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Meeting At The

MIDWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

MOULTRIE, GEORGIA

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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened Thursday evening, November 13, 1975, at Midway Free Will Baptist Church, Moultrie, Colquitt Eounty, GEORGIA.

for its thirty-ninth annual session. The service began at 7:00 P. M. with congregation singing under the direction of Mr. Larry Gunnoe, Minister of Youth and Music at First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. The opening hymn was, "Standing on the Promises". Rev. Harris Nix led in the opening prayer. The congregation was led in the pledges to the American and Christian flags by Mr. Gunnoe after which we sang, "I Am Thine, O Lord." The Theme of the session was The Holy Spirit in Promise and Power. The devotional message was given by Rev. Cecil Mock, Associate pastor of Corinth Church, Iron City, Georgia, from the subject, "The Holy Spirit Is a Person", using John 14: 16-18 as a Scriptural basis.

The Meeting was declared to be officially in session by the Clerk, Rev. Damon C. Dodd. The Moderator, Rev. Jerry Johnson, was presented and took over his official duties as Moderator. The welcome address was given by Rev. James Ursrey, host Pastor, the following Associations was represented. Martin, Little River, South Georgia, Chattahoochee, Georgia Union, Midway, Ogeechee, and Union. Several visitors were recognized by the Moderator and officially welcomed to the meeting.

The Committee on Committees was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of A. C. Truluck, Billy Hanna, Curtis Gay, Harris Nix, and Don Reed. Mr. Gunnoe led in another congregational hymn. "Glory to His Name", after which the evening offering was received, following prayer by Rev. J. M. Creech.

Just prior to the message, Rev. Vernon Whaley, Minister of Youth and Music at First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, rendered a solo entitled, "The Wonder of It All." The evening message was delivered by Rev. Herbert Waid, Pastor of Corinth Church, Brookfield, Georgia. His subject was, "The Promise Given." The Scripture for the message was taken from John 16: 5-8, Luke 24: 44-49 and John 16: 13-15.

Following the message, the report of the Registration Committee was called for and given by Mrs. Janice Ursrey. (See Reports Section) Announcements were given by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, after which the benediction was pronounced by the Moderator.

FRIDAY MORNING

The Friday morning session was called to order by the Moderator at 9:00 A. M. and Larry Gunnoe led in the hymn, "Stand Up for Jesus". The devotional message was given by Rev. Leroy Cutler, Pastor of Immanuel Free Will Baptist

Church, Jacksonville, Florida. Mr. Cutler spoke on the subject, "Evidences of the Indwelling Holy Spirit."

The first item of business was a partial report of the Credentials Committee, presented by Mrs. Eva Middleton. It was MSC to adopt this report and seat the delegates.

The Committee on Committees presented its report concerning the membership on the various working Committees for the session. MSC to adopt the report.

The executive Board reported next. This report contained three (3) recommendations. MSC to receive the report and act on its item by item.

Item No. 1 was adopted.

Item No. 2 was adopted.

Item No. 3 was defeated.

Following the defeat of item No. 3, the Executive Board presented an optional proposal. MSC to receive the optional proposal for discussion. In the course of the discussion, this item was amended as follows: That the printing equipment now belonging to the State Association be moved to the Bookstore and become a part of the Bookstore operation, with all proceeds from said operation going into the Bookstore account." Prior to the vote on this amendment, a motion to postpone action on the entire optional proposal was defeated. MSC to adopt the optional proposal of the executive Board as amended.

Rev. Cadel Dowdney, Executive Secretary of the Georgia State Association, presented his annual report. MSC to adopt the report with this exception: "That the Executive Secretary employ a qualified Accountant to audit certain designated accounts without doing a complete audit." Accordingly the Executive Secretary was instructed by the Body to follow through on this matter immediately upon adjournment of the session of the State Association.

Dr. Malcolm Fry, National Director of the Church Training Service Department of Free Will Baptists, was recognized. He presented a summary report of the work of his department and urged full participation in the program of CTS on the local church level. MSC to receive this report as information.

At this time business was suspended and the morning service of worship was begun with the singing of the hymn, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms." Prayer was led by Dr. Melvin Worthington, after which the morning offering was received. Special music was given by Lorry Gunnoe, "There's Room at the Cross."

Rev. James Rotbuck, Pastor of the Free Will Baptist Church, Arlington, Georgia, was presented as the Preacher of the hour. Using Acts 2: 1-40, he preached from the subject, "The Promise Fulfilled."

Since there was another activity scheduled for Midway Church at 2:00 P. M. the Session did not recess for the noon hour but continued straight through until 1:30 P. M. The first order of business following the worship service was a report given by Rev. Harold Harrison representing the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department. Rev. Harrison gave a review and resume of the work of the Sunday School Department with emphasis on new publications which were soon to appear. He also explained something of the curriculum cycle now in use by the Department relative to Sunday School lesson materials. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. Roy Thomas, Associate Director of the National Free Will Baptist Home Missions Department, emphasized the need of more regular support of all missionaries now on the field and presented up-to-date information on the Church Extension Loan Fund on which the Board is now working. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. Rilla Smith, Director of the National Department of Foreign Missions gave a current report on the cause of Foreign Missions. He pointed up the need of support for missionaries whose accounts are deficit and for additional funds with which to send new missionaries to the field. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. Smith presented letters of greeting from the National Executive Secretary and from the National Department of Retirement and Insurance.

Free Will Baptist Bible College was represented by Rev. Paul Kettelman, Promotional Director. He pointed out the fact that income was running behind so far as gifts to the General Fund were concerned. Enrollment report was excellent and the current college year was reported to point to one of the best yet. He challenged the Association to increase support in every area and asked for special gifts to the Library so that the number of volumes could be brought up to standard. MSC to receive the report as information.

