

M I N U T E S

OF THE

THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE

WEST FLORIDA

FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 9, & 10, 1983

MID-YEARLY MEETING

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDAVID, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 4, & 5, 1983

STATE MEETING

MARVIN CHAPEL
NOVEMBER 2,3,4, 1983
MARIANNA FLORIDA

NEXT SESSIONS

MID-YEARLY MEETING

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA
FEBRUARY 3, & 4, 1984

ANNUAL MEETING

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
BRATT, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 7, & 8, 1984

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Beulah.	Lindbergh Bass
Christian Home.	Freeman Dockens
First Church Niceville.	
Shiloh.	Douglas Morgan

Home Missions Board

(84) Calvin Hyer
(85) Jimmy McElhaney
(86) J.D.Parham
(87) Albert Cobb
(88) Lee LaTour

Youth Board Members

(84) David Johnson
(85) R.C.Wiggins, Jr.

Ordaining Council

(84) Lindbergh Bass
(84) Jimmy McElhaney
(85) R.C.Wiggins Jr.
(85) W.E.Patterson
Moderator: Mircheal Jones

Audit Committee

Moderator: Mircheal Jones
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DATES OF MEETINGS

STATE ASSOCIATION.	Marvin Chapel Marianna, Fla. November 2,3,4, 1983
DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRAYER RETREAT.	Christian Home McDavid, Fla. January 21, 1984
MID-YEARLY MEETING.	First Free Will Baptist Church Niceville, Fla. February 3 & 4, 1984
DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Beulah Church Pensacola, Fla. April 7, 1984
C.T.S. CONVENTION.	Shiloh Church Bratt, Fla. April 21, 1984
STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.	Gainsville Church Gainsville, Fla. June 1 & 2, 1984
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.	Little Rock, Ark. July 15-19, 1984
WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.	Shiloh Church Bratt, Fla. September 7 & 8, 1984

West Florida Free Will Baptist Association
Beulah Free Will Baptist Church
September 9, 1983

Thirty Fifth Annual Meeting

Fellowship meeting opened with congregational singing, prayer and welcome address by Host Pastor. Moderator appointed the necessary committees.

Message brought by Bro. W.E. (Pat) Patterson reading James 3:13 'Wisdom of God'. Offering received for the work at Niceville. Amount \$104.90. Dismissed for fellowship and refreshments served by host church.

September 10, 1983
Saturday 9 A.M.

Moderator read Galatians 6:8-10, giving remarks and prayer. Moderator then called meeting to order for this session. Moderator, Bro. Mircheal Jones recognized Standing Delegates. Roll call of church delegates read by Asst. Clerk. M.S.C. that these delegates be seated for this session. Committees read by Moderator and then called for reports. They were: Camp Mt. Pleasant, M.S.C.; Home Mission Board, M.S.C.; Executive Board, no meetings. Ordaining Council, no meetings. Treasurer Report, M.S.C.; District Woman's Auxiliary, M.S.C.; District C.T.S., M.S.C.; Audit Committee Report, M.S.C. Moderator ask for volunteers for the State Association Delegates, they were, Lee LaTour, Myrtle LaTour, David Lail, Betty Lail and Thelma Wiggins. M.S.C. these be our delegates to the State Association. Credentials Committee Report, M.S.C.

Moderator gave oral report concerning the property at Cantorment known as New Home Church.

Nomination Committee report given, move, second that this report be accepted and voted on office by office. Home Mission (88) Lee LaTour, M.S.C.; Ordaining Council, (85) R.C. Wiggins, Jr., M.S.C., Pat Patterson (85) M.S.C.; Camp Youth Board (84) David Johnson, M.S.C. (85) R.C. Wiggins, Jr. M.S.C.; Treasurer, W.J. Amerson, M.S.C.; Assistant Clerk, Jackie Johnson, M.S.C.; Clerk, Thelma Wiggins, M.S.C.; Assistant Moderator, R.C. Wiggins, Jr., M.S.C.; Moderator, Mircheal Jones, M.S.C.

Moderator ask for placements for the February and September meetings. Move, second, carried that we have a rising stand of vote for the find hospitality shown by Beulah Church.

M.S.C. that we keep the present Audit Committee which is composed of moderator, assistant moderator, clerk, assistant clerk.

