
MINUTES

OF THE
THIRTIETH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

held with
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

NEXT SESSIONS

TORAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CRESTVIEW FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 7 & 8 1979

MID-YEAR MEETING
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
ENSLEY FLORIDA FEBRUARY 2 & 3 1979

Minutes of the thirtieth annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Atmore, Alabama. September 8 & 9, 1978.

Officers, Boards And Committees
of the
West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist

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Moderator.....R.C. Wiggins

Bethel.....N/A

Beulah.....Lindbergh Bass

Christian Home.....Freeman Dockens

Shiloh.....Douglas Morgan

Ensley.....W.C. Stanford

New Home.....R.L. Bartley

Flomaton.....Ron Knight

Torah.....C.J. Thomley

Clerk (if concerning finances).....Charles Isaac

Treasurer (if concerning finances).....Iris Ziglar

Home Mission Board

(83) Ray Kelly
(79) Douglas Morgan
(81) J.D. Parham
(82) Harlie Dockens
David Isaac

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(80) David Isaac
(79) C.J. Thomley
(79) Gary Fry

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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....	Ensley FWB Church February 2 & 3, 1979
Women's Auxiliary District Meeting.....	Ensley Church April 7, 1979
Sunday School Convention.....	Christian Home Church March 10, 1979
C.T.S. Competition.....	Beulah Church April 21, 1979
State Youth Rally.....	May 18&19, 1979
National Association of Free Will Baptist.....	
West Florida Annual Association.....	Torah Church September 7 & 8, 1979

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the thirtieth annual session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist held with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church, Bratt, Florida, September 8 & 9, 1978. Fellowship service held Friday night, September 8, 1978. Service opened with singing and prayer led by Bro. Clark Ziglar. Message from Bro. R.C. Wiggins Jr., reading from Romans 3:21. Bro Lindbergh Bass Dismissed with prayer.

10:00 AM Saturday

Saturday morning services opened with congregational singing "He Lives" Morning Devotion Brought by Bro. Lindbergh, reading from Acts 9:1-22.

Welcome address by Bro. Gary Fry for the Host Church. Moderator gave his remarks, recognized our visiting brethern. Clerk, Bro. Charles Isaac called the session to order. Moderator seated Standing and Church Delegates. Moderator called for reports as follows: Womens District Auxiliary, Home Mission Report, Bro Thomas Coxwell gave oral report on work at Crestview, C.T.S. Convention, Treasurer Report, all reports accepted as read by body. Treasurer ask that books be audited.

Morning Worship

Congregational singing led by Bro. Gary Fry. Special song by Bro. Dan Isaac, "That I could Still go Free" Message by Bro. Thomas Coxwell, Matt.28: 18-20. "Soul Winning"

Moderator appointed Nominating Committee. Chairman Bro. Davida Isaac, Bro. C.J. Thomley, and Bro. Gary Fry. Moderator appointed committee to audit Treasurers books, Bro. Gary Fry, Bro L. Bass, and Bro Ron Knight. Dismissed with prayer by Bro David Isaac.

1:00 PM

Service opened with congregational singing, "Victory in Jesus". Devotion by Bro. David Isaac reading Romans 1: 1,6,7,16-17.

Moderator called for remaining reports; Ordaining Council gave report (MSC), no Sunday School report at this time.

The following officers were elected:

Home Mission Board

(83) Ray Kelly

Ordaining Council

(80) Ron Knight

(80) David Isaac

Nominating Committee reports officers for next year to be as follows:

Moderator.....R.C. Wiggins Jr.

Asst. Moderator.....Gary Fry

Clerk.....Charles Isaac

Asst. Clerk.....Thelma Wiggins

Treasurer.....Iris Ziglar

Letter of Petition read from First Free Will Baptist Church Of Niceville, Florida to join with the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist. Moved by Bro. L. Bass that we accept this Church with a letter of good standing from Liberty Association, MSC by body. Bro. W.C. Stanford moved that the Ministers cards be made with a plastic coating so they would be more durable. Motion so carried by body.

Total Money from Church fees \$110.00. Offering received \$29.41. MSC that todays offering be placed with the District C.T.S. Convention.

