
M I N U T E S

OF THE
TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with
FLOMATON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Atmore, Alabama September 9 & 10, 1977

Mid-Year Meeting
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Ensley, Florida February 4 & 5, 1977

NEXT SESSIONS

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Atmore, Alabama September 8 & 9, 1978

Mid-Year Meeting
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDavid, Florida February 3 & 4, 1978

Minutes of the twenty-ninth annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association held with Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church, Atmore, Alabama. September 9 & 10, 1977

OFFICERS, BOARDS AND COMITTEES
of the
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- Moderator.....R. C. Wiggins
- Bethel Church.....N/A
- Beulah Church.....Lindbergh Bass
- Christian Home Church.....Freeman Dockers
- Shiloh Church.....Douglas Morgan
- Ensley Church.....W. C. Standford
- New Home Church.....R. L. Bartley
- Flomaton Church.....Ron Knight
- Torah Church.....C. J. Thomley
- Clerk (if concerning finances).....Charles Isaac
- Treasurer (if concerning finances).....Iris Ziglar

HOME MISSION BOARD

(78) R. C. Wiggins Jr.
(79) Douglas Morgan
(81) J. D. Parham
(82) Harlie Dockens
David Isaac

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Moderator: R. C. Wiggins Jr.
(78) Rev. J. D. Parham
(78) Rev. David Isaac
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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....	Christian Home Church February 3 & 4, 1978
Womans Auxiliary District Meeting.....	Beulah Church April 1, 1978
Sunday School Convention.....	Shiloh Church April 15, 1978
C.T.S. Competition.....	Bethel Church April 29, 1978
State Youth Rally.....	Wescomett F.W.B. Church Jacksonville, Fla. May 1978
National Association of Free Will Baptist.....	Kansas City, Mo. July 16-20, 1978
West Florida Annual Association.....	Shiloh Church September 8 & 9, 1978

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the twenty-ninth annual session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church, Flomaton, Alabama, September 9 & 10, 1977. Fellowship Service held Friday night, September 9, 1977. Special singing by Bro. Darwin Kelton. Message from Bro. Graeme Savage, reading St. John 5:1-9.

Moderator, Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr. appointed nominating committee chairman, Bro. Ray Kelly, Bro. Richie Parham, Bro. Douglas Morgan, Bro. Grady Collins, Bro. Bob O'Dell, Bro. Tommie Ward, and Bro. W. C. Stanford. Moderator ask Executive Board to meet prior to the afternoon session, and report at the afternoon session.
Dismissed with prayer.

10:00 AM Saturday

Service opened with congregational singing. Welcome address by Bro. Ron Knight for the Host Church. Morning Devotion brought by Bro. Darwin Kelton, John 3:16.

Session called to order by Clerk, Charles L. Isaac. Moderator gave his remarks, recognized our visiting brethren. Moderator ask for roll call of church delegates, standing delegates. Church and standing delegates then seated for todays session. Reports given as follows: Womens Auxiliary, (MSC) Sunday School, (MSC) Home Mission, (MSC).

MORNING WORSHIP

Congregational singing. Special songs by Bro. Darwin Kelton, and Bro. David Isaac. Morning message by Bro. David Isaac, Romans 13:11-12.

1:00 PM

Services opened with congregational singing. Devotion by Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr., Matt. 3:12.

Bro. Novis Edwards gave his resignation to the association body as moderator.

Offering received \$36.16. Meeting places selected for respective meetings.

Treasurers report read (MSC). Treasurer ask that books be audited. Moderator appointed committee to audit Treasurers books, Bro. Gary Fry Chairman, Bro. L. Bass, and Bro. Ron Knight (MSC).

Ordaining Council gave report (MSC). C.T.S. no report at this time. Executive Board report read (MSC).

The following officers were elected:

Home Mission Board
(82) Harlie Dockens
() David Isaac

Ordaining Council
Chairman - R. C. Wiggins Jr.
(79) C.J. Thomley
(78) J.D. Parham
(78) David Isaac
(79) Gary Fry

Floor open for officers for Association
Treasurer.....Iris Ziglar
Clerk.....Charles Isaac
Asst. Clerk.....Thelma Wiggins
Asst. Moderator.....Gary Fry
Moderator.....R. C. Wiggins Jr.