Church dues given to treasurer \$110.00. Minutes read by Clerk, M.S.C. that they be accepted as read. M.S.C. to adjourn business meeting.

Worship Service
11:00 A.M.

After a very good congregational singing the morning message was brought by Bro. J.D. Parham, speaking from St. John 14:1-4 and I John 1:9. Dismissed for lunch served by the host church.

Ministers Present

Rev. Mircheal Jones
Rev. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.
Rev. Lindbergh Bass
Rev. J.D. Parham
Rev. W.E. Patterson

Deacon's Present

Freeman Dockens
Clark Caraway
Jimmie McElhaney

Church Delegates

Beulah:

Thelma Bass
Lee LaTour
Myrtle LaTour
David Lail
Betty Lail
Bessie Reddick
Ollie Mae NeSmith

Shiloh: David Johnson
Jackie Ward
Roy Ward
Maxine McCall
Paula Jones

Christian Home: Harlie Dockens
Ernie Miles
Charles Cofield

Church Fees Paid \$110.00

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church
Mid-Yearly Meeting
February 4 & 5, 1983

Fellowship service opened with singing and prayer. Bro. Jones, moderator gave opening remarks. Bro. Wiggins gave welcome address. Bro. Rickie Parham presented special song. Offering received for the State Promotional work. \$88.71

Bro. Gerald Fowler spoke to us briefly about the promotional work in the State of Florida and presented slides of the churches in the State of Florida, some Pastors, Mission work, Camp Mt. Pleasant, National Offices and Bible College.

Dismissed with prayer.

Saturday 9 A.M.

Service opened with singing and prayer. Moderator, Bro. Jones gave us some information about the Treatise. Read Ecclesiastes 4:9-12. Moderator called meeting to order. Recognized the Standing Delegates which were seated for today's business. Roll call of the church delegates read. M.S.C. that the church delegates be seated for today's business. Moderator asked for the report on Article 8 to be given by Committee. M.S.C. that the report be accepted as read. Executive report given, M.S.C. that this report be accepted and vote on item by item. Item 1, Program for meetings will be Minister of our association speaking in alphabetical order beginning with Bro. Bass and the meeting to rotate to each church, M.S.C. Item 2, The sale of piano, M.S.C. Ordaining Council Report. M.S.C.; Treasurer Report, M.S.C.; Woman's Auxiliary, M.S.C.; District C.T.S., M.S.C.; Camp Mt. Pleasant, M.S.C.; Clerk instructed to remove New Haven from roll.

Letter of appreciation from Bro. J.D.Norris, pastor of the Lake Jackson Church in Tallahassee. Bro. Mike Jones expressed appreciation from Bro. Dennis Owen. Dismissed for 15 minute recess.

Home Mission Report, M.S.C. Moderator asked for old business, there was none. State Association ask that each church send in a one time payment of \$120.00 to be set aside for the National Association which will be in Tampa, Florida 1989.

Oral report given about Bro. Dan Issac. MSC that Bro. Dan Issac be given a letter of good standing for the period of time with us but we have had no report from him since 1979.

Minutes read by Clerk, M.S.C. that they be accepted as read. M.S.C. to adjourn and enter into the preaching hour. A rising vote of appreciation was given to Christian Home Church.

Worship Service

The morning message was brought to us by Bro. Lindbergh Bass reading from Acts 9:31. Dismissed for lunch.

Moderator called meeting to order for business after lunch to receive the Home Mission Board's Report. M.S.C. to loan \$15,000.00 to the Mission work at Tallahassee, Lake Jackson Church under the guidelines of our Constitution of the Home Mission Board at 6%, \$10.00 per \$1,000.00 per month, if the work at Tallahassee so desires. MSC to adjourn.

Present; 5 ministers, 4 deacons, 15 church delegates, 3 officers, 10 visitors.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk.

HOME MISSION February 5, 1983

We the Home Mission Board has elected Bro. J.D.Parham as the Chairman. We recommend that the Association Treasurer become the Home Mission Board Treasurer to disburse Home Mission Funds at the discretion of the Home Mission Board.

PASTORS COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptist the Ensley FWB Church asked the Association to clarify their position in the Association in that they did not tithe to the Association. Specifically the Church wanted to know if failure to pay tithes would cause them to lose Fellowship with the Association.

