MINUTES

OF THE

TWENTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

September 8, 1973

NEXT SESSION

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

September 14,1974

Mid-Yearly Meeting with

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH BRATT, FLORIDA

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State Association......Ensley Free Will Baptist Church
Pensacola, Florida
Oct. 31, Nov. 1&2, 1973

Mid-Yearly MeetingShiloh Free Will Baptist Church Feb. 2, 1974

District Women's Aux.....New Home Free Will Baptist Church
April 6, 1974

Sunday School Convention...Ensley Free Will Baptist Church April 20, 1974

C.T.S. Competition......Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church May 4, 1974

National Association & National Youth Conference. Witchataw. Kansas July 14-18 1974

Annual Association Meeting..Bethel Free Will Baptist Church September 14, 1974 (Fellowship Meeting on Friday night, Sept. 13, 1974)

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Douglas CarrCrestview, Florida	
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Bethel Church	
Beulah Church	
Christian Home Church	
Ensley Church	
Flomaton Church	
First Church of Milton	
New Home Church	
Shiloh Church	
Crestview Church	

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Beulah Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida September 8, 1973.

10:00 A.M.

Opened with congregational singing and prayer by Bro. Elzie Carroll. Devotion was given by Bro. Bill Taylor reading passages of scripture concerning the life of Moses.

Welcome address by Bro. Lindbergh Bass, host pastor. Clerk called meeting to order for business of day. Clerk also introduced officers of the association and then turned the meeting over to the moderator, Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

M.S.C. to accept letter of petition from Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church to enter the West Florida Association, also with request to examine and ordain Bro. J. C. Dortch to the ministry.

Reports were given as follows:

Ordaining Council - M.S.C.
Treasurer's Report - M.S.C.
Youth Camp report given as information.

11:00 A.M.

Singing by congregation. Special song by Sis. Myrle Brake. Message by Bro. Paul Reid reading Hosea 4:7, 11:8, and Exodus 32:32. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. J. T. Long.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with singing, prayer by Bro. Stanford. Devotion given by Bro. J. C. Dortch reading Acts 1:8.

The following reports were given:

Home Mission Board - M.S.C.
Woman's Auxiliary Report - M.S.C.
Sunday School Convention Report - M.S.C.
C. T. S. Convention Report - M.S.C.

It was M.S.C. that we have a day for C.T.S. Convention and a day for Sunday School Convention. The dates and places was to be decided by the S.S. and C.T.S.

Delegates for the State Association were appointed: Sis.Thelma Bass, Bro. Bill Taylor, Sis. Jean Montee, Sis. Laura Stanford, Sis. Myrtice O'dell. Alternates were: Moderator to have power to appoint them if necessary.

M.S.C. that the association buy meats for State Association to be held at Ensley church, treasurer to advance \$200.00 to them. Moved by Bro. Stanford, seconded by Elzie Carroll that we give \$1,700.00 to Northwest Florida Youth Camp Fund, to be taken from Home Mission Board Treasurer, carried by body.

M.S.C. that Bro. Burl Mathews be put on Home Missions Board (78) Bro. Paul Reid (75) was elected for Ordaining Council to replace Bro. W. C. Stanford. Bro. Harlie Dockens (75) to replace R. H. Reddick on the Ordaining Council.

Officers elected as follows:

Moderator:
Asst. Moderator:
Clerk:
Asst. Clerk:
Bro. W. J. Amerson
Sis. Thelma Wiggins
Sis. Alberta Hall

M.S.C. that we have fellowship meeting Friday night before the next annual associational Meeting for the purpose of preaching and fellowship or any other business.

M.S.C. to give host church rising vote for accomodations during the meeting. Clerk read minutes, they were accepted as read.

MID-YEARLY MEETING NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH February 3, 1973

Services opened with congregational singing and prayer. Devotion was given by Bro. John McCall reading Psalms 133, Romans 15:5-6 and Deut. 8:10-20, also Luke 12:16-21.

Welcome address by Bro. Jamie Parham, New Home Free Will Baptist Church. Clerk called meeting to order for business of day and then turned the meeting over to moderator for his remarks and to moderate meeting.

11:00 A.M.

Worship services began with singing, Bro. Harvey Henderson brought morning message reading from the book of Luke 19:41-44.

1:00 P.M.

A report read from Crestview Free Will Baptist Church by Bro. Douglas Carr. We then had prayer and congregational singing. Devotion was given by Bro. Wildon Hall reading Titus 1:1-3 and Titus 3:1-5. Special song "How Great Thou Art" by Bro. Henderson.

