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GENERAL OFFICERS

Ret. T. G. Hamilton, Moderator Glennville, Ga.
 Rev. J. B. Lovering, Assistant 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, Columbus, Ga.
 Camp Board G. C. King, Sylvester, Ga.
 Board of Trustees Curtis Gay, Hartsfield, Ga.
 Executive 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., 1959. Rev. B. W. Clenny, Colquitt,
 Ga., 1959. Walter Sloan, Moultrie, Ga., 1959. Rev. W. E. Jones, 1911
 2nd Ave., Phenix City, Ala., 1957. Rev. W. L. Amerson, Ga. Union
 Assn., 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. E. 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. Sellers, 1008
 West LaFayette St., Quitman, Ga., 1957. L. E. Wynn, Alapaha, Ga.,
 1957. Rev. George A. Ludwig, Glennville, Ga., 1957. O. B. Everson,
 Colquitt, Ga., 1959. W. E. Lane, Iron City, Ga., 1959.

CAMP BOARD: Rev. T. B. Mellette, Blakely, Ga., 1959. G. C.
 King, Sylvester, Ga., 1959. T. B. Ethridge, Unadilla, Ga., 1959. Mit-
 chell Hinson, Omega, Ga., 1959. E. D. Roberts, Colquitt, Ga., 1957.
 Nolan Purcell, Glennville, Ga., 1957. Wallace Franks, Tifton, Ga., 1957.

The 20th Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free
 Will Baptist Churches convened with Mt. Bethel Youth Camp, Ash-
 burn, Ga., on Tuesday evening, November 13, 1956. Song Service was
 conducted by Rev. J. C. Moore. Prayer by Rev. Riley Giddens. All visi-
 tors were recognized at this time.

Credential Committee: Rev. George Ludwig, W. B. Griffin, Rev.
 Mance Cason. Committee on Committees: Rev. H. L. Knighton, Curtis
 Gay, Emmett McDuffie, Rev. W. E. Jones, Bro. Wallace Franks.
 Committee on Allocation: Rev. J. B. Lovering, Chairman, Rev. Paul
 Long, Jack Faison.

Introductory message by Rev. A. C. Truluck. Subject: "Man,
 God's Greatest Possession"—reading Genesis 1:26-27; 2:7. Message was
 enjoyed by all. At this time Miss Volene Wilson sang a special number
 followed by Miss Lucy Wisehart.

Rev. Louis Moulton of Savannah, Ga. brought the evening sermon reading Psalm 85:6, speaking on "A Revival." A wonderful message was delivered on the subject.

Benediction by Bro. Joe Barfield.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Prayer by Rev. James Miller. Words of greetings by the Camp Board: G. C. King, chairman, T. B. Mellette, secretary.

Moderator's message was given. Theme of the message: "Thoughts and Cautions." This session was opened for business.

Visitors were recognized by the Moderator and welcomed to this session.

Credentials Committee made a partial report. Motion that partial report be accepted and delegates seated. Also other delegates arriving later be seated.

Moved to accept program with necessary changes as they may come up.

Moved that the Moderator appoint a Constitution Revision Committee. Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. J. B. Lovering and G. C. King were appointed.

At this time Rev. K. V. Shutes, Promotional Secretary of the National Association Superannuation Board, spoke to the body on Superannuation work.

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Bro. O. B. Everson.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. James Miller, representing the Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tenn., reading II Tim. 4:1, speaking on the charge Paul gave to Timothy. The body then stood in silent prayer for Rev. and Mrs. L. C. Johnson.

Benediction by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Song service conducted by Rev. Louis H. Moulton. Prayer by Rev. Kenneth Faison.

The session was opened by a message from Rev. J. B. Lovering, speaking on the subject of: "The Stewardship of the Ministry"—reading I Cor. 4:1.

Report of the Committee on Committees was made. Motion that report be adopted. (See Report)

Promotional Secretary made his annual report. Motion that report be received. (See Report)

An offering of \$111.80 was received for Unified Program.

Rev. W. S. Mooneyham, National Promotional Secretary, made a fine report of our National Program, speaking on Denominational Stewardship.

The Credentials Committee made a further partial report. Motion that the report be adopted.

Report of Joint Boards Meeting was read. Motion that report be received. (See Report) Motion amended that the item on the 5% to the Cooperation Plan of support be tabled. Motion carried.

Report of Executive Board read. Motion to receive report.

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

Report of Woman's Auxiliary was read. Motion that report be accepted as information.

Report of Camp Board read. Motion that report be adopted. (See Report) Rev. T. B. Mellette spoke on "Our Responsibility to the Youth."

Body adjourn.

Benediction by Rev. J. C. Moore.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song service conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes. Prayer by Rev. C. J. Harvey. Special song by Shirley Clenny, S. T. Shutes, J. C. Moore and George Ludwig.

Report of the Mission Board was read at this time. Motion that report be received and adopted.

The service was then turned over to Rev. Raymond Riggs, National Mission Promoter, reading I Tim. 1:15, speaking on "The Life of Paul." The mission picture, "The Five Martyred Men of Equador" was shown. An offering of \$67.41 was taken for Foreign Missions.

The proposed Constitution amendment was read. Moved it be placed on the table until morning session.

Benediction by Rev. Raymond Riggs.

THURSDAY MORNING

Song service conducted by Rev. Louis H. Moulton. Prayer by Rev. Emmett McDuffie. Devotional led by Rev. Leo Curtis, speaking on the subject of "The Stewardship of Personality."

The session was called to order for business by the Moderator. A chain of prayer was offered at this time, opened by Rev. W. S. Mooneyham and closed by Rev. Irwin Hyman. An offering for Superannuation was taken amounting to \$45.00. (This was taken on Wednesday)

Report of the Christian Board of Education was read. Motion that report be adopted. (See Report)

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

Report of Resolutions Committee read. Motion that report be adopted. (See Report) An amendment was offered that the item of forming a Dollar Club to help New Churches be left in the hand of the Mission Board as offered by the Resolutions Committee. Amendment adopted.

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

Motion that the Moderator ask for volunteers as delegates to the National Association. Motion to amend the motion that all delegates that were elected by the District Association be approved. Motion that Moderator be given the right to appoint delegates at National Association. Those appointed at this time were: G. C. King, Mrs. H. L. Knighton, Mrs. Paul Long, Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mrs. G. C. King, S. O. Jones, Alvin Day, Mrs. W. M. Johnson, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. B. W. Clenny, Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. Effie Kimberth, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. C. K. Causby, E. C. Davidson, D. L. Harris, C. K. Causby, Walter Sloan, Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Fred Boyd and wife, Mrs. Irwin Hyman, Mrs. Emmitt Houston, Edgar Smith, Emmitt Houston, Tom Cox, Mrs. Earnest Barker, Earnest Barker, Wallace Franks, James Martin Wilson, Martin Still, A. D. Ivey, Martin Murkerson, Mrs. Ralph Mills, J. W. Starr, Wesley Hobbs, M. C. Miller, Ralph Underwood and wife.

Motion that the proposed changes to the Constitution be read for the second time. Motion to adopt the Constitution changes. Motion to amend the main motion to adopt the item's one by one. Item one adopted, item two adopted and item three adopted. Moved that item four be taken from the Constitution changes.

Report of Nominating Committee read. Motion that report be received. (See Report)

A Rising Vote of thanks was given to the Camp Board and every one that had a part in the success of the Association being taken care of so well.

At this time prayer was offered to the Lord thanking Him for leading throughout this session.

Motion that Rev. J. C. Moore be given a rising vote of thanks for his help during the session.

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

Motion that the Business Session adjourn.

Dismissed by H. J. Kelly.

Closing service conducted by Rev. Lonnie Sparks. Subject: "Stewardship of the Gospel." Offering for Sparks \$76.65.

REV. T. G. HAMILTON, Moderator

REV. H. J. KELLY, Clerk

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

We, your Committee on Committees appoint the following for the various committees as shown.

Resolutions—Leo. Curtis, Walter E. Jones, T. B. Ethridge.

Nominations—B. W. Clenny, J. L. Wilson, Mance R. Cason.

Temperance—Louis H. Moulton, Walter Sloan, A. C. Williams.

Respectfully submitted.

