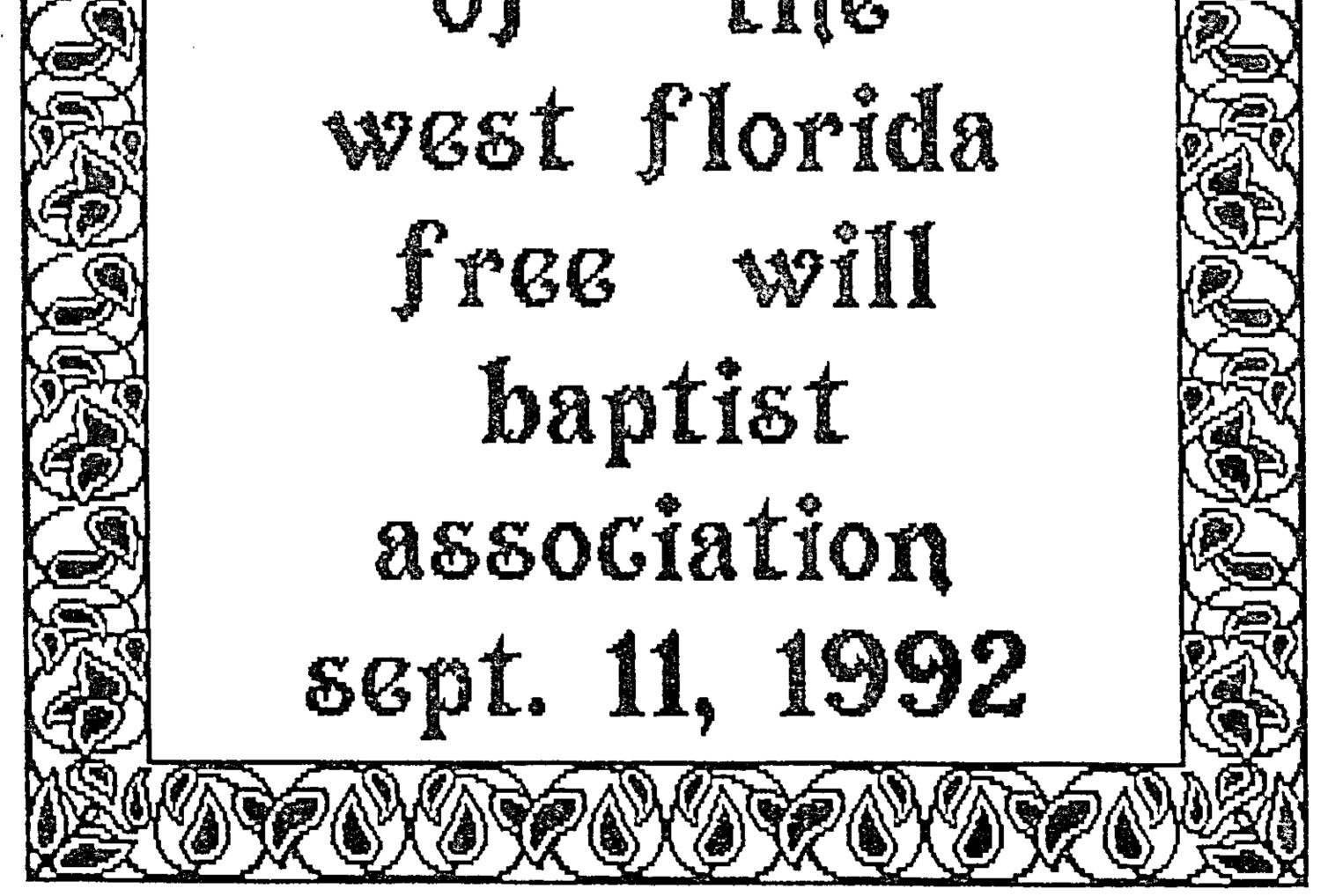
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#### FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

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HELD WITH SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH 5410 HWY 99 SEPTEMBER 11, 1992 BRATT, FLORIDA

> MID-YEARLY MEETING FIRST CHURCH FEBRUARY 7, 1992 NICEVILLE, FLORIDA

> > NEXT SESSIONS

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FLORIDA MAY 5-7, 1993

MID-YEARLY MEETING FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FL FEBRUARY 5, 1993 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BRATT,FL MARCH 5, 1993 7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, BRATT, FL APRIL 16, 1993 7:00 P.M.

> STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FL May 5-7, 1993

STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY HILTON HOTEL, OCALA, FL May 5-7, 1993

NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY JULY 18-22, 1993

> CAMP MEETING CAMP MT. PLEASANT, BONIFAY, FL AUGUST 9-11, 1993

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, PENSACOLA, FL SEPTEMBER 10, 1993 7:00 P.M.

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#### HOME MISSIONS

(93) Roy Glenn Ward(94) Willie Oglesbee(95) Harlie Dockens(96) Russ Dieterich

#### YOUTH BOARD MEMBERS

(93) David Johnson(94) John Pinson

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(93) John McCall
(93) Willie Oglesbee
(94) R.C. Wiggins, Jr.
(94) L.V. Pinson

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

MODERATOR: Tim Owen ASST. MODERATOR: R.C. Wiggins, Jr. CLERK: Thelma Wiggins ASST. CLERK: Jackie Johnson

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MINISTER: Rev. Floyd Coleman

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WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH SEPTEMBER 11, 1992 FORTY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

Meeting opened with congregational singing and prayer. Special song presented by Bro.Rusty Dieterich. Bro. L.V.Pinson brought our devotion reading Hebrews 6:1-12.

Moderator called meeting to order asked for Standing Delegates. Clerk read roll call of church Delegates, M.S.C. the delegates be seated. Moderator assigned committees as follows: Credentials, Obituary, Appreciation, Nominating.

Moderator asked for treasurer's report, Bro. Russ Dieterich explained his report. Moderator called for a 20 minute recess.

Meeting reconvened; Moderator called for reports: Credentials Committee, Obituary Committee, AppreciationCommittee, Nominating Committee and all ExecutiveBoard Meetings read, M.S.C.

Moved and second to table Constitution change Article #7 and Article #8 Section IV, Motion so carried. Moderator explained 5% of 40% remining in West Florida, moved, second that we adopt the 5% retirement plan so carried by the body.

M.S. we adopt the 60%/40% plan so carried.

Moderator called for new business, none.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Church dues in the amount of \$100.00 and \$37.32 for the General Fund was given to the treasurer Br. Russ Dieterich.

Respectfully submitted,

Sis. Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

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### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORTING AT THIS SESSION:	Ministers		
CHURCHES BY LETTER AND DELEGATES	4		
CHURCHES BY LETTER ONLY:	1		
CHURCHES PAYING DUES:	4		
TOTAL DUES PAID BY CHURCHES:	\$100.00		
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:	Bro. Darek Childress, Chairman Bro. Michael Long Sis. Karen Owen		

### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Obituary Committee recommend that a time of silent prayer be taken for the families of our loved ones who have gone on to be with the Lord.

BEULAH: Sis. Martha Jane Dunlap Bro. Robert Hastings Bro. Jerry Parris

CHRISTIAN HOME: Bro. John D. (Jack) Parham, July 16, 1991

SHILOH: Sis. Maggie Sanders

SOUL'S HARBOR: Sis. Lola Hale, May 17, 1991 Chelsea Paige DeVries, April, 1991 (infant)

Respectfully submitted,

Maxine McCall, Chairman Addie Camacho Linda Pinson Janie Criswell

#### APPRECIATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We wish to express our appreciation to Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church for their warm welcome and hospitality. The devotion given by Bro. Pinson should be a great example for us all to live by. We would also like to say thank you to all the ladies who were responsible for the refreshments which was much enjoyed and appreciated. The Christian Fellowship was a blessing as always. We look forward to our next time of Christian Fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Rusty Dieterich Hazel Glaze

