

MINUTES OF THE MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY
CONFERENCE OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF FLA.

Twenty-Sixth Quarterly Session Being Held At
The Free Will Baptist Church
of
Cocoa, Florida

February 19, 1972

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rev. Robert Chastain.....	Asst Moderator*
Russell Osborne.....	Clerk
Bob Allen.....	Treasurer

(*Serving this session in absence of
Moderator- Rev. James Christian)

NEXT SESSIONS TO BE HELD

May 20, 1972 - Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist
Scottsmeer, Florida

August 19, 1972 - Vero Beach Free Will Baptist
Vero Beach, Florida

MINISTERS:

Robert Chastain.....Scottsmoor
James Christian.....Titusville
W. C. Combs.....Cocoa
William M. Compton.....Vero Beach
James Fields.....Melbourne
Milton Fields.....Melbourne
Delbert Mullins.....Titusville
James Simmons.....Titusville

OFFICERS for 1971-1972:

Rev. James Christian.....Moderator
Rev. Robert Chastain.....Asst. Mod.
Russell Osborne.....Clerk
Joyce Osborne.....Asst. Clerk
Robert Allen.....Treasurer
James Simmons.....Statistical
Clerk.

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

G. W. Cloud, W. C. Combs, James Fields,
J. J. Riffe, Harold Woods

HOME MISSION BOARD:

Robert Allen, Arthur Chaffin, James Christian
James Fountain, T. L. Kemble

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

W. C. Combs, Charles Allen, Wm. Compton

YOUTH DIRECTOR:

Roy Ballew

MID EAST COAST CLERKS:

L. E. Hallum, P.O. Box 112, Scottsmoor, Fla.
Jenny Johnson, 1107 Burnham, Cocoa, Fla.
Tommy Flack, 1608 Elizabeth St. Melbourne, Fl.
Louise Richardson, 1048 Illinois Ave. Cocoa, Fl.
Betsy Luckv. 3706 Atlantic Plvd. Vero Beach,

The morning message was brought by Bro. Milton Fields, from Acts 1:8 and 2:2-4. It was entitled "The Holy Spirit and the Baptist Church. It was an inspiring message and a challenge to each heart.

Pro. Fields also sang, "My Wonderful Lord".

An altar call was given for those wishing to re-dedicate their lives to the Lord.

The Asst. Moderator called the committees as appointed after which the blessing was asked by Bro. Ladd and the congregation dismissed for lunch.

At 1:30 the meeting was called to order for the afternoon session.

The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus" and after prayer, Bro. and Sister Osborne sang "Build My Mansion".

Bro. Russell Osborne brought the afternoon devotion on "Revival".

The meeting was then turned over to the business portion.

The treasurer's report was given by Robert Allen. MSC to accept.

The Temperance Committee gave their report including a letter read by Bro. Jack Allen to be used as a sample to keep x-rated movies off the television. MSC to accept.

The Pulpit Committee gave their report. MSC to accept, followed by the Placement Committee Report, and the Obituary Committee Report. MSC to accept all.

The Ladies Auxiliary Report was given by the Asst. Clerk in absence of the Auxiliary President Helen Allen.

Both the Statistical Report and The Youth Board Committee Report was given. MSC to

The Asst. Moderator, Bro. Robert Chastain, called the meeting to order at approximately 10:10. Bro. James Fields lead the singing as the congregation sang, "Kneel At The Cross".

The Altar or Prayer was lead by Bro. W. C. Combs.

Bro. Harold Woods brought the Devotion from Matthew 28:19-20. His thoughts brought out the idea that we should get involved with the Lord's Work and go, teach, go soul-winning and so forth. He also brought out how God's Word encourages us and helps us and of the fruits we will reap by working for the Lord.

Bro. Combs gave a welcome to everyone.

The Standing and Elected Delegates were seated.

The Clerk reported that all letters and monies were in order. MSC to accept.

Old Business:

A motion was made and carried to have the Clerk be responsible for seeing that the Church Letters have a form on the back for listing the preachers and deacons for each church.

New Business:

The correspondence was read as follows:

1) A letter asking the conference *that Bro. Bob Allen* ~~to~~ be accepted as a Deacon but to ordain him at a later date.)

2) A letter asking the conference to accept Joseph Thomason be licensed to preach.

MSC to accept both letters.

Bro. James Fields lead the congregation in two more numbers... "Everybody Will Be Happy Over There", and "Just Over In the Gloryland"

The Business Committee gave their report and a motion was made to accept all items and vote on them separately.

They were as follows:

(1) Election of person to Executive Board
Bro. Harold Woods. MSC

(2) Election of person to Home Mission Board-Bro. T. Kemble MSC

(3) Election of person to Ordaining Council
Bro. Compton elected. MSC

The Appreciation Committee gave their report. MSC

The Ordaining Council reported that Bro. Bob Allen and Bro. Joe Thomason had been examined and were eligible to become deacon (Bro. Allen) and licensed minister (Bro. Thomason). A vote was taken to accept and carried.

Bro. Bob Allen stated that there was no report from the Home Mission Board. A motion was made to have the board meet and elect a chairman.

Sister Combs resigned as statistical clerk. Bro. Jimmy Simmons was elected to replace her.