REV. H. L. KNIGHTON, Chairman

CURTIS GAY

EMMETT McDUFFIE

W. E. JONES

WALLACE FRANKS

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee make the following nominations. Board of Superannuation: Rev. George Ludwig to replace Mr. W. B. Knight of the South Georgia Association.

The Little River Association having voted in their annual session to invite the State Association to convene with them in 1957. We, your Committee place them in nomination for the 1957 session.

We, your Committee place Rev. W. L. Amerson from the Georgia Union Association in nomination to replace Mance Cason on the State Mission Board.

B. W. CLENNY

J. L. WILSON

MANCE R. CASON

REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

Change in Constitution:

Article II. Section 3. Shall be changed to read as follows:

This Association shall be composed of all active ministers who are members of any affiliated bodies, one delegate for every 500 members,

or a fraction thereof, each district association or union meeting, and one delegate for every 100 members or a fraction thereof of all local affiliated churches.

Article III. Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliated association to furnish a member of each standing Board with terms of office rotating which will necessitate the election of four members at one election year, and three members at the next election year, giving each member a term of office of four years each. The exception will be the Board of Auditors, which shall consist of two members who shall be elected at the same time as the General officers.

Article III. Section 7. There shall be a Camp Board whose duties shall be to supervise the entire activities of the camp., arranging the time of sessions, electing all faculty members, forming all the study courses, especially those leading to a completion with the issue of certificates.

Section 8 shall be added to Article 3 and shall read as follows: Any Board members changing membership from one association to another shall remain on his respective Board until expiration of term.

Your Committee.

E. C. MORRIS

J. B. LOVERING

G. C. KING

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ALLOCATIONS

We, your committee on allocations recommend that the State Unified Funds be divided as follows:

Send to the National Cooperative Plan	50 %
Keep in the State Unified Work	50 %
That the allocation for the operation of the State Office be subtracted before the money is divided.	

We recommend that the money kept in the State be divided as follows:

Youth Camp	40 %
State Superannuation	24 %
State Missions	20 %
Children's Home	6 %
State Education	6 %
Woman's Auxiliary	4 %

Then, according to the allocations set by the National Association, that sent to the National Cooperative Plan will be divided as follows:

Foreign Missions	27 %
Home Missions	12½ %
Radio-T.V. Board	2 %
Executive Department	31 %
Bible College	19 %
National Superannuation	4 %
League	1 %
Sunday School	3½ %

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVERING, Chairman

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

We, your Auditors have examined the books of each department and find them very neatly kept and in order so far as receipts and dis-

bursements are concerned.

Respectfully,

G. C. KING, and S. T. SHUTES

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; Chattahoochee, \$20.00; Georgia Union, \$20.00; Union, \$15.00; Midway, \$25.00; Little River, \$15.00; Martin, \$20.00.

That we form a Dollar Club to help when there is a new church organized in our state. That everyone belonging to this club give one dollar to aid in building a new church. That each Pastor to assume the responsibility of getting members of his church to join this Dollar Club and that when they are called on they collect this one dollar from each of his members.

Be it further resolved that we give the Camp Mt. Bethel and Camp Board and all concerned a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality shown us during this session.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. LEO. CURTIS, Chairman

REV. WALTER E. JONES

BRO. T. B. ETHRIDGE

REPORT OF TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

The words of the Lord Jesus Christ in Matthew 25:13 are "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh."

In the light of recent world happenings with all the signs pointing to the soon coming of Christ, it is imperative that Christians practice temperance in respect to every word, action and deed, daily. Giving no occasion for stumbling, let us practice with sincerity the virtue of temperance as we "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

LOUIS H. MOULTON

WALTER SLOAN

A. C. WILLIAMS

REPORT OF STATE MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board has met in two annual board meetings along with a few called board meetings by the chairman, Bro. C. J. Harvey.

Some of the activities of this board for the past year are as follows: Plans were made to make investigations in regard to the possibilities of organizing Free Will Baptist Churches in a number of towns and cities in the State of Ga. Although we have not been able to establish churches in each of these localities, we have been blessed of the Lord in the establishing of a church in Brunswick, Ga., and we have assisted other new churches in a financial way.

On November 13, 1956, the board met at Camp Mt. Bethel in their annual meeting, with all members being present. After the opening prayer by Bro. B. W. Clenny we proceeded with business transactions. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

A report was given concerning the organizing of a new church in Brunswick, by Bro. Irvin Hyman. Motion carried that this board pay the pastor of the Brunswick church \$25.00 per week for the next three months. Any further financial assistance for this church will require the approval of the board. A motion was also made and sustained that the board assume the responsibility of advancing the mission program and mission emphasis within the State under the direction of the promotional Secretary. Motion carried that we assist Brother Leroy Miller in securing names of people living in Atlanta, Ga. belonging to the Free Will Baptist Denomination, since plans are underway for the establishing of a church there. Motion carried that Brother C. J. Harvey establish a mission point in East Albany, Georgia. It will continue as a mission point until such time as would be advisable to hold an organizational meeting.

Motion carried that we adjourn.

REV. C. J. HARVEY, Chairman

MANCE R. CASON, Secretary and Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

OPERATING ACCOUNT:

Balance brought forward	\$369.54
Received from promotional office	\$443.10
Special funds	\$95.66

TOTAL	\$908.30
Disbursement	405.86

Balance in Treasury	\$502.44
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LOAN ACCOUNT:

Balance brought forward	\$688.45
Received from promotional office	443.03
Receipts from Bainbridge Church. Payment on loan acct. ...	122.10
Balance in Treasury	\$1253.58

REPORT OF SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Nov. 13, 1956

The Superannuation Board met in session at Camp Mount Bethel with the following members present: Rev. H. J. Kelly, Rev. A. L. Sellers, Bro. L. E. Wynn, and O. B. Everson.

The Treasurer's report was given as follows:

We have 5 full time Superannuates and 1 part-time.

It was moved and seconded that Rev. E. L. Paulk, Sr., be placed on our regular list of Superannuates in appreciation for his faithful service to our denomination and the cause of Christ. Motion carried.

We, your Superannuation Board declare Bro. W. B. Knights' place vacant on the board due to non-attendance.

Balance from last year	\$ 37.25
Total amount received from Unified Program	1064.25
Total amount received from National Supernt'n. Board	62.82
Total amount received from Midway Assoc.	32.50
Rev. C. J. Harvey	10.00

TOTAL	\$1206.82
Total amount paid Rev. A. C. McKinnon	\$205.00

Total amount paid Rev. W. C. Coleman	\$205.00
Total amount paid Rev. J. B. Harris	\$205.00
Total amount paid Rev. E. C. Williams	\$205.00
Total amount paid Rev. S. E. Bowens	\$205.00
Total amount paid Rev. C. J. Harvey	\$145.00
Total amount paid for mileage to Board meeting	17.47
Total amount paid for exchange on checks	\$.95

TOTAL PAID OUT TO DATE	\$1188.42
TOTAL RECEIPTS TO DATE	\$1206.82

BALANCE IN TREASURY \$ 18.40

We adjourned with prayer by Bro. Wynn.

Respectfully submitted,

REV. H. J. KELLY, Chairman

O. B. EVERSON, Sec. and Treas.

REPORT OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

After a careful look in the past 12 months, a miserable feeling comes creeping over us. But in this, we are more apt to concentrate some portion of our energies to the absolute developing of some mental powers.

May we say our advancements are over, unless we do some training and we mean in every department of the Lord's work as we represent it. We are commending where commendation is deserved, but rather trying to generate some interest where there has been none. Most of the educational activities have fallen off some. Since we are just a promotional board we are just to help promote what the boards offer.

So most of our endeavors have been channeled through the loan fund, the Camp activities and the National Educational Program, and we have done a small bit. Without the Dot Harvey Loan Fund sponsored by the Woman's State Auxiliary Convention the bit would have been much smaller. But we have carried on and paid the Bible College, aided students, and tried to promote the entire program of our Lord's work.

Today we are meeting at Camp Mt. Bethel, November 13, 1956. Again new endeavors will be made to promote the program in its entirety. The following members were present: E. C. Davidson, C. J. Faison, Paul Long, Emmet McDuffie, Mack Miller, and S. T. Shutes.

