
M I N U T E S
OF THE
TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDAVID, FLORIDA

September 11, 1971

NEXT SESSION

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRATT, FLORIDA

September 9, 1972

Mid-Year Meeting
with
Ensley Free Will Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida
February 5, 1972

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION OF THE WEST
FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION HELD WITH CHRISTIAN HOME
FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, MCDAVID, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 11, 1971.

State Association to be held with Marvin Chapel Free Will
Baptist Church, Marianna, Florida, November 3-5, 1971.

Mid-year Associational Meeting to be with Ensley Free Will
Baptist Church February 5, 1972.

District Woman's Auxiliary to be held with New Home Free Will
Baptist Church, Cantonment, Florida, April 1, 1972.

Northwest Florida Yearly Meeting to be held however, date and
place will be announced later.

West Florida Sunday School Convention and C.T.S. Competition
to be held with Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church on
May 6, 1972. Sunday School in the morning and C.T.S. in afternoon.

West Florida Association Yearly Meeting to be held with Shiloh
Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, September 9, 1972.

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Rev. L. Carroll-----3101 E. Lloyd St., Pensacola, Fla. 32500	438-8094
Rev. E. Carroll-----3 Campbell Ct., Pensacola, Florida 32503	476-5201
Rev. B. M. Mathews--Rt. 11 Box 506, Pensacola, Florida 32503	476-4311
Rev. J.D. Parham----Rt. 1 Box 92, McDavid, Florida 32568	369-6131
Rev. R.H. Reddick---Rt. 8 Box 760, Pensacola, Florida 32508	456-1447
Rev. W.C. Stanford--Rt. 3 Box 638, Cantonment, Florida 32533	986-3088
Rev. Robt. Owen-----Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 36502	369-6460
Rev. Carl Thompson--P.O. Box 7051, Pensacola, Florida 32504	476-7248
Rev. Joseph Wallis--Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama 36502	369-6460
Rev. R. C. Wiggins--3309 N. Franklin Ave., Pensacola, Fla. 32500	438-5735

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. B. F. Godwin---Rt. 1, Century, Florida	256-2239
Rev. J. C. Dortch---Rt. 1 Box 79, Atmore, Alabama 36502	369-6356

PASTORS FOR 1971-72

Bethel Church-----Rev. B. M. Mathews
515 Woodland Drive, Pensacola, Florida

Beulah Church-----Rev. L. Bass
Mobile Highway, Pensacola, Florida

Christian Home Church-----Rev. R. C. Wiggins
McDavid, Florida to replace Rev. W. M. Compton

Ensley Church-----Rev. Carl Thompson
Jones Street, Pensacola, Florida

New Home Church-----Rev. J. D. Parham
Cantonment, Florida

Shiloh Church-----Rev. Joseph Wallis
Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama to replace Rev. Robt. Owen

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-third annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist held with Christian Home Church. September 11, 1971.

10:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing led by Brother Luther Hansley. Devotion by Rev. W.A. Hansley reading from Psalm 91. Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Walker.

Clerk introduced officers of the association, called meeting to order and turned meeting over to moderator for his remarks and to moderate meeting.

Standing delegates seated. Visitors recognized. Rev. Hansley and his son Luther, and Bro. Ken Walker, Missionary from Mobile. Recognized ministers and deacons present. Ministers: R. Owen, W.M. Compton, R. C. Wiggins, Jr. E. Carroll, L. Carroll, Jack Farham, and L. Bass. There were five (5) deacons present.

Oral report was given by State Promotional Secretary Bro. W. Hansley.

Clerk gave roll call of church delegates as follows: Bethel (4), Beulah (5), Christian Home (3), New Home (3), Shiloh (5), Ensley (4). MSC to seat church delegates.

MSC to receive treasurer's report.

MSC to receive Sunday School Convention report.

MSC to receive C.T.S. Convention Report.

MSC to receive Woman's Auxiliary Report.

11:00 A.M.

Opened service with singing lead by Bro. Luther Hansley, prayer by Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

Morning message brought by Bro. Kenneth Walker, dismissal prayer by Bro. E. Carroll.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with singing lead by Bro. Cletis Edgeman. Devotion by Rev. L. Bass. Meeting was called to order for business.

MSC to receive Home Missions Board report.

MSC to receive Ordaining Council report given orally.

MSC to receive Missionary Conference report.

Oral report given by Rev. R.C. Wiggins about the Crestview Mission. He stated that he had given his resignation to Home Mission Board but agreed to stay for a short time until the Mission Board could meet and make other arrangements.

