. Newman.

Committees Appointed:

✓ Credentials: J. Fields, G. Cloud, James Christian.

✓ Placement: B. Bailes, S. Vanderburg, Delbert Mullins.

✓ Business: W.C. Combs, R. Newman, J. Greer

✓ Pulpit: O. Jones, O. Mullins, S. Riffe.

✓ Obituary: D. Bailes, Becky Christian, Leonard Knight.

✓ Temperance: I. Knight, R. Greer, J. Riffe

✓ Appreciation: N. Combs, L. Powers, Joe Christian.

PROCEEDINGS

Saturday Morning: 10:00 A.M.

Service opened with a song, "Stand Up for Jesus", led by Ray Wells, Rev. Wingate Hansley on Piano.

Moderator seated standing delegates.

Devotional By G.W. Cloud reading from Galatians 6:1-10.

Bro. Cloud led us to the Lord in prayer.

State Promotional Sect. gave a wonderful report on the State work. Special emphasis was placed on our State Camp Meeting.

Credentials Report given and accepted by body.

Reading of church letters.

Youth Directors report given by Sis. Vanderburg.

Seating of delegates and charge given by Bro. Dale Vanderburg.

Committees appointed by Moderator. See Page 1 for names.

Financial report read and accepted by body.

Dismissed from morning business.

Morning Message delivered by Bro Ron Newman reading from Acts 3: 1-26.

Song, "Old Time Power", led by Ray Wells and Wingate Hansley at the piano.

A wonderful message preached by Bro Newman.

Dismissed until afternoon in prayer led by Bro. James Christian.

Saturday Afternoon: 1:15 P.M.

Reconvened with song, "Lily of the Valley", led by Ray Wells and Bro. Wingate Hansley at piano.

Bro. Dale Vanderburg gave afternoon devotional reading from Hebrews 11: 1-5.

Led to the Lord in prayer by Wingate Hansley.

Appointed Committee Reports Given; (See Reports)

Proceedings Con't

MSC to receive lover offering for Bro. Hansley.
Amount received \$20.34.

Song, "When the Robl is called up Yonder", and
prayer by Joe Christian.

Ordaining Council recommended that Bro. Jim
Christian be ordained as a Minister of the
Gospel. MSC.

Verbral report on the Home Mission Board given
by Ron Newman.

Statistical Report read. MSC to accept.

Ladies Auxiliary report given and accepted.

Delegates elected to the Victory Association
are; Shirley Vanderburg, Norma Combs, Imogene
Knight, Okie Mullins, Ernest & Nellie Craft,
Ocie Lee Jones, John and Reba Greer, C. J.
Tomley.

Election of Officers. (See front Cover)

TREASURER REPORT

Balance April 18th, 1970 ----- \$344.48

Received:

Fees ----- 60.00

MEC Ministers & Deas.- 25.00

MEC Home Mission Off.-165.76

Youth Rally ----- 21.31

Total 272.07 (272.07)

\$616.55

Expense:

Mt. Zion Church -----300.00

Mission Board Supplies 6.24

Ray Wells-Minutes ---- 8.08

Youth Prizes ----- 48.00

Co-operative Plan ---- 6.00

Total 368.32 -(368.32)

Treasury Balance August 15th, 70

248.23

Breakdown of Funds:

MEC Home Mission Board -----	95.22
MEC YOUTH Work ***-----	11.21
MEC General Fund -----	<u>141.80</u>
Balance	248.23

STATISTICAL

	<u>Last Rep't</u>	<u>This Rep't</u>
Ordained Ministers -----	8	8
Licensed Ministers -----	1	1
Ordained Deacons -----	18	16
Membership -----	330	360
Churches -----	4	4
Parsonages -----	4	4
Ladies Auxiliary -----	69	70
C.T.S. -----	136	169
Master's Men -----	27	23
Sunday School -----	387	415
Deceased -----	2	0
Paid Pastors-----	\$3,910.27	\$4,993.00
Value of Churches--	\$231,662.00	Same

ATTENDEES

Ministers 8 - Clerks 3 - Deacons 5 - Delegates
14 - Visitors 20 - Total 50

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Appreciation: We, wish to thank the Eau Gallie Church for their delectious food and their warm hospitality we received here today. We wish the body to stand to show their thanks and appreciation. Signed: Norma Combs, Leona Powers, J. E. Christian.

Obituary: We, are happy to report no deaths since our last quarterly meeting. Signed: Delma Baile, Leonard Knight, Becky Christian.

Placement: Recommend the February 1971 meeting be held at the Cocoa Church. Signed: Bill Bailes, Shirley Vanderburg, Belbert Mullins.

Temperance: We, recommend that all members shall be bold enough to identify themselves or not be ashamed to acknowledge their stand for christ, and that we dress to look like

Christians and shun all apperance of evil. ..

Signed: Imogene Knight, Reba Greer, J.J. Riffe.

