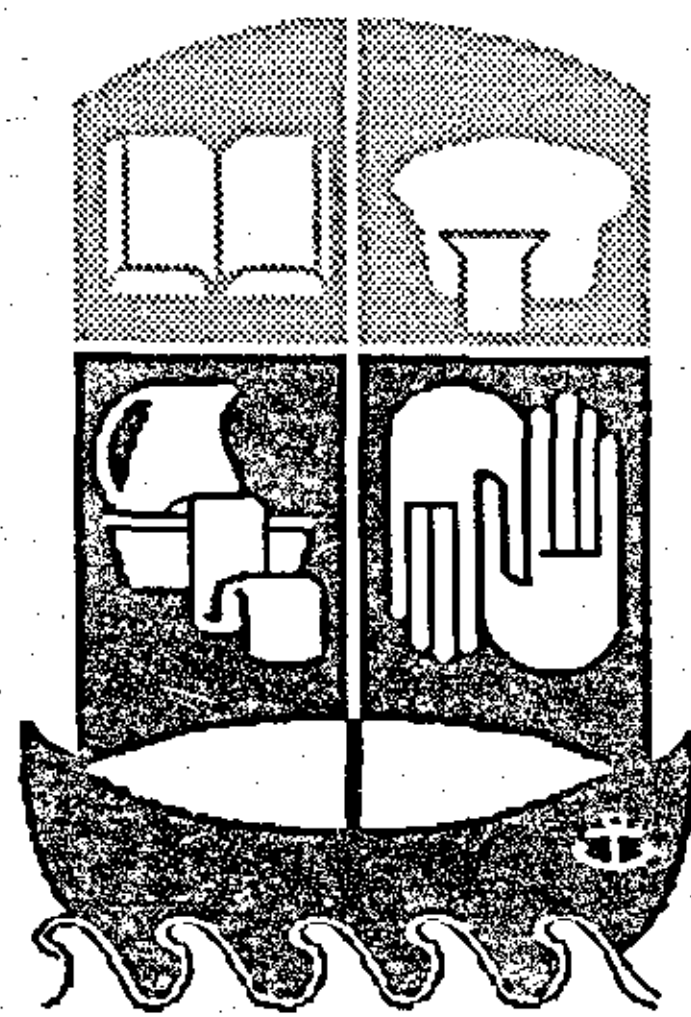


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November 18-20, 1999

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PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL MEETING:

The Sixty Third Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Metter Free Will Baptist Church in Metter, Georgia, on November 18-20, 1999. The theme of the meeting was "Doing Business For God". Scripture was Matthew 13:44-48. Music was coordinated by Rev. Danny Thomas and provided by several different individuals, groups, and song leaders. Rev. Mike Crews served as pianist, and Mrs. Lucy Hyman served as organist.

THURSDAY EVENING WORSHIP SESSION

Prelude to the service was provided by the Savannah Quartet. Rev. Irvin Murphy welcomed everyone to Metter "where everything is better." Song leader, Rev. Eddie Vincent, opened the session and led the congregation in singing "I Am Resolved". Rev. Vincent then led the congregation in the pledges to the American Flag, Christian Flag, and to the Bible.

The 63rd Annual Session of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists was officially called into session by the State Clerk, Rev. Terry Pierce. He introduced the Moderator, Rev. Paul Smith, who extended a welcome to everyone.

Moderator 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: Chairman Matt Pinson, Bill McCarty, Eddie Vincent, Henry Shellman, and Irvin Murphy. The congregation then sang "Heaven Came Down", followed by "O I Want To See Him". Rev. Murphy then introduced the Savannah Quartet who then sang "Beulah Land", and "Until Then".

Rev. Murphy asked for Rev. Ralph Lightsey to lead the congregation in prayer. Rev. Murphy then presented the keynote speaker, Rev. Burt Hall, pastor of the White Rock Free Will Baptist Church in Phenix City, Alabama. Rev. Hall challenged our hearts on the subject of "The Courage We Must Have" from the passage of Amos 2:11,12. An invitation hymn "Just As I Am" was then sung. A moving invitation followed with several decisions including a young man who was saved.

Moderator Smith shared some announcements. The service was then dismissed in prayer by Rev. Glenn Thomas.

FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing "The Old Account Was Settled". Rev. John Amburgey opened the session with prayer. Rev. Thomas led the congregation in singing "God Is So Good" followed by an introduction of the speaker of the hour. The morning devotional was brought by Rev. Dale Bishop, Free Will Baptist foreign missionary to the country of Japan. He brought a stirring message from Philippians 3 on the subject of "The Confidence We Must Have".

Moderator Smith called for a partial report of the Credentials Committee. Rev. S.E. Newberry reported a voting delegation of 100, with a total registration of 169.

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

Rev. Matt Pinson read the Committee on Committees report with the following nominations:

Nominating Committee:

Glenn Thomas, Chairman
Charles Clark
Mitch Griffin
Willie Martin
Herbert Waid

Resolutions Committee 2000:

Bill Robinson, Chairman
Gerald Brown
Mike Crews
Billy McKinney
Rick Wilson

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 1999 calendar year overall budget of \$500,000 is proposed. A Georgia State Cooperative Budget of \$200,000 is included in the overall budget. You will find the budget included with this report for your approval. Motion, seconded and carried.