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

ORDAINING COUNCIL: MODERATOR IS CHAIRMAN (94) Bro. R.C. Wiggins, Jr. (94) Bro. L.V. Pinson STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD: Bro. Darrell Holley HOME MISSION BOARD: (94) Charles Isaac replaced by Bro. Willie Oglesbee (96) Russ Dieterich YOUTH CAMP BOARD CAMP MT. PLEASANT (94) JOHN PINSON

MODERATOR: TIM OWEN ASSISTANT MODERATOR: R.C.WIGGINS CLERK: THELMA WIGGINS ASSISTANT CLERK: JACKIE JOHNSON TREASURER: RUSSELL DIETERICH

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

CHAIRMAN: DARRELL HOLLEY JOHN MCCALL SUE DIETERICH

### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Respectifully Submitted: Tim OWEN R.C.Wiggins Thelma Wiggins Jackie Johnson

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE: ARTICLE 7 MEETINGS: SCHEDULED ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: THE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT IN FEBRUARY.REPORT PERIOD JANUARY1----DECEMBER 31.

THE MID-YEARLY MEETING WILL BE HELD THE FIRST FRIDAY NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER.

ARTICLE 8 SECTION IV A LOVE OFFERING OF \$100.00 SHALL BE GIVEN FROM THE GENERAL FUND AT THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION MEETING, THE ASSISTANT MODERATOR AND ASSISTANT CLERK SHALL BE GIVEN \$50.00. THE TREASURER WILL BE PAID MONTHLY AN AMOUNT TO BE DETERMINED BY THE ASSOCIATION. 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 OF THE MODERATOR, ASSISTANT MODERATOR,

CLERK, ASSISTANT CLERK AND TREASURER; FROM THE GENERAL FUND.

January 20, 1992

Mrs. Thelma Wiggins, Clerk West Florida Free Will Baptist Association 7601 Raines Road Century, Florida 32535

To the West Florida Association:

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus! We the members of the Southern Union Association trust this letter finds you doing well.

On Saturday, January 18, 1992, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Pensacola, Florida requested permission to leave our Association so they might join your Association. Although we regret the loss of this fine church from our fellowship, we heartily recommend that you receive them into yours.

Since 1959 the First Free Will Baptist Church has been a vital part of our Association. During this time it has shown itself to be a true Free Will Baptist Church in every sense of the term. You will find good people in this congregation and we know that you will be blessed by them. May the Lord bless you in your service for Him.

Sincerely,

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Rev. Greg Hollifield Clerk

Motion made by Bro. R.C.Wiggins that we adopt the 60-40% plan as ask by State Association. The 40% remaining in West Florida will be disbursed 20% youth 10% General Fund 10% District Church Enrichment effective July,92;second by Bro. Darek Childress, motion so carried. Moderator informed us that West Florida has 3 competitors going to national. Motion made by Bro. Bass that we give our competitors up to \$500.00 for National C.T.S.Competition, funds spent only for competitors with receipts for childs meals, board and transportation turned in to West Florida Treasurer. If money was left over to be turned in with receipts. Motion second by Bro. Wiggins, motion so carried by body. Moderator read a letter from Niceville stating their withdrawal from the West Florida Association. Motion made and second that we receive letter as information with regrets of their loss. Motion made by Bro. Darek Childress that Article 7 of Constitution be changed to read: Scheduled Associational Meetings will be as follows; The Association Annual Meeting will be held the first friday night in

Feburary. Report period January 1--December 31. The mid-Yearly Meeting will be held the first friday night in September. Motion second by Bro. R.C.Wiggins. So carried.

Scholarship program, Bro. Darrell Holley will asssist Bro. Tim in this work. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. L. Bass.

#### SEPTEMBER 11,1992

Moderator called meeting to order and opened with prayer. Moderator gave oral report concerning the 5% retirement fund for pastors of our churches. Moderator brought out the 60-40% that is co-op. 60% forwarded to State 40% retained. We the West Florida Association will adopt the 5% of the 40% retained, move, second and carried by this

board.