The Board voted to assume the responsibility of promoting the Educational activities in his or her district association, but under the State Promotional Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION 1:

That we have a Bible Conference instead of a ministerial Institute at the Youth Camp and concentrate on two days instead of a week. This Bible Conference would be open to every layman of our denomination.

We salute the Woman's Auxiliary one day institute held at the camp for their glorious success, and urge that every Auxiliary strive to send more than one member to next years' session.

This Board commends very highly the Woman's Auxiliary Convention for their splendid service to the Dot Harvey Loan Fund. And we

encourage every Auxiliary to send at least \$1.00 each month to this Fund. Also we ask each Church to send \$1.00 each month to this Fund.

S. T. SHUTES

PAUL LONG

EMMETT McDUFFIE

C. F. FASION

E. C. DAVIDSON

MRS. E. C. MORRIS

MRS. IRVIN HYMAN, Prox. for Mrs. Edith Shivers

MRS. J. W. FRANKS

1955-56 FINANCIAL REPORT

—STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST BOARD OF EDUCATION—

C. J. Faison, Treasurer

Amounts received: (Ministerial Fund)

1. Dot Harvey Fund	\$157.21
2. Promotional Sec'y	131.52
3. Students repayment	285.00
4. Camp repayment	150.00

Total Rec'd—(Ministerial) \$723.73

Amounts received: (General Education)

1. Promotional Sec'y	131.58
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Total Rec'd—(Gen. Ed.) 131.58

TOTAL AMOUNTS RECEIVED \$855.31

Disbursements: (Ministerial Fund)

1. Loans—Students	\$650.00
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Total Disbursements—(Ministerial) \$650.00

Disbursements: (General Education)

1. Board Members Mileage	\$ 17.47
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Total Disbursements—(General Education) \$ 17.47

TOTAL AMOUNTS DISBURSED: \$667.47

BALANCE OF ACCOUNTS:

Ministerial Fund:

1955 Brought Forward	\$221.59	
1956 Deficiet	147.86	(73.73)

GENERAL EDUCATION FUND:

1955 Brought Forward	339.41	
1956 Balance	453.52	(114.11)
Loans Outstanding	\$2,032.00	
Bank Balance (10-30-56)	347.46	

(one check and one deposit not included in this figure)

TOTAL ASSETS: \$2,379.46

Respectfully submitted

C. J. FAISON, Treasury

CAMP BOARD REPORT

We, the Camp Board of the Georgia State Association make the

following report to the 1956 session now being held at Camp Mt. Bethel. We hope you notice with pride the added improvements to the buildings and same being made ready for needed service either winter or summer. Too, we wish to report that we held five sessions of Bible study embracing the teachings of the Bible to all ages

Our first session which we style a Bible conference open to all who may attend; then we held three sessions for youth developing training Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League and Church and Bible Doctrine. Also, we have successfully conducted this past summer as of last year, studies in rudiments of sight, reading, and training in vocal music.

We registered including staff members a total of 272 campers; other visitors came for a day or night services which were not registered. This was an average of 54 for each session.

Approximately 4860 meals were served during the summer sessions. The total income from sources (cash) approximated \$1634.76. The total amount advanced the expense of the sessions by the treasury approximately \$375.00. The balance left in Camp Expense Treasury amounted to \$79.90. This money is used to pay light bills and other camp upkeep expense.

We have not formulated plans for next year, but we do not expect to go backward, but forward.

We recommend that the camp's allotment of 18% be continued for next year.

T. B. MELLETTE, Secretary Treasury, Chairman
G. C. KING

FINANCIAL REPORT OF CAMP COMMITTEE

Nov. 14, 1956

The treasury reports as follows, dating from the 1955 session of the Georgia State Association.

Nov. 12, 1956—Balance	\$1,002.27
By Mrs. E. J. Barker	550.01
Dec. 12, E. C. Morris,	166.53
Mrs. Alma McDonald	10.00
Jan. 7, 1956, E. C. Morris	120.63
Jan. 28, M. W. Still, Midway Assn.	50.00
Feb. 9, E. C. Morris	207.76
Mar. 10, E. C. Morris	131.94
Mar. 10, Dot Harvey by C. J. Harvey	25.00
April 9, E. C. Morris	155.03
April 25, M. W. Still, Midway Assn.	50.00
May 7, E. C. Morris	152.05
July 6, E. C. Morris	141.54
July 7, E. C. Morris	141.54
July 25, M. W. Still Midway Assn.	50.00
Aug. 12, E. C. Morris	170.67
Sept. 7, E. C. Morris	238.26
Oct. 8, E. C. Morris	279.15
Nov. 7, M. W. Still, Midway Assn.	75.00
Nov. 8, E. C. Morris	198.13
TOTAL RECEIVED	\$3,926.42

DISBURSEMENTS:

Nov. 16, 1955, C. J. Faison on Acct.	\$150.00
Dec. 12, E. C. Morris—Expense	17.47
Dec. 17, G. C. King for improvement	500.00
Jan. 13, 1956, G. C. King for improvement	114.56
April 14, Rev. B. W. Clenny—Mileage	8.50
April 14, W. N. Percel—Mileage	5.00
April 14, C. J. Harvey—Mileage	6.40
April 14, G. C. King for improvement (camp)	1,000.00
June 6, Camille Enterprise—printing	19.32
June 11, Camp Bethel—running expense	100.00
June 18, Camp Bethel—running expense	100.00
June 18, Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey—Expense	50.00
June 22, G. C. King—for repairs (camp)	91.10
Aug. 10, G. C. King for expenses (Camp)	125.00
Sept. 8, G. C. King—Camp expense	80.83
Oct. 15, G. C. King—Camp Improvement	500.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS TO DATE \$2,868.18

BALANCE TO DATE \$1,058.24

REPORT OF JOINT BOARD MEETING

The various boards met in Joint Session at Camp Mt. Bethel, Nov. 13, 1956. Meeting opened by the Moderator, Rev. T. G. Hamilton. A chain of prayers by several board members, opened by Rev. S. T. Shutes and closed by Rev. T. G. Hamilton.

Moved and carried to omit reading minutes of last board meeting at Ozias Church, Nov. 10, 1955.

Rev. E. C. Morris brought before the board these items: 1. Not having room in his home for an office to do the promotional work. Moved and carried that this be turned over to the Executive Board for action. 2. Next item was in regards to holding mission revivals and change this to loyalties meetings of day or week as the church see fit. Moved and seconded to carry this out as suggested. Motion carried. Item 3: Was not to have assistants in each association as in the past. But each board carry out the work that the assistant had been doing. Moved and carried that the Joint Board endorse this suggestion.

Moderator declared the session adjourned to meet back at 3:00 p.m. Dismissed by E. C. Davidson.

The various boards met back at Camp Mt. Bethel in Joint Session. Called to order by Moderator. Several prayers were offered by board members.

Bro. Morris continued his suggestion to the board saying he had \$300.00 in the Emergency Fund and wanted to know if the Joint Board wished to keep this in the promotional department. Moved and seconded that the money be retained in the promotional department. The motion was amended and seconded that as much as \$300.00 be kept on hand that the Secretary continue to withhold the \$25.00 per month if needed. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded to send 5% of our money to the Co-operative Plan of our National Association. Motion carried.

The board reports read and adopted were as follows: Board of

Christian Education, Board of Missions, Board of Superannuation, and Camp Board. Board of Trustees held no meeting. Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Paul Long.

REV. T. G. HAMILTON, Moderator

REV. H. J. KELLY, Clerk

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee met after the joint board meeting adjourned and a motion was made that Bro. Morris build an extra room on his home for the promotional department and be rented by this department. Motion was carried. Motion to begin as of this date, the Association pay Bro. Morris \$15.00 per month rent. Motion carried.

Moved and seconded that Bro. Morris be allowed 4 weeks free time to run revivals or however he wanted to spent the time. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Lovering.

