# 1978 MINUTES GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION

MEETING AT THE DUBLIN FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH DUBLIN, GEORGIA NOVEMBER 16-18, 1978

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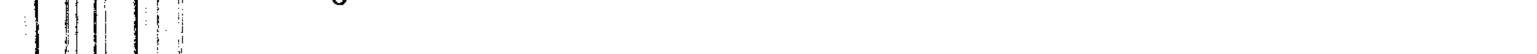
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### STATE PAPER

### MINUTES OF THE FORTY-SECOND ANNUAL SESSION GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened Thursday evening, November 16, 1978 at the Dublin Free Will Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia for its Forty-Second Annual Session. The service began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven" under the direction of Mr. Danny Thomas, Minister of Music at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. The opening prayer was led by Rev. Billy Sharpston, Pastor of Bellview Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia. Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell was the pianist for the evening service. Mr. Thomas also led the congregation in the pledge to the flags.

The meeting was officially declared in session by the Clerk, Rev. James Roebuck, Pastor of Memorial Free Will Baptist Church, Surrency, Georgia. After introducing the general officers, the Assistant Moderator, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Pastor of Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, was presented and took over his official duties as Moderator. Rev. Jerry Williams, Moderator of the Georgia Union Association and Pastor of Cross Roads Free Will Baptist Church, Cochran, Georgia, extended a warm welcome to everyone for the Forty-Second Annual Session. Rev. Parrish then recognized the following Associations: Little, River, South Georgia, Twin Cities, Ogeechee, Chattahoochee, Midway, Martin, Georgia Union and Union.



The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees which consisted of Rev. W. C. Combs, chairman; Rev. Adam Scott; Rev. Curtis Alligood; Rev. Roger Russell and Rev. Jim Lugo.

The congregation then sang two more hymns, "Count Your Blessings" and "His Way With Thee." We were led in prayer by Rev. Irvin Murphy. An offering of \$61.91 was received. Just prior to the message, special music was rendered by Mr. Danny Thomas, Rev. Bobby Parker, Rev. Freddie Lockwood entitled "Without Him." They were accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell. The evening message was delivered by Rev. W. C. Combs, Pastor of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Georgia. His subject for the message was "The Church and Its Ministry" taken from 1 and 2 Timothy and Genesis.

Following the message, a partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Herbert Waid, Pastor of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, Georgia. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section)

The moderator also called for a partial report of the Executive Board. This report read as thus: "Following the examination of the Twin Cities Association by the Committee of the Executive Board, we recommend that the Twin Cities Association be accepted into the State Association and their delegates be seated." This recommendation was M.S.C.

There was a M. & S. to adjourn. Motion carried and we were dismissed in prayer.

#### FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session was called to order by the Moderator, Dr. Worthington at 9:00 a.m. The congregation began the service by singing "Face To Face" led by Rev. Vernon Whaley. Accompanied by Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell at the piano. The morning devotion was delivered by Rev. Ernest Barnes, Pastor of Berean Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. His subject for the message was "The Father and His Purpose." Scripture taken from Ephesians 5:23.

Dr. Worthington then recognized all visitors, both local and National.

The report of the Committee on Committees was presented by Rev. W. C. Combs. M. & S. to receive this report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

A report was received from Dr. Roger Reeds of the National Sunday School Department in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Reeds report was informative and interesting. He also related to us the merger of the Sunday School Department and the Church Training Service Department. There was a M. & S. to receive this report as information. Motion carried.

The Credentials Committee gave their report. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

The Moderator then recognized all delegates, both standing and elected. There was a M. & S. to seat all delegates. Motion carried.

The report of the Executive Board was read next by the clerk. There was a M. & S. to receive this report and act on it item by item. Motion carried.

Item No. 1–Constitution Committee–Adopted

Item No. 2—Bible Institute—M.S.C. to lay on table until next session.

Item No. 3–Guidelines and Exam for Ministers–M.S.C. to lay on table until next session.

Item No. 4—Construct Finance Committee—Adopted (Committee named) Item No. 5–Sale of Mt. Bethel–M.S.C. to table until next session.

Item No. 6-Study of Retirement Center-Adopted (Committee named)



Item No. 7—Sale of Dublin Property—M.S.C. to table until Saturday morning.

Item No. 8–Invitation by Martin Association for 1981 session.—Adopted

Item No. 9—Sound and Taping equipment—M.S.C. to adopt the decision made by the Executive Board.

(See Reports Section)

The report of the Executive-Secretary was given by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. There was a M. & S. to receive this report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section.)

The next report to be given was the Committee of the Retirement Center and the Constitution Committee. The officers of each committee was named. The officers of the Retirement Center study are: Rev. Jim Lugo, chairman, Rev. Adam Scott, Mr. O. B. Everson, Mr. William Lewis, Sr., and Mr. E. A. Welch, Jr. The officers of the Constitution Committee: Dr. James Ursrey, chairman, Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Rev. Larry Williams, Rev. Billy McKinney, and Rev. Bobby Whittaker. There was a M. & S. to receive this report. Motion carried.

We then heard from some of the National Offices. The first report was from the Foreign Missions Department by Rev. Rolla Smith, General Director. His report consisted of the progress made over the past year and the desperate prayer and financial needs for the present time and future. There was a M. & S. to accept this report as information. Motion carried.

The next report from the National Offices was from Rev. Jack Williams representing *Contact* Magazine and the Executive Office. M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

Following this report, Rev. Herman Hersey presented the report of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. It was M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

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

When the pianist began playing, it was time to re-convene for the 11:00 a.m. service. The congregation began by singing "When We Walk With The Lord." An offering of \$55.50 was received by Rev. W. C. Combs and Rev. Bobby Parker.

Just prior to the message, Rev. Vernon Whaley rendered special music entitled "God Leads His Dear Children Along."

The morning message was delivered by Rev. Kenneth Faison, Pastor of Cedar Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Cedar Springs, Georgia. His subject was "The Church and Its Message." Scripture taken from Hebrews 1:1, 2.

After the benediction, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session began promptly at 1:30 p.m. by singing "Power In The Blood." Rev. whaley then led the congregation in a chorus or two just prior to the afternoon devotion.

Rev. Billy McKinney, Pastor of Spring Grove Free Will Baptist Church, Jesup, Georgia delivered the afternoon devotion on the subject "The Mother and Her Position." Scripture taken from Ephesians 5 and 6.

After the devotion, the business session of the afternoon began by receiving reports from the state ministries.

The first report was from the State Woman's Auxiliary by Mrs. Martha

Everson. It was M.S.C. to receive this report as information. (See Reports Section).

The next report came from the State Youth Conference and CTS rally by Rev. Ronald Wallace, Pastor of Midway Free Will Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia. It was M. & S. to receive this report as information. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

We then heard a report from the National Home Mission Department by Rev. Trymon Messer, Associate Director. The report was also received as information.

Rev. W. C. Combs presented the report of the National Master's Men. This report was received as information.

Rev. Paul Ketteman, Director of Public Relations, gave the report of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The report was informative and interesting. It was M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

Mr. Curtis Gay, layman at Bay Free Will Baptist Church, Hartsfield, Georgia, gave the report of the Alabama Childrens Home in Eldridge, Alabama in the absence of Rev. Carlton Lambert. Bro. Lambert could not be present for the meeting this time because of the death of his oldest son. It was M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

The next report came from the Christian Education and Camping Board by Mr. Guyton Adams. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

Rev. James Ursrey, Pastor of Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia gave the report of the Historical Commission along with its

recommendations. It was M.S.C. to adopt this report along with its recommendations. (See Reports Section).

The Board of Retirement and Insurance report was given by Mr. William Lewis, Sr. There was a M. & S. to receive this report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

Bro. Benny Lariscy gave the report of the State Mission Board. It was M.S.C. to accept this report. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Trustee Board was given by Mr. Kenneth Murphy. It was M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

Rev. W. C. Combs gave the report of the Budgeting Board along with its new budget and allocations for each state department. There was a M. & S. to adopt this report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

Just before the dismissal of the afternoon session, Rev. Herbert Waid gave the report of the Credentials Committee. There was a M. & S. to accept this report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

We were then dismissed until the evening service.

# FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE

The evening service began at 7:30 p.m. with opening hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story" directed by Rev. Vernon Whaley and accompanied by Mrs. Shirley at the piano. Rev. J. E. Blanton led the congregation in prayer.

Rev. William Morris welcomed everyone to the service and also introduced several of the State Missionaries. Rev. Larry Nix, Missionary to the Atlanta area, shared a few words concerning the needs and the accomplishments of getting started sometime in 1979.



Following his report, Bro. Nix and his family were commissioned to the Atlanta area by the members of the Mission Board. The charge was delivered by Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. Trymon Messer led in the commissioning prayer while other board members joined in by laying on hands.

Rev. Whaley then led the congregation in another hymn "My Jesus I Love Thee." Special music was rendered by Rev. Bobby Parker, Dr. Worthington, Rev. Freddie Lockwood, Rev. Vernon Whaley, and Danny Thomas.

Just before Rev. Ernest Harrison, Interim Pastor of Dalton Free Will Baptist Mission, Dalton, Georgia came to deliver the evening message on "The Church and Its Mission," an offering of \$500.60 was received. After delivering a wonderful and very inspiring message, Rev. Jerry Johnson, Pastor of Athens Free Will Baptist Church, Athens, Georgia, rendered the prayer of benediction.

#### SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

We began the session promptly at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Worthington leading the congregation in the hymn "When We All Get To Heaven."

Rev. Lamar Parrish did a marvelous job in his devotion on "The Children and their Place." He used Ephesians 6:1-3 for his text.

The business session began by Rev. Billy McKinney giving the report of the State Minister's Conference. M.S.C. to accept this report. (See Reports Section).

Mr. Gleason Fowler gave the report of the first State Layman's Breakfast. A committee was also chosen for the next Layman's Breakfast to be held in Albany, Georgia. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section). The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Herbert Waid. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Kenneth Faison gave the report of the Nominating Committee. It was M.S.C. to receive this report along with the new elections.

Authorization was given to Dr. Worthington by the State Association to nominate the delegates to the National Association to be held in Charlotte, North Carolina in 1979. Also Rev. C. B. Dowdney, the Executive-Secretary, was given the right to appoint delegates in the absence of unfulfilled vacancies. This motion and second was carried.

Those chosen by the Moderator to be delegates were: Mr. Gleason Fowler, Mr. William Lewis, Sr., Mr. Billy Hatcher, Mr. Danny Thomas, and Mr. Benny Lariscy. The alternates to fill the unfulfilled vacancies of those five chosen delegates are the wives of these delegates.

The next report to be rendered to the state was the Auditors Committee report. It was M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Pastor of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia, gave the report of the Resolutions Committee. It was M.S.C. to adopt this report along with its recommendations. (See Reports Section).

There was a M. & S. to re-elect Dr. James Ursrey back on the Historical Commission. Motion carried.

