

M I N U T E S

OF THE
THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Held with

TORAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
CRESTVIEW, FLORIDA
September 7 & 8, 1979

MID-YEARLY MEETING
ENSLEY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
February 2 & 3, 1979

NEXT SESSIONS

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MCDAVID, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 12 & 13, 1980

MID-YEARLY MEETING
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 1 & 2, 1980

Minutes of the thirty-first annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association held with Torah Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida, September 7 & 8, 1979.

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- Christian Home Freeman Dockens
- Ensley W. C. Stanford
- Flomaton Doug Ferguson
- New Home Jack Parham
- Niceville Dan Isaac
- Shiloh Douglas Morgan
- Torah C.J. Thomley

Home Missions Board

(80) David Isaac
(81) J. D. Parham
(82) Harlie Dockens
(83) Ray Kelly
(84) Dan Isaac

Ordaining Council

Moderator: Gary Fry
(80) Kenneth Reiter
(80) David Isaac
(81) Thomas Coxwell
(81) R. C. Wiggins

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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting.....	Beulah FWB Church February 1&2, 1980
Women's Auxiliary District Meeting.....	Christian Home FWB Church April 5, 1980
Sunday School Convention.....	Bethel FWB Church March 7, 1980
C.T.S. CONVENTION & COMPETITION.....	Shiloh FWB Church April 19, 1980
State Youth Rally.....	Melbourne FWB Church Melbourne, Florida May 16 & 17, 1980
National Association.....	Aneheim, California July 20-24, 1980
West Florida Annual Association.....	Christian Home FWB Church September 12 & 13, 1980
State Association - Florida.....	October 29 - 31, 1980

PROCEEDINGS

The thirty-first annual session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist was held with Torah Free Will Baptist Church, Crestview, Florida, September 7 & 8, 1979. Fellowship service was held on Friday night, September 7. Services opened with singing and prayer. Special singing by Bro. Ricky Parham. Message by Bro. David Isaac reading from Romans 8:14. The Nominating Committee was appointed by Moderator. The Nominating Committee appointed was Bro. Jackson, Bro. R. Parham, Bro. Garrett, Bro. Stanford, Bro. Reiter, & Bro. Thomley. Dismissed by prayer.

Saturday, Sept. 8, 1979

Services opened with congregational singing and prayer. Morning devotion by Bro. Kenneth Reiter reading Romans 8:14. Welcome given by Bro. Thomas Coxwell, host pastor.

Clerk called this thirty-first session to order, introduced the moderator for his remarks and to moderate meeting. Moderator gave his remarks and charge. Welcomed Rev. Paul Ketteman from FWB Bible College in Nashville as a visiting brethren.

Moderator recognized and seated standing delegates. Clerk read church delegates from church letters. Church delegates were seated with standing delegates.

Moderator called for reports. The following reports were read and accepted; Sunday School Report (a request from the S.S. Convention that the Convention be changed from Saturday to Friday night, so carried by body). Home Mission, Women's Auxiliary, Treasurers reports were also accepted. The Treasurer requested that her records be audited. Moderator appointed Bro. Gary Fry and Bro. L. Bass to audit treasurer's records.

11:00 A.M. Service

Congregational singing lead by Bro. Randall Jackson. He and Sis. Sandra sang "Rise Again."

Message by Bro. Gary Fry reading Joshua 5:13-15.

Oral report from the FWB Bible College in Nashville, given by Rev. Paul Ketteman.

Meeting places assigned. Mid-yearly meeting to be held February 1 & 2, 1980 with Beulah Church. Yearly meeting September 12 & 13, 1980 to be held at Christian Home Church.

State delegates appointed. Sis. Thelma Bass, Allen Garrett, Joanne Garrett, Nancy Ward and Naomi Lancaster.

Ordaining council report read and accepted.

MSC to accept finance portion of the Executive Board's report. MSC to give morning offering to FWB Bible College. Offering amount \$106.10.

Adjourned for lunch with prayer.

Afternoon, Sept. 8, 1979

Service opened with congregational singing and prayer. Devotion by Bro. Doug Ferguson reading I John 4:7-11, 20-21.

MSC to accept recommendation of Finance Committee to give today's offering plus \$500.00 to the FWB Bible College in Nashville.

