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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 Forty-Seventh Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia, on November 17-19, 1983. The theme was "The Bible: God's Source Book of Life", based on 2 Timothy 3:16. The music coordinator was Danny Thomas, and the pianist was Mrs. Sandra Jackson.

Thursday Evening

Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing, "Open My Eyes", followed by pledging allegiance to the flags. Bill Robinson led in prayer. The session was called to order by the clerk, Ronald Wallace. After which the Officers of the Association were introduced. J. B. Mercer, Moderator of the Host Little River Association, gave a cordial welcome to delegates and visitors.

Moderator of the Georgia State Association, William Morris, recognized the 130 attenders by naming the Associations represented. Several were present from the National Departments also.

The Moderator appointed the Committee on Committees which are: Bobby Clyatt, chairman, with Curtis Alligood, Roger Russell, Curtis Gay, and Sam Wilkinson serving.

The theme song for the meeting, "How Wonderful That Book Divine", was led by Danny Thomas. The evening offering of \$93.25 was received for the expense of the meeting. Special music was provided by Randy and Sandra Jackson. Rev. Steve Hasty brought the message on the subject, "The Bible: God's Soundness for Doctrine", taken from 2 Timothy 3:1-7; 13, 14; 16, 17.

A partial report from the Credentials Committee was given by Luther Burns. The Moderator called for a motion to seat the delegates that business might be conducted. The clerk gave the report of the Executive Board which contained several recommendations. A motion was adopted to receive the report and act on each item separately. Items 1, 2, 5, 6, and 7, were adopted in turn by vote of the body. Items 3, and 4, were place on the table due to the constitutional changes suggested within the recommendations.

After several announcements were made, a motion to recess was received. Ricky Cason closed in prayer.

Friday Morning

The session began with singing the theme song, "How Wonderful That Book Divine". Glenn Thomas led in prayer. Special music was provided by Tony Adams. "The Bible: God's System for Reproof", was the devotional theme given by Malone Cobb.

A partial report from the Credentials Committee revealed a registration of 150. Curtis Alligood gave the Committee on Committees report. The following will serve on the Nominating Committee: Kenneth Faison, Chairman, Mance Cason, Danny Thomas, Harris Nix, and Willie Martin. The Resolutions Committee to serve for the 1984 Meeting are: Glenn Thomas, Chairman, Leroy Lowery, Randy Jackson, Russell Horne, and Roger Russell. The report was adopted electing these by vote of the body.

Herbert Waid gave the report of the Executive Secretary. The report was received by vote. The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Geraldine Waid and was received as information.

The following State Boards gave reports which were adopted and are included in the minutes for your references: The Board of Christian Education given by Mance Cason; The Board of Trustees given by Kenneth Murphy; The Board of Camping given by Willie Martin.

Roy Thomas gave a report for the Home Missions Board; Dr. Melvin Worthington gave a report for the National Executive Department; Harrold Harrison reported for the Sunday School and Church Training Department; these were received as information.

The congregation sang, "How Firm A Foundation" led by Danny Thomas. An offering of \$151.00 was received for the expense of the meeting. Prayer was led by Russell Horne. Special Music was given by Danny Thomas with the song, "I'll Wish I Had Given Him More". Roger Spivey gave a message on the theme, "The Bible: God's Stay for Righteousness".

Friday Afternoon

Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing, "Wonderful Words of Life". Jack Lysaker gave a devotional message on "The Bible: God's Strength for Correction".

The following reports were given by National Departments and were received as information: Paul Ketterman reported for Free Will Baptist Bible College; Jim Vallance reported for the Master's Men; Eugene Waddell reported for the Foreign Missions Department.

Luther Burns gave a partial report of the Credentials Committee stating a total of 165 had registered.

A motion was adopted for the State Association to meet for the next two years at the Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park, Georgia.

A motion passed that a Nursery be provided during the State Meeting for all sessions and services for the convenience of parents desiring it.

The session was declared in recess by the Moderator.

Friday Evening

Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing the theme song, and "Standing on the Promises". Prayer was led by James Ursrey. Special Music was rendered by Kenneth Faison with the song, "Tell It Again". The offering of \$300.00 was to be divided between the Home Missions Board and the State Missions Board. Gary Page prayed the offeratory prayer.

James Ursrey presiding over the Mission Service introduced the speaker for the evening, Rev. Eugene Waddell. The message on the theme, "The Bible: God's Strategy For Evangelism" was well delivered by Brother Waddell.

Each of the Georgia Missionaries gave a brief report on their work: Ronald Wallace, Marietta, Georgia, Jack Lysaker, Dublin, Georgia, and Billy McKinney, Gainsville, Georgia respectfully. Moderator William Morris closed in prayer.

Saturday Morning

After singing the theme song, we sang, "Break Thou the Bread of Life". Prayer was led by Glenn Thomas. The Calvary Trio from Calvary Church, Columbus, Georgia brought the special music.

Bill Travis gave a devotional message on the theme, "The Bible: God's Statement for Righteousness".

Reports were given by Tim Jordan for the State Master's Men, by Bobby Clyatt for the Minister's Fellowship, and by Carlton Lambert for the Alabama Children's Home. These were received as information.

The State Mission Board report was given by Benny Lairscy and was adopted by vote. Billy Lewis gave the report from the Auditing Committee which was received as information.

The Credentials Committee gave a partial report stating that 194 had registered with 133 voting delegates. The total report is contained in the minutes for your viewing.

Kenneth Faison gave the report of the Nominating Committee. The report was received and nominees were elected as nominated. The full report listing the elected nominees in each category are recorded in the listing of the Officers and Board members.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given by Willie Martin. The report contained six resolutions. These were adopted item by item. The resolutions are recorded elsewhere in the minutes.

A motion was adopted to remove items 3 and 4 of the Executive Boards report from the table. Item 3 was adopted by vote of the body. Item 4, the State Meeting Structural Committee report was adopted with amendments. The report is recorded as amended. Item 8 of the Executive Boards report is the suggested changes in the By-Laws created by the Structural Committees report. Item 8 was adopted as

amended, and is recorded as amended.

The following delegates were elected to represent Georgia at the National Association in 1984: Gleason Fowler, Mary Lee Fowler, June Wilkinson, Rachel Horn, and James Horn. The following were elected to serve as alternates: Shirley Sharpston, Linda Blanchard, Geraldine Waid, Ann Ross, and Randy Jackson.

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was passed. The benediction was prayed by Eugene Ross.

The 1984 State Meeting will be held at the Norman Baptist Assembly in Norman Park, Georgia, November 15-17.

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Wallace, Clerk

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Your Executive Board has labored to make this a fruitful and beneficial year for Georgia Free Will Baptists. Acting as the State Association when it is not in session brings great responsibility upon the members of the Executive Board. These men often receive harsh criticism for decisions made during the year. Yet, they labor as though unaware of outside pressures to do what they deem is right, fair, and in the best interest of the State Association. Every decision that is made is with the full knowledge that each item of business conducted by them will come before this body at the Annual Meeting. Thus the things contained in this report are for your approval at this 47th Annual Session.

The Executive Board met on five different occasions which are as follows:

February 12	White Oaks, Macon
May 6	Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park
July 9	White Oaks, Macon
August 13	State Office, Moultrie
September 24	White Oaks, Macon

One other meeting is scheduled for November 17, 1983 at Norman Park, Georgia at the Norman Baptist Assembly.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED

A committee was appointed to study the possibility of the State Ministerial Fellowship coming under the Board of Christian Education. The committee members are: Herbert Waid, Chairman, with Bobby Clyatt and Rick Cason serving.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

In light of the request at the State Meeting to change the terms of the Credentials Committee members, the Executive Board after discussion voted to leave the Credentials Committee as is, in method of election, and in duration of terms.

STUDY COMMITTEE APPOINTED

As requested at the State Meeting, a committee was appointed to study the present structure of the State Meeting seeking possible ways to increase attendance and participation at the annual event. The Committee members are Billy Sharpston, Chairman, with Curtis Gay and Kenneth Faison serving.

BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Bookstore Committee reported in the February meeting that on two occasions they had met with Mrs. Tabb to discuss Bookstore Guidelines. Concern was expressed with her failure to move in a positive way toward adhering to the Guidelines. In the May meeting the Bookstore Committee reported to the Executive Board and submitted a request for the termination of Mrs. Tabb as the Bookstore Manager. The reason for the request is that Mrs. Tabb does not demonstrate a willingness to follow the Guidelines adopted by the State for the Bookstore. Specific reference should be made to these points of the "Guidelines": I-B, IV-C, and IV-I.

The following items are now submitted for your approval:

1. Termination Notice: Based upon the report of the Bookstore Committee and its recommendation a notice of termination was given to Mrs. Tabb. The date of the termination for the Bookstore Manager was June 30, 1983.
2. New Bookstore Manager: The Bookstore Committee submitted applications on four applicants for the ministry of the Bookstore. From these applicants Rev. Victor Neuenschwander was hired as the Bookstore Manager.
3. State Ministerial Fellowship to be placed under the Board of Christian Education: The following Constitutional change is recommended: Article III, Section 4. That a "D" be added after "C" which would read, "To set policy and supervise the functions of the Ministerial Fellowship. The Ministerial Fellowship shall elect its own officers."

