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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 White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church of Macon, Georgia, on November 18-20, 1982, for its Forty-Sixth Annual Session. The theme was, "The Fruit of the Spirit is Love", taken from Galatians 5:22.

Thursday Evening Service, 7:00 P.M.

The congregation sang, "Power in the Blood", followed by pledging allegiance to the American and Christian flags to start the session. Danny Thomas, Minister of Music, First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia called upon his Pastor, Rev. Steve Hasty to direct our hearts in prayer. The clerk of the Association, Ronald Wallace, called the session to order. The clerk introduced the General Officers of the Association and recognized the Moderator of the Host Georgia Union Association, Rev. Billy Sharpston. The facilities of the White Oaks Church were graciously made available for the meeting and a warm cordial welcome was extended to delegates and visitors by Rev. Sharpston.

The Moderator of the Georgia State Association, Rev. William Morris, moved the session toward the transacting of business by appointing the Committee on Committees. Willie Martin chaired the committee with Cecil Mock, Irvin Murphy, Bobby Whitaker, and Barry Hedrick serving.

Music Director, Danny Thomas, led the congregation in singing "Amazing Grace". Special music was rendered by the Sharpston Trio as they sang, "Jesus is the Sweetest Name I Know". The attendance for the first service was 127. An offering of \$70.17 was received for the expense of the Association. The offertory prayer was prayed by Rev. Bill Robinson. A very reverent atmosphere filled the room as our hearts eagerly awaited the evening message. Rev. Samuel Wilkinson challenged our lives to exercise Christian Temperance and Discipline as he developed the topic, "Temperance is Love in Discipline".

The Moderator recognized the standing delegates and entertained a motion to seat the elected delegates. The motion passed. A partial report from the Credentials Committee revealed a voting body of 66 for the evening meeting. The Clerk gave a partial report of the Executive Board which included the following recommendation:

That the retirement policy of the State Association be changed from the present method of distributing benevolent funds and that this responsibility be passed down to the District Associations who will administer benevolent funds from local resources in a method of its choosing.

This recommendation will result in the following Constitutional change. The Article stating the present benevolent policy will be deleted in its entirety. Therefore, Article III, Section 8 will be deleted and Section 9 will become Section 8 to maintain numerical order in the Constitution.

In compliance with the proper procedure for amending the Constitution and By-Laws a motion was adopted to table the recommendation.

A motion to recess was adopted. Rev. Rolla Smith, Director of the Foreign Missions Department prayed the benediction.

Friday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

We began the morning meeting with a time of devotion. The congregation sang, "Love Lifted Me". Rev. Roger Russell led in prayer; and Music Director, Tony Adams gave the special music, "Holy Spirit Live In Me". After, Rev. Billy Sharpston brought a devotional message on the theme, "Joy is Love in Jubilation".

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report stating a total of 140 registering, with 93 voting delegates and 47 visitors. The Committee on Committees gave the following report which passed by unanimous vote. A Resolutions Committee was appointed to serve for 1983, with James Roebuck, Jackie Barnard, Ricky Cason, Bob White and Willie Martin serving. A Nominating Committee was also named to serve this session. They were Gary Page, Curtis Gay, Gleason Fowler, John Woods and Barry Hedrick.

The Clerk gave the report of the Executive Board which was adopted with the several appendixes dealt with separately. There was a motion to remove from the table the recommendation concerning the retirement policy. The motion passed. The recommendation changing the State Retirement policy was favorably received by the body as indicated by its adoption. The Bookstore Guidelines were adopted by unanimous vote (See Appendix 1). A motion passed to adopt the proposed State Budget and that it be implemented immediately (See Appendix 2). A new set of guidelines effecting the auditing methods of all State financial records was adopted (See Appendix 3).

The morning worship service began as the congregation sang, "Rock of Ages". Rev. Ken Faison led in prayer. The offering for the expense of the Association was \$66.71. Randy Jackson, Minister of Music for Midway Free Will Baptist Church, Moultrie, Georgia, rendered the special music, "It Is Well With My Soul". Rev. Bill Robinson, Pastor of Savannah Free Will Baptist Church, Savannah, Georgia, brought the message on the theme, "Long-suffering is Love on Trial". A superb message, inspiring, and very well delivered. The altar response gave witness to the Holy Spirit's working through the message. The benediction was prayed by William Morris.

Friday Afternoon Meeting, 1:30 P.M.

Rev. Samuel Wilkinson led the congregation in singing, "Power In The Blood". The devotional message, "Meekness is Love at School", was skillfully delivered by Rev. Jackie Barnard.

The following reports were given from our State Ministries: Woman's Auxiliary by Ann Lewis, Alabama Children's Home by Carlton Lambert, Executive Secretary's report by Herbert Waid, Board of Christian Education by Mance Cason, Board of Camping report by Mike Creech, and Board of Trustees report by C. K. Murphy. These were received as information.

The Resolutions Committee submitted six resolutions to the body for adoption. The resolutions passed by unanimous vote, with a standing vote of appreciation given to the Host Church and Georgia Union Association for the warm hospitality extended during the session. The resolutions are recorded elsewhere in these minutes for your reading.

The Executive Secretary of the National Association, Dr. Melvin Worthington, gave the reports for the Executive Department, the Board of Retirement and Insurance, and the National Master's Men. These were also received as information.

The following reports were given from our National Ministries and were received as information: Free Will Baptist Bible College report by Ronald Creech, the Sunday School and Church Training Department report given by H. D. Harrison, and Foreign Missions Department report given by Rolla Smith.

The State Mission Board's report was given by Benny Lariscy and was adopted as given. Rev. Bobby Clyatt gave a report for the State Ministers Fellowship which was received as information.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report revealing 99 voting delegates, 50 visitors, and a total attendance of 149. The Nominating Committee gave the following nominees for service in these areas: Rev. Herbert Waid to serve as Georgia's member of the National Association's General Board until 1984; Rev. W. S. Lewis, Jr., Linda Gay and Louvenia Kleedehn to serve as the State Association Auditing Committee until 1983; to serve the unexpired term on the Board of Christian Education for the Twin Cities Association, James Walton; to serve the unexpired term on the Board of Camping for the Martin Association, Bob White. The Nominating Committee's report was approved as submitted. A motion passed to elect the nominees as nominated.

Rev. Ken Faison prayed the benediction.

Friday Evening Meeting, 7:00 P.M.

The annual Missions Service began with a Men's Chorale singing, "Where Could I go But To My Lord?", directed by Danny Thomas. The congregation sang, "Glory To His Name". Prayer was led by Billy McKinney. The Mission Offering was \$290.48 designated to the Wallaces account, Missionary to North Atlanta. The attendance was 146.

The State Missionaries gave a brief up-to-date report of the various works. Ronald Wallace, joint-project worker to the North Metro Atlanta area told of the building progress. Billy McKinney, Missionary to Gainsville, Georgia gave a comforting report on the work in Gainsville. Jack Lysaker, Missionary to Dublin, Georgia, gave an interesting report on the work in Dublin. Dennis Keen, who is in new work in Phenix City, Alabama, thanked the State for a loan to help secure a building.

The service continued as a White Oaks Duet sang, "Pause for a Moment". Rev. James Ursrey, Chairman of the State Mission Board, introduced the speaker for the Evening Service, Rev. J. E. Blanton. Rev. Blanton is the pastor and founder of the Decatur Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur, Georgia. The message on the theme, "Faith is Love in Sharing", was artfully delivered in the simple, straight forward style of Rev. Blanton.

The Mission Service was concluded with a commissioning service for Rev. Jack Lysaker, new appointee to Dublin, Georgia. The State Mission Board members compassed the kneeling Missionary and performed the Scriptural ministry of prayer and laying on of hands.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. James Ursrey.

Saturday Morning Meeting, 9:00 A.M.

