
M I N U T E S

OF THE

TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Bratt, Florida September 13, 1975

Mid-Year Meeting
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDavid, Florida February 1, 1975

NEXT SESSIONS

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pensacola, Florida September 10 & 11, 1976

Mid-Year Meeting
CRESTVIEW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Crestview, Florida February 6 & 7, 1976

Minutes of the twenty-seventh annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, September 13, 1975.

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of the
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Shiloh Church.....Douglas Morgan
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New Home Church.....R. L. Bartley
Flomaton Church.....J. C. Dortch
Crestview Church.....C. J. Thomley
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HOME MISSIONS BOARD

(80) Douglas Carr
(79) Douglas Morgan
(78) R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
(77) Harlie Dockens
(76) J. D. Parham

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Moderator: H. L. Henderson
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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....	Crestview Church Feb. 6 & 7, 1976
Woman Auxiliary District Meeting.....	Bethel Church April 3, 1976
Sunday School Convention.....	Crestview Church April 10, 1976
C.T.S. Competition.....	Beulah Church May 1, 1976
State Youth Rally.....	Orlando, Florida May 15 & 16, 1976
National Association of Free Will Baptist.....	Tulsa, Oklahoma July 11-15, 1976
West Florida Annual Association	Bethel Church Sept. 10 & 11, 1976

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-seventh annual session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, September 13, 1975. Fellowship service held Friday night, September 12, 1975 with Dr. G. Savage preaching.

10:00 AM Saturday

Services opened with congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. L. Bass. Welcome from the host church given by Bro. Ronnie Stabler. Devotion was given by Rev. Douglas Carr, reading I Kings 13:14-17, "Stand on what God tells us to do."

Session called to order by clerk, Bro. W. J. Amerson, who introduced the moderator, Rev. Harvey Henderson, for his remarks and to moderate meeting. Standing delegates was recognized and seated as delegates. Clerk read church delegates from church letters. Church delegates was seated by standing delegates. Dr. G. Savage from Scottsmoor, Florida was recognized and welcomed to our meeting.

11:00 AM

Worship service opened with singing and prayer. Special song by Rev. Harvey Henderson, "Because He Lives." Morning message by Dr. G. Savage reading St. John 14:8-14. Dismissed for lunch.

1:00 PM

Services opened with singing and prayer. Special song by Sis. Jean Montee & Kim Blankenship, "Reach Out to Jesus." Devotion by Rev. Novis Edwards, reading Galatians 6:7-10. The following reports were given and accepted; Treasurer's Report, S.S. Convention Report, C.T.S. Report, Woman's Auxiliary Report and Ordaining Council.

Oral report by Dr. Savage on the beginning of a four year Bible College at Scottsmoor, Florida. He is the president of this college. MSC that the morning offering, \$56.62 be given to Dr. Savage to help with the college at Scottsmoor. MSC that the treasurer add to this amount to make the offering to the college \$100.00.

Home Missions report read and accepted. Oral report by Rev. Doug Carr on Crestview Church. Moved by Bro. L. Bass, seconded by Bro. W. C. Stanford that the debt owed by the Crestview Church to the West Florida Home Mission Board be cancelled and that the second mortgage we hold to be given to them and that they support the association with their cooperate tithes. This move was carried.

The body then stood in silent prayer in memory of Rev. Burl Mathews.

The following officers were elected:

Home Mission Board

(78) R. C. Wiggins, Jr. to replace Burl Mathews.

(80) Doug Carr to replace M. Carroll.

Ordaining Council

(77) Lindberg Bass to replace J. C. Dortch.

(77) Novis Edgards to replace Harlie Dockens.

MSC that same officers for moderator, vice moderator, clerk, asst. clerk and treasurer be retained.

State delegates: Sis. Thelma Bass, Sis. Ruby Amerson, Sis. Cora Cooper, Bro. W. J. Amerson, Bro. Dick Singleton. Alternate: Sis, Francis Mathews, Aileen Cochran.

MSC that to take motion from table to change article 7 of our constitution. MSC that article 7 to be changed to read: Scheduled Associational Meetings will be as follows: The Associational Annual Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September with fellowship meeting the preceding night. The Mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first Saturday in February with fellowship meeting the preceding night, at places designated by the body.

Oral report on Camp Mt. Pleasant by Bro. Henderson. Moderator expressed thanks and appreciation to women of Shiloh for noon meal, with the body giving a standing vote of appreciation.

