

66th Minutes

Of The

West Florida

Free Will Baptist

Association

2015

Directory

First Free Will Baptist Church

412 Wiggins Ave.

Pensacola, FL 32505

(850) 433-7321

Pastor: Jeremy Craft

Shiloh Free Will Baptist Church

5410 County Road 99

Century, FL 32525

(850) 327-6460

Pastor: Kevin Stott

Officers:

Moderator: John Pinson

Assistant Moderator: Kevin Stott

Clerk: Jeremy Craft

Assistant Clerk: Vacant

Treasurer: Lisa McCall

66th Annual Session of the West Florida Association of Free Will Baptists

February 6, 2015

Host: First FWB Church

Worship Service

Bro. Jeremy Craft welcomed everyone. Kevin Stott opened in prayer. John Pinson led us in music. Bro. Jeremy brought special music. Bro. Kevin Stott brought the message. He preached from 2 Corinthians 4:16-18. He talked about how discouragement affects our entire outlook. We come to God's house to find encouragement and not discouragement. Knowing that we will be with the Lord helps us to not get discouraged. We do not need to lose heart because the resurrection is before us. Offering was \$61.00.

Meeting called to order

Churches Reporting: First FWB Church, Shiloh

Appointment of Committees:

- Credentials Committee: Chr. Mike McCall, Edward Ward, John McCall
- Nominating Committee: Chr. Mike McCall, Kevin Stott, Edward Ward
- Appreciation Committee: Chr. Kevin Stott, Mrs. Peebles
- Obituary Committee: Chr. Mr. Peebles, Lind Ward

Business Session

Seating of the delegates. Standing Delegates: 6 Appointed Delegates: 5

Reading of the minutes by Jeremy Craft. MSC

MSC to accept the treasurer's report by Lisa McCall.

Credentials Committee: There was 6 standing and 5 church delegates.

Appreciation Committee: Bro. Kevin gave a special thanks to First Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality in hosting the meeting.

Camp Mt. Pleasant: Report given by Jeremy Craft

Children's Home: Last December for bike ride they raised \$80,000. Have about 23 kids. Wanting more.

State Report: Finished with the annual Minister's Retreat. Danny Dwryer spoke on the pastor's personal life. State meeting is April 29-May 2, 2014. Garnett Reid will be speaking from the Book of Job on the issue of integrity. Senior's Summit had to

be postponed until next year because of Bro. Randy Bryant's hospitalization. The hotel waived the cancelation fee.

The cooperative budget finished just a couple thousand dollars away from budget. Mission Shares only had 80%. The Tallahassee Project relocated to a theater. They relaunched the church and now call themselves Legacy Church. The Melbourne work closed on a property. Mission Board paid 48% and the church paid 52%. The group that sold it is waiting to move also. The Hispanic work in West Palm has changed hands. Bro. Andreas resigned, but a Hosea Swarez has been appointed to assume those responsibilities the first Sunday in March. The Hispanic church in Vero Beach is meeting on Sunday mornings with Randy Bryant's church. It is going well. This report is given for information.

Executive Report

MSC to give Brittany Walker offering for Summer Missions trip.

MSC to recommend the association change the monthly allowance of \$150 to Camp Mt. Pleasant to a percentage of the association's income upon a special meeting convened by the executive board.

New Business:

MSC to cover 15% of Brittany Walker's college expenses until she finishes her degree at Welch College.

Nominating Committee:

MSC to have John Pinson again as the Moderator.

MSC to adjourn.

Prayer for Melinda Pinson and Randy Bryant's continued recovery.

66th Bi-Annual Session of West Florida Association of Free Will Baptists

September 11, 2015

Host: Shiloh Free Will Baptist

Worship Service

Kevin Stott welcomed everyone to the meeting and lead in music. Brother and Sister Boltom gave special music. Pastor Jeremy Craft delivered a message from Mark 10:17-31. He taught that Jesus wanted the rich young ruler that to understand the true nature of salvation meant that it would cost him everything. Likewise, in order to have eternal life, we must realize that following Jesus will cost us everything. Offering received was \$83.

Business meeting

Seating of the delegates:

Standing delegates: 5

Church delegates: 6

Reading of the Minutes was given by Jeremy Craft. Minutes stood approved as read.