4. State Meeting Structural Committee Report: The committee appointed to study the State Meeting and suggest ways to increase attendance and participation makes the following report and suggests the related changes in the Constitution and By-Laws (See Appendix 1).
5. State Budget Proposed: The Executive Board recommends the following budget for the fiscal year 1984 (See Appendix 2).

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A petitionary letter from the North Georgia Association was received requesting membership into the Georgia State Association.

6. Therefore, we recommend that the request be honored; that the North Georgia Association be placed under watchcare of the State Association for one year; and that a three person committee be appointed to assist the North Georgia Association in this matter. The committee will report to the Executive Board in the August meeting.
7. We recommend that a Study Committee be appointed to study the problem of short-term pastorates within our State; and that possible solutions be suggested from both the perspective of the Church and the Pastor. The committee will be composed of five members with laymen and Pastors serving, and will report to the Executive Board.
8. We recommend that the By-Laws Section 4, point A, be amended by striking the third sentence, and would read as follows:

“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. Meeting places shall be determined two years in advance.”

Respectfully submitted,
Ronald Wallace, Clerk

APPENDIX 1

STATE ASSOCIATION MEETING STRUCTURE CHANGES

I. PROMOTION

- A. Direct mail out to pastors promoting the State Association and encouraging local church representation and to bring as many others as possible.
- B. Direct mail out to District Association moderators encouraging full representation from each local association.
- C. Direct mail out to churches in care of, Chairman of Deacon Board and Church Clerk, encouraging them to financially assist the pastor and his wife to attend the Association.

II. ASSOCIATION PROGRAM

- A. Upgrade program appearance, attractiveness, and quality.
- B. Mail out programs as publicity aids.
- C. Quantity should be sufficient.
- D. Schedule of Bible Conference and seminars on the first day of our State Convention for those not attending the woman's Auxiliary Convention. All to join the women for the Morning Worship Service.
- E. The moderator is to preside over all business sessions; we recommend that other brethren preside over worship services.

III. REPORTS

- A. All reports should be given in business sessions only and should be in printed form if at all possible.
- B. Resolutions should be turned in by the end of business session of the first day. These should be printed and distributed at the close of the Friday Evening Service. Anything to take from the Missions Service should not be planned in connection with this particular service.

IV. INFORMATION

Ask State and National Departments/Boards and any other church related agencies, such as Book Stores, etc, as approved by our State Executive Board, to set up a booth making materials and information available to ministers and church leaders. All agencies shall submit a request to the Executive Board by the August meeting.

V. LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE

Try to obtain local news coverage by all news media: TV, radio and newspaper.

APPENDIX 2

GEORGIA STATE BUDGET

Projected Annual Income—\$240,000

<i>NATIONAL MINISTRIES</i>	%	Monthly	Annual
Executive, National COOP	1.4%	\$ 280	\$ 3,360
Foreign Missions (all accounts)	20.1%	4,020	48,240
General Fund and Misc. Accts.	11.7%	2,340	28,080
Bishops, Japan	4.2%	840	10,080
Crowsons, France	4.2%	840	10,080
Free Will Baptist Bible College	16.4%	3,280	39,360
General Fund	9.7%	1,940	23,280
Building Fund	5.3%	1,060	12,720
Graduate School	1.4%	280	3,360
Home Missions (all accounts)	11.2%	2,240	26,880
General Fund, & Misc. Accts.	7%	1,400	16,800
Wallaces, Atlanta	4.2%	840	10,080
Retirement & Insurance	.66%	132	1,584
Free Will Baptist Foundation	.16%	32	384
Theological Lieralism Commission	.08%	16	192
Totals	50%	\$10,000	\$120,000

GEORGIA STATE MINISTRIES

State Office	17%	\$ 3,400	\$ 40,800
Promotional Materials	4%	800	9,600
Executive Board	2%	400	4,800
Missions	20%	4,000	48,000
Camp Mt. Bethel	2%	400	4,800
Christian Education	2%	400	4,800
Trustees	1%	200	2,400
Children's Home, Alabama	2%	400	4,800
TOTALS	50%	\$10,000	\$120,000
GRAND TOTALS	100%	\$20,000	\$240,000

Adopted September 24, 1983

Thank you for supporting the COOP way!

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

We are thankful for the kindness shown to your Executive Secretary and his wife by the several churches and pastor's families we have visited this year.

District association moderators have allowed us time on their programs to report on State ministries. Usually we have been allotted space to display and sell Christian literature from the State owned and operated "Christian Supply Store".

Our people just could not have treated us much better. We thank you.

In the September 23, 1983 Executive Board Meeting, the State Office was told to cut expenses. By doing so, some of the touching of our people that the State Office has been trying to do will have to be curtailed. During the last two years the Executive Secretary and his wife have visited 100 of our churches in the name of the Georgia State Association. We were told to continue having services with our people but to do so at a more relaxed pace, just take longer to do the same thing.

Another stipulation was to change our priorities so we could accept occasional revival service invitations. Until this time we were not allowing ourselves this privilege in favor of trying to visit each of our churches at least one time.

Taking a "bird's eye view" of the Georgia State Association's progress in supporting the Cooperative Plan of Support notice:

*In 1948 Rev. E. C. Morris was the promotional man and the program was called "General Promotion". Total given that year was \$2,812.77.

*Five years later, in 1953, Brother E. C. Morris promoted the "Unified Program" and \$7,879.44 was given.

*In 1958 Brother E. C. Morris pressed on and the State gave \$11,685.26

*By 1963 Rev. Mance Cason was promoting and raised \$12,171.92

*In 1968 Brother Mance Cason was encouraging our people to support the "Cooperative Plan" and they did to the amount of \$16,771.64.

*Rev. C. B. Dowdney was in the State Office in 1973 and the State raised \$31,243.78 cooperatively.

*Just five years ago, 1978, Brother Dowdney led our people to give \$31,557.95.

*Last year many of our people again have been unselfish and sometimes even sacrificial allowing Georgia to give cooperatively \$62,052.64. We thank the Lord!

We know salaries have increased greatly over these 35 years but, nevertheless, I feel this increase reflects a positive change in the vision, concern and dedication on the part of our Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Now let us see our Cooperative Plan of Support growth from a closer vantage point:

Over the last 5 years, the growth pattern of our COOP giving is:

*In 1979 we gave \$36,570.21

*In 1980 we gave \$43,745.16

*In 1981 we gave \$48,733.52

*In 1982 we gave \$52,719.55

*In 1983 we gave \$62,052.64

Previously uninvolved churches are feeling left out of the "total ministry" and are choosing to cooperate. One pastor confided that he had to introduce the Cooperative Plan of Support to his people but now that they are totally involved they would fight him if he tried to get them to stop.

Churches that have been involved are increasing their giving. I heard a report recently that one of our 10% supporting churches is about to become a 15% giver through COOP.

I would like to see every one of our Georgia State affiliated churches channel at least 10% of their undesignated receipts through the Georgia State Cooperative Plan of Support. Would you like to see this too?

Since we came to this State to serve the Lord some eight years ago we have visited every church in the State except about ten and our evaluation is that our people as a whole:

*Love the Lord

*Wish to have their lives count for God

*Have faith in God's resources for them

*Seek eternal riches rather than temporal ones

*Know those without Christ are doomed to hell

*Desire to be a positive force in a negative world

*Can grasp a concept of a "total ministry"

*Will do the spiritual thing when informed and led.

Because of this I believe it is possible for every Georgia State Association affiliated church to be enthusiastically involved in unselfish cooperative giving through the Georgia State Association Budget.

As Georgia State Association delegates, please vote your convictions about the State Budget, abide by the majority vote, then be consistant, go home and vote for it again with your 10% Coop support. What we do at our Annual Session will not mean anything until we relate our vote to action in our local churches.

Elsewhere in these minutes you will find a listing of the churches whose members gave the most per capita through the COOP channel,

thereby, acknowledging outstanding personal achievement. Also you may see the noting of the congregations that gave the most cooperatively, thereby, acknowledging outstanding church achievement.

By these means we recognize and honor the true heroes and leaders of our Georgia State Association.

Lest we forget the great bulk of our COOP givers, those who are consistantly faithful without any recognition, we truly thank you for your concern for the ministries of the Georgia State Association Budget and your support for the same.

About 65% of our churches made some contribution to the State Budget cooperatively last year.

There are probably several hindrances to Georgia churches having 100% COOP participation. We might begin with not having a denominational total ministry vision. Apparently some do not want any denominational ministry to exist for they do not support any. Others support only their favorite, this is maybe the Children's Home, the Bible College or missions. By this they are saying only my favorite should exist. If there is any thing in our State Budget that is not worthy then the delegates of this State Association Session should, by all means, delete it. If our Budget ministries are truly worthy then, by all means, we should all support the State Budget cooperatively.

Probably the greatest barrier to 100% COOP involvement by our churches through the Georgia State Budget is the lack of consistant tithers in our pews. To expect a church full of non-tithers to vote to tithe collectively as a church is to expect a miracle indeed.

It has been a privilege to serve the Free Will Baptist community of Georgia in your State Office for another year. We are neither omnipotent nor omnipresent. Your patience and help to us in doing our job is much appreciated. Anyone can criticize but our people have been kind. Geraldine and I notice and appreciate your graciousness.

