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1955  
MINUTES

OF THE  
NINETEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE

# GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF THE  
(ORIGINAL)

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

WHICH CONVENED WITH

NEW SALEM FREE WILL

BAPTIST CHURCH

November 15, 16, 17, 1955

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## NEXT SESSION

The next session will convene with Mt. Bethel  
Camp, Ashburn, Georgia, on November 12, 14, 15,  
1956.

## GENERAL OFFICERS

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator---Glennville, Ga.  
Rev. J. B. Lovering, Asst. Moderator---Valdosta, Ga.  
Ernest J. Barker, Clerk---Rochelle, Ga.  
Rev. H. J. Kelly, Assistant Clerk---Columbus, Ga.  
Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional Sec. & Treas.  
P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

## BOARD CHAIRMEN

Board of Christian Education---Rev. S. T. Shutes,  
Colquitt, Ga.  
Board of Missions-----Rev. C. J. Harvey  
Camilla, Ga.  
Board of Superannuation-----Rev. H. J. Kelly  
4102 3rd Ave. Columbus, Ga.  
Board of Trustees-----Curtis Gay  
Hartsfield, Ga.  
Camp Board-----Rev. T. G. Hamilton,  
Glennville, Ga.

## BOARD MEMBERS AND THEIR TIME OF EXPIRATION

BOARD OF MISSIONS: Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.,  
1959; Rev. Irwin Hyman, Alma, Ga., Rev. B. W.  
Clenny, Colquitt, Ga., 1959; Walter Sloan, Moultrie,  
Ga., 1959; Rev. W. E. Jones, 1911 2nd Ave. Phoenix  
City, Ala., 1957; Rev. Manse Cason, Tifton, Ga., 1957;  
W. N. Wilson, Pearson, Ga., 1957.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Mack Miller, Butler,  
Ga., 1957; Idus Goocher, Colquitt, Ga., 1957; C. J.  
Faison, Hartsfield, Ga., 1957; Rev. S. T. Shutes,  
Colquitt, Ga., 1957; Rev. Emmett McDuffie, Rochelle,  
Ga., 1959; Rev. Paul Long, Pearson, Ga., 1959;  
E. C. Davidson, Glennville, Ga., 1959.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Rev. L. S. Anthony, Thomaston, Ga., 1957; Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Ga., 1957; Rev. Riley Giddins, Ray City, Ga., 1957; Ernest J. Barker, Rochelle, Ga., 1957; Oscar Brunson, Colquitt, Ga., 1959; W. B. Griffin, Leary, Ga., 1959; H. N. Baxter, Glennville, Ga., 1959.

BOARD OF SUPERANNUATION: Rev. H. J. Kelly, Columbus, Ga., 1957; C. F. Martin, Rochelle, Ga., 1959; Rev. A. L. Sellars, 1008 West Lafayette St., Quitman, Ga., 1957; L. E. Wynn, Alapaha, Ga., 1957; W. B. Knight, Glennville, Ga., 1957; O. B. Everson, 1959; W. E. Lane, Iron City, Ga., 1959.

CAMP BOARD: Rev. T. B. Melette, Blakely, Ga., 1959; G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga., 1959; T. B. Ethridge, Unadilla, Ga., 1959; Mitchell Hinson, Omega, Ga., 1959; Ed Roberts, Colquitt, Ga., 1957; Nolan Purcell, Glennville, Ga., 1957; Wallace Franks, Tifton, Ga., 1957.

### PROCEEDINGS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist Churches convened with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Ga., on Tuesday evening, November 15, 1955. Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. H. L. Catratt. Special music by Miss Glenney. Sermon by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham. Reading from Third Chapter of Acts. Theme of message was "Christ Our Example in Stewardship".

Motion that Moderator appoint Credentials Committee and Committee on Committees. Credentials Committee: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Paul Long and Rev. Manse Cason. Committee on Committees: Rev. B. W. Clenny, G. C. King and Mrs. E. C. Morris.

Delegates and visitors were assigned places to stay by Committee on Arrangements.

Benediction by Rev. H. J. Kelly.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. Louis H. Moulton.  
Prayer by Rev. W. E. Jones, Devotional by Rev.  
W. L. Amerson, reading from Psalms 91.

Moderator's message was given. Theme of the  
message was "Love".

Motion that the program as prepared be adopted  
as order of business, with authority to make  
changes if and when necessary.

Credentials Committee made a partial report.

Motion that partial report be accepted and delegates  
seated, also other delegates arriving later be seated.

Motion that Allocations Committee, be appointed by  
Moderator. Committee was as follows: Rev. J. B.  
Lovering, Curtis Gay and Rev. Emmett McDuffie.

Report of Woman's Auxiliary was read. Motion that  
report be accepted as information and that this body  
give a rising vote of appreciation for the work of  
the Auxiliary.

Motion that this body invite the National Association  
to convene in Savannah, Georgia, for its 1957 session.  
Words of Welcome were given by host pastor, Rev.  
Driggers.

Song service conducted by Rev. Louis H. Moulton.

Sermon by Rev. Irwin Hyman, reading from 28th Chapter  
of Matthew and 5th Chapter of James. Theme of  
message--"Sin That God's People Seem To Forget".

A collection of \$68.12 was received for the Bible  
College.

Announcements by host pastor.

Benediction by Rev. K. V. Shutes.



An offering of \$35.75 was received for Unified Program.

Report from Florida State Association was given by Rev. William B. Hughes, Moderator.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

#### WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Special music by Mary Ann Williams and Shirley Clenny. Devotional by Rev. W. E. Jones. "Three Appearances of Christ", past, tense, present tense and future tense.

The mission picture, "Passion For Lost Souls" was shown. This was one of the best services during the session.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. B. W. Clenny. Prayer by Rev. C. D. Rentz.

Devotional by Rev. Manse Cason, reading from 6th Chapter of Proverbs.

Report of Mission Board read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

Credentials Committee made a complete report. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

The proposed changes to the Constitution were read for the second time. Motion that the proposed changes be adopted. (See report.)

Motion that Moderator appoint Rev. Louis H. Moulton, as a Committee, for the purpose of obtaining information

relative to facilities in Savannah for entertaining the 1957 session of the National Association. Motion that the above motion be amended to the extent that Rev. Louis H. Moulton be empowered to designate any one necessary to help with the above work.

