

**1973 MINUTES**

**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION**

**OF**

**FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**Thirty-Seventh Annual Session**

MEETING WITH  
FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH — EASTMAN, GEORGIA  
November 15-17, 1973

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator . . . . .	Rev. Jerry Johnson
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Executive Secretary-Treasurer . . . . .	Rev. C. B. Dowdney
P.O. Box 591, Moultrie, Ga. 31768	

### MISSION BOARD

Jake Creech, S. Ga. Assn., 106 Bacon St., Jesup, Ga. 31545 . . . . .	1975
Billy Hatcher, Union Assn., Rt. 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716 . . . . .	1975
Lewis Williams, Martin Assn., Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 . . . . .	1975
Benny Lariscy	
Little River Assn., Rt. 3, Bx. 828J91, Waycross, Ga. 31501 . . . . .	1977
Herman Watson, Chattahoochee Assn., Rt. 2, Thomaston, Ga. 30286	1977
L. S. Anthony, Ga. Union Assn., Rt. 3, Thomaston, Ga. 30286. . . . .	1977
David Matthews	
Midway Assn., P.O. Box 84, Cedar Springs, Ga. 31732 . . . . .	1975

### TRUSTEE BOARD

Earl Tabb, Midway Assn., Rt. 4, Bx. 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, Bx. 523, Jesup, Ga. 31545 . . . . .	1975
Bill Barksdale, Ogeechee Assn., Rt. 3, Midville, Ga. 30441 . . . . .	1977
Emmett Dunaway, Ga. Union Assn., Rt. 1, Unadilla, Ga. 31091 . . . . .	1977
Charles Hartsfield, Little River Assn., Rt. 2, Norman Park, Ga. 31771 .	1977
Buddy Taylor, Chatt. Assn., P.O. Box 642, Thomaston, Ga. 30286. . .	1977

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Gerald Brown, Midway Assn., Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 . . . . .	1975
Howard Roberts, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 . . . . .	1975
E. E. Kelley, Ga. Union Assn., Rt. 3, Hawkinsville, Ga. 31036 . . . . .	1975
Leonard Ogletree, Union Assn., 1005 Pineview Ave., Tifton, Ga. . . . .	1975
Carl Baker, Ogeechee, Rt. 1, Metter, Ga. 30439 . . . . .	1977
M. M. Franks, Little River, Rt. 1, Ashburn, Ga. 31714 . . . . .	1977
Larry Langford, S. Ga. Assn., Rt. 1, Bristol, Ga. 31518 . . . . .	1977
A. G. Windham, Chatt. Assn., Rt. 3, Reynolds, Ga. 31076. . . . .	1977

## **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING**

C. L. McMillan, Little River Assn. ....	1975
William Travis, Chatt. Assn., 203 Poplar St., Thomaston, Ga. 30286 ..	1975
C. J. Faison, Union Assn., Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756 .....	1975
Joe Owens, Ga. Union Assn., 2560 Echols Pla., Macon, Ga. ....	1977
J. D. Norris, Jr., Midway Assn., Rt. 3, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 .....	1977
Talmadge Worseley, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 .....	1977
Charles Beasley, Ogeechee Assn., Rt. 3, Bx. 285, Metter, Ga. 30439 .....	1977
Luther Burns, S. Ga. Assn., 413 W. Church St., Swainsboro, Ga. 30401 .....	1977

## **BUDGETING BOARD**

Ross Bennett, Ga. Union 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
O. B. Everson, Midway Assn. Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 .....	1977
Carl Brown, S. Ga. Assn. ....	1977
James Rathel, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 .....	1977
C. L. McMillan, Little River Assn., 608 Homer St., Waycross, Ga. 31501 .....	1977

## **AUDITORS BOARD**

Vernon Whaley — Bobby Whitaker

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Ernest Barker — Mrs. Middleton — Janice Ursery

## **MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened for its thirty-seventh annual session with the First Free Will Baptist Church, Eastman, Georgia, Thursday, November 15, 1973 and continued through Saturday noon, November 17. The theme for this session was "Followers of God: Walking in the Lord", taken from Ephesians 5:1, 2. The Thursday evening session was opened with singing and prayer under the direction of Vernon Whaley, Song Leader for the entire session. Mr. Whaley is Director of Youth and Music for the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Pledges of Allegiance to the American and Christian Flags were led by Mr. Whaley, following which Rev. Ronald Peavey brought the evening devotional message from the theme verses.

The Association was officially called to order and declared in session by the Clerk, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Pastor of Homerville Free Will Baptist Church. The other officers of the Association were introduced and

presented as follows: Rev. William Morris, Assistant Clerk, Rev. A. C. Truluck, retiring Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, newly elected Executive Secretary-Treasurer, and Rev. Jerry Johnson, Moderator. Rev. Johnson took charge of the service and presented Rev. Joe Owens, Moderator of the host Association, Georgia Union, who gave the address of welcome. The Moderator then called the roll of Associations and recognized the delegates, ministers, deacons, and visitors.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator as follows: Benny Lariscy, Chairman; Jake Creech; Joe Owens; James Ursrey; Billy Bevans.

The Youth Choir of Eastman Church presented three numbers under the direction of their leader after which the congregation was led in a song of praise by Mr. Whaley. An offering was received following prayer by Rev. William Morris.

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Damon C. Dodd from Ephesians 1-3 under the subject, "The Wealth of the Christian".

Following the message the Registration Committee gave a partial report.

The Executive Board gave a partial report in which a proposed Constitutional change was presented and laid on the table according to Constitutional requirement. (See the report of the Executive Board for this Constitutional change).

The evening session was recessed following the singing of a hymn.

### **FRIDAY MORNING**

The Friday morning session was opened at 9:00 A.M. with the singing of the hymn, "I am Thine O Lord", led by Vernon Whaley. Prayer was offered by Rev. Jerry Johnson.

Rev. Walter Keheley, Pastor of Ebenezer Church, near Cochran, Georgia, brought the morning devotional message.

The Moderator called for the report of the Credentials Committee. Mrs. Ida Tabb, Chairman, responded with a partial report. MSC to receive this partial report and seat the delegates named therein, together with additions and substitutions as suggested from the floor.

The report of the Committee on Committees was called for at this time and was given by the Chairman, Benny Lariscy. MSC that the report be adopted. (See reports section)

Rev. Harrold Harrison, Representing the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, was recognized and responded with a report on the ministry of that department. He cited the growth of the Sunday School Department and presented several new publications which had recently been released. MSC to receive the report as information.

Mrs. A. C. Truluck reported for the Woman's Auxiliary Convention which was held on Thursday, November 15. She gave an informative and glowing account of the Convention and called attention to the accomplishments and growth of that phase of the work. MSC to receive the report as information.

The report of the Trustee Board was given by the Secretary of that Board, Earl Tabb, MSC to receive this as a partial report.

Rev. Harris Nix, Chairman, presented the report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. MSC that the report be adopted.

Following this session of business transactions, it was MSC that the session be recessed until the call of the Moderator.



## **FRIDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE**

The congregation was called to order and led in the singing of the theme hymn, "Follow On" by Vernon Whaley. Following the morning prayer, Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Truluck were called to the platform by the Moderator, to be honored and recognized for the faithful and efficient services which they had rendered to the Association over the past four years. A resolution of appreciation and respect from the Executive Board was read by the Clerk. MSC to adopt the resolution and carry out the provisions contained therein. The Moderator presented a plaque, appropriately engraved naming the A. C. Truluck family the Free Will Baptist Family of the Year. Following this presentation, a love offering was received for the Trulucks in the amount of \$100.76. Rev. & Mrs. Truluck responded to these presentations with timely remarks of thanks and appreciation.

Special music was given by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lee, members of the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church.

The morning message entitled, "The Walk of the Christian" was delivered by Rev. Melvin Worthington, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Scriptural basis for the message was Ephesians 3-5.

Dismissed for the noon hour.

## **FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION**

The afternoon session was opened with the singing of a beautiful number by a Minister's Quartette composed of Vernon Whaley, Reedy Sevarance, Melvin Worthington, and Billy Bevan.

Vernon Whaley then led the congregation in singing the hymn, "The Banner of the Cross". Prayer was led by Rev. Jerry Johnson. Rev. Bobby Whitaker, Pastor of Mt. Olive Church, Reynolds, Georgia, was introduced as the preacher of the message, "The Warfare of the Christians", taken from Ephesians 6.

Following the message, the Association went into business session. The report of the Executive Board was given by the Clerk, Rev. Damon C. Dodd. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Action on Item number 1 was temporarily elayed by the presentation of an amendment. Upon analysis, it was determined that the proposed amendment was so worded as to change entirely the intent of the original proposal. By consent of the proponents of the amendment, it was agreed to allow the submission of an additional item relative to this matter to be presented as an additional Constitutional change, rather than as an amendment to the original proposal. This proposed amendment was presented and laid on the table as follows:

### **ARTICLE IV, SECTION 2**

"Standing Boards of this State Association have no power or final authority to hire fulltime employees until the matter has been presented to and acted on by this State Association in regular session. This provision does not apply to fulltime missionaries sent out under the Mission Board.

"The remaining sections under Article IV of this Constitution shall be renumbered sequentially from three (3) through eight (8) respectively."

All other items of the Executive Board's report were adopted on motion, second and unanimous vote of the Body. (See reports section)

Relative to the request of the Executive Board that a Board or Agency of this State Association be designated as custodian of the Loan Fund set up by the Executive Board out of funds which had been paid into the Executive Department from Christian Builders of Nashville, Tennessee, it was MSC that the State Missions Board be so designated.

