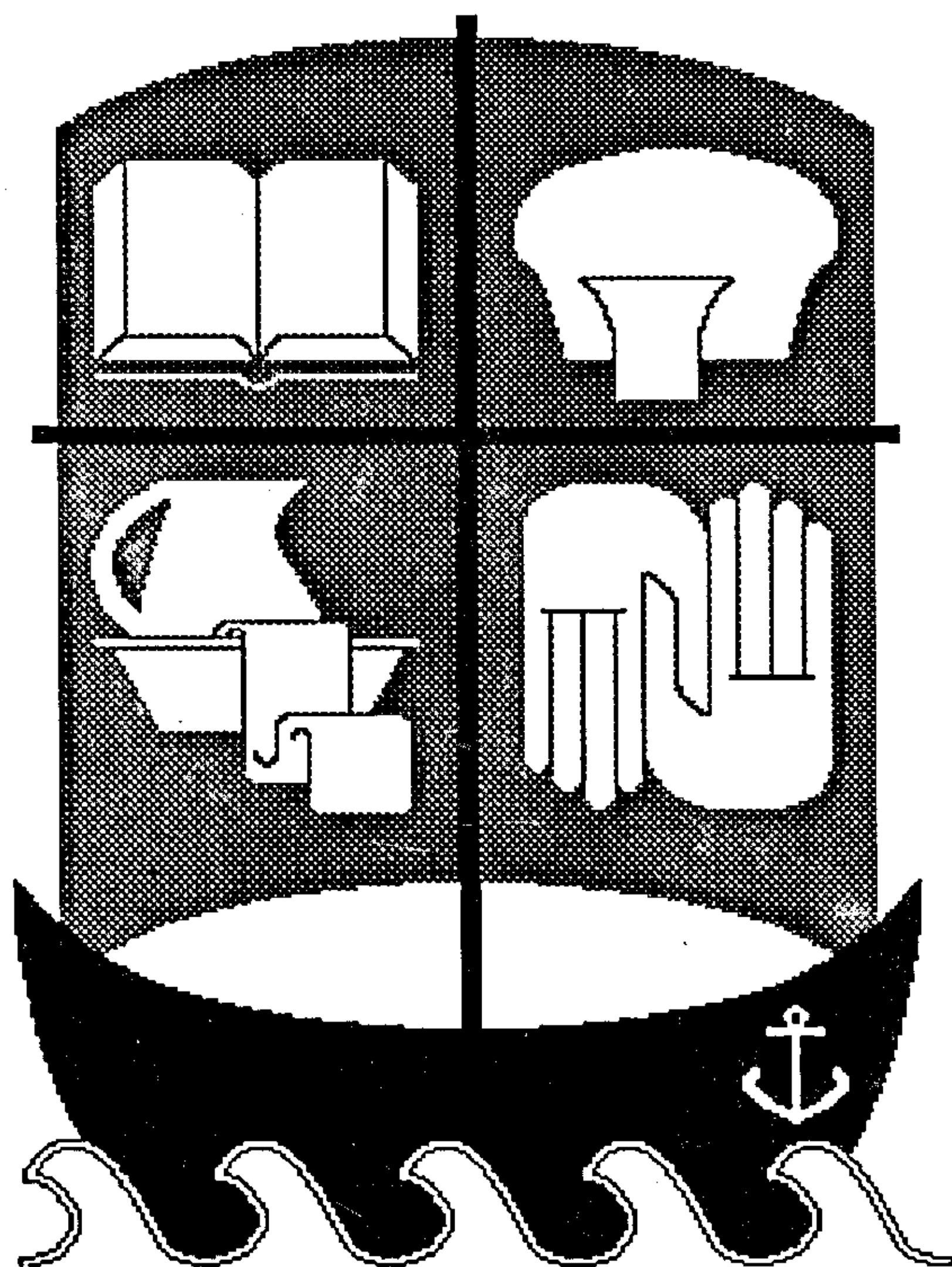


FIFTY-SECOND
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
FREE WILL BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION



FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL MEETING
HELD WITH
CHRISTIN HOME FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
McDAVID, FL
FEBRUARY 4, 2000

NEXT SESSIONS
STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING
HOLIDAY INN DELAND, FL
MAY 10-13, 2000

BI-ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
SEPTEMBER 1, 2000

DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHIRST
CHRISTIAN HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 11, 2000

DISTRICT C.T.S. COMPETITION
BEULAH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
MARCH 11, 2000

STATE C.T.S. COMPETITION
HOLIDAY INN DELAND, FL
MAY 12-13, 2000

FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
HOLIDAY INN DELAND, FL
MAY 11-12, 2000

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FREEWILL BAPTIST
ANAHEIM, CALIFORNIA
JULY 16-20, 2000

CAMP MEETING
BONIFAY, FL
AUGUST 6-9, 2000

MEN'S RETREAT
BONIFAY, FL
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 2000

LADIES RETREAT
BONIFAY, FL
JANUARY 26-27, 2000

ANNUAL WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION
SHILOH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
FEBRUARY 2, 2001

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CHRISTIAN HOME	Bro. Herman Johnson
FIRST CHURCH, PENSACOLA	Bro. Ronnie Glaze
SHILOH	Bro. John McCall
SOUL'S HARBOR	Bro. Bill Walker

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(2001) Kevin Flannagin
 (2002) Herman Johnson
 (2003) John Pinson
 (2004) John Fillingim

ORDAINING COUNCIL

(2001) Jimmy McElhaney
 (2001) Diego Moreno
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 (2002) David Baker

CAMP MT. PLEASANT YOUTH BOARD

(2001) Mike McCall
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 ASST. MODERATOR: David Baker
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FIFTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION
of the
WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
held with

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

FEBRUARY 4, 1999

Our session opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus".

We were welcomed and led in prayer by Bro. John Fillingim.

Session was called to order and the Moderator seated standing delegates. M.S.C. to seat church delegates.

Moderator expressed Bro. Millard Sasser's regrets in being unable to attend. He was in a service with another church. He sent words of encouragement to continue supporting State Ministries.

Our worship service opened with a song performed by the Christian Home Ladies Duet "A Wall of Prayer". Bro. David Baker challenged our hearts with his message from Esther 9 & 10, "What It Takes for Christians to Win": 1) Unshakable unity, 2) Godly Leaders of unquestionable Christian character, and 3) Ultimately follow God's Plan. He closed with prayer.

Committees were appointed and we took a break for a time of food and fellowship.

Reconvened and the following business was covered:

Secretary's report given and accepted as read.

Treasurer's report given, with a balance as of December 31, 1999 of \$1,133.03, accepted as printed.

The Ordaining Council gave their report:

1. We met with Bro. Matthew Coffey and feel he has answered questions to council's request. We recommend Bro. Matthew be ordained for the ministry in the West Florida Association.
2. We met with Bro. Danny Conn and find his credentials to be in order as an ordained minister. We recommend he be accepted back into the West Florida Association as an ordained minister.

All Committee Reports were given and M.S.C. to accept.

We had prayer for all those families who had loved ones to pass away during the past year.

Our Moderator gave a Children's Home report. The Home is seeking a Director at present. It is supported by donations, not receiving any state funding. Three new dorms have been built this past year including a 90 x 120 multipurpose building and the Home is debt-free for these buildings. Everyone was encouraged to let people know of the availability of the Home which offers help to families and strives to bring families together again.

Sis. Jackie Johnson announced District Competition will be Saturday, March 11, at 5:30pm at Beulah FWB Church. She also made a request for volunteers for judging.

Sis. Pam Flannagin gave a District WAC report, and requested that our pastors encourage their ladies to continue their participation in WAC. She also shared that the January WAC Ladies Retreat was wonderful and those attending

received a blessing from the Lord.