Some announcements were made about different church meetings to be held and Bro. Fields gave a report on the youth camp progress.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

ATTENDEES

Ministers:

James A. Simmons
Robert Chastain
James Fields
W. C. Combs
Wm. Compton
Hilton Fields

Deacons:

Harold Woods
G. W. Cloud
Ross Holbrook
James Thomason
Leslie Hallum
Charles Allen
Robert Allen
Joe Christian

Clerks:

Russell Osborne
Jenny Johnson
Louise Richardson
Leslie Hallum

Delegates:

Novaline Chastain
Betsy Lucky
Dea Compton
Jack Allen
William Callihan
Ernest Craft
Gene Richardson
Kathy Thomason
Tommy Kemble
Bernadine Kemble
Roy Ballew
Robert Hogan
Myrtle Green

Visitors:

Joyce Osborne
Scott Combs
Connie Combs
Tonya Kemble
Nancy Lucky
Nellie Craft

Visitors

Martha Simmons
A. J. Simmons
Lydia Holbrook
Pam Ham
Tammy Ballew
Irene Thomason
Lassie Allen
Norma Combs
Evelyn Hogan
J. Ladd
Donnie Ellis
Joe Thomason
Joey Christian
Joni Christian
John Christian

	<u>FINANCIAL</u>			<u>STATEMENT</u>		
PAID OUT	SCOTTSMOOR	TITUSVILLE	COCOA	EAU GALLIE	VERO BEACH	TOTALS
Pastor's Salary	900.00	150.00	950.00	1170.00	240.00	3410.00
Evangelistic Work	70.00					70.00
Building & Repairs	1000.00	1075.90	1304.13		413.61	3793.64
Literature	98.88	107.65	93.33	277.00	28.67	605.53
Co-Op Plan	374.43	326.34	273.45	274.78		1249.00
Foreign Missions			75.00)	5.00		80.00
)			
Home Missions	55.97	85.00	30.46			171.43
Children's Home	206.07					206.07
Bible College						
Youth Camp						
Scholarship Fund						
Other	577.54	2270.10	40.00	25.00	69.34	2981.98
TOTALS	\$3282.89	\$4014.99	\$2766.37	\$1751.78	\$751.62	\$12,567.65

PREACHERS AND DEACONS MEETING/ Feb. 18, 1972

At approximately 7:40, Bro. James Fields declared the meeting open. The congregation sang, "It Won't Be Long".

The Devotion was brought by Bro. Joe Christian, and was an inspiring message about all of us joining together in one accord to work for the Lord. Bro. Joe also announced that a new church work was to begin on Merritt Island, February 20, 1972. He requested prayers for the new church and also that we might all strive to further the kingdom of the Lord.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read by Russell Osborne, Conference Clerk, in absence of Bro. L. H. Ballum, Clerk of the Preachers and Deacons Meeting.

Bro. W. C. Combs made the motion that Bro. Wm. Compton be received into the Preachers and Deacons Conference pending a letter of good standing from the Victor Association.

Reports were given of the ministers and deacons for the quarter. Motion was made and carried to accept all reports.

All sang "Amazing Grace" and had an altar of prayer.

Bro. Compton brought the message. He spoke from Ephesians 6:11-14. A very worthwhile and appropriate message.

A hymn was sung - "Stand Up, Stand Up, For Jesus".

Chosen for the next Preachers and Deacons Conference were Bro. Dewey North to bring the devotion and Bro. R. Chastain to bring the message.

Closing prayer was given by Bro. Milton Fields.

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Cocoa Church for their fellowship and the wonderful dinner and thank God for each one who worked and made our day so peaceful and enjoyable in Christ.

Irene Thomason
Charles Allen

We, the Temperance Committee would like to recommend that we Christians abstain from all appearance of evil and work for the saving of lost souls as stated in I Thess: 5:22.

Roy Pallew
E. Kraft
Jack Allen

We, the Cbituary Committee thank God that there were no deaths to report, so we thank God for his preservation and safe keeping of us all. We pray that He will keep us in His love until we meet again.

Bob Thomason
Al Simmons
Movaline Chastain

We, the Pulpit Committee recommend the following:

Bro. Robert Allen - Morning Devotion
Bro. Charles Allen - Alternate

Bro. Jim Fields - Morning Message
Bro. Wm. Compton - Alternate

Pro. Jim Fountain - Afternoon Devotion
Bro. Bob Thomason - Alternate

Leslie Hallum
Hazel Wood
Gene Richardson

We, the Placement Committee recommend that the next meeting be held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church in Vero Beach, Fla.

Kathy Thomason
Harold Woods
Bob Callahan

(After consulting with Bro. Compton, it was decided that the next meeting would be held in Scottsmoor and the following one would be held in Vero Beach.)

We, the Business Committee recommend that one person be elected to the Executive Board, that one person be elected to the Home Mission Board, and the one member be elected to the Ordaining Council.

James Fields
J. Ladd
G. W. Cloud

STATISTICAL REPORT

	<u>LAST TIME</u>	<u>THIS TIME</u>
Ordained Ministers	8	8
Liscensed Ministers	1	2
Ordained Deacons	17	18
Total Membership	357	367
No. of Churches	5	5
Enrollment Womans' Aux.	47	43
Enrollment CTS	128	165
Enrollment Masters Men	23	20
Enrollment Sunday School	354	391
Deceased	1	0
Paid Pastors	3,138.12	3410.00
Value of Churches and Parsonages	258,362.00	258,362.00

MID EAST COAST DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY Treasurers Report.....

November 1 Balance	120.65
Rec. in December	8.57
Total Received	8.57

Paid Out	
District Project	40.00
Ed Cook WPB Mission	20.71
Youth Camp Property	<u>12.85</u>
	73.56

Total Paid Out	73.56
BALANCE IN TREASURY.....	\$55.66

MIDEAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE TREASURY
REPORT.....

Treasury Balance		529.41
Received and Deposited		
Dues (5 Churches)	125.00	
Youth Rally Collection	16.49	
Home Mission Bd. Off.	89.64	
Special Offering for Jim Simmons	<u>43.53</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>274.66</u> 804.07

Expenses:	
Jimmy Simmons Offering	43.53
F.W.B. Coop Tithes	12.50
Mt. Zion F. W. B. Church	150.00
WPB Mission	150.00
Bu Busy Bee Printing	35.00
Total Expenses	<u>391.03</u>

Total Treasury Balance Feb. 19, 1972 \$413.04

Treasury Break-Down

MEC General Fund	221.92
MEC Youth Board	64.23
MEC Home Mission Board	<u>126.89</u>

Total.....\$413.04

MID EAST COAST WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

February 19, 1972

The Mid East Coast District Auxiliary met February 5, 1972, at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church with 14 ladies present.

