
MINUTES
OF THE
TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with
BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
. PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

Sept. 14, 1974

NEXT SESSION

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRATT, FLORIDA

Sept. 13, 1975

Mid-Yearly Meeting
with

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDAVID, FLORIDA

February 1, 1975

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CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA, SEPTEMBER 13 & 14, 1974.

State Association.....First Free Will Baptist Church
Miami, Florida
Oct. 30-31 & Nov. 1, 1974

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church
Feb. 1, 1975

District Women's Aux.....New Home Free Will Baptist Church
April 5, 1975

Sunday School Convention.....Bethel Free Will Baptist Church
April 19, 1975

C.T.S. Competition.....Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church
May 3, 1975

National Association &
National Youth Conference...Dayton, Ohio
July 13-17, 1975

Annual Association Meeting...Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church
September 13, 1975
(Fellowship Meeting on Friday
night, Sept. 12, 1975)

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PASTORS FOR 1974-75

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

Beulah Church.....Rev. Lindbergh Bass
Mobile Highway, Pensacola, Florida

Christian Home Church.....Rev. Novis Edwards
McDavid, Florida

Ensley Church.....Rev. Z. Cheatham
Jones Street, Pensacola, Florida

Flormaton Church.....Rev. J. C. Dortch
Flomaton, Alabama

New Home Church.....Rev. R. L. Bartley
Cantonment, Florida

Shiloh Church.....Rev. H. Henderson
Rt. 1, Box 269, Atmore, Alabama

Crestview Church.....No Pastor
Crestview, Florida

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Twenty-sixth Annual Session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, September 14, 1974.

10:00 A.M.

Services opened with singsing. Special singing by Bro. & Sis. E. B. Ledlow. Brother Ledlow brought oral report from National Home Missions Board. Devotion given by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading from James 2:17.

Welcome address given by Brother B. M. Mathews. Clerk called meeting to order for business for this annual association. Moderator then went directly into morning worship service.

11:00 A.M.

Special song by Bro. Harvey Henderson. Message brought by Bro. Henderson reading M. tt. 28:16-20. Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Services opened with congregational singing led by Bro. E.B. Lewlow. Special song by Sis. Jean Montee and daughter. Afternoon devotion given by Bro. B.M. Mathews reading Hebrews 11:6.

The standing delegates were seated. Roll call of church delegates, delegates seated. Reports given:

Treasurers Report
Home Missions Board Report
Ordaining Council Report
Sunday School Convention Report
C.T.S. Convention Report

MSC to accept the above reports. The following officers were elected to serve for the coming year:

Moderator--Rev. Harvey Henderson
Vice Moderator--Rev. R. C. Wiggins
Clerk--Bro. W. J. Amerson
Asst. Clerk--Sis. Thelma Wiggins
Treasurer--Sis. Alberta Hall

All Board members are listed on page 5. An oral report on the Youth camp was given by Bro. Henderson.

MSC to have fellowship meeting Friday Night, September 12th before the Next Yearly Associational. MSC for moderator to appoint delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were: Sis. Edna Henderson, Sis. Bernice Purvis, Bro. Ray Purvis, Sis. Ruby Amerson, and Bro. Jerald Amerson. MSC that the moderator be given power to appoint or replace delegates at State Association.

MSC that we give host church rising vote for accomodation during the meeting.

MSC by Bro. Bass that we strike out information on reverse side of ministers cards because most of this is reported on church letter.

It was put to a vote as to whether or not the West Florida Association approved of cabin type or dormitory type Youth Camp. The dormitory type was approved by the association and would be reported to the camp building committee that we preferred this type accomodation.

Clerk read minutes and they were accepted as read. Rev. Douglas Carr dismissed.

MID-YEARLY MEETING
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 1974.

Opened with singing and prayer. Devotion by Bro. Arnold Woodlief reading Acts 6:4. Welcome address by host pastor, Bro. Paul Reid.