Report of Temperance Committee was read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

Motion that the Moderator appoint or secure delegates to the National Association. The appointees and volunteers were as follows: Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Mrs. Lawrence Houston, B. Houston, Mrs. B. Houston, Alvin Day, Mrs. Irwin Hyman, O. B. Everson and Mrs. O. B. Everson.

Report of Camp Board read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

Report of Resolutions Committee read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

The body stood in a minute of silent prayer in remembrance of Bro. R. B. Pyle, deceased.

Report of Superannuation Board was read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

Report of Auditing Committee was read. Motion that report be adopted. (See report.)

Report of Nominating Committee read. Motion that report be received. (See report.) Nominations from the floor, if any, were called for. There being none, motion was made that nominations be closed, and that nominees as named by Nominating Committee and place for 1956 session be elected. (See report.) Officers making statements were as follows: Rev. T. G. Hamilton; Rev. J. B. Lovering, Ernest J.

J. Barker, Rev. H. J. Kelly and Rev. E. C. Morris.  
A rising vote of appreciation was given the officers.  
Bro. G. C. King was recognized for his contribution  
to the Youth Camp.

Motion that Rev. S. T. Shutes and Bro. G. C. King  
be retained as Auditing Committee.

Motion that the business session adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. T. G. Molette.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator  
Ernest J. Barker, Clerk

#### REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee make the following  
nominations--Board of Missions: Walter Sloan, Rev.  
C. J. Harvey, Rev. B. W. Clenny and Rev. Irwin  
Hyman; Board of Christian Education: Rev. Emmett  
McDuffie, Rev. Paul Long and E. C. Davidson; Board  
of Trustees: Oscar Brunson, W. B. Griffin and H.  
N. Baxter. Board of Superannuation: O. B. Everson,  
C. F. Martin and W. E. Lane. Camp Board: T. B.  
Ethridge, Rev. T. B. Molette, G. C. King and  
Mitchell Hinson. General Officers: Rev. T. G.  
Hamilton, Moderator; Rev. J. B. Lovering, Assistant  
Moderator; Ernest J. Barker, Clerk; Rev. H. J.  
Kelly, Asst, Clerk; Rev. E. C. Morris, Promotional  
Secretary-Treasurer. We nominate Camp Mt. Bethel,  
Ashburn, Georgia, for the 1956 Session.

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Chairman

## REPORT OF ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Allocations recommend that Unified funds be divided on the percentage basis and causes as shown:

Bible College	18.0
State Education	3.0
Foreign Missions	12.0
State Missions	7.5
National Home Missions	7.5
Youth Camp	18.0
Woman's Auxiliary	2.0
National Executive Dept.	5.0
Children's Home	5.0
State Superannuation	12.0
National Superannuation	3.0

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. J. B. Lovering, Chairman

## AUDITORS REPORT

We, your auditing committee, make the following report.

We have examined all the State treasurer's books and find them OK as to receipts and payouts.

Rev. S. T. Shutes, Chairman

## REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees, appoint the following for the various committees as listed:

Resolutions: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. Louis Grines, and Rev. Paul Long.



Nominations—Rev. H. J. Kelly, Rev. J. A. Mercer,  
and Rev. Irwin Hyman.

Temperance—Rev. Drew Floyd, Mrs. J. B. Rice,  
and Mrs. J. W. Franks.

Rev. B. W. Clenny, Chairman

### REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Committee on Temperance wish to make the  
following report:

We urge that we as God's people, put into practice  
and take heed to the report of last year, which  
read: The Bible teaches us to be temperate in  
all things. As Christians we should practice  
this principle pertaining to everyday life—drink,  
dress and speech, and live above reproach. Fight  
against intoxication in every form, that our lives  
will be a living witness for Christ.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Drew Floyd, Chairman

### REPORT OF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Be it resolved that:

(1) We have 1500 copies of minutes printed and  
that the clerk and moderator be paid an honorary  
fee of \$25.00 and \$15.00 respectfully.

(2) Each district Association send the following  
for 1956 session—

South Georgia—	\$25.00	Midway—	\$25.00
Chattahoochee—	20.00	Martin—	20.00
Georgia Union—	20.00	Little River—	15.00
Union—	15.00		

(3) The Woman's Auxiliacy Convention, the State  
League Convention and the State Sunday School  
Convention contribute more to the expense of the  
minutes, inasmuch as the amount in the past has

not been enough for the printing of their part of the minutes.

(b) Article II, Section 5 be changed to read as follows:

Funds to most current needs of this body shall be paid in on a voluntary basis to the Treasurer of the Association, however, it is suggested that each Association give as shall be allocated to them each year by a Committee and that each Union meeting give five dollars and each local church give five cents per capita for their respective membership.

Be it further resolved that we give the Martin and Midway Associations and New Salem Church and Community a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown us during this session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. H. L. Knighton, Chairman

#### REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board met with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Ga., Nov. 15, 1955. Prayer by Rev. W. E. Jones. Motion that Rev. Manse Cason be elected secretary until a permanent secretary-treasurer shall be elected. Motion that his board, with the cooperation of the Midway Mission Board continue their plans to hold a meeting in Albany at an early date, with the thought of organizing a church. Motion that Rev. W. E. Jones make an investigation of the possibility of organizing a church near Dawson and that his findings be reported to the Chairman, Sec. Treas. of this board, and further that they be given a right to aid him in the establishment of the work. Motion that the board give to Baxley Church, \$50, from the Operational Fund. Motion that Rev. Manse Cason be elected Sec.-Treas. and Rev. C. J. Harvey, Chairman, of this Board. This Board requests the cooperation of everyone in locating a suitable place for a tent meeting during the summer, 56. Any church wishing to build is requested to contact this board concerning a loan.

Rev. C. J. Harvey, Chair.

## REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

The State Superannuation Board met with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, on November 15, 1955. This board is sad beyond expression because of the loss of Bro. R. B. Pyle who served faithfully until his death. We express our sympathy to his widow and family. The board voted to request that its allocation be raised to 15 percent, and that Rev. C. J. Harvey be put on the list of superannuates. The Board recommends that Bro. C. F. Martin, Ga. Union Association, to succeed himself and Bro. O. B. Everson be elected from the Midway Association, also that Bro. W. E. Lane, Martin Association to succeed himself. The Board recommends that all churches and pastors support the Unified Program whereby more can be done for our ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. H. J. Kelly, Chairman

## REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

The State Education Board met with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Ga., Nov. 15, 1955. We want to thank and commend those who make the Ministers Institute possible and urge each church to send its pastor to the next session. We salute Woman's Auxiliary session held at the Camp and urge each church to send at least one member of the local Auxiliary to the next session at camp. The support of each Youth Session is urged. We must have your support if we are to continue helping worthy students who are attending Bible College. A motion was passed authorizing the Treasurer to revert funds from the general fund to the loan fund in order to offset any emergency.

Since Superannuation is in need of additional funds, this board recommends that our allocation be reduced to 22 percent and the other 3 percent be added to the Superannuation allocation, and that this board's allocation be distributed as follows: 18 percent to Bible College, Nashville, Tenn. 4 percent be retained in board's



treasury. The By-laws governing the loan or receiving fund was discussed and since the Woman's Auxiliary is sponsoring a loan fund for the same purpose as this board, this board and the Auxiliary have voted that the two funds become one, since the Auxiliary funds will be larger, it is asked that they be given a voice in handling of these funds. Motion was passed that Section 13 be added to the Bylaws of this Board and shall read as follows:

Section 13. The Woman's Auxiliary State Convention shall be given three members on the Loan Board whose election and time of service shall be left to the discretion of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. S. T. Shutes, Chairman

#### EDUCATIONAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Loan to C. R. Houston-----	\$707.00
Rec'd payment C.R.Houston-----	360.00
	<u>347.00</u>
Loan to Kenneth Faison-----	270.00
Loan to Paul Irwin-----	200.00
Loan to C. B. Dowdney-----	185.00
Loan to Joan McKinney-----	700.00
TOTAL OF LOANS*****	\$1702.00

Education---December 3, 1954---November 12, 1955:

Credits-----\$326.01

Disbursements-----22.60

Balance-----\$339.61

Ministerial Fund---

Received for Ministerial Fund----- \$169.69

Received from loan on Camp----- 150.00

Received from loans to students----- 60.00

TOTAL RECEIVED----- 379.59

Debit, December 3, 1954 101.18



Balance-----	\$278.41
Loans to Students-----	500.00
Debit Nov. 15, 1955-----	221.59
Ledger Balance-----	117.82
Bank Balance-----	121.40

## REPORT OF CAMP MT. BETHEL BOARD

The Camp Mt. Bethel Board met in session Tuesday, Nov. 15, 1955, at New Salem Church, Miller County, Georgia, with the following members present: G.C. King, Chmn; T. B. Mellette, Sec. Treas; Bro, J.W. Franks. Absent were: M. H. Hinson, T.B. Etheredge, and Edd Roberts.

The Board elected the following for the meeting, namely: Oscar Brunson for Edd Roberts, and E. J. Barker for T.B. Etheredge.

The members of the Board of Trustees of the Georgia State Association met jointly with the Camp Board.

The Board recommended the following report.

First, six sessions of Camp Activities were conducted at Camp Bethel during the summer of 1955, namely: a Bible Conference, fourth youth sessions, and a summer camp evangelistical meeting.

Second, the average attendance for the session was approximately 76 campers, making a total approximately of 450 campers for this summer.

The camp served approximately 8200 meals during the summer. The total receipts for the summer from all sources for camp activities were \$2442.18. Total expenditures were \$2357.59. Balance of \$84.59. Of this \$46.60 was spent for electric bills. In this fund at this session, the camp has on hand \$37.99.

Thirdly, The Camp Board secretary-treasurer reports all debts are liquidated. A balance on hand for current and expansive purposes---\$1402.28.

Considerable repairs and remodeling was done at the Camp this year. Also, a new conditioned piano was secured by the trading of the old one at a difference of \$125 plus the sales tax. The Camp Board jointly with the trustees recommend that the Board go forward as they are able to promote the building program of the buildings and expansion of same by enlarging the auditorium with class rooms, and reconditioning the dormitories for suitable winter accomodation for such session as might be deemed wise to hold at the camp.

The Board feels that with a concerted effort the camp can be made suitable for meetings such as are demandable by our people at any time, and the building need to be more attractive on the inside and more accomodation in every respect, even the seating of the auditorium.

\$5000 is needed for expansion for the coming year.

We pray that every one will volunteer in the work and continue as a colaborer until the work is completed, which will necessitate many more years of building.

G.C.King, Chairman

T.B.Melette, Sec. & Treas.

#### MT. BETHEL YOUTH CAMP OPERATION--1955

12-month light and fixture bill-----	\$ 98.72
Labor upkeep of Bldgs & grounds-----	36.00
Bal. of Expense of Sing-----	34.24
Dishes for Kitchen & Dining room-----	7.73
New Sign-Board at Camp-----	25.00
Insurance premium on Building-----	60.00
Material & Labor for rebuilding and painting dining-room	489.99
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 741.68

Balance-----	\$ 155.09
Cash from T.B.M.-----	84.59
Cash from T.B.M.-----	60.00
Check from T.B.M.-----	489.99

TOTAL

789.67

Balance on Hand-----	\$ 27.99
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G. C. King  
Chairman

### JOINT BOARD MEETING

Colquitt, Georgia

November 15, 1955

The various boards met in joint session at County Courthouse on above date.

A chain of prayers by several board members.

Motion that Rev. S. T. Shutes and Rev. T. B. Melette appoint someone to serve in the place of Bro. R. B. Pyle, deceased, on the Board of Superannuation during this meeting.

A report was made relative to the status of work relative to the State paper. Bro. Morris reported that no funds had been raised for the purpose of publishing a State Paper. Bro. Hamilton reported that the Executive Board would have a report before close of meeting.

Rev. T. B. Melette made a request that action be taken to make arrangements whereby Camp Bt. Bethel could be used for meetings during winter months as well as during summer months.