The congregation sang, "My Saviour's Love", for the opening song. Prayer was led by Ricky Cason. The devotional message, "Peace is Love in

Response", was brought by Rev. Leroy Lowery. The message was thoughtfully prepared and skillfully delivered.

A report from the Home Mission Board was handed out and received as information as submitted. The final Credentials Committee report was given and adopted by vote. The full report is contained later in the minutes.

Delegates and alternates were appointed to the National Association meeting in Columbus, Ohio in 1983. Mrs. Elizabeth Hodges, Mr. and Mrs. Gleason Fowler, Mr. Harold Aldridge, and Mrs. Ann Ross will serve as delegates. The alternates are Mr. J. W. Clower, Mr. Richard Hays, Mrs. June Wilkinson, Mrs. Ann Travis, and Mrs. Kathleen Thomas.

A motion was adopted to rescind a part of the Nominating Committee's report due to incorrect information that placed the nominee on the wrong Board. A motion was adopted nominating Bob White to the Camp Board. The minutes will show the corrected action in the Nominating Committee's report.

A motion was adopted to express the State's appreciation by giving a standing vote of thanks to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid for their dedicated service in the State Office this past year.

A motion was passed to have a copy of the Resolution concerning teaching Scientific Creationism in the public schools in Georgia sent to the elected officials representing Georgia on the State and Federal levels of government.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was passed by unanimous vote.

The benediction was prayed by Rev. Greg Bevan.

The Little River Association is to host the State Meeting of 1983 using the facilities of Norman Baptist Assembly at Norman Park, Georgia, November 17-19, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Wallace, Clerk

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

According to the By-Laws of the Georgia State Association the Executive Board is to act for, and in behalf of, the State Association on matters that require immediate attention, with the actions of the Executive Board subject to the final approval of the State Association. Therefore, the following report contains such action as transacted between the 45th and 46th Annual Sessions. The meetings were held on:

February 13 White Oaks, Macon

May 5 State Office, Moultrie

August 21 White Oaks, Macon

One other meeting is scheduled for November 18, 1982 at White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia.

Your Executive Board has had a fruitful and rewarding time serving Georgia Free Will Baptists and the cause of Christ this year. Many hours of dedicated labor and much fervent prayer has gone into the decisions made by this board. The following items are submitted for your approval.

MINOLTA COPIER PURCHASED FOR STATE OFFICE

The purchase of a Minolta EP 320 Copier for the State Office was authorized. The money being spent to rent a Xerox 2400 Copier was used to make monthly installments for the purchase of the copier. A total cost of \$3,300 with payments of \$165.75 monthly for 24 months.

PROMOTIONAL PAPER PRINTED

The Executive Secretary was authorized to have the Promotional Bulletin printed by a professional printing company. The cost for doing so is very compatible to the cost of printing with the State Office equipment. The quality is much greater.

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

The Moderator appointed a Committee to do a thorough study of the Christian Supply Store and make appropriate recommendations.

AUDITING COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED

An Auditing Committee set up to audit all financial records of State Boards or Committees, State Office and Christian Supply Store records, was appointed by the Executive Board. This Committee will be independent of all Boards and will answer directly to the State Meeting each year.

LETTER OF SUPPORT

The Executive Board went on record supporting Free Will Baptist Bible College in the recent controversy surrounding the College by sending a letter to Dr. Charles Thigpen.

BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

The Christian Supply Store Study Committee submitted Guidelines for the Bookstore (see Appendix 1). The committee also suggested the creation of a permanent Bookstore Committee to oversee the Bookstore.

BUDGET COMMITTEE

The Moderator appointed a committee to submit a budget for the State Association for the fiscal year 1983-84 (see Appendix 2).

MEETING SITE FOR 1983 STATE MEETING

The facilities of Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park, Georgia are recommended for the 1983 State Meeting. Little River District Association is to host.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Wallace, Clerk

APPENDIX 1

BOOKSTORE GUIDELINES

- I. Relationship to the Georgia State Association
 - A. The Bookstore and all assets are the property of the Georgia State Association of Original Free Will Baptists.
 - B. The Bookstore is a ministry of the State Association. Its purpose is to render service to Free Will Baptist Churches in Georgia, and to represent the cause of Christ and Free Will Baptists to the public at large.
 - C. The Bookstore is at no time to dispense literature that would in any way bring reproach upon the Lord or the State Association.
 - D. The Bookstore is not to sell literature that is heretical in content.
 - E. The materials sold should be that which is used by churches and Christians for the purpose of spiritual enrichment.
- II. Relationship to the Executive Board of the Georgia State Association
 - A. The directive authority overseeing the Bookstore is the Executive Board. This Board shall set policy, act as adviser, and be the employer of the Bookstore Manager.
 - B. The Executive Board shall appoint a Committee to represent it in all matters pertaining to the Bookstore. This Committee shall make regular reports on the state of the Bookstore to the Executive Board at its quarterly meetings.
 - C. The Committee shall interview all job applicants for the managership of the Bookstore and shall make recommendations for employment to the Executive Board for final consideration.
 - D. This Committee shall act as an adviser to the Bookstore Manager. This Committee shall also have the power and right to see books, ledgers, bank statements, etc., and make inquiries into the state and well being of the Bookstore when this information is deemed necessary by the Committee.
 - E. The Bookstore Committee shall deal with all complaints or grievances. Note: complaints originate from outside the Bookstore; grievances originate from within the Bookstore.
- III. Relationship of the Bookstore Manager to the Executive Board
 - A. The Bookstore Manager is an employee under the supervision of the State Association Executive Board.
 - B. The Bookstore Manager's salary, benefits, and working conditions shall be determined by the State Executive Board.
 - C. The day by day operation of the Bookstore is the Manager's responsibility within the policy and guidelines as set by the State Executive Board.
 - D. A monthly financial report showing sales, purchases, and operating expenses shall be submitted to the Executive Board's Bookstore Committee.
 - E. The Bookstore Manager shall appear personally before the Executive Board at its regular meeting in August of each year to give a report of the Bookstore's progress and plans for the coming year.
 - F. The Bookstore Manager's position may either be terminated by the Executive Board or by the Bookstore Manager by giving a thirty (30)

day advance notice of termination to the other party with reasons for the termination stated by the initiating party.

IV. Guidelines for the Bookstore Manager and other employees

- A. Manner of dress should exemplify high moral standards and be comparable to simular secular business positions.
- B. Use of tobacco, alcoholic beverage, and "controlled substance" drugs is strictly forbidden for all employees.
- C. All employees are to be faithfully attending and actively involved in a local church.
- D. The best in Christian conduct and attitude must be manifested in dealing with all business clientele at all times.
- E. The Bookstore is never to be open for business on Sundays. No employee of the Bookstore is to be involved in Bookstore business on Sundays.
- F. The Bookstore Manager is to have one (1) working day off each week.
- G. The Bookstore Manager shall have a two (2) week paid vacation each year.
- H. The Bookstore Manager shall be able to hire part-time, minimum wage scale, help for:
 1. A two (2) week period each quarter if needed for processing the Sunday School and C.T.S. literature.
 2. The Manager's day off each week.
 3. The Manager's annual two (2) week vacation period.
 4. Certain other needs as may arise if approved in advance by the Executive Board.
- I. Bookstore Manager's expense incurred attending quarterly Association Meetings, State Association Meetings, and the C.B.A. functions, etc., shall be paid if agreed upon in advance by the Bookstore Manager and the Executive Board's Bookstore Committee.