There was a M. & S. to remove Items No. 2, 3, 5, & 7 from the table for final discussion. Motion carried.

Item No. 2—Bible Institute—after thorough discussion and explanation of the program, this item was adopted with the blessings of the state upon it.

Item No. 3—Guidelines and Exam for Ministers—After discussing the matter properly along with the changes made within them, it was M. & S. to



adopt these guidelines and send them to all District Associations for their ratification and bring back to the State Association in 1979. Motion carried. (See Reports Section). There was a M. & S. to include in the 1978 Minutes a copy of these guidelines. Motion carried.

Item No. 5—Sale of Mt. Bethel—The recommendation was in connection with selling Camp Mt. Bethel and taking the money received to invest for the purpose of promoting camping among the youth of the state. After much deliberation and discussion on the subject, it was M. & S. to give the Camp Board general authority for operation overall of Camp Mt. Bethel and the Trustee Board only hold title to the property. Motion carried.

Item No. 7—Sale of Dublin Property—Also after much discussion concerning the present situation in order to make a suitable motion about what procedures to take. It was finally decided to table this issue until next year and let the Mission Board continue to strive with the Lord's help and blessings to keep the work going and for all people concerned to back it up with prayer and financial support. This decision was M.S.C.

Since Rev. Vernon Whaley was leaving the State of Georgia to take up residence in Nashville to teach at the Bible College, and had done such a marvelous job over the years of his being involved in the work of the state, it was M. & S. to give him a rising vote of thanks to show our appreciation to him and all he had done. Motion carried.

Since all the business of the state had been concluded, there was a M. & S. to adjourn until the 1979 session to be held in Albany, Georgia. We were dismissed with Rev. Lamar Parrish leading the congregation in prayer and giving thanks for all the pioneers who were responsible for founding, organizing, and establishing the Georgia State Association and the National Association.

There were probably other items discussed but time and space will not permit it at this time. More details in the minutes.

The first Ga. State Layman's Breakfast proved to be, not the last for sure, a very successful one with 73 present.

In closing, we'd like to see the same 166 that attended the meeting this year also attend the 43rd meeting in Albany with many more.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. James Roebuck, Clerk

# REPORTS SECTION REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The past two years have been very hard. The role of missionary pastor and Secretary/Treasurer of the State Association, are really two full time jobs. Any one with two full time jobs cannot give either one his very best. Realizing the great necessity of this dual role, to keep the Dublin Mission open, I have done the best I could. While the Dublin Mission still has a long way to go, it is now in a good position to at least exist. If a missionary can be found to work with the Mission, we can still have a good church in Dublin.

Cooperative giving is down a little from last year. I believe the lack of personal contact is the reason for the drop. We can be proud of the way our Georgia Free Will Baptists have given to the State and National work. Giving by our people have reached an all time high.

Giving by Georgia churches to outside causes are: Georgia State Office National Foreign Missions National Home Missions Bible College (Nashville) Building Fund National Retirement Board Childrens Home (Alabama) Given directly to: State Missions Youth Camp Trustee Board Retirement Board Historical Commission TOTAL GIVING

\$52,317.0747,647.44 24,117.68 27,939.85 6,261.20 427.13 15,125.91 14,980.69 5,443.53 832.42 13.00 169.91 195,275.83

C. B. Dowdney Executive Secretary

## REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Thursday, November 16, 1978

The Executive Board held five meetings during the past year as follows: -Saturday, November 19, 1977-Joint Board Meeting, Statesboro, Ga.

-Saturday, February 11, 1978-Camp Mt. Bethel, Asburn, Ga.

-Saturday, May 13, 1978-Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Ga.

-Saturday, August 12, 1978-Camp Mt. Bethel-Ashburn, Ga.

-Thursday, November 16, 1978-Dublin FWB Church, Dublin, Ga.

Well, it has been a good year this year and business has been taken care of without any problems. The board members have been active and have handled things smoothly, harmoniously and in 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-second annual session, November 16-18, 1978 for your actions and approval.

(A) In the report of the Resolutions Committee at the Forty-first annual session, it was M.S.C. by the state to have sound and taping equipment installed for the benefit of hearing the speakers better and having messages at the meeting taped for those who would like to purchase them.

The Executive Board discussed this matter to some detail and made a M. & S. to postpone the idea basically because the association did not allocate the sufficient funds for it. Motion carried.

(B) Another item of business that was discussed among the Executive Board was a M. & S. to authorize the Trustee Board to borrow enough money to take care of the insurance premium for Camp Mt. Bethel up through the Forty-second annual meeting. Motion carried.

(C) The third item of information that was discussed was the standards of ordaining and licensing candidates for the Gospel Ministry in the state of Georgia. The members of this committee at the last meeting had a few details to be completed but to let you know they had been functioning. Perhaps a later report will be given at this meeting.



(D) RECOMMENDATION—During one of the meetings of the Executive Board, the subject of the duties and responsibilities of some boards were not clear to some. Therefore, there was a M. & S. that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association to have a Constitution Committee re-evaluate the Constitution of all boards and list the duties of each individual board and spell out each responsibility. Motion carried.

(E) RECOMMENDATION—At the May meeting of the Executive Board, a report was given by Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. Billy Sharpston concerning the interest and establishment of a Bible Institute in our state. The institute would be designed for laymen, high school graduates, pastors, and other Christian workers. Also, in this report included the fact that letters would be sent to each person on the mailing list of the State Office explaining the full intent of the proposed Bible Institute with the purpose, procedures, and proposals they had in mind. It was M.S.C. to accept this report.

Also, it was M. & S. that the Executive Board recommend this report concerning the establishment of a Bible Institute in our state to the State Association in Dublin for its sanction and approval. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Melvin Worthington, Moderator

Rev. James Roebuck, Clerk

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Executive-Secretary

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, 1978, the financial statement and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1978.

> 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, 1978.

We were not present to observe the physical inventory of the Christian Supply Store taken at June 30, 1977 and June 30, 1978: 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, 1977 through June 30, 1978. Therefore, we do not express an opinion on the accompanying financial statement and statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the period from July 1, 1977 through June 30, 1978.

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, 1978

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 statements 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, 1977 to June 30, 1978.

#### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1.

Payments totaling \$3,811.40 were made during the year on the notes

payable to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County by the Christian Supply Store. 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 \$2,766.32 was paid on the \$8,298.96 note made February 15, 1976. The February 2, 1972 installment note had a remaining balance of \$3,831.96, and the February 15, 1976 note was paid off.

### Note 2.

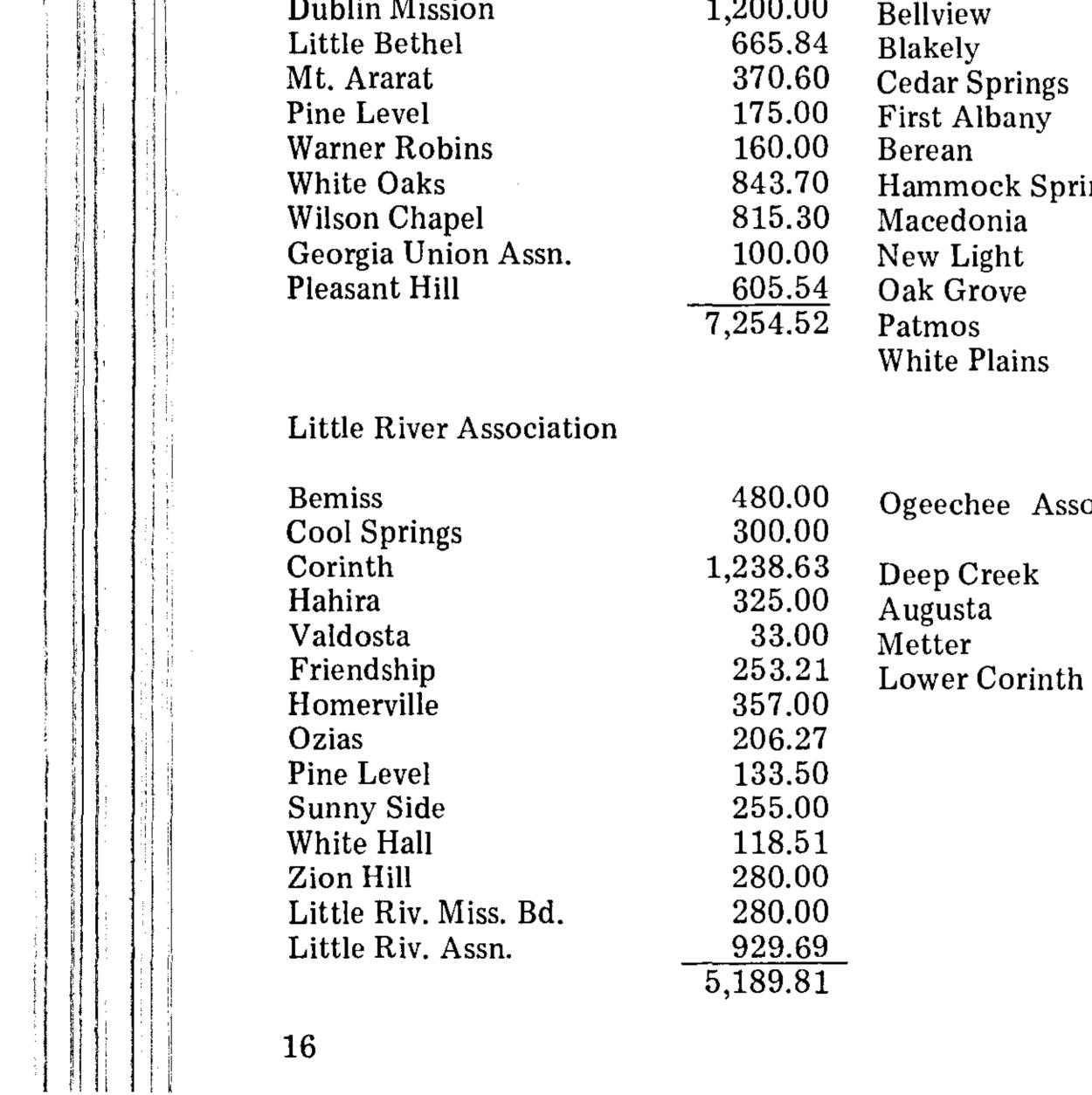
The statements do not include a provision for depreciation.

# COOPERATIVE DESIGNATED GIVING July 1, 1977-June 30, 1978

Chattahoochee Assn.

