# FORTIETH ANNUAL SESSION IF THE WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL

OF THE

# BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING HELD WITH SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH HWY. #99 SEPTEMBER 9, 1988 BRATT, FLORIDA

MID-YEARLY MEETING CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING **JANUARY 18, 1988** NORTH PINE BARREN ROAD MCDAVID, FLORIDA

NEXT SESSIONS

STATE ASSOCIATION FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, CHILPEY, FLORIDA NOVEMBER 2 - 4, 1988

MID-YEARLY MEETING BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA FEBRUARY 3, 1989

#### 7 P.M.

DISTRICT C. T. S. CONVENTION

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, MCDAVID, FLORIDA

APRIL 21, 1989

7 P.M.

STATE C. T. S. COMPETITION MAY 19 - 20, 1989

STATE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY JUNE 2-3, 1989

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION TAMPA, FLORIDA

JULY 16 - 20, 1989

CAMP MEETING CAMP MT. PLEASANT, BONIFAY, FLORIDA AUGUST 6 - 11, 1989

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION

CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FLORIDA SEPTEMBER 8, 1989

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MODERATOR.....R. C. WIGGINS, JR. ASST. MODERATOR.....TIM OWEN CLERK.....THELMA WIGGINS TREASURER......RUBY AMERSON

BEULAHCHARLES	ISAAC
CHRISTIAN HOMEFREEMAN	
SHILOH	MORGAN
FIRST CHURCH NICEVILLE	
SOUL'S HARBORDAREK CH	ILDRESS

# HOME MISSIONS BOARD (89) Jimmy McElhaney (90) Charles Isaac (91) Harlie Dockens (92) Lee LaTour

## YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS

(89) David Johnson (90) Charles Isaac

## CHURCH

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Christian Home Pine Barren Road McDavid, FL 32568 Ph. 904-327-4730

First Church

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

# (89) Rickie Parham (89) Mack Gafford (90) Tim Dwen (90) Paul Oppy

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Moderator: R. C. Wiggins, Jr. Asst. Mod.: Tim Owen Clerk: Thelma Wiggins Asst. Clerk: Edna Caraway

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Ministers: Floyd Coleman, J. D. Parham, R. H. Reddick

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST TREASURER'S REPORT 9-1-87 to 8-31-88

	COOPERATIVE FUND	DUES & OFFERINGS	TOTAL GIVING
BEULAH	7,821.40	25.00	7,846.40
C. HOME	2,788.74	40.00	2,828.74
NICEVILLE		20.00	20.00
SHILOH	4,744.70	40.00 	4,784.70
TOTAL	<u>\$ 15,354.84</u>	\$_166.50	\$ 15,521.34
Jackie Johnson. Pla. State Asso Aeolian Printin West Pla. C.T.S Repair on Typew Camp Mt. Pleasa State Assoc. Co TOTAL BALANCE 9-1-87.		RECEIVED Lake Jackson SPENT OUT Beulah F.W.B. C (Mission Confe BALANCE 9-1-87. Total Received. Balance Spent out BALANCE	N FUND
	$\begin{array}{c} 15,521.34\\ \hline \\ \text{cct} \\ \end{array}$		••••• <u>\$</u> 1,187.54
TOTAL SPENT OUT	<u>\$15,137.42</u>	BALANCE 8-30-88	\$ 21,877.12
BALANCE INTEREST BALANCE 8-31-88	296.88	MISSION FUND BA	
INTEREST - \$1, 80% to Mission	484.42 Fund \$1,187.54	TOTAL BANK STAT 8-3	-

20% to General Fund 296.88

GENERAL FUND EARMARKED AS FOLLOWS:

YOUTH \$ 2,499.02 G. FUND 3,748.52

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Ruby Amergon, Treasurer



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#### WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

#### SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

#### SEPTEMBER 9, 1988

#### FORTIETH ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting began with congregational singing and prayer.

Devotion brought to us by Bro. Paul Oppy, new pastor of Christian Home Church, reading II Corinthians 13:1-14, bringing a very timely message.