Joyce brought the devotion. She challenged those present to commit themselves WHOLLY unto the Lord that we might be made HOLY.

Mrs. Bob King from the Free Will Baptist Church in Miami was our guest speaker for the morning. She gave ideas and suggestions on involving more people in our auxiliary work in our local auxiliaries.

Our collection for the day was given to Mrs. King to help her pay expenses from Miami.

Our next meeting will be held in May at the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church. Election of new district officers will be held at this time.

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Allen, President

YOUTH BOARD REPORT

Feb. 19, 1972

Two Youth Rallys were held during the past quarter under the leadership of the Youth Director, Bro. Roy Ballew.

The December meeting included a very inspiring message by Bro. Joe Thomason, after which refreshments were served. There was also a campfire testimony and Christmas Carol Service.

The February meeting included a very interesting discussion and a devotion about love brought by Bro. Jimmy Simmons.

An effort is being made to have interesting and spiritually uplifting rallys for the young people.

The Titusville Church has won the banner at both rallys.

Pray for and support the Youth Rallys so that our youth may grow in service and love for the Lord and His work.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Osborne,
Secretary of Youth Rally

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

TWENTY SEVENTH QUARTERLY SESSION BEING HELD AT
THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OF
SCOTTSMOOR, FLORIDA

MAY 20, 1972

PRESIDING OFFICERS

REV. JAMES CHRISTIAN.....	MODERATOR
REV. ROBERT CHASTAIN.....	ASST. MODERATOR
ROBERT ALLEN.....	TREASURER
RUSSELL OSBORNE.....	CLERK
JOYCE OSBORNE.....	ASST. CLERK

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD AT
MT. ZION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, VERO BCH. FLA.

AUGUST 19, 1972

MINISTERS:

ROBERT CHASTAIN..... SCOTTSMOOR
JAMES CHRISTIAN..... TITUSVILLE
W.C. COMBS..... COCOA
WILLIAM M. COMPTON..... VERO BEACH
JAMES FIELDS.....MELBOURNE
MILTON FIELDS..... MELBOURNE
DELBERT MULLINS.....TITUSVILLE
JAMES SIMMONS..... TITUSVILLE
JOSEPH THOMASON..... TITUSVILLE

OFFICERS FOR 1971-1972:

REV. JAMES CHRISTIAN..... MODERATOR
REV. ROBERT CHASTAIN.....ASST. MODERATOR
ROBERT ALLEN TREASURER
RUSSELL OSBORNE..... CLERK
JOYCE OSBORNEASST. CLERK
JAMES SIMMONS STATISTICAL CLERK

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

G.W. CLOUD, W.C. COMBS, ~~JAMES FIELDS~~, ^{BOB ALLEN} ~~J.J. RIFFE~~,
HAROLD WOODS

HOME MISSION BOARD:

ROBERT ALLEN, JAMES CHRISTIAN, JAMES FOUNTAIN,
T.L. Kemble

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

W.C. COMBS, CHARLES ALLEN, WM. COMPTON

YOUTH DIRECTOR:

ROY BALLEW

MID EAST COAST CLERKS:

L.H. HALLUM, P.O. BOX 112, SCOTTSMOOR, FLA.
TOMMY FLACK, 1608 ELIZABETH ST., MELBOURNE, FLA.
LOUISE RICHARDSON, 1048 ILLINOIS RD., Cocoa, Fla.
BETSY LUCKY, 3706 ATLANTIC BLVD., VERO BEACH, FLA.
CHARLOTTE COMBS, 1605 EMORY LANE, COCOA, FLA.

MINUTES OF THE CONFERENCE/MAY 20, 1972:

The moderator, Bro. James Christian called the meeting to order at 10:15. Everyone sang "The Old Rugged Cross" led by Bro. Charlie Allen. Bro. Milton Fields then led the congregation in prayer.

Bro. Robert Chastain welcomed everyone to the host church.

Bro. Robert Allen then brought the morning devotion, beginning with an altar prayer and singing of " I never shall forget the day ". He then brought an inspiring and challenging message on obedience. The scripture was taken from FIRST SAMUEL 15: 17-22.

Bro. Bob spoke of how the Lord will bless and keep us if we will only be obedient and let the Lord lead and direct us.

Bro. Chastain gave the charge to the standing delegates as they were recognized. The clerk then read the names of the elected delegates who were also given the charge to conduct the days business keeping in mind that this is the Lord's business.

Clerk gave report that all letters and monies were in order pending receipt of check from the Cocoa church. Bro. Holly Phillips is treasurer of the Cocoa church and was in the hospital at this time. A check will be sent to Bro. Bob Allen as soon as possible. MSC

Committees were then appointed and given instructions.

OLD BUSINESS:

Report was given by Bro. Bob Allen on home mission board..He stated that it was decided at the meeting held on Friday, May 12 to give the monies in the treasury (home mission) to the youth camp board toward the purchase of property for a Free Will Baptist Youth Camp. However, at the conference it brought out that Bro. Ed Cook of the West Palm Beach church was in need of \$300.00 and it was decided that the board would meet again during lunch to discuss the situation further.

Bro. Milton Fields, youth camp director, gave a report on the progress of the new camp. A name has been chosen and the new camp will be called " Camp Viyuka " for Victory Association Youth Camp. Bro. Fields also stated that he would not direct the camp next year but that he would help in any way he could. Bro. Fields feels that new ideas are needed and that a new director should be sought at his time.

