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OF
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NOVEMBER 13-15, 1980**

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**A TRIBUTE OF RESPECT
TO
THE REVEREND I. J. BLACKWELDER**

Damon C. Dodd

The obituary of Joshua in the Old Testament lists him simply as "a servant of God." There is no mention of his military prowess or political genius. Nor did there need to be. His accomplishments during a lifetime of service to God spoke eloquently of these—and much more.

So it is in the instance of the Reverend I. J. Blackwelder. A Christian gentleman and an accomplished preacher of the Word, he made his mark for God in terms of service rendered. He was an avid student of the Bible and when he preached, he knew whereof he spoke. His uncanny insight into the Truth of God and his adept manner of giving the message commanded respectful attention whenever and wherever he preached.

He was a musician of no mean repute. A writer of hymns, he knew the deeper value of worship in song. His melodious voice gave life and meaning to the hymns that were dear to him and us. In his lifetime, he contributed much to upgrading church music among Free Will Baptist Churches.

He was a top-flight administrator. The Reverend Blackwelder believed in the whole Gospel for the whole world. In this respect he was a man ahead of his time. History accords him the honor of having been the first Secretary of Foreign Missions in the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

He was a great teacher. His lucid explanation of the Word and his ability to communicate truth to others opened these truths to many a young, aspiring minister.

This servant of the Lord contributed to his Denomination during his lifetime much more than he received in return. And we shall remember him as one of the truest of God's men.

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PROCEEDINGS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church of Columbus, Georgia, on November 13-15, 1980, for its Forty-fourth Annual Session. The theme was, "Practical Christian Growth," taken from II Peter 3:18.

Thursday Evening Service, 7:00 P.M.

The session began with the congregation singing, "Onward Christian Soldiers," and giving the pledges to the American and Christian flags being led by the Association's Music Director, Danny Thomas, Minister of Music, First F.W.B. Church, Albany. The Clerk of the Association, Herbert Waid, pastor of First F.W.B. Church, Valdosta, introduced the General Officers of the State Association: Moderator, Damon C. Dodd, pastor of New Home F.W.B. Church, Colquitt; Assistant Moderator, William Morris, pastor of Statesboro F.W.B. Church; Assistant Clerk, Ronald Wallace, Missionary to Northside Atlanta Area and C. B. Dowdney, State Executive Secretary. Thereafter, the Clerk declared in session the 44th Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

James Ursrey, Moderator of the Host, Twin Cities, Association, and Pastor of the Host, Emmanuel, Church, welcomed the State Association. Eddie Hodges led in prayer and a \$74.12 offering was received for the expense of the State Association.

After the assembly sang, "Love Lifted Me," a solo, "I Did It All For You," was rendered by Tony Adams, Minister of Music, First F.W.B. Church of Savannah. The keynote message was, "Growing in the Word," by Bobby Parker, pastor of First F.W.B. Church, Jesup.

The Chair appointed a Committee on Committees: Keith Faison, Chairman; James Ursrey and Earl Langley. Closing prayer was by Billy Hatcher.

Friday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

Danny Thomas led acappella, "There Is Power In The Blood." Bobby Whittaker, pastor of Mt. Olive F.W.B. Church, Reynolds, preached from Colossians 2:1-2 on the Subject, "Growing in Assurance."

The standing delegates, by vote, seated the elected delegates. The Committee on Committees reported and the report was adopted by vote as proposed, namely:

Nominating Committee: Bobby Clyatt, Chairman; Bill Evans; Eddie Hodges; Bobby Whittaker and Curtis Gay.

Resolution Committee: Irvin Hyman, Chairman; Bill Travis; Russell Horne; Billy Sharpston and Chuck Snow.

Historical Commission representative, James Ursrey, presented a gavel made of cedar wood from the site of the oldest F.W.B. Church in Georgia, Providence, Columbus, to the Moderator as the representative of the Georgia State Association.

The Clerk read the Executive Committee report. After it was received an opportunity was given for discussion on each part; it was adopted as a whole by vote.

C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary, gave his report, including financial reports on all State Association accounts under his jurisdiction, and it was adopted by vote.

From the floor a motion was received, and subsequently passed, to justify expenditures from the State Treasury. The Executive Secretary is to regularly report in the State Promotional Bulletin, his and all State Boards activities that warrant expenditures from the said Treasury. The Parliamentarian for the Session, appointed by the Chair, Bill Evans, ruled that this motion's action would be considered as a standing rule to the Executive Committee.

The congregation singing, "How Great Thou Art," and "Since Jesus Came Into My Heart," and prayer by Bobby Clyatt opened the morning worship service. William Travis prayed the offertory prayer and \$62.86 was taken up for the expense of the State Association. State Ministers of Music Male Quartet, Danny Thomas, Tony Adams, Johnny Van Kluyve from Colquitt and David Chamberlin from Jesup rendered a special arrangement of, "Come Unto Jesus."

"Growing in Worship," was systematically detailed for us by Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association. Kenneth Faison prayed the benediction.

Friday Afternoon Meeting, 1:30 P.M.

Preceding business, the congregation sang, "Joy Unspeakable," and William J. Barksdale, pastor of Pine Level F.W.B. Church, Norman Park, challenged us from II Peter 3:8-18 to be, "Growing in Love."

Georgia Bible Institute report was given by Academic Dean, Irvin Hyman. It was received as information.

Board of Retirement and Insurance Chairman, J. B. Mercer, recommended that all of the churches of Georgia send \$25 per month (\$300 per year) through the State Office to this Board so the retired ministers and their wives may receive a decent retirement check. Received as information.

National Executive Department report was by Melvin Worthington, National Executive Secretary. He exhorted our people to support every department of our Denomination—National, State and Local. Received as information.

Rolla D. Smith, General Director of the Foreign Mission Department reported on his worldwide ministry. It was received as information.

State Woman's Auxiliary President, Mrs. Fleda Snow reported. Received as information.

Chuck Snow, Georgia State Master's Men Senator reported. Received as information.

Board of Christian Education and Camping Treasurer, Guyton Adams, reported. Received as information.

Malcolm C. Fry, Assistant Director of the Sunday School and Church Training Departments reported for his departments. Received as information.

Bill Evans reported for the National Board of Retirement and Insurance. Received as information.

Youth Activities Committee report was given by Youth Activities General Director, Ronald Wallace. Received as information.

The meeting was adjourned by prayer by David Chamberlin.

Friday Evening Mission Service, 7:00 P.M.

Walter Daniels led in the opening prayer after the congregation sang, "He Ransomed Me."

National Home Mission report was given by Ronald Wallace. Received as information.