APPENDIX 2

GEORGIA STATE BUDGET
(COORDINATED GIVING* PERCENTAGES)
1983 - 1984

Projected Annual Income - \$240,000

NATIONAL MINISTRIES - 60%

Executive	1.7%	\$ 4,080
Foreign Missions (all accounts)	24.1%	\$57,840
General Fund & Misc. Accounts	14.1%	\$33,840
Bishops, Japan	5 %	\$12,000
Crowsons, France	5 %	\$12,000
Free Will Baptist Bible College	19.7%	\$47,280
General Fund	11.6%	\$27,840
Building Fund	6.4%	\$15,360
Graduate School	1.7%	\$ 4,080

Home Missions (all accounts)	13.4%	\$32,160
General Fund & Misc. Accounts	8.4%	\$20,160
Wallaces, Atlanta	5 %	\$12,000
Retirement & Insurance	.8%	\$ 1,920
Free Will Baptist Foundation	.2%	\$ 480
Theological Liberalism Commission	.1%	\$ 240
TOTALS	60 %	\$144,000

GEORGIA STATE MINISTRIES - 40%

Executive	14 %	\$33,600
Promotional Bulletin	2 %	\$ 4,800
Missions	16 %	\$38,400
Camp Mt. Bethel	2 %	\$ 4,800
Trustees	2 %	\$ 4,800
Christian Education	2 %	\$ 4,800
Children's Home, Alabama	2 %	\$ 4,800
TOTALS	40 %	\$96,000

**Coordinated Giving means both Designated and Undesignated Giving*

APPENDIX 3

REPORT OF THE AUDITING COMMITTEE

We have examined the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the funds and accounts listed below for the year ended June 30, 1982, the financial statement, and the statement of net income for the Christian Supply Store for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1982:

Cooperative/Designated Fund
General Fund
Board of Retirement and Insurance
Board of Christian Education
Georgia Bible Institute
Historical Committee
Board of Camping
Board of Trustees
Board of Missions

Bank statements, receipts, etc. were examined when made available. The inventory for the Christian Supply Store was observed by the committee. The committee, however, reserves its opinion concerning any of the statements because of limitations in the area of support materials. Special mention should be made of the excellent job being done in the area of record keeping by the State Office, the Board of Missions and the Board of Camp Mt. Bethel.

An accurate audit is impossible unless adequate support materials are available. Because this problem existed in every area of the State's ministry

the auditing committee recommends the following:

1. That an auditing committee be elected each year by the State Association.
2. That no one be elected to the auditing committee that holds any other position with the state.
3. That the auditing committee be answerable only to the State Association in session.
4. That the statements, books, and all supporting materials of the various boards be sent to the auditing committee no later than August 1 each year.
5. That the statements, books, and all supporting materials of the State Office and the Christian Supply Store be made available to the Auditing Committee no later than September 1 each year.
6. That each Board or subset of a board, the State Office, and the Christian Supply Store follow the general procedures below:
 - a. Each bank statement must be checked and the check book balanced with each statement.
 - b. That canceled checks be taped back to their corresponding stub.
 - c. That receipts, paid invoices, etc. be acquired for each and every expenditure.
 - d. That vouchers be signed when board members or state representatives are paid for (reimbursed for) expenses.
 - e. That an accurate record be kept of the receipts and the source of the receipts.
 - f. That statements accompany the books when they are presented for audit.
 - g. That the statements presented be signed by the Treasurer and Chairman of the boards; in the case of the State Office the statements should be signed by the Executive Secretary; in the case of the Christian Supply Store the Manager should sign.
 - h. That quarterly statements be sent to the auditing committee through the State Office according to the following schedule:
 - For First Quarter
July, August, September - by November 1
 - For Second Quarter
October, November, December - by February 1
 - For Third Quarter
January, February, March - by May 1
 - Fourth Quarter
Included in Annual Report as per above schedule.

Sincerely Submitted,
Bill Lewis, Jr., Chairman
Linda Gay
Louvenia Kleedehn

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

With gratitude, we remember the heritage of this Office. Faithful men have laid the foundation for the success today of the Office of Executive

Secretary of the State of Georgia. In 1947, the Georgia State Association became the first to employ a full-time Promotional Secretary, Rev. E. C. Morris. Rev. Mance Cason was elected to this position in 1961. Eight years later, in 1969, Rev. A. C. Truluck succeeded him. My predecessor, Rev. C. B. Dowdney served as Executive Secretary/Treasurer from 1973 until 1981.

At the conclusion of our first year in this Office, my wife, Geraldine, and I are thankful for the personal contacts we have had with so many of our people. We have been able to attend 18 District Association Meetings and visit 69 of our churches (plus attend our Home Church, Midway, Moultrie, on Sundays and Wednesdays when we were in the State and not in a service elsewhere). We spent the night and fellowshipped in 56 of your homes. Five District Association Pastor/Pastor's Wife/State Office Suppers were held; 23 teaching sessions at G.B.I., Albany, were taught; one Woman's Auxiliary Workshop and six Summer Camp Sessions were attended. To do this we traveled a little more than 20,000 miles.

In general, this summarizes our *Promotional* Activities.

Our *Administrative* activities include numerous State board and committee meetings and some conferences with local church committees. The day by day Office demands are taxing. Keeping up with the whole picture of the State work and making things happen when and where they should is demanding. Answering queries of our people is routine. A new system of referring available ministers to inquiring churches has been put into effect. Encouraging and counseling those who have personal and/or family problems has been an important part of our ministry. Trying to make the monthly "Promotional Bulletin" better has been high on our list of priorities this year. Finally, trying to improve our system of accounting and dispersing funds that our churches channel through the State Office presents a constant challenge.

In general, this summarizes our *Administrative* activities.

Outside the State, we represented you on the General Board and served as the Chairman of the Committee on Committees at the National Association this year.

Let me share a couple of short excerpts from two letters the State Office received recently. The first is from one of our Foreign Missionaries. The second is from one of our pastors after Geraldine and I had been in his home and had had a service in his Church.

"We can really tell a difference in the State Paper; it looks so much more neat, tidy, and readable. We can tell you've put some work into it, and I just bet you've been putting the same work into your other responsibilities."

"Thanks, I needed that' is an up-to-date expression that describes how we felt about your visit with us last week. My wife and I enjoyed the good fellowship with you and the information you shared with us about the State work was valuable. The folk at Church also enjoyed having you in the service.

"I explained the COOP breakdown of our gift last month on Wednesday evening, and I believe that that kind of information will make them want to give more the COOP way."

The reports elsewhere in this Digest speak for themselves.

We are grateful for this year you have allowed us to serve you.

Respectfully,
Herbert Waid
Executive Secretary

**GEORGIA STATE OFFICE
SPECIAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

Balance July 1, 1981 (\$ 343.13)

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving	\$52,719.55	
Designated Giving	43,019.80	
TOTAL Giving		\$95,739.35

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Ministries:

National Cooperative Fund	\$ 5,793.09	
Foreign Missions	11,308.86	
Home Missions	2,387.58	
Bible College:		
General Fund	\$2,541.72	
Building Fund	85.84	
Graduate School	42.81	
Master's Men	54.52	
Retirement & Insurance	41.15	
Foundation	2.68	
Theological Liberalism	1.33	
		22,259.58

State Ministries:

Board of Missions	\$16,715.65	
Board of Trustees	3,094.15	
Christian Education & Camping-4 mo.	526.07	
State Youth Conference-4 mo.	122.65	
Historical Commission-4 mo.	78.96	
Georgia Bible Institute-4 mo.	478.03	
Board of Camping-8 mo.	2,081.48	
Board of Christian Education-8 mo.	712.74	
Board of Retirement	2,759.94	
Alabama Children's Home	6,413.54	
		32,983.21

General Fund	6,660.19	
Executive Secretary: Salary	12,960.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Insurance	1,214.20	
F.I.C.A.	818.00	
Secretary	2,400.00	
Utilities: Water, Sewerage, Elec.	1,013.65	
Telephone	1,163.90	
Cable T.V.	30.00	
Exterminators	27.00	
Executive Secretary Mileage	4,796.28	
Board Members Mileage	2,438.79	
		33,822.01