Rev. A. C. Truluck gave the report of the Executive Secretary-Treasurer at this time. MSC that these reports be adopted. The treasurer's report revealed that a balance of \$75.64 remained over from the National Association Entertainment fund. MSC that this balance be transferred to the General Fund of the State Association.

Mr. R. L. Trivett, representing the Church Financing Inc., of Atlanta, Georgia, was recognized by the Moderator and spoke briefly on the services offered by his firm.

Rev. Jonathan Thigpen, representing the National CTS Board, gave a report from this Department. MSC to receive the report as information. He also presented the report for the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. MSC that this report be accepted as information.

Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of the National Home Missions Board, was present and gave an up-to-date report of the work and plans of that Department of our National Association. MSC to receive this report as information.

Jerry Banks represented the Foreign Missions Board of the National Association and presented a report of their work. MSC to receive the report as information.

The Free Will Bible College and the National Association Executive Department were represented by Rev. Roy Thomas, who, in addition to brief verbal reports, distributed letters from these departments. MSC to receive these reports as information.

Rev. Lewis Williams, Promotional Secretary for the State Mission Board, presented the report of that Board. MSC that this report be adopted. (See reports section)

Mrs. Ida Tabb gave the final report of the Credentials Committee. MSC to adopt the report.

MSC to adjourn. Benediction was given by Rev. Jake Creech.

## **FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE**

The service was opened at 7:00 P.M. with the singing by the congregation of the old hymn, "I Love to Tell The Story", led by Vernon Whaley. Prayer was offered by Rev. Luther Burns.

This being the Missionary service, the meeting was in charge of Rev. Lewis Williams, Promotional Secretary of the State Missions Board.

State Missionaries were present and they were presented by Rev. Williams. Each one gave a brief report of the work being done in his particular area. Those speaking were: Rev. & Mrs. William Morris, Statesboro; Rev. Luther Burns, Swainsboro; Rev. Jerry Johnson, Athens; Rev. Danny Keene, Dublin.

Hymns were led by Vernon Whaley as follows: "The Church's One Foundation" and "Follow On". Vernon Whaley gave the special music after which Rev. Jake Creech, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Jesup, Georgia, was introduced as the preacher of the hour. He spoke from Ephesians 3:20, 21. Following the message a most impressive commissioning service was held for Rev. & Mrs. Danny Keen, Home Missionaries on assignment in Dublin, Georgia. Rev. J. E. Blanton, Pastor of the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church, was in charge. He gave a short message from Acts 13:1-3, after which he called for all who would like to rededicate their lives to a more useful service for the Lord Jesus Christ, to come and kneel at the altar with Rev. & Mrs. Keen. The commissioning prayer was led by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Prior to the benediction on the service, the Moderator called for a partial report of the Nominating Committee. MSC that this partial report be adopted and after opportunity was given for further nominations from the floor, the nominees named by the Committee were unanimously elected. (See reports section)

The Constitutional Amendment was taken from the table and read the second time according to Constitutional requirements.

MSC to adjourn until Saturday morning. Benediction was given by Rev. William Morris.

### **SATURDAY MORNING SESSION**

This session opened with the singing of "At The Cross" led by Rev. Reedy Sevarance. Prayer was led by Ted James.

The devotional message was given by Rev. C. B. Dowdney using Acts 9:22-25 as a Scripture text. He called on Rev. C. D. Rentz to lead in prayer at the conclusion of his message.

Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home, was recognized and asked to present a report of his work in this capacity. He responded with an informative report in which he cited the record giving of Georgia Free Will Baptists to the Home in 1973. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave the report of the Board of Christian Education and Camping. MSC to adopt the report.

Mr. Earl Tabb gave the final report of the Trustee Board. MSC to adopt the report as given. In connection with one item of this report relative to the building of a swimming pool at Camp Mt. Bethel, discussion was engaged in as to the feasibility of this project. MSC that this Association instruct the Trustee Board to pursue the matter of the swimming pool at Camp Mt. Bethel to a successful conclusion, at which time the existing lake would be drained."

This motion was amended so as to delete the phrase, "at which time the existing lake would be drained. MSC to adopt the motion as amended.

The report of the Auditing Board was given by Rev. Billy Bevan. MSC to adopt this report.

The report of the Budgeting Board was called for by the Moderator. Rev. James Ursrey, Chairman, presented the report. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item. All four items were adopted. (See reports section)



The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Rev. Paul Davis, Secretary. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item number 1 was tabled until the 1974 session for further study by the Executive Board. All other items were adopted.

In the matter of delegates to the National Association's 1974 session to be held in Wichita, Kansas, it was MSC that the Moderator be empowered to appoint said delegates. The following were appointed, with the first five (5) named to be delegates and the remaining to be alternates.

Sherman Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Gay, Nancy Johnssn, Ted James, Mr. & Mrs. Cleason Fowler, Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Lee.

MSC to take the proposed Constitutional change from the table for a vote by the Body. MSC that the Constitutional change be adopted and made a part of the Constitution of this Body.

MSC to empower the Executive Secretary to make any necessary adjustments in the delegation of this Body to the National Association at that meeting if and when the need arises.

MSC that we authorize and instruct the Executive Secertary to seek out and employ a fulltime Book Store manager for the bussness in Moultrie, Georgia. After discussion of this matter it was MSC that it be tabled until the 1974 session of this Association and that the Executive Secretary study and review the expediency of the matter in light of the volume of business done by the Book Store.

The final report of the Nominating Committee was called for at this time. Rev. Harris Nix, Chairman, presented the following report: Assistant Clerk, James Roebuck; Clerk, Damon C. Dodd; Assistant Moderator, Melvin Worthington; Moderator, Jerry Johnson. The Moderator called for additional nominations from the floor for each of these offices individually. There being none, these nominees were all elected by acclamation.

This concluded the business of the 1173 session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

MSC to adjourn, to meet in Valdosta, Georgia in November, 1974 Benediction by Curtis Gay.

Jerry Johnson, Moderator, Athens, Georgia. Damon C. Dodd, Clerk, Homerville, Georgia.

## REPORTS SECTION

Executive Board, Truluck Family Resolution of Appreciation, Auditing Board, Budgeting Board, Missions Board, Trustee Board, Christian Education and Camping, Retirement & Insurance, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home. Committee Reports: Committee on Committees, Resolutions, Credentials and Registration, Nominating.



## **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD of the GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREEWILL BAPTISTS**

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists has held eight meetings during the past year as follows: February 17, 1973 — Joint Meeting of all the Boards at Camp Mount, Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia; May 12, 1973 — Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia; July 11, 1973 — Macon, Georgia; August 11, September 1, September 15 and September 21, 1973 — Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia. November 15, 1973 — Eastman, Georgia.

All of these meetings were exceptionally well attended and at none of them was there more than one absentee member and that due to illness in each case. The sessions were harmonious and were predominated by the Spirit of Christ and brotherly love.

For the sake of brevity and a clearer understanding of the business of the Board which must be acted on by this Body, the complete minutes of all the meetings are not included in this report as been prior custom. However, we would like for you to know that the records of these meetings are available to any member of this Body. Simply ask the Clerk of this Association to let you examine the minutes of any or all of the meetings of the Executive Board and your request will be honored without question.

The following items are presented for your consideration to be acted on as deemed to be in the best interests of this Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists.

I. We recommend a Constitutional change, to wit: That art. IV, Section I be changed to read as follows: "All officers except Board Members and the Executive Secretary shall be elected to serve a term of two years. The Executive Secretary shall be employed by the Executive Board, subject to ratification by the State Association at its next regular session, for an indefinite period, with an agreement of a sixty (60) days notice of termination by both the employee and the Executive Board as the Employer."

II. We recommend a change in the By-laws, to wit: "That paragraphs A through H of Section III of the By-Laws of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists be deleted in their entirety and that paragraph A be inserted as follows: "The Executive Secretary shall be responsible and accountable to the Executive Board in fulfillment of the duties of his office as determined by said Board."

In this connection it becomes necessary to re-letter paragraphs F, G, and H as paragraphs B, C, and D respectively."

III. During the course of the year, Rev. Kenneth Faison, the elected Moderator of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists moved from the State to take up a new pastorate in Arkansas. At its July meeting in Macon, the Executive Board accepted Bro. Faison's resignation from office with appreciation for his fine performance in office and expressed regrets at his leaving our State. We recommend that this Body concur in this action. In the interim, Rev. Jerry Johnson, the Assistant Moderator, has been doing a most commendable job in the position of Moderator.

IV. Official approval was extended to the Little River Association in their arrangements for entertaining the next session of the State Association,

November 14-16, 1974. The meeting will be held at the Mathis City Auditorium, in Valdosta, Georgia. Excellent motels and restaurants are located within a few blocks of the Auditorium and the Little River Association has agreed to underwrite the cost of the Auditorium.

V. Rev. A. C. Truluck tendered his resignation as Executive Secretary on September 1, 1973, and the Board accepted the resignation. The Executive Board asked the Clerk to write a resolution of appreciation and respect to the Rev. A. C. Truluck family to be presented to this Body in session here in Eastman, Georgia.

We recommend that this Body concur in this action and that Rev. Truluck's term of office expire with this session.

VI. The Executive Board prayed earnestly and sought the leadership of the Holy Spirit diligently for a man to fill the position of Executive Secretary of Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists. We have come tonight to present the name of the man to whom we feel that the Lord has led us. We hereby recommend that this Body ratify the election of Rev. C. B. Dowdney to the position of Executive Secretary for an indefinite term.

