

M I N U T E S  
OF THE  
THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
WEST FLORIDA  
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
HELD WITH  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1986  
NICEVILLE, FLORIDA  
MID-YEARLY MEETING  
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 7, 1986  
McDAVID, FLORIDA

NEXT SESSIONS  
MID-YEARLY MEETING  
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 6, 1987  
HWY. 99 BRATT, FLORIDA

ANNUAL MEETING  
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 11, 1987  
MOBILE HWY. PENSACOLA, FLORIDA

STATE MEETING  
LAKE JACKSON  
OCTOBER 29-31, 1986  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

Asst. Moderator.....Steven R. Hasty

Clerk.....Thelma Wiggins

Treasurer.....Ruby Amerson

Beulah.....Charles Isaac

Christian Home.....Freeman Dockens

Shiloh.....Douglas Morgan

First Church Niceville.....

#### HOME MISSIONS BOARD

(87) Herman Johnson  
(88) Lee LaTour  
(89) Jimmy McElhaney  
(90) Charles Isaac

#### YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS

(87) R.C. Wiggins, Jr.  
(88) David Johnson

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#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

(87) Ray Purvis  
(87) Floyd Coleman  
(88) John McCall  
(88) Jimmy McElhaney  
Moderator: R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moderator: R.C. Wiggins, Jr.  
Asst. Mod. Steven R. Hasty  
Clerk: Thelma Wiggins  
Asst. Clerk: Jackie Johnson

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Ministers: Floyd Coleman, J.C. Dortch, J.T. Long, J.D. Parham  
R.H. Reddick, see page 5 for address'

DATES OF MEETINGS

STATE ASSOCIATION.....Lake Jackson  
3617 Old Bainbridge Rd.  
Tallahassee, FL  
October 29-31, 1986

MID-YEARLY MEETING.....Shiloh Church  
Hwy.99  
Bratt, FL  
February 6, 1987@7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION.....Christian Home  
Pine Barren Road  
McDavid, FL  
April 17, 1987@7:00 P.M.

STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION.....  
  
May 15-16, 1987

STATE WOMANS AUXILIARY  
Ocala, FL  
June 5-6, 1987

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.....Birmingham, AL  
July 19-23, 1987

CAMP MEETING.....Camp Mt. Pleasant  
Bonifay, FL  
August 2-7, 1987

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....Beulah Church  
Mobile Hwy.  
Pensacola, FL  
September 11, 1987@7:00P.M.

**WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
SEPTEMBER 12, 1986**

**THIRTY-EIGHT ANNUAL MEETING**

Meeting opened with congregational singing. Moderator called meeting to order-prayer given Bro. Clark Caraway.

Moderator asked for all Ministers and Deacons to stand. Roll call of Church Delegates read M.S.C. to seat Church Delegates. Moderator recognized officers. Moderator appointed committees as follows:

Appreciation.....Thelma Basss, Carolyn Hasty  
Agnes Ashcraft

Credentials.....David Johnson, Johnnie Johnson  
Ruth Patterson

Obituary.....Edna Caraway, Maxine McCall  
Myrtle LaTour, Neva Issac

Nomination.....Herman Johnson, Lee LaTour  
John McCall

(Mark 8:22) Devotion givey by Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.  
reading St. Mark 8:22 and II Corinthians 4:3-4.

Moderator called for a recess so Committees could meet.

Meeting reconvened-reports were read as follows:  
Credentials, M.S.C.; Distric C.T.S., M.S.C.; Home Missions,  
no report; Ordaining Council, M.S.C.; Youth Camp Board,  
Treasurer's Report, M.S.C.; Audit Committee, M.S.C.

Moderator called for old business, none new business.  
Move by Bro. Herman Johnson that when youth competitors  
go to State and National Level, C.T.S. Officers put a dollar  
figure on how much money will be given to each competitor;  
added by Sis. Ruby Amerson that of the 100% kept in the  
general fund that 60% be kept in general fund and 40% be  
earmarked for the youth competitors, Motion second by Sis.  
Wiggins, Motion so carried by body.