Martin Association

Decatur First Thomaston Mt. Olive New Prospect Pleasant Hill Trinity Turners Chapel Chatt. Assn.	$110.00 \\ 46.48 \\ 1,076.78 \\ 140.00 \\ 484.29 \\ 1,099.90 \\ 524.87 \\ 156.87 \\ 3,639.19$	Corinth Donaldsonville Mothers Home Mt. Gilead New Home New Home No. 2 New Salem Thompson Martin Assn. Martin Assn. Min. & Deacon Conf.	$\begin{array}{r} 440.28\\ 176.56\\ 80.00\\ 432.03\\ 653.91\\ 200.96\\ 1,291.64\\ 259.26\\ 185.22\\ 50.00\end{array}$
Georgia Union Association			3,769.86
Bay Springs Beulah Springs Christian Hill Cross Roads Double Branch Dublin Mission Little Bethel Mt. Ararat Pine Level Warner Robins White Oaks Wilson Chapel	55.00 144.00 586.22 992.77 540.55 1,200.00 665.84 370.60 175.00 160.00 843.70 815.30	Midway Association Arlington Bainbridge Bellview Blakely Cedar Springs First Albany Berean Hammock Springs Macedonia	250.00 264.00 3,679.53 2,297.00 1,650.81 2,038.00 1,393.00 419.77 650.00
Georgia Union Assn. Pleasant Hill Little River Association	$   \begin{array}{r}     100.00 \\     \underline{605.54} \\     \overline{7,254.52}   \end{array} $	New Light Oak Grove Patmos White Plains	$585.77 \\ 134.00 \\ 520.00 \\ 184.08 \\ 14,065.96$
Bemiss Cool Springs Corinth Hahira Valdosta Friendship Homerville Ozias Pine Level Sunny Side White Hall Zion Hill Little Riv. Miss. Bd. Little Riv. Assn.	$\begin{array}{r} 480.00\\ 300.00\\ 1,238.63\\ 325.00\\ 33.00\\ 253.21\\ 357.00\\ 206.27\\ 133.50\\ 255.00\\ 118.51\\ 280.00\\ 280.00\\ 929.69\\ \hline 5,189.81\end{array}$	Ogeechee Association Deep Creek Augusta Metter Lower Corinth	$1,576.62 \\ 150.00 \\ 65.90 \\ 50.00 \\ 1,842.52$



South Georgia Association

#### **Twin Cities Association**

Alabaha Baxley Bethal Corinth First Jesup	$80.00 \\ 401.20 \\ 120.00 \\ 53.24 \\ 310.00$	Calvary Emmanuel	$1,956.68 \\ \underline{904.82} \\ 2,861.50$
First Savannah Harmony	300.00 1,210.00	Union Association	
Lyons Moriotto	20.00	Bay	1,067.61
Marietta Mamarial	300.00	Fellowship	771.55
Memorial	222.00	First Cairo	360.00
New Hope	187.05	Midway	2,774.60
Oak Hill	25.00	Poulan	412.73
Pine Level	319.59	Sylvester	132.89
Satilla	1,150.00	Union Assn.	100.00
Spring Grove	1,819.00		5,619.38
Stoney Hill	203.41		,
Swainsboro	120.00		
Mamie Tyre Circle	45.00		
-	6,885.49		

State Assn. Offering for Missions State Assn. Offering for Insurance 328.00363.34 $\overline{691.34}$ 

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Individual Giving

497.50

TOTAL GIVING July 1, 1977-June 30, 1978

\$52,317.07

## 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, 1978

Balance July 1, 1977 Special Fund Cash Receipts Cooperative Plan of Support Cash Receipts Designated Plan of Support TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		$\begin{array}{rrrr} \$ & 54.90 \\ & 31,557.95 \\ \underline{20,759.12} \\ & 52,371.97 \end{array}$
DISBURSEMENTS		
Executive Secretary Salary	\$9,600.00	
Secretary Help	1,800.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Social Security	588.00	
Insurance	812.40	
Utilities	1,948.13	
State Missions	8,215.97	
Board of Trustees	3,141.56	

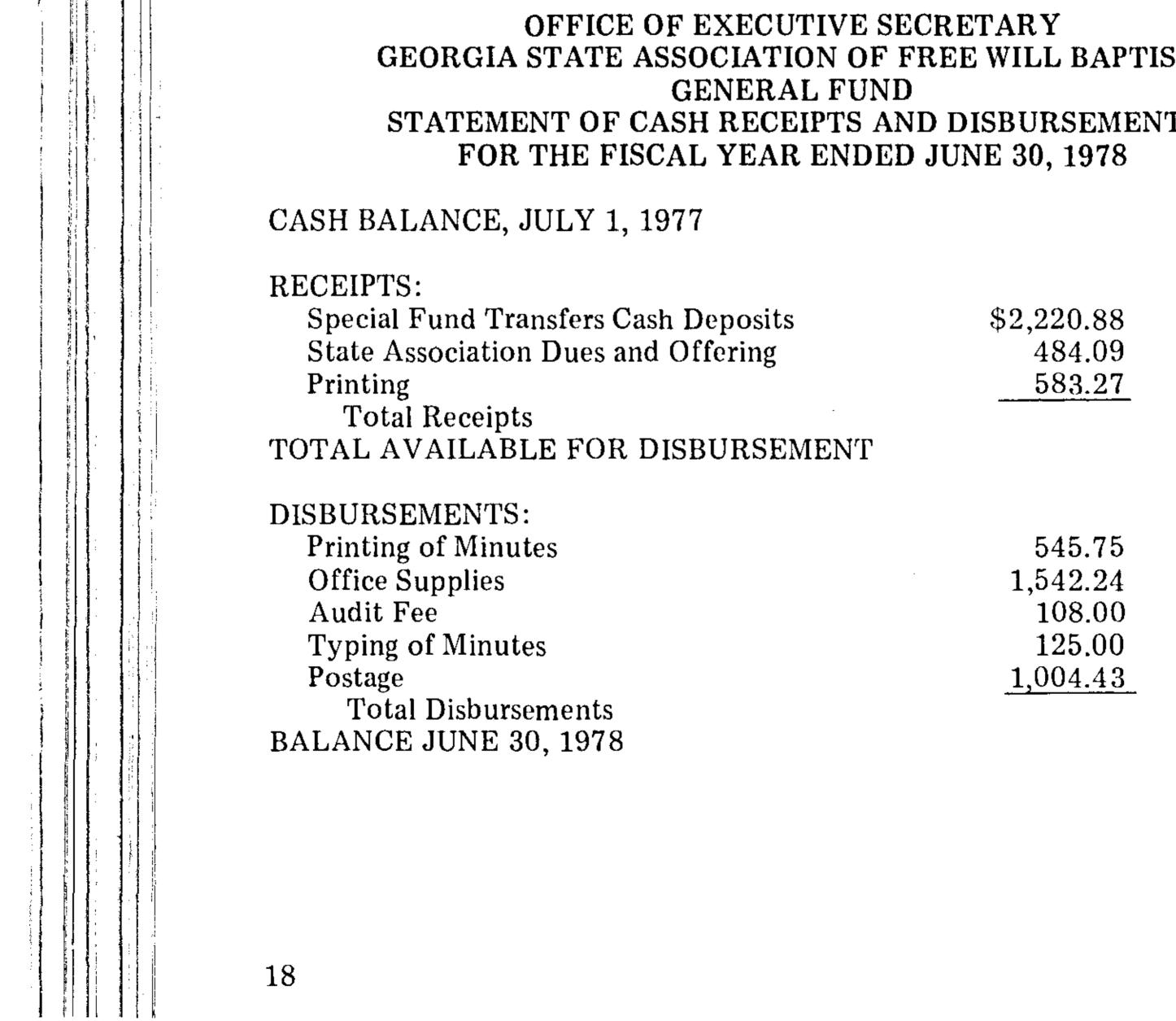


**Board of Christian Education & Camping** 861.48 2,377.62 **Board of Retirement** Children's Home 2,916.91 2,821.42 National Executive Department 342.00 Audit Fee 80.00 Salem Bible College **General Fund** 2,220.88 94.72 **Postage and Office Supplies** 264.08 State Youth Conference 3,783.13 **Executive Secretary and Board Members Mileage** 1,368.80 Bible College 427.43 Union Mission 422.76 **Historical Society** 6,075.16 National Foreign Mission National Home Mission 1,869.26 Woman's Auxiliary 40.26 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

BALANCE JUNE 30, 1978

\$52,371.97

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, 1978		
CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1977		\$ 61.45
RECEIPTS: Special Fund Transfers Cash Deposits State Association Dues and Offering Printing Total Receipts TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$2,220.88 484.09 583.27	3,288.24 \$3,349.69
DISBURSEMENTS: Printing of Minutes Office Supplies Audit Fee Typing of Minutes Postage Total Disbursements BALANCE JUNE 30, 1978	$545.75 \\ 1,542.24 \\ 108.00 \\ 125.00 \\ 1,004.43$	$\begin{array}{r} 3,375.42\\ \underline{\$  24.27} \end{array}$



## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE STATEMENT OF NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1978

SALES Cash Sales	\$50,611.16	
Charge Sales	22,619.01	
Total Sales		\$73,230.17
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Inventory July 1, 1978	24,415.30	
Purchases	47,293.14	
Goods Available for sale	71,708.44	
Inventory June 30, 1978	18,575.07	
COST OF GOODS SOLD	10,010.01	53,133.37
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GROSS PROFIT		\$20,096.80
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries	13,535.68	
Postage	1,542.27	
Office Expense and Supplies	453.02	
Rent	3,050.00	
Utilities	1,978.06	
Freight	572.06	
Taxes and Licenses	1,319.02	
Advertising	603.58	
Legal and Accounting	675.00	
Miscellaneous	422.10	
Bank Charge	9.35	
Total Operating Expenses		24,160.14
NET LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		\$(4,063.34)

# OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE FINANCIAL STATEMENT JUNE 30, 1978

### ASSETS

Cash on Hand Cash in Bank Accounts Receivable Inventory Furniture and Fixtures TOTAL ASSETS

\$1,269.52719.29 2,975.93 18,575.07 3,252.95 \$26,792.76

#### LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY

Accounts payable inventory items		\$4,973.94
Note Payable C&S Bank		3,831.96
FICA Tax Payable		43.12
Federal Income Tax withheld		40.90
State Income Tax withheld		109.98
Capital Account July 1, 1977	\$21,856.20	
Loss from operations	(4,063.34)	
Capital Account June 30, 1978		17,792.86
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY		$5\overline{26},792.7\overline{6}$

### **REPORT OF THE GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD**

We, your Georgia State Mission Board, would like to thank you for your continual prayers and support through this year. We thank God for the souls that have come to know Jesus through missions in Georgia. It is through your prayers and support that you have a part in winning souls to Jesus in our missions.

On April 1, 1978 our board met in Swainsboro, Georgia to take part in the dedication service of the SwainsboroChurch.

On April 1, 1978 we accepted the resignation of Bro. Robert Wood as our missionary to Dalton, Georgia. This resignation was due to a throat condition and with the advice of his physician. Bro. Wood was replaced by Bro. Earnest Harrison. Bro. Harrison moved to Dalton in June.