Respectfully

Herbert Waid
Executive Secretary

**JULY 1982—JUNE 1983
GEORGIA STATE BUDGET REPORT**

	% set by State	Received	Actual Budget	Over/ (Under) Budget	% +/-	Actual % of Total Budget
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NATIONAL

Executive	1.7%	\$ 3,981.68	\$ 4,798.38	(\$ 816.70)	17%- =	1.4%
Foreign Miss.	24.1%	\$ 73,495.99	\$ 68,024.10	\$ 5,471.89	8%+ =	26 %

Gen. Fund & Misc. Accts.	14.1%	\$ 67,771.85	\$ 39,798.33	\$27,973.52	70.3%+ =	24 %
Bishops	5 %	\$ 3,685.18	\$ 14,112.88	(\$10,427.70)	73.9%- =	1.3%
Crowsons	5 %	\$ 2,038.96	\$ 14,112.88	(\$12,073.92)	85.6%- =	.7%

F.W.B.B.C.	19.7%	\$ 57,887.86	\$ 55,604.76	\$ 2,283.10	4.1%+ =	20.5%
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Gen. Fund	11.6%	\$ 40,791.98	\$ 32,741.89	\$ 8,050.09	24.6%+ =	14.5%
Building Fund	6.4%	\$ 12,868.95	\$ 18,064.49	(\$ 5,195.40)	28.8%- =	4.6%
Graduate Sch.	1.7%	\$ 4,226.93	\$ 4,798.38	(\$ 571.45)	11.9%- =	1.5%

Home Miss.	13.4%	\$ 46,344.29	\$ 37,822.53	\$ 8,521.76	22.5%+ =	16.4%
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Gen. Fund & Misc. Accts.	8.4%	\$ 36,541.59	\$ 23,709.64	\$12,831.95	54.1%+ =	12.9%
Wallace's	5 %	\$ 9,802.70	\$ 14,112.88	(\$ 4,310.18)	30.5%- =	3.5%

Ret. & Ins.	.8%	\$ 813.47	\$ 2,258.06	(\$ 1,444.59)	64 %- =	.003%
Foundation	.2%	\$ 74.05	564.52	(\$ 490.47)	86.9%- =	.0003%
Theo. Lib.	.1%	\$ 45.07	\$ 282.26	(\$ 237.19)	84 %- =	.0002%
Totals	60 %	\$182,642.41	\$169,354.61	\$13,287.80	8 %+ =	64.7%

STATE

Executive	14 %	\$ 26,755.35	\$ 39,516.07	(\$12,760.72)	32 %- =	9.5%
Bulletin	2 %	\$ 2,851.40	\$ 5,645.15	(\$ 2,793.75)	49 %- =	1 %
Missions	16 %	\$ 36,164.11	\$ 45,161.23	(\$ 8,997.12)	20 %- =	12.8%
Camp	2 %	\$ 4,756.47	\$ 5,645.15	(\$ 888.68)	16 %- =	1.7%
Christian Ed.	2 %	\$ 3,911.01	\$ 5,645.15	(\$ 1,734.14)	30.7%- =	1.4%
Trustees	2 %	\$ 3,579.92	\$ 5,645.15	(\$ 2,065.23)	36.6%- =	1.3%
Child. Home	2 %	\$ 21,596.99	\$ 5,645.15	\$15,951.83	282.6%+ =	7.7%
Totals	40 %	\$ 99,615.25	\$112,903.05	(\$13,287.81)	11.8%- =	35.3%

GRAND TOTAL	BUDGET PROJECTION	OVER BUDGET PROTECTION
\$282,257.66	\$240,000.00	\$42,257.67 = 17.6%

**GEORGIA STATE OFFICE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance July 1, 1982 \$ 234.01

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving	\$62,052.64	
Designated Giving	54,384.13	
Printing	570.00	
National Representation Fee	1,230.00	
State Representation Fee (District & Local)	710.00	
State Woman's Auxiliary—Minutes	100.00	
Loan Payment—Camp Board	650.00	
Account Change over	404.10	
Insurance Refund	213.00	
Total Receipts		<u>120,314.47</u>

Total Accountable \$120,548.48

DISBURSEMENTS:

National Ministries:

National Cooperative	\$ 1,809.66	
Foreign Missions	16,382.43	
Home Missions	9,220.84	
Bible College	5,167.45	
Master's Men	20.00	
Retirement & Insurance	4.11	
Free Will Baptist Foundation	1.76	
Theological Liberalism	4.10	32,610.35

State Ministries:

Board of Missions	\$24,383.54	
Board of Trustees	3,579.92	
Board of Camping	3,706.47	
Board of Christian Education	3,911.01	
Retirement (Benevolent Gifts)	2,200.00	
Alabama Children's Home	6,834.89	44,615.83

Promotional Bulletin, Printing	\$1,519.65	
(8 months) Postage	720.00	
(4 months) Printing	744.64	2,984.29

Executive Secretary: Salary	\$12,960.00	
FICA	828.00	
Retirement	300.00	
Insurance	1,752.05	
Secretary	2,400.00	
Utilities: Water, Sewerage, Elec.	856.10	
Telephone	1,579.79	
Executive Secretary Mileage	3,847.44	

Board Members Mileage	1,649.97	
Office Supplies	1,869.48	
Postage	775.00	
Loan Payment, Copier	1,823.25	30,641.08

Miscellaneous:

Corporation Fee	\$ 10.00	
National Representation Fee	1,230.00	
State Minutes—1982	948.43	
National Association Expense	422.96	
State Association Expense	276.15	
Honorariums	250.00	
Leadership Conference	251.27	
Writer's Conference	100.00	
Insurance Refund, Trustee Board	213.00	
Chattahoochee Camp Session	25.00	
Midway Mission Board	2,160.79	
Union Mission Board	275.00	6,162.60

Total Disbursements		<u>117,014.15</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		\$ 3,534.33

**STATE OFFICE ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
JULY 1, 1982—JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance on hand July 1, 1982		\$ 234.01
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RECEIPTS:

Coop Giving	\$23,780.70	
Designated Giving	2,974.65	
Printing	382.85	
National Representation Fees	1,230.00	
State Representation Fes	710.00	
Loan Payment from Camp Board	650.00	
State Woman's Auxiliary	100.00	
Account Change	371.05	
Insurance Refund	<u>213.00</u>	<u>30,412.25</u>
Total Accountable		\$30,646.26

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund	\$ 1,140.00
Telephone	1,579.79
Postage	565.00
Utilities	856.10
Loan Payment—Copier	1,657.50
Office Supplies	1,256.75
Promotional Bulletin, 2 months	372.32
Benevolent Gifts	2,200.00

Executive Secretary Salary	12,960.00		
Secretary	2,400.00		
F.I.C.A.	828.00		
Retirement	300.00		
Insurance	1,752.05		
Executive Secretary Mileage	3,847.44		
Board Members Mileage	1,649.97	33,364.92	
MISCELLANEOUS:			
Corporation Fee	\$ 10.00		
National Representation Fee	1,230.00		
State Minutes—1982	948.43		
State Association Expense	276.15		
Honorariums	250.00		
Leadership Conference	251.27		
National Association Expense	422.96		
Writer's Conference Expense	100.00		
Insurance Refund, Trustee Board	213.00		
Chattahoochee Camp Session	25.00	3,726.81	
			<u>37,091.73</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983			(\$ 6,445.47)

**PROMOTIONAL BULLETIN ACCOUNT
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983
(NOVEMBER—JUNE 1983)**

RECEIPTS:			
Cooperative Giving		\$2,851.40	
DISBURSEMENTS:			
Printing	\$1,519.65		
Postage	720.00	<u>2,239.65</u>	
Balance on hand June 30, 1983			\$ 611.75

COOPERATIVE, DESIGNATED GIFTS, JULY 1, 1983-JUNE 30, 1983

	Cooperative Giving	Designated Giving	Totals
CHATTAHOOCHEE			
Decatur	\$ 120.00	\$ 0	\$ 120.00
Lake Blackshear	130.00	60.00	190.00
Little Bethel	1,439.20	0	1,439.20
Mt. Olive	520.19	480.24	1,000.43
New Prospect (4 months)	40.00	0	40.00
Pleasant Hill	607.20	100.00	707.20
Spring Hill	0	50.00	50.00
Thomaston, First	470.00	2,196.50	2,666.50
Trinity	1,110.40	120.00	1,230.40
Turner's Chapel	1,186.84	31.00	1,217.84
Preacher/Deacon Meeting	0	30.00	30.00
TOTALS	\$ 5,623.83	\$ 3,067.74	\$ 8,691.57

GEORGIA UNION

Bay Springs	\$ 60.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 110.00
Beulah Springs	144.00	0	144.00
Christian Hill	330.75	75.00	405.75
Crossroads	1,343.10	0	1,343.10
Double Branch	1,050.00	74.25	1,124.25
Dublin, First	125.00	208.77	333.77
Little Bethel	547.48	83.46	630.94
Mt. Ararat	378.22	0	378.22
New Hope	0	21.42	21.42
Pine Level	420.00	0	420.00
Pleasant Hill	596.85	126.00	722.85
Warner Robins, First	0	36.00	36.00
White Oaks	2,931.96	4,230.37	7,162.33
Wilsons Chapel	260.35	0	260.35
Georgia Union Association	60.00	145.33	205.33
TOTALS	\$ 8,247.71	\$ 5,050.60	\$ 13,298.31

