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OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**

**MEETING AT THE  
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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
STATESBORO, GEORGIA  
NOVEMBER 17-19, 1977**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened Thursday evening, November 17, 1977, at the Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church, Statesboro, Georgia for its forty-first annual session. The service began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the congregation singing "I Am Resolved" under the direction of Rev. Bobby Parker, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Jesup, Georgia. The opening prayer was led by Mr. Gleason Fowler, layman at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. Rev. Billy Sharpston, Pastor of Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia led the congregation in the pledges of the American and Christian Flags.

The meeting was officially declared in session by the Clerk, Rev. James Roebuck, Pastor Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park, Georgia. After introducing the General Officers, the Moderator, Dr. Melvin Worthington, Pastor First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia was presented and took over his official duties as Moderator. Rev. Luther Burns, Pastor of Swainsboro Free Will Baptist Church, Swainsboro, Georgia and moderator of the South Georgia Association extended a warm welcome to everyone for the forty-first annual session. Dr. Worthington then recognized the following associations: South Georgia, Union, Martin, Midway, Little River, Chattahoochee, Georgia Union and a new association represented was the Twin Cities association. The Ogeechee association was not represented at this time.

The moderator appointed the Committee on Committees which consisted of Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Ronald Wallace, Rev. William Morris, Rev. Ernest Barnes, and Rev. Adam Scott.

The congregation was led in two more hymns entitled "Redeemed" and "Whosoever Will." An offering of \$77.79 was received at this time. Another hymn was sung by the congregation entitled "Heavenly Sunlight." Just prior to the message, Mr. Danny Thomas and wife, Bobbie, delivered the special music entitled "Jesus Will Be What Makes Heaven For Me." Mr. and Mrs. Thomas were accompanied by Miss Betty Croom at the piano. The evening message was delivered by Rev. Billy Hanna, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. Scripture for the message was taken from Hebrews 6:4-6. His subject was "The Possibility Of Apostacy."



Following the message, a partial report of the Credentials Committee was called for by the moderator and presented by Rev. Herbert Waid, Pastor of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, Georgia. MSC to adopt partial report of the Credentials Committee. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington then called for a partial report of the Executive Board. (See Reports Section). MSC to lay recommendation 1 and 2 on the table until Friday morning.

A move was made that the moderator appoint a Historical Commission to consist of three (3) members with three (3) year terms. One being elected each year. Motion carried. Members of this Commission consisted of Rev. James Ursrey, term to expire in 1978; Rev. Adam Scott, term to expire in 1979; Rev. Damon Dodd, term to expire in 1980.

There was a MS to adjourn. Motion was carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jack Williams, Editor of *Contact* magazine of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Nashville, Tenn.

### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session was called to order by the moderator at 9:00 a.m. The congregation sang the hymn "Amazing Grace" led by Rev. Bobby Parker. Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Pastor of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia opened the Friday morning session in prayer. Mr. Chuck Snow, layman at the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia, delivered the morning devotion entitled "Dare To Be Different."

The first item of business was a move to remove the recommendation of the Executive Board from the table. Motion was carried. The first part of the recommendation which consisted of a constitutional change in Article II, Section III was adopted. The second part of the recommendation which consisted of a constitutional change in Article II, Section V was also adopted. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington then recognized all standing and elected delegates. The moderator also recognized corresponding messengers and visitors.

A partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. MSC to adopt partial report of Credentials Committee. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Damon Dodd, Pastor of New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia. This report consisted of the recommendations of committees for the session. MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Executive Committee was given by the clerk. MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section). Immediately following the Executive Committees reports, the Executive-Secretary reported on the beginning of the Free Will Baptist Church and its growth down through the years to this present time. Financial reports of the Executive-Secretary were also given in this report. MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

Just prior the recess, we had time to hear from some of the National Ministries. Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director of Foreign Missions Department gave his report. In his report he mentioned the work accomplished this past year and the needs for the future. MSC to accept this report as information.

Dr. L. C. Johnson, President of Free Will Baptist Bible College, also

reported on the accomplishments over the past years and the good progress made at the present time. It was requested to continue to pray and remember the needs for the college in the future. It was MSC to accept this report as information.

Rev. Jack Williams reported for several of the National offices: Executive Department, Church Training Service, and Retirement and Insurance. It was MSC to accept these reports as information.

At this particular point on the program, it was time for recess.

The eleven o'clock service was begun promptly by the congregation singing "Standing On The Promises." Rev. James Ursrey, Pastor of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia led in prayer. After prayer by Rev. Kenneth Faison, Pastor of Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, Georgia, an offering of \$56.85 was received.

Special music was rendered by Dr. Worthington, Rev. Vernon Whaley, and Rev. Freddie Lockwood.

The morning message was delivered by Rev. William Travis, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Thomaston, Georgia, on the subject "The Three Gospel Ordinances." His scripture was taken from Matthew 26; and John 13.

After the message there were some announcements made by the moderator. We were dismissed in prayer by Dr. Worthington to be back at 1:30 p.m. for the afternoon session.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session began promptly at 1:30 with the opening hymn "Wonderful Words Of Life." Rev. Eddie Hodges led the congregation in prayer.

The devotional message was delivered by Rev. Billy Sharpston in the absence of Mr. Lamar Brooks. His subject was "Our Biblical Distinctives."

The business continued with reports from the National Ministries with a report from the National Layman's Board. This report was given by Rev. W. C. Combs, Pastor of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Georgia in the absence of Mr. Loyd Olsan. MSC to accept this report as information.

Rev. Harrold Harrison, Director of Sales and Promotion of National Sunday School Department gave the Sunday school report. It was MSC to accept this report as information.

We then received reports from the State Ministries. The first report came from the State Woman's Auxiliary. This report was given by Mrs. Barbara Roberts, President of Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary. It was MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

General Director of the State Youth Conference and CTS meeting, Rev. Vernon Whaley gave this report. It was MSC to accept this report as information. (See Reports Section).

The report of the State Ministers Retreat was given by Rev. Ernest Barnes, Pastor Berean Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. He reported the accomplishments made over the years; the good meeting this year and the progress being made for the 1978 meeting. It was MSC to accept this report as information.

Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Chairman of the State Board of Trustees gave the report of the Board of Trustees. MSC to adopt this report as read. (See Reports Section).



Mr. William Lewis, Sr., layman at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia gave the report of the Retirement and Insurance. It was MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Alabama Children's Home was given by Rev. Carlton Lambert. He reported on the accomplishments over the years and requested prayer for the needs in the future. It was MSC to accept this report as information.

Rev. Norman Richmond, Pastor of Harmony Free Will Baptist Church, Lake Butler, Florida gave the report of the Auditors Committee which was a good report. It was MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

Mr. Benny Lariscy, Deacon at White Hall Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia gave the report of the State Mission Board. It was MSC to adopt this report as read. (See Reports Section).

Rev. James Osborn, Pastor of Double Branch Free Will Baptist Church, Hawkinsville, Georgia and Camp Co-ordinator at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia gave the report of the Board of Christian Education and Camping. It was MSC to accept this report as information at this time. (See Reports Section). Due to this the report of the Executive Board on this subject was given. The report read thusly: It was MSC that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that option number three be considered which reads: "If we only want to retain summer camp sessions, sell Camp Mt. Bethel for the highest dollar and rent national, state, and privately owned camp sites for the summer camp sessions as desired." There was a M&S that option number three be adopted. After some discussion on the subject a M&S to amend the original motion to say that the interested associations who do use Camp Mt. Bethel for the purpose of camping be given first option to purchase the facilities. The amendment was carried. The original motion along with the amendment was denied.

Therefore, another M&S was made to take option number one as funds are provided. This motion was also denied. Then there was a M&S that we accept option number two which reads: "Keep Mt. Bethel as it is only doing the things necessary to meet minimum federal, state and local regulations." For one (1) year and each delegate go to their respective churches and discuss what they feel is best to do about the matter of Camp Mt. Bethel and report back at the next annual meeting. Motion was carried.

At this point the afternoon session came to a close by a M&S to adjourn until the evening service. Motion was carried.

### FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE

The evening service began with the opening hymn "The Churches One Foundation." Right after the hymn a report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. MSC to accept this report. (See Reports Section). Dr. L. C. Johnson led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. Damon Dodd extended a welcome to the congregation. The service began by doing something that had not been done at any State Meeting, as could be remembered, and that was to organize the Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church. The Executive Committee of the South Georgia Association of which the Statesboro Church is affiliated was included in this particular part of the service. Several members of this Association were responsible for different phases of the organization service. (See Reports Section).

After the organization service, the congregation was led in another hymn "The Banner Of The Cross." Special music was rendered by Rev. Vernon Whaley, Minister of Music at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, entitled "Jesus Paid It All."

Rev. William Morris, chairman of the State Board of Missions, welcomed and introduced the speaker of the hour for the evening message, Rev. Robert Wood. His subject was "A Peculiar People In A Peculiar Church" taken from Titus 2:14, Acts 4, and 1 Peter 2:9.

After the service the mission offering was recieved in the amount of \$331 to be divided equally between the State Mission Board and National Home Mission Board.

Dr. Worthington made some closing announcements after which we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. A. C. Truluck.

### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session began promptly at 9:00 a.m. by singing "Are You Washed In The Blood." Rev. J. E. Blanton, Pastor of Decatur Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia opened the session with prayer.

The devotional message was delivered by Mr. Tim Jordan, layman at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia on the subject of "Our Denominational Distinctives." Scripture was taken from James 1:17.

The first item of business was a report from the Historical Commission given by Rev. Damon Dodd. There were two or three items to be considered for action before this body. M&S to adopt this report in its entirety. Motion was carried. (See Reports Section).

A report of the National Home Missions Department was given by Rev. J. E. Blanton, board member of the National Home Missions Board. M&S to accept this report as information. Motion carried.

Rev. Damon Dodd was asked to give a report on the State Minister's Conference. MSC to accept this report. (See Reports Section).

There was a M&S to adopt the financial report of the Camp Board. Report was given by Mr. Guyton Adams and motion was carried. The Camp Board also reported some recommendations to the association. M&S to accept report. Motion was carried. (See Reports Section). Then there was a motion and second to act on recommendations item by item. Motion was carried.

Item No. 1—adopted

Item No. 2—adopted

Item No. 3—adopted

Item No. 4—adopted

A final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. MSC to acopt this final report. (See Reports Section).

The Executive Board gave their final report. MSC to adopt this report. (See Reports Section).

Mr. O. B. Everson presented the Budgeting Boards report for the upcoming year. It was M&S to accept this report. Motion was carried. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Rev. Vernon Whaley. It was MSC to accept this report in its entirety. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington was given the power to select delegates for the National

Association of Free Will Baptists which will convene in Kansas City, Mo. in 1978.

Delegates were:

Mr. Russell Brooten, Savannah, Georgia  
Mr. & Mrs. William Lewis, Sr., Moultrie, Georgia  
Mr. & Mrs. Gleason Fowler, Albany, Georgia

Alternates were:

Mrs. Adam Scott, Homerville, Georgia  
Mrs. Mona Parrish, Funston, Georgia  
Mrs. Linda McMillan, Folkston, Georgia  
Mrs. Bea Dowdney, Dublin, Georgia  
Mrs. W. C. Combs, Iron City, Georgia

M&S that the Executive-Secretary appoint delegates in absence of unfilled vacancies. Motion was carried.

The final report of the forty-first annual session came from the Resolutions Committee. This report was given by Mr. Gleason Fowler. There was a M&S to act on this report item by item. Motion was carried.

Item No. 1—adopted

Item No. 2—adopted

Item No. 3—adopted

Item No. 4—adopted

Item No. 5—adopted with amendment to change the wording of immorality to homosexuality.

Item No. 6—adopted

Item No. 7—adopted

The three men appointed by the moderator to serve as committee for the Saturday morning Layman's Breakfast at the State Meeting next year were: Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Mr. O. B. Everson, and Mr. Gleason Fowler.

Just prior the motion to adjourn, there was a motion and second made to take an offering to help subsidise the expense of the next insurance premium on Camp Mt. Bethel which was due December 1, 1977. Motion was carried and an offering of \$361.34 received.

Since there was no further business, this concluded the forty-first annual session and it was MSC to adjourn until the forty-second annual session which will convene at the Dublin Free Will Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia in 1978. Motion was carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Melvin Worthington, Moderator

Rev. James Roebuck, Clerk

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Executive-Secretary

## REPORTS SECTION

### REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

The Free Will Baptist Church has existed in America for two hundred fifty years. This is fifty years before America became a nation. The first church was organized in 1727 in Perquimans County North Carolina by Paul Palmer.

The Free Will Baptist Church has been in existence in Georgia for about



one hundred eighty four years. The Providence Church was organized between 1793-1895, in Columbus, Georgia by John Brodnax. Rev. Brodnax gave the land for the church and at his death was buried in the church cemetery.

This year (1977) Georgia Free Will Baptists has one hundred thirty churches and seven missions. Giving to Georgia churches reached \$1,562,804.90 in the last fiscal year.

Giving by Georgia churches to outside causes are:

Georgia State Office	\$55,734.42
National Foreign Missions	37,824.04
National Home Missions	20,687.57
Bible College (Nashville)	31,157.32
National Retirement Board	515.31
Given directly to:	
State Missions	16,798.86
Youth Camp	692.94
Trustee Board	107.00
Retirement Board	86.00
*Total	163,603.46

\*This does not include church benevolent giving, giving by church auxiliaries and giving directly to the Childrens Home in Alabama.

C. B. Dowdney  
Executive Secretary

**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD  
OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
Thursday, November 17, 1977**

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

- Saturday, November 20, 1976—Joint Board Meeting, Athens, Ga.
- Saturday, February 5, 1977—Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Ga.
- Saturday, May 7, 1977—Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga.
- Saturday, August 13, 1977—Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga.
- Thursday, November 17, 1977—Statesboro FWB Church, Statesboro, Ga.

All of these meetings were well attended by everyone. All business that was transacted was done in an attitude of harmony and predominated by the Spirit of Christ. Therefore, out of these meetings resulted the following reports and recommendations to be reported to this body assembled at our forty-first annual session November 17-19, 1977.

(A). The report that was given by the Resolution Committee at the last session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in Athens consisted of several recommendations. Out of these five there were two of these that concerned the State Minutes in the future. The Executive Board is proud to report that these problems have been corrected and trust that the Georgia State Association of FWB is well satisfied with the results. We seriously regret what has happened in the past and trust that we will not be found guilty of this again.

(B). Report—At the 40th annual meeting of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, there was a M&S that the Executive Board be empowered to implement proper auditing procedures after which all boards had been verified and presented to the Executive Board for approval. Motion was carried.

In a later meeting with the Executive Board, Rev. Tom McCall reported that, "We, the Auditing Board, have examined all the treasurers reports of all the boards and report that these records were found to be in order. It was MSC to accept this report.

Rev. McCall then gave some procedures for consideration and to adopt in order to have a more up-to-date auditing procedure to make it easier and less time consuming at the future associational meeting for each board to give their reports.

It was MSC to accept this report. Following the report there were three (3) recommendations to be acted upon by the Executive Board.

(1). To have the treasurers of each board fill out a form for the Auditors Board that will give a "Bank-to-Book reconciliation."

(2). To have all treasurers reports end on the same fiscal closing date as the State Office which is June 30.

(3). To have all Board Treasurers use the same uniform bookkeeping procedures set up by the Auditing Board.

MSC to adopt these procedures.

(C). Recommendation (1). It was resolved and passed by the Resolutions Committee last year that all persons serving on all boards be made standing delegates of this body. Therefore, this rendered a Constitutional change. Whereas in times past Article II, Section 3 in the Constitution has not included board members. Therefore, being recommended by the Executive Board in one of their board meeting, be it resolved that Section 3, Article II read thusly: "This association shall be composed of all active Ministers, Deacons, Missionaries, and Board members who are members of affiliated bodies: one (1) delegate for every three hundred (300) members or fraction thereof from each District Association: one (1) delegate for every one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof from each local affiliated church."

