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A TRIBUTE TO OUR FREE WILL BAPTIST PIONEERS

Each new undertaking must be launched by far-sighted, courageous, and optimistic pioneers. They are those who actually do what others have perhaps thought of doing but didn't have the initiative to get on with it. Pioneers are men and women who rise to the challenge, brave the unknown and untried, lay their lives on the line, and stake their present and future on the outcome of their venture.

The Free Will Baptist Church in Georgia today owes her existence to the godly men and women who pioneered the cause and pushed into new areas with the message of free grace, free will, and free salvation. The record is resplendent with accounts of their faith and courage and determination. They contended with poverty and pestilence, war and weather, demons and distance to carry out their God-ordained mission on earth. Little by little, settlement by settlement, County by County, they pressed their heavenly claim. Opposition rose and swelled, but they surmounted it; friends and fellow-laborers abandoned them, but they persevered through the strength of Him "that sticketh closer than a brother." They were misunderstood and maligned, but they looked to Him Who understood them and their true motives. And as He always does for His faithful servants, God gave the victory. The Free Will Baptist Church came at last to be recognized and respected as a religious group in Georgia.

Today we are a strong, vibrant, fundamental voice among orthodox Christians in our State. Not satisfied with the statusquo, we are reaching for higher heights of spiritual attainment. New churches are being born in our towns and cities, new educational institutions are arising in our State, new visions of the use of our denominational potential are gripping us and pushing us out into new fields of service. We are a united, solidified people with common aims and goals. Those senior saints among us are preserving a sense of pioneering that keeps us on the right track in spite of the sirens of Satan which would draw us aside. Trained, alert leadership is challenging and directing us in an aggressive and constructive program of work for our Lord Jesus Christ.

All of this is possible today because of our pioneer Free Will Baptist forefathers who pointed us in the right way and built for us a solid Scriptural foundation upon which to erect our present-day Free Will Baptist Church. They instilled in us that faith and courage that have kept us pressing forward in spite of the odds against us at times. They have made us proud of our heritage and bold in the proclamation of the Truth of God's Word. To them we owe much of the success we have enjoyed as the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

We gratefully and proudly remember them today and shall preserve their memory in the years to come by continuing to work for and promote the cause of the Free Will Baptist Denomination which they founded and loved.

(Prepared by Dr. Damon C. Dodd for the Historical Commission)

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**MINUTES OF THE FORTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened on Thursday evening, November 15, 1979 at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Georgia for its Forty-Third Annual Session. The service began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory" under the direction of Mr. David Chamerlin, Minister of Music at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Jesup, Georgia. Rev. J. E. Blanton led in prayer. Mr. Danny Thomas, Minister of Music at the First Free Will Baptist Church

in Albany, Georgia led in the pledges of the flags.

The meeting was officially declared in session by the Clerk, Rev. James Roebuck, Pastor Memorial Free Will Baptist Church in Surrency, Georgia. After introducing the General Officers, the Moderator, Dr. Worthington introduced the Rev. Roger Russell, Moderator of the Midway Association and Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church in Blakely, Georgia. Moderator Russell extended a very warm welcome to everyone.

Dr. Worthington then recognized the following associations: Little River, Twin Cities, Georgia Union, Chattahoochee, South Georgia, Union, Martin and Midway. Several National visitors were recognized and represented at the meeting.

Dr. Worthington appointed the Committee on Committees which consisted of Rev. Bobby Clyatt, chairman, Rev. Bobby Parker, Rev. Irvin Hyman, Rev. Ronald Wallace, and Rev. Adam Scott.

The congregation then sang Hymn 122, "All That Thrills My Soul" led by Mr. David Chamberlin and accompanied by Mrs Christine Daniels at the piano and Mrs. Linda Griffin at the organ. Rev. Eddie Hodges led in the offertory prayer after which an offering of \$62.26 was received.

Just prior to the message, special music was rendered by Mr. Danny Thomas and accompanied by Mrs. Christine Daniels at the piano. Rev. Herbert Waid did a superb job in Defining a Disciple.

Following the message, a partial report of the Credential Committee was given by Rev. Luther Burns, Pastor of Swainsboro Free Will Baptist Church in Swainsboro, Georgia. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section.).

Just before recessing, special prayer was rendered in behalf of Rev. John Cannon, Pastor in Augusta, Georgia who had an heart attack. Rev. Sammy Wilkinson led in the prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The Friday morning session began promptly at 9:00 a.m. by singing Hymn 338, "Stand Up For Jesus." Mr. Gleason Fowler led the congregation in prayer. Rev. A. C. Truluck did a good job in his devotion on "Priorities and Discipleship" with scripture taken from John 8:30-32.

Following the devotion, a partial report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Luther Burns. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington then recognized all standing delegates, elected delegates, corresponding messengers, and visitors.

The report of the Committee on Committees was given by Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Pastor of Macedonia Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia. (See Reports Section.) M.S.C. to accept the report.

The next report to be given was the Executive Board report given by the Clerk, Rev. James Roebuck, M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section.)

Following, Dr. Damon Dodd, Pastor of New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia and Dr. Irvin Hyman, Pastor of Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church in Colquitt, Georgia gave the report of the Georgia Bible Institute. M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section.)

Rev. Ronald Wallace, Pastor of Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia gave the report on the financial structure of the State

Association. M. & S. to receive the report and act on it item by item and its recommendations as proposed by the Executive Board. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

The last report to be given before recess was the report of the Constitution Committee. It was M.S.C. to lay this item on the table until Saturday morning.

The business was then recessed for the Morning Worship Service. The congregation was led in Hymn 85, "The Banner Of The Cross." Rev. Luther Burns led in the offertory prayer after which an offering of \$67.80 was received.

Mr. David Chamberlin rendered special music entitled "Redemption Draweth Nigh" accompanied by Mrs. Christine Daniels at the piano. After the special music, Rev. Jerry Johnson, Pastor of Athens Free Will Baptist Church in Athens, Georgia brought the morning message on the subject of "The Cost Of Being A Disciple."

We were then recessed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began promptly at 1:30 p.m. with Hymn No. 25, "Jesus Saves." Dr. Malcolm Fry led in prayer. Rev. Larry Williams, Pastor of Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church in Chester, Georgia spoke on the subject of "Prayer And Discipleship."

Following the afternoon devotion, Dr. Worthington then called for reports both local and national.

The first report came from C. B. Dowdney, the Executive-Secretary/Treasurer of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists. M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section).

Mrs. Martha Everson rendered the report of the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary. M.S.C. to receive report as information. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Carlton Lambert, Director of Alabama Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama gave the report of the Home. M.S.C. to receive the report as information.

The next report was the State Youth Conference and C.T.S. Rally by Rev. Ronald Wallace. The financial report was also given along with this report. M.S.C. to accept this report as information. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Rolla Smith, Director of the National Foreign Missions Department in Nashville, Tennessee gave his report. M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

The Associate Director, Trymon Messer of the National Home Missions Department gave their report. M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

National Layman Loyd Olson reported on the National Master's Men. M.S.C. to accept this report as information.

Dr. Malcolm Fry gave the report of the Sunday School and Church Training Department. M.S.C. to receive the report as information.

The report of the National Retirement and Insurance was rendered by Rev. Herman Hersey. M.S.C. to receive this report as information.

The Director of Public Relations, Rev. Paul Kettelman gave the report of Free Will Baptist Bible College. M.S.C. to accept this report as information.

The last report to be given by the National Offices was the Executive

Department. This report was given by Dr. Worthington, Executive-Secretary of the National Association. This report was M.S.C. to receive as information.

Mr. William Lewis, Sr. gave the report of the State Retirement and Insurance Board. M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

The Christian Education and Camping Board report was given by Mr. Guyton Adams. It was M.S.C. to accept this report and act on the recommendation. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington gave the report of the State Board of Trustees in the absence of Mr. Kenneth Murphy. It was M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

A partial report of the State Missions Board was given by Mr. Benny Lariscy. It was M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

Dr. James Ursrey gave the report of the Historical Commission. M.S.C. to accept this report. (See Reports Section).

A partial report was given by Rev. Luther Burns of the Credentials Committee. It was M.S.C. to receive this report. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Jim Lugo, chairman of the Nominating Committee gave a partial report of the Committee. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Bookstore Committee was rendered by Mr. O. B. Everson. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section). A question arose about the financial report of the Bookstore and was laid on the table until Saturday morning.

The meeting was recessed for the evening service.

FRIDAY EVENING MISSIONARY SERVICE

The evening service began promptly at 7:00 p.m. with Hymn No. 49, "Send The Light." Rev. Paul Kettelman led in prayer.

A fine plaque was awarded to Dr. Worthington by Rev. C. B. Dowdney in honor of his faithful service as Moderator of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists from 1975-1979.

The congregation then sang Hymn No. 144 after which Rev. J. E. Blanton presided over the Missionary service by introducing the State Mission Board members.

Rev. Jimmy Miller, Pastor of the Dublin Free Will Baptist Church in Dublin, Georgia gave his testimony of how the Lord had worked in his life in being saved and prospering the work in Dublin.

An offering of \$376.18 was received after Rev. J. E. Blanton led in prayer.

Mr. David Chamberlin, Rev. Bobby Parker and Mr. Parker along with Mr. Danny Thomas rendered special music entitled "How Long Has It Been."

The evening message was delivered by Rev. Larry Nix, Pastor of Northeast Free Will Baptist Church in Smyrna, Georgia. His subject was "The Duty Of A Disciple" from Acts 28:1-6.

After the evening service, Dr. Worthington then recessed the meeting until Saturday morning.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

We began the Saturday Morning session promptly at 9:00 p.m. with

Hymn No. 23, "He Keeps Me Singing" after which Rev. Kenneth Faison led in prayer.