Meeting called to order by moderator. Standing delegates seated church roll delegates seated by moderator. Visiting brethern welcomed.

MSC to accept the following reports. Treasurers report and Home Missions board report.

11:00 A.M.

Congregational singing, then message brought by Bro. L. Bass reading Acts 3:1-11. Closed with altar prayer. Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with congregational singing, special by Sis. Agnes Ashcraft. Devotion by Bro. Douglas Carr reading Galatians 6:14. Reports of information from various churches read as information only.

MSC that this body recommend that the churches challenge each Sunday School member to give 25¢ weekly for the Youth Camp fund and if some could not give that each church under write the 25¢ for each Sunday School member who could not give.

MSC that we print the Home Missions Board Constitution & By-Laws in the minutes again this year. They were printed last in 1969.

Motion made by Bro. Stanford, seconded by Bro. Cheatham that Home Mission Board bring before Association plans to bring money into the Home Missions Board, also might consider discontinue interest that is being charged to our churches. Motion carried.

MSC minutes be accepted as read. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Gordon Walker.

Ministers Present - 2-2-74

J. D. Parham
Paul Reid
Lindbergh Bass
Doug Carr
R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
J. C. Dortch
R. L. Bartley
W. C. Stanford
Zell Cheatham
Arnold Woodlief (visitor)

Deacons Present

John McCall
Thomas Ward
Wildon Hall
Grady Collings
Ray Purvis
David Lail

Ministers Present - 9-14-74

J. D. Parham
R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
Novis Edwards
Bob Bartley
B. M. Mathew
Harvey Henderson
Lindbergh Bass
Elzie Carroll
R. H. Reddick
W. C. Stanford
Zell Cheatham
J. C. Dortch
A. D. Carr
Lloyd Carroll
E. B. Ledlow (visitor)

Deacons Present

Jim Beal
Ray Purvis
Grady Collins
David Lail
John McCall

1974-75 Boards

Home Missions Board
(75) Bro. M. Carroll
(76) Rev. J. D. Parham
(77) Bro. Harlie Dockens
(78) Rev. Burl Mathews
(79) Bro. Douglas Morgan

Ordaining Council

Moderator: Rev. H. L. Henderson
(75) Rev. J. C. Dortch
(75) Bro. Harlie Dockens
(76) Rev. J. D. Parham
(76) Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

Executive Board

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

Beulah Church-----Lindbergh Bass

Christian Home Church-----Freeman Dockens

Shiloh Church-----Douglas Morgan

Ensley Church-----W. C. Stanford

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

CHURCHES

Bethel Church

Beulah Church

Christian Home Church

Crestview Church

Flomaton Church

Ensley Church

New Home Church

Shiloh Church

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Cantoment, Florida

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Standing of Ministers Report

Rev. L. Bass
Rev. R. Bartley
Rev. D. Carr
Rev. E. Carroll
Rev. L. Carroll
Rev. Z. Cheatham
Rev. J. C. Dortch

Rev. N. Edwards
Rev. B. Godwin
Rev. H. Henderson
Rev. B. Mathews
Rev. J. D. Parham
Rev. R. Reddick
Rev. W. Stanford
Rev. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida Sunday School Convention was held at Ensley Free Will Baptist on April 20, 1974. Our President Bro. Albert Paul opened our services. Bro. Maurice Carroll led the song service. Rev. Cheatham led in our opening prayer. Rev. R.C. Wiggins brought the welcome address. Bro. Paul called the business meeting to order and ask for the secretary and treasurer report, they were given and accepted as read. A letter from Rev. Dave Franks was read thanking us for the money that was sent to his account. There was no old business. A nominating Committee was chosen for next year as follows: Bro. Harold Smith, Bro. Maurice Carroll, and Rev. Douglas Carr. Rev. Carr was chosen as chairman of the committee. It was requested that each member of the committee give their name and address to the Chairman.