Item 2: The State Association will meet at the First Albany Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, March 16-18, 2000. The State Association will meet at the Trinity Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Hampton, March 15-17, 2001. Motion, seconded and carried.

Item 3: We recommend to invite the National Free Will Baptist Convention back to Georgia in 2011. Motion, seconded and carried.

Item 4: We as an Executive Board whole heartily support the Lunsfords in their missionary endeavors with the English Language Institute. We encourage our churches to open their doors to the Lunsfords as they raise their financial support. Motion, seconded and carried.

Item 5: That we reaffirm the original intent of the Acts 1:8 policy. Acts 1:8 disbursements will be qualified to those who are employed by the National Home and Foreign Missions Departments. Motion, seconded and carried.

Executive Secretary/ Treasurer William Smith gave the Executive Office report. He reported on a great year and thanked the people for letting him serve in this position. Motion, seconded and carried to receive this report.

Mrs. Gail Smith gave the Georgia Women Active for Christ report. Motion, seconded and carried to receive this report. Rev. Willie Martin gave the Christian Education Board report. He also asked for Mrs. Geraldine Waid to speak concerning the subject of the Historical Society. Motion, seconded and carried to accept this report. Rev. Jack Taylor reported from the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Tennessee. Rev. Tom Dooly reported for the National Master's Men Department. Motion, seconded and carried to receive these reports.

Meeting was adjourned for worship.

Rev. Danny Thomas led the congregation in singing "Jesus Saves". Rev. William Smith asked for Rev. Glenn Thomas to lead in prayer. Rev. Smith introduced the speaker of the hour. Rev. Eddie Vincent and Rev. Mike Crews ministered in music. Rev. Bobby Taylor, pastor of Deep Creek Free Will Baptist Church in Midville, gave a wonderful message on the subject of "The Cost We Must Shoulder" from the text of Luke 14:25. Rev. Danny Thomas led the congregation in an invitation hymn. Rev. Billy Bevan dismissed the session with prayer.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

Rev. Dale Bishop led the congregation in singing "Wonderful Grace of Jesus". Rev. Rudy Woods led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Rod Goodman gave the Board of Camping report. He shared what God is doing in the lives of young people around the State and that we had over 700 campers in camps this past year. The Board of Camping recommended that based upon a detailed analysis of purchasing and maintaining our own camp facility, we the Camp Board recommend that we continue the present course of renting camp facilities around the state to serve our young people. We recognize the inconveniences and that renting is not a perfect solution. To be good stewards of God's resources we must seek His will in doing what in our opinion is best for the Georgia State Association. We feel that this course will provide our children with a great camping ministry at a considerable less cost both over-all and annually. We estimate that this would cost approximately \$80,300.00 every year just to maintain an owned facility in good condition. We also recommend that we take the Camp fire fund monies and place them in a savings account fund and let the yearly interest to help with the annual cost of camping in Georgia. We will keep the principle amount invested indefinitely.

Rev. Gene Cross gave a minority report concerning camping. A substitute motion was made by Rev. Cross that we purchase the property immediately in Green County and form a committee to see this accomplished. The substitute motion failed by a vote of 64 against and 21 for. A motion of call to question passed concerning the discussion of the acceptance of the Camp Board report and recommendation. The vote to accept the Camp Board report and recommendation was 60 in favor and 12 against.

Rev. Wayne Miracle gave the Trustee Board report. He reported on the plans for the future State Office. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive this report. Rev. David Crowe gave the National Home Missions Department report. Rev. Bill Evans reported on the Board of Retirement and he also reported on the Free Will Baptist Foundation. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept both of these reports.

Malcom Freeman gave the Board of Missions report. He reported on the progress in the missions work in Atlanta and Kingsland. Report was received and adopted.

Mrs. Marjoire Workman reported on the Women Nationally Active for Christ. Rev. Roy Harris gave the Free Will Baptist Bible College report. Rev. James Forlines gave the National Foreign Missions Department report. Rev. Billy Brown gave the Randall House Publications report. Motion, seconded and carried to receive these reports.

Rev. S. E. Newberry then gave the report of the Credentials Committee. He reported that there are 110 voting delegates and 196 total registered. Motion was seconded and approved to receive this report. A motion, seconded, and carried to lay on the table a constitutional change.

Nominating Committee Chairman Rev. Glenn Thomas gave a partial report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive these nominations. Motion, seconded, and carried to adjourn.

FRIDAY EVENING WORSHIP SESSION

Prelude to the service was offered by *New Mercy* of Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Arthur Smith welcomed everyone to the service. Rev. Willie Martin led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Freddie Lockwood led the congregation in singing "Higher Ground". The congregation then sang "He Touched Me" followed by "O How I Love Jesus". Rev. Benny Lariscy led the congregation in prayer for the blessing on the missions' offering. Offering total was \$697.00. Rev. Lockwood introduced special singing by *New Mercy* who sang "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "The Name Of Jesus". Rev. Smith introduced the speaker of the hour. Rev. Gene Gilbert, pastor of Travelers Rest Free Will Baptist Church in Newton, who brought a stirring message on the subject of "Contacts We Must Make" from the text of Acts 3:1-9. Rev. William Smith shared some announcements. Rev. John Amburgy dismissed the service in prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Rev. Mark Walker opened the final service by leading the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away". Rev. Eddie Vincent led in prayer. The congregation then sang "Great Is Thy Faithfulness". Rev. Henry Shellman, pastor of the Trinity Free Will Baptist in Mauk, spoke on the subject of "The Convictions We Must Have" from the passage of Romans 12.

