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GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

**FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION**

**MEETING AT THE  
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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
IRON CITY, GEORGIA  
NOVEMBER 12-14, 1981**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
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Executive Secretary

*Note: The Executive Secretary publishes a monthly promotional periodical called the, "Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists Promotional Bulletin."*

## PROCEEDINGS

The Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church of Iron City, Georgia, on November 12-14, 1981, for its Forty-fifth Annual Session. The theme was, "Go Tell Your World," taken from Matthew 28:19-20.

### Thursday Evening Service, 7:00 P.M.

The session began with the congregation singing, "To The Regions Beyond," and pledging allegiance to the American and Christian flags being led by the Association's Music Director, Tony Adams, Minister of Music, First Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia. The Clerk of the Association, Herbert Waid, introduced the General Officers of the State Association: Moderator, Damon C. Dodd; Assistant Moderator, William Morris; Assistant Clerk, Ronald Wallace, and the new Executive Secretary, Herbert Waid. Thereafter, Clerk Herbert Waid, called the Forty-fifth Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists into order and declared the session open.

Irvin Hyman, Pastor of First Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia, representing the Host Martin Association, gave a warm welcome to the State Association. The Moderator, Damon Dodd, gave a statement concerning his health and recovery from brain surgery, and how at this Session he would confer much of the duties to Assistant Moderator, William Morris.

Music Director, Tony Adams led the congregation in singing, "Anywhere With Jesus", after which the evening offering of \$117.13 was received.

The evening program, "Tell It With Music," was given by an eleven member ensemble of men and women, led by Music Directors, Tony Adams and Danny Thomas. We were ministered to by a very well trained group. The message was related through a medley of songs on the theme of missions.

The Chair appointed a Committee on Committees: Mance Cason, Chairman; Bill Robinson, Wayne Sheffield, Billy Sharpston and Curtis Alligood. A partial report from the Credentials Committee revealed a total of 135 present. The standing delegates were recognized, and a motion was carried to seat the



appointed delegates.

The Clerk read the Executive Board's report. The report contained proposed constitutional changes which would be dealt with separately by the body. The Executive Board's report was adopted as given. The constitutional changes were read and placed on the table by motion and vote.

James Ursrey prayed the benediction.

### Friday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

We sang together, "My Saviour's Love," for the opening hymn. Ricky Cason led the congregation in prayer. Luther Burns brought the morning devotional message, "Because the World is Lost," from the Text: Matthew 28:19-20.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report stating a total of 140 had registered for the meeting. The Committee on Committees reported and the report was adopted naming the Nominating Committee: J. B. Mercer, Chairman; C. B. Dowdney, Willie Martin, Gleason Fowler, and Ricky Cason; and the Resolutions Committee for 1982: Irvin Hyman, Chairman; Mike Creech, Danny Thomas, Kenneth Faison, and Curtis Gay.

C. B. Dowdney gave the Executive Secretary's report which was received as information. The congregation responded to the warm remarks of Brother Dowdney concerning vacating the State Office by giving a rising vote of thanks and a hearty amen.

The Constitutional changes were removed from the table by vote. They were read, considered item by item, and adopted by vote. (See the Executive Board report) The 1982-83 State Budget was presented by Bill Lewis. A motion passed to postpone the adoption of the budget until the afternoon meeting.

The Nominating Committee gave a partial report, and a motion passed to accept the nominees coming from the Associations as replacements to fill unexpired terms on standing boards. James E. Bryant replaced L. S. Anthony on the Missions Board, and Glenn Thomas replaced Taylor Merritt on the Trustee Board.

Eugene Waddell represented the Foreign Missions Board giving praise for the State's financial support to Foreign Missions. The report was received as information.

Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a report from the National Executive Department which was received as information.

Danny Thomas gave the State Youth Committee report announcing the C.T.S. Competition and Bible Conference combined meeting for May 7-8, 1982. The report was received as information.

William Travis gave the Historical Commission report which was received as information.

Tony Adams led the congregation in singing, "Jesus Saves," and prayer led by Bill Lewis and a special song rendered by Danny Thomas and Tony Adams, opened the morning worship service. Dr. L. C. Johnson prayed the offertory prayer, and \$85.95 was received in offering. The morning message, "What To Tell The World," taken from Romans 3:17-25, was delivered by William Evans. We were challenged to tell how Salvation is possible by God's Plan of Atonement, God's Place of Atonement, God's Participation in Atonement, and God's Perfection of our Atonement. The service closed in benediction prayed by Damon Dodd.

### **Friday Afternoon Meeting, 1:30 P.M.**

The congregation sang a hymn, followed by prayer led by Fred Warner, and the devotional message, "Because of the Lord's Command," given by Irvin Murphy.

The following reports were given from our State Ministries: Woman's Auxiliary by Martha Everson; Georgia Bible Institute by Irvin Hyman; Master's Men by Richard Hays; Board of Christian Education and Camping by Bill Lewis, and Board of Retirement and Insurance by J. B. Mercer. They were received as information.

The following National Ministries reported and the reports were received as information: The Department of Sunday School and Church Training given by Roger Reeds; National Retirement and Insurance Board given by William Evans, and Home Missions Board given by Ronald Wallace.

Carlton Lambert gave a report for the Alabama Children's Home also received as information.

Ronald Wallace gave a report from the State Finance Committee stating the progress being made in adopting a State budget and instituting the Cooperative training program for our pastors and churches.

The State Budget Committee brought before the body the proposed 1982-83 State Budget for discussion and adoption. A motion to adopt the budget was passed with one "no" vote.

The benediction was prayed by William Morris.

### **Friday Evening Service, 7:00 P.M.**

The service began with special music provided by a men's Trio: Danny Thomas, Tony Adams and Richard Polston. Mance Cason led in prayer. The Missions offering is to go to the Ronald Wallace account, Missionary to Northside Atlanta. The offering was \$679.40. A special pre-arranged offering for the Alan Crowson's of \$807.00 was also received.

The C. B. Dowdneys were called to the platform for a special presentation of appreciation for eight years of service to the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists as Executive Secretary/Treasurer. Mrs. Dowdney received a lovely bouquet of red roses and Brother Dowdney was given a plaque engraved with words of appreciation.

The Missions service, directed by James Ursrey, Chairman of the Mission Board, continued with reports from the State Missionaries: Barry Hedrick, Dublin; and Ronald Wallace, Atlanta.

The message, "How To Tell The World," taken from Isaiah 61:1-2, was delivered by Ronald Wallace. The sermon emphasized depending upon the Holy Spirit for power and using Biblical methods to tell others about Christ.

Rev. and Mrs. Barry Hedrick were called to the altar for a commissioning service of prayer and laying on of hands by the members of the Mission Board.

The benediction was prayed by Roger Russell.

### **Saturday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.**

The session began with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus,"



followed by prayer led by James Ursrey, and the morning devotional message, "Because We Love The Lord," by Irvin Hyman.

Reports were given and received as information for the State Ministers Conference by Bobby Clyatt, and the Board of Trustees by Kenneth Murphy. We received as information reports from the National Master's Men given by Loyd Olsan, and from Free Will Baptist Bible College given by Dr. Robert Picirilli. The Free Will Baptist Bible College quartet delighted our hearts with a medley of songs before an offering of \$191.50 was received for the College.