State Delegates: Thelma Wiggins, Thelma Bass, Cynthia Fry, Bro. Buford Carroll, Roberta Carroll.

Old Business: None

New business: Clerk ask for typewriter. Move by Bro. Stanford, second by Bro. Bass that we purchase a long carriage typewriter for Associational purposes. Motion so carried by body.

Bro. Graeme Savage gave oral report on State Home Mission Work.
Bro. Savage gave oral report concerning the work at Salem Bible College.

Nomination Committee Report MSC. MSC that todays offering be sent to Salem Bible College. Dismissed in prayer.

Church Delegates

Bethel - Eula Ward
Mildred Weaver
Bob O'Dell

Beulah - Thelma Bass
Bobby Bookout
Shirley Kelly
Ray Kelly
Frances Mathews

Christian Home - Dalton Parham
Rickie Parham
Harlie Dockens

Ensley - Buford Carroll
Hazel Cook
Arthur Cook

New Home - Mary Barkley

Torah - Nancy Ward

Shiloh - Cynthia Fry
Maxine McCall
Christeen Morgan
Douglas Morgan
Jerald Amerson

Flomaton - Teresa Knight
Lola Peebles

Ministers Present

Dr. G. Savage
Dr. D. Kelton
Rev. L. Bass
Rev. J. D. Parham
Rev. R. C. Wiggins Jr.
Rev. David Isaac
Rev. Gary Fry
Rev. Ron Knight
Rev. W. C. Stanford
Rev. Lloyd Carroll
Rev. Novis Edwards

Deacons Present

Clark Caraway
F. W. Dockens
Douglas Morgan
Grady Collins
Tommie Ward
C. J. Thomley
Ray Purvis

MID-YEARLY MEETING
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 4 & 5, 1977

Fellowship Services held Friday night February 4, 1977, with Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr. bringing the message.

Saturday 10:00 AM

Services opened with congregational singing. Welcome address by Host Pastor, Bro. E. R. Bell. Morning devotion by Bro. Gary Fry, from Proverbs 29:18.

Clerk, Bro. Charles Isaac, called meeting to order for business of the day, and introduced the moderator Bro. Novis Edwards for moderator remarks. Moderator recognized visiting brethren, and Standing Delegates. MSC Church be seated for this session. Moderator called for reports; Home Missions MSC as read, Treasurer MSC as read. MSC to dismiss for 15 minutes.

11:00 AM

Service opened with singing, and prayer. Special song "Heavenly Father" by Pat and Larry Dunlap. Morning message by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading St. Luke 24:46-48. Where you are, Where you are going, and How you are going to get there.

1:00 PM

Services opened with singing, and prayer. Devotion by Bro. Eddie Payne, Gen. 28:3-22.

Move by Bro. Lindbergh Bass that the association give \$500.00 toward Bible Conference at Beulah, Motion second Bro. W. C. Stanford. Motion carried by majority vote of body. Todays offering \$57.25.

Move by Bro. Stanford that we keep 20% of our Co-op tithes, and send 80% to state. Second by Bro. Zell Cheatham, moved by Bro. Bass that this motion be placed on table until after the Executive Board meets concerning the finances, vote so carried by body.

MSC to retain today's offering in Treasurer. Minutes of today's session read and approved. Adjourned.

Ministers Present

E. R. Bell
Gary Fry
Novis C. Edwards
Lindbergh Bass
Lloyd Carroll
Zell Cheatham
R. C. Wiggins Jr.

Deacons Present

Clark Caraway
Freeman Dockens
Clark D. Ziglar

Listing of Youth Rally's for 1978-79

Shiloh Church - February 11, 1978
Bethel Church - April 8, 1978
Beulah Church - June 10, 1978
Christian Home - August 12, 1978
Torah Church - October 14, 1978
 December 1978
 February 1979

Sunday School Convention Report

The West Florida Sunday School Convention was held at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church, on April 16, 1977. The service opened with congregational singing "We'll Work Till Jesus Comes". Bro. J. D. Parham led in prayer. Welcome address was given by, Bro. Harlie Dockens of the Host Church. Presidents remarks, by Bro. Harlie Dockens. Morning Devotion by Bro. Dick Singleton, John 4:7-14.