Miscellaneous:

Midway District Mission Board	680.00	
Union District Mission Board	270.00	
To Balance	343.13	
Bank Note	848.71	
I.B.M. Corporation	83.50	
Moving Expense (Waid)	82.00	
Leader's Conference	167.47	
Moderator Honorarium	100.00	
Clerk Honorarium	150.00	
Dowdney Honorarium	73.03	
Audit, 1981	360.00	
Association Fee Refund	10.00	
Corporation Fees	13.00	
Coop Promotion Tape Jackets	22.23	
<u>B. H. Parrish Medical Fund</u>	<u>3,237.47</u>	<u>6,440.54</u>

Total Disbursements \$95,505.34

BALANCE, June 30, 1982 \$ 234.01

**GEORGIA STATE OFFICE
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

Balance July 1, 1981 \$ 15.66

RECEIPTS:

Special Fund	\$6,660.19	
Printing	412.87	
State Association Offering	203.08	
Association Dues	555.00	
Local Church Dues	90.00	
National Association Dues	<u>1,200.00</u>	

Total Receipts 9,121.14

Total \$9,136.80

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Dues	\$1,200.00	
State Minutes	773.01	
Xerox Corporation	3,146.40	
Printing	536.99	
RM Printing (Bulletins 4 mo.)	744.64	
Postage	1,749.22	
Office Supplies	748.82	
Church Around the World	10.50	
Bank Service Charge	11.50	
Audit, 1981	<u>90.00</u>	

Total Disbursements	9,011.08
Balance June 30, 1982	\$ 125.72
Bank Balance June 30, 1982	\$ 126.52
Bank Balance Over, June 30, 1982	\$.80

COOPERATIVE, DESIGNATED GIFTS, JULY 1, 1981-JUNE 30, 1982

CHATTAHOOCHEE	\$ 6,809.54	LITTLE RIVER	\$ 8,852.20
Decatur	\$ 100.00	Cool Springs	\$ 975.00
Lake Blackshear	153.71	Corinth	1,054.00
Little Bethel	1,335.00	Friendship	353.00
Mt. Olive	120.00	Hahira, First	400.00
New Life	40.00	Homerville	1,424.00
Pleasant Hill	633.19	Ozias	100.00
Spring Hill	242.27	Pine Level	2,185.28
Thomaston, First	2,268.00	Sunny Side	120.00
Trinity	984.40	Tifton, First	172.90
Turner's Chapel	897.97	Valdosta, First	1,149.92
Minister/Deacon Fellowship	35.00	Zion Hill	76.55
		Little River Association	511.55
		Little River Mission Board	330.00
GEORGIA UNION	\$ 8,029.44	MARTIN	\$11,417.00
Bay Springs	\$ 60.00	Colquitt	\$3,675.92
Beulah Springs	144.00	Corinth	400.00
Christian Hill	610.26	Hebrew	60.00
Crossroads	1,333.92	Highway	50.00
Double Branch	1,014.00	Mothers Home	1,027.21
Eastman	25.00	Mt. Gilead	1,605.00
Little Bethel	647.85	Mt. Glory	250.00
Mt. Ararat	385.37	New Home Miller County	1,174.68
Pine Level	516.00	New Home No. 2	110.00
Pleasant Hill	711.95	New Salem	1,156.00
Warner Robins, First	50.00	Thompson	365.00
White Oaks	2,028.59	Martin Association	1,543.19
Wilson Chapel	152.50		
Georgia Union Association	350.00		

MIDWAY**\$22,296.47**

Albany, First
Arlington
Bainbridge, First
Bellview
Blakely, First
Cedar Springs
Hammock Springs
Macedonia
New Light
Patmos
Traveler's Rest
Midway Association

\$6,907.59
355.00
135.00
4,583.29
2,164.00
2,606.82
463.40
239.15
2,417.22
1,622.00
666.00
137.00

OGEECHEE**\$ 1,754.87**

Deep Creek
Friendship
Lower Corinth
Metter, First
Ogeechee
Ogeechee Association

\$ 308.72
903.46
60.00
55.00
167.69
260.00

SOUTH GEORGIA**\$19,676.23**

Alabaha
Baxley
Bethel
Brunswick, First
Corinth
Douglas, First
Harmony
Jesup, First
Liberty
Lyons
Marietta
Memorial
New Hope
Pine Level
Satilla
Savannah, First
Spring Grove
Statesboro
Swainsboro
Surrency

\$1,018.07
654.50
130.00
225.00
54.59
473.89
1,932.48
325.00
2,831.33
540.00
600.00
1,454.17
741.20
640.00
2,004.00
300.00
5,182.00
150.00
115.00
305.00

TWIN CITIES**\$ 4,437.19**

Calvary
Emmanuel
White Rock
Twin Cities Association

\$ 945.77
3,386.42
5.00
100.00

UNION**\$ 9,440.98**

Bay
Cairo, First
Fellowship
Greenwood
Midway
New Life
New Prospect
Proctor Chapel
Poulan
Spring Hill
Sylvester, First
Union Association

\$ 456.00
360.00
2,691.11
177.00
4,269.86
131.00
125.00
50.00
210.00
737.01
34.00
200.00

MISCELLANEOUS**\$ 3,025.43**

State Association Offering
Escrow
Individual Gifts
State Woman's Auxiliary
State Mission Board
Non Free Will Baptists
(Parrish Medical)

\$1,677.90
48.38
435.00
250.00
5.00
609.15

TOTAL GIFTS**\$95,739.35**

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION STATISTICAL REPORT
as reported on the 1981 Annual Church Letters

	CHATAHOOCHEE	GEORGIA UNION	LITTLE RIVER	MARTIN	MIDWAY	OGEECHEE	SOUTH GEORGIA	TWIN CITIES	UNION	TOTALS
Number of Churches	13	17	13	12	18	4	26	3	10	116
Number of Baptisms	80	43	47	50	30	17	83	23	46	419
Number of New Members	100	87	31	34	57	14	79	18	47	467
Number of Lost Members	41	60	37	34	74	9	156	5	47	463
Total Membership	924	1,376	1,057	982	1,990	306	2,761	385	806	10,587
Number of Deacons	33	56	42	44	80	6	103	10	42	416
Number Ordained Ministers	15	22	18	16	18	4	29	7	11	140
Number Licensed Ministers	2	2	0	7	7	1	7	0	5	31
Number of Parsonages	1	4	7	6	8	1	16	2	3	48
Combined Value of Churches & Parsonages	\$295,000	\$69,800	\$911,600	\$927,000	\$1,218,500	\$106,000	\$3,404,579	\$380,000	\$462,500	\$7,774,979
Number of Mid-Week Prayer Services	10	16	10	11	15	4	26	3	10	105
Average Attendance	230	242	203	230	333	60	707	130	226	2,361
Total C.T.S. Enrollment	61	341	187	203	592	23	533	105	127	2,172
Average Attendance	69	275	119	102	425	13	398	84	117	1,602
Combined W.N.A.C.	42	65	66	116	176	46	268	48	85	912
Average Attendance	31	54	44	68	138	30	158	38	59	620
Combined Master's Men	18	17	14	41	99	8	46	10	30	283
Average Attendance	16	14	10	32	71	6	34	7	17	207
Sunday School Enrollment	615	681	601	551	1,235	210	1,826	286	518	6,523
Average Attendance	484	474	466	449	865	140	1,267	239	403	4,787
Churches participating in Retirement & Insurance	1	0	0	1	3	1	6	1	2	15