Minutes of today's session read and approved. Adjourned.

Church Delegates

Bethel - Bobby Edwards
Aileen Cochran
Jewel Warren
Francis Mathews

Beulah - Thelma Bass
Dick Singleton
Don Brake
June Singleton
Jean Montee

Christian Home - Harlie Dockens
Iris Ziglar
Edna Caraway
Maggie Dockens

Crestview - Danny Cook
Nadine Thomley

Flomaton - Waymon Holt
Lola Peebles

Ensley - Loran Cook
Bobbie Carroll
Lena Clark

New Home - Ella Mae Parham
Quanita Ridway
Mary Bartley

Shiloh - Douglas Morgan
Cecil McElhaney
Ronnie Stabler
Eunice Godwin
Medie Dortch

Ministers Present

Harvey Henderson
Lindberg Bass
R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
Elzie Carroll
Zell Cheatham
J. D. Parham
Doug Carr
Novis Edwards
R. H. Reddick
W. C. Stanford
G. Savage (Visitor)

Deacons Present

Clark Caraway
Tommie Ward
W. H. Burkett
John McCall
Ray Purvis
C. J. Thomley
Grady Collins
Edmon Rigeway
Bro. Holt

MID-YEARLY MEETING
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 1, 1975

Services opened with congregational singing and prayer. Devotion was given by Bro. Doug Carr reading from II Corinthians 12:10, James 2:4. Welcome by host Pastor, Rev. Novis Edwards.

Meeting called to order by clerk, Bro. W. J. Amerson and introduced moderator Rev. Harvey Henderson to moderate meeting. Roll call of standing delegates - seated by moderator. Roll call of church delegates - seated by vote of standing delegates.

MSC that we schedule Bible conference with Dr. Johnson, Dr. Pricilli and Rev. Jack Paramore. Ordaining Council to decide place and time and report back to body after lunch. Morning offering of \$282.45 was given by consent of body to Crestview Church to help pay for their pews.

11:00 AM

Service opened with singing and prayer. Morning message by Rev. Malone Cobb reading John 4:35-39, Psalms 86:6, title "Revival "

1:30 PM

Open with singing and prayer. Special song by group from host church. Devotion by Rev. Novis Edwards, Phil. 1:21.

Report from Ordaining Council on Bible Conference: Bible Conference to be first week in March, if speakers are available at this time. Places to be Shiloh and Ensley Church. Treasurer's report read and approved. No Home Missions Report given.

MSC to elect pianist and song leader for our meeting in Sept. Bro. Don Brake volunteered to lead singing and Tinker Brake to play piano at next meeting.

MSC that we have fellowship meeting Friday night, Sept. 12, 1975.

Moved by Sis Bass, seconded by Sis. Ella Mae Parham that article 7 of our constitution be changed to read "The annual association meeting will be held the second Saturday in September with fellowship meeting the preceding night. The Mid-Yearly meeting will be held the first Saturday in February with fellowship meeting the preceding night at places to be designated by the body. MSC to table this motion until annual meeting in September.

Minutes of today's session read and approved. Adjourned.

Ministers Present

Malone Cobb
Elzie Carroll
Harvey Henderson
Novis Edwards
R. H. Reddick
Doug Carr
Lindberg Bass
R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
J. C. Dortch
Zell Cheatham
W. C. Stanford
J.D. Parham

Deacons Present

Ray Purvis
John McCall
Thomas Ward
Clark Caraway
Grady Collins

Listing of Youth Rally's for 1975-76

Bethel Church - December 13, 1975

Beulah Church - February 14, 1976

Christian Home Church - April 10, 1976

Crestview Church - June 12, 1976

Ensley Church - August 14, 1976

Flomaton - October 9, 1976

New Home Church - December 11, 1976

Shiloh Church - February 12, 1977

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida Sunday School Convention was held at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church on April 19, 1975. Our Vice-president, Bro. Harlie Dockens opened our service at 10:00 A.M. with congregational singing led by Bro. Overnire. Bro. Bartley led in the opening prayer and Rev. Matthews gave the welcome address. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Harold Smith.

Bro. Dockens call the meeting to order for business, the minutes were and treasurer's report given and both accepted. Sis. Ruby Amerson stated there would be approximately 18 or 20 district C.T.S. winners going to Jacksonville, Florida to compete in the State Competition. Bro. Dockens then asked for the election of officers which are as follows:

- President - Bro. Harlie Dockens
- V-president - Rev. Douglas Carr
- Sec. & Treas. - Sis. Jean Montee

Bro. Carr stated that no one wanted to attend our convention or hold an office and that much prayer is needed for our people. It was agreed that the president would take on the job of promotional secretary. Bro. Dockens asked for old business, there was none.