Bro. Thomas Coxwell has resigned the church in Rome, Georgia and has moved to Florida. Plans are uncertain at this time concerning the work in Rome.

On August 19, 1978 the board met with Bro. Larry Nix concerning a work in the Atlanta area. Bro. Nix had been approved by the National Home Mission Board. The mission board hired Bro. Nix as missionary to the Atlanta area. This will be a joint project with the National Home Mission Board. Bro. Nix moved to Atlanta the last of August.

In our report last year to the State Association, we ask for your prayers that God would open the door for a new work this year and would supply the man and financial support for a new mission. God has opened the door and supplied the man. Pray with us that God will supply the financial needs for this work.

Bro. C. B. Dowdney is the pastor of the Dublin mission. We have made several contacts concerning someone to go to Dublin, with no favorable results. Please pray with us that God will send us the man for the Dublin work. We ask for your continual support for this work. We are at this time supporting the bond payment for the Dublin mission. The deeds to the Dublin property has been made over to the State Association.

The needs of missions in Georgia continue to grow. We continue to lose Free Will Baptists to other denominations due to not having a church in the different areas.



Pray for God's leadership as we continue to try to build churches over this Great State of Georgia.

Respectfully submitted, Your Mission Board Benny Lariscy, Sec./Treas.

# GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT JULY 1, 1977-JUNE 30, 1978

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Respectfully submitted, Benny Lariscy, Sec./Treas.

# GEORGIA STATE TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT JULY 1, 1977–JUNE 30, 1978

Activities of the State Trustee Board

1. Kenneth Murphy elected chairman

2. Don Perry elected treasurer



Insured all state property in one policy
 Routine repair at Camp Mt. Bethel and house in Moultrie

## BOARD OF TRUSTEE ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT JULY 1, 1977–JUNE 30, 1978

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BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE OF GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF FWB 528 North Main Street Moultrie, Georgia		
Balance brought forward, July 1, 1977		\$ 859.95
Receipts:		
Cooperative Program	\$2,240.67	
Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary	13.00	
Total Receipts		2,253.67
TOTAL CASH BEFORE DISBURSEMENTS		$3,\!113.62$
Disbursements:		
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	247.31	
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon	247.31	
Rev. H. L. Knighton	247.31	
Mrs. C. A. Gilbert	109.34	
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	247.31	
Mrs. W. J. Childre	247.31	
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	247.31	
Rev. L. D. Scott	247.31	
Mrs. A. B. Ard	247.31	
Rev. A. D. Green	97.26	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,185.08

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Balance after Disbursements Expenses: Hewett Office Supplies (box file for records) Board Members Mileage TOTAL EXPENSES: BALANCE IN ACCOUNT: June 30, 1978	6.13 67.60 \$	928.54 73.73 854.81	
Mrs. C. A. Gilbert died January 15, 1977 Rev. A. D. Green became a new retirement recipient Respectfully sul William S. Lewi Board of Retire FINANCIAL REPORT C GEORGIA STATE YOUTH CON	bmitted, s, Clerk ment and Insurance DF		
Balance as of July 1, 1977	\$	574.98	
Receipts: State Office State Youth Conference CTS Rally Total Received Balance	$\begin{array}{r} 331.88\\ 265.98\\ \underline{670.30}\\ 1,268.16\end{array}$	\$1,843.14 23	



Disbursements:	
State Youth Conference:	
Albany Religious Book & Supply Co.	57.46
Hereford Ranch	61.87
Myrese Riales	20.00
Beth Whaley	10.00
Jackie Beck	35.00
Edith Shiver	2.00
Vernon Whaley	40.00
Melvin Worthington	35.00
Leroy Cutler	125.00
Ted Wilbanks	75.00
C. B. Dowdney (printing)	14.60
Doyal Wholesale	1.55
Southern Bell	3.97
Postmaster	29.69
Midway Free Will Baptist Church	24.19
Excell Printing Co.	98.88
Sears	2.00
TOTAL	\$ 636.21
CTS Rally:	
First FWB Church (Jesup)	40.00
CTS National Office	100.59
Camp Board	26.86
Brenda Williams	8.00
Norman Richmond	32.00
Ronald Wallace	10.00
Norman Richman	19.29
Danny Thomas	35.00
Nancy Lee	25.00
C. B. Dowdney	12.50
Murphy's Cash Store	34.04
Murphy's Cash Store	174.50
TOTAL	$\frac{114.00}{527.78}$
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Contestants' Expenses to National Association:	
1977: Harmy White Jr	26.73
Harry White, Jr. Women White, Jr	44.76
Warren White, Jr. Carol Clanau	_
Carol Cleney Chuck Snow	82.95
Chuck Snow	45.00
1978:	100.00
Bonnie Williams (Bible Bowl Team)	100.36
Registration Fee for comp. CTS National Off.	80.00
TOTAL	\$ 379.80
Midway District CTS Rally	44.00
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	1,587.79
Balance as of June 30, 1978	\$ 255.35
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# GEORGIA STATE HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

With thanksgiving and excitement we make this report to you. Thanksgiving for God's blessings and excitement over your response to this most worthy project.

Finally we are coming to grips with responsibility regarding the history of our State Association and those making it.

Although this report covers only seven (7) months and reveals only a part of the year, it is a good report.

We ask for your continued prayers and support.

# TREASURY REPORT

Receipts:		
State Office	\$395.19	
Chattahoochee Association	82.41	
Martin Association	87.50	
Total Receipts	565.10	
Total to account for:		\$565.10
Disbursements		
Damon Dodd—Mileage	36.00	
James Ursrey—Mileage	30.50	
Georgia Bapt. Society—membership fee	4.00	
Total Disbursed	\$ 70.50	70.50

Balance in treasury as of June 31, 1978

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Damon Dodd, Chairman **Rev. Adam Scott** Dr. James Ursrey, Sec./Treas.

# **BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING** JULY 1, 1977–JUNE 30, 1978

# Treasurer Report to State Association:

Balance Brought Fwd.	\$1,06	54.18
Receipts:		
State Office & Coop.	877.56	
Sessions	387.50	
Canteen	1,454.11	
Church & Assn. Retreats	367.22	
Trustee	250.00	
New Prospect FWB Church	110.00	
Bethlehem FWB Church	240.00	
Sylvester	265.80	
Pleasant Hill	157.00	
Peace	100.00	
Cairo	25.00	
Harmony	100.00	

\$494.60



Satilla Ozias Bemiss Mt. Olive Bay White Oak Ga. Union Assn. Martin Assn. Chatt. S. S. State Youth Conf. Woman's Auxiliary Retreat White Oak Youth Group Old South Ga. Sing Conv. Industrial Life Ins. Co. Pauline Fetner Bobby Whittaker	$\begin{array}{c} 175.01\\ 250.00\\ 39.00\\ 2,711.95\\ 45.00\\ 100.00\\ 88.00\\ 699.74\\ 50.00\\ 26.86\\ 100.00\\ 26.50\\ 146.05\\ 21.50\\ 10.00\\ 5.13\\ \end{array}$
To be accounted for:	φ1,200.01
Expenses: Pridgen Bros. Morrison Gro. Arnold Sausage Co. South Ga. Egg Co. Flaghouse Lance Danny Gay (cakes) Pepsi Cola of Crisp Inc. Coca Cola Co. Christian Supply Co. Truett Wholesale Co. General Telephone Co. Postmaster State Office Printing Rhoden Bookstore Heritage Insurance Co. Fees owed Mileage Board members Cook Director, Jim Osborn Session director Session evangelist	$\begin{array}{rrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrrr$
Cook, Mrs. J. F. Lee Cook—Helper Maintenance & Clean up Session supplies & petty cash	75.00 320.00 J. F. Lee 378.38
Trustees Smith Sheet Metal Works Baala laar	309.65 Designated trustees 250.00 Hood & fan for stove 1,031.87
Bank Ioan Electrician, J. H. Clark Irwin Co. Emc. Sycamore Gas Co.	250.00 Fuse box for kitchen 1,150.07 493.00

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Johnson Wholesale Co.	218.56	Canteen
F. R. M.	38.35	Fish food–Rat poison
Dr. Denoloo	25.00	Accident
Freeway Drug Store	9.74	Accident
C. C. L.	40.00	Mem. fees
Mitchell-Steward	13.49	Misc. hardware
J. C. Penny	6.65	Fan belt
Bank Check	12.17	
Check Returned	5.00	
Misc.—Mistake	.20	
Turner Co. Hospital	21.50	Accident
- union bot trooprom	\$12,472.90	
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To be account for:	12,693.11	
Total expenses	12,472.90	
Balance brought Fwd.	\$ 220.21	
July 1, 1978	φ ==••==	
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September 30, 1978 Bank balance	257.07	
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# **REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

We, your Credentials Committee, respectfully submit the following report.

Association		
Chattahoochee	30.00	2 delegates
Georgia Union	60.00	4 delegates
Little River	60.00	4 delegates
Martin	60.00	4 delegates
Midway	75.00	5 delegates
Ogeechee	15.00	1 delegate
South Georgia	75.00	2 delegates
Twin Cities	0	0 delegates
Union	45.00	2 delegates
Churches		
New Salem	5.00	0 delegate
Macedonia	10.00	0 delegate
Patmos	7.50	1 delegate
Calvary	10.00	1 delegate
Bay	5.00	1 delegate
Savannah	10.00	1 delegate
Midway	15.00	1 delegate
Albany	50.00	3 delegates
Blakely	5.00	1 delegate
Bellview	10.00	1 delegate
Double Branch	5.00	1 delegate
Spring Hill	12.70	2 delegates



Emmanuel	10.00	1 delegate
Swainsboro	0	1 delegate
Decatur	5.00	1 delegate
Thomaston	12.70	2 delegates
Ministers		61
Deacons		11
Board Members		8
Georgia Missionaries		2
Association Delegates		19
Church Delegates		19
National Representatives		8
Visitors		38
Total		166

Rev. Herbert Waid Mrs. C. B. Dowdney Mrs. Curtis Alligood

**COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES REPORT** 

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Kenneth Faison, chairman Rev. Billy McKinney Rev. Ronald Wallace Rev. Freddie Lockwood Rev. Bobby Whittaker

# RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE Rev. Bobby Clyatt, chairman Rev. Jim Lugo Rev. Billy Sumner Rev. Billy Sharpston Rev. Leroy Cutler

Respectfully submitted, Rev. W. C. Combs, chairman Rev. Adam Scott Rev. Curtis Alligood Rev. Roger Russell Rev. Jim Lugo

## STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY REPORT

We're so grateful to everyone who helped to make our first Wednesday night service possible. It was a tremendous success and we appreciate your help and cooperation so much. Rev. Jerry Banks, Missionary to Japan, brought the keynote message on the Conventions theme "Keys To Service" based on 1 Corinthians 16:9.