Minutes of meeting held on December 28, 1954, in



Tifton, Ga., were read and approved.

Bro. Morris in making his report spoke relative to the National Cooperative Plan. Our State Unified Program was discussed by Bro. Morris, relative to the various allocations, thinking probably new allocations should be considered.

Bro. Hamilton read from the National Association minutes items relative to action taken by National Association amending the Cooperative Plan of Operation.

Bro. Morris gave figures relative to funds going from Unified Program to National Association.

Motion to adjourn until 3:00 PM.

Benediction by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

The various boards met back at the court house in joint session. Called to order by Moderator.

A series of prayers was began by Rev. Manse Cason, closed by Bro. Jack Faison.

The Board reports read and adopted were as follows: Board of Missions, Board of Christian Education, Board of Superannuation, and Camp Board. Board of Trustees held no meeting.

Motion that the budget of the Promotional Department be increased \$25.00 per month, a total of \$375.00, the extra \$25.00 to be used only in case of sickness, or other emergencies of the Promotional Secretary, to pay for hiring someone to carry on the work. If over a period of time the extra money should not be needed for the above purpose, then it would revert back to the Unified Program.

A collection of \$20.00 was received to be given to Rev. J. B. Lovering for the work he did during Bro. Morris illness.



Motion that this body recommend Rev. E. C. Morris for Promotional Secretary.

Motion that our Unified funds to the National Budget be on a percentage basis that would be equal to that amount being given under present program.

Motion that the preceding motion be amended to the extent that the National Board Promotional Secretaries be invited into our State to promote the various programs and solicit funds.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator  
Ernest J. Barker, Clerk

Pearson, Georgia  
November 10, 1955

The various boards met in joint session with Ozias Church. Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. Paul Long. Devotional by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. Subject—"By Faith". Prayer by several board members. A roll call of the various boards was made, all had a quorum. Bro. Morris discussed the allocations of the State Budget, the National Cooperative Plan in particular. The percentage as adopted at the State Association was read. The projector now owned by the State Association was discussed by Bro. Morris, telling of the condition of the machine and wanted to know if this body thought it best to sell, trade or keep the projector. Motion that Bro. Morris be given authority to dispose of the projector as he might determine best. Dismissed for preaching service.

Sermon by Rev. T. B. Mellette. Benediction by O. B. Everson.

The various boards met back in joint session after having met separately. Motion that we extend to Ozias Church and pastor a rising vote of thanks for the great hospitality during this session.

Reports of various boards were called for and read as follows: Report of Christian Education Board, Board of Superannuation, Camp Board, Mission Board.

Motion that reports be accepted as information. Bro. Hamilton expressed his appreciation for the ones attending the meeting.

Motion to adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. Emmett McDuffie,

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator  
Ernest J. Barker, Secretary

#### REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We, your Credentials Committee, make the following report:

<u>Associations</u>			
Georgia Union	-----\$15.00	South Georgia	-----\$20.00
Union	-----10.50	Chattahoochee	-----15.00
Little River	-----10.00	Midway	-----20.00
Martin	-----15.00		

<u>Quarterly Conferences</u>			
Union	-----\$ 5.00	Georgia Union	-----\$ 6.25
Martin	-----5.00		

### CHURCHES

Patnas-----	\$5.00	First Thomaston-----	\$1.00
Blakely-----	5.00	Saint James-----	5.00
Thomas Town-----	3.00	First Savannah-----	3.00
Macedonia-----	2.00	New Home No. 1-----	5.00
First Columbus-----	5.00	Christian Hill-----	6.50
Jakin-----	5.00	Damascus-----	3.00
New Enterprise-----	10.00	Midway-----	6.00
Bay-----	2.00	New Ebenezer-----	3.35
Poulan-----	2.00	White Pond-----	5.00
Live Oak-----	2.00	Belleview-----	5.00
Zion-----	5.00	Oak Grove-----	5.00
Travelers Rest-----	5.00	Pleasant Hill-----	5.00
Corinth-----	5.00	New Salem-----	2.00
Cedar Springs-----	5.00	TOTAL RECEIVED-----	\$235.60

### Delegates Recorded.

Mrs. M. G. Shiver, Mrs. W. J. Starr, Mrs. L. C. Anthony, S. W. Mercer, Mrs. Cora Herne, Mrs. Lula Mae Tillman, Erwin Williams, Mrs. Martha Everson, James Fuller, J. C. McLendon, T. C. Cox, Clark Helms, W. J. Parrenere, Mrs. S. T. Dunning, Mrs. M. L. Tatum, Mrs. Margaret Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Waddell, Mrs. Mattie Gay, Mrs. Curtis Gay, Eugene Ross, Daniel Harris, Mrs. Albert Jones, Mrs. H. A. Tyson, Willis Pate, Mrs. Tenle Cleveland, Martin Still, S. F. Boyd, T. L. Edwards, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hobbs, Mrs. M. M. Franks, Idus Goocher, Mrs. Robert Pyle, Mrs. J. B. Rice, T. E. Bundy, Alvin Day, J. A. Mercer, B. G. Jordan, B. Houston, Mrs. Irwin Hyman, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Louis Grimes, Mack Miller, Eldridge Payne, N. E. Perry, E. E. Parker, Mrs. Annie Ross, H. D. Faircloth, E. L. Long, R. H. Holmes, Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mrs. L. F. Ogletree, W. R. Barber, Oscar Brunson and O. L. Everson.

Rev. H. L. Knighton  
Chairman

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
E. C. Morris

Diving grace and mercy permits this another annual report of promotional efforts for the cause we love.

First of all we want to express our gratitude for the wonderful blessings of the Lord and the splendid cooperation of everyone taking part in the furtherance of the Gospel, however, it is with much regret that we cannot offer as flowing report as we would like.

The activities of your Promotional Secretary have been limited this year, owing to illness. Could this have had anything to do with the limited progress being reported? Even though illness prevented somewhat, we had some splendid assistance. Mrs. Morris stood by and rendered every assistance possible, while many of the brethren came to the rescue of the work, thus keeping the office open and going. Some mission revivals had been planned in all district associations. These plans were carried out with good success in most of the districts. We are greatly indebted to Rev. J. B. Lovering and others, who carried on these services with telling results and no doubt much good was accomplished. The helpers in the various associations were a great asset to the cause and more assistants have been appointed or elected for the ensuing year.