Churches providing Hospital Insurance	1	1	0	3	5	1	11	2	1	25
Combined Income	\$156,661	\$184,732	\$179,489	\$191,099	\$307,233	0	\$654,126	\$62,865	\$153,625	\$1,889,830
Total Local Expenditures	\$150,337	\$155,052	\$154,780	\$172,051	\$252,649	0	\$557,016	\$68,693	\$151,145	\$1,661,723
Churches Giving Coop	8	8	8	5	9	0	11	1	7	57
Churches Designating Outside	10	10	12	9	14	0	18	1	7	81
Outside Giving: Coop	\$4,694	\$4,836	\$2,440	\$2,970	\$10,020	0	\$3,066	\$2,700	\$5,173	\$35,899
National Executive Retirement & Insurance	0	\$100	\$50	0	\$100	0	0	0	0	\$250
Foreign Missions	0	0	0	\$120	0	0	\$200	0	0	\$320
Home Missions	\$710	\$825	\$1,505	\$1,800	\$10,908	0	\$10,746	0	\$65	\$26,559
F.W.B.B.C	\$2,277	\$1,007	\$653	\$3,825	\$4,205	0	\$6,524	\$180	\$1,786	\$20,457
Other National Ministries	\$2,804	\$205	\$124	\$2,060	\$980	0	\$5,259	\$103	\$697	\$12,232
District or State Ministries	0	\$25	\$31	0	\$35	0	\$264	0	0	\$355
Other	\$2,146	\$733	\$2,585	\$3,230	0	0	0	\$775	\$1,997	\$11,466
Combined Total Outside Giving	\$3,836	0	\$544	0	\$1,913	0	\$11,122	0	\$106	\$17,521
	\$16,467	\$7,731	\$7,932	\$14,005	\$28,161	0	\$37,181	\$3,758	\$9,824	\$125,059

70% of Georgia Churches declared themselves to be outside-the-local-church givers.

49% of Georgia Churches declared themselves to the Coop givers.

89% of Georgia church's giving was spent within the local church.

90 churches reported their pastor's salary which averaged \$137.48 weekly and \$7,149 annually.

**CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
STATEMENT OF NET INCOME (LOSS)
JUNE 30, 1982**

Sales		\$120,963.94
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Inventory July 1, 1981	\$ 32,423.22	
Purchases	84,829.15	
Goods Available for sale	117,252.37	
Inventory June 30, 1982	26,029.87	
Total Cost of Goods sold		<u>91,222.50</u>
Gross Profit		\$ 29,741.44
Operating Expense:		
Salaries	\$ 13,614.79	
Postage	2,066.54	
Office Supplies	2,018.31	
Rent	3,850.00	
Utilities	2,238.58	
Freight	836.45	
Taxes/License	1,930.75	
Advertising	944.00	
Other Expenses	967.98	
Interest Expense	950.99	
Payroll Tax Expense	774.28	
		<u>30,192.67</u>
Loss from operations		<u>(\$ 451.23)</u>

**RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE ACCOUNT
(BENEVOLENT GIFT FUND)
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

Balance July 1, 1981	\$ 612.59
Cash Receipts	<u>3,098.74</u>
Total Accountable	\$3,711.33
Disbursements:	
Mrs. I. J. Blackwelder	\$368.58
Mrs. W. J. Childree	368.58
Mrs. B. W. Clenney	368.58
Rev. A. D. Greene	368.58
Mrs. H. J. Kelly	368.58
Rev. H. L. Knighton	368.58
Rev. Emmett McDuffie	368.58
Rev. L. D. Scott	368.58
Auditor	36.00
Bank Charges	9.30

Check Order	3.37	
Loan to Camp Mt. Bethel	<u>650.00</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,647.31</u>
Account Balance June 30, 1982		<u>\$ 64.02</u>
Account Closed September 30, 1982		<u>\$ -0-</u>

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT

The Board of Trustees has been charged by the State Executive Board to select and secure adequate insurance coverage for Georgia State property. The Board of Camp Mt. Bethel has lodged a complaint with us stating that the present insurance coverage is not adequate for their needs. Therefore, the Board of Trustees met on October 15, 1982 at 5:00 p.m. at Camp Mt. Bethel to re-evaluate our decision to continue with out present Aetna Policy.

After thoroughly discussing the limitations of our present policy and evaluating alternatives, by a majority vote, the Board of Trustees recommends to the State Association that:

- (1) we secure a Multi-Peril Policy with Preferred Risk Insurance Company on our State property.
- (2) Rev. Mance Cason be our agent.
- (3) The Georgia State Association go on record as endorsing, as long as we use it, the Preferred Risk Insurance Company.

Be it hereby known, that if the Georgia State Association uses and endorses this company, all Georgia State Association affiliated churches with existing or new Multi-Peril policies with Preferred Risk Insurance Company will be entitled to a 10% premium discount beginning from their next pay period. It is conceivable that our State affiliated churches who choose this option may save enough on their premiums to off-set the cost of the State Association's policy.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Murphy, Chairman

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982

Balance July 1, 1981:

Checking Account	\$1,021.73	
Savings Account	<u>\$5,113.96</u>	<u>\$ 6,135.69</u>

RECEIPTS:

Camp Board (Insurance)	\$ 817.10	
Christian Supply Store (Insurance)	518.96	
State Office	3,594.93	
Interest on Savings Account	<u>67.00</u>	<u>4,997.99</u>

Total to account for

\$11,133.68

DISBURSEMENTS:

House Payment	\$ 723.29	
Pool Expense	861.24	
Insurance	2,800.76	
Repairs	1,285.65	
Air Conditioners, Camp (Labor)	770.00	
Air Conditioners-Electrical, Camp	1,117.30	
Air Conditioners, State Office	500.00	
Auditor 1981	63.00	
Tractor & Blade, Camp	1,375.00	
Camp Board	<u>661.81</u>	<u>10,158.05</u>

Account Balance June 30, 1982

\$ 975.63

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The Board of Missions met three times this year.

January 30, 1982 at Macon, Georgia:

The Northside Atlanta work was the primary subject of this meeting. It was agreed to sell five acres of the property to assist in the building program and bond selling. The building proposal was approved.

July 11, 1982 at Dublin, Georgia:

A committee from the Board met with Brother Barry Hedrick before the evening service. He offered his resignation and it was accepted. The Committee attended the Evening Worship Service. The Committee then met with the congregation after the service to assist in working out existing problems.

August 21, 1982 at Macon, Georgia:

The purpose of this meeting was to meet with Brother Jack Lysaker regarding the work in Dublin, Georgia. Brother Lysaker was employed and has moved to Dublin with his family.

Later, the Board Members were polled and a loan from the "Living Memorial Church Building Fund" was made to the Landmark congregation, Phenix City, Alabama, Twin Cities Association, for the purpose of purchasing

property and a building in which to worship.

All three of our State Mission works are doing well. In conclusion, let me give a brief report about each one.

The congregation of the Northside, Atlanta, is in a building program. In order to complete this work they need to sell more bonds.

Brother Jack Lysaker is doing a good job in Dublin. We have high hopes at the present time.

The congregation in Gainesville continues to meet in the home of Billy McKinneys. They are looking for property. Things are exciting in Gainesville!

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ursrey, Chairman

**BOARD OF MISSIONS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

Balance July 1, 1981	\$ 2,444.35
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RECEIPTS:

State Office	\$16,332.98	
Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary	1,064.72	
District Associations and Churches	12,008.20	
Interest on Savings	15.85	29,421.75

Total Receipts		\$31,866.10
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Morris	\$ 55.00	
Athens Church	115.00	
Henrick	4,150.00	
Wallace	9,328.47	
McKinney	2,099.23	
Atlanta Land	556.00	
Atlanta Paving	3,664.69	
Gainesville Land	351.00	
National Home Missions	15.00	
Dublin Bond	5,480.00	
Living Memorial Church Building Fund	825.89	
Board Mileage	527.60	
Postage and office supplies	22.31	
Telephone	264.85	
State Office	5.00	
1981 Audit	126.00	

Total Disbursements		27,586.04
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Balance on hand June 30, 1982		\$ 4,280.06
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"Living Memorial Church Building Fund"

Balance July 1, 1981		\$2,581.19
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RECEIPTS:

General Fund	\$825.89	
Interest on Savings	<u>141.11</u>	967.00
Balance on hand June 30, 1982		<u>\$3,548.19</u>

Respectfully submitted,
Benny Lariscy, Treasurer

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Board met three times between the 1981 State Association and June 30, 1982.