REV. T. G. HAMILTON, Moderator

REV. H. J. KELLY, Clerk

REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Associations	Churches	Delegates	Dues
Georgia Union	5	4	\$15.00
Chattahoochee	4	4	15.00
South Georgia	2	5	20.00
Little River	2	2	15.00
Union	2	1	15.00
Martin	6	3	15.00
Midway	11	5	15.00
Totals	32	24	\$110.00
Quarterly Meetings			
South Georgia			\$5.00
Georgia Union			5.00
Martin			5.00
Union			5.00
Totals			\$20.00
Churches			
First Columbus	\$9.00	Mt. Olive	\$2.00
Saint James	5.00	New Home No. 1	2.00
Paulan	2.00	Pilgrims' Home	2.00
Thomaston	2.50	First Savannah	10.00
Pleasant Hill	5.00	Oak Hill	3.00
Christian Hill	2.00	Blakely	2.50
Double Branch	2.00	New Enterprise	3.00
New Ebenezer	2.00	Zion	5.00
Pine Level	5.00	Macedonia	2.00
Ozias	5.00	Travelers' Rest	5.00
Corinth	5.00	Cedar Springs	2.00
Bay	5.00	Mt. Zion	5.00
Midway	5.00	Patmos	5.00
Bellview	5.00	Donaldsonville	5.00
Thompson	2.00	Jakin	5.00
New Salem	2.00	White Pond	5.00

Total money received \$257.00

DELEGATES RECORDED

Perry Walden, Mrs. Cora Hearn, Mrs. Lois Smith, D. L. Harris, Mrs. W. W. Hobbs, W. W. Bruce, Mrs. Ethel McDuffie, John Ross, E. L. Long, Mrs. Wylene Fordham, Curtis Gay, J. C. Boyd, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, J. L. Wilson, Mrs. Emmitt Houston, Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mrs. W. J. Hilbrun, Fred Middleton, A. C. Williams, Mrs. R. E. Mills, Martin Stills, Mrs. B. Houston, T. L. Edwards, Mrs. Robert Pyle, J. W. Clower, W. B. Griffin, T. J. Cox, Mack Miller, S. O. Jones, R. C. Cromer, Mrs. Cora Hearn, E. C. Davidson, Mrs. Stella Knight, Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Grover Brewton, Frank Steedley, T. B. Etheridge, Howard Faircloth, Donald Self, James Yawn, J. W. Franks, W. H. Wilson, Walter Sloan, W. E. Lane, I. M. Ard, Edgar Smith, B. Houston, S. F. Boyd, Mrs. Dorris Sheffield, Alvin Day, Martin Still.

Rev. George A. Ludwig

Rev. Manse Cason

W. B. Griffin

REPORT OF THE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

E. C. Morris

All praise to our Heavenly Father who has made it possible for us to make another annual report of the splendid cooperation of the Free Will Baptists of Georgia in the promotional efforts for the cause we love.

As usual, there are encouraging signs of continued progress in certain endeavors in most of the districts, however, there are elements in some areas which still disturb the growth and progress of the cause, though these elements are based on the decrease and with patience perseverance, it is possible to overcome them.

Every district association made an increase in membership except one. The total increase for the year is 295. This gain puts the State membership now over the 11,000 mark. Three new churches have been organized, one each in the South Georgia, Union and Midway. The number of additions during the year by baptism and restoration compared with the total membership reveals the fact that it takes 20 members to win one to the fellowship of the denomination. There are 41 churches that showed a loss in membership and 51 churches which did not have any baptismal service during the year. This should give us much concern, and cause us to become more interested in soul winning, which is the chief business of the Church.

The number of Sunday Schools reported six less than last year, however, the enrollment is 189 above. The number of Leagues are three less with a decrease of 203 members for the year. The Woman's Auxiliary work shows an increase of six auxiliaries, but a decrease of nearly half in membership. There were six more churches showing a weekly prayer service. We are sorry that accurate figures cannot be given in the auxiliary organizations for the lack of improper reporting. One encouraging sign is that seven more churches have gone on a full time basis for the year.

The greatest increase is shown in the finances for the year. The phases showing good increases are pastors' salaries, evangelists, superannuation and youth Camp. The total increase in gifts is \$14,441.10 above last year. The total percapita giving for the year was \$18.21.

This is approximately \$.05 for each member per day. The new parsonages for the year numbers three. This shows our pastors are being better provided for in the way of living quarters.

The Unified Budget was not quite reached, tho much better than last year. The South Georgia was the only association to reach the quota, however, a few of the others came very near the quota figures. The Midway and South Georgia were successful in enlisting all their churches in supporting the Unified Program. Some over half the state funds came in through the unified offerings. The per capita giving to the unified budget for the year was \$2.14. The number of churches giving to the cause through the unified system for the year was 101 with some of the other responding to certain phases of the cause with designated gifts.

Honor certificates were awarded to 55 churches, the Grand Honor Churches being; Bainbridge at the top of the list with \$8.33 per member giving, Bay the second with \$5.57 per member, Oak Grove in the South Georgia the third with \$4.99 per member. The other come in their order, First Valdosta, Ozias, Harmony, Emmanuel, Clements Bridge, Marietta, Satilla, Alabama, Baxley, Glennville, Midway, Double Branch, First Columbus, Pine Level, (Ga.Un.), First Thomaston, Beulah, New Ebenezer, Antioch, Liberty Chapel, Colquitt, Bellview and Hebrew. The Junior Honor Roll Churches are the ones that made an offering through the unified plan every month. There are fourteen in the Midway Association, six each in the South Georgia and Martin associations, three in the Chattahoochee and two in the Georgia Union.

There were six mission revivals conducted during the year, two each in the Georgia Union, Little River and Midway associations. In each of these revivals good cooperation was given by the participating churches and very gratifying results in each one. There were three other revivals conducted by your Promotional Secretary. Two weeks were spent in the Youth Camp teaching courses. Several churches were visited on week ends, all the district associations attended, the State Sunday School Convention, the National Association, Union and quarterly meetings every 5th week ends and three Auxiliary Work Shops were attended and in all the Cause was represented in definite ways. Altogether, it has been a very busy year and we are looking forward to doing even more during the ensuing year, divine providence permitting.

Below, the comparative report of statistics and finances follows:

COMPARATIVE REPORT FOR THE PAST TWO YEARS

Membership	1955	1956
Number district associations	7	7
Number affiliated churches	121	123
Total Church membership	10,705	11,090
Received by baptism	520	354
Received by letter	238	302
Rec'd by restoration & statement	162	91
Total accessions	920	747
Lost by letter	248	248
Lost by expulsion	39	63
Lost by death	84	98

Total number lost	371	409
Toal net gain	549	338
Auxiliaries		
Number Sunday Schools	101	95
Total enrollment of Sunday Schools	6,094	6,279
No. Free Will Baptist Leagues	55	52
Total enrollment of Leagues	2,921	2,718
Number Woman's Auxiliaries	45	51
Tot. enrol. of Woman's Auxiliaries	698	352
Number weekly prayer services	67	73
Ministry and Service		
Number ordained ministers	105	122
Number licensed ministers	28	11
Number full time churches	23	30
Number half time churches	73	71
Number less than half time churches	28	22
Finances		
Paid Pastors	\$79,408.06	\$86,756.77
Paid evangelists	11,125.72	13,505.75
Paid for missions	5,811.81	3,704.11
Paid for Christian Education	6,200.00	4,972.19
Alabama Children's Home	1,048.98	1,931.31
Paid for superannuation	749.33	1,912.50
Paid for youth camp	2,768.29	3,028.16
Paid for buildings and repairs	63,623.42	63,465.27
Paid for all cause not listed	41,489.36	22,944.66
Total expenditures	187,779.62	202,220.72
Number parsonages	8	11
Total value of parsonages	40,225.00	\$65,000.00
Total of Church property	784,074.00	803,511.96
Total of denominational property	25,000.00	27,000.00

ALL FUNDS REPORTED RECEIVED AND DISBURSED

GENERAL FUNDS RECEIVED

Fees received at the 1955 Session	\$235.60
From Woman's State Auxiliary Conv. for Minutes	35.00
From State League Convention for Minutes	20.00
Camp Board	17.47
State Mission Board	17.47
State Education Board	17.47
Superannuation	17.47
Sate Sunday School Convention	20.00
Projector sale - Reserved Fund	30.00
Total Received	\$410.48

DISBURSEMENTS OF GENERAL FUNDS

To Secretary of State for Tax on State Charter	\$1.00
All board members attending meeting	69.85
Honorarium fee for Clerk	25.00
Honorarium fee for Moderator	15.00
T. G. Hamilton for mileage & supplies	11.35
National Association dues	45.00
Total disbursed	167.20