Bro. Danny Conn reported on Camp Mt. Pleasant. It is doing well and is to be rented out for four weeks this summer. A Camp board meeting is scheduled for February 18.

Bro. Kevin Flannagin reported on our Florida Mission Shares program. In 1999, \$169,000 was given, which was only \$2,000 short of the goal for the first year. The Mission Board praised the Lord for this support from God's people. So far this year, the program is \$2,000 ahead. Mission Shares will stay at \$20 each. Two missionaries went self-supporting this year. The Mission Board is now considering and praying about missionaries for the Pace and Gainesville areas.

Bro. L.V. Pinson encouraged us to make a visit to the Children's Home in Eldridge, AL. Our moderator encouraged our Video Library Committee to organize and keep track of this wonderful avenue of ministry for our churches. Recommendations were read from our Executive Board and M.S.C. to carry out these. M.S.C. to continue to support the Bill George Scholarship Fund for one more year.

Sis. Amy Holland asked the churches to submit a contact person for future Youth Activities for the association youth.

Bro. Clark Caraway announced the plans for the construction of a Youth Activity building in the Christian Home community and requested volunteers from each church to sit on the Board for this project.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Moderator to appoint state delegates at the State meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Flannagin
Clerk

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

REPORTING AT THIS SESSION:

Ministers	7
Deacons	5
Officers	5
Church Delegates	15
Churches by Letter and Delegates	5
Churches paying dues	5
Total Dues Paid by Church	\$125.00

Respectfully Submitted:
Chairman: John Fillingim
Frankie Johnson
L.V. Pinson

AUDIT COMMITTEE

We, the Audit Committee, have found the treasurer's books and statements to be correct and in agreement with the bank statements.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman – Kevin Flannagin
Pam Flannagin
Hazel Glaze

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank Christian Home for the fellowship and hospitality. We would like to also thank the Ladies and Bro. John for preparing the delicious food.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman—Edna O'Dell
Judi McElhaney

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

Vicki Hughes—Beulah FWB
Ann Hall—Shiloh FWB

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman –Roy Ward
Caroline Long

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

(2001) Jimmy McElhaney
(2002) John Fillingim

Moderator is Chairman

(2001) Diego Moreno
(2002) David Baker

STATE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER: R.C. Wiggins

HOME MISSIONS BOARD:

(2001) Kevin Flannagin
(2003) John Pinson

(2002) Herman Johnson
(2004) John Fillingim

DIRECTOR OF DISTRICT COMPETITION: Amy Holland

VIDEO LIBRARY COMMITTEE

(2001) Rod Johnson
(2002) Wayne Holland
(2003) David Johnson

CAMP MT. PLEASANT YOUTH BOARD:

(2001) Mike McCall

(2002) Tim Vincent

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Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman –Herman Johnson

Ronald Glaze

Mike McCall

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST BI-ANNUAL MEETING

September 3, 1999

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Kevin Flannagin presiding.

Churches reporting:

Beulah	\$15.00	Shiloh	\$15.00
Christian Home	\$15.00	Soul's Harbor	\$15.00
First Church	\$15.00	TOTAL	\$75.00

Bro. Kevin opened the meeting by extending a warm welcome to everyone. Bro. John Pinson led in prayer. Bro. Wes Moreno led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves" and "Blessed Assurance". Bro. Kevin thanked the Beulah church for hosting our meeting. He then seated standing delegates and M.S.C. to seat church delegates. Secretary's report was given and accepted as read. Treasurer's report was given with the balance as of August 31, 1999, being \$1,516.04. This was accepted as printed and corrected.

M.S.C. to license Bro. Matthew Coffey.

Bro. R.C. Wiggins was elected to serve as our representative on the State Executive Board.

Bro. David Baker announced the State Walk-a-thon for Missions would be October 9 and the State Youth Workers' Retreat would be November 5-6.

Bro. Kevin Flannagin shared that the Mission shares program was going well. He also gave the Children's Home report. The Home is to host an Open House in January.