The convention was called to order for business by the President, Bro. Dockens. Nominating committee appointed by the president. Bro. Lindbergh Bass-Chairman, Bro. Dick Singleton, Bro. Clark Caraway, Bro. J. C. Dortch. There was no other business for the morning session.

Christian Home presented their program entitled "No Greater Love". Beulah presented their program entitled "Share Love", the other churches did not have programs. Then there was congregational singing. Morning message was given by Bro. Gary Fry, Matt. 28:19-20. Dismissed for lunch at 11:40a.m. with prayer by Bro. Freeman Dockens.

Afternoon session opened with congregational singing. Special song by Becky Guin, and Mary Kovacs. Bro. Bass led in prayer.

Body called to order for business, 1:10p.m. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted as read. Treasurers Report given and accepted as given.

Old business:

The president announced that the duties of each officer was on the display table. MSC to buy a projector to be used in the churches of the West Florida Association.

New business:

The president asked permission to get someone from the National Office for the next convention. Motion and second to obtain a speaker for the next convention to hold a seminary (Work Shop). Also to speak at the Morning Worship hour and eliminate the programs, MSC. Amend the motion, for the president to appoint someone to be in charge of the programs. This person will contact each church, then report to the Sunday School Convention officers, the amount of time needed for the programs. Sandra Wiggins was appointed.

The nominating committee recommendations for convention officers for 1977-78:

President - Bro. Harlie Dockens, Vice President - Bro. Wyman Holt, Secretary - Treas. - Frances Mathews; Promotional Sec. - Bro. Harlie Dockens. MSC to accept the recommendations of the nominating committee.

The next Sunday School Convention will be at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, April 15, 1978. Minutes of the convention read and accepted as read. Dismissed at 1:30p.m. with prayer, by Bro. Caraway.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TREASURERS REPORT

Balance brought forward.....432.03
Tithes received from churches.....102.06
Total.....\$534.09

Disbursements: None

Total in bank April 16, 1977.....\$534.09

Sis. Frances Mathews
Sec. & Treasurer

Women's Auxiliary Report

The West Florida Woman's Auxiliary met April 2, 1977, at Christian Home Church. The meeting was opened with congregational singing "Send the Light". The welcome address was given by Bro. R. C. Wiggins Jr. Devotion was given by Sandra Wiggins on "How God uses broken things".

The following committee was appointed by the President. Credentials Committee: Frankie Mathews, Myrice O'Dell, Bessie Reddick. Finance Committee: Thelma Bass, Cynthia Fry, Lauina Cook. Registration Committee: Lucille Parham, Betty Lail, Jewel Warren. Minutes and Treasurers Report given and accepted. Letter of resignation read from Sis. Ethel Burkett. Officers reports were given and accepted. Special singing was by Sandra Wiggins and Shelia Ward. Morning Message by Bro. Eddie Payne, reading Psalms 126. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. R. C. Wiggins.

Re-assembled with singing "The Light of the World is Jesus". Program was by Christian Home. Committee reports were given and accepted. Motion was made to give Bro. Eddie Payne the offering of \$27.10. Delegates to State Meeting are: Thelma Bass, Jewel Warren, Frankie Mathews. Next Yearly Meeting will be at Beulah on April 1, 1978. Semi-Annual Meeting will be at Shiloh on October 7, 1977. Prayer retreat will be at Christian Home September 24, 1977.

The District project is 5.50 per month per auxiliary, to be divided, WNAC \$1.00, Camp Mt. Pleasant \$3.00, Sunny Hills Mission \$1.00, District Treasurer \$.50. It was suggested that each auxiliary try and give some extra money to help buy adding machine.