LITTLE RIVER

Cool Springs	\$ 600.00	\$ 0	\$ 600.00
Corinth	360.00	1,031.65	1,391.65
Hahira, First	300.00	0	300.00
Homerville	387.50	2,059.36	2,446.86
Ozias	0	405.00	405.00
Pine Level	1,648.53	0	1,648.53
Sunnyside	90.00	0	90.00
Tifton, First	735.16	0	735.16
Valdosta, First	137.50	0	137.50
Zion Hill	210.00	125.00	335.00

Mission Board	0	360.00	360.00
Little River Association	354.13	235.68	689.81
Minister/Deacon			
Fellowship	0	100.00	100.00
TOTALS	\$ 4,822.82	\$ 4,316.69	\$ 9,139.51

MARTIN

Colquitt	\$ 400.14	\$ 1,866.06	\$ 2,266.20
Corinth	400.00	50.00	450.00
Hebrew	0	50.00	50.00
Mother's Home	672.60	0	672.60
Mt. Gilead	486.00	1,040.00	1,526.00
Mt. Glory	606.22	16.25	622.47
New Home Mill County	1,955.12	0	1,955.12
New Salem	2,915.16	0	2,915.16
Martin Association	597.45	491.00	1,088.45
TOTALS	\$ 8,032.69	3,513.31	\$ 11,546.00

MIDWAY

Albany, First	\$ 2,190.00	\$ 5,542.04	\$ 7,732.04
Bainbridge	180.00	25.00	205.00
Bellview	4,039.81	350.00	4,389.81
Blakely, First	1,384.75	2,395.56	3,780.31
Cedar Springs	2,410.60	2,978.71	5,389.31
Enterprise	80.00	25.00	105.00
Hammock Springs	449.20	200.00	649.20
New Enterprise	658.55	0	658.55
New Light	2,022.36	0	2,022.36
Oak Grove	90.00	75.00	165.00
Patmos	60.00	1,592.25	1,652.25
Traveler's Rest	300.00	0	300.00
White Plains	300.00	100.00	400.00
Midway Association	0	1,483.68	1,483.68
TOTALS	\$14,165.27	\$14,767.24	\$ 28,932.51

OGEECHEE

Augusta, First	\$ 300.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 760.00
Deep Creek	0	211.00	211.00
Friendship	61.53	952.42	1,013.95
Lower Corinth	60.00	0	60.00
Metter, First	0	955.00	955.00
Ogeechee Association	0	10.00	10.00
TOTALS	\$ 421.53	\$ 2,588.42	\$ 3,009.95

SOUTH GEORGIA

Alabaha	\$ 0	\$ 304.00	\$ 304.00
Baxley	180.00	1,203.62	1,383.62
Bethel	130.00	0	130.00
Brunswick, First	350.00	0	350.00
Corinth	74.94	0	74.94
Douglas, First	370.20	0	370.20
Harmony	433.29	1,650.00	2,083.29
Jesup, First	0	300.00	300.00
Liberty	1,702.15	1,134.00	2,836.15
Lyons	260.00	0	260.00
Marietta	700.00	50.00	750.00
Memorial	1,721.90	0	1,721.90
New Hope	141.00	472.00	613.00
Pine Level	90.00	260.00	350.00
Satilla	3,040.82	964.00	4,004.82
Savannah, First	300.00	25.00	325.00
Spring Grove	541.60	4,835.29	5,376.89
Surrency	0	700.25	700.25
Junior Youth Camp	0	54.45	54.45
TOTALS	\$10,035.91	\$11,952.61	\$ 21,988.51

TWIN CITIES

Calvary	\$ 32.47	\$ 0	\$ 32.47
Emmanuel	2,730.75	405.00	3,135.75
White Rock	185.00	100.00	285.00
Twin Cities Association	0	25.00	25.00
Twin Cities Auxiliary	0	20.00	20.00
TOTALS	\$ 2,948.22	\$ 550.00	\$ 3,498.22

UNION

Bay	\$ 200.00	\$ 295.00	\$ 495.00
Cairo, First	120.00	240.00	360.00
Fellowship	2,118.11	2,069.45	4,187.56
Midway	4,462.84	1,849.65	6,312.49
New Life	553.22	573.06	1,126.28
New Prospect (8 months)	80.00	0	80.00
Poulan	0	252.00	252.00
Proctor Chapel	0	34.27	34.27
Springhill	0	681.48	681.48
Union Mission Board	0	500.00	500.00
Union Association	24.00	0	24.00
TOTALS	\$ 7,558.17	\$ 6,494.91	\$ 14,053.08

MISCELLANEOUS

Churches	\$ 25.00	\$ 754.25	779.25
Individuals	456.50	501.00	957.50
State Association Offering	0	136.88	136.88
State Association Mission			
Offering	0	290.48	290.48
State Mission Board	0	15.00	15.00
Southwest Ministerial			
Association	100.00	0	100.00
TOTALS	\$ 581.50	\$ 1,697.61	2,279.11
GRAND TOTALS	62,052.64	\$54,384.13	\$116,436.77

**COOPERATIVE GIVING BY CHURCHES GIVING
\$10.00 PER MEMBER JULY 1, 1982-JUNE 30, 1983**

	TOTAL GIVEN	MEMBERS	PER MEMBER
1. Liberty, South Georgia	\$1,702.15	33	\$51.58
2. Mt. Glory, Martin	606.22	15	40.41
3. Fellowship, Union	2,118.11	67	31.61
4. Cedar Springs, Midway	2,410.60	84	28.70
5. New Home Miller County, Martin	1,955.12	81	24.14
6. Midway, Union	4,462.84	199	22.43
7. Crossroads, Georgia Union	1,343.10	68	19.75
8. Emmanuel, Twin Cities	2,730.75	142	19.23
9. Trinity, Chattahoochee	1,110.40	58	19.14
10. Pleasant Hill, Chattahoochee	607.20	32	18.98
11. Tifton First, Little River	735.16	41	17.93
12. Bellview, Midway	4,039.81	244	16.56
13. New Light, Midway	2,022.36	124	16.31
14. New Salem, Martin	2,915.16	181	16.11
15. Douglas First, South Georgia	370.20	24	15.43
16. White Oaks, Macon	2,931.96	192	15.27
17. Little Bethel, Chattahoochee	1,439.20	98	14.69
18. Satilla, South Georgia	3,040.82	223	13.64
19. Memorial, South Georgia	1,721.90	145	11.88
20. Pine Level, Little River	1,648.53	144	11.45
21. Blakely First, Midway	1,384.75	126	10.99
22. New Life, Union	553.22	55	10.06

**RANKED BY PERCENTAGE OF CHURCHES
ABOVE IN EACH ASSOCIATION**

	Number Above	Total Number of Churches	Percentage
1. Union	3	11	27%
2. Martin	3	12	25%
3. Twin Cities	1	4	25%
4. Midway	4	17	24%
5. Chattahoochee	3	15	20%
6. South Georgia	4	26	15%
7. Little River	2	14	14%
8. Georgia Union	2	17	12%

Note: If a church receives \$1.93 tithes per member per week and tithes through the State Budget (10% of their undesignated income) they would have given \$10.04 per member that year.

CHURCHES THAT GAVE OVER \$1,000 THROUGH COOPERATIVE GIVING JULY 1, 1982-JUNE 30, 1983

1. Midway, Union	\$4,462.84
2. Bellview, Midway	4,039.81
3. Satilla, South Georgia	3,040.82
4. White Oaks, Georgia Union	2,931.96
5. New Salem, Martin	2,915.16
6. Emmanuel, Twin Cities	2,730.75
7. Cedar Springs, Midway	2,410.60
8. Albany First, Midway	2,190.00
9. Fellowship, Union	2,118.11
10. New Light, Midway	2,022.36
11. New Home Miller County, Martin	1,955.12
12. Memorial, South Georgia	1,721.90
13. Liberty, South Georgia	1,702.15
14. Pine Level, Little River	1,648.53
15. Little Bethel, Chattahoochee	1,439.20
16. Blakely First, Midway	1,384.75
17. Crossroads, Georgia Union	1,343.10
18. Turner's Chapel, Chattahoochee	1,186.84
19. Trinity, Chattahoochee	1,110.40
20. Double Branch, Georgia Union	1,050.00

FIRST AND SECOND PLACE COOP GIVER BY ASSOCIATIONS

<i>Association</i>	<i>First Place</i>	<i>Second Place</i>
Chattahoochee	Little Bethel	Turner's Chapel
Georgia Union	White Oaks	Crossroads
Little River	Pine Level	Tifton First
Martin	New Salem	New Home Miller County
Midway	Bellview	Cedar Springs
Ogeechee	Augusta	Friendship
South Georgia	Satilla	Memorial
Twin Cities	Emmanuel	White Rock
Union	Midway	Fellowship