The devotional message was delivered by Rev. Bobby Clyatt. His subject was "Possession and Discipleship." Scripture was taken from 1 Kings 17:12-16.

There was a M. & S. to remove the question in regard to the Bookstore financial report off the table. Motion carried. After the question was settled, a M. & S. was made to accept the report. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

Rev. Jim Lugo gave the report of the Retirement Center Committee. It was M. & S. to receive the report as information and act on the recommendation. Motion carried. (See Reports Section). Also additional members were added to the Retirement Study and consisted of Rev. Bill Evans, Rev. J. B. Mercer, and Rev. Buddy Morris.

The final report of the Credentials Committee was given by Rev. Luther Burns. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Damon Dodd gave the report of the Minister's Conference. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section).

The report of the Auditor's Committee was rendered by Mr. Horace Minchew. It was M.S.C. to accept the report and act on the recommendation. (See Reports Section).

Dr. Worthington was given the right to appoint delegates to the National Association in California. The Executive-Secretary was also given the right to make changes or add alternates at the meeting if necessary. M.S.C. The delegates appointed were: Mr. & Mrs. Danny Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Mr. O. B. Everson, Mrs. Christine Wilson, and Mrs. William Travis.

A "Tribute To Pioneers" was read by the Clerk. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Report In Front Of Minutes).

The report of the Layman's Breakfast was given by Mr. Chuck Snow. It was M.S.C. to accept the report. (See Reports Section.)

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Mr. William Lewis, Sr. It was M.S.C. to receive the report and act on it item by item. (See Reports Section).

There was a M. & S. to remove the report of the Constitution Committee off the table. Motion carried. It was M.S.C. to adopt these proposed changes in the Constitution. Motion carried. (See Reports Section).

The final report of the Nominating Committee was given by Rev. Jim Lugo in two parts. (1). The nomination of the Credential Committee. (2). The final report of the Nominating Committee for General Officers. M.S.C. to accept both parts of the report. (See Reports Section).

There was a M. & S. for the Executive Board to give serious attention to the development of a promotional program to the work of the State and give direction to the Executive-Secretary in the implementing and assistance of carrying out the work. Motion carried.

A report was given by Mr. Chuck Snow on the Layman's Committee. M.S.C. to receive the report as information.

There was a M. & S. for the Clerk to write a letter to Mr. Curtis Gay in appreciation of his faithfulness and work in the State in behalf of the Children's Home in Alabama. Also give him a rising vote of thanks. Motion carried.

Just prior to adjournment, Rev. Sammy Wilkinson gave a word of appreciation to the State Association for their support in his behalf over the

years as Missionary.

A M. & S. was made to adjourn. Motion carried. We were dismissed in prayer by Dr. Worthington.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James Roebuck, Clerk

**MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
NOVEMBER 15, 1979
ALBANY, GEORGIA**

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held the regular annual meeting November 15, 1979 at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. The theme was "Knowing and Growing". Ephesians 4:15b was the scripture.

The meeting was opened by the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory" followed by prayer by June Lugo. Laverne Alligood served as chorister. Christine Daniels as pianist.

Jean Hyman, Colquitt WA, gave the morning devotional using as her scripture: Isaiah 9:6. "Precious truths found in His Name" was the subject of her message. Welcome by Myra White, President of Midway WA District. A skit was presented by Myra White, Emily Harting, Edith Shiver and Jean Parr. Special music presented by Midway WA singing "Thanks For Loving Me."

The convention was called to order by the President, Delores Burns. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Opal Hatcher (see reports). Motion to adopt partial this report and that the delegates be seated. M.S.C.

The president appointed the following committees:

REGISTRATION: Laverne Mock, Chm., Betty Akridge, Martha Aldredge

CREDENTIALS: Opal Hatcher, Chm., Caroline Hightower, Pam Roberts

RESOLUTIONS: Fleda Snow, Chm., DeWeese Evans, Janice Wallace, Myra White, Shirley Sharpston

FINANCE: Ida Tabb, Chm., Nadyne Scott, Margie Harris, Phyllis Parker, Joyce McSwain

The visitors, pastors, missionaries and districts were recognized and welcomed by the president. Martha Everson brought us greetings from WNAC—especially from the National Convention in Charlotte, N. C. in July 1979. Letter of appreciation from the "Banks" in Japan was read by the president. Congregation sang "The Banner of the Cross". Morning offering received was \$180.00. Bobby Thomas, Albany WA sang: "Only Jesus Can Satisfy Your Soul".

Sandra Bishop, Missionary to Japan, read Ephesians 4:15 and 16 as the scripture for the morning message. Her subject was "Knowing and Growing", the Convention theme for the day, emphasizing "Giving Thanks"—1 Thessalonians 5:18.

Several announcements were made. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer by J. E. Blanton.

Afternoon session began with congregation singing "Jesus Will Walk With Me." Dale Bishop, Missionary to Japan, in his devotional read 1 Cor.

12:1-4, 7, 11 and several other scriptures to illustrate that Jesus Christ is the Head of the Church and Christians are the body. Each part of the "body" has its own responsibility. Deborah Barton, Patmos WA, sang "Walk with Me".

Business session—President presiding—began with officers reports: Edith Shiver, Historian and Martha Everson, Field Secretary. MSC to receive these reports as information. MSC to adopt Annual Treasurer's report as given by Ida Tabb, Treasurer. (See reports) MS to adopt Registration Committee Report. Motion carried. MS to adopt Credentials Committee Report. Motion carried. (See reports) MSC to receive the report of the Resolution Committee and to adopt item by item. All items were adopted. (See reports). Finance Committee Report adopted by MSC. (See reports) The slate of officers for 1979-81 as presented by the Nominating Committee was elected by MSC. (See reports)

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention July 1980 in Anaheim, Ca.: Elva Laws, Brenda Evans, Edith Shiver, Eleanor Sheifield, Doris Grant, Opal Hatcher, Audrey Jones, Jean Blanton, Mathel Barnes, Eleanor Cutler. MSC for the president to have the authority to fill quote and substitute with those able to attend. MSC to give state officers retiring from service a rising vote of thanks. Jean Blanton was elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for the National Convention at Anaheim, Ca. July 1980. Betty Henderson, Brunswick WA, installed the new officers. Minutes of the Convention were read and approved. Meeting was adjourned by motion. We were dismissed with prayer by Fleda Snow.

Respectfully submitted,
Eloise Wainwright, Secretary
Delores Burns, President

REGISTRATION REPORT:	District Delegates	Local Delegates
Union	3	3
Martin	12	7
Midway	9	33
Georgia Union	10	6
Chattahoochee	6	1
South Georgia	11	6
Little River	1	1
Twin Cities	2	1

Total Delegates: District-52; Locals-58; State Officers-8; Ministers-25; Visitors-46; Deacons-3; Total Reg.-192

CREDENTIALS REPORT:	Auxiliaries Rpt.	Present Enrollment
Chattahoochee	5	41
Georgia Union	4	39
Martin	5	91
South Georgia	16	156
Twin Cities	3	44
Union	5	52
Little River	4	50
Midway	12	159
Friendship—Local (Ogeechee)		4
		<u>636</u>

Locals representing were: White Oaks, Double Branch, Wilson, Chapel, Pleasant Hill; Thomaston, Decatur; Immanuel, Brunswick, Satilla, Swainsboro, Pine Level; First Valdosta, Homerville; Emmanuel, Calvary; Spring Hill, Midway, Sylvester; Thompson, Colquitt, Corinth, Mt. Gilead, New Salem, New Home; Patmos, Albany, White Plains, Hammock Springs, Blakely, Berean, Bellview, Traveler's Rest, Macedonia, Arlington, Cedar Springs.

RESOLUTIONS: Be It Resolved That—

1. The State Woman's Auxiliary Convention elect a Woman of the Year. Each District and each Local that is not in a District send in their nominee with their annual secretary's report. The names shall be listed on a ballot which will be on the registration table for each individual delegate to vote at the annual State Convention in November 1980. Votes to be counted that day and the announcement made—"Woman of the Year". She shall be honored in a special way. To be eligible for this nomination she must be a member in good standing (Representation Fee paid). She may be living or deceased. Suggestion: Districts should elect or decide on their representative at their District Convention or their Spring Workshop.

2. The Georgia WA retreat be held April 18-19, 1980 at Camp Mt. Bethel.

3. The State project be to give added financial support to the Northside Free Will Baptist Mission Land Fund (Larry Nix—Home Missionary, Marietta, Ga.) and to the Sandra and Dale Bishop Fund (Missionaries to Japan). That we have a goal of \$5,000 to be equally divided. The Bishop Fund to be completed by June 1, 1980, since their tentative schedule date to return to Japan is July.

4. The period of service for any one person as a state officer be a maximum of two elected consecutive terms (4 years); whereupon, she may not serve in any capacity as an officer for one term before being elected to another office. (The Constitution and By-Laws were changed to meet this resolution.)

5. Auxiliaries so desiring support the WNAC SOS (Save Old Stamps) Project.

6. Each district secretary include the date, time and place of their next annual auxiliary convention in their reports to state recording secretary.

7. Special Enlistment thrusts be promoted by local auxiliaries both during January (Enlistment Month) and August (WNAC Emphasis Month) for the purpose of enlisting women in membership and in active service. We encourage the use of the enlistment materials available from the WNAC office.

8. Whereas, at the request of WNAC, the Master's Men have taken over the promotion of Servicemen and Chaplain's Sunday, we concur with their recommendation that Servicemen and Chaplain's Sunday be designated Armed Forces Day to include both men and women.