Moved and seconded that the association retain 50% of our tithes from local churches to support our local home mission work. After much discussion Bro. Bass moved and Bro. Mathews seconded to table this motion until next session. Carried by the body.

Moved by Bro. Compton and seconded by Bro. Stanford to delete Article 8, Section III of constitution and change to read as follows:

Total Cooperative income of the West Florida Association will be disbursed by a Finance Committee and approved by body.

MSC to table above motion until next meeting. MSC that should a Finance Committee is appointed, one from each church should be included.

MSC to take from the table Article 8 Section II to read and additional fee of \$10.00 per church at the mid-yearly meeting will be accessed and a \$20.00 fee per church for churches with membership over 50 or \$15.00 for churches of membership under 50 at the yearly meeting. This motion carried.

State Association Delegates were appointed. Those appointed were Sister Thelma Bass, Sis. Elzie Carroll, Sis. Louise Owen, Sis. T. Wiggins and Sis. Montee. Alternate, Sis. B. Purvis. MSC to give Moderator authority to appoint delegates at the state meeting, if necessary.

Officers elected as follows: Moderator, Rev. Robt. Owen; asst. Moderator, Rev. R. C. Wiggins, jr.; Treasurer, Bro. Wildon Hall; Clerk, Bro. Jerald Amerson; Asst. Clerk, Sis. Thelma Wiggins. Rev. Jack Parham was elected to the Home Missions Board til 1976.

Bro. F. Dockens resigned as a member of the Ordaining Council. Rev. W. M. Compton was elected to replace him.

Mid-yearly Meeting to be held February 5, 1972 with Ensley Free Will Baptist Church. Yearly Associational Meeting to be held September 9, 1972 with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church.

Minutes were read and accepted. Meeting adjourned.

Minutes - Mid-Yearly Meeting
Beulah Free Will Baptist Church,
Feb. 6, 1971

Opened with congregational singing lead by Bro. Harlie Dockens. Prayer by Bro. Elzie Carroll. Devotion by Bro. Billy Ray Lowery, reading from John 3. Prayer by Bro. R. C. Wiggins.

Welcome given by Bro. L. Bass from Beulah church.

Clerk introduced officers of association. Called meeting to order and turned same over to Rev. Robt. Owen, Moderator for his remarks and to moderate meeting.

Five deacons were present. Ministers present: R. Owen, R.C. Wiggins, E. Carroll, L. Bass, B. Mathews, J. Parham

Seated standing delegates. Clerk read names of church delegates. Present, Shiloh (4), Beulah (3), Bethel (5), Christian Home (5), New Home (3), Ensley (3). MSC to seat delegates. Recognized visitors - Bro. and Sis. W.M. Compton.

Treasurer's report given by Bro. W. Hall showing a balance in treasury 12-30-70 of \$81.23 MSC to accept.

West Florida Home Mission's Board report given by Bro. Mathews and accepted. Oral report from Rev. R. C. Wiggins on Crestview Mission. MSC to accept.

11:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing, lead by Bro. H. Dockens. Prayer by Bro. B. Mathews. Morning message by Bro. W.M. Compton. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. J. Parham.

1:20 P.M.

Opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Bro. Cletis Edgemon. Devotion by Bro. Harlie Dockens.

MSC to take motion from table to change article III of constitution to add "assistant clerk. Main motion carried.

Moved and seconded to change article 8 Section II of our constitution to read "an additional fee of \$10.00 per church at the mid-yearly meeting will be assessed and a \$20.00 fee per church, for churches with membership over 50, or \$15.00 for churches with membership under 50, at the yearly meeting. MSC to table until yearly meeting in September.

MSC to accept Rev. W. M. Compton in association as ordained minister. Sister Thelma Wiggins and alternate, Sis. Compton to be delegate to North Florida yearly meeting in Chipley, April 23 and 24, 1971.

MSC to adjourn after minutes were read and accepted.