CHURCHES THAT GAVE \$3,000 BOTH COOPERATIVELY AND DESIGNATED JULY 1, 1982-JUNE 30, 1983

1. Albany First, Midway	\$7,732.04
2. White Oaks, Georgia Union	7,162.33
3. Midway, Union	6,312.49
4. Cedar Springs, Midway	5,389.31
5. Spring Grove, South Georgia	5,376.89
6. Bellview, Midway	4,389.81
7. Fellowship, Union	4,187.56
8. Satilla, South Georgia	4,004.82
9. Blakely First, Midway	3,780.31
10. Emmanuel, Twin Cities	3,135.75

CHRISTIAN SUPPLY STORE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Sales		\$140,596.02
Cost of Goods Sold:		
Inventory July 1, 1982	\$ 26,029.87	
Purchases	<u>97,534.91</u>	
Goods available for sale	123,564.78	
Inventory June 30, 1983	<u>31,247.58</u>	
Total Cost of Goods Sold		<u>92,317.20</u>
GROSS PROFIT		\$ 48,278.82
Operating Expense:		
Salaries	\$ 15,477.19	
Postage	2,412.96	
Office Expense	851.00	
Rent	5,525.00	
Utilities	2,193.34	
Freight	733.23	
Taxes & License	2,331.83	
Advertising	364.99	
Interest Expense	1,024.12	
Depreciation Expense	389.41	
Other	1,351.18	
Payroll Taxes	<u>1,113.27</u>	
Total Operating Expense		<u>33,767.52</u>
NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS		\$ 14,511.30

BALANCE SHEET
JULY 1, 1983-JUNE 30, 1983

Cash on Hand	\$ 200.00	
Cash in Bank	9,189.20	
Accounts Receivable	1,512.59	
Inventory	31,247.58	
Furniture and Fixtures	3,504.68	
Prepaid Interest	<u>490.62</u>	
TOTAL ASSETS		<u>\$ 46,144.67</u>

LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY

Notes Payable—C & S Bank	\$ 2,030.40	
State Income Tax Withheld	(71.10)	
FICA Tax Withheld	0	
Federal Income Tax Withheld	(261.94)	
Capital Account, July 1, 1983	\$29,936.01	
Gain form Operations	<u>14,511.30</u>	
Capital Account, July 30, 1983	<u>44,447.31</u>	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OWNERS EQUITY		<u>\$ 46,144.67</u>

Prepared by Bill Lewis, Jr., Chairman
Auditing Committee

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION STATISTICAL REPORT
as reported on the 1982 Annual Church Letters

	CHATAHOOCHEE	GEORGIA UNION	LITTLE RIVER	MARTIN	MIDWAY	OGEECHEE	SOUTH GEORGIA	TWIN CITIES	UNION	TOTALS
Number of Churches	15	17	14	12	18	5	26	4	11	122
Number of Baptisms	51	28	51	13	39	11	107	21	43	364
Number of New Members	89	54	34	32	59	29	170	44	56	567
Number of Members Lost	52	206	69	49	95	9	100	18	57	655
Total Membership	1,149	1,276	1,050	928	1,930	510	2,908	489	808	11,048
Number Ordained Ministers	15	25	16	15	19	9	24	7	13	143
Number Licensed Ministers	2	4	2	5	8	1	10	0	7	39
Number of Deacons	37	57	43	44	67	13	100	17	42	420
Number of Parsonages	0	4	7	3	8	2	15	1	2	42
Combined Value of Churches & Parsonages	\$1,193,850	\$470,300	\$961,600	\$844,000	\$1,355,500	\$75,000	\$3,347,600	\$255,000	\$653,000	\$9,155,850
Number of Mid-Week Prayer Services	11	15	10	8	13	5	26	4	9	101
Average Attendance	236	297	199	123	336	145	698	99	196	2,329
Sunday School Enrollment	649	562	609	390	1,191	288	1,638	211	373	5,911
Average Attendance	403	418	452	292	841	239	1,171	238	488	4,542
C.T.S. Enrollment	10	288	109	135	527	64	507	104	108	1,852
Average Attendance	18	191	82	135	380	43	311	80	179	1,419
Combined W.N.A.C. Average Attendance	40	66	81	83	153	51	308	33	94	909
Combined Master's Men Average Attendance	30	54	58	76	113	15	235	34	70	685
Churches participating in Retirement & Insurance	41	25	13	40	64	16	27	10	12	248
Churches providing Hospital Insurance	19	17	8	39	44	10	36	7	7	187
Churches participating in Retirement & Insurance	3	0	0	1	4	1	5	1	1	16
Churches providing Hospital Insurance	1	1	1	4	5	1	9	3	1	26
Combined Income	\$ 117,101	\$232,225	\$186,447	\$179,230	\$ 297,771	\$42,800	\$ 733,431	\$ 88,992	\$348,331	\$2,226,328
Total Local Expenditures	\$ 273,844	\$268,649	\$130,228	\$171,122	\$ 222,777	\$47,239	\$ 611,054	\$ 48,835	\$135,653	\$1,909,401
Churches giving COOP	9	4	9	7	8	0	11	1	5	54
Churches Designating Outside	10	5	6	9	10	4	14	2	7	67
Outside Giving: COOP	\$ 4,224	\$ 2,058	\$ 4,512	\$ 3,246	\$ 12,557	\$ 0	\$ 6,727	\$ 2,895	\$ 6,086	\$ 42,305
Foreign Missions	\$ 486	\$ 199	\$ 2,068	\$ 1,357	\$ 9,274	\$ 1,105	\$ 17,252	\$ 0	\$ 599	\$ 32,340
Home Missions	\$ 950	\$ 698	\$ 596	\$ 3,120	\$ 5,214	\$ 1,050	\$ 7,725	\$ 1,719	\$ 2,073	\$ 23,145
F.W.B.B.C.	\$ 570	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 637	\$ 1,418	\$ 0	\$ 7,273	\$ 0	\$ 284	\$ 10,182
Retirement & Insurance	\$ 25	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 115	\$ 0	\$ 350	\$ 2,412	\$ 0	\$ 2,903
Other National Ministries	\$ 113	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,302	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 2,415
District or State Ministries	\$ 1,517	\$ 629	\$ 1,998	\$ 2,365	\$ 915	\$ 6,153	\$ 11,405	\$ 300	\$ 1,953	\$ 27,235
Other	\$ 0	\$ 46	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 126	\$ 0	\$ 70	\$ 242
Combined Total Outside Giving	\$ 14,513	\$ 3,072	\$ 9,736	\$ 11,667	\$ 29,493	\$ 8,308	\$ 53,243	\$ 7,327	\$ 11,255	\$ 148,614

77 churches claimed to have given to something other than their own local ministry. This calculates to 63%.
 Conversely, 45 churches did not claim to have given anything outside their local ministry. This calculates to 37%.
 55% of Georgia's churches declared themselves to be COOP givers.
 85% of Georgia churches' receipts were spent within that local church.
 88 churches reported their pastor's salary which averaged \$132 weekly or \$6,866 annually.

BOARD OF CAMPING REPORT

Camp Mt. Bethel is doing well. In fact, it is perhaps in the best condition it has ever been.

As of the first of September we have a caretaker. Wayne Griner, manager of Fred's Department Store, Ashburn, and his wife, Wendy, are our new caretakers. They are Southern Baptists. Their church membership is in Adel. His father is the church clerk and a brother is a Southern Baptist minister. They are energetic and intelligent people. From all indications thus far, they are doing a good job.

The new treasurer for the Camp Mt. Bethel Board is:

Mr. W. J. Wimberly
RR 2, Box 303-A
Twin City, GA 30471

Telephone: 912/763-2863

"J" is not only the Ogeechee Association representative on the Camp Board but also in his church he is the chairman of the Deacon Board, Sunday School Superintendent and is active in their youth activities. For the last three years he has served as a counselor/teacher at Ogeechee's camp sessions. He is a good man on the team!

Recently my father donated some Shetland ponies to the Camp. We now have a commercial quality "weed eater" for the caretaker's use. We also recently purchased a couple of canoes for use in the pond.

The Board has great plans for the hopefully near future about a new roof for the girl's dormitory and a cement recreational area for multi-purpose use which would eventually be covered.

We appreciate the good cooperation the district associations have exemplified in working with this Board in the summer camp sessions. We ask your continued support through the State Budget and with your youth that Camp Mt. Bethel might continue to have a spiritual ministry in Georgia.

Respectfully,

Mike Creech, Chairman

BOARD OF CAMPING STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Balance July 1, 1982

\$ 1,039.59

RECEIPTS:

Cooperative Giving
Churches

\$3,875.76
420.00

Canteen	2,168.00	
Associations	1,520.00	
Individuals	100.00	
Camp Sessions	5,233.60	
Churches	\$ 300.00	
Associations	4,199.60	
State	505.00	
Private	229.00	
Reimbursements	535.69	
Miscellaneous receipts	<u>241.07</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>14,094.12</u>
Total Accountable		\$15,133.71

DISBURSEMENTS:

Camp	\$2,777.85	
Telephone	\$ 719.54	
Gas	628.24	
Electricity	1,430.07	
House	1,854.08	
Telephone	\$ 460.11	
Gas	58.76	
Electricity	1,335.21	
Caretaker's Salary	207.00	
Mileage	736.79	
Camp	62.55	
Board Members	674.24	
Insurance	2,395.93	
Camp		
Property	1,773.05	
Hospitalization	622.88	
Canteen	1,869.67	
Recreation	66.52	
Maintenance Expense	1,440.87	
Office Expense	64.86	
Miscellaneous Expense	<u>1,782.68</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>13,196.25</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		\$ 1,937.46

Respectfully submitted,

Eddie Hodges, Secretary/Treasurer

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT

The Board of Christian Education has met two times since the 1982 Session of the Georgia State Association. In each Board meeting we reviewed the ministry of the Georgia Bible Institute, the State Youth Committee and the Historical Committee.