Balance in General Fund Account	\$243.28
RECEIVED ON UNIFIED PROGRAM	
Churches, Auxiliaries and Individuals	\$12,295.84
DESIGNATED FUNDS	

Missions	
Foreign	\$490.75
State	248.67
National	165.52
Total for Missions	\$904.94
Superannuation	71.00
Alabama Children's Home	142.73
Bible College	179.62
State Education	17.12
Hdq. Bldg.	289.38
Mt. Olive Jr. College	8.50
Educational Loan Fund	59.02
Dot Haryey Loan	77.95
General Funds as above stated	40.48
Grand Cash total received	\$14,482.58

DISBURSEMENTS

Paid to Promotional Department:	
Salary, help and office expense	\$4,200.00
Foreign Missions	1,863.93
National Missions	933.57
State Missions	886.13
Children's Home	212.97
Superannuation	62.28
Bible College	1,381.06
Youth Camp	2,052.86
State Education	405.92
Auxiliary Promotion	161.81
Hdq. Bldg.	345.23
State Superannuation	974.15
National Superannuation	236.05
National Executive Department	326.58
Mt. Olive Jr. College	8.50
General Fund paid out	167.20
Grand total paid out	\$14,239.30

Balance on hand in General Fund \$243.28

Total raised on State Budget \$23,769.74 and credited to each Association as follows:

ASSOCIATIONS	QUOTA	PAID	BALANCE
Chattahoochee	\$3,000.00	2,900.00	100.00
Georgia Union	2,000.00	1,683.77	316.23
Little River	2,000.00	1,829.62	170.38
Union	2,000.00	1,540.90	459.10
Martin	2,000.00	1,881.15	118.85
South Georgia	7,500.00	7,581.97	81.97 over
Midway	6,500.00	6,352.33	147.67
TOTALS	\$25,000.00	23,769.74	1,230.26

\$23,769.74

FUNDS SENT TO OTHER TREASURERS AND REPORTED

Co-Labor Fund	278.16
Children's Home	1718.34
Youth Camp	975.30
Superannuation	420.81
National Superannuation	189.21
State Superannuation	30.00
Bible College	3176.71
Foreign Missions	1274.72
State Missions	722.41
Home Missions	565.73
National Missions	241.25
Cuba Missions	80.00
Hdq. Bldg. Fund	20.00
Auxiliary Promotion	5.00
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	9,697.54
The General Fund brought over	410.18
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The Grand Total Raised for all purposes	\$24,180.22

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, an 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 any affiliated bodies. One delegate for every 500 members, or a fraction thereof, of each district association or union meeting. And one delegate for every 100 members or a fraction thereof of all local affiliated churches.

Section 4. All delegates from Associations, Union Meetings and local churches shall be elected from the laity of the body sending them.

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 affiliated association to furnish a member of each standing board with terms of office rotating which will necessitate the election of four members at one election year and three members at the next election year, giving

each member a term of office of four years each. The exception will be the Board of Auditors which shall consist of two members who shall be elected at the same time as 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 whose duties shall be to supervise the entire activities of the camp. Arranging the time of sessions, electing all faculty members, forming all the study courses, especially those leading to a completion with the issue of certificates.

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 calender.

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 uncapacited in which case the assistant assumes the authority of said uncapacited 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 the time be read at least twice in open session. Additions of boards or officers may be added as there is need.

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STATE LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Georgia State League Convention held its annual meeting Nov. 23, 1956, with Thompson Free Will Baptist Church at Colquitt, Georgia.

The convention was opened by Frank Saddler leading the congregation in singing.

Prayer was offered by our President, Miss Peggy Eubanks.

The devotion was presented by Margie Snellgrove of Blakely.

A welcome was given by Larry Powell, president of Thompson League. The response was given by Janice Gay from Bay Church.

Committees were appointed as follows:

Credentials: Faye Knighton, Rudy Clenney, Rev. T. B. Mellette.

Finance: Duanne Mellette, Peggy Cyotte, Mr. Marshall Day.

Resolutions: Mrs. J. W. Franks, Shirley Denson, Martha Bailey.

Nominating: Betty Day (Midway), Veryl Clyotte (South Ga.), Maxine Sullivan (Ga. Union), Ruth Sloan (Union), Mrs. J. W. Franks (Little River, Martha Sellars (Chatt.), Larry Powell (Martin).

We had a song and an offering was taken.

A special message in song was rendered by Shirley Clenney.

The 11:00 message was brought by Rev. Charles Clark. The Scripture was taken from Exodus 32:26.

We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Mr. Marshall Day.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The congregation sang "Glory to His Name". The devotion was given by Glenda Etheridge.

The Thomaston F.W.B.L. rendered some special messages in song, led by Mrs. Irene Underwood.

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

Intermediates: Vivian McLendon (Chatt.), Sandra Langley (S. Ga.), Verrell Clyotte (S. Ga.), Larry Powell (Martin).

Juniors: Mary Sloan (Union), Evon McDuffey (Ga. Union).

Rev. E. C. Morris gave a talk on the League giving, quarterly, to the National League Board.

Rev. Drew Floyd presented a very interesting talk and prize to promote interest in the League and every phase of the young people's work. Mary Anderson won the prize.

The Sword Drill Judges reported that the Junior winner was Mary Sloan and the Intermediate winner was _____

Since we didn't get but one prize and we had two winners (Jr. Int.), it was moved and carried that we give the Junior winner the money out of the treasure to buy her a Bible like the Intermediate winner received.

Since the Ladies Auxiliary paid for the Bible Sword Drill prize,

it was moved and carried that they be reimbursed for their expense.

The minutes of the last convention was read and adopted. The treasurer's report was given and was approved as read.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Credentials committee reported as follows:

The Finance committee reported as follows:

Brought forward from 1955	\$.53
Dues collected from local leagues	37.00
Dues collected from Associations with the exception of South Georgia and Chatt.	60.00
Collection	12.27
Total	\$109.80
Recommend to pay out as follows:	
Minutes	\$20.00
Secretary	10.00
President	10.00
Unified Program	40.00
Mt. Bethel	15.00
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	\$95.00
	\$109.80
	95.00
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Balance	\$14.80
Brought forward today	\$14.80
Additional Offering	21.30
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	\$36.10
Bible for Junior Sword Drill Contestant	3.50
Aux. reimbursement	4.61
Amt. given to buy 14 Sword Drill Bibles	21.00
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	\$28.11
New balance in treasure	\$36.10
Additional expense	28.11
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Balance in treasure	7.99

RESOLUTIONS

The following report was received from the Resolution committee:

See reports.

An offering was received for the purpose of getting Bibles for our Sword Drill contestants like those of the National Convention.

NOMINATIONS

The following report was received from the nominating committee:

President	Louie Grimes (Colquitt, Ga.)
Vice President	Rev. Manse Cason (Tifton, Ga.)
Recording Secretary	Duane Melette (Blakely, Ga.)
Corresponding Secretary	Frances Weeks (Moultrie, Ga.)
Bible Sword Drill Leader	Maxine Sullivan (859 Cherry St., Macon, Ga.)
Treasurer	Rudolph Helton (Columbus, Ga.)
Pianist	Peggy Marie Clyatt

Chorister Laurie Faye Horne (Unadilla, Ga.)

The Convention was invited to Camp Mt. Bethel at Ashburn, Ga. next year.

Rev. Dowdney moved that the convention send 10% of our offerings to our National Secretary, Rev. Ray Turnage.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Thompson church for their hospitality through the day.

The installation service was led by Mrs. J. W. Franks.

The President appointed a committee to draw up report blanks Those appointed were Mrs. B. W. Clenney, Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. H. L. Knighton.

An interesting report from the National Convention was given by Frances Weeks. .

We were adjourned to meet at Camp Mt. Bethel at Ashburn, Ga. in November, 1957.