BOARDS FOR 1971-72

<u>Home Missions</u>	<u>Ordaining Council</u>
(72) Bro. H. Dockens	Rev. Robt. Owen
(73) Rev. B. Mathews	Rev. Elzie Carroll
(74) Rev. R. Owen	Rev. J. D. Parham
(75) Bro. M. Carroll	Rev. R. C. Wiggins
(76) Rev. J.D. Parham	Rev. W. M. Compton

Executive Board

Bro. Douglas Morgan - Shiloh Church
Bro. W. C. Stanford - Ensley Church
Bro. J. N. Parham - New Home Church
Bro. E. Worley - Bethel Church
Bro. James Beal - Beulah Church
Bro. F. W. Dockens - Christian Home Church

Delegates and Churches Represented

- Bethel Church - Sis. Eula Ward, Sis. Martha Paul and
Sis. Jewel Warren
- Beulah Church - Sis. Thelma Bass, Sis. Catherine Cofield,
Sis. Jean Montee, Bro. Charles Smith
Alternates: Sis. S. Beal and Sis. B. Dunnam
- Christian Home - Sis. Maggie Dockens, Sis. Angie Godwin and
Sis. Edna Caraway.
- New Home Church - Sis. Lucille Parham, Sis. Stella Hall, and
Sis. Ella Mae Parham. Alternates: Marvin
Parham.
- Ensley Church - Bro. Earl Hauffee, Bro. Leslie Nichols
Bro. Maurice Carroll, Bro. Cletis Edgmon
- Shiloh Church - Sis. Martez Dortch, Sis. Maxine McCall, Bro.
Cecil McElhaney, Bro. Douglas Morgan and Bro.
Curtis Amerson, Alternates: Sis. Alberta Hall
Sis. Eunice Godwin and Sis. L. Owen.

Ministers Attending

Rev. Robert Owen
Rev. W. M. Compton
Rev. R. C. Wiggins
Rev. E. Carroll
Rev. L. Carroll
Rev. J. D. Parham
Rev. L. Bass
Rev. B. Mathews

Deacons Attending

F. W. Dockens
Albert Paul
Wildon Hall
Clark Caraway
Ray Purvis

Churches

	<u>Clerk</u>	<u>Pastor</u>
Bethel Church	Frances B. Mathews Rt. 11 Box 506 Pensacola, Fla. 32503	Rev. Burl Mathews Same
Beulah Church	Thelma Bass Rt. 8 Box 851 Pensacola, Fla. 32506	Rev. Lindberg Bass Same
Christian Home	Doris Long Rt. 1 Box 91 McDavid, Fla. 32568	Rev. R. C. Wiggins 3309 N. Franklin Pensacola, Florida
New Home Church	Lorene Belle Rt. 3 Box 36H Pensacola, Fla.	Rev. J. D. Parham Rt. 1 Box 92 McDavid, Florida 32568
Ensley Church	Margaret Baker 2417 North "N" Street Pensacola, Florida	Rev. Carl Thompson P.O. Box 7051 Pensacola, Florida 32504
Shiloh Church	Sis. Bernice Purvis Rt. 1 McDavid, Florida	Rev. Joseph Wallis Rt. 1 Box 269 Atmore, Alabama 36502

REPORTS

Obituary Report - Church letters show the following deaths.

Steve Purvis, August 1970 - Shiloh Church
Ola Register, February 1971 - Shiloh Church

Standing of Ministers Report - Church letters list the following ministers to be in good standing:

Rev. Robert Owen	Rev. R. H. Reddick
Rev. Elzie Carroll	Rev. W. M. Compton
Rev. Lloyd Carroll	Rev. R. C. Wiggins
Rev. W. C. Stanford	Rev. J. D. Parham
Rev. Burl Mathews	Rev. B. Godwin (licensed)
Rev. Lindberg Bass	Rev. J. C. Dortch (licensed)

Woman's Auxiliary Report - Martha Paul

Officers for 1971-72		438-5735
President	Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, Fla.	
V. President	Louise Owen, Rt. 1 Box 269, Atmore, Alabama	369-6460
Sec. & Treas.	Martha Paul 2717 Copter Rd. Pensacola, Fla.	477-4997
Field Worker	Ann Watford, 211 W. Hope Dr. Pensacola 32504	476-3565
Mission Study Chr.	Angie Godwin, Century, Florida	
Mission Prayer Chr.	Janise Moreno, 315 Frisco Rd. Pensacola	453-1214
Mission Action Chr.	Jewel Warren, 9000 N. Davis, Hwy. Pensacola	476-2167

Treasurer's report:

Mrs. Peggy Spivey	10.00	Sammy Wilkerson	80.00
Pensacola Christian School Quartet	7.00	Philip Cook	30.00
Bethel-Standard of Achievement Chart	1.00	Carlisle Hanna	20.00
Printing of Minutes	5.00	Bill Fulcher	20.51
Postage and supplies	4.96	Joe Haas	43.07
Co-Laborer offering	12.00	Lonnie Palmer	37.76
Bible College Building Fund	25.00	Jim Combs	20.00
Student Loan Fund	10.00	Eddie Paynes	20.00
Thanksgiving Offering	21.75	Tom Willey Jr.	24.71
State Home Missions	10.00	Maurice Cousineau	30.00
Easter Offering	32.91	South India	
WNAC Emphasis	40.30	Ministry	<u>35.00</u>
State Project	59.47		
District Project	172.00	TOTAL	\$ 778.68
Christmas offering	6.24		