9. A special effort be made to arouse interest in missions and in spiritual growth by establishing the individual reading plan. Each member is encouraged to "Know and Grow" by reading at least two books from WNAC's approved study list. That Mission Study Chairman may pass a carefully chosen book from one member to another, each signing her name indicating she has read the book. When all have completed reading the book, a summary may be given in the group meeting, climaxing what may have been two or

three months of diligent reading by the members. Homebound members may be included in the study.

10. Because of excessive inflation and ever increasing costs, our auxiliaries prayerfully consider increased support of WNAC by regular gifts to the Co-Laborer Fund by a tithe of monthly offerings or a designated budget.

11. The Ga. WA Convention support the first National WA Retreat to be held September 25-27, 1980 at the Smoky Shadows Conference Center, Pigeon Forge, Tenn. (4 Miles north of Gatlinburg).

12. We give the Albany Church and the Midway District Convention a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality extended to us today.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Balance in treasury		\$176.17	
Representation Fees: (Corrected)		836.15	
So. Ga.	\$241.50		
Little River	\$57.50		
Ga. Union	\$48.75		
Union	\$64.90		
Martin	\$112.50		
Midway	\$198.75		
Chatt.	\$51.25		
Friendship	\$6.00		
Twin Cities	\$55.00		
Gifts for Convention Speaker		65.00	
Morning Offering		<u>180.00</u>	
Total Receipts			\$1,257.32

We recommend the following disbursements:

WNAC Rep. Fees \$1.00 per member	\$627.00	
Love offering to Convention Speaker (Dale & Sandra Bishop)	600.00	
Printed Programs	<u>10.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$1,237.00
Balance in Treasury		<u>\$20.32</u>

DOT HARVEY STU— DENT LOAN FUND:

	October 1978	October 1979 Annual
Balance 31, 1978		\$6,685.91
Gifts received	\$342.00	
Payments collected	2,605.85	2,947.85
Loans awarded		<u>- 1,800.00</u>
Balance October 31, 1979		\$7,833.76

Nov. 1979 Annual COMPILED report of districts

Districts and Membership

1. Chattahoochee	(41)
2. Ga. Union	(39)
3. Little River	(46)
4. Martin	(90)
5. Midway	(159)
6. Union	(43)
7. South Georgia	(161)
8. Friendship-Ogeechee	(4)
9. Twin City	(44)

Number of active members on roll 627

Membership fees sent with report to State WA Treasurer 836.15

OTHER DISBURSEMENTS

HOME MISSIONS

Pre-Thanksgiving National Home	681.45
State Missions Larry Nix—Atlanta	1,235.85
Special Projects	1,162.07

FOREIGN MISSIONS

Pre-Easter Offerings	718.58
State Project Jerry Banks Fund	3,468.22
Westfield India Missions	132.08
Others	1,974.84

BIBLE COLLEGES

General Fund	10.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund	427.00
WNAC General & Emphasis Funds	973.22
Co-Laborer Fund & special projects	1,477.45

Children's Homes	215.00
Retired Ministers	27.00
Youth Camps & projects	6.00
Local Church activities	3,469.58
Auxiliary Literature and supplies	2,007.18
Other Special offerings	387.48
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$19,132.75

Cash Gifts sent directly:

Foreign Missions	1,789.07
Home Missions	422.64
State Home Missions	127.12
College Student	534.00
Retired Ministers	32.00
Youth Camps	117.69
Children's Homes	292.00
TOTAL	\$3,314.52

Non-Cash Gifts (evaluate)	
Children's Homes	35.00
Nursing Homes	25.00
Provision Closet	166.57
Retired Ministers	95.00
TOTAL	321.57
GRAND TOTAL DISBURSED	\$22,768.84

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Slate of Officers for 1979-81

President: Fleda Snow, 1924 Mora Court, Decatur, Ga. 30032 (404 288-2477)
Vice President: Opal Hatcher, Rt. 1, Baconton, Ga. 31716 (912 787-5298)
Secretary: Geraldine Waid, 1302 Pineview Dr., Valdosta, Ga. 31601 (912 242-8074)
Treasurer: Ida Tabb, P.O. Box 746, Moultrie, Ga. 31768 (912 985-1851)
Field Worker: Martha Everson, Rt. 4, Colquitt, Ga. 31737 (912 758-3843)
Historian: Edith Shiver, Rt. 2, Box 82, Leary, Ga 31737 (912 734-5021)
Members-at-Large: Nadyne Scott, Box 354, Homerville, GA. 31634 (912 478-5840)
Pam Gay, 6300 Houston Rd., Macon, Ga. 31206 (912 781-9671)
Marianne Stevens, Rt. 1, Cataula, Ga. 31804

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Thursday, November 15, 1979

The Executive Board held six meetings during the past year as follows:
—Saturday, November 18, 1978—Joint Board Meeting, Dublin, Ga.
—Saturday, February 10, 1979—State Office, Moultrie, Ga.
—Saturday, March 28, 1979—State Office, Moultrie, Ga.
—Saturday, May 12, 1979—State Office, Moultrie, Ga.
—Saturday, August 11, 1979—State Office, Moultrie, Ga.
—Saturday, November 15, 1979—First F.W.B. Church, Albany, Ga.

Another year has passed, summer has ended and business has been very successful. The meetings of the Executive Board have gone smoothly and the actions among the members has been decent and in order and especially in the Spirit of Christ. Therefore, resulting from these meetings, the following reports and recommendation are presented to this body assembled at our Forty-third Annual Session, November 15-17, 1979 for your actions and approval.

(A). REPORT—Last year at the Forty-second Annual Session, the subject of a Bible Institute be established in the State of Georgia. After explaining all the facts about the purpose, procedures, and proposals and the allowing it to be laid on the table for several sessions so it could be thought through very thoroughly. It was then removed from the table for action. After some detailed discussion, the Georgia Bible Institute was passed with your sanction and prayers.

It is our privilege to report to you that at this present time the Institute has been functioning very well since September of this year, with several students enrolled. Other reports will be heard at this State meeting about the Bible Institute.

(B). REPORT—DURING the annual session last year several committees were named for various responsibilities to make some changes and studies among the Georgia State Association and their findings or changes to be reported here at this Forty-third Annual Session for your action and approval. All of these committees have worked hard over the last twelve (12) months to carry out the duties that's been required of them. Therefore, these committees will be giving their individual reports for your action during this meeting.

(C). RECOMMENDATION—One last item of business discussed at length last year was the Ordination Standards and Examinations for licensing and ordaining 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 the results to the State Association in 1979. Motion carried.

At this time the Executive Board is privileged to submit the following report for recommendation. "The Ordination Standards for licensing and ordaining ministers has been ratified by eight Associations. Therefore, the Executive Board recommends its final passage by the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists."

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

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY TREASURER GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The State Office was moved back to Moultrie in February, after almost two and a half years in Dublin. Giving to the state work had suffered during the past two years. However, the receipts from February to June show a marked increase. I believe this is because of the personal contact during the past few months. I have been able to be in thirty churches in the past five months.

The number of churches giving through the State Office has increased this year. Other churches have increased in the amount they gave.

Giving through the State Office is up more than five thousand dollars in the past fiscal year. Giving to State Missions is up over four thousand dollars this year. Giving to the State and National departments surpassed last years giving by more than twenty thousand dollars.

Christian Supply Store Mr. Wayne Lacey, who had served as manager of the Christian Supply Store for the past 16 months, resigned in March. Mrs. Ida Tabb accepted the position of manager in April. The store has suffered financially again this year. However, when you take into consideration that it continues to pay off its indebtedness, the over all picture does not look so bad.

All Sunday School and Church Training literature is now being shipped by United Parcel Service. The service to our churches is much improved.

Camp Mt. Bethel The sessions at Camp Mt. Bethel were very poorly

attended again this year.

1st session 0
2nd session 45
3rd session 42
4th session 11
Total 98

There was one good note. Some of our District Associations had very good attendance. Perhaps we could learn a lesson in promotion from them. Receipts to the camp are off about two thousand five hundred dollars this year.

MISSIONS

Smyrna The Mission in Smyrna (North of Atlanta) has purchased some land and hope to get the Mobile Chapel for their meetings. Their attendance has been good over the past several months. The Georgia Free Will Baptists have supported Bro. Larry Nix real good this past year. Let us continue to give him our support.

Dublin The Mission Board thought they had some one to go to Dublin in February when I moved back to Moultrie. However, this did not work out and the Mission was left without a pastor for five months. Some of the area Free Will Baptist pastors filled in on Sunday Afternoon. Attendance dropped off during this time. Rev. Jimmy Miller came to Dublin in July, and with a lot of hard work, the attendance is real good now.

Bro. Miller has set his goal for the Mission to be able to pay all the bond payment by the next State Association.

Dalton The Dalton Mission will be self supporting by the time the State Association meets this year. Rev. Earnest Harrison, who came to the Mission a year and a half ago, is doing a real good job in Dalton.

Athens The Mission at Athens is on the move again. Their attendance is good, and they are doing good financially. Rev. Jerry Johnson ask that we continue to pray for him and the Mission.

Giving by Georgia Free Will Baptists Churches to outside causes are:

Georgia State Office	57,514.19
National Executive Department	1,558.22
National Foreign Missions	52,176.30
National Home Missions	27,112.51
National Board of Retirement & Insurance	1,914.44
Free Will Baptist Bible College (General Fund)	28,583.14
Free Will Baptist Bible College (Building Fund)	7,828.09
National Layman's Board	106.23
Church Training Service	703.12
Children's Home (Alabama)	16,923.90

Given directly to:

Georgia State Missions	17,004.44
Camp Mt. Bethel (Camp Board)	3,041.95
Historical Commission	<u>857.10</u>
Total	215,323.63

This does not include benevolent giving by churches, or commodities given to the Childrens Home in Alabama.