VII. At its July meeting in Macon, it became necessary to suggest a nominee from the State of Georgia to serve on the General Board of the National Association of Freewill Baptists. The Executive Board suggested the name of Rev. A. C. Truluck, who was subsequently nominated and elected. We request this Body to concur in this action.

VIII. The Executive Secretary's Office has arranged a working agreement with Christian Builders, of Nashville, Tennessee, whereby certain percentages are paid to the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists from every Church building program in the State directed by said firm. The Executive Board authorized the Executive Secretary in its August 11 meeting to set up an account in the name and style of the **Church Extension and Loan Fund** and to deposit the first check received from the Christian Builders firm in the amount of \$340.72. Subsequent funds received from this source shall be deposited in this account, together with all other funds from whatsoever source so designated.

The Executive Board asks this State Association to concur in this action and to designate one of its Standing Boards to be the official custodian of this fund.

This concludes the report of the Executive Board.

Respectfully submitted,

The Executive Board  
Jerry Johnson, Moderator  
Damon C. Dodd, Clerk

## **RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION TO REV. A. C. TRULUCK AND FAMILY**

WHEREAS, Rev. A. C. Truluck has served in the office of Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists since November, 1969, in a most faithful and commendable manner, and WHEREAS, his tenure of office had brought about many improvements and innovations to the work, among which are a Bookstore and church supply

business which is off to a good start; reworking and updating the bookkeeping system with its resultant up-to-date and punctual receipting and disbursing of funds received; prompt payment of outstanding accounts; examining, adjusting, and keeping current all office equipment and supplies; day-by-day acknowledgement of all correspondence and business related to the office; personal representation at all meetings connected with the office on the local, district, State and National levels; a keen and personal interest in every aspect of the State work in connection with the program of every Board and Committee representing the State work; a high degree of spirituality in administering the business and practical facets of the office; and many other progressive accomplishments too numerous to mention, and WHEREAS, his wife and children have cooperated with him fully and have given faithfully, unstintingly and sacrificially of their time, talents, and energy to help him make this office function smoothly and effectively, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists, in session at Eastman, Georgia, November 15-17, 1973, express publicly and officially its thanks and appreciation to Rev. A. C. Truluck, his wife, Frances, and their children, for their glorious contribution to the work of this State Association and thus to the overall Kingdom of God, over these past four (4) years by a standing vote and that a love offering be received during this session of the State Association. Be it further RESOLVED, that the Rev. A. C. Truluck family be designated the FREEWILL BAPTIST FAMILY OF THE YEAR in remembrance of their invaluable contribution to our work and that a suitable plaque, appropriately inscribed be presented to them on this occasion. Be it further RESOLVED, that these Resolutions be included in the official Minutes of this session of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists, to be preserved for coming generations. Finally, be it RESOLVED, that we, of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists, pledge to the Rev. A. C. Truluck family our continued and constant prayers in their behalf that God's richest and choicest blessings shall be theirs in the work to which they are immediately going, and that all their further years shall be under His guidance, counsel and protection, and that they shall be preserved under His grace, kept by His might, and brought at last into His glorious Presence and Kingdom.

Submitted by

The Executive Board of the Georgia  
State Association of Freewill Baptists

## **REPORT OF THE AUDITING BOARD**

The Auditing Board has examined the books of the Trustee Board, the Missions Board, and the Board of Retirement and Insurance and has found each in order.

Signed,

Billy Bevan, Archie Ratliff



## **REPORT OF THE BUDGETING BOARD**

We, the Budgeting Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, recommend the following items for consideration and necessary action:

1. That a budget of \$35,000.00 be set for Cooperative giving for the next Associational year.

2. That instead of the 60%-40% ratio was followed this last Associational year, we recommend that we tithe from the Cooperative receipts to the National Association's program.

3. The breakdown would be as follows: State Missions 45%, Board of Retirement & Insurance 22%, Board of Trustees 20%, Board of Christian Education & Camping 5%, State T 'n T Rally 5%, Alabama Children's Home 3%.

4. That we underwrite the Hospital Insurance for the Executive Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Bennett

John Grant

C. R. Houston, Proxy

Reedy Severance, Proxy

James Ursrey, Chairman

## **REPORT OF THE STATE MISSIONS BOARD**

Another year, 1972-73, has been brought to a close as far as our report to you is concerned. Thank God for another record year! Much has been accomplished and more remains to be done, for we have only scratched the surface. Truly, the fields are white unto harvest.

In addition to the Mission points already supported, we have adopted a new project, namely, the Dublin Mission. This is a joint endeavor with the Georgia Union Association Mission Board. Rev. Danny Keen, through the leadership of the Lord, was sent there to shepherd this group. Bro. Keen will be commissioned in the service tonight.

Support this year has gone to the Statesboro work with Rev. William Morris as pastor; Swainsboro with Rev. Luther Burns as pastor; Athens, with Rev. Jerry Johnson as pastor and the Dublin Mission, with Rev. Danny Keen as pastor. Reports from these works have been good and our hearts have been encouraged by the progress made. Rev. Jerry Johnson and his people will soon be in their new building. The group at Swainsboro remodeled an army barracks and have been using it since. Rev. Keen will have available the Mobile Chapel for use in Dublin as soon as the Athens church is completed. This group are looking for use in Dublin as soon as the Athens church is completed. This group are looking for land to purchase in Dublin. The Statesboro Mission has purchased a choice piece of property on U.S. Highway 80.

The Missions Board has adopted Dalton, Georgia, as the next Mission point. Pray that God will soon open the door and send the man and the means. Pray with us also for the many cities across our State that have no Free Will Baptist Church.

We are extremely grateful to the Woman's Auxiliary of our State who have adopted our State Missions Program as their project for this year.

Let me close by urging your continued support for Missions — not only from our standpoint, but for Missions world-wide. The field is the world and our support, both prayer and financial, is desperately needed in these last days. Remember your Missions Board members also as you pray for the missionaries.

Rev. Lewis Williams, Director

## GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT OCTOBER 1, 1972 — SEPTEMBER 30, 1973

### REGULAR ACCOUNT

BROUGHT FORWARD .....	\$6,070.97
COOPERATIVE FUNDS .....	\$5,372.38
STATE OFFICE — DESIGNATED .....	\$7,379.82
DISTRICT ASSN. AND CHURCHES .....	\$8,102.43
MISSION SERV. AND PLEDGES .....	<u>\$11,031.42</u>
TOTAL RECEIVED .....	\$31,886.05
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....	\$37,957.02

### DISBURSEMENTS:

MORRIS SALARY .....	\$3,350.00
MORRIS HOUSING .....	<u>\$1,800.00</u>
TOTAL .....	\$5,150.00
JOHNSON SALARY .....	\$7,020.00
JOHNSON HOUSING .....	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
TOTAL .....	\$8,520.00

### BLANTON HOUSING

TOTAL .....	\$ 266.50
BURNS SALARY .....	\$6,480.75
KEEN SALARY .....	\$2,565.00
KEEN HOUSING .....	\$ 600.00
KEEN MOVING .....	<u>\$ 100.00</u>
TOTAL .....	\$3,265.00
WILLIAMS SALARY .....	\$4,675.00
WILLIAMS HOUSING .....	\$1,200.00
WILLIAMS MILEAGE .....	<u>\$1,203.59</u>
TOTAL .....	\$7,078.59

### STATE OFFICE

BURNS PRAYER CARDS .....	\$ 30.00
FAITH CARDS .....	\$ 21.54
TOTAL .....	\$ 51.54
BOARD MEMBERS MILEAGE .....	\$ 524.10
BOB SHOCKEY HONORARIUM .....	\$ 50.00
POSTAGE .....	\$ 193.08
PRINTING .....	\$ 240.99
CHAPEL WORK .....	\$ 90.00

SONG BOOKS (ATHENS) .....	\$	50.00	
NATIONAL HOME MISSIONS .....	\$	225.00	
PROMOTIONAL SCHOOL .....	\$	25.00	
STATESBORO BUS .....	\$	250.00	
INSURANCE MOBILE CHAPEL .....	\$	68.50	
TOTAL PAID OUT .....			\$32,529.05
BALANCE IN TREASURER .....			\$ 5,427.97

<b>TARGET CITY MARIETTA</b>			
BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD .....			\$1,528.46
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....			\$1,528.46
ON DEPOSIT .....			\$1,528.46

Lewis Williams  
Secretary/Treasurer

### REPORT OF THE TRUSTEE BOARD

The Trustee Board held a meeting November 16, 1973, with five members present.

Bro. Gay reported that the approximate value of the timber at Camp Mt. Bethel is \$500.00.

MSC not to sell the timber at the present time.

Bro. Gay reported that the cost of a swimming pool at Camp Mt. Bethel was \$6,500.00, not including the fence.

MSC not to consider building the swimming pool at the present time.

Bro. Gay reports that the bathrooms in the Girls' Dormitory at Camp Mt. Bethel should be completed by November 22, 1973.

Bro. Gay and Earl Tabb have not yet gotten sufficient response from over the State to justify the building of a Snack Bar at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Respectfully submitted:

Curtis Gay, Chairman  
Earl Tabb, Secretary-Treasurer

### ANNUAL REPORT TRUSTEE BOARD, FINANCIAL REPORT

To: Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists Thirty Seventh Annual Session — November 15-17, 1973.