Moderator Paul Smith thanked the Program Committee, the speakers, and the Metter Church. Rev. Melvin Worthington gave the National Executive Office report. Rev. Steve Faison gave the Media Commission of Free Will Baptists report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive both of these reports.

Motion, seconded, and carried to remove the constitutional changes from the table. Motion, seconded and carried to take these items one at a time. All three items failed in the votes.

Rev. James Wilhide gave the South Carolina Children's Home report. Rev. Steve Faison gave the Media Commission report. Rev. Matt Pinson gave the National Commission of Theological Integrity report. \$1,100.00 in pledges for the funding of a theological journal was given following Rev. Pinson's report. Motion, seconded, and carried to receive all of these reports.

The Resolutions Committee report was read by Rev. Tim Hutchinson. Two resolutions were submitted and adopted. (See Resolutions)

Motion, seconded, and carried to give a plaque to Mr. Bill Lofton and the body was led in a special time of prayer by Rev. Danny Thomas.

Rev. S. E. Newberry gave the Credentials Committee final report. He stated that we had a voting delegation of 110 with a total of 203 registered. Motion, seconded, and carried to give a rising vote of thanks to the Credentials Committee and to receive this report.

Motion, seconded, and carried to give \$1,000 out of the contingency fund and give it to the Lunsford missionary effort. Motion, seconded, and carried to elect delegates to the National Association at the State Meeting in March 2000.

Rev. Glenn Thomas read the Nominating Committee report. Motion, seconded and carried to elect all of the nominations of the various boards.

Motion, seconded, and carried to elect the following as the general officers of the State Association. Rev. Terry Hennecke as Assistant Clerk, Rev. Terry Pierce as Clerk, Rev. Russell Horne as Assistant Moderator, and Rev. Paul Smith as Moderator.

A motion, seconded, and carried that we adjourn. Announcements were made and Rev. Russell Horne was asked to close the business session in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Pierce, Clerk

Resolutions

1. Whereas, Bill Lofton has served his Church, his local association and the state association faithfully for many years, and

Whereas, Bill has served the State Christian Education Board since its inception, and

Whereas, Bill has faithfully served and directed the State Youth Conference for several years,

Therefore; be it resolved that we give a rising vote of gratitude for his years of service and that the clerk be instructed to send him a letter of appreciation for his years of service.

2. Whereas, we realize the tremendous amount of planning and work that goes into hosting the Georgia State Meeting and whereas, Brother Johnny Baesley and the wonderful congregation of Metter First Free Will Baptist Church have done a marvelous job,

Be it Resolved that we give them a rising vote of thanks and applause.

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

November 1998 - November 1999

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 63rd Annual Session.

1999 STATE PROGRAM

The program theme for the 1998 session of our State Association is *"Doing Business for God."* Matthew 13:44-48

GEORGIA STATE BUDGET PROPOSED

A 2000 calendar year overall budget of \$500,000 is proposed. A Georgia State Cooperative Budget of \$200,000 is included in the overall budget. You will find the budget included with this report for your approval on page 5.

NATIONAL CONVENTION REPORT

We wish to thank all those who helped provide a warm welcome to our National Free Will Baptist Convention in Atlanta. So many volunteers helped make the convention the blessing it was.

GEORGIA MISSIONARY STATUS

To no longer support the Creechs from the Acts 1:8 plan for 1999 or until their missionary status changes from the National Association.

STATE OFFICE PERSONNEL EVALUATION

Granted an increase in the salary for the Executive Secretary of 5%. The office secretary was granted an increase of \$1.00 per hour.

STATE MEETING SITE

The State Association will meet in at the First Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, Friday, March, 17th and 18th 2000 from 10:00 AM Friday to Noon on Saturday.

The State Association will meet at the Trinity Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Hampton, March 15-17, 2001.

STATE OFFICE EQUIPMENT

A printer, typewriter, office furniture, and computer was purchased for the State Office.

STATE MEETING COMMITTEE FORMED

Following the mandate of the State Association the Executive Board appointed a committee to research the possibility of combining the State Meeting with the State Youth Conference. Willie Martin, Chairman; William Smith, and Terry Pierce.

NATIONAL CONVENTION INVITATION

We recommend to invite the National Free Will Baptist Convention back to Georgia in 2011.