C. B. Dowdney
Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY-TREASURER GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

I. POSITION DEFINITION AND RELATIONSHIPS

The Executive Secretary of The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall be the chief administrative officer of said organization and as such shall be charged with carrying out the duties, functions and business of the office as stipulated and set forth in this document. He shall have no legislative or judicial powers and shall be accountable to the Executive Board of The Georgia State Association, acting in the capacity of Employee Supervisor.

He shall also, in addition to his duties, functions, and business as Executive Secretary, serve as Treasurer of The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists. The functions, duties and responsibilities of his office are set forth in this document.

Inasmuch as The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists is a democratic entity, composed of District Associations so separated by distance that only one meeting of the Body corporate is held once a year for business and deliberations, the Executive Board of said State Association is empowered under Section I, Paragraph B, of the By-laws of said State Association to act for and in behalf of The State Association in matters which by their nature require immediate attention, said actions of which are subject to the action of The State Association in regular or called session. Therefore, the Executive Secretary shall be considered an employee of The State Association of Free Will Baptists, inasmuch as he is officially elected by the Body, and shall operate under the direct supervision of the Executive Board of said Association.

It follows under this arrangement that the Executive Secretary, as an employee of The State Association, has the right of appeal from any decision of the Executive Board involving his office directly to The State as his employer-in-fact, but only after all efforts at reconciliation, adjustments, and/or settlements of any and all differences between the two parties have been exhausted.

II. TENURE OF OFFICE

The Executive Secretary shall be employed by the Executive Board of The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, subject to the ratification of said Association at a Regular or called meeting, and shall serve for an indefinite period of time under the following provisions:

The Executive Secretary-Executive Board relationship may be termin-

ated by the Executive Secretary, who shall give a sixty (60) days' notice to the Executive Board of his intentions, along with his reason/s for terminating said relationship.

In the event the Executive Board desires to terminate the relationship, the procedure shall be the same as stated above.

When such termination of service is desired by either party, a two-week's notice of intent shall be given by the party instituting the action to the other party, thus allowing for a joint hearing on the matter before the sixty (60) day termination clause becomes effective.

III. *MATTERS OF DEALING*

It is obvious that the Executive Secretary cannot have a multiplicity of bosses. Since the Executive Board is composed of several members, someone must be voice of all of them. The Executive Board shall designate two (2) of its number to serve as an Employer-Advisory Committee to handle all its external dealings with the Executive Secretary. The internal affairs connected with the office shall be handled deliberatively by the Executive Board in regular or called session.

The Employer-Advisory Committee shall be available to the Executive Secretary at all times for advice, counsel and assistance in all matters pertaining to the functions of the office in whatsoever capacity needed.

This Committee shall be appointed by the Moderator of the Executive Board annually immediately following each session of The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists. The actions of this Committee are subject to the final action of the Executive Board.

IV. *JOB DESCRIPTION*

A. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

1. Editor of the State publication, The Promotional Bulletin.
2. Over-see the overall operation of the Free Will Baptists State Office, Christian Supply Store, Camp Mt. Bethel and all other Properties owned by The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.
3. Serve as ex-officio member of each of the standing Boards of The State Association. Coordinate the work of these Boards so as to eliminate duplication and overlap. All Boards shall notify the Executive Secretary of the time and place of their meetings, and as possible, he will attend all Board meetings.
4. Submit an annual report to The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists at its annual session. This report will contain the report of all Boards.

A. TREASURER

1. Receive and disburse all funds directed through The State Office.
2. Disbursement of these funds shall be as directed by vote of The State Association.
3. Have all financial records audited annually by a recognized C.P.A.
4. Submit a completely audited financial report of all operations

under his jurisdiction to The Georgia State Association at its annual meeting.

V. REMUNERATION

The salary of the Executive Secretary shall be determined by the Executive Board. He shall receive the following additions.

1. Housing shall be furnished and all utilities paid.
2. Retirement and Insurance shall be determined by the Executive Board.
3. Employer share of Social Security.
4. Travel in connection with the office of Executive Secretary shall be paid at a rate as set by the Executive Board.
5. The Executive Secretary shall be allowed four (4) weeks vacation each year with pay.
6. 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. These funds shall be his personally and need not be accounted for before The State Association.
7. The salary for secretarial help for the State Office shall be set by the Executive Board. The Executive Secretary is given the right to employ a secretary at his discretion.

COOPERATIVE DESIGNATED GIVING July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOC.

Decatur	\$166.00
Thomaston	1,204.02
Mt. Olive	848.52
New Hope	20.00
New Prospect	80.00
Pleasant Hill	667.25
Trinity	679.70
Turners Chapel	671.96
Chatt. Association	45.46
	<u>4,832.91</u>

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

Corinth	\$576.66
Donalsonville	20.00
Mothers Home	768.75
Mt. Gilead	883.26
New Home	646.74
New Home #2	73.95
New Salem	1,606.79
Thompson	35.00
Martin Association	376.96
Martin T. & T. Ralley	50.00
	<u>5,038.11</u>

GEORGIA UNION ASSOC.

Bay Srpings	60.00
Beulah Springs	144.00
Christian Hill	608.24
Cross Roads	798.20
Double Branch	592.75
Dublin Mission	2,500.00
Little Bethel	718.59
Mt. Ararat	701.28
Pine Level	500.00
Pleasant Hill	523.16
White Oaks	859.00
Wilson Chapel	583.20
Ga. Union Association	80.00
	<u>8,608.42</u>

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

Arlington	320.00
Bainbridge	198.00
Bellview	3,733.50
Blakely	532.00
Cedar Springs	1,071.22
First Albany	5,608.73
Berean	821.10
Hammock Springs	353.85
Macedonia	150.00
New Light	876.86
Oak Grove	241.00
Patmos	628.20
White Plains	111.55
	<u>14,646.01</u>

LITTLE RIVER ASSOC.

Bemiss	240.00
Cool Springs	275.00
Corinth	1,088.53
Hahira	300.00
Valdosta	300.00
Friendship	148.14
Homerville	344.00
Ozias	50.00
Sunnyside	120.00
Zion Hill	120.00
Little River Mission Bd.	240.00
Little River Association	263.22
	<u>3,488.89</u>

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

Deep Creek	1,480.00
First Augusta	419.00
Friendship	878.56
Lower Corinth	75.34
	<u>2,849.90</u>

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Alabaha	300.00
Baxley	300.00
Bethany	159.36
Bethel	110.00
Corinth	87.85
First Jesup	300.00
First Savannah	300.00
Harmony	1,743.32
Merietta	525.00
Memorial	76.00
New Home	132.12
Pine Level	120.00
Satilla	630.50
Stoney Hill	50.00
Spring Grove	2,285.00
Swainsboro	80.00
Mamie Tyre Circle	60.00
	<u>7,259.15</u>

UNION ASSOCIATION

Bay	975.47
Bethlehem	60.00
Fellowship	55.86
First Cairo	360.00
Midway	3,374.25
Paulan	180.57
Sylvester	74.97
Union Association	<u>100.00</u>
	5,181.12

**STATE ASSOCIATION
MISSION OFFERING**

500.60

INDIVIDUAL GIVING

1,498.79

TOTAL FOR YEAR

\$57,514.19

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

Calvary	958.51
Emmanuel	2,200.93
Providence	700.85
Twin Cities Association	<u>200.00</u>
	4,060.29

**Office of Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist
Moultrie, Georgia 31768**

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds listed below for the year ended June 30, 1979, the financial statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1979.

General Fund
Co-Operation—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 of disbursements of the

office of the Executive Secretary-Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1979. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1978, and June 30, 1979; 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, 1978 through June 30, 1979. 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, 1978 through June 30, 1979.

Sincerely,
William O. Pifer

Office of Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists
General Fund
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
For The Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1979

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1978	\$24.27
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RECEIPTS:

Special Fund Transfer Cash Deposits	\$3,183.96	
State Association Dues and Offering	1,045.80	
Printing	<u>567.50</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>\$4,797.26</u>

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$4,821.53
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing of Minutes	\$733.66	
Office Supplies	2,417.49	
Audit Fee	94.00	
Typing of Minutes	117.50	
Postage	1,247.05	
Miscellaneous	192.85	
Bank Charges	<u>5.70</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$4,808.25</u>

BALANCE JUNE 30, 1979	<u><u>\$13.28</u></u>
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**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, 1979**

Balance July 1, 1978 Special Fund	\$—0—
Cash Receipts Cooperative Plan of Support	36,570.21
Cash Receipts Designated Plan of Support	20,943.98
Check Outstanding 1977 Add Back	18.00
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT	<u>\$57,532.19</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Executive Secretary Salary	\$10,560.00	
Secretary Help	1,800.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Social Security	636.00	
Insurance	1,090.86	
Utilities	2,568.17	
State Missions	11,229.37	
Union Missions	290.00	
National Foreign Missions	3,223.06	
National Home Missions	1,611.00	
Board of Trustees	3,237.73	
Board of Retirement	2,322.08	
Childrens Home	2,952.70	
Board of Chrisitan Education & Camping	1,347.29	
Bible College	850.70	
National Executive Department	3,197.59	
State Youth Conference	292.07	
General Fund	3,183.96	
Historical Society	189.02	
Georgia Bible Institute	241.63	
Midway Missions	553.20	
Ministers Retreat	90.04	
Executive Secretary and Board Members Mileage	5,123.63	
Audit Fee	322.00	
Postage and Office Supplies	186.49	
Roloff Enterprises	90.00	
James Ursury	<u>36.00</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$57,534.59
Balance June 30, 1979		<u>\$(2.40)</u>

Office of Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist
Christian Supply Store
Financial Statement
June 30, 1979

