

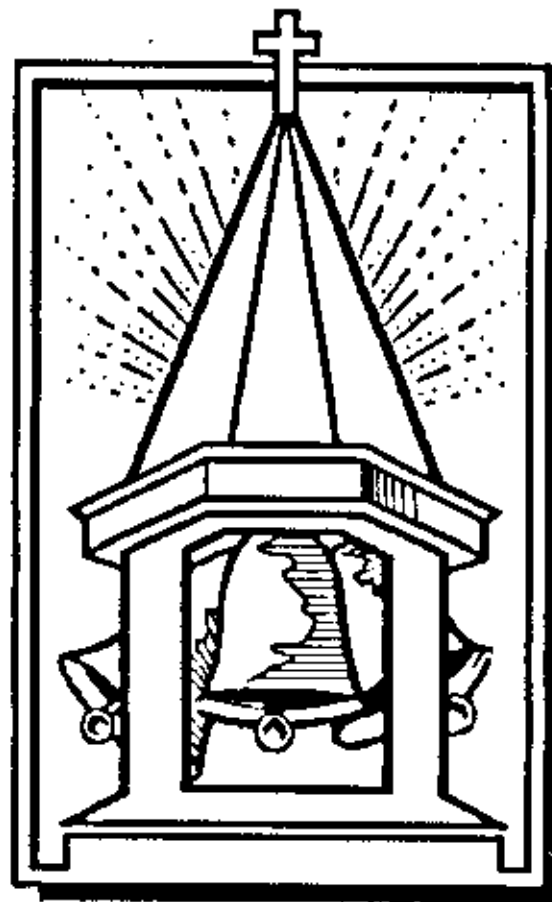
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**GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

November 13-15, 1997

Convening at the

*First Free Will Baptist Church
Savannah, Chatham County,
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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Sixty-First Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Savannah, Georgia, on November 13-15, 1997. The theme of the meeting was "Our Objective As A Church." Scripture is 1 Thessalonians 4:1-4. Music was coordinated by Rev. Wayne Miracle and provided by several different individuals, groups, and song leaders. Several people served as pianists.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SESSION

Song leader, Rev. Fred Lockwood, opened the session and led the congregation in singing "Learning to Lean". Rev. Rudy Woods welcomed everyone to Savannah and then asked Rev. Billy Hanna to open the meeting with prayer. Rev. Lockwood led the congregation in singing "Majesty". Rev. Woods then led the congregation in the pledges to the American and Christian Flags.

The 61st Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists was officially called in session by the State Clerk, Rev. Terry Pierce. He introduced the Moderator, Rev. Paul Smith, who extended a welcome to everyone.

Moderator Paul Smith called the roll of district associations with the representatives from ten districts answering. Rev. Paul Smith then appointed the Committee on Committees members who were: Revs. Wayne Miracle, Joe Buttgen, Bill McCarty, Gene Cross, and Bill Robinson. The congregation then sang "He Touched Me". After a prayer by Mr. Bill Arban the congregation worshiped in giving with an offering of \$188.61.

The Rhoddenberry Sisters sang "I've Been Changed". Rev. Woods presented the keynote speaker, Rev. Jeff Cockrell, pastor of the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church in Hazlehurst. Rev. Cockrell challenged our hearts on the subject of "Dependent on Him" from the passage of Hebrews 11:5-6.

Moderator Smith shared some announcements and then called for the partial report of the Credentials Committee given by Rev. Benny Smith. He reported a voting delegation of 84 with a total registration of 128. Rev. Lockwood led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory". The service was then dismissed in prayer.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. Fred Lockwood led the congregation in singing "Living By Faith". Moderator Paul Smith introduced the speaker of the hour. The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Joel Hampton, pastor of the Glennville Free Will Baptist Church in Glennville. He brought a stirring message from 2 Corinthians 5:12 on the subject of "Different Through Him".

Moderator Paul Smith called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. Rev. Benny Smith reported a voting delegation of 99, with a total registration of 161.

Moderator Smith recognized the standing delegates and entertained a motion to seat all elected delegates. The motion was carried. The Moderator recognized all the corresponding visitors.

Chairman Wayne Miracle read the Committee on Committees report with the following nominations:

Nominating Committee: Glen Poston, Chairman
Charles Barnard
Johnny Beasley
Billy Hanna
Kent Barwick

Resolutions Committee: Larry Powell, Chairman
Belyn Pierce
Donna Jewell
Rudy Woods
Tim Horne

Motion was carried to receive this report and all nominees be elected.

Clerk Terry Pierce gave the report of the Executive Board as stated in the Digest of Reports with the following items to be voted on individually.

Item 1. A 1998 calendar year overall budget of \$500,000 is proposed. A Georgia State Cooperative Budget of \$175,000 is included in the overall budget. You will find the budget included with this report. Motion, seconded and carried.

Item 2 Executive Secretary/Treasurer Job Description Constitutional change be tabled until the Saturday morning session. Motion, second and carried.

Item 3. (1) That we hire William Smith as our new Executive Secretary/Treasurer.
(2) The New Executive Secretary/Treasurer is to hire a bookkeeper/secretary.

Motion, seconded, and carried that we have a written ballot to vote for the office of Executive Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion, seconded, and carried with a vote of 57 in favor and 42 against, that we hire William Smith for this position and he hire a bookkeeper/secretary.

- Item 4. That the Georgia Missions Day Offering receipts be divided equally with 50% to our Georgia Foreign Missionaries and 50% to our State Board of Missions. Motion, seconded and carried.
- Item 5. That the State Association will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, November 12-14, 1998 and that the State Association will meet at the Metter Free Will Baptist Church in Metter, November 18-20, 1999. Motion, seconded and carried.
- Item 6. Concerning the State Office, that we separate the office from the residence and rent an office facility. Motion, seconded and carried.
- Item 7. That we adopt the Georgia Acts 1:8 Missions Giving Plan to support our Georgia National missionaries. The Georgia State Association churches will assume responsibility of funding the accounts of missionaries from Georgia serving under the National Home or Foreign Missions Boards. The vote was delayed until the afternoon session.

Meeting was adjourned for worship.

Rev. Fred Lockwood led the congregation in singing "My Savior's Love". Rev. Kent Barwick led the congregation in worship through giving after prayer by Rev. Willie Martin. The offering total was \$121.00. Mrs. Henrietta Brown ministered in music. Rev. Charles Barnard, pastor of White Oaks Free Will Baptist Church in Macon, gave a wonderful message on the subject of "Dedicated to Him" from the text of Romans 12:1-2. Rev. Terry Pierce dismissed the session with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Russell Horne led the congregation in singing "Stand Up For Jesus". Rev. Rick Wilson of the Lyons Free Will Baptist Church, Lyons, brought the afternoon message on the topic of "Delighted in Him" from the passage of Luke 2.

Moderator Paul Smith then resumed the business session with a discussion on the Acts 1:8 Missions Giving Plan. An amendment to this motion that we raise the Wallaces' salary to \$60,000 was given. Motion, seconded, and carried to approve the amendment. Motion, seconded, and carried to pass the Acts 1:8 plan.

Executive Secretary/Treasurer Herbert Waid gave the Executive Office report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report. Rev. Waid called for a prayer of dedication for the new Executive Secretary/Treasurer William Smith. All of the ministers present were asked to come forward and lay hands on Rev. Smith. Motion, seconded, and carried to give a rising vote of thanks in honor of Rev. Herbert and Geraldine Waid. Motion, seconded, and carried to give William Smith a rising vote of support and recognition of his future duties.

The Moderator called for other reports. Mrs. Janice Wallace gave the Women of Georgia Active for Christ report. Rev. Terry Pierce gave the Georgia Double in a Decade report. Rev. Willie Martin gave the Board of Christian Education report. He reported on a great Youth Conference with great attendance. These reports were received and adopted.

Mr. Jack Lysaker gave the Board of Camping report. He reported that over 400 campers attended with many decisions made. Discussion of the camp report was postponed until the Saturday session. Rev. Jack Taylor and Rev. James Kilgore gave the Tennessee Family Ministries report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report.

Rev. Benny Smith then gave the report of the Credentials Committee. He reported that there are 107 voting delegates and 171 total registered. Motion was seconded and approved to receive this report. Motion, seconded, and carried to meet at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SESSION

Rev. Wayne Miracle led the congregation in singing "To God Be The Glory". Rev. Keith Lloyd led in prayer. The congregation then sang "A Hill Called Mt. Calvary". Rev. Miracle then led the congregation in singing "Thou Art Worthy". Moderator Paul Smith welcomed everyone to the service and announced that tonight's service will be in honor of Rev. Herbert and Geraldine Waid. He then asked the blessing on the offering. The offering total was \$520.50. Special music was provided by the South Georgia Pine Level Ladies Duet. Rev. Wayne and Debbie Miracle then ministered in music followed by a special from Rev. Glenn Poston. Rev. Melvin Worthington, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Free Will Baptists, shared thoughts, memories, and insights concerning the testimony of Herbert and Geraldine. Rev. Worthington then spoke on the subject of "Being A Wise Workman" from the text of 1 Timothy 4:1.

Rev. William Smith led a special presentation for Herbert and Geraldine. Plaques were given and testimonies were shared to let the Waids know how much they are loved. Letters of appreciation were also read as the Waids sat at the front of the auditorium in a double rocker given to them by the State Association. The Waid's children then shared

comments of love for their parents. A special dinner and presentation by the Executive Board was also given in their honor before the worship service began. Rev. Herbert and Geraldine Waid then shared their own testimonies to close the service. A standing ovation was given by the congregation. The service was dismissed in prayer after announcements.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. Carl Miller opened the final service by leading the congregation in singing "Where He Leads I Will Follow". The congregation then sang "I Have Decided". Rev. Willie Martin led in prayer for the morning session. Rev. Terry Hennecke, of the Brunswick First Free Will Baptist Church, spoke on the subject of "Directed by Him" from the passage of Proverbs 3:5-6.

A discussion of the Board of Camping report continued. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report. Rev. Wayne Miracle gave the Board of Trustees report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report. The Board of Trustees recommended to sell the State Office facility in Moultrie and relocate to a central location as expeditiously as possible. Motion, seconded, and carried that we suspend the quorum rules on this vote. That is, the quorum will be just the *voting* registered voting delegation rather than the *whole* registered voting delegation. Motion, seconded, and carried by a vote of 65-8 to pass the recommendation.

Mr. Malcom Freeman gave the Board of Missions report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report. The Mission Board, in consideration of the desires of the North Fayette Free Will Baptist Mission Church and what we feel is the best for the development of a self supporting work in South Atlanta area, therefore, recommend the sale and relocation of the North Fayette properties. Motion, seconded and carried by a vote of 66-3 to pass this recommendation.

Moderator Smith then led the body to consider the tabled Constitutional change from Friday's session. Motion, seconded, and carried that we change the By-Laws, Section 4 by adding:

F. General Promotion. He is to represent, or cause to be represented, the association at all affairs of interest to the association and he is to promote the work of the association in such a manner so as to unify the efforts of the association as well as promote both the state and national works, missionaries, mission conferences, etc. Through personal communication he shall keep close contact with pastors, churches, and district associations.