Moderator called meeting to order and recognized standing delegates. Moderator asked for roll call of Church Delegates, M.S.C. to seat Church Delegates. Moderator appointed committees as follows:

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) {[	redentialsSis.	Jackie Ward
ļ	Sis.	Edna Caraway
	Bro.	David Johnson
	bituarySis.	Bernice Purvis
		Herman Johnson
	omination CommitteeBro.	Roy Ward

Bro. Jimmy McElhaney Sis. Maxime McCall Bro. Rickie Parham

Moderator called for Treasurer Report, this report was given by Sis. Ruby Amerson, M.S.C.

Moderator dismissed for twenty minutes for each committee to get their reports in order.

Moderator called for committee reports: Credentials, M.S.C., Obituary, M.S.C., Appreciation, M.S.C., Audit, M.S.C., Youth Camp, M.S.C., C.T.S., M.S.C., Nominating Committee Report read, M.S. to accept report as a whole, so farried by body.

Moderator asked for volunteers for State Delegates. Volunteers are Sis. Vivian Oppy, Sis. Ruby Amerson, Sis. Bernice Purvis, Sis. Thelma Wiggins, and Sis. Pam Stewart. Moderator has permission to appoint Delegates if necessary At State Meeting.

Moderator asked Clerk to read Minutes of this session, M.S.C. to accept

Differing taken of \$41.00. M.S.C. to send total offering to Camp Mt. Pleasant. Offering of \$41.00 and dues of \$75.00 given to Treasurer.



## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

## REPORTING AT THIS SESSION:

CHURCHES BY LETTER ONLY:

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CHURCHES BY LETTER AND DELEGATES:

CHURCH DUES PAID BY:

Total Dues Paid by Churches CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Ministers.....4 Deacons.....4 Officers.....3 Church Delegates...8 Visitors.....13

Beulah....1

Shiloh Christian Home....2

Shiloh Beulah Christian Home

Sis. Jackie Ward Sis. Edna Caraway Bro. David Johnson

YOUTH CAMP REPORT

Major improvements were made at camp this year. Air conditioners (2 units) were purchased and installed in Sanctuary. Sheetrock was installed inside on walls and ceiling along with insulation. The outer walls were sealed and windows installed. This was paid for in full.

Playground equipment purchased totaling two hundred dollars (\$200.00). The camp was rented out for a week in July.

With these improvements the camp is still operating in the black. However, the funds are at a low, to continue more funds are needed.

Respectifully submitted,

Bro. David Johnson

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

## JANUARY 18, 1988

Ordaining Councel met at Christian Home Church. Moderator called meeting to order to examine Bro. Rickey Patterson of Christian Home Church and Bro. Timothy D. Owen of Shiloh Church. Moved and Second that we accept these two Brethern in full fellowship with the West Florida Free Will Baptist



Association. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Tim Owen.

Council Members present were Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr., Bro. Rickie Parham, Bro. John McCall, Bro. Jimmy McElhaney, and Bro. Mack Gafford.

#### SEPTEMBER 9, 1988

The Ordaining Council met with Bro. Paul Oppy before the regular session and found his letter to be in order, therefore, we welcome him into this Association.

Council Members present were Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Bro. Rickie Parham, Bro. John McCall, and Bro. Jimmy McElhaney.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Respectifully Submitted:

Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. Sis. Thelma Wiggins Sis. Jackie Johnson Bro. John McCall

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We. the Appreciation Committee, wish to thank the Shiloh Church for

hosting the Annual Association Meeting. The time of fellowship with Christian friends was certainly enjoyed.

#### Respectifully Submitted:

Bro. Harlie Dockens Sis. Vivian Oppy

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, recommend that this body stand for special prayer for the family and in memory of those who have gone on to be with the Lord who were members of the following Churches:

> Shiloh: Sis. Laney Long Sis. Evie Mooney Bro. Haburn Norris

Period of report July 1, 1987 through August 31, 1988

Respectfully Submitted,

Sis. Bernice Purvis Bro. Herman Johnson

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

ORDAINING COUNCIL MODERATOR IS CHAIRMAN (90) Bro. Tim Owen (90) Bro. Paul Oppy .

