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OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

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Billy Hatcher, Union Assn., Rt. 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716	1975
Lewis Williams, Martin Assn., Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1975
Bennie Lairsey, L. River Assn., Rt. 3, Box 828J91 Waycross 31501	1973
Herman Watson, Chatt. Assn., Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	1973
L. S. Anthony, Ga. U. Assn., Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	1973
David Matthews, Midway Assn., P.O. Box 84, Cedar Springs, Ga. 31732	1975

TRUSTEE BOARD

Earl Tabb, Midway Assn., Rt. 4, Box 215, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1975
W. S. Driggers, Martin Assn., 507 Mills St., Bainbridge, Ga. 31717	1975
Curtis Gay, Union Assn., Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756	1975
Ted James, S. Ga. Assn., Rt. 2, Box 523, Jesup, Ga. 31545	1975
Bill Banksdale, Ogeechee Assn., Rt. 3, Midville, Ga. 30441	1973
Emmette Dunaway, Ga. U. Assn., Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga. 31091	1973
Charles Hartsfield, L. River Assn., Rt. 2, Norman Park, Ga. 31771	1973
Buddy Taylor, Chatt. Assn., P.O. Box 642, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	1973

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Bill Lofton, Midway Assn., 2906 Greer St., Albany, Ga. 31701	1975
Howard Roberts, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1975
E. E. Kelly, Ga. U. Assn., Rt. #3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036	1975
George Sayer, Ogeechee Assn.	1973
M. M. Franks, L. River Assn., Rt. 1, Ashburn, Ga. 31714	1973
Harris Nix, S. Ga. Assn., Rt. 2, Jesup, Ga. 31545	1973
Eugene Windham, Chatt. Assn., Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. 31076	1973
Hugh Willis, Union Assn., 103 Mimosa, Sylvester, Ga. 31791	1975

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING

Robert Hesselmeyer, L. River Assn., Rt. 1, Norman Park, Ga. 31771 . . .	1975
William Travis, Chatt. Assn., 203 Poplar St. Thomaston, Ga. 30286 . . .	1975

C. B. Dowdney, Union Assn., Rt. 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716	1975
Billy Bevan, Midway Assn., Rt. 2, Leary, Ga. 31762	1973
Joe Owens, Ga. U. Assn., Box 62, Oakfield, Ga. 31772	1973
Frank Newberry, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Box 54, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1973
Luther Burns, S. Ga. Assn., 2106 Mayfair Pl., Waycross, Ga. 31501	1975
Charles Beasley, Ogeechee Assn., Rt. 3, Box 285, Metter, Ga. 30439	1973

BUDGETING BOARD

Ross Bennett, Ga. U. Assn., Rt. #1, Chester, Ga. 31012	1975
James Ursrey, Union Assn., Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768	1975
E. A. Welch, Chatt. Assn., Mauk, Ga. 31058	1975
John Grant, Midway Assn., Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1973
JimmieMcDuffie, S. Ga. Assn., Rt. 2, Alma, Ga. 31510	1973
Bobby Richardson, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737	1973
J. C. Arnold, L. River Assn., 1001 N. Augusta Ave, Waycross, 31501	1973
G. S. Holton, Ogeechee Assn., Rt. 3, Lyons, Ga. 30436	1975

AUDITORS BOARD

Archie Ratliff	1973
Billy Bevan	1973

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Paul Davis	1973
Opal Hatcher	1973
Ida Tabb	1973

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE
THIRTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists met at the Martin Youth Camp, Colquitt, Georgia, November 16-18, 1972. The theme was "A Life With Meaning." The text for the meeting ws Philippians 2:5 "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus:". The first session was held on Wednesday evening, Nov. 16, 1972. The congregational singing was directed by the Rev. Billy Bevan, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church

in Blakely, Georgia. The hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven", was used to open the meeting. Rev. Rolla Smith led the Congregation in prayer, after which the hymns, "My Savior's Love" and "Revive Us Again" were sung. Rev. Billy Bevan led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag and to the Christian Flag, and to the Bible. Bro. Bobby Roberts brought the devotion.

The Clerk called the Association into session and presented the officers to the assembly. Those present were: Rev. Kenneth Faison, Moderator; Rev. Jerry Johnson, Asst. Moderator; Rev. William Morris, Clerk; and Rev. A. C. Truluck, Promotional Secretary. The Moderator was presented who in turn recognized the visitors present. The visiting ministers were: Denis Keen, Geo. Lee, Bro. Cook,, Bro. Mock, Bro. Bill Brewer, Bro. Arnold Woodliff, and Bro. Ronald Creech.

Special music was presented by a quartet of our ministers after which Rev. Ronald Creech brought a challenging message: "David's great men and God's great men." Taken from II Sam. 23.

After the message the Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees: Damon Dodd; Willie Lane; O. L. Fields; Earl Tabb; L. S. Anthony. We had a partial report from Bobby Roberts concerning the registration thus far. The Clerk read the "Proposed Revision — Constitution of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists: Proposed — By-Laws." M.S.C. to lay Constitution and by-laws on the table until the next day. We were dismissed with prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

This session was opened by the singing of "Footsteps of Jesus", and prayer was offered by Bro. Parrish. The Moderator's message was delivered by Rev. Kenneth Faison. He used Luke 12:35 for his text and spoke on the subject: "Girded Loins and Burning Lights." A partial report from the Credentials Committee was given (see reports). The Ministers; Deacons and Delegates were seated. The report from the Committee on Committees was given: The Nominating Committee was Rolla Smith, L. F. Ogeltree, and Danny Keen; M.S.C. to cease nominations and elect these. The Resolution Committee was Hollis Warren, Jerry Channey, Ted James, William Travis, and J. D. Norris. M.S.C. to use this committee if they came to the meeting, if not the Moderator would appoint some to fill in. M.S.C. to allow the Moderator to appoint replacements on the Board of Retirement and Insurance.

The Moderator checked to see if all of the Boards that would need to meet had a quorum. A proxy was appointed where one was needed on the various Boards.

The Executive Board report was given and a M.S.C. to receive this report. In discussing the adoption of the various items in this report and findings some need of clarification on some of the things reported it was M.S.C. to table this report until Sat. A.M. at which time the Executive Board will present some recommendations to this body.

The Moderator called on the following men to report from the various departments: Dr. L. C. Johnson brought greetings from our Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. A. C. Truluck gave a report from the Department of Retirement and Insurance. Rev. George Lee gave us greetings from the Sunday School Department. Mr. Bill Brewer brought greetings and information from "Christian Builders." These reports and information were received by the body.

There was a brief recess, and the group assembled for the morning worship service. The service was opened with the congregation singing "Old Time Power" followed with prayer offered by Rev. L. S. Anthony. An offering was received and was followed by all singing "Deeper, Deeper" and a special number in music by Rev. Malcom Fry. The Message was delivered by Rev. Reedy Saverance using Heh. 2:17-18 as his text. Calvin Henderson closed with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

This session opened with the singing of "The Way of the Cross." and prayer by Bro. Ed. Kimbrell. Rev. J. D. Norris brought a challenging devotion from Deut. 1:1-4.

The following reports were given from the various National Departments: Mr. O. B. Everson gave a report on "Master's Men" from the Layman's Board. Rev. Rufus Coffee brought greetings from the Executive Office. Rev. Malcolm Fry gave a brief report from the Church Training Service Department. Rev. Don Roberds brought greetings from the Foreign Missions office.

M.S.C. to take Constitution off of table. As a Body we went over the "Proposed Revision and voted to make the necessary changes article by article and section by section. The Constitution and By-Laws as changed and corrected is printed in this copy of the State Minutes. The body voted to accept this constitution as corrected. (See Constitution and By-Laws on page 43). M.S.C. to continue session with the following reports: Mrs. Martha Everson gave State Woman's Auxiliary report — M.S.C. to adopt report. (See reports). The State Mission Report was given by Rev. Lewis Williams (see reports) and the board made the following recommendations:

1. That we go back to the "Target City Revivals" as we have known them in the past. (M.S.C.)
2. That Athens be selected as "Target City" for another year. (M.S.C.)
3. That March be designated as "Target City" month. (M.S.C.)
4. That each church elect a "Mission Chairman" to work with the Director and notify the director of this election. (M.S.C.)

Rev. A. C. Truluck gave the State Executive Sect. Report (see reports). M.S.C. to adopt the report. In connection with this report a special presentation was made to the Executive Secretary, A. C. Truluck and his wife Frances Truluck. A silver serving tray was presented to Mrs. Truluck to express our appreciation for her devotion to the work of the State in the State office. A "Cross" pen set was presented to Bro. A. C. Truluck in appreciation to him

for his devotion and service to our State work. The Moderator, Rev. Kenneth Faison made the presentations on behalf of the State Association.

FRIDAY EVENING SESSION

After the congregational singing we heard from the three State Missionaries that were present: Rev. Buddy Morris — Statesboro; Rev. Jerry Johnson — Athens; and Rev. Luther Burns — Swainsboro. Each gave a brief report on the work and praised God for the many blessings in the new mission stations.

Rev. Rolla Smith conducted a commissioning service for Rev. Luther Burns our latest missionary who is serving in Swainsboro, Ga.

Rev. Bob Shockey gave the report and greetings from the National Home missions office.

Rev. Malcolm Fry rendered our special music for this service "It Pays to Serve Jesus" and then Rev. Bob Shockey delivered a heart warming and challenging message entitled "The Great Mission". The Lord blessed in this service with a wonderful service and offering for the cause of Christ through missions, and many responded to the invitation.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened by singing "On Jordon's Stormy Banks" and the special music was presented by Rev. Carlton Lambert from the Alabama's Childrens Home. Mr. Ted James, a layman from the Spring Grove church in Jesup, presented devotion taken from Col. 3:1-4 and 14-17 and Rom. 8:9-13.

