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 Walter Hightower, Ga. Union Assn., 2429 Adger Rd., Macon, 31206.1977  
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 Talmadge Worseley, Martin Assn., Rt. 5, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 . . . .1977  
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Bobby Whittaker — Randy Carney

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

Ernest Barker — Janice Ursrey — Eva Middleton

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

The thirty-eighth annual session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Thursday evening, November 14, 1974, at Mathis Auditorium, Valdosta, Georgia, at 7:00. Little River Association was the host association for the meeting of the State Body.

The service was opened with the congregation, under the direction of Mr. Vernon Whaley, Minister of Music at First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, singing, "I Love to Tell the Story." The opening prayer was led by Rev. Billy Hanna, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. The devotional message for the evening was delivered by Rev. David Posey, Pastor of Crossroads Church, Cochran, Georgia. Mr. Posey used II Timothy 4:2 as a scriptural basis for his message entitled "We Believe in Preaching the Word."

The Association was officially called to order by the Clerk, Rev. Damon C. Dodd. He introduced the officers present as follows: Rev. Jerry Johnson, Moderator, Dr. Melvin Worthington, Assistant Moderator, Rev. James Roebuck, Assistant Clerk, and Rev. Cadel B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary-Treasurer. Following the introduction the Moderator, Rev. Jerry Johnson, took charge and presented Rev. Clarence McMillan, Pastor of White Hall Church, Waycross, Georgia, who gave the address of welcome from the Little River Association.

The Moderator then recognized the various Associations and those persons present from each. The following Associations were represented at the opening service of the State Association: Union, Martin, Chattahoochee, Ga. Union, South Georgia, Midway, and Little River. Visitors present and recognized were Rev. and Mrs. Carlton Lambert, Alabama, and Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, Nashville, Tennessee.

Appointed to the Committee on Committees were J. W. Clower, Rev. J. S. Anthony, Chairman, Alvin Day, Curtis Gay, and Rev. Gerald Brown.

As the evening offering was received the congregation sang, "Victory in Jesus." Following the congregational hymn, "I Am Resolved", Vernon M. Whaley gave the special music, "The Wonder of it All."

The evening message was delivered by Rev. J. D. Norris, Pastor of Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt. His subject was "We Believe the Bible is the Inspired Word of God." His scriptural basis was II Tim. 3:16.

Following the message, a partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Ernest Barker, Chairman. MSC to adopt.



Dr. J. D. O'Donnell was called on to make a report to the Association. He presented "Operation Partnership," a project of the National Headquarters Building. Dr. O'Donnell called for volunteers to join "Gideon's Army," the group which will take the initiative in raising the more than \$150,000.00 needed to clear the indebtedness.

The Moderator revealed that there were no invitations for the 1975 session of the Association and asked the delegates to pray about the matter and come up with invitations for this and also the 1976 session.

The service was closed with prayer led by the Moderator.

### FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session was opened with the singing by the congregation of "At Calvary," led by Vernon Whaley. Prayer was led by Rev. Don Reed.

The morning devotional message was given by Mr. C. J. Faison of Hartsfield, Georgia, using I Corinthians 15:1-4, "We Believe in the Finished Work of Christ."

The Moderator declared the session in order and called for reports from the National Association Ministries represented. Responding were the following men: Dr. J. D. O'Donnell, representing the Sunday School Department; Rev. Rufus Coffey, National Executive Secretary, for the entire National Association's program; Rev. Milton Crowson, for Free Will Baptist Bible College; Rev. Dale Bishop, Missionary Appointee to Japan, for National Foreign Missions; O. B. Everson, for the Master's Men Organization of the National Association. All these reports were received on motion and second with vote.

The Credentials Committee was ready with a further partial report at this time, so the Moderator called for Ernest Barker to present the report. The report was adopted and the delegates named therein were all properly seated and all visiting brethren were recognized.

The Committee on Committees reported through its chairman, Rev. L.S. Anthony. After necessary changes in some of the Committees, the report was adopted.

The Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention report was presented by Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield and the report was received as information.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd presented a report from the Christian Supply Store. MSC to receive this report as information.

This brought us up to the time of the Morning Worship Hour. The service began with the congregation singing "I Am Thine, O Lord", led by Vernon M. Whaley. The Moderator presented the Rev. T. G. Hamilton, of Homerville, who brought the message from Acts 2 and Acts 19, from the subject, "We Believe in the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit."

Following the message, announcements were made by the Moderator concerning Board and Committee meetings. The service was dismissed with 1:30 P. M. announced as the time for the afternoon session.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session was opened with the congregational hymn, "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus."

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bobby Clyatt, after which the Moderator presented Rev. Billy Hanna, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, who brought the afternoon message from the subject, "We Believe in Three Gospel Ordinances."

The business was resumed following the message with the following reports:

Rev. Carlton Lambert, for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary-Treasurer, reported. MSC to adopt the reports.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd reported for the Executive Board of the Georgia State Association. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item No. 1 . . . Adopted

Item No. 2 . . . Adopted

Item No. 3 . . . Adopted

Item No. 4 . . . Adopted

Item No. 5 . . . Adopted

Item No. 6 . . . Adopted

At this time a discussion was engaged in relative to designating Camp Mt. Bethel as the permanent meeting place for the State Association annually. Out of the discussion came the following motion: "That Camp Mt. Bethel be a permanent meeting place for the State Association annually." This motion was seconded and discussed. Then the following motion was adopted by majority vote: "That the matter of designation Camp Mt. Bethel as the permanent meeting place for the State Association annually be tabled indefinitely."

Rev. William Travis presented the report of the Board of Christian Education and Camping. The report was received as information, inasmuch as it had to do solely with the camping activities during the year as they were held at Camp Mt. Bethel.

The matter of the T N T Rally was brought to the floor for discussion by the Body. After much deliberation, it was MSC to elect Vernon Whaley to preside over the Rally for the coming year and that he appoint officers to assist him. It was also designated that all funds pertaining to the Rally be submitted to Mr. Whaley to be used for financing the Rally. As the discussion continued on this matter, it was MSC that the T N T Rally be separated from the Board of Christian Education and Camping and that it be operated as a separate meeting entirely. It was further MSC that a Committee of five members be appointed by the Executive Board of the State Association to assist Mr. Whaley in setting up the T N T Rally for the coming year.