MSC to accept Treasurer's Report by Lisa McCall.

Credentials Committee: Given by Bro. John McCall.

Appreciation Committee: Hospitality given to by Sis. Linda Pinson.

State Report: Given by Bro. Randy Bryant. Mission Shares golf tournament raised \$2300. Senior Summitt. Deadline for registration was September 28th. Christian Workers Conference in Destin on November 6-7. Final deadline to register is October 12th. Speaker will be Dr. Eddie Moody. Ministers Retreat is opened up not only to ministers, but anyone who has a ministry. Informed us that the Coordinator can now be received via email or regular mail.

Project Tallahassee is now in the youth room of a Christian Church. They have had difficulty building a solid core so that the church could move forward. The Melbourne work is now in their new location. The property is working out very well. Fundraising was done so that they could purchase lawncare equipment. Bro. Swarez has done an excellent job in West Palm. They are running around 50 in attendance. They are in need of their own property.

Co-op is about 20% below budget and Mission Shares is about \$35,000 below budget. Children's Home in Eldgridge, Al. Danny Williams was no longer the director because he accepted the Promotional Director of the Alabama State Association of Free Will Baptists. They are currently searching for a new director.

Executive Committee:

MSC that we raise the treasurer's salary to \$75.00 a month with the intent to review this on a yearly basis.

MSC to have the association cover all but \$10.00 for the Christians Worker's Conference in Destin for anyone who wants to attend.

MSC to have the evening offering go toward the general fund.

MSC to dissolve the \$150 monthly to Camp Mt. Pleasant and adjust the amount to the percentages designated to the co-operative funding.

Percentages are as follows:

Camp: 15%

District Enrichment: 10%

Youth Fund: 20%

WF WAC: 0

Mission Shares: 10%

State Cooperative Program: 20%

General Fund: 25%

Announcements:

Bro. David Williford preaching at Shiloh FWB Church in Oct. 4-7, 2015.

Lisa McCall read an email by Brittany Walker as to her appreciation for our giving.

Executive Board Meeting
February 6, 2015
Host Church: First FWB Church

Meeting called to order by Bro. John Pinson. Devotional from Gal. 6:9. Let us not be weary of doing good to all men.

Bro. Mike McCall opened in prayer.

Bro. Jeremy Craft gave the reading of the minutes. MSC

Sis. Lisa McCall gave the treasurer's report. Question was brought up as to why Soul's Harbor sent in money for the cooperative program. MSC

Recommendations:

MSC recommend that the evening offering go to Brittany Walker from Soul's Harbor for her missions trip this Summer.

MSC to recommend the association change the monthly allowance of \$150 to Camp Mt. Pleasant and to a percentage of what the association's income upon a special meeting convened by the executive board.

Executive committee appointed Mike McCall to speak to Soul's Harbor to obtain an update on their intentions in regards to joining another association.

Meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Executive Board Meeting
September 11, 2015
Host: Shiloh Free Will Baptist

Bro. John Pinson called meeting to order. Devotional from Psalm 15.

Bro. Mike McCall opening prayers.

Bro. Jeremy Craft gave reading of the minutes. Stand approved as read.

Sis. Lisa McCall gave the treasures report. MSC

Old Business:

Mike McCall spoke to Roger Cross at Soul's Harbor, but could not get a definite answer regarding the direction they would take in regard to associational matters.

Discussion was brought up by Lisa McCall as to what to do with the District WAC money since there is no district because there is only one church that has an official WAC charter.

Recommendations:

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We adjusted the percentages of the cooperative program.

Adjourned in prayer.

WEST FLORIDA FREE WILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
TREASURER'S REPORT
1/1/15 to 12/31/15

GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward	\$9,921.66
Received Co-Op	\$1,924.56
Received Dues, Interest, Misc.	<u>\$2,140.62</u>
TOTAL MONEY	\$13,986.84
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$6,794.38</u>
BALANCE	\$7,192.46

DISTRICT ENRICHMENT FUND

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,816.49
Received Co-Op	<u>\$684.62</u>
TOTAL MONEY	\$3,501.11
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$710.00</u>
BALANCE	\$2,791.11

YOUTH FUND

Balance Brought Forward	\$2,954.24
Received Co-Op	<u>\$1,369.24</u>
TOTAL MONEY	\$4,323.48
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$-</u>
BALANCE	\$4,323.48