Officers for 1977-78

President - Thelma Wiggins, 3309 Franklin Ave., Pensacola, Fla.
Vice President - Thelma Bass, Rt. 8 Box 674-F, Pensacola, Fla.
Sec. Treas. - Edna Caraway, Tr. 1 Box 148-A, McDavid, Fla.
Mission Prayer - Cythnia Fry, Rt. Box 269, Atmore, Ala.
Mission Action - Mytrice O'Dell, 409 Wiggins Ave., Pensacola, Fla.
Field Worker - Margaret Baker, 2417 N. W. St., Pensacola, Fla.

Minutes of meeting read and accepted. Installation of Officers by Bro. Fry. Meeting closed with testimony service. Dismissed with prayer by Thelma Bass.

Submitted by:
Edna Caraway
Secretary & Treasurer

Treasurer's Report follows:

Woman's Auxiliary Treasurers Report

District Project.....	105.00
State Project.....	16.70
Salem Bible College General Fund.....	30.00
Salem Bible College Student Aid.....	20.00
Lornie Palmer.....	25.00
Norlin Jones.....	25.00
J. D. Norris.....	25.00
Sammy Wilkerson.....	25.00
WNAC Emphasis, Mo.	10.00
Student Loan Fund.....	10.00
Sunny Hills Mission.....	40.00
Eddie Payne.....	<u>27.10</u>
Total taken in.....	\$358.80
Balance brought forward.....	70.74
Total taken in.....	400.27
Total.....	<u>\$471.01</u>
Total spent out.....	358.80
Balance in Treasure Sept. 5, 1977.....	<u>\$112.21</u>

Submitted by:
Sis. Edna Caraway
Secretary & Treasurer
Women's Auxiliary

C.T.S. Convention Report

The West Florida C.T.S. Convention met with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church May 7, 1977. Bro. Dick Singleton opened the meeting and Bro. Gary Fry led in congregational singing. Bro. Otis Whitehead opened with prayer. Sis. Ruby Amerson gave the devotion from Ephesians 6. Contestants were called up front for prayer of dedication which included the parents of the contestants.

Afternoon service opened with singing and prayer by Vernon Brake. Awards were presented by Sis. Ruby Amerson.

Memorization: First grade: 1st place Miranda Baker, 2nd place David Stabber, Second grade: 1st place Jamie Ziglar, 2nd place Lisa Caraway, Third grade: 1st place Gary Gibson.

Sword Drill: 1st place Sheila Hall, 2nd place Jeff Amerson, 3rd place David Ziglar.

Tic Tac Toe: 1st place Christian Home, 2nd place Bethel. Christian Home team: Laura Ziglar, Charles Lashare, Kelly Brown. Bethel team: David O'Dell, Lisa O'Dell, Cindy Culler, Denise Culler.

Bible Bowl: Shiloh: Linda Amerson, Barney Lowery, Donna Hall, Daryl Hall.

Declamations: Adv. 1st place David Ziglar, Herald: 1st place Keli Harvey, Crusader: Sissy Brake, Ambassador: Fay Morgan

Bro. Dick Singleton called meeting to order for business. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved by the body. Treasurer Report read and MSC to accept as read. MSC to give each contestant \$25.00 for travel to State Competition.

Old Business: MSC to appoint committee consisting of the 1977-78 C.T.S. Officers to determine if the Youth Retreat recommended for last year might be incorporated with the Youth Rallys to better serve our youth.

New business: MSC to appoint Sis. Amerson, Sis. Wiggins, and Bro. Bass as committee to decide what date in early or mid April 1978 would be appropriate for District Competition, and announce it at the Association Meeting next year. Bro. Bass, Bro. Ziglar, and _____ were appointed as the nominating committee. The District

C.T.S. Convention will be held at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church in 1978. The exact date will be announced later MSC to adjourn.

Fay Harvey

Officers for 1977-78

President - Dick Singleton
V. President - Ann Hall
Sec. & Treas. - Thelma Wiggins
Quiz Leader - Ruby Amerson
Asst. South - Meririce O'Dell
Asst. North - Diane Baker
Asst. Central - Lola Peebles

Executive Board

Meeting held at New Home on February 25, 1977. Meeting was called to order by Bro. Novis Edwards. Bro. Dortch opened with prayer.