Seated standing delegates and then received delegates from each of the following churches; Bethel, Christian Home, New Home, Beulah, Shiloh and Ensley. MSC to seat delegates as read. MSC to accept reports from following: Home Missions Board and Treasurers Report.

There was no old business. Under new business, it was moved by Bro. Bass and seconded by Bro. Wallis that the loan that Crestview Church owes the association be marked off. After much discussion the motion failed.

MSC that the Home Mission Board go to Crestview Church and see if it would help, to cancel the debt they owed to the association if and when the need arises.

... Minutes were read and approved. Adjourned.

Mini	sters	Present

Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

Rev. Elzie Carroll

Rev. David Hutchinson

Rev. W. C. Stanford

Rev. Lindbergh Bass

Rev. Burle Mathews

Rev. Harvey Henderson(visitor)

Rev. Joe Wallis

Deacons Present

John McCall

Wildon Hall

Jamie Parham

Douglas Carr

Bro. Moreno

Bro. Peter Lail

Ministers Present - 9-8-73

Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

Rev. W. C. Stanford

Rev. David Hutchinson

Rev. Lindbergh Bass

Rev. Elzie Carroll

Rev. R. H. Reddick

Rev. Paul Reid

Rev. Zell Cheatham

Rev. Burle Mathews

Rev. J. T. Long (visitor)

Rev. J. C. Dortch (licensed)

Deacons Present

Jamie Parham

Grady Collins

Ray Purvis

Diego Moreno

Clyde Harris

1973-74 BOARDS

Home Missions Board

(74) Bro. Douglas Morgan

(75) Bro. M. Carroll

(76) Rev. J. D. Parham

(77) Bro. Harlie Dockens (78) Rev. Burl Mathews

Ordaining Council

Moderator: Rev. R. C. Wiggins

(74) Rev. Elzie Carroll

(74) Rev. J. D. Parham

(75) Rev. Paul Reid

(75) Bro. Harlie Dockens

Executive Board

Bethel Church -----------Theodore F. Greene, Jr.

Beulah Church ------Lindbergh Bass

Milton Church ------James W. Hartley -

Christian Home Church ------Freeman Dockens

New Home Church -----J. N. Parham

CHURCHES

Bethel Church

Beulah Church

Christian Home Church

New Home Church

Ensley Church

Shiloh Church

First Church of Milton

Crestview Church

First Free Will Baptist Church of Flomaton

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Standing of Ministers Report

Rev. L. Bass

Rev. Burl Mathews

Rev. J. D. Parham

Rev. Robt. Bartley

Rev. Paul Reid

Rev. J. C. Dortch

Rev. David Hutchinson

Rev. Buford Godwin

Rev. R. C. Wiggins

Rev. W. C. Stanford

Rev. Zell Cheatham

Rev. John Burnham

Rev. Elzie Carroll

Rev. Lloyd Carroll

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida Sunday School Convention was held at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church on May 5, 1973. Bro. Harley Dockens opened with the services due to the absence of our President, Bro. Albert Paul. Services began with singing. Rev. R. C. Wiggins, led in prayer. Bro. Dockens then gave devotional reading from St. John 9:4. The meeting was then opened the meeting for business. The minutes were read and treasurer's report was given from the last meeting and both were accepted as read. There was no old business. Bro. Dockens then asked for new business. Sis. Ruby Amerson stated that there would be about sixteen district C.T.S. winners to go to Perry, Florida to compete at state level, she ask that this be keptin mind when the committee decided how the money in treasurer was to be spent. Bro. Dockens then read the names of the officers we had for our West Florida Sunday School Convention. MSC to retain these officers. They are: President - Bro. Albert Paul, Vice President and Promotional Secretary - Bro. Harlie Dockens, Secretary & Treasurer - Sis Jean Montee.

Rev. Hutchinson stated that we needed more time for our S.S. and C.T.S. and suggested that we have two different days for the conventions. A committee was nominated to go before the Association and ask if this could be approved. The committee consist of Sis. Ruby Amerson, Sis. Martha Paul and Bro. David Hutchinson.

The 1974 convention will be held at Ensley Church, April 20, 1974. A nominating committee was chosen to help elect officers for next year. This committee is Rev. L.Bass, Bro. Harold Smith and Bro. Maurice Carroll. The meeting was dismissed for ten minutes before program.