Treasurers report was given by Bro. Bob Allen. MSC

CTS Youth rally report was given by the secretary, Joyce Osborne. MSC

Bro. Compton made an announcement that the camp meeting would be held at Camp Bethlehem, July 23 to July 28. For further information, contact Mrs. K. Owens, Rt 1 Chipley, Florida.

The morning message was brought by Bro. James Fields using First Samuel 17: 10-14. Bro. Jim told how we too were in the Lord's Army and just as David had defeated the giant, we could defeat the devil by trusting in the Lord. After the invitation was given the morning session was closed by asking God's blessing on the food that had been prepared for the occasion.

Afternoon Session:

Session was reconvened at 1:10 as we sang, He Set Me Free. Bro. Chastain led in opening prayer after which Bro. and Sister Osborne sang three songs.

Bro. Arnold Woodlief, here to preach at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Merritt Island Sunday morning and evening, brought the afternoon devotion. Bro. Arnold used as his scripture reference, Isaiah 5: 12.

Moderator then called for committee reports. They were as follows.

Appreciation:

We, the appreciation committee, wish to thank the Scottsmeer church for thier hospitality and fellowship, and all the wonderful food. We thank .

each and everyone that have worked so hard to make this a beautiful day worshiping Christ. God bless you.

Al Simmons
James Ball
Robert Hogan

Temperance:

Scripture reference, Matt. 7:20. We, the temperance committee, charge each church represented here today to bring forth these fruits. I saw a child wanting a piece of gum this day. In turn he wanted some for his brother and sister. If we love Jesus, and he gave us free love, we will tell lost sinners and share Jesus with them.

Gene Richardson
J.M. Gowers
James Fox

Obituary:

This committee is pleased to report there were no deaths during the last quarter.

Anita Compton
Charlotte Combs
Homer Hallum

Pulpit:

We recommend the following for our next quarterly meeting,

Morning devotion; Bro. G.W. Cloud
Morning message; Bro. W.C. Combs
Afternoon devotion; Bro. J. Simmons

Charles Allen
Norma Combs
Movaline Chastain

Placement:

We recommend that the quarterly meeting to be held on Nov. 18, 1972, be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne (Eau Gallie).

R.E. Ballew
Steve Long
Betsy Lucky

Business:

No business was brought to the attention of the committee other than a motion that the CTS rally be held each month instead of every two months. After some discussion, the motion was passed. (See CTS report for additional information on this item).

Statistical:

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Enrollment Sunday School	374	391
Parsonages	4	4
Deaths	0	0
Paid Pastors	3245.00	3410.00
Value of Church Property	259,934.82	258,362.00

Misisters Present:

James Fields.....	Melbourne
Milton Fields	Melbourne
Wm. M Compton.....	Vero Beach
Robert Chastain	Scottsmoor
Delbert Mullins	Scottsmoor
James Christian	Titusville
James Simmons	Titusville
W.C. Combs	Cocoa

Deacons Present:

G.W. Cloud	Melbourne
Homer Hallum	Scottsmoor
J.J. Riffe	Scottsmoor
Charles Allen.....	Scottsmoor
Ross Holbrook	Titusville
Bob Allen.....	Scottsmoor

Clerks Present:

Betsy Lucky	Vero Beach
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	<u>FINANCIAL</u>			<u>REPORT</u>		
<u>PAID OUT</u>	<u>SCOTTSMOOR</u>	<u>TITUSVILLE</u>	<u>COCOA</u>	<u>EAU GALLIE</u>	<u>VERO BEACH</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
PASTORS SALARY	900.00	285.00	650.00	1170.00	240.00	3245.00
EVANGELISTIC WORK	-0-	455.00	125.00	125.00	45.00	750.00
BUILDING AND REPAIRS	27.42	133.61	32.50	284.00	-0-	477.53
LITERATURE	115.96	176.26	-0-	452.00	49.95	794.17
CO-OP PLAN	-0-	237.79	191.50	551.00	-0-	629.29
FOREIGN MISSIONS	57.90	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	57.90
HOME MISSION	102.00	45.00	-0-	-0-	-0-	147.00
CHILDREN'S HOME	252.85	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	252.85
BIBLE COLLEGE	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
YOUTH CAMP	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
SCHOLORSHIP FUND	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	=0=
OTHER	34.19	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	159.19
TOTALS	1490.32	1432.66	1024.00	2607.00	359.95	6512.93

Clerks Present (cont):

Louise Richardson Titusville
Charlotte Combs Cocoa

Delegates Present:

Movaline Chastain Scottsmeer
Bonnie Jones..... Scottsmeer
Arthur Jones..... Scottsmeer
Norma Combs Cocoa
Gene Richardson..... Titusville
Alfred Simmons Titusville
Roy Ballew..... Titusville
Robert Hogan Scottsmeer
Steve Long Cocoa
James Fox Cocoa
James Ball..... Cocoa
Anita Compton Vero Beach
Tom Kimble..... Vero Beach
Bernadene Kemble..... Vero Beach
Helen Fields..... Melbourne
Betty Woods Titusville

Visitors:

Joey Christian Merritt Island
Joyce Osborne..... Merritt Island
Eric Combs Cocoa
Becky Christian Titusville
Jimmy Christian Jr. Titusville
Donna Christian Titusville
Doug Christian..... Titusville
Rev. Arnold Woodlief Marianna
Lassie Allen..... Scottsmeer
Lydia Holbrook Titusville
Mary Foster Scottsmeer
Tonya Kemble..... Vero Beach
Helen Allen..... Scottsmeer
Bob Cullihon..... Scottsmeer

Total Present

Treasurers Report, Feb. 19, 1972 - May 20, 1972

Treasury Balance \$413.04

Received and Deposited:

Dues (5 churches)	\$125.00	
Youth Rally	6.78	
Home Mission Off.	<u>67.73</u>	
Total Receipts	\$199.51	<u>\$612.55</u>

Expenses:

Printing of Minutes	\$47.12	
Trophy for Youth Rallies	<u>14.28</u>	
Total Expenses	\$61.40	<u>\$551.15</u>

Treasury Balance, May 20, 1972 \$551.15

Breakdown of Treasury

General Fund	\$299.80
Youth Board	56.73
Home mission Board	<u>194.62</u>
	\$551.15

After all reports were given, Bro. Bob Allen was ordained as a Deacon. His wife, Helen was also given the charge as Bro. Milton Fields read from Acts, chapter 6 and 1st Timothy, chap 3. After the charge was given and Everyone joined in prayer, Bro. Bob and sister Helen were given the right hand of fellowship as we sang, "Where the Soul Never Dies".

Bro. Russell Osborne, clerk of the conference brought out the fact that he is no longer an active member of a local church as required in Article 4, Section 4 of the constitution. After a discussion it was decided no action was required.

Bro. Combs stated that he had no ordination forms for Deacons. MSC that clerk purchase any supplies needed to carry on conference work.

Bro. Roy Ballew, Youth director asked Sister Joycy Osborne to present the Youth trophy to the Scottsmoor church. The trophy was accepted by Bro. Charles Allen and Bro. Robert Chastain.

Auxiliary Report:

The district auxiliary met May 6, 1972 at the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church with 16 present. Sister Becky Christian gave our devotion challenging us to be soul winners for Christ.

Sister Combs was our speaker for the morning service and since it was close to mothers day, she read a clipping entitled "My Mom ". It reminded some of thier own Moms and it showed the younger ones how to be a christian mother for thier own children to be proud of someday. Then Sister Combs showed how we can work from our own homes to serve missions in our own community and beyond.

Our district project for 1972 - 1973 will be to support our own victory association youth camp.

Plans were made for our state auxiliary meeting which will be held at Cocoa, June 3, 1972. Duties were assigned to each auxiliary to carry out the responsibilities for this state meeting. We are very proud that this meeting will be held here in our own district. We urge all our churches in the M.E.C. conference to attend. Registration will start at 9:45 a.m. June 3rd.

New Slate of Officers for 1972 - 1973:

President.....Helen Allen

Vice President.....Liz Allen

Sect. & Treasurer.....

..... Jenny Johnson

Miss. Action.... Betty Woods

Miss. Prayer.....Helga Cross

Miss. Study.....Norma Combs

Historian....Becky Christian

Respectfully submitted,
Helen Allen

Home Mission Board:

Bro. Bob Allen reports that the H.M.B.wishes to donate the monies in the H.M.B. treasury to the

West Palm Beach Free Will Baptist church and also recommends that an offering be taken to give to the W.P.B. church to help them meet a debt that must be paid shortly. MSC and an offering was taken. The amount of offering and the treasury together was nearly enough to eliminate the debt.

Youth Board Report:

CTS rally was held at the Eau Gallie Free Will Baptist Church in Melbourne on April 8, 1972. After the devotion by Bro Ballew, Bro Milton Fields brought some fine thoughts about the 23rd Psalm. We then saw a christian film entitled "Whiter than Snow", after which refreshments were served. The next meeting is to be held at the Scotts Moor Free Will Baptist church on June 10, 1972. A trophy was purchased for youth rally attendance and was given to the Scotts Moor FWB church.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joyce Osborne

Youth Board Recommendations:

We, the CTS youth board, recommend that we bring the CTS youth rally back into being the second Saturday of each month instead of every other Saturday as it now stands. We feel there is too little interest being shown. We further feel that the host church should have the program planned for the rally at thier church. A buffet type meal of which all churches attending should bring a covered dish will be had. The host church will provide cups, plates, drinks, etc. along with thier food contribution. We further that this begin at the up-coming June rally and that each pastor encourage the young and old alike to attend.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS QUARTERLY MEETING 19 MAY 1972

Meeting was called to order by Brother Jim Fields. Brother Bob Allen led in singing Page 329 "Standing On The Promises!" Brother Jim Fields then led in opening prayer. Minutes of previous meeting was read, Brother L. H. Hallum made motion to accept minutes as read.. Motion passed.

Ministers and Deacons letters were read, Brother L.H.Hallum made motion to accept letters as read. Motion passed. No Old Business. No New Business.

Brother Bob Allen then led in singing Page 46 "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian!" Brother Dennis Owens brought the devotion with emphasis on what it should mean to a person being a missionary and how important it is for a missionary to "walk by faith"

Brother Delbert Mullins brought the evening message with emphasis on what the Word of God should mean to a person, how to hold it for what it says, and how important it is not to change one word.

Brother Bob Allen then led in singing Page 187 "He's Coming Again", Devotion at next meeting will be by Brother Dewey North. Message will be brought by Brother Robert Chastain.

Closing Prayer was led by Brother Jimmie Christian

Total Present: 20

7 Ministers	Total Dues Received	13.00
6 Deacons	Previous Balance	45.82
7 Visitors		
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	Total	58.82

MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OF
FLORIDA

MINUTES

29TH QUARTERLY SESSION

Held at

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
EAU GALLIE, FLA.

November 18, 1972

PRESIDING OFFICERS

Rev. Wm. C. Compton.....Moderator
Robert Allen.....Treasurer
Joyce Osborne.....Asst. Clerk
Imogene Knight.....Stat. Clerk

Next Session to be held at the First Free
Will Baptist Church of Titusville, Florida.