State Mission Board Chairman, J. E. Blanton presided over the rest of the evening service.

Billy McKinney reported on his Gainesville Mission work and Ronald Wallace reported on his North Atlanta, Marietta, Mission work.

The State Ministers of Music sang, "We Shall Rise."

From Acts 1:8, Billy McKinney showed us the need to be, "Growing in Witnessing."

As soon as the special State Mission offering of \$218.16 was received, Ronald Wallace and Billy and Joy McKinney moved to the altar. Thereafter, as many of the ministers as could approached them to "lay on hands" as Brother Rolla Smith prayed a dedicatory prayer for their ministries as State Home Missionaries.

The benediction was prayed by Eddie Riddick.

Saturday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

"Standing On The Promises," was the prelude to Walter Daniels, of Colquitt, challenging us to be, "Growing in Prayer."

The following eight reports were received as information: Board of Trustees, C. M. Chafin, Jr.; Minister's Conference, Irvin Murphy; National Master's Men, Loyd C. Olsan; Free Will Baptist Bible College, Ronald Creech; Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama, Carlton Lambert; State Mission Board, Benny Lariscy; Historical Commission, James Ursrey; Credentials Committee, Luther Burns.

Resolution Committee gave us three resolutions that were passed by the Body and recorded elsewhere in these Minutes. The first resolution was of special interest. It was a challenge to our churches to give a minimum of \$1,000 this year through our State Office to the Free Will Baptist Graduate School. This challenge was met by \$2,425 in pledges from the floor.

These three motions from the floor were carried:

1. A memorial to the late I. J. Blackwelder is to be written by Damon

Dodd to be printed in the 1980 Georgia State Association Minutes.

2. The State Executive Office Feasibility Study Committee (see Executive Committee report) be expanded from its present three (3) members to five (5) members, the two added members being elected from this body. Bill Robinson and Mance Cason were so elected.

3. The Resolution Committee be appointed by the Chair at one session to serve at the next session.

The Chair, thereupon, appointed the present Resolution Committee to serve this Association at our 1981 Session.

Delegates and alternates to the National Association at Louisville, Kentucky, July 19-23, 1981 were elected. The delegates are Danny Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Gleason Fowler and Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Snow. The alternates are Russell Brewton, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Lewis, Sr., Tony Adams and Mr. & Mrs. Billy Hatcher.

Nominating Committee's nominees were elected as nominated.

The General Board, functioning as the State Budgeting Board, recommended allocations for the Georgia State Cooperative Offerings. They were approved by vote.

The closing prayer was by William Travis.

Martin Association is to host our 1981 Session.

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Waid, Clerk

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

Actions Taken Between the 43rd and the 44th Annual Sessions Meetings held were (4):

November 17, 1979 Albany
February 9, 1980 State Office Moultrie
May 10, 1980 State Office Moultrie
August 9, 1980 State Office Moultrie

One more meeting is scheduled for November 13, 1980, at the State Association Headquarters Motel, Quality Inn, Columbus, Georgia.

The General Officers and Board Chairmen of your State Association have been punctual in attendance and diligent in deliberation in performing our Lord's business in the name of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Since our action is subject to the approval of the subsequent State Association in session, we submit the following as the pertinent decisions we have made since our last convening.

1982 SITE APPROVED

A unanimous vote approved the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia, as the location of the 1982 State Association.

STATE CLERK CO-SIGNS WITH STATE BOARD TREASURERS

A motion was carried that stated that the Vice-President of the Corporation called the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, namely the Clerk of the State Association, shall serve as the bonded co-signer along with each bonded state board treasurer on that board's bank accounts, checking and/or savings. If a board's treasurer becomes incapacitated, then the State Clerk will be able to assist that board in freeing their funds.

STATE ASSOCIATION DIGEST OF REPORTS

All state boards are to have their financial reports in the State Office to be audited on or before August 15 (fiscal year ends June 30).

All reports to be included in the State Association's Digest of Reports, including proposed budgets for the next year, are to be in the State Office on or before October 15 (compiling and printing is to be finished by November 1).

STATE PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN MAILING LIST UPDATING

By motion, the Executive Secretary was authorized to update the State Promotional Bulletin mailing list.

XEROX 2400 PRINTER

By vote, a two (2) year rental agreement was approved on a Xerox 2400 Printer because the old printing press was no longer serviceable and repair or replacement was deemed too expensive.

CAMP MT. BETHEL USAGE RATES

Concerning fees to be charged to those who would use the Camp Mt. Bethel facilities, a motion was carried that stated:

(1) Georgia State functions are to be charged \$10.00 per day. (This is in accord with the latest directive given by the State Association in session.)

(2) Georgia State affiliate associations or church sponsored functions are to be charged the above \$10.00 per day plus a reasonable minimum daily fee to be set by the Board of Christian Education and Camping.

(3) Any and all other groups are to be charged \$1.25 per camper per day.

(4) All of the above rates are to include the regular required insurance costs.

APPENDAGE #1

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT THE STATE OFFICE, May 10, 1980

A motion was carried to appoint a committee from the Executive

Committee as a whole to do a thorough study of the feasibility and benefits of having a part-time Executive Office of the State Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists as compared to a full-time office.

Acting moderator, Buddy Morris, appointed: J. E. Blanton, Chairman; Ronald Wallace and Damon Dodd to serve as this committee.

REPORTING BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, November 13, 1980

The above committee report that: In the time allotted they were not able to do the in depth study necessary to come to definitive conclusions and consequently were unable to make their report at this time. However, they asked permission to continue the study and to be allowed to report their findings to the Executive Committee next year, and if advisable, also to so report their findings to the Georgia State Association in 1981.

Request was granted.

APPENDAGE #2

GENERAL BOARD'S RECOMMENDATION TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION FOR THE 1981 GEORGIA STATE COOPERATIVE OFFERINGS:

State Mission Board	45%
Board of Retirement and Insurance	20%
Board of Trustees	15%
Board of Christian Education and Camping	10%
Georgia Bible Institute	5%
Youth Activities Committee	3%
Historical Commission	2%

Respectfully submitted,
Herbert Waid, Clerk

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists meets this year in the City that is the "birth place" of The Free Will Baptist movement in Georgia.

The Providence Church was organized in Columbus, Georgia in the early 1790s. Thus beginning the almost two hundred year history of our church in Georgia.

The following is taken from "Marching Through Georgia," a history of the Free Will Baptists in Georgia, By Damon C. Dodd. p. 26-31-32

...some of the South Carolina ministers, having been moved by the Holy Spirit to extend the Free Will Baptist cause, set out on a journey that took them into Georgia, Florida, Texas, Alabama, and Mississippi.