The program throughout the convention was outstanding. Music was provided by Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell, Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield and Pam Roberts, a group from Midway W.A. and Mrs. Janice Banks. Thursday's speakers were Dolora Johnson and Jerry and Janice Banks.

As President Delores Burns guided our business session, the following reports were given:

1.650 members gave over \$10,000 to missions and missionary causes last year.

2. We accepted the new Twin Cities District Convention into our State Convention thus making a total of 8 district W.A. conventions now. Also one new local auxiliary (Friendship in the Ogeechee Association) was accepted into our state work.

3. Hopefully by the time all offerings are in, we will have reached our goal of \$5,000 for our 1977-78 two-fold project: (a) funds toward printing equipment for the Cuban Church and (b) funds for the Wilkinson's account earmarked for their two college-age children.

4. In planning for next year, some of the resolutions adopted were: (A) having the State Missions Week of Prayer in December every year and calling it the Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer. (B) earmarking the 1978 Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer offerings for the Larry Nix account and the new Atlanta work. (C) sending letters opposing ERA to our District Senators and Representatives in the Georgia Legislature before December 31, 1978 so these people will receive the letters before the 1979 Georgia Legislature convenes. (D) taking as our project for 1978-79: funds for the Jerry Banks account with a goal of \$5,000 to be finished by May, 1979 since their tentative schedule to return to Japan is June of 1979.

In closing, we urge ladies who are not already involved in W.A. to get involved. If your church has no W.A., help to organize one. We also want to encourage Pastors to lead the women in your churches to organize auxiliaries or to encourage them in the ones they already have. We need your help and your encouragement in our work. If you need help in any way with your W.A. please contact one of our State W.A. officers or any of your District W. A. officers for we truly want to be "Laborers Together With God."

> Respectfully submitted, Martha Everson, W.A. Field Worker

#### AUDITORS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Auditors Committee, submit the following report: "We 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. Freddie Lockwood Rev. Billy Sharpston



# **REPORT OF THE MINISTERS CONFERENCE**

We, the Minister's Conference, would like to submit the following report: The Minister's Conference was held this year at Brown's Restaurant with 72 present. Forty-seven of these 72 were minister's.

The first thing on the program was a taped greeting from Rev. S. T. Shutes. Afterwards, Rev. Jim Lugo shared a few words of his experience with the Civil Air Patrol. He projected the evangelistic possibility of this Air Force auxiliary.

The Treasurer's report was then given and approved. It was also announced that the next Minister's Retreat would be held at Kolomoki on May 22-25, 1979.

The officers of the Minister's Conference were named. They are: Rev. Damon Dodd, President; Rev. Leroy Cutler, Vice President; and Rev. Billy McKinney, Secretary-Treasurer.

Just prior to Dr. Roger Reeds speaking to the entire group, special music was rendered by Rev. Freddie Lockwood, Rev. Bobby Parker, Mr. Danny Thomas, and Dr. Worthington.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. Billy McKinney, Sec.-Treas.

**BUDGETING BOARD REPORT** 

We, the Budgeting Board, would like to submit the following report: We recommend that:

(1) A budget of \$42,000 be set for cooperative giving the next associational year.

(2) 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	1%
	2. Georgia 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%
	8. Minister's Retreat	2%
	Total percentage of cooperative giving	$\overline{100\%}$
	We urge all funds he sent through the Cooperative Plan of support	If any

We urge all funds be sent through the Cooperative Plan of support. If any members desire to designate part or all of their giving, they should earmark according to their wishes.

> Respectfully submitted, Mr. O. B. Everson, chairman Mr. Ross Benett Rev. William Smith, proxy Rev. Irvin Murphy Rev. W. C. Combs

## **REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Item No. 1

During one of the meetings of the Executive Board, the subject of the duties and responsibilities of some boards were not clear to some. Therefore, there was a M. & S. that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association to have a Constitution Committee re-evaluate the Constitution of all boards and list the duties of each individual board and spell out each responsibility. Motion carried.

It was M.S.C. to adopt this recommendation with moderator to appoint the committee.

Item No. 2

At the May meeting of the Executive Board, a report was given by Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. Billy Sharpston concerning the interest and establishment of a Bible Institute in our state. The Institute would be designed for laymen, high school graduates, pastors, and other Christian workers. Also, in this report included the fact that letters would be sent to each person on the mailing list of the State Office explaining the full intent of the proposed Bible Institute with the purpose, procedures, and proposals they had in mind. It was M.S.C. to accept this report. It was also M. & S. that the Executive Board recommend this report concerning the establishment of a Bible Institute in our State to the State Association in Dublin for its sanction and approval. Motion carried After thorough discussion and explanation of the program, this item was adopted with the blessings of the state upon it.

Item No. 3

There was a M. & S. made from the Executive Board to adopt the new Guidelines and Examinations for Minister's and recommend them to the State Association for their approval. Motion carried. After discussing the matter properly along with the changes made within them, it was M. & S. to adopt these guidelines and send them to all District Associations for their ratification and bring back to the State Association in 1979. Motion carried. There was also a M. & S. to include in the 1978 minutes a copy of these guidelines. Motion carried.

Item No. 4

It was M.S.C. from the Executive Board to recommend to the State Association to nominate a Study Committee to study the financial structure of the State Association.

This committee was named and the State Association made a M. & S. to adopt the recommendation. Motion carried.

Item No. 5

A committee out of the Executive Board was chosen to examine the situation of Camp Mt. Bethel and advise the Executive Board as to the procedures to take concerning the Camp in the future. It was M.S.C. to adopt the report of the committee. The report of the committee was two-fold:

(1) That the Executive Board recommend to the State Association to sell Mt. Bethel and rent camp sites for the youth sessions each year and invest proceeds to use the interest to perpetuate a camping program. M.S.C.

(2) That the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that the Trustee Board be instructed to negotiate the sale of Camp Mt. Bethel at



the fair market value and that the Executive Board be authorized to approve the sale. M.S.C.

After much deliberation and discussion on the subject, it was M. & S. to give the Camp Board general authority for operation overall of Camp Mt. Bethel and the Trustee Board only hold title to the property. Motion carried.

Item No. 6

There was a M. & S. from the Executive Board to recommend to the State Association to authorize a committee of five to conduct a feasibility study concerning the possibility of organizing and building a Christian Retirement Center in the State of Georgia. Motion carried.

It was M. & S. to adopt this recommendation and name the committee. Motion carried.

Item No. 7

Another M. & S. was made in the Executive Board to request to the State Association to instruct the Trustee Board of the State Association to take three steps in the matter of selling the Dublin property. Motion carried. Step 1. Sell for the highest dollar the total properties in Dublin, and satisfy all outstanding financial obligations. Step 2. Implement the necessary legal and financial arrangements within ninety days. Step 3. All net proceeds from the sale of said property be returned to the State Missions Board. The State Mission Board will continue to work with the local group. Also after much discussion concerning the present situation in order to

make a suitable motion about what procedures to take, it was finally decided to table this issue until next year and let the Mission Board continue to strive with the Lord's help and blessings to keep the work going and for all people concerned to back it up with prayer and financial support. This decision was M.S.C.

Item No. 8

During the meeting of the Executive Board at the State Association, the Martin Association requested that the Executive Board recommend to the State Association that the invitation of the 1981 session of the Georgia State Association be extended to them. It was M.S.C.

Item No. 9

It was M.S.C. to leave the matter of sound and taping equipment as voted by the Executive Board.

# HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

We have been able to complete the following activities since last November as the Historical Commission.

1. We have a complete set of minutes of the State Association with the exception of the 1950 session.

2. We have sets of the minutes of the State Convention for the following years: 1916, 1917, 1919-1922, 1930, 1931.

3. We have raised a total of \$1,506.70 for the purpose of restoring the gravesite of the Reverend John Brodnax, Sr.

4. We have learned of and verified the earliest State organization of Georgia Free Will Baptists, known as the State Convention of Liberal Baptists, organized in 1893 and operating until 1908.

5. We have verified the fact that the Reverend James Brodnax took up the torch of leadership of Reverend John Brodnax, Sr., and through his evangelistic zeal and activity was instrumental in firmly establishing the Free Will Baptist movement in Georgia.

6. We presented a paper at the spring meeting of the Georgia Baptist Historical Society on the Free Will Baptists in Georgia.

7. Contributed a historical essay to the Georgia Baptist Historical Society's Publication, *Viewpoint*, to be released in the spring of 1979.

We present the following recommendations for your consideration here today.

1. That our people look for, gather, and send any and all historical materials relevant to our Free Will Baptist State history to Dr. James Ursrey, secretary.

2. That the District Associations set aside one page in their annual minutes in which a brief history of three (3) of their member churches be featured, to be continued until all the churches have participated. We request that the clerks of each association mail a copy of the associational minutes to the secretary of the Historical Commission annually.

3. That the Historical Commission be authorized to plan a dedicationmemorial service at Providence Church, Columbus, Georgia, upon the completion of the gravesite restoration of the Bordnax plot, with the privilege to arrange the program and expend Historical Commission funds for this purpose.

4. These associations have met their quotas for the gravesite restoration project. Chattahoochee, Union, Twin Cities, Midway, Martin and Little River. We need additional funds with which to erect a marker on the site of the first Free Will Baptist Church building in Georgia and a special plaque at the grave of the Reverend James Brodnax.

We, therefore, urge those associations which have not met their suggested quotas to make every effort to do so in order that we may complete these projects.

Materials for the project, (The Reverend John Brodnax, Sr. and wife) have been ordered. The cost for this project is \$1,353.50. We have paid \$650.00 on this, leaving a balance of \$703.50.

As of the date of this 1978 association the balance is \$754.86.

Respectfully submitted, Dr. Damon Dodd, Chairman Rev. Adam Scott Dr. James Ursrey, Sec./Treas.

#### STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT

The State Youth Conference meetings were held this year as planned. The fifth annual State Youth Conference convened February 24, 25, 1978 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, in Albany, Georgia. Program personalities included Rev. Ted Wilbanks, Springfield, Missouri; Rev. Leroy Cutler, Jackson-ville, Florida and Dr. M. L. Worthington, Albany, Georgia. These men brought challenging messages to Georgia youth as each developed the theme "Your Reasonable Service," (Romans 12:1). Rev. Vernon Whaley co-ordinated the music and conducted the mass Youth Choir for the conference. Workshops were

held on Saturday morning, February 25, for both youth and adults. Rev. Ted Wilbanks and Dr. Worthington directed the workshops. Each sharing personal experience and insight about service to Christ with those attending. The conference was well attended with 187 registering from 17 churches over our state. The Friday night service was attended by some 275 Georgia Free Will Baptists. The majority of which were youth. The Saturday morning attendance was some what less with only 180 being present.

The State CTS Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival was held at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia on May 12, 13, 1978. This meeting is to determine State winners in the CTS competitive areas and to send these to the National Association to represent our state. The Georgia State Youth Conferense sent State Representatives to the National in almost every category. Registration showed 115 registered from 6 associations in our state for the CTS Rally.