New business was discussed. It was stated by Bro. Dockens that a form would be made up by the S.S. Officers for the secretary to mail out to each of our churches to fill out giving a report on their S.S. attendance and mailed back to the secretary to make a report of the information at the 1976 sunday school convention.

Each officer was asked to meet at lunch to make up a list of their duties to help prepare a booklet for each church to let the new members know what our sunday school convention is all about, and let them know the responsibilities of each officer and help train our new officers to help share the responsibility.

New Home Church presented their program and sung a special. Rev. R.C. Wiggins brought the morning message. Our next Sunday School Convention will be held at Crestview Church. Bro. Carr led in dismissal prayer for lunch, also asked God's blessing on food.

Service reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with singing. Bro. Bill Taylor led in prayer. Bethel, Beulah and Christian Home presented their programs. MSC that each church would present a program at next years sunday school convention. Melisa Smith presented her Bible Memorization for the body. It was MSC that the S.S. Convention would give the C.T.S. Convention \$287.00 to help send the district winners to Jacksonville for state level of competition. Next year the convention will be held on April 17, 1976. Bro. R.C. Wiggins led in dismissal prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance brought forward167.24
Tithes received for 1973-74.....304.84
Total\$472.08

Disbursements:

Printing of Minutes..... 10.00
C.T.S. Winners.....287.00
Total spent out.....\$297.00

Balance in treasurer 9-13-75.....\$175.08

Sis. Jean Montee
Sec. & Treasurer

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The West Florida Woman's Auxiliary met April 5, 1975 at New Home Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing of "Standing on The Promises". The welcome address was given by Sis. Barbara Parham. Sis. Matthews brought the morning devotion, reading from Eph. 5:13-16.

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The president called the meeting to order. Minutes and treasurer's report was given and accepted as read. Beulah won the Attendance Banner. The 1975-76 District Project is now \$5.00 per month per Auxiliary. \$1.00 will go to WNAC, \$3.00 will go Youth Camp and \$1.00 to the West Palm Beach Building Fund.

Delegates to the State Association in Chipley are Thelma Bass, June Singleton, Jewel Warren, Ulah Ward and Ann Watford. Decoration and devotion for our next yearly meeting is to be brought by Bethel Church. Our Semi-annual meeting will be held with Christian Home Oct. 10, 1975. The District meeting will be held with Bethel Church, April 3, 1976.

Officers for 1975-76 are:

President - Sis. Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, Fla.
V-Pres. - Sis. Thelma Bass, Ret. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Florida
Sec. & Treas. - Sis. Ethel Burkett, Rt. 1 Box 133, McDavid, Fla. 32568
Mission Prayer - Sis. Frankie Matthews, Rt. 11, Box 506, Pensacola, Fla.
Mission Study - Carolyn Taylor, 8005 Beaver Circle, Pensacola, Fla.
Mission Action - Myrtice O'Dell, 409 Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Florida
Field Worker - Sis. Margaret Baker

Submitted by:
Sis. Ethel Burkett
Secretary & Treasurer

Treasurer's Report follows:

WOMAN'S AUX. TREAS. REPORT	ENSLEY	CHRISTIAN HOME	BETHEL	BEULAH	NEW HOME	TOTAL
District Project	52.00	48.00	48.00	48.00		196.00
Ed Cook Account	65.00					65.00
Sammy Wilkerson	70.92		15.00			85.92
Herbert Waid	57.50					67.60
Lonnie Palmer	72.05	5.00		25.00		102.05
Wendall Walley	5.00					5.00
Eddie Payne			15.00			15.00
Tom Willey, Jr.			25.00			25.00
Carlisle Hanna			25.00			25.00
Jim Combs		5.00	25.00			30.00
Patsy Van Hook		20.00	36.00			56.00
Norman Richards		5.00				5.00
Prov. Clo. Jam & Jellies	23.65			23.65		47.30
WMAC Emphasis Mo.	10.00	21.00		13.80		44.80
Student Loan Fund	10.00		25.00	20.00		55.00
Bible College			25.00			25.00
West Palm Beach			25.00			25.00
State Project			21.12			21.12
Pre-Thanksgiving	10.00	12.35		17.50		39.85
Pre-Christmas	10.00		8.00			18.00
Pre-Easter, 1974	7.00	10.00		23.45		40.45
Pre-Easter, 1975		15.00	5.50	71.80	5.25	97.55
Per Captia Dues	9.00	16.50	12.00	13.50		51.00
State Dues 1973-74		26.04		30.00		56.04
State Dues 1974-75		29.04		26.50		55.54
Semi-Annual Dist. Offering						12.60
Dist. Offering 1974-Lonnie Palmer						16.70
Total Taken-in.....						\$1,283.52
Balance brought forward	\$ 21.18					
Deposited	1,283.52					
Total.....	\$1,304.70					
Total Spent Out.....	1,275.67					
Balance in Treasure 3/5/75.....	\$ 29.03					