This concluded the business for the day and the meeting was adjourned until the Friday evening hour.

## FRIDAY EVENING SERVICE

The service was opened with congregational singing led by Vernon Whaley. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. M. Creech.

This was designated as the Missionary Service and the report of the State Missions Board was presented by Rev. Lewis Williams. MSC to adopt the report. There were special prayer requests designated in the report of the Mission Board and Rev. Luther Burns was asked to lead in a special time of prayer on behalf of these requests. MSC to recess the business until Saturday morning at 9:00 o'clock.

The hymn, "Send the Light" was led by Mr. Whaley, after which the missionaries present were introduced by Rev. J. M. Creech. Those present were: Rev. Jerry Johnson, Athens; Rev. William Morris, Statesboro; and Rev. Luther Burns, Swainsboro.

Special music for the service was given by Mr. Whaley and Mr. Leroy Scudder. They sang a duet arrangement of the hymn "Close To Thee".

The messenger for the evening was Rev. Rufus Coffey of Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. Danny Keen, of Dublin, had been scheduled for the message but was unable to be present due to a funeral. Rev. Coffey preached from Matthew 28:19 & 20 and Mark 16:15 & 16. The hymn of invitation was led by Mr. Whaley, "Wherever He Leads I'll Go." Just prior to the benediction an offering for missions was received, after which Sandra and Dale Bishop, Missionaries to Japan were introduced. The service was closed with prayer.

## SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The session was opened with singing "At The Cross", led by Mr. Whaley. Mr. Whaley also led the morning prayer.

The devotional message was brought by Bro. Faircloth, a layman from White Oak Church, Macon.

Mr. Leroy Scudder, the District Sales Representative for Scripture Press Company, was given a few moments in which to bring greetings and also a word from Scripture Press regarding the Vacation Bible School programs for the coming year.

Following this, Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a report on the Minister's Retreat which will be held at Kolomoki State Park, near Blakely, April 29 through May 1, 1975.

Mr. Vernon Whaley gave the report of the Auditing Board to the effect that all accounts had been audited and approved. MSC to adopt this report.

The report of the T N T Rally held at Thomaston was given and on motion and second was received as information.

Vernon Whaley, who was elected as T N T Rally Director at the Friday session of the Association, presented his resignation from this position. MSC to accept the resignation. Mrs. Edith Shiver was nominated and elected to the position.



The report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance was given by Rev. Gerald Brown. MSC to adopt the report.

Rev. William Travis, speaking for the Board of Christian Education and Camping presented the matter of a fulltime Director being employed by the Board to oversee the program at Camp Mt. Bethel. Details of this proposal are given in the report of the Board. (See Report Section)

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Mr. Gleason Fowler. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item No. 1 . . . Adopted  
Item No. 2 . . . Adopted  
Item No. 3 . . . Adopted  
Item No. 4 . . . Adopted  
Item No. 5 . . . Adopted  
Item No. 6 . . . Amended  
to include Peace Free Will  
Baptist Church for their  
work and the Seventh-Day  
Adventist Brethern for the  
use of their sound equipment  
and musical instruments.

Mr. Ernest Barker, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the final report of that Committee. MSC to adopt the report.

The Nominating Committee's report was given by Rev. Grant Saverance. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item. Each of the nominees was elected.

The Placement Committee's report was given by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. MSC to adopt this report.

In the matter of delegates to the National Association, it was MSC that these delegates be named from volunteers. The following people volunteered for this duty and were appointed as follows:

Carson Parrish	Mrs. Latrelle Barksdale
Alvin Day	Mrs. Randy Carney
Nancy Johnson	Mrs. Wanda Trussell
Mrs. Irene Dykes	Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield
Mrs. Eva Middleton	Mrs. Gleason Fowler
Gleason Fowler	

MSC that if additional delegates are needed or if substitutions must be made the Moderator is hereby empowered to make such necessary adjustments.

The matter of designating Camp Mt. Bethel as the permanent meeting place for the annual meetings of the State Association was reintroduced and discussed at length by various members of the Body. MSC that the By-laws be changed so as to make it possible for Camp Mt. Bethel to be the permanent meeting place for the Association. Upon the defeat of this motion, it was MSC to refer the matter to the Executive Board of the Association acting as the Placement

Committee for further study and request them to report the results of their study at the meeting of this Body in 1975.

The possibility of changing the time of the meeting of the State Association from November to June was brought up and discussed. MSC to request the Executive Board of the State Association to study the matter thoroughly and recommend a change in the By-laws of the Association to allow for this change in the annual meeting, said study to be completed by the time of the annual session in 1975.

At this time, by request, it was MSC to stand in silent prayer in memory of our deceased brothers and sisters. Special mention was made of Rev. Walter Keheley and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde King.

Rev. Dan Merkh, Missionary to France, was present and the Moderator called on him for some remarks. Bro. Merkh responded with some well-chosen words in describing the missionary efforts in France and in pointing up the marvelous opportunities of evangelism in that country.

This concluded the business of the Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists in its 1974 session.

MSC to adjourn this session to meet in 1975 with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Athens, Georgia. The prayer of benediction was led by Rev. A. C. Trulock.

Rev. Jerry Johnson, Moderator  
Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Clerk

## REPORTS SECTION

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

This past year has been a thrilling one for Georgia Free Will Baptists. Reports have come in from all over the state of good revivals with many people being saved. Many churches have reported people were saved in their morning and evening services. The Holy Spirit has certainly moved in our state this year. For this we can be thankful to God.

The youth sessions at Camp Mt. Bethel have been especially blessed of God this year. The attendance at Camp Mt. Bethel topped the three hundred mark at the three sessions. Fifty-two young people came to know Christ as their personal Savior at camp. Over one hundred young people rededicated their lives to Christ. To those who directed the camp session, and those who worked with them, we can only say "thank you." Camp directors were the following: First Session: Walter Hightower; Second Session: Rev. John Owens; Third Session: Rev. A. C. Trulock.

Mr. Walter Hightower will be the director for the Thanksgiving youth retreat.

State Missions have a glowing report this year. Both Buddy Morris at Statesboro and Luther Burns at Swainsboro experienced a steady growth this past year. Both of them had good revivals.

