

FORTY SEVENTH
ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION

February 3, 1995

SOUL'S HARBOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

PENSACOLA, FL

FORTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING
HELD WITH
SOUL'S HARBOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FL 32534
FEBRUARY 3, 1995
7:00 P.M.

NEXT SESSIONS

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING
HILTON HOTEL OCALA, FL
MAY 24-26, 1995

BI-ANNUAL MEETING
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
7561 MOBILE HWY. PENSACOLA, FL
SEPTEMBER 8, 1995
7:00 P.M.

DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FL
MARCH 3, 1995

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
PENSACOLA, FL
APRIL 22, 1995
6:00 P.M.

STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION
HILTON HOTEL OCALA, FL
MAY 26-27, 1995

FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
HILTON HOTEL OCALA, FL
MAY 25-26, 1995

NATIONAL FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA
JULY 16-20, 1995

CAMP MEETING
CAMP MT. PLEASANT
BONIFAY, FL
AUGUST 6-9, 1995

ANNUAL WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
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TREASURER.....Bro. Russ Dieterich
BEULAH.....
CHRISTIAN HOME.....Bro. Michael Long
SHILOH.....Bro. John McCall
FIRST CHURCH PENSACOLA.....Bro. Darrell Holley
SOUL'S HARBOR CHURCH.....Bro. Danny Conn

HOME MISSIONS

(96) Russ Dieterich
(97) Roy Glenn Ward
(98) Willie Oglesbee
(99) John Pinson

CAMP MT. PLEASANT BOARD MEMBER

(96) Len Scott
(97) Danny Conn

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

Rev. R.C.Wiggins

ORDAINING COUNCIL

(96) R.C.Wiggins
(96) L.V.Pinson
(97) John McCall
(97) Chuch Walker

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MODERATOR: Tim Owen
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WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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SOUL'S HARBOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 3, 1995

Service opened with singing. Prayer led by Bro. Floyd Coleman. Special music by Dan and Becky Reese. Devotion brought by Bro. Len Scott, reading Psalms 107:1, bringing a very timely message. Special song by Danny, Diane Conn and Michael Waddell.

Moderator declared body in order for business. Roll call of Standing Delegates given. Roll call of church delegates read by clerk. M.S.C. that church delegates be seated. Moderator assigned various committees then we took a break to give committees time to prepare reports. Dismissed with prayer by Bro. Russ Dieterich.

Reconvene with congregation singing, "Love Lifted Me." Moderator recognized State Promotion Secretary, Bro. Millard Sasser. Bro Sasser gave us an oral report from the works across our state, and how we might help our State Work.

Moderator called for treasurer report. M.S.C. to accept. M.S.C. to accept; Audit Report, Appreciation Report, Credentials Report, and Obituary Report with a time of prayer for those who have departed from us.

Moderator ask for volunteers to be delegates to our State Meeting. Delegates are; Thelma Wiggins, Marianne Waddell, Aimee Scott. M.S.C. that Moderator have power to appoint other delegates at meeting.

Motion made by Bro. R.C. Wiggins, seconded by Bro. Len Scott to send \$5,000.00 for heating and cooling account to Camp Mt. Pleasant. Money to be taken from Youth Fund Account. Motion so carried by vote.

Bro. Len Scott gave oral report concerning our C.T.S. Competition. Bro. Danny Conn gave oral report on our Video Library for the West Florida Association. It was decided to place the West Florida Association Projector Screen with the Video Library. Bro. Mike Waddell gave dates of Welcome Days for the Bible College.

Offering received \$74.00 Total money given to treasurer \$229.00. Minutes read by clerk and accepted as read.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sis. Thelma Wiggins

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

REPORTING AT THIS SESSION:

MINISTERS.....	9
DEACONS.....	5
OFFICERS.....	1
CHURCH DELEGATES.....	11
VISITORS.....	17

Churches by Letter and Delegates

5

Churches Paying Dues

5

Total Dues Paid By Churches

\$ 155.00

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Chairman Maxine McCall

Diane Conn

Ann Walker

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Bro. Tim Owen

Bro. R.C.Wiggins

Sis. Thelma Wiggins

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We wish to express our appreciation to Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality and fellowship. Thank you for the beautiful music that was presented to us and the devotion given by Bro. Len Scott. We would also like to thank the ladies who prepared the refreshments. Thank you again for the blessing we received.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman Paula Walker

Judi McElhaney

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Jean Thomley December 8, 1994

We the Obituary Committee recommend that a time of silent prayer be observed for the family of Jean Thomley, a member of Christian Home Free Will Baptist church, who went to be with the Lord.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Karen Owen

Louise Dockens, Patricia Rigby, Lisa Cross.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Ordaining Council:
(97) John McCall

Moderator is Chairman
(97) Chuck Walker

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER:

Bro. R.C. Wiggins

HOME MISSIONS BOARD:
(99) John Pinson

CAMP MT. PLEASANT YOUTH BOARD:
(97) Danny Conn

MODERATOR:	Bro. Tim Owen
ASSISTANT MODERATOR:	Bro. R.C. Wiggins
CLERK:	Thelma Wiggins
ASSISTANT CLERK:	Maxine McCall
TREASURER:	Bro. Russ Dieterich

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Chairman: Russ Dieterich
Bruce Hensley
Patricia Rigby

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 25, 1994

SOUL'S HARBOR FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Meeting called to order by Bro. Tim Owen, moderator. Opening with prayer led by Bro. Willie Oglesbee.