CREDENTIAL REPORTS

Chattahoochee

Rudolph Helton

Vivian McLendon

Durell Mewbourne

Pauline Medbourne

Shirley Dickerson

Leslie Taunton

Connie Parkerson

Pauline Mewbourne

Sara Story

Barbara Payne

Ga. Union \$20.00

Herman Sullivan

Glenda Etheridge

De Alva Griffin

Ann Bruce

Lola Barker

Maxine Sullivan

Earnest Barker

Laura Fay Horne

Mattie Lou Peavy

Verlyn Barker

Little River \$10.00

J. W. Franks

Maxine Franks

Melba Graham

Ima Lou Franks

Betty Jean Roberts

Tony Brannon

Gail Dean

Margaret Ann Ivey

Mary Wilson

Lucious Wilson

Harlene Robertson, Corinth \$2.00

Midway Association \$10.00

Marshall Day

Eva Davis

Traveler's Rest - Midway \$2.00

Jeanette Edmonds

Midway Church - Union \$2.00

Ruth Sloan

1st Church, Columbus, Chatt. 3.00

Martha Sellers

1st Church, Thomaston, Chatt.

\$2.00

Helen Tomlin

Thompson Church - Martin \$2.00

Larry Powell

Double Branch - Ga. Union 2.00

Laura Fay Horne

Mothers Home - Martin Asst. 2.00

Martha Jo Barley

Blakely Church - Midway \$2.00

Betty Day

1st Church Albany, Midway 3.00

Fay Knighton

Christian Hill, Ga. Union \$2.00

Louise Paramore

Martin 10.00

Martha Barley

Marlyn Davis

Charlie Grimes

Lonie Grimes

Rudy Clenney

Janet Middleton

Larry Boyd

Hilda Kirkland

Larry Powell

Shirley Clenney

Union Asst. \$10.00

Ruth Sloan

Billy Fason

Rachel Alexander	Mary Anderson
Sara Alexander	Elaine Walker
Duane Mellette	Mary Sloan
Margie Snellgrove	S. Georgia
Bellview Church - Martin \$2.00	Venell Clyatt
Rudy Clenney	Peggy Clyatt
Ozias Church - Little River \$3.00	Sandra Langley
Annease Baker	Live Oak Midway \$2.00
Bay Church Union \$2.00	John Etheridge
Janice Gay	Mt. Gilead - Martin \$2.00
New Salem - Martin \$2.00	Larry Boyd

We the Credential Committee report as follows:

Total amount received from Association	\$60.00
Total amount received from Churches	37.00
Offering	12.27
Total	\$109.27

We recommend that the delegates from the Chattahoochee and South Georgia Association also be seated with the promise to send their dues to the treasurer of the Convention.

Signed:	Rudy Clenney
Bro. T. B. Mellette, Chairman	Fay Knighton

RESOLUTIONS

We, your Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

1—That the President appoint a committee to plan and have printed report blanks to be given to the State Corresponding Secretary, and she in turn will send each District League Secretary one, before the next session

2—That the names and addresses of each District league President and secretary be printed in the minute.

3—That the Executive Committee purchase a gift for the winners of the Bible Sword Drill. Both Juniors and Intermediates.

4—That if this Convention has enough money they furnish Bibles like those used in the National contest for the contestants use in the state.

5—That the Convention give a rising vote of thanks to Thompson Church for their hospitality.

	Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. J. W. Franks	Shirley Denson
	Martha Jo Bailey

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, how 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 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 III

AMENDMENTS: Any amendment to this Constitution and By-Laws may be secured by a two-thirds majority vote of the Convention, provided such an amendment be presented at least one hour before taken under consideration.

Article VIII

FINANCE: Section 1. Each District League Convention holding membership in this convention shall make an 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.

Convention shall be kept by the treasurer and paid out by him only by order of the Convention or the Executive Committee.

Section 6. The work of the Executive Committee shall be the same as that of the Convention when the Convention is not in session. It shall have authority to call extra sessions when such becomes necessary. It shall have the authority to suspend any officer of the Convention when he or she proves a failure on official duties, proves non-Christian in conduct, or in any way acts detrimental to the general welfare of the work of the Convention, and shall have the right to fill the vacancy; also fill vacancies caused by other reasons. Officers thus appointed shall hold office until the next regular session of the Convention. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer and Sword Drill Leader.

Section 7. Ex-Officio Member: The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Convention.

Section 8. Program Committee: The Executive Committee shall arrange the program for each session of the Convention, building the program around these that may be suggested by the National League Board Secretary.

Section 9. Publicity Committee: The Publicity Committee shall give due publicity to all activities of the Convention. The Church papers, state and county newspapers, city newspapers, and others should be used as mediums of advertising the work of the Convention.

Article II

VOTING: Delegates from all District and General Leagues, that are members of the Convention, Officers of the Convention and Ministers shall have the right to vote. All questions coming before the Convention shall be decided by the majority.

PROCEEDINGS
Of The
WOMAN'S STATE AUXILIARY CONVENTION
TWENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION, NOV. 13, 1956
CAMP MOUNT BETHEL

The Convention opened by singing hymn "Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us." Mr. James C. Moore then led us in singing "Higher Ground." Prayer by Mrs. S. T. Dunning. A very impressive devotional "The Broken Heart in Soul Winning" was given by Mrs. S. T. Dunning. The scripture was taken from Psalm 126:5, 6.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. K. V. Shutes. The congregation joined singing "Lead Me to Some Soul Today."

The minutes were read by the secretary and approved. Roll call of delegates. Motion properly made and carried that the delegates be seated. Motion approved that the printed program be the order of the day.

The following were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mrs. O. L. Houston, Mrs. Irene Underwood, Mrs. Paul Long, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. C. D. Rentz, and Mrs. Miriam Greene.

The President appointed the following committees:

Credentials: Mrs. O. B. Everson, Mrs. Irvin Hyman, Mrs. Paul Irvin.

Finance: Mrs. S. T. Shutes, Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. C. K. Causey.

Registration: Mrs. E. C. Morris and Mrs. Alma Houston.

Resolutions: Mrs. C. C. Sheffield, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Ruby Wells, Mrs. W. N. Wilson, and Mrs. G. T. Harvey.

The President then welcomed the visitors and the eight ministers with us.

Mrs. J. W. Franks introduced the contestants for the Declamation Contest: Janice Houston from Albany and Frances Weeks from Midway Church. The President appointed the following judges: Miss Volena Wilson, Miss Lucy Wisehart, and Mr. James C. Moore.

The congregation joined in singing "Trust and Obey." Mrs. K. V. Shutes introduced our missionary to India, Miss Volena Wilson, who had charge of our eleven o'clock service. Her topic was "Soul Winning in India" using the Scripture Psalms 126:5, 6. An offering for missions was received while the congregation sang the hymn "Ready." The offering amounted to \$66.35. We adjourned for the noon hour with prayer by Rev. E. C. Morris.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Solo by Mrs. K. V. Shutes "The Ninety and Nine". Mrs. K. V. Shutes then introduced our missionary to Cuba, Miss Lucy Wisehart, who brought the devotional "The Go in Soul Winning." She used as her scripture Acts 1:8. Prayer by Rev. Leo Curtis of Blakely.

Mrs. J. W. Franks then announced the decision of the judges in the Declamation Contest. Janice Houston was first and was presented a Bible. Frances Weeks, who was second, was presented a book on Missions.

The report of the Credentials Committee was read and approved. The Registration Committee gave its report which was approved. The report of the Finance Committee was read and adopted. The report

of the Resolution Committee was received and adopted.

The personal reports of the following officers were read and accepted:

President—Mrs. Bruce Clenny; Rec. Sec. & Treas.—Mrs. S. T. Shutes; Asst. Rec. Sec.—Mrs. O. B. Everson; Personal Service Chrm.—Mrs. E. C. Morris; Study Course Chrm.—Mrs. C. C. Sheffield; Youth Aux. Chrm.—Mrs. J. W. Franks; Field Secretary—Mrs. Ruby Wells; Stewardship - Prayer Chrm.—Mrs. H. L. Knighton.

Mrs. O. B. Everson gave a report of the W.N.A.C.

The secretary read the allocations for the Home Mission Tent (Our W.N.A.C. Project):

Midway District	\$40	Martin District	15
South Ga. District	25	Double Branch Local Aux. ..	5
Little River District	10	Midway Local Aux.	5
Chattahoochee District	15	Greenwood Local Aux.	5

Motion carried that we set January 1 as deadline for the money to be sent in for the tent.

The report of the nominating committee was read and adopted.

The body then gave a rising vote of thanks to our outgoing officers. The following volunteered to go as delegates to the W.N.A.C.:

Mrs. Irene Underwood, Mrs. Effie Kimbrel, Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mrs. O. L. Houston, Mrs. E. C. Morris, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Leo Curtis, Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. S. T. Shutes, and Mrs. Bruce Clenny.