One of the results of these labors was the organization of a Free Will Baptist Church in the Chattahoochee region of Georgia.

Rev. John Brodnax, found more in Columbus than he had hoped for. Once settled in the town he started prayer services in his home. Soon his congregation outgrew the home and they moved to a large saw-mill shed. Revival broke out and many people were converted. The doctrines of free will, free grace and free salvation as preached by Mr. Brodnax stood out in stark contrast to the harsh, fatalistic Baptist Calvinism advocated by the other Baptists. The congregation of Mr. Brodnax began clamoring to be organized into a Free Will Baptist Church. In due time the minister capitulated to their request and so far as can be determined with any degree of accuracy, the first Free Will Baptist Church in the State of Georgia was organized between 1793 and 1795. The name chosen for the new church was Providence.

Mr. Brodnax gave a parcel of land for a building and soon the congregation had erected a suitable house in which to carry on services. While no extant written records have been found to substantiate this fact, direct descendants of Rev. Brodnax are living and working today in Columbus, Georgia. A niece of Rev. Brodnax, several generations removed by now, has in her possession an old heirloom Family Bible in which some notations made in those early years seem to verify the date of the organization and specifically name the Rev. John Brodnax as the founder and organizer of Providence Church. The burial place of Rev. Brodnax was found in a cemetery in the Columbus, Georgia area not many years ago and the birth and death dates on the weatherworm tombstone definitely establish the authenticity of the existence of Rev. Brodnax within the time-frame of this historic event.

The Georgia State Association in 1980 has 132 churches with over 12,000 in memberships.

We have lost many churches over the years because of the infiltration of other groups, indifferent or independent minded pastors and church splits.

In the past 85 years, 47 churches that were organized as Free Will Baptist Churches have joined other groups, become independent or cease to exist.

One of our greatest needs is for our pastors to teach loyalty for their church to our people, and remain loyal themselves.

Giving by Georgia Churches to the State and National ministries is up \$27,000.00 over last year. Giving through the State Office is up more than \$14,000.00 over last year.

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE

Sales for the Christian Supply Store are \$90,811.78 this fiscal year, (July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980)—compared with \$69,628.39 in the same time period last year. This is an increase of \$21,183.39 over last year. Net profit for the year is \$10,306.13. This profit increased the inventory \$7,667.21 and paid \$2,708.19 on bank interest.

GIVING BY GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Georgia State Office	\$ 71,980.85
National Cooperative	2,231.70
National Foreign Missions	47,316.96
National Home Missions	41,890.71
National Board of Retirement and Insurance	1,599.09
Free Will Baptist Bible College (General Fund)	28,312.27
Free Will Baptist Bible College (Building Fund)	15,452.15
Childrens Home (Alabama)	17,822.85

Given directly to:

Georgia State Missions	14,378.81
Board of Christian Education and Camping	1,175.00
Total	<u>\$242,160.39</u>

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

COOPERATIVE DESIGNATED GIVING JULY 1, 1979-JUNE 30, 1980

CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOC.

Decatur	\$ 138.15
First Thomaston	1,314.00
Mt. Olivet	903.05
New Hope	110.00
New Prospect Turner Co.	120.00
Pleasant Hill	810.32
Trinity	560.90
Turners Chapel	818.92
Total	<u>4,775.35</u>

LITTLE RIVER ASSOC.

Cool Springs	\$ 375.00
Corinth	1,639.50
First Hahira	275.00
First Valdosta	491.00
Friendship	250.00
Homerville	300.00
Ozias	50.00
Pine Level	279.35
Sunny Side	120.00
Zion Hill	120.00
Little River Association	295.73
Little River Mission Fund	240.00
Total	<u>4,435.58</u>

GEORGIA UNION ASSOC.

Bay Springs	\$ 60.00
Beulah Springs	144.00
Christian Hill	702.19
Cross Road	1,428.24
Double Branch	660.00
Dublin	1,000.00
Little Bethal	638.90
Mt. Ararat	677.42
Pine Level	500.00
Pleasant Hill	599.07
White Oaks	1,895.00
Wilson Chapel	225.00
Georgia Union Association	50.00
Total	<u>8,579.82</u>

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

Colquitt	\$ 5,657.71
Corinth	938.84
Hebrew	25.00
Mothers Home	325.00
Mt. Gilead	1,236.50
New Home	881.64
New Salem	909.77
Thompson	150.00
Martin Association	413.45
Martin Deacon & Ministers Fund	40.00
Total	<u>10,577.91</u>

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

Albany	\$ 6,161.31
Arlington	345.00
Bainbridge	66.00
Bellview	3,562.73
Blakely	1,456.31
Cedar Springs	2,191.24
Berean	35.00
Hammock Springs	506.24
Macedonia	947.00
New Light	1,095.67
Oak Grove	291.00
Patmos	681.50
Travelers Rest	56.00
White Plains	751.50
Midway Association	15.00
Total	18,161.50

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION

Deep Creek	\$ 990.38
First Augusta	92.00
First Metter	100.00
Friendship	768.25
Lower Corinth	55.00
Total	2,005.63

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION

Alabaha	\$ 70.00
Baxley	491.00
Bethany	179.86
Bethal	110.00
Corinth	71.52
First Brunswick	125.00
First Jesup	300.00
First Savannah	300.00
Harmony	1,667.50
Immanuel	1,034.43
Lyons	60.00
Marietta	600.00
New Hope	249.78
Pine Level	210.00
Satilla	2,174.00
Spring Grove	2,406.00
Statesboro	54.00
Mamie Tyre Circle	60.00
South Ga. Mission Board	1,904.95
Total	12,068.04

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION

Calvary	\$ 565.00
Emmanuel	2,597.43
Providence	300.00
Twin Cities Association	50.00
Total	3,512.43

UNION ASSOCIATION

Bay	\$1,191.04
Bethlehem	60.00
Cairo	360.00
Fellowship	968.14
Midway	2,495.34
Poulan	252.00
Sylvester	136.90
Union Association	450.00
Total	5,913.42

GEORGIA STATE OFFICE RECEIPTS

Individual Giving	1,440.60
National Home Mission Bd.	116.00
Georgia State Mission Bd.	19.00
State Mission Offering	376.18

Total Cooperative 43,745.16

Total Designated 28,235.69

Total For Year 71,980.85

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Dowdney, Executive
Secretary/Treasurer

WILLIAM O. PIFER
Certified Public Accountant
MOULTRIE, GEORGIA 31768

October 15, 1980

Office of Executive Secretary
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statements of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds and accounts listed below for the year ended June 30, 1980, the financial statement and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1980.

