

M I N U T E S

of the  
MID EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE  
of  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF FLORIDA

30th QUARTERLY SESSION

Held At

The First Free Will Baptist Church Of  
Titusville, Fla.

February 17, 1973

PRESIDING OFFICERS

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

NEXT SESSION TO BE HELD AT THE COCOA  
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF COCOA, FLA.

May 19, 1973

## MID EAST COAST MINISTERS, OFFICERS & BOARDS

### MINISTERS:

Wm. C. Compton.....	Vero Beach
James D. Stepps.....	Titusville
Joe Thomason.....	Cocoa
W. C. Combs.....	Cocoa
Milton Fields.....	Melbourne
James Fields.....	Melbourne
Robert Chastain.....	Scottsmeer
Delbert Mullins.....	Mims

### 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 GOUNCIL:

M. Fields, C. Allen, W. Compton

### YOUTH DIRECTOR:

Jim Fountain

### CLERKS:

Charles H. Allen, Box 73, Scottsmeer, Fla.  
Tommy Flack, 1608 Elizabeth Street, Melbourne  
Terri Thomason, 347 Bay Ave., Cocoa, Fla.  
Louise Richardson, 1048 Ill. Rd., Cocoa, Fla.  
Doyle Griffin, 30 Tanen Ct., Vero Beach, Fla.

## PROCEEDINGS

Saturday, February 17, 1973-----10:00AM

Meeting called to order by the Moderator,  
Rev. Wm. Compton.

Song, "Victory in Jesus" led by Milton  
Fields. Prayer by Bob Maddy.

Welcome to all by the Moderator.

Devotion by Robert Allen. (Matt. 5:14-17,  
II Kings 6:16-17, Eccl. 12:13-14)

Call to Order of business session.

Seating of Standing Delegates & Elected  
Delegates. Charge to Delegates given by the  
Moderator.

Resignation of Clerk and Asst. Clerk.MSC  
Motion made to appoint committee of two to  
find out who is available for position of  
Clerk and Asst. Clerk.MSC.

Appointment of Robert Allen and G. W.  
Cloud for Committee.

Resignation of Jack Allen from Business  
Committee. Replaced by A. R. Stone. MSC

Announcement that a Youth Camp had been  
acquired for Mid East Coast use. (Dates of  
August 13-18, 1973)

Elected as Camp Director, Rev. James Stepps.  
MSC.

The Ordination Council report was given  
by Rev. Milton Fields. MSC to accept.

Motion made to accept Rev. James D. Stepps  
into Mid East Coast Conference.

Milton Fields read a sample of the new Constitution and By-Laws for the new Association to be formed. Tabled till afternoon business session.

Five minute recess.

Song, "Since Jesus Came Into My Life."

Special offering in song by the Melbourne Free Will Baptist Junion Choir, under the direction of Helen Fields. "Give Me Oil In My Lamp", "Born to Serve 'The Lord", "His Name Is Wonderful", "Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary".

Morning Message: Rev. Milton Fields (I Tim. 3:1-7) "The Practice of a Prophetic Prophet or Preacher".

Prayer, James D. Stepps.

Saturday Afternoon.....

Convened at 1:15PM.

Two songs were sung.

Devotion, Tom Kemble.

Asst. Clerk gave the Statistical Report as Statistical Clerk was absent. MSC

Committee to recommend new Clerk and Asst. reported they were unable to find anyone at this session to replace Clerk and Asst. Clerk. Asst. Clerk stated she and present Clerk would remain until next session. MSC.

Committee Reports were given. MSC.

Motion made to give \$150.00 to Youth Camp Fund. MSC

Discussion of Association Constitution and By-Laws. Changes were made. MSC, to accept with changes corrected by next session.

Motion made to get Nominating Committee of (3) to prepare Officer nominees and stating their terms of office, at next session.

Dismissal in prayer at 3:10 P.M.

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STATISTICAL REPORT

<u>THIS</u> <u>REPORT</u>	<u>LAST</u> <u>REPORT</u>
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Ordained Ministers

7

7

Licensed Ministers

1

3

Ordained Deacons

19

20

Total Membership

356

367

Number of Churches

5

5

Enrollment of Wom. Aux.

41

36

Enrollment of CTS

178

193

Enrollment of Masters Men

0

6

Enrollment of Sunday School

405

391

Parsonages

4

4

Deaths

0

1

Paid Pastors

\$4452.52

\$2155.00

Value of Church Property

\$257,362.

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## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE:

We, the Appreciation Committee do wish to express our sincere appreciation for the excellent fellowship and wonderful food served. We also recommend that in the future that we do away with the Appreciation Committee and always give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks.

Movaline Chastain  
Norma Combs  
Nancy Griffin

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE:

We, the Obituary Committee are pleased to report there has been no deaths reported to our Conference this past quarter.

Bob Maddy  
Lena Cloud  
Mrs. R. Holbrook

### PLACEMENT COMMITTEE:

We, the Placement Committee recommend the next Mid-East Coast Conference be held at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Cocoa on May 19, 1973; and the next session to be held in the Scottsmeer Free Will Baptist Church in August 18, 1973.

Tom Kemble  
Helen Allen  
Martina Hadwin

### PULPIT COMMITTEE:

We, the Pulpit Committee recommend Bro. Harry Ellis for the morning devotion, Bro. James Stepps for the morning message, and Bro. Gary Johnson for the afternoon devotion.