Pulpit: Recommend the following:

Morning Devotion --- W.C. Combs

Morning Message ---- Delbert Mullins

Afternoon Devotion - C. J. Tomley

Signed: Ocie Jones, Sarah Riffe, Okra Mullins

Business: That we ask or aquire a visiting minister to bring the message at the 11:00 O'clock hour at our quarterly meetings.

Signed: W.C. Combs, Rone Newman, John Greer.

Session adjourned in prayer.

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

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 various churches and to promote harmony of feeling and concert of action in adopting and carrying into operation such measures as may promote the Lord's work in and through the conference meetings to the regions beyond.

Article III

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

Section 2. The standing delegates shall be the ordained and licensed ministers, deacons, church clerks, members of the executive board, and the clerk of this conference.

Section 3. Membership from different churches representing in the conference. Each church organization is entitled to (2) two members plus (1) one delegate for each twenty-five (25) members of church membership or fraction thereof, no church shall be allowed more than (6) six elected delegates. These members to be received by vote of the standing body of conference, together with their letter.

Article IV

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

Section 2. The Executive Board shall consist of (7) seven members. The Moderator and Clerk

shall be standing members of this Board with (5) five members to be elected whose terms of office shall be as follows: One (1) Year, One (2) Year, One (3) Year, One (4) Year, One (5) Year. The Moderator shall be chairman of this board. No member shall be absent from (3) three consecutive meetings unless a justifiable reason is given without being automatically disqualified as a member of this board.

Section 3. This conference shall have the 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.

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 the 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.

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 this conference.

Article VII

Meetings: This conference shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on Saturday before the third Sunday in Nov, Feb, May, August, at which time the member churches shall report the previous quarters work.

Article VIII

Qualifications of Candidates for Licensing and Ordination: The Ordaining Council shall consist of three (3), two (2) ordained ministers and

one (1) ordained deacon, shall serve as a committee for the conference to examine candidates for licenseing or ordination to the ministry. The following standards shall be followed:

1. The candidate must furnish good evidence of a divine call to the ministry.

2. Licensed ministers shall be required to carry license for one (1) 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 to be annual. They must preach twelve (12) or more sermons per year. Said report to accompany the letter requesting the renewal of the license. Failure to comply applicant will not be issued a card for next year.

Article IX

Ministers Coming From Other Denominations: Shall be examined in the same manner as any new Minister. Any Free Will Baptist minister coming from other Association 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 requesting to become a deacon by any local church, must serve six (6) months on trial basis 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 two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of any regular session of this conference, notice having been given at the next previous meeting.

By-Laws

All sessions shall be opened by singing, reading a portions of God's Word and Prayer. The session shall be closed in 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 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. Discussion 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 minister, 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.

8. All officers of the conference shall be nominated from the floor and elected by a majority vote of the body.

9. All committees shall be appointed by the ~~body~~ ~~conference~~, 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 MEC 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 ammended or altered by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of any regular session of the conference meeting.

Home Mission Board By-Laws

1. That one member from each church make up this Board, and as other churches come into the conference they will add one member to the board.

2. Any Board member who is absent from two meetings in sucession, without permission of this board, his chair be declared vacant, and the church he represents be asked to supply an active member.

3. Any motions, suggestions, ideas, etc., that require action by this board be submitted in writeing to the Board at least one month prior to the desired action.

4. This Board operate within the jurisdiction of the Mid-East Coast Conference.

5. The Board present to each church in conferenc the programming of money to be spent at least one month prior to the conference day.

6. The Board go to each church to present a program to finance the H.M. Board, and the amount that is to be agreed upon be paid to the H.M.B.

7. The Board be granted authority to arrange with participating churches for a scheduled preaching service for our licensed and ordained preachers, in good standing with this conference. That we try to encourage said preachers to particâpate and become active preachers.

MINUTES

MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE OF VICTORY
ASSOCIATION OF FLORIDA

Twenty First Session

At First Free Will Baptist Church of Titisville, Fla/

November 14, 1970

Officers

Moderator----- Reverend Willie T. Jones
Assistant Moderator----- Reverend James Christian
Clerk----- G. W. Cloud
Assistant Clerk----- Leon Jones
Treasurer----- Robert Allen, Box 23,
Scottsmoor
Statistical Clerk----- Imogene Knight

Next Sessions

February 20, 1971

Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church of Cocoa, Florida

1228 Hendry Ave.

May 15, 1971

First Free Will Baptist Church of Scottsmoor, Fla.
Box 72

PROCEEDINGS

10:00 AM Saturday, November 14, 1970

The Mid-East Coast Conference of the Victory Association of Free Will Baptist met in their 21st Meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Titusville on November 14, 1970

The Moderator called the body to order and the congregation sang "Where We'll Never Grow Old". Reverend W. C. Combs delivered the morning devotion taking text from Matthew 24: 32-35. Theme - no sign given of Christ's return. The longer he tarries more loved ones could be

Credentials report was made. MSC delegates were seated. Committees were appointed. Business was suspended for Morning Worship and Dinner. The Christian Trio (sisters) favored us with a special song.

