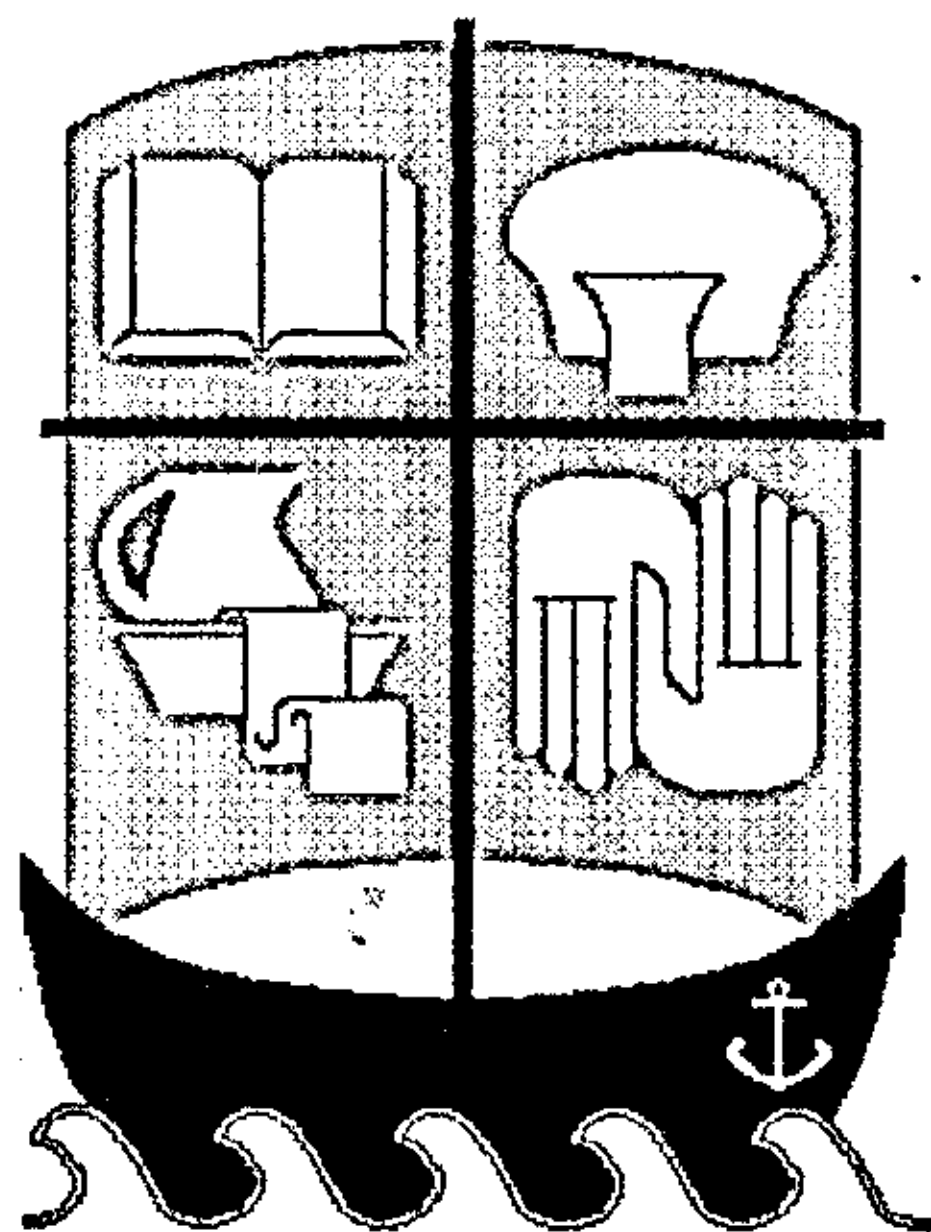


MINUTES
OF THE
FIFTY-FOURTH
ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
West Florida
Free Will Baptist
Association