The business got underway with the following reports: Rev. Kenneth Faison gave the State C.T.S. Rally report. M.S.C. to receive the report and adopt the recommendation. "Recommendation: That any balance in funds be channeled to the Christian Education and Camping Board for the T and T Rally." Rev. Carlton Lambert brought greetings and a report from the Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See reports). Rev. Bob Hesselmeyer gave the Christian Education and Camping Board report. M.S.C. to adopt report. (See reports).

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Mrs. Ida Tabb. M.S.C. to adopt this report. (See reports). Mr. Earl Tabb gave the report of the Board of Trustees (P.p14 & 15 in Digest) M.S.C. to adopt this report.

Rev. Harris Nix gave report from the State Retirement and Insurance. M.S.C. to receive the report and adopt the recommendation. After some discussion the following motion was presented: M.S.C. That the Board of Retirement and Insurance be charged to:

- (1) Check into the old minutes to determine whether or not guidelines have been adopted for use in determining the eligibility of retired ministers and minister's wives for monthly support.
- (2) Bring these guidelines to the surface, if indeed they have been adopted.

(3) Present for adoption in the next annual session some guidelines, in the event none have been adopted.

The Moderator read a portion of a letter received from Mrs. J. R. Davidson: "I know I have waited a long time to write but there was so many I should have written and it was so hard for me to sit down and write that I just haven't gotten around to writing to every one.

"I did appreciate the nice thing you said about Mr. Davidson, all the nice cards, gifts and every expression of sympathy from everyone. I believe the State Association will soon be meeting and I will appreciate it if you will extend my thanks to everyone and to the Midway Association for the nice resolution of respect that they passed in the Association."

M.S.C. to receive the letter as information and stand for a moment of silent prayer for Mrs. Davidson. Prayer was offered by Rev. Don Reed.

Mr. Jerry Chaney gave the Resolution Committee report. M.S.C. to receive the report and adopt item by item. (see reports). Amended that these resolutions be printed. M.S.C. to give a rising vote of appreciation to the Martin Association for hosting the State Association and doing such a fine job of it.

Rev. Jerry Johnson gave the budgeting Board report. M.S.C. to receive and adopt item by item: (see report on page 11 of Digest) Number four (4) of the recommendations was changed with a M.S.C. to list the allocations of the cooperative funds as follows: Missions 45%, Retirement and Insurance 22%, State Board of Trustees 20%, State Board of Christian Education and Camping 5%, State T.N.T. Rally 5%, Alabama Children's Home 3%. M.S.C. to add number 6 to this report which would read that of the cooperative receipts 60% be retained in the State and 40% be sent to the National Association.

M.S.C. to take off of table the Executive Board's Report. The recommendations were read and M.S.C. to receive the report and act upon them item by item. Recommendations one, two and four were passed as stated in the report. Item number three (3) was passes with the following two amendments: That we change the mileage rate from \$.08 per mile to \$.10 per mile; and that we pay the actual utilities of the Executive Secretary's house. These amendments were passed with main motion, item 3. Recommendation number 5 was amended to add \$100.00 to each district quota. This amendment was defeated. A second amendment was made to leave the decision to charge, or not to charge, for the bus service at the National in Macon up to the Transportation Committee. This amendment was passed and the recommendation (5) was passed.

The clerk gave a list of the committees that had been appointed which are as folloos:

The "Steering Committee is made up of the Executive Board with Kenneth Faison Chairman. (The Chairman of each committee is the first name listed). Prayer Committee—C. B. Dowdney and Bob Hesselveyer. Registration Committee—Joe Owens and Melvin Worthington. Auditorium Committee—Jerry Johnson and J. E. Blanton. Ushering Committee—Lewis Williams and J. D. Norris. Transportation Committee—Paul Davis and Jim Osborne. Information and Publicity Committee—A. C. Truluck and Billy Hatcher. This committee will also serve as

finance committee.

The delegates to the National Association were appointed. They are: (M.S.C. for the Moderator to appoint these) Mr. and Mrs. Billy Hatcher; Mr. William Clower; and Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kimbrell. In case some of these could not make the National the following were appointed to fill in as delegates: Mr. Ted James; Mrs. Dodd; Mr. David Hodges; and Mr. and Mrs. John Grant.

The Auditing Board Report was given by Rev. Billy Bevan. M.S.C. to receive the report. (see report).

A motion and second was placed before the Body that all Boards be instructed that before any State Board employ a man that they present it to this association in regular session. The motion was amended that this does not apply to missionaries sent out under the Mission Board. The amendment carried and the motion with the amendment carried.

The Nominating Committee Report was given. M.S.C. to receive the report and deal with it item by item. The nominations were opened to the "floor" office by office and when no nominations were made from the "floor" there was a M.S.C. that the nominations cease and we proceed to elect.

There was a time for announcements and several were made.

M.S. C. to adjourn. Prayer offered by Buddy Morris.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

January 2, 1972

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association met at Camp Mt. Bethel on January 2, 1972. The following members were present: M. M. Franks; Billy Hatcher; Kenneth Faison; Curtis Gay; Buddy Morris; C. B. Dowdney; A. C. Truluck; Jerry Johnson; James Urser; Charles Hollingshead. The session was opened with prayer by Curtis Gay. The Promotional Secretary read a letter about authorization for the floor plan in handling pianos and organs at the bookstore. It was MSC that authorization be given and that the moderator and clerk sign the letter. (A copy of this letter is in the clerk's files).

A discussion concerning changing the days of the State Association was conducted. After a great deal of discussion it was MSC that the moderator and two members, appointed by the moderator, form a constitutional committee to report to the Executive Committee as a whole. Members of the committee are — Ken Faison, A. C. Truluck and Charles Hollingshead.

It was MSC that we try to plan the 1973 session of the State Association in Eastman and that the promotional secretary would seek a site for the 1974 session within the Little River Association. A report concerning this is to be made at the next session of the Executive Committee.

Each Board was instructed that they should have their treasurer bonded. It was stated that this was passed by the State Association several years

ago, but some had not carried out the practice.

It was MSC that we recommend to the Budgeting Board that they study the plan of designated giving and make a proper designation to the State Association.

The next meeting of the Executive Board was planned for August 12, at 10:00 A.M.

MSC that a committee be appointed to investigate the printing operation and make a report to the Executive Committee concerning their findings. Members of this committee are A. C. Truluck, Curtis Gay and C. B. Dowdney.

It was announced that a work-day is planned during March, for painting the inside of the camp building at Mt. Bethel.

MSC to adjourn. Prayer was offered by Jerry Johnson.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Faison, Moderator
Charles Hollingshead, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

August 12, 1972

The executive Board of the Georgia State Association met at Moultrie on August 12, 1972. The following members were present: Kenneth Faison; A. C. Truluck; Billy Hatcher; James Urser; Curtis Gay; M. M. Franks; Jerry Johnson; Buddy Morris.

The meeting was opened with prayer by M. M. Franks. The Moderator read Matt. 16:13-18 and made some timely remarks. The Clerk read the minutes from the last meeting which were accepted. The report of the Committee on Constitution Revision was also read: MSC to receive the report.

M S & C to approve and adopt Constitution and By-Laws as changed. The following are the changes adopted in this meeting:

M S & C: Article IV, Sec. 7 — All Boards may be called into session by the Chairman or Vice-chairman of said Board or by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator of this association upon request of the majority of the members of said Board.

M S & C: Article II, Sec. 1 — change to: "A clerk, an assistant clerk and an executive secretary-treasurer."

BY-LAWS

M S & C: Use "Executive Secretary" instead of "Promotional Secretary" in Article II, Sec. E.

M S & C: Article II, Sec. E-(8) — Change from "Budgeting Board" to "Executive Board."

OTHER ITEMS OF BUSINESS ACTED UPON IN THIS MEETING ARE AS FOLLOWS:

M S & C: That the month of the State Meeting should be left as November. This was decided after a discussion on changing the month.

The Executive Committee then went over some suggestions concerning the Program for the up-coming State Association in November.

M S & C: That the Thursday night speaker be given an honorarium of \$75.00.

M S & C: If the Eastman Church cannot have the State Meeting in 1973 we go to camp Mt. Bethel. If we go to Eastman in 1973, we suggest Mt. Bethel for the 1974 session.

Upon hearing a report from the committee that investigated the possibilities of selling our printing press to the National Sunday School Dept.; and finding that they did not want to purchase it we had a **M S & C:** That we tentatively terminate the idea of selling the press.

M S & C: That, after hearing of a problem of help in the Book Store concerning part-time help, a committee, as appointed by the Moderator, look into this need and be authorized to increase from \$150.00 to \$200.00 if necessary. (Committee: Curtis Gay, James Ursery, and C. B. Dowdney)

M S & C: Since this is the Silver Anniversary of the State Office, that the Moderator and Clerk serve as a committee to plan a presentation to our Promotional Secretary and his wife in appreciation for their services, with a gift to be presented at the 1972 session of our State Association in connection with our Silver Anniversary.

M S & C: That our Moderator prepare and deliver a message for our joint Board Meeting to instruct all members as to responsibilities and activities concerning promotion and work of the Boards.

M S & C: To give the Mission Board a vote of confidence in their recent action of hiring Rev. Lewis Williams as a promotional man for the State Mission Board.