Sis. Ethel Burkett
Secretary & Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary

C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida C.T.S. Convention met with Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church on May 3, 1975. Opened with prayer by Bro. R.C. Wiggins. Sis. Ruby Amerson passed out grade sheets for all contestants, all contestants were brought up front for prayer of dedication by Bro. Jerald Amerson. Competition was held thru-out the morning. Reassembled with song "Showers of Blessings, prayer by Bro. L. Bass. Competition resumed and was over at 3:05 P.M. Awards presented to following winners:

Sword Drill 1st place. Ruth Ann Smith, 2nd place, Harold Smith, 3rd place Robert Peebles.

Bible Memorization 1st place Melissa Smith, 2nd place Wesley Moreno, 3rd place Buffie Holt, First Grade, 2nd place, Jeff Harris

Tic-Tac-Toe 1st place - Beulah, Vernon Brake, Darleen Mandell, Douglas Hughes, 2nd Place Shiloh, Linda Amerson, Donna Hall, Barney Lowery

Bible Bowl 1st Place Shiloh, Faye Morgan, Paula Henderson, Kathy Amerson, Vicki McElhaney, 2nd Place Beulah,

Declamation Heralds, Sandra Mandell, Donna Pulaski, Adv. Keli Harvey.

Talent 1st Place, Ensemble - Shiloh, 1st Place Solo, Tinker Brake

Piano Solo Crusader 1st place, Tinker Brake, Herald 1st Place Donna Pulaski; Adv. 1st Place, Keli Harvey.

Business brought to order by Bro. Bill Taylor, prayer by Bro. Holt, Churches in attendance were Flomaton, Bethel, Christian Home, Beulah, Ensley, Shiloh. Bro. Taylor went over an outline for the correct procedure to have an orderly meeting.

Minutes & treasurer's report was given and accepted as read, there was no old business. New business - MSC that all competition forms from each church be sent to Sis. Ruby Amerson in time (date to be designated on form) for her to get a bulletin to each church the Wednesday night before the C.T.S. Convention. MSC for each church represented to take a special offering on May 4, 1975 to help send winners to Jacksonville. MSC for President and Vice President to ask next Associational Meeting to supplement \$250.00 to C.T.S. Treasurer to help support winners to State Meeting. A retreat for young people was discussed for once each quarter, and also inner-church competition. A committee consisting of Harold Smith, Harlie Dockens, Bill Taylor and Don Brake is to study this and bring before the C.T.S. Board.

Officers for 1975-76 Preside

President - Bro. Bill Taylor, 8005 Beaver Circle Pensacola, Fla. 477-9236

V. President - Dick Singleton, St. Rt. 4 Box 122E7 Cantonment, Fla.
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Sec. & Treas. - Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. Franklin Ave. Pensacola, Fla. 438-5735

Quiz Leader - Ruby Amerson, Rt. 4 Box 303, Atmore, Ala. 36502, 369-6340

Asst. North - Edna Caraway

Asst. South - Linda Smith

C.T.S. Convention in 1976 will be held at Beulah F.W. B. Church on May 1, 1976. Nominating Com. as follows: Don Brake, Bro. Holt, and Bro. L. Bass. Dismissed at 5:00 P.M.

Martha P. Johnson

No Treasurer's Report

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

The Home Missions Board has had only one item of business since our last associational meeting.