Mrs. Martha Everson, Field Worker for the Women's Auxiliary Convention of the State of Georgia, gave the report of the recently-held MAC. Under the theme, "Happiest Is," she gave a most interesting and unique account of that session. MSC to receive the report as information.

Inasmuch as time had expired, the session was recessed until time for the evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE

The service was in charge of Rev. J. M. Creech and was opened with the singing of the hymn, "Rescue the Perishing," led by Mr. Creech. Following the Scripture reading from Matthew 28: 15-20, Rev. Rolla Smith led in prayer.

Mr. Billy Hatcher, Chairman of the State Missions Board, presented a program of color slides depicting the work of our Home missionaries in Dalton, Statesboro, and Athens. As the slides were shown the Missionary in charge of that particular work was called on to offer explanation and comment. Rev. Robert Wood responded for Dalton, Rev. Jerry Johnson for Athens, and Rev. William Morris for Statesboro. Rev. Luther Burns gave an account of the work in Swainsboro and Rev. Cadel Dowdney spoke in behalf of the work in Dublin.

Special music for this service was presented by the Choir of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, under the direction of Rev. Vernon Whaley, with Mrs. Whaley at the piano.

Following the congregational singing of the hymn, "Bring Them In," Rev. Roy Thomas conducted a most impressive service for Rev. Robert Wood, Missionary in charge of the Dalton, Georgia, work. The commissioning prayer was led by Mr. Billy Hatcher. Following this service the Albany Choir rendered another special number.

The Missionary message was delivered by Rev. Sammy Wilkinson, Missionary to Brazil. Using Luke 24: 47-49; Matthew 28: 19, 20; Mark 16: 15; John 20: 21; and Acts 2: 8, Mr. Wilkinson preached on the subject, "The Power in Operation".

The closing hymn was "I'll Go Where You Want Me to Go," during which time an invitation was given to those who desired to consecrate their lives for definite service to the Master.

Just prior to the benediction the missionary offering was received in the amount of \$541.35. The closing prayer was offered by Rev. Roy Thomas.

SATURDAY MORNING

The Saturday morning session was called to order at 9:00 A. M. Larry Gunnoe led in the singing of "Blessed Assurance.

The devotional message was given by Mr. Curtis Gay from the subject. "Limiting the Holy Spirit's Power." He used Ephesians 4: 30 and Galatians 5: 22, 23, as a scriptural basis for the message.

Dr. Malcolm Fry gave a slide presentation of the work of the National CTS Department. MSC to receive this entire report as information.

The report of the Youth Activities Committee was given by Mrs. Edith Shiver. This report contained three (3) proposals and it was MSC to receive the report and act on it proposal by proposal.

MSC to adopt proposal No. 1

MSC to adopt proposal No. 2

MSC to adopt proposal No. 3

Mr. O. B. Everson gave the report on the activities of the Masters Men organization from both the National and State level. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. J. M. Creek gave the report of the Georgia State Ministers Association. MSC to receive the report as information.

The formal report of the State Missions Board was given by the secretary of the Board, Mr. Benny Lariscy. MSC to adopt the report.

Rev. Carlton Lambert, Superintendent of the Alabama Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama, gave the report of that Institution. MSC to receive the report as information.

The report of the Nominating Committee was called for and given at this time. The report was presented by David Hodges. MSC to receive the report and act on it office by office. General Officers elected were:

Moderator. Dr. Melvin Worthington

Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lamar Parish

Clerk, Rev. James Roebuck

Assistant Clerk, Rev. James Osborn.

Other officers and Board members are listed in the reports section under the Nominating Committee's report.

The report of the Board of Christian Education and Camping was given by Rev. William Travis. This report contained four recommendations. MSC to receive the report and act on it item by item.

Item No. 1 was amended by striking the figure \$25.00 and inserting \$20.00 Adopted as amended.

Item No. 2 was amended as follows: "that the Board of Christian Education and Camping, the Board of Trustees,

and the Executive Board, make a thorough study of the proposal and offer recommendations to this Body in its 1976 session." This item was adopted as amended.

Item No. 3 was received as information.

Item No. 4 was result of a motion from the floor as follows: "That the fees for the annual Youth Retreat be raised from \$5.00 to \$7.50 effective in 1976." This item was adopted.

The report of the Board of Trustees was given by Earl Tabb. MSC to adopt the report.

William Lewis, Sr., reported for the Board of Retirement and Insurance. MSC to adopt the report.

Rev. James Rathel gave the report of the Budgeting receive the report and set on it item by item.

Item No. 1 adopted.

Item No. 2 amended to stipulate that the 10% of Cooperative Funds designated for the National Cooperative Program be taken out before any other expenses are deducted. This item was adopted as amended.

Item No. 3 was adopted.

The Resolutions Committee report was presented by Don Reed, Chairman. 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.

The Executive Board gave its final report which was adopted. The second item of this report was a recommendation that the invitation extended by Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church to host the 1977 session of the Georgia State Association be accepted.

The final report of the Registration Committee was given by Ida Tabb. MSC to adopt the report.

It was pointed out that the Nominating Committee has overlooked making a nomination for a member from Georgia to the Board of Trustees of the Alabama Children's Home. Mr. Curtis Gay was nominated from the floor and elected by acclamation.

Delegates and alternate delegates were chosen to represent Georgia State Association to the National Association's 1976 session as follows:

Delegates

Mr. & Mrs. Russell Brewton
Mr. & Mrs. O. B. Everson
Mrs. Harris Nix

Alternates

Maggie Anderson
Madeline Paderson
Mr. & Mrs. Drew Hpkins
Mrs. Ann Worthington

MSC that this list of delegates and alternates be officially approved.

The report of the auditors Board was given by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. MSC that the report be adopted with this exception: "the records of the Missions Board were incomplete and this report must be given in final form to the Executive Board."

Following the various announcements it was MSC to adjourn this thirty-ninth session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Benediction was prayed by Mr. Curtis Gay.