Move by Sis. Ruby Amerson that we give \$3,000.00 to Dennis Owen, St. Petersburg, Bible College Building Fund, Motion amended-\$3,000.00 to go to Camp Mt. Pleasant, second by Sis. Agnes Ashcraft, Motion so carried by body. Move by Lindberg Bass that we give Niceville Church and Gainsville work \$3,000.00 second by Bro. Clark Caraway. Amendment to take vote of these two works separate by Bro. Steve Hasty, second by Bro. David Johnson. Amendment so carried. Move by Lindberg Bass second by Clark Caraway that we give Gainsville work \$3,000.00; vote by body so carried. Move by Lindberg Bass second by Clark Caraway that we give Niceville work \$3,000.00 vote so carried by body.

Move by Bro. Bass that the Executive Committee and Finance Committee be given the responsibility of changing the Co-Op status if there needs to be a change and this Board report back at the next yearly meeting; motion second so carried by body.

The following reports were given: Appreciation, M.S.C., Audit, M.S.C., Credential Committee, M.S.C., Camp Mt. Pleasant, M.S.C., and Nominating Committee office by office M.S.C.

The Obituary Committee, reported the following deceased members:

Beulah.....Sybil O'Gynn  
Christian Home.....Grady Brothers  
Shiloh.....Jerald Amerson, Lydia Hanks, Jess Mooney

Respectfully submitted,  
Edna Caraway, Chairman  
Maxine McCall  
Myrtle LaTour  
Neva Isaac

See Reports.

Minutes read by Clerk M.S.C. to accept minutes as read; dismissed in prayer.

*Thelma Wiggins*  
*Clerk*

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### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We, the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Niceville Church for hosting the Annual Association Meeting. Everyone enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Thelma Bass, Chairman  
Carolyn Hasty  
Agnes Aschcraft

### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Audit Committee, have reviewed the treasurer's books and bank statements and we do find the books in accord with bank statements.

Respectfully submitted:

Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. Chairman  
Thelma Wiggins  
Jackie Johnson

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Reporting at this session:	Ministers.....	4
	Decons.....	3
	Officers.....	4
	Church Delegates...	14
	Visitors.....	12
Churches by Letter.....		1
Churches by Letter and Delegates.....		4
Churches paid dues:	Christian.....	\$ 25
	Shiloh.....	25
	First.....	20
	Beulah.....	25
	Bethel.....	20
Total Dues		<u>\$115</u>

David Johnson, Chairman  
Johnie Johnson  
Ruth Patterson

### CAMP MT. PLEASANT BOARD

We feel our Youth Camp Sessions were a success this year. We are proud to report that we have a new back porch and a new roof. We were given a heating and air conditioner for the Fellowship Hall by the Childrens Home of Eldridge, Alabama. Pray and support your camp and board members.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the Ordaining Council, have met with Brother Steve Hastym, pastor of Shiloh Church have found his letter of recommendation from North Florida Association in good standing, we receive him for pastor in this association in good standing.

We, the Ordaining Council have discussed the ordained ministers in the Shiloh Church, J.T. Long and J.C. Dortch, who have been previously examined and accepted by this association therefore we receive them as ministers in good standing.

Respectfully submitted

Ordaining Council

DISTRICT C.T.S.  
MAY 3, 1986  
SHILOH

Services were opened with a song. Bro. Herman Johnson welcomed everyone. He read James 1:12-15 and spoke on how Satan takes everything opportunity to cause friction. Prayer was led by Bro. Floyd Coleman. Services were then turned over to Sis. Ruby Amerson. She led us in a prayer of dedication over the participants. Competition then began. After competition was completed the business meeting began. Treasurer's Report was given. MSC that The Association be asked to take over District Competition. Nominations were made as follows for election of officers:

President.....	Herman Johnson
Vice President.....	Ronnie Stabler
Secretary and Treasurer.....	Kathy Smith
Quiz Leader.....	Ruby Amerson
Asst. Quiz Leader.....	Edna Caraway

Offering was taken in the amount of \$36.62. The Executive Board was asked to give \$500.00 to CTS District Competition. Winners were announced:

Memorization - 1st Grade- Betsy Johnson  
2nd Grade - Dale Johnson  
3rd Grade - Ross Parham  
Overall Winner Betsy Johnson

Sword Drill - 4th Grade - Wendy Peterson  
Stephanie Long  
5th Grade - Jennifer Long  
Overall Winner Jennifer Long