February 17, 1973

MINISTERS:

W. C. Combs.....Cocoa
James Simmons.....Titusville
Joseph Thomason.....Titusville
Wm. Compton.....Vero Beach
Milton Fields.....Eau Gallie
James Fields.....Eau Gallie
Robert Chastain.....Scottsmoor
Delbert Mullins.....Scottsmoor

OFFICERS FOR 1973:

Rev. Wm. C. Compton.....Moderator
Rev. W. C. Combs.....Asst. Moderator
Robert Allen.....Treasurer
Russell Osborne.....Clerk
Joyce Osborne.....Asst. Clerk
Imogene Knight.....Stat. Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD:

G. W. Cloud, W. C. Combs, C. Thomley
R. Allen, H. Woods

HOME MISSION BOARD:

Robert Allen (77), Ray McFarland (73)
James Fountain (74), T. L. Kemble (76)
Jim Fox (75)

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

M. Fields, C. Allen, W. Compton

YOUTH DIRECTOR:

Roy Ballew

CLERKS:

Terri Thomason, 347 Bay Street, Cocoa
Louise Richardson, 1048 Illinois Rd., Cocoa
Betsy Lucky, 3706 Atlantic Blvd., Vero Bch.
Tommy Flack, 1608 Elizabeth St., Melbourne
Charles Allen, Box 73, Scottsmoor

NOTE: Asst. Moderator and Clerk were absent
from conference, therefore, names do not
appear on cover of minutes.

MINUTES

The 29th session of the conference began promptly at 10:00AM.

The host pastor, Rev. Milton Fields, lead in the singing of, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms". Bro. Rob Allen lead in the prayer which was followed by another song, "Victory in Jesus".

An announcement was made that some of the officers and leaders had to work and therefore assistants would take over in their absence.

The devotion was brought by Rev. James Stepps of Titusville, from Acts 9:6 and was entitled "Lord, what wilt Thou have ME to do?" He closed in prayer.

Bro. Milton Fields gave a welcome to all and proposed the thought that we all work together to do God's business.

Our Moderator, Rev. Wm. Compton called the meeting to order and gave his remarks and ideas for a successful day of business and fellowship. He then called the roll of the ministers, deacons, and clerks and gave the charge to them as standing delegates.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee and the Ordaining Council was given and the seating of elected delegates and appointing of committees was carried out.

A motion was made and carried to accept the church letters and monies as they had been found in order.

Bro. Charles Allen lead us in prayer and the congregation sang, "Amazing Grace" and "Rescue the Perishing" followed by the offeratory and song, "Send the Light". Bro. Robert Chastain brought the morning message after a special by Bro. Milton Fields, "My Wonderful Lord."

The message was brought to close with a verse from, "Just As I Am" and the benediction and blessing for the noon meal.

Conference dismissed for the noon recess and committee meetings.

Afternoon Session:

The call to order was given at approximately 1:30 P. M. Bro. Fields lead in the song, "He Keeps Me Singing" and Bro. Bob Maddy lead in the prayer. Following the singing of, "The Old Rugged Cross," Bro. Joe Christian brought the afternoon devotion, from Acts 12:1-5 urging us to pray and go for the Lord.

The business session was declared open and the following reports were given and accepted as read:

Women's Auxiliary Report-Helen Allen

CTS Rally Report-Jim Fountain

Treasurer's Report-Bob Allen *

(* Some discussion on what is done with the money we have in the bank from time to time. No outcome was stated at that time)

Statistical Report-Imogene Knight

Temperance Comm.-Tom Kemble

Obituary Comm.-A. A. Stone

Pulpit Comm.-Lassie Allen

Placement Comm.-Norma Combs

Appreciation Comm.-Carole Ellis

The Home Mission Board reported their treasury balance and a plea for those involved to be faithful to the meetings etc. Bro. Bob Allen gave the report. A motion was made that a check for \$192.00 be given to the Merritt Island Free Will Baptist Church to help with the purchase of their land.

Bro. Milton Fields gave the Youth Camp Report and made a plea for \$250.00 to be given by the conference general fund toward the organ-

The Business Committee had no business to report.

A letter from the First Free Will Baptist Church of Merritt Island was read requesting an appointment to meet with the committee to set the church in order.

Several questions by the Asst. Clerk were brought to the floor, discussed and answered.

The Ordination Council report was given by Bro. Milton Fields who explained and reviewed the new set of questions to be asked by candidates seeking ordination. There was a question and answer period and several changes made on the questionnaire. A motion was made and carried to accept the form. (Copy contained herewith in these minutes).

The Executive Board and Ordaining Council made the following recommendations:

- 1.) That a standard method of ordination and examination of ministers and deacons be adopted with an application for both. MSC.
- 2.) That for the better accomplishment of our work and fellowship in the Atlantic Coast area, that we form an Atlantic Coast Association and represent directly to the Florida State Assoc. of Free Will Baptists. MSC.
- 3.) That the clerk be instructed to notify the Victory Association, the Florida State Association and the National Association of our decision and that application for membership be made to the Florida State Assoc. at their 1973 meeting. MSC.
- 4.) That the Moderator appoint a committee including one lay-member from each church to organize this new association and draw up a new constitution. Bro. Harold Woods was designated as Committee Chairman.

4. cont.)

Committee members appointed as follows:

Harold Woods & Rev. J. Stepps-Titusville
Rev. Compton & T. L. Kemble-Vero Beach
Bro. G. W. Cloud & Bob Maddy-Eau Gallie
Rev. W. C. Combs & Harry Ellis-Cocoa
Rev. Chastain & L. H. Hallum-Scottsmoor
Joe Christian & Arthur Chaffin-Merritt Is.
MSC

5. That due to the fact that the Victory Assoc. Youth Camp Board arbitrarily decided to limit camp to one hundred and ninety-nine persons thus depriving as many as one hundred campers the opportunity to attend camp and due to the fact that without consideration of our churches on the East Coast, camp facilities were obtained in an area making travel even more undesirable, we do recommend that we sponsor our own youth camp on the East Coast and that we withdraw all support from the Victory Assoc. Youth Camp. (Note: The Victory Assoc. did allow the churches on the East Coast \$250.00 of approximately \$1,500.00 presently in or promised to the camp fund by the state association. MSC

The following men were appointed by the moderator to serve on a committee to discuss Item #5.