MSC to accept Finance Committee's report as follows:

Coop Funds received to be divided as follows:

20% - State
80% - West Florida

Of the 80% to be retained in West Florida Association,
divided as follows:

12% - General Fund
88% - Home Missions Board.

MSC to accept the Nominating Committees Report as follows:

Moderator.....Rev. Gary Fry
Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Lindbergh Bass
Clerk.....Wallace J. Amerson
Asst. Clerk.....Sis. Thelma Wiggins
Treasurer.....Sis. Joanne Garrett

Home Mission Board, Dan Isaac to replace Douglas Morgan
Ordaining Council, Kenneth Reiter to replace Ron Knight
Thomas Coxwell to replace C.J. Thomley
R.C. Wiggins to replace Gary Fry

Minutes were read by clerk, Bro. Charles Isaac. MSC to accept minutes as read.

Meeting adjourned with prayer.

CHURCH DELEGATES

BETHEL - Jewel Warren
Myrtice O'Dell
Kay Reiter

BEULAH - Allen Garrett
Joanne Garrett
Thelma Bass
Shirley Kelly
Virginia Houston
Paul Houston

CHRISTIAN HOME - Dallon Parham
J. B. Caraway
Randall Jackson

ENSLEY - Laura Stanford
Betty Lail
Margaret Baker
Carrie Bell Carroll

FLOMATON - Mrs. Doug Ferguson

NEW HOME - Ricky Parham

NICEVILLE - No church letter

SHILOH - W. J. Amerson
Douglas Morgan
Cecil McElhaney
Billy Ray Lowery
Mabel McElhaney

MINISTERS PRESENT

J. D. Parham
Thomas Coxwell
R. C. Wiggins, Jr.
Dan Isaac
W. C. Stanford
Lindbergh Bass
Kenneth Reiter
Lloyd Carroll
Gary Fry
Al Cobb
Doug Ferguson
Paul Ketterman (Nashville)

DEACONS PRESENT

Ray Kelly
F. W. Dockens
C. J. Thomley

Mid-Yearly Meeting - Feb. 2 & 3, 1979
Ensley Free Will Baptist Church - Pensacola

Friday Night

Fellowship service opened with congregational, singing and prayer. Message brought by Bro. Dan Isaac reading from Hebrews 4:9-11. Service dismissed with prayer.

Saturday 10:00 A.M.

Services opened with singing and prayer. Devotion by Bro. Ken Reiter reading Luke 10:27. Welcome by host church pastor Bro. David Isaac.

Moderator gave remarks reading II Chron. 7:14.

Clerk called meeting to order for business of the day. Clerk read church delegates roll, delegates seated. Standing delegates were also seated. Moderator called for visitors, one visitor present.

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report given by Sis. Iris Ziglar. MSC for Clerk to send letter of good standing to Indian River Association recommending Rev. Ron Knight. Clerk read letter of Good Standing received from West Florida Liberty Association recommending the First Free Will Baptist Church of Niceville to our Association.

Worship Service

Congregational singing led by Bro. Gary Fry. Bro. Thomas Coxwell gave oral report on work at Torah Church in Crestview.

Message brought by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading from Acts 4:13 bringing a very timely message. Altar prayer by body, and then dismissed to fellowship hall for lunch.

1:00 P.M.

Opened with singing, special song by Bro. Dan Isaac and Mrs. Isaac. Devotion by Bro. Gary Fry reading Ephesians 5:25-27, a message to the church.

Moderator asked for old business, there was none. New Business - a move was made that each church be responsible for ordaining their deacons, which will change Article 5 - Section II "word candidates changed to read ministers". MSC to table until next meeting.

Offering was taken in amount of \$30.80. MSC to give offering to the Home Mission Board to be used as they desired.

Vote of appreciation to Ensley Church. MSC that minutes of this meeting be accepted as read. Total present 48. Association fees were \$70.00.

Ministers Present - Gary Fry
R. C. Wiggins
Lindbergh Bass
Dan Isaac
David Isaac
Ken Reiter
Thomas Coxwell
Lloyd Carroll
W. C. Stanford

Deacon's Present
Freeman Dockens
Clark Ziglar
Clark Caraway
Dick Singleton
C. J. Thomley
Tommy Ward

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT - March 10, 1979

The Sunday School Convention was held at Christian Home FWB Church March 10, 1979. The meeting opened with singing and prayer. Bro. Harlie Dockens called the meeting to order for business at 10:15 A.M.