Balance Brought Forward . . . . .		\$1128.05	
Received from Cooperative Plan State Office . . . . .		\$3087.31	
Sept. 1972 . . . . .	326.07	March 1973 . . . . .	209.48
Oct. 1972 . . . . .	275.77	April 1973 . . . . .	231.24
Nov. 1972 . . . . .	219.05	May 1973 . . . . .	261.08
Dec. 1972 . . . . .	249.20	June 1973 . . . . .	236.85
Jan. 1973 . . . . .	329.55	July 1973 . . . . .	299.89
Feb. 1973 . . . . .	214.13	Aug. 1973 . . . . .	235.00



Received for Camp Mt. Bethel Improvement & Maintenance . . . . \$1493.60

**From the State Office**

Oct. 1972 . . . . . \$ 20.00  
 Nov. 1972 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Dec. 1972 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Jan. 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Feb. 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Mar. 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 April 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 May 1973 Calvary . . . . . 8.00  
 June 1973 Dbl. Branch . . . 40.00  
 June 1973 Harmony . . . 100.00  
 June 1973 Ernest Barker . . 5.00  
 June 1973 Thomaston . . . 60.00  
 June 1973 Bemiss . . . . . 25.00  
 June 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 June 1973 Spring Grove . . 45.00  
 June 1973 Memorial . . . . 25.00  
 June 1973 Hahira . . . . . 100.00  
 June 1973 Mt. Olive . . . . 25.00  
 July 1973 Oxias Youth . . . 10.00  
 July 1973 Double Branch . . 20.00  
 July 1973 Gethsemane . . . 20.00  
 July 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Aug. 1973 Albany . . . . . 40.00  
 Aug. 1973 Double Branch . . 20.00  
 Aug. 1973 Ernest Barker . . 10.00

**Sent Direct to Trustee Board**

Sept. 1972 GSWA . . . . \$ 66.00  
 Nov. 1972 GSWA . . . . . 24.00  
 Dec. 1972 GSWA . . . . . 15.00  
 Feb. 1973 GSWA . . . . . 15.00  
 Mar. 1973 GSWA . . . . . 15.00  
 June 1973 GSWA . . . . . 6.00  
 June 1973 Macedonia . . . 35.00  
 June 1973 Damascus . . . . 15.00  
 June 1973 Bay . . . . . 50.00  
 July 1973 Midway S.S. . . . 50.00  
 July 1973 Convention  
 July 1973 White Plains . . . 18.10  
 Aug. 1973 Martin Assn. . . . 46.02  
 Aug. 1973 Jesup . . . . . 40.00  
 Aug. 1973 Midway Assn. . . 50.00  
 Aug. 1973 Albany  
 Aug. 1973 S.S. Class . . . . 25.00  
 Aug. 1973 Harmony . . . . 200.00

Note: GSWA - Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary)

Total Funds to account for, receipts & brought forward . . . . . \$5880.58

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

House & Office Payments (12 at \$49.67) . . . . . \$596.04  
 Share of Board Members Mileage . . . . . 111.06  
 Reimburse camp board pump-service 2 grease cans. . . . . 29.51  
 Camp repairs-Mitchell Stewart Hardware . . . . . 74.93  
 Camp Mt. Beethel roofing . . . . . 568.21  
 Camp Mt. Bethel Fire Extinguishers . . . . . 92.42  
 Camp drain-line-Apperson Concrete Products . . . . . 172.47  
 Camp-Guess Plumbing & Elec. Repairs . . . . . 23.93  
 Camp M. M. Franks for rat bait . . . . . 10.00  
 Camp-Posters for promotion camp improvement . . . . . 21.95  
 Property Insurance-Boseman Ins. Ageny. . . . . 302.00  
 Fidelity Bond for Treasurer . . . . . 13.00  
 Moultrie House Insurance . . . . . 38.00  
 Moultrie House Water Heater Repair . . . . . 23.04  
 Moultrie House New Water Heater . . . . . 153.71  
 Total Disbursements . . . . . 2,230.27  
 Total receipts . . . . . \$5880.58  
 Total Disbursements . . . . . \$2230.27  
 Balance in Treasury Sept. 30, 1973 . . . . . \$3650.31

## ACTIVITIES REPORT — BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees met in two meetings. Items of business discussed were.

1. Brother Gay to get the timber on the Camp Property appraised.
2. Each Board member to make a survey in their respective district to find the feeling of the people about contributing to a swimming pool at the Camp.
3. Bro. Gay and Charles Hantsfield to look into the cost of a swimming pool.
4. Bro. Gay appointed to be in charge of the girls dorm bathroom improvement.
5. Bro. Gay and Earl Tabb to meet with the Albany Master's Men to discuss with them the building of the Canteen and Snack Bar.
6. Each Board Member to contact each church in their respective district and ask them to receive a special offering on June 10 to help raise the \$2500.00 needed to begin the work on the bathrooms.

Respectfully submitted,

Earl Tabb, Secretary-Treasurer  
Curtis Gay, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CAMP BOARD

To: The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists Thirty-Seventh Annual Session — November 15-17, 1973

Report Period: October 1, 1973 — September 30, 1973

Balance on hand 9/30/72.....	\$1460.04
Receipts to 3/10/73.....	615.31
Total to 3/10/73.....	2075.35
Disbursements to 3/10/73.....	940.55
Balance on hand 3/10/73.....	1134.80

### RECEIPTS FROM 3/10/73

From previous treasurer — Bob Hesselmeyer.....	1134.80
From previous treasurer (Dot Harvey Loan Fund).....	1040.25
C.T.S. Rally to pay 1st place winners.....	315.00
Cooperative Plan.....	336.87
Master Men 1st Thomaston Church for	
Camp Lights.....	31.00
Misc. gifts.....	29.49
Campers fees, canteen sales, and rent from	
Christian Church Group.....	2826.93
Total to account for.....	\$5714.34

## DISBURSEMENTS FROM 3/10/73

Turner Gas Inc. . . . .	\$190.14
Irwin Co-Op (Electricity) . . . . .	247.26
Phone Calls (Travis, Dowdney & Franks)	
Mileage (board meetings) . . . . .	121.99
Grass Cutting . . . . .	96.00
Coca Cola Bottling Co. . . . .	431.76
Petty Cash (camp sessions) . . . . .	97.00
Supplies . . . . .	62.38
Camp Directors & Workers . . . . .	490.00
Security Bond (Travis-Dowdney) . . . . .	30.00
Washing Bed Spreads . . . . .	15.05
CCI Fees & Heritage Ins. Co. . . . .	139.27
Refund to Dot Harvey Loan Fund . . . . .	1040.25
Refunds to Campers & CTS Rally . . . . .	45.46
First Place Winners TNT Rally . . . . .	280.00
Morrisons Grocery . . . . .	396.45
Pridgen Bros. Wholesale Gro. . . . .	312.54
Wells Dairy . . . . .	65.91
Lance Inc. . . . .	196.21
The Butcher Shop . . . . .	21.00
Arnold Sausage . . . . .	22.50
Misc. Stamps, Ice, Bug Spray, etc. . . . .	47.00
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$4455.52
Balance in bank 9/30/73 . . . . .	\$1258.82

Bill Travis, Secretary-Treasurer

## FINANCIAL REPORT STATE CTS — TNT RALLY

To: Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists Thirty-Seventh Annual Session — November 15-17, 1973

### Receipts

Previous Treasurer — Bob Hesselmeyer . . . . .	\$191.05
State Cooperative Plan . . . . .	321.87
TNT Rally Activities Fee . . . . .	129.00
Cash Offering . . . . .	83.00
Total to account for: . . . . .	\$724.92

### Disbursements:

TNT Rally Supplies . . . . .	\$25.92
Speaker for Rally (Jonathan Thigpen) . . . . .	75.00
CTS Dept. Registration fees . . . . .	30.00
Trophies . . . . .	48.88
Camp Board to pay 1st place winners . . . . .	315.00
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$494.80
Balance in Bank 9/30/73 . . . . .	\$230.12

Bill Travis, Secretary-Treasurer



## YEARLY REPORT OF THE BOARD OF RETIREMENT & INSURANCE

To: The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists Thirty-Seventh Annual Session — November 15-17, 1973.

**Report Period: November 1, 1972 — September 30, 1973**

Balance brought forward . . . . .	\$504.81
Returned check from deceased member . . . . .	50.00
Received from Cooperative Plan . . . . .	3358.32
Received from Martin Associatton . . . . .	132.85
Total to account for: . . . . .	<u>4045.98</u>
Total Disbursements: . . . . .	<u>3494.45</u>
Balance at end of report period: . . . . .	\$551.53

### DISBURSEMENTS AS FOLLOWS

Phone calls . . . . .	\$5.00
Bank Service . . . . .	2.05
Postage & Envelopes . . . . .	5.00
Mrs. B. W. Clenney . . . . .	325.00
Mrs. W. J. Childree . . . . .	325.00
Rev. L. D. Scott . . . . .	265.00
Mrs. A. B. Ard . . . . .	265.00
Mrs. Mattie Lou Roberts (deceased 9/3/73) . . . . .	240.00
Mrs. Jack Horne . . . . .	265.00
Mrs. H. J. Kelly . . . . .	325.00
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon . . . . .	325.00
Rev. H. L. Knighton . . . . .	325.00
Rev. Willie Sellers . . . . .	265.00
Rev. C. A. Gilbert . . . . .	265.00
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder . . . . .	<u>265.00</u>
Total to Ministers & Widows . . . . .	\$3455.00
Misc. Expenses . . . . .	12.05
Board Travel Expense . . . . .	<u>27.40</u>
Total Expenditures . . . . .	\$3494.45
Balance on Hand . . . . .	\$551.53

The balance on hand includes 5% which is set aside for Promotional Purposes. This is 5% of all funds coming in to the treasury, and is to be used to promote the program of retirement & insurance.