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS

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

November 14, 1998	First Church, Albany (held following State Meeting)
February 5, 1999,	Double Branch, Hawkinsville
May 7, 1999,	Trinity Fellowship Church, Fayetteville
June 29, 1999,	FFA Camp, Covington
November 17, 1999,	First Church, Metter

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Pierce, Clerk

2000 Cooperative Budget

	<i>Percentages</i>	<i>Dollar Amount</i>
State Office		\$68,000.00
Promotional		\$21,000.00
Executive Board	5.4%	\$6,000.00
Camp Board	17.1%	\$19,000.00
Christian Education Board	13.5%	\$15,000.00
Mission Board	42.2%	\$46,850.00
Trustee Board	6.8%	\$7,500.00
Ministers Retirement	5.0%	\$5,550.00
National Cooperative	10.0%	\$11,100.00
Totals	100%	\$200,000.00

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 1998 - November 1999

This has been a busy year for Georgia Free Will Baptists. Hosting the 1999 National Association was a tremendous task. The people of Georgia united together and done a wonderful job in hosting the Convention. From September of 1998 until July of 1999 many long hours of preparation went into making the National Association a great success. I want to thank all the Steering Committee members for their many hours of volunteer labor. Thank you to all the volunteers who worked during the week of the Convention. The Women of Georgia Active for Christ are to be commended for the wonderful banquet and all the gifts given to those who attended the banquet. And most of all, a special thank you to everyone who prayed for the meeting.

The financial reports in this digest are for the 1998 calendar year. The State Office received a total of \$876,928.51. Of this amount \$183,731.19 was *Cooperative receipts*, \$27,195.85 was *Georgia Acts 1:8 receipts*, and \$666,001.47 was *designated receipts*. Thank you to each church and each individual who gave to make 1998 a record year for Georgia Free Will Baptists. I am glad to report that 1999 giving for the *Cooperative Budget* and the *Georgia Acts 1:8 Budget* will surpass the figures you have in this report.

There are some changes in the purposed 2000 budget. The budget for the Christian Education Board has been increased by 50%. This is necessary because of the increase in enrollment of Georgia students at Free Will Baptist Bible College. We send \$35.00 each month to nineteen students. The *Cooperative Budget* has been raised by \$10,000.00 for the second straight year. This is made possible because of your faithfulness to give. We now have 95 churches who participate in the *Cooperative Plan*.

Last year was the first year for the *Georgia Acts 1:8 plan*. It took a few months to get the program off the ground, but by the end of the year support was increasing each month. We have already seen over a 350% increase in giving for 1999. We now have over 40 churches who participate in this program. It is important that we continue to see this program of support grow. Through the *Georgia Acts 1:8 Plan* we can be better stewards of our mission money.

God has blessed our state work in 1999. We have seen record attendance at the State Teen Camp, and many of the local Junior Camps. The Christian Education board set new records for the Couples Retreat (88), Ministers Retreat (46), and the Senior Citizens Retreat (50). The State Youth Conference was a success. Because of the hurricane we had to cancel the Minister Wives Retreat. Thank you for all the information that is sent in for the *Promotional Bulletin*.

The mission work in south Atlanta is in the process of building their new building. The completion of the new building is scheduled for April of 2000. Brother Billy Bevan has moved to Kingsland to serve as our missionary at the Camden work.

I am glad to report that our four National Foreign Missionaries and our National Home Missionary accounts are all in the black. Thank you for your faithfulness to support our missionaries from Georgia. This was made possible because of the continuing growth of the *Georgia Acts 1:8 Plan*. It is good to have Dale and Sandra Bishop with us this year for our State Meeting. Please continue to pray for Paul and Rhoda Creech as they seek the Lords Will on when they should to return to the mission field.

Free Will Baptist Bible College is in the process of raising funds to relocate the campus. I encourage you to give to this cause, and please don't forget to continue to give to their regular operating budget. Praise the Lord for the large increase of Georgia students this year. There are reports that we may have even more students for the Spring 2000 semester.

Thank you for the hospitality you have shown during my travels these past two years. I have made many new friends and I think Georgia Free Will Baptists are the greatest. This past year we have laughed together, cried together, rejoiced together, prayed together, and ate together (a little too much). For this I give God all the praise and glory. God has been good to Georgia Free Will Baptists.

Serving you in this office is a great joy. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, support, and hospitality. Please continue to pray for me and my family. I am here to serve you. Please feel free to call, if I can be of any service to you.

Sincerely,

William Smith

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

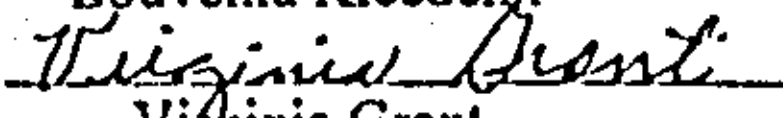
We, the Auditing Committee, met on October 16, 1999 at the State Office in Colquitt. We examined the financial statements for the years ending December 31, 1998.