The Moderator appointed a committee composed of the Pastors of the

Churches in the Association to study the situation and bring a report back to the Association. As a basis of reference the committee used Article 8, Section 1 of the Constitution- "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."

The committee met on Friday , October 1, 1982 at Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church and unanimously agreed on the following statement:

We recommend that each church of the Association pay the tithes to the Association. If a Church is unable to pay the tithe, then we recommend that their delegates meet with the Executive Committee for justification of failure to pay tithes. The Executive Committee shall then make recommendation to the Association for appropriate action.

The church in question shall not be allowed to vote until the matter is satisfactorily resolved- although they will retain the right of Fellowship.

Continued disobedience or an uncooperative attitude shall be grounds for the conference to exercise discipline to the church.

Rev. Mircheal Jones
Rev. Pat Patterson
Rev. Albert Cobb
Rev. R.C.Wiggins, Jr.
Rev. Lindbergh Bass
February 5, 1983

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING
CANTONMENT, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 22, 1982

Moderator, Bro. Mike Jones called meeting to order, then read letter from State Line Association requesting letter of recommendation for Bro. Thomas Coxwell. M.S.C. to send letter.

Program for February Mid-Yearly Meeting planned. Bro. Gerald Fowler will present slides friday night, Bro. Lindbergh Bass will be the speaker saturday, special music will be by Christian Home.

Preacher's will speak at the meetings in alphabetical order beginning with Bro. Bass for the February meeting.

The Executive Board met with the people renting the church building at Cantorment. M.S.C. that we lease the building another year for same terms as last year.

M.S.C. that we get two bids to have building at Cantorment termite treated.

M.S.C. that the piano be sold to Bro. R.C.Wiggins, Jr. for \$450.00.

Dismissed with prayer.
Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

ORDAINING COUNCIL JANUARY 18, 1983

The Ordaining Council met at Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church on Tuesday, January 18, 1983 at 7:00 p.m. to consider the ordination of Rev. Pat Patterson. Present were Rev. Mike Jones, Rev. R.C. Wiggins, Jr., and Jimmy McElhaney of the Ordaining Council and Bro. Pat Patterson.

Bro. Patterson reported that he had been pastoring the First Free Will Baptist Church of Niceville since November of 1981 and was being blessed of the Lord in his work. He reported 7 people saved in the church, 2 in Hospital visitation, and 3 in Home visitation in the past year. The Council asked him about his wife being previously married and he affirmed that she was but that after much seeking of God's will he had decided that God had still called him into the ministry. The Council voted to Ordain him and he was given his ordination papers. His ordination service was set for Sunday, February 13, 1983 at 3:00 p.m. at the First FWB Church of Niceville.

The Council recommends that the West Florida Association revise the questionnaire to include asking if the candidate or his wife have ever been divorced.

Rev. Mircheal Jones
Rev. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.
James C. McElhaney, Jr.

ORDINATION SERVICE FIRST FWB CHURCH NICEVILLE, FLA. February 13, 1983

Ordination Message brought by Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr. Questions by Bro. Mike Jones. Charge given by Bro. Lindbergh Bass. Presentation of Bible by Bro. Mike Jones. All Association Officers and all Ordaining Council Members present for this service after which a wonderful meal was served by the host church.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Woman's Auxiliary was privileged to have a prayer retreat at Beulah Church January 15, 1983. There was a good attendance from Shiloh, Beulah, Christian Home, Ensley-Bethel, First Church and some visitors. We had a very good meeting and good speakers for the day.

Treasurer Report

Bank Balance April 1982

Received

Beulah 453.14

Christian Home 322.25

Co-Workers 123.67

District Offering 27.02

Total Received 926.08

\$ 230.28

\$ 926.08

\$1,156.36

\$ 953.86 Total Paid Out

\$ 202.50 Balance Feb. 2, 1983

Thelma Wiggins, Sect.-Treas.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT C.T.S. CONVENTION

There has not been any meeting or transactions since our meeting of April 1981.