The Athens Mission dedicated their new church building in April. They have had many services with over one hundred in attendance. Danny Keen has made Free Will Baptist known in Dublin. They have purchased three acres of land in a good location. The Mobile Chapel was moved to Dublin and placed on their lot. In just a few weeks their attendance increased to such an extent that the Mobile Chapel was filled. Seventeen people were saved in their revival this past summer.

Cooperative giving has been good this past twelve months. I confess that I was a little scared last year when we raised the state quota three thousand dollars. However, our churches came through and we lacked only thirty dollars and eighty-seven cents reaching our quota of thirty-five thousand dollars.

The Christian Supply store in Moultrie had a very good year. Sales for the bookstore went over the seventy-two thousand dollar mark. We showed a profit of twenty-three thousand three hundred eight dollars and ninety-three cents. (\$23,308.93) The inventory of the bookstore at the end of June was forty-seven thousand seven hundred sixty-eight dollars and eighty-three cents. (\$47,768.83)

At the State meeting in Eastman, the Executive Secretary was authorized to search for a man to be manager of the Christian Supply Store. Realizing that this job carried with it a great responsibility I began to pray that God would send the right man to fill this job. God has answered my prayer and laid on the

heart of Damon C. Dodd to come to Moultrie as book store manager. I am asking that the State Association concur in this matter and approve Bro. Dodd for this position.

Respectfully submitted,

Cadel B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary  
Georgia State Asso. of Free Will Baptists

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
REPORT ON EXAMINATION OF  
ACCOUNTING RECORDS  
(FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1974)**

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September 30, 1974

Office of the Executive 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, 1974 and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974.

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 except as stated in the following paragraph.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the recorded receipts and disbursements of the Office of the Executive Secretary-Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1974. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1973 and June 30, 1974, nor did we confirm accounts receivable or accounts payable by direct correspondence with debtors and creditors and we have not been able to satisfy ourselves concerning these accounts by other means. The beginning and ending inventories and accounts receivable have a significant effect on the results of operations for the period from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the period from July 1, 1973 through June 30, 1974.

Very truly yours,

Draffin, Tucker Bilton, Ruis &  
Merchant, Certified Public Accounts  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

September 30, 1974

Office of the Executive 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 Executive Secretary--Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1974.

We recommend the following actions be taken:

1. Christian Supply Store--a general ledger should be maintained to properly summarize the accounting data and to facilitate the year end audit.
2. Bank accounts should be reconciled monthly to book balance for all accounts.
3. A summary of the year's receipts and disbursements should be prepared for the General, Designated, and Cooperative Funds.

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 you staff while conducting this audit.

Very truly yours,

Draffin, Tucker, Bilton, Ruis & Merchant  
Certified Public Accountants  
Moultrie, Georgia 31768

**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**  
**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

CASH BALANCE, July 1, 1973 . . . . . \$4,437.85

**RECEIPTS:**

State Association Dues . . . . .	\$1,108.92	
Sale of Sunday School Material . . . . .	8,350.69	
Transfer from Cooperative Fund . . . . .	212.40	
Total Receipts . . . . .		\$9,672.01
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS . . . . .</b>		<b>\$14,209.86</b>

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Payments on Bank Loans . . . . .	\$ 522.54	
Travel Expense . . . . .	534.16	
Sunday School Literature . . . . .	8,930.95	
Printing . . . . .	1,585.98	
Postage . . . . .	326.33	
Office Supplies . . . . .	107.21	
Meal for Executive Committee . . . . .	12.00	
Vacation Bible School Literature . . . . .	1,880.78	
Repair Expense . . . . .	88.58	
Corporation Dues . . . . .	5.00	
Freight . . . . .	82.07	
Honorarium . . . . .	75.00	
Transfers to Designated and Coop. Funds . .	13.72	
Refunds on Union Asso. Dues . . . . .	40.00	
Total Disbursements . . . . .		\$14,204.32
<b>CASH BALANCE, JUNE 30, 1974 . . . . .</b>		<b><u>\$5.54</u></b>

EXHIBIT  
 "A"  
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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**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . . \$20,175.22**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Bible College . . . . .	\$1,745.81	
Children's Home . . . . .	2,849.89	
State Retirement . . . . .	1,075.19	
Christian Education and Camp . . . . .	50.00	
State Mission Board . . . . .	4,658.86	
Union Mission Board . . . . .	809.21	
Georgia Union Mission Board . . . . .	547.65	EXHIBIT
Foreign Mission Board . . . . .	2,258.42	"B"
Promotional Fund . . . . .	1,389.65	PAGE 4
South Georgia Youth Camp . . . . .	1,689.78	
National Home Mission . . . . .	2,567.61	
National Dues . . . . .	318.75	
Board of Christian Education . . . . .	25.00	
Midway Youth Camp . . . . .	160.00	
Little River Association . . . . .	25.00	
<b>Total Disbursements . . . . .</b>	<b>\$20,170.82</b>	
<b>EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .</b>	<b>\$4.40</b>	

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**OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY**  
**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILI. BAPTISTS**  
**COOPERATIVE PLAN OF SUPPORT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**

**TOTAL RECEIPTS . . . . . \$34,969.17**

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Executive Secretary Salary . . . . .	\$7,800.00	
Secretarial Help . . . . .	1,950.00	
Promotional Secretary Retirement . . . . .	155.15	
Social Security . . . . .	384.00	
Board of Trustee--House Allowance . . . . .	600.00	
Board of Trustee--General Fund . . . . .	3,312.42	
State Mission . . . . .	7,387.64	
State Retirement . . . . .	3,573.04	
State Camp . . . . .	686.35	
State TNT . . . . .	688.34	
Children's Home . . . . .	487.22	
National Cooperative Plan . . . . .	4,030.67	
Utilities . . . . .	809.54	
National Expense 1974 . . . . .	250.00	
Executive Secretary and Board Member Mil. . . . .	1,231.76	
Transfer to General Fund . . . . .	212.40	
Insurance . . . . .	288.40	
Auditor Fee . . . . .	312.50	
National Promotional Sec. Meeting . . . . .	65.00	
National Dues . . . . .	65.00	
Postage . . . . .	20.00	
Bond . . . . .	25.00	
Post Office Box Rental . . . . .	8.20	
Total Disbursements . . . . .		<u>\$34,340.63</u>
EXCESS CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS . . . . .		<u><u>\$ 628.54</u></u>