We found all State Office records to be in order and properly documented. This included review over bank statements, reconciliation statements and receipts. In our opinion the record keeping is adequate and organized. Brothers William Smith and Gene Gilbert function well as a team and this is evident in all the reports and data they process daily in their administration of the State Office. They are truly assets to the Georgia State Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed 
Troy V. Sullivan, Chairman

Signed 
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Signed 
Virginia Grant

Receipts and Disbursements
1/1/98 Through 12/31/98

Receipts

Chattahoochee

District Association	295.00
Little Bethel	2,800.00
Mt Olive	2,113.46
Thomaston	2,572.32
Trinity	3,400.00
Turners Chapel	3,860.63
Total Chattahoochee	\$15,041.41

Georgia Union

Bay Springs	1,980.00
Bay Springs Y Adult SS	360.00
Christian Hill	1,254.93
Cross Roads	2,056.85
District Association	500.00
Double Branch	26,057.92
Dublin First	1,290.73
Eastman First	1,392.79
Little Bethel	3,110.00
Mission Board	6,464.00
Mt Ararat	1,958.00
New Hope	1,633.00
Perry	800.00
Pine Level	3,026.00
Pleasant Hill	5,323.86
Warner Robins	2,491.53
White Oaks	17,708.59
Wilson Chapel	2,119.40
Total Georgia Union	\$79,527.60

Little River

Cool Springs	11,901.00
Corinth	2,024.08
District Association	5,667.82
Friendship	845.06
Hahira First	906.28
Homerville	5,296.00
Pine Level	1,690.00
Sunnyside	960.00
Tifton 1st	1,231.22
Zion Hill	7,670.00
Total Little River	\$38,191.46

Martin

Colquitt	5,534.14
Corinth	3,515.97
District Association	660.60
Donalsonville First	4,346.50
Hebrew	900.00
Highway	852.21
Mothers Home	2,888.77
Mt Gilead	3,785.00
Mt. Glory	2,760.00
New Home DC	1,477.90
New Home MC	5,510.77
New Salem	13,154.47
Thompson	7,367.73
Total Martin	\$52,754.06

Midway

Albany First	9,589.00
Bainbridge First	300.00
Bellview	19,297.21
Berean	3,519.47
Blakely First	4,185.62
Cedar Springs	12,173.30
District Association	3,675.00
Enterprise	1,103.28
Hammock Springs	1,597.00
Macedonia	1,295.00
New Enterprise	230.00
New Light	13,393.64
Patmos	6,908.88
Travelers Rest	2,942.00
White Plains	1,540.00
Total Midway	\$81,749.40

North Georgia

District Association	338.00
Liberty Bible	11,246.50
Shallowford	4,128.70
Trinity Fellowship	1,795.53
Total North Georgia	\$17,508.73

Ogeechee	
Augusta First	926.00
Board of Missions	564.00
Deep Creek	1,440.87
District Association	295.00
Lyons	3,731.07
Marietta	430.00
Peace	2,951.34
Total Ogeechee	\$10,338.28

South Georgia	
Alabaha	999.06
Baxley	3,840.00
Bethel	150.00
Bethel GWAC	100.00
Board of Missions	2,900.45
Brunswick First	2,447.10
Corinth	96.90
Corinth SS Class	128.27
District Association	670.00
Ebenezer	9,879.00
Glennville	5,983.54
Jesup First	21,030.20
Liberty	4,374.62
Memorial	4,086.00
New Hope	5,901.56
Oak Hill	1,105.57
Philadelphia	13,271.00
Pine Level	9,826.60
Piney Grove	2,436.35
Satilla	6,702.00
Savannah First	11,244.98
SG - Youth Board	335.00
SG-WAFC	400.00
Statesboro	4,658.33
Surrency	1,340.00
Swainsboro	670.00
Total South GA	\$114,576.53

Twin Cities	
Calvary	14,870.64
Columbus First	6,770.00
District Association	145.00
Weems Road	3,361.60
<u>White Rock</u>	<u>9,888.42</u>
Total Twin Cities	\$35,035.66

Union	
Bay	1,936.00
Bethlehem	800.00
Cairo	3,351.00
District Association	1,643.28
Fellowship	485.92
Grace	2,185.21
Greenwood	150.00
Midway	11,016.13
New Hope	2,638.00
Poulan	600.00
<u>Spring Hill</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total Union	\$25,805.54

Misc	
Amerivision Com.	348.22
Book Sales	277.00
Canon Rebate	450.00
Christian Supply Store AK	110.00
Church Mutual	95.00
Dr. Irvin Hyman	25.00
Fallin & McIntosh	40,000.00
GA GWAC	631.00
Home Missions	883.81
Johnnie Canady	20.00
Kent Hamilton	50.00
Lifeline	1,146.12
Lovejoy Project	344,500.00
Ministers Retreat	380.00
Ministers Wives Retreat	280.00
Mr. Mark Young	17.00
Mrs. Jean Kirkland	12.00
NC Bible Book Store	52.25
Northern Lights	300.00
Offering	629.00
Ogeechee Church	1,500.00
Pitney Bowes	9.50
Rev James E Bryant	190.00

Rev Riley Giddens	1,375.00
Rev Rod Goodman	4.00
Rev Steve Faison	5.00
Rev William Smith	17.00
Senior Citizens Retreat	3,920.60
Teen Camp	7,787.50
Teen Retreat	1,645.00
WNAC	88.06
Total Misc	\$406,399.84

Income - Unassigned 0.00
Total Income \$876,928.51

Disbursements

Foreign Missions \$105,848.80

FWB Bible College
 General Fund 21,060.36
 New Campus Fund 1,000.00
Paul Ketteman Fund 1,768.25
Total FWB Bible College \$23,828.61

Home Missions \$60,659.94

National Ministries
 Cooperative Receipts 5,878.08
 Executive Office 305.90
 Master's Men 203.70
 Misc- AL Childrens Home 19,851.45
 Misc- SC Childrens Home 825.00
 Misc- TN Childrens Home 1,125.00
Rest of the Family 678.00
Total National Ministries \$28,867.13