Treasurer Report

Bank Balance 8-30-82 \$256.43

Received

Shiloh \$ 17.00

Christian Home \$ 22.00

Total \$ 39.00

Total to account for \$295.43

Bank Balance 2-2-83 \$295.43

Thelma Wiggins, Sect.-Treasurer

Report turned in to the September 10, 1983 meeting as follows:

HOME MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Home Mission Board agreed to loan the Lake Jackson Church in Tallahassee, Florida a loan of \$15,000.00 to be paid back in ten (10) years. Payments on this loan began May 1983 and have been on time.

J.D.Parham, Chairman

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE

4 Ministers, 3 Deacons, 3 Officers, 16 Church Delegates, 11 Visitors. Five Churches reporting; Beulah, Shiloh, Bethel, Christian Home, and Niceville. Church letters examined and registration forms examined and counted.

Harlie Dockens, Chairman

Roy Ward

Bessie Reddick

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We the Audit Committee have examined the treasurer's log book, checkbook, bank statements and find that all the figures do agree. Mircheal Jones, moderator; R.C.Wiggins, Jr., assistant moderator; Thelma Wiggins, clerk; Jackie Johnson, assistant clerk.

WEST FLORIDA DISTRICT C.T.S. CONVENTION

There have been no called meeting since April 1981.

Total received since that date:

Shiloh \$91.39, Christian Home \$89.71, Beulah \$112.56, C.T.S.

District Offering \$15.28, West Florida Association \$900.00.

Beulah (returned contestant Money) \$50.00

District C.T.S. CONT.

Total received 4-81 to 9-83	\$1,258.94
Balance Brought Forward 4-81	\$ 103.90
Total to account for	<u>\$1,362.84</u>
Total paid out	\$ 968.12
Balance in Bank 9-7-83	<u>\$ 394.72</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

4-24-81	Check #117	Benton's Trophy	\$ 23.54
5-4-81	" #118	Randall House Publication	\$ 94.08
5-4-81	" #119	Florida State Youth Comp.	\$ 47.50
5-4-81	" #120	Rev. Gary Fry--9 Contestant	\$450.00
5-4-81	" #121	Sandra Jackson-7 "	\$350.00
7-3-81	Cash	Thelma Wiggins--Stamps	\$ 3.00
TOTAL PAID OUT			<u>\$968.12</u>

DEPOSITS

5-4-81	\$ 915.28
7-14-81	\$ 63.10
9-11-81	\$ 47.10
10-22-81	\$ 15.78
2-1-82	\$ 29.09
4-6-82	\$ 38.49
7-30-82	\$ 8.30
11-1-82	\$ 17.00
1-21-83	\$ 22.00
3-8-83	\$ 51.50
4-12-83	\$ 23.29
5-4-83	\$ 12.25
7-27-83	\$ 12.25
Total Deposited	\$1,255.94

Thelma Wiggins, Sect.-Treasurer

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH
APRIL 2, 1983

Service opened with scripture reading by Sis. Myrtle LaTour. Welcome address by Sis. Thelma Wiggins. Prayer by Sis. Thelma Bass. Missionary Profile, Clint and Lynette Morgan, serving in Africa given by Sis. Charlotte Parham. Special song, Shelia Ward, Cathy Miles, and Charlotte Parham.

Worship time led by Sis. Myrtice O'Dell reading I Corinthians 15: 35-38. "The Resurrection" Congregation sang "Christ Arose".

Study on prayer, Sis. Jewel Warren, reading Revelation 8:3-4. President, Sis. Myrtle LaTour called to order meeting for business. Minutes read by Secretary and accepted as read. Treasurer report given, m.s.c. to accept as-read. Mission Study Report, Mission Prayer Report, Mission Action Report, President Report, and the

Secretary Report read, M.S.C. to accept them as given.
 Appreciation Committee; Thelma Bass, Lona Cheshney, Jewel Warren.
 Nomination Committee; Jewel Warren, Alpha Garrett, and Cathy Miles.
 Dismissed for lunch.

President called meeting together after lunch, ask for old business there was none. Meetings for next year assigned. M.S.C. to eliminate the mid-yearly meeting, but a meeting could be called if needed. M.S.C. that the District Project will be \$7.00 per auxiliary per month. Delegates to State Auxiliary Meeting are; Cathey Miles, Shelia Ward, Thelma Wiggins, Alpha Garrett, and Thelma Bass. Alternates; Ann Bingle, Myrtle LaTour. Appreciation Committee report accepted. Nomination Committee report accepted. M.S.C. to send today's offering to the Dennis Owen account. Offering \$29.50 Dismissed with singing, "To God Be The Glory."

