
M I N U T E S

OF THE

TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with

BETHEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pensacola, Florida September 10 & 11, 1976

Mid-Year Meeting

TORAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Crestview, Florida February 6 & 7, 1976

NEXT SESSIONS

FLOMATION FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Atmore, Alabama September 9 & 10, 1977

Mid-Year Meeting

ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ensley, Florida February 4 & 5, 1977

Minutes of the twenty-eighth annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida. September 10 & 11, 1976

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES
of the
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- Moderator.....Novis Edwards ✓
- Bethel Church.....Novis Edwards ✓
- Beulah Church.....Lindberg Bass ✓
- Christian Home Church.....Freeman Dockens ✓
- Shiloh Church.....Douglas Morgan
- Ensley Church.....W. C. Stanford
- New Home Church.....R. L. Bartley ✓
- Flomaton Church.....J. C. Dortch ✓
- Torah Church.....C. J. Thomley
- Clerk (if concerning finances).....Charles Isaac
- Treasurer (if concerning finances).....Iris Ziglar

HOME MISSION BOARD

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

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Moderator: Novis Edwards
(77) Rev. Lindbergh Bass
(77) Rev. E. Rueban Bell
(78) Rev. J. D. Parham
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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....	Ensley Church Feb. 4 & 5, 1977
Woman Auxiliary District Meeting.....	Christian Home April 2, 1977
Sunday School Convention.....	Christian Home April 16 th , 1977
C.T.S. Competition.....	Shiloh Church May 7, 1977
State Youth Rally.....	Wesconnett F W B Church Jacksonville, Fla. Date not firm at the printing of minutes
National Association of Free Will Baptist.....	Cobo Hall Detroit, Mich. July 17-20, 1977
West Florida Annual Association.....	Flomaton Church Sept. 9 & 10, 1977

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-eighth annual session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Bethel Free Will Baptist Church, Pensacola, Florida, September 10 & 11, 1976. Fellowship service held Friday night, September 10, 1976 with Bro. E. R. Bell preaching.

10:00 AM Saturday

Services opened with congregational singing. Welcome address by Bro. Novis Edwards, for the Host Church. Devotion was given by Dr. Darwin Kelton.

Session called to order by clerk, Bro. W. J. Amerson, introducing moderator, Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr.

Moderator seated standing delegates. Clerk called roll of church delegates, Bethel, Beulah, Christian Home, Torah, First Church of Flomaton, Ensley, New Home, Shiloh. MSC we sent church delegates. Moderator recognized our visiting brethren and sisters. Reports given as follows; Sunday School MSC, Home Mission MSC, Woman District Auxiliary MSC, Ordaining Council MSC, C.T.S. Convention MSC.

11:00 AM

Special music by Ambassador's Trio, from Salem Bible College. Morning message by, Bro. Randy Eubanks, from Matt. 28:19-20.

Treasures report given MSC. Letter of resignation from Sis. Alberta Hall read by clerk. Dr. Graeme Savage gave oral report on the work at Salem Bible College.

1:00 PM

Services opened with singing. Devotion by, Bro. Gary Fry, reading Joshua 1:1-2,6. Bro. Eddie Payne spoke briefly about our Mission work in Ivory Coast, and on behalf of our other Missionaries.

MSC Bro. L. Bass, that the Christian Life Conference be a united effort among the churches in the West Florida Association, April 4-9, 1977. Which will be organized by Salem Bible College, and sponsored by West Florida Churches. Bro. Harlin Dickens request that the Sunday School Convention be set for April 16, 1977. Instead of April 9, 1977. Delegates vote so carried.

The following officers were elected:

Home Mission Board

- (90) Randy Eubanks to replace Douglas Carr.
(81) J. D. Parham to succeed himself.

Ordaining Council

- (78) R. C. Wiggins Jr. 1976 to be returned.
(78) J. D. Parham 1976 to be returned.

Floor open for Officers for Association

Treasurer.....Iris Ziglar
Clerk.....Charles Isaac
Asst. Clerk.....Thelma Wiggins
Asst. Moderator..R. C. Wiggins Jr.
Moderator.....Novis Edwards
MSC

Bro. E. R. Bell was placed on Ordaining Council, in place of Bro. Novis Edwards term 1977.

State Delegates: Thelma Wiggins, Thelma Bass, Buford Carroll, Roberta Carroll, and Blanch Carroll. Alternate: Naomi Lancaster, Margaret Baker, and Laura Stanford.