Balance brought forward	\$ 10.89
Total deposits	<u>831.29</u>
	\$ 842.18
Total paid out	<u>778.68</u>
Balance April 1, 1971	\$ 63.50

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Sunday School Convention Report cont'd

Treasurer's Report:

Tithes & offerings paid in - - - - - \$60.79
Bal.in treas. when I took over - - - \$279.62

Spent out:

Bible College \$70.50
Crestview Mission 70.50
Minutes-Bro. Hall 10.00
Checks & postage 8.60

\$159.60

Balance in Bank- - - - - \$203.72

Home Missions Board Report - Rev. Burl Mathews

The Home Missions Board submits the following report for the period of Jan. 1, 1971 thru Aug. 31, 1971.

1. No activity other than financial.
2. Beulah Church - Total payments \$180.00 (includes December 1971 payment) and 8 months at \$20.00.
Crestview Mission - Total payments \$200.00 (8 months at \$25.00)

Both accounts paid up to date.

3. Barnett Bank of Pensacola (Formerly First Bank and Trust)
Checking Account Balance 12/31/70 \$120.00
Deposited - Beulah payments 100.00
Crestview payments 75.00

Balance to date- - - - - \$ 295.00

4. Mutual Federal Savings. Balance 12/31/70 - - - - - \$1,971.98

Deposited - Crestview Payments--\$125.00
Beulah Payments ---- 80.00
West Fla. Assn.----- 351.63
Feb. check 141.63
Aug. Check 210.00
Dividends----- 52.94
March, \$25.50
June, 27.44

Balance to date- - - - - \$2,581.55
Plus Checking Account- - - - - 295.00

Total Funds held by Home Mission Board- - - - - \$2,876.55

Home Missions Board Report - Mid Year Meeting Feb. 6, 1971

Deposits in Savings Total	-	\$100.00	from Crestview
"	"	20.00	from Beulah
"	"	87.00	from Association
"	"	46.08	Dividends from Bank

Balance in Savings 9-11-70 \$3,695.24

Withdrew \$2,000.00 to Loan to Beulah Church.

Withdrew 180.00 From checking account to pay 2 monthly notes, November and December, for Crestview Mission. (Deposited \$40.00 in January, 1971 back into this account. Payments from Beulah Church)

Balance in Checking account Dec. 31, 1970 - \$120.00)

Balance in Savings account Dec. 31, 1970 - \$1,948.32

9/12/70 HMB met at Assn'n meeting. Discussed Bro. Cook's illness at Crestview Mission, need of replacement. Bro. J. C. Dortch was mentioned. Bro. Bass announced Beulah's request for loan of \$2,000.00 to build new Sunday School Rooms. Work day set for October 17, 1970 at Crestview.

9/20/70 Received Beulah's application for loan. Forwarded it to Bro. Dockens.

9/28/70 HMB met at New Home Church, Bros. Parham, Owen, Dockens and Mathews. Voted to approve loan for Beulah. Board informed that Bro. Dortch could not take Crestview. Mission. Bro. Wiggins considering it.

10/8/70 Received Beulah's deeds in mail, took them to R.P. Warfield, Atty. for drawing up promissory note and mortgage, picked up note and deeds, returned deeds to Beulah, note was duly signed as was the second mortgage and on 10/19/70 withdrew \$2000 and mailed check to Beulah church.

10/17/70 Members of all 6 associational churches met at Crestview Mission and cleaned lot. Dinner and fellowship.

Board met including new member Bro. Maurice Carroll, elected at Associational meeting in September. Looked over note, deeds, requested monthly financial report from Bro. Cook and Bro. Wiggins on mission. Bro. R.C. Wiggins accepted mission, will begin work in December. Received report from Bro. Cook for period that mission had been open on Oct. 21, 1970 and forwarded it to Bro. Dockens.

11/7/70 Received note with report from Bro. Cook in Crestview that the mission could not meet the \$90 monthly note on big loan. Board sent payment.

12/17/70 Received note again with monthly report that mission could not meet \$90 note. Board paid note.

