

M I N U T E S

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

Held with
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Pensacola, Florida
September 11 & 12, 1981

MID-YEARLY MEETING
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRATT, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 1981

NEXT SESSIONS

MID-YEARLY MEETING
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDAVID, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 5 & 6, 1982

ANNUAL MEETING
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRATT, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 10 & 11, 1982

STATE MEETING
FIRST CHURCH, OCALA OCTOBER 27-29, 1982

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Christian Home	Freeman Dockens
Ensley	W. C. Stanford
Flomaton	
Shiloh	Douglas Morgan

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(82) Harlie Dockens
(83) Ray Kelly
(84) Charles Isaac
(85) Jimmy McElhaney
(86) J. D. Parham

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Moderator: Gary Fry
(82) W. C. Stanford
(83) R. C. Wiggins
(83) Thomas Coxwell
(82) Jimmy McElhaney

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DATES OF MEETINGS

Mid-Yearly Meeting	Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church February 5 & 6, 1982
Women's District Auxiliary Meeting . .	Beulah Free Will Baptist Church April 3, 1982
C. T. S. Convention	Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church April 17, 1982
State Youth Rally	Marianna, FL
National Association	Fort Worth, Texas July 18-22, 1982
West Florida Annual Association . . .	Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church September 10 & 11, 1982
State Association	First Church Ocala, FL October 27-29, 1982
State Woman's Auxiliary	Boca Raton, FL June 4 & 5, 1982

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

BEULAH CHURCH

SEPTEMBER 11 & 12, 1981

Meeting opened with Moderator remarks. Service opened with singing and prayer. Special song by Randall and Sandra Jackson, "The Day He Wore My Crown".

Message by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading from Acts 5:29- "We Must Obey God".

Saturday A. M.

Opened with singing and prayer. Welcome - Bro. Lindbergh Bass. The meeting was then turned over to our moderator, Bro. Gary Fry, who brought an opening thought from I Corinthians 14:33 & 40.

M.S.C. to seat standing and church delegates. Moderator recognized visiting ministers and guests. Moderator asked for reports, they are as follows: Woman's District Auxiliary, District C.T.S. report, Sunday School Report - no report turned in. Moderator appointed various committees. Missouri River Association requests letter from this Association for Bro. K. Reiter. M.S.C. Moderator asked for delegates to the State Meeting, Naomi Lancaster, Thelma Bass, Thelma Wiggins, Sandra Jackson and Nadine Thomley.

M.S.C. that a committee with chairman Harlie Dockens, with Pastors and Sunday School Superintendents meet and review the Sunday School Convention to see if it can be revived.

Recessed for break.

Worship opened with singing, special song by Bro. Gary Fry "Little Boy From the Carpenter Shop". Message by Bro. W. C. Stanford reading I Samuel 15:22 "To obey is better than Sacrifice".

Dismissed with prayer. Lunch served by host church.

1:00 P.M.

Service opened with special song by JoAnn Garrett and Sandra Jackson.

Devotion, Bro. R. C. Wiggins - Deuteronomy 33:27.

Moderator called for reports; Treasurer M.S.C. Audit Report M.S.C. Credential Committee M.S.C. Executive Board M.S.C. Items of Executive Board: Item 1. Mission, Torah Church at Crestview - no longer be supported. M.S.C. by body. Item 2. Property of Torah Church at Crestview to be disposed of in a proper fashion. M.S.C. by body.

Home Mission Board Report M.S.C. Question about Niceville Church. Mission Board voted to accept this property.

Moderator asked that we make realignment of our coop funds. Eighty percent to be sent to State, 20% retained in the West Florida Association. M.S.C. by body.

Executive Board will review the amount to be retained in general fund and the amount to be given to Home Mission Board. M.S.C. that this body suggest to C.T.S. that they find some other means of recognition to be given to the churches other than team trophies. M.S.C. by vote of body.

M.S.C. that Executive Board deals with disposing of Torah property. M.S.C. that people at Crestview be allowed to continue to hold services at the building until notified and that they would not remove anything other than personal items.

Appreciation Committee Report M.S.C. Nominating Committee Report M.S.C. Minutes read M.S.C.