Officers elected: Chairman, Rev. Mance Cason; Vice Chairman, Rev. Walter Daniels; Secretary/Treasurer, Rev. Bobby Clyatt; Assistant Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Ricky Hodges.

Since this is a new board, the main emphasis has been on determining the scope of the board and how best to fulfill its purpose. Therefore, a minimum of action has been taken which one may enumerate. However, a great deal of information has been compiled and priorities have been established.

Officers and committee members have been appointed for Georgia Bible Institute, State Youth Conference and the Historical Committee.

The Board is presently endeavoring to establish priorities and policies for the entire scope of its responsibilities.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Mance Cason, Chairman

**BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

NOTE: This Board was brought into existence by the State Association while in session November 12-14, 1981, therefore, there was no balance brought forward. Report is for December 1, 1981 through June 30, 1982.

RECEIPTS:

Georgia State Association:		
General Fund	\$ 75.63	
G.B.I. (designated)	200.00	
Coop	321.67	
Historical Committee (transfer)	<u>400.00</u>	
Total Receipts		\$997.30

DISBURSEMENTS:

Paper and envelopes	\$ 12.37	
Postage	15.36	
Checks	6.29	
Georgia Bible Institute	200.00	
Mileage:	615.55	
Board Members	\$559.55	
G.B.I. President	<u>56.00</u>	
Telephone		<u>30.86</u>
Total Disbursements		<u>880.43</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1982		<u>\$116.87</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. R. H. (Bobby) Clyatt, Treasurer

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

The 1981-82 school year for Georgia Bible Institute came to a close the first week of June with the graduation of Rev. James Simmons of Perry, Florida. Mr. Simmons was awarded the Diploma in Biblical Studies. The commencement service was held in First Church, Albany with Executive Secretary Herbert Waid giving the address.

Courses were taught in Albany, Jesup, Colquitt and Donalsonville, with a total enrollment of 36 students. Three of the students were full-time and 33 were part-time.

Instructors for the 1981-82 school year were Damon C. Dodd, Irvin Hyman, Wayne Patton, Richard Polston, Roger Russell, Danny Thomas and Herbert Waid.

Evening satellite classes are planned for Jesup and Moultrie during the 1982-83 school year. Day classes will continue on Monday of each week in First Church, Albany, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully,

Rev. W. Irvin Hyman, D. Min.
President

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982

Balance July 1, 1981 \$ 72.23

RECEIPTS:

Martin Association	\$ 648.00	
State Association	478.12	
Tuition	<u>2,038.91</u>	<u>3,165.03</u>
Total Receipts		<u>\$3,237.26</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mileage and Meals	\$1,265.00	
Honorariums*	1,679.00	
Books and Supplies	129.61	
Audit and Fee (1980-81)	54.00	
Southern Bell	10.76	
Banking Service Fees	44.30	
Total Disbursements		<u>3,182.67</u>
Balance on hand July 1, 1982		<u>\$ 54.59</u>

*\$425.00 of this figure is for back payment of honorariums for the 1980-81 school year.

Respectfully submitted,

Danny Thomas
Treasurer

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 C.T.S. Rally in 1982. There were approximately 200 in attendance for the Conference. Our guest speaker this year was Ken Johnson, retired NFL Football Player for the Cincinnati Bengals. He is a professed born again Christian and has had many opportunities to share his faith in Christ with others. The program was held at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia on May 14-15, 1982.

The State Youth Committee is recommending that the State Youth Conference and C.T.S. Rally be combined and held at the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, Georgia on May 13-14, 1983. Our tentative guest speaker will be Paul Anderson, from the Paul Anderson Youth Home in Vidalia, Georgia.

We, the Committee, are suggesting that every Association get involved in the different areas of C.T.S. competition so that we might have good participation in the State C.T.S. Rally. The cost next year to attend will be \$2.00 per person. The State Youth Committee is planning a well packed two days of activities and competition.

Respectfully,

Rev. Rick Cason
Secretary/Treasurer

**STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982**

Balance July 1, 1981 \$273.32

RECEIPTS:

Coop	\$167.35	
Interest on Checking Account	3.30	
Registration Fees from Youth Conference	194.00	
Competition Fees from Youth Conference	101.00	
Balance from previous Youth Conference Account	9.61	<u>475.26</u>
Total Receipts		\$748.58

DISBURSEMENTS:

C.T.S. Rally Expenses	\$275.23	
Honorarium	100.00	
Audit Fee	54.00	
Mileage and Meals	85.40	
Telephone Expense	44.49	
National Youth Conference Registration Fee	85.00	
Cash - State Youth Conference	15.00	
Banking Service Fees	7.20	
Total Disbursements		<u>666.32</u>
Balance on hand July 1, 1982		<u>\$ 82.26</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Rick Cason
Secretary/Treasurer

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Historical Committee, make the following reports. During the past Association Year nothing has come to our attention that needed to be done. Hence, not much to report.

Again, we recommend that the clerks of the District Associations compile a brief history to be published in their minutes and send a copy of said minutes to the secretary of the Historical Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Chairman

HISTORICAL COMMITTEE REPORT STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1982

Balance July 1, 1981		\$460.08
RECEIPTS:		
Funds received	78.96	78.96
Total Receipts		\$539.04
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Quli-Kuik Printers	\$ 5.46	
Georgia Baptist Historical Society		
Membership Fee	5.00	
Bank Service Charge	2.15	
Board of Christian Education	400.00	
Total Disbursements		412.61
Balance on hand June 30, 1982		<u>\$126.43</u>

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ursrey
Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF CAMPING REPORT

The Board of Camping met four times during the year: November 14, 1981 in Iron City, Georgia; January 30, March 27, and August 28, 1982, at Camp Mt. Bethel, Ashburn, Georgia.

There were six camp sessions with a total of 399 campers. Of this number sixty-two young people made first time decisions for the Lord and there were numerous rededications. The camp directors and their workers saw to it that each camp session ran smoothly.

The major improvements this year were: the installing of a new water pump and receiving almost one hundred beds from the South Georgia Association. Midway Association and South Georgia Association made considerably large financial contributions.

Sincerely submitted

Mike Creech, Chairman

BOARD OF CAMP MT. BETHEL STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1982

Balance July 1, 1981	\$ 461.37
RECEIPTS:	
State Office	\$2,376.72

Churches/ Individuals	397.60	
Association/State Groups	1,204.10	
Session Fees	2,376.10	
Canteen	2,740.75	
Other Receipts/Bank Loans	<u>2,288.60</u>	<u>11,383.87</u>
Total to account for		<u>\$11,845.24</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Telephone	\$1,157.16	
Gas	869.35	
Electricity:		
Camp	\$1,394.10	
Caretakers House	<u>1,062.67</u>	2,456.77
Board Mileage	315.60	
Caretakers Mileage	85.55	
Insurance	1,072.40	
Hospitalization	687.30	
Canteen Suplies	1,467.49	
Maintenance Supplies	1,721.64	
Office Expense	160.59	
Recreation	376.17	
Caretaker Labor	275.00	
Miscellaneous	<u>120.73</u>	<u>10,765.75</u>
Balance June 30, 1982		<u>\$ 1,079.49</u>

Respectfully submitted

Eddie Hodges, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

I. SCIENTIFIC CREATIONISM

Whereas,

The theory of evolution has never been proven to be a scientific fact; and

Whereas,

Public school students are now being indoctrinated in evolution-science; and,

Whereas,

Creation-science can be presented solely in terms of scientific evidence without any religious doctrines or concepts; and,

Whereas,

Public school students should be taught all the scientific evidence on the subject of the origin of the world and life; and,

Whereas,

Academic freedom and free speech should be encouraged rather than inhibited; therefore,

Be it resolved:

That the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists express full support for the teaching of scientific creationism in our public schools in Georgia.

II. FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE

Whereas,

Free Will Baptist Bible College has played a very significant role in the lives of Free Will Baptists of Georgia; and,

Whereas,

The administration, faculty, and staff have dedicated their lives to the Lord in the ministry of training Christian workers for our beloved denomination; and,

Whereas,

The future ministry of Free Will Baptist College rests in sound, wise, and competent leadership; therefore,

Be it resolved:

That the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, extend a vote of appreciation to and confidence in the College's present administration, faculty and staff, and pledge ourselves to pray for the College, to financially support it, and to encourage students from Georgia to attend it.

DIFFERENCES OF OPINION

Whereas,

Past history has revealed that it is impossible to prevent, within limits, differences of opinion among Free Will Baptists; and,

Whereas,

Quite often those who hold differing opinions feel duty bound by conscience to voice their convictions; and,

Whereas,

At times this also involves the criticism of individuals; and,

Whereas,

This creates the constant possibility of division if not properly handled, and the danger of costly compromise if not permitted; therefore,

Be it resolved:

1. That we learn to respect, or at least tolerate, within limits, differences of opinion.
2. That we express our convictions and discuss our differences with the conviction demanded by conscience, the love generated by a warm heart, the accuracy demanded by honesty, and the wisdom brought about by Christian maturity.
3. That we learn the power of Christian unity, and by God's help, avoid division where the fundamentals of the faith and essential morality are not involved.

IV. ATTENDANCE

Whereas,

There has been a decline in attendance in our State Meetings over the past several years; therefore,

Be It Resolved:

That the State Executive Board make a study of the present structure of our Annual Meeting and submit recommendations at our next regular session of possible ways to increase participation and attendance.

V. STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE

Whereas,

The Georgia State Youth Conference is a part of the Georgia State Association; and,

Whereas,

Our young people need our support in the areas of spiritual guidance and Christian fellowship; therefore,

Be It Resolved:

That each district association stand behind and promote all activities of the Georgia State Youth Conference and C.T.S. Rally.

VI. APPRECIATION FOR HOSPITALITY

Whereas,

The Georgia Union Association of Free Will Baptists and the White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church have given us a gracious welcome and have been most hospitable to this 46th Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists here in Macon, therefore,

Be It Resolved:

That we give a rising vote of thanks to acknowledge our appreciation for every kindness and consideration shown us during the session

Respectfully submitted,

W. Irvin Hyman, Chairman
Resolutions Committee

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME, ALABAMA, REPORT

At the Children's Home this year there were eleven discharged, and twelve received, and two additional boys may be accepted soon.

There are eleven girls, and nine boys on campus, one girl, Helen Welch, is in her third year at Free Will Baptist Bible College, Nashville, Tennessee.

We served thirty-one children this year at a cost of \$5,823.10 per child. Brother Lambert has baptized twelve.

Our proposed budget for 1982-83 is \$180,000. Pray for us!

Sincerely submitted,

Rev. William Travis,
Georgia Representative

**FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
ELDRIDGE, ALABAMA
GENERAL FUND
CASH RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 1, 1981 - AUGUST 31, 1982**

Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches	\$64,005.42
Other Alabama Sources (Businessmen, Individuals, Other Churches, Clubs, Etc.)	39,436.61
Georgia	20,471.82
Florida	15,278.41
Mississippi	7,436.49
Tennessee	1,575.97
Oklahoma	395.00
Arkansas	862.88
Illinois	868.40
Missouri	50.00
Michigan	25.00
New York	5,000.00
Transfer of Funds	5,700.00
Social Security & Support	6,238.13
Sales, Coupons, & Refunds	6,581.92
Memorial Gifts	1,228.50
Alumni	833.00
TOTAL	\$175,987.55

Respectfully submitted,

Carlton Lambert, Director

GEORGIA MASTERS MEN 1982

You can be proud of your laymen in 1982. To God be the glory for the new chapters begun, the workday at Camp Mt. Bethel and the numerous other projects carried out by individual chapters.

We begin this year with renewed vigor and desire to work harder to allow the State Masters Men to reach its full potential. Our goals for the coming year is:

- 1- Have each Chapter to increase its burden for the Lords work in the local Church.
 - A. Mens counseling service.
 - B. Pastoral support (do small jobs around church to allow pastors more time to do his job).
 - C. Each chapter report to the national work on their goals and achievements.
- 2- Have our first State Masters Men retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel.
 - A. Prepare the facilities for the following week for the State Ministerial Meeting.
 - B. Have brief services on Friday evening and serve breakfast the next morning to those working.
 - C. Create an atmosphere similar to our national retreat enjoyed each

year by a few. This will be bringing the services locally to many more men.

- 3- Burden each chapter to adopt a project that will best meet their immediate church needs.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Jordan-State Senator

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. District Associations	9
2. Churches	11
3. Ministers	53
4. Deacons	15
5. Georgia Missionaries	4
6. District Associations' Delegates	26
7. Church Delegates	<u>11</u>
Total Voting Members	109
8. National Association Representatives	4
9. Foreign Missionaries	2
10. General Visitors	<u>49</u>
Total Registering	164

Respectfully submitted,

Luther Burns, Chairman

MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church, Macon, Georgia November 17-18, 1982

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular annual meeting November 17-18, 1982 at the White Oaks Church in Macon, Georgia. The theme was "Give Yourself Away" using as Scripture, II Corinthians 8:5b, "they . . . first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God".

The Wednesday evening service was opened with singing led by our music director, Margie Patton and instrumentalists Kay Thompson at the organ and Gail Barnard at the piano. The host pastor, Rev. Billy Sharpston, welcomed the Convention. The president, Fleda Snow, presided and introduced the speakers, Jim and Olena McLain, missionaries to Japan. Jim spoke and showed slides of their work in Japan. The White Oaks choir rendered special music.

The Thursday morning service opened with singing "Heavenly Sunshine" led by Margie Patton. Barbara Roberts led in the opening prayer. Mrs. Lorene Miley, Editor of our Co-Laborer Magazine, from Nashville, Tennessee

gave the devotional. Margie Patton sang a special accompanied by Gail Barnard at the piano. We were uniquely welcomed by Cathy Herron, Georgia Union District Auxiliary President, using puppet Caroline Hightower. We then received greeting from Mrs. Cleo Purcell, WNAC Executive Secretary, from Nashville, Tennessee. She presented our Georgia President, Fleda Snow, with a gavel lapel pin as a token of appreciation for Georgia Woman's Auxiliary giving to Co-Laborer Fund in 1982, Georgia was top giver last year.

The Convention was called to order by the President, Fleda Snow. A partial report of the Credentials Committee was read by Chairman Shirley Sharpston. A motion was carried to accept the report and seat the delegates.

The President appointed the following committees:

REGISTRATION: Sue Roberts, Chairman; Inez Parks, Shirley Riley, and Donna Taylor

CREDENTIALS: Shirley Sharpston, Chairman; Ruby Wells and Sandra Jackson

RESOLUTIONS: Edna Wilkes, Chairman; Elizabeth Hodges, Renvia Hunsinger, Mary Hughes and Wynelle Clower

FINANCE: Mary Bruner, Chairman; Ida Tabb, Betty Akridge, Margie Harris Mary Dunaway

NOMINATING: Mary Lee Fowler, Laura Faye Easom, LaVerne Alligood, Edith Shiver, Dewees Evans, Janice Ursrey and Elizabeth Tucker

The visitors, pastors, missionaries and districts were recognized and welcomed by the President. Vicki Gordon gave a report of the State Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel, Shirley Sharpston gave a report of the WNAC in Fort Worth, Texas and LaVerne Mock gave a report of the National Retreat in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

The Morning Worship Service opened with singing "I Want To Be A Worker" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains". An offering in the amount of \$218.04 was received.