Sis. Jackie Johnson reported that all entries from our association received a #1 rating at the National level and sincere thanks was expressed to the association for it's financial help to the competitors.

Bro. Millard Sasser gave a report on State ministries, including the Sunday

School conference, the Minister's Retreat, and Co-op giving. He presented the Joint Missions Prayer Guide which is for use in one's personal prayer time to guide our prayer for the local church and missions around the world. They are available for \$.50 each.

Recommendations from the Executive Board meeting were read. M.S.C. to follow recommendations.

Our worship time continued with Sis. Karla Moreno and the Beulah Choir singing, "This is Just What Heaven Means to Me". Congregational singing followed. An offering was received.

Bro. John Fillingim brought the message from Matthew 22:1-14. He pointed out that as we are busy with everything in our lives, we must remember that we will give an account of all we do. The one thing that's never changed is that we should be inviting people to come to Jesus. Bro. David Baker led us in prayer as we gathered at the altar. We then adjourned for a time of fellowship and refreshments.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Flannagin, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 3, 1999

The following decisions were made among Executive Board members per telephone during the year:

- ❖ May, 1999 M.S.C. to give competitors from our association to the State competition \$90.00 for the first competitor and \$50.00 for other siblings also competing.
- ❖ July, 1999 M.S.C. to give competitors from our association to the National competition \$150.00 for the first competitor and \$75.00 for other siblings also competing.
- ❖ August, 1999 M.S.C. to send \$500.00 from the District Enrichment Fund to the State Christian Education Board for the Bill George Scholarship Fund. M.S.C. to pay registration of those attending the Sunday School Conference to be held in Tampa on August 27-28, 1999. M.S.C. to pay registration of those attending the Youth Worker's Retreat to be held at Crystal River Resort on November 5-6, 1999.

Bro. Clark Caraway (who was filling in for Bro. Herman Johnson) opened in prayer. Minutes from the last Executive Board meeting were read. M.S.C. to accept. The treasurer's report was given showing a balance of \$1,516.04. M.S.C. to accept.

Bro. David Baker reported that the Missions Walk-a-thon would be October 9. M.S.C. to authorize him to spend up to \$150.00 from the Youth Fund on Walk-a-thon supplies.

Bro. Kevin Flannagin announced the Men's Retreat for Sept. 23-25 and the Ladies Retreat for Jan. 28-29. M.S.C. to pay the registration fee of all those members attending from our association. This was to be taken from the District Enrichment Fund.

Bro. Kevin announced that Mission Shares would increase to \$20.00 per share in January. M.S.C. to increase our giving per share to \$20.00.

Recommendation to be made to the West Florida Assoc. that Bro. R.C. Wiggins replace Bro. Mike Waddell on the State Executive Board.

M.S.C. for the clerk to spend up to \$100.00 for a fireproof box for important old association records.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Flannagin, Clerk

WFL Annual
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 4, 2000

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with prayer and Bro. Kevin welcomed our new pastor, Bro. Danny Conn. Treasurer's report was given with a balance as of Dec. 31, 1999 of \$1,133.03. Secretary's report was given.

Old business was addressed:

- ❖ M.S.C. to continue to support the Bill George Scholarship Fund in the sum of \$500.00 for one more year in an effort to give an opportunity to grow. This to be reviewed next year.
- ❖ M.S.C. to spend up to \$400.00 for a fireproof cabinet to store important association material in.
- ❖ Bro. David Baker reported that plans for the Walk-a-thon fell through so no money was spent for supplies.

New business addressed:

- ❖ Video Library Committee
 - VCR is no longer with the video projector but association will not replace since each church has one individually.
 - Request the Committee to (1)review material in the library, (2)label material and equipment, (3)oversee scheduling of use of equipment.
- ❖ M.S.C. to give competitors from our association to the State competition \$90.00 for the first competitor and \$50.00 for other siblings also competing.
- ❖ The National Association has increased the dues per church to \$100.00. Currently in our association, each church pays \$40.00 and the association pays \$35.00 to meet the \$75.00 total. M.S.C. for Association to pay the amount needed to meet the increase set by the National which would be \$25.00 more per church.