Mid-yearly meeting, February 4 & 5, 1977, to be held with Ensley Free Will Baptist Church. West Florida Association September 9 & 10, 1977, to be held with First Free Will Baptist, Flomaton. At the request of Bro. Harlie Dockens, MSC to elect Sis. Frankie Mathews as Sunday School Sec. and Treasurer, until Sunday School Convention convenes in April.

MSC for today's offering be given to Salem Bible College.
MSC to accept Minutes as read.

Church Delegates

Bethel - Bobby Edwards
Jewell Warren
Myrtice O'Dell

Beulah - Charles Isaac
Thelma Bass

Christian Home - Harlie Dockens
Edna Caraway
Iris Ziglar
Maggie Dockens

Torah - J. G. Cook
Mrs Thomley
Nadine Thomley

Ensley - Margaret Baker
Roberta Carroll
Bro. Carroll
Betty Lail

New Home - Myrtle Bell
Lola Cheatham

Shiloh - Maxine McCall
Christine Morgan
Medie Dortch
Douglas Morgan
Bernice Purvis

Flomaton - Lannie Long
Lola Peebles

Ministers Present

Dr. G. Savage
Dr. D. Kelton
Fred Gary
William Smith
Eddie Payne (Missionary)
Gary Fry
R. C. Wiggins Jr.
Lindbergh Bass
J. D. Parham
Novis Edwards
J. C. Dortch
Lloyd Carroll
Randy Eubanks
W. C. Stanford
E. R. Bell
Zell Cheatham
J. T. Long
R. L. Bartley

Deacons Present

Freeman Dockens
Clark Ziglar
Tommie Ward
Grady Collins
Ray Purvis
C. J. Thomley

MID-YEARLY MEETING
TORAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 7, 1976

Services opened with congregational singing, and prayer.
Devotion by: Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr., reading Acts 5:42. Welcome by
host Pastor, Bro. Douglas Carr.

Meeting called to order by moderator Rev. Harvey Henderson.
Standing delegates recognized and seated by moderator. Church delegates
recognized. MSC these delegates be seated for todays session.

Welcome and recognize visitors, Mary Collins, Holly Grave
Marianna, Bro. & Sis. Bill Ware, Pensacola, Fla.
Moderators remarks included reading Acts 2:42.

11:00 AM

Service opened with singing and prayer. Morning message by,
Rev. Lindbergh Bass. "Doing the Possible", St. John 15:5-8, and
Eph. 3:16-21.

1:15 PM

Service opened with singing and prayers. Special song by,
Bro. Douglas Carr. Devotion, Bro. Douglas Carr from 1 Kings 18:21.

Reports given: Treasurer Report MSC to accept as read; Home
Mission Report-oral report of Treas. MSC to accept; C.T.S. West
Florida report MSC to accept Womens Auxiliary-no report.
MSC to have Sunday School Convention on April 10, 1976 instead of
April 17, 1976.

Voted by the body that the clerk will prepare for a statistic report each meeting, that we might have a record of attendance.

Minutes of todays session read and approved. Adjourned.

Ministers Present

Lindbergh Bass
Douglas Carr
Harvey Henderson
R. H. Reddick
R. C. Wiggins Jr.
Lloyd Carroll
Novis Edwards
Zell Cheatham
W. C. Stanford

Deacons Present

Clark Caraway
Grady Collins
Tommie Ward
Edmon Ridgeway
C. J. Thomley
Waymon Holt

Listing of Youth Rally's for 1977-78

Christian Home Church - February 12, 1977

Bethel Church - April 9, 1977

Beulah Church - June 11, 1977

Torah Church - August 14, 1977

Ensley Church - October 8, 1977

Flomaton Church - December 10, 1977

Shiloh Church - February 11, 1978

Sunday School Convention Report

The West Florida Sunday School Convention was held at Torah Free Will Baptist Church on April 10, 1976. The service opened at 10:00 AM with congregational singing. Bro Lancaster led in opening prayer. Welcome address was given by, Bro. Cook of the Host Church. Bro. Tomlie brought the morning devotion, entitled, "Passing the Buck", Gen. 3:12,16&17.

Bro. Dockens asked for the programs to be presented. Beulah presented their program entitled, "Your Attitude is Showing". Christian Home presented theirs, entitled, "Sell Out".

The mid-morning service was opened with congregational singing. Rev. R. C. Wiggins led in prayer. The morning message was given by, Bro. Billy Morris of Hyde Park Church in Norfolk, Virginia. Bro. Morris opened with prayer. Bro. Henderson led in dismissal prayer asking Gods blessing on the noon meal.