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$152.13
Cash in Bank	2,488.72
Accounts Receivable	3,430.42
Inventory	19,029.25
Furniture and Fixtures	3,252.95
Prepaid Interest	3,414.75
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$31,768.22</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY

Notes Payable—C & S Bank		\$13,084.80
Notes Payable—C & S Bank		2,786.88
State Income Tax Withheld		78.30
F.I.C.A. Tax Withheld		63.23
Federal Income Tax Withheld		131.70
Accounts Payable		2,205.85
Capital Account July 1, 1978	\$17,792.86	
Loss from Operation	<u>(4,375.40)</u>	
Capital Account June 30, 1979		<u>13,417.46</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY		<u><u>\$31,768.22</u></u>

Office of Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist
Christian Supply Store
Statement of Net Income
June 30, 1979

SALES		\$69,628.39
COST OF GOODS SOLD		
Inventory July, 1978	\$18,575.07	
Purchases	47,171.44	
Goods Available for sale	<u>\$65,746.51</u>	
Inventory June 30, 1979	<u>19,029.25</u>	
Cost of Goods Sold		<u>\$46,717.26</u>
GROSS PROFIT		\$22,911.13
OPERATING EXPENSE		
Salaries	\$13,778.23	

Postage	1,129.33	
Office Expenses and Supplies	321.03	
Rent	3,300.00	
Utilities	2,083.56	
Freight	1,375.36	
Taxes & Licenses	2,662.39	
Advertising	714.29	
Legal & Accounting	739.00	
Miscellaneous	1,027.29	
Bank Charges and Interest	<u>156.05</u>	
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		<u>\$27,286.53</u>
NET LOSS FROM OPERATIONS		<u>\$(4,375.40)</u>

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, 1979

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, 1979. 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, 1978 to June 30, 1979.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1.

Payments totaling \$1,697.41 were made during the year on the notes payable to Citizens & Southern Bank of Colquitt County by the Christian Supply Store. Of the amount paid to Citizens & Southern Bank of Colquitt County, \$1,249.71 was paid on the \$7,500.00 installment note made February 2, 1972; and \$447.70 was paid on the \$13,532.50 note made March 29, 1979. The February 2, 1972 installment note had a remaining balance of \$2,786.88 and the March 29, 1979 note had a remaining balance of \$13,084.80.

Note 2.

The statements do not include a provision for depreciation.

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

We make our report to you with thanksgiving unto the dear Lord and a deep appreciation to you for your efforts in behalf of your Historical Commission.

The work on the gravesites of the Reverend John Brodnax, Sr. and his wife has been completed and is a beautiful job, something for which we can be proud. This work was done at a cost of \$1,353.50.

The funds now being received will be used to purchase and install a special marker on the site of the First Free Will Baptist Church in Georgia, Providence Church, Columbus, Georgia.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$494.60
Receipts:	
Georgia State Association	\$209.31
Union Association	200.00
Twin Cities Association	150.00
Martin Association	412.10
Midway Association	95.00
Total to account for:	<u>\$1,561.01</u>
Disbursements:	
Columbus Monument Co.	\$1,353.50
Mileage, Postage, Telephone	45.21
Bank Service Charge	2.00
Ga. Baptist Historical Society (Membership Fee)	<u>4.00</u>
Total	<u>\$1,404.71</u>
Balance in account July 1, 1979	\$156.30

Respectfully Submitted,
Damon Dodd, Chairman
Adam Scott
James Ursrey, Sec./Treas.

FINANCIAL REPORT OF GEORGIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Balance as of July 1, 1978	\$330.96
Receipts:	
State Office	\$329.47
State Youth Conference	323.95
CTS Rally	535.37
Total	<u>\$1,189.37</u>
Total Working Balance	\$1,520.33
Disbursements:	
State Youth Conference Expense:	
Printing & Postage	\$39.02
Telephone Calls	40.83
Refreshments	31.98

Committee Lunch	28.11	
Musicians	80.00	
SYC Speakers	205.00	
TOTAL	<u>\$424.94</u>	
CTS Rally Music & Arts Festival Expense:		
Printing & Postage	\$24.50	
Awards & Medals	116.63	
NYC Competitors Registration	85.00	
Committee Members Mileage	40.00	
Camp Mt. Bethel	<u>373.80</u>	
TOTAL	<u>\$629.63</u>	
Competitors Expense NYC	\$175.37	
Miscellaneous Book-keeping Materials	5.29	
TOTAL:	<u>\$180.66</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$1,235.53</u>
Balance on Hand as of July 1, 1979		<u>\$284.80</u>

BOARD OF TRUSTEE ANNUAL TREASURES REPORT

RECEIPTS:

State Office Cooperative Plan	\$3,356.00
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Moultrie House	\$659.49
Insurance Loan Payment	318.41
Insurance Harper McCall	691.72
Replacing Fuse Box (Camp Mt. Bethel)	200.00
Cutting Grass (Camp Mt. Bethel)	
J. F. Lee	25.00
Cutting Grass (Camp Mt. Bethel)	
Wayne Larry	35.00
Prefered Risk Insurance	722.50
Hardware Supplies (Camp Mt. Bethel)	
Mitchell-Stewart Hardware	12.85
Fallen & Kirbo Attorneys	24.50
Lewis Plumbing Co.	7.12
Plumbing Moultrie House	103.56
Repair on Air. Cond.	<u>18.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,818.65</u>

Balance June 30, 1978	\$356.80
Total Receipts	3,536.00
Total	3,892.80
Disbursements	2,818.65
Balance in Treasure June 30, 1979	<u>\$1,075.15</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Kenneth Murphy, Chairman
Rev. John Cannon, Treasurer

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE
of
GEORGIA ASSOCIATION OF F.W.B.
528 North Main Street
Moultrie, Georgia

BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD, July 1, 1978		\$854.81
Receipts:		
Cooperative Program	\$2,498.04	
Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>2,503.04</u>
TOTAL CASH BEFORE DISBURSEMENTS		<u>\$3,357.85</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Mrs. H. J. Kelley	\$286.49	
Mrs. A. C. McKinnon	180.24	
Rev. H. L. Knighton	286.49	
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	286.49	
Mrs. W. J. Childre	286.49	
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	286.49	
Rev. L. D. Scott	286.49	
Mrs. A. B. Ard	239.99	
Rev. A. D. Green	<u>286.49</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		2,425.66
EXPENSES:		
Stamps	\$33.00	
Jim Lugo—Expenses	50.00	
(Committee to Investigate Retirement Village)		
Georgia State FWB Office	<u>192.50</u>	
TOTAL EXPENSES		<u>275.50</u>
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT, June 30, 1979		<u>\$656.69</u>

Mrs. A. C. McKinnon died February 25, 1979.

Mrs. A. B. Ard died April 20, 1979.

Respectfully submitted,
William S. Lewis, Clerk
Board of Retirement and Insurance

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING
July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979
Treasurer Report to The State Association

Balance brought forward		\$220.21
Receipts		
State Office	\$1,281.44	
Sessions	3,743.95	
Canteen	747.26	
Chattahoochee Association Youth for Christ	100.00	

Board of Trustees	200.00	
First Albany Fellowship Sunday School Class	600.00	
Mount Olive	510.77	
New Prospects	337.00	
Sylvester	269.95	
Bethlehem	260.00	
Satilla	175.00	
Woman's Auxiliary Retreat	150.00	
Association Retreats	397.40	
General Telephone C. (Refund)	104.50	
Irwin Country E.M.C. (Refund)	54.90	
Camp Mount Bethel (Refund)	60.70	
Alumni Association	15.83	
Robert Wittaker	6.00	
Charles McDonald	20.00	
Total Receipts	<u>9,034.75</u>	
Total to be accounted		9,254.96
Total Expenses		<u>8,293.41</u>
Balance in Treasury		961.55

Expenses:

Pridgen Brothers	\$126.21	Kitchen Supplies
Morrison Grocery Store	615.27	Kitchen Supplies
William Brothers Grocery Co.	341.94	Kitchen Supplies
Mrs. J. F. Lee	93.10	Kitchen Supplies
Mrs. Fannie Mizell	40.71	Kitchen Supplies
Gyton Adams	34.05	Kitchen Supplies
Truett Wholesale Co.	92.97	Canteen Supplies
Pepsi Cola of Crips Inc.	121.30	Canteen Supplies
Coca Cola Co.	139.74	Canteen Supplies
Frito Lays	33.30	Canteen Supplies
Gyton Adams	25.00	Canteen (change)
General Telephone	424.85	
Sycamore Gas Co.	196.00	
Irwin Country E.M.C.	814.14	
Hertiage Insurance Co.	259.32	Insurance on campers
Harper McCall Insurance Agency	579.00	Insurance on property
Mrs. J. F. Lee	400.00	Cook
Mr. J. F. Lee	10.00	Labor
Mrs. Fannie Mizell	25.00	Cook's helper
Rev. James Osborn	1,746.00	Director's salary
Rev. Hurbert Waid	50.00	Session Director
Rev. Ronald Wallace	50.00	Session Director
Rev. Curtis Alligood	20.00	Session Dir.'s Mileage
Rev. Robert Whittaker	30.30	Session Dir.'s Mileage
Rev. Norman Richmond	25.00	Evangelist's expenses
Rev. Ken Murphy	25.00	Evangelist's expenses
Rev. Damon Dodd	25.00	Evangelist's expenses
Mrs. J. F. Lee	25.00	Cook's Mileage
Board Members Mileage	120.04	Board Meeting

Camp Mount Bethel	73.01	Session Supplies
C.T.S.	23.00	Session Supplies
Canteen's Craft	31.86	Session Supplies
Christian Supply Store	31.01	Session Supplies
Mrs. James Roland	27.13	Session Supplies
State Office	141.50	Printing
Bishop's Well & Pump Service	250.76	Pump Head & Installation
Roger's Appliance Service	180.25	Used Washing Machine
Mitchel Steward Hardware Co.	5.10	Misc. Hardware
Apperson's Con. Products Inc.	101.50	Drainage Stone
Lewis Plumbing Supply Co.	136.16	Electrical Supplies
Vick's Distributing Co.	311.11	Maint. Supplies
Turner's Auto Parts	14.16	Service on fire extinguishers
Warren Arnold & Son	5.88	Lawn Mower Blade
Western Auto Store	15.78	Recreation Supplies
K-Mart	22.43	Recreation Supplies
Ashburn Farm Center	16.35	Fish Food
Guyton Adams	7.20	Fish Food
Farmers Mutual Exchange	81.19	Fish Food
Farmers Mutual Exchange	28.86	Rat Poison & Fertilizer
C.C.I.	45.00	Membership Fee
Ashburn Post Office	22.00	Box Rent
Guyton Adams	46.65	Maint. Supplies
Guyton Adams	60.70	Refund
TOTAL	\$8,293.41	

REPORT OF THE GEORGIA MISSION BOARD

We your Georgia State Mission Board would like to thank you for your continual prayers and financial support through the past year. God has used you to support Georgia Missions and supply the financial needs of our mission board. It is with your prayers and support that many souls have been won to the Lord through our mission churches this past year.