Gary Johnson-Merritt Island
Ron Bass-Melbourne
Tom Kemple-Vero Beach
Ray McFarland-Titusville
Bob Allen-Scottsmoor
Jim Fox-Cocoa

Bro. Compton to notify men of time and place for meeting.

Bro. Compton announced that a mimeograph machine had been purchased and that it was available for any church in the conference to use.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee wish to thank the Eau Gallie Church for the wonderful food and those who prepared it. For the fellowship and blessings we all received today. May God bless this church.

Carole Ellis
Movaline Chastain
Leona Powers

OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary committee regret Bro. C. Vernon Foster of the Scottsboro Free Will Baptist Church left this life 11/4/72 to be with the Lord.

A. R. Stone
S. R. Lucky
Sister Cloud

PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the placement committee recommend that the next Mid-East Coast Conference be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Titusville on Feb. 17, 1973. and the next session to be held in the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church in Cocoa in May 1973.

Richard Wells
Norma Combs
Faye Sattler

PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Robert Allen for the morning devotion. Bro. Milton Fields for the morning message and Bro. Tom Kemble for the afternoon devotion.

Lassie Allen
Imogene Knight

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee, in accordance with Ephesians 6:11, which tells us to put on the whole armour of God, that we may stand against the wiles of the devil, recommend that we adhere to the principles of the Free Will Baptist Treatise and practice those principles daily in the presence of God and of men.

T. L. Kemble

Helen Allen

Betty Woods

Minutes of Ministers & Deacons Meeting
November 17, 1972

Business session called to order by Bro. Robert Chastain, Moderator. Bro. Jim Fields lead singing of Kneel at the Cross. Bro. Cloud lead in prayer.

Bro. Riffe brought the devotion taking as his scripture Nehemiah the fourth chapter.

The minutes of the last meeting were read by Bro. L. H. Hallum, MSC to accept.

There was no old business.

New Business:

1) Motion made to change procedure of sending a program to pastors only of up-coming Ministers & Deacons meetings and leaving the pastor responsible to tell the others. MSC

2) Letters of all ministers and deacons were read by the clerk, L. H. Hallum. MSC

Bro. Combs gave a special report of the work at the State Convention and ask that we be much in prayer.

The message was brought by Rev. J. Stepp of the Titusville church. Motion made to dismiss after service. Bro. Bob Allen lead in closing prayer.

TREASURY REPORT

August 19, 1972 - November 18, 1972

Treasury Balance-Aug. 19, 1972		465.63
Received and Deposited:		
Dues (5 Churches)	125.00	
Home Mission Board		
Offerings	41.08	
Total Receipts	<u>166.08</u>	<u>166.08</u>
	Sub-Total	631.71
Expenses:		
F.W.B. Co-op Plan	12.50	
Victory Assoc.-Dues	30.00	
Total Expenses	<u>42.50</u>	<u>(42.50)</u>
Treasury Balance-Nov. 18, 1972		\$589.21

Treasury Breakdown

General Fund.....	446.90
Youth Board.....	49.41
Home Mission Bd..	92.90
Total.....	<u>589.21</u>

STATISTICAL REPORT - November 18, 1972

	LAST REP.	THIS REP.
Ordained Ministers	7	7
Licensed Ministers	2	3
Ordained Deacons	16	20
Total Membership	347	367
Number of Churches	5	5
Enrollment of Wom. Aux.	22	36
Enrollment of CTS	168	193
Enrollment of Masters Men	6	6
Enrollment of Sun. School	370	391
Parsonages	4	4
Deaths	0	1
Paid Pastors	\$2950.00	\$2155.00
Value of Church Property	\$252,362.	\$257,362.
Attendance Record		
Ministers	7	4
Deacons	4	9
Delegates	16	13
Visitors	22	16
Totals.....	<u>49</u>	<u>42</u>

MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE DISTRICT
WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT-November 4, 1972

The Mid East Coast District Auxiliary met at the Cocoa Free Will Baptist Church, November 4, 1972. There were four churches represented by sixteen ladies in attendance.

Sister Norma Combs brought the morning devotion using John Chapter 15. She spoke on having love for those around us in order to win them to Christ.

During the business meeting, a letter was read from the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Vero Beach, requesting membership into the District Auxiliary. They were received.

The next meeting will be held at the Scott-smoor Free Will Baptist Church, where a study course will be held on the new auxiliary manual.

Rev. Larry Powell, Missionary to Puerto Rico gave the Morning Message using Isaiah 61:1. He challenged us to launch out into the deep for the cause of Christ and become soul-winners for Him.

We would like to invite those that would like to attend our next meeting to please come and be with us. Help us to have a District Aux. that will be recognized throughout the state.

Respectfully
Submitted,
Helen Allen
President of M.E.C.
District Auxiliary

ATTENDANCE RECORD

MINISTERS:

Rev. Milton Fields.....	Eau Gallie
Rev. Robert Chastain.....	Scottsmeer
Rev. Wm. C. Compton.....	Vero Beach
Rev. James Stepps.....	Titusville

DEACONS:

G. W. Cloud.....	Eau Gallie
J. J. Riffe.....	Scottsmeer
Charles Allen.....	Scottsmeer
Leslie Hallum.....	Scottsmeer
Homer Hallum.....	Scottsmeer
J. C. Fountain.....	Eau Gallie
Robert H. Allen.....	Scottsmeer
C. J. Thomly.....	Eau Gallie
J. E. Christian.....	Merritt Is.