Service resumed at 1:00 PM, with congregational singing, and prayer. Torah Church presented their program entitled, "Sunday School". New Home, Bethel, Shiloh, and Flomaton did not present a program. Sis. Montee, and Kim presented the special music.

Bro. Harlie Dockens asked for the secretary, and treasurers report. The MSC to accept them as given. Reports on each Sunday School in the Northwest Florida District was given.

Bro. Dockens asked for old business. Sis. Montee stated concern over the books that were to be sent to each church explaining the duties of each officer. Bro. Tomlie, from Torah Church was elected as Vice President.

The next convention will be held at Christian Home on April 9, 1977. MSC for the Sunday School Department to buy a projector and screen for the West Florida Association. Sis. Montee agreed to check on the prices.

Bro. Dockens asked how we should divide the money in Sunday School Treasury. Sis. Wiggins thanks the Sunday School Department for help to the C.T.S. in the past years. She stated the C.T.S. would no longer need help from Sunday School Department. Bro. Bass led in dismissal prayer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURERS REPORT

Balance brought forward.....175.08
Tithes received for 1975-76.....286.95
Total.....\$462.03

Disbursements:

Printing of Minutes.....10.00
Expense for Pro Sec.20.00
Total.....\$ 30.00

Balance in treasurer 9-11-76.....\$432.03

Sis. Jean Montee
Sec. & Treasurer

Women's Auxiliary Report

The West Florida Woman's Auxiliary met April 3, 1976 at Bethel Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing of, "All That Thrills My Soul". The welcome address was given by, Bro. Edwards. Bro. Jack Parham brought the morning message, "Total Submission unto God and Bloom Where You are Planted". Bethel presented a program on the Missionaries and their Countries.

The president called the meeting to order. Minutes and treasurer's report was given, and accepted as read. Bethel won the attendance Banner. The 1976-77 District Project is \$5.00 per month per auxiliary. Three dollars will go to Youth Camp, \$1.00 to go to Sunny Hill Mission, and \$1.00 will go to WNAC.

Semi-annual meeting will be at Ensley, Oct. 1, 1976. Christian Home has the program for the yearly meeting. The District Meeting will be held with Christian Home April 12, 1977

Officers for 1976-77 are:

President - Sis. Thelma Wiggins, 3309 Franklin ave., Pensacola, Fl.
V. President - Sis. Thelma Bass, Rt. 8 Box 851, Pensacola, Fl. Sec. & Treas. - Sis. Ethel Burkett, Rt. 1 Box 133, McDavid, Fl. Mission Prayer - Sis. Frankie Mathews, Rt. 11 Box 506, Pensacola, Fl. Mission Study - Sis. Iris Ziglar, Rt. 4 Box 372, Atmore, Ala. Mission Action - Sis. Mytrice O'dell, 409 Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Fl. Field Worker - Sis. Margaret Baker, 2417 N. W Street, Pensacola, Fl.

Submitted by:
Sis. Ethel Burkett
Secretary & Treasurer

Treasurer's Report follows:

Woman's Auxiliary Treasurers Report

District Project.....	234.00
Operation Partnership.....	55.00
Lonnie Palmer.....	115.00
Sammy Wilkerson.....	85.00
Gary Watson.....	60.00
Eddie Payne.....	28.00
Norman Richards.....	25.00
Tom Willey.....	25.00
Ed Cook.....	30.00
Herbert Waid.....	30.00
Patsy Van Hook.....	25.00
Beverly Haltzos.....	14.07
WNAC Emphasis Mo.....	113.25
Student Loan.....	45.00
Bible College.....	25.00
Sunny Hills Mission.....	37.42
WNAC.....	25.00
Youth Camp.....	35.92
State Project 1975-76.....	50.00
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	68.46
Pre-Christmas.....	19.40
Pre-Easter 1975.....	13.00
Pre-Captia Dues 1974-75.....	49.30
Pre-Captia Dues 1975-76.....	51.50
Bookkeeping Book.....	<u>30.47</u>

Total taken-in.....\$1,289.83

Balance brought forward.....	29.03
Deposited.....	<u>1,302.54</u>
Total.....	1,331.57
Total spent out.....	<u>1,289.83</u>
Balance in Treasure 3/31/76.....	\$ 41.74

Submitted by:
Sis. Ethel Burkett
Secretary & Treasurer
Woman's Auxiliary

C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT

The West Florida C.T.S. Convention met with Beulah free Will Baptist Church May 1, 1976. Bro. Dick Singleton asked for a congregational song, "Give Your Best to the Master". Opened with prayer by Bro. Lindbergh Bass. President, Bro. Dick Singleton appointed committie to audit treasurers books. Audit committie, Bro. Harvey Henderson, Bro. Ray Kelly, and Bro. F. W. Dockens. Devotion by R. C. Wiggins, Gideons Army, Judges 7:21. Sis Ruby Amerson gave story about Samuel. Contestants called up front for prayer of dedication.