The Resolution Committee gave the body three resolutions that were passed by the Body and recorded elsewhere in these Minutes.

The Nominating Committee submitted a final report naming nominees for State Boards and Committees for the approval of the body. The nominees were elected as nominated with necessary changes made from the floor. The General Officers were elected as nominated. They are: Moderator, William Morris; Assistant Moderator, Billy Sharpston; Clerk, Ronald Wallace and Assistant Clerk, Eugene Ross.

Motions passed to accept the resignation of Chuck Snow as State Senator for the Master's Men and to elect Tim Jordon to serve as the new Senator.

The Credentials Committee gave it's final report stating a total of 196 registering, with a voting body of 128.

A motion was adopted authorizing the Executive Board to study the possibility of using an internal audit of all our State books rather than an external audit, or a combination of the two. Also to grant permission to implement an auditing method other than the one presently used.

A motion was passed to allocate the designated percentage of the Co-op fund from the Historical Commission and the State Youth Committee to the new Christian Education Board until the 1982 Budget goes into effect in July.

A motion was carried that each State Board report to the State Association it's members attendance record at each board meeting.

The retiring moderator, Damon C. Dodd, conferred the gavel of the State Association to Moderator William Morris, pronouncing blessings and urging cooperation to the leadership of the new moderator.

Delegates and alternates were appointed to the National Association meeting in Forth Worth, Texas in 1982. Gleason Fowler, Mary Lee Fowler, Danny Thomas, William Lewis, Sr., and Edna Wilkes will serve as delegates. Ann Ross, Helen Lewis, Ann Travis, Walter Hightower and Caroline Hightower will serve as alternates.

The motion to adjourn was followed by prayer led by Samuel Wilkinson. Georgia Union Association is to host the 1982 Session convening at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia, November 18-20, 1982.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Wallace, Assistant Clerk

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

Action taken between the 44th and 45th annual sessions. Meetings held at the State Office were six (6): February 14

May 9

August 8

August 22

September 12

September 26

One more meeting is scheduled for November 12, 1981, at Rupert's Palace Motel, Donaldsonville, Georgia.

This has been a busy year for your Executive Board. The following summary of business conducted in the name of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists represents many hours of conscientious labor of love for our Lord. Since the Executive Board conducts business in the name of the State Association when the Association is not in session and the Board's actions are subject to the Association's approval, we submit the following for your approval.

### **February 14, AUDITING FINANCIAL RECORDS INSTRUCTIONS**

Treasurers of all agencies (Boards, Committees, Commissions, Book Store) who operate under the auspices of the Georgia State Association are instructed to submit their fiscal year financial records for auditing to the State Executive Office on or before August 15 of each year. This audit expense is to be borne by each individual agency.

### **February 14, OUTGOING MODERATOR TO CONTINUE AS EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER**

A constitutional change was recommended to allow the outgoing moderator to serve as an exofficio member of the Executive Board for the two years immediately following his term of office.

### **May 9, OFFICE EQUIPMENT**

The purchase of an Olivetti ET 231 electronic typewriter for the State Office was authorized. Money from the sale of our old printing press was used for this purpose.

### **May 9, INSURANCE COVERAGE**

The Board of Trustees were instructed to keep our insurance coverage on State property updated annually to reflect current placement values.

### **August 8, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION REPRESENTATION FEE**

Since the National Association this year set our State's representation fee to the National Association next year at some eight times what we paid this year, a committee was appointed to study and recommend just how our State should best go about paying its representation fee. A procedure which involves a Constitutional change was approved on September 12. This committee was

also instructed to draft a letter of explanation.

#### **August 8, STATE OFFICE STUDY COMMITTEE REPORT**

By motion, the final report of the "Committee to Study the Feasibility of Having a Full Time or a Part Time Office" is to be included in the "1981 Digest of Reports".

#### **August 22, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY RESIGNS**

C. B. Dowdney, after eight years of service, reaffirmed his resignation as stated in his memo to the Executive Board dated August 8, 1981.

#### **August 22, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SEARCH COMMITTEE**

A Search Committee to recommend an Executive Secretary to the Executive Board was appointed. Also, an application for the Executive Secretary position was drafted by the whole Executive Board.

#### **September 12, STATE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATION**

Since our State Association Incorporation will expire February 1983 (1948-1983, 35 years) the Executive Board voted to renew our charter and instructed the chair to appoint a committee after the 1981 State Association to expedite this business.

#### **September 12, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

All current applications were examined. The Herbert Waids were considered as possible candidates and consequently were interviewed by the Board. A decision was postponed for two weeks allowing prayerful consideration and meditation on the matter. On September 26, 1981, the Executive Board employed Herbert Waid as the Georgia State Executive Secretary.

#### **September 26, BOOK STORE STUDY COMMITTEE**

By vote, the Chair appointed a study committee to make recommendations to the Executive Board concerning ways and means whereby the Executive Board and the State Book Store might work in closer cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Herbert Waid, State Clerk

#### **APPENDAGE #1**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING AT  
DONALDSONVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
DONALDSONVILLE, GEORGIA  
November 12, 1981**



1983 STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING SITE

The Executive Board voted to accept a request from the Little River Association to be the Host Association for the 1983 State Meeting.

POLICY OF PLACING NAMES OF AVAILABLE MINISTERS IN BULLETIN

A motion was passed to instruct the Executive Secretary to no longer include a listing of available minsters in the State Paper. A letter explaining a new procedure will be printed in the Bulletin.

STATE BUDGET ADOPTED

The Budget Committee submitted a proposed budget which included the possible changes needed in view of passage of proposed changes in the constitution. The budget was approved as submitted.

National Ministries:		State Ministries:	
Foreign Missions	24.9%	Executive Level	12. %
Home Missions	14.2%	Mission Board	14. %
Bible College	20.9%	Camp Board	1.5%
Other Departments	3.2%	Board of Trustees	1.5%
Total	63.2%	Bd/Christian Education	1.7%
		Children's Home	6.1%
		Total	36.8%

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES

1. The Board of Christian Education and Camping is to be changed to two Boards, a Board of Camping and a Board of Christian Education. The Board of Camping will be responsible for the operation of Camp Mt. Bethel only. The Board of Christian Education is to be trustee of the Georgia Bible Institute, the State Youth Committee, the Historical Commission, and all other State sponsored educational services in general.
2. The present Board of Retirement and Insurance is to be dissolved with the duties of managing and distributing funds resting with the Executive Secretary, and policy setting, program changes, and related matters the responsibility of the Executive Board. The Executive Secretary will be the State Retirement and Insurance representative to our people promoting the National programs.
3. "In order to pay our Georgia State Association's representation fee to the National Association, each local association is to be responsible to promote, receive and forward the amount designated by the National Association per church per year to the State Office, along with their annual State Association representation fee, on or before the Annual State Meeting."
4. "The Executive Board shall be composed of the regular officers; the

chairman of each of the standing boards; and the previous moderator, as exofficio member for a period of two years following his term of office."