We greatly appreciate and commend these agencies for the work they have done up to this point in our State's ministry. However, the Board of Christian Education has accepted the challenge to develop these ministries to provide a more indepth service to the local church by promoting Christian growth and thereby advancing the cause of Christ and Free Will Baptists.

The treasurers of Georgia Bible Institute, State Youth Committee and the Historical Committee have now been combined into one treasurer as of July 1, 1983. Board member, Rev. Robert H. Clyatt, serves as Board Secretary/Treasurer. In order to better expedite matters the Georgia Bible Institute and the State Youth Committee do have treasurers but they serve under the direction of the Board of Christian Education and make quarterly reports to the Board.

The Georgia Bible Institute is having a successful year. The Institute is fully staffed both administrative and with instructors. Two students are expected to graduate this May. Total enrollment this year is 22 students. This includes both full and part time students. Also, guidelines have been drawn up by the Board for operating the Georgia Bible Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

Mance R. Cason, Chairman

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Balance July 1, 1982		\$ 116.87
RECEIPTS:		
Georgia State Association	\$4,026.99	
Historical Committee	<u>114.28</u>	
Total Receipts		<u>4,141.73</u>
Total Accountable		\$4,257.60

DISBURSEMENTS:

Georgia Bible Institute	\$ 529.47
Mileage	415.00
State Youth Conference	120.00
Telephone expense	85.73
Supplies	<u>11.96</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>1,162.16</u>
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Balance on hand June 30, 1983	<u>\$3,095.44</u>
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Respectfully submitted,
Rev. R. H. (Bobby) Clyatt
Treasurer

**HISTORICAL COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance brought forward July 1, 1982	\$126.43
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DISBURSEMENTS:

Georgia Baptist Historical Society	\$ 5.00
Service Charge	2.15
Cashier's Check	5.00
Board of Christian Education (transfer)	<u>114.28</u>

Total Disbursements	<u>126.43</u>
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Balance on hand June 30, 1983	\$ 0.00
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Respectively submitted,
Rev. R. H. (Bobby) Clyatt
Treasurer

**GEORGIA STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE
BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

The Georgia State Youth Conference was held May 13, 14, 1983 at the White Oaks Church in Macon, Georgia. It was well attended and there was much more competitive activities than there has been in previous years. A film entitled "Years of the Beast" was shown at the Friday night service, and all competitive activities were held Saturday morning.

We hope to be able to encourage and promote more competitive activities for the Conference in 1984.

The members of the Georgia State Youth Conference Committee are as follows:

Danny Thomas, Chairman—Albany, First Church
Tony Adams, Assistant Chairman—Savannah First Church
Rick Cason, Secretary/Treasurer—Bay Church
Buddy Bush, Colquitt Church

If we can assist you or if you need information, please let us know.

**STATE YOUTH CONFERENCE COMMITTEE
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance July 1, 1982		\$ 82.26
RECEIPTS:		
Moultrie Federal Bank (Interest)	\$ 3.84	
Christian Education Board	120.00	
State Youth Conference (Fees and Registration)	<u>370.00</u>	<u>493.84</u>
Total Receipts		\$576.10
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Office Supplies and Poastage	\$ 14.40	
Phone Expenses	39.27	
Committee members expenses (State Youth Conference)	150.00	
Film Rental (State Youth Conference)	107.55	
National Youth Conference Registration Fee	145.00	
Awards	<u>114.98</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>571.20</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		<u><u>\$ 4.90</u></u>

Note: Account closed and funds transferred to Board of Christian Education June 30, 1983.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Cason, Secretary/Treasurer

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE

The 1982-83 school year for Georgia Bible Institute came to a close on June 1, with the graduation of Rev. James (Rick) Cason, pastor of the Bay Church, Hartsfield, Georgia. Rick was awarded the Diploma in Biblical Studies. The commencement services were conducted in the auditorium of Albany First Church with Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Reedy Saverance, Rev. Herbert Waid, Mr. Danny Thomas and Rev. Irvin Hyman participating.

Courses were taught in Theology, Music, Old Testament, Homiletics, Ephesians, Romans, Christian Education and Voice.

The 1983-84 school year began on September 12 in the Educational Building of Albany First Church. Day classes are held one day a week, from 9 a.m. to 4:20 p.m. Night classes are conducted one evening a week, Tuesday, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. These classes will also be held in the Educational Building of the Albany First Church.

Continue to remember Georgia Bible Institute in your daily prayers. Support the Institute financially as you are led by the Holy Spirit.

Respectfully submitted,
W. Irvin Hyman, President

GEORGIA BIBLE INSTITUTE STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983

Balance July 1, 1983		54.79
RECEIPTS:		
Tuition	\$3,234.20	
Martin Association	564.32	
Colquitt First Church	42.69	
Union Association (Special Offering)	100.00	
Martin Association (Special Offering)	498.05	
Board of Christian Education	338.97	
Albany First Church (Reimbursement*)	<u>29.22</u>	<u>4,807.45</u>
Total Accountable		\$4,862.24

DISBURSEMENTS:

Mileage and Meals	\$1,147.20	
Honoraria	2,270.00	
Books and Supplies	414.81	
Equipment Use	100.00	
Printing	16.98	
Stamps and Telephone	56.80	
Banking Service Charges	31.45	
*Albany First Church for bill mistakenly paid	<u>29.22</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>4,066.46</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		<u>\$ 795.48</u>

Danny Thomas, Treasurer

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance July 1, 1982 \$ 975.63

RECEIPTS:

State office	\$3,104.15	
Camp Mt. Bethel,		
Insurance Payments	2,068.37	
Christian Supply Store		
Insurance Payments	318.00	
Insurance Refund	213.00	<u>5,703.52</u>
Total Accountable		<u>\$6,679.15</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

House Payments (State Office)	\$ 805.75	
House Repairs (State Office)	45.61	
State Insurance	2,893.97	
Board Mileage	101.60	<u>3,846.93</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		<u>\$2,832.22</u>

BOARD OF MISSIONS REPORT

The Board of Missions meetings for the year:
November 19, 1983 at Macon, Georgia:

This was the annual meeting of the Board and business of a general nature was discussed and acted upon.

May 14, 1983 at Gainesville, Georgia:

A committee from the Board met with Brother Billy McKinney

regarding the work there. The congregation is in the process of buying property and a request for a \$6,000 loan was made to the Board to come from the Living Memorial Church Building Fund. No action was taken at the time regarding the matter.

May 15, 1983 at Marietta, Georgia, Northside Church:

This was Dedication Day for the new building for the Northside congregation. Most of the Board members were present. There was a called meeting in the afternoon to discuss the request made by the Gainesville Mission. The vote was to loan them \$6,000.

July 4, 1983

The Board members were polled by telephone regarding a \$500 gift to Brother Jack Lysaker to help with travel expenses while attending the funeral of his dad. The \$500 was sent and later returned by Brother Lysaker. The housing allowance for Brother Lysaker was raised from \$200 to \$400 at that time.

All of our Mission works are doing well. Pray for them.

Respectfully submitted,
James Ursery, Chairman

**BOARD OF MISSIONS
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 1983**

Balance July 1, 1982 \$ 4,280.06

RECEIPTS:

State Office	\$25,692.80	
State Woman's Auxiliary	3,954.53	
District Associations		
and Churches	8,413.91	
Interest on Savings	345.34	
Total Receipts		<u>\$38,406.58</u>
Total Accountable		<u>\$42,686.64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Morris	\$ 55.00
Wallace	3,630.70
McKinney	2,783.55
Lysaker	2,559.35
Hedrick	400.00
Dublin Bond	7,560.00
Dublin Lawn Mower	200.00
Atlanta Land	1,347.59
Gainesville Land	1,631.59
Landmark	888.72

Living Memorial		
Church Building Fund	4,331.29	
Phone	582.73	
Postage and Office Supplies	66.41	
Mileage	912.00	
State Office	115.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>27,063.93</u>
Balance on hand June 30, 1983		\$15,622.71

"LIVING MEMORIAL CHURCH BUILDING FUND"

Balance July 1, 1982 \$ 3,548.19

RECEIPTS

General Fund	\$ 4,331.29	
Landmark Church	1,000.00	
Landmark Designated	888.72	
Gainesville Designated	155.00	
Interest on Savings	155.75	
Total Receipts		<u>6,530.76</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Landmark Loan	\$ 3,000.00	
Gainesville Loan	6,000.00	
Total Disbursements		<u>9,000.00</u>

Balance on hand June 30, 1983	\$ 1,078.95
Landmark Church Loan Balance	\$ 1,111.28
Gainesville Church Loan Balance	\$ 5,845.00

Benny Lariscy, Treasurer

THE REPORT OF THE AUDITING BOARD OF THE GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The various financial statements and records of the boards comprising the "State Association" were examined as to their accuracy and method of record keeping. In general the records were found to be extremely well kept and a true picture of the financial condition of the boards. Since the auditing board is not independent of the state work there is no attempt on its part to "certify" the statements.