**EXHIBIT**  
**"C"**  
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OFFICE OF PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY  
 GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
 CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
 STATEMENT OF NET INCOME

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SALES:

Cash Sales:

Bibles . . . . .	\$21,867.83	
Organs and Pianos . . . . .	4,211.02	
Other Sales . . . . .	24,300.49	\$50,379.34
Charge Sales: . . . . .		<u>21,753.24</u>
Total Sales . . . . .		<u>\$72,132.58</u>

COST OF GOODS SOLD:

Inventory, July 1, 1974 . . . . .	\$23,992.32
Purchases . . . . .	54,980.96
Goods Available for Sale . . . . .	\$78,973.28
Inventory, June 30, 1974 . . . . .	47,768.83
Cost of Goods Sold . . . . .	<u>\$31,204.45</u>
GROSS PROFIT . . . . .	<u>\$40,928.13</u>

OPERATING EXPENSES:

Salaries . . . . .	\$5,215.00
Piano Work . . . . .	400.50
Advertising . . . . .	1,061.66
Printing . . . . .	1,720.95
Rent . . . . .	1,570.00
Utilities . . . . .	1,676.66
Freight . . . . .	970.98
Sales Tax . . . . .	1,032.56
Payroll Taxes . . . . .	282.65
Business License . . . . .	70.00
Supplies and Postage . . . . .	2,172.41
Insurance . . . . .	629.50
Bad Debts . . . . .	119.51
Miscellaneous . . . . .	<u>94.64</u>
Total . . . . .	<u>\$17,017.02</u>
NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS . . . . .	<u>\$23,911.11</u>
OTHER EXPENSES--Interest . . . . .	<u>602.18</u>
NET INCOME . . . . .	<u><u>\$23,308.93</u></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**

**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, 1974. 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 off of uncollectible accounts receivable and the inclusion of charge sales for the period from July 1, 1973 to June 30, 1974.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE:**

1. Payments totaling \$8,703.13 were made on notes payable to Citizens & Southern Bank of Colquitt County and \$1,000.00 was paid on the \$1,000.00 loan from C. B. Dowdney. Of the amount paid to C & S \$2,283.13 was paid on the \$7,500.00 note made February 2, 1972, \$1,400.00 was paid on the \$6,000.00 note made March 1, 1973, and \$2,500.00 was paid on the \$5,000.00 loan made in October, 1973.
2. The statements do not include a provision for depreciation.

## CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE INVENTORY

### BEGINNING INVENTORY MAY 31, 1973:

Fixtures . . . . .	\$950.00
Merchandise . . . . .	\$23,992.32

### INVENTORY AS OF JUNE 30, 1974:

Fixtures . . . . .	\$2,284.75
Merchandise . . . . .	\$47,768.83

### AMOUNT OF INCREASE:

Fixtures . . . . .	\$1,334.75
Merchandise . . . . .	\$23,776.51

Cadel B. Dowdney

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

## ANNUAL REPORT

### TRUSTEE BOARD, FINANCIAL REPORT

Earl Tabb, Treasurer--October 1, 1973 through September, 1974

Balance Brought Forward. . . . .	\$3,650.31
Received from State Office (Sept. 1973-Sept. 1974, 13 months . . . . .	6,199.65
House Payments (13 @ \$50.00) . . . . .	\$ 650.00
Cooperative Support . . . . .	3,659.68
Camp Mt. Bethel (Improvement & Maintenance) . . . . .	1,710.16
Camp Mt. Bethel (Snack Bar) . . . . .	269.81
Total . . . . .	\$6,199.65
Received payment for two used commodes . . . . .	25.00
Funds sent to Trustee Board Treasurer. . . . .	1,610.50
State Women's Auxiliary, Camp Improvement . . . . .	\$ 167.00
Lake Butler, Camp Improvement . . . . .	100.00
Union District, Camp Bathrooms . . . . .	1,000.00
Georgia Union District, Camp Pool . . . . .	85.50
Macon, Camp Outside Light . . . . .	50.00
Macon, Camp Improvements . . . . .	50.00
Double Branch, Camp Snack Bar. . . . .	100.00
Macon Youth, Camp Snack Bar . . . . .	58.00
Total . . . . .	\$1,610.50



Total Receipts . . . . .	\$ 7,835.15
Total to Account for . . . . .	11,485.46
Disbursements . . . . .	<u>5,848.55</u>
Balance in Treasury, September 30, 1974 . . . . .	5,636.91

#### DISBURSEMENTS

House Payments (13 months @ \$49.67) . . . . .	\$ 645.71
Bond for Trustee Board Treasurer . . . . .	13.00
Bathrooms, Camp Mt. Bethel . . . . .	3,245.71
Christian Education & Camping Board--Outside Light . . . . .	50.00
Camp Repairs and Maintenance:	
Mitchell Stewart Hardware . . . . .	\$151.79
Apperson Concrete Products . . . . .	132.85
Empire Gas Company, Ashburn . . . . .	10.00
Roofing Shingles (Camp House) . . . . .	214.25
Labor for Roofing (Camp House) . . . . .	110.98
Paints, Screens, Grass Cutting . . . . .	322.67
Rev. Jim Osborn, labor . . . . .	222.50
1.3 Horse Power Motor . . . . .	40.69
Tile Drainage . . . . .	44.00
Camp Property Insurance . . . . .	303.00
Camp Workday Bulletins . . . . .	26.40
Moultrie House Roofing . . . . .	272.00
Moultrie House Insurance . . . . .	38.00
Treasurer's Postage . . . . .	5.00
Total Disbursements . . . . .	<u><u>\$5,848.55</u></u>

### ACTIVITIES REPORT — BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board of Trustees held three meetings. Items of business were:

1. Plan a workday, March 2, 1974, at camp Mt. Bethel.
2. Make repairs and put new roofing on Camp House.
3. Drew up plans for a snack shop and secured bids. The lowest bid was \$6,300.00. Funds in treasury were not sufficient to build.
4. Worked with Christian Education & Camping Board to get a Director and Maintenance man to stay at the Camp.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted James, Chairman  
Earl Tabb, Secretary-Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS & REGISTRATION COMMITTEE

We submit the following report as of Thursday evening, November 14, 1974:

Ministers . . . . .	46
Deacons . . . . .	12
Delegates (Local Church) . . . . .	16
Delegates (District Association) . . . . .	11
Visitors . . . . .	<u>30</u>
Total . . . . .	116

There are five District Associations represented with fees totaling \$191.70.