12/3/70 Bro. Wiggins began as pastor of Crestview Mission with a revival.

12/30/70 Sis. Wiggins called for Bro. Wiggins and informed board that the note would be met for January and the payment to board as well.

Respectfully,

Burl M. Mathews,
Sec'y & Treas.
Home Missions Board
West Florida Association.

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST
TREASURER'S REPORT
6-30-70 to 6-30-71

SOURCE	COOP. TITHES	STATE H. MISS.	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDRENS HOME	BIBLE COLLEGE	NAT'L H. MISS.	ASSOC FEES	MISSIONARY OFFERING	DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS	CASH IN TRON
Bethel	530.01	25.00	75.00				30.00	100.00		
Beulah	440.20	60.00	255.31				25.00	237.76		
C. Home	642.08	53.15	502.96	117.83			35.00	186.65		
Ensley	557.18	34.00	216.00		150.00		30.00	115.00		
New Home	175.44		75.00				10.00	75.00		
Shiloh	1,132.49	403.06	1,405.00	60.00	51.00	17.00	25.00	440.14	29.63	
S.S. Conv.							10.00			
Woman's Aux.							5.00			
C.T.S. Conv.							5.00			
Crestview Miss.										8.85
TOTALS	\$3,477.40	\$575.21	\$2,529.27	\$177.83	\$201.00	\$17.00	\$175.00	\$1,154.55	\$29.63	\$8.85

DISBURSEMENTS:

State Treasurer-----	\$6,100.35
State Home Mission Board-----	575.21
West Florida Savings-----	340.63
Treasurer-----	25.00
Clerk-----	25.00
Moderator-----	25.00
State Assoc. Fees-----	12.00
Stamped Envelopes-----	1.92
Printing of minutes-----	75.00
Yearly North Fla. Assoc. Fee-----	2.00
Total	7,182.11

Balance in Bank 6-30-70 -----	\$ 145.53
Total Received-----	<u>7,197.81</u>
Total to give account for-----	7,343.34
Total paid out-----	<u>7,182.11</u>
Balance in Bank 6-30-71	\$ 161.23

Wildon Hall, Treasurer

STATISTICS FROM
CHURCH LETTERS

	BETHEL	BEULAH	CHRISTIAN HOME	ENSLEY	NEW HOME	SHILOH
Church membership	126	75	70	113	87	160
Members Received	8	13	-	26	4	11
Members dismissed	3	5	4	1	0	7
S.S. Enrolment	59	53	60	58	49	167
Average attendance	58	61	52	54	40	103
C.T.S. Enrolment	60	51	34	42	-	92
Average Attendance	50	38	25	38	-	66
Woman's Aux. Enrolment	10	13	8	8	12	-
Average Attendance	7	8	8	7	8	-
Mid-wk. Ser. Attendance	48	-	20	40	20	28
Number ordained ministers	1	2	1 (1 lic.)	3	2	1 (2 lic.)
Number ordained deacons	1	2	3	1	2	5
Pastor's Salary	\$3,510.00	\$520.00	\$3,016.00	\$1,275.00	\$1,200.00	\$5,980.00
Evangelistic Work	10.00	250.00	421.00	584.76	31.25	385.00
Building & Repair	\$3,208.52	\$5,240.78	1,957.15	\$2,207.20	285.96	240.56
Literature	461.12	316.59	185.39	450.00	-	745.79
Cooperative Plan	530.01	541.11	681.11	505.97	-	1,219.21
Foreign Missions	369.12	368.92	510.98	265.00	75.00	1,839.32
Home Missions	329.53	169.00	322.41	107.00	-	434.06
Education	41.40	-	-	-	-	117.98
Orphanage	-	-	113.73	-	-	75.00
Other	105.96	67.49	815.59	1,922.14	205.90	50.00 Camp Mtg.
C.T.S. Tithes	29.10	-	-	-	-	33.88
Sunday School Conv. Tithes	39.60	-	45.56	-	-	84.95
Value of Church property	\$40,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$15,000.00	-	3,000.00	\$22,500.00
Value of parsonage	-	-	\$10,000.00	-	-	8,000.00
Amount enclosed for Fees	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$5.00	\$20.00