Churches reporting were: Bethel, Beulah, Christian Home and Shiloh.

MSC that we would have business taken care of in the morning session and given Dr. Roger Reed the entire afternoon session for the workshop.

No old business.

Officers elected were: President - Bro. Harlie Dockens
Vice-Pres. - Bro. David Lail
Sec. & Treas. - Sis. Frances Mathews

The Sunday School Convention will meet at Bethel FWB Church on March 8, 1980. (NOTE - this date changed to March 7, 1980 by the Assoc.)

MS to change the S.S. Convention to Friday night March 7, 1980. This was tabled until it could be presented to the West Florida Association in September 1979. Business session closed at 11:00 A.M.

The president introduced Dr. Roger Reed, who was our guest speaker for the morning. Dr. Reed used Matthew 28:18,20 for his text.

1:00 P.M.

The meeting reconvened at 1:00 P.M. with singing and prayer by Bro. Pinson.

Dr. Reed held a work shop on Sunday School Evangelism and Growth.

Received an offering in the amount of \$28.40. Minutes were read and approved.

Adjourned at 2:10 P.M.

Frances Mathews,
Secretary

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY REPORT - April 7, 1979

The West Florida District Women's Auxiliary met April 7, 1979 at Ensley Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting opened with congregational singing, "Oh Lord Send the Power Just Now." Sis. Margaret Baker welcomed everyone to the church. Devotion was given by Sis. Edna Caraway. Her subject was "Fruits of the Spirit".

The following committees were appointed by the President.

Credentials

Margaret Baker
Nita Shipp

Registration

Betty Lail

Nominating

Frankie Mathews
Edna Caraway
Thelma Bass
Margaret Baker

Finance

Edna Caraway
Thelma Bass

Woman's Auxiliary Report Cont'd

The delegates to the state meeting are, Frankie Mathews, Nita Ship, Thelma Bass, Edna Caraway. The Ensley ladies presented a program on "The Fruit of the Spirit".

Morning message was by Sis. Beverly Hartzog on the same subject, in accordance with a christian's personality. Sis. Anita Isaac dismissed the body for lunch.

Re-assembled after lunch. Minutes of last meeting read. Treasurer's report given and accepted as read. Committee reports given and accepted. The project for next year is \$6.00 per auxiliary per month to be spent as listed below:

W.N.A.C.	\$ 1.25
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$ 3.00
Daytona Beach	\$ 1.25
District Treasure	\$

MSC to accept the above project. MSC to give our offering taken today to our guest speaker.

Next yearly meeting will be held at Christian Home on April 5, 1980. Mid-Yearly meeting to be held at Bethel on October 5, 1979. Prayer Retreat at Beulah on September 22, 1979.

Officers for new year:	President	- Thelma Wiggins
	Vice President	- Nita Shipp
	Sec. & Treasurer	- Edna Caraway
	Mission Prayer	- Frankie Mathews
	Mission Action	- Myrtice O'dell
	Mission Study	- Iris Ziglar

Minutes of meeting were read and approved. Installation of officers by Sis. Beverly Hartzog. Meeting dismissed in prayer.

Treasurer's Report - April, 1978 - March 1979

	<u>Beulah</u>	<u>Ensley</u>	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Christian Home</u>
District Project	66.00	66.00	60.50	66.00
Per Capita Dues		9.00	11.59	8.75
State Project	31.45	29.40	29.75	27.56
Pre-Easter Offering	23.62			
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering		10.00	7.00	17.50
Pre-Christmas Offering	27.98	10.00	7.00	
WNAC Emp. Month		10.00		
Norlin Jones		60.00		
J.D. Norris		60.00		
Sammy Wilkerson		60.00		
Tom Willey		60.00		
Susan & Patrick Dickens	90.00			
Mission Compasion De Cristo		60.00		
State Speaker		5.00		
Tom Willey Contacto	50.00			
Student Loan		10.00	15.00	
Patsy Van Hook			40.00	
Carlisle Hanna			25.00	
Norman Richards			25.00	
Youth Camp			15.00	