Treasure, Bro. Russ Dieterich gave his report. Moderator called for old business, new business. A motion was made by Bro. Len Scott to give \$1,000.00 to State Promotion Office from the general fund account to pay the \$100.00 asked from each church. This motion was second and carried by vote.

A percentage change was presented to be 60% of tithes go to State 40% remain in West Florida. The 40% would then be broken down General Fund 10%, Enrichment Fund 7%, Youth Fund 13%, State Promotion Office 10%. Motion by Michael Waddell to accept this change, second and carried by body.

Motion by Bro. R.C. Wiggins to send \$250.00 each year to help fund the 2003 National Convention that will be held in Florida. This will cover the amount asked from each church, second and carried.

Motion by Michael Waddell, churches be encouraged to raise \$2.50 per Sunday School member and West Florida pay \$2.50 per Sunday School member for goal of \$5.00 per Sunday School member to pay National Office Building Indebtedness.

Motion by Michael Waddell, second and carried that we adopt Associational Project to help with purchase of heating and cooling units for Camp Mt. Pleasant.

Motion by Michael Waddell, second and carried that the Association purchase the Eiki LC300 package for \$3,495.00 to begin Video Library. Funds to be taken from District Enrichment and Youth Fund. Guidelines and Purchase Committee for Video Library, Bro. Chuck Walker, Bro. Danny Conn and Bro. Michael Long.

Motion by Willie Oglesbee, second and carried that we split the cost of this project between the District Enrichment and Youth Fund.

M.S.C. to take \$400.00 from each account for Video's to begin the Library. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST
BI-ANNUAL MEETING
September 2, 1994

SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Mike Waddell. Prayer by Bro. John Pinson.

Bro. Tim Owen gave a few remarks and welcome to this body. Bro. Millard Sasser, State Promotional Secretary, gave us information concerning his office and the work across the State of Florida. Bro. Sasser then read from I Cor. 12:4-31; 13:1-8a. The message was inspiring.

The body was dismissed for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Body reconvened for business. Moderator called for Standing Delegates. Roll of Church Delegates read, M.S.C. these be seated. Report of Executive Board Meeting read by clerk. M.S.C. to accept report as read.

Ordaining Council gave report. Bro. Matthew Pinson asked to be ordained at this meeting. Bro. Chuck Walker and Bro. Danny Conn's ordination was ratified by council.

Bro. L.V. Pinson gave the charge during the ordination service for Bro. Matthew Pinson. Bro. L.V. Pinson led in dedication prayer for Bro. Matt.

Dismissed by Bro. Russ Dieterich.

Thelma Wiggins, Clerk

WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE for CHRIST
March 3, 1995
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Meeting opened with song, "Tell It To Jesus". Welcome address and devotion by President, Sis. Karen Owen.

A time was spent in prayer for Adoration To God, Confession To God, Thanksgiving To God, and Supplications To God. President urged each of us to be better prayer warriors for the cause of Christ. Special song, "Prayer Warrior" sung by Sis. Teresa Brown.

President called body to order for business. Minutes of last meeting read by Sis. Karen Owen. Treasurer report read, M.S.C. to accept as read. Offering received in the amount of \$70.00

President appointed Mission Action Committee and Nominating Committee. Old business none. New business. President asked for volunteers to represent us at the State Meeting. Delegates are; Diane Conn, Aimee Scott, Lisa Cross, Marianne Waddell and Heather Morgan.

Mission Prayer, Linda Pinson gave oral report. Mission Study, Karen Owen gave oral report. Move, second that we purchase one book each year to be passed around through the churches. Motion failed due to vote. M.S.C. that each auxiliary will purchase "Firstfruits" by Loraine Miley as study course material for year 1995-1996. Mission Action, Maxine McCall gave oral report.

President called for a break for the committees to get reports ready.

Body reconvened for business. President called for Mission Action report; \$10.00 per month per auxiliary for Children's Home Alabama, State Speaker \$40.00 from General Fund for our four(4) Locals, \$30.00 toward 2003 National Convention locals each will pay \$10.00, pray and send cards to missionaries, can goods (gallon size) for Children's Home, Program for 1996 Talent and Craft show. Winner to choose missionary to receive offering of this meeting or project for coming year. M.S.C. to accept report as whole.

Nominating Committee report: President. Marianne Waddell; Vice-President, Karen Owen; Secretary/Treasurer, Frankie Johnson; Mission Prayer, Paula Walker; Mission Study, Diane Conn; Mission Action, Aimee Scott; Field Worker, Thelma Wiggins. M.S.C to accept as whole. Door prizes awarded. Dismissed by Sis. Diane Conn.

Refreshments served and enjoyed by all.