(2). It was also suggested by the Executive Board during one of their meetings to recommend to the State a change in Article II, Section 5.

Therefore, it would require this section to read as follows: "Funds to meet current needs of this body shall be paid to the treasurer of this association. Each District Association give a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) per delegate authorized, and each local church give ten cents (\$.10) per capita of their respective membership."

It was MSC to recommend these recommendations to the Georgia State Association for their approval and adoption.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dr. Melvin Worthington, Moderator  
Rev. James Roebuck, Clerk  
Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary

October 27, 1977

Office of the Executive Secretary  
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists  
Dublin, Georgia

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds listed below for the year ended June 30, 1977, and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1977.

General Fund  
Co-Operative—Designated Fund

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, 1977. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1976 and June 30, 1977; 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, 1976 through June 30, 1977. 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, 1976 through June 30, 1977.

Sincerely,  
William O. Pifer

**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, 1977**

**METHOD OF ACCOUNTING**—The accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements for the General Fund, and Special Fund have been prepared on a cash basis; taking into accounts cash receipts and cash disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1977. 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, 1976 to June 30, 1977.

**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**Note 1**

Payments totaling \$4,424.86 were made during the year on the notes



payable to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County by the Christian Supply Store, and \$770.00 was paid on these notes by the General Fund. Of the amount paid to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County, \$1,045.08 was paid on the \$7,500.00 installment note made February 2, 1972; and \$4,149.48 was paid on the \$8,298.96 note made February 15, 1976. The February 2, 1972 installment note had a remaining balance of \$4,877.04, and the February 15, 1976 note had a remaining balance of \$2,766.32.

**Note 2**

The statements do not include a provision for depreciation.

**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, 1977  
EXHIBIT "A"**

Cash Balance, July 1, 1976		59.15
Receipts:		
Special Fund Transfers Cash Deposits	\$3,587.50	
State Association Dues and Offering	493.78	
Printing	<u>34.95</u>	
Total Receipts		4,116.23
 TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		 4,175.38
Disbursements:		
Payment on bank loan principal & int.	770.00	
Office Supplies	2,495.39	
Audit Fee	98.52	
Typing of Minutes	10.00	
Postage	730.02	
Corporation Fee	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		4,113.93
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1977		<u>\$61.45</u>

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
SPECIAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1977  
EXHIBIT "B"**

Balance July 1, 1976 Special Fund	\$ 385.00
Cash Receipts Cooperative Plan of Support	33,660.61
Cash Receipts Designated Plan of Support	<u>22,073.81</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$56,119.42

**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Executive Secretary Salary	\$9,300.00	
Secretary Help	1,800.00	
Retirement	265.00	
Social Security	539.00	
Insurance	724.65	
Utilities	1,748.04	
State Missions	12,672.76	
Board of Trustees	2,554.86	
Board of Christian Education & Camping	1,642.42	
Board of Retirement	2,965.79	
Children's Home	3,241.07	
National Executive Department	2,788.82	
Audit Fee	328.40	
Bond	25.00	
General Fund	3,587.50	
Postage and Office Supplies	80.22	
State Youth Conference	444.24	
Executive Secretary & Board Members Mileage	3,647.87	
Bible College	875.90	
Union Mission	495.00	
Georgia Union Mission	164.05	
National Foreign Mission	3,249.82	
National Home Mission	1,851.99	
Midway Mission	20.00	
Perry Mission	52.12	
Dublin Free Will Baptist Church	<u>1,000.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$56,064.52</u>
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1977		\$54.90

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1977  
EXHIBIT "C"**

**SALES**

Cash Sales	\$50,990.23	
Charge Sales	20,746.97	
Total Sales		\$71,737.20

**COST OF GOOD SOLD**

Inventory July 1, 1976	25,009.98	
Purchases	<u>50,007.17</u>	
Goods Available for sale	75,017.15	
Inventory June 30, 1977	<u>24,415.30</u>	
COST OF GOODS SOLD		<u>50,601.85</u>

**GROSS PROFIT**

\$21,135.35



## OPERATING EXPENSES

Salaries	10,107.60	
Postage	2,110.72	
Office Expense and Supplies	349.30	
Rent	1,690.00	
Utilities	1,832.69	
Freight	641.13	
Taxes and Licenses	1,823.39	
Advertising	258.30	
Legal and Accounting	683.08	
Insurance	426.00	
Refunds	9.50	
Total Operating Expenses		\$19,841.71

## NET PROFIT FROM OPERATIONS

\$1,293.64

## OTHER EXPENSES

Interest	969.27
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## NET PROFIT

\$324.37

## GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

First of all we would like to say thank you for your prayers for State Missions this past year. We thank each church, each individual, and each association that financially supported State Missions this past year. We thank the state and local woman auxiliaries for what you have done for State Missions this past year. We thank the churches that gave fifty dollars a month to the support of the Dublin work. It is through your giving that God has supplied our needs.

We are supporting the Dublin bond program and Bro. Dowdney, housing and car allowance. We ask you to continue your support for this work. We need some churches to send fifty dollars a month for this work.

We are at this time supporting Dalton with \$850 a month. They have remodeled the old church which they purchased last year. They have purchased new pews and carpet for their church. They averaged 45 for morning worship for the month of August. Please continue your support for Bro. Wood and his people in Dalton with your prayers and offering.

We have supported Statesboro, Athens, Swainsboro and Perry with the support designated to their account.

On June 24, Bro. Thomas Coxwell from Rome, Ga., met with the mission board and asked for the use of the mobile chapel. The mobile chapel has been moved to Rome, Ga. and is being used by the Rome Mission under the leadership of Bro. Thomas Coxwell.

The mission board has set up a Rome land fund and have mailed out letters to the churches to inform them of this work in Rome and to help buy land for the mission in Rome.

We ask you to pray that God will open the door for a new work this coming year and supply the man and financial support for a new mission in Georgia. The needs for missions continue to grow.

Pray for God's leadership and guidance for your mission board and Free Will Baptists in Georgia this next year.

Respectfully submitted,  
Billy Hatcher, Chairman  
Benny Lariscy, Sec./Treas.  
Rev. L. S. Anthony  
Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
Rev. J. E. Blanton  
Rev. W. L. Morris  
Malcome Freeman

**GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD  
TREASURY REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 1, 1976—JUNE 30, 1977**

Balance September 1, 1976		\$ 3,577.66
Receipts:		
State Office	\$ 9,996.47	
State Woman's Auxiliary	1,686.08	
District Assoc. and Churches	15,212.78	
Total Receipts		<u>26,895.33</u>
Total to account for		\$30,472.99
Disbursements:		
Morris	1,038.48	
Johnson	1,749.85	
Burns	1,130.93	
Wood	6,366.73	
Hodges	1,600.00	
Dowdnes	2,275.00	
Perry Mission	321.00	
Albany Mission	54.00	
Postage	65.00	
Office Supplies	6.13	
Phone	66.00	
Printing	8.24	
Bond for Treasurer	50.00	
Roy Thomas (mission service)	50.00	
Wire State Office Equipment	106.40	
Board member mileage	459.84	
Insurance on Mobile Chapel	62.00	
Insurance on Dublin Church	355.60	
Dublin Bond Payment	5,569.87	
Bank note and interest	3,165.22	
Total Paid Out		<u>\$24,500.29</u>
Balance in Treasury		\$5,972.70

Respectfully submitted,  
Benny Lariscy, Sec./Treas.

**BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE  
OF GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FWB**

ANNUAL REPORT: October 1, 1976 —JUNE 30, 1977

Balance brought forward, October 1, 1976		\$826.66
Receipts:		
Cooperative program	\$1,806.94	
Woman's Auxiliary	40.00	
Christian Hill FWB Church	46.00	
Total Receipts		1,892.94
Total cash before disbursements		2,719.60
Disbursements:		
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	204.31	
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon	204.31	
Rev. H. L. Knighton	204.31	
Mrs. C. A. Gilbert	204.31	
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	204.31	
Mrs. W. J. Childre	204.31	
Rev. L. D. Scott	204.31	
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	204.31	
Mrs. A. B. Ard	204.31	
Total		1,838.79
Balance after disbursements		880.81
Expenses:		
Checks	7.86	
Postage	13.00	
Total expenses		20.86
Balance in Account, June 30, 1977		859.95

\*\*\* This report represents only nine months to bring the reporting date in line with the State and National offices. In the 12 month period date July 1, 1976—June 30, 1977 we received (\$2,957.97). Twenty-nine hundred fifty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents from the Cooperative Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
William S. Lewis,  
Secretary & Treasurer

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING  
Treasurer Report to the State Association  
October 1, 1976—June 30, 1977**

Receipts:		
Balance on hand October 1, 1976		\$1,689.04
Churches:		
New Prospect	80.00	
Peach Crest	50.00	
Oak Hill	12.50	
White Oak	50.00	

Bethlehem	185.00	
New Hope Mission	5.00	
Cool Springs	25.00	
Ozias	25.00	
Pleasant Hill	50.00	
Cross Roads	53.44	
Donalsonville	5.00	
Anonymous	10.00	
		550.94
Individuals:		
Charles Fetner	20.00	
Charlie Collum	5.00	
Curtis Gay	25.00	
Nora Walker	10.00	
Amos McMillinn	25.00	
Guyton Adams	25.00	
C. M. Chafin	25.00	
Barbara Roberts	5.00	
Dorothy Griffin	2.00	
		142.00
State Office and Co-op		1,227.85
Ga. State FWB Woman's Auxiliary		335.00
State Youth Conference		35.02
Thanksgiving Retreat		270.00
Canteen		624.93
Camp Bookstore		106.50
Church Retreat		27.99
June Session		1,044.00
Alumni Assn.		17.47
Moultrie National Bank		20.00
Irwin Co. E.N.C. refund		25.00
Little River Assn. Retreat		165.74
Bank of Upson (loan)		1,000.00
Total to account for		7,281.58
Total expenses		<u>6,217.40</u>
Balance in bank 6-30-77	\$1,064.18	
Disbursements:		
Heritage Insurance Managers		139.71
Pepsi Cola Bottlers of Crips Inc.		378.04
Powers Dist. Co		110.65
J & K Dist. Co.		98.78
Irwin Co. E.M.C.		818.28
Thomaston Telephone Co.		35.99
General Telephone Co.		100.00
Sycamore Gas Co.		497.36
Pridgen Bros. Co.		277.66
Morrison Grocery		408.35
Groceries bought in Macon for June Session		423.70

Christian Supply Store	159.13
Postage	18.00
Register and Taylor Drug Store	44.55
Kitchen Help	225.00
Board member mileage:	
Walter Hightower—1050 miles	126.00
Rev. Talmadge Worsley—341 miles	40.90
Rev. Amos McMillian—130 miles	15.60
Rev. Tom Parrish—400 miles	48.00
Rev. James Osborn—180 miles	21.60
Rev. William Travis—912 miles	109.44
Rev. Tom McCall—375 miles	45.00
	406.54
CCT Convention	237.50
Directors:	
Hershel Johnson	1,400.00
James Osborn	200.00
Car Expense (Osborn)	100.00
	1,700.00
Bank checks	10.41
Owed to camp	26.00
Misc.	101.75
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$6,217.40
Guyton Adams Sec. and Treasurer	

## YOUTH CONFERENCE

Balance as of October 1, 1976	\$282.10
Receipts:	
State Office	\$266.45
Youth Conference	351.12*
2 churches donation	10.00
TNT Rally	918.41*
Offering for Peter Waid	35.25
Interest earned	4.76
	1,685.99
	\$1,868.09
Disbursements:	
Youth Conference	
Insty Print	66.43
Dr. John Sponholtz	100.00
Rev. Carlton Lambert	100.00
Dr. Robert Picirilli	50.00
FWBBC Quartet	75.00
Lacinda Sponholtz	25.00
Albany Camera	4.00



Beth Whaley (postage)	19.10	
Herfords Barn	46.42*	
		\$485.95
Expense for Contestant to National (1976)		
Myra White	37.03	
Interest Penalty	1.31	
Peter Waid offering	35.25	
TNT Rally		
Albany Book & Supply	36.05	
Doyal Wholesale	14.89	
Ga. State Assn.	21.45	
Flowers Industries	19.52	
Flavor Rich	25.50	
Acc. Dist. Food	43.52	
Rev. Wallace	60.62	
Murphy Cash Store	73.91	
Whatley's Music	25.75	
Seelye's	28.43	
Albany Camera	1.61	
Tina Dodgen	33.00	
Art Tanner	33.00	
CTS National	199.98	
Edith Shiver	6.76	
Vernon Whaley	14.72	
Christian Education Bd.	35.02	
Jaco Fabric	5.91*	
Bottom Dollar	3.25*	
	<u>\$722.47</u>	
		\$1,282.03
Balance as of June 30, 1977		\$586.06

\*Includes cash payment of \$5 tip to Herefords Barn and 9.16 for ribbons for contestants at TNT Rally.

### GEORGIA STATE TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT OCTOBER 1, 1976—June 30, 1977

The Board of Trustees held 2 meetings during the past year, Dec. 11, 1976 and March 4, 1977. Items of business discussed and action taken:

1. Kenneth Murphy elected chairman.
2. Don Perry elected treasurer.
3. Rented State House in Moultrie for \$160.00 per month.
4. Put chain link fence and gate at entrance to Camp Mt. Bethel as instructed by the Executive Board.
5. Continue to work on report of State Fire Marshall.
6. Work with Camp Board and authorized spending on Camp Mt. Bethel repairs up to \$2,000.00.
7. Inventory all state property.

# BOARD OF TRUSTEE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT OCTOBER 1, 1976—JUNE 30, 1977

Balance in treasury October 1, 1976

Receipts:

State Office, Cooperative Plan	\$1,617.11
Woman's Auxiliary	62.00
Bethlehem Church, Berlin, Ga.	30.00
Camp Mt. Bethel Alumni	15.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,742.11</b>

Disbursements:

Moultrie House	405.84
Hurshell Johnson, Labor at camp	140.00
Board members mileage	89.76
Repair ice machine at Camp Mt. Bethel	122.90
Extrance lock for house in Moultrie	7.71
Repair on floor in house in Moultrie	62.39
Repair water line in house in Moultrie	25.00
Insurance on Camp Mt. Bethel	590.00
Chain link fence at entrance of Camp Mt. Bethel	222.60
Repair on air conditioner at house in Moultrie	19.75
Apperson Concrete Co., granite & drain pipe—Camp Mt. Bethel	169.95
Lewis Plumbing Supply, repair at Camp Mt. Bethel	16.53
Mitchell-Stewart Hdw.—repair at Camp Mt. Bethel	1,208.40
Rev. James Osborn, Labor at Camp Mt. Bethel	402.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,482.83</b>

Balance October 1, 1976	\$4,169.85
Total Receipts	1,724.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,893.96</b>

Disbursements	\$3,482.83
Balance in treasury, June 30, 1977	\$2,411.13

Respectfully submitted,  
Kenneth Murphy, Chairman  
Don Perry, Treasurer  
Board of Trustees

**NOTE:**

As instructed by Executive Committee we insured all State properties for 3 months at a cost of \$795.25, on one policy dated September 1, 1977. Spent since June 30, 1977 on Camp Mt. Bethel \$2,346.00

## SPECIAL REPORT FROM THE TRUSTEE BOARD

As instructed by State Association November 18, 1976, the Trustee Board met on March 4, 1977, and authorized Camp board to spend for repairs at Camp Mt. Bethel excluding emergencies \$2,000.00.