During the year, your Promotional Secretary visited 40 churches, preached 26 times, made 15 talks on Unified Program, showed mission pictures and lectured 14 times and taught 5 Sunday School classes. Other activities included the office work, attending 3 Union meetings, 6 district associations, the State Association, the State League and one district League Convention. Met with several State and National Committees and Boards. Assisted several churches in securing pastors and evangelists, besides many other minor items of service for the cause.



Certificates of honor were awarded to forty-three churches for having made donations to the Unified Program every month during the year. Seven in the Chattahoochee, five in the Georgia Union, three in the Little River, four in the Union, two in the Martin, ten in the South Georgia, and thirteen in the Midway. Bay Church in the Union Association sent in the most per capita member, \$5.75. Bainbridge in the Midway Association sent in \$4.67 per member which was second highest.

In addition to the above the following churches raised the per capita giving on the quotas through the Unified Program: Emmanuel and the First Columbus churches in the Chattahoochee; Antioch in the Ga. Union; Ozias, Orange Grove, and Valdosta in the Little River; Oak Grove, Harmony and Satilla in the S. Ga. and Harneck Springs in the Midway/ Other churches came within a few cents, but didn't quite make it.

The honor roll churches will be those sending in their per capita gifts on the quota for each association during the coming year and those sending in offerings every month will be awarded a certificate of honor.

Even though the total offerings for the year was some less than that of last year, the Unified offerings were 25% above last year. As the Unified offerings grow the designated offerings decrease. This is as it should be providing we raise the budget, but unless the Unified offerings are sufficient then drives and campaigns will have to be put on in order to meet the demands.

The Unified plan is not working 100% yet, however, it is encourgging to observe that there are improvements with each passing year. May we take courage and put forth every effort possible to raise the Unified Budget during the coming year with the Unified offerings. When we learn the true meaning of Christian stewardship and put it in to action we will realize then what the Lord can do with

and through, a group of people who will practice the true meaning of the Word.

We are giving the statistical report herewith as follows:

<u>Membership</u>	<u>1954</u>	<u>1955</u>
Number district associations-	7	7
Number affiliated churches	128	121
Total Church membership	10704	10705
Received by baptism	508	520
Received by letter	249	238
Received by restoration and statement	59	162
Total accessions	816	920
Lost by letter	207	248
Lost by expulsion	50	39
Lost by death	91	84
Total number lost	348	371
Total gain	468	549

#### Auxiliaries

Number Sunday Schools	103	101
Number Sun.Sch. enrollment	6304	6094
Number FWB Leagues	58	55
Total League Enrollment	2810	2921
Number Woman's Auxiliaries	45	45
Total enrollment of Auxiliaries-	676	698
Number weekly prayer service	78	67

#### Ministry and Services

No. ordained ministers	110	105
No. licensed ministers	14	28
No. churches having full time	25	23
No. churches having half time	73	70
No. churches having quarter time-	30	28

#### Fiaances

Paid pastors	\$72,780.80	\$79,408.06
Paid evangelists	12,329.01	11,125.72
Paid for missions	6,432.96	5,811.81
Paid for Christian Education	6,031.26	6,200.00
Paid for Ala. Children's	1,165.37	1,948.98

Home

	1954	1955
Paid for Superannuation	1074.10	749.33
Paid for Youth Camp	2547.73	2768.29
Paid for building and repairs	52188.79	63623.42
Paid for all other causes	41489.36	17426.92
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	196039.38	187779.62
Number of parsonages	7	8
Value of parsonage property	38000.00	40225.00
Value Church property	673418.00	784074.00
Value denominational property	15000.00	25000.00

All funds reported, received and disbursed

General Funds Received:

Fees received at the 1954 session	\$ 221.75
From State Woman's Aux. Con. for Minutes	25.00
From State League Convention for Minutes	10.00
Superannuation Board	17.20
State Mission Board	17.20
State Education Board	17.20
Camp Board	17.20
Transferred from Promotional Department	37.52
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$363.07</b>

Disbursements of General Funds:

To Secretary of State for tax on State Charger	\$1.00
Overdrawn from last year	6.44
Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator's Honorarium	15.00
All boards attending meeting	63.80
Printing checks	4.14
Ernest J. Barker, Clerk's honorarium	25.00
Printing of State Minutes, Ham Ptg. Co.	195.70
National Associational dues	45.00
Error corrected	6.99
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$363.07</b>

Received on Unified Program Budget  
 Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals----- \$10568.09

Designated Funds

Missions	\$1245.55	
Foreign	174.10	
Home	9.70	
State	132.24	
National	133.75	
On India Deputation		1695.34
Total		

Superannuation	72.50
Youth Camp	55.00
Bible College	116.00
Alabama Children's Home	182.41
State Education	9.75
Loyalty Gifts	83.32
General Funds as above stated	363.07

Grand Total Cash Received

\$12145.48

#### DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Promotional Department:	
Salary, help and office expense	\$4130.00
Camp expansion	299.16
Camp operation	52.81
Camp, general	1632.94
Foreign missions	2399.30
National missions	915.56
State missions	717.57
India deputation	121.75
Bible college	1029.00
Superannuation	714.70
State Education	332.43



Alabama Children's Home	\$ 182.48
Auxiliary Program for Promotion	128.45
Loyalty Gifts	108.32
G. C. Lee	17.00
General Funds	363.07
GRAND TOTAL PAID OUT	\$13,144.54
BALANCE ON HAND	.94

### FUNDS SENT TO OTHER TREASURERS AND REPORTED

Foreign Missions	\$ 942.13
Bible College	2386.94
Alabama Children's Home	1832.80
Co-Labor Fund	52.95
Superannuation	135.00
Youth Camp	786.48
Home Missions	849.40
Auxiliary Promotion	57.83
Loyalty Gifts	352.75
U.N.A.C.	3.00
State Education	20.00
TOTAL	7,419.28

GRAND TOTAL RAISED FOR ALL PURPOSES— \$20,564.76

Total raised on State Budget \$20,201.69 and credited to each Association as follows:

<u>ASSOCIATION</u>	<u>QUOTA</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>BALANCE</u>
Chattahoochee	\$3000.00	\$2634.34	\$ 365.66
Georgia Union	2000.00	1612.94	387.06
Little River	2000.00	1676.06	323.94
Union	2000.00	1556.70	443.30
Martin	2000.00	1308.48	691.52
South Georgia	7500.00	6075.95	1424.05
Midway	6500.00	5337.22	1162.78
TOTALS	\$25000.00	\$20201.69	\$4798.21

# CONSTITUTION

## Preamble

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, do ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing, promoting and increasing all phases of the cause of Christ.