## **1982 NATIONAL REPRESENTATION FEE**

Our 1982 Georgia State Association's National Association representation fee of \$10.00 per church be paid by our local associations to the State Office, for 1982 only, before December 31, 1981. Thereafter, these National fees are to be paid according to the prescribed manner as set forth in our Constitution, ARTICLE II, SECTION 6.

Respectfully submitted  
Ronald Wallace, Assistant Clerk

## **APPENDAGE #2**

### **EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT STATE OFFICE STUDY COMMITTEE**

The Committee to study the feasibility of having a part-time State Office rather than a full-time State Office met five times: November 13, 1980; November 16, 1980; February 9, 1981; May 9, 1981; May 21, 1981. A questionnaire was prepared and distributed to our people asking their opinion about our State Office. The following report reflects the opinions of our people to the best of our ability to ascertain it:

- A. Whereas, the Study Committee feels it has done a thorough job in gathering the sentiments and opinions of the pastors and laymen in our State, and,  
Whereas, the opinions from those expressing themselves is overwhelmingly in support of maintaining the present full-time operation of the State Office, and,  
Whereas, the number of pastors and laymen expressing a desire to have a part-time Office was only 7 pastors, and only 15 laymen,  
Be it therefore known that this Committee does not find it feasible, or in the best interest of our State work to reduce our State Office to a part-time status at this time; and having assessed the information gathered from the pastors and laymen of our State, we conclude that the larger number of these are persuaded for and committed to the operation of a full-time State Office.
- B. Whereas, in gathering the opinions from the pastors and laymen in our State concerning the need for a full or part-time Office, other related concerns about the operation of the State Office came to our attention which were too important to the successful operation of the Office to be overlooked, and,  
Whereas, these concerns were in areas giving rise to feelings for a need for certain changes to be made in the operation of the State Office, and for the need of a general up-dating of the duties and functioning of the Executive Secretary, and,  
Whereas, the specific areas of concern are to be noted as:

1. a need for greater emphasis in promotion,
2. a better quality demonstrated in printing, and,
3. the fullest potential of service possible to be demonstrated by the person serving as Executive Secretary.

Be it therefore resolved, that the Executive Board deal promptly with the concerns expressed, and that each of these be given careful examination and discussion to determine the best avenue of change to pursue; and that the Executive Board move to give the State Office new directions in accordance with the desires expressed, and that the Executive Secretary be given duties to ensure the success of a revised State Office.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Wallace, Chairman  
Mance Cason  
Damon C. Dodd  
Bill Robinson  
James Ursrey

## APPENDAGE #3

### STATE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

In fulfilling the commission given to us, as stated in the 1979 Georgia State Minutes, we make the following report concerning the progress of adopting a State budget and implementing a training program to educate our people concerning the cooperative plan of support.

The Budget Committee will submit a proposed "coordinated" State budget during this State meeting for consideration and adoption.

The following information concerns the progress of the training program to educate our churches and pastors about the value of the cooperative giving program. The Committee has been actively pursuing the development of a training program and will have most of it ready for presentation by the first of the year 1982. Please take notice of the development of this program:

1. The Annual State Pastor's Dinner will feature Dr. Worthington, National Association Executive Secretary, giving a lecture concerning the National Cooperative Giving Plan. This message is to be taped and used as one of several study tapes being prepared for our people.
2. The State Executive Secretary is to begin training sessions with our Local Associations and Churches.
3. Soon to be completed is a three session study course utilizing both written materials and taped information to be used by our pastors with their congregations.
4. A publicity campaign and a proper method of recognizing outstanding contributing churches is soon to be unveiled.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ronald Wallace, Chairman  
Georgia State Association Finance Committee



## EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

Georgia Free Will Baptists continue to play a vital and important role in world wide missions. We have learned that *ALL* our departments—Local, State and National—have an important part in getting out the message of Christ to a lost and dying world. Our State work is important in missions, christian education, camping and benevolence. Our National Home Mission programs are important in getting the message out on the home front. Our National Foreign Mission programs are important in getting the message to the other parts of the world. Our Free Will Baptist Bible College is important in training the personnel to carry the message in all these areas.

This will be the last report that I will give to you as your State Secretary/Treasurer. After eight years in this position, I will be returning to the pastorate. My love for Georgia Free Will Baptists has grown tremendously during the past eight years. I deeply appreciate the love and support that you have given to me. As the new secretary comes to the State Office, I ask you to show him the same love and support that you have shown to me.

### Giving by Free Will Baptist Churches in Georgia

Georgia State Office	\$ 83,900.37
National Cooperative	5,680.32
National Foreign Missions	46,019.20
National Home Missions	26,350.36
National Board of Retirement and Insurance	1,135.42
Free Will Baptist Bible College	32,581.11
Children's Home (Alabama)	21,415.71

### Given directly to:

Georgia State Mission Board	10,650.29
Board of Christian Education and Camping	4,585.31
Georgia Bible Institute	6,009.80
Georgia Board of Trustees	61,277.14
(Note: \$57,000.00 is from the Bemiss church)	
State Youth Conference	380.65
Total	<u>\$299,985.68</u>

## CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE REPORT

The Christian Supply Store had sales of \$106,406.97 for last year. This is an increase of \$15,595.19 over last year.

The net profit is \$10,363.73 for the year. (July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981) This net profit is shown in: Cash in Bank, Cash on hand, Account's Receivable and Inventory Increase.

# COOPERATIVE DESIGNATED GIVING JULY 1, 1980-JUNE 30, 1981

## CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOC.

Decatur	\$ 90.00
First Thomaston	1,508.00
Lake Blackshear	170.00
Little Bethel	753.85
Mt. Olive	627.98
New Prospect	210.00
Pleasant Hill	961.38
Spring Hill	35.00
Trinity	855.59
Turners Chapel	654.55
Wilson Chapel	200.00
TOTAL	<u>\$6,066.35</u>

## GEORGIA UNION

Bay Springs	\$ 60.00
Beulah Springs	194.00
Christian Hill	239.05
Cross Road	1,178.10
Double Branch	1,015.00
First Eastman	35.00
Little Bethel S.S.	657.45
Mt. Ararat	349.50
Pine Level	440.00
Pleasant Hill	582.80
Warner Robins	125.00
White Oaks	1,680.00
Georgia Union Association	162.50
TOTAL	<u>\$6,718.40</u>

## LITTLE RIVER

Cool Springs	\$ 750.00
Corinth	883.41
Corinth Master's Men	100.00
First Hahira	275.00
First Tifton	13.00
First Valdosta	486.00
Friendship	270.00
Homerville	482.00
Ozias	150.00
Pine Level	1,150.89
Sunny Side	120.00
Zion Hill	120.00
Little River Mission Fund	350.00
Little River Association	259.50
TOTAL	<u>\$5,409.80</u>



## MARTIN

Colquitt	\$ 6,650.00
Corinth	200.00
Mothers Home	361.34
Mt. Gilead	1,507.00
New Home	974.46
New Salem	2,998.00
Thompson	300.00
Martin Association	619.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,610.40</b>

## MIDWAY

Arlington	\$ 533.69
Bainbridge	127.00
Bellview	4,374.73
Blakley	2,819.23
Cedar Springs	2,485.58
First Albany	8,051.84
Hammock Springs	1,007.61
Macedonia	503.55
New Light	2,230.40
Patmos	1,218.12
White Plains	500.00
Midway Association	329.02
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,180.77</b>