Held at
Beulah FWB Church, Pensacola
February 1, 2002

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Bi-Annual Meeting

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church
September 6, 2002

Christian Workers' Conference

Radisson Hotel – Ft. Walton Beach, FL
October 18-19, 2002

Ladies Retreat

Camp Mt. Pleasant – Bonifay, FL
January 24-25, 2003

Annual West Florida Association

First Free Will Baptist Church
February 7, 2003

District Women Active for Christ

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church
March 7, 2003

District C.T.S. Competition

Christian Home Free Will Baptist Church
March 15, 2003

State Association Meeting

Marriott – Jacksonville, FL
April 30--May 3, 2003

National Association Free Will Baptist

Tampa, Florida
July 20-24, 2003

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Moderator	Rev. David Baker
Assistant Moderator	Bro. John McCall
Clerk	Mrs. Diane Conn
Treasurer	Mrs. Thelma Wiggins
Beulah	Bro. Tommy Payne
Christian Home	Bro. Harlie Dockens
First Church	Bro. John Pinson
Shiloh	Bro. John McCall
Soul's Harbor	Bro. Bill Walker

Home Missions

(2003) John Pinson
(2004) Danny Conn
(2005) Kevin Flannagin
(2006) Harlie Dockens

Ordaining Council

(2003) Jimmy McElhaney
(2003) Diego Moreno
(2004) R.C. Wiggins
(2004) Kevin Flannagin

Camp Mt. Pleasant Youth Board

(2003) Mike McCall
(2004) Gene Wooton

Audit Committee

Moderator: David Baker
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Clerk: Diane Conn
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Fifty-Fourth Annual Session

held at

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church

February 1, 2002

The 54th Annual session of the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association Meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Danny Conn.

Moderator, Bro. Kevin Flannagin, called the meeting to order and seated the standing delegates. MSC to seat the church delegates. Bro. Kevin Flannagin thanked everyone for all they do for the association.

State Executive Secretary, Bro. David Williford, came and gave the following information:

State Meeting – Jacksonville, May 8-11, 2002 - Marriott Rooms will be \$75.00 with reservation closing on April 15. Dr. David Gibbs will be addressing the body on Wednesday night and Thursday morning and evening. He encouraged everyone to attend and hear him speak, he will have tips on how you can protect yourself, your church and your testimony in your community.

Minister/Wife Retreat - and was a great time. He encouraged us to send our pastors/wives next year.

Encouraged us to take good care of our pastors, by offering insurance and retirement packages.

Coordinator - State Newsletter - if you are not already receiving it, be sure to sign up for this free publication.

Special music was presented by Angela Wooton. The message was brought by Bro. Grant Webb. He encouraged us with Psalm 106 - "Praise ye the Lord, Because HE is Good".

Committees were appointed. We were then dismissed for committees to meet and a time of food and fellowship.

Following this time business resumed.

Secretary's Report was accepted as read.

Treasurer's Report was given, with a balance as of December 31, 2001 of \$2,981.46. MSC

All committee Reports were given and MSC to accept.

The Children's Home Report: Presently have 25 children. The 4th cottage will be completed in March, and dedicated on April 27, 2002. The new building will allow the home to add an additional 14 children. Future plans include redoing the 1st cottage. And praise the Lord everything is paid for.

CTS Report: District competition will be March 16, at 10:00am with coaches/judges meeting at 9:30am. Sis. Amy Holland was pleased to announce that all 5 churches will be having competitors this year. 2003 competition will be at Beulah.

Camp Mt. Pleasant Report: Plans are in the works to add a 2000sq. foot addition to the main building. The additional space will server as a sanctuary, offices and bathrooms. Encourage your youth to go to camp - the purpose is two fold; to win souls, and enrich those who are saved. Teen Camp - June 9-14; Primary Camp - June 20 - 22; Junior Camp - June 23- 28.

WAC Report: District Meeting - March 1, 2002 at Soul's Harbor, and the ladies will again be having the silent basket auction. Last year the ladies sent money to several projects, and hope to be able to do the same this year. Everyone enjoyed the ladies retreat and were touched by Lea Edgmon's testimony.

Old Business: - None

New Business:

The following recommendations were given by the Executive Board and voted on accordingly:

- Open a savings account - Any balance over \$3,500.00 be put in an interest bearing savings account with Sis. Thelma Wiggins being able to transfer money bank to the checking account as needed.