State Camp
 Camp 8,275.76
Winter Teen Retreat 2,775.00
Total State Camp \$11,050.76

State Ministries
 Acts 1-8 27,195.85
 Christian Education Board 5,125.60
 Contingency Fund 450.00
 GA Cooperative 183,731.19
 Min Retreat 380.00
 Promotional Materials 4,430.99
 Shoulder to Shoulder 9,372.62
 State Office 739.50
 State Office Land / Bldg 40,180.00
Trustee Board 95.00
Total State Min. \$271,700.75

State Mission Board
 GA Missions Day 2,105.49
 General Fund 3,776.14
 LMCBF Account 5,825.34
S Atlanta Project 343,905.60
Total State Missions \$355,612.57

Miscellaneous Ministries
 GA Union Min. Retirement 600.47
 GA Union Mission Board 3,208.00
 GA Union Perry Mission 3,760.00
 Little River Camp Board 19.86
 Martin Ministers Ret. 486.08
 Miscellaneous 317.33
 Ogeechee Missions 515.25
 Ogeechee Williams Act 1,200.00
 South GA Kingsland 5,152.50
 South GA Minors Account 3,245.46
South GA Mission Board 855.00
Total Misc. Ministries \$19,359.95

Total Expenses \$876,928.51

Income less Expenses 0.00

Georgia Cooperative Distribution

State Office	71,767.66
Promotional Materials	12,915.26
Executive Board	4,358.11
Camping Board	4,853.37
Christian Education	7,230.53
Mission Board	62,895.65
Trustee Board	4,853.37
Ministers Retirement	4952.43
National Cooperative	9904.81
Total	183,731.19

Georgia Acts 1:8 Distribution

Dale & Sandra Bishop	4,802.52
Paul & Rhoda Creech	2,334.16
Debbie Griffin	7,091.84
Nathan & Linda Snow	7,967.02
Ron & Janice Wallace	3,284.14
Foreign Mission General Fund	1,373.00
Home Missions General Fund	343.17
Total	27,195.85

Cooperative & Designated Receipts Comparison- December 1998

Receipts		1996	1997	1998
Cooperative		\$176,392.80	\$182,728.52	\$183,731.19
Designated		\$259,890.22	\$318,449.98	\$693,197.32
Totals		\$436,283.02	\$501,178.50	\$876,928.51

Budget Analysis through December 31, 1998

Account	Designated Generated	Cooperative Received	Total Dec 1998	1998 Budget Goal
State Office	739.50	71,767.66	72,507.16	55,000.00
Promotional Materials	4,430.99	12,915.26	17,346.25	17,000.00
Ministers Retirement	0.00	4,952.43	4,952.43	5,150.00
Executive Board	0.00	4,358.11	4,358.11	4,500.00
Camp	11,050.76	4,853.37	15,904.13	5,000.00
Christian Education	5,505.60	7,230.53	12,736.13	7,500.00
Board of Missions	355,612.57	62,895.65	418,508.22	65,550.00
Board of Trustees	95.00	4,853.37	4,948.37	5,000.00
<u>National Cooperative</u>	<u>5,878.08</u>	<u>9,904.81</u>	<u>15,782.89</u>	<u>10,300.00</u>
Totals	\$382,932.50	\$183,731.19	\$567,043.69	\$175,000.00

Non-Budget Designated Income:

National Ministries	Designated	
Cooperative Receipts	5,878.08	
Executive Office	305.90	
Master's Men	203.70	
Rest of the Family	678.00	
Foreign Missions	105,848.80	
Home Missions	60,659.94	
FWB Bible College	23,828.61	
Misc – AL Children's Home	19,851.45	
Misc – SC Children's Home	825.00	
Misc – TN Children's Home	1,125.00	
Totals	\$219,204.48	\$219,204.48
State Ministries	(less national coop)	561,165.61
Acts 1:8 Support		27,195.85
Shoulder to Shoulder		9,372.62
State Office Land / Building		40,180.00
Miscellaneous Ministries		19,359.95
Contingency Fund	Interest Earned	450.00
Total		\$876,928.51

1998 Total Giving Through the National Together Way

Executive Office	\$	11,251.42
Foreign Missions	\$	227,235.95
Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$	57,315.36
Home Missions	\$	130,921.37
Retirement & Insurance	\$	1,745.96
Master's Men	\$	2,451.60
Women Nationally Active for Christ	\$	7,756.14
FWB Foundation	\$	802.66
Historical Commission	\$	66.90
Media Commission	\$	66.90
Music Commission	\$	66.90
Commission for Theological Integrity	\$	89.69
Total	\$	439,770.85