Harris B. Nix, Sr.  
Secretary & Treasurer  
Board of Retirement & Insurance

**THIRTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION**  
**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**November 15-17, 1973**

**Eastman Free Will Baptist Church — Eastman, Georgia**

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY**

To: The people I love in the Lord, those dearest to my heart, Free Will Baptist of Georgia, I wish to submit this my final annual report.

The associational year 1972-73 has been the busiest and most rewarding of our four years as state secretary. Also, there has been more accomplished during this year than any year of our tenure. We are simply grateful to the Lord and Georgia Free Will Baptists for allowing us to be a part of these beginnings.

Upon leaving this office, we do so feeling confident we are in the Lord's will. Thirteen years of our ministry, 1955-1968, were spent as a working pastor. All of these years we had an abiding conviction in our heart to be a full-time pastor. Seemingly many things hindered. Then in August 1968 we submitted our resignation to our Civil Service Supervisor and made ourselves available for full time service. With this decision we gave up 16½ yrs of accrued service with the Government, cut all ties and determined the rest of our life would be spent in the ministry wherever the Lord led us. He led us to the parsonage the latter part of August 1968. I found myself in the place of service we had longed to be for almost 14 years. We were happy. Our family was happy and contented. The Lord blessed. Souls were saved, attendance and offerings were increasing, and we thought this might be our place of service for many years to come. However, after only 15 months of this blessed ministry we were jolted in our soul as the Lord spoke to us about the Promotional Work and moving to Moultrie, Georgia. It seemed almost a direct word from Heaven itself. This I kept in my heart lest some might feel we truly coveted the position, only confiding for prayer purposes this with out wife. Then the follow-up came as I was contacted to meet with the Executive Board in Homerville to consider the Promotional Job. From this time on fleece after fleece was put out to make sure this was the Lord's will for us. It was, unmistakeable His will.

It was difficult to break the ties at Satilla Church, because here was the ministry I had longed for these 14 years. However, the Lord's will must always break earthly ties, when it becomes necessary. We made the change and began the adjustment and task knowing full well our inability and very limited qualifications. There is one vital asset which we possessed to help us in this tremendous task, the Holy Spirit. He is well qualified to do any job we are called upon to do when we make ourselves available. This he did through my wife and I, and we are truly grateful for His support.

In May of this year we began to feel it was time to change again. The work is still growing, but with this growth comes responsibility and never ceasing pressure. A change, we seem to feel, might be good for us and the work also. We confided this with our Executive Board in their regular meeting in May 1973. When word of our possible change was noised around we received several contacts from Churches about our availability

to pastor. One of those came from Satilla Church where we had previously pastored. We prayerfully considered all these and turned them down. We settled back into the routine of things and seemed to feel we must stay another year. However, this was not to be lasting. It soon ended with the second call to Satilla. It may be that I am the first pastor ever to be elected by a unanimous vote twice in one year. With this second effort came the answer to the prayers the church had prayed and I had prayed. We could not say no.

We then submitted our resignation to the Executive Board in a called meeting September 1, 1973. We were released of our duties, by our request, October 31, 1973. We are now back in the pastorate at Satilla Church Hazlehurst, Georgia. Full time? Yes indeed. Happy? Beyond explanation. In him we rejoice. Please pray for the Truluck family as we serve our Lord and continue our work and concern for Free Will Baptists. In concluding our report we would like it to be in two parts. An observation and recommendation and our report of activities and financial report.

### **1. Observation Report:**

- a. Somehow we need an awareness, especially among our state leaders, of the growth of our state office responsibility. Can it be expected of one man and his wife to carry on the office responsibilities just as it was done 4 or 5 years ago with the following added increases:
  - (1) Managing a full time bookstore, 6 days per week from 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. which is doing an annual business in excess of \$50,000.00.
  - (2) Distributing Sunday School literature quarterly to 118 churches and maintaining financial records on this amounting to cover \$20,000.00 per year.
  - (3) Handling Vacation Bible School Materials for 35 churches through the mail plus several others locally.
  - (4) Publishing a monthly paper of twice the volume and scope of previous publications with almost double the distribution: 2100 individual copies.
  - (5) Maintain a bookkeeping system on all these transactions according to Certified Public Accounting standards, and have these up to date in order to be audited by a CPA firm.
  - (6) Inventory entire stock, now amounting to over \$25,000.00, annually.
- b. Our office staff needs to be increased to three full time employees, as follows: (1) An Executive Secretary, responsible for the overall operation of all our state office responsibilities. (2) A full-time bookstore manager. (3) A full-time well qualified bookkeeper. Also, some part time help will be necessary.
- c. We need a complete overhaul of our financial and operational structure to include the following:
  - (1) A budget, (state budget) established by each of the functioning boards that has the responsibility of handling finances.
  - (2) Effort by these boards to raise the larger portion of this budget, even to the point of reimbursing or renumeration an individual to work at promoting these interest.
  - (3) A revision of the State Constitution and By-Laws to change the boards from an excessive number of members to a more



realistic number. I would recommend five (5) members per board elected for 5 year terms. Careful selection of these members should be made from among those interested in our State work and especially the work of the board for which he is to be selected.

- (4) A budget for the state office to include, salaries, and operational expense.
- (5) The Promotional Bulletin should be published and distributed in a manner to be at least partially self supporting.
- (d.) Change and growth are like the two rails of a railroad. They must run parrell at all times. Under our present system, the growth of our State work now far exceeds the change. We must get them back in proportion if our work is to continue to grow.
- (e) In the area of change, it is our desire that the person chosen to replace us will receive more and better cooperation from those responsible for the administrative supervision of our overall state programs.
- (f.) We would recommend that care be exercised in selecting these individuals to insure that they are supporters of our work. Needless to say, as individuals, we shall always have differences of opinions about how the job ought to be done; but it is very self explanatory that anyone who does not support a work is not going to be of any help to promote a work.

## **2. Report of Activities: Statistical & Financial Report:**

- (a.) Planned & promoted the State Associational Meeting.
- (b.) Attended the Promotional Meeting in Nashville, Tennessee.
- (c.) Worked with the National Executive Dept. and State Planning Committees in planning and promotting the National Convention in Macon, Georgia which was held July 8-12, 1973.
- (d.) Conducted 12 revival meetings. In these and other services witnessed the salvation experiences of 46 and 26 definite rededications with many others responding to different commitments.
- (e.) Travelled 17,976 reported miles in promotion work.
- (f.) Visited 2 or more times in each district during their quarterly sessions.
- (g.) Published 12 issues of the Promotional Bulletin. Changed the format and content to a much larger and better paper.
- (h.) Managed the Christian Supply Store, increasing the inventory more than \$10,000 this past year.

**NOTE:** This accounts for the \$10,000 net income shown on the audit report.

- (i.) Met with all the various boards and assisted them in their work.
- (j.) Assisted in the promotion of the annual harvest drive for our Childrens Home.
- (k.) Planned and scheduled services for the Mexican Quarter (appx. 20 services), and Rev. Larry Powell (appx. 25 services) and assisted other national departments in various ways.
- (l.) Visited all our state missions one or more times. Visited Dalton, Ga. and corresponded with Brother Keith Kennemer several times about the possibility of a mission project in Dalton.

- (m.) Assisted and encouraged several of our independent missions in their efforts.
- (n.) Assisted several churches in obtaining pastors and pastors in obtaining pastorates.
- (o.) Prepared 1200 copies of the 1972 State Minutes and distributed them to district clerks.
- (p.) Prepared 300 copies of the Annual Digest of Reports for the State Convention.
- (q.) Attended all Executive Board meetings.
- (r.) Conducted a weekly 25 minute radio program over WMTM Moultrie, Georgia entitled: "The Voice of Free Will Baptists", sponsored by area churches and interested individuals.
- (s.) This year we also managed to take 8 days vacation. One 4 day trip to Disney World and another 4 day trip to the mountains of Tennessee.

In Chrsit,

A. C. Truluck

## ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

October 1972-September 1973

Total Cooperative Giving . . . . .	\$30,893.10	
Promotional Fund Giving . . . . .	<u>4,125.72</u>	
Total: . . . . .	35,018.82	\$35,018.82
State Budget . . . . .	<u>32,000.00</u>	
Over Our Budget . . . . .	3,018.82	
Total Designated Giving . . . . .	28,437.55	\$28,437.55
Christian Supply Store . . . . .	63,992.54	63,992.54
Sunday School Literature		
Vacation School Lit. & Misc. Income . . . . .	23,800.94	23,800.94
Total through State Office . . . . .		\$151,249.85

NOTE: During this reporting period giving to the Cooperative Plan and Promotional Fund has come from 86 churches and 3 missions, a total of 89 supporters, several individuals and district associations, groups and the Woman's Auxiliary have also supported through these means.

### TOP TEN — PER CAPITA GIVING

1. Bay . . . . .	\$19.18	6. Baxley . . . . .	\$12.34
2. Mt. Ararat . . . . .	15.23	7. Warner Robins	11.07
3. Pleasant Hill . . . . .	14.95	8. Beulah Springs	10.37
4. Midway . . . . .	13.14	9. Oak Grove (S.G.)	9.06
5. Trinity . . . . .	12.81	10. Ozias . . . . .	8.17

NOTE: Putney Mission's giving to the Cooperative Plan equals \$26.67 per capita. This is by far the highest in the state, as you can see from the report given of the churches.