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. Gary Fry
Rev. R. C. Wiggins
Rev. J. D. Parham
Rev. R. H. Reddick
Rev. L. Bass
Rev. W. C. Stanfird
Rev. H. H. Moore
Rev. F. Coleman
Rev. T. Coxwell

DEACON'S PRESENT

Clark Caraway
Freeman Dockens
Tommie Ward
C. J. Thomley
Tommy Payne
Jimmy McElhaney

VISITOR

Joe Esther

CHURCH DELEGATES

Christian Home: Charles Cofield
Katherine Cofield
Harlie Dockens
Edna Caraway

Beulah: Sandra Jackson
Thelma Bass
Charlie Isaac
Nancy Payne
Lee LaTour
Myrtle LaTour

Flomaton: Irma Turner
Tillie Harris

Torah: Nadine Thomley
Naomi Lancaster

Shiloh: Roy G. Ward
Mabel McElhaney
Cecil McElhaney
Douglas Morgan
Jerald Amerson
Jackie Ward
Cynthia Fry

Ensley: James Hopkins
Ruth Patterson
Kitty Hopkins

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MID-YEARLY MEETING
FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 1981

Fellowship service opened with congregational singing and prayer. Special song by Bro. Gary Fry, "I Go To The Rock".

Message delivered by Bro. Jack Parham reading II Kings 2. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Gibson.

Saturday, February 7, 1981

The meeting was opened with song and prayer. The devotion was then brought by Bro. Pat Patterson reading from James 1:19-27, the subject of 'Returning to the Cross'.

The meeting was then called to order by the clerk, Thelma Wiggins, at which time the business meeting was turned over to Bro. Fry.

Moderator recognized standing delegates and church delegates. Moderator appointed Credential Committee: Thomas Coxwell, Ray Purvis and Al Cobb. Treasurer's Report read and M.S.C. Home Mission Report read and M.S.C. Youth Camp Report read and M.S.C. to accept the report as read.

Bro. Fry then brought the discouraging news that the Camp work day must be postponed again due to the fact that the machinery cannot get to the camp. Tentative dates are now being set for April 2-4, 1982.

Worship Service

Service began with congregational singing and prayer. The service was turned over to Bro. R. C. Wiggins for the morning message. The text was taken from Hebrews 4:2, 9-16, Matthew 11:28-30 "A Rest to the People of God".

Closed with altar prayer for Bro. and Sis. Bass.

Afternoon Session

Service began with prayer, afterward which the meeting was turned over to H. H. Moore, Jr. for the afternoon devotion. His text was brought from Proverbs 29:18 "Where there is no vision the people perish".

Bro. Fry then notified the churches of the State Home Mission Report. John Rhodes has taken over the work at Daytona and he will be on itinerate in our churches to raise financial support.

Bro. Norris' church is growing in leaps and bounds and now has need of another double wide trailer. Bro. Rollins needs to purchase pews and there is a need for help in purchasing these pews which are costing \$200 a pew.

M.S.C. to accept the Executive Committee Report.
M.S.C. to take Executive Committee recommendation on
Article 6, Section 1 & 2 off the table for discussion.
M.S.C.

No old business.

New Business - An offering was then taken up of \$35.29.
M.S.C. to accept the report of the Credentials Committee.
M.S.C. to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes were read by clerk, Sis. Thelma Wiggins.
M.S.C. to accept minutes as read. M.S.C. to taken today's
offering and add to that in order to buy a pew for the
church at Gainesville. Pew cost \$200.00.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Church letters from Christian Home, Shiloh, Ensley,
Beulah and First Church in Flomaton, Alabama were examined
and approved. Letter from Secretary and Treasurer of Torah
Mission in Crestview accepted as a request to seat two
delegates. No letter from Bethel.

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the appreciation committee, would like to thank
Beulah Church for extending their warm welcome to the
West Florida Associational Meeting.

We appreciate the warm fellowship and the good food.

WEST FLORIDA HOME MISSION REPORT - September 12, 1981

On August 15, 1981 the Board met with the Executive
Board to hear discussions on problem of the Crestview
Church.

The Home Mission Board voted to turn the church back
to the association with the recommendation of disposing
of property.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Beginning Balance	353.42
Received from Association	5,735.77
	<u>6,089.19</u>

PAID OUT

Episopal Diocese	1,080.00
Torah Free Will Baptist Church	2,150.00
Gulf Power for Niceville Church	15.25
Okaloosa Gas Dist. Niceville Church	22.65
	<u>\$3,267.90</u>

Balance in Checking	9-2-81	\$2,821.29
Balance in Savings	9-2-81	\$1,673.16

BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT C.T.S. CONVENTION
APRIL 18, 1981

The meeting was opened with singing by congregation and prayer led by Bro. Charles Isaac.