Thelma Wiggins, Acting Secretary

Mission Action Committee:
Maxine McCall
Becky Reese
Paula Walker

Nominating Committee:
Elaine Wiggins
Lisa McCall
Patricia Rigby

Church	Membership	Sunday School	C.T.S.	Women's Aux	Masters Men	Offering	Tithes
BEULAH	282	120	---	10	---	\$12,237.58	81,468.65
CHRISTIAN HOME	77	---	77	---	---		25,580.62
FIRST CHURCH	89	40	34	6	5		22,921.66
SHILOH	148	100	55	13	---		72,040.04
SOUL'S HARBOR	72	66	15	17	---		51,200.00

West Florida FWB Association
Video Library Committee Report
February 3, 1995

The West Florida FWB Association voted to budget \$800.00 in order to establish a video library. We have sixteen programs available and eleven more on order. At present, \$387.80 has been spent on videos, \$151.37 for the purchase of a video cassette recorder / player, and the videos on order will cost \$165.12. The available balance is \$95.71. The videos are listed below by title with general information about the subject and suggested audience.

Please make recommendations to a committee member for videos which should be considered for purchase. If your Church has videos you would like to make available for others to borrow, please inform Bro. Danny Conn of those titles. These could be included on our Video Lending Library list. You would maintain possession. Those who desired to view them would make arrangements through your Church. We also will gladly accept any videos you may wish to donate or loan to the West Florida FWB Association Video Library.

Chuck Walker	Pensacola First	476-7619
Mike Long	Christian Home	327-4336
Danny Conn	Soul's Harbor	479-2278

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1/1/94 to 12/31/94

HOME MISSION FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/94.....\$ 3,050.95

PAID OUT.....\$ 0.00

REC'D FROM HUNTINGTON OAKS (LAKE JACKSON)..\$ 7,409.14

BALANCE DUE..\$ 0.00

RECEIVED FROM SOUL'S HARBOR.....\$ 4,236.48

BAL. DUE ON NOTE..\$ 28,154.81

FUND BALANCE \$ 14,696.57

GENERAL FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/94.....\$ 6,978.07

INCOME.....\$ 3,811.00

EXPENSE.....\$ 5,528.25

FUND BALANCE \$ 5,260.82

DISTRICT ENRICHMENT

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/94.....\$ 6,145.05

INCOME.....\$ 2,014.58

EXPENSE.....\$ 3,895.05

FUND BALANCE \$ 4,264.58

YOUTH FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/94.....\$ 7,968.05

INCOME.....\$ 3,955.89

EXPENSE.....\$ 2,918.40

FUND BALANCE \$ 9,555.54

RETIREMENT FUND

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD 1/1/94.....	\$	292.15
TRANSFER TO G/F.....	\$	292.15
INCOME.....	\$	470.44
EXPENSE.....	\$	0.00

FUND BALANCE \$ 470.44

CO-OP INCOME

	CO-OP FUND	DUES	TOTAL
BEULAH	\$ 8,188.54	\$ 25.00	\$ 8,213.54
CHRISTIAN HOME	\$ 2,362.96	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,402.96
SHILOH	\$ 5,571.60	\$ 25.00	\$ 5,596.60
SOUL'S HARBOR	\$ 5,086.89	\$ 40.00	\$ 5,126.89
FIRST CHURCH	\$ 2,310.79	\$ 40.00	\$ 2,350.79
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TOTAL	\$ 23,520.78	\$ 170.00	\$ 23,690.78

CO-OP DISTRIBUTION

STATE CO-OP	\$ 14,112.45
EXEC. SECRETARY	\$ 732.96
GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,234.47
DIST. ENRICHMENT	\$ 2,014.58
YOUTH FUND	\$ 3,955.89
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 470.44

TOTAL	\$ 23,520.79

FUND BALANCES

HOME MISSIONS	\$ 14,696.57
GENERAL FUND	\$ 5,260.82
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT	\$ 4,264.58
YOUTH FUND	\$ 9,555.54
RETIREMENT FUND	\$ 470.44

TOTAL FUNDS	\$ 34,247.95
BANK BALANCE	\$ 34,247.62

DIFFERENCE	\$.33

**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 . 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 carry out the plans and undertakings of the Association. It shall be the duty of the Executive Board to make written reports of all its work to each annual session of the Association.

Section IV. The duties of the various standing boards shall be to plan a program and regulate their work as may become necessary and as may be found in harmony with the principals and tinets of the Association.

ARTICLE 7. Meetings:

Scheduled Associational Meetings will be as follows: The Association Annual Meeting will be held the first Friday night in February. Report period January 1-- December 31.

The Bi-Annual Meeting will be held the first Friday night in September.

ARTICLE 8. Finances:

Section 1. 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 \$100.00 shall be given from the General Fund to the Moderator and Clerk at the Annual Association Meeting. The Assistant Moderator and Assistant Clerk shall be given a \$50.00 Love Offering. The Treasurer will be paid monthly an amount to be determined by the Association, from the General Fund.

Expenses incurred to fulfill the duties of the 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 purposes 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 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. 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 denominational 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 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 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.

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.