## OGEECHEE

Deep Creek	\$ 461.61
Friendship	822.81
Friendship W.A.	75.00
Lower Corinth	60.00
Ogeechee	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,444.42</b>

## SOUTH GEORGIA

Alabaha	\$ 240.00
Baxley	270.00
Bethel	100.00
Corinth S.S.	52.66
Ebenezer	100.00
First Brunswick	300.00
First Jesup	275.00
First Savannah	300.00
Harmony	2,016.00
Immanuel	392.00
Liberty	173.00
Lyons	140.00
Marietta	635.00
Memorial	342.00
New Hope	405.51

Pine Level	240.00
Satilla	2,997.49
Spring Grove	4,143.72
Stoney Hill	65.57
Statesboro	100.00
Mamie Tyre Circle	55.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$13,342.95</b>

## TWIN CITIES

Calvary	\$2,022.24
Emmanuel	2,836.62
Emmanuel W.A.	60.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,918.86</b>

## UNION

Bay	\$ 404.83
Bethlehem	60.00
Fellowship	1,649.01
First Cairo	385.00
Midway	3,520.47
New Life	66.30
Poulan	252.00
Sylvester	200.00
Union Association	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,612.61</b>

Individual Giving	\$ 673.64
Georgia State Mission Bd.	219.00
State Association Mission	
Offering	218.16
Insurance Rebate	485.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$83,900.36</b>

C. B. Dowdney  
State Secretary/Treasurer

## LETTER OF COMMITMENT

The former members of the Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church, namely James Harpe, Ray Bennett and J. F. Lee have given to Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia \$57,640.85. The funds are given to be used at the Camp for building, repairs, material and equipment. Included is a 20 ft. by 40 ft. swimming pool.

The undersigned makes this commitment to the donors of these funds.

These funds in the amount of \$57,640.85 will be used at Camp Mt. Bethel only. They will be used for additions and repairs to the buildings, material and

equipment including a tractor for cutting grass and the building of a 20ft. x 40 ft. swimming pool.

Kenneth Murphy  
Chairman of the Trustee Board

Billy Lewis  
Chairman of the Camp Board

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

**WILLIAM O. PIFER**  
**Certified Public Accountant**  
**MOULTRIE, GEORGIA 31768**

October 12, 1981

Office Of Executive Secretary  
Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist  
Moultrie, Ga. 31768

Gentlemen:

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds and accounts listed below for the year ended June 30, 1981, the financial statement, and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1981.

General Fund  
Co-Operative-Designated Fund  
State Youth Conference Account  
Georgia Bible Institute  
Board of Retirement and Insurance Account  
Trustee Board Account  
Mission Board Account  
Christian Education and Camping 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 statement 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, 1981. We were not present to observe the physical inventory taken at June 30, 1980 and June 30, 1981: 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, 1980 through June 30, 1981. 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, 1980 through June 30, 1981. Internal control was not adequate to allow us to express an opinion on the Christian Education and Camping Account and the Georgia Bible Institute.

## ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1981

1. Method of Accounting—The accompanying statement of cash receipts 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, 1981. 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 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 were made during the year on the notes payable to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County by the Christian Supply Store. Of the amount paid \$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 \$696.72 on the 1972 note and a balance including interest of \$7,670.40 on the 1979 note. The General Fund has a note payable to Citizens and Southern Bank of Colquitt County made May 18, 1981 in the amount of \$800.00 with interest at 16% due November 16, 1981.

3. The Mission Board Account Statement does not include the receipts and savings account for the Living Memorial Church Building Fund.

Sincerely  
William O. Pifer, CPA PC

## OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY SPECIAL FUND STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1981

Balance July 1, 1980	\$	.01
Cash Receipts Cooperative Place of Support		48,733.52
Cash Receipts Designated Place of Support		35,166.84
Total Available For Disbursement		\$83,900.37

Disbursements:		
Executive Secretary Salary		\$12,160.00



Secretary Help	2,400.00	
Social Security	796.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Mileage	8,590.46	
Utilities	2,430.55	
Insurance	1,508.45	
State Missions	11,468.85	
Union Missions	310.00	
National Foreign Missions	8,971.03	
National Home Missions	3,904.07	
Board of Trustees	3,868.36	
Board of Retirement	2,439.22	
Children's Home (Alabama)	6,755.23	
Christian Education and Camping	1,368.45	
Bible College	3,871.00	
National Cooperative	4,362.02	
State Youth Conference	318.37	
General Fund	5,595.92	
Historical Commission	207.31	
Midway Missions	715.00	
Ministers Retreat	101.90	
Georgia Bible Institute	850.43	
Service Contract Equipment	425.50	
Audit Fee	346.50	
National Master's Men	60.75	
Post Office Box Rent	70.00	
Cooperative Fee	5.00	
Service Charge	14.00	
Checks	29.13	
Total Disbursements		<u>84,243.50</u>
Balance June 30, 1981		<u><u>\$(343.13)</u></u>

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
GENERAL FUND  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1981**

CASH BALANCE, JULY 1, 1980 \$ 148.11

**RECEIPTS:**

Special Fund Transfer Cash Deposit	\$6,045.92
State Association Dues And Offerings	271.98
Printing	2,054.93
Sale Of Equipment	600.00
Church Dues	184.50
Loan Proceeds	800.00
Other	807.51

TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>10,764.84</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$10,912.95</u>



**DISBURSEMENTS:**

Office Supplies And Equipment	\$3,790.48
Postage	1,047.27
Service Charge	24.70
Auditing Fee	94.50
Randall House Publications	882.58
IBM	839.23
Xerox Corporation	3,888.82
Printing	73.13
Other	<u>258.48</u>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS**10,899.19**BALANCE JUNE 30, 1981**\$ 13.76

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
JUNE 30, 1981**

**ASSETS**

Cash On Hand	\$ 200.00
Cash In Bank	2,206.86
Accounts Receivable	3,726.57
Inventory	32,423.22
Furniture and Fixtures	3,894.09
Prepaid Interest	<u>2,001.63</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>\$44,452.37</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY**

Notes Payable—C & S Bank	\$ 7,670.40
Notes Payable—C & S Bank	696.72
State Income Tax Withheld	83.33
Fica Tax Withheld	63.16
Federal Income Tax Withheld	136.40
Accounts Payable	1,715.04
Capital Account, July 1, 1980	\$23,723.59
Gain From Operation	<u>10,363.73</u>
Capital Account, June 30, 1981	<u>34,087.32</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY</b>	<u><u>\$44,452.37</u></u>

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME  
JUNE 30, 1981**

<b>SALES</b>	<b>\$106,406.97</b>
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<b>COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	
Inventory July 1, 1980	\$ 26,696.46
Purchases	74,865.47
Goods Available For Sale	\$101,561.93
Inventory June 30, 1981	32,423.22
<b>TOTAL COST OF GOODS SOLD</b>	<u>69,138.71</u>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$ 37,268.26</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSE</b>	
Salaries	\$ 11,999.91
Postage	2,155.94
Office Supplies	2,023.29
Rent	3,600.00
Utilities	2,137.43
Freight	609.34
Taxes And Licenses	1,146.82
Advertising	844.84
Miscellaneous	125.00
Insurance	968.42
Interest	544.58
Payroll Taxes	748.96
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 26,904.53</b>
<b>NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS</b>	<b><u>\$ 10,363.73</u></b>