The 1979 State Youth Conference will be held in Albany, Georgia February 23, 24. The meeting is now being planned. The keynote speaker for this year will be Rev. J. D. Norris, Home Missionary to Tallahassee, Florida. The conference will include workshops, preaching services, special singing, special speakers and the mass youth chorus. All Georgia youth are encouraged to attend the State Youth Conference. Pastor make plans now to bring your youth group. Remember this is a state function, participation from every church in our state is desired. The Sixth Annual State Youth Conference February 23, 24, 1979, in Albany, at the First Free Will Baptist Church. We will be looking for you.

Respectfully submitted,

State Youth Conference Committee, Ronald E. Wallace, Chairman Norman Richmond, Vice Chairman Brenda Williams, Secretary, Treasurer Edith Shiver, Member at Large

#### **GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE**

Among the ministry in the ranks of the Free Will Baptists, there is none finer or more highly respected than in the State of Georgia. Our men are dedicated Christians, keenly interested in the welfare and increase of the Kingdom of God in our State and around the world. Some of them have had the advantage of training in the work of the ministry through one of our colleges or another educational institution of some other connection. However, there are some of our people who, due to one circumstance or another, have not had the privilege of furthering their training because they could not go to some distant location and spend time away from home.

We have a deep spiritual concern for these servants of God who want this training have not been able to get it, as well as for the laymen who want to gain more knowledge of the Scriptures and how best to do their assigned jobs in their churches. We want to help these people realize their ambition in the area of improving themselves for their calling to His service.

For this purpose we are proposing that a Bible Institute program be set in operation in our state, with actual class work to begin in September, 1979. The Georgia Bible Institute will be located in Albany, Georgia. We hope to use facilities at First Free Will Baptist Church until such time as other arrangements will have to be made.

Dr. Melvin L. Worthington will head up the Institute as president. He will be assisted by Rev. Billy Sharpston, Dr. Irvin Hyman and Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

The curriculum of the Institute is designed for a three-year program and includes six areas of study:

**BIBLE:** The Bible program is designed for a three-year instructional program. It is the foundation of the school. The first year will be Old Testament Survey, the second year New Testament Survey, and the final year will feature concentrated Book studies with an overview emphasizing the entire Bible.

*MUSIC:* The music courses will be developed through a three-year program. The first year will be practical in approach, emphasizing needs peculiar to the church. The second year will deal with fundamentals, some sight singing, and church music administration. The third year will emphasize a study of methods and materials, hymnology (how the hymns were written) and applied musics (voice, piano, conducting, etc.). The music program emphasis will be thoroughly practical for pastors, church musicians, music directors, and choir members.

COMMUNICATIONS: This is a one-year program, encompassing basic English, writing techniques and speech.

*EVANGELISM:* This will be a three-year program. The first year will deal with personal evangelism. The second year will deal with church (Home Missions) evangelism. The third year will deal with world-wide evangelism as it relates to the total church ministry.

PASTORAL THEOLOGY: This area will be developed over a two-year period. The first year will deal with homiletics, church administration, and denominational relationships. Included in these courses will be the "how to's" of pastoring. The second year will be given to Christian Education, its development and application. THEOLOGY: This course will be a three-year program. The first year will deal with Free Will Baptist Theology as related to a study of our Treatise. The last two years will be concentrated on Systematic Theology. Classes will meet on Monday and Tuesday. The cost will be \$16.00 per quarter hour, plus a nominal matriculation fee. Cost of textbooks and supplies will be the student's responsibility. *Ninety-six* (96) quarter hours of credits will be required for graduation. A full class load would be 10 hours per quarter. A \$16.00 per hour, this would be a total cost of \$160.00 per quarter. Graduates of this Institute will receive a *Bible Diploma*. Instructors will be paid a reasonable mileage rate for necessary travel to and from their teaching assignments plus an honorarium to be determined by the status of the Treasury of the Institute. We do not propose to try to persuade any person who is a study in any of our existing colleges to transfer to our Institute, nor do we intend to try to persuade any student to enroll in our Institute who feels led of the Lord to attend another of our denominational schools. Rather, we will assist him or her in every way possible to go where the Lord is directing. We are establishing our Institute primarily for the benefit of those who cannot go away and live in another area to attend school. We do not intend to launch out on our own in an operation as important as this. First of all, we want to know for certain that the Lord is leading in this direction. We desire your prayers and counsel for this purpose. In the next place, we would like to have the sanction and blessing of this Georgia State Association on the program. If you feel that it has merit and could be used of the Lord to



provide training opportunities for those who could not otherwise have them, we would appreciate your expression here today. If your vote is favorable we will finalize our plans and be ready to get into actual operation in September, 1979. If you do not feel that this is the opportune time or the right approach or program, we will not pursue the matter further at this time.

We do not propose to petition any of our existing denominational schools to accept any transfer of our credits. We feel that our curriculum is thorough enough and the quality of instruction will be high enough to enable our graduates desiring to transfer to take a proficiency test at any of our existing schools and to be admitted on a probationary period until they prove themselves on the basis of scholarship.

This briefly is our proposed Bible Institute program. After one or two years of operation in Albany, if the demand is sufficient to warrant, we will consider establishing extension classes in areas over the state where there is a concentration of Free Will Baptist Churches. These extension schools would be under the immediate supervision of an Extension Professor from the Albany Institute and faculty personnel as needed would be chosen from qualified people in the area.

Three Year Bible Diploma Program—Georgia Bible Institute

First Year	30 Quarte	r Hours	Secor	nd Year	r 3	30 Quarter	Hours
First Quart Courses	er 10 Quarte	r Hours	First Cours	Quarte ses	r 1	10 Quarter	Hours
BI 101	O. T. Survey	2	BI	201	N. T. Survey		2
MU 101	Music	2	MU	201	Music		2
CM 101	Communication	2	EV	201	Evangelism		2
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MU 102	Music	2	MU	202	Music		2
CM 102	Communication	2	EV	202	Evangelism		2
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MU	301	Music	2	PTH	303	Pastoral Theology	2
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Cours	ses						
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MU	302	Music	2				
EV	302	Evangelism	2				
PTH	302	Pastoral Theology	2				
ΤН	302	Theology	_2				
		Total Quarter Hours	10				

### **RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT**

We, the Resolutions Committee, submit the following report: 1. Since the overall morality of this country is deterioated and since television has directly contributed to the deteriortion of morality in America; let it be known that the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist is opposed to any form of indecency in television, and furthermore it is our responsibility to register the strongest form of protest against the indecency at the highest level of government. Be it resolved a letter be sent to the White House requesting Presidental attention and intervention on behalf of morality and decency in television programming. We request that the moderator of the state association send this letter. 2. That we express our appreciation to Mrs. Shirley Kimbrell for her diligent labor as pianist for the session by a standing vote of thanks. 3. Whereas we have older ministers in our state who are retired; Rev. S. T. Shutes, Rev. I. J. Blackwelder, to name a couple; and whereas these have labored faithfully and diligently in the founding, organizing and establishing of the Georgia State Association and National Association of Free Will Baptists and Whereas their labor has paved the way for the State and National Association's effective ministry of our day, there by saving us much tedious organizational effort and difficulties; and Whereas their wisdom, foresight, faith and leadership is of untold value to the cause of Christ and the Free Will Baptist denomination Be it resolved. 1. That this forty-second session of the Georgia State Association pause for a prayer of Thanksgiving in appreciation of these pioneers.

2. That the clerk be instructed to send a letter of appreciation to each.

3. That a section in the front of the minutes of this session be dedicated to the honor of these faithful ministers of the gospel.

4. That the Historical Commission be request to write this tribute.

4. That we give the host church and Georgia Union Association a rising vote of appreciation for their gracious hospitality.

> Respectfully submitted, **Rev. Bobby Clyatt** Rev. Jim Lugo **Rev. Billy Sumner Rev. Billy Sharpston Rev.** Leroy Cutler

#### **REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

We, the Nominating Committee, submit the following report:

**TRUSTEE BOARD:** 

Frank Boyd-to fill unexpired term of Roscoe Pitts. 1981 Chattahoochee Association

Ray Parrish-to fill unexpired term of Don Perry. 1981 Little River Association.

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

Bobby Whittaker-to fill unexpired term of L. F. Ogletree. 1979 Chattahoochee Association.

Billy Brown-to fill unexpired term of Walter Hightower. 1979 Georgia Union Association.

Mike Stevens-to fill unexpired term of James Shields. 1981 Twin Cities Association.

**BUDGETING BOARD:** 

Irvin Murphy-to fill unexpired term of Leroy Lightfoot. 1979 Union Association.

**AUDITORS COMMITTEE:** Mr. Chuck Snow–1979 Mr. Horace Minchew-1979

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:** Rev. Luther Burns-1979 Mrs. M. C. Powell-1979 Mrs. Dorothy Murphy-1979

STATE LAYMAN'S BOARD: Mr. Lee Merritt

**ASSISTANT CLERK: Rev. Billy Sharpston** 

> Respectfully submitted, Rev. Kenneth Faison, chairman Rev. Billy McKinney Rev. Bobby Whittaker **Rev. Freddie Lockwood Rev. Ronald Wallace**



#### **REPORT OF STATE LAYMAN'S COMMITTEE**

We, the State Layman's Committee, would like to submit the following report: One of the highlights of the year for the Layman's Committee was the first Annual Master's Men Breakfast held Saturday, November 18, 1978.

The seventy-three Laymen, Preachers, wives and visitors attending this initial meeting at Brown's Restaurant in Dublin heard National Master's Men board chairman Don Elkins of Jacksonville, Arkansas as he took us "From the A-B-C's to Heaven."

We wish to give a special thanks to our people who labored with us to make the Breakfast Meeting a confirmed success; and to our preacher brethren who have not only given their blessing for this Master's Men work and others, but who have untiringly and directly promoted our lay work in this and other areas.

Our continued prayer is that the laity and preacher brethren of our state will continue to retain the sweet fellowship and working cooperation we have here in our work, in order that the laymen would assume even greater responsibilities, so that our preacher brethren will be able to better give themselves "continually to prayer and to the ministry of the Word."

> Respectfully submitted, Mr. O. B. Everson Mr. Gleason Fowler Mr. Kenneth Murphy

## MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION **NOVEMBER 16, 1978** DUBLIN, GEORGIA

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular annual meeting November 16, 1978 at Dublin Free Will Baptist Church, Dublin, Georgia. The theme was: "Keys to Service," Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:9a.

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "To God Be the Glory" and "Untold Millions Untold" followed by prayer by Rev. Eddie Hodges. Eleanor Sheffield served as Chorister and Shirley Kimbrel as pianist.