Bro. Jimmy McElhaney brought morning Devotion reading II Timothy 2:3-4, Revelation 3:16.

Program started with Quiz Leader, Sis. Ruby Amerson's comments and a poem, "The Man That Thinks He Can."

Prayer of Dedication for contestants, leaders and judges rendered by Bro. Gary Fry.

Competition began with Bible Memorization:

First Grade: Stephanie McElhaney, Keri McElhaney, Shiloh

Declamation: Dyanna Gafford, Beulah

Second Grade Bible Memorization: Jessica Fry, Shiloh

Piano Solo: Kathy Mauldin, Shiloh

Vocal Duet: Keli Harvey and Sandra Jackson, Beulah

Third Grade Bible Memorization: Jason Stabler, Melissa
McCall, Shiloh, Amy Caraway,
Christian Home

Vocal Solo: Keli Harvey, Beulah, Fay Morgan, Shiloh

Preacher's Pal's: Shiloh

Bible Sword Drill: Jennifer Chesney, Beulah

Bible Bowl: Shiloh, Sheila Hall, Laura Ziglar, Mike McCall,
John O'Farrell

Declamation: Sandra Jackson, Beulah

Bible Tic Tac Toe: Shiloh, Donnie Cox, Pam Hall, Joey McCall,
David Ziglar

Bible Tic Tac Toe: Beulah, Wesley Moreno, Sherri McNair,
Frankie Kovac, Steven Gates

Competition Winners:

Bible Bowl: Shiloh

Bible Tic Tac Toe: Beulah

Bible Memorization:

First Grade Winner, Stephanie McElhaney, First place Keri
McElhaney

Second Grade Winner, Jessica Fry

Third Grade Winner, Jason Stabler, First place, Amy Caraway,
Second place, Melissa McCall

Music and Arts:

Oral Communications - Winner, Sandra Jackson, First place -
Dyana Gafford

Piano Solo Winner, Kathy Mauldin

Vocal Solo Winner, Keli Harvey, First place, Fay Morgan

Vocal Duet Winners, Keli Harvey and Sandra Jackson

Bro. Jimmy called the meeting to order for business.
Offering taken, amount \$15.28.

Minutes read, M.S.C. to accept.

Treasurer report read, M.S.C. to accept.
 Nomination Committee report read, M.S.C. to accept.
 Next Session will be April 17, 1982 with Shiloh Church.

OFFICERS:

President: Ronnie Stabler
 Vice Pres: Charlie Isaac
 Sec. Treas: Thelma Wiggins, Rt. 1, Box 273, McDavid, FL
 Quiz Leader: Ruby Amerson
 Assistants: Shiloh, Ann Hall - Bethel, Jewel Warren - Ensley,
 Addie Comacho - Christian Home, Edna Caraway -
 Beulah, Randall Jackson - Torah, Bro. Baggett.

C.T.S. TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook Balance April 14, 1980 \$92.43

Deposits:

Beulah 4-15-80	4-15-81	95.78
Shiloh 5-30-80	4-15-81	144.75
Christian Home	4-28-80 4-15-81	100.98
District C.T.S. Offering		39.76
West FL FWB Association	5-19-80	225.00
Thelma Wiggins (Loan)	5-23-80	100.00
	TOTAL	\$706.27

Total to Account For 798.70

Total Paid Out 694.80

Balance in Bank for April 14, 1980 103.90

DISBURSEMENTS

4-21-80	Randall House Publications	\$ 67.65
5-21-80	Edna Caraway	30.00
5-21-80	Thelma Bass	30.00
5-22-80	Gary Fry	390.00
5-21-80	State Youth Board	37.50
6-10-80	Thelma Wiggins	100.00
4-14-81	Benton's Trophy	39.65
		TOTAL . . .	\$694.80

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

The West Florida District Women's Auxiliary was held at Christian Home Church April 11, 1981. Meeting opened with singing and prayer. Sheila Ward gave devotion reading from Psalms 31:3.

The president called the meeting to order for business. President called for officers reports. Reports were given and accepted. The following committees were assigned. Credential - Lucille Parham and Myrtice O'Dell, Finance - Edna Caraway and Charlotte Parham, Registration - Thelma Bass and Sheila Ward.