Reverend Delbert Mullins brought the morning message. Text was from Matthew 9: 36-38. Message was while the Children of God are looking to strength and guidance above many are about us falling away. Congregation was dismissed by prayer led by brother George Downer.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:30 PM

After a gracious dinner, session was called to order by the Moderator.

Prayer led by Reverend Ronald Newman. Reverend Newman presented a progress report of Mission work in Vero Beach, MS.

Brother brought the afternoon devotion. Brother Thomley used Scriptures from St. John. The body heard a quartet number by the Titusville Church.

The body voted to accept the oral report from
Reverend Newman.

There was another number in song by the Christian Trio.

Report of Committees as follows:

MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE

TREASURY REPORT

AUGUST 15, 1970 - NOVEMBER 14, 1970

Treasury balance, August 15, 1970 ----- \$248.23

Received and deposited:

Dues from four (4) churches----- \$ 60.00

Home Mission Board Offerings----- \$121.55

Youth work (maps for Mexico)----- \$ 77.50

total \$259.05 (259.05)

\$507.28

Treasury Expence

Brevard Printing Co. - minutes----- \$104.00

State Cooperative - thithes----- \$ 6.00

Victory Association - dues----- \$ 30.00

Mt. Zion F.W.B. Church - mission-- \$200.00

Home Mission Board - youth board-- \$ 77.50

\$417.50 (417.50)

Treasury Balance, November 14, 1970----- \$\$ 89.78

Treasury Balance Quotas

Mid-East Coast Conference----- \$ 36.80

Mid-East Coast Home Mission----- \$ 41.77

Mid-East Coast Youth Board----- \$ 11.21

balance \$ 89.78 \$ 89.78

respectively submitted;

R. H. Allen, Treasurer.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE

We recommend the Mid-East Coast Conference have one monthly sing a month alternating at each church of the conference.

We recommend that Artical 11 section 9, of the by-laws be changed from moderator to clerk and assistant clerk.

We recommend that Med-East Coast Conference have a Watch Night service at First Free Will Baptist Church of Titisville.

respectively submitted;

James I. Christian

J. V. Ladd

J. J. Riffe

STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>last report</u>	<u>this report</u>
Ordained Ministers-----	8	8
Licensed Ministers-----	1	0
Membership-----	360	342
Churches-----	4	4
Parsonages-----	4	4
Womans Auxiliary-----	70	47
Masters Men-----	23	23
Sunday School-----	415	362
Deceased-----	0	0
Paid Pastors-----	\$4,993.00	\$3,628.00
Value of Churches-----	\$231,662.00	same

Attendees to Quarterly meeting:

Clerks 2

Ministers 9

Deacons 11

Delegates 14

Visitors 38

total 73

PULPIT COMMITTEE

We the Pulpit Committee recommend the following for February 17, 1971:

Morning Devotion ----- Joe Christian
 Morning Message ----- Jim Christian
 Afternoon Devotion ----- Jim Fountain

respectively submitted;

Leon Jones

Arthur Chaffin

Concy Thomley

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

We the Placement Committee recommend that the May 15, 1971 meeting be held at the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church.

respectively submitted;

~~WMM~~ Imogene Knight

Reba Greer

Doris Allen

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We are happy to report no deaths since our last quarterly meeting.

respectively submitted;

Harold L. Woods

Russell Osborn

E. L. Craft

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee of the Mid-East Coast Quarterly Conference, wish to thank the Titisville Free Will Baptist Church for the warm hospitality and the delicious and enormous amount of food that we have all so wonderfully received and enjoyed here in this session. We request that this body stand to show our appreciation of all we have received.

respectively submitted;

June Christian

Nellie Craft

Edra Riffe

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We the Temperance Committee would like to urge this body to abstain from the use of alcoholic beverages in any form. Also to be temperate in all phases of the work of God. To avoid all appearances of evil, worldly lusts and pleasures and to be a good example for our children and loved ones.

respectively submitted;

Norma Combs

Joyce Osborne

John W. Greer

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

respectively submitted;

G. W. Cloud

W. C. Combs

W. T. Jones

All Committee Reports adopted.

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MID-EAST COAST WOMENS AUXILIARY

OF FREE WILL BAPTIST REPORT

Mid-East Coast Womens Auxiliary met with the Eau Gallie First Free Will Baptist Church November 7, 1970. Our projects for the year 1971 are \$25.00 to Brother Ed Cook and \$25.00 to Dave and Pat Franks. Our theme for the year is "Fruit Bearers for Christ". Our next meeting will be February, 1971 at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church. We donated \$5.00 for Youth Camp account.

respectively submitted;
Imogene Knight, Sec.