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest Barker, Chairman

We submit the following partial report as of Friday morning, Nov. 15, 1974:

Ministers . . . . .	50
Delegates (Local Church) . . . . .	24
Delegates (Associational) . . . . .	11
Missionaries. . . . .	2
Deacons. . . . .	15
Visitors . . . . .	<u>36</u>
Total . . . . .	138
Voting Delegates . . . . .	102

Respectfully submitted,

Ernest J. Barker, Chairman

### FINAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE:

We submit this final and complete report on Saturday morning, Nov. 16, 1974:

Union Association: Fees and 2 Delegates  
 Churches: Midway, Bay, Poulan  
 Georgia Union Association: Fees and 3 Delegates  
 Churches: Wilson Chapel, Double Branch, Pine Level  
 Chattahoochee Association: No fees, no delegates  
 Church: First, Thomaston  
 Martin Association: Fee and 1 Delegate  
 Churches: New Salem, Mt. Gilead

Midway Association: Fees and 2 Delegates  
 Churches: Cedar Springs, First, Albany, Bellview,  
 First, Blakely, Macedonia, Arlington, Patmos,  
 White Plains  
 Little River Association: Fees and 3 Delegates  
 Churches: White Hall, Bemiss, Peace of Valdosta,  
 Homerville, Corinth, Hahira  
 South Georgia Association: Fees and no Delegates  
 Churches: Piney Grove, New Hope, Corinth,  
 Harmony, Bethany  
 Ogeechee Association: Fees and 1 Delegate  
 Churches: Deep Creek

**SUMMARY OF THE FINAL REPORT:**

Ministers . . . . .	57
Church Delegates . . . . .	26
Associational Delegates . . . . .	12
Deacons . . . . .	17
Visitors . . . . .	53
Missionaries . . . . .	<u>2</u>
Total . . . . .	166

Total Fees . . . . . \$286.70

Respectfully submitted,  
  
 Ernest J. Barker, Chairman  
 Mrs. Janice Ursrey  
 Mrs. Eva Middleton

## **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee prayerfully submits the following report:

### **BOARD OF TRUSTEES:**

To replace W. S. Driggers, we nominate Larry Williams.

### **BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE:**

To replace Gerald Brown, we nominate Dennis Irvin.

To replace Leonard Ogletree, we nominate William Lewis, Sr.

To replace Carl Baker, we nominate Floyd Beasley.

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

To replace Joe Owens, we nominate Walter Hightower.

### **AUDITOR 'S BOARD:**

To replace Vernon Whaley, we nominate Randall Carney.

### **BUDGETING BOARD:**

We nominate Charles Beasley.

### **GENERAL BOARD OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION:**

To represent Georgia State Association, we nominate William Morris.

### **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

We nominate Ernest Barker, Eva Middleton, Janice Ursrey.

Signed,

Larry Langford  
Joe Owens  
Guyton Adams  
Grant Sevarance



**SPECIAL REPORT OF COMMITTEE TO SELECT LEADERSHIP FOR  
STATE T N T RALLY:**

We suggest the following people to serve on the steering committee for the State  
T N T Rally for the coming year:

Mrs. Edith Shiver, Chairman  
Rev. Billy Bevan  
Rev. Gerald Brown  
Rev. Paul Davis  
Rev. C. B. Dowdney

Signed,

Vernon M. Whaley, State Director

**SPECIAL REPORT FROM VERNON WHALEY:**

November 16, 1974

To the Georgia State Association:

RE: T N T Rally (CTS, Music & Arts Festival)

I do hereby resign as Director of the CTS T N T Rally, effective November  
16, 1974.

Sincerely,

Vernon M. Whaley

**REPORT OF THE STATE MISSIONS BOARD**

The Georgia Free Will Baptists can well be proud of the missions supported  
this year through the Mission Board.

Athens has a beautiful Free Will Baptist Church. The Mobile Chapel has  
been transferred from Athens to Dublin, Georgia, on three and two-tenths acres  
of choice land being purchased by the Dublin congregation.

Statesboro with the Morrises, Swainsboro with the Burnses, Athens with the  
Johnsons, and Dublin with the Keens have all experienced growth in the work and  
souls have been saved. As you support your missionaries, you have a part in  
the souls harvested by their faithfulness.

We continue to urge you to be faithful with your prayers and support.

Dalton, Georgia was adopted last year as the next mission point. Definite plans have been made. God has sent the man for this work. Please pray for this work.

We have recently received a request for help in Perry, Georgia and are prayerfully considering this.

In last year's session, an item was tabled and referred to the Executive Board for recommendation. The Executive Board recommended that the office of Mission Director be phased out on or before the State Association in 1974.

The State Mission Board accepted this recommendation and began early this year to phase out this office by cutting the salary of the Mission Director in half, and dropping the housing allowance. In August of this year, the office was completely phased out.

Your Mission Board would like to take this opportunity to give thanks to a group that has been most valuable to the work in Georgia and around the world in these past years. That group is the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary, who adopted the state missions as their project this year. Without their help our mission work in Georgia would have been lacking very much.

Therefore, we request to the Moderator and the Body of Free Will Baptists gathered here that in adopting this report to stand in honor of the Woman's Auxiliary, and ask the Moderator to have someone to lead a prayer of gratitude for them and their work.