HOME MISSION BOARD (92) Bro. Lee LaTour

YOUTH CAMP BOARD CAMP MT. PLEASANT (90) Bro. David Johnson

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

MODERATOR Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR Bro. Tim Owen

CLERK Sis. Thelma Wiggins

ASSISTANT CLERK Sis. Edna Caraway

TREASURE Sis. Ruby Amerson

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Respectifully Submitted,

Bro. Roy G. Ward Bro. Jimmy McElhaney Sis. Maxine McCall Bro. Rickie Parham

MID-YEARLY MEETING WEST FLORIDA EXECUTIVE BOARD CHRISTIAN HOME CHURCH JANUARY 18,1988

Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr., Moderator, called meeting to order. Bro. Rickey Patterson opened with Prayer.

Bro. Wiggins informed us of the update given him by the State Moderator concerning the church at Niceville. Bro. W. E. Patterson has left the church and the Niceville area leaving the church with a \$95,000.00 debt. Our feeling is that we, the Association, will not take any action at this time until the church at Niceville contacts this Association.

Letter of request read concerning Bro. Steven R. Hasty that we forward a Letter of Good Standing to the Gulf Coast Association. Bro. John McCall made a motion that we will not send a letter from this Association that Bro. Steven R. Hasty is in good standing because he was given his letter of membership when he was dismissed from Shiloh Church. Motion seconded by Bro. Douglas Morgan. The motion was so carried by vote of the Executive Board.



Clerk asked that Executive Board members to forward their church letters and fees to the clerk for the Mid-yearly Meeting.

Executive Board Members present Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr., Bro John McCall, Bro. Charles Issac, Bro. Freeman Dockens, Bro. Douglas Morgan and Sis. Thelma Wiggins.

#### February 1988

Received church letters and proper dues from Christian Home and Shiloh Church. Money turns over to West Florida Treasurer.

#### September 20, 1988

To: The West Florida Association

Please use this letter as a petition from Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church to join the West Florida Association. Presently, we conot have any ordained men in our church, but we have newly elected Bro. R. C. Wiggins, as our pastor. We currently have 30 members.

Thank you,

Addie Camacho Clerk for Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church

> Executive Board Report September 24, 1988

Moderator, Bro. R. C. Wiggins, Jr. contacted by phone Executive Board members Bro. Freeman Dockens, Bro. Douglas Morgan, and Bro. Charles Issac who voted to accept Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church as a member of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

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West Florida District C. T. S. Competition Shiloh Free Will Baptist - April 17, 1988

Services were opened with a song. Bro. Herman Johnson welcomed everyone. Bro. Burnam led in prayer. Services were turned over to Sis. Ruby Amerson. She lad in a prayer of dedication for the contestants. Competition then began.

Business Session:

Bro. Harman appointed Bro.-Clark Caraway and Bro. Clark Ziglar for the nominating committee. Treasurers report was given. Sis. Ruby suggested \$60.00 be given to each contestant. She would have to clear this with the board.

New business-

MSC

Nominating committee suggested as follows: President - Bro. Herman Johnson Vice President - Bro. David Johnson Sec/Treas. - Sis. Kathy Smith Quiz Leader - Sis. Ruby Amerson Asst. Quiz Leader - Sis. Edna Caravay

Winners were then announced.

Balance as of April 24, 1987		\$170.81
Deposits	\$861.44 121.81 20.31 11.63	-
Total Deposits		<u>1,015.19</u>
		1,186.00
Disbursements		
Bentons(trophies)	49.00	
Closed acct.	121.81	
Shiloh	300.00	
Christian Home	450.00	
Florida State Youth Board	67.50	
Randall House	102.85	
Total Disbursements		1,091.16

Balance as of April 17, 1988

\$ 94.84 Kathy J. Smith Secretary / 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 1. 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. SectionIII. 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 coucil 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. Thepersonnel of each foregoing exclusive of the Executive Board; shall be elected as folows: 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 priviledge to set on Executive Board Meetings and to moderate the meeting. The clerk and treasurer shall be present as nonvoting 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 Association 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.

Sevetion II. An additional fee of \$15.00 at the mideyearly 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. Amendments:

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.

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## 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 vicechairman 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. Heetings:

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

<u>Article 1.</u> 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. Ammerments:

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