**OFFICE OF EXECUTIVE SECRETARY  
CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE  
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FINANCIAL POSITION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981**

<b>SOURCES OF NET WORKING CAPITAL:</b>	
From Operations	
Net Income	\$10,363.73
<b>USES OF NET WORKING CAPITAL:</b>	
Payments on Long Term Debt	
Total Uses	\$ 2,707.20
<b>INCREASE IN NET WORKING CAPITAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 7,656.53</u></b>

**CHANGES IN WORKING CAPITAL**

<b>Changes Increasing Working Capital:</b>	
Cash In Bank Increased	\$76.17
Cash On Hand Increased	81.21

Accounts Receivable Increased	1,378.89	
Inventory Increased	5,726.76	
Notes Payable Decreased	<u>1,233.36</u>	
TOTAL CHANGES INCREASING WORKING CAPITAL		\$ 8,496.39
Changes Decreasing Working Capital:		
Payroll Taxes Payable Decreased	\$ 51.62	
Accounts Payable Increased	81.68	
Prepaid Interest Decreased	<u>706.56</u>	
TOTAL CHANGES INCREASING WORKING CAPITAL		<u>\$ 839.86</u>
INCREASE IN NET WORKING CAPITAL		<u><u>\$ 7,656.53</u></u>

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981**

ACCOUNT BALANCE JULY 1, 1980		\$ 1,036.28
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Cash Receipts:		
State Office	\$ 3,803.28	
Bemiss Church	57,644.85	
Interest on Pool Certificate	575.93	
Interest on Savings Account	469.11	
Receipts from Churches on Camp Work	2,040.00	
Receipts from Camp for Pool	202.33	
Christian Supply Store Insurance	388.10	
Bond Payment	<u>21.90</u>	
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS		<u>65,145.50</u>
TOTAL AVAILABLE FOR DISBURSEMENT		<u>66,181.78</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:		
House Payment	\$ 619.08	
Repairs	4,314.23	
Pool Expense	16,273.25	
Insurance	1,549.27	
Accounting	63.00	
Exterminating	1,262.00	
Construction Work At Camp	31,817.22	
Hymn Books	202.80	
Air Conditioner	<u>3,945.24</u>	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		<u>60,046.09</u>

ACCOUNT BALANCE JUNE 30, 1981		<u><u>\$ 6,135.69</u></u>
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DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNT BALANCE		
CHECKING ACCOUNT		\$ 1,021.73
SAVINGS ACCOUNT		<u>5,113.96</u>
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION OF ACCOUNT BALANCE		<u><u>\$ 6,135.69</u></u>

## STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT

We would like to thank you for your continual prayers and support. It is through your help that we can continue to build churches in Georgia.

Our total receipts have decreased this year from \$28,153 in 1980 to \$22,119 in 1981. We are in urgent need for your support in State Missions at this time.

Our support for the Northside Atlanta work has decreased over this past year, but our task is not complete. We ask you to support Brother Wallace and the Northside Atlanta work. This is an urgent need.

Our board held two meetings this year in Dublin, Georgia. In our meeting on March 14, 1981 we accepted the resignation of Brother Tim Hutchinson as missionary to the Dublin Mission. On June 27, 1981 we interviewed Brother Barry Hedrick and employed him as missionary to the Dublin Mission.

Brother Hedrick is working a full time job as manager of an auto parts company. We are paying him \$200 a month housing.

On October 1, 1981, the bond payment of \$4,480 was due on the Dublin Mission. We paid \$2,000 toward this payment and the church paid the balance. They plan to make the next payment without our help. We have gone too far to stop now in Dublin, Georgia. Please pray and support this Dublin Mission.

Brother Billy McKinney and the group in Gainesville are meeting in the home of Brother McKinney. We are supporting this work with only designated gifts. Pray that they can soon find a good location to hold services.

Continue to support your Georgia State Mission Board with your prayers and financial support.

Respectfully submitted,  
Benny Lariscy, Secretary/Treasurer

### BOARD OF MISSIONS STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1981

Account Balance July 1, 1980	
Checking Account	\$ 505.00
Savings Account	5,012.15
Total Account Balances July 1, 1980	\$ 5,517.15
Cash Receipts:	
Churches And Individuals	\$10,633.34
State Office	11,348.07
Georgia State Women's Auxiliary	55.46
Interest On Savings	82.27
Total Cash Receipts	22,119.14
Total Available For Disbursement	\$27,636.29
Disbursements:	
Statesboro	\$ 120.00
Athens	940.00



Dublin	6,480.00	
Atlanta	3,668.36	
Gainesville	5,885.18	
Tallahassee	93.00	
Atlanta Land	1,045.40	
Jerry Banks	793.47	
Wilkinson	23.00	
Accounting	126.00	
Living Memorial Church Building Fund	686.69	
Supplies	48.43	
Telephone	355.95	
General Fund	3,841.66	
Mileage	1,084.80	
Total Disbursements		<u>25,191.94</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1981		<u>\$ 2,444.35</u>

Distribution Of Account Balance		
Checking Account		\$ 2,149.93
Savings Account		<u>294.42</u>
		<u>\$ 2,444.35</u>

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING  
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981**

Account Balance July 1, 1980		\$ 267.52
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Cash Receipts:		
State Office	\$1,265.31	
Churches and Individuals	512.36	
Association at State Groups	50.00	
Session Fees	2,703.45	
Canteen	1,403.45	
Other Receipts	19.19	
Total Receipts		<u>5,953.76</u>
Total Available for Disbursements		<u>\$6,221.28</u>

Disbursements:		
Telephone	\$ 534.31	
Cooking Gas	340.34	
Electricity	907.90	
Board Mileage	191.40	
Camp Mileage	17.00	
Insurance	1,212.48	
Kitchen Supplies	738.77	



Canteen Supplies	1,055.51	
Maintenance Supplies	133.67	
Office Expense	37.61	
Recreation	198.46	
Caretaker Labor	25.00	
Trustees Expense	40.00	
Miscellaneous	191.92	
Georgia State Free Will Baptist	126.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>5,750.37</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1981		<u>\$ 470.91</u>

### GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT

GBI graduated it's first students: Robert L. Clyatt of Moultrie, and Ronnie L. Adkins of Cedar Springs on September 13, 1981. The graduation ceremony was conducted at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Albany with Damon C. Dodd, Bill Evans, Danny Thomas and Irvin Hyman participating. Both students were awarded a Diploma in Biblical Studies.

The school began it's third year of operation on September 15, 1981 with an enrollment of 45 students. Two of the students are fulltime and 43 are part-time.

Classes are being held at First Church, Albany; Spring Grove Church, Jesup; Hammock Springs Church, Donaldsonville; and New Home Church, Colquitt.

The instructors for the 1981-82 school year are as follows: Damon C. Dodd, Bible Prophecy; Danny Thomas, Church History; Roger Russell, New Testament; Wayne Patton, Old Testament; Richard Polston, Music; Irvin Hyman, Homiletics.