The 1975 Convention will be held at Bethel Church on April 19, 1975. A finance committee was ask to decide how the money in the Treasury would be spent, \$120.22 was sent to Rev. Jim Combs Account and \$120.22 was to be given to the C.T.S. Dept. to help with the expense of our District winners to competition at the State Competition in Melbourne, Florida. Sis. Ruby Amerson stated there would be about 16 to 20 winners going to Melbourne and about \$300.00 would be needed. An offering was taken up to help raise this money.

A finance Committee for next year was chosen which are as follows: Bro. Harold, Bro. Bill Taylor, and Bro. Charles Smith. Bro. Taylor was chosen as Chairman of the Committee.

Officers for the Sunday School Dept. for 1975 remain the same as last year, Bro. Paul ask that each church send him and Bro. Dockens the names of their S.S. Superintendent so they could keep in contact with them about our S.S. Con. A prom. Secretary was elected, Bro. Curtis Amerson.

Bro. Paul was very concerned about the lack of interest our people showed toward our S.S. Convention. Martha Paul suggested that we have a program involving our Young People. Sis. Bass made a motion that each church have their young people present a twenty minute program at the next Convention. The motion was second by Bro. Bill Taylor, and so carried. Bro. Wiggins lead in prayer dismissing our business protion of the meeting.

Bro. Maurice Carroll opened our worship service with congregation singing. Special music was brought by Sis. Parham and Sis. Wiggins. Bro. Burl Mathews brought the morning message, titled, "Give Thanks." Using different scriptures. An altar call was given by Rev. Wiggins. Rev. Carr lead in dismissal prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION - Treasurers Report:

Balance brought forward Sept. 14, 1974-----\$165.43
Tithes received for 73-74----- 254.25
Total----- 419.68

Disbursements:

Printing of Minutes-----\$10.00
Postage Stamps----- 2.00
C.T.S. Winners-----120.22
Combs emergency relief fund-----120.22
Total spent out-----252.44
Balance in Treasure Sept. 14, 1974-----\$167.24

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

September 13, 1974.

We would like to report the Ordaining Council meet with Crestview Free Will Baptist Church for purpose of ordaining Bro. A.D. Carr for the Ministry. Bro. R.C. Wiggins brought the message. Council members present were Bro. Harlie Dockens, Bro. J.D. Parham, and Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The West Florida Free Will Baptist Women's Auxiliary met April 6, 1974 at New Home Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing of "Jesus Call Us." A welcome address was given by Lorain Bell of New Home.

The President called the meeting to order. Minutes and treasures report was read and accepted as read. New Home won the attendance banner and was given \$1.00. They in return designated it to Eddie Payne. Our District Project is \$4.00 per month per Auxiliary, in which \$3.00 will go to the West Palm Beach Land Fund and \$1.00 to the WNAC office.

Delegates to the State Convention in Auburndale, Florida, June 1, 1974 are: President and Field Worker standing delegates---Thelma Bass, June Singleton, Ethel Burkett, Elua Ward, and Mary Reid.

Decoration and devotion is to be brought by Beulah at our next yearly meeting.

Bro. Paul Reid brought the morning message using scriptures of 1 Corinthians 3:1-3, Hebrews 5:11-14, and 1 Peter 2:1-3.

Installation of officers was brought by Bro. R. C. Wiggins using the "Theme of Communication." Officers for 1974-75 are: President, Thelma Wiggins 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, Florida; V. President, Thelma Bass Rt. 8 Box 851 Pensacola, Florida; Secretary and Treasurer, Ethel Burkett Rt. 1, Box 133 McDavid, Florida; Mission Prayer Chr, Mary Reid Rt. 1, Atmore, Alabama; Mission Action, Carolyn Taylor 8005 Beaver Dr. Pensacola, Florida; Mission Study, Lorain Bell Rt. 1 McDavid, Florida; Field Worker, Myrtice O'Dell 409 Wiggins Ave. Pensacola, Florida.