Church Delegates

Beulah - Ray Kelly
Shirley Kelly
Thelma Bass

Flomaton- Henry Peebles
Lola Peebles

Christian Home- Harlie Dockens
Maggie Dockens
Edna Caraway

Shiloh- Cynthia Fry
Bernice Purvis
Judy McElhaney
Jerald Amerson

Ensley- Beuford Carroll
Robertta Carroll
Margrart Baker
John Worley

Torah- Naomi Lancaster
Brenda Isaac

Ministers Present

Gary Fry
Lindbergh Bass
David Isaac
R.C. Wiggins Jr.
Lloyd Carroll
W.C. Stanford
Thomas Coxwell
Ron Knight

Deacons Present

Grady Collins
F.W. Dockens
Ray Purvis
C.J. Thomley
Clark Ziglar
Douglas Morgan
Tommy Ward
Clark Caraway
Jimmy McElhaney

Mid-Yearly Meeting
Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church
February 3 & 4, 1978

Fellowship services held Friday night began with congregational singing and prayer. Special song by Bro. Richie Parham and Sis. Thelma Wiggins. Message by Bro. Ron Knight reading from 2 Tim. 4:10.

Saturday 10:00 AM

Services opened with singing and prayer. Welcome address by Host Pastor, Bro. R.C. Wiggins Jr.. Morning devotion by Bro. David Isaac Reading St. John 2:14.

Clerk, Bro. Charles Isaac called meeting to order. Moderator recognized standing Delegates, Church delegates and visiting brethren. Moderator seated standing and Church delegates to conduct business in today's session.

Special singing Bro. Richie Parham and Sis. Thelma Wiggins.

Reports read as follows, C.T.S. MSC, Sunday School MSC, Treasurer Report MSC, Home Mission MSC.

11:00 AM

Morning message brought by Bro. Gary Fry reading Ezekiel 33:1-6, "Helping us to see we are a Watchman for God".

1:00 PM

Opened with singing. Devotion by Bro. Cliff Rathel reading Proverbs 29:18.

Moderator asked for old business, None. New business- Finance Committee report.

Move by Bro. Charles Isaac that this report be accepted as read, second. Motion carried by body.

Church fees today— \$60.00 MSC that today's offering be sent to Camp MT. Pleasant.

Listing of Youth Rallys for 1979-80

February 10, 1979	Shiloh Church
April 14, 1979	Bethel Church
June 9, 1979	Beulah Church
August 11, 1979	Christian Home Church
October 13, 1979	Crestview Church
December 8, 1979	Ensley Church
February 9, 1980	Flomaton Church

Women's Auxiliary Report

The West Florida District Woman's Auxiliary meeting was held April 1, 1978 at Beulah Free Will Baptist Church. Meeting opened with Thelma Wiggins Reading from Eph. 5:20. Congregational singing began with "Love Lifted Me" and "At the Cross". Bro. Bass welcomed everyone to the Church. Sis. Frankie Mathews gave a devotion on Loves Commitment, Reading several scriptures on Love.

The President appointed the following committees. Credentials Committee: Edna Caraway, Betty Lail, June Singleton. Finance Committee: Libby Sansing, Iris Ziglar, Mytrice Odell. Registration Committee: Thelma Bass, Lucille Parham, Anita Isaac. Nominating Committee: Frankie Mathews, Betty Lail, Iris Ziglar, June Singleton.

Delegates to the State meeting are Frankie Mathews, Martha Evans, Doris Salter, Thelma Bass, June Singleton, Libby Sansing. Treasurer report was given and accepted. Sis. Mytrice Odell gave a quiz on our Missionaries.

Congregational singing with "Oh How I Love Jesus" Special singing was by Thelma Wiggins, Iris Ziglar, and Edna Caraway. Morning message was brought by Bro. Lindberg Bass on the "Test of Love" reading from Ruth and 2 Corinthians. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. R.C. Wiggins.

Re-assembled with special singing by Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Iris Ziglar, Edna Caraway. Beulah Womans Auxiliary presented a program on "Babbling Books".

Reports from following Committees were given and accepted. Credentials, Finance, and Registration. Reports from the following Mission Chairman were given and accepted. Mission Study, Mission Action, and Mission Prayer.

The District project for the year recommendations is \$5.50 per auxiliary per month to be divided as follows, WNAC \$1.00; Camp Mt. Pleasant \$3.00; Daytona Beach \$1.00; District Treasurer \$.50. Motion made to accept this recommendation. So carried.

The Mid-Yearly meeting will be October 6, 1978 at Christian Home. The Prayer Retreat will be at Sis. Thelma Wiggins House, September 22, 1978. The Yearly meeting will be April 7, 1979 at Ensley.

Officers for 1978-79

President	Thelma Wiggins
Vice President	Libby Sansing
Sec. & Treas.	Edna Caraway
Mission Study Chairman	Iris Ziglar
Mission Prayer Chairman	Anita Isaac
Mission Action Chairman	Mytrice O'Dell
Field Worker	Frankie Mathews

Minutes of meeting read. Motion and second made to accept them as read. So carried.

