

M I N U T E S
OF THE
THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
HELD WITH
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 11, 1987
PENSACOLA, FLORIDA
MID-YEARLY MEETING
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
JANUARY 30, 1987
HWY. 99 BRATT, FLORIDA

NEXT SESSIONS
MID-YEARLY MEETING
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 5, 1988
PINE BARREN ROAD McDAVID, FLORIDA

ANNUAL MEETING
SHILOH FREE WILL BATPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 9, 1988
HWY. 99 BRATT, FLORIDA

STATE MEETING
ABURNDALE CHURCH
OCTOBER 28-30, 1987
AUBURNDALE, FLORIDA

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

Asst. Moderator.....John McCall

Clerk.....Thelma Wiggins

Treasurer.....Ruby Amerson

Beulah.....Charles Isaac

Christian Home.....Freeman Dockens

Shiloh.....Douglas Morgan

First Church Niceville.....W.E. Patterson

HOME MISSIONS BOARD

(88) Lee LaTour
(89) Jimmy McElhaney
(90) Charles Isaac
(91) Harlie Dockens

YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS

(88) David Johnson
(89) Charles Isaac

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ORDAINING COUNCIL

(88) John McCall
(88) Jimmy McElhaney
(89) Rickie Parham
(89) Mack Gafford
Moderator: R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moderator: R.C. Wiggins, Jr.
Asst. Mod. John McCall
Clerk: Thelma Wiggins
Asst. Clerk: Jackie Johnson

Ministers: Floyd Coleman, J.C. Dortch, J.T. Long, J.D. Parham
R.H. Reddick, R.C. Wiggins, Jr.

DATES OF MEETINGS

STATE ASSOCIATION.....Auburndale Church
114 Derby Ave.
Auburndale, FL 33823
October 28-30, 1987

MID-YEARLY MEETING.....Christian Home
Pine Barran Road
McDavid, FL 32568
February 5, 1988 @7:00 PM

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION.....Shiloh
Hwy 99
Bratt, FL 32535
April 15, 1988 @7:00 PM

STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION.....

May 20-21, 1988

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY.....Ocala, FL
June 3-4, 1988

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.....Kansas City, Missouri
July 17-21, 1988

CAMP MEETING.....Camp Mt. Pleasant
Bonifay, FL
August 7-12, 1988

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION.....Shiloh Chruch
Hwy 99
Bratt, FL
September 9, 1988

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 11, 1987

THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting opened with congregational singing and prayer.

Devotion brought by Moderator, Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr.
reading from II Corinthians 5:1-11.

Moderator called for Standing Delegates. Moderator
asked for roll call of Church Delegates read by Assistant
Clerk, M.S.C. to seat Church Delegates. Moderator
appointed committees as follows.

Appreciation.....Ruth Patterson, Agnes Ashcraft,
Maxine McCall

Credentials.....Thelma Bass, Myrtice O'Dell,
Shirley Gafford

Obituary.....Jimmy McElhaney, Freeman
Dockens, W.E. Patterson,
Charlie Isaac

NominationRickie Parham, Mack Gafford,
John McCall

Treasurer's report given by Sis. Ruby Amerson,
M.S.C. by body.

Moderator then called for a 20 minute recess and
asked the committees to please get their reports ready.

Meeting reconvened-reports were read as follows:
Appreciation, M.S.C., Credentials, M.S.C., Obituary, M.S.C.,
Congregation stood for a moment of silent prayer.

Moved by Bro. Herman Johnson that the churches
and association have the same cut off date, seconded
by Sis. Agnes Ashcraft. Motion amended to start September 1
to August 31, motion amendment seconded and amended.

February 5-7, 1988, there will be a Church Growth Evangelism Conference at Beulah Church. The Executive Board is to meet and decide about our Mid-Yearly Meeting. Moved by Sis. Ruby Amerson that this body contribute \$1,200.00 toward Church Growth Evangelism Conference, second and so carried.

Youth Camp Report given M.S.C. Nominating Committee Report given. Moved by Bro. Rickie that we accept this report as a whole M.S. to reverse clerk and assistant clerk position. M.S.C. to accept report M.S.C. that offering taken tonight be sent to the Youth Camp. \$41.50 offering and \$95.00 dues given to treasurer.

M.S.C. that Moderator have power to appoint Delegates at the State Meeting for State Delegates.

Thelma Wiggins
Clerk

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Reporting at this session:	Ministers.....	3
	Deacons.....	5
	Officers.....	3
	Church Delegates..	13
	Visitors.....	21
Churches by Letter and Delegates.....		4
Churches paid dues:	Beulah.....	\$25
	Shiloh.....	25
	Christian Home.....	25
	1ST Church Niceville.....	20
Total Dues		\$95

Thelma Bass, Chairman
Shirley Gafford
Myrtice O'Dell

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

We were thankful for the reports received from Youth Camp directors informing us of commitments made to the Lord by the children at camp this year.