The mission board held only one meeting this year, but had several committee meetings to handle the business. Some business was handled by the telephone.

The Northside Atlanta mission has been established in the Smyrna, Marietta area of Atlanta. This church is located about 40 miles from the Decatur church. This group met in a community center for a few weeks, then in the home of Bro. Larry Nix until they were able to use a local school building.

On May 5, 1979 the mission board met in Atlanta with Bro. Larry Nix and some of the families of the church. The purpose of this meeting was to look at a piece of land the group was wanting to purchase. Due to the unusual circumstances and county ordinances in Cobb County concerning a church,

the mission board voted to approve Bro. Larry Nix and the Northside Atlanta mission to purchase 13.57 acres of land for the sum of \$54,280.00.

We have continued supporting Dalton, Georgia and Bro. Earnest Harrison for the past year. The Dalton church is a well established church, under the leadership of Bro. Robert Wood, who resigned last year due to his health. Bro. Earnest Harrison has pastored the church since June 1978. They will become self-supporting on December 1, 1979. Continue to pray for Bro. Harrison and the Dalton Church.

In January 1979 Bro. Dowdney moved from Dublin to Moultrie, Georgia. The Dublin church was without a pastor from February to July. Several preachers in the area would go to Dublin on Sunday afternoon to preach to the group. On May 5, 1979, the mission board hired Bro. James D. (Jimmy) Miller of Lancaster S. C. to pastor the church. Bro. Miller moved to Dublin in July 1979 and has reported continual growth in the church. We are paying Bro. Miller \$325.00 a month housing and no salary. Pray that we will have a strong Free Will Baptist Church in Dublin, Ga.

We have supported the churches in Statesboro, Athens, Swainsboro and Rome with the designated giving to these churches.

We the mission board, with Bro. Jerry Johnson and the Athens church would like to thank each of you who gave to the "Jerry Johnson Day" in support of the Athens bond payment. The offering was \$1,638.62.

We would also like to thank those of you who gave a "faith promise" offering to help with the Dublin bond payment on October 1, 1979.

We ask you to pray for our missions and our mission board, that God will supply our needs. Pray for God's leadership and guidance for your mission board of Free Will Baptist in Georgia this next year.

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

**GEORGIA STATE MISSION BOARD
TREASURY REPORT
JULY 1, 1978-JUNE 30, 1979**

BALANCE JULY 1, 1978	\$5,698.19
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RECEIPTS:

State Office	\$10,170.47	
Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary	1,981.16	
District Assoc. and Churches	15,023.28	
Total Receipts		<u>27,174.91</u>
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR		\$32,873.10

DISBURSEMENTS:

Morris	\$520.40	
Johnson	2,892.54	
Burns	73.90	
Harrison	6,669.95	
Dowdney	2,400.00	
Nix	5,604.62	
Miller	440.15	

Rome Missions	5.00	
Atlanta Land Fund	100.00	
Jerry Johnson Day	1,638.62	
Dublin Bond Payment	8,180.00	
Board Member Mileage	926.00	
Phone	227.40	
Postage	32.92	
Ledger Filler	20.60	
First National Bank (checks)	12.56	
Bond for Treasurer	56.00	
TOTAL PAID OUT		\$29,800.66
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1979		<u>\$3,072.44</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Benny Lariscy Sec/Treas.

We, the Committee on Committees, submit the following report:

Nominating Committee

Rev. Jim Lugo—Chairman
Rev. Bill Robinson
Mr. Billy Hatcher
Rev. Curtis Alligood
Rev. J. E. Blanton

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Jim Ward—Chairman
Mr. Danny Thomas
Mr. Bill Lewis
Rev. Larry Williams
Mr. David Chamberlin

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Bobby Clyatt, Chairman
Rev. Bobby Parker
Rev. Irvin Hyman
Rev. Ronald Wallace
Rev. Adam Scott

REPORT OF GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Georgia Bible Institute opened officially on Monday, September 24, 1979, with four fulltime students and eleven part-time students. With the departure of Dr. Melvin Worthington from the State to assume the office of Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, Dr. Damon C. Dodd was named President of the Institute. Dr. Irvin Hyman serves as Academic Dean and Vice-president, and Mr. Danny Thomas is Registrar.

The opening days of the Institute were so smooth and harmonious that a casual observer would have thought it was an old, established school. Students

were eager and cooperative and the Administration and Faculty had prepared well for the occasion, so that we got off to a beautiful start. Some of our students had had previous college experience and they were most helpful in orienting the others to the pace of school life. We have a lovely spirit of cooperation and mutual endeavor among our students and faculty. Our teachers are efficient and well prepared, the Administration has the welfare of both faculty and students in mind, and up to this point no difficulties or problems have arisen.

Instruction in the classroom is on a high level and students have exhibited a genuine interest in the courses and a good level of comprehension of the courses being taught. Mid-term exams have just ended and we were all delighted at the student's grades in all courses. All in all, we are off to a better-than-average start and are looking forward to greater and better things in the future.

We are aware of the fact that not everyone can take the time to enroll as a fulltime student in GBI. Therefore, we are planning to take GBI to everyone. Our Christian Leadership Training Program will offer several practical courses in various localities over the State. They will be of two nights' duration, with three hours of instruction each night. Successful completion of a course will earn two hours' credit toward the CLTP Certificate, which will be awarded upon the completion of 18 hours of study. Information regarding this program will be made available as soon as the final details are worked out.

As the demand arises, we will be setting up Extension Units of GBI in various sections around the State. Local qualified people will be employed as instructors in these extension units and work done by students will be fully accredited by GBI. We feel that under our present program we can be justified in establishing an extension unit in any area where a minimum of eight students can be enrolled. If you would like to plan for such a unit in your area, please see President Dodd or Dean Hyman.

Faculty members are presently receiving no salary for their services but are being given 15¢ per mile travel allowance to and from their assignments, plus allowance for one meal. As the Institute grows and finances permit, we will work out a salary schedule commensurate with our income. I would like to publicly express my appreciation to the faculty members for their unselfish and dedicated service. To see and hear them in action before their classes, one would think that they were being handsomely paid—and in reality they are as God pours out His very finest blessings on their efforts.

Our special thanks go to First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany. This outstanding church is furnishing all facilities for the Institute program free of charge. For this Christian service and generous gesture in helping our State to launch her present education program, we would like for this Body to give a rising vote of thanks to First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia.

We need more students! GBI is not limited to ministers. We welcome lay people to our classes. Nor is GBI limited to Free Will Baptists. Any Christian who has a need for Bible training and church programming and procedures is invited to enroll. In the words of an Old Testament character, "Come thou with us and we will do thee good."

GBI does not have an overplus of funds, but we are solvent and debt-free. We would like to have at least 20 churches over the State to give \$25.00 per month to help us get a good start in our program. Already two churches, First of Colquitt and New Home of Miller County, have voluntarily begun sending

us this amount. If you feel that we have a worthy program—one in which you would like to have a part—put us in your budget.

Thank you for your prayers and support. Please continue both in the days and months ahead.

Respectfully submitted:
Damon C. Dodd, D.D.
President

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Georgia Bible Institute opened for classes on September 24, 1979 in the facilities of First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia, with 14 students and 5 instructors.

The students are taking courses in six different areas: Bible, Music, Communications, Evangelism, Pastoral Theology, and Theology.

Each of the students appear to be very pleased with the programs of study. They are making good grades, and are looking forward to the time when their work with GBI will be completed.

At the present time, classes are being conducted on Monday of each week from 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Every effort is being made to provide a good Christian education at the lowest possible costs. The tuition at GBI is \$16.00 per quarter-hour. This means that if a student takes a full load of 10 quarter-hours, the total comes to \$160.00. In addition, the students are required to furnish their own textbooks, which amounts to about \$35.00 per quarter.

Our purpose at GBI is to provide quality training for those who will not be able to secure it at FWBBC or other Christian institutions. The school seeks to meet this need of training on an institute level.

The program of study is a 3 year terminal course designed to adequately acquaint the student with subjects that are most essential in doing the work of the Lord more effectively.

If you are interested in taking work at GBI please go by our booth and secure an application along with a brochure that explains more fully the school's program.

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST NOVEMBER 15-17 FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Forty-Second Annual Session of the Georgia State Association, meeting with the Dublin Free Will Baptist Church in Dublin, Ga., a study committee was appointed to study the financial structure of the State Assoc. The purpose of the Committee, as expressed by the Executive Committee, was to study the methods of giving in our State, and to suggest possible ways of improving the financial structure.