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FUND REPORT

September 30, 1973

Total received from churches & individuals . . . . .	\$4,227.86
Interest from savings account . . . . .	<u>37.77</u>
Total to account for: . . . . .	4,265.63

### DISBURSEMENTS

Mileage for Committee Chairmen's meeting - Macon, Ga. Jan. 26, 1973 . . . . .	95.45
Macon Transit Company . . . . .	510.88
Prayer Chairman Expense . . . . .	33.66
Transportation Committee Expense . . . . .	50.00
National Assn. Fund (Colieusm Rent) . . . . .	<u>3,500.00</u>
Total Expenses . . . . .	\$4,189.99
Balance on hand above disbursements: . . . . .	\$75.64

A. C. Truluck, Treasurer

## CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE INVENTORY

May 31, 1973

### Beginning Inventory June 1, 1972

Stock . . . . .	\$5,990.00
Fixtures . . . . .	525.00
Total . . . . .	\$6,425.00

### Inventory as of May 31, 1973

Stock . . . . .	\$14,481.82
Fixtures . . . . .	950.00
Pianos & Organs . . . . .	\$ <u>9,510.50</u>
Total: . . . . .	\$24,942.32

### Inventory as follows:

Bibles . . . . .	\$4,208.67
Jewelry . . . . .	2,154.05
Novelties . . . . .	725.25
Radios, recorders . . . . .	400.00
Tapes — 8 track . . . . .	530.00
Records . . . . .	1,128.00
Music Books . . . . .	566.75
Sheet Music . . . . .	387.00
Books, tracts etc. . . . .	4,047.60
Supplies . . . . .	<u>334.50</u>
Total . . . . .	\$14,481.82

A. C. Truluck  
Bookstore Manager

NOTE: The increase in inventory accounts for the NET INCOME shown on the Auditor's Report of the Christian Supply Store.



**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF  
ACCOUNTING RECORDS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1973**

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

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds listed below for the year ended June 30, 1973 and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the period from June 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973.

General Fund  
Designated Fund  
Cooperative Plan of Support

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 Office of the Promotional Secretary — Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1973. Because we were not engaged as auditors until after June 30, 1973, we were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 1, 1972 and June 30, 1973 and we have not been able to satisfy ourselves concerning inventory quantities by other procedures. The beginning and ending inventories have a significant effect on the results of operations for

the period from June 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the period from June 1, 1972 through June 30, 1973.

Very truly yours,

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

Gentlemen:

This letter is intended as a management letter concerning the audit of the Office of the Promotional Secretary — Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1973.

We recommend the following actions be initiated:

1. Christian Supply Store — a general ledger should be maintained to properly summarize the accounting data and to facilitate the year end audit.
2. A filing system for paid invoices should be established by vendors or some other systematic method.

If we can be of any assistance in implementing these recommendations, please do not hesitate in contacting us.

We appreciate the excellent cooperation that we received from your staff while conducting this audit.

Very truly yours,

**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, 1973**

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1972 .....	\$4,133.58
RECEIPTS:	
Printing, Sunday School Material, and Vacation Bible School Material Sales .	\$22,948.17
Associational Dues .....	<u>852.77</u>
Total Receipts .....	<u>\$23,800.94</u>
TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE .....	\$27,934.52

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Postage and Freight . . . . .	\$ 1,459.07
Sunday School Department . . . . .	15,962.92
Vacation Bible School . . . . .	1,092.50
Note Payments (Note 1). . . . .	1,841.34
Printing of Minutes . . . . .	868.65
Church Training Service . . . . .	37.21
Advertising . . . . .	70.56
Travel Expense . . . . .	574.25
Insurance . . . . .	106.25
Corporation Dues . . . . .	5.00
Speaker for State Association . . . . .	150.00
Executive Promotional Meeting . . . . .	100.00
Delegate to National Association . . . . .	65.00
State Mission Board . . . . .	121.93
Home Mission Board . . . . .	60.97
Foreign Mission Board . . . . .	60.96
Moderator Honorarium . . . . .	15.00
Clerk Honorarium . . . . .	25.00
Accountant Fee. . . . .	275.00
Returned Checks . . . . .	26.38
Fixture for Distribution of Sunday School Material . . . . .	143.15
Other . . . . .	<u>335.53</u>
Total Disbursements . . . . .	\$23,396.67

CASH BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1973. . . . . \$4,537.85

The accompanying accounting policies and notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**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, 1973**

TOTAL RECEIPTS. . . . . \$31,243.87

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Bible College . . . . .	\$2,625.20
Children's Home. . . . .	3,295.00
State Retirement . . . . .	792.42
Camp Improvement . . . . .	1,014.43
Board of Trustee . . . . .	43.93
South Georgia Youth Camp . . . . .	43.94
Union Mission Board . . . . .	837.23
Georgia Union Mission Board. . . . .	526.20
Promotional Fund . . . . .	3,682.00
National Expense 1973 . . . . .	3,855.00



National Home Mission . . . . .	1,876.13
State Mission Board . . . . .	9,049.54
Foreign Mission Board . . . . .	3,439.51
National Sunday School Department . .	100.00
General Fund . . . . .	51.97
Christian Supply Store . . . . .	11.37
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .</b>	<b><u>\$3,243.87</u></b>

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**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, 1973**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . . \$31,243.78**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Promotional Secretary Salary . . . . .	\$6,800.00
Secretary Help . . . . .	1,800.00
Promotional Secretary Retirement . . . .	180.60
Social Security . . . . .	240.00
Board of Trustee — House Allowance .	600.00
Board of Trustee — General Fund . . . .	2,494.54
State Mission . . . . .	5,612.74
State Retirement . . . . .	2,744.01
State Camp . . . . .	718.04
State CTS . . . . .	141.59
State TNT . . . . .	387.64
Children's Home . . . . .	374.18
National Cooperative Plan . . . . .	8,315.16
Utilities . . . . .	565.28
National Expense 1973 . . . . .	250.00
State Association Expense . . . . .	20.60
Printed Checks . . . . .	13.72

Total Disbursements . . . . . **\$31,258.10**

**EXCESS OF CASH DISBURSEMENTS OVER RECEIPTS . . . . . \$14.32**

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**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**  
**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 1972 TO JUNE 30, 1973**

<b>SALES:</b>	
Cash Sales:	
Bibles .....	\$12,159.09
Books .....	17,865.01
Organs .....	21,945.98

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**  
**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE**  
**STATEMENT OF NET INCOME**  
**FOR THE PERIOD FROM JUNE 1, 1972 TO JUNE 30, 1973**

<b>SALES:</b>	
Cash Sales:	
Bibles .....	\$12,159.09
Books .....	17,865.01
Organs .....	21,945.98
Other .....	<u>3,154.88</u>
	\$55,124.96
Charge Sales .....	<u>4,263.32</u>
Total Sales .....	\$59,388.28

<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD:</b>	
Inventory, June 1, 1972 .....	\$ 5,990.00
Purchases .....	<u>51,078.81</u>
Goods Available for Sale .....	\$57,068.81
Inventory, June 30, 1973 .....	<u>23,992.32</u>
Cost of Goods Sold .....	<u>\$33,076.49</u>
GROSS PROFIT .....	\$26,311.79

<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>	
Salaries .....	\$6,762.46
Contract Labor .....	341.20
Piano Work .....	1,021.80
Advertising .....	1,180.50
Rent .....	2,139.24
Utilities .....	1,575.64

Freight .....	505.21
Sales Tax .....	1,088.66
Payroll Taxes .....	177.36
Business Licenses .....	95.00
Supplies .....	188.85
Travel Expense .....	215.00
Insurance .....	287.85
Bad Debts .....	126.71
Miscellaneous .....	252.09
Total .....	\$15,957.57
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS .....	\$10,354.22
AOTHER EXPENSES — Interest .....	451.96
NET INCOME .....	\$ <u>9,902.26</u>

The accompanying accounting policies and notes to financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1973**

**ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**METHOD OF ACCOUNTING** — The accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the General Fund, Designated Fund, and Cooperative Plan of Support have been prepared on a cash basis, taking into accounts cash receipts and cash disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1973. The statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store has been prepared on a cash basis except for the inclusion of inventory, the accrual of inventory purchases, the write of of uncollectible accounts receivable and the inclusion of charge sales for the period from June 1, 1972 to June 30, 1973.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE:**

1. Paymets aggregating \$1,841.34 were made on notes payable to Citizens & Southern Bank of Colquitt County during the year ended June 30, 1973. Of the above amount \$1,045.08 was paid on a note dated February 2, 1972 for an original principal amount of \$7,500.00 and \$796.26 was paid on floor plan notes for financing the purchase of pianos.
2. Under general accepted accounting principles the accounting period is the shorter of the normal operating cycle of the accounting entity or one year. The accompanying statement of net income is based on a period which is longer than the generally accepted period.



# TOTAL CASH CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE STATE OF GEORGIA OCTOBER 1, 1972 — AUGUST 31, 1973

## GEORGIA

October, 1972. ....	\$5,149.60
November, 1972. ....	793.11
December, 1972. ....	1,438.53
January, 1973. ....	525.85
February, 1973. ....	433.25
March, 1973. ....	387.58
April, 1973. ....	802.83
May, 1973. ....	389.44
June, 1973. ....	481.96
July, 1973. ....	797.89
August, 1973. ....	474.53
TOTAL: ....	<u>\$11,674.57</u>

## 1973 "HARVEST DRIVE" FROM GEORGIA

Cash received in October 1973. ....	\$7,602.04
Cash received by Noveber 15, 1973. ....	<u>1,631.43</u>
	\$9,233.47
Value of Commodities. ....	\$5,836.29

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees submits the following report:

**Resolutions Committee:** Luther Reed, Chairman, Gleason Fowler, Walter Keheley, C. R. Houston, Paul Davis.

**Nominating Committee:** Harris B. Nix, Chairman, Emmett McDuffie, Alton Everson, Gerald Brown, Larry Williams.

Signed:

Benny Lariscy  
Jake Creech  
Joe Owens  
James Ursrey  
Billy Bevan

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee presents the following resolutions for the consideration of and action by this Georgia State Association in session this 17th day of November, 1973:

1. WHEREAS, our Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists has its headquarters in Moultrie, Georgia, and  
WHEREAS, Moultrie, Georgia is a location of the Executive Secretary and the Free Will Baptist Book Store, and  
WHEREAS, we, as Free Will Baptists need to make every effort to coordinate our work in all areas to get more accomplished for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, that all fulltime employees of our Georgia State Association make their headquarters in Moultrie, Georgia, and their places of abode within daily commuting distance.