Constitution change of Article 8 Section IV purposed. Move, second and carried by this body. See page 7

### MID-YEARLY MEETING FIRST CHURCH NICEVILLE FEBRUARY 7,1992

Services opened with congregational singing and prayer. Welcome by Moderator Bro. Tim Owen. Special song by Sis. Neva Isaac. Standing Delegates recognized by moderator. Church Delegates read by Clerk. Move and second to seat these delegates. Moderator ask for letter from Southern Union Association for First Church in Pensacola who have ask to unite with our association. Move, second, carried to assept First Church, Wiggins Ave. Pensacola. Bro. Tim called for Bro. Wiggins our first speaker, who spoke on "PARABLE OF A FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT" LUKE 11:5-11. Special song by Bro. Russ and Rusty Dieterich. Bro. L. Bass "PARABLE OF RICH FARMER" LUKE 12:13-21. Special song by Krisa Parham and Dana Pickern. Bro. Willie Oglesbee "PARABLE OF GDCD SAMARITAN" LUKE 10:30-37. Special song by Sis. Neva Isaac. Bro. David Isaac "PARABLE OF DEBTOR" LUKE 7:36-50. Bro. Tim commended our speakers for their 5 minute sermons. Offering

taken in the amount of \$72.00. Special song by Bro. Matt Pinson. Bro. Tim Owen led in closing song, WHEN WE ALL GET TO HEAVEN."

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING SOUL'S HARBOR CHURCH DECEMBER 2.1771

Moderator called meeting to order and ask Bro. R.C.Wiggins to open with prayer. Executive Board will meet next tuesday December 10 7 P.M. with First Church pastor and deacons. Moderator brought us up to date about the Lake Jackson work. Scholarship for Bible College discussed and a committee of Bro. Tim Owen, Bro. David Issac and Bro. Darek Childress will work on this project and report back to the Executive Board. Bro. David Issac gave oral report on the work at Niceville and their standing. Move by Bro. Bass that we let the Niceville church's tithes be a love offering from the West Florida Association until such time as they can pay their tithes without putting the church in jeopardy, second by Bro. R.C. Wiggins. Motion carried by body. Move, second to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Herman Johnson.

FEBRUARY 24,1992

Bro. Tim, moderator, called meeting to order. Bro Darrell Holley opened with prayer.

Status of Associational Treasurer; Sis Ruby's marriage and move. Motion made to send letter to Sis. Ruby to please turn money and books over to Bro. Russell Dieterich so we may be in line with our constitution, second. Motion so carried by body.

Bro. Darek Childress gave us information about the Lake Jackson loan and the status of their pay back on loan. Bro. Darek will handle paper work and payments will start in March 1992.

State Executive Board Member needed because Bro. Tim Dwen is standing member. Bro. Darrell Holley nominated for Executive Board Member for West Florida Association. Move, second and carried by body. Scholarship Fund discussed and Bro. David Issac gave us a very good report on forming this fund. Youth Committee discussed and churches urged to get their member in to clerk.

Associational Reporter needed for State Paper, clerk and assistant clerk will act in the position for a time or until September meeting. Youth Camp Board member needed due to vacancy of Bro. Chuck Walker. Member will be placed later.

Camp Mt. Pleasant was discussed and Bro. Tim gave us a very favorable report concerning the camp. Bro. Tim recommended we help on converting the building from class room to dorm area. Salem has pledged \$2,000.00 for new mattress'. We are looking at purchasing new chairs and carpet for the worship area and converting the class room building. Motion made by Bro. R.C.Wiggins second by Bro. Darek Childress that we send \$2,000.00 designated for building conversion. so carried by body. Bro. Darek gave us a review on how we could help Niceville Church. Information will be given to Home MIssion Board to examine. Adjourned with closing prayer by Bro. L. Bass.

#### JUNE 16,1992

Meeting opened with prayer by moderator, Bro. Tim Owen. Moderator ask for treasurer report. Bro. Russ Dieterich gave a written report bringing us up to date. Moderator gave oral report as to changes that was made at the State Meeting May of 92. State urged a 60-40 percentage of giving from the District Associations.

### WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT 9/1/90 to 8/31/92

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BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 9/1/91\$ 19,318.14								
	RECEIVED FROM SHILOH							
	NOTE \$ 3,000.00	PAID ON PRINCIPAL \$ 2,116.50	TOTAL \$ 5,116.50	BAL. DUE ON NOTE \$ 6,589.03				
	RECEIVED FROM LAKE JACKSON							
	NOTE \$ 300.00		TOTAL \$ 300.00	BAL. DUE ON NOTE \$ 8165.05				
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BAL	ANCE BROUGHT FO	DRWARD 9/1/91	\$ 7,299.	77				
	• •	FFERING \$ 3,231.32 FEREST \$ 960.79	EXPENSE \$4	4,049.79				

\$ 4,192.11 TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$ 7,442.09 DISTRICT ENRICHMENT BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 9/1/91.....\$ 1,814.59 INCOME EXPENSE \$ 2,032.80 \$ 50.93 \$ 253.14 CO-OP REFUND/PICNIC TOTAL \$ 2,083.73 FUND BALANCE \$ 3,645.18 YOUTH FUND BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 9/1/91.....\$ 2,382.37 EXPENSE INCOME \$ 4,065.62 \$ 2,070.50 CO-OP \$ 200.00 REFUND/91 RETREAT \$ 4,265.62 TOTAL FUND BALANCE \$ 4,577.49

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BEULAH	\$6,596.97	\$40.00		\$6,636.97				
CHRISTIAN HOME	\$1,810.01	\$40.00		\$1,850.01				
SHILOH	\$5,694.18	\$40.00	· · ·	\$5,734.18				
1ST NICEVILLE	\$0.00	\$20.00		\$20.00				
SOULS HARBOR	\$5,066.00	\$40.00	· .	\$5,106.00				
1ST PENSACOLA	\$1,160.84	\$15.00		\$1,175.84				
MISC.			\$137.56	\$137.56				
TOTALS	\$20,328.00	\$195.00	\$137.56	\$20,660.56				
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NAT'L CO-OP 10%	\$1,732.01	STATE C	:0-0P 60%	\$1,804.68				
STATE CO-OP 10%	\$1,732.01	DIST. ENR	RICH. 10%	\$300.78				
ST. HOME MIS. 30%	\$5,196.07	GENERAL	FUND 10%	\$300.77				
DIST. ENRICH. 10%	\$1,732.01	YOUTH	FUND 20%	\$601.57				
GENERAL FUND 15%	\$2,597.99		TOTAL	\$3,007.80				
YOUTH FUND 20%	\$3,464.05							
CHILDRENS HOME 5%	\$866.05							
TOTAL	\$17,320.18							
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HOME MISSIONS	\$24,734.64							
GENERAL	\$7,442.09		· · · · ·	•				
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT	\$3,645.18							
YOUTH	\$4,577.49							
\$40,399.40 TOTAL FUNDS 8/31/92								

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31-Aug-92 REPORT DATE

# 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 1. Each church of this association shall be entitled to one vote and one vote for each additional twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

Section II. All churches of this association to be represented at the regularly scheduled meetings by delegates and letter, to conduct the business of the association affecting the churches and the association. Section III. All ordained ministers and deacons in good standing with the association and the West Florida Associational officers shall serve as standing delegates.

ARTICLE 5. Ordaining Council (Presbytery)

Section 1. 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. The Executive Board shall be composed of one (1) member from each church to be elected by the church to serve at the churches discretion. The members of all standing boards exclusive of the Executive Board; shall be elected as follows: the first named for a period of one year, the second named for a period of two years, and the third named for a period of three years. Succession of office thereafter shall be determined as order requires.

Section II. The Moderator and Assistant Moderator will have the privilege: to 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 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. Total cooperative income of the West Florida Association will be disbursed 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 of 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 licenses 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 guorum 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. 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 Moderator of the association. Mileage for board members expense 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 the 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 mortage 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 peor \$1,000.00 loaned. Section VI. Missions or churches receiving financial support must be in good standing with the West Elorida 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 shall maintain a permanent record of the board's activities and financial transactions. All records and property mortages and titles shall be surrendered to the succeeding secretary.



# 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.

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