Meeting was recalled to order by Bro. Dockens and he began with congregational singing. Special music by Ronda and Sandra Madell, accompanied by Donna Pulaski. Bro. Sherwood Lee, our Foreign Missionary from Africa, brought the morning message using scriptures from many difference sections of the Bible. A love offering was taken for Rev. Lee, a total of \$44.29 was received.

Bro. Dockens then asked for a report of Rev. Wiggins, Rev. Wallis and Rev. Hutchinson, who had been asked as a committee to decide how the money in the treasure was to be spent. It was decided to send \$39.00 to Rev. Dave Franks, in Brazil, and \$39.00 to Rev. Sherwood Lee, along with the offering he had already received. This made a total of \$83.29 for Rev. Lee's account.

It was also decided that we would give the district C.T.S. winners \$150.00 to be equally divided. This was to help them with their expenses to attend the State Competition in Perry, Florida.

The meeting was dismissed for lunch at 12:00 Noon, Rev. Wallis led in dismissal prayer.

Submitted by: Secretary & Treasurer Sis. Jean Montee

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION - Treasurer's Report	
Balance brought forward\$	133.30
Tithes received for 1972-73	314.42
Total	447.72
Disbursements;	
Foreign Missions\$ 122.29	
C.T.S. Winners 150.00	
Printing of Minutes 20.00	
Total spent out\$ 292.29 _	292.29
Balance in treasurer September 8, 1973 \$	3155.43

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We the Ordaining Council would like to submit the following report:

- March 11, 1973 Organized the Flomaton Free Will Baptist
 Church, Pastor, Bro. Bob Bartley. Services
 conducted by Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. Message
 by Rev. J. D. Parham.
- March 18, 1973 The Ordaining Council met at New Home Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Bro. Bob Bartley for ministry of the Gospel.
- August 5, 1973 The Ordaining Council met with Crestview Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of licening Bro. Doug. Carr for the ministry of the Gospel.
- August 26, 1973 The Ordaining Council meet at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of counciling with Bro. Bob Butcher.

Submitted by: Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

Woman's Auxiliary Report

Officers for 1973-74:
Pres. Sis. Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Avenue, Pensacola, Fla.
V. President. Sis. Ethel Burkett, Rt. 1 Box 133, McDavid, Fla.
Sec. & Treas. Sis. Martha Paul, 2717 Copter Rd., Pensacola, Fla.
Mission Study Chairman, Sis. Angie Godwin, Rt. 1 Box 97, Century, Fla.
Mission Prayer Chr., Sis. Betty Lail, 1115 Muscogee Rd. Cantonment, Fla.
Mission Action Chr., Sis. Carolyn Taylor, 8005 Beaver Crc. Pensacola
Field Worker, Sis. Myrtice O'dell, 409 Wiggins Avenue, Pensacola, Fla.

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT - cont'd

State project for each member is \$3.72 this year. District project is \$4.00 per auxiliary per month. This is divided into two parts \$3.00 to Cook land fund and \$1.00 to W.N.A.C. office.

The yearly meeting is at New Home Church on April 6, 1974. Our semiannual meeting will be October 12, 1973 at Ensley Free Will Baptist Church. New Home provides devotional afternoon program and scenery next year.

Nominating Committee for 1973-74 is Sis. Betty Lail, Sis. Bessie Reddick, Sis. Sandra Wiggins, Sis. Magie Dockens and Sis. Jewel Warren.

Financial Report - 1972-73

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Tom Willey, Jr. Ed Cook					
Wendell Walley	_		; *	$\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}^{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}^{\mathcal{A}} - \mathcal{A}$	•
State Project					
Carlisle Hanna	25.00		• -, -		
Eddie Payne	30.00				
Bible College Build.Fun	-	: .			
W.N.A.C. Emphasis	104.00				; · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Student Loan Fund	35.00				
Miley Surgical Scissors					
State Missions Project	10.00		•		The second second
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Brenda Spruill	80.00			;	• • • • • • • •
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Total \$	1,308.83		- .	▼	

Submitted by: Secretary & Treasurer Mrs. Martha Paul

Home Missions Board Report - February

- 1. No Activity from September 1972 through January, 1973.
- 2. Comments:
 - A. Ministers filled appointments at Crestview Church generally well except in cases where they could not serve. Plan to reschedule those agreeable.
 - B. Bro. James Cook passed away Dec. 6th was buried Dec. 8th at Good Hope Cemetery, Bro. H. Henderson & Bro. Pinson officiating.
 - C. Bro. Harley Dockens, Board Chairman, moderated a business meeting at Crestview Church, Dec. 17, 1972. New Church Officers were elected, church re-organized.
- 3. Financial Total monies received (Sept. 1972 thru January 1973)