Delegates to the state meeting are Thelma Bass, Myrtice O'Dell, Sandra Jackson, Sheila Ward and Lucille Parham.

A quiz game called Missionary Feud was played by everyone.
 Special song by Sheila Ward called "Nobody Cared."
 Morning message was by Sandra Jackson reading from Psalms 23.
 Everyone that brought a book played a game of Chinese gift giving. Dismissed for lunch.
 Reassembled for business. Next annual meeting will be April 3, 1982 at Beulah. Mid-yearly meeting October 2, 1981 at Christian Home. Prayer retreat January 16, 1982 at Beulah.
 Offering today of \$37.00. Motion seconded to send it to Camp Mt. Pleasant. So carried. Motion seconded to send \$20.00 to State for expenses of Mrs. Wiley. So carried.
 Nominating Committee Report.
 President - Thelma Wiggins
 Vice-President - Myrtle LaTour
 Secretary and Treasurer - Edna Caraway
 Mission Action - Charlotte Parham
 Mission Study - Myrtice O'Dell
 Mission Prayer - Sheila Ward
 Field Worker - Sandra Jackson
 Motion and seconded to accept these officers. So carried.
 District project for next year is still the same. Myrtice O'Dell gave a study on missions. Dismissed in prayer.

TREASURER'S REPORT - April, 1980 to March 31, 1981

	<u>Bethel</u>	<u>Beulah</u>	<u>Christian Home</u>
District Project	\$72.00	\$72.00	\$72.00
State Project			20.10
Camp Mt. Pleasant	30.00	60.00	25.00
Susan & Pat Dickens		120.00	
Per Capita Dues	6.25	28.75	11.25
Daytona Beach			120.00
Gainesville			60.00
Pre Easter		55.50	
Eddie Payne			27.49
WNAC		24.31	25.00
Student Loan	28.50	29.33	
Walter Ellison			21.60
Deficit Mission Acct.	10.00		
Patsy VanHook	15.00		
Linda Cook spending money (Bible College)		50.00	
Pre Thanksgiving			12.66
Balance April, 1980			\$ 203.36
Money Received			\$1069.82
Money Paid Out			\$1048.43
Balance in Bank April, 1981			224.75

Executive Board Meeting
Beulah Church
January 27, 1981

Meeting called to order by Bro. Randall Jackson at the request of Moderator Bro. Gary Fry. Payer by Bro. J. D. Parham. Program outline, Friday night message Bro. J. D. Parham, Devotion Saturday morning Bro. Pat Patterson, Message, Bro. Lindbergh Bass, afternoon Devotion Bro. H. H. Moore, special music Saturday, Bro. Randall and Sis. Sandra Jackson, special music Friday, Shiloh. Moderator appointed Audit Committee to audit treasurer books, Bro. R. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. and Bro. Lindbergh Bass.

Bro. Gary Fry and Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. met with Bro. H. H. Moore who would like to go to the New Home Church which at present is closed but is under the West Florida Association. Ordaining Council report to the Executive Board as follows:
We have recommendation that Bro. H. H. Moore will not be approved to open the New Home Church, M.S.C.
Move to adjourn, dismissed by Bro. Harlie Dockens with prayer. Accepted February 7, 1981.

Executive Board Meeting
Shiloh Church
February 7, 1981

Meeting called to order by Bro. Gary Fry. Review of Finance report from Torah Church. M.S.C. that we continue support of \$50.00 per week to the Torah Church until September. Accepted February 7, 1981.

Executive Board Meeting
Shiloh Church
August 15, 1981

Meeting opened with prayer. The treasurer was unable to be at this meeting but the associational records were sent and the balance checked. The association now has a balance of \$1,607.00. The treasurer also sent her resignation concerning this position. Bro. Dockens suggested that Sandra Jackson stand as the board's nominee at our Associational Meeting, so carried.

Bro. Thomas Coxwell, as well as existing members of the Torah Church in Crestview, were present at our board meeting. There was a discussion concerning the needs of the Torah Church. Bro. Thomas Coxwell has resigned from the church and the existing members have expressed

a desire to keep the church open. Bro. Thomley brought the church books for the Board to examine. The facts were presented from both sides and the visitors were dismissed from the Board Meeting. Home Mission Board members remained for the decision to be made concerning this matter. The Executive Board acting upon the recommendation from the Home Mission Board submits:

1. Mission no longer be supported
2. Since West Florida Association holds Title to the property, we dispose of the property in a proper fashion.