Jerry Johnson, Moderator

Damon C. Dodd, Clerk

REPORTS SECTION

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

God has done great things for Georgia Free Will Baptist this past year. Many of our Churches across the State have reported good revivals with increased attendance. The revival spirit has been felt more than ever this year. I have been in more than sixty of our Churches and Missions in the past twelve months. My message has been "Free Will Baptists have the message; let us give it out." It is my desire to see a Free Will Baptist Church in every town in Georgia.

In spite of the economic situation that we have faced this year, Free Will Baptists have not been slack in their giving. It would seem that someone forgot to tell us that we were in a recession. We lack very little in reaching our Cooperative goal of thirty five thousand dollars. Designated giving was up over thousand dollars from 1974.

Mission work in Georgia has done real well since our last State Association. two Missions; Dublin and Statesboro, have built their Church buildings. Statesboro averaged over forty

in Sunday School for the past twelve months. Athens and Dublin went over the one hundred mark during the summer months. Dalton has almost doubled its attendance since they put the Mobile Chapel in use.

A Mission has been started in Americus. A group of people interested in starting a Free Will Baptist Church in that city contacted the State Office for assistance. Rev. Gerald Brown and I met with the group and it was decided to start meeting each Sunday afternoon for a while. There were twenty two present at the first meeting. Bro. Brown is presently meeting with the group.

The Christian Supply Store in Moultrie did not have a very year. The economic situation took its toll on the book store. Salaries for the book store had to be reduced to make ends meet. The inventory of piano and organs had to be sold at cost to meet expenses. Rev. Damon Dodd, who served as book store manager, resigned in September. This leaves the book store without a manager. However it is my firm belief that the book store cannot at this time afford a manager. It is imperative that the book store use part time help until the economy change.

The Georgia State Association gave its consent to hire a book store manager last year. I suppose this would mean if one left another one could be hired. If not, we need the consent of the State Association to hire someone if the economy has an upturn.

Camp Mt. Bethel has another thrilling year. We had four youth sessions this year. Two hundred seventy seven campers attended the four sessions. There were fifty-one saved, with several rededications.

Cadel B. Dowdney
Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association
of Free Will Baptist

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD
OF THE
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

Friday, November 14, 1975

The Executive Board has held four meetings during the past year as follows:

- Friday, January 10, 1975 Joint Meeting.
- Saturday, March 29, 1975 - Christain Supply Store Moultrie.
- Saturday, August 9, 1975 - Christain Suppiy Store Moultrie.
- Thursday, November 13, 1975 - Colquitt Hotel, Moultrie.

Each meeting was well attened and the business at hand was dealt with in a prayerful, considerate, and harmonious manner. Out of these sessions come the following recommen-
dations for the consideration and action of this Body assem-
bled in Annual Conference November 13-15, 1975:

1. Pursant to instructions given the Executive Board by this Body at its 1974 session, we have made a thorough study of the feasibility of changing the time of annual meeting of this Georgia State Association. We published notices on two differend occasions in the promotional Bulletin in which we ordered four options: That the meeting remain as is; that the time be changed to a June date; that the time be changed to an August date, or that the individual suggest a preferred date. The reponse amounted to fourteen replies which were about evenly divied between the June date and the present November date. Obviously we could not reach a sensible decision on such inadequate response. So we asked the District Asscoiations to take up the matter and poll their constituency on the issue. We have heard the results from some associations and they regstered in favor of the date remaining as is. We then reverted to talking with individuals around the State and in almost every instance the sentiment was for the present November date. In our August meeting of this Erecutive Board we discussed the question in light of the limited response and concluded that the weight of expressed opinion was in favor of continuing to hold our Annual State Association meet-
ing in November. We therefore RECOMMEND,

That the annual meeting of the Georgia State Associa-
tion of Free Will Baptist be continued on the present
schedule of convening on Thursday evening before the
third Sunday in November and continuing until all bus-
iness has been transacted.

2. This Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists is incorporated under the laws of the State of Georgia as a non-profit corporation, opeering under its own Consti-
tution and By-Laws adopted by this State Association. Our Executive Secretary is required by law to renew the Corporate Charter annually at which time he must list

the names of the President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation. Inasmuch as the Constitution and By-Laws of our Georgia State Association do not name these corporation officers per se, he has had to designate the moderator as president, the clerk as vice president, and the Execretary-Treasurer as secretary treasurer. While we do not object, as Executive Board, to thess designations as such, we have taking note of the fact that they are not legal in the strictest sense, inasmuch as they are not so stipulated in any of the regulatory documents of our State organization. In order to correct this deletion, we RECOMMEND:

That Section 2 of the By-Laws of this Georgia State Association be amended by adding the following provision:

A. The Moderator shall be the President of the Corporation know nas the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

C. The Clerk shall be the Vice President of the Corporation known as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 3.

E. The Executive Secretary Treasurer shall be secretary-treasurer of the Corporation known as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

PROPOSAL OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RE: CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

Experience over the past three years has shown that the State Executive office located in the Bookstore is unwise for the following reasons:

1. It is impossible to determin the equitable division of the utility bills between the State Office and Bookstore.
2. The necessity of the wide-open public operation of the Bookstor eliminates the possibility of privacy which is necessary for many of the functions the Executive Secretary in his duties involving State Associations functions.
3. The presence of the Executive Secretary and his operation take up space that is needed for the Bookstore operation.
4. The Executive Secretary is inadvertantly drawn into the Bookstore operation due to his presence in the building, thus demanding much of his time which he needs to spend in matters of his own.

It follows logically and from the need of a more efficient operation for both the Bookstore and the State Office that the two functions need to be separated. We therefore

RECOMMEND:

- A. That the State Office be moved from the Bookstore to the home occupied by the Executive Secretary, where adequate office space is available for his operation.
- B. That a Bookstore Manager be employed to operate the Christian Supply Store as a separate entity.
- C. That the Bookstore Manager be employed by the Executive Board of this State Association and that his salary and other benefits be set by said Board, who shall also set forth the duties and responsibilities of the Bookstore Manager.

FINAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

Pursuant to the request of this Body in its 1974 session that the Executive Board study the matter of designating Camp Mt. Bethel as the permanent meeting place of the annual sessions of this State Association and recommend any necessary changes in the By-Laws to accommodate such arrangements:

We have made a thorough study of this proposal from every standpoint which we felt was relevant to the question, such as accessibility to the site, facilities for comfortable housing for the sessions,, and the availability of food-vending establishments and motel accommodations. We are convinced after this study and survey that the facilities are inadequate for the needs and purposes of our annual sessions. We therefore **RECOMMEND:**

That we continue our present method of determining our meeting places by invitations from various churches in over the State two (2) years in advance of the annual meeting.

Acting in our capacity as the placement Committee for this Body, we have received an invitation from the Free Will Baptist Church in Statesboro, Georgia, to hold the 1977 session of our State Association in their City. We **RECOMMEND** that this invitation be accepted.

WILLIAM O. PIFER

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January 12, 1976

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, 1975 and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1975.

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, 1975. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1974 and June 30, 1975, 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, 1974 through June 30, 1975. 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, 1974 through June 30, 1975.

Sincerely,

William O. Pifer

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
GENERAL FUND**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975**

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1974	\$	5.54
RECEIPTS:		
Special Fund Transfers Cash Deposits	\$	1,267.95
Special Fund Transfers Expenses Paid for		
General Fund		294.54
State Association Dues		441.70
State Association Offering		110.92
Total Receipts		<u>2,115.11</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$	<u>2,120.65</u>
DISBURSEMENT:		
Payment on Bank Loan	\$	320.00
Office Supply		764.00
Audit Fee		292.56
Typing of Minutes		66.00
Total Disbursement	\$	<u>1,442.56</u>
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1975	\$	<u>678.09</u>

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
DESIGNATED PLAN OF SUPPORT**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975**

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$	21,078.87
DISBURSEMENTS		
Bible College	\$	2,035.00
Children's Home		2,401.78
Georgia General Fund		39.50
State Mission		7,882.54
Midway Mission		142.42
Union Mission		463.62
Georgia Union Mission		101.05
National Foreign Mission		1,608.84
Trustee Board		2,451.06
State Retirement Board		1,091.09
National Home Mission		2,253.34
Midway Youth Camp		366.00
Martin Youth Camp		5.00
Christian Education Camp Board		237.63
Total Disbursements:	\$	<u>21,078.87</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS		-0-

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE 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, 1975

Balance July 1, 1974 Special Fund	\$ 623.01
Cash Receipts Cooperative Plan or Support	34,095.86
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$ 34,718.87
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Executive Secretary Salary	\$ 8,400.00
Secretary Help	1,800.00
Retirement	240.00
Social Security	504.00
Insurance	484.40
Utilities	1,071.97
State Missions	6,142.77
Board of Trustees	3,184.34
Camp Board	650.62
Board of Retirement	3,002.93
Children's Home	409.49
National Executive Department	1,889.80
Audit Fee	585.12
Bond	25.00
General Fund	1,522.99
Postage and Check Charge	53.32
State Youth Conference	839.40
Perry Mission	127.50
Executive Sec. and Board Members Mileage-	3,686.35
Total Disbursements	\$ 34,620.00
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1975	\$ 98.87

OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975

SALES:	
Cash Sales	\$ 52,721.21
Charge Sales	26,302.55
Total Sales	\$ 79,023.76
COST OF GOODS SOLD:	
Inventory July 1, 1974 (Note 2)	35,916.41
Purchase	52,782.34
Goods Available for Sales	\$ 88,698.75
Inventory June 30, 1975	23,398.97
	\$ 65,299.78
GROSS PROFIT	\$ 13,723.98

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Salaries	\$ 7,691.00	
Postage	1,355.00	
Office Expense and Supplies	2,600.88	
Rent	1,650.00	
Utilities	1,714.37	
Freight	735.32	
Taxes and Licences	1,198.40	
Advertising	677.62	
Piano Work	129.00	
Contract Labor	198.00	
Moving Expense	140.56	
Payroll Taxes	437.72	
Total Operating Expenses		18,527.87
NET LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		(4,803.89)
OTHER EXPENSES:		
Office Machines		2,788.20
Interest		854.77
NET LOSS		\$ (8,446.86)

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES
TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR
THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1975**

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, 1975. 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, and the inclusion of charge sales for the period from July 1, 1974 to June 30, 1975.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE:

1. Payments totaling \$7,154.39 were during the year on the notes payable to Citizens & Southern Bank of Colquitt by the Christian Supply Store, and \$320.00 of payments were made by the General Fund. The balance of \$100.00 of the

\$1,100.00 loan from C. B. Dowdney was repaid by the Christian Supply Store. Of the amount paid to C & S, \$1,053.78 was installment note made February 2, 1972, \$2,810.00 was paid on the \$6,000.00 note made March, 1973, \$2,560.61 was paid on the \$5,000.00 note made in October, 1973, and \$1,050.00 was paid on the note made January 16, 1975. No payments were made on the \$1,500.00 loan from C. B. Dowdney made on March 10, 1975. At June 30, 1975, installment loan has a balance remaining of \$6,967.20, the installment loan made January 16, 1975 has a remaining balance of \$3,990.00, and the March 10 loan from C. B. Dowdney has a balance remaining of \$1,500.00.

2. The ending inventory on the financial statements ending June 30, 1974 were reported at retail instead of cost. The beginning inventory 1, 1974 has therefore been restated at cost. The effect of stating the inventory at retail was understatement of Cost of Goods Sold for the year ending June 30, 1974 in the amount of \$11,852.42, and overstatement of net income by the same amount.
3. The statements do not include a provision for depreciation.

GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

OCTOBER 1, 1974 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

REGULAR ACCOUNTS

Brought Forward		\$ 759.12
State Office	\$13,513.09	
State Auxiliary	3,712.43	
District Assn. and Churches	12,257.59	
Board of Ret. and Ins.	1,765.48	
Lone	3,112.50	
		<u>\$34,361.09</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		35,120.21

DISBURSEMENTS:

Morris Salary	\$ 640.00
Morris Housing	1,720.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,370.00</u>
Johnson Salary	\$3,447.20
Johnson Housing	2,028.00
TOTAL	<u>\$5,475.20</u>
Keen Salary	\$5,725.00
Keen Housing	1,800.00
TOTAL	<u>\$7,525.00</u>

Burns Salary

TOTAR ----- \$4,275.00

BLANTON HOUSING

TOTAL ----- \$ 111.50

Wood Salary ----- \$7,390.05

Wood Moving ----- 300.00

Wood Mileage ----- 1,134.52

TOTAL ----- \$8,824.57

Lewis Williams ----- \$ 257.52

Dublin Church Land ----- 850.00

Board Milleage ----- 469.32

Midway Assoc. M. B. ----- 200.00

Missionary's Wives From Aux. ----- 40.00

Rufus Coffey Miss. Service ----- 20.00

Printing ----- 109.88

Citizerns Bank ----- 1,330.00

Moveing Mobile Chapel ----- 247.25

Mobile Chapel Repair ----- 405.00

Mobile Chapel Insurance ----- 52.74

Office Supplies (Ledger) ----- 27.19

Postage ----- 51.40

Phone ----- 132.12

TOTAL ----- \$4,192.42

TOTAL PAID OUT ----- \$32,773.69

BALANCE IN TREASURER ----- \$ 2,346.52

BALANCE ON BANK NOTE ----- \$ 4,912.50

STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

We, your State Missions Board, wish to thank this State Association for your continued support this past year. Special thanks go to the State Womans Auxiliary Convention and each of the local Churches for their faithful support.

You heard reports from each of our mission churches last evening. We and they request your continued prayers that each of these works continue to grow.

We encourage you to consider supporting our Extension Church Loan Fund here in Georgia. We are hoping that the time will come when we will have enough money on hand to loan any new mission enough money with which to purchase land when they need it.

Thank you for your continued support.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Billy Hatcher, Chairman
Rev. J. M. Creech
Rev. David Matthews
Herman Watson
Rev. L. S. Anthony
Rev. Lewis Williams
Benny Lariscy, Secretary - Treasurer

**BOARD RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE
OF GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF F. W. B.**

ANNUAL REPORT, OCTEMBER 1, 1974 - SEPTEMBER 30, 1975

Balance brought Forward, October 1, 1974	-----	\$	876.60
Receipts: Cooperative Program	-----	\$4,084.84	
Women's Auxiliary	-----	7.20	
Total Receipts	-----		4,102.04
Total Cash Before Disbursements	-----	\$	4,978.64

Disbursements:

Mrs. H. S. Kelly	-----	\$	392.99
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon	-----		392.99
Rev. H. L. Knighton	-----		392.99
Rev. Willie Sellers	-----		326.52
Mrs. Willie Sellers	-----		66.47
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	-----		392.99
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	-----		392.99
Mrs. W. J. Childree	-----		392.99
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	-----		392.99
Rev. L. D. Scott	-----		392.99
Mrs. A. B. Ard	-----		392.99
Mrs. Jack Horne	-----		392.99
Total Disbursements	-----	\$	4,322.89
Balance after Disbursements	-----	\$	655.75

Expenses:

New Checks	-----	\$	8.31
Bank Service Charge	-----		1.25
Total Expenses	-----		9.56
Balance in Account, September 30, 1975	-----	\$	646.19

Resectfully submitted,

William S. Lewis, Secretary and Treosurer

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance received January 1975 ----- \$ 549.81

Income:

From General Fund -----	481.45
From State Youth Conference -----	237.27
Interest on Savings Account -----	7.00
TOTAL -----	\$ 1,275.53

Expenses:

Meal for Youth Committee -----	14.77
Honorarium -----	30.00
Bible College Drama -----	200.00
Registration Fees National Competition -----	115.50
Printion -----	60.36
Travel Expense -----	65.97
Printing and Mailing -----	94.76
Badges for State Youth Conference -----	21.63
Materials for State Competition -----	122.75
Checking Account Service Charge -----	.50
TOTAL -----	\$ 726.24

Balance on hand, October 9, 1975 ----- \$ 549.29

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WLL BAPTIST

Annual report of Trustee Board ...Earl Tabb, Trtasurer

October 1, 1974 - - - September 30, 1975

Balance brought forward -----	\$ 5,636.91
Received from State Office -----	5,013.87
Receipts sent direct to Treasurer -----	674.07
TOTAL -----	\$ 11,324.85

Cooperative-designated

	House payment	Funds	Camp
10/74		\$ 464.58	\$ 399.81
11/74		130.53	
12/74	\$ 50.00	216.35	134.00
1/75	50.00	366.15	546.00
2/75	50.00	233.30	144.00
3/75	50.00	175.66	112.00
4/75	50.00	181.30	228.11
5/75	50.00	163.56	189.00
6/75	50.00	111.42	108.00

7/75	50.00	269.75	121.50
8/75	50.00	228.75	40.00
	\$450.00	\$ 2,541.45	\$ 2,022.42