State Office Account
1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97		0.00
INFLOWS		
Receipts:		
Coop	\$	71,767.66
Designated	\$	739.50
TOTAL Receipts	\$	72,507.16
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	72,507.16
OUTFLOWS		
American Strategy Forum	\$	99.00
Bank Charge	\$	57.14
Bank Error	\$	(2.48)
Bookkeeper:		
Salary:		
Fed Tax	\$	128.00
GA Tax	\$	134.62
Net Salary	\$	5,062.54
Social Security	\$	806.16
Salary-Other	\$	434.15
TOTAL Salary	\$	6,565.47
SRA	\$	1,856.05
TOTAL Bookkeeper	\$	8,421.52
Corporation:		
Fee	\$	15.00
TOTAL Corporation	\$	15.00
ExSec:		
Housing Allowance	\$	9,604.40
Insurance:		
Car	\$	584.00
Health	\$	5,002.74
TOTAL Insurance	\$	5,586.74
Mileage	\$	8,986.68
NAFWB Convention:		
Hotel	\$	699.59
Meals	\$	30.81
Travel	\$	466.00
TOTAL NAFWB Convention	\$	1,196.40
Salary:		
Fed Tax	\$	1,907.50
GA Tax	\$	1,000.70
Net Salary	\$	21,633.63
Social Security	\$	5,202.00
TOTAL Salary	\$	29,743.83
SRA	\$	1,300.00
TOTAL ExSec	\$	56,418.05
Insurance:		

Workers' Comp	\$	495.00
TOTAL Insurance	\$	495.00
Mission Conference:		
98 Foreign Mission Support	\$	95.76
TOTAL Mission Conference	\$	95.76
Office:		
Equipment	\$	729.81
Supplies	\$	843.33
TOTAL Office	\$	1,573.14
Tax:		
Other	\$	0.17
TOTAL Tax	\$	0.17
Utilities:		
Gas & Electric	\$	3,174.71
Telephone	\$	2,127.65
TOTAL Utilities	\$	5,302.36
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	72,474.66
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	32.50

Promotional Materials Account
1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97		0.00
INFLOWS		
Receipts:		
Coop	\$	12,915.26
Designated:		
Promotional	\$	3,384.00
Designated-Other	\$	737.74
TOTAL Designated	\$	4,121.74
TOTAL Receipts	\$	17,037.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	17,037.00
OUTFLOWS		
Books:		
Dodd:		
Marching	\$	120.00
TOTAL Dodd	\$	120.00
Pinson:		
AFWB Handbook	\$	130.00
TOTAL Pinson	\$	130.00
TOTAL Books	\$	250.00
Misc	\$	29.48
Office:		
Supplies	\$	1,303.28
TOTAL Office	\$	1,303.28
Postage	\$	5,104.00
Postage Meter	\$	858.68

Promotional Bulletin:		
Honorarium	\$	600.00
Postage	\$	73.63
Printing	\$	3,779.57
Promotional Bulletin-Other	\$	1,386.62
TOTAL Promotional Bulletin	\$	5,839.82
State Meeting	\$	500.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	13,885.26
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	3,151.74
Balance as of 12/31/98		\$3,151.74

Contingency Fund
1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97	\$	15,159.33
INFLOWS		
Interest Inc	\$	11,617.88
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	11,617.88
Balance	\$	26,777.21
OUTFLOWS		
Office Equipment	\$	9,296.54
Steering Committee:	\$	313.83
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	9,610.37
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	17,166.84
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	2,007.51

Executive Board Account

1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97	\$	1,174.49
INFLOWS		
Receipts:		
Coop	\$	4,358.11
TOTAL Receipts	\$	4,358.11
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	4,358.11
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	5,532.60
OUTFLOWS		
Acts 1:8		
Posters	\$	532.48
TOTAL Acts 1:8	\$	532.48
BdMeal	\$	26.74
Board:		
Meals	\$	56.56
TOTAL Board	\$	56.56
EXB:		
Honorarium	\$	250.00
TOTAL EXB	\$	250.00
Gifts Given	\$	282.48
Leadership Conference:		
Mileage	\$	105.00
Registration Fee	\$	500.00
Leadership Conference-Other	\$	603.12
TOTAL Leadership Conference	\$	1,208.12
Mileage	\$	1,207.60
Postage	\$	32.00
State Meeting	\$	967.02
Travel:		
Hotel	\$	60.50
Meals	\$	5.30
TOTAL Travel	\$	65.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	4,628.80
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	(270.69)
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	903.80

CHURCHES THAT GAVE THROUGH GEORGIA STATE COOPERATIVE

Church	Association	Amount
Calvary	Twin Cities	11,570.64
Double Branch	Georgia Union	11,207.92
White Rock	Twin Cities	9,888.41
White Oaks	Georgia Union	8,098.59
Albany, First	Midway	7,479.00
Cedar Springs	Midway	7,300.00
New Light	Midway	6,750.82
Columbus, First	Twin Cities	6,565.00
Midway	Union	5,985.13
Jesup, First	South Georgia	5,448.00
Colquitt	Martin	4,952.89
Patmos	Midway	4,248.88
New Salem	Martin	3,997.47
Thompson	Martin	3,517.73
Philadelphia	South Georgia	3,032.00
Pleasant Hill	Georgia Union	2,951.86
Mothers Home	Martin	2,888.77
Bellview	Midway	2,615.97
Corinth	Martin	2,615.97
Liberty	South Georgia	2,607.00
Little Bethel	Chattahoochee	2,590.00
Mt Glory	Martin	2,460.00
Turners Chapel	Chattahoochee	2,360.63
Cairo, First	Union	2,251.00
New Hope	Union	2,161.00
Wilson Chapel	Georgia Union	2,119.40
Trinity	Chattahoochee	2,100.00
Mt Gilead	Martin	2,015.00
Zion Hill	Little River	2,000.00
Warner Robins	Georgia Union	1,962.03
Weems Road	Twin Cities	1,894.00
Statesboro	South Georgia	1,853.12
Trinity Fellowship	North Georgia	1,715.53
Memorial	South Georgia	1,686.00
Homerville	Little River	1,565.00
Hammock Springs	Martin	1,550.00
Donalsonville, First	Martin	1,516.50
Bay	Union	1,506.00
Thomaston	Chattahoochee	1,472.59
New Home (Miller County)	Martin	1,458.26
White Plains	Midway	1,440.00
Rev. Riley Giddens	Individual	1,375.00
Cool Springs	Little River	1,320.00
Grace	Union	1,311.13
Macedonia	Midway	1,275.00
Church	Association	