From Beulah Church	\$100.00	Balance in checking acct. \$ 178.00
From Crestview Church	125.00	Bal. in Savings acct. 4,042.44
From Association	217.00	Assn. check undeposited 217.00
From Dividend	92.92	total monies on hand \$ 4.437.44

Home Missions Board Report - September

- 1. No board meetings, nor other activity (arrangements by phone to send Bro. Joe Wallis to Crestview Church for six months period at \$115.00 per week, church furnishing house and utilities.) This was un-successful.
- 2. Recommendation:
 West Florida Association members and ministers undergird Crestview
 Church with prayer, and with active support as warranted. The
 Church needs the help of God and christian brethren.
- 3. Financial Total monies received (February 1973 thru Aug. 73)

From Beulah	\$ 100.00
Beulah paid off loan	1,686.00
balance (mortgage &	note
returned)	
Crestview	150.00
Association	235.00
Dividends	107.90

Balance in Savings \$6,563.34
Balance in Checking 178.00
Total \$6,741.34

Respectfully Submitted, Burl M. Mathews Secretary & Treasurer Home Missions Board C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT

The C.T.S. Convention was held with Beulah Free Will Baptist Church on May 6, 1973. Opened meeting with song. Bro. Dave Franks of Brazil gave short devotion. Sis. Ruby Amerson brought all children up front and we had dedication prayer by Bro. Joe Wallis.

Meeting called to order by Bro. Bill Taylor reading Mathew 25:24-30 spea speaking on talents. Minutes & treasurer's report given and accepted as read. There was no old business. MSC that we accept the \$150.00 from Sunday School Convention to help children go to state level of competition to be held in Perry Florida May 18, 1973. Each winner receives \$15.00 and if any funds left over, they should be returned to the C.T.S. Treasurer. C.T. S. Convention will be held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, May 4, 1974. Dismissed with prayer.

Officers:

President: Bro. Bill Taylor, (Bethel) V. President: Bro. Harlie Dockens (C. Home) Sec. & Treas: Sis. Martha Paul (Bethel) Quiz Leader: Sis. Ruby Amerson (Shiloh) Assistant, North: Sis. Ethel Burkett (C. Home)

Assistant, South: Sis. Linda Smith (Beulah)

- Sword Drill & Declamations C.T.S. Winners

Lerners: Bubba Smith 1st Ruth Ann Smith 2nd Gary Hauffe 2nd Jeff Amerson 3rd

Adventurers Kim Blankinship 1st Keli Harvey 3rd

Declamations Sandra Wiggins, Crusader Linda Amerson, Herald

Bible Bowl First Place - Ensley Deborah Watford Larry Hauffe Yvonne Hauffe Sandra Wiggins

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe Ensley - First place Kathy Streit Karen Streit Randy Hauffe

Talent Linda Amerson Solo Pam Amerson, Piano Sandra Wiggins, Piano Pam & Kathy Amerson(duet)

Christian Home - Second Tim Hutchinson Joe Hutchinson Randy Dockens Harlie Dockens

Beulah - Second place Rhonda Mandel Sandra Mandel Donna Pulaski Tommy Minchew

Treasurer's Report:

Balance Fo	orward	\$	25.54
Received,		•	291.65
Total	:		317.19
Paid Out			281.19
Balance		•	36.00
Returned i	from		21.04
Ensley Co	mpetito	ors	
Balance in	i treas.		\$ 57.04

Disbursements: State Youth Bd. Registration 20.00 Tithes to National C.T.S. 11.00 Medals, Trophies & Questions 74.23 Engraving 3.96 2.00 Stamps C.T.S. Winners, Jean Montee 15.00 Ruby Amerson 30.00 120.00 Thelma Wiggins 5.00 Printing of Minutes \$281.19 Total spent out

Submitted by: Sis. Martha Paul, Secretary & Treas.