A. C. Truluck gave the Executive Committee a report on the Bookstore which covered the months of June and July.

M S & C: For the meeting to adjourn.

**MINUTES OF THE
JOINT BOARD MEETING**

Camp Mt. Bethel — November 4, 1972

The Joint-board board meeting started at 10:00 A.M. with the singing of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and prayer by Mr. Hermon Watson. Rev. A. C. Truluck brought a brief message to challenge us to be more involved in God's work and giving ourselves to His cause.

We then divided for the separate boards to meet and take care of their business. The Executive Committee met with the Budgeting Board to discuss

discontinuing the budget for designated giving.

The Executive Committee then met and discussed the following: (Constitution)

1. Discussed possibility of changing Article III, Section 1. Decided to think about this until the P.M. session of this meeting.
2. Deleted the last two statements of Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution since this is stated in the By-Laws.
3. Changed the word "nominate" to "appoint" in Article III, Section 3A of the Constitution.

AFTERNOON SESSION:

We met as a Joint-Board meeting to hear from the boards.

The Executive Secretary gave a report on the bookstore in Moultrie which revealed favorable results for the store.

We then heard a brief report from the various boards. Rev. James Ursery closed this meeting with prayer.

The Executive Board then went into session to finish the business of the day:

The assistant Clerk read the minutes from the last meeting of August 12, 1972 which were approved as read.

We heard from the committee appointed to look into the current need of the bookstore for additional funds for part-time help. The committee increased the amount for part-time help from \$150.00 to \$600.00 and all

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M S & C — To maintain a standing Bookstore Committee of three (3) men selected by the Executive Board and taken from the Executive Board annually in the November meeting of the Executive Board.

M S & C — After a long and through discussion — To raise the salary of the Executive Secretary from \$500.00 to \$600.00 and all proceeds from revivals, supply work, and promotional activities go into the "Promotion Fund" with the four (4) weeks allowed for revivals and vacation.

M S & C — That we pay mileage to the Executive Secretary at the rate of \$.08 per mile.

M S & C — To leave as in Article III, Section I of the Constitution.

M S & C — To adjourn. Prayer offered by Buddy Morris.

Kenneth Faison, Moderator
Buddy Morris, Asst. Clerk

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD DURING THE STATE ASSOCIATION

November 1973

M.S.C. to give Rev. Ronald Creech \$150.00 instead of the \$75.00 that was first decided upon. The reason for this was due to him flying to the meeting instead of driving.

M.S.C. to put all moneys over \$3,500 (of the money that comes in designated for the National Association expenses) in the General Fund and to pay expenses of the Committees out of the General Fund.

The following recommendations were made to the State Association:

1. That the 1973 session of the State Association meet in Eastman, Ga.; and that the Executive Secretary seek a site for the 1974 session within the bounds of the Little River Association.

2. That the term of David Matthews, Mission Board; Hugh Willis, Board of Retirement and Insurance; Luther Burns, Board of Christian Education and Camping; G. S. Holton, Budgeting Board expire in 1975.

3. That the salary of the Executive Secretary be raised from \$500.00 to \$600.00 per month; and all proceeds from revivals, supply work, and promotional activities go into the "Promotional Fund; and that we pay mileage at the rate of eight (8) cents per mile.

4. That the State Association designate the Executive Board to serve as "Steering Committee" for arranging the National Association in Macon, Ga.

5. That February be designated as National Association Month, with Feb. 18th. as special offering Sunday for the expenses of the National Association in our State. The following quotas for each district were suggested:

ASSOCIATION:	MEMBERS:	QUOTAS:
Chattahoochee	1,200	\$ 600.00
Georgia Union	1,200	\$ 600.00
Martin	1,100	\$ 550.00
Midway	2,400	\$1,200.00
Ogeechee	400	\$ 200.00
South Georgia	3,300	\$1,650.00
Union	1,000	\$ 500.00
Little River	1,200	\$ 600.00

REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY

to the

Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

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Martin Youth Camp — Colquitt, Georgia

“Therefore my beloved brethern, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” 1st Cor. 15:58.

One day soon we shall all cease from our earthly labors, cast our crowns before His feet, begin our eternal rest, and see Him who has redeemed, justified and kept us from eternal condemnation. The future of such rewards and events are as certain as our faith, but somehow being human we must know there are present achievements and blessings to keep us steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in order that we reach that day of eternal glory.

This thirty-sixth annual session shall serve as such a reminder of past blessings. With this in mind we submit our report, and “to God be the glory”.

Twenty-five years ago the Executive Board of the Georgia State Assn. of Free Will Baptists employed Rev. E. C. Morris as the first full time Promotional Secretary, a position which he held for fourteen years. This was a first among Free Will Baptists, that is, the first full time state secretary. The work of Free Will Baptists in Georgia was strengthened through the efforts of Brother Morris. Rev. Mance Cason replaced Brother Morris and filled the position for eight years. During Brother Cason's terms in office a house was purchased in Moultrie, and an addition added to serve as office space. He also began a bookstore operation, purchase an offset press and began printing the Promotional Bulletin and other printing work.

In 1969 I was elected as Brother Cason's replacement. These three years have been years of much growth in every phase of our State work. Most of the 130 churches have worked together to bring about this success story. Spiritual fires are burning, souls are being saved, new churches are being started and giving is increasing almost every month. A walk-in bookstore in downtown Moultrie was opened June 1 this year and has exceeded all expectations in sales. Sunday school literature has been distributed by the state office personnel for two quarters without any problems of any significance. The printing equipment and all office equipment and supplies has been located downtown in the same building with the bookstore. This is a great advantage to the overall work of the state office.

There has been much accomplished, but there remains even more to hope for. Let us set our goals high, plan big things, expect big success and see great things accomplished. This is one of the best motivators to help us remain steadfast, unmoveable, abounding in the work of our Lord. I would like to conclude my remarks with an excerpt from a report given by Rev. L. R.

Ennis, Executive Secretary, to the 1942 session of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

"The spirit of good will and Christian fraternity has spread extensively among us in recent months; and again, we have been compelled to conclude that the wind that sways the tree promotes its growth. General church organization is to the orthodox Christian consecrated intelligence in action for the salvation of mankind. Doctrinally, we are sound; financially, we are poor; and educationally, we are ignorant. The Apostolic Church had exactly these; but Oh! it had more — a fervent flaming love for Christ and a lost world. Without this our boasted orthodoxy is as trees without leaves and clouds without water. Would that we had more---"

Give us a passion for souls, dear Lord,
A passion to save the lost;
O that thy love were by all adored,
and welcomed at any cost.
Jesus we long, we long to be winning,
men who are lost, and constantly sinning;
O man this hour be one of beginning
The story of pardon to tell.

Here is a summary report of our activities during the past year:

1. conducted 18 revivals
2. witnessed 103 definite decisions & many others responding to some type of commitment
3. traveled 21,036 miles in state work
4. printed 12 issues of the Promotional Bulletin
5. attended every district meeting 1 or more times
6. made 2 trips to Nashville (1 promotional meeting and 1 to plan the literature distribution)
7. opened the downtown bookstore (June 1, 1972)
8. relocated the bookstore (October 20, 1972)
9. distributed literature for appx. 105 churches for the past two quarters
10. planned an evangelism conference in Moultrie, Ga. and worked with the national dept. to promote it
11. helped to plan and attended the ministers retreat
12. printed various promotional materials for revivals, evangelism, and departments
13. printed district minutes for 5 districts and the state minutes (total copies 3500)
14. printed the second printing of Dodd's Handbook for new members (2000 copies)
15. attended the North Carolina state meeting
16. attended some 8 different board meetings
17. worked on the constitutional revision committee

As an item of interest, there are 130 churches and missions on roll as members of our State Association. At some time for some type of meeting I

have been privileged to visit in 112 of these churches and conduct revival services in 52 of them. If our Lord and our people permit me to continue in this office for another year, I have set as my goal to visit in the 18 churches which I have not visited. Pray for us.

In Christ
A. C. Truluck

Office of the Promotinal Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, Cooperative Plan of Support, and Designated Fund of the Office of Promotional Secretary, Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1972. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, Cooperative Plan of Support, and Designated Fund of the Office of Promotional Secretary, Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists present fairly the results of its operations, consistent with previous period, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1972.