G. Administration. He shall administer the affairs of the executive office and carry out the responsibilities delegated to him by the State Association and the Executive Board. He is to serve with all standing boards and committees of the association in an ex-officio capacity. He is to report to the association during each annual session.

H. Stewardship. He shall serve as treasurer of this association. An accurate and complete record of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept and a written report shall be included in his report to this association in its annual session. He shall receive, hold, and disburse money as is made available by the State Association to the various boards. Disbursements to the various boards will be made available when requested.

I. Publications. It shall be his duty to edit and publish the state paper. He shall direct the production of general promotional materials, pamphlets, audio visuals, and books as approved by the Executive Board.

J. Arranging State Association. He shall expedite the planning of the State Association program, enroll all ministers and delegates, print and distribute minutes, and investigate future sites for the annual sessions.

Rev. Melvin Worthington gave the National Executive Office report. Rev. Alton Loveless gave the Randall House Publications report. Rev. Roy Harris shared about the ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Bill Evans reported on the Board of Retirement. Rev. Levy Cory gave the Alabama Children's Home report. Rev. Frank Guinta shared about the Free Will Baptist Foundation. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive all of these reports.

Moderator Paul Smith thanked the program committee and all those who helped provide for such wonderful services. Moderator Smith continued the business session by asking for more reports. Rev. Fred Hersey reported from the National Foreign Missions Department. Rev. David Crowe shared the National Home Missions Department report. Rev. Ron Wallace shared about their ministry to Alaska. All of these reports were received.

The Resolutions Committee report was read by Rev. Carl Miller. Four resolutions were submitted with three of them being adopted. (See Resolution)

Rev. Benny Smith gave the Credentials Committee final report. He stated that we had 50 churches represented and a voting delegation of 111 with a total of 198 registered.

Motion, seconded, and carried to receive a report concerning a scholarship fund in memory of Rev. Charles McNeese. This report is to be published in the Promotional Bulletin. (A copy of this report is found in the Resolutions section of these minutes). Several reports were given on various items. All reports were received as information.

Motion, seconded, and carried that the Executive Secretary contact the National Executive Office at the end of this year and pay the final balance Georgia's share of the Capitol Stewardship Campaign. Motion, seconded, and carried that the moderator appoint a four man committee to study the feasibility of supporting the building and moving of Free Will Baptist Bible College.

It was requested that we continue to support a boycott of the Disney Corporation. The moderator instructed delegates to continue to support the actions of our National Association of Free Will Baptist boycott of the Disney Corporation.

Delegates to the National Association were elected as follows: Mrs. Anne Lewis, Mrs. Rachel Horne, Mrs. Belyn Pierce, Mrs. Gail Smith, and Mr. Kile McDowell. Alternates are: Mrs. Diane Martin, Mrs. Terra Smith, Ms. Nadine Blanton, Mrs. Martha Morris, and Mrs. Irene Brown.

Rev. Glenn Poston read the Nominating Committee report. Motion, seconded and carried to elect all of the nominations. Motion, seconded, and carried that we adjourn. Rev. Keith Lloyd was asked to close the business session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Terry Pierce, Clerk

RESOLUTIONS

**Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists
November 13-15, 1997**

1. Whereas, we all feel a sense of pride in our Free Will Baptist youth and desire to include them in our State works as a whole and whereas, we all feel the need to use our time and finances wisely and whereas, other State Associations have combined their State meetings (Florida State Association) for example,

Be it Resolved, that a committee be appointed to study the feasibility of combining the State Youth Competition with the State Association and the Women Active for Christ meetings and that this committee be instructed to report their findings to us during the 1998 State Association Session in Albany.

2. Whereas, providing a nursery at all sessions of the State meetings reduces distractions and enables all participants to focus on the business at hand and whereas, providing a nursery at such meetings encourages young couples to be involved in the State Meeting,

Be it Resolved, that we as Georgia Free Will Baptists provide a nursery at each session of the State Meeting.

3. Whereas, as we realize the tremendous amount of planning and work that goes into hosting the Georgia State Meeting and whereas, Brother Glenn Poston and the wonderful congregation of Savannah First Free Will Baptist Church have done a marvelous job,

Be it Resolved, that we give them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation for their hospitality.

Report Concerning Scholarship Fund

The South Central Quarterly of the Cumberland Association of Free Will Baptists in the State of Tennessee, has established a Memorial Scholarship Fund, in the name of Charles McNeese at Free Will Baptist Bible College. The eligibility criteria are as follows: (1) From any state (2) At least a sophomore (3) Married (4) Pastoral Major. The recipient to be chosen by Free Will Baptist Bible College.

The South Central Quarterly in recognition that Brother McNeese served most of his pastoral years in Georgia, would like to extend the opportunity to contribute to this fund to the Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Contributions should be sent to:

Free Will Baptist Bible College

Attention: Financial Aid Office

Designate to: Charles McNeese Memorial Scholarship Fund.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

November 1996 - November 1997

The Executive Board is Constitutionally charged with the responsibility of acting for the Georgia State Association when it is not in session, and then reporting to the State Association in session for approval of its actions. The decisions made by the Executive Board are made with consideration and an acute awareness of our responsibility and accountability. The following items are presented for your approval at this Sixty-First Annual Session.

1997 STATE PROGRAM

The program theme for the 1997 session of our State Association is *Our Objective As A Church*, 1 Thessalonians 4:1-4.

DOUBLE IN A DECADE

The Georgia Double in a Decade Committee met on February 17th, 1997 to discuss methods for promoting growth in our churches. The Church Growth video series is still available upon request.

GEORGIA STATE BUDGET PROPOSED

A 1998 calendar year overall budget of \$500,000 is proposed. A Georgia State Cooperative Budget of \$175,000 is included in the overall budget. You will find the budget included with this report for your approval.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER JOB DESCRIPTION

Proposal for Constitutional changes affecting 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 Baptist, subject to the ratification of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptist at its next regular session, for an indefinite period, with an agreement of a sixty (60) day notice of termination by either the Executive Secretary or the Executive Board.

The duties of the Executive Secretary/Treasurer of this association shall be:

A. **General Promotion.** He is to represent, or cause to be represented, the association at all affairs of interest to the association and he is to promote the work of the association in such a manner so as to unify the efforts of the association as well as promote both the state and national works, missionaries, mission conferences, etc. Through personal communication he shall keep close contact with pastors, churches, and district associations.

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D. **Publications.** It shall be his duty to edit and publish the state paper. He shall direct the production of general promotional materials, pamphlets, audio visuals, and books as approved by the Executive Board.

E. **Arranging State Association.** He shall expedite the planning of the State Association program, enroll all ministers and delegates, print and distribute minutes, and investigate future sites for the annual sessions.

TO HIRE NEW EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER

1. To hire William Smith as our new Executive Secretary/Treasurer.
2. The new Executive Secretary/Treasurer is to hire a bookkeeper/secretary.

GEORGIA MISSIONS DAY OFFERING

That offering receipts be divided equally with 50% to our Georgia Foreign Missionaries and 50% to our State Board of Missions.

STATE OFFICE PERSONNEL EVALUATION

To present special recognition at this years State Meeting.

MISSIONS GIVING PROGRAM

The Georgia Acts 1:8 Missions Giving Plan. To adopt a program of support for our Georgia missionaries. The Georgia State Association churches will assume the responsibility of funding the accounts of missionaries from Georgia serving under the National Home or Foreign Missions Board. Details of this plan are included later in the State report.

STATE MEETING SITE

The State Association will meet at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, November 11-13, 1998.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

Since our last State Association Session, the Executive Board has met to conduct State business the following times:

November 16, 1996, after the State Association Session
adjourned, Calvary Church, Columbus
February 1, 1997, Perry Church, Perry
May 10, 1997, First Savannah, Savannah
August 16, 1997, State Office, Moultrie
October 6, 1997, State Office, Moultrie
November 12, 1997, First Savannah, Savannah

Respectfully submitted

Terry Pierce, Clerk

GEORGIA STATE BUDGET FOR 1998

	PERCENTAGE	COOPERATIVE RECEIPTS
STATE OFFICE		\$55,000.00
PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS		\$17,000.00
EXECUTIVE BOARD	4.4%	\$4,500.00
CAMPING	4.9%	\$5,000.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	7.3%	\$7,500.00
MISSIONS	63.5%	\$65,550.00
TRUSTEES	4.9%	\$5,000.00
MINISTER RETIREMENT	5.0%	\$5,150.00
NATIONAL COOPERATIVE	<u>10.00%</u>	<u>\$10,300.00</u>
TOTALS	100%	\$175,000.00

Administrative expense, State Office and Promotional Materials Accounts needs, up to the budgeted amounts, are to be met from the COOPerative receipts.

All designated money is distributed on the last business day of each month.

GEORGIA'S OVERALL BUDGET IS \$500,000.00

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY/TREASURER REPORT

November 1996 - November 1997

Georgia has been good to us. Geraldine and I left Japan and came to Georgia in 1975. While pastoring in the Tifton area and Valdosta we also were active in the State ministries. I served on the State Registration Committee and as the Clerk of the State. For these 16 years you have allowed us to serve you as Executive Secretary/ Treasurer, Bookkeeper, Editors of the *Promotional Bulletin* and keepers of our historical records.

It has been our joy to learn to know, love and serve you in so many ways. To visit our churches and touch our people we have had to travel about 25,000 miles each year or a total of 400,000 miles.

The Lord's business is the greatest business in the world. Meantime, business is money and money is business. During these last 16 years our churches have entrusted the State Office to distribute \$4,810,601.51 to State and National ministries. Of this \$2,023,381.55 was given undesignated (COOPeratively) to the State Budget.

The year before we came into the State Office, the Georgia State Office's 1980 total annual receipts (Co-op and designated) were \$83,900.36. In 1982 total giving topped \$100,000 for the first time. In 1986 it was over \$200,000. In 1989 it was more than \$300,000 and in 1994 it exceeded \$400,000. Average annual giving for these 16 years has been \$300,662.59 ($\$4,810,601.51 / 16$).

Increase to COOPerative Giving to the State Budget also has been remarkable. In 1984 COOPerative Giving exceeded the \$100,000 mark. In 1989 it was \$123,000. In 1991 it was \$140,000. In 1994 it was \$150,000. In 1995 it was \$165,000. In 1996 it was \$176,000. And this year, 1997, it should reach \$186,000. Average COOPerative Giving for these 16 years has been \$126,461.35 ($\$2,023,381.55 / 16$).

Thank you, givers, for your consistent faithfulness in funding Free Will Baptist ministries through your State Office. There were times in our early years that we had to stagger payment of bills due to a lack of income. Because of your faithfulness in giving all of our State ministries now have ample funds. Moreover, it is a thrill to note that Georgia, though not large in membership, is number four in overall giving to the National ministries while maintaining our own multiple State ministries.