2. Inasmuch as there is a State Law in Georgia which makes it unlawful for non-essential businesses to open on Sunday, and  
Inasmuch as this law is being abused across Georgia without being enforced, therefore, be it  
RESOLVED, that we appeal to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the Legislature of our State to take action to enforce the Blue Laws.  
We believe this is in keeping with the spiritual and moral laws of God that one day in even be designated a day of worship and rest.

3. Be it RESOLVED, that we go on record as supporting the National Association on the resolutions that were passed and adopted in its July, 1973 session in Macon, Georgia, and show our support by adopting these resolutions for our own record.

4. Be it RESOLVED, that we encouraged more laymen to attend and participate in our State meeting and that more laymen be appointed and elected to our Boards and Committees.

5. Be it RESOLVED, that we give a standing vote of appreciation and thanks for the efforts of the host Association and the host Church.

6. Be it RESOLVED, that we express our appreciation to individuals and churches for their tireless efforts and generous contributions in the entertaining of the National Association at Macon last July.

Respectfully submitted:

Luther Reed, Chairman  
Rev. Walter Keheley  
Rev. James Ursrey  
Rev. C. D. Rentz

## **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE**

We, the Credentials Committee make the following report:

District Associations having the right to one delegate per 300 members or fraction thereof and \$10.00 representation fee per delegate.

Chattahoochee report and no delegates. . . . .	\$10.00 Fee
Georgia Union Report and 3 delegates. . . . .	\$40.00 Fee
Midway Report and 3 delegates . . . . .	\$60.00 Fee
Martin Report and 2 delegates. . . . .	\$20.00 Fee
Little River Report and 2 delegates. . . . .	\$50.00 Fee
Union Report and 4 delegates . . . . .	\$40.00 Fee

South Georgia Report and 6 delegates. . . . .	\$70.00 Fee
Ogeechee Report and no delegates. . . . .	\$10.00 Fee

Local Churches having the right to one delegate per 100 members or friction thereof and representation fee of \$.05 per member.

**Midway Association**

Patmas . . . . .	\$10.00
Travelers Rest. . . . .	\$10.00
Macedonia . . . . .	\$ 5.50
Albany . . . . .	\$25.00

**Martin Association**

New Home . . . . .	\$5.00
New Salem . . . . .	\$6.50
Corinth . . . . .	

**Little River Association**

Ozias. . . . .	\$5.00
White Hall . . . . .	\$10.00
Valdosta . . . . .	\$5.00
Corinth . . . . .	\$5.00

**Union Association**

Bay . . . . .	\$2.00
Midway . . . . .	\$8.95

**Georgia Union Association**

Cross Roads . . . . .	\$5.00
Wilson Chapel . . . . .	\$3.00
Double Branch. . . . .	\$6.50

**South Georgia Association**

Harmony . . . . .	\$15.00
Piney Grove . . . . .	\$6.50
Spring Grove. . . . .	\$15.00
Satelleia . . . . .	\$11.65
Glennville . . . . .	\$10.00

**Ogeechee Association**

Deep . . . . .	\$10.00
Creek . . . . .	

**Chott Association**

Mt. Olive . . . . .	\$10.00
Thomaston . . . . .	\$10.00

Decatur — \$5.00, \$300.00 — Association, \$195.60 — Local Churches, Visitors — 63, Minutes — 54, Deacons — 28.  
 Total number of delegates registering 36.  
 Total representation Fees — \$495.60.  
 We recommend that the delegates from these bodies be seated.



We further recommend that all other delegates, properly registered from local churches and associations be seated also.

Respectfully submitted,

Opal Hatcher  
Ida Tabb

**REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Committee submits the following nominees for the offices indicated:

**GENERAL OFFICERS**

Moderator..... Jerry Johnson  
Assistant Moderator..... Melvin Worthington  
Clerk..... Damon C. Dodd  
Assistant Clerk..... James Roebuck

Executive Secretary-Treasurer was nominated by the Executive Committee and ratified by vote of the Association.

**BOARD MEMBERS**

**Missions Board (4 year term)**

Benny Lariscy..... Little River Association  
Herman Watson..... Chattahoochee Association  
L.S. Anthony..... Georgia Union Association

**Trustee Board: (4 year term)**

Bill Barksdale..... Ogeechee Association  
Emmett Dunaway..... Georgia Union Association  
Charles Hartsfield..... Little River Association  
Buddy Taylor..... Chattahoochee Association

**Board of Retirement and Insurance:**

Gerald Brown..... Midway Association (term expires 1975)

**The following are for 4 year terms:**

Carl Baker..... Ogeechee Association  
M. M. Franks..... Little River Association  
Larry Langford..... South Georgia Association  
A. G. Windham..... Chattahoochee Association  
Leonard Ogletree..... Little River Association (term expires 1975)

**Board of Christian Education and Camping:**

C. J. Faison.....

**The following are for 4 year terms:**

Joe Owens..... Georgia Union Association  
J. D. Norris, Jr..... Midway Association  
Talmadge Worsely..... Martin Association  
C. L. McMillan..... Little River Association

**Auditors Board:**

Vernon Whaley  
Bobby Whitaker

**Credentials Committee:**

Ernest Barker  
Mrs. Eva Middleton  
Janice Ursrey

**MINUTES OF 1973****GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION**

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at the First Eastman Free Will Baptist Church on November 15, 1973. The theme was "The Hour is Come." John 12:23b. Registration began at 9:15 A.M.

The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "Here am I, Send Me" and "Jesus Calls Us". Larry Gunnoe directed our singing and Jackie Strickland and Glenda Butler were our musicians for the day. Brother Damon Dodd let the opening prayer.

Mrs. Eudine Pitts from the First Thomaston brought the morning devotion based on "The hour is come for committment." Special music was presented by Vernon Whaley. Caroline Hightower gave the welcome. Mrs. Martha Everson, president, presided.

Committees were appointed as follows: CREDENTIALS — Caroline Hightower, Faye Ogletree, and Wynell Clower; REGISTRATION — Janice Ursrey, Beulah Williams, and Helen Lewis; FINANCE — Opal Hatcher, Edra Severance, Mildred Bowen, Jackie Reid, Betty Williams; RESOLUTIONS — Dewees Evans, Ruby Wells, Laverne Mock, Mrs. Henry Mathis, Annie Ruth Self.

The partial report of the Credentials was given ad delegates seated from 6 districts and 2 locals, First Thomaston and Decatur. Our ministers and visitors were recognized.

The Secretary read resolution No. 4 from last year's minutes. The President pointed out that this resolution was unconstitutional. After a discussion was held on the resolution a motion was carried that this resolution be stricken from the minutes.

The Treasurer's printed report was read and accepted. The Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund report was read and accepted.

A Motion was carried that the two loans from students outside Georgia State Association be treated as loans to Georgia students until repaid.

Letters from Brenda Spruell and Roy Thomas were read to the body.

Glory Bevan gave an interesting "Review of WNAC".

Eleanor Sheffield presented the following State Home Missionaries to us who each spoke briefly: Luther Burns, Swainsboro, Martha Morris, Statesboro, Jerry Johnson, Athens. Eloise Wainwright led us in a special prayer for our missionaries and their work.

The congregation sang "Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone". The offering was taken.

Pam Gay, Macon, sang "To God Be the Glory". Janice Banks Missionary Appointee to Japan, gave the morning message. We were dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing of "Here Am I Send Me" and "Footsteps of Jesus". Brother Jackie Creech led in special prayer for Miss Georgia Davidson and other special request. The afternoon devotion "The Hours is Come for Service" was given by Geneva Roland.

### **'Minutes 11-15-73**

"By Calvary" was sung by Jeanne Davis, Brunswick. Mrs. Edith Shiver gave an interesting report on our history.

Ida Tabb reported that the study committee appointed last year to see how the majority of the members felt about the meeting date found that the majority felt that the date should remain the first day of the State Association. A motion was carried that we continue to hold our meetings on the first day of the State Association.

The Credentials report was given and accepted. (See Reports)

The Registration Committee's report was given and accepted. (See Reports)

The Treasurer's report was read and a motion to accept was carried. The Finance Committee's report was read and a motion carried to accept.

The Resolutions Committee's report was received and adopted item by item. (See Reports)

Betty Henderson, Brunswick, presented a chart for promoting the state project.

The following delegates were appointed for the National WNAC Convention at Witchita, Kan. in July: Mrs. Carolyn Sevrance, Edra Severance, Deloris Loveless, Edith Shiver, Betty Creech, Faye Ogletree, Ernestine Roebuck, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Milicent Lisenby, Annie Brown, Cynthia Carney, Martha Everson, Mary Lee Fowler, Shirley Kimble.

Janice Banks gave a report on our missionary work in Japan.

The Nominating Committee report was given and officers were elected one by one. (See Reports)

Anne Worthington installed the new officers using "The Wheel of the Woman's Auxiliary".

A motion that we give the outgoing officers a rising vote of thanks was carried. A motion that we give a rising vote of thanks to the host church and all those on the program was carried.