Afternoon service opened with singing and prayers by, Bro. Charles Isaac. Awards presented to winners by Sis. Ruby Amerson.

Memorization First grade: 1st place Janie Ziglar, 2nd place Lisa Caraway, Second grade: 1st place Melissa Smith, 2nd place Buffie Holt, Third grade: 1st place Pam Hall, 2nd place Frankie Kovac. Sword Drill: 1st place Harold Smith, 2nd place Ruth Smith, 3rd place Sheila Hall.

Tic Tac Toe: 1st place Beulah, 2nd place Shiloh. Beulah team: Jason & Keli Harvey, Vernon & Tommy Brake. Shiloh team: Barney Lowery, Mike McCall, and Darryl Hall.

Bible Bowl: Shiloh, Fay Morgan, Linde Amerson & Donna Hall.

Declamations: Adv: 1st place David Ziglar, 2nd place Jeff Amerson Herald: 1st place Laura Ziglar, 2nd place Barney Lowery, Crusader: 1st place Sheila Toronson, 2nd place Mark Lashure.

Music: Piano: Adv., Ruth Smith, Crusader, Sissy Brake, Ambassador, Tinker Brake.

Music Singing: Crusader, Faye Morgan, Ambassador, Tinker Brake, Shiloh Girls: Donna Hall, Linda Amerson, Faye Morgan, Paula Henderson, Vickie McElhaney, and Pianest, Kathy Mauldin.

Bro. Dick Singleton called body to order for business. Churches present were, Shiloh, Christian Home, Beulah, and Flomaton.

Minutes of last meeting read and approved by body. Treasurer report read. MSC to accept as given. MSC that we purchase Stop Watch, amount \$18.00. MSC that each contestant be given \$20.00 for travel to State Competition. Old business, none. New business MSC that we send three (3) contestant to district Sword Drill if constitution, and by laws do not conflict.

Officers for 1976-77

President - Dick Singleton
V. President - Thelma Wiggins
Sec. & Treas. - Faye Harvey
Quiz Leader - Ruby Amerson
Asst. South - Linda Smith
Asst. North - Edna Caraway
Asst. Central - Lola Peebles

Nomination Committee recommended we add Central Asst. Quiz Leader. MSC that Nom. Committee be accepted as read. Nomination Committee for 1976-77, Bro. Clark Ziglar, Bro. Harris, and Bro. Thomley. Don Brake ask that a committee for a young peoples retreat work out a plan for the coming year. Committee consist of Harold Smith, Harlie Dockens, Don Brake, Harvey Henderson, and Dick Singleton. C.T.S. Convention in 1977 will be held at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on May 7, 1977.

MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Bro. Harvey Henderson.

Thelma Wiggins

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HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

No meetings called or business translated this church year.