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SOURCE	COOP TITHES	STATE H. MISSIONS	FOREIGN MISSIONS	CHILDREN HOME		NATIONAL H. MISSIONS	FEES
Bethel	706.58	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•			40.00
Beulah	1,024.14						25.00
C. Home	271.68		25.00	16.55			40.00
Ensley	1,237.86	30.00	275.00		215.00		30.00
Shiloh	1,674.92	252.62	672.68	165.00	29.00	16.00	30.00
New Home			•		•		25.00
Milton Cl	nurch	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •					15.00
Crestviev							40.00
Woman's	luxiliary						5.00
Sunday S	chool Conv.						10.00
C.T.S. Co	onvention						5.00
TOTAL	\$4,915.18	\$282.62	\$972.68	\$181.55	\$244.00	\$16.00	\$265.00
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Statistics from Church Letters	Flomaton	Bethel	Beulah	Ensley	New Home	C. Home	Shiloh
Church Lecters	T I Child V Cil	<u> </u>					
Church membership		62	116	151	98	94	167
Members received	23	-	34	22	10	24	
Members dismissed	4	-	1	11	14	2	
S.S. Enrollment	30	46	76	80	40	80 44	120
Avg. Attendance	28	40	63	60	49	66 8	70
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C.T.S. Enrollment	30	43 38	1.2	41	. —. . —	30	53
Ave. Attendance	22	30	43 60	70	15	25	30
Mid-Week Attendance		40	1	46	Ź	Ź	1
<pre># Ordained Ministers # Licensed Ministers</pre>	•	•	•	_	-	-	
# Ordained Deacons		2	2	-	-	2	4
Pastor's Salary	575.00 3,	380.00	2.600.00	2,540.00	3,951.84	3,260.00	5,980.00
Evangelistic Work	50.00	10.00	795.00	3ДО∙ОО	125.00	300.00	462.80
Building & Repair	\$4,235.00 9,	077.81	5,695.27		1,432.95	1,761.49	443.46
Literature	100.00	412.66	544.87	471.56	245.67	446.77	926.29
Cooperative Plan			1,179.05	1,273.49	242.15	199.76	1,674.90
Foreign Missions		651.28	488.91	325.00		139.05	1,328.16
Home Missions		116.52	262.81	45.00		37.25	64.00 m
Education	÷ .			180.00		105.81	180.00
Orphanage		I.O. 000	20.000	lin 000		15,000	22,500.
Value of Church Prop.		40,000	20,000	40,000		10,000	8,000
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(No report from Crestview and Milton Churches)

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

Article 1. NAME: This association shall be known as the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

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Article 2. MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1. This association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well discipline Free Will Baptist churches conveniently located, as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section 11. Any church regularly organized, may be petitioned 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 111. 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, ViceModerator, Clerk Asst. Clerk & Treasurer to be elected annually.

Article 4. REPRESENTATION:
Section 1. Each church of this association shall be entitled to one vote and one vote for each additional twenty-five members or fraction thereof.
Section 11. 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 111. All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with the association and West Florida Associational officers shall serve as standing delegates.

Article 5. ORDAINING COUNCIL (Presbytery)
Section 1. 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 11. 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 & COMITTEES:
Section 1. 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.

Section 11. The Moderator and Asst. Moderator will have the priviledge to set on Executive Board Meetings or to moderate the meeting.

Section 111. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the 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 under-

takings 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 this respective fields. They shall organize themselves and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles & tinets of the assoc. 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 associational meetings will be as follows: The Associational Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September. The mid-yearly meeting will be held the first Saturday in February, at a place designated by the body.

Article 8 FINANCES:

Section 1. Each church of the association shall be responsible for sharing the financial obligation of the association by paying into the treasury the tithe (10%) of their income.

Section 11. An additional fee of \$10.00 at the mid-yearly meeting will be assessed and a \$20.00 fee for churches over 50, or a \$15.00 fee for churches of membership under 50 at the yearly meeting.

Section 111. Total cooperative income of the West Florida Association will be disbursed by a finance committee and approved by the body. The Finance Committee shall consist of the Executive Board. Moderator, clerk and treasurer to be present at Executive Board Meetings concerning finances.

Section IV. A sum of \$25.00 shall be paid annually to the moderator, clerk and treasurer to cover expenses incurred in the line of duty to the association during the year. In event expenses exceed this figure or any other member or officer 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 1. 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 & standards to those of the Free Will Baptist Treatise.

Section 11. This association shall not have the right to reverse the decision of the individual church nor to interfere with its internal regulations.

Section 111. 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 re-examined 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 association's constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its session.

Article 11. AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be altered or ammended by the vote of the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alternations of ammendments having been given in writing and recorded the 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 meetings.

Listing of Youth Rallys

October 13, 1973 - Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

December 8, 1973 - Ensley Free Will Baptist Church

February 9, 1974 - New Home Free Will Baptist Church

April 13, 1974 - Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church

June 8, 1974 - First Free Will Baptist Church of Flomaton

August 10, 1974 - Place to be announced