The committee proceeded in the study by sending out a questionnaire to the Churches in our state to get an across the board opinion of what people wanted and would best support as the methods of giving. The questionnaire

showed a very favorable acceptance and support to the Co-Operative Plan of giving. A few expressed support to designated giving only. The committee concluded that the majority of our Churches and ministers were for the present system of giving. We therefore turned our attention to ways of improving the present system of giving.

The purpose of the Co-Op Plan is to provide for the financial needs of our Denominational works on each level by giving our income to a central source and then distributing these funds to every phase of the work. We co-operate together in a unified effort, working together, giving together, to support every area of the ministries of Free Will Baptist. This is true co-operative giving. What might we do to have the best co-operative effort? How can we improve our use of the Co-op plan in our state? The Financial Committee feels there are at least two things worth our consideration.

1. That there should be established in our State a regular training program to present the Co-Operative Plan to our Churches, both pastors and membership, and to educate them concerning Co-operative giving.

2. That our State should work under a State Budget that would include all the funds given through our State to outside causes. The budget would consist of the money given to the Co-op plan, the money designated, and the money given directly from Churches to outside causes.

These two proposals are further explained separately in the balance of this report.

Proposal 1. That there should be established in our State a regular training program to present the Co-op plan to our Churches, pastors and membership, and to educate them concerning Co-operative giving.

The proposal would include the following in its implementation:

- a. A pastoral training program by means of cassette tapes explaining the Co-operative plan.
- b. Special ministerial training programs and discussion meeting at the district associational meetings.
- c. A special training session at the State meeting in the form of a work-shop or seminar conducted by a qualified person.
- d. A three-session study course designed for the local Church to be used on Sunday Evening or Wednesday night explaining the Co-op plan in layman terms.
- e. A publicity campaign coordinated from the State Office that would include a presentation at each quarterly meeting, a feature article each month in the Promotional Bulletin, and distribution of a well-written, illustrated pamphlet explaining the Co-op plan.
- f. The use of motivation and incentive to encourage support to the Co-op plan such as, annual goals set for enlisting new supporters to the program, recognition of new supporters by an appropriate plaque, and a Church-of-the-Year Award for the Church with the highest per-capita giving, and also a yearly listing of the State's top ten supporters to the Co-op plan.

Proposal 2. That the State should work under a State Budget that would be made-up of all the funds given through our State. The budget would consist of the money given to the Co-op plan, the money given designated, and the

money given directly to outside causes.

How will the State budget work?

- a. All the money given by our Churches to outside causes would be included in the budget. We would consider all money given to be a part of the State's total financial picture. Look to page 6 of the report which is an example budget. The figures used are not real budget figures but are used to illustrate only. Now find the figure for Foreign Missions as an example. This figure would represent money given designated, the percentage of the Co-op plan, and what the Foreign Mission Board received directly from Georgia.
- b. All designated funds will go to the place as designated. If the designated funds exceed the amount budgeted to any part of the budget then it will go as designated. For example, the budget includes \$3,000.00 for State Missions. If the State Missions Board received \$35,000.00 in designated funds then all that money would go as designated, even though it is \$5,000.00 over the budget.
- c. The budget will be drafted each year by the budgeting committee. Each State Board or Committee will submit a proposed budget each year to the Budgeting Committee. The Budgeting Committee will draft the budget and present it to the State Meeting for ratification.

What are some benefits for using a Budget for our State?

1. A budget would move our State closer to a true total Co-operative effort. Since all money given to outside causes make-up the total budget and manifests what we are doing together from our State.
2. A budget has built-in incentives.
 - a. It encourages giving because everyone can have an equal share in providing for all our ministries on the State and National levels.
 - b. It gives a closer accounting to our State of the money given from our Churches to outside causes. We will have in one report the sum of our outside finances.
 - c. It sets goals for each ministry as to money needed to minister. The goals will be set by the State Association as the budget is adopted. We set the goals. We meet the budget by working together.
 - d. It helps us to be better stewards of the money from our Churches. One idea in stewardship is proper management. You will have an active voice in helping to manage our State finances.
3. A budget has some built-in checks and balances. It would prevent a State Board or Committee from spending in excess the amount of money budgeted by the State Association. It would require preplanning by these State Boards as to money needed for the year. Since they will submit a proposed budget to the Budgeting Committee of the amount of money needed, it should be possible to work within that amount.
4. Our State needs an established, consistent method of managing our finances. A budget will give us that method needed. It should deliver us from frequent changes being made in the management of the State's money.
5. Many Churches have found the benefits of using a Church budget to

manage Church finances. It would be wise for our State to adopt the best methods available to manage our business.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Finance Study Committee:
 Ronald Wallace
 Damon Dodd
 Billy Sharpson
 Buddy Morris
 Bill Travis
 C. B. Dowdney

Giving by Georgia Free Will Baptist Churches to State and National:

July 1, 1977 to June 30, 1978	\$195,275.83
July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979	215,323.63

This is an example budget of \$200,000.00
 The percentage is also an example

The budget and the percentage would be recommended by the Budgeting Committee each year, and presented to The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, for their approval.

NATIONAL

Foreign Missions	25%	\$50,000.00
Bible College	17½%	35,000.00
Home Missions	15%	30,000.00
National Co-op	2½%	5,000.00
	60%	<u>120,000.00</u>

STATE

Executive Department	12½%	\$25,000.00
Missions Board	15%	30,000.00
Camp Board	4%	8,000.00
Trustee Board	2½%	5,000.00
Board of Retirement	2½%	5,000.00
Ga. Bible Institute	1½%	3,000.00
Children's Home	1½%	3,000.00
St. Youth Conf.	¼%	500.00
Historical Com.	¼%	500.00
	40%	<u>80,000.00</u>
TOTAL		\$200,000.00

Each Department and Board Treasurer would send to the State Treasurer, by the 25th of each month, the amount of receipts received by their Department or Board the previous month.

Receipts received by any Department or Board, whether direct or through the State Office will be counted as part of their budget.

Designated receipts to any Department or Board will go to that Department or Board even after their budget is met.

All designated receipts will go to the Department or Board to which they are designated. No part will be deducted for any reason.

REPORT OF GEORGIA WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The theme was "Keys to Service" at the Georgia WA Retreat last April when 116 ladies gathered at Camp Mt. Bethel to share in this annual time of inspiration, information and fellowship. Each district was given a specific part of the program to develop and this proved to be a great blessing to all.

The 1978-79 Georgia WA Project was very successful. We gave \$5,804.18 for the Jerry Banks' Account—over \$800.00 above our \$5,000.00 goal!!! And we praise the Lord for this!!!

The Albany FWB Church hosted the 1979 annual convention on November 14 and 15 with Dale Bishop, missionary to Japan bringing the Wednesday night message on "Christ, Our Missionary Example." The convention theme was "Knowing and Growing" based on Ephesians 4:16b. Sandra Bishop was the featured speaker with Dale Bishop and Jean Hyman bringing devotional thoughts on Thursday when 192 registered.

Gifts to Missions and missionary causes totaled almost \$23,000 the past year and a convention love offering of \$600.00 was given to the Dale Bishops' Account. A total membership of 636 was reported through 55 local auxiliaries: 54 reported through 8 district conventions and 1 local in the Ogeechee Association.

Plans made for the coming year included the adopting of a joint project with a goal of \$5,000.00 to be equally divided between the Dale Bishops' Account (this part should be completed before June 1 since they plan to return to Japan in July of 1980) and the Northside FWB Mission (Smyrna, Ga.) Land Project; the Georgia WA Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel April 18 and 19, 1979; and the choosing of an Auxiliary Woman of the Year beginning in 1980.

The convention also voted to give its support to the following WNAC Projects: Increased support for the Co-Laborer Offering Plan; S.O.S. (Save Old Stamps for the WNAC Office); and the WNAC Retreat at Pigeon Forge, Tennessee September 25-27, 1980.

The following officers were elected to serve for the 1979-81 term:

President—Fleda Snow, Decatur WA, Chattahoochee District
Vice President—Opal Hatcher, Spring Hill WA, Union District
Secretary—Geraldine Waid, Valdosta WA, Little River District
Treasurer—Ida Tabb, Macedonia WA, Midway District
Field Worker—Martha Everson, Colquitt WA, Martin District
Historian—Edith Shiver, Patmos WA, Midway District
Members-at-Large: Nadyne Scott, Homerville WA, Little River District
Pam Gay, White Oaks WA, Georgia Union District
Marianne Stevens, Providence WA, Twin Cities District

Respectfully submitted,
Martha Everson
Georgia WA Field Worker

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE REPORT

The 1979 Georgia State Youth Conference convened Feb. 23, 24 at the First Free Will Baptist Church Albany, Ga. The theme for the Conference was "Discipleship." The Reverends J. D. Norris, Larry Nix and Dr. Melvin Worthington challenged Georgia Youth as the program was developed in message and workshop. The '79 SYC was very well attended by youth and adults from over the State. The Conference was highlighted by the Mass Youth Choir directed by Danny Thomas.

The State CTS Bible Competition and Music and Arts Festival was held at Camp Mt. Bethel on May 11, 12, 1979. We sent several representatives from our State in different areas of competition to the National Youth Conference. These young people won and placed first in different categories at the NYC. We are very proud of our Georgia Youth. We encourage each Church to promote the CTS Bible and Music and Arts competition among the youth.

The 1980 SYC will be held on Feb. 22, 23 at the First Church Albany. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Jim Ward from the Glennville Church. Plan now to bring your young people to this year's State Youth Bible Conference. We thank you for your prayers and continued support to this State Ministry.