General Fund
Co-Operative—Designated Fund
Christian Education and Camping Account
State Youth Conference Account
Historical Commission Account
Board of Retirement and Insurance Account
Trustee Board Account
Mission Board Account

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and accordingly included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances, except as stated in the following paragraph.

In our opinion, the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements present fairly the recorded receipts and disbursements of the Office of the Executive Secretary—Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the year ended June 30, 1980. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1979 and June 30, 1980: 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, 1979 through June 30, 1980. 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, 1979 through June 30, 1980. Internal control was not adequate to allow us to express an opinion on the Christian Education and Camping Account and the State Youth Conference Account.

Sincerely,
William O. Pifer

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES
TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980**

1. Method of Accounting—The accompanying statement of cash receipt and disbursements for the General Fund and Special Fund and the various account balances are prepared on a cash basis taking into account cash receipts and cash disbursements for the year ended June 30, 1980. If the statements of account balances could have been prepared on an accrued basis taking into account the transaction in transit from the state office at year end of 1979 and 1980 the cash receipts from the state office in each of the accounts would have been identical to cash disbursements as shown in the Special Fund Statement. The Financial Statement and Statement of Net Income for the Christian Supply Store has been prepared on an accrual basis but does not include any provision for depreciation.

2. Payment totalling 3,752.28 was made during the year on the notes payable to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County by the Christian Supply Store. Of the amount paid 1,045.08 was paid on the installment note made February 2, 1972 and 2,707.20 was made on the installment note made March 30, 1979, leaving a principle balance of 1,930.08 on the 1972 note and a balance including interest of 10,377.60 on the 1979 note.

3. The Mission Board Account Statement does not include the receipts and new savings account set up in May for the Living Memorial Church Building Fund. On December, 1979 the Board changed its supplement to Reverend James Miller from disbursement to Dublin to General Fund Disbursement and one disbursement from the General Fund to Northside Free Will Baptist was made in May in the amount of 1,528.46.

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980**

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1979 \$ 13.28

RECEIPTS:

Special Fund Transfers Cash Deposits	\$4,148.60
State Association Dues and Offering	794.26
Printing	508.31
Trustee Board	1,450.98
Other	<u>67.90</u>

Total Receipts

6,970.06

TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT

\$6,983.33

DISBURSEMENTS:

Printing	963.47	
Office Supplies	2,717.51	
Audit Fee	110.12	
Typing of Minutes	60.00	
Postage	1,211.67	
Miscellaneous	77.00	
Building Materials	1,677.74	
Bank Charges	<u>17.71</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>6,835.22</u>
BALANCE JUNE 30, 1980		<u>\$ 148.11</u>

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SPECIAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980**

Balance July 1, 1979 Special Fund	\$ (2.40)
Cash Receipts Cooperative Plan of Support	43,745.16
Cash Receipts Designated Plan of Support	<u>28,235.69</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENTS	71,978.45

DISBURSEMENTS

Executive Secretary Salary	\$10,660.00
Secretary Help	1,850.00
Retirement	300.00
Social Security	648.00
Insurance	1,224.21
Utilities	1,747.72
State Missions	14,876.22
Union Mission	280.00
National Foreign Mission	5,425.21
National Home Mission	2,698.21
Board of Trustees	3,215.93
Board of Retirement	2,887.19
Children's Home	3,984.57
Youth Conference	150.00
Board of Christian Education and Camping	1,637.79
Free Will Baptist Bible College	2,991.20
National Cooperative	4,024.50
State Youth Conference	469.31
General Fund	4,148.60
Historical Commission	149.01
Georgia Bible Institute	720.00
Midway Missions	417.50

Minister's Retreat	264.64	
Executive Secretary and Board Members		
Mileage	6,301.55	
Audit Fee	346.08	
Postage and Office Supplies	371.00	
Roliff Enterprises	40.00	
Warner Robins Church	100.00	
Cambodian Relief	50.00	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>71,978.44</u>
Balance June 30, 1980		<u>\$.01</u>

Respectfully submitted,
C. B. Dowdney, Executive Secretary/Treasurer

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
June 30, 1980**

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	\$ 118.79
Cash in Bank	2,130.69
Accounts Receivable	2,347.68
Inventory	26,696.46
Furniture and Fixtures	3,894.09
Prepaid Interest	2,708.19
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$37,895.90</u>

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY

Notes Payable—C & S Bank	\$10,377.60
Notes Payable—C & S Bank	1,930.08
State Income Tax Withheld	68.51
F.I.C.A. Tax Withheld	48.66
Federal Income Tax Withheld	114.10
Accounts Payable	1,633.36
Capital Account July 1, 1979	\$13,417.46
Income from Operation	<u>10,306.13</u>
Capital Account June 30, 1980	<u>23,723.59</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY	<u>\$37,895.90</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ida Tabb. Manager

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980**

SALES	\$90,811.78
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COST OF GOODS SOLD	
Inventory July 1, 1979	\$19,029.25
Purchases	63,015.72
	82,044.97
Goods Available for sale	82,044.97
Inventory June 30, 1980	26,696.46
	\$55,348.51

GROSS PROFIT	\$35,463.27
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OPERATING EXPENSE	
Salaries	\$11,152.43
Postage	1,910.61
Office Expense and Supplies	713.80
Rent	3,650.00
Utilities	2,119.91
Freight	577.37
Taxes and Licenses	1,149.49
Advertising	1,539.13
Legal and Accounting	943.80
Miscellaneous	94.25
Repairs	69.91
Bank Charge and Interest	894.84
Insurance	34.60
	25,157.14

NET INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	\$10,306.13
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Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Ida Tabb, Manager

BOARD OF TRUSTEE REPORT

Due to the Trustee Board not having a chairman at the time of the State Association, because of the leaving of Brother James Lugo, this will be a brief report by the treasurer. The Trustee Board has met during the year to make plans to repair the buildings at Camp Mt. Bethel and to build a swimming pool. The former members of Bemiss Church near Valdosta, in the Little River Association, have given \$12,000 to be used toward the pool construction, and a contract has been signed for this work. Other projects are planned if financial

problems can be solved. Please pray that this may be accomplished and that our Camp can be something to be proud of. Your financial help will be needed.