Camp Board spent:	
Mitchell-Stewart Hdw. Co.	\$1,797.15
Lewis Plumbing Supply	678.48
Apperson Concrete Co.	489.43
James Osborn, Labor	717.00
TOTAL	<u>\$3,682.06</u>

## AN INVENTORY OF STATE PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND VARIOUS MERCHANDISE

### INVENTORY OF CAMP MT. BETHEL:

1 Caretakers Home	\$15,000.00
1 Chapel	17,000.00
1 Girls Dormitory	16,000.00
1 Dining Hall	16,000.00
1 Canteen	6,000.00
1 Boys Dormitory	10,000.00
Contents on the same	2,500.00

101 Beds  
 94 bedspreads  
 114 mattresses  
 3—15,000 BTU Space Heaters  
 6—35,000 BTU Space Heaters  
 3 Hot Water Heaters  
 4 attic fans  
 188 folding chairs  
 3 fire extinguishers  
 2 speaker stands  
 11—2 x 8 tables  
 3 pianoes  
 10 mirrors  
 1 upright freezer  
 2 Coke boxes  
 2—20 ft. freezers  
 1 movie screen  
 1 double dresser & mirror  
 2 mop buckets & squeezers  
 21 dining tables  
 36 benches  
 1 commerical salad bar  
 1 Scotsman Icemaker  
 1 serving bar  
 2 commerical ovens  
 1 Garland commerical gas stove  
 Ronco Mimeograph machine  
 Land Acreage 27.6

1—48 cup coffee pot  
 2 Coffee makers 1-32 cup 1-42 cup  
 2-32 gallon trash containers  
 1 apartment size gas stove  
 1 refrigerator  
 1 commerical 3 tub stainless  
 steel sink  
 1 box work kitchen table  
 1 electric mixer  
 1 serving tray—rolling type  
 2 sofas & 1 chair  
 1 lawn mower  
 1 wheel barrow  
 1—12 ft. Alum. ladder  
 1—6 ft. wooden ladder  
 2 gallon compressed air sprayer  
 1 ax, 3 shovels, 1 weed cutter  
 1 craftman 1 hp motor  
 4 picnic tables  
 8 benches  
 1 water cooler  
 1 Ping Pong table  
 1 Electric fan—table model  
 1 Bluegrass Water Cooler—metal can  
 1 diving board  
 1—6½" circular saw  
 1 drill motor

## INVENTORY OF STATE OFFICE

Dublin Georgia Building	\$75,000.00
Contents	15,000.00
1 Multilith offset printing press, model 1250	
1 Olivette typewriter (old)	
1 A M 200 Electrostatic Copier	
1 plate burner	
1 medal desk	
1 A B Dick Drafting machine	
1 medal 4 drawer filing cabinet	
1 typewriter table	
1 medal 3 drawer cabinet with safe	
1 typewriter copy aide	
1 IBM Selectric typewriter	
1 Victor adding machine	
1-4 drawer wooden desk	
2 electric staple machines	
1 Addressograph machine	
1-2 x 8 wooden counter	
9 trays with addressing plates	
2 saddle staplers	
1 folding machine	
1 jogger	
2 paper cutters	
1 headliner typewriter	
1 Thomas collator (table top)	
1-24,000 BTU air conditioner	
1 wooden table	
2 wooden end tables	
1 chair	
15 folding chairs	
1 couch	
1 Custom Counter with vault safe	
(At Christian Supply Store, Moultrie, Georgia)	

### NOTE:

The figures used in the inventory do not suggest the estimated value of the above properties but shows the amount these properties are presently insured for against loss.

## INVENTORY OF THE CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

Stocks and fixtures	\$35,000.00
5 wire racks	
5 revolving racks	
2 revolving racks	
9 wire racks	

- 2 glass cases
- 2 wood racks
- 14 metal racks
- 1 card rack
- 3 counters
- 5 metal racks
- 1 wood rack
- wall shelves
- 1 tape rack
- 1 copy machine
- 1 cash register
- 1 name machine
- 2 adding machines
- 1 glass case

MOBILE HOME CHAPEL
\$6,000.00

50 folding chairs

1 small pulpit

1 central air conditioner (with connecting hose)

BRICK VENEER HOME IN MOULTRIE
\$25,000.00

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORTS

No. 1 November 17, 1977

Associations registered	5
Churches registered	5
Ministers	45
Deacons	12
Association Delegates	14
Church Delegates	8
Visitors	39
National offices visitors	2
Total registered	<u>117</u>

No. 2 November 18, 1977

Churches registered	3
Ministers	7
Deacons	5
Church Delegates	3
Association Delegates	1
Visitors	8
Board Members	1
National Visitors	<u>2</u>
Total registered	30
Combined total	147



No. 3. November 18, 1977

Ministers	3
Deacons	1
Church Delegates	2
Association Delegates	3
Visitors	6
Board Members	1
National Visitors	1
Total registered	<u>17</u>
Combined Total	164

No. 4 November 19, 1977

Ministers	2
Visitors	<u>27</u>
Total registered	29
Combined Total	193

No. 5. November 19, 1977—Final Registration Report

Associations registered	5
Churches	8
Ministers	57
Deacons	18
Church delegates	13
Association delegates	18
Visitors	80
Board Members	2
National visitors	5
Total registered	<u>193</u>

We, the Credentials Committee, submit this final and complete report:

1. Chatahoochee Association—\$10.00 and no delegates
2. Georgia Union Association—\$60 and 4 delegates
3. Little River Association—\$40 and 3 delegates
4. Martin Association—No dues and 1 delegate
5. Midway Association—\$60 and 4 delegates
6. Ogeechee Association—No dues and no delegates
7. South Georgia Association—\$50 and 1 delegate
8. Twin Cities Association—\$10 and 2 delegates
9. Union Association—\$30 and 3 delegates

1. Albany Church—No dues and 1 delegate
2. Bay Church—\$5.00 and 1 delegate
3. Bethlehem Church—\$10 and 1 delegate
4. Calvary Church—\$5 and 1 delegate
5. Cedar Springs Church—\$5 and 1 delegate

6. Emmanuel Church—\$5 and 1 delegate
7. Harmony Church—\$10 and 1 delegate
8. Macedonia Church—\$6.35 and 1 delegate
9. Midway Church—\$6.90 and 1 delegate
10. Philadelphia Church—No dues and 1 delegate
11. Poulan Church—\$5 and 1 delegate
12. Thomaston Church—\$13.70 and 2 delegates

## COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT

The Committee on Committees respectfully submits the following report:

### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Gleason Fowler—chairman
2. Rev. Larry Williams
3. Rev. Mance Cason
4. Rev. Billy Sumner
5. Rev. J. M. Goode

### NOMINATIONS:

1. Rev. Vernon Whaley—chairman
2. Rev. William Travis
3. Rev. Bobby Clyatt
4. Rev. Charles Beasley
5. Sherman "Dick" Jones

Respectfully submitted:

Damon Dodd—chairman  
William Morris  
Ernest Barnes  
Ronald Wallace  
Adam Scott

## STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

Theme: "Loves Commitment," Acts 3:6. Morning devotion was delivered by Charolette Tallent, Missionary appointee to France. Mrs. Sandra Payne, Missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa rendered the morning message. The afternoon devotion was delivered by Mrs. Geraldine Waid, former Missionary to Japan.

We have 587 members in our State Association. We wanted to raise \$5,046.13 as our state project for a Toyota for Allen and LaRue Crowson; we were able to raise \$4,943.67. A total of \$21,246.15 came through the Auxiliary Treasury.

We have a new district auxiliary in our State which is the Chatahoochee.

Our resolutions were:

1. Our pre-Easter offering given in honor of Miss Laura Belle Barnard be designated for the South India land project where Miss Barnard labored so many years.

2. We send a letter to our State Senators in regards to our stand against the ERA before December 31, 1977.

3. That we have a Wednesday night service before our State Association using our Missionary speaker with the Executive Committee working out details with the local church.

4. Our state project in the amount of \$5,000 is to be two-fold:

- (1) supplies and equipment for our Cuban Free Will Baptist Church.
  - (2) we put into the Wilkerson's account ear marked Kevin and Kimberly for their needs: to be approved by the Mission Board.
- (any undesignated money will be divided between the two projects.)