Bro. Kevin commended our churches for their support of Mission Shares.

These dates were shared:

March 31—State Youth Competition Registration Deadline

May 10-13—Florida State Meeting

June 4-9—Teen Camp

June 18-23—Junior Camp

June 29-July 1—Primary Camp

September 28-30—West Florida Men's Retreat

November 3-4—Youth Workers' Retreat, Ocala Ramada

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Flannagin, Clerk

\$3,000 youth fund

CHURCH REPORTS

Church	Membership	Sunday School	C.T.S.	Women Aux.	Masters-Men	Tithes
Beulah	340	122	—	25	—	\$155,000.00
Christian Home	—	42	—	11	—	\$3,132.16
First Church	53	34	24	9	7	\$31,322.45
Shiloh	148	104	68	12	—	\$117,263.96
Soul's Harbor	50	35	—	15	—	—

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT 1/1/99 -12/31/99

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$2,396.75
Income	\$7,690.56
Expense	<u>\$8,954.28</u>
Fund Balance	\$1,133.03

HOME MISSIONS FUND ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$32,060.43
Received from Soul's Harbor	\$ 3,883.44
Interest	<u>\$ 1,096.39</u>
(Balance due on note \$13,913.39)	
Fund Balance	\$37,040.26

DISTRICT ENRICHMENT FUND

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$5,123.34
Income	\$ 2,087.49
Expense	<u>\$ 1,973.92</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 5,236.91

YOUTH FUND

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$2,510.87
Income	\$4,419.33
Expense	<u>\$3,002.43</u>
Fund Balance	\$3,927.77

MINISTERS RETIREMENT FUND

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$ -0--
Income	\$ 486.18
Expense	<u>\$ 486.18</u>
Fund Balance	\$ -0--

WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Balance brought forward 1/1/99	\$ -0--
Income	\$ 557.74
Expense	<u>\$ 557.74</u>
Fund Balance	\$ -0--

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 1,133.03
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 5,236.91
YOUTH FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 3,927.77
RETIREMENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ -0--
HOME MISSION ACCOUNT	\$ 37,040.26
WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	<u>\$ -0--</u>
Total funds	\$ 47,337.97
Bank Balance	\$ 47,337.97

CO-OP INCOME

	CO-OP AMOUNT	DUES	TOTAL
BEULAH	\$12,275.86	\$50.00	\$ 12,325.86
CHRISTIAN HOME	\$ 3,092.43	\$40.00	\$ 3,132.43
SHILOH	\$ 9,692.89	\$40.00	\$ 9,732.89
SOUL'S HARBOR	\$ 5,821.42	\$50.00	\$ 5,871.42
FIRST CHURCH	<u>\$ 2,946.12</u>	<u>\$35.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,981.12</u>
TOTAL	\$33,828.72	\$215.00	\$ 34,043.72

CO-OP DISTRIBUTION

STATE CO-OP	\$16,968.66
MISSIONS & MISC.	\$ 2,532.05
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 5,158.51
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 2,087.49
YOUTH ACCOUNT	\$ 4,419.33
MISSION SHARE PROGRAM	\$ 4,260.00
MINISTERS RETIREMENT	\$ 486.18
WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	<u>\$ 557.74</u>
TOTAL	\$36,469.96

WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST DISTRICT MEETING MARCH 3, 2000

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church

The 2000 District Meeting began with Congregational Singing – “Count Your Blessings” – led by Amy Holland.

Prayer led by Faye Harvey.

Welcome by President Pam Flannagin

Special music by Amy Holland

Devotion “Positive Attitude in a Negative World” – Patsy Fillingim

Moment for Missions game—Edna Caraway

Meeting was called to order by President with delegates being seated as follows:

Beulah 9

Christian Home 11

Shiloh 6

Soul's Harbor 8

M.S.C. to accept delegates as read.