Respectfully submitted,

October 27, 1972
Moultrie, Georgia

James L. Kirk, II

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

GENERAL FUND

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972**

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1971 \$ 241.70

RECEIPTS (Note 1)

Book Sales and Printing	\$12,111.67
Associational Dues	620.32
Mileage Reimbursements	136.83

Total Receipts	<u>12,868.82</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE	\$13,110.52
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	
Books and Supplies	\$4,448.05
Printing Expense	868.78
Typewriter	254.50
Repayment of Loan	80.00
Printing State Minutes	623.34
Travel Expense	244.40
Promotional Meeting	36.00
Vacation Bible School Workshop	10.00
Legal and Accounting	150.00
Contract Labor Typesetting	622.65
National Association Fees	65.00
Freight and Postage	378.08
State Clerk	25.00
Refunds	20.54
State Convention Expenses	71.46
State Moderator	15.00
Insurance — Bond	25.00
Termite Inspection	15.00
Corporation Dues	500
Telephone	13.30
Bank Charges	10.93
Advertising	95.22
Sunday School Department	<u>899.69</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>8,976.94</u>
CASH BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1972	<u>\$ 4,133.58</u>

OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$28,191.04
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LESS DISBURSEMENTS

National Executive Department	\$ 7,024.64
Promotional Secretary Salary	5,750.00
State Mission	4,741.63
State Retirement and Insurance	2,318.12
Board of Trustees	2,107.38
Housing Allowance	1,440.00
Travel Expense	609.63
Secretary Salary	1,550.00
Office Supplies	500.30
Camp Board	737.60
Utilities	250.00
Expense to National Association	80.00
Childrens Home	316.11
State Church Training Service Board	316.11
Social Security	215.00
Promotional Fund	73.00
Retirement and Insurance	155.00
Bank Charges	<u>20.24</u>

Total Disbursements 28,204.76

EXCESS OF DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS \$ 13.72

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
DESIGNATED FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1972**

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$35,116.31

DISBURSEMENTS

State Missions	\$11,061.57
Foreign Missions	8,562.04
Bible College	4,032.20
Children's Home	3,660.06
National Home Mission Board	3,809.35
Camp Maintenance	543.75
Union Mission Board	877.27
Mobile Chapel	87.60

Georgia Union Mission Board	403.79
Freewill Baptist Bible College Exec. Dept.	60.00
Freewill Baptist College Church Training Service	60.00
I. J. Blackwelder Retirement	16.00
Stae Superannuation	308.69
Little River Institute	10.00
Swainsboro Song Books	102.07
Promotional Fund	<u>1,521.92</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$35,116.31</u>
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**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
MOULTRIE, GEORGIA**

NOTES TO FUND STATEMENTS

Note 1 — Method of Accounting — The accompanying fund statements have been prepared on a cash basis, taking into accounts cash receipts and cash disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1972.

COOPERATIVE GIVING — October 1, 1972 — Sept. 30, 1972

Total Cooperative Receipts	\$29,307.65
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Disbursements:

Promotional Secretary Salary	\$5,900.00
Secretrial Help.	1,700.00
Retirement & Insurance.	170.00
Social Security Payments	275.00
Utility allowance (office).	100.00
Mileage	242.62
Office Supplies	200.00
Board of Trustees.	3,538.78
National Cooperative Plan	7,696.01
Georgia State Missions.	5,194.82
State Retirement & Insurance	2,539.67
Camp Mt. Bethel	808.11
C.T.S. Treasurer	346.32
Alabama Childrens Home	346.32
Expense to National Assn.	250.00

Total Disbursements	\$29,307.65
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Balance on Hand	-0
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DESIGNATED GIVING — October 1, 1972 — September 30, 1972

Total Designated Receipts \$35,511.59

Disbursements:

Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$ 3,190.83
Foreign Missions	7,987.03
Alabama Childrens Home	3,938.10
Georgia Missions	11,663.16
National Home Missions	3,681.75
State Retirement	390.89
Camp Improvement	716.05
Union Mission Board	402.08
Ga. Union Missions	402.08
Promotional Fund	2,234.73
Bible College CTS	60.00
Bible College Executive Dept.	60.00
Liver River Institute	10.00
Missions Mobile Chapel	112.60
Swainsboro Song Books	100.00
National Assn. Dues	42.50
General Fund	2.07

Total Disbursements \$35,511.59

Balance on Hand -0-

GENERAL FUND — October 1, 1971 — September 30, 1972

Bank Balance Oct. 1, 1971 \$ 544.35

Receipts:

State Association Offering	\$ 105.72
Association Dues	514.60
Literature & Printing	14,136.07
Printing Assn. District Minutes	1,496.00
Mileage Reimbursement	136.83

Total to account for 16,933.57

Disbursements:

State Moderator Honorarium	\$ 15.00
State Clerk	25.00
Legal & Accounting	150.00
Promotional Meeting Expense	36.00
Bank Charges	10.93
Termite Inspection	15.00
2nd Class Permit	25.00

National Assn. Fees	65.00
Telephone	13.30
Labor — Typesetting Minutes	622.65
State Convention Expense	71.46
VBS Workshop	10.00
Copy Machine (purchase)	35.00
Refunds	20.54
Printing of all minutes	623.34
Floor Plan for Pianos	443.07
Bond	25.00
Post Office Box Rent	8.20
Show Case for Store	32.50
Books	3,956.05
Sunday School Literature	4,494.78
Repayment on Loan	254.18
Typewriter & repairs	152.50
Mileage Board Members	285.10
Freight & Postage	679.49
Printing & Office Supplies	1,446.53
Total:	\$13,515.62

Cash Balance as of September 30, 1972 \$ 3,417.95

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

Financial Report

March 1, 1972 — September 30, 1972

C & S Bank Loan.	\$ 4,965.58
Receipts	13,879.32
Total receipts	18,844.90

Disbursements:

Setting up store	\$ 266.71
Rent	500.00
Legal & Accounting	12.50
Business Liscense	70.00
Utility Deposit	100.00
Insurance	187.35
Sales Tax	189.07
Advertisements	187.30
Cash Register Rent	50.07
Telephone	223.99
City Utilities	160.19

Returned Checks	4.50
Freight	134.52
Books & Supplies	7,788.65
Pianos, Organs & Service	5,012.54
Wages	1,494.80

Total Disbursements:..... \$16,382.19

Bank Balance, September 30, 1972 \$ 2,462.71

PROMOTIONAL FUND — December 1, 1971 — September 30, 1972

Receipts (revivals, supply work, gifts, printing)..... \$ 3,104.19

Disbursements:

Bank Charge	\$ 3.74
Utility Allowance	550.00
Mileage	1,190.35
Supplies	1,007.69
Typesetting (Dodd bood)	61.20

Total: \$2,812.98

Bank Balance September 30, 1972..... \$ 291.21

STATISTICAL CHURCH REPORT — 1971-72

General Information	1971	1972
No. of District Associations	8	8
No. of Affiliated Churches	127	127
No. of Missions	3	3
Full Time Churches	97	94
Part Time Churches	27	30
No. of Parsonages	32	40
No. of Ordained Ministers	125	125
No. of Liscensed Ministers	21	21
No. of Deacons	507	507
No. of Weekly Prayer Meetings	108	110
Vacation Bible Schools	47	48

Church Membership:

Total Membership..... 11,478 11,925

Received by Baptism	547	766
Received other ways	438	462
Total Members Received	981	1,228
Members Lost	534	608
Total Net Gain.	447	620

Auxiliary Information:

Total Number of Sunday Schools	113	115
Total Enroled in Sunday School	6,642	7,058
Average Attendance in Sunday School		5,441
Total Number of CTS	79	78
Total Enroled in CTS.	3,421	3,423
Average Attendance in CTS		2,483
Number of Woman's Auxiliaries	54	58
Average Attendance in Woman's Auxiliaries		538
Enroled in Woman's Auxiliary	703	764
Total Master's Men Chapters	23	19
Enroled in Master's Men	245	206
Average Attendance in Master's Men		143

Financial Report:

Total Offerings	\$ 901,653.02	\$1,088,739.71
Given to Outside Causes	109,105.77	166,257.27
Spent for Local Causes	795,358.43	910,479.42
Value of Church Property	3,691,110.50	3,028,250.00
Value of Parsonage Property	649,700.00	645,000.00
Total Paid Pastors	354,700.00	645,000.00
Average Pastors Salary		3,047.31

Overall Averages:

Sunday School Attendance (115 Churches)	47
Church Training Services (78 Churches)	32

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee:

The nominating committee submitted the following report. Clerk — Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Trustee Board — Bill Barksdale, Board of Christian Education & Camping — Billy Bevan, Auditors Board — Archie Ratliff, Credentials Committee — Paul Davis. Mission Board — open.

Danny Keen, Chairman

Auditing Committee:

We the auditing Board have examined the books of the Mission Board, Trustee Board, Christian Education & Camping Board, and Retirement & Insurance Board and find everything to be in order.

Billy Bevan & Archie Ratliff

Registration Committee:

Seven Districts and twenty-five local churches represented with 46 delegates and fees totaling \$399.00. Breakdown is as follows:

Ministers 46, Deacons 38, Delegates 46 and Visitors 186 for a total of 319 registering. All Districts represented except Ogeechee.

Bobby Roberts, Chairman

Resolutions Committee:

We the resolutions committee submit the following resolutions:

1. In the light of television programming today, we the resolutions committee recommend that our pastors and people take a closer look into this matter and voice their opinion to the sponsors of the programs as well as to the networks. Also, that our Executive Secretary be given the freedom by the State Association to protest to the networks, sponsors and even to political representatives if he feels that this would curb the tide of poronography and undesirable programs that are infiltrating our homes today.

2. Be it resolved that since the National Association of Free Will Baptists will meet in our state this July at Macon, Georgia, every Georgia Free Will Baptist become an Ambassador for Christ in making welcome our visitors.

3. Be it resolved that this State Association adopt the resolutions adopted by the National Association while in session at Fort Worth, Texas in July 1972. (see resolutions below)

4. Be it resolved that this body give the Martin Association a rising vote of appreciation for their splendid hospitality.

Hollis Warren, Chairman

Resolutions passed by the National Association:

RESOLUTIONS ALCOHOLISM

I. WHEREAS, alcoholism presents a major health hazard to the people

of the United States, and

WHEREAS, the major cause of highway accidents is a direct result from drinking drivers, and

WHEREAS, alcohol is one of the most widely used depressants in the nation, and

WHEREAS, the public is generally unaware that alcohol is a dangerous drug, and

WHEREAS, Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa, has stated, after a year of hearing on a bill to establish a sweeping federal program to combat drug abuse, that alcohol "does far more damage than all the rest of the drugs put together," and

WHEREAS, there are an estimated nine million alcoholics, plus another fifteen million families who are adversely affected by the scourge of alcoholism, and

WHEREAS, most alcoholics acquire their disease through social drinking, and

WHEREAS, the public is generally uninformed that alcoholism is a disease of the soul which the Bible calls sin, and

WHEREAS, a renewed effort is being made by many organizations to call attention to the evils and dangers of alcohol, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. Request our churches to teach and preach more on the sin and evil of alcoholic beverages.
2. Encourage each member to become individually involved in every community effort to present objective factual information concerning the detrimental effects of this evil.
3. Offer our commendation to each radio and television station that carries as a public service information regarding the problem of alcohol.

APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY

- II. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Association of Free Will Baptists express its sincere gratitude to the Texas State Association for the excellent provisions made for this convention.

CHARISMATIC MOVEMENT

- III. **BE IT RESOLVED** that this body affirm that the so-called charismatic doctrine of speaking in tongues or languages as essential evidence of a special experience with the Holy Spirit required for all Christians before they can be considered as having the fullness of the Holy Spirit, is contrary to the doctrine of the Bible and Original Free Will Baptists.

LAYMEN REPRESENTATION

- IV. WHEREAS, there are boards within the National Association which have no layman representation, and
WHEREAS, it would be an encouragement to laymen to have greater responsibility through participation,
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the nominating committee beginning with the 1973 session of the National Association be requested to give consideration to the nomination of at least one layman to the membership of each board; and that a copy of this resolution be placed in the hands of the nominating committee for each year here after.

CAPITAL PUNISHMENT

- V. WHEREAS, there is an alarming rise of crime in America today, and
WHEREAS, the courts of our land exhibit more concern for law-violators than those victimized by them, and
WHEREAS, the Supreme Court has ruled capital punishment to be unconstitutional, and
WHEREAS, the Bible clearly states the death penalty for the crime of murder, and
WHEREAS, God instituted capital punishment among His people in the Old Testament as a punishment for and deterrent to crime
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED:
1. That the National Association of Free Will Baptists voice its support for any efforts to reinstate capital punishment as a deterrent to crime
 2. And that copies of this resolution be sent to our President, the leaders of the House and Senate, Chief-Justice Burger, the chairman of the Republican National Committee the chairman of the Democratic Party, the nominees of the political parties, and the news media.

EVANGELISTIC CHALLENGE

- VI. WHEREAS, the Free Will Baptist denomination has been historically known as an evangelistic group, and
WHEREAS, both Brother Lonnie Graves and Brother Russell Anderson have challenged us in their messages to double the attendance in our churches this next year, and
WHEREAS, Dr. Ravenhill has reminded us again that we must have God's anointing to do God's work,
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
1. We implore God for His power, anointing and blessings on our churches, pastors, teachers, and workers like never before.
 2. That we accept this challenge and urge all our churches to work

hard to double their attendance next year through the preaching of the Word of God, winning of souls, and baptizing the believers.

REPORT OF STANDING BOARDS

Retirement & Insurance: (Superannuation)

The following are approved as superannuates:

Rev. Willie Sellars — Camilla, Ga., Rev. C. A. Gilbert — Colquitt, Ga.,
Rev. L. D. Scott — Brinson, Ga., Mrs. A. B. Ard — Bainbridge, Ga.,
Mrs. Mattie Lou Roberts — Colquitt, Ga., Mrs. Jack Horne —
Donalsonville, Ga., Rev. I. J. Blackwelder — Lake Butler, Fla.

Rev. Harris Nix, Secretary

BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE Financial Report

November 1, 1971 — October 31, 1972

Balance Forwarded	\$ 235.34
Cooperative Receipts	2,970.58
Martin District Association	42.00
Total to account for	\$3,012.58

Disbursements:

Mrs. H. J. Kelly	355.00
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon	355.00
Mrs. S. E. Bowen	215.00
Mrs. B. W. Clenney	355.00
Rev. H. L. Knighton	355.00
Mrs. J. B. Wheeler	355.00
Mrs. W. J. Childree	355.00
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	121.00
Travel (board meetings)	32.85
Postaage & Envelopes	8.92

Total Disbursed \$2,507.77

Balance on Hand \$ 504.81

Two of our superannuats have passed away during the past year. They are:
Mrs. S. E. Bowen and Mrs. J. B. Wheeler.

Rev. Harris B. Nix
Secretary-Treasurer

Christian Education & Camping Board:

This has been a busy year at Mt. Bethel. Thanks to the work of the trustee board the camp now has come shelters and many other improvements. We have also added new beds to the dormitories.

Brother Joe Owens directed the first youth camp session with appx. 67 attending. Brother Leonard Pirtle directed the second session with appx. 63 attending. The third week was directed by Brother C. B. Dowdney with appx. 72 attending. In each of these sessions first time decisions for Christ numbered in the twenties.

We had planned an adult camp session but due to lack of response we did not have it. The Ministers Retreat was held at camp and the one who attended expressed a renewed spiritual uplift.

There is much to be done at the camp. If people will come, pray, and work for the camp, the State of Georgia will have a youth camp to be proud of. The needs are great. The camp board is planning to buy safety equipment for the swimming pond. However, we are limited to how you the people of Ga. help us. Please help us develop a great youth camp.

Bob Hesselmeyer, Secretary

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING
Financial Report

October 1971 to September 1972

Receipts:

Balance on hand from Oct. 1971	\$1,281.28
Cooperative Plan of Support	\$ 711.48
Youth Retreat	187.63
Rebate on bottles	14.80
Trustee Board	287.00
Ozias Church	47.25
Campers' fees and snack shop	3,073.57
Camp rental fee.	126.00
Refund from Lance, Inc.	18.90
American General Life Insurance	7.00
Heritage Insurance Managers	18.38
Total received	\$4,492.01
 Total Receipts Sept. 1972	 4,492.01
	\$5,773.29

Disbursements:

Irwin County E.M.C.	\$ 385.27
Turner County Gas Co.	279.87
Food Supplies	1,659.00

Wells Dairies Co-op	48.62	
Pridgen Bros., Co.	529.57	
Morrison Grocery	448.83	
Arnold Sausage Co.	6.00	
Coca-Cola Bottling Co.	272.33	
Lance, Inc.	259.30	
The Butcher Shop	94.35	
Camp Labor		835.50
Mr. & Mrs. Franks	364.17	
Mrs. L. E. Melton	20.00	
Mr. Lehman Franks	150.00	
Mrs. Coy Miller	10.00	
Mrs. L. G. Seabolt	110.00	
Rev. Joe Owens	35.00	
Rev. C. B. Dowdney	56.33	
Rev. Leonard Pirtle	50.00	
D. C. Granett (grass cut)	40.00	
Doctor's Clinic		71.00
Telephone expenses		60.03
Ga. Assn. of F.W.B.		96.15
Mileage and printing	38.30	
Mileage for meeting	32.85	
Printing	25.00	
Bishop Well & Pump Service		12.00
Christiaan Camping International		60.00
Free Will Baptist Bible College (beds)		400.00
Campers materials		140.66
Stamps and holder		8.05
Heritage Insurance Managers		116.12
First Aid Supplies		7.18
Refunds for campers going home		20.34
Mitchell-Steward Hardware Co.		17.51
Bond for Camp Treasurer		8.00
Treasurer expenses (mileage, phone etc.)		33.56
Miscellaneous (washing spreads etc.)		103.01
Total disbursements	\$4,313.25	
		<u>\$4,313.25</u>
Balance		\$1,460.04

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer
Treasurer

Activity Report — Board of Christian Education & Camping.

Accomplishments:

1. planned the 1972 camping sessions
2. determined the desirability of an adult only session (not enough

- response to have one)
3. strengthened our ties with Christian Camping International with exchange of ideas to help our camping program
 4. improved relationship with insurance company

Future Plans:

1. buy safety equipment for swimming pond before next camping session
2. determine the possibility to hire a man who will stay at the camp and be responsible for directing camping sessions, maintenance on camp and be qualified to go to different churches and train people in the E.T.T.A. program of Bible study and teacher training.

Georgia State Mission Board:

In our report to the Georgia State Association last year, we stated it was the greatest year for Georgia State Missions ever. Your mission board is happy to report an even greater year at this session.

After much discussion and prayer the mission board purchased a beautiful Mobile Chapel which is 12 ft. wide and 65 ft. long with two bathrooms, 3 classrooms and a large chapel area, all air conditioned and paneled throughout. Truly this is a great asset to our mission work. The Chapel was assigned to Rev. Jerry Johnson in Athens. The people are coming to the chapel to worship. Souls have been saved. Already we have had to remove a wall between the chapel area and one of the classrooms in order to enlarge the chapel area.

Pray for Brother Johnson and his family as they labor. God has richly blessed them thus far.

We still maintain our work in Statesboro with Rev. William (Buddy) Morris. The work has made progress and we feel that it is going to grow stronger. We are looking forward to a strong church in Statesboro.

The Mission Board also has undertaken a project in Swainsboro with Rev. Johnny Eason as missionary. After only a few weeks, Bro. Eason saw fit to resign from this work. God then placed this burden on Rev. Luther Burns. Souls have been saved and the land has been purchased for the church. Brother Burns deserves your support.

God is building a church in Athens, Statesboro, Swainsboro and he has built a growing church in Decatur.

Because of the growth of our mission work and the need to grow more, the Mission Board saw the need of a Missions Director. After much prayer, Lewis Williams was placed in this office. His job will be to visit the churches and associations in the state for the purpose of informing our people of our missionary program, to raise financial help, and to work with the missionaries. He is available for revivals, and any work to further the cause of Christ in our missionary program.