Discussion on possibility of putting the extra funds in the Free Will Baptist Foundation.

MSC to amend - Any balance over \$3,500.00 be put in what every account Sis. Thelma chooses that would be the most beneficial to the association and provide the easiest access.

- MSC to pay from the District Enrichment fund:
 - (1) Registration fees of those attending the Christian Workers Retreat in Oct 2002.
 - (2) Registration fees for those attending the Ladies Retreat in Jan 2003.

(3) \$1,600.00 to Beulah - cost of one person going on Missions trip to Spain this summer.

(4) \$500.00 to the Bill George Foundation

- MSC to pay the following from the District Enrichment Fund for CTS competitors:

(1) State - \$90.00 for the first competitor / \$50.00 for any siblings competing.

(2) National - \$225.00 for the first competitor / \$150.00 for any sibling competing.

- MSC to increase district Missions shares from 20 shares to 25 shares.

Home Missions: Don Walker is starting a new mission work in Gainesville, be sure to keep him in your prayers.

MSC to give Kelli Flannagin \$300.00 from the Youth Fund towards her summer mission trip with the Academy of Arts Drama Team.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna O'Dell

Assistant Clerk

REPORTS

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Reporting at this Session:

Ministers	5
Deacons	6
Officers	2
Church Delegates	15
Churches by Letter and Delegates	5
Churches paying dues	5
Total Dues Paid by Church	\$165.00

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman: David Johnson
Gene Wooton
Diane Conn

AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Auditing Committee has met and examined the Treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman Kevin Flannagin
 Edna O'Dell
 David Baker

APPRECIATION COMMITTEE

We would like to thank Beulah for inviting us to their church. We enjoyed the worship, food and fellowship.

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman Amy Holland
 Gloria Godwin

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

We, the Obituary Committee, respectfully submit the following list of members of our churches who have died in the year 2001:

Beulah FWB – Claude Bridwell & Lucy Martin
Christian Home FWB – Freeman Dockens
First FWB – Adel Bodiford

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman Louise Dockens
 Judy McElhaney

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Home Missions

(2003) John Pinson	(2004) Danny Conn
(2005) Kevin Flannagin	(2006) Harlie Dockens

Ordaining Council

(2003) Jimmy McElhaney

(2004) R.C. Wiggins

Moderator is Chairman

(2003) Diego Moreno

(2004) Kevin Flannagin

Camp Mt. Pleasant Youth Board

(2003) Mike McCall

(2004) Gene Wooton

State Executive Board Member: R. C. Wiggins**District Youth Coordinator:** Amy Holland**Video Library Committee**

(2003) David Johnson

(2004) Rod Johnson

(2005) Wayne Holland

Camp Mt. Pleasant Youth Board

(2003) Mike McCall

(2004) Gene Wooton

Officers

Moderator:

David Baker

Assistant Moderator: John McCall

Clerk:

Diane Conn

Assistant Clerk:

Edna O'Dell

Treasurer:

Thelma Wiggins

Respectfully Submitted:

Chairman – Tim Vincent

Tommy Payne

Eldon Stacey

Bi-Annual Meeting
September 7, 2001
Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church

Bro. Kevin Flannagin presiding.

Churches reporting:

Beulah	\$25.00	Shiloh	\$25.00
Christian Home	\$25.00	Soul's Harbor	\$25.00
First Church	\$25.00	TOTAL	\$125.00

Bro. Tim Vincent led the congregation in singing, "Jesus Saves". Bro. Danny Conn extended a welcome to everyone from the Soul's Harbor church and we then sang together, "To God Be The Glory".

Bro. Kevin seated standing delegates and MSC to seat church delegates. The Secretary's report was read and accepted. The Treasurer's report was read and accepted. The general fund balance as of August 27, 2001, was \$2,040.11. The treasurer also expressed her appreciation to the local church treasurers for sending their Co-op monies in early.

MSC to carry out the Executive Board's recommendations as follows:

- ◆ Pay registration fee for members of our association who attend the Christian Worker's Conference on September 21-22, 2001, from the District Enrichment Fund.
- ◆ Pay registration fee for ladies of our association who attend the District WAC Ladies Retreat from the District Enrichment Fund.
- ◆ Pay registration fee for teens of our association who attend the Teen Camp Retreat in October from the Youth Fund.
- ◆ Pay up to \$500.00 on a student's summer tuition to Free Will Baptist Bible College who is from our association.