Macon Youth . . . Snack Shop-Camp	\$ 83.07
Harmon, Lake Butler, Camp	200.00
Georgia State Women's Auxiliary-Camp	236.00
Proceeds, right of way, Turner County	155.00
	<u>\$ 674.07</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Moultrie House payments (Dec. 74-Nov. 75) 12 month -	\$ 596.04
Bond for Treasurer	6,062.96
Bond for Treasurer	33.00
Snack Shop-Camp Bethel	6,062.96
Camp Mt. Bethel Property Insurance	303.00
Lawn Mower for Camp Mt. Bethel	205.95
Paints and Labor on Moultrie House	143.54
Camp Ice Machine Motor and Repairs	97.64
Camp Refrigerator Repairs	26.59
Electric Service Call	11.00
Camp Mt. Bethel Repairs and Maintaince, Mitchell-Stewart -	88.94
Postage for Treasurer	7.50
Camp Repairs, Mitchel-Stewart Hardware Co.	68.15
Camp Director, June-July-August	600.00
	<u>TOTAL \$8,244.31</u>

Total receipts	\$ 11,324.31
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Total disbursements	<u>8,244.31</u>
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Balance in Treasury . . . September 30, 1975	\$ 3,080.54
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(This balance includes \$85.50 earmarked for Swimming Pool from the 1974 year).

ACTIVITIES OF TRUSTEE BOARD

Tre Board of Trustees meet at Camp Mt. Bethel for three meetings; items of business were:

1. Completion of Snack Shop as top priority. This was Completed in May at a cost of \$6,062.96.
2. Continue to assist the Camp Board in hiring a Camp Director.
3. Singned contract with State Highway Department to sell right of way in Turner County. The highway department will fill hole North of Camp with the excess dirt, level ground and grade roads to the Camp. Proceeds from right of way was \$155.00.
4. Sell timber on Camp property where dirt to be filled in, and on the right of way sold.

5. Replace the water lines to the Boy's Dorm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted James, Chairman
Earl Tabb, Secretary, Treasurer

**REPORT OF
BOARD OF CAMPING AND CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

October 1, 1974 to September 30, 1975

Balance on hand October 1, 1974 ----- \$ 1,067.97

Receipts:

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson, designated	\$ 371.90	
Camper fees and Youth Retreat	4,667.44	
Canteen Sales	1,149.43	
Miscellaneous gifts	39.00	
Co-operative Fund	860.06	
Rent of Camp Grounds	40.00	
Camper Scholarship	15.00	
State Farm Ins., Refund on Bond Ins.	21.00	
	7,163.83	7,163.83

Total to account for ----- \$ 8,231.80

Disbursements:

Irwin Co. E. M. C. (Electric)	\$ 918.62
Syramore Gas Co.	485.71
M. M. Franks	337.63
Chrisitan Supply Store	45.76
Coca Cola Co.	438.92
Pepsi Cola Co.	410.89
Mrs. Johnson (Miscellaneous supplies)	108.62
Colonial Bakery	79.90
Morrisois Groceries	702.94
Wells Daries Daries	93.56
Arnolds Sausage Co.	812.91
State Farm Ins. (Bond)	20.00
Pridgen Bros. (Groceries)	1,036.23
Powers Distributors (Groceries)	435.54
Heritage Ins. Co.	233.10
Postage	20.00
Phone Calls	56.25
Kitchen Help	60.00
Offic Help	10.00
State Office (Printing and Promotional)	200.00
Mileage for Board Members	387.60
C. C. L. Fees	40.00

Mr. and Mrs. H. Johnson (Salary) -----	600.00	
Mr. Mrs. Johnson (Itinerate Work) -----	431.70	
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Total	\$ 7,965.88	\$ 7,965.88
Balance in bank, September 30, 1975 -----		\$ 265.92
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TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR -----		\$ 8,231.80
Rev. William Travis		

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING

We are thrilled with the report of Camp Mt. Bethel this year.

On a joint effort with the Board of Trustees, we hired Mr. Hershel L. Johnson and his wife as fulltime Directors. They have done a great job. The Camp grounds and buildings are looking better and are in better shape than they have been for a long time.

This year we had to have four sessions to accommodate all the Campers. A total of 277 young people and children attended, with 51 decisions for Christ reported and many reredications.

For the first time in years, all eight of the District Associations sent Campers. In addition, there was one from Alabama.

We feel that the fulltime Director is a step in the right direction for Camp Mt. Bethel, but the Camp Board needs your help. Funds for his support are not coming in. The Johnsons have agreed to stay on until March 1, 1976, without pay. As of March 1, they have agreed to work for a salary of a mere \$200.00 per month!

Will you include the Camp Director's salary in your budget? Send all such fund to the State Office designated "Camp Director".

There have been problems. But they can be dealt with and worked out. Fifty-one new-born souls are worth it!

We have three requests to make of you.

1. That we raise the Camper's fees from \$15.00 to \$20.00 per week.
2. Since there is still an overlap between the Board of trustees and our own Board, we would like for this to be eliminated.
3. If you or your Church plan any activity at the Camp, please notify the Camp Director well in advance of this activity so that Insurance coverage can be arranged.

Respectfully,

William Travis, Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE 1975 STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE AND MUSIC AND ARTS FESTIVAL

The 1975 State Youth Conference and Music and Arts Festival was held at Savannah F. W. B. Church in Savannah, Ga. on June 20-21, with 154 registered. There were 133 at registration in 1974.

The competitive activities began on Friday afternoon and were concluded on Saturday morning, the 21st.

A worship service was held Friday evening with preaching service and music inspiration.

The banquet was held at 9:00 at the Days Inn Restaurant with 100 in attendance. The Drama team from the F. W. B. Bible College presented a very interesting program.

The Music and Arts Festival was held Sat. Morning of the 21st. after which the Drama team completed its presentation of Friday night.

As a run down of the activities entered were:
First Grade Bible Memorization- Midway District- Cedar Springs Church.

Third Grade Bible Memorization- Ga. Union-District- White Oaks Church.