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980**

Account Balance July 1, 1979		\$1,074.15
Cash Receipts		
State Office (Note)	\$3,231.42	
Christian Supply Store Insurance	209.60	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>3,441.02</u>
Total Available for Disbursements		<u>\$4,515.17</u>
Disbursements		
House Payment Principle and Interest	\$ 509.02	
Insurance	871.12	
Repairs	166.98	
Addition to state office	1,854.48	
Bond Secretary Treasurer	7.30	
Check Charge	15.69	
Mileage	<u>54.30</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$3,478.89</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u><u>\$1,036.28</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
C. M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer

REPORT OF THE GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS

The Georgia State Mission Board held two meetings this year. Our meetings were held at the Dublin Mission on May 24, 1980 and August 23, 1980. We were able to handle some of the business that came before us by contacting each board member by phone.

You have continued your financial support through this year with gifts of over \$28,000. Many of you responded to our special plea for our "Dalton Day," which we had hoped to close out this account. Many of you supported the Atlanta work by sending direct to the National Home Mission Department and by supporting project ALPS, to pay on the Atlanta Land payment.

We urge your continual support for all our mission areas. We appreciate the churches that supports missions with regular giving. We need more churches to include Georgia State Missions in their Budgets.

We have continued support in the Dublin Mission. We have supported the bond payment and \$350 a month housing to Brother Jimmy Miller. This was raised to \$400 a month in June. Brother Miller resigned the Dublin Mission in July. Brother Miller was replaced by Brother Tim Hutchinson. We are continuing the \$400 a month until Brother Hutchinson can get a job and be able to support himself. We hope the Dublin Mission will soon be able to be self supporting.

There has been good progress in the Northside Atlanta Mission. They are buying a double wide Mobile Chapel and have it located on their land. With much response from our people of Georgia, they were able to pay \$6,000 on their land payments on May 8, 1980. On August 24, 1980 Brother Larry Nix resigned the Mission. Brother Nix was replaced by Brother Ronald Wallace, who was able to move to Atlanta the first week of September. We need your prayers concerning this work.

Brother Billy F. McKinney has had a burden on his heart to build a church in Gainsville, Georgia for several years. Around the first of July, 1980, with the help of the Mission Board, Brother Billy McKinney moved to Gainsville. He is working a public job to help support his family. Many of our people are supporting him through our Mission Board. We are sending to him all money designated to his account.

Because it is hard for a mission to borrow money and because of the high interest rates, we have established a loan fund for our missions. The name of this fund shall be, "The Living Memorial Church Building Fund." We set a goal of \$65,000, an average of \$500 per church, to be raised from our churches or individuals. Projects which necessitate a loan must be approved by the Board. This Board will hold mortgage on the property until the loan is repaid. Loans will be repaid on the basis of 10% of the churches designated offerings each month. No interest will be charged on the loan. "The Living Memorial Church Building Fund," is to be financed by direct gifts and 10% of the general fund money each month. A permanent book of donors and amounts will be kept and displayed at State Meetings. We urge you to support this fund.

We thank you for your continual prayers for our missionaries and our Board. We ask you to continue praying and supporting Georgia State Missions.

Respectfully submitted,
Benny Lariscy, Secretary/Treasurer

**BOARD OF MISSIONS ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1980**

Account Balance July 1, 1979	
Checking Account	\$ 2,418.89
Saving Account	<u>653.55</u>
Total Account Balance July 1, 1979	\$ 3,072.44

Cash Receipts		
State Office (Note 1)	\$13,615.97	
Georgia State Women's Auxiliary	2,055.84	
Churches and individuals	12,322.97	
Interest on Savings	158.60	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>\$28,153.38</u>
Total Available for Disbursements		\$31,225.82
Disbursements		
Statesboro	\$ 235.00	
Athens	2,184.18	
Dublin	10,460.00	
Dalton	571.69	
Atlanta	5,345.06	
Rome	35.77	
Griffin	5.00	
Perry	4.00	
Tallahassee	30.00	
State Office	19.00	
Living Memorial Church Building Fund	786.81	
Land Atlanta	968.94	
Postage	135.88	
Mileage	173.10	
Telephone	244.78	
Bond Treasurer	56.00	
General Fund	4,453.46	
Total Disbursements		<u>\$25,708.67</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u>5,517.15</u>
Distribution of Account Balance		
Checking Account		505.00
Saving Account		<u>5,012.15</u>
		<u>\$5,517.15</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Benny Lariscy, Secretary/Treasurer

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING ACCOUNT
CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980**

Account Balance July 1, 1979	\$ 961.55
Cash Receipts	
State Office (Note 1)	\$1,600.43
Churches	1,175.00

Association and State Groups	292.80	
Session Fees	2,836.89	
Canteen	890.88	
Other Receipts	<u>252.92</u>	
		<u>7,048.92</u>
Total Available for Disbursement	.	\$8,010.47
Disbursements		
Telephone	\$ 706.64	
Cooking Gas	403.53	
Electricity	869.75	
Board Mileage	291.50	
Camp Mileage	94.50	
Insurance	1,103.50	
Kitchen Supplies	1,307.44	
Canteen Supplies	611.60	
Session Supplies	31.15	
Maintenance Supplies	893.35	
Office Expense	89.00	
Director Expense	30.00	
Kitchen Labor	350.00	
Miscellaneous	926.49	
Evangelist Expense	<u>34.50</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>7,742.95</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u>\$ 267.52</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Guyton Adams, Treasurer

**BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980**

Account Balance July 1, 1979		\$ 656.69
Cash Receipts		
State Office (Note 1)	\$2,842.07	
Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary	<u>20.00</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>\$2,862.07</u>
Total Available for Disbursements		\$3,518.76
Disbursements		
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	\$ 393.50	
Rev. J. L. Knighton	392.50	
Rev. I. J. Blackwelder	365.50	
Mrs. W. J. Childre	392.50	
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	392.50	
Rev. L. D. Scott	392.50	

Rev. A. D. Green	392.50	
Postage	<u>13.80</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>2,734.30</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u>\$ 784.46</u>

Respectfully submitted,
William Lewis, Sr., Treasurer

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Georgia State Youth Conference Committee reports a very good year working with Georgia Youth at the Georgia State Youth Conference, and the CTS Rally in 1980. The SYC was very well attended again this year. As young people came to hear Rev. Jim Ward and Dr. Charles Hampton develop the theme of "Growing for Christ." Highlights of the Conference were a Drama Program by "The Evangelists," from FWBBC, and the Mass Choir directed by Danny Thomas. The SYC is held each year at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany, Georgia, on the 3rd week-end in February.