Our new officers for 1978-79:  
President—Mrs. Delores Burns  
Vice-President—Mrs. Opal Hatcher  
Secretary—Mrs. Eloise Wainwright  
Treasurer—Mrs. Ida Tabb  
Historian—Mrs. Edith Shiver  
Field Worker—Mrs. Martha Everson  
Members At Large:  
(1) Eva Middleton  
(2) Pam Gay  
(3) Udeen Pitts

Respectfully submitted,  
Mrs. Barbara Roberts

### STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT

As you may remember, according to the CTS and State Youth Conference Constitution, we are to hold two meetings: a February meeting for the purpose of a Youth Bible Conference and a May meeting for the purpose of State CTS competition.

The 4th Annual State Youth Conference convened February 25, 26, 1977 in Albany. Rev. Carlton Lambert, FWB Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama and Dr. Robert Picirilli, FWBBC, Nashville, Tenn. brought timely messages to Georgia youth. Dr. John Sponholtz, Dean of Graduate Music, Luther Rice Seminary, Jacksonville, Florida, co-ordinated the music and conducted the annual mass choir. The FWBBC Quartet brought an excellent ministry in music throughout the conference. On Saturday morning workshops for the youth and the adults were conducted by Dr. Sponholtz, Rev. Lambert and Dr. Melvin Worthington. Dr. Picirilli brought the final message on Saturday morning, February 26. There was well over 250 present for all services and more than 300 attended the Friday night meeting.

The May meeting was held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia. Meeting on May 14 and 15, the CTS meeting was highlighted by State Music and Bible Competitive activities. The Georgia State CTS conference sent some contestants to the National meeting in each of the nine categories. More than 130 registered for the competitive activities in May. Five associations were present.

The 1978 State Youth Conference will be held in Albany February 24 and 25. Tentative plans have been made. The 1978 conference will be highlighted by the annual youth choir, workshops and special speakers. Rev. Teddy Wilbanks, Springfield, Mo., pastor and excellent preacher, will be one of our guest preachers. All of our Georgia churches are urged to attend the conference. Each youth choir is asked to be represented in the mass choir.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Vernon Whaley,  
General Director

### AUDITORS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditors Committee, have examined the reports, balance books, and bank statements of the State Mission Board, State Trustee Board, Board of

Christian Education and Camping, Board of Retirement and Insurance and the Youth Conference and CTS rally and have found them to be in order.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Ernest Barnes  
Rev. Norman Richmond

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING**

The Board of Christian Education and Camping submit the following proposals. As we see it we have three options from which to choose.

- (1) Proceed with the long-range plans as presented above as funds are available.
- (2) Keep Mt. Bethel as it is, only doing the things necessary to meet minimum federal state, and local regulations.
- (3) If we only want to retain summer camp sessions, sell Mt. Bethel for the highest dollar and rent national, state and privately owned camp sites for the summer camp sessions as desired.

The choice is yours. If you think the profit of Mt. Bethel (1 Corinthians 10:31) is worth the cost then support it, if not then don't. Please vote your convictions and/or the convictions of those you represent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Christian  
Education and Camping

**ORGANIZATION OF**  
**Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church**  
**U.S. 80 East**  
**Statesboro, Georgia 30458**  
**Friday, November 18, 1977**

Hymn	
Prayer	
Welcome .....	Rev. Damon Dodd
Presentation of Bible .....	Rev. Garvin Page
Presentation of Treatise and Church Covenant .....	Rev. Luther Burns
Prayer of Consecration .....	Rev. Norman Richmond
Officers Presented .....	Mr. Howard Price
Election of Pastor and Church Officers .....	Rev. Damon Dodd
Prayer .....	Mr. Benny Lariscy
Hand of Fellowship	

**CAMP MT. BETHEL RECOMMENDATIONS TO STATE ASSOCIATION**

- (1) Raise camp fee to \$25 a week.
- (2) Activity fee \$20 per calendar day.
- (3) \$1 per day per person for non free Baptists groups additional to other fees.
- (4) Insurance fee and clean up be as follows:
  - 0-25 people—\$15      51-75 people—\$45
  - 25-50 people—\$30      76-100 people—\$60



## PLANNED SESSIONS

Georgia State FWB Woman's Auxiliary—April

CTS Competition—May

June 11-16, 1978—Everybody

June 25-30, 1978—Up to 11 years old

July 9-14, 1978—Old Camp Meeting, Everybody

July 30-August 4, 1978—12 years old and above

August 13-18, 1978—Everybody

Thanksgiving Retreat, Nov. 23-25, 1978—8 and older

Respectfully submitted,  
Board of Christian Education  
and Camping

## REPORT OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE

The Ministers Conference of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists held its annual meeting at the Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church, Statesboro, Georgia, Friday, November 18, 1977. There were 47 ministers present and \$49 in annual membership fees were received. Officers for the year were elected as follows:

Damon C. Dodd—President, Colquitt, Georgia

Billy Hanna—Vice-President, Savannah, Georgia

Billy McKinney—Sec./Treas., Jesup, Georgia

A program committee was elected by the group to prepare for the 1978 meeting in Dublin, Georgia. Leroy Cutler, Jacksonville, Florida and Norman Richmond, Lake Butler, Florida were named to this committee.

Cards of Ministerial Standing for the year 1977-1978 will be mailed to those ministers who registered for the meeting and paid \$1 annual fees. Those who were not present for the meeting yesterday may still qualify for their cards of standing by contacting Billy McKinney before you leave the meeting today.

Respectfully submitted  
by the Ministers Conference  
Damon C. Dodd, President

## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The newly appointed Historical Commission held its first meeting Friday, November 18, 1977 at Statesboro, Georgia. There are two or three matters that we want to present today for your consideration and action:

(1) We would like your permission to take membership in the Georgia Baptist Historical Society. This organization is sponsored by the Southern Baptist Convention of Georgia and membership is open to any Baptist group. They maintain a sizeable historical collection at Mercer University, Macon, Georgia and perhaps this collection includes the most extensive Georgia Free Will Baptist Historical collection anywhere. Membership in the Society would make all this material, plus all the services of the library there available to us. The cost to us would be \$4 per year.

(2) We encourage and urge every individual Free Will Baptist over the State to become aware of the importance of our heritage and history. Our denomination is 172 years old in Georgia. One of our early preachers whose remains lie in the old Providence Church Cemetery died in an Indian raid near Columbus, Georgia. Another of our forefathers, riding in his circuit during a Georgia blizzard in the early 1800's, upon arriving at his appointment, couldn't get off his horse because his boots were frozen to the stirrups. Rev. John Brodnax, the founder of our Free Will Baptist Church in Georgia, rode horseback from West Georgia to North Carolina to confer with the Free Will Baptist brethren there regarding proper procedures in organizing the Chattahoochee Association.

There are sure to be many more valuable facts surrounding our beginnings and growth in Georgia. A State Association existed sometime between the war between the states and 1905. So far, we have not been able to pinpoint the exact dates or find any records of work of this organization.

We believe that somewhere out there or right here in our state are valuable manuscripts, records, minutes, photographs, Court House records, and various documents that would add to our denominational story. We urge everyone of you to be on the lookout for any such material and if and when you find any of it, get it in your possession and send it to the Secretary of the Historical Commission, Dr. James Ursrey, 5328 Hilliard Ave., Columbus, Georgia 31904

Finally, we ask that you authorize the Historical Commission to launch a campaign over the State among our churches to raise \$2,000 for the purpose of restoring the grave of Rev. and Mrs. John Brodnax, the founder of our Free Will Baptist denomination in Georgia and pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church in our State. Their graves are in the old cemetery at Providence Church, Columbus, Georgia and are in a deplorable state. Restoration of the graves would consist of leveling the site, grave-markers with suitable wording on the stones, coping around the entire plot, and covering it with marble chips. We would also include an historical marker erected near the present Providence Church designating this as the site of the first Free Will Baptist Church in Georgia. Upon completion of the entire project we would plan a Memorial and Dedication service with appropriate ceremonies. Let us urge you to cooperate with us in raising this money for such a grand and worthy project. This is the least we could do in memory and honor of those worthy and courageous founders of our beloved church in Georgia. One hundred individuals and churches making gifts of \$20 each would result in raising the entire amount. Many of our churches and people could and will do more than this. But regardless of how we choose to go about it, let's do it to the glory of God and out of our gratitude to those to whom we owe such a debt of thanks. Send all funds for this project to our secretary or to the State Office, designated for this project.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Historical Commission  
Damon C. Dodd, chairman  
Adam Scott  
James Ursrey, Sec./Treas.

## FINAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD

M&S that moderator appoint a Historical Commission to consist of three

members with three (3) year term. One being elected each year. Motion carried.

M&S that we receive the Twin Cities Association under the watchcare of the State Association pending an examination by the Executive Committee who will bring a recommendation at the next annual association. Motion carried.

MSC that moderator appoint a committee to examine the Twin Cities Association and report back before the next annual session. Committee consists of the following: Dr. Worthington, Rev. James Roebuck, Rev. C. B. Dowdney, and Rev. Lamar Parrish. Motion was carried.

M&S that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that they recommend to each District Association to appoint one member of their Ordaining Council to serve on a committee to help develop standard guidelines for Licensing and Ordaining candidates for the Gospel Ministry and that the Executive-Secretary serve as chairman of said committee. Motion carried.

It was reported by the Bookstore Committee that the present Bookstore Manager, Rev. Curtis Alligood had resigned. Therefore, the Bookstore Committee searched out a new manager and found Wayne and Connie Lacy capable and qualified to operate and manage the Bookstore. This manager is to start working during December to learn the procedures of operation and then take over January 1, 1978 on a salary of \$12,000 yearly and after six months as sales increased, then an increase in salary would be considered. MSC to adopt.

M/S to make a recommendation that as quickly and feasible as possible that the Executive-Secretary and State Office be moved back to Moultrie and that the Mission Board and Bro. Dowdney and the mission take the necessary steps to implement this action. Motion carried.

MSC that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that Option No. 3 be considered. "If we only want to retain summer camp session, sell Mt. Bethel for the highest dollar and rent national, state, and privately owned camp sites for the summer camp sessions as desired."

MSC that the State Association meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia in 1979. An invitation was extended from the Twin Cities Association for 1980.

## BUDGETING BOARD REPORT

We, your Budgeting Board, wish to make the following report for your consideration:

(1) That a budget of \$40,000 be set for Cooperative giving the next associational year.

(2) That the breakdown of Cooperative receipts be as follows: That all Cooperative receipts will be tithed to our National work.

1. Georgia Free Will Baptist Historical Commission	3%
2. State Mission	45%
3. Board of Retirement and Insurance	22%
4. Board of Trustees	14%
5. Board of Christian Education and Camping	9%
6. State Youth Conference and CTS Rally	4%
7. Alabama Children's Home	3%
Total percentage of cooperative giving	100%

We urge all funds to be sent through the Cooperative Plan of support. We also realize some members feel led to designate part or all of



their giving, and in doing this you should ear-mark your giving to where it will go according to your wishes. For example, if you designate to the Trustee Board this will be given to the Trustees, or if you designate it to Camp Mt. Bethel or any other Board you designate it to this Board or organization.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Budgeting Board  
Mr. Ross Bennett  
Rev. Curtis Alligood  
Mr. O. B. Everson  
Mr. Carl Brown  
Rev. W. C. Combs

## REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

### MISSION BOARD:

- 81—Benny Lariscy—Little River Assoc.
- 81—James Ursrey—Twin Cities Assoc.
- 81—John Beasley—Ogeechee Assoc.
- 81—L. S. Anthony—Georgia Union Assoc.
- 81—J. E. Blanton—Chattahoochee Assoc.

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE:

- 81—M. M. Franks—Little River Assoc.
- 81—Harris Nix—South Georgia Assoc.
- 81—Hugh Ball—Twin Cities Assoc.
- 81—W. J. Wimberly—Ogeechee Assoc.
- 79—Larry Williams—Georgia Union Assoc. to fill unexpired term of E. E. Kelly
- 81—Joel Wainwright—Chattahoochee Assoc.

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

- 81—Don Perry—Little River Assoc.
- 81—Frank Williamson—Twin Cities Assoc.
- 81—John Cannon—Ogeechee Assoc.
- 81—H. E. Dunaway—Georgia Union Assoc.
- 81—Roscoe Pitts—Chattahoochee Assoc.
- 79—Emory Richardson—Martin Assoc. to fill unexpired term of Hollis Warren

### BUDGETING BOARD:

- 81—L. J. Chambless—Little River Assoc.
- 81—Carl Brown—South Georgia Assoc.
- 81—O. B. Everson—Midway Assoc.
- 79—Leroy Lightfoot—Union Assoc. to fill unexpired term of Curtis Alligood
- 81—Edward Newman—Twin Cities Assoc.
- 81—W. C. Combs—Martin Assoc.
- 79—Leroy Lowery—Ogeechee Assoc. to fill unexpired term of Drew Hopkins



**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING:**

79—Rowan Sirmans—Little River Assoc. to fill unexpired term of Amos McMillan

81—Billy McKinney—South Georgia Assoc.

81—Tom McCall—Midway Assoc.

81—James Shields—Twin Cities Assoc.

81—Charles Beasley—Ogeechee Assoc.

81—S. E. Newberry—Martin Assoc.

79—L. F. Ogletree—Chattahoochee Assoc. to fill unexpired term of William Travis

**AUDITORS COMMITTEE:**

78—Billy Sharpston—Midway Assoc.

78—Freddie Lockwood—South Georgia Assoc.

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:**

78—Herbert Waid—Little River Assoc.

78—Bea Dowdney—Georgia Union Assoc.

78—Laverne Alligood—Midway Assoc.

**STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE:**

Ronald Wallace—General Director

Norman Richmond—Assistant Director

Mrs. Brenda Williams—Secretary-Treasurer

Edith Shiver—Member At Large

C. B. Dowdney—Executive-Secretary

**GENERAL OFFICERS:**

Dr. Melvin Worthington—Moderator

Lamar Parrish—Assistant Moderator

James Roebuck—Clerk

James Osborn—Assistant Clerk

Nomination as Senator from Georgia for Master's Men State Elect as State representative for Master's Men: Mr. Chuck Snow

Georgia Representative for National General Board at National Association in Kansas City, Mo.: Rev. Adam Scott.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Nominating Committee  
Rev. Vernon Whaley, chairman  
Rev. William Travis  
Rev. Bobby Clyatt  
Rev. Charles Beasley  
Sherman "Dick" Jones

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Resolutions Committee, do hereby submit to this body the following resolutions:

(1) Be it resolved that we have an annual Layman's Breakfast on Saturday

morning of our Georgia State Convention beginning next year and that the moderator appoint a committee of three (3) laymen to be responsible for planning and promoting the one in 1978. Adopted.

(2) Whereas it is impossible for the ones in the back to hear the speakers, be it resolved that microphones be installed for state meetings. Adopted.

(3) Be it resolved that some arrangements be made to tape the messages of the State Association, making them available for purchase. Adopted.

(4) That the church which is hosting the State Association be responsible for providing nursery attendants. Adopted.

(5) Be it resolved that the clerk of the Georgia State Association write Mrs. Anita Bryant, commending her on her stand against immorality and assuring her that she has our support and prayers. Adopted along with the amendment to change the wording of immorality to homosexuality.

(6) Be it resolved that this association express to Brother and Sister Alligood our appreciation for their faithful and dedicated service for the two years served in the Christian Supply Store at Moultrie, Georgia. Adopted.

(7) Whereas, the Free Will Baptist Church of Statesboro, Georgia has been such a gracious host for the Forty-first Annual Meeting of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists; be it resolved therefore that we express to them our appreciation by a rising vote of thanks. Adopted.

Respectfully submitted,  
The Resolutions Committee  
Gleason Fowler, chairman  
Billy Sumner  
Larry Williams

## MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION NOVEMBER 17, 1977 STATESBORO, GEORGIA

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular annual meeting November 17, 1977 at Statesboro Free Will Baptist Church, Statesboro, Georgia. The theme was "Love's Commitment" Acts 3:6. The meeting was opened by congregation singing "Love Divine" followed by prayer by Mrs. Cauley. Janice Cason and Myrtle Wood served as Chorister and Susan Waters as Pianist.