The District meeting will be held with New Home April 5, 1975. The Semi-Annual meeting will be held with Bethel October 11, 1974. The State Project is \$2.64 per member.

Annual Financial Report 1973-74

Printing of minutes	\$5.00	
South India Ministry	5.00	
Bible College Bldg. Fund	25.00	
Patsy Van Hook	46.00	
District Project	204.00	
WNAC	51.00	
Cook Land Fund	153.00	
Ken Walker-Home Missionary	30.00	Balance brought \$
Larry Candit Sac. Calif.	17.26	forward----- 56.53
Tom Willey, Jr.	25.00	Deposited-----1133.56
Volena Wilson	1.00	TOTAL-----1190.09
Maurice Cousineau	30.00	Paid Out-----1168.91
Jim Combs	25.00	Balance in trea-
Ed Cook	55.00	surer 3-6-74----- 21.18
Sammy Wilkerson	70.00	
Wendell Wally	55.00	
Eddie Payne	15.00	
John Craft	5.00	Submitted by:
Carlisle Hanna	25.00	Ethel Burkett
Laural B. Barnard(retirement fund)	5.00	Secretary & Treasurer
Herbert Waid	20.00	
Co-Laborer	16.00	
WNAC (Emphasis Mo.)	38.59	
WNAC	19.00	
Ed Cook Land Fund	96.82	
Miss. Provision Closed		
(Handling of packages)	7.40	
Student Loan Fund	35.03	
National Home Missions Gen. Fund	66.86	
Literature	2.45	
State Home Missions	10.00	
Foreign Missions	6.52	
Pre-Christmas offering	5.00	
Pre-Thanksgiving offering	30.22	
Pre-Easter offering	49.72	
State Project	65.04	
Per-Capita Dues	57.00	
TOTAL	\$1163.91	

Home Missions Board Report - February

1. At the yearly Association meeting the body voted \$1700.00 to the West Florida Youth Camp Project. Check for that amount mailed to Bro. Dockens who presented it to Bro. Hutchinson, youth camp board member.
2. Bro. Dockens called that Crestview church desired to borrow \$5000.00 to build sanctuary. HMB members agreed.
3. Bro. A. D. Carr, now pastor of Crestview church, notified HMB that schedule visiting Associational ministers no longer needed.
4. Bro. Carr, by phone, agreed the church to sign a second mortgage to HMB for amount owed and deeds signed to Crestview church, notifying the Episcopal Diocese of the new duly organized autonomous church's responsibility to them and for the insurance. Episcopal Diocese holds first mortgage.
5. Crestview church officers: A.D. Carr, Pastor; Danny Cook, Trustee; Frank E. Lavender, Trustee-Treasurer; Thomas Ward, Deacon.
6. Notified Bro. Dockens of Crestview's indebtedness and the new interest to be paid, he to contact Bro. Carr and notify results.
7. Mailed check for \$5000.00 to Crestview church, received receipt.
8. Bro. Dockens visited Crestview church and reported their desire to pay only interest on loan until able to pay on principal also. HMB agreed temporarily pending Association's approval.
9. Sent Bro. Carr the following information:

Balance on first note as of 11/21/73	\$2072.46		
Additional loan	<u>5000.00</u>		
Interest-424.35 per year		Total	\$7072.46 Interest per mo.\$35.36
10. Financial Report of HMB:

On hand 9/1/73	\$6563.34	Withdrawals	10/15/73	\$1700.00
Dividends	114.23		11/21/73	<u>5000.00</u>
Deposits	<u>142.00</u>		Total	\$6700.00
Total	\$6819.57	Present balance		119.57

Request Associations approval of Board's actions on items 2, 4, & 8.

Home Missions Board Report - September

1. There has been no Board activity during this period.

The Board Chairman notified the Treasurer that Crestview's Pastor requested that the church be permitted presently to pay only the interest on their loan from the Association. Later the pastor of Crestview told the treasurer that they were not at this time able

to pay that and so the issue has not been pressed further and no payments have been made since December of 1973. The amount of the note stands at \$7072.46. Also due to the discussion reported to Treasurer that happened at the February Association meeting, no second mortgage forms have been sent for signature.