SwSword Drill - Four Districts

1st. Place, Union District - Spring Hill Church

2nd. Place, Midway District - Cedar Springs Church

3rd. Place, Chatt. District- Decatur Church

4th. Place Georgia Union District- White Oak

Tic Tai Toe- Two Districts

1st. Place, Midway District- Albany Church

2nd. Place, Georgia Union District- White Oaks Church

Bible Bowl - Three Districts

1st. Place, Midway District- Belvue Church

2nd. Place, South Georgia District- Alma Church

3rd. Place, Georgia Union District- White Oaks Church

Crusader Vocal Sale- One District: Midway District- Macedonia Church.

Herald Keyboard- One District: Chatt. District- Decatur Church

Ambassador-Keyboard- One District: South Ga. District- Douglas Church. He also won 1st. place at the National Youth Conf.

Youth Ensemble- One District- Midway District- Albany Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edith Shiner

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

MEMBERS:

1. Don Reed, Chairman
2. Don Perry
3. James Horne
4. Edith Shiver
5. Opal Hatcher

The Resolution Committee presents following resolutions for the consideration of and action by this Body in session this 15th. day of Nov., 1975.

1. Whereas the Imperion International Life Insurance Company of Macon, Ga. proposes to offer a cancer policy to each and every Free Will Baptist in the State of Georgia on an individual and/or family basis at a 25% discount from the direct rate provided that the association in session Nov. 13-15 endorse the program, be it resolved that this Body endorse the cancer policy offered by the aforesaid Imperion International Life Insurance Company.

2. Be it resolved that the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist go on record as opposing Bill H. R. 46 which is the "Youth Camp Safety Act" and that the clerk of this Body send a letter stating this to both Senators and Representatives.

3. 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 be it resolved that each pastor encourage his congregation to both utilize and support Camp Mt. Bethel.

4. Be it resolved that we suggest to our Churches that we refrain from scheduling any other activities which would be detrimental to the deliberation and worship services of the State Association when in session.

Be it resolved, that we gave a standing vote of appreciation to the Midway Church and the Union Association for their Kindness and hospitality in entertaining this 39th. annual session of this Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist.

BUDGETING BOARD'S REPORT

James Rathel, Chairman.

Ross Bennett
James Ursrey
O. B. Everson
Carl Brown

We respectfully Submit the Following: We the Budgeting Board of the Ga. State association of Free Will Baptist, 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 45%, Board of Retirement Insurance 22%, Board of Trustees 15%, Board of Christian Education, Camping 10%, State Youth Conference and C and S Rally 5%. Alabama Children's Home 3%.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We submit this final and complete report of credential and Registration Committee:

1. Union association \$5.00 and 3 delegates.
Moultrie 9.00 Bethlehem 10.00 1 delegate
Poulan 5.00 (2) Spring Hill 5.00 1 delegate
2. Ga. Union Association 20.00 and 3 delegates
Doublin Branch 5.00 1 delegate
Pine Level 5.00 1 delegate
Wilson Chapel 5.00 1 delegate
3. Chattahoochee Association \$10.00 and 2 delegates
4. Martin Association \$20.00 and 1 delegate
New Salem 5.00
5. Midway Association \$60.00 and 3 delegates
Macedonia 11.35 2 delegates
Patmos 6.50 1 delegate
Blakely 5.00
1st. Albany 10.00
Arlington ----- 1 delegate
6. Ogeechee Association 10.00 and 2 delegates
Deep Creek 10.00 1 delegate
7. Little River Association No fees No delegates

White Hall 10.00 1 delegate
Corinth 5.00 1 delegate
Pine Level ----- 1 delegate

8. South Ga. Association No fee 3 delegates
Harmany 10.00 1 delegate
Savannah 10.00
Spring Grove 10.00 1 delegate

Total fees received \$ 311.85

FINAL REGISTRATION REPORT

Ministers	59
Vescting Minesters	8
Deacons	30
Association delegates	17
Church delegates	17
Visitors	91
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	222

Resectfully Submitted.

Eva Middleton
Janice Ursrey
Ids Tabb

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Nominating Committee submits the following list of nominees for the offices indcaited:

Moderator	-----	Dr. Melvin Worthington
Assistant Moderator	-----	Rev. Lamar Parrish
Cleark	-----	Rev. James Roebuck
Assistant Clerk	-----	Rev. Jim Osborn

BOARD MEMBERS

MISSIONS BOARD:

Rev. J. M. Creech, South Georgia Assctn.
Billy Hatcher ----- Union Asctn.
Domon C. Dodd ----- Martin Asctn.
David Matthews ----- Midway Asctn.
Jimmy Smith ----- Ogeechee Asctn.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. G. Shiver ----- Midway Asctn.
Kenneth Murphy ----- Union Asctn.
Ted James ----- South Georgia Asctn.
Hollis Warren ----- Martin Asctn.

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Dennis Irvin ----- Midway Asctn.
Howard Roberts ----- Martin Asctn.
E. E. Kelly ----- Georgia Union Asctn.
William Lewis, Sr. ----- Union Asctn.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION and CAMPING

A. C. Truluck ----- South Georgia Asctn.
Amos McMillan ----- Little River Asctn.
William Travis ----- Chattahoochee Asctn.
Walter Hightower ----- Georgia Union Asctn.
Jim Puckett ----- Midway Asctn.

BUDGETING BOARD

Ross Bennett ----- Georgia Union Asctn.
James Ursrey ----- Unio nAsctn.
E. A. Welch, Jr. ----- Chattahoochee Asctn.
Drew Hopkins ----- Ogeechee Asctn.

AUDITORS

Tommy McCall Gary Lanvermeir

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Francis Truluck Herbert Waid Patricia Money

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE and CTS RALLY COMMITTEE

Vernon Whaley ----- General Director
Larry Gunnoe ----- Assistant Director
Carolyn Hightower ----- Secretary - Treasurer
Edith Shiver ----- Member - at - Large
C. B. Dowdney ----- Execvtive Secretary

AUDITORS REPORT

We have examised the books of the Board of Trustees and the Board of Christian Education and Camping as well as the Board of Retirement and Insuronce. In the case of the Board of Christian Education and Caping, we did not see the checks that were written nor the breakdown of funds received. To the best of our knowledge, all these records are in order and acceptable.