As we look back we can say for sure "this has been a great year". But, when we look at a Georgia Map we are humbled at so little that has been

done. There are still 100 counties, many towns that has no Free Baptist Church. May God use us.

In addition to this report, your Mission Board makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend "Target City Revivals" as we have had in the past.
2. We recommend Athens as our "Target City".
3. We recommend March 1973 to be our "Target City Month".
4. We recommend each church elect a mission chairman, whose name will be turned in to the mission director. The purpose is to keep our churches informed.

Rev. Lewis Williams, Director

GERGIA STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

October 1, 1971 — September 30, 1972

REGULAR ACCOUNT

Brought forward	\$9,348.76
Cooperative Funds	\$ 5,194.79
State Office - Designated	11,774.48
District Asn. and Churches	9,750.25
Target City Statesboro.	1,236.72
Miscellaneous	206.31

Total Received 28,162.55

Total to Account For 37,511.31

Disbursements:

Morris Salary	\$ 5,876.00
Morris Housing	1,800.00
Advertising — Statesboro	28.00

Total. \$ 7,704.00

Johnson Moving Expense.	305.85
Johnson Salary	4,725.00
Johnson Housing	750.00
Johnson Insurance.	353.35
Johnson Itenerate Mileage.	447.04
Total.	\$ 6,581.24

Blanton Housing

Total. \$ 1,381.43

SWAINSBORO ACCOUNT

Eason Salary	\$ 2,125.00
Eason Mileage	202.60
Burns's Salary	1,250.00
Burns's Moving	77.61
Total	\$ 3,655.21

Mobile Chapel	3,835.00
Air Conditioner	615.00
Chairs	244.97
Insurance	87.00
Moving	166.90
Total	\$ 4,984.87

Athen's Land	\$ 5,000.00
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Williams — Salary	590.00
Williams — Mileage	270.25
Williams — Housing	200.00

Total	\$ 1,060.25
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Total Mileage Board Members	\$ 452.18
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Office Supplies	14.68
Permit and Postage	55.00
Postage	61.93
Phone	85.44
Total	\$ 217.05

State Office	
Printing Maps	151.67
Johnson Prayer Cards	60.00
1 Royal Typewriter	50.00
Letterheads	25.00
Land Cert.	16.00
Faith Promise Cards	20.00
Target City Athens	18.00
Checks for Eason	44.94
Letters for Eason	18.50

Total	\$ 404.11
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Total Disbursements	
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Balance in Treasurer	
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TARGET CITY STATESBORO

Balance Brought Forward	\$1,089.44
Received State Office	\$ 134.00
Interest	13.28
Total	<u>147.28</u>

Total to Account For..... 1,236.72

Disbursements:

Received Account	
Repayment on Land	1,236.72

Account Closed

TARGET CITY MARIETTA

Balance Carried Forward	\$1,528.46
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Total to Account For..... 1,528.46

On Deposit	1,528.46
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GEORGIA STATE TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT

November 1971 — November 4, 1972

The Board of Trustees held three meetings during the year. Items of business discussed and action taken by the board were:

- Item 1. That the Trustee Board members sign Bank papers for the loan for our bookstore.
- Item 2. That we pay the \$275.00 requested by the Christian Education and Camping board for the bed mattress purchased.
- Item 3. That Bro. Lewis, Moultrie Church, make an investigation of the present bathroom facilities at Camp Mt. Bethel and make recommendations to the trustee board so that the bathrooms can be improved or new bathrooms so as to bring them up to par to take care of the people attending the camp.
- Item 4. That we put a new roof on the dining hall and the 2 cabins at Camp Mt. Bethel and also put a new roof on the house in Moultrie if the money is available.
- Item 5. That our next step in Camp Mt. Bethel Improvement be a new "snack shop" or canteen.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Tabb, Secretary
Curtis Gay, Chairman

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TRUSTEE BOARD TREASURER'S REPORT

October 1971 — September 1972

Brought forward \$ 769.81

Received from Cooperative Plan of Support 3,653.56

Sept. 1971	316.92	March	357.03
Oct.	297.06	April	306.79
Nov.	311.82	May	347.72
Dec.	267.99	June	280.67
Jan.	272.82	July	287.32
Feb.	308.69	Aug.	298.73

Received for Camp Mt. Bethel Maintenance 634.93

Sept. 1971	20.00	March	72.00
Oct.	24.00	April	51.00
Nov.	20.00	May	45.00
Dec.	20.00	June	70.00
Jan.	42.00	July	130.93
Feb.	20.00	Aug.	20.00
	Midway Association		100.00

Insurance refund-lightening struck refrigerator — Camp 25.00

Total received \$5,083.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

House and Office payments	\$1,345.06
Board Members mileage	58.35
Property Insurance	302.00
State Office and House Maintenance	
— 4 loads fill dirt and labor to spread	45.00
— Paint and labor	225.00
— Sink	86.46
— Termite Treatment	15.00

Camp Mt. Bethel Maintenance Improvement

— Road sign \$32.00 — erecting sign \$7.54	39.54
— Steam Table Pans	4.29
— Used refrigerator payment	20.00
— D-Con and traps	3.97
— Pump service call	12.00
— Bed Mattress	275.00
— Paint	59.61
— Can openers—Pipe repairs	9.49

— Sewage Line	238.80
— 2 toilet seats	19.79
— 2-26 gal. Hot grease cans	17.51
— Shelter Materials and labor	<u>1,178.38</u>
Total disbursements	\$3,955.25

Balance in treasury Sept. 23, 1972 \$1,128.05

Respectfully submitted,
Earl Tabb, Treasurer

BUDGETING BOARD REPORT

We the budgeting board would like to recommend the following items for consideration and necessary action:

1. We do not feel it practical to set a budget for designated giving as has been done in time past.
2. We further recommend that all **designated funds**, that is Foreign Missions, National Home Missions, Bible College and others, be sent direct to the particular department.
3. We recommend a Cooperative Budget for the coming associational year of \$32,000.00.
4. We recommend the allocations of the cooperative funds remain the same as last year with the following exceptions: a. the Camp Board Board to receive 5% instead of 7% and the TNT Rally (formerly CTS) to receive 5% instead of 3%.
5. We recommen the mileage allowance for board members attending board meetings be increased from \$.05 per mile to \$.08 per mile.

Rev. James Ursery, Chairman

MINUTES OF THE GEORGIA STATE C T S RALLY OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Georgia State CTS Rally was held June 3, 1972 at Camp Mt. Bethel with Rev. Kenneth Faison presiding. Approximately 99 registered. The following churches represented by paying the \$5 representation fee: Albany

— Midway District; Belview — Midway District; Moultrie — Union District
White Hall — Little River District; Pine Level — Union District; Zion Hill —
Little River District; Satilla — South Georgia District. The Midway and
Georgia Union Districts were also recognized by paying \$28.00 and \$20.00 in
respectively.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. ZKen Faison. A singspiration
followed as Rev. Faissn led the congregation in singing "At the Cross". Lewis
Shephard led in prayer.

In the absence of Rev. Paul Davis and the speaker's brother, John
Grant, a devotion taken from Ecclesiastes 3:1-5 was given by Susan Grant.
She spoke on our valuable possession time. Rev. Billy Bevan led in prayer.

The business session was opened by Rev. Ken Faison. Sword Drill
Director, Joe Dan Underwood, was replaced in his absence by Rev. Charles
Hollingshead who had no competition in the area he was to direct, Declama-
tion. Three contestants participated in this phase of competition: (1) Lisa
Terrell, 1st F.W.B. Church of Savannah, 1st Place Winner; (2) Pam Higdon,
1st F.W.B. Church of Albany, 2nd Place Winner; (3) Jan Harrell, White Hall,
3rd Place Winner.

Minutes of the June 5, 1971 Georgia State CTS Rally were read and
approved along with the treasurer's report. Rev. Faison presented a brief
sketch of the Georgia State CTS Rally's turnover to the Christian Education
and Camping Board in effect after the June 3, 1972 Rally's adjournment. The
Christian Ed. and Camping Board will carry the responsibilities that have
previously been assumed by those attending the annual CTS Rallies. Pro-
motions of Sword Drill, Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl and Declamations will be
managed by the Camping Board.

Rev. Faison led in the congregational hymn "Are You Washed in the
Blood" and afterwards recognized the attending districts. These included
Georgia Union, Midway, South Georgia, Union, and Little River.

Following another congregational song, the Tic Tac Toe activities were
conducted by Rev. Billy Bevan. Competing were Jackie Duncan, Susan
Grant, Debbie Griffin, and Rory Griffin; 1st Place Winners from Bellview,
Midway District. Also competing were Stuart Floyd, Tim Brown, Danny
Bennett and Lee Ann Bennett; 2nd Place Winners from Pine Level, Union
District.

Succeeding the most exerting F.W.B. chorus "Praise Ye The Lord,"
the Bible Bowl activities were conducted by Jerry Johnson, director. Only one
team was represented. It included Angela Wiard, Debbie Davis, Judy Davis,
and Pam Sheeks from Albany in the Midway District. Due to the lack of any
of any other competition, the team members participated in a time com-
petition.

Rev. Faison introduced the chairman of the Christian Education and
Camping Board, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, to expound on the particulars of the
newly acquired responsibilities of the Board and the effects they would have
on upcoming competitors. Rev. Dowdney explained that responsibilities
would include the expense of materials for the competitive activities, ex-
penses involved in sending the State winners to the National and promotional
operations necessary to create interest and awareness in competitive activities

Rev. Dowdney suggested that all funds remaining after expenses were paid be divided evenly among our State winners to help with expenses involved in getting to the National. This suggestion was well taken and will be enacted.