The CTS Rally and Music and Arts Festival was down in attendance and participation this year. However, we did have some contestants to go on to the National Youth Conference in Anaheim, California. We exhort our Churches to have CTS Programs and encourage their youth to become active in the CTS areas of Competition. Start making plans now to be at the 1981 CTS Rally to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel in May.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Janice Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980

Account Balance July 1, 1979		\$ 313.87
Cash Receipts		
State Office (Note 1)	\$ 432.04	
Registration and Offering	1,073.37	
Sale of Books	<u>68.35</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>1,573.76</u>
Total Available for Disbursement		\$1,887.63
Disbursements		
State Youth Conference Speakers	285.00	
Film Projector and Film	49.66	
Song books	109.84	
Service Charge	<u>12.88</u>	

Printing & Postage & Bond	85.02	
CTS Rally Expense	904.88	
State Youth Conference Members Mileage	43.00	
Guest Speakers Luncheon	38.47	
Offering Drama Team	55.00	
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Total Disbursements		<u>1,583.75</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u>\$ 303.88</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Janice Wallace, Secretary/Treasurer

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

Georgia Bible Institute began its second year of operation on September 16, 1980, with an enrollment of 28 students. Ten of the students are full-time and eighteen are part-time.

The students are taking courses in eight different areas: Bible, Western Civilization, Christian Education, Theology, Pastoral Theology, Christian Leadership, Prophecy and Music.

In June of this year, the Institute's officials voted unanimously to move the schools principal operation to Colquitt, and the classes are being conducted in the facilities of Colquitt F.W.B. Church.

Extension classes are being held in the facilities of First F.W.B. Church, Albany.

Extension schools are planned for Jesup and Columbus beginning in January of 1981.

Our faculty for Georgia Bible Institute consists of the following: President Damon C. Dodd, Dean Irvin Hyman, Registrar Danny Thomas, Georgia State Association Secretary C. B. Dowdney and Pastor Bill Evans. Pastors James Ursrey and Bobby Parker will be added to the faculty in January of 1981, the Lord willing.

The classes in Colquitt are conducted on Tuesday of each week from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. with a one hour class in the evening from 7:30 to 8:30.

Classes for the extension school in Albany are held each Monday 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. and 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Pastors James Ursrey and Bobby Parker will announce their schedules for Jesup and Columbus in the near future.

The tuition at GBI is \$18.00 per quarter hour. In addition, the students are required to furnish their own textbooks.

Our purpose at GBI is to provide a good Christian education for those who are not able to secure it at FWBCC or other Christian Institutions.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Institute, please feel free to contact Damon Dodd, Irvin Hyman, Bill Evans, C. B. Dowdney, Danny Thomas, James Ursrey or Bobby Parker.

Respectfully submitted,
Irvin Hyman, Academic Dean

REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL COMMISSION FOR THE YEAR 1979/80

We, your Historical Commission make the following report. Not much has been done this year since most of our proposed work was completed the year before.

However, funds being received will be used for the historical marker to be placed on the grounds of Providence Church designating this as the site of the first Free Will Baptist Church in the State.

A gavel set was made from a cedar tree on the site of the Church and is to be presented to the Association while in session this year.

We recommend that the District Associations compile a brief history to be published in their Associational Minutes and to send a copy of their Associational Minutes to the Secretary of the Historical Commission.

We pray that the dear Lord will continue to bless us with a ministry that we can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,
The Commission
James Ursrey, Secretary/Treasurer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION ACCOUNT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1980

Account Balance July 1, 1979		\$156.30
Cash Receipts		
State Office (Note 1)		<u>156.29</u>
Total Available for Disbursements		312.59
Disbursements		
Mileage & Telephone	\$ 13.52	
Service Charge	4.00	
Georgia Historical Society Membership Fee	<u>5.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>22.52</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1980		<u><u>\$290.07</u></u>

Respectfully submitted,
James Ursrey, Secretary/Treasurer

MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Emmanuel F.W.B. Church, Columbus, Georgia
November 12-13, 1980

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular

annual meeting November 12-13, 1980 at the Emmanuel Free Will Baptist Church, Columbus, Georgia. The Theme was "Blessed to be a Blessing." The Scripture was Genesis 12:2b, "I will bless thee . . . and thou shalt be a blessing."

The Wednesday evening service was opened by President Fleda Snow. Special music was by Rachel Horne and the message by Allan Crowson.

The Thursday meeting was opened by singing "This Is The Day" (Psalm 118:24) and "Make Me A Channel of Blessing" led by our music director, Brenda Evans, with organist Shirley Kimbrel and pianist Carolyn Riddick. Eleanor Sheffield led in prayer.

Carolyn Riddick, Albany WA, gave the devotional using our theme. Special music was by the Colquitt Trio: Ruth Henry, Carol Anne and Kimberly Everson, accompanied by Jean Hyman. Welcome was given by Janice Ursrey, Emmanuel Church.

The convention was called to order by the President, Fleda Snow. Shirley Sharpston was elected to fill the unexpired term of Opal Hatcher and Mary Bruner was elected to fill the unexpired term of Ida Tabb. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Shirley Sharpston. Motion carried to adopt this partial report and that the delegates be seated.

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING: Caroline Hightower, Chm., Mary Lee Fowler, Diane Coursey, Annie Lou Wells, LaVerne Mock, Dolora Johnson, Janice Ursrey, Mary Murphy

CREDENTIALS: Shirley Sharpston, Chm., Bessie Simmons, Jean Blanton

RESOLUTIONS: Myra White, Chm., Eva Middleton, Ann Lewis, Linda Gay, Lorene Miller

FINANCE: Mary Bruner, Chm., Caroline Hightower, LaVerne Mock, Ann Travis, Elizabeth Tucker

The visitors, pastors, missionaries and districts were recognized and welcomed by the President. Gail Everson gave greetings from Larry and Wanda Powell and a letter from Dale and Sandra Bishop was read by the Secretary.

"Woman of the Year" resumes of each nominee was read by the secretary. Nominees were: Mathel Barnes, Midway; Martha Everson, Martin (nominated by Chattahoochee); Caroline Hightower, Georgia Union; Jean Hyman, Martin; Dolora Johnson, South Georgia; and Janice Ursrey, Twin Cities. It was announced that ballots were to be turned in during the offering.

Shirley Sharpston gave a report of the State Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel in April. Report of National Retreat was from Martha Everson by proxies: Shirley Kimbrel, Mrs. Houston, and Doris Grant.

Congregation sang "All That Thrills My Soul" and Dolora Johnson led in prayer for the offering. Morning offering of \$162.60 was received and ballots were taken up.

The Colquitt Trio again rendered special music. Caroline Hightower introduced our speaker, LaRue Crowson. LaRue, one of our own from the Georgia Union, has served one term in Africa and shared personal things that she experienced while on the field using Philippians 4:11 as her text.