Please continue to support GBI with your prayers, offerings and your attendance as students, especially in the day classes, and we, with the Lord's help, will continue to do our best to equip our students for the Master's use.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. Irvin Hyman, President

### GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1981

Cash Balance July 1, 1980	\$ 378.20
Cash Receipts:	<u>6,482.03</u>
Total Available For Disbursement:	\$6,860.23
Disbursements:	
Meals	\$ 190.44
Mileage	96.00
Honorariums	1,450.00

Printing	187.20	
Petty Cash	80.00	
Miscellaneous	28.22	
Stamps	12.46	
Books	292.62	
Bank charges	23.13	
Miller Company Liberal	28.00	
Irvin Hyman	24.00	
Dr. Hyman	564.00	
Christian Supply	121.21	
Rent	200.00	
Salaries For Teachers	2,065.00	
Reimbursements Dr. Dodd	300.00	
Free Will Baptist Church	100.00	
Diplomas	9.15	
Danny Thomas	<u>1,100.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>6,871.43</u>
BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1981		<u>\$ (11.20)</u>

## STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE 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 1981. The SYC was not attended as well as it has been in years past but the program was well received by all. Rev. Bill Robinson, pastor of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, was the featured speaker. Pastor Robinson conducted a brief fun-time and then delivered a message directed to our youth on the "The Deceitfulness of Sin". The mass youth choir was directed by Danny Thomas and a special quartet, composed of the four ministers of music in Georgia, sang two selections. The Saturday morning service was highlighted by a film entitled "The Miracle Goes On", a story of the life of gospel songwriter John W. Peterson.

The State CTS Rally was held in Savannah, again poorly attended but enjoyed by all who attended. We had several contestants to represent Georgia at the National Youth Conference held in Louisville, Kentucky.

The State Youth Committee is recommending that the State Youth Conference and the State CTS Rally be combined due to ever increasing cost. It will be held this year the 7th and 8th of May (Friday and Saturday) in Albany. The State Youth Committee is planning a well packed two days of activities and competition.

David O. Chamberlin, Secretary/Treasurer

## STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

Account Balance July 1, 1980	\$ 303.88
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Cash Receipts:		
State Office	\$ 316.94	
Registration and Offerings	<u>380.65</u>	
Total Cash Receipts		<u>697.59</u>
Total Available For Disbursements		<u>\$1,001.47</u>
Disbursements:		
State Youth Conference Speakers	\$ 125.00	
Films	64.08	
Song Books (Printing and mailing)	29.00	
CTS Rally Expense	282.07	
State Youth Conference Members Mileage	19.55	
Accounting	63.00	
Clubs	17.59	
Bank Service Charge	6.75	
Postage	3.81	
National Youth Conference Fees	110.00	
Board of Trustees Bond Payment	<u>7.30</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>728.15</u>
Cash Balance June 30, 1981		<u>\$ 273.32</u>

## HISTORICAL COMMISSION REPORT

We, your Historical Commission make the following reports. Since the last State Association nothing has been done. We had planned to place a marker at Providence Church noting that it was the first Free Will Baptist Church organized in the State of Georgia.

However, due to the fact that we lost the church, the Commission thought it best not to follow through with this plan, which we trust will meet the approval of this body.

We appreciate the support given during the past few years enabling us to complete the work of restoring the burial place of the Reverend John Brodnax, Sr., the founder of Free Will Baptists in Georgia, and that of his wife, also.

We foresee no project in the near future. Therefore, we are not asking for a percentage of the gifts made through the Cooperative Plan of Support. We realize that if something should come to our attention that needed to be done funds could be raised or requested.

Again, as before, we recommend that the District Associations compile a brief history to be published in their next Associational Minutes and to send a copy of said minutes to the Secretary of the Historical Commission.

Respectfully Submitted,  
The Commission  
Damon Dodd, Chairman  
William Travis  
James Ursrey, Secretary/Treasurer



# HISTORICAL COMMISSION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1981

Balance Brought Forward		\$290.07
Funds Received		<u>207.31</u>
Balance To Account For		\$497.38
Disbursements:		
William Pifer (Audit)	15.75	
Gavel Set	16.55	
Ga. Historical Society (Membership Fee)	<u>5.00</u>	<u>37.50</u>
Account Balance As Of June 30, 1981		\$460.08

## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

### I. EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

Whereas,

The so-called "Equal Rights Amendment" failed to be ratified by the original ratification deadline of March 22, 1979, and;

Whereas,

The refusal of the number of states required to ratify the amendment in the allotted time evidently speaks the will of the people, and;

Whereas,

Five states since their original ratification of the amendment have rescinded their previous action, and;

Whereas,

Georgia Free Will Baptists have believed from the very inception of the "Equal Rights Amendment" that the passage of the amendment would serve no good purpose for our womanhood, but would rather serve to affect our nation in an adverse way politically and morally; therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That we go on record as opposing the ratification of the "Equal Rights Amendment."
2. That a copy of this resolution be communicated to both the Governor and Lt. Governor of Georgia.
3. That inasmuch as we hold this is definitely a moral issue we actively engage in attempting to influence our legislators to vote against the ratification of the "Equal Rights Amendment" in Georgia.

### II. THE MENACE OF ALCOHOL

Whereas,

Recent reports have indicated that more than three out of every five persons in the United States who are teenagers or adults use alcoholic beverages to some extent, and;

Whereas,

The use of alcoholic beverages continues to increase in the United States,



and;  
Whereas,  
In the United States there are now 12 million chronic alcoholics and thousands of other people on their way to alcoholism through social drinking, and;  
Whereas,  
Beer, wine, and whiskey are major factors in the increase of crime, accidental deaths on the highways, broken homes, and rising tax burdens, and;  
Whereas,  
The Scriptures declare, "Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise" (Proverbs 20:1), and "Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" (Proverbs 23:31, 32); therefore,  
Be it resolved:

1. That Georgia Free Will Baptists renew their pledge to total abstinence as stated in the church covenant "... to abstain ... from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages . . . ."; and
2. That every possible effort be exerted on the local, county, and state levels to combat the sale and use of alcoholic beverages; and
3. That a continuing educational program on the evils of drinking be presented through teaching in our homes and preaching in our churches; and
4. That we continue presenting Christ the only hope for the drinker doing all we possibly can to effectively present the Gospel to those involved in drinking.

### III. APPRECIATION

Whereas,  
The Martin Association and the host church, Corinth, have done a good job hosting this association; therefore,  
Be it resolved:  
That this association express appreciation in a standing vote of thanks.

### BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1981

Account Balance July 1, 1980	\$ 784.46
Cash Receipts:	
Co-Op Program	\$2,320.75
Total Cash Receipts	<u>2,320.75</u>
Total Available For Disbursement	\$3,105.21
Disbursements:	
Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder	\$ 330.55

Mrs. W. J. Childre	303.55	
Mrs. B. W. Clenny	303.55	
Mrs. L. D. Scott	303.55	
Rev. A. D. Green	303.55	
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	303.55	
Rev. H. L. Knighton	303.55	
Emmett McDuffie	144.70	
Bond Expense	14.60	
Accounting	31.50	
Postage	18.36	
Mileage	103.80	
Checks	17.81	
Bank Charge	10.00	
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Total Disbursements		2,492.62
Account Balance June 30, 1981		<u>\$ 612.59</u>

### MASTER'S MEN REPORT

The State Master's Men was organized at the State Master's Men meeting in Columbus, Georgia, November 1980. Since that time we have had several requests for help in organizing new chapters.