Motion carried that the President be given the authority to replace those delegates who are unable to attend the national convention.

Song, "Stand Up for Jesus" led by Rev. James C. Moore.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes was in charge of the Installation Service. She used as her theme "The Good Shepherd." She was assisted by Rev. H. L. Knighton who installed her as our new president.

We adjourned with the hymn "Where He Leads Me, I Will Follow" and prayer by Mrs. Bruce Clenny.

DELEGATES

Chattahoochee District:

Mrs. K. V. Shutes
Mrs. Cora Hearn
Mrs. Lois Smith
Mrs. Ralph Underwood

South Georgia:

Mrs. Jean Hyman
Mrs. C. D. Rentz
Mrs. Mary Lightsey
Mrs. Clyde Eunice

Little River:

Mrs. Ruby Cowart
Mrs. Paul Long
Mrs. C. K. Causey
Mrs. W. N. Wilson

Midway District:

Mrs. B. B. Edwards
Mrs. O. L. Houston

Mrs. Ruth Hughes
Mrs. S. T. Dunning
Mrs. Nancy Johnson

Martin District:

Mrs. Effie Kimbrel
Mrs. Alma McDonald
Mrs. Alma Houston
Mrs. John Bailey

Locals:

Midway—
Mrs. Miriam Greene
Mrs. J. B. Rice
Greenwood—
Mrs. G. T. Harvey
Mrs. Paul Irvin
Double Branch—
Mrs. I. M. Saugster

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

A special meeting of the Executive Committee was held Nov.

13, 1956 at Camp Mount Bethel with the following members present: Mrs. K. V. Shutes, Mrs. Bruce Clenny, Mrs. Margie Hudson, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. E. C. Morris, and Mrs. O. B. Everson.

A motion was properly made and carried that we give \$100.00 to the Unified Program.

There being no further business, we adjourned.

Mrs. K. V. Shutes, President

Mrs. O. B. Everson, Rec. Secretary

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash receipts in bank	\$527.51
Convention Dues	163.24
Funds received and paid out:	
Unified Program	\$194.87
Children's Home	11.45
Headquarter's Building	25.00
Visual Aids	65.00
Superannuation	2.00
Foreign Missions	37.79
State Missions	61.17
National Missions	27.93
Missions	18.19
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	141.09
Bible College	3.00
Speaker for Institute	60.00
Co-Laborer Fund	288.16
Miss Barnard's Watch	64.00
Declamation Contestants Expenses	50.00
Contestant Awards	15.51
Refund on money missent	14.00
Total	\$0179.16

Due to the fact that all my records were lost by fire, my report is incomplete.

Mrs. S. T. Shutes

1. Resolved that this Convention have uniform Report Blank printed and that no Local Aux. send a report to the State Secretary unless there be no district convention. When a Local report without a District Convention, that they be entitled to 2 delegates, President and one other.

2. Resolved that this convention have one day at Camp for 1957 and that each Aux. send \$5.00 to the State Treasure for the expenses of this day.

3. Resolved that the names and addresses of each District President be printed in the State Minutes.

4. Resolved that this Convention pay \$50.00 on minutes if the Minutes can be received by February, 1957.

5. That each local Aux. send \$1.00 for the Dot Harvey Educational Loan Fund.

6. That if the State Minutes cannot be received at an early date in 1957 that the State Secretary send a copy of the Resolutions approved today to each local Aux.

7. That each District Convention be allocated a certain amount towards the \$120.00 on the Home Mission Tent which is the W.N.A.C.

project also that each Local Aux. without a District be allocated a sum towards this project.

8. That each District Convention continue having the quarterly workshop, and those who have not had them to plan and have them in '57 in cooperation with W.N.A.C. plan of work.

9. That this Convention buy the Sparks who will leave for the Mission Field in December, a three-piece Samsonite set of luggage.

10. That this Convention give Mrs. Nancy Johnson, who has worked so untiringly in getting the furniture in the girl's dormitory donated, a rising vote of thanks, and who also got the furniture to the camp coming along and personally arranging same.

11. That the Secretary and Treasurer have authority to have special stationery printed, also 500 receipt cards printed for the use of State Officers.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield

Mrs. John Bailey

Mrs. Ruby Wells

Mrs. W. M. Wilson

Mrs. G. T. Harvey

1956 REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

39 Auxiliaries - 514 Members	Visitors Present	51
1-A Average Attendance 255	District President Present	2
4 - B	5 Districts representing	
12 - C	3 locals representing	
State Officers Present	8 Respectfully,	
Ministers Present	24 Mrs. E. C. Morris	
Delegates Present	24 Mrs. Alma Houston	

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Total in Treasury	\$527.51
Luggage for Sparks	79.25
Duty on Miss Barnard's Watch	60.00
Corsages for Officers	4.38
Minutes	50.00
Secretary's Services	25.00
President	15.00
1955 Programs	3.50
1956 Programs	4.50
National Dues	51.40
Unified Program	100.00
Total	\$393.03
Cash on Hand Nov. 13, 1956	\$527.51
Disbursements	393.03
Balance	\$134.48

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. S. T. Shutes

Mrs. K. V. Shutes

Mrs. J. B. Rice

Mrs. Effie Kimbrel

Mrs. C. K. Causey

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following list of officers for the ensuing year:

President	Mrs. K. V. Shutes
V. President	Mrs. Irvin Hymon
Secretary and Treasurer	Mrs. Martha Everson

Corresponding Secretary	Mrs. Paul Long
Study Course Chairman	Mrs. Doris Sheffield
Field Worker	Mrs. J. B. Rice
Youth Chairman	Mrs. Edith Shiver
Prayer & Stewardship	Mrs. Margie Hudson
Bu. & Personal Service	Mrs. E. C. Morris
Assistant Recording Secretary	Mrs. Bruce Clenny
Respectfully submitted,	Mrs. Ralph Underwood
Mrs. O. L. Houston	Mrs. C. D. Rentz
Mrs. Alma McDonald	Mrs. Paul Long

CREDENTIALS

We, your Credential Committee, submit the following report.

We have 5 districts reporting the following statistics:

Midway—150	\$62.60
Little River — 40	22.50
Martin — 42	17.00
South Georgia — 137	10.74
Chattahoochee — 97	28.40

We also have 3 local auxiliaries reporting:

Midway — 21	\$10.50
Greenwood — 12	4.80
Double Branch — 17	1.60

We recommend that those who have sent insufficient funds be allowed to make them up and mail them to our state secretary-treasurer by December 1.

We further recommend that the state secretary send a reminder about our 40c per capita dues to the state along with the report blanks for our convention next year to the district presidents.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. B. Everson

Mrs. Irvin Hyman

Mrs. Paul Irvin

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In making my personal report to this convention, I wish to submit the following.

I attended the Martin and the Midway Associations District Conventions. Attended five (5) work shops in two different associations taking part on program of four. Attended one State Executive Committee meeting and helped to plan program for our State Convention. Taught one course on the Manual of Methods in the Union Association conducted one installation service, received approximately 20 cards and letters. Wrote 45 cards and letters. I organized two Woman's Auxiliaries, planned two work shop programs, sent programs to Free Will Baptist paper, sent articles to local paper by way of announcements of work shops, made posters for work shop. Served as President of the Martin Associations District Auxiliary Convention and made several talks in behalf of Auxiliary work.

I have received great pleasure in serving as your vice president and president for the past two years. I appreciate the cooperation that I have received during this time.

I wish to tender my resignation at this session and pray that God will bless us as we go from this Convention that we may launch out

into greater fields of service for Him.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. B. W. Clenney

PERSONAL REPORT OF THE STEWARDSHIP PRAYER CHMN.

State Executive Meetings Attended 4

Work Shops Attended 3

District Conventions Attended 2

Attended The National Convention

Attended 3 Installation Services

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. H. L. Knighton

I, as your Personal Service Chairman, sometimes think if we really understand what this kind of service means. If we listen to the Secretary's report, we'd think that this meant just personal. I have tried in my humble way to inspire the people to do more in the Personal Service. I have written 18 letters. Visited 104 churches talking the work everywhere I go. Since I was chairman of the Dot Harvey Fund, I tried to encourage all auxiliaries to give the \$1.00 a month that we resolved to give last year and you can see from the report only \$141.00. I do hope we can build up this fund so that we may help some girl go into training for the Lord's work. I pray that we all will realize that Personal Service is service to others and more souls will be won because of our Service. I attended the State work shop, 2 District workshops, attended National Conventions.