Delora Johnson, Pine Level WA, Alma, gave the morning devotional. Using as her Scripture 1 Corinthians 16:9 and Ephesians 6:12. Pam Roberts, New Home WA, Colquitt sang "What Ever It Takes." The welcome was given by Pam Gay, President of Georgia Union WA.

The convention was called to order by the President, Delores Burns. The partial report of the Credentials Committee was read and the delegates were seated. The Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary was received into the State Association.

The president appointed the following committees:

**REGISTRATION:** Opal Hatcher, Chm., Janice Wallace, Helen Lewis CREDENTIALS: Eloise Wainwright, Chm., Barbara Roberts, Ann Travis

**RESOLUTIONS:** Mildred Bowen, Chm., Shirley Kimbrel, Louise Richardson, Rita Sears, Myrtle Woods

FINANCE: Ida Tabb, Chm., Pam Roberts, Helen Neugent, Margie Harris, Norma Combs

1979 NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Chattahoochee, Ann Travis; Georgia Union,



Linda Blount; Little River, Nadyne Scott; Martin, Sara Newberry; Midway, Carole Barnes; South Georgia, Elizabeth Hodges; Union, Latrelle Barksdale (Chm.); Twin Cities, Marianne Stevens.

MSC to elect the above named committees including Twin Cities-name to be listed later. (This name is shown above.)

The visitors, pastors (17) and laymen (10) were recognized and welcomed enthusiastically.

Opal Hatcher gave a report on the National Convention held in Kansas City, Kansas in July 1978. MSC to accept this report as information.

The following delegates were appointed to the National Convention in July 1979: Edith Shiver, Norma Combs, Brenda Williams, Nancy Johnson, Nadyne Scott, Elva Laws, Opal Hatcher, Helen Neugent, Eloise Wainwright, Latrelle Barksdale, Margie Harris, Janice Wallace, Laverene Alligood, Ann Summerly, Dianne Martin. MSC for the president to have the authority to substitute if any of the above are unable to attend convention.

Pastors and Woman's Auxiliary relationship was the subject of a talk given by Eloise Wainwright. At 10:55 a.m. a short recess was declared. Meeting to be convened at 11:00. This session opened with congregation singing "Stepping in the Light." Morning offering received was \$96.19. Special music by a group of members of the Midway WA, Moultrie. They sang "The Longer I Serve Him" and "Let's Just Praise the Lord."

Morning message by Janice Banks, our missionary to Japan. She read 1 Corinthians 16:9 and 2 Timothy 1:7. Scripture used to stress not "fear," but the power of God—so we will walk through the open door boldly. She closed with Habakkuk 3:17-19. Several announcements were made before we were dismissed by prayer for lunch. Afternoon session began with the congregation singing "Untold Millions Untold" followed by prayer by Bro. Martin. Congregation sang "Where He Leads I'll Follow." Afternoon devotional by Jerry Banks, missionary to Japan, using Philippians 3:12-14. Subject: Be What God Wants Us To Be. Special music-Janice Banks—singing "His Way Mine." Business session-president presiding-began with officers reports: Martha Everson, Field Worker; Edith Shiver, Historian. MSC to accept these reports as information. MSC to adopt annual treasurer's report as given by Ida Tabb, Treasurer. (See reports) MSC to adopt reports as given by the following committees: Registration, Credentials. (see reports) MSC to receive the report of the Resolution Committee and to adopt item by items. All items were adopted. (See reports) MSC the "Remembrance Fund" listed in the National recommendations be publicized in our locals and districts. "A Remembrance Service" to be conducted at our state convention each year beginning in November 1979. MSC to acopt report of Finance Committee. (See reports). Secretary advised to send card to Lambert Family from convention due to the death of their son. State auxiliary sponsored first service Wednesday evening before annual convention (See program).

Minutes of the meeting were read and accepted. Meeting was adjourned by motion. We were dismissed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Eloise Wainwright, Secretary Delores Burns, President

<b>REGISTRATION REPORT:</b>	Loc. Delegate	Dist. Delegate	Ministers	Visitors		
Little River	1	2 $$	2	4		
Martin	2	6	4			
South Georgia	7	11	6	7		
Georgia Union	6	5	3	5		
Midway	8	8	5	12		
Ogeechee	1			3		
Union	4	8	3	9		
Chattahoochee	2	4	1			
Twin Cities	1	2	2			
State Officers—attended 8						
Missionaries—attended 2						
FWB Bible College Rep.—attended 1						
Total of 153 registered						

#### CREDENTIALS REPORT:

We, the Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report: The following districts have properly reported: Chattahoochee, Georgia Union, Little River, Martin, Midway, South Georgia and Union. 20 local auxiliaries have sent properly registered delegates: Friendship, New Salem, Statesboro, Okefenokee, Pine Level, Jesup, Arlington, Macedonia, Midway, Spring Hill, Pleasant Hill, Ozias, Providence, Thomaston, Albany, Blakley, Patmos, Cedar Springs, Poulan and Bay.

One eligible district has reported and made written petition for membership in the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This district to be known as "Twin Cities" District Woman's Auxiliary.

# **RESOLUTIONS:**

1. That auxiliaries in Georgia observe the State Missions Prayer Season in December every year and call it the Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer.

2. That we earmark our 1978 Pre-Christmas Week of Prayer offerings for the Larry Nixes and the new Atlanta work.

3. That we urge each auxiliary member to send letters of opposition to the E.R.A. to her District Senator and Representative to the Georgia Legislature. LETTERS SHOULD BE POSTED BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 1978 in order to reach our Representatives before the 1979 session convenes.

4. Whereas there is a need among Spanish speaking FWB women for auxiliary materials in their own language and Whereas, Tom Willey, Jr. and Benito Rodriquez are now publishing a quarterly Spanish language magazine for FWB with a page designated for WA work, we recommend that auxiliaries desiring to support this endeavor send contributions to their district treasurers earmarked "Tom Willey Project." (\$50 an issue or \$200 per year will finance one page of CONTACTO.)

5. Whereas some 900 Ugandan college and university students, most of whom are deeply committed to Jesus Christ, have fled from their country to save their own lives, and Whereas, they have watched with horror the brutal persecution and slaughter of their fellow Christians; have seen their schools closed; and have been censured, threatened, and arrested only because they are Christians and have an education, and Whereas it might be a real contribution to the cause of Christ to help educate one or more of these exiled Christian young people, thus helping to preserve an entire generation of Christian leadership for Uganda,

We recommend that the Georgia WA Convention approve the joint project between the WNAC and the Master's Men to raise support for one or more of these students to attend Hillsdale. (WNAC set \$3,000 as the goal to be raised for this project to be distributed as follows: \$2,500 room and board, \$75.00 books, \$425.00 clothing and other personal living expenses.) Contributions for this project should be sent to your district treasurer and earmarked "Ugandan Student."

6. That a black and white picture of our state president and biography not exceeding 200 words be sent to WNAC to be used in a new feature in *Co-Laborer*, "PRESENTING OUR PRESIDENTS." Our state secretary will be responsible for this project.

7. That the Georgia WA Convention By-Laws be amended as follows: Under ARTICLE IV-Section 4 (page 3, Ga. By-Laws and page 17 WNAC MANUEL):

The Credentials Committee: "The vice president shall be chairman of the Credentials Committee." (Replace secretary with vice president.)

8. Whereas there is a special and urgent need for greater financial support for our missionaries to Japan,

Be it resolved, that our 1978-79 Georgia WA State Project be to give added financial support to the Jerry Banks' Account and that we set \$5,000 as our goal for this project to be completed by May 1, 1979; since, their tentative schedule date to return to Japan is June. 9. That we give the Dublin Church and the Georgia Union District WA Convention a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality extended to us today.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in treasury Representation Fees	$\$243.06\814.00$	
Gifts for convention speaker	195.00	
Offering	96.19	
Total receipts		\$1,348.25
We recommend the following disbursements:		
WNAC Per Capita Membership fees	\$650.00	
Love offering to speaker, Janice Banks	200.00	
Expenses of speaker	300.00	
Printing of programs	10.00	
Badges for convention	5.74	
Total Disbursements		1,165.74
Balance in treasury		\$182.51

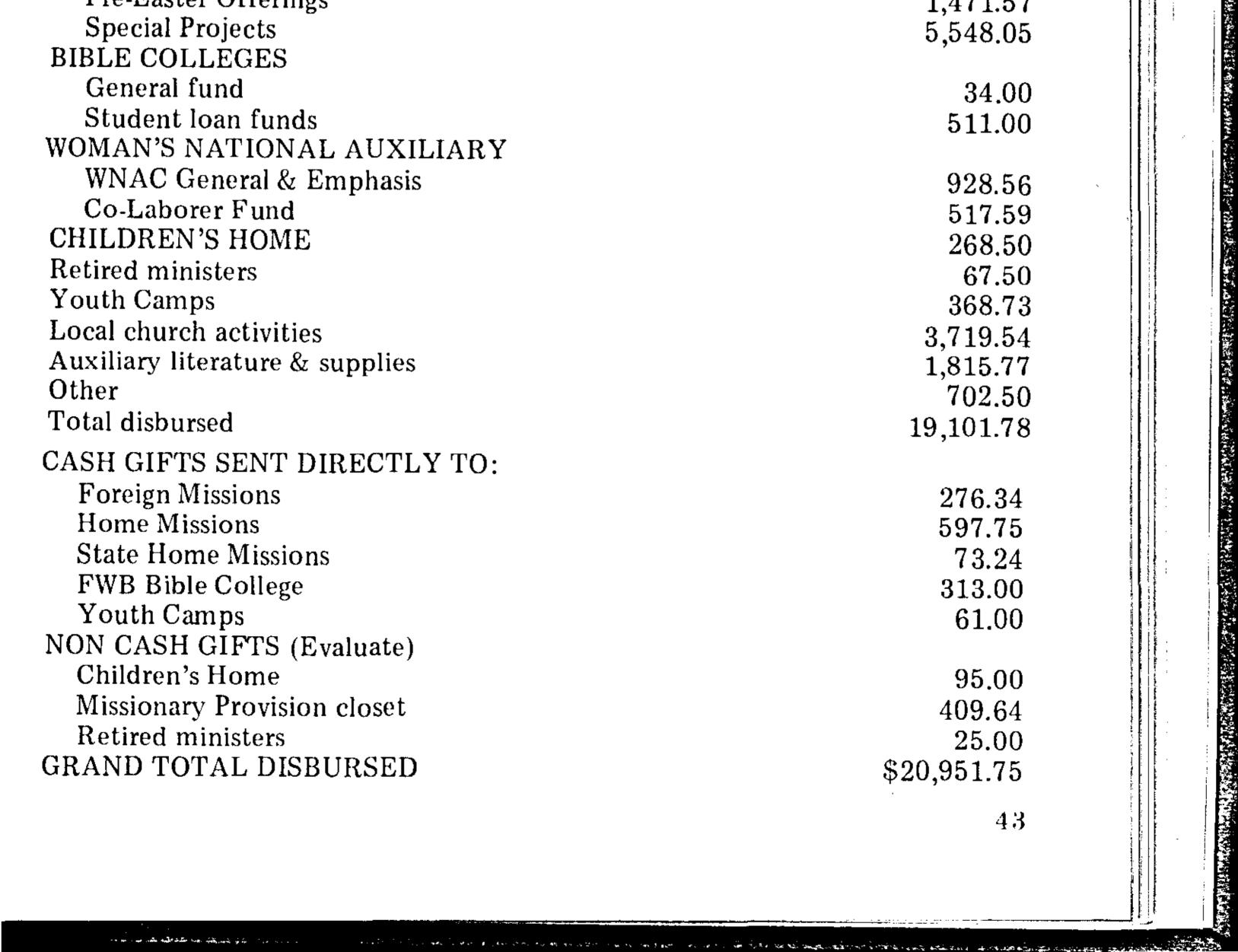
Annual compiled report of District treasurers sent to the State Treasurer November 16, 1978