Submitted by
Edna Caraway
Secretary & Treasurer

Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer Report

	Beulah	Bethel	Ensley	Shiloh	Christian Home
District Project	\$71.00	\$33.00	\$66.00	\$49.50	\$66.00
Per Capita Dues	\$20.00		\$8.75		11.25
State Project	38.50	17.10			21.22
Student Loan Fund			10.00		
Pre Easter Offering		17.50	10.00		
Pre Thanksgiving Offering	21.50		10.00		50.00
Pre Christmas Offering		3.00	10.00		
Salem Bible College	90.00				
Salem Bible College Student	20.00				
WNAC Emphasis MO.			10.00		
Lornie Palmer			30.00		
Norlin Jones			60.00		
Sammy Wilkerson			60.00		
J.D. Norris			60.00		
Tom Willey			30.00		
Sunny Hill Mission					80.00
Laura Bell Bernard	5.00				5.00
Adding Machine	25.47		6.50		25.00
	291.49	70.60	371.25	49.50	258.47

Received in addition to above

Semi Annual meeting offering	18.79
Annual meeting offering	27.10
Love offering for Adding machine	6.00
	<u>51.89</u>

Balance April 1977	70.74
Total received	<u>1093.20</u>
Total	<u>1163.94</u>
Total paid out	<u>1011.94</u>
Balance March 31, 1978	152.00

Submitted by:
Edna Caraway
Secretary & Treasurer

C.T.S. Convention Report

The West Florida C.T.S. Convention met with Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church April 23, 1978. Meeting called to order by President, Dick Singleton. Congregation sang "Love Lifted Me".

President ask for old business- None.

New Business- the Nominating Committee report. Officers for the coming year 1978-1979.

Moved, second and carried by body that we accept committee report as a whole.

Treasurer report given, MSC by body.

Contestants prayer of dedication. Competition as follows.

Memorizations: 1st. grade: Candy McElhaney, 2nd. grade: 1st. place, Miranda Baker, 2nd. place, Kim Thortis, 3rd. grade: Jamie Ziglar.

Sword Drill: 1st. place, David Ziglar, Joey McCall, 2nd. place, Pam Hall, 3rd. place Donnie Cox.

Bible Bowl: Shiloh

Bible Tic Tac Toe; Shiloh

Vocal Solo: Herald; Kelly Harvey, Ambassador; 1st. place, Faye Morgan, 2nd. place Tinker Brake. Shiloh Quartet 1st. place.

Piano Solo: Adventure; Joey McCall, Herald 1st. place Mike McCall, 2nd. Place Sandra Caraway, Ambassador, Tinker Brake.

Declamations: Ambassador, Faye Morgan, Art: Jamie Ziglar, Alvin Shafer.

Officers for 1978-1979

President	Jimmy McElhaney
Vice President	Ann Hall
Sec. & Treas.	Thelma Wiggins
Quiz Leader	Ruby Amerson
Asst. South	Mytrice O'Dell
Asst. North	Diane Baker
Asst. Central	Lola Peebles

Treasurers Report:

Checkbook Balance 7-11-77		\$61.81
Paid National Association	\$60.23	1.58
Deposit 8-2-77	17.43	19.01
" 9-22-77	13.20	32.21
" 11-28-77	12.03	44.24
" 1-24-78	11.46	55.70
" 1-31-78	12.27	67.97
Check Shiloh	17.89	85.86
Deposit 4-20-78	10.03	95.89
Bentons Trophy 4-20-78	39.94	55.95
Check Bethel (not deposit)	10.00	65.95
Total received	\$104.31	
Bal. Brought Forward	\$61.81	
	166.12	
Total paid out	100.17	
Balance		65.95

Executive Board

Meeting held at Flomaton Free Will Baptist Church on December 10, 1977. Subject to be discussed: The indebtedness of the Torah Free Will Baptist Church. A letter was read by the Clerk from the Land Title owners showing the indebtedness of \$630.00 in back payments MSC. to have Bro. R.C. Wiggins and Bro. Harley Dockens find out what is necessary to have the first mortgage of the Torah Free Will Baptist to read West Florida Free Will Baptist Association, if it is not already in the Association name.

Bro. Bass made a motion that if the change of mortgage came about that the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association would pay off the indebtedness of the Torah Free Will Baptist Church and that the Church would become a mission work of the association.

The Association is to find a Pastor for the Torah Free Will Baptist Church. The hope of the association is that the Torah Free Will Baptist Church would resume full responsibility when it becomes financially able.

Home Mission Board Report

In complying with the action taken at our last session concerning a pastor for the Torah Church, a number of pastors were contacted, but only two showed up for interview. Bro. David Weeks was interviewed April 1, 1978 and Bro. Thomas Coxwell was interviewed on May 27, 1978.