## Article I

Section 1. The assembly shall be known as the Georgia State Association of the Original Free Will Baptists.

## Article II

Section 1. The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, as Assistant Moderator, a Secretary, an assistant Secretary and a Promotional Secy-Treas.

Section 2. All regular officers and the Chairman of each standing board shall compose the Executive Board.

Section 3. This Association shall be composed of all active ministers who are members of an affiliated body, one delegate for every 500 members or fraction thereof of each affiliated union meeting, and one delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof of every affiliated local Free Will Baptist Church. Any Union or local church shall have the privilege of affiliating with the State body independent of the District Association.

Section 5. Funds to meet current needs of the body shall be paid in on a voluntary basis to the treasurer of the Association, however, it is suggested that each association give as shall be allocated to them each year by a committee, and that each union meeting give five dollars and each local church give five cents per capita for their respective membership.

### Article III

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliate district Association to furnish a member for each standing board, with terms of office rotating which will necessitate one member of each board being elected annually, the number of each board shall not be less than five except the board of auditors which shall consist of two members who shall be elected at the same time of the general officers.

Section 2. There shall be a board of missions composed of members who are noted for missionary zeal and they shall have the supervision of all mission interest sponsored by this body. All undesignated mission funds shall be equally divided between home and foreign.

Section 3. There shall be a board of Christian Education whose duty it shall be to keep the body informed of all Christian Education sponsored by the body and make such recommendations as they shall deem proper to the body from time to time.

Section 4. There shall be a board of superannuation whose duty it shall be to make plans and rules which shall be in harmony with the National Superannuation Board. And shall be authorized to formulate plans whereby necessary funds for superannuation may be raised.

Section 5. There shall be a board of trustees whose duty it shall be to hold titles of all property belonging to this body.

Section 6. A Board of Auditors, whose duties it shall be to audit the books of the Association Treasurer and the Treasurers of all Boards.

Section 7. There shall be a Camp Board composed of one member from each District Association affiliated with the State Association.

## Article IV

Section 1. All officers except board members shall be elected to serve a term of two years.

Section 2. Any officers may be re-elected as the body shall see fit.

Section 3. When vacancies occur for any cause they shall be filled by the Executive Board, or by any of the standing boards, subject to the approval of the Executive Board, until the convening of the annual session of the body.

Section 4. Election years shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

Section 5. A member of any board who fails in the function of his or her duties without a reason, the board to which the delinquent member has been elected, shall declare the office vacant. Further, the body shall have and does reserve the right to deal with any officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian and business-like manner, according to the rules of Christian conduct laid down in the New Testament. Should such board fail to have a sufficient number of its members present to constitute a quorum, it shall become the duty of the Executive Board to deal with any delinquent member. Also, a charge against a member of this body and a member of a local church shall constitute a charge against said member in this body and the body shall abide accordingly.

Section 6. The duties of officers so defined shall be the same as those for any deliberative assembly.

Section 7. All boards may be called in session only by the Chairman of the Executive Board and any standing board may be called in session only by the Chairman of said board, unless said chairman becomes incapacitated in which case the assistant assumes the authority of said incapacitated chairman.



## Amendments

This Constitution shall not be changed or altered except by a majority of all members present to regular session. All amendments shall lie on the table at least from the morning session until evening session or from evening session until morning prior to adoption and shall, during that time be read at least twice in open session. Additions of boards or officers may be added as there is need.

## MINUTES OF The State League Convention

The Georgia State League Convention held its annual meeting November 25, 1955, with White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia.

The Convention was opened by Rev. S. T. Shutes leading the congregation in singing "To The Work" and our League Song, "Onward Christian Leaguers".

The devotion was presented by Rev. C. B. Downey of Patmos. The Scripture was taken from Mark 9:14-29. Prayer was offered by Rev. H. J. Kelley.

A welcome was extended to all visitors by Rev. Oats, Pastor of White Oaks Church.

A presidents message was given by our Message, Miss Joan Hamilton.

A motion was carried that the program be adopted.

It was moved and seconded that all delegates be seated.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Nominating: Benjamin Griffin (Midway); Prentiss Ridgion (South Ga.); Maxine Sellars, (Ga. Union); Mary Anderson (Union); Mrs. J. W. Franks, (Little River);

Mattie Lou Camp, (Chattahooche Association);  
Louie Grimes, (Martin Association).

Resolutions: Peggy Eubanks, Martin Wilson, Rev.  
H. J. Kelley.

Finance: Tony Branon, Rev. H. L. Knighton,  
Lucious Wilsen.

Credentials: Floda Mercer, Shirley Cleney,  
Pat Weaver, Rev. S. T. Shutes.

A report from the committee on the revision of our  
Constitution and By-Laws was given by Rev. T. G.  
Hamilton. It was moved and carried that this  
report be tabled until the afternoon session.

The congregation sang several chorus' and a special  
message in song was rendered by Frank Sadler of the  
Albany Church.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton introduced our Morning speaker,  
Rev. Irwin Hyman, Pastor of Marietta F.W.B Church.  
Rev. Hyman delivered a very interesting sermon on  
"A Good Soldier" using for his text II Timothy 2:1-4.

The congregation sang a chorus' and we were dismissed  
for lunch with prayer by Mr. Martin Wilson.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

The Congregation sang "Jesus Saves".

Rev. H. L. Knighton gave an interesting talk on  
"Youth Training For Service".

The Ebenezer F.W.B. League presented a very interesting  
playlet named "Aunt Sally Joins the Adult League".

The congregation sang "Jesus is A Wonderful Savior".