We are grateful for the privilege you have given us to serve in your State Office, which is by the way, the oldest State Office among Free Will Baptists. Your kindness to us, cooperation with us and confidence in us has more than compensated for the lonely hours in the office and on the road. We will never forget the times you allowed us to fill your pulpits, lay hands on your ministers, dedicate your babies, marry your young people, pray with your sick and bury your dead. We have wonderful memories of laughing together, eating together, crying together and praying together. We have been honored to be accepted as one of you. Someone has said, "we are a part of all whom we have met." We are grateful that God allowed our lives to touch and that we are a part of you. Thank you.

Our prayer is that Georgia will reach even higher goals and expand our Lord's work even more in the years to come. The future is challenging. There is still much work to be done and many souls to win. Yet the time seems to be so short. Let's continue to work together for the glory of God.

Herbert Waid
Executive Secretary/Treasurer

COOP & DESIGNATED RECEIPTS COMPARISON - December 1996

	<u>1995</u>	<u>1996</u>
COOP Giving	\$165,786.30	\$176,392.80
Designated Giving	<u>\$219,402.17</u>	<u>\$259,890.22</u>
Totals	\$385,188.47	\$436,283.02

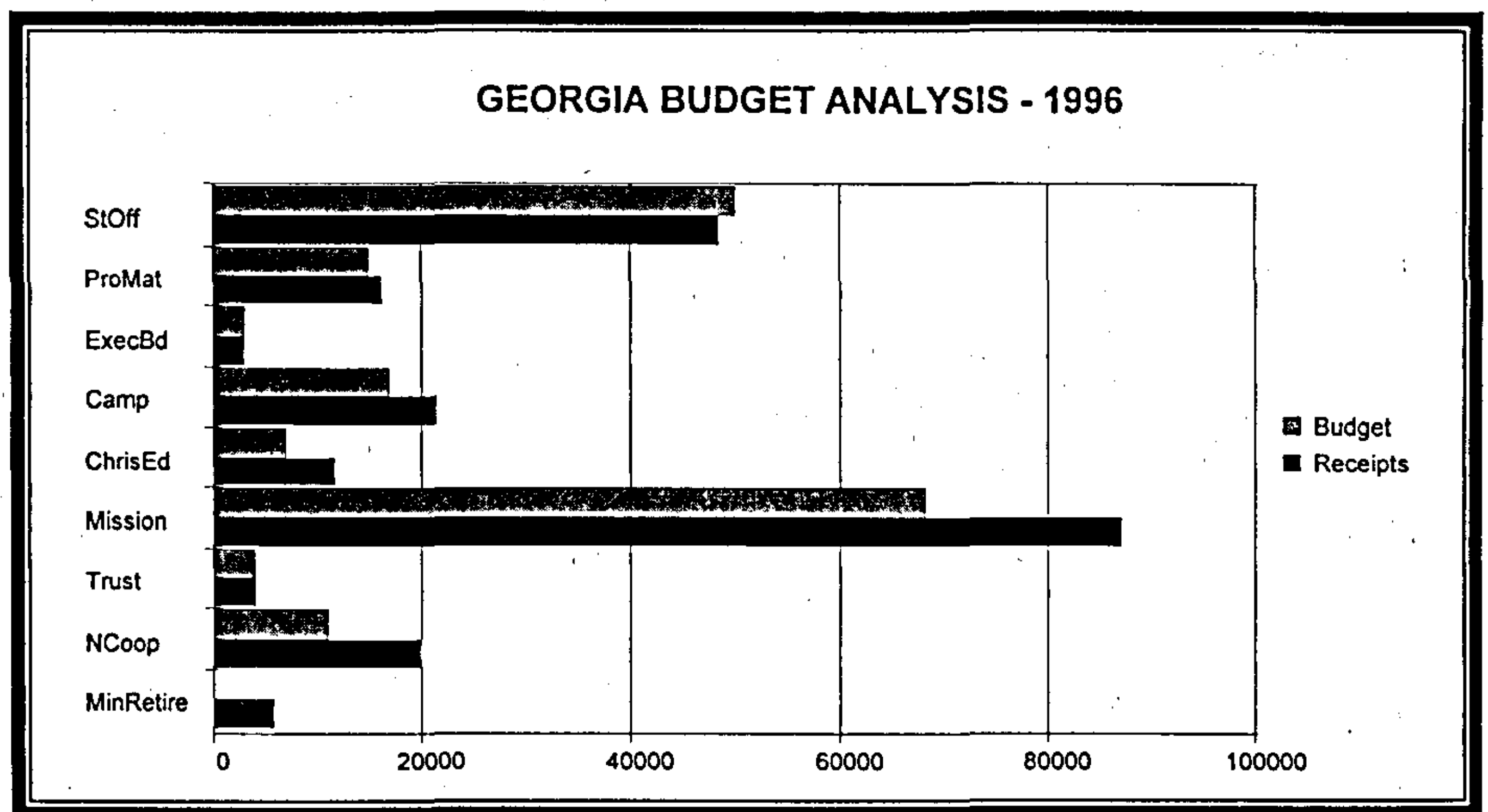
BUDGET ANALYSIS through December 1996

	<u>Deisgnated</u> <u>Generated</u>	<u>COOPerative</u> <u>Receipts</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Dec 1996</u>	<u>1997</u> <u>Goal</u>
State Office	\$805.00	\$47,646.33	\$48,451.33	\$50,000.00
Contingency Fund		\$300.00		
Promotional Materials	\$4,585.11	\$11,616.00	\$16,201.11	\$15,000.00
Minister Retirement		\$5,841.53	\$5,841.53	
Executive Board		\$3,029.98	\$3,029.98	\$3,000.00
Camp	\$4,384.14	\$17,047.91	\$21,432.05	\$16,900.00
Christian Education	\$4,612.40	\$7,058.90	\$11,671.30	\$7,000.00
Board of Missions	\$18,329.50	\$68,713.26	\$87,042.76	\$68,100.00
Board of Trustees	\$62.37	\$4,040.00	\$4,102.37	\$4,000.00
National Cooperative	<u>\$8,795.93</u>	<u>\$11,098.89</u>	<u>\$19,894.82</u>	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
Totals	\$41,574.45	\$176,392.80	\$217,667.25	\$175,000.00

Non-Budget Designated Income:

National Ministries	\$178,940.49
Misc Ministries	\$38,700.28
State Office Land/Bldg	\$675.00
 Total Designated	 \$259,890.22

1996 BUDGET RECEIPTS ANALYSIS					
	Budget	Received	Over Budget	Under Budget	Percentage Received
State Office	\$50,000.00	\$48,451.33		\$1,548.67	96%
Promotional Material	\$15,000.00	\$16,201.11	\$1,201.11		108%
Minister's Retirement		\$5,841.53			
Executive Board	\$3,000.00	\$3,029.98	\$29.54		100%
Board of Camp Mt Bethel	\$16,900.00	\$21,432.05	\$4,532.05		126%
Board of Christian Education	\$7,000.00	\$11,671.30	\$4,671.30		166%
Board of Missions	\$68,100.00	\$87,042.76	\$18,942.76		127%
Board of Trustees	\$4,000.00	\$4,102.37	\$102.37		102%
National Cooperative	\$11,000.00	\$19,894.82	\$8,894.82		180%
Totals	\$175,000.00	\$217,667.25			



BUDGET ANALYSIS - 1996

Proposed Budget - 1996	\$500,000.00
Budget & Direct Gifts	<u>\$679,980.19</u>
Receipts over Budget	\$179,980.19
Received through State Office	\$436,283.02
Sent Direct	<u>\$243,697.17</u>
	\$679,980.19
State Ministries Income	\$218,052.26
National Ministries Income	\$395,073.13
Alabama Ministries Income	\$45,113.10
Tennessee Ministries Income	\$2,349.25
South Carolina Ministries Income	\$300.00
Other Income*	<u>\$19,092.45</u>
	\$679,980.19

*Other Income Includes:

State Office Land/Bldg Fund Receipts	\$675.00
Miscellaneous Ministries Receipts	\$18,417.45
	\$19,092.45

NATIONAL MINISTRIES DISTRIBUTION:

National Executive Office	\$17,650.47
Foreign Missions	\$211,159.43
FWB Bible College	\$75,861.98
Home Missions	\$76,144.97
Retirement & Insurance	\$1,985.28
Master's Men	\$3,397.00
Theological Integrity	\$71.15
WNAC	\$7,539.27
FWB Foundation	\$850.85
Historical Commission	\$70.91
Radio & TV Commission	\$270.91
Music Commission	<u>\$70.91</u>
	\$395,073.13

FWB FOUNDATION ACCOUNT

General Fund #4-060

Opened February 1995

Balance on hand January 1, 1996	\$77,310.49
April 30 Deposit	\$15,000.00
Interest Jan-Jun 1996	\$2,469.31
July 31 Deposit	\$15,000.00
Aug 15 Deposit	\$7,859.07
Interest Aug 15	\$864.59
Aug 23 Deposit	\$53,738.34
Interest Aug 23	\$3,447.83
Dec 17 Deposit	\$26,000.00
Dec 31 withdrawal - Minister's Retirement	(\$6,230.97)
Interest Dec 31	\$4,964.98
Total	\$200,423.64

State Office Land/Bldg Fund #4-061

Opened January 1991

Balance on hand January 1, 1996	\$27,747.15
April 30 Deposit	\$250.00
June 28 Deposit	\$100.00
Interest Jan-Jun 1996	\$834.91
Aug 30 Deposit	\$175.00
Sept 30 Deposit	\$50.00
Dec 17 Deposit	\$100.00
Interest Dec 31	\$872.71
Total	\$30,129.77

Camp Fund #4-062

Opened August 15, 1996

Opening Deposit	\$92,510.58
Interest Aug 15	\$10,177.29
Deposit Dec 17	\$55,000.00
Interest Dec 17	\$3,088.36
Interest Dec 31	\$2,857.64
	\$163,633.87

TOTAL

\$394,187.28

TRIAL BALANCE

for the month ending December 1996

	<u>Debit</u>	<u>Credit</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Southwest Georgia		\$70,000.00	
NationsBank		\$29,883.52	
FWB Foundation		\$307,534.56	
Interest Income		\$12,725.97	
Cooperative Giving		\$12,337.33	
Designated Giving		\$31,505.46	
National Ministries	\$25,360.53		
State Budget: Camp	\$250.00		
Christian Education	\$600.00		
Missions	\$7,409.16		
National COOP	\$658.26		
State Office	\$3,582.69		
Promotional Materials	\$4,975.59		
Executive Board	\$416.94		
Board of Trustees	-0-		
State Office Land/Bldg	\$150.00		
Miscellaneous Ministries	\$4,614.91		
Minister's Retirement	\$5,841.53		
	\$53,859.61	\$463,986.84	<u>\$410,127.23</u>

ACCOUNTS BALANCE

Dec 1996

NationsBank		\$15,939.95
FWB Foundation		\$394,187.28
Contingency Fund	\$47,315.37	
State Office	-0-	
Promotional Materials	-0-	
Executive Board	(\$624.17)	
Board of Camp Mt Bethel	\$24,709.06	
Camp Saving Account	\$163,633.87	
Board of Christian Education	\$5,875.03	
Board of Missions	\$77,203.99	
Living Mem Church Bldg Fund	\$45,918.83	
Board of Trustees	\$12,634.06	
Book Store Contingency	\$3,331.42	
State Office Land/Bldg	\$30,129.77	
	<u>\$410,127.23</u>	<u>\$410,127.23</u>