Our National Retreat as held April 1-3 in White Bluff, Tennessee, at Camp Hillmont.

If any church would be interested in organizing a Chapter, please contact our Master's Men Senator:

Mr. Tim Jordon  
2622 Doublegate Drive  
Albany, GA 31707  
Telephone: 912-439-7374

Respectfully submitted,  
Richard Hays, President

### MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Georgia November 11-12, 1981

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular annual meeting November 11-12, 1981 at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Georgia. The theme was "Motive for Missions." The Scripture was II Corinthians 5:14a, "...the love of Christ constraineth us..."

The Wednesday evening service was opened with singing led by our music director, Ruth Henry with pianist Carole Ann Everson and organist Jean Hyman. Host pastor, David Cooper, welcomed the Convention. Special music was rendered by the New Home Choir. The President, Fleda Snow, presided over the preliminaries and introduced our missionary speaker, Arilla Wode. Arilla showed slides of the work in Africa and answered

questions.

The Thursday morning meeting started with singing "My Saviour's Love," and "My Jesus I Love Thee" led by Ruth Henry. The opening prayer was by Rachel Warner. Evera Moyer brought the devotional. Our special music was by Sharon Chamberlain with Margie Patton at the piano. Gail Everson gave us a "singing" welcome.

The convention was called to order by the President, Fleda Snow. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was ready by Chairman Shirley Sharpston. A motion was carried to accept the report and the delegates be seated.

The President appointed the following committees:

**CREDENTIALS:** Shirley Sharpston, Chairman; Patricia Roland, Betty Akridge

**RESOLUTIONS:** Cathy Herron, Chairman; Carla Creech, Laverne Mock, Dewese Evans, Renvia Hunsinger

**FINANCE:** Mary Bruner, Chairman; Mary Lee Fowler, Ann Lewis, Faye Faison, Evera Moyer

Recognition was given to the Registration Committee: Gail Everson, Chairman; Annie Lou Wells and Eva Middleton.

The visitors, pastors, missionaries and districts were recognized and welcomed by the President. Caroline Hightower gave a report of the State Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel and Martha Everson reported on the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention in Louisville.

The morning worship service opened with singing "Love Divine" and "To The Regions Beyond." Prayer was by Mathel Barnes. An offering of \$251.97 was received.

Margie Patton rendered special music with Carla Creech accompanying. Arilla Wode brought a stirring message using our theme. The congregation sang a song of dedication, "I Gave My Life For Thee." Announcements were made and a prayer of Benediction and Blessing was by Myra White.

The afternoon began with singing "The Kingdom is Coming" and "His Way With Thee." Prayer was led by Ida Tabb.

Our missionaries present, Arilla Wode and Allan Crowson served as a panel and gave answers to many questions. This proved to be interesting and informative. Gail Everson rendered special music with Ruth Henry at the piano.

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). Committee to Up-Date the Constitution and By-Laws report was given by Chairman Geraldine Waid in which she asked a year's extension and that two more members be appointed. The extension was granted and the President appointed Martha Everson and Laverne Mock. Motions were 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). The report of the Nominating Committee was accepted and all nominees were elected unanimously.



The following were appointed as delegates to the National Convention July 1982, in Fort Worth, Texas: Martha Everson, Shirley Sharpston, Mary Lee Fowler, Geraldine Waid, Nancy Johnson, Rachel Warner, Kim Everson, Brenda Evans and Edna Wilkes. By vote, the President was given authority to appoint delegates at the Convention.

Linda Gay had charge of the Installation Service for the new officers. Prayer of dedication was by Shirley Kimbrel.

Announcements included a word of appreciation for the Auxiliary's help in the Atlanta work by Janice Wallace; a letter of greeting from Mrs. Purcell and the National Office was read; and a reminder that the State meets next year, 1982, in Macon at the White Oaks Church. The Convention was adjourned by motion. Final prayer was by Ruth Henry.

Respectfully submitted,  
Geraldine Waid, Secretary

REGISTRATION REPORT:	District Delegates	Local Delegates
Chattahoochee	4	0
Georgia Union	7	6
Little River	3	1
Martin	8	13
Midway	8	21
Ogeechee	0	0
South Georgia	4	2
Twin Cities	1	0
Union	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>
TOTAL	37	50

State Officers: 8; Ministers: 22; Missionaries: 2; Visitors: 70

TOTAL REGISTERED: 189

CREDENTIALS REPORT:	Auxiliaries Reported	Present Enrollment
Chattahoochee	5	63
Georgia Union	3	34
Little River	6	58
Martin	6	98
Midway	14	170
South Georgia	17	193
Twin Cities	3	42
Union	<u>7</u>	<u>92</u>
TOTAL	61	750

Locals representing: (20) Albany, Arlington, Bellview, Blakley, Cedar Springs, Colquitt, Cool Springs, Ebenezer, Fellowship, Hammock Springs, Jesup, Midway, New Enterprise, New Home, New Salem, Patmos, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Thompson, White Oaks.



## RESOLUTIONS: Be It Resolved That:

1. Article V of Georgia Constitution and By-Laws be amended to read as: District Conventions and auxiliaries without a district convention shall pay \$1.75 per member dues yearly for membership fees of which 25¢ is kept in the state and \$1.50 shall be sent to WNAC for dues.

2. Any auxiliary who wishes may contribute to the special fund set up by WNAC to train nationals from our foreign fields in their native tongues and that February be designated as National Student Month. Disbursement of funds is handled by WNAC.

3. We encourage our local Auxiliaries to support WNAC'S team of MISSION PRAY-ERS. This group is for women confined to the home because of personal illness or for other reasons.

4. January 1982 be designated Big "M" Month. Special efforts to enlist women not only in membership but in active service will be recognized at the 1982 convention.

5. We encourage our members to attend the second WNAC retreat to be held in the Arlington Hotel, Hot Springs, Arkansas, September 23-25, 1982.

6. We continue to collect and bring to our State Retreat annually old stamps, medicine bottles, eye glasses, jewelry and used Bibles.

7. The permanent time for the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Retreat be the second Friday and Saturday of March each year. If some major event falls on this weekend that it be left to the discretion of the Executive Committee to change the date.

8. We set a goal of \$6,000 for this year to be divided: \$3,000 for Foreign Missions, designated for Charlotte Tallent account and \$3,000 for Georgia State Missions to be equally divided between Gainesville and Marietta (Northside) Missions.

9. We express our appreciation to Mary Bruner for printing all materials for the Convention.

10. The State Treasurer be required to deposit and distribute all checks in her possession by the 30th of each month.

11. A member of the Executive Committee Chair the Resolution Committee.

12. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Martin District and Corinth Church for their kind hospitality and delicious meal today.

13. Because we are Christian women who accept God's Word as the guide for our lives, we go on record as opposing the EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT and suggest that each District Secretary, each Local Secretary and each local member write their State Representative before the first of the year expressing this same opinion.