The delegates addressed these recommendations from the Ordaining Council;

- ◆ MSC to license Bro. Gene Wooton to the Gospel ministry.
- ◆ MSC to ordain Bro. Chris Hawkins to the Gospel ministry.

The report from the Home Missions Board stated that they had made a loan to Shiloh Free Will Baptist church in the amount of \$43,000.00, for their building program.

Bro. Jack Cowart was present at the meeting and shared with the congregation news of his ministry in a new mission church in Lynn Haven, Florida, called Berean Baptist Church. The church started with twenty-three, and at present, have forty people attending. They are supported as a tentmaker ministry (part-time). He requested prayer for their church and stated his willingness to contact anyone in his area if people would give him the new name. Bro. Cowart also serves as chairman of the Camp Mt. Pleasant Board. He shared that the board wanted to begin a "Promotional Council" which would include anyone from any of our churches who wanted to be involved in different areas of our camp. He also encouraged everyone to participate in the "Friends of the Camp" giving which is designated monthly giving or a one-time annual gift to the camp.

Bro. Kevin gave a Mission Shares Program update. He stated that the Lunsford's support is at 50%. A new full-time pastor for the Gainesville work has also been accepted. He encouraged everyone's continued support. Shares are at \$20.00 a month.

The Children's Home report was also given by Bro. Kevin. The old school building has been torn down. They are about to begin construction on the fourth cottage.

We began our worship service with the congregation singing, "Have Faith in God". An offering was taken and a MSC to designate the offering for the "Friends of the Camp" fund. Before the message, a trio from Soul's Harbor church blessed our hearts with the song, "He Whispers Sweet Peace to Me". Bro. R.C. Wiggins preached from Jeremiah 3:22 and pointed out ways we can recognize that we are backsliding and rebelling against God: 1) We don't enjoy serving God, 2) We're not producing fruit, 3) We're always looking for something to fit our nature not God's will. God pleads with His people to repent. After prayer together, we were then adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Flannagin, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

September 7, 2001

Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with prayer. The secretary's, and treasurer's, reports were read and approved. Bro. Kevin informed the Board that our contribution from the Association to the Bill George Scholarship fund would be sent in the next few months. This totaled one thousand dollars since it included last year's and this year's contribution. There had been some confusion over who to send the money to but that was cleared up and Sis. Thelma would be sending the donation in. Bro. Kevin also thanked the Board for their support of our Association's CTS competitors.

The following were discussed and voted on to present to the body:

- ◆ MSC to pay the registration to the District WAC Ladies retreat for all the ladies from our District from the District Enrichment Fund.
- ◆ MSC to pay the registration to the Teen Camp Retreat for all the teens from our District from the Youth Fund.
- ◆ MSC to pay up to \$500.00 on a student's summer school tuition, who is from our association, to Free Will Baptist Bible College.
- ◆ Bro. Kevin reminded the Board of their decision to pay the registration for those from our association who attend the Christian Workers' Conference on September 21 & 22. This decision was made via telephone to all board members and it was unanimously agreed upon. MSC to follow through with this decision.
- ◆ Bro. David Baker asked the Board to pray about supporting one person from Beulah FWB church to go on their mission trip to Spain. The trip is scheduled for July 26, 2002, at present, and the cost would be approximately \$1600.00.

We were then closed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Pam Flannagin, Clerk

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

February 1, 2002

Beulah Free Will Baptist Church

Meeting opened with prayer. The secretary's and the treasurer's reports were read and approved. The following were discussed:

- The interest from the money market is presently being credited into the Home Mission Account. MSC to continue putting all interest from the money market in the Home Mission Account.
- West Florida Ladies Retreat - We has 16 ladies that registered that did not attend. This was \$320.00 the district paid in registration fees. Do we want to continue offering paid registration for the ladies? We will ask each Ladies group and church pastor to emphasize the importance of going to the Retreat if you have registered. If it continues to be a problem next year we will look into having the ladies pay partial registration fee.