Bible Bowl - Christian Home Team  
Lisa Caraway  
Marsha Criswell  
Michelle Criswell



District CTS continued

Declamation - Amy Caraway

Solo - Heather Hasty

Duet - Amy Caraway and Jennifer Long

Chorale - Christian Home

DISTRICT CTS TREASURER'S REPORT

Checkbook Balance 4-19-85	\$316.22
Offering 4-19-85	37.00
Total	\$353.22

Disbursements

4-19-85 Rev. R.C. Wiggins (contestants)	\$100.00
4-19-85 Shiloh Church (contestants)	100.00
4-19-85 Randall House Publications	37.40
4-19-85 Ruby Amerson (trophies)	63.13
4-19-85 Florida State Youth Board	27.00
Total	\$327.53

Deposits

7-16-85 Shiloh	\$ 9.80
8-21-85 Christian Home	10.02
10-15-85 Shiloh	10.58
1-11-86 Shiloh	10.00
2-10-86 Christian Home	19.83
4-5-86 Christian Home	5.74
Total	\$65.97

Total money in bank 5-3-86	\$91.66
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Total money 9-12-86	\$149.80
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Kathy J. Smith  
Secretary/Treasurer

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

ORDAINING COUNCIL - Moderator/Chairman(88) John McCall,  
(88) Jimmy McElhane.

HOME MISSION BOARD; (90) Charles Isaac

YOUTH BOARD CAMP MT. PLEASANT; (88) David Johnson

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS: Present officers reinstated

Assistant Moderator-Save Hasty

H.D. Johnson, John McCall,  
Lee LaTour

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
BETHEL	262.91	242.91	20.00	
BEULAH	5,373.24	5,333.24	40.00	
C. HOME	3,284.03	3,244.03	40.00	R.C. Wiggins 75.00* (Typewriter)
SHILOH	4,185.29	4,145.29	40.00	
OFFERING	44.30			44.30
	75.00*			
INTEREST	421.02**			421.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 13,645.79</b>	<b>\$ 12,965.47</b>	<b>\$ 140.00</b>	<b>\$ 540.32</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

Checks.....	4.26
Moderator (love offering.....)	50.00
Clerk.....	50.00
Asst. Clerk .....	50.00
Treasurer.....	50.00
Offering to Camp.....	44.30
Camp Mt. Pleasant.....	900.00
Printing of minutes.....	131.20
Purchase of Typewriter.....	599.50
Repair of Typewriter.....	41.95
West Florida C.T.S Treas...	500.00
Florida State Coop.....	10,372.38
State Meeting Dues.....	75.00
Rev. Harold Harrison	350.00
<b>TOTAL DISBURSED</b>	<b>\$ 13,218.59</b>
Balance 9-1-85	3,976.96
Received	13,645.79
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 17,622.75</b>
Spent out	13,218.59
<b>Gen. Fund Bal. 8-31-86</b>	<b>\$ 4,404.16</b>

INTEREST

Total Interest - \$ 2,105.09  
 80% Home Missions 1,684.07 \*\*  
 20% General Fund 421.02 \*\*

- 145.00  
\$ 4,259.16

HOME MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

Lake Jackson repay on loan....	13,990.29
C. Home Repay on loan.....	1,740.00
Interest.....	1,684.07
<b>Total Received.....</b>	<b>\$ 17,414.36</b>
Balance from 8-31-85.....	\$ 29,455.63
<b>Total to account for.....</b>	<b>\$ 46,869.99</b>
<u>Spent Out</u>	
New Loan to Lake Jackson.....	\$ 15,000.00
Balance in Treasure 8-31-86...	\$ 31,869.99
<b>ACTUAL CASH ON HAND 8-31-86</b>	<b>\$ 36,274.15</b>
	(145.00)
	<b>\$ 36,129.15</b>

TOTAL ASSETS

Christian Home Loan Bal.	\$ 5,075.00
Lake Jackson loan Ba.	18,444.87
Money Market Acct.	36,129.15
	<b>\$ 59,649.02</b>

*Ruby Amerson*  
 SUBMITTED BY RUBY AMERSON, TREASURER  
 September 12, 1986

MID-YEARLY MEETING  
CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH  
FEBRUARY 7, 1986

Moderator called meeting to order, recognized the Standing Delegates. Roll call of Church Delegates read, MSC to seat these delegates.