Ida Tabb, State Treasurer



# **Districts reporting:**

	Auxiliaries	Membership
1. Chattahoochee	_	36
2. Georgia Union	4	43
3. Little River	5	47
4. Martin	4	52
5. Midway	12	170
6. Union		47
7. South Georgia	13	202
8. Twin Cities	3	47
9. Friendship-Ogeechee	1	6
Number of active members on roll	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
Membership fees received (\$1.25 per m	nember)	\$814.00
Membership fees to WNAC (\$1.00 per		650.00
Other Disbursements:		
HOME MISSIONS		
Pre-Thanksgiving offering		865.71
State Missions		1,099.26
Special Projects		352.00
FOREIGN MISSIONS		
Pre-Easter Offerings		1,471.57
Special Projects		5,548.05
BIBLE COLLEGES		<b>,</b>
General fund		34.00
Student loan funds		511.00
WOMAN'S NATIONAL AUXILIARY		
WNAC General & Emphasis		928.56
Co-Laborer Fund		517.59
CHILDREN'S HOME		268.50
Retired ministers		67.50
Youth Camps		368.73
Local church activities		3,719.54
Auxiliary literature & supplies		1,815.77
Other		702.50
Total disbursed		19,101.78
CASH GIFTS SENT DIRECTLY TO:		10,101.10
Foreign Missions		276.34
Home Missions		597.75
State Home Missions		73.24
FWB Bible College		313.00
Youth Camps		61.00
NON CASH GIFTS (Evaluate)		01.00
Children's Home		95.00
Missionary Provision closet		
Retired ministers		409.64
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED		25.00 \$20.051.75
MIND TOTAL DISDURSED		\$20,951.75
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# AN ORDINATION STANDARD GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### THE LICENSED MINISTER:

1. A person must be licensed for a period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one or more churches, or into other services which would require ordination.

#### **QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS:**

2. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

#### DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

3. These are to preach the word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

## THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

4. No individual shall be ordained to the gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion. No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced.

*NOTE:* These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

# THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically Free Will Baptist in the State of Georgia have not ordained women to the gospel ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the state. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not purpose to ordain women.

# THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

6. Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church.

In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist churches in Georgia work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority for ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

# PERSONAL PLEDGE OF INTEGRITY:

7. IF ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY BY THE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA, I PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAID ASSOCIATION:

- 1. To preach the Word of God in its fulness without fear, favor, or compromise, according to the best of my ability.
- 2. To continue to study and improve myself in every way possible.
- 3. To live a clean, upright, exemplary life, and to surrender any habit or

practice unbecoming to a minister of the Gospel.

- 4. To be considerate of my fellow ministers and their rights.
- 5. To be fair and impartial with those to whom I minister.
- 6. To abide faithfully by the rules and regulations of the \_\_\_\_\_ Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 7. To preach and teach Free Will Baptist doctrines as set forth in the Articles of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and those of the Association of Free Will Baptists.
- 8. Finally, I promise, that if at any time I can no longer agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine or policy and preach and practice the same fully with the free consent of my heart and mind, or if I should fall into error and sin and depart from the faith, I will freely, without coercion or restraint, surrender my ordination credentials to the Ordaining Council of the association of which I am a member and cease my activities as a Free Will Baptist minister.

APPLICATION FOR ORDINATION TO THE MINISTRY:

8. (Each of the following questions must be answered in full)

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2. Address		_ City	
	Zip Code		
	Business		
3. Date of Conversion	Home Church		
4. Occupation		_ How Long?	
5. Marital Status: Married	Divorced	Single	
6. Wife's Maiden Name		Birth Date	
7. Is your wife a Christian?			
your work in the church?			
8. Children and their ages:	,		
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9. Have you been married more	e than once?	Do you have a	
former companion still living	;?		
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Elementary grades complete			
High School	Date g		
Where			
College	Degree(s) earn	ed	
Where			
Other (vocational, tech, corr	espondence)		

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	11. Previous church leadership experience: Sunday school teacher
	CTS leader Church officer Associational officer Other
	12. What type of ministry do you plan to engage in?
	13. Are you opposed to college training for ministers?
	14. Would you attend a good Christian College or Bible Institute if you had th opportunity?
	15. Are you homosexual?
	16. Would you knowingly accept a homosexual into membership in a church c which you are pastor?
	17. Do you use drugs habitually?
	18. Would you knowingly accept a drug-addict into membership of a church o which you are pastor?
	19. Give three character references:
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	20. Give three credit references:
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21. Briefly relate your call to the ministry. (Complete on back of page if necessary).

# DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

Date Application received	Date processed
Approved	_ Reason for approval
Deferred	Reason for deferral
Examination score	
Date and place of Ordination Service	<u></u>
Name of person supervising examinatio	n

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# **DOCTRINAL EXAMINATION**

UNDERLINE the correct answer and give two Scripture references for each. This information taken from the Free Will Baptist TREATISE. You may use your Bible for this portion of the examination.

1. God is a. One True and Living God, b. Three gods, c. Jesus.

2. God depends for His existence a. Upon the created world, b. Angels, c. Is self-existent.

3. God was a. Created, b. Is in the process of evolution, c. Has always been.

4. Jesus Christ is a. The true Son of Joseph, b. A mere human being, c. The divine Son of God.

5. Jesus was a. Born of the Virgin Mary, b. Of a young Hebrew woman, c. Of two human parents.

6. Jesus was crucified a. Against His own will, b. Because of human stupidity, c. As a freely given ransom for all.

7. The Holy Ghost is a. An influence, b. The Third Person of the Trinity c. A misunderstood myth.

8. The Bible a. Was authorized by men, b. Inspired of God, c. Simply recorded history.

9. The Bible contains two divisions. They are:

10. Inspiration means a. God-breathed, b. Man-given, c. Scholarly Interpretation. 11. Man is saved by a. Good works, b. The grace of God, c. Church membership. 12. Repentance means a. Godly sorrow for sin, b. Reformation, c. Joining the church.

13. Regeneration means a. To make completely new, b. Turning over a new leaf, c. Quitting bad habits.

14. God desires to save a. The elect only, b. The Jews only, c. All men.

15. Free Will Baptist doctrine teaches a. Once saved always saved, b. Repeated regeneration, c. The possibility of apostasy.

16. Men are kept in salvation a. Through good works, b. Church membership c. Faith in Jesus Christ.

17. Free Will Baptist believe in a. Partial inspiration, b. That only the New Testament is inspired, c. Plenary-verbal inspiration

18. Free Will Baptist believe that a. Some parts of the Bible are inaccurate, b. There are errors in the original manuscript that have crept into the translation of the Bible, c. The Bible is totally inerrant and infallible.

21. Define the term "Tithe."

Do you believe in this Biblical teaching?\_\_\_\_\_ Practice it?\_\_\_\_\_

Will you teach and preach it to your congregation?\_\_\_\_\_

Give at least two Scriptures that teach tithing \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_,

22. The resurrection of all men will take place a. At the last day, b. When they are saved, c. When they die.

23. The righteous will come forth to a. The resurrection of life, b. Reincarnation, c. A second chance to be saved.

24. The unrighteous will come forth to a. The resurrection of damnation, b. A

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second chance to be saved, c. The millennial kingdom.

25. The eternal abode of the righteous will be \_\_\_\_\_.

26. The eternal abode of the unrighteous will be \_\_\_\_\_\_

27. Give briefly your belief concerning the baptism of the Holy Ghost as a second work of grace with the accompanying evidence of speaking in other tongues. Be sure to give Scripture in support of your answer. (You may use the other side of this page if necessary.)

# **CHURCH GOVERNMENT AND PRACTICES:**

1. The highest body of authority in the Free Will Baptist denomination is the

2. Each local church must elect a \_\_\_\_\_\_, who is to preach the Word of God and lead the church in her program of service.

3. Local churches are made up of people who have been saved from their sins and have been \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and of the \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and

of the \_\_\_\_\_\_. 4. The church is to elect \_\_\_\_\_\_ to assist the pastor in his work.

5. The teaching arm of the church is the \_\_\_\_\_\_

6. The training arm of the church is the \_\_\_\_\_\_

7. The several churches in an area come together to make up the \_\_\_\_\_\_

8. The various districts over the state comprise the \_\_\_\_\_\_

9. The several state associations over the national make up the \_\_\_\_\_\_

**10.** Answer TRUE or FALSE:

None of these associations has the right or authority to dictate policy or program to the local church \_\_\_\_\_\_.

**11.** Define the following terms:

FOREIGN MISSIONS:

HOME MISSIONS:

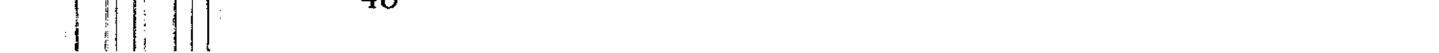
SUPERANNUATION:

12. Do you believe in and support Foreign Missions? \_\_\_\_\_\_.
13. Do you believe in and support Home Missions? \_\_\_\_\_\_.
14. Where is our denominational National Headquarters located?

15. Tell what you know about the Cooperative Program of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

16. When was the first Free Will Baptist Church organized in North America? Who was its founder? 17. When was the first Free Will Baptist Church organized in the State of

Georgia? \_\_\_\_\_\_ by Whom? \_\_\_\_\_\_. Is it still in existence? \_\_\_\_\_\_. Where is it located? \_\_\_\_\_\_. 18. Briefly describe how you would conduct a baptismal service.



HOME TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR CHURCH \_\_\_\_\_\_

Recommended Reading:

DOCTRINE: Free Will Baptist Doctrine-by Dr. J. D. O'Donnell HISTORY: Marching Through Georgia-by Rev. Damon Dodd GOVERNMENT: Free Will Baptist Treatise HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE: Biblical Graphics (Story of the Bible)-by Dr. R. Reeds THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY: The Ministers Mission-by Dr. C. E. Colton

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