We pray it will even be a greater camp next year. Thank you for supporting the camp in prayers, finances, and time.

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

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that this body stand for special prayer in memory of those who have gone to be with the Lord who were members of:
Beulah...Grace Allen, Gordon Cochrane, Minnie Pippin,
Malcom Selert, Sr and Octavie Williams
Christian Home.....W.H. Burkett
Shiloh.....Louise Lowery, and Dovie Mack

Period of report July 1, 1986-June 30, 1987

Respectfully submitted,
Jimmy McElhaney, Chairman
Pat Patterson
Charles Isaac
Freeman Dockens

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Beulah Church for hosting the Annual Association Meeting. The time of fellowship with our Christian friends and the food were just great.

Respectfully submitted,
Maxine McCall, Chairman
Agnes Ashcraft
Ruth Patterson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

ORDAINING COUNCIL - Moderator/Chairman
(89) Rickie Parham (89) Mack Gafford

HOME MISSION BOARD - (91) Harlie Dockens

YOUTH BOARD CAMP MT. PLEASANT - (89) Charles Isaac

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - Present officers reinstated

Assistant Moderator - John McCall

Rickie Parham, Chairman
Mack Gafford
John McCall

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
TREASURER'S REPORT - 9-1-86 to 8-31-87

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE</u>	<u>DUES & GENERAL FUND</u>
BETHEL	91.55	71.55	20.00
BEULAH	7,744.88	7,704.88	40.00
C. HOME	2,651.84	2,611.84	40.00
NICEVILLE	535.00	500.00 (8-86)	35.00
SHILOH	4,437.76	4,397.76	40.00
OFFERINGS	38.61 5.00		38.61 5.00
TOTALS	\$ 15,504.64	\$ 15,286.03	\$ 218.61

DISBURSEMENTS - General Fund

R. C. Wiggins.....	50.00
Thelma Wiggins.....	50.00
Ruby Amerson.....	50.00
Jackie Johnson.....	50.00
Fla. State Assoc. Dues.....	75.00
Aeolian Printing.....	174.40
West Florida C.T.S.....	850.00
Postage.....	22.00
Check Order.....	3.26
Camp Mt. Pleasant.....	900.00
Florida State Cooperative.	12,228.82
Total	\$ 14,453.48

BALANCE 9-1-86 \$ 4,259.16

RECEIVED..... 15,504.64
TOTAL to give account for. 19,763.80

TOTAL SPENT OUT..... 14,453.48

balance\$ 5,310.32

Interest.....\$ 256.42*

BALANCE - GENERAL FUND \$ 5,566.74
8-31-87

TOTAL INTEREST

\$1,282.09

80% to Mission Fund \$1,025.67*
20% to General Fund 256.42*
1,282.09

OUTSTANDING LOAN TO
LAKE JACKSON.... \$16,617.00

MISSION FUND

RECEIVED

Lake Jackson...Pmts.....	1,827.87
C. Home.....Pmts.....	1,305.00
C. Home.....Pay Off...	3,399.35
Total Received.....	\$ 6,532.22

SPENT OUT

Dennis Owen.....	3,000.00
First F.W.B. - Niceville.	3,000.00
Pinellas F.W.B. Church...	3,000.00
F.W.B.B.C.....	3,000.00
Gainesville F.W.B. Ch....	3,000.00
Camp Mt. Pleasant.....	3,000.00
Beulah Ch.....	1,200.00
(Mission Conference)	

TOTAL SPENT OUT..... \$ 19,200.00

BALANCE 9-1-86..... 31,869.99
Received..... 6,532.22

Total to give account for 38,402.21

TOTAL SPENT OUT.....\$ 19,200.00

Balance.....\$ 19,202.21

Interest 1,025.67*

BALANCE - MISSION FUND \$ 20,227.88

TOTAL MISSION -\$ 20,227.88
TOTAL GENERAL -\$ 5,566.74
TOTAL IN BANK \$ 25,794.62
8-31-87

Ruby Amerson
Ruby Amerson, Treasurer

2,226.70
1,404.04
3,340.04
General F.

**MID-YEARLY MEETING
SHILOH CHURCH
JANUARY 30, 1987**

Service opened with congregation singing "Victory In Jesus" and prayer by Bro. Levi Helmuth. Meeting turned over to Moderator Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr. Offering taken and amount received \$33.61

Special singing rendered by Sis. Ruby Amerson singing "No Other Word for Grace but Amazing."

Worship time, Bro. W.E. Patterson reading I Samuel 15:7-23. A very good study.

Moderator recognized ministers and deacons and associational officers. Church delegates seated. Moderator asked if the Association would sponsor Church Evangelism Growth Conference cost \$1,200.00, M.S. so carried by body. Treasurer report M.S.C.

Dismissed in prayer by Bro. John Johnson. Refreshments served by host church. Dues and offering in the amount of \$93.61 given to treasurer.

Thelma Wiggins
Clerk

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 ~~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. 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 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 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.