The welcome was given by Miss Delora Johnson. Charolette Tallent, Missionary appointee to France, gave the morning devotion. Pam Gay, White Oaks, Macon sang "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus."

The meeting was called to order by the President, Barbara Roberts, and the following committees were appointed:

CREDENTIALS: Caroline Hightower, Janice Wallace, Myrtle Woods

REGISTRATION: Carol Barnes, Eva Middleton, Eudine Pitts

FINANCE: Ida Tabb, Ruby Wells, Norma Combs, Gloria Johnson, Linda McMillan

RESOLUTIONS: Geraldine Waid, Nadine Scott, Nelda Williams, Faye Ogletree, Helen Lewin

The visitors, pastors, and laymen were recognized and welcomed. Barbara Roberts spoke on pastors and Woman's Auxiliary.

The partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and the delegates were seated. The Chattahoochee District was welcomed into the state. Martha Everson, Field Worker, gave a report on the work in the state. The congregation sang "I Love To Tell The Story," followed by a special prayer for June Wilkerson's health.

Ann Travis and Sandy Casebolt sang "Lovest Thou Me," after which Geraldine Waid introduced our missionary speaker, Sandra Payne, Ivory Coast. After an interesting, inspirational message by Mrs. Payne we were dismissed for lunch served by the Statesboro Church.

The meeting was reconvened after lunch to the congregational singing of "My Savior's Love," followed by a devotion on commitments by Geraldine Waid. Nelda Williams gave her testimony and sang "I Cannot Fail The Lord."

The following reports were given and accepted: Treasurer's, Historian's, Registration, Finance, and Credential Report. (See Reports) The Resolution Committee's Report was received and voted on item by item. All items passed with the exception of Item No. 4.

Motion seconded and passed to change Article IV of the By-Laws by deleting "and properly qualified by paying a registration fee of \$1.00." Article IV now reads: "This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention together with the district presidents, the district field workers, ten delegates, (duly accredited by the Credentials Committee) from each district convention and four delegates and the president from each local auxiliary in good standing with its district convention."

The following delegates were appointed to the National Convention: Nadine Scott, Edith Shiver, Sandy Casebolt, Norma Combs, Florrie Mae Alexander, Geraldine Waid, Gail Ward, Nancy Johnson, Mathel Barnes, Faye Faison, Opal Hatcher, Helen Lewis, Ann Travis, Janice Wallace, Carol Barnes.

Correspondence from the Executive Secretary, Cleo Purcell, was read. Bro. Anthony spoke on Madelyn O'Hair's efforts concerning TV and radio.

The Nominating Committee report was given and the following officers were elected: PRESIDENT: Delores Burns, VICE-PRESIDENT: Opal Hatcher, SECRETARY: Eloise Wainwright, TREASURER: Ida Tabb, HISTORIAN: Edith Shiver, FIELD WORKER: Martha Everson, MEMBERS AT LARGE: Eudine Pitts, Eva Middleton, Pam Gay.

The minutes were read and accepted. Pauline Patridge installed the new officers with an installation service, "Many Members—One Body," followed by a prayer of dedication by Barbara Roberts, after which we were adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Caroline Hightower, Sec.  
Barbara Roberts, President

#### CREDENTIALS REPORT:

We, the Credentials Committee, find 7 districts have paid dues representing 587 members at the end of this year. These districts are made up as follows:

DISTRICT	AUXILIARIES	MEMBERS
Chattahoochee	4	36
Georgia Union	4	44
Little River	6	49
Martin	4	59



Midway	13	170
Union	4	45
South Georgia	<u>12</u>	<u>184</u>
	47	587

There is an increase of 34 members over last year and we are represented by one new district—Chattahoochee.

### REGISTRATION REPORT:

A total of 171 was registered as follows:

		District Delegate	Local Delegate	Minister	
State Officers		8			
Chattahoochee		4	7	2	
Georgia Union		7	7	7	
Little River		3	3	2	
Martin		2	2	1	
Midway		6	4	7	
Ogeechee				2	
Twin City				4	
South Georgia		6	23	3	
Union		3	2	4	
Missionaries				3	
Visitors	49				
Total	49	39	48	35	171

### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Whereas there is a special need for some \$1,000-\$1,500 for money for land in South India for a Free Will Baptist Church in the city of Coimbatore and whereas this is the field where our own Laura Bell Barnard labored so faithfully in South India, be it resolved that Laura Bell Barnard offerings received during the pre-Easter Week of Prayer be earmarked for this project.
2. Whereas many people arrive for the State Auxiliary Convention on Wednesday, be it resolved that we sponsor a Wednesday night service beginning next year and that the Executive Committee assume the responsibility for planning and working out the details.
3. Whereas we as Christian women are against the Equal Rights Amendments (ERA); be it resolved that we urge each auxiliary member to send letters of opposition to their District Senators and Representatives to the State Legislature. Letters should be posted prior to December 31, 1977, in order to reach our Representatives before the 1978 session convenes.
4. Whereas there is confusion at registration on local auxiliary fees; be it resolved that each local auxiliary desiring to represent send registration fees in advance in the same manner as the district fees. (defeated)
5. Whereas the Statesboro Church has given us such a warm welcome, be it resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.
6. Be it resolved that our 1977-78 Georgia State project be two-fold, (1) Funds for equipment for the Cuban Free Will Baptist Church and (2) funds for the Wilkinson's account earmarked for Kevin and Kimberly and that we set



\$5,000 as our goal for this two-fold project with all undesignated gifts being equally divided between the two.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

Balance in treasury from the annual report today	\$ 899.84
Representation fees received since report prepared	18.25
Gifts to convention speaker (\$40.00 in annual report)	115.00
Local auxiliaries representation fees	22.00
Offering received today	116.65
Total receipts	<u>\$1,171.74</u>

We recommend the following disbursements:

WNAC Per-Capita membership fees (587 members @ \$1.00 per member)	587.00
Love offering to speaker—Sandra Payne	125.00
Expense of convention speaker	100.00
Printing of programs	7.50
Love offering for Charolette Talent	100.00
Total disbursements	<u>919.50</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$252.24

**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 chairman of each of the standing boards shall compose the Executive Board.

SECTION 3. This association shall be composed of all active Ministers, Deacons, Missionaries, and Board members who are members of affiliated bodies: one (1) delegate for every three hundred (300) members or fraction thereof from each District Association: one (1) delegate for every one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof from each local affiliated church.

SECTION 4. All delegates from District Associations 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 to the treasurer of this association. Each District Association give a minimum of fifteen dollars (\$15) per delegate authorized, and each local church give ten cents (\$.10) per capita of 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 (2) 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 to 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 behalf of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in any and all transactions involving any of its properties but shall do so strictly in accordance with instructions given by said State Association in regular or called session.

SECTION 6. There shall be a Board of Auditors whose duty it shall be to audit the accounts of all boards of this association annually.

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

SECTION 8. There shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptists Children's Home, Eldridge, 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 Baptists have no power or final authority to hire fulltime employees until the matter has been presented to and acted on by this association in regular session. This does not apply to fulltime missionaries sent out under the Mission Board.

SECTION 3. Vacancies in the list of general officers on any of the boards, which occur between regular sessions of this State Association, may be filled by the Executive Board until the convening of the annual session of said association.

SECTION 4. Election of all general officers shall take place on the odd years of the calendar.

SECTION 5. If a member of any board fails in the function of his or her duty without good and sufficient 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.

Any standing board of this State Association may appoint 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 6. 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 (2/3) vote of all delegates present and voting at any regular session of the State Association. Prior to a final vote on any amendment, change or alteration, said amendment, change or alteration shall be submitted in writing to the clerk of this association and shall lie on the table from one business session to the next during which time it shall be read at least two (2) times in open session. Officers, standing boards, and/or standing committees may be added or deleted as the need arises.



## BY-LAWS

### SECTION 1.

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

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 Baptists.

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

### SECTION 3.

A. The Executive Secretary shall 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 shall be Secretary-Treasurer 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 (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.