State Office Account
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	0.00
Cooperative Giving	47,646.33
Designated	805.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	48,451.33
OUTFLOWS	
Bookkeeper:	
FICA	600.00
Insurance	1,020.00
Retirement	384.00
Salary	7,500.00
Salary Reduction	-600.00
Total Bookkeeper	8,904.00
Corporation Fee	15.00
Executive Secretary:	
Car Insurance	797.88
FICA	1,800.00
Insurance	1,026.00
Leadership Conference	233.92
Mileage	6,695.64
National Assn Expense	668.03
Retirement	1,680.00
Salary	21,024.00
Salary Reduction	-1,200.00
State Assn Expense	380.97
Travel Expense	1,252.95
Total Executive Secretary	34,359.39
Insurance	930.00
Phone	889.65
Salary Reduction	1,800.00
Water, Gas, Electric	1,553.29
Outflows - Other	0.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	48,451.33
OVERALL TOTAL	0.00

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Promotional Materials Account
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	972.11
Cooperative Giving	11,616.00
Designated Giving	470.17
Dodd's Book Receipts	14.00
Local Church Fee	14.50
National Rep Fee Receipts	3,075.00
Postage Refund	5.20
State Fee Receipts	600.00
State Minutes Receipts	109.00
State Offering	297.24
TOTAL INFLOWS	17,173.22
OUTFLOWS	
Auditor:	
Lunch	20.19
Mileage	68.00
Total Auditor	88.19
Computer Update	844.30
National Assn Fee 1997	3,075.00
Office Supply	2,120.28
Postage	2,045.99
Postage Meter	131.66
Promotional Bulletin:	
Postage	2,731.24
Printing	5,090.68
Total Promotional Bulletin	7,821.92
State Assn Expense:	
Host Church Honorarium	400.00
Total State Assn Expense	400.00
State Minutes	645.88
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	17,173.22
OVERALL TOTAL	0.00

Executive Board Account
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	-648.51
Cooperative Giving	3,029.98
TOTAL INFLOWS	<u>2,381.47</u>
OUTFLOWS	
Board:	
Meal	162.77
Mileage	852.40
Total Board	<u>1,015.17</u>
Clerk:	
Honorarium	150.00
State Assn Expense	184.80
Total Clerk	<u>334.80</u>
Double In A Decade:	
Mileage	48.00
Total Double In A Decade	<u>48.00</u>
Leadership Conference	683.24
Moderator:	
Honorarium	100.00
National Assn Expense	788.54
Total Moderator	<u>888.54</u>
State Association	35.89
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<u>3,005.64</u>
OVERALL TOTAL	<u><u>-624.17</u></u> =====

COOPERATIVE, DESIGNATED GIFTS - January 1 - December 31, 1996

	<u>COOP</u>	<u>DESIGNATED</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	
CHATTAHOOCHEE ASSOCIATION:				
Little Bethel	\$2,204.40	\$205.40	\$2,409.80	
Mt Olive	\$800.85	\$800.79	\$1,601.64	
Thomaston 1st		\$25.00	\$25.00	
Trinity	\$1,800.00	\$730.95	\$2,530.95	
Turners Chapel	\$1,770.64	\$550.00	\$2,320.64	
District Assn	<u> </u>	<u>\$295.00</u>	<u>\$295.00</u>	
TOTALS		\$6,575.89	\$2,607.14	\$9,183.03
GEORGIA UNION ASSOCIATION:				
Bay Springs	\$550.00	\$540.00	\$1,090.00	
Bay Sprgs AdltSS		\$510.00	\$510.00	
Bethlehem		\$532.00	\$532.00	
Christian Hill	\$1,080.23	\$220.58	\$1,300.81	
Cross Roads	\$387.68		\$387.68	
Double Branch	\$12,141.91	\$7,197.96	\$19,339.87	
Dublin 1st	\$354.01	\$308.26	\$662.27	
Eastman 1st		\$820.50	\$820.50	
Little Bethel		\$3,055.00	\$3,055.00	
Mt Ararat	\$430.58	\$1,282.08	\$1,712.66	
New Hope	\$50.00	\$1,296.00	\$1,346.00	
Perry	\$300.00	\$1,005.00	\$1,305.00	
Pine Level	\$225.00	\$1,416.00	\$1,641.00	
Pleasant Hill	\$2,581.38	\$1,669.50	\$4,250.88	
Warner Robins	\$926.58	\$140.00	\$1,066.58	
White Oaks	\$6,718.25	\$1,815.30	\$8,533.55	
Wilson Chapel	\$1,776.21	\$440.79	\$2,217.00	
Mission Board		\$8,760.10	\$8,760.10	
District Assn	<u> </u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	<u>\$500.00</u>	
TOTALS		\$27,521.83	\$31,509.07	\$59,030.90
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION:				
Cool Springs	\$1,280.00	\$5,841.00	\$7,121.00	
Corinth		\$879.87	\$879.87	
Forest Hill		\$300.00	\$300.00	

Friendship	\$300.00	\$755.82	\$1,055.82
Hahira 1st	\$1,394.77		\$1,394.77
Homerville	\$3,000.00	\$1,311.00	\$4,311.00
Ozias		\$693.00	\$693.00
Pine Level	\$660.37	\$2,746.49	\$3,406.86
Sunnyside	\$120.00	\$360.00	\$480.00
Tifton 1st	\$480.00	\$282.00	\$762.00
Valdosta 1st	\$180.00	\$89.01	\$269.01
Zion Hill	\$1,985.97	\$1,820.83	\$3,806.80
District Assn	<u>\$576.25</u>	<u>\$4,422.68</u>	<u>\$4,998.93</u>
TOTALS		\$9,977.36	\$19,501.70
			\$29,479.06

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

Colquitt		\$3,366.10	\$3,366.10
Corinth	\$2,841.32	\$690.00	\$3,531.32
Donalsonville	\$1,548.50	\$2,829.55	\$4,378.05
Hebrew	\$300.00	\$150.00	\$450.00
Highway		\$1,141.05	\$1,141.05
Mothers Home	\$1,196.24	\$1,528.97	\$2,725.21
Mt Gilead	\$1,460.00	\$890.00	\$2,350.00
Mt Glory	\$2,985.00	\$225.00	\$3,210.00
New Home DC	\$415.80	\$537.80	\$953.60
New Home MC	\$1,638.91	\$3,824.09	\$5,463.00
New Salem	\$4,244.44	\$3,548.00	\$7,792.44
Thompson	\$3,211.05	\$4,630.00	\$7,841.05
District Assn	<u>\$474.65</u>	<u>\$1,171.95</u>	<u>\$1,646.60</u>
TOTALS		\$20,315.91	\$24,532.51
			\$44,848.42

MIDWAY ASSOCIATION

Albany 1st	\$11,341.00	\$386.00	\$11,727.00
WAC		\$58.00	\$58.00
Bainbridge	\$90.00	\$240.00	\$330.00
Bellview	\$2,859.49	\$18,837.00	\$21,696.49
Berean	\$1,231.94	\$954.19	\$2,186.13
Blakely 1st	\$2,234.13	\$2,785.00	\$5,019.13
Cedar Springs	\$7,943.38	\$5,562.33	\$13,505.71
Enterprise	\$200.00	\$799.15	\$999.15
Hammock Springs	\$1,100.00	\$100.00	\$1,200.00
Macedonia	\$1,200.00	\$220.00	\$1,420.00

New Enterprise	\$50.00		\$806.00	\$856.00
New Light	\$5,669.90		\$5,234.25	\$10,904.15
Patmos	\$3,355.89		\$3,368.78	\$6,724.67
Travelers Rest	\$450.00			\$450.00
White Plains	\$1,607.45		\$200.00	\$1,807.45
Mission Board			\$835.00	\$835.00
District Assn	<u> </u>		<u>\$4,950.00</u>	<u>\$4,950.00</u>
TOTALS		\$39,333.18	\$45,335.70	\$84,668.88

NORTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION:

Liberty	\$1,060.00		\$12,751.00	\$13,811.00
N Fayette			\$320.00	\$320.00
Shallowford	\$200.00		\$352.50	\$552.50
District Assn	<u> </u>		<u>\$215.00</u>	<u>\$215.00</u>
TOTALS		\$1,260.00	\$13,638.50	\$14,898.50

OGEECHEE ASSOCIATION:

Deep Creek	\$240.00		\$1,633.68	\$1,873.68
Lyons	\$900.00		\$2,062.00	\$2,962.00
Marietta	\$580.00		\$883.00	\$1,463.00
Stoney Hill			\$33.30	\$33.30
District Assn	<u> </u>		<u>\$295.00</u>	<u>\$295.00</u>
TOTALS		\$1,720.00	\$4,906.98	\$6,626.98

SOUTH GEORGIA ASSOCIATION:

Alabaha	\$1,002.62			\$1,002.62
Baxley	\$225.00		\$3,900.00	\$4,125.00
Bethany	\$100.00			\$100.00
Bethel			\$50.00	\$50.00
Brunswick 1st			\$2,182.31	\$2,182.31
Corinth SS	\$152.10		\$90.00	\$242.10
Ebenezer	\$600.00		\$9,369.00	\$9,969.00
Glennville	\$300.00		\$4,883.00	\$5,183.00
Harmony	\$825.00		\$1,510.00	\$2,335.00
Jesup 1st	\$5,085.00		\$11,129.00	\$16,214.00
Liberty	\$2,367.00		\$1,097.00	\$3,464.00
Memorial	\$1,601.00		\$2,400.00	\$4,001.00
New Hope	\$450.00		\$2,300.00	\$2,750.00
Philadelphia	\$3,714.00		\$8,237.00	\$11,951.00

Pine Level		\$6,395.87	\$6,395.87
Piney Grove	\$250.00	\$1,213.00	\$1,463.00
Satilla	\$1,335.00	\$6,017.00	\$7,352.00
Savannah 1st	\$600.00	\$17,129.00	\$17,729.00
Statesboro	\$1,236.34	\$1,300.00	\$2,536.34
Master's Men		\$165.00	\$165.00
Surrency		\$1,475.00	\$1,475.00
Swainsboro		\$725.00	\$725.00
Mission Board		\$779.78	\$779.78
District Youth Bd		\$275.00	\$275.00
District Assn		<u>\$710.00</u>	<u>\$710.00</u>
TOTALS		\$19,843.06	\$83,331.96
			\$103,175.02

TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION:

Calvary	\$12,207.99	\$438.00	\$12,645.99
Columbus 1st	\$3,507.00	\$331.95	\$3,838.95
Weems Road	\$1,724.00	\$259.10	\$1,983.10
White Rock	\$10,350.11	\$875.65	\$11,225.76
District Assn		<u>\$145.00</u>	<u>\$145.00</u>
TOTALS		\$27,789.10	\$2,049.70
			\$29,838.80

UNION ASSOCIATION:

Bay	\$2,019.00		\$2,019.00
Bethlehem	\$100.00	\$710.00	\$810.00
Cairo 1st	\$1,445.57	\$614.00	\$2,059.57
Fellowship	\$818.79	\$3,813.83	\$4,632.62
Grace	\$2,889.57		\$2,889.57
Greenwood	\$50.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,050.00
Midway	\$7,733.05	\$2,287.00	\$10,020.05
New Hope	\$2,110.00	\$447.50	\$2,557.50
Poulan		\$550.00	\$550.00
Spring Hill	\$610.32		\$610.32
Wrights Chapel	\$584.95		\$584.95
District Assn	<u>\$347.92</u>	<u>\$2,184.20</u>	<u>\$2,532.12</u>
TOTALS		\$18,709.17	\$11,606.53
			\$30,315.70

MISCELLANEOUS

Riley Giddens	\$1,500.00		\$1,500.00
James E Bryants		\$180.00	\$180.00

M Corene Hearn		\$360.00	\$360.00
Billy W Causeys		\$500.00	\$500.00
Jeff Adams		\$50.00	\$50.00
H E Dunaways		\$25.00	\$25.00
Audrey Hobbs		\$50.00	\$50.00
Tim Hutchinsons		\$25.79	\$25.79
Mrs Clyde Martin		\$50.00	\$50.00
Billy Pattersons		\$25.00	\$25.00
Brian O Rays		\$25.00	\$25.00
M/M Roy Rogers		\$25.00	\$25.00
Louise Stuckey		\$2.00	\$2.00
Herbert Waid		\$232.00	\$232.00
Decatur Endowmt		\$312.22	\$312.22
Youth Conf Fees		\$2,071.00	\$2,071.00
WGAC		\$1,617.56	\$1,617.56
MidWAC		\$250.00	\$250.00
SGWA	\$440.00	\$350.00	\$790.00
Fellowship Aux		\$70.00	\$70.00
Martin WAC		\$100.00	\$100.00
WNAC		\$25.00	\$25.00
Printing/Misc		\$297.17	\$297.17
Camp Registration		\$2,926.68	\$2,926.68
Senior Retreat		\$2,139.00	\$2,139.00
St Assn Reg Offer		\$297.24	\$297.24
St Assn Miss Offer		\$660.00	\$660.00
Local Church Dues		\$14.50	\$14.50
LifeLine	\$1,382.30		\$1,382.30
Decatur Endow		\$303.70	\$303.70
Mileage Refund		\$44.40	\$44.40
Postal Refund		\$5.20	\$5.20
Electric Refund		\$97.49	\$97.49
Insurance Refund		\$236.50	\$236.50
Churches - other	\$25.00	\$1,255.00	\$1,280.00
South GA Loan		\$2,310.00	\$2,310.00
Ogee Loan		<u>\$3,937.98</u>	<u>\$3,937.98</u>
TOTALS	\$3,347.30	\$20,870.43	\$24,217.73
GRAND TOTAL	\$176,392.80	\$259,890.22	\$436,283.02

**CHURCHES THAT GAVE \$1,000.00 IN 1996
THROUGH GEORGIA STATE COOPERATIVE GIVING**

<u>Church</u>	<u>Association</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1 Calvary	Twin Cities	\$12,207.99
2 Double Branch	Georgia Union	\$12,141.91
3 Albany First	Midway	\$11,341.00
4 White Rock	Twin Cities	\$10,350.11
5 Cedar Springs	Midway	\$7,943.38
6 Midway	Union	\$7,733.05
7 White Oaks	Georgia Union	\$6,718.25
8 New Light	Midway	\$5,669.90
9 Jesup First	South Georgia	\$5,085.00
10 New Salem	Martin	\$4,244.44
11 Philadelphia	South Georgia	\$3,714.00
12 Columbus First	Twin Cities	\$3,507.00
13 Patmos	Midway	\$3,355.89
14 Thompson	Martin	\$3,211.05
15 Homerville	Little River	\$3,000.00
16 Mt Glory	Martin	\$2,985.00
17 Grace	Union	\$2,889.57
18 Bellview	Midway	\$2,859.49
19 Corinth	Martin	\$2,841.32
20 Pleasant Hill	Georgia Union	\$2,581.38
21 Liberty	South Georgia	\$2,367.00
22 Blakely First	Midway	\$2,234.13
23 Little Bethel	Chattahoochee	\$2,204.40
24 New Hope	Union	\$2,110.00
25 Bay	Union	\$2,019.00
26 Zion Hill	Little River	\$1,985.97
27 Trinity	Chattahoochee	\$1,800.00
28 Wilson Chapel	Georgia Union	\$1,776.21
29 Turners Chapel	Chattahoochee	\$1,770.64
30 Weems Road	Twin Cities	\$1,724.00
31 New Home Miller County	Martin	\$1,638.91
32 White Plains	Midway	\$1,607.45
33 Memorial	South Georgia	\$1,601.00
34 Donalsonville First	Martin	\$1,548.50

35 Mt Gilead	Martin	\$1,460.00
36 Cairo First	Union	\$1,445.57
37 Hahira First	Little River	\$1,394.77
38 Satilla	South Georgia	\$1,335.00
39 Cool Springs	Little River	\$1,280.00
40 Statesboro	South Georgia	\$1,236.34
41 Berean	Midway	\$1,231.94
42 Macedonia	Midway	\$1,200.00
43 Mothers Home	Martin	\$1,196.24
44 Hammock Springs	Midway	\$1,100.00
45 Christian Hill	Georgia Union	\$1,080.23
46 Liberty Bible	North Georgia	\$1,060.00
47 Alabaha	South Georgia	\$1,002.62

Individual giving \$1,000.00 - Rev Riley Giddens	\$1,500.00
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COOP RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR 1996						
Total Georgia State Budget COOP Receipts from Churches: \$171,646.68						
Average Given by all 123 State Association Churches: \$1,395.50						
Average Given by all 85 Giving Churches: \$2,019.37						
Percentage of Churches Giving: 69%						
District	Number	% of	Churches	COOP Budget	% of Total	Church
	of	State	that	Receipts	Budget	Average
Association	Churches	Churches	Gave	by Assns	Receipts	by Assns
Chattahoochee	10	8.13%	4	\$6,575.89	3.83%	\$657.59
Georgia Union	17	13.82%	13	\$27,521.83	16.03%	\$1,618.93
Little River	13	10.56%	9	\$9,401.11	5.48%	\$723.16
Martin	13	10.56%	10	\$19,841.26	11.56%	\$1,526.25
Midway	16	13.01%	14	\$39,333.18	22.92%	\$2,458.32
North Georgia	4	3.25%	2	\$1,260.00	.73%	\$315.00
Ogeechee	10	8.13%	3	\$1,720.00	1.00%	\$172.00
South Georgia	23	18.70%	16	\$19,843.06	11.56%	\$862.74
Twin Cities	4	3.25%	4	\$27,789.10	16.19%	\$6,947.28
Union	13	10.59%	10	\$18,361.25	10.70%	\$1,412.40
TOTAL	123	100.00%	85	\$171,646.68	100.00%	
85 or 69% of our churches gave something COOPeratively to the Georgia State Budget						
47 or 38% of our churches gave over \$1,000.00 COOPeratively to the Georgia State Budget						
38 or 31% of our churches gave nothing COOPeratively to the Georgia State Budget						

Georgia's "TOGETHER WAY" Giving - 1996

Georgia's Giving to the National Ministries through the Together Way Plan last year, 1996, was commendable, ranking in the top ten. Listed here is how we gave.

	Executive	Foreign Missions	FWB Bible College	Home Missions	Master's Men	WNAC	Other*
Tennessee	\$17,677.74	\$720,385.61	\$156,462.28	\$554,583.39	\$11,761.00	\$11,641.72	\$5,457.03
North Carolina	\$7,776.34	\$622,127.01	\$149,654.03	\$215,099.33	\$1,988.00	\$10,661.81	\$1,331.36
Oklahoma	\$36,602.63	\$425,246.18	\$12,344.44	\$298,588.77	\$14,071.00	\$2,930.08	\$6,099.43
Arkansas	\$79,959.45	\$341,337.19	\$51,133.37	\$198,384.75	\$10,734.00	\$20,917.64	\$14,393.11
Alabama	\$1,023.89	\$198,762.27	\$161,176.20	\$269,115.44	\$2,353.00	\$6,948.29	\$1,141.90
Missouri	\$59,648.39	\$347,457.77	\$21,721.68	\$171,446.95	\$8,203.00	\$9,501.86	\$9,247.29
South Carolina	\$3,843.51	\$252,241.77	\$54,170.34	\$144,594.19	\$783.00	\$5,720.29	\$543.83
Georgia	\$17,650.47	\$211,159.43	\$75,861.98	\$76,144.97	\$3,397.00	\$7,539.27	\$3,320.01
Michigan	\$19,448.39	\$155,765.94	\$17,251.01	\$124,071.11	\$7,251.00	\$3,426.70	\$3,480.92
Ohio	\$21,847.69	\$164,489.35	\$17,396.92	\$66,000.80	\$2,886.00	\$4,907.53	\$4,059.17
TOTALS	\$320,333.21	\$4,574,421.23	\$1,068,374.87	\$3,466,363.03	\$83,581.00	\$111,055.37	\$63,790.40

The listed amounts for each ministry does not includes special gifts for special projects and miscellaneous receipts. For example: Foreign Missions - miscellaneous sources, states and interest; FWBBC - College Family, Matching Gifts, Estaes, Foreign Missionaries, Alumni Porjects and \$113,466.62 Claim the Land Campaign; Home Missions - Interest, miscellaneous sources and states; Master's Men - sales, Conference or Tournament fees, Dinner ticket sales or restricted Endowment contributions; WNAC - Memorial Student Loan Fund, Foreign Student Scholarship or gifts designated to other departments; Foundation - Endowment gifts through the Together Way.

*Other includes: Retirement & Insurance, Theological Integrity Commission, FWB Foundation, Historical Commission, Radio & TV Commission and Music Commission

Grand Total for all National Giving through the Together Way Plan in 1996 - \$9,687,919.11

Georgia was 8th in overall giving:

1. Tennessee	\$1,477,848.77	6. Missouri	\$627,226.94
2. North Carolina	\$1,008,637.88	7. South Carolina	\$461,896.93
3. Oklahoma	\$ 795,882.53	8. Georgia	\$395,073.13 (1995 - \$370,855.50)
4. Arkansas	\$ 716,859.51	9. Michigan	\$330,695.07
5. Alabama	\$ 640,520.99	10. Ohio	\$281,587.46

Georgia's Other: Retirement & Insurance	\$1,985.28	Historical Commission	\$ 70.91
Theological Integrity Commission	\$ 71.15	Radio & TV Commission	\$ 270.91
FWB Foundation	\$ 850.85	Music Commission	\$ 70.91

Georgia's Giving for State Ministries (plus miscellaneous ministries) \$237,447.71
 Georgia's Total Giving in 1996 - State & National \$632,517.84

Georgia's Budget Goal since 1990 has been \$500,000. Since 1992 we have exceeded that goal! In 1996 we exceeded it by \$132,517.84. If we had a higher goal could we surpass it?