A Home Mission Board meeting was called June 1, 1978 to decide what action could be taken to get one of these men on the field. Money coming into the Home Mission Board was not sufficient to pay a salary for a full time pastor. It was decided we could pay \$125.00 a week and perhaps the Torah Church could make up the difference if we paid off their note on the air-conditioner. This they decided to do and Bro. Thomas Coxwell was called as Pastor.

Submitted by:
Harlie Docken
Sec. & Treas.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee, which consists of the Executive Board, Moderator, Clerk, and Treasurer, recommends the following Budget for the remainder of the fiscal year.
February 1, 1978-August 30, 1978

CO-OP Tithes

10% To State

90% To be retained in West Florida Association \$7,545.73

Money to be disbursed in West Florida Association as follows:

12% General Fund

Mod.-Clerk-Treas.-Assoc.Fee-Misc.

Phone Bills-Stamps-Printing Minutes

C.T.S. support

88% Home Mission Board earmarked Pastor Support and payment on mortgage for Torah Church.

HOME MISSION BOARD FINANCE REPORT

September 1977 - September 1978

Balance Brought Forward

Savings	\$2,650.99
Checking	<u>209.04</u>
Total	\$2,860.03

Total Income

From Association	\$3,549.16
Interest on Savings	<u>48.86</u>
Total	\$3,598.02

Total Paid Out	\$4,210.42
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Balance in Bank as of 9/2/78

Savings	\$2,128.15
Checking	<u>119.48</u>
Total	\$2,247.63

Episcopal Diocese	\$1440.00
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Interviewing Prospects	200.00
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Pastor's Salary (Crestview) from 6/18/78 - 9/30/78	1875.00
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Insurance on Church & Furniture . .	76.00
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Moving Pastor from Georgia	214.40
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Paying off Air Conditioner	396.00
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Phone Calls made by Bro. R.C. Wiggins for Mission	9.02
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Submitted by:
Harlie Deckers
Sec. & Treasurer

Treasurer Report
June 30, 1977— June 30, 1978

Church	Co-Op Tithes	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	Childrens Home(Ala)	Youth Camp	Salem Bible College	Nashville Bible College	Association Fees
Bethel	243.85							35.00
Beulah	2231.90							30.00
Christian Home	1006.33	475.00	175.00			75.00		25.00
Ensley	1155.00	30.00			60.00			30.00
Flomaton								15.00
New Home	254.00							20.00
Shiloh	2208.01	1551.95		180.00			10.00	30.00
Torah	72.53							25.00
Sunday School Dept.								10.00
Total	7171.62	2056.95	175.00	180.00	60.00	75.00	10 00	220.00

Received in addition to above

Annual association offering	36.16
Mid Yearly offering	42.36
Home Mission Board	720.00
Check for minutes	65.00
Total	<u>863.52</u>

Paid Out

State Treasurer	5297.14
W. Fla. Home Mission Board	2532.71
Associated Printers(minutes)	70.00
Bro. Charles Isaac	25.00
Bro. R.C. Wiggins	25.00
Sis. Iris Ziglar	25.00
State Association Fees	24.00
Ed L. Anderson office supplies (for typewriter)	643.50
Episcopal Diocese	720.00
Cash for stamps&mailing check to Epis Diocese by certified mail	4.00
Associated Printers	141.00
W. Fla. C.T.S. Dept.	551.21
	<u>10,058.56</u>

Balance in Bank

June 30, 1977—	1333.34
Total received	10812.09
Total to account	12145.43
Total paid out	<u>10058.56</u>
	2086.87

Sis. Iris Ziglar, Treasurer

Statistics from Church Letters	Beulah	Christain Home	Ensley	Flomaton	Shiloh	Torah
Church Membership	178	58	112	50	132	29
Members Dismissed	6	1	2	1	2	—
Members Received	7	2	1	4	5	8
S.S. Enrollment	97	59	58	36	121	24
Avg. Attendance	65	55	50	30	93	15
womans Auxiliary	11	9	12	—	13	—
C.T.S. Enrollment	39	43	32	38	81	—
Avg. Attendance	25	30	14	17	57	—
Mid-Week Prayer Ser.	40	20	22	—	35	16
Ordained Ministers	2	1	4	1	2	1
Pastor Salary	7,010.00	3,640.00	4,000.00	5,300.00	9,025.00	976.40
Bldg. & Repair	453.39	—	700.00	—	317.87	291.27
Cooperative Fund	2,228.32	993.70	1,130.00	—	2,210.40	250.93
Foreign Mission	894.04	600.00	170.00	297.00	1,620.55	—
Value of Church Property	150,000.00	—	—	—	33,000.00	40,000.00
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 suceeding 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.

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.