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Hatcher, Chairman

Rev. Jakie Creech

Rev. David Matthews

Herman Watson

Benny Lairsey

Rev. L. S. Anthony

Rev. Lewis Williams, Secretary/Treasurer

## GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

### REGULAR ACCOUNT:

BROUGHT FORWARD .....	\$5,427.97
STATE OFFICE .....	\$11,737.31
STATE AUXILIARY .....	2,364.09
DISTRICT ASSN. AND CHURCHES .....	13,072.75
CHURCH EX. AND LOAN .....	749.23
MISSION SERVICES .....	3,588.01
TOTAL RECEIVED .....	<u>\$31,511.39</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR .....	<u><u>\$36,939.36</u></u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

MORRIS SALARY .....	\$2,450.00
MORRIS HOUSING .....	1,800.00
TOTAL .....	\$4,250.00
JOHNSON SALARY .....	\$5,892.00
JOHNSON HOUSING .....	1,525.00
TOTAL .....	\$7,417.00
BLANTON HOUSING .....	\$ 182.50
BURNS SALARY .....	\$6,225.00
KEEN SALARY .....	\$6,980.00
KEEN HOUSING .....	1,800.00
TOTAL .....	\$8,780.00
WILLIAMS SALARY .....	\$3,350.00
WILLIAMS HOUSING .....	500.00
WILLIAMS MILEAGE .....	365.20
TOTAL .....	\$4,215.20
PRINTING AND ENVELOPES .....	\$ 100.00
POSTAGE AND BOX RENT .....	\$ 72.16
PHONE .....	\$ 39.70
MILEAGE -- BOARD MEMBERS .....	\$ 441.19
MOVING MOBILE CHAPEL .....	\$ 174.75
AIR CONDITIONER FOR CHAPEL .....	<u>\$ 592.25</u>
TOTAL PAID OUT .....	<u>\$32,490.33</u>
BALANCE IN TREASURY .....	<u><u>\$ 4,449.03</u></u>

### TARGET CITY MARIETTA:

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 CHRISTIAN EDUCATION & CAMP BOARD

Balance in Bank, September 30, 1973. . . . . \$1,258.82

### RECEIPTS:

State Office . . . . .	\$ 982.13
Camper's Fees (Canteen, including all income, returns, etc., from camp activities . . . . .	4,794.70
Rent on Camp Grounds . . . . .	153.92
CTS Rally Savings Account . . . . .	1,122.32
Heritage Ins. Co. Refund on Claim . . . . .	18.00
Total . . . . .	<u>\$7,071.07</u>
Total to account for . . . . .	<u><u>\$8,329.89</u></u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Irwin Co. E. M. C. . . . .	\$ 815.30
Turner Gas & Sycamore Gas . . . . .	297.01
Phone Bills . . . . .	83.34
State Office (Printing and Promoting) . . . . .	200.00
Camp Cooks and Directors . . . . .	630.50
Pridgen Brothers Wholesale . . . . .	538.89
Coca Cola Bottling Company . . . . .	682.18
Pepsi Cola Company . . . . .	157.97
Wells Dairies . . . . .	70.98
Morrisons Grocery . . . . .	698.45
Arnolds Sausage Company . . . . .	56.67
West Brothers Meats . . . . .	83.01
The Butcher Shop . . . . .	38.29
Lance Inc. . . . .	221.01
Heritage Insurance . . . . .	168.60
Christian Camping International . . . . .	40.00
State Farm Insurance (Treas. Bond) . . . . .	20.00
Doctor's Clinic . . . . .	26.00
Mileage (Board Members) . . . . .	105.28
Grass Cutting . . . . .	40.00
Quality Inn Motel (Excess Campers) . . . . .	865.20
CTS Dept. (Trophies and Literature) . . . . .	273.35
Stamps . . . . .	18.00
Gospel Film Library . . . . .	48.30
Albany Printing . . . . .	65.92
Hotel Upson (Rental for Conference Room) . . . . .	75.00
Doyles Wholesale . . . . .	4.37

Vernon Whaley (Supplies) . . . . .	\$ 97.42
Speakers (CTS Rally) . . . . .	116.88
25 First Place Winners @ \$29.00 each. . . . .	725.00
Total Paid Out . . . . .	<u>\$7,261.92</u>
Balance in Bank, September 30, 1974 . . . . .	<u>\$1,067.97</u>
Total Accounted For . . . . .	<u><u>\$8,329.89</u></u>

Rev. William Travis, Treasurer

## FINANCIAL REPORT STATE CTS — TNT RALLY

Balance in Bank, September 30, 1973 . . . . . \$ 230.12

### RECEIPTS:

State Office . . . . .	\$ 795.46
Music & Arts Festival -- Fees & Registration. . . . .	342.49
Interest on Savings Account . . . . .	8.78
Total . . . . .	<u>\$1,146.73</u>
Total to Account For . . . . .	<u><u>\$1,376.85</u></u>

### DISBURSEMENTS:

Transferred to Camp Account . . . . .	\$1,122.32
Balance in Bank, September 30, 1974 . . . . .	254.53
Total Accounted For . . . . .	<u>\$1,376.85</u>

Rev. William Travis, Treasurer

## SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING AND THE TRUSTEE BOARD:

We of the Board of Christian Education and Camping and the Board of Trust-  
ee of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, request of the State  
Association permission to act on a joint project of hiring a full time Director for  
Camp Mt. Bethel, who will live on the property and care for the grounds and  
buildings as far as is practical.

Respectfully,

Rev. William Travis, Board of Christian  
Education and Camping  
Mr. Curtis Gay, Board of Trustees



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

The Executive Board of the Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists has held five (5) meetings since the 1973 session of the Association as follows: December 15, 1973--Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia; February 1, 1974--Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia; May 11, 1974--Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia; August 10, 1974--Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia; November 14, 1974--Mathis Auditorium, Valdosta, Georgia.

Each meeting was well attended and all business was transacted harmoniously under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

Out of these sessions came the following recommendations for the consideration and action of this Body in session in Valdosta, Georgia, Nov. 14-16, 1974:

I. That the honorariums for the Moderator and Clerk of this Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists be set as follows: Moderator--\$25.00 per session; Clerk--\$35.00 per session, plus a bonus of \$15.00 if he submits the completed manuscript for the Minutes of the State Association on or before January 1, immediately following the close of the session.

II. Inasmuch as the Bookstore business has increased to the extent that a full time manager must be employed to take over the operation, we recommend that it be required of any person who is employed as Bookstore manager that he be a member in good standing of a Free Will Baptist Church connected with the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

III. We recommend that Rev. Damon C. Dodd be employed as Bookstore Manager of the Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia, at a salary of \$125.00 per week.

IV. In view of mounting travel and living costs, we recommend that the travel allowance for all Board members be increased to 12 cents per mile.

In this connection, we have increased the Executive Secretary's salary \$100.00 per month. We request the Body to concur with us in this action.