II. The treasurer, at Bro. Carr's request, sought advice of local attorney in regard to the nearness of a liquor establishment to the church. After much delay, report was sent to Bro. Carr that according to Florida Statutes 561.44, the cities of the state were the ones to determine by ordinance the distance between churches and bars. The advice was to check the city ordinances and make protest there.

III. Financial:

Association check of \$186.70 was deposited in Mutual Federal on February 14th. Balance there presently -- \$306.27 plus dividends, total \$313.10. Balance in checking account to date -- \$177.00 --First American Bank.

Respectfully,
Burl M. Mathews
Sec. & Treas.
Home Missions Board

C.T.S. Convention - treasurer's Report

Bal.brought forward.....	57.04	
Received, tithes & etc.	428.81	
.....	<u>52.97</u>	
Total.....	538.82	\$538.82
 Paid out	426.39	426.39
State Registration..	52.50	
Trophies.....	25.01	
C.T.S. Winners.....	300.00	
Medals & extra		
questions.....	30.68 + 13.20	
Printing of minutes..	5.00	
 Balance in Bank.....		\$112.43

(C.T.S. Convention Report on next page)

C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT

The C.T.S. Convention met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on May 4, 1974. Meeting opened with prayer, Sis. Ruby Amerson passed out grade sheets on all the phasis of competition. Then the prayer of dedication by Bro. R. C. Wiggins with all children in competition in front.

Morning devotion brought by Bro. R. C. Wiggins using scriptures of Matthew 25:31-46 on the judgement of nations as applied to us today. The competition was in this order, memorization, sword drill, tic-tac-toe teams, then Bible Bowl teams with talent and declamations being held throughout the day. Offering was \$15.61.

Business meeting brought to order by Bro. Bill Taylor at 1:40 P.M. opened with prayer by Bro. Moreno, minutes and treasurers report given and accepted as read. There was no old business. New business; MSC that each church take up a special love offering to put in C.T.S. treasure to help send winners to Melbourne for State Competition. The 1975 C.T.S. Convention will meet at Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church on May 3, 1975. Dismissed at 2:15 P.M.

Nominating Committee for 1975 is: Bro. Diego Moreno, chairman, Bro. Jack Harvey, and Bro. Jerald Amerson.

Officers: President: Bro. Bill Taylor
V-President: Bro. Dick Singleton
Sec. & Treas. Sis. Martha Paul
Quiz Leader: Sis. Ruby Amerson
Asst. North: Sis. Martez Dortch
Asst. South: Sis. Linda Smith

C.T.S. WINNERS Memorization

First Grade - Melissa Smith, 1st, Beulah
Second Grade - Wesley Moreno, 1st "
Third Grade - Jeff Amerson, 1st, Shiloh
Harold Smith, 1st, Beulah

Sword Drill

Ruth Smith, 1st - Beulah
Keli Harvey, 2nd - Beulah
Becky Peebles, 3rd - Flomaton

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe - First Place - Beulah

Randy Reddick
Donna Pulaski
Rhonda Mandel
Sandra Mandel

Second Place - Shiloh

Linda Amerson
Donna Hall
Barney Lowery
Darrell Hall

Bible Bowl

First Place - Shiloh

Pam Amerson, Kathy Amerson
Vicki McElhaney, Faye Morgan

Declamations

David Reid, 1st Adventurer
Linda Amerson, 1st Herald
Sandra Wiggins, 1st Crusader

Talent:

Kim Blankinship, Piano Solo
Sandra Wiggins, Piano Solo
Faye Morgan, Vocal Solo
Lisa Amerson, Linda Amerson, Donna Hall, Trio

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
YEARLY TREASURER'S REPORT
6-30-73 ----- 6-30-74