The statements of the executive office were found to be in order and properly documented by signed receipts, canceled checks, and well kept records. The same was true of the Mission Board, Camp Board, and Trustee Board. The one exception being with the Trustee

Board where a problem was encountered in establishing an adequate cut off point.

The statements for the Christian Supply Store were developed by the Auditing Board after examining the records. Records were found to be adequate in their presentation of the condition of the store. The Auditing Board observed the inventory. Note on the statements for the first time "depreciation" was added. Depreciation is normally a "tax consideration" given to business to reflect declining values of assets. It is not necessary to a non-profit organization; however, it does help when comparing the Christian Supply Store to other businesses to include depreciation.

The records of the Board of Christian Education were found to be adequate and well documented with the exception of the records of the Georgia Bible Institute. There was not sufficient documentation to support the statements. For that reason their records were not audited. They included no receipts nor was any records to support the petty cash account presented.

As a whole the record keeping of the various boards has improved considerably over the previous year. Those who hold the responsibility to keep the records are to be commended.

The Auditing Board

Bill Lewis, Jr.
Chairman

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME
Eldridge, Alabama

General Fund
Cash Received
September 1, 1982-August 31, 1983

Alabama Free Will Baptist Churches	\$ 56,730.12
Other Alabama Sources (Businessmen, Individuals, Other Churches, Clubs, Etc	43,898.87
Georgia	21,830.15
Florida	19,209.49
Mississippi	7,226.91
Tennessee	3,304.03
Oklahoma	183.26
Arkansas	1,143.41
Illinois	584.13
Missouri	115.50
Michigan	175.00
New York	5,000.00
Sales, Coupons, Refunds	2,249.55

Social Security.....	3,029.60
Memorial Gifts	2,325.00
Alumni.....	1,680.00
In Honor Of	100.00
Interest Transferred	597.97
Bank Loan.....	6,200.00
Transferred from Savings	2,500.00
West Virginia	15.00
TOTAL	\$178,097.99

Respectfully submitted,
Carlton Lambert, Director

RESOLUTIONS

- I. Whereas, President Reagan has sought to strengthen the moral standards of the American people, and has refused to compromise his position on abortion and like issues,
And whereas, President Reagan has endorsed and proclaimed 1983 the "Year Of The Bible" and has pointed to it as the major source book of wisdom and values,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Clerk of this Association send him a letter of appreciation for his determination to preserve the traditional moral values of the American people
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Congressman Carlos J. Moorehead of California be commended by letter, for his introduction of the resolution proclaiming 1983 as the "Year Of The Bible". We also request that he commend his colleagues who supported this resolution.
- II. Whereas, requests have been made for tapes of all messages at the State Association,
BE IT RESOLVED that the feasibility of this request be looked into by the Executive Board or a committee appointed by them.
- III. Whereas, Free Will Baptists are extending our ministry into a T.V. and radio outreach,
And whereas, the National Association has made an effort to institute this T.V. and radio ministry,
BE IT RESOLVED that our State support this ministry and that it be included in our 1985-1986 State Budget.
- IV. Whereas, the State Master's Men enthusiastically supported a Camp Work Day at Camp Mt. Bethel in 1983,
BE IT RESOLVED that the Georgia State Association give our laymen a rising vote of thanks and a hearty applause.
- V. Whereas, by the recommendation of the Midway Association as to the value of our heritage as Free Will Baptists,

BE IT RESOLVED that a Historical Society be formed by this body; functions including those recommended by the Midway Association.

VI. Whereas, the Little River Association being the Host of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for the 47th Annual Session,

And whereas, the facilities and services have been exceptionally convenient,

BE IT RESOLVED that we extend a rising vote of appreciation to both the Little River Association and the Norman Baptist Assembly.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. District Associations		9
2. Churches		17
3. Ministers	57	
4. Deacons	19	
5. Board Members	7	
6. Georgia Missionaries	2	
7. District Association Delegates	28	
8. Church Delegates	<u>21</u>	
TOTAL VOTING DELEGATION		134
9. National Representatives	7	
10. General Visitors	<u>53</u>	
TOTAL VISITORS		<u>60</u>
TOTAL REGISTRATION		194

**MINUTES OF GEORGIA STATE
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION
Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia
November 16-17, 1983**

The Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention held its regular annual meeting November 16-17, 1983 at the Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia. The theme was "Enriched by Knowledge" using as Scripture, I Corinthians 1:5, "That in everything ye are enriched by him, in all utterance, and in all knowledge".

The Wednesday evening service was opened with singing led by Margie Patton with Sandra Jackson at the piano. Mike Mercer, Cool Springs Church, rendered a special in music. The President, Fleda Snow presided during the service and introduced our speaker, Elaine Allen, missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa. Elaine gave a short devotional and showed slides of her work in Africa.

The Thursday morning service opened with singing led by our song leader, Eleanor Sheffield and our pianist, Sandra Jackson. Mrs. Nancy Johnson led in prayer. Diane Martin gave the devotional, using John 15:1-14. Mrs. Fannie Mizell, President of Little River Association, our hosts, gave the welcome. Special music was rendered by Wanda Cooper and Diane Wishum.

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

The President appointed the following committees:

REGISTRATION: Edna Wilkes, Chairman

CREDENTIALS: Shirley Sharpston, Chairman; Eva Middleton,
LaVerne Mock

RESOLUTIONS: Rachel Horne, Chairman; LaVerne Alligood,
Denise Eunice, LaRee Parrish, Viola Hunt

FINANCE: Mary Bruner, Chairman; Betty Akridge, Peggy Brown,
Ruby Kelly, Debbie Lynn

The visitors, pastors, missionaries were recognized and welcomed by the President. Special recognition was given to Mrs. Josie Franks, grandmother to Sandra Bishop and to Faye Ogletree, Sandra's mother. Also, recognition was given to some of our older members, Mrs. Lora Shutes, Mrs. Eva Clenney and Mrs. Nancy Johnson. A gift of a large Family Bible was given to the youngest Auxiliary member present, Miss Denise Eunice. The Bible was donated by the Christian Supply Store.

Janice Wallace gave a report of the State Prayer Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel in March and Gloria Clyatt gave a report of the WNAC in Columbus, Ohio in July.

The Morning Worship Service was opened with singing and prayer. Bernadene Kemble sang a special message. An offering of \$190.00 was received. Miss Elaine Allen, missionary to Ivory Coast, Africa blessed our hearts as she opened her heart and shared intimate things about how God had worked in her life. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Eugene Waddell.

The afternoon session began with singing and prayer and Betty Williams rendered a special song. We then had a Missionary Quiz in which Miss Allen answered questions about her work and life on the field.

The business session began with the President presiding. The Officers gave reports: Mary Bruner gave the Treasurer's report and a motion was carried to adopt (see reports). The Field Worker and the Secretary gave reports that were received as information. The following Committee Reports were given and a motion was passed to accept: Registration and Credentials (see reports). The Finance Committee Report was adopted (see reports).

Ann Lewis informed us of the avenue of the Remembrance Fund to honor our loved ones whether living or deceased.

Delegates to the 1984 WNAC in Little Rock, Arkansas were appointed as follows: Shirley Sharpston, June Wilkinson, Mary Lee Fowler, Rachel Horne, Gloria Clyatt, Geraldine Waid, Faye Faison, Ann Lewis, Sandra Jackson, Delores Burns, Janice Cason, Vivian Turner. Shirley Sharpston was appointed to serve as the Georgia Representative on the National Nominating Committee for the WNAC.

A report of the Nominating Committee was given and the following officers were elected:

President: Margie Patton, South Georgia District

Vice President: Gloria Clyatt, Union District

Secretary: Cathy Herron, Georgia Union District

Treasurer: Margaret Daniels, Martin District

Field Worker: Doris Grant, Midway District

Historian: Wynelle Clower, Midway District

Members-at-Large: Edna Wilkes, Little River District

Ann Lewis, Union District

Mary Lee Fowler, Chattahoochee District

June Wilkinson conducted an impressive Installation Service.

Announcements and a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers concluded the business.

Final prayer was led by Mary Bruner.