Bro. Bass MSC to borrow \$500.00 from Home Mission Board for use in Bible Conference. Bro. Bass moved that we keep 40% of Co-op money sent to state instead of 10%. Second by R. C. Wiggins, motion discussed and carried. Meeting adjourned.

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

September 10, 1977

No money has been received or meetings called since last associational meeting.

Report on Funds

Savings.....	\$2,518.70
Checking.....	209.04
Total.....	<u>\$2,727.74</u>

Bro. Harlie Dockens, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report
June 30, 1976-June 30, 1977

Church	Co-op Tithes	Home Mission	Foreign Mission	Childrens Home(Ala.)	Youth Camp	Salem Bible College	Nashville College	Tithes & Offerings	Association Fees
Bethel	642.86	131.23	544.59					41.56	35.00
Beulah	2372.55								30.00
Christian Home	1377.92	31.00	275.00		30.00	50.00			30.00
Ensley	907.00	13.00	175.00		120.00				30.00
Flomaton	533.00								25.00
New Home	117.00								25.00
Shiloh	2433.81	240.47	910.00	180.00			5.00		30.00
Torah									15.00
Totals	8384.14	415.70	1904.59	180.00	150.00	50.00	5.00	41.56	220.00

Received in addition
to above

Annual Assoc. Offering	105.82
Mid-Year offering	56.25
Borrowed from W. Fla. Assoc. of F.W.B. Home Mission Board	500.00
Total	662.07

Paid Out

State Treasurer	9172.91
State Home Mission	300.76
W. Fla. Assoc. of F.W.V. Home Mission Bd.	577.57
Salem Bible College	105.82
Bro. Jerald Amerson	25.00
Sis. Alberta Hall	25.00
Smith Christian Book Store	2.50
Postmaster (stamps)	2.99
State Assoc. Fees	24.00
Associated Printers(minutes)	65.00
Beulah F.W.B. Church (Christian Workers Confer.)	500.00
N. Fla. Yearly Meeting(dues)	5.00
Checks	5.07
Total	10,811.62

Balance according to report

June 30, 1976.....	127.60
Corrected Balance.....	131.90
Total Received.....	12,013.06
Total to account for.....	12,144.96
Total paid out.....	10,811.62
Balance in Bank June 30, 1977.....	1,333.34

Sis. Iris Ziglar, Treasure

Statistics From
Church Letters

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Beulah</u>	<u>Christian Home</u>	<u>Ensley</u>	<u>Flomaton</u>	<u>New Home</u>	<u>Shiloh</u>	<u>Torah</u>
Church Membership	40	184	58	58	49	34	129	20
Members Dismissed	13	1	1	4	—	5	9	13
Members Received	3	16	10	8	4	3	4	7
S. S. Enrollment	30	127	76	43	42	25	110	15
Avg. Attendance	35	95	57	—	26	—	78	—
Woman's Auxiliary	8	10	11	10	—	—	14	—
C.T.S. Enrollment	24	48	15	29	33	—	74	—
Avg. Attendance	21	45	—	—	19	—	60	—
Mid-Week Prayer Ser.	20	45	35	26	10	14	35	14
Ordained Ministers	—	2	2	4	—	1	1	—
Pastors Salary	3,950.00	6,820.00	3,340.00	4,600.00	2,534.00	—	7,690.00	1,005.00
Bldg. & repair	1,020.00	—	1,500.00	900.00	—	464.00	2,919.79	—
Cooperative Fund	1,069.00	2,233.94	1,412.62	1,050.00	—	—	2,433.79	—
Foreign Mission	792.15	659.02	300.00	360.00	463.00	—	910.00	12.00
Value of Church Property	85,000.00	150,000.00	24,000.00	38,000.00	25,000.00	12,000.00	33,000.00	42,150.00
Value of Parsonage	—	—	—	—	—	—	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 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 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 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.

GOALS

1. To reach the unsaved for Christ.
2. To turn Christians from worldliness to spirituality.
3. To make the prayer meeting a live service.
4. To build a large, enthusiastic Sunday School.
5. To develop a strong missionary Church.
6. To increase Church Attendance.
7. To put spiritual men in every service.