Woman's Auxiliary Treasurer's Report Cont'd

Received in addition to above - annual meeting offering \$29.50

Balance in Bank April, 1978.....\$152.00
Total received.....1,123.60
Total to account for.....1,275.60
Total Paid out.....1,083.00
(including \$2.40 for stamps)
Balance in Bank March 1979.....\$ 192.60

Submitted by:
Edna Caraway
Sec. & Treasurer

WEST FLORIDA HOME MISSIONS REPORT - 9/4/78 to 9/4/79

No meeting called or business transacted during this period.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance.....\$ 119.48
Received from the Association..... 6,734.00
Transferred from Savings..... 2,154.92
Total Received..... 9,008.40

PAID OUT

Episcopal Diocese..... 1,080.00
Torah Free Will Baptist Church..... 6,625.00
Total spent out..... 7,705.00

Balance in Bank 9/4/79.....1,303.40
Interest on Savings..... 44.15
Balance in Savings 9/4/79..... 44.15

Submitted by:
Harlie Dockens
Secretary & Treasurer

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT C.T.S. CONVENTION - April 21, 1979

The C.T.S. Convention was held at Beulah Church April 21, 1979. The service opened with congregational singing and prayer. Devotion by Bro. Jimmy McElhaney reading Ecclesiastes 12:13-14. Prayer of dedication given by Bro. Gary Fry.

Competition began with memorization. Winners are listed below:

C.T.S. REPORT Cont'd

1st Grade: Jason Stabler - 1st Place, Melissa McCall - 2nd Place

2nd Grade: Candi McElhaney - 1st place

3rd Grade: Miranda Baker - 1st place, Kim Thortis - 2nd Place

Sword Drill - Pam Hall - 1st Place, Joey McCall - 2nd Place

Vocal Solo: Fay Morgan - 1st Place, Ambassador

Piano Solo: Joey McCall - 1st Place Adventurer

Piano Solo: Sandra Caraway - 1st Place, Herald

Declamation: Fay Morgan - 1st Place, Ambassador

Bible Tic-Tac-Toe: 1st Place - Shiloh

2nd Place - Beulah

Sheila Hall

Jeff Amerson

Donnie Cox

Mitch McCall

Pat Houston

Wesley Moreno

Scott Kelly

Bible Bowl: 1st Place - Shiloh

Barney Lowery

Darryl Hall

Mike McCall

Dismissed for lunch.

After lunch awards were given to winners. Moderator called meeting to order for business. MSC to accept treasurer's report as read. Nominating Committee's report was accepted as given - Officers for 1979-80

President, Jimmy McElhaney, Rt. 1 Box 340, Atmore, Ala. 369-6251

Vice President, Ann Hall, Rt. 1 Box 230, Atmore, Ala. 327-4231

Sec. & Treasurer, Thelma Wiggins, 3309 N. 'W' St. Pensacole 438-5735

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

Asst. South, Kay Reiter, 8400 Whitmire Dr. Pensacola, Fla. 478-3929

Asst. North, Linda Stabler, Rt. 1 Box 242-D, Atmore, Ala. 327-4981

Asst. Central, Iris Ziglar, Rt. 4 Atmore, Alabama 369-6426

MSC that each contestant be given \$15.00 to help with expenses to go to the State Competition. MSC to hold the 1980 Convention at Shiloh Church on April 19, 1980. MSC to adjourn.

Treasurer's Report - April 20, 1978 to April 18, 1979

<u>Total Received</u> - Balance 4/20/78.....	55.95	<u>Disbursements</u>	
Bethel	22.76	Benton's Trophy's.....	9.98
Shiloh.....	38.47	Iris Ziglar.....	50.00
Christian Home.....	26.87	National C.T.S. Dept...	68.71
Beulah.....	50.19	Ruby Amerson.....	20.00
West Florida Association.....	580.62	Faye Harvey.....	50.00
Total Received.....	718.91	Rev. Gary Fry.....	300.00
Total to account for.....	774.86	Fla. State Youth Bd....	62.50
Total paid out.....	561.19		\$ 561.19
Balance in Bank April 18, 1979.....	\$213.67		