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Waid, Secretary

REGISTRATION REPORT:

	District Field			Local	
	President	Worker	Delegate	President	Delegate
Chattahoochee			1	2	1
Georgia Union	1		6	1	2
Little River	1		4	1	5
Martin	1		6	2	2
Midway	1	1	7	3	13
South Georgia	1	1	3		4
Twin Cities			1	1	2
Union			3	2	9
Totals	5	2	31	12	38

State Officers 9; Ministers 21; Missionaries 3; Visitors 34

TOTAL REGISTERED: 155

CREDENTIALS REPORT

AUXILIARIES

ENROLLMENT

Chattahoochee	3	
Georgia Union	3	36
Little River	6	67
Martin	6	72
Midway	12	150
South Georgia	16	204
Twin Cities	4	48
Union	6	77
TOTALS	56	654

LOCALS REPRESENTING: Albany, First; Baxley; Bay; Bellview; Blakely; Cedar Springs; Corinth; Double Branch; Ebenezer; Fellowship; Jesup, First; Lake Blackshear; Liberty; Midway; Mt. Gilead; New Salem; Ozias; Patmos; Pleasant Hill; Reynolds; Sylvester; Tifton; Traveler's Rest; Valdosta; White Rock.

RESOLUTIONS:

Be It Resolved That:

1. Our State Project for 1983-84 be \$6,000 to be used for the education of the children of our Georgia Missionaries, the Bishops and the Crowsons.
2. That we ask each auxiliary to give \$5.42 per member to help buy a word processor to be used in the office of Free Will Baptist Bible College and that the offerings be sent in by February 15, 1984.
3. Whereas, Congress has proclaimed 1982 the "Year of the Bible", we emphasize Bible Study in the following ways:
 - a. Bible Correspondence courses by Mildred Daniel, available through WNAC. These courses, also suitable for class study, consist of Bible Background, Bible Synopsis, Studies in Romans,

Ephesians, Philippians, James, and Revelation. A Certificate of Completion is available for those desiring such.

b. Bible Tape or Cassette Clubs.

Free helps: "How to Start a Tape or Cassete Club"

"Anchor Tapes" by Rudene Kennedy

Bible Believers Cassettes (Tapes on loan)

c. "Woman's Morning Out" weekly Bible study especially geared to homemakers. Consider meeting outside the church, possibly in a low income housing development as a means of outreach to unsaved women.

d. Bible studies for the homebound, providing page magnifiers for those who need such. Witnessing to elderly unsaved adults by including a Bible with the page magnifier.

e. Reading the Bible Through in a Year. (Guides available)

4. We recommend additional emphasis on study by:

a. Using WNAC's correlated calendar of study for 1983-84, using books from WNAC's recommended list (see WNAC Catalog).

b. Individual Reading Program. We recommend making certificates available for local auxiliaries to award to women who complete books in all categories listed on the calendar of study for 1983-84.

c. Publicizing Study Courses—Posters, skits, announcements.

5. We recommend that we organize, utilize, and/or publicize Church Libraries. Helpful ideas from WNAC: "How to Start a Church Library" and "121 Ways Toward a More Effective Church Library".

6. We give the Little River District Woman's Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks for the wonderful meal and their warm hospitality.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Balance in Treasury	\$1,225.06
Funds Received after books closed	80.00
Offering at State Meeting	<u>190.33</u>

Total Receipts

\$1,495.39

We recommend the following disbursements:

Representation Fees to WNAC	\$ 948.00
State Speaker	300.00
State Minutes	50.00
State Project	<u>100.00</u>

1,398.00

Balance November 17, 1983

\$ 97.39

HISTORIAN REPORT

Forty-six years ago in 1937 the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention was born. During these 46 years there have been 19 different women to serve as President. Our very first President is present and we want to honor Mrs. Lora (K.V.) with a corsage.

Our convention has grown from 6 Local Delegates to 56 representing. Out State Project has grown from \$1.00 from each Auxiliary to a State Project of \$6,000.00

Note: Edith Shiver has served as Historian for 16 years.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

President: Mrs. Margie Patton, South Georgia District

Vice-President: Mrs. Gloria Clyatt, Union District

Secretary: Miss Cathy Herron, Georgia Union District

Treasurer: Mrs. Margaret Daniels, Martin District

Field Worker: Mrs. Doris Grant, Midway District

Members-at-Large: Mrs. Ann Lewis, Union District

Mrs. Edna Wilkes, Little River District

Mrs. Mary Lee Fowler, Chattahoochee District

Historian: Mrs. Wynelle Clower, Midway District

GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Annual Treasurer's Report

Mary Bruner—Treasurer

November 1, 1982-October 31, 1983

Designated Funds

Co Laborer	\$ 816.66
WNAC	587.65
Hanna Account (India Pastors)	327.25
Charlotte Tallent	289.00
J. D. Norris	88.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering—NHM	561.59
Tom Willey (Spanish Contact)	13.00
Jerry Banks	135.00
Dale & Sandra Bishop	789.00
Children's Home	155.00
Ronald Wallace—Northside Atlanta	207.00
Native Missions Fund	37.00
Pre-Easter Offering—FM	592.97
Provision Closet	90.00
Foreign Missions	27.50
William & Lois Reagan	40.00

National Home Missions	152.50
Pre-Christmas Offering—SHM	237.54
Bible College	40.00
Retired Ministers	20.00
Youth Camp	10.00
Randal & Linda Jordan	54.00
State Home Missions	14.00
Carlisle & Marie Hanna	22.00
John & Pansy Murray	5.00
Billy McKinney	90.00
Terry Eagleton	20.00
Lynn & Ramona Miley	5.00
Jim & Susan Moser	10.00
Ernie Ross	174.00
WNAC Student Loan	15.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan	480.00
*State Project	<u>4,829.86</u>
Total Disbursed:	\$10,935.52

GEORGIA STATE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Treasurer's Annual Report . . . Mary Bruner, Treasurer
November 1, 1982—October 31, 1983

Balance in treasury 11-17-82	\$ 94.34
1983 Representation Fees	1,029.50
1983 State Speaker	<u>155.00</u>
Total Balance:	\$ 1,278.84
Designated Funds Received & Disbursed	10,935.52
1983 Prayer Retreat Registration Fees	<u>1,130.00</u>
	\$13,344.36

Disbursed as:

Deposit for Retreat Camp use	\$ 10.00	3-17-83
Guyton Adams Camp Plaque	25.78	8-26-83
Awards for Retreat Poster Contest	<u>18.00</u>	11-4-83
	\$ 53.78	
		\$ 1,130.00

Prayer Retreat:

Camp Mt. Bethel	\$ 350.00
Rudene Kennedy	250.00
Cooks Salary	150.00
Food	263.24
State Project	116.76
	<u>\$1,130.00</u>

Designated funds received and disbursed: \$10,935.52

Balance in Treasury 11-12-83 \$ 1,225.06

NOVEMBER 1983 ANNUAL COMPILED REPORT OF DISTRICTS

District and Membership—

1. Chattahoochee (66)	5. Midway (137)
2. Ga. Union (37)	6. Union (74)
3. Little River (65)	7. S. Georgia (204)
4. Martin ()	8. Twin Cities (49)

Number of active members on roll: 632

Membership fees sent with reports to State WA Treasurer: \$ 1,029.50

Other Disbursements:

Home Mission—Pre-Thanksgiving NHM	\$ 668.55
State Missions	563.04
Special Projects	200.00

Foreign Mission—Pre-Easter Offering	578.97
State Project—Bishops & Crowsons	4,829.86
Bishops	789.00
Others	1,957.35

Bible Colleges—General Fund	262.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	505.00
WNAC Student Loan Fund	15.00

WNAC General & Emphasis	587.65
Co-Laborer Fund	715.31
Children's Home	170.00
Retired Ministers	200.00
Youth Camp	452.88
Local Church Activities	4,564.66
Auxiliary Literature & Supplies	2,190.73
Other Special Projects	1,008.63
Total Disbursements:	<u>\$20,258.63</u>

Cash Gifts Sent Directly:	
Foreign Missions	987.74
Home Missions	136.00
Total:	\$ 1,123.74
Non-Cash Gifts (Evaluate)	
Children's Home	575.00
Provision Closet	679.53
Retired Ministers	180.00
Miscellaneous	46.23
Total:	\$ 1,480.76
Grand Total Disbursed:	\$22,863.13

GEORGIA STATE MASTER'S MEN

We in Master's Men recognize a tremendous opportunity for all of our laity to serve our Lord and Savior with every degree of talent our men are blessed with.

Georgia Master's Men attended in greater numbers and participated in the 1983 National Retreat, a highlight of the year.

1983 was the second year for having a work day at Camp Mt. Bethel. This has been adopted as a State Master's Men project to prepare our camp facility for maximum use. We exceeded our attendance goal of 50 men. Johnny Molina, USAF Sergeant, came and spoke to our men at a Friday night retreat which was a tremendous blessing and a heartfelt challenge. The following day, we had men that donated their tools, time, and skill to give attention to many details in various areas. We have obtained court house records and a plat of the property and a study is being made to enhance the grounds to its full benefits and enjoyment. Our goal is to maximize use of that facility and instill a greater desire for it to be used.

Master's Men objective in 1984 is to become to our Home Mission work what our Women's Auxiliary is to our Foreign Mission program. We are prepared to use our skills, talents and abilities to promote the cause of Christ in this State.

At our Annual Meeting, November 19, a motion was made from the floor to have a project for this year to help raise \$8,000 for a dormitory for our Brazil Youth Camp. Two laymen from Arkansas are to go at their own expense to build this dormitory.

Tim Jordan, State Senator

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.

D. To set policy and supervise the functions of the Ministerial Fellowship. The Ministerial Fellowship shall elect its own officers.

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. 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.