Special music rendered by Bro. Rickie Parham. Devotion by Bro. Steve Hasty, reading Deuteronomy 34:7.

Moderator asked for a short recess in order that he and the Ordaining Council may meet with Bro. Hasty.

Meeting reconvened, moderator gave report of the Ordaining Council, MSC to accept Bro. Steve Hasty in good standing as the pastor of Shiloh Church.

Treasurer's report given, MSC; Home Mission report given, MSC, Oral Youth Camp report given, Oral Sunday School and C.T.S. report given. MSC to adjourn after reading of minutes. MSC to accept minutes as read, dismissed in prayer. Dues \$45.00 given to Sis. Ruby Amerson, treasurer.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

HOME MISSION BOARD

Home Mission Board Members contacted by phone November 4, 1985, by moderator Bro. R.C.Wiggins, Jr., concerning the work in Tallahassee. The present loan of the Lake Jackson Church in Tallahassee was paid in full and their request was to renew a loan for \$15,000.00 at the rate of 6% interest, 120 monthly payments of \$166.17 per month.

Total interest \$4,940.40, total pay back \$19,940.40. The board members agreed to this request and the treasurer was instructed by moderator to issue a check to the Lake Jackson Church.

Moderator, Bro. R.C.Wiggins, Jr.  
Chairman, Bro. J.D.Parham

I hope the changes I have made in the line up of our minutes meets with your approval.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

TREASURER'S REPORT

9-1-85 thru 1-31-86

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COOP</u>	<u>DUES</u>	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>
Bethel	20.00		20.00	
Beulah	2,146.92	2,121.92	25.00	
C. Home	1,539.18	1,514.18	25.00	4.92 Adjustment
Shiloh	1,777.40	1,752.40	25.00	75.00 (for typewriter)
Offering				44.30
Interest				193.10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 5,483.50</b>	<b>\$ 5,388.50</b>	<b>\$ 95.00</b>	<b>\$ 317.32</b>

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	50.00	BALANCE.....9-1-85	\$ 3,976.96
Clerk	50.00	Total Received.....	5,800.82
Asst. Clerk	50.00		<u>9,777.76</u> 78
Treasurer	50.00	Total Spent Out.....	<u>5,665.06</u> 06
Dues to State Assoc.	75.00		
Camp Mt. Pleasant	344.30	Balance 1-31-86.....	\$ 4,112.70 72
Typewriter	599.50		
Cooperative Fund - State	4,310.80		
Printing of Minutes	131.20		
Checks	<u>4.26</u>		
	<b>\$ 5,665.06</b>		

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HOME MISSIONS FINANCIAL STATEMENT 9-1-85 through 1-31-86

RECEIPTS

Lake Jackson Church (repay on loan)....	12,993.27
Christian Home (Repay on loan).....	725.00
Interest.....	<u>772.40</u>
<b>TOTAL REC.</b>	<b>14,490.67</b>
 Total Spent Out (loan to Lake J.)	 15,000.00
 Balance 9-1-85.....	 29,455.63
Total Received.....	<u>14,490.67</u>
	 43,946.30
 Spent out.....	 <u>15,000.00</u>
	 <b>\$ 28,946.30</b>

February 7, 1986

*Ruby Amerson*  
Ruby Amerson,  
Treasurer

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 third 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 carryout 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 follow: The Assciation Annual Meeting will be held the second friday night in September.

The Mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first friday night in February.

## Article 8 Finances

Section I. Each church oc the association shall be responsible for sharing the financial obligation of the association by paying into the treasury the tithe(10%) of their income.

Sevction II. An additional fee of \$15.00 at the ~~midyearly~~ 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. Total cooperative income of the West Florida Association will be desbursed by a finance committee and approval 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, Assistant Moderator, Treasurer, Clerk and Assistant Clerk.

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 appointed a duty, will be paid, after approval fo the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer; from the General Fund.

Section V. Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk will compose Audit Committee for purpose of auditing the Treasurer's books each year.



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 inconsistant 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 alterations 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 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.