Members Present; Co-Workers, 2; Christian Home, 9; Beulah, 5. No Visitors.

President—Shelia Ward
 Vice-President—Cathy Miles
 Sect-Treasurer—Thelma Wiggins
 Mission Prayer—Lona Cheshney
 Mission Action—Myrtle LaTour
 Mission Study—Myrtice O'Dell
 Field Worker—Jewel Warren
 Catherine Cofield
 Thelma Wiggins, Sect.-Treasurer

DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY TREASURER REPORT

	Beulah	Christian Home	Co-Workers
District Project	72.00	72.00	48.00
State Project	75.00	60.00	6.00
Camp Mt. Pleasant	110.00		25.00
Patrick Dickens	120.00		
Per Capita Dues	18.00	16.50	12.00
Pre-Easter	39.84	26.25	
Pre-Thanksgiving	90.80	35.00	
Niceville Church			25.00
Daytona Project		70.00	
WNAC			21.67
Dennis Owen			15.00
Gainsville Project		81.00	10.00
District Offering	17.02		
Total Received	\$1,076.08		
Balance Brought Forward	\$ 230.28		
Grand Total	\$1,306.36		
Total Paid Out	\$1,104.61		
Total in Bank	\$ 201.75		

District Woman's Auxiliary
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR 1982-1983

WNAC	\$ 61.67
State Project	\$ 141.00
Patrick Dickens	\$ 120.00
Pre-Easter	\$ 66.09
Gainsville Project	\$ 91.00
Daytona Project	\$ 110.00
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$ 239.02
Dennis Owen	\$ 15.00
Niceville Church	\$ 25.00
Vernz (UPS to WNAC)	\$ 4.03
Thelma Wiggins (State Aux.)	\$ 100.00
Thelma Wiggins (Stamps-envelopes)	\$ 6.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	\$ 125.00
Total paid out	\$1,104.61

PROJECT FOR 1983-1984 \$ 7.00 per month per Auxiliary
\$1.25 WNAC, \$1.00 Tallahassee, \$1.25 Dennis Owen, \$3.00 Camp
Mt. Pleasant, \$.50 retain District Treasurer.
Thelma Wiggins, Secretary- Treasurer

YOUTH CAMP BOARD REPORT

June 27, 1983 Camp Mt. Pleasant

I. Board members discussed having a Caretaker for the upkeep of Camp. We spelled out his duties and responsibilities and he would report to the Youth Camp Board Members. After spelling out his duties it was agreed to allow him to spend up to \$50.00 for minor repairs without the approval of the Board Members. Discussed monthly salary to be paid, amount of \$75.00 per month would be all we can afford at this time if Caretaker would accept.

II. Considered remodeling class room building into dormitory, after discussing it at length decided we did not have sufficient funds at this time.

III. Considered and decided to raise camp fees from \$25.00 per camper to \$35.00 per camper.

August 8, 1983 Camp Mt Pleasant

I. Contacted Keith Cole for position of Caretaker for Camp Mt. Pleasant and presented list of responsibilities, he accepted position as Caretaker of the camp.
R.C.Wiggins, Jr. Camp Board Member

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee would like to submit the following names for the Associational Officers, Home Mission Board, Ordaining Council, Youth Board for Camp Mt. Pleasant and Audit Committee.
 Moderator, Mircheal Jones
 Assistant Moderator, R.C.Wiggins, Jr.
 Clerk, Thelma Wiggins
 Assistant Clerk, Jackie Johnson
 Treasurer, W.J.Amerson
 Home Mission Board (88) Lee LaTour
 Ordaining Council (85) R.C.Wiggins, Jr. (85)W.E.Patterson
 Camp Mt. Pleasant Youth Board (84) David Johnson (85) R.C.Wiggins,Jr.
 Audit Committee, Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk.