Edna Ellis  
A. R. Stone  
Bernadene Kemble



## TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE:

We, the Temperance Committee recommend that as Children of God, abstain from sins in any way. We should live lives that are a testimony unto others, that we have been born again.

Harry Ellis, Sr.  
Maude Wills  
Ray McFarland

## HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT--Bob Allen

Board reported amount of funds and efforts that were being put forth to use the funds to good of conference. Ideas and thoughts were discussed about future projects for Home Mission Board. MSC.

## EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT--None Given.

## YOUTH RALLY BOARD REPORT-- Bob Allen (In absence of James Fountain)

He reported that James would prefer the second or third Saturday night of the month for Youth Rally and the starting time to be 7:00 PM. The next rally to be held in Cocoa and the one after that to be held in Scotts-moor.

Mid-East Coast District Auxiliary Report  
Held at the Scottsmoor  
Free Will Baptist Church  
February 3, 1973

The Mid-East Coast District Women's Auxiliary met Feb. 3, 1973 at the Scottsmoor Free Will Baptist Church with 12 members present and 1 visitor.

The meeting was called to order. Sister Norma Combs led in singing, followed by Altar of Prayer led by Sister Betty Woods.

Sister Linda Stepps brought us our morning devotion. She told a story called "The Wallpaper that Talked." This was a story about mission work in Japan, with scripture taken from I Cor. 1:18.

Sister Norma Combs gave a study of the new Auxiliary Manual. The study was done by the auxiliary competing in a Tic-Tac-Toe game.

Following the business session, Sister Bernadene Kemble from Vero Beach Free Will Baptist Church spoke on "Giving an account of our stewardship", with God's little people-children.

There are presently four Auxiliaries in the District.

The next meeting will be held at the Mt. Zion Free Will Baptist Church of Vero Beach, Fla. May, 1973.

After the meeting was adjourned, we enjoyed a delicious covered dish lunch.

Respectfully submitted,  
Helen Allen, President



MID-EAST COAST QUARTERLY CONFERENCE TREASURY  
REPORT                      November 18, 1972 - Feb. 17, 1973

Treasury Balance-11/18/72                      589.21

Received and Deposited:

Dues (5 churches)	125.00
Collection/Conference	11.33
Home Mission Bd. Off.	54.22
Voided check/HMB	<u>150.00</u>

Total Receipts                      340.55  
929.76

Expenses:

FWB Co-Op Plan	13.63
First FWB Ch. of MI	192.90
M. Fields-Programs	9.32
Busy Bee Printing	30.00
(minutes)	
National Association	7.21
(Church letters)	
West Palm Beach Project	150.00
(Check Re-Issued)	
Bill McMurphy Printing	<u>30.00</u>
(minutes)	

Total Expenses                      433.06

Balance of Treasury                      \$496.70

Treasury Breakdown:

General Fund	393.07
Youth Board	49.41
Mission Board	<u>54.22</u>

Total                      \$496.70

## FINANCIAL

## REPORT

<u>PAID OUT</u>	SCOTTSMOOR	TITUSVILLE	COCOA	MELBOURNE	VERO BCH.	TOTALS
Pastor's Salary	900.00	1400.00	350.00	1562.52	240.00	4452.52
Evangelistic Work	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	25.00	25.00
Bldg. & Repair	1000.00	437.59	207.73	812.32	-0-	2457.64
Literature	111.46	117.13	107.44	347.74	119.72	803.49
Co-Op Plan	277.66	-0-	78.60	746.00	-0-	1102.26
Foreign Missions	-0-	-0-	73.10	411.32	139.00	623.42
Home Missions	87.44	-0-	154.18	-0-	14.00	255.62
Children's Home	178.44	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	178.44
Bible College Youth Camp Scholarship Fund	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Other Expenses	476.11	1832.73	-0-	2204.04	1180.62	5693.50
Assoc. Fees	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
TOTALS	\$3056.11	\$3812.45	\$996.05	\$6108.94	\$1743.34	\$15,716.89

## ATTENDEES

MINISTERS-James D. Stepps, Robert Chastain, Delbert Mullins, Milton Fields, William C. Compton.

DEACONS: Charles H. Allen, Homer Hallum, G. W. Cloud, Ross Holbrook, J. R. Thomason, Coney J. Thomley, Arthur Chaffin, Robert Allen.

DELEGATES- A. R. Stone, Ray McFarland, Bernadene Kemble, Tom Kemble, Nancy Griffin, Movaline Chastain, Norma Combs, Edna Ellis, Harry Ellis, Wm. R. Maddy, Sr., Helen C. Allen, Wilma Thomas, Martha Hallum, Lydia Holbrook, Martina Hadwin, Maude Wells, Judy Fountain.

VISITORS: Okra Mullins, R. E. Ballew, Gracie Chaffin, Bob Chaffin, Becky Chaffin, Linda Stepps, Betty Woods, Helen Fields, Jenny Johnson. (37 others who did not register)

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## ATTENDANCE STATISTICS

	Last Time	This Time
Ministers	4	5
Deacons	9	8
Delegates	13	17
Visitors	<u>16</u>	<u>47</u>
Totals...	42	77