<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>Coop. Tithes</u>	<u>St. Home Missions</u>	<u>Foreign Missions</u>	<u>Children's Home</u>	<u>Bible College</u>	<u>Youth Camp</u>	<u>Ed Cook Land Fund</u>	<u>Call-a Thon</u>	<u>Association Fees</u>
Bethel	762.00								20.00
Beulah	1,453.67								30.00
New Home	434.08								25.00
Ensley	1,426.28	245.00	600.00		180.00	24.00	138.75	50.00	30.00
Shiloh	1,366.39	506.34	467.43	180.00					20.00
Crestview	225.95								15.00
Flomaton									25.00
C.T.S.									5.00
Woman's Aux.									5.00
Sunday School									10.00
	<u>\$5,668.37</u>	<u>\$751.34</u>	<u>\$1,067.43</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$180.00</u>	<u>\$24.00</u>	<u>\$138.75</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$185.00</u>

Disbursements:

State Treasurer	\$6,532.60
State Home Missions.....	751.34
West Fla. Savings.....	563.20
Ensley Church (for State Assoc.)	200.00
Minutes.....	90.00
State Assoc. Fees.....	24.00
Rev. R.C. Wiggins	25.00
Bro. Jerald Amerson.....	25.00
Bro. Wildon Hall.....	25.00
Adding Machine ribbon & paper...	2.88
Stamped Envelopes.....	<u>2.60</u>

Total paid out..... 8,241.62

Amount Received.....	8,393.03
Amount Paid Out.....	<u>8,241.62</u>
Balance in Bank.....	151.41

Alberta Hall 
Sister Alberta Hall,
Treasurer

Statistics from
Church Letters

	<u>Flomaton</u>	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Beulah</u>	<u>Ensley</u>	<u>New Home</u>	<u>C. Home</u>	<u>Shiloh</u>	<u>Crestview</u>
Church membership	43	63	150	62	41	29	163	31
Members received	20	2	47	4	12	3	9	6
Members dismissed	1	1	5	5	22	12	13	3
S. S. Enrollment	55	47	105	38	38	40	107	33
Avg. Attendance	48	42	106	35	42	36	84	28
W. Aux. Enrollment	8	12	12	10	15	7	-	
Avg. Attendance	7	10	7	10	15	7	-	
C.T.S. Enrollment	39	44	81	16		28	69	
Avg. Attendance	28	38	60	10		21	55	
Mid-week Attendance	30	40	71	25	15	25	35	20
# Ordained Ministers	1	1	3	5	2	2	1	1
# Ordained Deacons	2	2	2	1	3	2	4	1
Pastor's Salary	1,300.00	3,445.00	2,427.00	3,150.00	1,200.00	3,160.00	6,710.00	
Evangelistic Work	200.00	235.00	557.09	150.00	250.00	295.00	464.00	
Building & Repair	12,707.11	10,489.95	4,323.09	6,255.22	1,858.76	-	471.22	
Literature	368.00	860.10	731.12	432.21	143.21	189.93	1,098.12	
Cooperative Plan	206.76	762.00	1,886.67	1,921.39	428.43		1,365.39	
Foreign Missions	0	687.29	844.52	1,041.00		74.21	921.25	
Home Missions	300.00	115.58	1,223.19	360.00	(Other)	(Other)	748.34	
Education	-	18.00	-	-	(1,193.78)	(1,783.16)	-	
Orphanage	0	-	--	-	-	5.25	180.00	
Value of Church Prop.	30,000.	40,000	20,000	-	-	15,000.	22,500.	
Value of Parsonage	-	-	-	-	-	9,000.	10,000.	

(no financial report given)

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS OF THE WEST FLORIDA
HOME MISSION BOARD OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. Name:

This board shall be known as The West Florida Home Mission Board of Free Will Baptists.

Article 2. Purpose:

The purpose of this board shall be that of promoting mission work among Free Will Baptists in the West Florida Association.