Announcements were made and directions for lunch were given by our host pastor, Brother James Ursrey, who also dismissed in prayer and blessing on the food.

Afternoon session began with singing led by Brenda Evans. The Colquitt

Trio blessed us with special music. Allan Crowson gave the devotional using Philippians 1:3-6.

With the President presiding, the business session began with officers reports: Mary Bruner, gave the Treasurer's report and a motion was carried to adopt (see reports). Edith Shiver, Historian, gave a report which was received as information (see reports). Motion, seconded and carried to accept the reports of the Registration and Credentials Committees and to adopt the Finance Committee report (see reports). Motion was carried to receive the report of the Resolution Committee and to adopt item by item. All items were adopted (see reports).

Brenda Evans gave a report from WNAC which convened in Anaheim, California, July 1980.

The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention July 1981 in Louisville, Kentucky; Shirley Sharpston, Sue Roberts, Bobbie Thomas, Carolyn Riddick, Brenda Evans, Shirley Kimbrel, Caroline Hightower, Opal Hatcher, Geraldine Waid, Edith Shiver, Doris Grant, Eleanor Sheffield, Jean Hyman, Helen Lewis, Faye Faison. MSC for the president to have the authority to substitute with those able to attend.

The President appointed a committee to update our Constitution and By-Laws: Geraldine Waid, Chm., Brenda Evans and Caroline Hightower.

The following were nominated to serve as Member-at-Large on our Executive Committee; Bessie Simmons, Georgia Union; Diane Coursey, Little River; Rachel Horne, Twin Cities.

State Mission Chairman, Benny Laircy expressed thanks for the Woman's Auxiliary gifts to our State Mission work.

"Woman of The Year" award was given to Mathel Barnes of the Midway Association. A certificate was awarded by the President, Fleda Snow.

Announcements were made and Minutes of the Convention were read and approved. Meeting was adjourned by motion. Dismissed with prayer by Geraldine Waid.

Respectfully submitted,
Geraldine Waid, Secretary

REGISTRATION REPORT:	District Delegates	Local Delegates
Chattahoochee	1	7
Georgia Union	5	5
Little River	2	
Martin	7	3
Midway	8	12
Ogeechee		
South Georgia	3	2
Twin Cities	3	4
Union	3	6
	<u>32</u>	<u>39</u>

State Officers: 5; Ministers: 20; Visitors: 39; Missionaries: 2

CREDENTIALS REPORT	Auxiliaries Reported	Present Enrollment
Chattahoochee	3	37
Georgia Union	4	42
Little River	5	56
Martin	6	107
Midway	13	157
Ogeechee	1	5
South Georgia	13	181
Twin Cities	2	38
Union	5	66
	<u>52</u>	<u>689</u>

Locals representing: Spring Hill, Cedar Springs, Bellview, White Oaks, Emmanuel, First Albany, Beulah Springs, Ebenezer, Thompson, Thomaston, Little Bethel, Midway, Calvary, Blakely, Macedonia, Decatur, Pleasant Hill, Okefenokee, Colquitt, New Salem, Berean, Patmos, Bay.

RESOLUTIONS: Be It Resolved That:

1. Each Local Auxiliary increase its regular offerings to the Co-Laborer Plan.
2. That the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Constitution and By-Laws be updated and that a committee be appointed for this purpose.
3. That our State Project be \$5,000 for Missionaries Allan and LaRue Crowson. We urge a minimum of \$10.00 per member.
4. Due to the unfavorable reception concerning the selection of a Woman of The Year we recommend this be discontinued.
5. That our thanks and appreciation be expressed to Mary Bruner of Franklin Printing for donation of printing and registration supplies that so enabled our meeting to function more efficiently.
6. At present we support the Westfield India Mission in honor of Miss Laura Bell Barnard. Miss Barnard has expressed her desire to see these funds used as a love offering for Pastor Dorairaj, pastor of the first church there. He has had to retire due to ill health.
7. That we give this District, Host Church and Northside Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful hospitality they have given this meeting. Also, that we send a letter of thanks to the Northside Church.

HISTORIAN REPORT:

History is important! We have been blessed in the past 43 years and we can share these blessings. Now, in 1980, we have 52 auxiliaries, please report new auxiliaries being organized. I have compiled 2 scrapbooks which are on display. In 1976 we voted to have a book published with the History of Georgia Woman's Auxiliary. This is being worked on and we hope it will be finished before we are 50 years old.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 42.30
Representation Fees	781.75

Gifts for Speaker	45.00	
Morning Offering	<u>162.60</u>	
Total Receipts		\$1,031.65

We recommend the following disbursements:

Love offering to Crowsons	\$100.00	
WNAC per capita Membership Fees	662.00	
Printing registration forms	6.60	
State Project 1979/80	<u>150.00</u>	
Total Disbursed		<u>918.60</u>

Balance in Treasury	\$ 113.05
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DOT HARVEY STUDENT LOAN FUND

Balance November 1, 1979	\$7,833.76
Gifts Received	292.00
Payments Collected (79 payments) (8 students now paying)	2,727.08

Loans awarded:	\$5,250.00
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Richard Bowen	Doris Hearn
Denise Clyatt	Elizabeth Hearn
Phyllis Clyatt	Joyce Hearn
Dawan Johnson	

Balance October 21, 1980	\$5,602.84
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Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bruner, Treasurer

NOVEMBER 1980 ANNUAL COMPILED REPORT OF DISTRICTS

District and Membership (Received as of Nov. 8, 1980)

1. Chattahoochee	(37)
2. Ga. Union	(42)
3. Little River	(52)
4. Martin	(93)
5. Midway	(159)
6. Union	(60)
7. S. Georgia	(181)
8. Friendship—Ogee.	()
9. Twin City	(38)

Number of active members on roll:	662
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Membership Fees sent with report to State W. A. Treasurer:	\$ 781.75
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Other Disbursements:	
Home Missions—Pre-Thanksgiving Nat. Home	\$ 1,215.10
State Missions	372.44
State Project—Atlanta Land	2,203.11
Special Project	241.00
Foreign Missions—Pre-Easter Offerings	\$ 878.85
State Project Dale & Sandra Bishop	2,203.11
Others	878.00
Bible Colleges—General Fund	\$ 5.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund	341.00
Special Projects	127.00
WNAC General & Emphasis Funds	\$ 926.63
Co-Laborer Fund & Special Projects	746.36
Children's Homes	\$ 299.00
Retired Ministers	81.00
Youth Camps & Projects	497.02
Local Church Activities	4,742.93
Auxiliary Literature and Supplies	2,256.58
Other Special Projects	1,127.92
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$19,923.80</u>
Cash Gifts Sent Directly:	
Foreign Missions	\$ 615.00
Home Missions	86.26
State Missions	65.00
College Students	281.29
Youth Camp	533.51
Children's Homes	75.00
Special Offerings	855.62
Total	<u>\$ 2,511.68</u>
Non-Cash Gift (evaluate)	
Children's Home	\$ 282.00
Provision Closet	574.26
Retired Ministers	360.00
Total	<u>\$1,216.26</u>
Grand Total Disbursed:	\$23,651.74

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bruner, Treasurer

GEORGIA MASTER'S MEN

As we approach the end of the 1980 calendar year, the total number of Master's Men chapters in the State is just one shy of the twenty-six goal. We are confident this goal will be realized by December 31.