Christine McDuffie lead the State Bible Sword Drill  
with the following contestants:

### Intermediates:

Julia Perry (Midway); Marion Collins, (Chattahoochee); Janice Harrell, (South Ga.); Anice Baker, (Little River); Frances Weaks, (Union).

### Juniors:

Dent Percell (South Georgia).

The Credentials Committee reported as follows.  
We the Credentials Committee submit the following report:

There were fifteen (15) Churches represented from the various Associations.

Midway Association: Albany, Patmos, Blakely.

Martin Association: Belview, Thompson.

South Georgia Association: Ebenezer, Marietta.

Georgia Union Association: Christian Hill; Double Branch, Pine Level.

Union Association: Bay, Midway.

Chattahoochee Association: First Church of Columbus.

Little River Association: Ozias, Corinth.

Respectfully submitted,  
Fleda Mercer.

The Sword Drill Judges reported that, the Junior winner was Dent Percell and the Intermediate winner was Janice Harrell. (Because of Janice's age, Frances Weaks, the second place winner, will be sent to the National League Convention next summer.)

### RESOLUTIONS

The following report was received from the Resolution Committee.

We, Your Resolutions Committee submit the following resolutions.

1. Resolved that the State League Corresponding Secretary send report blanks to each District League Corresponding Secretary.

2. Resolved that the Executive Committee purchase a Bible for the winner of the Sword Drill.
3. Resolved that the State League Convention furnish Bibles like those used in the National contest for the contestants use in the State.
4. Resolved that the Convention give a rising vote of thanks to White Oak Church for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Eubanks

### FINANCE

The Finance Committee reported as follows:

We, your Finance Committee submit the following report:

Brought forward from 1954-----	\$15.71
Dues collected Nov. 25, 1955-----	78.00
Back dues-----	8.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$101.71</b>

We recommend to pay out as follows:

Minutes-----	\$ 20.00
President-----	10.00
Secretary-----	10.00
Unified Program-----	40.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

Receipts-----	\$101.71
Expenditures-----	80.00
Balance-----	\$ 21.71

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Branon



Rev. Hamilton moved that the Executive Committee determine the Bibles to be used and purchase Bibles to use in the State Bible Sword Drill. It was carried.

Rev. Hamilton again read the revised Constitution and By-Laws, and they were adopted.

It was moved and carried that the Corresponding Secretary draw up report blanks.

#### NOMINATIONS

The following report was received from the Nominating Committee.

We the Nominating Committee submit the following report:

President-----Peggy Eubanks, Albany, Ga.

Vice-President-----Fleda Mercer, Blakely, Ga.

Recording Secretary--Shirley Clenny, Colquitt, Ga.

Corresponding Secretary--Frances Weeks, Moultrie, Ga.

Treasurer-----Billy Wayne Causey, Tifton, Ga.

Bible Sword Drill Leader--Maxine Sullivan, Pinhurst, Ga.

Thompson Church from the Martin Association would like to have this Convention meet with them next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. J. W. Franks

A rising vote of thanks was extended to the host Church for the splendid hospitality to the Convention.

We were adjourned to meet with the Thompson Town Church in the Martin Association, in November, 1956.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
for  
THE GEORGIA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION OF  
FREE WILL BAPTIST

We, the Leagues of the Original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia, desiring to promote the cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination, and to put the "Kingdom of God First", do establish and ordain the Constitution and By-Laws.

CONSTITUTION

Article I

**NAME:** This organization shall be known as the Georgia State League Convention of the Original Free Will Baptist, of the State of Georgia.

Article II

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this Convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist Leagues throughout the State of Georgia and to assist the pastors in enlisting the youth of their churches in active Christian Service.

Article III

**OFFICERS:** The officers of this Convention shall be President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Sword Drill Leader, who shall be elected annually at the close of each session.

Article IV

**MEMBERSHIP:** Section 1. Who shall be eligible: Any Free Will Baptist District League Convention and the general league of the local church in the state of Georgia.

Section 2. Delegates, now elected. Each District League and the General League of the Local Church shall elect its delegates from its own number.

Section 3. Delegates, number: Each District League Convention shall be entitled to ten(10) delegates, and the General League of each local Church one (1) delegate. All Ordained Ministers shall be members of the State League Convention.

#### Article V

MEETINGS: This Convention shall hold its regular annual meeting on the day following Thanksgiving at such a place as may be provided for by the Convention in session.

#### Article VI

COMMITTEES: Section 1. Executive: The Executive Committee of this convention shall be composed of the officers of this convention.

Section 2. Program: The executive Committee shall arrange the programs.

Section 3. Publicity: This shall be a committee of one (1), the corresponding secretary.

Section 4. Digest: The duty of the Digest Committee shall be composed of three (3) whose duty it shall be to receive the reports and finance from the District League Conventions and the general Leagues representing, and to furnish a digest of the reports to the Convention.

Section 5. Special: This Convention or its President may appoint a Digest and nominating Committee and as many special Committees as necessity may demand.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall be composed of one member from each district League Convention, whose duty it shall be to furnish the convention with the names of nominees for the various officers of the State League Convention.

## Article VII

**REPORTS:** Each District League Convention shall be requested to make a written report to this Convention on a blank furnished by same.

## Article VIII

**FINANCE:** Section 1. Each District League Convention holding membership in this convention shall make a semi-annual contribution of \$10.00 and each general League \$2.00 to be used to carry on the general work of the convention.

## BY-LAWS

### Article I

**DUTIES OF OFFICERS:** Section 1. President: It shall be the duty of the president to preside over each session, preserve order, govern the body according to established parliamentary usage and appoint all temporary committees. He shall have the power to declare any office vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of either the Executive Committee or the Convention.

Section 2. Vice-President: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to serve in the full capacity of president when the president is absent.

Section 3. Recording Secretary: The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Executive Committee and the Convention and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office.

Section 4. Corresponding Secretary: The Corresponding Secretary shall be a medium of contact between the Convention and all state and national officers, and shall handle all correspondence of the Convention.



## GEORGIA STATE SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia State Sunday School Convention held its annual meeting on June 11, 1955, at Turners Chapel F.W.B. Church, near Butler, Ga.