An offering of \$51.18 was received.

The meeting was recessed for lunch by Rev. Faison. After the noon meal, awards were presented. The Rally was then adjourned by Rev. Faison.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Cauley
Secretary-Treasurer

GEORGIA STATE CTS TREASURY

July 1971 — June 1972

RECEIPTS

July 31, 1971 Balance	\$ 70.31
Cooperative Funds	
August 1971.....	20.96
September 1971.....	27.02
October 1971.....	29.54
November 1971.....	26.56
December 1971.....	22.20
January 1972.....	22.20
February 1972.....	22.92
March 1972.....	25.30
April 1972.....	25.02
May 1972.....	32.55
Offering June 3, 1972 CTS State Rally.....	51.18
State Representation Church Fees	
Albany.....	5.00
Bellview.....	5.00
Moultrie.....	5.00
White Hall.....	5.00
Pine Level.....	5.00
Zion Hill.....	5.00
Satilla.....	5.00
State Representation District Fees	
Midway.....	28.00
Georgia Union.....	20.00
TOTAL	465.33

DISBURSEMENTS

National Representation Fees	
Sword Drill	5.00
Bible Bowl	10.00
Tic Tac Toe	10.00
Meal for State Rally	93.90
TOTAL	93.90

BALANCE JUNE 19, 1972..... 371.43

MINUTES OF 1972

GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at the Martin Youth Camp on November 16, 1972. The theme was "The Open Door" taken from Revelations 3:8. Registration began at 9:15 A.M.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mrs. Martha Everson, President. Mrs. Everson presided over the meeting. The congregation sang "Jesus Calls Us" and "The Open Door" led by Janice Cox, followed by prayer by Brother Dodd. Walley Roberts served as pianist.

The morning devotion "Inside the Door" was given by Laverne Mock. Wanda Cooper and Faye Ogletree presented special music. Mrs. Eva Middleton gave the welcome. Mrs. Edith Shiver gave a report on the History of the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was given and the delegates were seated. (See reports)

The President appointed the following committees: CREDENTIALS — Caroline Hightower, Betty Henderson, and Jeannine Silvers; REGISTRATION — Ida Tabb, Annie Lou Wells, and Eleanor Sheffield; FINANCE — Opal Hatcher, Wynelle Clower, Faye Ogletree, Christine Owens, and Ruby Wells; RESOLUTIONS — Eloise Wainwright, Mary Dunaway, Doris Grant, Margie Harris, and Myrtice Giddens.

The following were elected to serve on the nominating committee: MARTIN — MRS. Eva Middleton; MIDWAY — Mrs. Shirley Kinbrell; UNION — Mrs. Abram Harrell; LITTLE RIVER — Mrs. Wanda Cooper; SOUTH GEORGIA — Mrs. Faye Faison; GEORGIA UNION — Mrs. Caroline Hightower; FIRST THOMASTON — Mrs. Eudean Pitts; NEW SALEM — Mrs. Eva Middleton.

The visitors were recognized. The President read letter from Sammy and June Wilkerson and asked that we remember them. Greetings from Mrs. Cleo Purcell, National Executive Secretary, and Brenda Spurell, National Field Secretary, were given. Mrs. Everson expressed thanks to those who participated in helping with the convention.

Mrs. Evera Moye gave an interesting report on "The Door of WNAC Regional Retreats". The congregation sang "Since Jesus Came Into My

Heart" and "To the Regions Beyond" The offertory prayer was given by Bro. Houston, and an offering of \$87.22 was received. Janice Cox presented special music.

Our speaker was Mrs. Vada Lee, Missionary to Ivory Coast, who told us about the work of our missionaries in Africa and left us with a special prayer request.

Language — efficiency in its use.

Adjustments — physical (heat and dryness)

Missionary kids — attitudes toward their parents work

Be a demonstration of Christ love

After lunch the meeting convened with the congregation singing "I am Resolved" and "The Open Door", followed by prayer by Bro. Williams. Mrs. Charlene Dunaway presented the devotion, "The Wide Open Door". Bro. Saverance presented "To be Used of God" in special music.

Bro. Williams gave a report on the work of the State Mission Board and requested special help for the mission at Swainsboro.

"The New Door of WNAC Writers", a report on the new writing contest for auxiliary members sponsored by the WNAC was given by Jeanne Davis.

The committees reports were read and approved. (See reports)

Edith Shiver brought to our attention an error in the printing of the 1971 state minutes for the Dot Harvey Loan Fund, which should read . . .

"Any worthy young people whose church is a member of the Georgia State Association of good moral standing with college ability who wishes to become a student of Free Will Baptist Bible College."

The floor was opened for nominations to fill the vacancy for Vice President. Those nominated were Faye Faison and Eleanor Sheffield with Eleanor Sheffield winning the nomination.

The Macedonia Auxiliary presented an interesting skit "Doorway to Macon the 1973 WNAC."

The following nominations for the study committee recommended in item six of the Resolutions Committee report (See reports) were received and voted on: CHATTAHOOCHEE — Mrs. Ruby Wells; GEORGIA UNION — Mrs. Christine Owens; LITTLE RIVER — Mrs. Damon Dodd; MARTIN — Eva Middleton; MIDWAY — Mrs. Ida Tabb, Chairman; SOUTH GEORGIA — Mrs. DeWees Evans; UNION — Mrs. Jeannine Silvers.

Slips were passed out for the people to give preference of committee on which they wished to serve at the WNAC. The following committee chairman were appointed by the President: WNAC Fellowship Dinner — Caroline Hightower; WNAC Booth — Janice Ursrey; Registration booth — Eloise Wainwright; Coffee Break for Executive Meeting — Ruth Henley; Nursery — Geraldine Nix; Auditorium — Opal Hatcher; WNAC Officers Luncheon — Edith Shiver; Publicity — Martha Everson.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Everson, President
Caroline Hightower, Secretary

REPORTS

Registration Committee

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

Number of persons registered:

	State Officers	6	
	Missionaries	1	
	Ministers	21	
	Visitors	30	
5	Districts Delegates	25	
	Ga. Union	2	
	Little River	3	
	Midway	12	
	S. Georgia	3	
	Union	5	
23	Local Auxiliary Delegates	61	
	Macedonia	5	
	Arlington	3	
	New Home #1	4	
	1st Thomaston	4	
	Harmony	2	
	Cedar Springs	5	
	Travelers Rest	3	
	Bemiss	1	
	Corinth (LR)	2	
	New Salem	4	
	Patmos	5	
	Albany	1	
	Emmanuel	4	
	Bellview	5	
	Hammock Spgs.	1	
	New Light	2	
	New Enterprise	4	
	Wilson Chapel	3	
	Pine Level	1	
	Savannah	1	
	Brunswick	1	
	Total Registered	173	
	Total Registration Fee	\$23.00	

Respectfully submitted,
 Ida Tabb
 Annie Lou Wells
 Eleanor Sheffield

Credentials Report

We, the Credentials Committee, have received reports and find dues have been duly paid by 5 District Auxiliaries, which represents 39 local auxiliaries and 402 members. These districts are Georgia Union, Little River Midway, South Georgia, and Union. We have received reports from four local auxiliaries with no district representing 67 members. These are New Salem, New Home, Providence and First Thomaston. This gives a total members of 469.

Respectively submitted,
Caroline Hightower
Jeannine Silvers
Betty Henderson

Treasurers Report

Balance in Treasury — Nov. 1971	\$ 153.13
Received from State Retreat	90.90
Designated receipts from reporting districts.....	5,736.08
Per Capita Membership Fees.....	469.00
TOTAL.....	\$6,449.11

Disbursements

Co-Laborer	\$426.06
Westfield India Paston.....	397.22
National Home Missions	249.27
Foreign Missions	410.42
Provision Closet	30.00
Africian Fund	14.00
WNAC	286.25
State Project: India Mission	11.00
Girls Dorm	860.02
Sammy Wilkerson	388.00
Larry Powell	538.65
Laura Bell Barnard	2.00
Tom Willey, Jr.	35.00
Mark Vandivort.....	20.78
Sunny Wenning	12.00
India Relief — Cronk & Hanna	17.00
Thomas H. Willey Memorial Fund	78.79
Student Loan Fund	63.00
Mack Owens	15.00
Lonnie Sparks	10.00
Dan Merks	20.00
Norman Richards	73.00
Luther Sanders	25.00

Land in France	5.00
Jery Banks	5.00
Cooperative Fund	142.69
Children's Home	101.87
J. E. Blanton	43.00
Jerry Johnson	90.51
Buddy Morris	229.00
State Missions	346.85
Song Books for Athens	50.00
I. J. Blackwelder	25.00
Camp Mt. Bethel Improvement	174.00
Rudy Woods	42.00
Superannuation	16.50
Swainsboro Mission	10.00
Dot Harvey Loan	337.10
Ga. State Aux. Retreat Expense	<u>135.10</u>

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 5,736.08
BALANCE IN BANK \$ 713.03

Respectfully submitted,

Opal Hatcher, Treasurer

Finance Committee

We, the Finance Committee with to submit the following report:

Balance in Treasury	\$713.03
Registration Fees	23.00
Offering.	<u>87.22</u>

TOTAL \$823.25

We recommend the following disbursements:

WNAC representation fees 469 members at \$.75. .	\$351.75
Speakers Honaraium	50.00
Speakers plane fare	104.00
Registration expenses.	2.00
Program printing.	5.80
Stamps	<u>3.20</u>