MINISTERS REPORT	Sermons Preached	Professions of Faith	Miles Traveled	Money Received	Funerals Preached	Couples Married	Sick Calls Made	Expenses
Rev. L. Bass	No report given							
Rev. L. Carroll	No report given							
Rev. Robert Owen	112	?	?	6,100.00		0	?	?
Rev. B. M. Mathews	171	24	13,029	3,380.00	4	6	1175	3,015.00
Rev. J. D. Parham	180	14	6,880	1,200.00	3	1	?	?
Rev. W. C. Stanford	No report given							
Rev. R. C. Wiggins	135		10,500	535.00	0	0	50	unknown
Rev. W. M. Compton	No report given							
Rev. E. Carroll	150	26	4,300	1,465.00	2	3	?	Unknown

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE WEST
FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

Article 1. NAME:

This association shall be known as the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2. MEMBERSHIP:

Section I. This Association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well diciplined Free Will Baptist churches conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section II. Any church regularly organized, may by petition by delegation become members of this association provided they will adhere to Free Will Baptist Doctrine and fully support the benevolent and educational enterprises of the denomination.

Section III. Churches from other Free Will Baptist Associations desiring membership must present a letter of recommendation from the association of which they were previously a member.

Article 3. OFFICERS:

Officers shall be composed of Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer and Ordaining Council. Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and Treasurer to be elected annually.

Article 4. REPRESENTATION:

Section I. Each church of this association shall be entitled to one vote and one vote for each additional twenty-five members or fraction thereof.

Section II. All churches of this Association to be represented at the regularly scheduled meetings by delegates and letter, to conduct the business of the Association affecting the churches and the Association.

Section III. All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with the Association and West Florid. Associational officers shall serve as standing delegates.

Article 5. ORDAINING COUNCIL (Presbytery)

Section I. This council shall be composed of five members, elected by the Association to serve a period of two years each. The Moderator is also automatically a member of the Council and the vice-moderator is authorized to sit on the council when it convenes if the moderator is absent.

Section II. The purpose of the Council is to license and ordain candidates after due examination as to their qualifications and to try all ordained members for un-christian conduct or the teaching of doctrine contrary to the Free Will Baptist faith. This council to convene upon request of any church of this Association.

Article 6. BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

Section I. All standing boards shall be composed of three members except the Executive Board which shall be composed of one (1) member from each church. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Board, shall be elected as follows; The first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Boards (cont'd)

Section II. The Moderator and Asst. Moderator will have the privilege to set on Executive Board Meetings or to moderate the meeting.

Section III. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the West Florida Association from one regular session to another, and shall have the power to elect such officers, except the moderator, as may be necessary for it's own government and to carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section IV. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in their respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the Association.

Section V. This Association shall have a Mission Board consisting of five members elected by the West Florida Association. This board shall have a constitution and by-laws approved by this Association.

Article 7 MEETINGS: (Scheduled)

Section I. Scheduled Associational meetings will be as follows: The Associational Yearly Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September. The Associational Mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first Saturday in February, at places designated by the body.

Article 8. FINANCES:

Section I. Each church of the Association shall be responsible for sharing the financial obligations of the Association by paying into the treasury, the tithe (10%) of their income.

Section II. An additional fee of \$10.00 at the Mid-Yearly Meeting will be assessed and a \$20.00 fee for churches with membership over 50, or a \$15.00 fee for churches of membership under 50, at the yearly meeting.

Section III. Not less than 10% of the total income of the Association shall be retained in the Associational treasury for local home mission work.

Section IV. A sum of \$25.00 shall be paid annually to the moderator, clerk and treasurer to cover expense incurred in the line of duty to the Association during the year. In event expense exceed this figure or any other member or officers of the Association is appointed a duty in which expenses are incurred, the body may take a vote to reimburse them.

Article 9. DISCIPLINE:

Section I. This Association shall have power to discipline churches of which it is composed and to exclude them for disorderly walk if they practice doctrine contrary to bible principles and standards and those of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

Section II. This Association shall not have the right to reverse the decision of the individual church nor to interfere with its internal regulations.

Section III. All churches of this Association shall call as their pastors only duly licensed or ordained Free Will Baptist ministers.

Section IV. All ministers entering this Association from another denomination or seeking ordination shall walk before this Association one year before being fully and officially accepted or ordained into the Associational ministry. All ministers coming into the Association from another Free Will Baptist Association shall be reexamined by the Ordaining Council and shall be required to bring a letter of recommendation from the Association in which they served.

Article 10. BY-LAWS:

This Association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its session.

Article 11. AMMENDMENTS:

This constitution may be altered or ammend by the vote of the Association at any regular session; notice of such intended alterations of ammendments having been given in writing and recorded at the previous session.

Article 12. QUORUM:

Representatives from two (2) member churches shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the Association, at scheduled meeting.