DISASTER FUND

Balance Brought Forward	\$3,730.02
Received	<u>\$-</u>
TOTAL MONEY	\$3,730.02
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$-</u>
BALANCE	\$3,730.02

HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT

Balance Brought Forward	\$30,809.37
Received	<u>\$-</u>
TOTAL MONEY	\$30,809.37
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$-</u>
BALANCE	\$30,809.37

<i>TOTAL MONEY ON HAND FOR ALL ACCOUNTS</i>	\$48,846.44
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<i>BANK BALANCE</i>	\$2,472.11
<i>FREE WILL BAPTIST FOUNDATION</i>	<u>\$46,374.33</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$48,846.44

MINISTER'S RETIREMENT

Received from Co-op	\$-
Disbursed	<u>\$-</u>

WEST FLORIDA WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

Received from Co-op	\$212.99
Disbursed	<u>\$212.99</u>

<i>CO-OP AND DUES RECEIVED</i>	Co-Op	Dues	Total
First Church	\$3,160.00	\$300.00	\$3,460.00
Shiloh	<u>\$3,686.20</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>	<u>\$3,986.20</u>
<i>TOTAL</i>	\$6,846.20	\$600.00	\$7,446.20

<i>EXPENSE GENERAL FUND</i>	
Camp Mt. Pleasant	\$1,200.00
District Treasurer	\$780.00
Welch College (Brittany Walker)	\$3,873.37
John Pinson, Moderator	\$100.00
Jeremy Craft, Secretary	\$100.00
Brittany Walker (District Mtg. Offering)	\$61.00
Florida State Assoc. of FWB (Dues)	\$600.00
Checks and Supplies	<u>\$80.01</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	\$6,794.38

<i>DISTRICT ENRICHMENT EXPENSE</i>	
Christian Workers' Conference	<u>\$710.00</u>
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	\$710.00

<i>YOUTH FUND EXPENSE</i>	
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	\$-

<i>DISASTER FUND EXPENSE</i>	
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	\$-

<i>HOME MISSIONS ACCOUNT</i>	
<i>TOTAL EXPENSE</i>	\$-

Respectfully Submitted: Lisa R. McCall

**Church Report
2015**

	Membership	Sunday School	CTS	Women Active for Christ	Master's Men	Received Tithes and Offerings
First	68	35	26	X	X	31,595.40
Shiloh	171	25	X	X	X	26,502.31

Constitution and By-Laws

Article 1: Name

This association shall be known as the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Article 2: Membership

Section I. This association shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist churches conveniently 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 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 Associations 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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, Treasurer, and Ordaining Council. Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and Treasurer will 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 are 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 decisions, in good standing with the association, and the West Florida Associational officers shall serve as standing delegates.

Article 5: Ordaining Council (Presbytery)

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 Assistant Moderator is authorized to sit on the council which it convenes, if the moderator is absent.

Article 6: Boards and Committees

Section I. The Executive Board shall be comprised of the ordained pastor from each church in good standing with the district along with one church elected member, to serve at the church's discretion, from each church in good standing with the district (Updated 2/5/2010). 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 the Assistant Moderator will have the privilege to sit on Executive Board meetings and to moderate the meeting. The clerk and treasurer shall be present as voting members. (Changed from non-voting 9/12/08)

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 its 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 31. The Bi-Annual Meeting will be held the second 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 \$50.00 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 presented at the 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 the Assistant Clerk shall be a given \$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 General Fund.

Section V. Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk will compose the Audit Committee for purposes of reviewing 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 Baptist 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.

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 will convene upon the request of any church in this association.

Article 10: By-Laws:

This Association shall have power to adopt any regulation 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 any regular session; notice of such intended alterations of amendments having been given in writing and recorded the previous sessions.

Article 12: Quorum

Representatives from two (2) member church shall constitute a quorum for transaction of business of the association at scheduled meeting.

Article 13: Home Missions Fund

Section I. Missions and churches receiving financial support from this board must be Free Will Baptists who 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 Association and must have a pastor in good standing with the West Florida Free Will Baptist Association.

Section VII. And 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 turned over to the Executive 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 Executive 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 Executive Board.