Report on Funds

Savings.....	\$2,447.35
Checking.....	209.04
Total.....	\$2,656.39

DISTRICT C.T.S. REPORT

MAY 5, 1975-----APRIL 21, 1976

	DATE	TITHES	LOVE OFFERING	TOTAL
West Florida Sunday Sch.	5-6-75		\$287.00	\$287.00
Bethel	5-8-75	\$ 6.14	\$ 28.78	\$ 34.92
	7-10-75	\$ 7.22	\$ 5.50	\$ 12.72
	10-17-75	\$ 7.12	\$ 6.16	\$ 13.28
	12-9-75	\$ 4.43	\$ 4.30	\$ 8.73
	3-31-76	\$ 5.70	\$ 5.38	\$ 11.08
	4-12-76	-----	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
Christian Home Church	5-6-75	-----	\$ 8.82	\$ 8.82
	8-18-75	\$ 8.10	-----	\$ 8.10
	10-26-75	\$ 3.58	\$ 5.00	\$ 8.58
	1-18-76	\$ 8.50	\$ 5.00	\$ 13.50
	2-25-76	\$ 8.19	\$ 5.00	\$ 13.19
	4-9-76	-----	\$100.00	\$100.00
Shiloh Church	5-7-75	-----	\$ 58.27	\$ 58.27
	10-17-75	\$ 7.95	-----	\$ 7.95
	8-12-75	\$12.53	-----	\$12.53
	1-28-76	\$ 7.94	-----	\$ 7.94
	3-3-76	\$-----	\$116.28	\$116.28
	4-21-76	\$12.13	-----	\$ 12.13
Flomaton Church	5-8-75	-----	\$ 42.51	\$ 42.51
	5-20-75	(Cash returned-Jeff Harris)		\$ 20.00
	3-10-76	-----	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
Beulah Church	5-5-75	-----	\$ 45.39	\$ 45.39
	7-2-75	\$ 6.22	\$ 5.00	\$ 11.22
	10-17-75	\$ 5.48	\$ 5.00	\$ 10.48
	1-6-76	\$ 6.75	\$ 5.00	\$ 11.75
	4-7-76	-----	\$100.00	\$100.00
Ensley Church	5-9-75	-----	\$ 7.90	\$ 7.90
TOTAL IN BANK OF WEST FLORIDA	5-5-75		\$ 26.11	
TOTAL RECEIVED AS OF APRIL 21, 1976			\$1,059.27	
TOTAL MONIES TO ACCOUNT FOR			<u>\$1,085.38</u>	
Disbursements(Harvey-Amerson-Dortch)	5-10-75	\$	420.00	
Disbursements-Benton's Trophy	4-21-76	\$	35.50	
		\$	<u>455.50</u>	
BALANCE IN BANK AS OF APRIL 21, 1976			\$ 629.88	

TREASURER'S REPORT
June 30, 1975 to June 30, 1976

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>COOP TITHES</u>	<u>STATE H. MISSIONS</u>	<u>FOREIGN MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S HOME</u>	<u>YOUTH CAMP</u>	<u>ASSOC. FEES</u>	<u>ASSOC. OFFERING</u>
Bethel	806.12					30.00	
Beulah	2,649.56					30.00	
Christian Home	879.81	15.00	185.00			25.00	
Shiloh	1,722.92	300.00	915.38	180.00		30.00	
Crestview	686.18		100.00			25.00	
Ensley	786.50		15.00		132.00	30.00	
Flomaton	605.40					35.00	
New Home	65.00					35.00	
<u>S.S. Convention</u>						10.00	
TOTALS	\$8,201.49	315.00	1,215.38	180.00	132.00	250.00	61.24

PAID OUT

State Treasurer	8,958.49
State Home Missions	315.00
West Fla. Savings	823.00
Bro. G. Savage	100.00
Printing of Minutes	95.00
Rev. H. L. Henderson	25.00
Bro. Jerald Amerson	25.00
Sis. Alberta Hall	25.00
State Assoc. Fees	24.00
	\$10,390.49

Balance in Bank June 30, 1975	\$ 162.98
Amount Received	10,355.11
Total to give account for	10,518.09
Total spent out	10,390.49
Balance in Bank June 30, 1976	127.60

Sis. Alberta Hall, Treasurer

STATISTICS FROM CHURCH LETTERS	BETHEL	BEULAH	CHRISTIAN HOME	ENSLEY	FLOMATON	NEW HOME	SHILOH	TORAH
Church Membership	50	174	53	55	46	36	134	26
Members Dismissed	24	8	3	23	1	0	5	0
Members Received	14	28	4	10	3	8	8	5
S. S. Enrollment	51	86	66	43	55	-	90	25
Avg. Attendance	42	95	55	35	38	-	85	30
Woman's Aux.	12	11	9	14	9	-	14	7
Avg. Attendance	-	8	7	10	6	-	10	5
C.T.S. Enrollment	42	75	35	15	33	-	64	0
Avg. Attendance	33	51	27	-	23	-	55	0
Mid-week Prayer Ser.	-	50	27	20	10	9	35	20
Ordained Ministers	1	2	2	4	1	1	1	1
Pastors Salary	4,120.00	6,400.00	3,120.00	5,000.00	1,775.00	-	7,760.00	2,800.00
Bldg. & Repair	398.51	10,878.10	5,003.48	255.00	990.00	-	961.00	342.00
Cooperative Fund	892.11	2,649.56	1,189.92	784.00	-	-	608.00	683.00
Foreign Mission	1,076.03	455.93	380.00	450.00	1,065.00	-	925.00	200.00
Home Mission	163.01	674.17	15.00	-	-	-	365.00	100.00
Value of Church Property	60,000.00	100,000.00	24,000.00	-	34,000.00	-	32,500.00	42,127.50
Value of Parsonage	-	-	9,000.00	-	-	-	10,000.00	-

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 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 I. 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 & tenets of the association.

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

Article 7. Meetings:

Scheduled 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 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.