The current twenty-five chapters reflect a growth rate of approximately thirty per cent during the past two years. It appears quite evident that there are three major factors which have spawned and sustained this fascinating and consistent growth. These factors, arranged in order of your preference are as follows:

1. *The reinstituting of the State Senator program as outlined by Loyd Olsan, Master's Men General Director.* This provides a practical and forceful extension of the National Office on a state level.
2. *The rallying together of our dedicated laymen throughout the state, most of which are second-milers.* This has been an inspiration to our pastors as well as other laymen. As the pastors observe what can be done and what wishes to be done through hard work and dedication by their men.
3. *The pastors, themselves.* A great number of our pastors—though by no means all—have not only been quick to rally behind the laymen, but have taken an aggressive leadership role in the arena of development and action themselves, therefore setting the example, and as a result seeing fruit from the labor of their men heretofore never witnessed.

At the end of 1979, there was only one Master's Men District: the Midway District. We now have three, having organized Little River and South Georgia into districts, March 29 and June 21, respectively.

Several area conferences have been held throughout the state this year through the State Senator program, and have proved very fruitful.

In 1979, Georgia was represented by *one* person at the National Master's Men Conference in Camp Hillmont, Tennessee. In 1980 the number increased to *eight*. Now, 1981 should be our best year in attendance, some area groups having already committed themselves to go in camper/motorhome groups.

Finally, the highlight of our 1980 Master's Men year will culminate on Saturday, November 15, when Georgia Master's Men will be officially formed into a state organization.

We petition your prayers for continued progress in the area of our men's work here in Georgia, one of the denomination's most active and exciting.

Respectfully submitted,
Chuck Snow, State Senator

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
P.O. Box 8
ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA 35554

Contributions from Georgia
for Fiscal Year
September 1, 1979-August 31, 1980

Cash	\$21,807.42
Cash Value of Commodities	1,003.41

Georgia Harvest Drive
1980

Received During October	\$6,280.72
Received November 1-13	1,505.50
Total	<u>\$7,786.22</u>

Respectfully Submitted,
Carlton Lambert, Superintendent

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Whereas,
Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee, is planning to add a graduate school in the fall of 1982, and
Whereas,
As a denomination's teaching institutions go, so goes that denomination, and
Whereas,
Free Will Baptist Bible College has since its inception been the primary consistent firebrand in spawning and sustaining true Bible doctrine and evangelism throughout the ranks of Free Will Baptists, and
Whereas,
Free Will Baptist Bible College therefore merits our unwavering support,
Therefore be it resolved:
That the churches of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists be encouraged to give an amount of no less than \$1,000 for the aforementioned cause, such offerings and gifts to be sent to the Georgia State Executive Office not later than December 31, 1980.
2. Whereas,
The Bible teaches the manner in which a minister should be disciplined, and
Whereas,
The Free Will Baptist Treatise clearly outlines the procedures for disciplinary action concerning our ministers, and
Whereas,
Our churches and district association tend to be lax in following the Biblical principles and the guidelines set forth in the Treatise in the proper disciplining of our ministers, whose character has been brought into question, and,
Whereas,
This brings reproach upon the Name of Christ and our denomination,
Therefore be it resolved:
1. That our churches be requested to follow the Scriptures and the Treatise when any need for discipline arises.

2. That churches exercise wisdom in calling a pastor by first properly investigating him.
3. That associations carefully check the credentials of ministers who transfer from another association, before receiving a minister into fellowship.
4. That each district association be requested to publish in "The State Promotional Bulletin" the names of any ministers whose credentials have been revoked within the State of Georgia.

3. Whereas,

The Twin Cities Association of Free Will Baptists has given us a gracious welcome to the Forty-fourth Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists here in Columbus,

Therefore be it resolved:

That we give a rising vote of thanks to the Twin Cities Association, to acknowledge our appreciation for every kindness and consideration extended during the associational meeting—with special thanks to the Emmanuel Church for the use of its facilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Irvin Hyman, Chairman

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We place in nomination the following:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Rev. Mr. Leroy Lowery in place of Rev. Mr. John Cannon
Mr. Gleason Fowler in place of Mr. Frank Boyd
Rev. Mr. Henry Shellman in place of Mr. Frank Williamson
Rev. Mr. David Cooper in place of Rev. Mr. Jim Lugo

BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Rev. Mr. Mance Cason in place of Rev. Mr. Harris Nix

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING

Rev. Mr. Billy Lewis in place of Rev. Mr. Billy McKinney
Mr. Bobby Rich in place of Rev. Mr. Curtis Alligood
Rev. Mr. Dennis Keen in place of Rev. Mr. Mike Stevens
Rev. Mr. Mike Creech in place of Mr. David Williams

YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE

Mr. Danny Thomas in place of Rev. Mr. Ronald Wallace as General Director
Mr. Johnny Van Kluyve in place of Mr. Danny Thomas as Assistant Director
Mr. David Chamberlin in place of Mrs. Janice Wallace as Secretary/Treasurer

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Rev. Dr. Damon C. Dodd to succeed himself

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION GENERAL BOARD MEMBER

Rev. Mr. Herbert Waid as proxy for Rev. Mr. Adam Scott

Respectfully submitted,
Bobby Clyatt, Chairman

Clerk's note: All of the above nominees were elected by vote as nominated.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

1. Local Associations	9
2. Churches	13
3. Ministers	49
4. Deacons	17
5. State Board Members	6
6. Georgia Missionaries	1
7. Local Associations' Delegates	18
8. Church Delegates	12
Total Voting Members (3-8)	103
9. National Association Representatives	5
10. General Visitors	73
Total Registered (3-10)	181

Respectfully submitted,
Luther Burns, 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.