Chairman, David Johnson
 Charles Cofield
 Lee LaTour

HOME MISSION ACCOUNT

Balance 12-31-82	\$15,000.00
Received Interest 12-31-82	\$ 132.17
Balance from Harlie Dockens	\$ 4,904.15
	<u>\$20,036.32</u>
Loan to Lake Jackson	\$15,000.00
Balance	<u>\$ 5,036.32</u>
Repay from Lake Jackson	\$ 664.68
Balance in Savings 8-31-83	<u>\$ 5,701.00</u>
Plus Interest from March thru August.	
W.J.Amerson, Treasurer	

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT
SEPTEMBER 1982 - AUGUST 1983

<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COOP</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>CHILDREN HOME</u>	<u>HANNA</u>	<u>D. OWEN</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
BEULAH	4,656.02	4,621.02	35.00				
BETHEL	221.87	186.87	35.00				
CHRISTIAN HOME	2,274.18	2,239.18	35.00				
ENSLEY	20.00		20.00				
NICEVILLE	284.33	259.33	25.00				
SHILOH	4,609.65	3,860.00	35.00	45.00	95.00	574.65	
NEW HAVEN	99.61	84.61	15.00				
ASSOC. OFFERING	55.25						55.25
ASSOC. OFFERING	88.71						88.71
SALE OF PIANO	450.00						450.00
RENT-NEW HOME	900.00						900.00
TOTAL	\$13,659.62	\$11,251.01	\$200.00	\$45.00	\$95.00	\$574.65	\$1,493.96

DISBURSEMENTS

Florida State Coop	\$ 9,000.80
Children's Home	\$ 45.00
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$15,825.00
" " " Landscaping	\$ 946.50
State Promotional Work	\$ 88.71
Clerk Supplies	\$ 92.96
New Home Prop. Pest Treatment	\$ 468.83
Johnny Burnham (Speaker)	\$ 30.00
C. Hanna	\$ 95.00
D. Owen	\$ 3,574.65
Florida Home Mission Board	\$ 4,000.00
Minutes	\$ 139.85
State Dues	\$ 70.00

Moderator	\$ 50.00
Clerk	\$ 50.00
Treasurer	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$34,527.30
Loan-Lake Jackson	\$15,000.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$49,527.30

BALANCE 9-1-82	\$39,531.47
RECEIVED	\$13,659.62
TOTAL	\$53,191.09
DISBURSED	\$49,527.30
BALANCE 8-31-83	\$ 3,663.79

<u>CHURCH LETTERS</u>	<u>BEULAH</u>	<u>BETHEL</u>	<u>CHRISTIAN HOME</u>	<u>FIRST CHURCH</u>	<u>SHILOH</u>
Church Membership	303	5	55	9	169
Members Lost	5		13	9	5
Members Received	19		8		15
S.S.Enrollment	233		54	9	133
Avg. Attendance	119		54		100
Woman's Auxiliary	9		17		
C.T.S Enrollment	75		31		88
Avg. Attendance	45		28		54
Mid-Week Attendance	40		39		35
Ordained Ministers	2		2	1	3
Licensed Ministers					
Pastor Salary	\$12,874.28	\$446.00	\$6,500.00		
Local Expenditures	\$42,441.17	\$1,237.22	\$12,655.46		\$46,594.27
Outside Causes	\$ 8,916.38		\$ 2,176.14		\$ 9,766.49

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 Baptists 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 by petition. 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 Association 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, Asst. Clerk, Treasurer and Ordaining Council. Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk and 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 (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 churches discretion. The personnel of each 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 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 set 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 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 regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principals and tinets 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 \$15.00 at the mid-yearly meeting will be assessed from each church. A \$25.00 fee for churches over 50, or a \$20.00 fee for churches of membership under 50 will be assessed at the annual meeting.

Section III. Tbtal cooperative income of the West Florida Association will be disbursed by a finance committee and aproved 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 Love offering of \$50.00 shall be given, from the General Fund, at the Annual Association Meeting to the Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer. Expenses incurred to fulfill the duties of these offices shall be paid from the General Fund. Expenses incurred carrying out the duties to the Association by others appoints a duty, will be paid, after approval of the Moderator, Vice Moderator, Clerk, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer from the General Fund Account.

Article 9. Discipline:

Section I. This association shall have power to discipline churches of which 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 Baptists 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 liceses or ordained Free Will Baptists 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 Baptists 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. Amendments:

This constitution may be altered or amended by the vote at the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alterations 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 meeting.

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 recieve 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 reccomendation of the board, be replaced by the West Florida Association.

Article 4. Ammenments:

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