Respectfully submitted,
SYC Committee:
Rev. Ronald Wallace
Rev. Norman Richmond
Mrs. Brenda Williams
Mrs. Edith Shiver

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING

A. Prospective Dates.

1. November 22-24; Thanksgiving Retreat
2. April 18-19; Woman's Auxiliary Retreat
3. May—C.T.S. Competition
4. May 20-23; State Minister's Retreat
5. June 6-7; Senior Citizen's Retreat—Mr. Curtis Alligood
6. June 22-27; First Session—Rev. Mance Cason
7. July 27-August 1; Second Session
8. August 10-15; Third Session
9. September-Teen Retreat

B. Raise Camp Fees.

1. Weekly session—\$25-\$30
2. Thanksgiving Retreat—\$7.50-\$10.00
3. Senior Citizens Retreat—\$10.00
4. Soft Drinks—20¢-25¢

Respectfully Submitted,
Guyton Adams

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission has completed its first project—that of

restoring the burial place of Rev. John Brodnax, Sr., the founder of Free Will Baptists in Georgia. The site, located in Providence Church cemetery, Columbus, Georgia, has been cleaned up, an attractive headstone placed at the grave, and the entire plot enclosed with curbing and covered with marble chips. Since the 1980 session of the State Association will be held in the Columbus area, we will conduct the dedication and memorial service during that time.

Our next project is the placing of an historical marker on the grounds of Providence designating this as the site of the first Free Will Baptist Church in the State. We do not know at this time what the total cost of this project will be and it may be that we will have sufficient funds on hand with which to complete this work. If not, we hereby request permission of this Body to conduct a financial campaign to raise necessary funds for this purpose.

We remind the District Associations that they are to urge their member churches to submit a brief history to be published in their Associational Minutes. Do it two or three churches per year until all have been published. Associational Clerks are urged to send a copy of your Associational Minutes annually to the Secretary of the Historical Commission.

We appreciate your cooperation over the past year and trust that you will continue to work and pray with us that our efforts may meet with Divine approval.

The Commission:
Dr. Damon C. Dodd
Rev. Adam Scott
Dr. James Ursrey

BOOK STORE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your book store committee, would like to submit the following report:

We have made some changes in the operation of the store this year. Bro. Wayne Lacey resigned in March effective April 1. So Mrs. Ida Tabb was employed upon the recommendation of the committee and the approval of the Executive Board.

Since Mrs. Tabb took over the management of the store, we have increased the inventory and we have had a considerable increase in sales—even showing a net profit for the last quarter. Although we are still in the red, the operation of the store looks very encouraging at this point. Our bills are current and our inventory was increased by \$6,000. We believe the ground work has been laid for a sound business. Please refer to The Report Section in your 1979 Annual Report for our financial report.

It would be good if our people would use the store more. At present we are heavily dependent on people outside our Free Will Baptist denomination except for the Sunday School and Church Training Service literature sales.

We hope you will utilize your Christian Supply Store for your Christmas gifts and for all your other needs that the store offers.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Lamar Parrish
Mr. O. B. Everson, Chairman
Rev. C. B. Dowdney

RETIREMENT CENTER STUDY REPORT

Last year at this time the State Association appointed this committee to investigate the possibilities of our state work having a Christian retirement center. We saw our work chiefly as gathering information. A questionnaire was sent to 2,300 names on the state office mailing list so that we might get a cross-section of opinion. We asked five questions:

1) Do you understand what a "retirement village" is?

(78% of those responding said they did)

2) Would you be in favor of our state work having a Free Will Baptist retirement village?

(71% said, yes) (8% said, no) (11% were undecided)

3) If our state had this kind of ministry would you support it?

(70% said, yes) (12 said, no) (8% were undecided)

4) If we had this ministry in Georgia would you consider moving to it upon retirement age?

(34% said, yes) (37% said, no) (19% were undecided)

5) Do you have plans for your retirement made already?

(38% said, yes) (40% said, no) (8% had indefinite plans)

We also solicited the comments of those responding. There were many interesting comments. There was an overwhelming response of favorable comments.

The committee chairman went to Nashville, and had a consultation visit with Rev. Herman Hersey, Director of the Board of Retirement and Insurance. Bro. Hersey gave much help and presented the committee a book on the subject.

The committee recommends that this study be continued another year and that at the 1980 annual session concrete recommendations be made. We ask that additional committee members be appointed to assist.

Respectfully submitted,
Retirement Center Study Committee

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Associations	8
Churches	13
Ministers	55
Deacons	20
Boards Members	3

Georgia Missionaries	5
Associations Delegates	21
Church Delegates	15
Visitors	59
National Representatives	6
TOTAL	205

Respectfully Submitted,
 Rev. Luther Burns
 Mrs. M. C. Powell
 Mrs. Dorthy Murphy

REPORT OF THE MINISTER’S CONFERENCE

The Georgia State Minister’s Conference held its annual meeting in Albany, Georgia at the First Free Will Baptist Church, November 16, 1979 with Dr. Damon Dodd presiding. Routine business of the group was taken care of, following which the officers were elected:

Charles I. Murphy, President
 Herbert Waid, Vice President
 Ernest Barnes, Secretary-Treasurer

Special music was provided by Mr. Danny Thomas and Freddie Lockwood and Dr. Malcolm Fry of Nashville, Tenn. delivered a beautiful and challenging message from the Word.

All Ministers who have not registered with the Minister’s Conference are urged to do so in order that you might qualify for your current card of standing.

The President-elect appointed the program committee for 1980, consisting of Rev. Sammy Williamson, Rev. Russell Horn, and Dr. James Ursrey. Adjournment and benediction followed.

Respectfully submitted,
 Dr. Damon Dodd, President
 Rev. Ernest Barnes, Secretary elect

AUDITOR’S COMMITTEE REPORT

We have “surveyed” the books of the following Boards:

1. State Mission Board
2. Georgia Historical Commission
3. Retirement & Insurance
4. Christian Education & Camping

Due to our lack of proper qualifications in the area of accounting procedures, both of us on the Auditing Committee feel inadequate to give proper judgements as to whether or not the books we have “surveyed” are or are not in order.

It does seem evident, however, that the annual auditing by the State Auditors would be greatly simplified if a uniform set of books were kept by the respective boards.

We further recommend that a Certified Public Accountant or other public qualified personnel audit the books annually instead of the current auditing committee procedure.

Respectfully submitted,
Mr. Horace Minchew
Mr. Chuck Snow

REPORT OF STATE LAYMAN'S COMMITTEE

Georgia Master's Men activities during the 1978-1979 year culminated in the Second Annual Master's Men Breakfast which convened at 7:00 a.m. this morning in the Merry Acres Restaurant, here in Albany, Georgia.

After a brief State of the State report by Master's Men State Senator, Chuck Snow, General Director Loyd Olsan informed and challenged us and gave further projections of forthcoming Master's Men activities.

Georgia currently has grown to nineteen chapters and several other men's groups in our churches throughout the state are presently on the verge of chartering into official chapters.

Plans are being made for area conferences in 1980. Also during 1980, we plan to organize the Georgia Master's Men into a State organization.

Special thanks are in order to the pastors of our State for the continued cooperation given during this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Snow
O. B. Everson
Gleason Fowler

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT:

Whereas we believe the distinctive roles of male and female are ordained by God and revealed in His Word; and

Whereas, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America is contrary in spirit to God's appointed order and proposes to alter God's plan to the detriment of Women, the family, the Church, and society as a whole: therefore,

Be it resolved:

(1). That the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists declare its opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment extension time limit which was legislated last March.

(2). That we repudiate the idea that the Biblical role of women in any way marks them as inferior, either in the sight of God or man and that we reaffirm our belief that the Divine order bestowed dignity and honor upon both man and woman and brings Glory to God and great blessings to the human race.

(3). That we give the host church and the Midway Association a rising vote of appreciation for their gracious hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Ward

Bill Lewis

David Chamberlin

Danny Thomas

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We place in nomination the following names:

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Rev. Luther Burns

Mrs. Dorothy Murphy

Mrs. M. C. Powell

CAMP BOARD (to replace Rev. Tom McCall) Rev. Curtis Alligood

STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE:

Danny Thomas—Asst. Director

Mrs. Janice Wallace—Sec-Treas.

Mrs. Myra White—Member At Large

Georgia Representative to Ala. Children's Home: Rev. Curtis Alligood

GENERAL OFFICERS:

Dr. Damon C. Dodd—Moderator

Rev. Buddy Morris—Asst. Moderator

Rev. Herbert Waid—Clerk

Rev. Ronald Wallace—Asst. Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. J. E. Blanton

Rev. Bill Robinson

Mr. Billy Hatcher

Rev. Curtis Alligood

Rev. Jim Lugo, Chairman

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, Inc.

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 District Associations: 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 standard 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.

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 be responsible for maintenance, upkeep, and insurance of Camp Mt. Bethel.

B. 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.

C. 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 except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

SECTION 6. There shall be a Credentials Committee which shall consist of three (3) members who shall be in charge of the registration and examination of delegates and the receiving of all dues. These members are to be elected at the time of the General Officers.

SECTION 7. There shall be a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist 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 8. The treasurer of each board shall be bonded through the State Office 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 as its next regular session, for an indefinite period, with an agreement of a sixty (60) day 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 on any of the boards or committees 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 (1) business meeting to the next during the same session, 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 Inc.

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 Inc.

D. The Assistant Clerk, in the absence of the Clerk, shall fullfill 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 fullfillment 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 Co-operative Fund. The exception to this regulation relates to any remuneration received by the Executive-Secretary during his four (4) 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 Inc.

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.

C. The Executive Board shall formulate the budget for the State Association annually and 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 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.