DELEGATES:

Betty Woods.....	Titusville
Lassie Allen.....	Scottsmeer
Movaline Chastain.....	Scottsmeer
Tom Kemble.....	Vero Beach
A. R. Stone.....	Scottsmeer
Helen Allen.....	Scottsmeer
Norma Combs.....	Cocoa
Carole Ellis.....	Cocoa
Faye Sattler.....	Cocoa
Sam Lucky.....	Vero Beach
Imogene Knight.....	Titusville
Nadine Thomley.....	Eau Gallie
Richard Wells.....	Eau Gallie

VISITORS:

Linn Clind	Sarah Riffe	Wm. Macculy
Betsy Lucky	Leona Powers	Teresa Richardson
Bernadene Kemble	Maude Wells	Yvonne Peaks
Nancy Wright	Louise Richardson	Helen Fields
Rhonda Wright	Lisa Wright	Jenny Johnson
Dell Bass	Joyce Osborne	

FINANCIAL

PAID OUT	SCOTTSMOOR	TITUSVILLE	COCOA	EAU GALLIE	VERO BCH.	TOTALS
Pastor's Salary	900.00	375.00	350.00	1170.00	360.00	3155.00
Evangelistic Work	237.00	225.00	125.00	45.00	176.89	808.89
Bldg. & Repair	1867.00	167.43	107.40	1220.67	-0-	3362.50
Literature	75.19	126.88	121.72	199.84	118.63	642.26
Co-op Plan	357.00	-0-	202.31	278.00	-0-	837.31
Foreign Missions	-0-	-0-	50.94	215.00	117.00	382.94
Home Missions	76.44	-0-	1.52	-0-	-0-	77.96
Children's Home	182.14	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	182.14
Bible College	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Youth Camp	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Scholarship Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other	565.08	2327.97	250.00	1217.93	44.00	4404.98
Assoc. Fees	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
Totals	4284.85	3247.28	1233.89	4371.44	841.52	\$13,978.98

Procedure for Membership into the Assoc.
as Ministers or as Candidates for Ordination
to the Ministry:

1. All ministers wishing to become member of this association must be recommended from the church of which they are members. They will be called upon to present their credentials for examination and answer satisfactorily such questions as may be asked to them.
2. Applications must be made at least 60 day before the quarterly meeting and the completed questionnaire turned in at least 30 day before the meeting to the chairman of the Ordaining Council.
3. For a person to be presented for ordination or recognition of ordination, he must be pastoring, be in a state of retirement due to age or health or have a justifiable cause preventing his pastoring. It would be understood that those engaged in full-time Christian work in another area would be eligible for ordination, or recognition. (i.e. music minister full-time evangelist, missionary, etc.)
4. Ministers desiring to be ordained must have been licensed for the period of one year and have pastored for at least six months prior to ordination. (Six months pastoring during the one year tenure of licensing will be accepted as a prerequisite for ordination as will full-time evangelistic or related Christian work.)

Adopted by the Association while in session at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Melbourne, Fla., November 18, 1972.

Sample Application Blank

* Ministers desiring membership

* Candidates for ordination to the ministry.

Name and address.

Church of which you are a member and address.

Pastor's name and address.

Church under which you are licensed (if applicable).

Church under which you pastor.

1. Why do you want to be ordained? (if applicable.)
2. How do you know you are saved?
3. How would you lead a person to Christ.
4. Why do you want to preach?
5. Do you believe God calls a man to preach?
6. Why do you want to be a Free Will Baptist preacher?
7. Do you think one should prepare for the ministry?
8. How do you plan to prepare for the ministry?
9. What authority does the quarterly meeting or any association have over the local church?
10. Do you believe in the independent government of the local church?
11. Have you ever been affiliated with another denomination? To what extent? (if applicable) How were you dismissed? (if applicable)
12. Do you have more than one living wife or does your wife have more than one living husband.
13. Have you ever been divorced?
14. Do you use tobacco?
15. Will you accept and preach the convictions of right living as set forth in the Free Will Baptist Covenant?
16. What is the primary purpose of the Church as stated in the Great Commission?
17. What is the Biblical plan for financing the church? Do you support your church regularly.
18. What effect do you think the sin of Adam

20. Do you believe in the Virgin Birth of Christ?
21. Do you believe in the Deity of Christ?
(Explain)
22. Do you believe that the Spirit that draws a man to Christ is resistible?
23. Do you believe in a literal Hell?
24. Do you believe the heathen are lost?
25. Why is the New Birth necessary?
26. What is the New Birth?
27. What is sanctification? (Explain)
28. Is it possible for a man to be lost after he is saved?
29. In the light of Hebrews 6:4-6, 10:26-29; and II Peter 2:20-21, can a person be saved twice?
30. If at some later date you should find that you have become convinced of doctrines contrary to those believed by Free Will Baptist what would you do?
31. Should a person be admitted to the church membership who is not saved?
32. Should a person be allowed to participate in leading the worship who is not saved? (i.e. teach, lead singing etc.)
33. What is the Scriptural mode of baptism?
34. Why do we observe the Lord's Supper and feet washing?
35. Do you believe in the infallibility of the Bible?
36. What is your view of inspiration? (Explain)
37. Do you believe God endowed man with a free choice?
38. Will you emphasize missions?
39. Do you believe in the literal return of Christ?
40. Do you believe in the possibility of Christ's return at any moment?
41. Do you believe in the Death, Burial and bodily resurrection of the Lord?
42. Do you have any reason to believe that you are unacceptable for ordination?
43. Will you attend or report by letter to all Associational meetings? and support them?
44. Will you refrain from the use, handling and sanctioning of all alcoholic beverages?
45. What is your view of the gift of tongues?