Rita Wilson rendered a message in song. Olena McLain blessed and stirred our hearts as she shared experiences of their family and work during their years in Japan. Announcements were made and a prayer of Benediction and Blessing on the food by Host Pastor, Billy Sharpston.

The afternoon began with singing "I Love To Tell The Story". Mathel Barnes led in prayer. Jim McLain gave the devotional and he and Olena answered questions. Edith Shiver gave a reading "For Just Today" written by Doris Sheffield.

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). The Field Worker, who was absent, reported through the President asking for news items to be sent to her so they might be published in the Promotional Bulletin. The Secretary, Geraldine Waid, Chairman of the Committee to update the Constitution and By-Laws, reported the completion of the updating and distributed copies to District President. Motion was carried to accept the reports of the Registration and Credentials Committees (see reports) and to adopt the report of the Finance Committee (see reports).

A Remembrance Service was conducted by Ann Lewis, honoring auxiliary members who were deceased during the year: Jewel Patridge, Iona

Dean, Maude Purcell and Maggie Mae Kicklighter.

Delegates to the 1983 WNAC in Columbus, Ohio were appointed as follows: Mary Lee Fowler, Shirley Sharpston, Margie Patton, Sandra Jackson, LaVerne Alligood, Ann Ross, Elizabeth Hodges, Carolyn Wilson, Ann Lewis, Edna Wilkes, Gloria Clyatt, Geraldine Waid. By vote the President was given the authority to appoint delegates at the Convention as needed.

Announcements included a reminder that our 1983 meeting will be at Norman Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia. Meeting was adjourned by motion and final prayer was led by Shirley Sharpston.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Waid, Secretary

REGISTRATION REPORT:	District Delegates	Local Delegates
Chattahoochee	2	0
Georgia Union	8	3
Little River	0	1
Martin	0	0
Midway	5	0
Ogeechee	0	1
South Georgia	9	3
Twin Cities	7	1
Union	<u>2</u>	<u>0</u>
	23	5

State Officers 7; Ministers 15; Missionaries 6; Visitors 45

Total Registered: 116

CREDENTIALS REPORT:	Auxiliaries	Enrollment
Chattahoochee	3	43
Georgia Union	3	40
Little River	6	78
Martin	6	82
Midway	12	151
South Georgia	18	167
Twin Cities	3	31
Union	<u>6</u>	<u>83</u>
	57	675

Locals representing: Alabaha, Albany, Blakely, Calvary, Double Branch, Ebenezer, Emmanuel, Glennville, Homerville, Jessup, Liberty, Little Bethel, Macedonia, Midway, Patmos, Pine Level, Pleasant Hill, Spring Hill, Sylvester, Thomaston, First, White Oaks.

RESOLUTIONS: Be It Resolved That:

1. Article II in our By-Laws under "Elections", beginning on page 3 where it reads "no officer may serve..." be changed to read "...no officer may be elected to serve more than two consecutive terms (4 years) in one office, and

may not serve in any office for one term before being elected to another office."

2. All funds for India work be sent under the Carlisle Hanna account designated for South India work, to be divided among the four pastors there.

3. Since we feel that we should take care of our own missionaries first, that our State Project for next year (1982-83) be \$6,000 to be divided between the Bishops in Japan and the Crowsons in France.

4. That we change our State Retreat from the second week-end in March to the third week-end in March, which next year is the 18th and 19th, because of conflicting activities.

5. That we give the White Oaks Church and the ladies of the Georgia Union Association a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful meal and their warm hospitality.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance in Treasury	\$ 221.05	
Representation Fees	1,110.25	
State Speaker Fees Designated	170.00	
Morning Offering	218.04	
Total Receipts		\$1,719.34

We recommend the following disbursements:

WNAC per capita fees	\$ 975.00	
State speaker offering	300.00	
State Project	300.00	
Printing Minutes in State Minutes	50.00	
Total Disbursements		\$1,625.00
Balance in Treasury		\$ 94.34

GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Annual Treasury Report
Mary Bruner—Treasurer
November 1, 1981—October 31, 1982

WNAC	\$ 426.10
Co Laborer	719.64
Westfield India Pastor	296.67
Carlisle Hanna	65.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering - NHM	792.50
National Students	51.00
Tom Willey (Contacto)	48.00
Charolette Tallent	240.00
Home Missions	130.00
*State Project	4,690.36
Sammy Wilkenson	66.00
Crowson's	220.80
J. D. Norris	55.00
Jerry Banks	288.00
Arilla Wode	166.50
Children's Home	86.52

Ellison Acct.	25.00
Pre-Christmas Offering-SHM	178.05
Pre-Easter Offering-FM	707.04
Dale & Sandra Bishop	300.85
Foreign Mission - Laura Bell Barnard	127.00
Ronald Wallace - Atlanta	400.00
Dublin	121.00
State Home Mission	20.00
Billy McKinney	100.00
Provision Closet	30.00
Retired Ministers	10.00
Bible College	5.00
Youth Camp	5.00
Bill Fulcher	25.00
Buddy Morris	55.00
Missionary Kids	44.00
WNAC Student Loan	48.00
Dot Harvey Study Load	440.65

Total Disbursed: \$10,983.98

Treasurers Annual Report . . . Mary Bruner, Treasurer
November 1, 1981—October 31, 1982

Balance in treasury 11-9-81	\$ 221.05
1982 Representation Fees	1,110.25
1982 State Speaker fees	170.00
Total Balance:	\$ 1,501.30
1982 Prayer Retreat Registration Fees	\$ 1,111.00
Designated Funds Received & Disbursed	10,983.98
	<u>\$13,596.28</u>

Disbursed as:

Prayer Retreat	
Camp Mt. Bethel	\$ 250.00
Mrs. Miley	220.00
Food	278.63
Cooks Salary	100.00
State Project	206.37
	<u>\$1,055.00</u>
Food Refund	56.00
	<u>\$1,111.00</u>

Designated funds received and disbursed: \$10,983.98

Balance in Treasury 11-17-1982 \$ 1,501.30

NOVEMBER 1982 ANNUAL COMPILED REPORT OF DISTRICTS

District and Membership -

- | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Chattahoochee (43) | 5. Midway (152) |
| 2. Ga. Union (39) | 6. Union (71) |
| 3. Little River (56) | 7. S. Georgia (179) |
| 4. Martin (78) | 8. Twin Cities (32) |

Number of active members on roll: 650

Membership fees sent with reports to State WA Treasurer: \$1,110.25

Other Disbursements:

Home Mission - Pre Thanksgiving Nat. Home Mission	740.01
State Mission	550.00
Special Projects	343.00

State Project: \$2,448.37—Wallace	1,224.19
McKinney	1,224.18

Foreign Mission - Pre Easter Offering	922.24
State Project - Charolette Tallent	2,448.36
Others	2,728.55

Bible Colleges - General Fund	17.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	394.65
WNAC Student Loan Fund	132.00

WNAC General & Emphasis	484.60
Co-Laborer Fund	869.95
Children's Homes	180.00
Retired Minister	68.00
Youth Camp	5.00
Local Church Activities	2,831.54
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies	804.46
Other Special Projects	368.55
Total Disbursements	\$17,446.53

Cash Gifts Sent Directly:	
Foreign Missions:	\$ 1,175.47
Total:	1,175.47

Non-Cash Gift (Evaluate)	\$ 539.04
Total:	\$ 539.04

Gand Total Disbursed:	\$19,161.04
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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 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.