We have exemined the records of the State Home Missions Board. Due to insufficient records, we cannot say that the report given before this Body agrees with the one which we checked. However, based on the cancelled checks, bank stetements, and

deposits records and receipts, the report given by said Board fairly records the transactions of the Mission Board for the past year.

Respectfully Submitted:

Rev. Bobby Whittaker
Rev. Randy Carney

RESOLUTIONS: STATE YOUTH
CONFERENCE

After working with the Youth of Georgia through the years and especially the past three years much thought and many prayers have been given concerning what is the best way we can Glorify God through our Youth work, and to bring about more consecration. We therefore submit these RESOLUTIONS:

1. We recommend a five (5) member State Youth Conference and CTS Rally committee be elected. This committee shall include a General Director, an Assistant Director, Secretary-Treasurer, Member at Large and the Promotional Secretary of the Georgia State Free Will Baptists.

Responsibilities of the Committee Shall Be:

(a) To plan for all Competitive Activities (including the Music and Arts Festival) to be conducted at the State Youth Camp, or some other suitable meeting place, on the second (2nd) Friday and Saturday of May. All local churches may participate in the State competitions unless the Districts stipulate otherwise.

(b) To plan for a Youth Bible Conference to meet the last Friday and Saturday of February in Albany, Georgia. This will be a time of devotion, Bible Preaching, Evangelism, Music, Youth Seminars, and Inspiration for Georgia Youth with a strong Spiritual emphasis.

2. We recommend the adoption of the proposed State Youth Conference and CTS Rally Constitution and By-Laws and the change of name from T'N'T Rally to State Youth Conference and CTS Rally.
3. We recommend that the Co-operative giving percentage formally allocated to the TNT Rally be placed under the responsibility of the State Youth Conference and CTS Rally Committee.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Edith Shiver,
Chairman of the State TNT Study Committee

CONSTITUTION & BY-LAWS
STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE AND C. T. S. RALLY
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

CONSTITUTION

PREAMBLE

The purpose of this organization will be to promote the Church Training Service Program (CTS) and provide a Youth Bible Conference with a strong Spiritual emphasis in the State of Georgia; to unify, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God, with the various churches throughout the state: so therefore we accept this Constitution.

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be the STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE AND CTS RALLY of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP: The membership shall be composed of all persons who are active members in a church which is a member of the Georgia State Association. Each member may participate fully in all activities provided by the organization.

ARTICLE III

COMMITTEE: The committee of this organization shall consist of a General Director, an Assistant General Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, the Promotional Secretary, and a Member at Large. This committee is to guide and direct the planning and programs of all meetings. It shall meet in preparation of all meetings as deemed necessary by the General Director and committee members.

This committee shall be under the direct supervision of the State Association and shall give a written report annually to the Association of all funds received and disbursed, and functions of the meetings during the year. The report should include objectives and any future plans being considered by the organization. The committee shall be responsible for appointing necessary leaders for the Competitive Activities.

ARTICLE IV

MEETINGS: The meetings of the organization shall convene twice each year. The

Youth Bible Conference will meet the last Friday and Saturday of February at Albany. The CTS Rally, to include all competitive activities (Music and Arts included) will meet on the second Friday and Saturday of May at the State Youth Camp or some other suitable place designated by the Committee.

ARTICLE V

FINANCES: The Finances shall be as follows:

- (A) Youth Conference -- shall be supported by the local churches contributing \$5.00 each, by the allocated percentage from the State Co-Operative Funds and by offerings.
- (B) The CTS Rally (Competitive Activities) -- shall be supported by the local, and district organizations, the allocated percentages from the State Co-Operative funds, competitive activities fees, registration fees and gifts.

SECTION 1: The Competitive Activity State winners shall have Registration Fees to the National Youth Conference paid from these funds.

SECTION 2: The Competitive Activity State winners shall receive a payment for one third (1/3) of their total MOTEL and TRAVEL expenses to the National Youth Conference from these funds. This money is only given to the participants (winners) that attend the National Competition and submit receipts for expenses to committee Secretary-Treasurer. It is suggested that 1/3 of the expenses be paid by the contestant's church and the remaining 1/3 by the individual.

ARTICLE VI

AMENDMENTS: This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the State Association of Free Will Baptists.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1: COMMITTEE

The State Executive Secretary shall be a standing member. The General Director, Assistant Director, Secretary-Treasurer, and the Member at Large shall be elected by the State Association every two years.

SECTION 2: GENERAL DIRECTOR:

It shall be the duty of the General Director to preside as chairman of the committee, and perform such duties delegated him by the State Association and the Committee. He shall submit annual written reports to the State Association.

SECTION 3: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Director to serve in full capacity of the General Director when he is absent. He shall serve in these capacities assigned him by the Committee.'

SECTION 4: SECRETARY-TREASURER

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the organization, and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office. Funds shall be held and disbursed by the treasurer at the approval of the committee.

SECTION 5: EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Executive Secretary shall serve as advisor and public relations man for the Youth Conference and the CTS Rally to the State Association. He shall be responsible for promotional needs.

SECTION 6: MEMBER AT LARGE

The Member At Large shall serve as Chairman of Registration Committee for all meetings of the organization.

SECTION 7: ADMENDMENTS

These by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a majority of the State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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. The Moderator shall be the President of the Corporation known as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist.

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. The Clerk shall be the Vice President of the Corporation known as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist.

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.

E. The Executive Secretary Treasurer shall be secretary-treasurer of of the Corporation known as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Section 4.

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

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

Section 5.

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

Section 6.

These By-Laws may be altered, changed, or amended at any regular session of this Association by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) 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.