A tentative date was also set at this meeting for clean up at Camp Mt. Pleasant, November 12 - 14, 1981.

M.S.C. that the meeting adjourn, dismissed with prayer

Executive Board Meeting

November 16, 1981

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with prayer. Moderator called business meeting to order. Treasurer's report M.S.C.

M.S.C. that we present to body that each church be responsible for \$10.00 fee for State Dues to be mailed in to West Florida Treasurer.

M.S.C. that folding chairs and van be returned to Bro. Thomas Coxwell.

M.S.C. that Bro. R.C. Wiggins will contact parties interested in the furniture and building at New Home Church.

M.S.C. that Bro. R. C. Wiggins and Bro. Harlie Dockens be empowered to go to Crestview to contact real estate and close the Mission at Crestview.

Dismissed in prayer.

November 16, 1981

August 6, 1979 Seven months later accept call in to ministry.

Ordaining council met at Christian Home Church to examine Pat Patterson for purpose of granting a license for the ministry. Ordaining council agreed to grant Pat Patterson license to preach the gospel November 16, 1981.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>COOP TITHES</u>	<u>FOREIGN MISSIONS</u>	<u>CHILDREN'S HOME</u>	<u>ASSOCIATIONAL FEE</u>	<u>ASS. OFFERING</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Bethel	736.52			25.00		761.52
Beulah	4411.56			30.00		4441.56
Christian Home	1721.32			30.00		1751.32
Shiloh	2687.76	2753.33	180.00	30.00		5651.09
Torah	747.31			25.00		772.31
Flomaton				30.00		30.00
Ensley				30.00		30.00
Sunday School				10.00		10.00
					68.45	68.45
Refund						196.00
	<u>\$10,304.47</u>	<u>\$2,753.33</u>	<u>\$180.99</u>	<u>\$210.00</u>	<u>\$68.45</u>	<u>\$13,712.25</u>

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,374.69	<u>Expenses</u>	
Income	<u>13,712.25</u>	Gerald Amerson (love offering)	\$25.00
	16,086.94	Gary Fry	25.00
Expenses	<u>14,479.57</u>	JoAnne Garrett	25.00
	1,607.37	Nancy Payne (Typing)	30.00
		Aeolian Printing	99.00
		FL State Assoc. FWB-State Dues	27.00
		FL State Mission Board	200.00
		W. FL CTS	900.00
		Camp Mt. Pleasant	900.00
		W. FL Home Mission Board	6730.76
		FL State Assoc. FWB	<u>5517.81</u>
			\$14,479.57

<u>CHURCH LETTERS</u>	<u>BEULAH</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN HOME</u>	<u>ENSLEY</u>	<u>BETHEL</u>	<u>SHILOH</u>	<u>TORAH</u>	<u>FLOMATON</u>
Church Membership	273	50	80		141		51
Members Lost	10	1	0		3		2
Members Received	12	4	20		2		3
S. S. Enrollment	228	46	50		135		38
Avg. Attendance	118	35	15		100		37
Woman's Auxiliary	10	9	0		0		12
C.T.S. Enrollment	72	31	0		91		32
Avg. Attendance	30	25	0		55		18
Mid-week Prayer Ser	35	21	25				16
Ordained Ministers	2	2	3		2		1
Pastor Salaray	\$10,720.71	\$5,450.00	\$5,720.00		\$10,970.00		\$7,800.00
Building Repair	6,437.00	None	500.00		7,240.00		None
Value of							
Church Property	\$150,000.00	\$62,000.00	\$55,000.00		\$150,000.00		

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; A chairman, 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 1. 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 demonational 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 full 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 BAPTISTS

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 disciplined 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, Assistant 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 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 ministers after due examination as to their qualifications and to try all ordained members for unchristian 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 and 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 to be elected by the church to serve at the church discretion. 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 Assistant Moderator will have the privilege to sit on Executive Board Meetings and to moderate the meeting. The clerk and Treasurer shall be present as non-voting members.

Section III. The Executive Board shall have the power to act in behalf of and for the Association from one 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 regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principles and tenets of the 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 taken 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 and 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 licenses 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 association, which may be deemed essential to the further regulations of its session.

Article 11. Ammendments:

This constitution may be altered or ammended 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.