V. Escalating printing costs have worked a hardship on our District Associations in regards to the printing of their Minutes and have also run the cost of the Promotional Bulletin up until we were forced to publish every other month instead of monthly. Now we have been offered a new machine known as the Electronic Master Imager which will enable us to save up to 50% and in some cases even more, on all our printing. This piece of equipment will cost \$1,500.00 and can be paid for over a period of 12 months. We therefore recommend that the Executive Committee be, and hereby is, authorized to purchase this machine, and that it be paid for over a twelve-month period out of proceeds from the Christian Supply Store.

VI. It was brought to our attention that this Executive Board is responsible as a Placement Committee for the State Association to have suitable sites for the convening of the annual meeting two years in advance. We would, therefore, ask for invitations from the constituency for meeting places for 1975 and 1976,

so they can be acted on by this Body before it adjourns this annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## THE PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

The Executive Board of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in its capacity as a Placement Committee has received invitations for the coming sessions as follows: Athens, Georgia for 1975; Moultrie, Georgia for 1976.

We recommend that these invitations be accepted by the Association in session here today.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

The Committee on Committees, duly appointed by the Moderator of this State Association, submits this report:

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:** Gleason Fowler, Chairman, Rev. James Rathel, Rev. Leslie Carney, Mr. Herman Watson, Rev. Paul Davis.

**NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Rev. Larry Langford, Chairman, Rev. Joe Owens, Mr. Guyton Adams, Mr. Don Perry, Rev. Grant Sevarance.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee

## 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 we follow the same ratio of giving--tithe from the Cooperative receipts to the National Association.
3. The breakdown of Cooperative receipts would be as follows: State Missions Board 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%.

Respectfully submitted,

Ross Bennett  
O. B. Everson  
Rev. James Rathel  
Rev. James Ursrey, Chairman

## REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The Resolutions Committee presents the following resolutions for the consideration of and action by this Body in session this 16th day of Nov., 1974:

1. Be it RESOLVED that the Ministers of the Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Georgia encourage their congregations to screen those programs viewed on television and to use all the influence they have to discourage nudity, sex, and filthy language on television.

2. WHEREAS there is a need for our Georgia Free Will Baptist congregations to be made aware of the type of education or lack of it our young people are being exposed to, therefore, BE IT RESOLVED, that our Pastors take a long, hard reexamination of the type education being offered in our schools and that after reexamining we seek the Divine guidance of God to determine the course of action He would have us follow.

3. WHEREAS the United States Surgeon General has proven that smoking is harmful to the health, be it RESOLVED, that our Ministers be stongly urged to refrain from the use of tobacco in any form and that they encourage their members to do likewise.

4. WHEREAS, Camp Mt. Bethel has proven to be a blessing to many, and WHEREAS, over the years, hundreds of young people have been saved while attending the camping sessions, and WHEREAS, others still have responded to the call of God to full time Christian work, such as preaching, missionary work, or evangelism, and WHEREAS, many others in addition to these previously mentioned have been marvelously blessed by the programs offered at Camp Mt. Bethel and who also love our State Camp, be it RESOLVED, that the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists give formal approval to support for the newly

formed Alumni Association of Camp Mt. Bethel, made up of those who have been saved, rededicated their lives to Christian service, and/or just love Camp Mt. Bethel and want to be a part of the Alumni Association.

5. Inasmuch as the Bible admonishes us to "love one another" and to not judge one another, therefore be it RESOLVED, that we encourage all our people to refrain from passing on unfounded statements about each other which may be derogatory and harmful to our fellow Christian character and testimony.

6. Be it RESOLVED, that we give a standing vote of appreciation to Little River Association, First Free Will Baptist Church and Peach Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta for their tireless efforts and generous contributions in entertaining this 38th annual session of this Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists. Our thanks and appreciation go also to the Seventh-Day Adventists for the use of their musical instruments and public address system.

Respectfully submitted,

Gleason Fowler, Chairman  
Herman Watson  
James Rathel  
Paul Davis

## MINUTES OF 1974 GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention convened at the Mathis Auditorium on November 14, 1974. The theme was "Walk In Truth" III John 1:4. Registration began at 9:15 with the convention beginning at 10:00 with the congregation singing "He Keeps Me Singing" led by Dale Bishop. Musicians were Mrs. Faye Ogletree and Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel. Prayer was offered by Rev. David Matthews.

Devotional was given by Mrs. Nelda Williams of the Martin District. She shared with the group some of the blessings God has given her and how her father had stressed the fact that his children should "Walk in Truth". After the devotional "Open Mine Eyes That I Might See" was presented as special music by Dale and Sandra Bishop, missionary appointees to Japan. The welcome was extended by Mrs. Phyllis Mathis, Vice President of the Little River Association.

MSC to accept the partial report of the Credentials Committee. The delegates were seated and visitors and ministers were recognized. The following committees were appointed: REGISTRATION--Opal Hatcher, Janice Ursrey,



Laverne Mock; CREDENTIALS--Wanda Cooper, Annie Lou Wells, Mary Dunaway; RESOLUTIONS--Francis Truluck, Shirley Kimbrel, Caroline Hightower, Geneva Roland, Faye Ogletree; FINANCE--Ida Tabb, Mildred Bowen, Ruby Wells, Beulah Williams, Mrs. Frank Dean; NOMINATING--Christine Owens, Georgia Union, Janice Ursrey, Union, Laverne Mock, Midway, Eloise Wainwright, South Georgia, Cynthia Carney, Little River, Eva Middleton, Martin.

"Send the Light" was sung by the congregation. Mrs. Anne Worthington, National Recording Secretary, gave highlights of the National Suxiliary Convention held last July in Wichita, Kansas. She stated the speaker for the fellowship dinner and the afternoon session was Mrs. Katherine Deloria who was most enjoyable. The Convention speaker was Rev. Dan Merkh, missionary to France, who challenged all to be fruit bearers for the Lord.

The treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Ida Tabb. MSC to accept the compiled Treasurer's report. Mrs. Tabb gave the financial statement of the state and the financial report of the retreat. MSC to accept these reports as information.

The offertory prayer was given by Rev. Don Reed after a congregational song "Come Thou Almighty King." Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel then brought a special song. The morning message was delivered by Rev. Buddy Morris, State Home Missionary to Statesboro. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Mr. J. W. Clower.