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CHURCHES	10	17	13	13	16	4	10	23	4	13	123
MEMBERSHIP	796	1,181	920	776	1,332	95	722	2,672	687	701	9,882
BAPTISMS	33	14	33	9	38	6	11	117	23	15	299
ORDAINED MINISTERS	14	28	17	15	22	3	11	28	9	15	162
LICENSED MINISTERS	-0-	-0-	6	4	4	-0-	4	7	-0-	1	26
ORDAINED DEACONS	25	57	34	32	56	7	28	95	16	37	387
S S ENROLLMENT	330	575	362	367	989	101	382	1,203	410	312	5,031
CTS ENROLLMENT	-0-	113	38	80	381	-0-	24	227	81	120	1,064
WGAC MEMBERSHIP	28	67	47	81	101	22	41	224	54	46	711
M M MEMBERSHIP	15	12	19	-0-	29	6	13	50	9	6	159
CHURCH INCOME (\$)	156,428	412,912	219,791	327,401	869,203	66,150	202,286	1,182,487	319,774	243,045	3,999,477
CHURCH PROPERTY (\$)	1,481,000	1,913,000	1,924,000	1,776,000	3,339,912	1,700,000	1,670,000	6,822,161	1,995,000	1,668,000	24,289,073

BOARD OF CAMPING

November 1996 - November 1997

Our Camping Program has continued to grow in a diversified mode this year. We still acutely feel the loss of our primary camping facility and are looking forward to the time when we will again enjoy that luxury. This year we used several private camp grounds across the state and continue to learn from them the type of camp we may want and also some features we would prefer to steer clear of. The vast majority of our experience has been a delight.

Although we currently do not have our own camp, we are investing the earmarked monies so that we can gain interest on that money from both the insurance return on our fire and the sale of the land monies.

The year in reflection has posed for us some real blessings and some thought provoking questions. We had 419 campers to attend 7 camp sessions and 113 known decisions from that group. We had about 150 workers come and help in the various areas of need from evangelist to kitchen helper and all the counselors in between. Last year we had a good teen camp, but the facility could not hold but a few more campers and we knew from the good time the kids had that we should experience an increase in teen campers. To this end we determined to split the teen weeks into junior and senior groups. The blessing was thrilling as we doubled the number of teen campers, were able to concentrate on them in easier to handle age groups and saw many decisions for the Lord.

In addition to our normal camp sessions, we sponsored a teen "camp retreat" over the Christmas holidays and saw a population of 105 teens at that outing. God has blessed us in our camping program. We are continuing to step forward and the Lord has provided us with an increase. There can be no question that camping remains the single best method of reaching the church of tomorrow for Jesus Christ.

The State Executive Board has continued to work with the Board of Camping in attempting to locate an adequate facility to house our growing needs. This year we had two regional camps that exceeded 100 campers and there are not too many facilities in Georgia that can house that number of campers in an affordable style.

The program for next year will continue to be diversified unless a satisfactory alternative solution is unearthed. We do have on quandary that will surface this next summer. Many of the counties in Georgia are contemplating a year around school program which will complicate our camp scheduling and we are therefor proceeding forward very cautiously at this juncture. Please pray for our program, our staff and our board

members, that the decisions we make will bring great honor and glory to the Lord for we want to continue to see souls saved. That is our bottom line.

Respectfully submitted

Jack Lysaker, Chairman

Camp Savings
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	147,510.58
Interest	16,123.29
TOTAL INFLOWS	163,633.87
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Board of Camping
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	7,722.36
Camp Registration	2,926.68
Cooperative Giving	17,047.91
Designated Giving	1,283.33
Insurance Refund	174.13
TOTAL INFLOWS	29,154.41
OUTFLOWS	
Board:	
Meal	89.33
Total Board	89.33
Electric	279.25
Insurance	15.00
Mileage	253.20
Teen Camp:	
Banquet Supplies	51.13
Camp Rent	750.00
Food	1,530.90
Speaker Honorarium	300.00
T-Shirts	476.54
Worker Honorarium	700.00
Total Teen Camp	3,808.57
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	4,445.35
OVERALL TOTAL	24,709.06
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BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

November 1996 - November 1997

When the Christian Education Board was formed back in 1981 I am not sure whether we were experimenting or not. Perhaps the first years were less productive because we had to get a sense of direction and chart our course. However, I believe we would all agree that, those uncertain, yet foundational years, have produced the results we anticipated. The board has an established purpose, a plan and a purse. While I do not intend to give you a three point report, I would like to say it is a joy to serve Georgia Free Will Baptists because you have shown increasing support for the ministries of the Christian Education Board which gave us a great year.

RETREATS - we have had three

- ◆ The Minister's Retreat was in April. This year it was held at Jekyl Island, and 40 ministers registered. I do not have a clear historical perspective on the retreat since it started, but I can look back over the 17 successive years I have attended and declare, the attendance was the best I have ever seen! Many other good things could be said but those of you who were involved in the retreat will say it best. We depend on you to help us encourage other ministers to involve themselves in the fellowship and inspiration of these retreats.
- ◆ The next retreat that took place was the Couple's Retreat, which could be considered a packed house for the church which hosted it. Over 50 attended the Retreat to fellowship and hear Dr. Laverne Miley. The Perry church has been of much service to us in recent years and we express our gratitude to them for hosting several State functions.
- ◆ The Senior Saints Retreat was in October. It was held on St. Simons Island at the Methodist Retreat Center, Epworth By The Sea. Would you believe the enthusiasm for the retreat was so great we failed to reserve enough rooms for the guests this time. There were 47 participants and all were involved and participated in every activity.

STUDENT GIFTS

Concerning other matters, we raised our students gifts from \$30.00 to \$35.00 per month per full time student at Free Will Baptist Bible College. This is more than double the amount we began with when we started giving to our students. As far as I know, Georgia students continue to enjoy a unique privilege once every month when the mail room is inundated with financial gifts from Georgia Free Will Baptists. What a testimony Georgians must have to others!

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This part of our responsibility has taken us to the cemetery! Perhaps you know by now that although we make history, our history can be difficult to grasp because documentation can be skimpy and elusive. This makes it exceptionally trying to the historian who tries to rebuild what really happened. We have learned this lesson well recently as we have tried to piece together our Georgia beginnings. The information that was uncovered about our beginnings has led us to make some changes on the grave monument of John Brodnax in the Providence cemetery in Columbus. A recent Time Machine article by archivist Geraldine Waid explains why. If you are interested in this article we will obtain one for you.

Before I leave the matter of history let me encourage you to gather history for us. We need histories of your churches, pastors, deacons or anyone who has been a Free Will Baptist witness for the Lord in your community, state or nation.

YOUTH CONFERENCE

Very good reports have surfaced about the Youth Conference this year in Baxley. The attendance swelled to 309. The leadership praised the people and the facilities of Baxley and lauded them as excellent hosts. We want to thank them and commend them for their service to other Free Will Baptist Churches.

We also want to express our gratitude to Brother Bill Lofton, who has served on this board since its beginning, for chairing the Youth Conference Committee for 8 years. He is retiring from the chairmanship this year and we want to acknowledge his years of service. Thanks, Brother Bill, for your faithfulness to the board and its work!

In His Service and Yours,

Willie C. Martin

Board of Christian Education
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	5,462.59
Cooperative Giving	7,058.90
Designated Giving	358.00
Refund	44.40
Senior Retreat Receipts	2,139.00
State Youth Conf Fees	2,071.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	17,133.89
OUTFLOWS	
Board Mileage	689.20
Couples Retreat: Honorarium	300.00
Total Couples Retreat	300.00
Minister's Retreat: Books	492.61
Honorarium	525.00
Rooms	737.10
Total Minister's Retreat	1,754.71
Senior Saints Retreat: Honorarium & Gas	238.94
Rooms	2,639.30
Total Senior Saints Retreat	2,878.24
State Youth Conference: Honorarium	250.00
Materials & Awards	1,185.71
National Competition Fees	1,251.00
Total State Youth Conference	2,686.71
Student Gift	2,950.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	11,258.86
OVERALL TOTAL	5,875.03

BOARD OF MISSIONS

November 1996 - November 1997

Paul wrote in I Corinthians 3:6, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase."

The members of your Mission Board take very seriously their responsibility of establishing a Mission and supporting the missionary prayerfully and financially.

This has been a year to remember. God has been working in His Way wonders to behold. There is no other way to explain all that has happened.

Reviewing the Mission Board report from last year, you will notice that the planting and watering were the theme. This year we are presenting you with a transplant idea. When you purchase a plant from a nursery you transplant it to a new location.

The Georgia State Association's Mission Board believes that we purchased a site, erected a church, hired pastors, upheld the congregations with prayer, financially, and have been faithful in the endeavor.

The Free Will Baptist congregations across the State recognized the financial plight of this work and gave to pay on the bond program. God had touched our hearts and pocketbooks. The congregation had become excited about this response to their situation.

The congregation of the Mission does not live in the vicinity of the Church that has been built. They drove in for miles to the Church. They have been faithful.

Then one day a congregation approached the pastor about buying that facility.

The Mission Board met and heard about the proposal. The Mission Board made the decision to present this matter to the State Association for action.

In clearing the way for any action by the State Association, Brother

Paul Smith consulted with an attorney that specializes in real estate and in the legal ramifications of the State Association's Constitution and By-Laws.

In order to have a clear title for the property, it is necessary for the Bond Program to be paid off. The pay off date that was decided upon was November 1, 1997. Therefore, this matter has already been taken care of.

The Mission Board has written a letter to each person that participated in the Bond Program expressing the Mission Board's and the State Association's gratitude for participating in the program.

The Mission Board has a subcommittee that is evaluating the beginning of another Mission as soon as possible.

The Mission Board thanks each and everyone for their support and prayers.

May God continue to bless you and our efforts as we witness for Jesus.