The following were discussed and voted on to present to the body:

- MSC To open a savings account - Any balance over \$3,500.00 to be put in an interest bearing savings account with Sis. Thelma Wiggins being able to transfer money bank to the checking account as needed.
- MSC to pay from the District Enrichment fund:
(1) Registration fees of those attending the Christian Workers Retreat in October 2002. (2) Registration fees for those attending the Ladies Retreat in January 2003. (3) \$1,600.00 to Beulah - cost of one person going on Missions trip to Spain this summer. (4) \$500.00 to the Bill George Foundation
- MSC to pay the following from the District Enrichment Fund for CTS competitors: (1) State - \$90.00 for the first competitor / \$50.00 for any siblings competing. (2) National - \$225.00 for the first competitor / \$150.00 for any sibling competing.
- MSC to increase district Missions shares from 20 shares to 25 shares.

MSC to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edna O'Dell, Assistant Clerk

CHURCH REPORTS

	Membership	Sunday	C.T.S.	Women	Masters	Tithes
		School		Auxiliary	Men	
Beulah	347	130	0	8	0	\$148,328.77
Christian						
Home	55	43	36	13	0	\$42,453.90
First						
Church	49	40	30	8	7	\$23,678.75
Shiloh	162	98	65	8		\$252,644.40
Soul's						
Harbor	66	62	30	15	15	\$66,656.50

WEST FLORIDA ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

1/1/2001 -12/31/2001

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	\$ 2,270.09
Income	\$ 8,151.52
Expenses	<u>\$ 5,170.06</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 2,981.46

HOME MISSIONS FUND ACCOUNT

Balance brought forward	\$ 43,281.07
Received from Soul's Harbor	\$ 4,236.48
Received from Shiloh	\$ 4,296.51
Interest	\$ 684.79
Money on Hand	\$ 52,498.85
Loan to Shiloh	<u>\$ 43,000.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 9,498.85

DISTRICT ENRICHMENT FUND

Balance brought forward	\$ 4,475.92
Income	\$ 2,205.08
Expense	<u>\$ 3,659.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 3,022.00

YOUTH FUND

Balance brought forward	\$ 3,144.33
Income	\$ 2,205.08
Expense	<u>\$ 3,659.00</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 3,849.90

MINISTERS RETIREMENT FUND

Balance brought forward	\$ 0.00
Income	\$ 760.21
Expenses	<u>\$ 760.21</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 0.00

WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Balance brought forward	\$ 0.00
Income	\$ 648.56
Expense	<u>\$ 648.56</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 0.00

FUND BALANCES

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 2,981.46
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 3,022.00
YOUTH FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 3,849.90
RETIREMENT FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 0.00
HOME MISSION ACCOUNT	\$ 9,498.85
WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total funds	\$ 19,352.21
Bank Balance	\$ 19,352.21

CO-OP INCOME

	CO-OP AMOUNT	DUES	TOTAL
BEULAH	\$14,565.69	\$ 50.00	\$14,615.69
CHRISTIAN HOME	\$ 4,195.39	\$ 50.00	\$ 4,245.39
FIRST CHURCH	\$ 2,465.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 2,510.00
SHILOH	\$10,010.32	\$ 50.00	\$10,060.32
SOUL'S HARBOR	<u>\$ 5,831.34</u>	<u>\$ 50.00</u>	<u>\$ 5,881.34</u>
TOTAL	\$37,067.74	\$245.00	\$37,312.74

CO-OP DISTRIBUTION

STATE CO-OP	\$18,533.85
MISC	\$ 0.00
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	\$ 5,036.06
DISTRICT ENRICHMENT ACCOUNT	\$ 3,659.00
YOUTH ACCOUNT	\$ 3,964.05
MISSION SHARE PROGRAM	\$ 4,800.00
MINISTERS RETIREMENT	\$ 760.21
WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST	<u>\$ 648.56</u>
TOTAL	\$37,535.73

West Florida Women Active For Christ

District Meeting

March 1, 2002

Soul's Harbor Free Will Baptist Church

Prayer led by Thelma Wiggins. The 2002 District Meeting began with Congregational Singing - "O How I Love Jesus" - led by Amy Holland. Welcome by President Diane Conn. Special music by Debbie Enger. Devotion "For Such a Time as This" - Diane Conn. Prayer led by Pam Flannagin.