Submitted by:
Thelma Wiggins
Sec. & Treasurer

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>COOP TITHES</u>	<u>FOREIGN MISSIONS</u>	<u>HOME MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S HOME (Ala.)</u>	<u>YOUTH CAMP</u>	<u>ASSOCIATION FEES</u>
Bethel	398.17					10.00
Beulah	2,807.97					30.00
Christian Home	1,046.44	600.00	366.71			25.00
Ensley	684.00				60.00	30.00
Flomaton						20.00
New Home	568.00					
Niceville, 1st FWB						10.00
Shiloh	2,577.19	990.00		165.00		30.00
Torah	699.85					25.00
TOTALS	\$ 8,781.62	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 366.71	\$ 165.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 180.00

Received in addition
to above.....

Annual Assn. Offering \$ 29.41
Mid-yearly offering 30.80
 \$ 60.21

Balance in bank

June 30, 1978.....\$ 2,086.87

Total Received..... 11,203.54

Total to account for.. 13,290.41

Total paid out..... 10,493.75

Balance in bank

June 30, 1979.....\$ 2,796.66

PAID OUT

State Treasurer.....\$3,059.84

W.Fla. Home Mission Board.....

(for work at Crestview)..... 6,054.79

Rev. R. C. Wiggins (Love Offering).... 25.00

Bro. Charles Isaac (Love Offering).... 25.00

Sis. Iris Ziglar (Love Offering)..... 25.00

State Assn. Fees..... 24.00

Bulletin (for minutes)..... 169.50

Harco (for file boxes)..... 6.28

National Assn. (for forms)..... 4.13

West Florida C.T.S. Dept..... 29.41

West Fla. Home Mission Board, Gen Fund. 30.80

West Florida C.T.S. Dept..... 140.00

Total paid out.....10,493.75

Sis. Iris Ziglar
Treasurer

Statistics from

Church Letters	Beulah	Christian Home	Ensley	Bethel	Shiloh	Torah	Flomaton
Church Membership	198	-	65	61	128	48	52
Members Dismissed	6	7	1	2	16	0	3
Members Received	23	2	7	11	5	9	7
S.S. Enrollment	188	-	55	33	120	-	38
Avg. Attendance	104	48	50	34	88	-	32
Women's Auxiliary	9	7	0	12	16	0	-
C.T.S. Enrollment	48	36	-	25	79	-	32
Avg. Attendance	30	30	-	-	56	-	18
Mid-week Prayer Ser.	45	23	22	26	35	35	-
Ordained Ministers	2	1	4	1	2	1	1
Pastor's Salary	\$ 8,245.00	\$3,640.00	\$9,100.00	\$5,100.00	\$10,120.00	\$2,650.00	\$5,594.08
Bldg. & Repair	\$2,016.00	0	0	\$65.00	\$16,785.00	\$ 350.00	-
Value of Church Property including Parsonage	\$152,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$93,000.00	\$50,000.00	-

No report from Niceville First FWB Church
No report from New Home Church

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS FOR 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; Acchairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary and 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 and 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 property. Organizational work under such conditions shall be under complete supervision of the Mission Board.

BY-LAWS

Article 1. Duties of Officers:

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

Article 2. Voting and Quorum:

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

Article 3. Duties of Members:

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

Article 4. Amendments:

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

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WEST FLORIDA
ASSOCIATION OF THE FREE WILL BAPTIST

Article 1. Name:

This association shall be known as the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2. Membership:

Section 1. This association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well discipline Free Will Baptist Churches conveniently located as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Section 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 and Treasurer to be elected annually.

Article 4. Representation:

Section 1. Each church of this association shall be entitled to one vote and one vote for each additional twenty-five (25) 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 the West Florida Associational officers shall serve as standing delegates.

Article 5. Ordaining Council (Presbytery)

Section 1. This council shall be composed of five members, elected by the association to serve a period of two years each. The moderator is also automatically a member of the Council and the vice-moderator is authorized to sit on the Council when it convenes if the moderator is absent.

Section 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 the request of any church of this association.

Article 6. Boards & Committees:

Section 1. All standing boards shall be composed of three members except the Executive Board which shall be composed of one (1) member from each church. The personnel of each of the foregoing, exclusive of the Executive Board, shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section 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 and 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.