Submitted by

Malcom Freeman, Chairman

Board of Missions
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	67,604.98
Brian Ray Receipts	363.56
Cooperative Giving	61,841.98
Designated	3,514.65
N Fayette Receipts	3,865.91
Smith Designated	2,509.54
TOTAL INFLOWS	139,700.62

Board of Missions
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
OUTFLOWS	
Brian Ray:	
Bonus	400.00
Church Rent	4,250.00
Designated	363.56
Housing	850.00
Retirement	194.72
State Association Expense	219.64
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Total Brian Ray	6,277.92
McCarty:	
Honorarium	750.00
Mileage	142.00
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Total McCarty	892.00
North Fayette:	
Bond Designated	1,103.35
Office Equipment	4,118.43
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Total North Fayette	5,221.78
North Fayette Bond	4,149.44
Paul Smith:	
Bonus	400.00
Insurance	4,464.00
Rent	10,800.00
Retirement	494.72
Salary	27,994.00
Salary Reduction	1,500.00
State Association Expense	302.77
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Total Paul Smith	45,955.49
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	<hr/> 62,496.63
OVERALL TOTAL	<hr/> 77,203.99 =====

Living Memorial Church Bldg Fund
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
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INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	30,971.71
General Fund 10% Transfer	6,871.28
Laura B Barnard Day	1,827.86
Ogeechee Loan	3,937.98
South Georgia Loan Pmt	2,310.00
 TOTAL INFLOWS	 <hr/> 45,918.83 =====

Accounts Receivable - Mission Bd
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

1/31/97
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Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
1/1/96	1001	N Fayette Church L...		NFayLn		65,559.88
12/31/96	1001	N Fayette Church L...	LBB Day Offeri...	NFayLn		-1,827.86
Total N Fayette Church Loan						63,732.02
1/1/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan		OgeeLn		19,938.13
1/31/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 1/31	OgeeLn		-397.61
2/29/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 2/29	OgeeLn		-271.09
3/29/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 3/29	OgeeLn		-253.61
4/30/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 4/30	OgeeLn		-349.73
5/31/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 5/31	OgeeLn		-345.94
6/28/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 6/28	OgeeLn		-57.00
7/31/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 7/31	OgeeLn		-571.00
8/30/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 8/30	OgeeLn		-343.00
9/30/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 9/30	OgeeLn		-262.00
10/31/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 10/31	OgeeLn		-391.00
11/29/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 11/29	OgeeLn		-347.00
12/31/96	1002	Ogee Dist Assn Loan	Payment 12/31	OgeeLn		-349.00
Total Ogee Dist Assn Loan						16,000.15
1/1/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan		SGLn		24,370.00
2/29/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 2/29	SGLn		-210.00
3/29/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 3/29	SGLn		-210.00
4/30/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 4/30	SGLn		-210.00
5/31/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 5/31	SGLn		-210.00
6/28/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 6/28	SGLn		-210.00
7/31/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 7/31	SGLn		-210.00
8/30/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 8/30	SGLn		-210.00
9/30/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 9/30	SGLn		-210.00
10/31/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 10/31	SGLn		-210.00
11/29/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 11/29	SGLn		-210.00
12/31/96	1003	SG Dist Assn Loan	Payment 12/31	SGLn		-210.00
Total SG Dist Assn Loan						22,060.00
OVERALL TOTAL						101,792.17
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 1996 - November 1997

The Georgia State Board of Trustees is the general overseer and insurer of all State Association property. The Board has the sole responsibility of upkeep of the State Office building and grounds.

Since our last State meeting we have continued the work on the outside of the State Office. The building needed to be painted and have some of the wood replaced. After considering the cost that would be involved, the Board had the outside of the Office covered with vinyl. Before the vinyl was installed, all the rotten boards were replaced. After the vinyl was installed, the building was properly caulked with silicon caulking.

The board has met and discussed the relocation of the State Office. A recommendation will be presented to this body to sell the present property and make plans to relocate the office to a central location in reference to our Free Will Baptist Churches. This is a big step and we seek the Will of the Lord concerning this matter.

We thank you for your support of the State Cooperative program. Our board does not solicit any funds and receives its support from the State Cooperative Plan.

May God Bless you.

Submitted by

William Smith, Chairman

Board of Trustees
1/1/96 Through 12/31/96

Category Description	1/1/96- 12/31/96
INFLOWS	
Balance Forward	6,200.53
Cooperative Giving	4,040.00
Insurance Refund	62.37
Refund:	
Vinyl Siding	4,440.00
Total Refund	4,440.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	14,742.90
OUTFLOWS	
Insurance	1,821.50
Meals	64.34
State Office:	
Upkeep	223.00
Total State Office	223.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	2,108.84
OVERALL TOTAL	12,634.06
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WOMEN OF GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST 1997 SESSION

The Women of Georgia Active for Christ (WGAC) opened its annual session at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah, Georgia, Nov. 13, 1997 at 10 a.m. with Vice President Janice Wallace presiding in the absence of President Margaret Ann Daniels. Sherrie Bailey was song leader for the session and Shirley Kimbrel was pianist.

Following the singing of the opening hymn, "To the Regions Beyond," Darlene Buttgen sang a special, "A Simple Love."

The devotion was given by Melinda Pinson who used as her text Psalms 1:1-3. She pointed out that studying in God's Word leads to happiness and will cause us to have deep roots, be well nourished, strong, beautiful and fruit-bearing. Following the devotion, we heard a report on the children's home in Greenville, Tenn., given by Jack Taylor.

Janice Wallace gave the credentials committee report, MSC to receive. (Report follows)

The delegates were seated and the business session commenced.

LaRee Findley gave the remembrances, using as her text 2 Corinthians 5:8. Names were submitted of those who have died during this past year were: Union Association: Fellowship Church, Eunice Hardin; Midway Church, Frances Almand, Marie Lacey and Willie M. Tucker; Ogeechee Association: Marietta Church, Melba McLain and Fannie Frost.

Sherrie Bailey gave a report on the WGAC 1997 Prayer Retreat and Shirley Kimbrel gave a report on the WNAC in Cincinnati.

A date change for the next retreat at Norman Park was given. The date is March 27-28, 1998.

Dr. Mary Ruth Wisehart, WNAC Executive Secretary, gave us a report from the national office.

The worship service at 11 a.m. was opened by the singing of a hymn and a prayer. The offering was taken. Chanda Daughtry of the Glennville FWB Church sang a special entitled "Break This Heart."

Debbie Griffin, our speaker for the morning worship, was introduced and she sang a special, "No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus," before challenging us with her message about being living sacrifices. Using Romans 12:1-2; Philippians 2:5; and Colossians 3:1, we were reminded that we must have a renewing of our minds by God; we must have the same mind as Christ; and we must have our minds set on things above. She also pointed out the fact that we really have no rights if we would be what God wants us to be. There are people who will never be reached for Christ by Americans because we aren't willing to leave our "comfort zones."

The afternoon session opened with a hymn and a prayer.
The following reports were given:

Historian Edith Shiver gave us a good background on our organization in the state of Georgia.

Finance report - Janice Temples. MSC to adopt, reports follow.

Resolutions - Lucy Hyman. MSC to adopt, report follows.

Registration - Betty Henderson. MSC to adopt, report follows.

Other business included:

A motion to set aside \$3000 for the WNAC expenses in Atlanta for 1999. It was seconded and carried.

Election of delegates to WNAC, 1998 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The delegates are: Nora McCarty, Belyn Pierce, Terra Smith, Paula Walker, Edwina Drinkwater, Nadine Blanton, Melissa Lunsford, Rachel Horne, Latrelle McDowell, Helen Gilchrist, Jackie Barnard, Doris Grant, Shirley Kimbrel, Shelly Hampton, and Kathy Douglas.

Wanda Powell was appointed to serve on the national nominating committee.

Nora McCarty, chairman of the planning committee for the 1999 WNAC which will meet in Atlanta, reported. Report follows.

A motion was made to authorize the treasurer to disburse monies designated for the planning committee as requested by the planning committee chairman, Nora McCarty. SC

The Nominating Committee report was given by Caroline Hightower. The slate of officers who were nominated were voted on and elected by acclamation. They are: President, Gail Smith; Vice-president, Rachel Horne; Secretary, Donna Jewell; Treasurer, Janice Temples; Field Worker, Sherrie Bailey; Historian, Doris Grant; Members-at-large, Wanda Powell, Shirley Kimbrel and Melissa Lunsford. These were installed by Debra Van Pelt.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Henrietta Brown, WGAC Secretary

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committee, wish to submit the following report:

According to Article IV of the Constitution and Article V of the By-Laws, the following districts have properly reported and are eligible to be seated in this convention: Chattahoochee, Midway, Twin Cities, Georgia Union, North Georgia, Union, Little River, Martin, South Georgia and Marietta Church.

We recommend that this report be adopted and the delegates be seated.

Respectfully submitted
Janice Wallace, Chairperson
Christine Daniel
Cindy Lloyd

FINANCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Finance Committee, recommend the following disbursements:

Balance on hand on 11-13-97:	\$5,231.65
Convention Offering	<u>251.15</u>
Balance on hand	\$5,482.80
Expenses:	
State Minutes	\$100.00
Debbie Griffin,	
Wardrobe and personal expense	500.00
Debbie Griffin, State meals and lodging	200.00
Ron and Janice Wallace	
National Home Missionaries to Alaska	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$1,300.00</u>
Balance on hand 11/13/97	\$4,182.80

Respectfully submitted

Nadine Blanton
LaRee Findley
Janice Temples

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. The WGAC Executive Committee recommends that the Laura Shutes State Foreign Missions Project for 1997-98 be divided as follows:

- 25% to Debbie Griffin
- 25% to Nathan and Linda Snow
- 25% to Paul and Rhoda Creech
- 25% to Dale and Sandra Bishop

2. Whereas the women of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Savannah have hosted the Women of Georgia Active for Christ in their State meeting in such a gracious manner: Be it resolved that this body, give a rising vote of thanks to them for their wonderful hospitality.

Respectfully submitted

Lucy Hyman, Chairperson
Jackie Barnard
Latrell McDowell
Lula Holt
Melinda Pinson

REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

	Visitors	Delegates	Total
Martin		2	2
Georgia Union	9	2	11
Union	2	1	3
Ogeechee (Marietta Church)	2	2	4
North Georgia	1	3	4
Twin Cities		6	6
Midway	7	14	21
South Georgia	5	18	23
Little River		1	1
Chattahoochee	0		
Other Visitors	10		10
Missionary	1		1
National Office	1		1

Respectfully submitted
Betty Henderson, Chairperson
Faye Faison

1999 PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

- ◆ Committee met November 1996
- ◆ Several letters and phone calls during the year
- ◆ Met at WGAC Retreat March 1997
- ◆ Each committee member has been very active in promoting and getting excitement in districts.
- ◆ \$100 sent to state treasurer for purchase of jelly jars for districts making jelly or providing nuts.
- ◆ Met at 9:30 November 13, 1997.
- ◆ All district representatives have been present at all meetings and active in district promotion.
- ◆ Reports November 13, 1997 on district pledges are:
 1. Union - 120 jars of jelly
 2. South Georgia - 300 jars of jelly
 3. Midway - 240-250 jars of jelly. Also have promise of all the candy needed for tables and WNAC booth donated by Bob's Candies of Albany
 4. Chattahoochee - sent \$100 for jars or as needed for decorations
 5. Georgia Union - Have gotten 250 jars. will do 250 jars of pecans
 6. Martin - 270 jars peanuts, also labels for all jars
 7. North Georgia - Lid covers for all jars
 8. Little River - Donation of money for decorations
 9. Twin Cities - Money to be used where needed for decorations for banquet

The committee would like to suggest that districts or individuals that can make donations for banquet expense. Jars will be filled with peach or mayhaw jellies or peanuts or pecans.

Centerpieces for the tables will be pieces of Georgia pottery with candles inside.