Rev. J. W. Knighton lead the congregation in singing the opening hymn.

Devotional was presented by Rev. H. L. Knighton of Albany Church. The Scripture was taken from Isaiah 10:1-17. Prayer by Rev. W. R. Lawhorn.

Motion carried that the printed program be adopted.

An interesting program was presented by the host Church representing the Chattahooche Association.

A special playlet, "Protecting Our Faith" was presented by the Double Branch Church representing the Georgia Union Association.

A program, "How Young People Can Serve God" was presented by Ozias Church, representing the Little River Association.

A report from the committee on the revision of our Constitution and By-Laws was given by Rev. H. J. Kelley. This report was tabled until the afternoon session.

Rev. J. W. Knighton lead the congregation in singing "There is Power In The Blood".

Rev. Knighton then introduced our morning speaker, Rev. Louis H. Moulton, Pastor of the Savannah F.W.B. Church. Rev. Moulton gave us a very interesting sermon on "Fifth Amendment Christians", using for his text: Luke 14:9-18.

The dues were received from the participating churches.

The following ministers were recognized: Rev. McDuffie, Rev. Lovering, Rev. H. J. Kelley, Rev. Lobell, Rev. Michler, Rev. Shutes, Rev. Bone, Rev. Lawhorn, Rev. Moulton, Rev. Hamilton, Rev. Paul Irwin, Rev. J. W. Knighton, and Rev. H. L. Knighton.

The congregation sang a song and we were dismissed for lunch.

#### AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. J. W. Knighton lead the congregation in singing "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder".

Rev. K. V. Shutes lead in prayer.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, our State Moderator, spoke to us a few minutes on "How Important Our Sunday School Is In Our State Work".

A special in song was rendered by Herman McDuffie.

Rev. Bill Michler, our National Sunday School Promotional Secretary spoke to us on "The New Field of Teaching Through Our Sunday School, Teaching, Not Preaching".

Rev. Knighton explained our type of program.

The congregation sang "When The Old Account Was Settled Long Ago".

A very interesting playlet, "Faith Of Our Mothers" was presented by Cedar Springs Church, representing the Midway Association.

Delegates from the following Associations were recognized: Chattahoochee, Ga. Union and Midway.

Delegates from the following Churches were recognized:  
Chattahooche Association: White Oaks, First F.W.B.  
Church of Columbus, Little Bethel, New Prospect,  
First Thomaston and Turners Chapel.

Georgia Union Association: Double Branch.

South Georgia Association: Savannah F.W.B. Church

Little River Association: Corinth and Ozias

Union Association: Greenwood

Midway Association: Cedar Springs, Patmos, Blakely,  
and Albany.

Rev. H. J. Kelley again read the Revised Constitution  
and By-Laws, and after one correction they were  
adopted.

Moved and carried that the Executive Committee draw  
up Report Blanks for the local and District Conventions  
to the State Convention.

We were invited to hold our next Convention with  
the First F.W.B. Church of Savannah, and we accepted.

Moved and carried that we retain the same Officers.

Moved and carried that we express our appreciation  
to Rev. Michler and Rev. Moulton.

Moved and carried that we pay our radical share of  
expense in publishing the Minutes of the State  
Convention.

Rev. Michler explained quickly about the materials  
he had on display.

We were adjourned with prayer by Rev. Jesse Bone.

Respectfully submitted,  
Regina Long

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$15.00
Received from Associations:	
Chattahoochee	8.50
Midway	5.00
Ga. Union	5.00
Received from Churches:	
First Church of Columbus	2.00
Ozias	2.00
Double Branch	1.00
Thomaston	1.00
Turners Chapel	1.00
Corinth	1.00
Cedar Springs	2.00
New Prospect	1.00
First Church of Savannah	2.00
Blakely	2.00
Patmos	2.00
Deposited in First State Bank of Albany, Georgia	
(\$1.00 used to buy Check Book)	\$49.50

## CONSTITUTION

### Preamble

The Sunday Scholl of the Free Will Baptist Churches of Georgia, do hereby ordain this constitution for the purpose of advancing every phase of the Sunday School endeavors as set forth herein.

Article I. The name of this Convention shall be known as the State Sunday School Convention of Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Article II. The purpose of this Convention shall be to secure cooperation and unity of action and to promote every phase of the Sunday School work as represented by the Sunday School cause of the denomination.



Article III. The Convention shall be composed by delegates and ministers from the district and local Sunday Schools. Delegates to be worked out as may be provided for in the By-laws which may be drafted by this body.

Article IV. The officers of this body shall be a president, vice-president, recording secretary and treasurer and such other officers as may be provided for from time to time. Standing, temporary or session committees may be considered officers of the body while serving.

Article V. The Executive Committee may consist of all the standing officers with the addition of others as the body may deem wise and proper.

Article VI. The Convention may be financed by means which may be worked out from time to time and included in the By-Laws.

Article VII. All standing officers shall be elected annually at the close of the Convention session, and the installation of newly elected officers to be the last item on the program each year.

Article VIII. The Convention shall convene on 2nd Saturday in June each year, unless otherwise arranged.

Article IX. The program of the Convention will consist of items as may be arranged by a program committee, and the usual order of business as of any deliberative body.

## BY-LAWS

### ARTICLE 1, DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

SECTION 1, PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the President to preside over each session, preserve order govern the Body according to established Parliamentary usage, and appoint all temporary committees and substitute officers. The President shall also be a member of any Chairman of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 2, VICE-PRESIDENT: It shall be the duty of the Vice-President to serve in the full capacity of the President when the President is absent. The Vice-President shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3, SECRETARY-TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to take minutes of all proceedings and read them for approval and to record and to keep all money and pay for whatever the Convention elects to pay, also the Secretary-Treasurer shall deliver to his or her Successor all records and money. The Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee and shall serve as clerk of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 4, ASSISTANT SECRETARY-TREASURER: It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to take the place of the Secretary-Treasurer when he or she is absent. The Assistant Secretary-Treasurer shall be a member of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 5, EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: The President shall be an Ex-Officio member of all committees of the Convention.

### ARTICLE 2, VOTING:

SECTION 1: All questions coming before the Convention shall be decided by a majority vote, in case of a tie, the President shall vote.