TOTAL 516.75

BALANCE..... \$306.50

Respectfully submitted,
Opal Hatcher, Chrmn.
Wynelle Clower
Faye Ogletree
Mrs. Ruby Wells
Christine Owens

RESOLUTIONS FROM GEORGIA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION — 1972

We the Resolutions Committee make the following recommendations:

1. Since the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary is hosting the WNAC in Macon next July, be it resolved that in order to properly finance this meeting, that each W. A. member in Georgia be asked to contribute \$3.00 toward the expenses and that this money be sent by March 1, 1973. (This will be our State project for the ensuing year.)
2. Be it resolved that auxiliary members enthusiastically support the 1973 WNAC in Macon by taking an active part in preparing for and attending this event.
3. Be it resolved that the locals and districts send monies designated for special accounts directly to the Home or Foreign Mission Board or to the State Mission Treasurer and to WNAC. Local send a report of this (including the amount and the designation) to the District Treasurer. She will include this in her report to the State Treasurer. (The above is as amended.)
5. Be it resolved that our State Executive Committee, after much prayer and planning present a mission project to our State Convention each year and at the same time furnish details and materials for publicity on the project presented.
6. Be it resolved that a committee of 7, one from each district and one from each of the 2 associations having locals not organized into a district, be elected to study the possibility of a change in our meeting date and report its findings to the 1973 convention to be voted upon.
7. Be it resolved that we support our State Home missions with our prayers and that Swainsboro being our newest work, we support it financially.
8. That we give the Martin District a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

Respectfully submitted,
Margie Harris
Doris Grant
Myrtice Giddens
Mary Dunaway
Eloise Wainwright, Chmn.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, the Original Free Will Baptists of the State of Georgia, do ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advocating, promoting and increasing all phases of the Cause of Chrsit.

ARTICLE I

This 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 a Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk, an Assistant Clerk and an Executive Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2. All regular oficers and the chairmen of each of the standing Boards shall compose the Executive Board.

Section 3. This Association shall be composed of all active ministers, deacons and missionaries who are members of affiliated bodies; one (1) delegate for every three hundred (300) members or fraction thereof from each District Association or Union Meeting; one (1) delegate for every one hundred (100) members of fraction thereof from each local affiliated Church.

Section 4. All delegates from District 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 this body shall be paid on a voluntary basis to the Treasurer of this Association. However, it is suggested that each District Association give a minimum of ten dollars (\$10.00) per delegate authorized; each Union Meeting give five dollars (\$5.00) and each local Church give five cents (\$.05) per capita for their respective memberships.

ARTICLE III

Section 1. It shall be the privilege of each affiliated District Association to recommend a member for each Standing Board. Terms of office on these Boards shall be on a rotating basis which will necessitate the election by the State Association of four (4) members every two years, thus giving each member a four (4) year term of office. The exception to this provision shall be the

Board of Auditors, which shall consist of two (2) members to be chosen at the time of the election of the General Officers.

Section 2. There shall be a Board of Missions, composed of members who are noted for their missionary zeal. This Board shall have supervision of all missions interests sponsored by this Body.

Section 3. There shall be a Board of Christian Education and Camping whose duties shall be:

A. To schedule and arrange all Camp sessions to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel, and to appoint the Camp Director each year. It is understood and agreed in this connection that the Camp Director shall be in authority in matters of faculty, curriculum, administration, food service and recreation during Camp sessions.

B. To assist in promoting all educational services sponsored by this State Association in cooperation with the agency scheduling the activity.

Section 4. There shall be a Board of Retirement and Insurance whose duty it shall be to adopt plans and rules which are amendable with the National Association's Board of Retirement and Insurance. They shall also formulate plans for financing this ministry.

Section 5. There shall be a Board of Trustees whose duties shall be: hold title/s to all real property belonging to this Body; the maintenance and upkeep of all such properties; the planning and supervision of all future developments and expansion of these properties as directed by this Association.

It is agreed in this connection that the Board of Trustees shall at no time sell or encumber these properties by mortgage, lien, or otherwise without the express consent of this Body given in regular or called session of this Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

The Board of Trustees is hereby authorized to receive, in behalf of and for the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, gifts, grants, monies, real estate or other valuable assets.

The Board of Trustees shall act for and in the behalf of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in any and all transactions involving any of its properties but shall do so strictly in accordance with instructions given by said State Association in regular or called session.

Section 6. There shall be a Board of Auditors whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of all Board of this Association annually.

Section 7. There shall be a Budgeting Board whose duty it shall be to formulate the budget for the State Association annually and to recommend to the Body in session the allocations to be observed in the Cooperative Plan of Giving. This Board shall, in addition to the above stated duties, also recommend a mileage rate for travel by the members of all of the Standing Boards of said Association.

Section 8. There shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptists Children's Home, Eldrige, Alabama elected during the 1971 session for a term of four (4) years. Election thereafter shall be for a four (4) year term.

Section 9. The Treasurer of each Board shall be bonded in an amount stipulated by the Board of which he is Treasurer. The Bonding Fee shall be paid from the Treasury of said Board/s.

ARTICLE IV

Section 1. All officers, except Board members, shall be elected for a term of two (2) years.

Section 2. Any officer may be re-elected at the pleasure of this Body.

Section 3. Vacancies in the list of General Officers or on any of the Boards, which occur between regular sessions of this State Association, may be filled by the Executive Board until the convening of the Annual session of said Association.

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

Section 5. If a member of any Board fails in the function of his or her duty without good and sufficient reason/s, the Board of which the delinquent is a member may declare that particular office vacant. Further, this 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, bussness-like manner according to the rules of Christian conduct as set forth in the New Testament.

In the event that any Standing Board of this State Association shall find itself without a sufficient number of its members present to constitute a quorum at any of its official meetings, said Board/s are hereby granted the privilege by this State Association of appointing proxies to serve in lieu of the absent member/s.

At the pleasure of the Board/s, and subsequent to the meeting from which the regular member absented himself, the Board/s have the right to deal with the delinquent member in the manner stated in the previous paragraph.

Section 7. Boards may be called into session by the Chairma or Vice-Chairman of said Board, or by the Moderator or Assistant Moderator of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, upon the request of the majority of the members of said Board/s.

AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may be changed, altered, or amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at any regular session of the State Association. Prior to a final vote on any amendment, change or alteration, said amendment, change or alteration shall be submitted in writing to the Clerk of this Association and shall lie on the table from one business session to the next during which time it shall be read at least two (2) times in open session. Officers, Standing Boards, and/or Standing Committees may be added or deleted as the need/s arises.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1.

A. The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall meet for its regular session annually on Thursday following the second Sunday in

regular session annually on Thursday following the second Sunday in November and shall adjourn on the Saturday immediately following.

B. The Executive Board shall meet quarterly on Saturday before the second Sunday of the following months: February, May, August. The November meeting of said Board shall be held just prior to the regular meeting of the State Association.

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall act for and in behalf of said Association on matters which by their nature require immediate attention. All such actions by the Executive Board shall be subject to final action by the State Association.

SECTION 2.

A. The Moderator shall preside at the annual sessions of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists and the meetings of the Executive Board.

B. The Assistant Moderator shall preside in the absence of the Moderator and/or when appointed by the Moderator as the need arises.

C. The Clerk shall keep records of the proceedings of the annual Associational meetings and of the Executive Board meetings. It shall also be his responsibility to have the Minutes of these sessions printed and distributed.

D. The Assistant Clerk, in the absence of the Clerk, shall fulfill the functions and duties of the Clerk as stated in paragraph C of this document.

SECTION 3.

A. The Executive Secretary shall serve as State Treasurer, receiving and disbursing funds which are directed through the State office. Disbursement of these funds shall be as directed by vote of said Association. All financial records of the Treasurer shall be audited annually by a recognized CPA and said Treasurer is required to submit a completely audited financial report of all operations under his jurisdiction to the State Association at its annual meeting.

B. The Executive Secretary shall serve as editor of the State publication, **The Promotional Bulletin**. This publication shall be used as a means of promoting unity among our people and providing information regarding the general program of this State Association for all our people.

C. The Executive Secretary shall be responsible for the management of the Book Store under the supervision of the Executive Board.

D. The Executive Secretary shall serve as ex-officio member of each of the Standing Boards of said Association, but he shall act only in an advisory capacity. As much as in possible, he shall coordinate the work of these various Boards with a view to preventing duplication and overlap.

E. The Executive Secretary shall submit a report of his activities to the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in annual session.

F. The Executive Secretary shall be allowed four (4) weeks vacation per year with pay.

G. Funds received by the Executive Secretary for revivals, special speaking engagements and promotional meetings, shall go into the Promotional Fund. The exception to this regulation relates to any remuneration received

by the Executive Secretary during his four-weeks vacation, which funds shall be his personally and need not be accounted for before said Association.

H. Salary, mileage and operational expenses of the Executive Secretary shall be determined by recommendation of the Executive Board as approved by the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

SECTION 4.

A. The Executive Board shall serve as the Placement Committee for the State Association. In this capacity the Board shall investigate places suitable for this meeting and make recommendations to said State Association. In as much as possible, this Association shall meet on a rotating basis within the District Associations. Meeting places shall be determined two (2) years in advance.

B. The Executive Board shall plan the program for the annual meetings of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists and the annual meetings shall follow the programs as closely as possible. Business sessions shall be conducted according to the commonly accepted rules of parliamentary procedure.

SECTION 5.

Necessary Committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for by the Body.

SECTION 6.

These By-Laws may be altered, changed, or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of delegates present and voting.

Church Covenant

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reverence to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

CORRECTION FOR LINE NO. 2 IN PARAGRAPH 6