The afternoon session of the Woman's Auxiliary Convention was opened with congregational singing, "Praise Him, Praise Him". We were then led in prayer by Mrs. Earnestine Roebuck. The devotional was given by Mrs. Eloise Wainwright who urged each one of us to "Be Still and Know God" and "Walk in Truth". Special music was brought by Mrs. Betty Williams and Mrs. Pam Gay of the White Oaks Church of Macon as they sang "The Lighthouse".

We entered into the business session. The Registration Committee's report was given. MSC to adopt report. (See Reports)

Report of the Credentials Committee was completed. MSC to adopt report. (See Reports)

The report of the Finance Committee was given. MSC to adopt report. (See Reports)

The Resolutions Committee's report was received. MSC to adopt report item by item. (See Reports)

Report of our history was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver, Historian. Report by our field secretary, Mrs. Frances Truluck was given.

Mrs. Ida Tabb, Treasurer, reported on the Dot Harvey Loan Fund.

The following delegates were appointed for the National WNAC Convention in Dayton, Ohio in July: Mrs. Edith Shiver, Mrs. Cynthia Carney, Mrs. Barbara Parrish, Mrs. Martha Everson, Mrs. Faye Ogletree, Mrs. Nancy Johnson, Mrs. Wanda Trussell, Mrs. Eva Clenney, Mrs. Myrtice Paul, Mrs. Mary Parker, Mrs. Vera Wheeler, Mrs. Martha Morris, Mrs. Earnestine Roebuck, Mrs. Grace Houston, Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel, President Eleanor Sheffield and Field Secretary, Mrs. Frances Truluck.



MSC to pay \$ 25.00 on the expenses of the President and Field Secretary to the National Association. Special singing entitled "Lord of Harvest, Send Forth Reapers" was presented by Sandra and Dale Bishop. As we adjourned Mr. O. B. Everson dismissed the Convention with special prayer for the Dale Bishops and the Jerry Bankses who have recently gone to serve as missionaries to Japan. After prayer all joined hands and sang "Blest Be the Tie That Binds".

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Sheffield, President  
Wanda Cooper, Secretary

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Credentials Committee, have received reports from five district auxiliaries and 482 members. Included in this report are two locals, Decatur and First Thomaston. The reporting districts are as follows: Midway, Georgia Union, South Georgia, Little River, and Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda Cooper, Chairman  
Annie Lou Wells  
Mary Dunaway

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report:

I. Be it resolved that we have a State Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel in the early spring and invite other states to participate. The date and time will be left up to the Executive Board.

II. Be it resolved that we continue the same project for 1974-75 as 1973-74 -- suggested quota \$6.00 per member for State Missions.

III. Be it resolved that we ear mark our pre-Easter offering (which is for Foreign Missions) to the Dale Bishop's account.

IV. Be it resolved that we ear mark our pre-Thanksgiving offering (which is for National Home Missions) to the joint Georgia State and National project-- the Dalton Mission.

V. We challenge our women to uphold the standards of Christ so that we might be a true witness for God and be of greater service and an example to others.

VI. Be it resolved that we give the Little River Association a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Truluck, Chairman  
Shirley Kimbrel  
Geneva Roland  
Faye Ogletree  
Caroline Hightower

## REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report: State Officers--7, Missionaries--2, Ministers--28, Visitors--26, Deacons--4, Local Auxiliaries--25, 61 Local Delegates as follows: Valdosta--4, Peace--4, Bellview--3, Midway--5, Moultrie--4, Macedonia--1, Pine Level (S. Ga.)--4, Immanuel--2, Glennville--1, Satilla--3, Harmony--2, Cedar Springs--1, New Home No. 1--1, New Salem--2, Jesup--1, Piney Grove--2, Bemiss--1, Homerville--5, 1st Thomaston--4, Albany--4, Double Branch--1, Corinth (Little River)--1, Corinth (S. Ga.)--1, Arlington--3, White Hall--1; 6 Districts as follows: Midway--10, Martin--3, Little River--5, Georgia Union--10, South Georgia--3, Union--5; Total Registered--170, Total registration fees paid--\$25.00.

Respectfully submitted,

Opal Hatcher, Chairman  
Laverne Mock  
Janice Ursrey

## FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

November 14, 1974

Balance in Treasury from annual report. . . . .	\$583.91
Representation fees from 25 Auxiliaries registered today . . . . .	25.00
Offering received today . . . . .	104.01
Per Capita membership fees received. . . . .	82.00
TOTAL . . . . .	\$794.95

We recommend the following disbursements:

Postage, mimeograph paper, programs . . . . .	\$18.50
Registration badges. . . . .	8.98
WNAC membership fees (\$1.00 per capita) . . . . .	485.00
Speaker honorarium (Rev. Buddy Morris). . . . .	200.00
Retreat newstreet postage . . . . .	2.60
Bank service charge . . . . .	1.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS. . . . .	\$716.58

Balance in Treasury. . . . . \$78.34

Respectfully submitted,

Ida Tabb, Treasurer  
Beulah Williams  
Mrs. Frank Dean  
Ruby Wells  
Mildred Bowen

GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY  
COMPILED REPORT OF TREASURERS  
OCTOBER 1, 1973-SEPTEMBER 1974

DISTRICTS	NO. AUXILIARIES	MEMBERSHIP
South Georgia	12	145
Midway	12	158
Martin	3	29
Little River	6	51
Union	5	61
Georgia Union	3	30
Thomaston	1	17
Decator	1	11

Representation fees received . . . . . \$628.50

REPORTED DISBURSEMENTS:

State and National Home Missions . . . . . \$4,056.37  
Foreign Missions. . . . . 2,237.42  
Bible Colleges--General Fund, Special Projects & Stu. Loan Funds. . 828.39  
WNAC--General, Emphasis, Co-Laborer Funds . . . . . 1,052.56  
Children's Home . . . . . 353.00  
Superannuation and Retired Ministers . . . . . 168.20  
Youth Camp Projects . . . . . 188.38  
Auxiliary Literature, Supplies, Newsletter Fees . . . . . 1,675.91  
Local Church Activities . . . . . 2,722.02  
Others . . . . . 318.76

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS . . . . . \$14,601.01

TOTAL . . . . . \$15,229.51

Non Cash Gifts . . . . . \$315.00

Missionary Provision Closet & Children's Homes . . . . . \$612.92

Retired Ministers . . . . . 10.00

Others. . . . . \$325.65

TOTAL NON CASH GIFTS. . . . . \$1,263.57

# **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.