Article 3. Membership:

This board shall be composed of members elected by the West Florida Association and shall serve terms established on a rotational basis; one member's term shall expire annually. The number of members of this board shall be determined by the constitution & by-laws of the West Florida Association.

Article 4. Officers:

Officers of the board shall be: A Chairman, A Vice-Chairman and a Secretary-Treasurer. These officers shall hold office for one (1) year and may be elected to serve succeeding terms. Members of the board shall elect the officers of the board.

Article 5. Meetings:

Meetings shall be held as the need arises. Necessary meetings may be called by the Chairman or the Secretary-Treasurer. Mileage for board members expenses shall be paid from the general fund limited to 10¢ per mile one way.

Article 6. Reports:

A complete report of the board meetings and activities and a complete financial report must be presented to the annual West Florida Associational Meeting.

Article 7. Finances:

This board shall receive it's finances from churches and individuals making special contributions, cooperative program allocations, interest on loans, and special offerings received through promoting missions.

Article 8. Miscellaneous:

Section I. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board must be Free Will Baptists which prove themselves sound in doctrine and practices as Free Will Baptists.

Section II. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board shall consider this board as an advisory body in such matters as the selection of a pastor and further financial obligations.

Section III. Any work receiving financial support must agree to support the denominational cooperative program.

Section IV. Any work receiving financial support must accept such as a loan on terms and conditions agreed upon by them and the board as set

forth in this constitution and such information shall be made available to them and fully understood by those receiving the support.

Section V. Proper security must be granted the board for loans received. First mortgage is desired but second mortgage may be accepted; however no loan shall be granted in excess of the appraised value of the property. Interest shall be paid at the rate of 6% per annum. Monthly payments shall be paid at the rate of \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 loaned.

Section VI. Missions or churches receiving financial support must be in good standing with the West Florida Association & must have a pastor who is in good standing with the West Florida Free Will Baptist Assoc.

Section VII. An agreement must be understood between the borrower and the board that in the event financial obligations cannot be met, rights to the property must be relinquished, said rights shall be turned over to the Mission Board and the decision of the board in regards to the property shall be final.

Section VIII. Contracts shall be considered delinquent when three(3) successive payments have not been met. It shall be determined by the board if contracts may be held valid and open for a longer period of time.

Section IX. The board shall have the right by majority vote to purchase property in desirable locations when there is good potential for organizing a Free Will Baptist Church. This action shall of necessity be subject to the availability of funds. In such matters full title must be acquired and no investment shall exceed the appraised value of property. Organizational work under such conditions shall be under complete supervision of the Mission Board.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Duties of Officers:

Officers of the Mission Board shall hold office according to the terms set forth in the constitution and shall carry out those duties peculiar to their respective offices. The secretary-treasurer shall maintain a permanent record of the board's activities and financial transactions. All records and property mortgages and titles shall be surrendered to the succeeding secretary-treasurer.

Article 2. Voting and Quorum:

A majority membership shall constitute a quorum and be duly authorized to transact business. All items of business must receive a majority vote of board members before it is considered final. All members not present in meeting shall be notified of decisions made by the board.

Article 3. Duties of Members:

All members shall endeavor to support mission work through cooperative efforts of the board. Any member that fails to cooperate with the board for a period of one year may, upon recommendation of the board, be replaced by the West Florida Association.

Article 4. Amendments:

This constitution and by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the board members and final approval of the West Florida Association.

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.

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, Vice-Moderator, 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 of 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 privilege 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 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 1V. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and supervise its operation in this respective fields. They shall organize them selves 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 1V. 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 pas-

tors 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 amended by the vote at the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alternations of amendments having been given in writing and recorded 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

Bethel Church - August 10, 1974

Beulah Church - October 12, 1974

Christian Home - December 14, 1974

Ensley Church - February 8, 1975

Flomaton Church - April 12, 1975

New Home Church - June 14, 1975

Shiloh Church - August 9, 1975