## HISTORIAN REPORT:

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God." Colossians 1:10.

The Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention is 45 years old this year. Certainly we have had women through these 45 years walking worthy of the Lord, increasing in the knowledge of God. Today, we have 61 auxiliaries with 750 members and 576 active members. Forty-five years ago we organized a State Convention with 6 auxiliaries.

Forty-five years ago our State project was for each auxiliary to give

\$1.00 to help pay for the printing of minutes. This past year it was to raise \$5,000 for the Allan Crowsons, missionaries to France.

We have had 18 women to serve as State President. We've lost only two of the former Presidents.

Surely we all realize how God has blessed us and it gives us encouragement to keep on serving Him. With the history of our State work being recorded in book form, we hope it will be an inspiration to others to serve our Master. We have had one auxiliary organized this past year. Our prayer is that more auxiliaries will be organized in some of the 69 churches which do not have an auxiliary. Let us keep making history in Georgia for our Master.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 113.05	
Representation Fees	1,012.50	
Gifts for Speaker	210.00	
Morning Offering	<u>251.97</u>	
Total Receipts		\$1,587.52

We recommend the following disbursements:

WNAC per capita Membership Fees	864.00	
Arilla Wode expenses and Love Offering	360.00	
Printing State Minutes	50.00	
Northside, Marietta Mission	100.00	
Gainesville Mission	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		\$1,474.00
Balance in Treasury		\$ 113.52

#### NOVEMBER 1981 ANNUAL COMPILED REPORT OF DISTRICTS

District and Membership (Received as of November 9, 1981)

1. Chattahoochee	(24)	5. Midway	(153)
2. Georgia Union	(35)	6. Union	(67)
3. Little River	(54)	7. South Georgia	(193)
4. Martin	( 8)	8. Twin City	(42)

Number of active members on roll: 576

Membership Fees sent with report to State W. A. Treasurer: \$ 1,012.50

Other Disbursements:

Home Missions—Pre-Thanksgiving, National	704.67
State Missions	567.25
Special Projects	525.00

Foreign Missions—Pre-Easter		\$ 780.35
State Project—Crowsons	\$5,255.20	
Retreat	<u>239.67</u>	5,494.87
Others		2,113.05

Bible Colleges—General Fund	\$ 30.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund	384.50
WNAC Student Loan Fund	58.50
WNAC General & Emphasis Funds	\$ 863.48
Co-Laborer Fund & Special Projects	936.07
Children's Homes	\$ 228.82
Retired Ministers	10.00
Youth Camps & Projects	45.21
Local Church Activities	1,560.45
Auxiliary Literature and Supplies	805.50
Other Special Projects	1,764.13
Total Disbursements:	\$17,884.35
Cash Gifts Sent Directly:	
State Missions	\$ 324.95
College Students	389.95
Youth Camp	951.50
Children's Homes	90.00
Total:	\$ 1,756.40
Non-Cash Gift (evaluate)	
Provision Closet	\$ 329.38
Retired Ministers	130.00
Total:	\$ 459.38
Grant Total Disbursed:	\$20,100.13

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT**  
**MARY BRUNER, TREASURER**  
November 1, 1980—October 31, 1981

Balance in treasury 11-13-80	\$ 113.05
1981 Representative Dues	1,012.50
1981 State Speaker Fees	175.00
Total Balance:	\$ 1,300.55
1981 Prayer Retreat Registration Fees	\$ 1,090.00
Designated Funds Received	12,440.22
	\$14,830.77

Disbursed as:

Prayer Retreat:		\$ 1,090.00
Camp Mt. Bethel	\$ 250.00	
Trula Cronk	210.00	
Guyton Adams	100.00	
Herbert Waid	25.00	
Food	157.51	
Cooks' Salary	100.00	
Poster Award	7.82	
State Project	239.67	

Designated funds disbursed:	\$12,440.22
Balance in Treasury 11-9-81	1,300.55

DOT HARVEY STUDENT LOAN FUND

Balance November 1, 1980	\$ 5,602.84
Gifts Received	163.40
Payments Collected (73 payments, 8 students now paying)	3,176.99

Loans awarded:	\$ 2,650.00
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Richard Bowen  
Phyllis Clyatt  
Elizabeth Hearn  
Randy Sloan

Former Students Repaying—13	
Students in Bible College—2	
Balance october 21, 1981	\$ 6,293.23

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME  
Eldridge, Alabama  
General Fund-Operating Account  
September 1, 1980 through August 31, 1981

BEGINNING BALANCE September, 1980	\$ 6,075.61
Income from all sources	\$189,028.49
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$195,104.10
TOTAL EXPENDITURES for this period	\$189,446.25
ENDING BALANCE August 31, 1981	\$ 5,657.85



# **CONTRIBUTIONS FROM GEORGIA** **September 1, 1980 through August 31, 1981**

Cash	\$21,415.71
Commodities and things donated	<u>\$ 2,729.89</u>
<b>TOTAL CASH AND COMMODITIES</b>	<b>\$24,145.60</b>

Respectfully submitted,  
 Carlton Lambert, Superintendent

## **CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Local Associations	9
2. Churches	5
3. Ministers	58
4. Deacons	29
5. Board Members	1
6. Georgia Missionaries	2
7. Local Associations' Delegates	24
8. Church Delegates	<u>14</u>
Total Voting Members (3-8)	128
9. National Association Representatives	4
10. General Visitors	<u>64</u>
Total Registered (3-10)	196

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. The Executive Board shall be composed of the regular officers; the chairman of each of the standing boards; and the previous moderator, as an exofficio member for a period of two years following his term of office.

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.

SECTION 6. In order to pay our Georgia State Association's annual representation fee to the National Association, each local association is to be responsible to promote, receive and forward the amount designated by the National Association per church per year to the State Office, along with their annual State Association representation fee, on or before our annual State Association session.

## **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 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 Christian Education whose duties shall be:

A. To set policy and supervise the operation of Georgia Bible Institute. This Board shall appoint a President and a Dean to carry out Board policy. Also, the faculty, curriculum, materials, tuition, salaries and benefits are subject to the approval of this Board.

B. To set policy and supervise the functions of a State Youth Committee. This Board shall appoint this Committee to carry out Board policy.

C. To set policy and supervise the functions of a Historical Committee. This Board shall appoint this Committee to gather and set forth for public knowledge and posterity the history of Georgia Free Will Baptists.

All educational services sponsored by the Georgia State Association shall be under the sponsorship of this Board. Such things as annual Sunday School and Church Training Service seminars shall be the responsibility of this Board to plan, promote and supervise.

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 State Executive Board is to set policy with reference to the dispersement of benevolent funds to our retired and/or disabled ministers and/or their wives or widows. The State Executive Office is to distribute these funds from Georgia State Coordinated Gift Program monies.

SECTION 9. 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 fulfill the functions and duties of the Clerk as stated in paragraph C of this document.

#### SECTION 3.

A. The Executive-Secretary shall be responsible and accountable to the Executive Board in the fulfillment of the duties of his office as determined by said board.

B. The Executive-Secretary shall be allowed four (4) weeks vacation per year with pay.

C. Funds received by the Executive-Secretary for revivals, special speaking engagements and promotional meetings, shall go into the 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.