Mrs. E. C. Morris

PERSONAL REPORT OF YOUTHS AUXILIARY CHAIRMAN

I have felt it a great privilege to serve as your Youth Chairman, and I truly appreciate the cooperation I have had in every way. I have written 19 letters. Received 11 letters. I attended 3 district workshops taking part on all three and the Little River district convention, serving as Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Corresponding Secretary. I served as president of our local Women's Auxiliary and sponsor of the local Y. P. A. Organized 1 Women's Auxiliary. I attended 2 State Executive Committee Meetings. I have tried to encourage the young people in our work and in the camp activities. Again I want to say "Thanks" for all cooperation.

Respectfully submitted

Mrs. J. W. Franks

PERSONAL REPORT OF ASSISTANT RECORDING SECRETARY

Attended 2 District workshops.

Attended 1 District Convention.

Attended the State Institute at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Attended all four Executive Committee Meetings.

Attended the National Convention.

Was on program at 2 District workshops.

Taught 2 study courses in local auxiliary.

Wrote several letters.

Helped secretary prepare her annual report.

Helped plan programs for the District Convention, the State Institute, and the State Convention.

Served as an officer in the local auxiliary and the District Convention this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. O. B. Everson

PERSONAL REPORT OF STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN

Letters written—26.

Cards written—5.

Conducted study courses on Manual at District Workshop—3.

Conducted one study course on Manual at Local Auxiliary—1.

Prepared one program for '56 Y. P. A. Year Book—1.

Prepared one playlet for '56 Y. P. A. Year Book—1.

Prepared one Installation Program for Woman's Auxiliary Year Book—1.

Conducted three Installation Services—3.

Taught one session at Mt. Bethel Youth camp—1.

Prepared one playlet to be used in '57 Year Book—1.

Helped plan and conduct State Woman's Auxiliary Workshop at Mt. Bethel June 14.

Had 100 programs printed for State Work shop at a cost of \$1.15.

Helped one Local Study Course Chairman plan a study course on Stewardship and furnished some of material for same.

Spoke in behalf of Youth Work at one Union Meeting.

Wrote and helped direct one play at District League Convention—1.

Attended all Executive committee meetings.

Wrote and took part in one play in behalf of Unified Program of Georgia.

This play was presented at Blakely Church at the end of Mission Revival.

I would like to recommend that each District Convention hold Quarterly Workshops in 1957 if this has not been done in the past, if so to continue to hold these Workshops, for I truly believe this to be the best plan to enlighten our women; enabling them to do a better job in the Master's vineyard.

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed: rightly dividing the word of truth."

Surely each Christian needs to study more to gain God's approval and become a better person, gaining power through knowledge of His will and Way for each life.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. C. C. Sheffield

I, your State Field Worker, submit the following report:

In behalf of our auxiliary work I have written 22 letters and cards, helped prepare programs for 3 Workshops, served as District Study Course Chairman, talked to several ministers about auxiliaries at their churches.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Ruby Wells

GEORGIA STATE FREE WILL BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The Georgia State Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention held its annual meeting with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Ga., on June 9, 1956.

The meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. H. L. Knighton.

Rev. Louis H. Moulton lead the congregation in singing the opening hymn.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Paul Long.

Rev. Moulton lead the congregation in singing another hymn.

Miss Joan McKinney of Christian Hill F.W.B. Church lead the Morning Devotional. The Scripture was taken from Hebrews 4.

Mr. R. B. Anderson of the Savannah Church gave the Welcome and Rev. Knighton gave the Response.

The Secretary read the newly adopted By-Laws and Constitution to dissolve any possible confusion.

Miss Valerie Roberson of the Corinth F.W.B. Church gave a very interesting topic discussion on "Sunday School And It's Relation To The Church."

Special Music was presented by the First Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus.

Rev. Kenneth Faison of Bay Free Will Baptist Church gave a very interesting talk on "Sunday School Evangelism."

Rev. S. T. Shutes lead the congregation in singing several chorus'.

Miss Shirley Cleney of Belview F.W.B. Church rendered a very beautiful solo, "I'd Rather Have Jesus".

Rev. William Mishler, Promotional Sercetary of the National Sunday School Board, delivered the Morning Message, using as his text, the 15th Chapter of Genesis. He discussed our Sunday School in "It's Beginning" and "The Challenge of our Sunday School."

Rev. Knighton introduced the following Ministers who were present at the Convention: Rev. C. D. Rentz, Rev. Paul Long, Rev. E. C. Morris, Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Rev. S. T. Shutes, and Rev. Louis H. Moulton.

We were dismissed for lunch after announcements were made by the host Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. S. T. Shutes lead the congregation in an opening hymn.

Devotions were presented by Rev. Knighton. He used the text of II Cor. 13.

Rev. E. C. Morris lead in Prayer.

Rev. Knighton asked that all Reports from District and Local Sunday Schools be turned in to the temporary Committee appointed.

The Program was then turned over to Rev. Mishler, the National Promotional Secretary. Rev. Mishler presented a very helpful and educational lecture on "The Sunday School Is The Agency Of The Church" and the problems concerning our Sunday Schools.

The President then opened the Business Session of our Convention.

A Report from the Credentials Committee was accepted.

The Secretary read the Minutes and gave the Financial Report.

Rev. T. G. Hamilton, our State Moderator, explained why our State minutes weren't already out.

It was moved and carried that \$20 be sent the State Clerk for the printing of last years and this years minutes.

An Offering was taken.

It was moved and carried that the President appoint a committee of seven to draw up Report Blanks for District and Local Sunday Schools.

Moved and carried that a minimum of \$10 and a maximum of \$15 be appropriated for the preceding Committee to use.

It was moved and carried that \$50 be paid to Rev. William Mishler and that he be given a rising vote of thanks.

Moved and carried to express rising vote of thanks to Rev. Moulton and the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah for its fine hospitality.

Moved and carried that the stme State Officers be retained for the next year with the addition of an Assistant Secretary and Treasurer. Miss Janelle Johnson of Columbus F.W.B. Church was appointed by acclamation for this office.

It was moved and carried that the Executive Committee place the next meeting.

Rev. William Mishler discussed briefly the idea of having more challenging Convention of longer sessions and more emphasis placed on the educational program.

After announcements were made, we were adjourned until our next Annual Convention. This is to be held with Corinth F.W.B. Church, near Brooksville, Ga., on the 2nd Saturday in June 1957.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Received from District Conventions

Chattahoochee Association	\$5.00
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Received from Local Sunday Schools

Midway Association

Macedonia	2.00
Hammock Springs	2.00
Patmos	2.00
Albany	1.00

Chattahoochee Association

White Oaks	1.00
Columbus	1.00

Little River Association

Ozias	1.00
Corinth	1.00

Georgia Union Association

Christian Hill	1.00
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South Georgia Association

Ebenezer	1.00
Savannah	1.00

Union Association

Bay	1.00
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Total	\$20.00
Balance on Hand	49.50
Offering	14.91
	\$84.41

Disbursements

Rev. E. C. Morris for printing the Minutes	\$20.00
Rev. William Mishler, expenses of his trip from Nashville	\$50.00
Publicity	\$10.00
Total Disbursement	\$80.00

Total Receipts	\$84.41
Total Disbursements	\$80.00

Balance On Hand \$4.41

CONSTITUTION**Preamble**

The Sunday Schools 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 and 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 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.

SECTION 2: Voting shall be restricted to all officers of the Convention. Ministers and Superintendents and Delegates from each District Convention, also each Sunday School.

Section 3. Each District Convention shall be entitled to five delegates. Each Sunday School two delegates. .

ARTICLE 3, DUES:

Each District Convention shall send \$5.00 to the Convention. Each Sunday School shall send \$1.00 to the Convention.

ARTICLE 4, AMENDMENTS:

Any amendments to this Constitution and By-Laws may be secured by two-thirds majority vote, provided such an amendment has been presented to the Executive Committee 90 days before the date of the Convention and has been approved by the Executive Committee.