WOMEN OF GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT
November 1996-October 1997

State of receipts and disbursements for the year ending October 31, 1997

Balance on hand as of 10-31-1996 \$3,034.09

Receivables:

Designated Giving	\$31,571.28
1996 State Convention Offering	179.00
Prayer Retreat Fees	5,313.70
Prayer Retreat Offerings (Morning and evening)	421.01
Interest on checking account (3 1/4% interest if a balance of \$1,000.00 is maintained, NOW Account)	<u>164.93</u>

Total Receipts \$37,649.92

Total \$40,684.01

Disbursements:

WNAC	\$29,456.61
State Ministries (State Office)	680.67
GA Memorial Student Loan Fund, WNAC	123.00
1997 Prayer Retreat Fees	3,617.08
1998 Prayer Retreat Deposit	625.00
Honorariums for 1997 Prayer Retreat	150.00
Patricia Fite	\$50.00
Lucy Hyman	50.00
Linda Snow	50.00
Honorariums for 1996 State Convention	700.00
Debbie Griffin	\$500.00
Debbie Griffin expenses	150.00
Nathan and Linda (meals)	50.00
1996 Georgia State Minutes	<u>100.00</u>

Total Disbursements \$35,452.36

Balance on hand October 31, 1997 \$ 5,231.65

Respectfully submitted

Janice N. Temples, Treasurer

1996-1997 DESIGNATED FUNDS

State Dues	\$243.00
WNAC Dues	4,810.00
Co-Laborer	1,802.09
Emphasis	539.00
Foreign Student	108.00
Provision Closet	13.00
Georgia Memorial Student Loan	123.00
State of Georgia General Fund	11.67
Brian Ray, Atlanta	10.00
Paul Smith, Atlanta	250.00
North Fayette, Bond Payment	170.00
Georgia State Minutes	9.00
Georgia Union Mission (Perry Mission)	170.00
Jeffrey Bishop	60.00
Paul Ketteman Memorial Fund	41.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	606.50
Alabama Children's Home	864.00
Native Missionaries	8.00
Foreign Missions General Fund	284.50
Laura B. Barnard Offering	1,458.30
Nathan Snow	2,596.36
Debbie Griffin	4,752.84
Paul Creech	1,654.34
Dale Bishop	4,058.94
Carlisle Hanna	699.00
Westfield Pastors	66.00
Spanish Contact	65.00
J. McClain	60.00
Dave Franks	230.00
Lloyd Plunkett	130.00
Murial Gainer	325.00
Combs Children's Home	155.00
India Pastor	231.00
Ken Eagleton, Sr.	140.00
J. Combs	5.00
Home Missions, General Fund	518.75
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering (Lizzie McAdams)	1,000.24
Alice Lupton (State Home Missions Offering)	108.92
Len Blanchard	210.00
Retired Ministers	42.00
John and Donna Smith	50.00
Mark Barber	45.10
Bobby Poole	400.00

Laverne Miley	42.00
Dennis Haygood	150.00
Mabel Wiley	100.00
Jeff Crabtree	115.00
Danny Keene (Pre-Thanksgiving designated)	250.00
Ron and Janice Wallace	258.43
Ron Parker (Pre-Thanksgiving designated)	115.00
Mexico Ministries	300.00
WNAC 1999 Atlanta Convention	1,068.00
Larry Williams	<u>48.30</u>

Total \$31,571.28

DESIGNATED FUNDS BY DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

November 1996 - October 1997

Chattahoochee	\$ 811.50
Georgia Union	3,322.00
Little River	336.00
Martin	2,467.00
Midway	9,274.10
North Georgia	635.17
Ogeechee, Marietta Church	518.50
South Georgia	8,064.24
Twin Cities	4,180.68
Union	<u>1,962.09</u>
Total Designated Funds	\$31,571.28

LORA SHUTES STATE MISSIONS PROJECT

November 1996 - October 1997

TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$7,446.58
Goal	<u>7,000.00</u>
Over Goal Receipts	\$ 446.58

Disbursements: Debbie Griffin (30%)	\$2,233.94 + \$500.00
Dale Bishop (30%)	2,233.94
Paul Creech (20%)	1,489.35
Nathan Snow (20%)	<u>1,489.35 + \$ 50.00</u>
	\$7,446.58 + \$550.00

Debbie Griffin State Conv. Honorarium	\$2,733.94
Nathan Snow State Conv. Honorarium	1,539.35
1997 State Project Actual with Honorariums:	\$7,996.59
1996 State Project total:	\$5,903.17

FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE
DOT HARVEY STUDENT LOAN FUND

Annual Report

October 1, 1996 - September 30, 1997

Loans awarded 1996-97 school year

2 loans \$1550.00

Loans awarded August and September of 1997-98 school year

2 loans 1500.00

Total Loans Awarded 3050.00

Total gifts received11 gifts 500.00

Payments collected. 30 payments2,189.79

Former students in repayment. 6

Student borrowers currently enrolled at FWBBC1

LOAN FUND SUMMARY
September 30, 1997

Funds Available	\$13,325.03
Amount Borrowed	19,465.90
 TOTAL FUND WORTH	 \$32,790.93

**AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT
TO THE
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

We, the Auditing Committee, met January 18, 1997 at the State Office in Moultrie. We examined the financial statements for the year ending December 31, 1996.

We found all State Office records to be in order and properly documented. This included bank statements, reconciliation, and receipts. In our opinion the record keeping is adequate and well organized. However, there is an exception with camp and retreat records. The individual/individuals charged with maintaining monies or receipts **MUST** do so in order for proper records to be kept. **ALL** forms need to be filled out properly, **INCLUDING** any details regarding the disbursement s and receipts of money.

Signed Virginia Grant
Virginia Grant, Chairman

Signed Troy Sullivan
Troy Sullivan

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, the Free Will Baptist 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 know as the *Georgia State Association of 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 *ex officio* member for a period of two years following his term of office.

SECTION 3. This association shall be composed of ordained Ministers, ordained 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 will give a minimum of fifteen dollar (\$15) per delegate authorized, and each local church will 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 standing board. Terms of office on these boards shall be on a rotating basis which will necessitate the election by the State Association of five (5) 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.

A. The Board of Missions shall employ missionaries as needed to establish Free Will Baptist mission/churches in the State of Georgia. These missionaries may be employed exclusively or jointly with other Free Will Baptist mission agencies.

B. A mission/church sponsored by the Georgia State Association and its missionary are under the authority of the State Association and the supervision of the Georgia State Board of Missions.

C. A mission/church does not have autonomous church status. As long as the mission/church is unable to provide for its own financial needs, enlist its own members and officers, maintain its own worship and outreach ministries and conduct its own business, it is in a dependent relationship to the State Association and its Board of Missions.

D. When the mission/church is self-sustaining, self-governing, self-discipling and self-propagating it should be organized into an autonomous Free Will Baptist church following the procedures adopted by the Georgia State Association.

E. After proper procedures are satisfied and the church is duly organized into an autonomous Free Will Baptist church it shall have all the normal rights, privileges and responsibilities of any other Free Will Baptist Church.

SECTION 3. There shall be a **Board of Camping** whose duties shall be to schedule and arrange all camp sessions, and to appoint the Camp Director each year.

SECTION 4. There shall be a **Board of Christian Education** whose duties shall be:

A. To provide educational services for the members of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

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 organize, sponsor and promote educational and

inspirational retreats for our members.

D. To organize, sponsor and promote Sunday School and Church Training Service seminars.

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

SECTION 5. There shall be a **Board of Trustees** whose duties shall be: the maintenance, upkeep and insuring of all State Association properties; the planning and supervision of all future developments and expansion of these properties as directed by this State Association except as otherwise provided in this Constitution.

SECTION 6. There shall be a **Credentials Committee** which shall consist of three (3) members of three year terms, and the term of one expiring each year thereafter according to seniority of service, who shall be in charge of the registration and examination of delegates and the receiving of all dues.

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. There shall be a **Georgia State Master's Men**. They shall select their own officers and conduct their own business.

SECTION 9. There shall be a **Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Convention (GWAC)**. They shall elect their officers, conduct their business and maintain their treasury.

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 at its next regular session, for an indefinite period, with an agreement of a sixty (60) day notice of termination by either the Executive Secretary or the Executive Board.

SECTION 2. Standing boards of the State Association have no power or final authority to hire, full-time employees until the matter has been presented to and acted on by the State Association in session except where otherwise provided.

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, businesslike 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 is absent, the boards have the right to deal with the delinquent member in the manner stated in this section.

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.

SECTION 7. An auditing Committee of three (3) members will be elected annually.

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. All real property, checking and savings accounts or any other assets of this Association shall be in the name of the *Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*

B. One or more of the corporate officers of the Association shall

be the legal signers for all Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists' business. These officers are: the Moderator as the corporate President; the Clerk as the corporate Vice-President; the Executive Secretary/Treasurer as the corporate Secretary/Treasurer.

C. The State Office shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the corporate seal and all official documents of this Association.

D. No State Board may borrow money or financially obligate the State Association without the approval of the State Executive Board.

E. The fixed assets (building, land) of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists shall not be liquidated except by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the delegates present and voting at any regular session of the Association.

F. The records of all financial transactions shall be open to all members of the Georgia State Association. The financial transactions of the State Office and State boards shall be audited annually.

G. Annual financial reports of the State Office and State boards and the auditor's report shall be made to the State Association in session and be entered in the Annual State Minutes.

H. The State Treasurer shall be bonded in an amount stipulated by the State Executive Board.

I. This Association shall meet for its regular session annually on Thursday following the second Sunday in November and shall adjourn on the Saturday immediately following.

SECTION 2

A. When the State Association is not in session, the State Executive Board shall be fully authorized to do business in the name of the State Association.

B. The State Association has full authority to direct the State Executive Board in all business conducted on its behalf.

C. The State Executive Board shall report to the State Association in session concerning the business conducted for the State Association since its last convening.

D. The State Executive Board has the prerogative of deferring any matter to the State Association as a whole but is not under obligation to do so.

E. The State Executive Board shall meet quarterly on Friday or Saturday before the second Sunday of the following months: February, May, and August. The November meeting shall be held just prior to the regular meeting of the State Association.

SECTION 3.

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 4

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 the Executive 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 Cooperative 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 to this State 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.*

F. *General Promotion.* He is to represent, or cause to be represented, the association at all affairs of interest to the association and he is to promote the work of the association in such a manner so as to unify the efforts of the association as well as promote both the state and national works, missionaries, mission conferences, etc. Through personal communication he shall keep close contact with pastors, churches, and district associations.

G. *Administration.* He shall administer the affairs of the executive office and carry out the responsibilities delegated to him by the State Association and the Executive Board. He is to serve with all standing boards and committees of the association in an ex-officio capacity. He is to report to the association during each annual session.

H. *Stewardship*. He shall serve as treasurer of this association. An accurate and complete record of all funds received and disbursed shall be kept and a written report shall be included in his report to this association in its annual session. He shall receive, hold, and disburse money as is made available by the State Association to the various boards. Disbursements to the various boards will be made available when requested.

I. *Publications*. It shall be his duty to edit and publish the state paper. He shall direct the production of general promotional materials, pamphlets, audio visuals, and books as approved by the Executive Board.

J. *Arranging State Association*. He shall expedite the planning of the State Association program, enroll all ministers and delegates, print and distribute minutes, and investigate future sites for the annual sessions.

SECTION 5

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 state duties, also recommend a mileage rate for travel by the members of all standing boards of said association.

SECTION 6

Necessary committees shall be appointed by the Moderator unless otherwise provided for by the body.

SECTION 7

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.