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

Beulah	3	Christian Home	2
Shiloh	5	Soul's Harbor	11

M.S.C to accept delegates as read.

President appointed the following committees:

Plan of Works

Nominating Committee

Financial Committee

Appreciation Committee

New Business:

- Recommend that district officers be elected for a term of 2 years. M.S.C.
- Recommend that we eliminate the district offices of Field Worker, Study, Pray and Service chairman and that their duties be absorbed by the Mission's Chairman. M.S.C.

Break was taken for Committees to meet, place bids on Baskets, enjoy refreshments and fellowship. Following this the meeting reconvened for business.

Secretary's Report - report was distributed. M.S.C. to accept reports as typed.

Treasurer's Report - report was distributed. M.S.C. to accept report as typed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Retreat - 2003. Committee appointed as follows:

Chairman	Diane Conn
Co-Chair	Pam Flannagin
Door Prizes	Edna O'Dell
Public Relation	Lisa McCall
Food	Ann Walker
Decorations	Joan White
Registration	Edna O'Dell
Music	Amy Holland

Executive Committee makes the following recommendations:

- Recommend to take the \$800.00 from the general fund to be sent to the Beulah / Spain Mission trip.
- Recommend that we take \$800.00 from the general fund (to be combined with \$600.00 sent in previous years) to purchase new play ground equipment for Camp Mt. Pleasant.
- Recommend we take \$500.00 from the general fund and send to the WNAC operating expenses.
- Recommend we take \$200.00 from the general fund and send to Kelli Flannagin for her Summer Mission's trip with the Academy of Arts Drama Team.
- Recommend that we take \$1000.00 from the General fund for the State Meeting tangible Project. The \$1000.00 will be sent to Dennis and Trena Owen's account which is \$23,000.00 in the red.

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

Points of interest:

- Tangible Project for the State Meeting will be money for Dennis and Trena Owen.
- Baskets for a silent auction all proceeds will go to Dennis and Trena Owen.
- Baby Shower for Lea Edgmon at the Thursday night reception.
- Remind ladies of the on-going State Project - each local auxiliary to give \$4.00 per month to the general operating expenses.
- Remind ladies that the WNAC operates only on the money that is received through yearly dues and any contributions received through general giving by local and state auxiliaries.

Plan of works:

We, the Plan of Works committee recommend the following for 2002 for our local auxiliaries:

- Continue to support the Mission Shares Program of Florida by purchasing one or more shares this year @ \$20.00 /month or \$240.00/year.

- Support our WAC State Budget with \$4.00/month.
- Support our National WNAC office through a one-time (annual) Emphasis offering or through monthly support. This support would be directly for the National office expenses.

M.S.C. to accept the Plan of Works recommendations

Financial Report:

We looked at the Bank Statements and checkbook and it all balances. We appreciate the faithfulness of Lisa McCall in keeping of the Lord's Money. M.S.C. to accept the report as read.

Delegates to State Meeting:

Diane Conn, Lisa Cross, Michelle DuBose, Edna Caraway, Amy Holland, Marie Brock, Debbie Enger, Laurie Vincent

Nominating Report:

President	-	Diane Conn
Vice President	-	Ann Walker
Secretary	-	Edna O'Dell
Treasurer	-	Lisa McCall
Mission Chairman	-	Thelma Wiggins

M.S.C to vote on nominations as a whole. M.S.C. to accept new officers.

Appreciation Report:

On behalf of the West Florida Women Active for Christ we express our appreciation to Soul's Harbor Church for their hospitality, special music, Devotional Speaker and especially for the good food.

Offering - \$78.00 Baskets - \$319.00

M.S.C. to adjourn Business meeting.

Respectively Submitted,

Edna O'Dell

**CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE
WEST FLORIDA
ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

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 tenets 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. A \$25.00 fee per church will be assessed at the annual meeting and the bi-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. Expense 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 III. 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 ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
HOME MISSION BOARD**

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 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 I. 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 beard 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.

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