President appointed the following committees:

Plan of Works

Nominating Committee

Financial Committee

Appreciation Committee

Blessing on the food—Wendy Baker. Break was taken for Committees to meet, place bids on Baskets, enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Meeting reconvened for business.

Secretary's Report – Reports were distributed. M.S.C. to accept reports as typed.

Treasurer's Report – Read by Lisa McCall. M.S.C. to accept report as read.

Old Business:

Retreat – January 26th & 27th, 2001. Committee appointed as follows:

Pam Flannagin - Director

Edna Caraway – Food

Lisa McCall – PR

Amy Holland and Lisa Cross – Decorations

Edna O'Dell – Registration/Programs

Thelma Wiggins – Music

Sheila Ward, Faye Harvey, Renee Garrett, Marie Brock

Silent Auction – M.S.C. to have a Basket Auction at the 2110 District Meeting.

Gate Project – At this time the best estimate we have is \$75,000.00 for the complete front gate to the Bible college. Discussed that several options of contributing to the general relocation fund or maybe furnishing a room were discussed. M.S.C. to continue contributing to the College Gate Fund and we will re-evaluate our options at the 2001 district meeting.

Year 2003 – We as a state auxiliary will be responsible for hosting the National WNAC in Tampa in the Year 2003. Our goal as a state is \$8,000.00, at present we have about \$6500.00.

1999 District Project - \$200.00 per semester to each Jeff Walker, Mike Raybon and Gene Jenkins, students at the FWBBC, for a total of \$1200.00. Jeff Walker and Mike Raybon are no longer attending the Bible College and according to the Treasurer's report we sent Gene Jenkins \$150.00. M.S.C. to send Gene Jenkins \$250.00 from the general fund to fulfill our 1999 project.

New Business:

Motion made to spend our \$1418.27 in excess as follows:

Dennis Owens account	\$1000.00
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Washing machine for Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$400.00
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M.S.C.

Projects for 2000:

\$200.00 per semester to Gene Jenkins at the FWBBC for a total of \$400.00

Encouraged each local Church to host a shower for the Mission Kids Closet.

Purchase 2 Florida Mission Shares for a total of \$480.00

M.S.C. to accept the Plan of Works financial goal and Projects. This will break down to \$300.00 per local auxiliary per year.

Note: The other \$320.00 will be designated 2000 project and will be disbursed at the 2001 District meeting.

Financial Report:

We have examined the financial statement and find it to be correct. M.S.C. to accept report as read.

Delegates to State Meeting:

Patsy Fillingim, Diane Conn, Lisa Cross, Lisa McCall, Michelle Dubose,
Laurie Vincent, Debbie Enger, Edna Caraway

Nominating Report:

President	-	Pam Flannagin
Vice President	-	Diane Conn
Secretary	-	Edna O'Dell
Treasurer	-	Lisa McCall
Field Worker	-	Renee Garrett
Mission Chairman	-	Edna Caraway
Study Chairman	-	Michelle Dubose
Prayer Chairman	-	Faye Harvey
Service Chairman	-	Caroline Long

M.S.C. to vote on nominations as a whole.

M.S.C. to accept new officers.

Appreciation Report:

We would like to thank Christian Home for inviting us in to their church tonight for our District Auxiliary Meeting. We enjoyed the program very much, the food and the fellowship were wonderful.

M.S.C. to adjourn Business meeting.

Silent auction - \$370.00 Offering - \$81.51

Respectfully Submitted

Edna O'Dell

**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, Assistant 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 member from each church to be elected by the church to serve at the churches discretion. The members of all standing boards exclusive of this 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 32. The Bi-Annual Meeting will be held the first Friday night in September. --

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. *the Bi-Annual mtg.*

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 it 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 II. All churches of this association shall call as their pastors only duly licensed 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 Baptist 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 and 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 officer 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 its 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 obligation.

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 fully 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 maybe 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 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.