The Board met Wednesday, September 1, 1975, with a deligation from Crestview Church to discuss the possibilities of acquiring funds for putting heat in the church. Because of the unique problems involved, the Board has agreed to recommend to the association to liquidate all debts acquired by the church. The Board presents the following letter to the Association for their approval:

"Whereas the First Free Will Baptist Church in Crestview owes the Crestview Episcopal Diocese approximately \$4,000.00 and the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist an original \$2,000.00, and another \$500.00 and still another \$5,000.00 (a total of approximately \$7,500.00. And where- as the church was then a mission project of the West Florida Association and since the church is not able to borrow any money from any source to continue in their building program. A motion is offered that the Crestview Church no longer be obligated in regards to the money borrowed from the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist."

The Home Missions Board

FINANCE REPORT - Home Missions Board

Checking Account - August 15, 1975(Deposit).....	\$212.00
Savings Account - June 16, 1975.....	\$1,168.23
September 8, 1975 (Received from Association..	331.00
Total in Treasurer.....	\$1,711.23

Submitted by:
Harlie Dockens
Sec. & Treasurer
Home Missions Board

TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 1974- June 30, 1975

	<u>Coop. Tithes</u>	<u>State H. Missions</u>	<u>Foreign Missions</u>	<u>Children's Home</u>	<u>Bible College</u>	<u>Youth Camp</u>	<u>W.P. Beach Land Fund</u>	<u>Assoc. Fees</u>
Flomaton	\$ 592.57							25.00
New Home	323.38							25.00
Bethel	598.01							20.00
Beulah	2,413.81							30.00
Crestview								25.00
Shiloh	1,635.32	189.00	490.21	180.00				30.00
C. Home	236.88							25.00
Ensley	722.44	185.00	520.00		150.00	113.50	106.00	30.00
S.S. Conv.								10.00
C.T.S. Conv.								5.00
Total	\$ 6,522.41	\$374.00	\$1,010.21	\$180.00	\$150.00	\$113.50	\$106.00	\$225.00

PAID OUT

State Treasurer.....	\$7,289.02
W. Fla.....	649.00
Bro. Jerald Amerson.....	25.00
Rev. R.C. Wiggins.....	25.00
Sis. Alberta Hall.....	25.00
Printing of Minutes.....	95.00
State Assoc. Fees.....	24.00
State Home Missions.....	374.00
Ledger Paper.....	7.71

Total Paid out.....\$8,513.73

Amount Received.....\$8,681.12

Total Paid out..... 8,513.73

Bal. in Bank 6-30-75.....\$ 167.39

Sis. Alberta Hall, Treasurer

**STATISTICS FROM
CHURCH LETTERS**

	<u>BETHEL</u>	<u>BEULAH</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN HOME</u>	<u>CRESTVIEW</u>	<u>FLOMATON</u>	<u>NEW HOME</u>	<u>SHILOH</u>
Church Membership	68	154	50	31	44	27	131
Members dismissed	3	3	6	1	0	5	47
Members received	8	13	16	14	6	6	10
S. S. Enrollment	47	88	60	46	48	27	111
Avg. Attendance	41	76	41	31	40	27	86
Woman's Aux.	15	17	12		8		
Avg. Attendance	8	7	8		6		
C.T.S. Enrollment	38	77	27		39		80
Ave. Attendance	38	54	25		23		60
Mid-week Prayer Ser.	35	54	25	25	20	27	30
Ordained Ministers	1	3	2	1	1	1	1
Pastor's Salary	2,925.00	6,450.00	2,570.00	0	1,504.00	1,200.00	7,430.00
Bldg. & Repair	11,390.00	80,642.00	993.00	5,366.00	5,415.00	0	1,433.00
Cooperative Fund	766.25	2,657.00	355.00	0	543.00	0	1,711.00
Foreign Missions	837.93	692.00	150.00	152.00	298.00	0	621.00
Home Missions	96.73	1,000.00	135.00	257.00	218.00	0	180.00
Value of Church Property	60,000.00	90,000.00	24,000.00	42,127.00			
Value of Parsonage	-	--	9,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00

(No Report from Ensley Church)

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 demoninational 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 in good standing with the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

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 constituion 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 II. 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 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 Asst. Clerk & 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 Florida 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 of the Free Will Baptist faith. This council to convene upon request of any church of this association.

Article 6. Boards & 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.

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 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 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 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 Associational Meetings will be as follows: The Associational Annual Meeting will be held the second Saturday in September with fellowship meeting the preceding night. The Mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first Saturday in February with fellowship meeting the preceding night, at places designated by the body.

Article 8. Finances:

Section I. 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 II. 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 III. 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 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 & standards to 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 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 associations' 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 ammendments 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.