The congregation sang "My Jesus I Love Thee" and we were dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Everson, President  
Caroline Hightower, Secretary

## **REPORTS**

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, the Credentials Committee, have received reports and find dues have been duly paid by 6 district auxiliaries, which represents 43 local auxiliaries and 525 members. Included in this is 2 locals, Decatur and First



Thomaston. The districts are Martin, Midway, Little River, Union, Georgia Union, South Georgia. We welcome the Decatur auxiliary into our state work and we are glad that the Martin District has been formed.

Respectfully submitted,

Faye Ogletree  
Wynell Clower  
Caroline Hightower

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report: Number of persons registered: State Officers — 9, Missionaries — 1, Ministers — 24, Visitors — 38, Deacons — 5, 5 Districts, 32 District Delegates, as follows: South Georgia — 8, Union — 6, Midway — 9, Martin — 4, Little River — 5. 22 Local auxiliaries: 44 Local Delegates: Satilla — 2, Double Branch — 1, Macedonia — 5, Cedar Springs — 1, Spring Hill — 1, First Thomaston — 3, Piney Grove — 1, Bemis — 2, Bellview — 4, Marietta — 2, Midway — 4, Blakely — 1, Arlington — 1, Travler's Rest — 4, Patmos — 1, Moultrie — 2, Immanuel — 1, New Salem — 1, Pine Level — 1, White Oak — 1, Cornth — 1, Glennville — 1, Total registered — 150, Total registration fees paid — \$25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Ursrey  
Helen Lewis  
Beulah Williams  
Charlene Dunaway

### FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, recommend that we pay the following: Janice Banks' expense — \$162.00, Printing Programs — \$23.03; Registration expense — \$5.67, Per Capita membership fees — \$393.75; Postage — \$5.52, Love offering for Janice Banks — \$130.00; Love offering for missionaries: Johnson's — \$55.00; Morris's — \$55.00, Keene's — \$55.00; Burns — \$55.00. In Treasury — \$306.50, Today's offering — \$120.63, Membership dues — \$525.25, Registration Fees — \$25.00, Total receipts — \$977.38, Total disbursements — \$939.97 Balance — \$37.41.

Respectfully submitted,  
Opal Hatcher, Jackie Reed  
Betty Williams  
Edra Saverance  
Mildred Bowen

## STUDY COMMITTEE

We, the Study Committee, find that most of our women over the state prefer leaving the date of our annual Woman's Auxiliary meeting as it is, the first day of the State Association.

Ida Tabb, Ruby Wells  
Christing Owens, Mrs. Damon Dodd  
Eva Middleton, Dewees Evans

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, make the following nominations for officers for 1974-75 for Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention: President — Eleanor Sheffield, Vice President — Opal Hatcher, Secretary — Wanda Cooper, Treasurer — Betty Henderson, Field Secretary — Frances Truluck, Historian — Edith Shiver, Members at Large — Christine Owens, Nelda Williams, Ann Travis.

Note: Betty Henderson declined the nomination for Treasurer and Ida Tabb was elected Treasurer by the body.

Respectfully submitted,

Eva Middleton, Mrs. Abram Harrell  
Wanda Cooper, Eudine Pitts,  
Shirley Kimbrell, Caroline Hightower

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

I. Be it resolved that in order that the women from over the state will have more time for fellowship and that the committees will have time to meet during the noon hour, that the host district woman's auxiliary plan and prepare the noon meal on the day of the State Convention.

II. Be it resolved that we sponsor a regional retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel, April 19 and 20, 1974, and that a committee be appointed by the President to work on this retreat. (This committee should contact the states of Florida, Alabama and South Carolina to see if they want to participate in this retreat.)

III. Be it resolved that we raise our dues according to the WNAC recommendation. This will be \$1.25 per member to the state.

IV. Be it resolved that our 1973-74 State Project be to support our State Missionaries — that we suggest a quota of \$6.00 per member to be equally divided among our present four (4) State Missionaries and any others that may be sponsored by our State Mission Board during this Auxiliary year.

V. Be it resolved that we earmark our pre-Easter offering (which is Foreign Missions) to the Jerry Banks' account.

VI. Be it resolved that we earmark our Pre-Thanksgiving offering (which is National Home Missions) to the J. B. Rice Account.

Respectfully submitted,

Laverne Mock, Phyllis Mathis  
Ruby Wells, Annie Ruth Self  
DeWees Evans

## NOVEMBER 1973

### GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Balance in Treasury — November 1972 . . . . .	\$306.50
Designated Receipts from reporting Districts & Locals . . . . .	\$12,155.58
Per Capita Membership Fees . . . . .	\$525.25
TOTAL	\$12,967.33

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Co-Laborer . . . . .	\$396.95
WNAC . . . . .	68.00
WNAC Emphasis . . . . .	295.12
WNAC Indebtness . . . . .	5.00
WNAC Student Loan Fund . . . . .	35.00
Westfield India Pastor . . . . .	272.00
National Home Missions . . . . .	201.85
Africian Missions . . . . .	13.00
Provision Closet . . . . .	17.00
National Foreign Missions . . . . .	231.71
Larry Powell . . . . .	157.00
Sammy Wilkinson . . . . .	169.00
Jerry Banks . . . . .	94.75
Rev. J. B. Rice . . . . .	20.03
Bobby Cliett . . . . .	10.75
Tom Willey . . . . .	37.00
Volena Wilson . . . . .	30.00
Dock Catons — Spain . . . . .	10.00
Hanna's Fund . . . . .	25.00
Cronk's Fund . . . . .	25.00
Waids Fund . . . . .	25.00
FWB Bible College — Girls Dorm . . . . .	258.60
FWB Children's Home . . . . .	98.00
Camp Mt. Bethel Improvement . . . . .	159.00
Co-Operative Fund . . . . .	113.00
State Missions . . . . .	131.15
Luther Burns . . . . .	100.31
Buddy Morris . . . . .	149.40
J. E. Blanton . . . . .	16.50
Jerry Johnson . . . . .	70.00
State Project — WNAC Macon . . . . .	\$1,534.21
WNAC Dinner — Miss Barnard . . . . .	161.50
WNAC Office — Mrs. Pursell . . . . .	129.50
Dot Harvey Loan Fund . . . . .	5,836.00
Payments on Dot Harvey Loan . . . . .	1,259.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .	\$12,155.58
Balance in Bank . . . . .	\$811.75



Respectfully Submitted,

Opal Hatcher, Treasurer

### DOT HARVEY LOAN FUND

	Debit	Credit
12/70 .....	\$1636.35	
2/71 Thomas L. McCall — NOTE		267.00
7/72 Thomas L. McCall — REPAID NOTE .....	267.00	
9/72 Willis Stoney Creech — NOTE		400.00
9/72 Lynda Raffield — NOTE		400.00
1/73 Willis Stoney Creech — NOTE		400.00
1/73 Lynda Raffield — NOTE		400.00
1/73 Deborah Williams — NOTE		400.00
8/73 Richard Barnard — NOTE		400.00
8/73 Elizabeth Hearn — NOTE		400.00
8/73 Deborah Murphy — NOTE		400.00
8/73 Teddy Waters — NOTE		400.00
8/73 Deborah Williams — NOTE		400.00
9/73 Stoney Creech — PAYMENT .....	25.40	
10/73 Stoney Creech — PAYMENT .....	25.25	
Gifts from Ga. Woman's Auxiliary .....	7676.40	
BALANCE IN LOAN FUND .....	\$5363.40	

### STATE PROJECT — WNAC MACON

Received from Auxiliary's .....

\$1531.21

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Jo's Flower Shop — Martha Everson .....	94.76
Flower's for WNAC Dinner — Caroline Hightower .....	23.69
Badges — Eloise Wainwright .....	7.40
WNAC Luncheon — Edith Shiver .....	61.29
Badges — Evera Moye .....	7.56
Coffee Break — Ruth Henry .....	5.00
WNAC .....	1331.51
BALANCE .....	\$0000.00

### 1973-75 STATE OFFICERS

President. .... Eleanor Sheffield, Route 4, Box 132, Blakely, Ga. 31723  
Vice President. .... Opal Hatcher, Route 1, Baconton, Georgia 31711  
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## **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 Christ.

### **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 officers 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 or 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 Office.

**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 titles 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 give 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 th 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 Boards.

#### ARTICLE IV

**Section 1.** All officers except Board Members and the Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be elected to serve a term of two (2) years. The Executive Secretary-Treasurer shall be employed by the Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, subject to the ratification of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists at its next regular session, for an indefinite period, with an agreement of a sixty (60) days notice of termination by both the employee and the Executive Board as the employer.

**Section 2.** Standing Boards of this Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptiss have no power or final suthority to hire fulltime employees until the matter has been pesented to and acted on by this Association in regular sessson. This does not apply to fulltime missionaries sent our under the Missions Board.

**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 wittout good and sufficient reasons. 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, business-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 of appointing proxies to serve in lieu of the absent members.

At the pleasure of the Boards, and subsequent to the meeting from which the regular member absented himself, the Boards 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 Chairman 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 Boards.

## **AMENDMENTS**

This Constitution may be changed, altered, or amended by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 needs arise.

## **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 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 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.**

"The Executive Secretary shall be responsible and accountable to the Executive Board in the fulfillment of the duties of his office as determined by said Board."

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

C. Funds received by the Executive Secretary for revivals, special speaking engagements and promotional meetings, shall go into the Cooperative 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.

D. Salary, mileage and operational expenses of the Executive Secretary shall be determined by the Executive Board.

### **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 ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) 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 obligation 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.