Shallowford	North Georgia	1,215.00
Satilla	South Georgia	1,200.00
Christian Hill	Georgia Union	1,129.46
New Hope	South Georgia	1,001.73
Liberty Bible	North Georgia	1,000.00
Lyons	Ogeechee	1,000.00
Spring Hill	Union	1,000.00
Alabaha	South Georgia	999.06
Berean	Midway	992.13
Hahira, First	Little River	906.28
Mt. Olive	Chattahoochee	819.25
Lifeline	Misc.	797.90
District Association	Little River	796.98
Tifton, First	Little River	775.27
New Home (DC)	Martin	763.95
Cross Roads	Georgia Union	716.85
Blakely, First	Midway	650.00
First, Dublin	Georgia Union	622.97
Mt. Ararat	Georgia Union	618.37
Bay Springs	Georgia Union	600.00
Perry	Georgia Union	600.00
Travelers Rest	Midway	600.00
Ebenezer	South Georgia	600.00
Savananh, First	South Georgia	600.00
Marietta	Ogeechee	400.00
Women Active for Christ	Georgia	400.00
Enterprise	Midway	370.28
Glennville	South Georgia	350.00
Amerivision (<i>Lifeline</i>)	Misc	348.22
Pine Level	Little River	338.00
Pine Level	Georgia Union	300.00
Hebrew	Martin	300.00
Deep Creek	Ogeechee	270.00
Little Bethel	Georgia Union	250.00
Sunnyside	Little River	240.00
Friendship	Little River	225.00
District Association	Union	222.75
District Association	Martin	215.60
Bethlehem	Union	200.00
Baxley	South Georgia	190.00
Corinth Sunday School	South Georgia	76.46
Augusta, First	Ogeechee	63.00
Corinth	South Georgia	58.71
First, Bainbridge	Midway	50.00
Greenwood	Union	50.00
Georgia Cooperative	Total	183,731.19

Georgia Cooperative Support by Association

Association

Chattahoochee	\$ 9,342.47
Georgia Union	\$ 31,177.45
Little River	\$ 8,166.53
Martin	\$ 26,702.14
Midway	\$ 35,450.80
North Georgia	\$ 3,930.53
Ogeechee	\$ 1,733.00
South Georgia	\$ 20,102.08
Twin Cities	\$ 29,918.06
Union	\$ 14,687.01
Misc.	\$ 2,521.12
Total	\$ 183,731.19

1998 Statistical Reports of District Associations

Association	Churches	Members	Baptism	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Ordained Deacons
Chattahoochee	10	877	47	14	0	24
Georgia Union	16	1108	17	22	2	54
Little River	13	966	74	17	2	35
Martin	13	843	17	15	5	35
Midway	15	1362	39	20	1	70
North Georgia	4	239	9	5	1	5
Ogeechee	10	605	10	10	2	29
South Georgia	22	2022	28	21	4	80
Twin Cities	4	660	23	6	1	19
Union	14	747	22	15	1	42
Totals	121	9429	286	145	19	393

Association	Sunday School Enrollment	CTS Enrollment	WGAC Membership	Masters Men Membership	Church Income \$	Value of Church Property \$
Chattahoochee	346	0	39	11	160,051	1,901,000
Georgia Union	416	78	63	0	574,657	2,238,500
Little River	401	23	59	24	393,406	2,449,000
Martin	313	79	79	0	283,262	1,312,000
Midway	974	424	90	6	784,175	2,115,237
North Georgia	55	0	12	0	57,736	1,200,000
Ogeechee	241	60	20	11	155,543	1,850,000
South Georgia	992	150	165	75	1,300,000	7,677,646
Twin Cities	365	55	49	8	351,800	2,267,000
Union	249	86	25	7	166,329	1,273,000
Totals	4352	955	601	142	4,226,959	24,283,383

Board of Camping Report for

November 1998 – November 1999

This year has provided us with some difficult challenges, but in the middle of those challenges, God has provided spiritual victories in the lives of our young people across the state. Teen Camp 1999 was held June 27-July 2 at FFA/FHA Camp in Covington, GA. The theme for this year's camp was *PowerHouse*. The theme was based on Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power." And a *PowerHouse* it was. We had a record number of campers with 112 in attendance, with 28 staff members.

Rev. Joey Wilson did a fantastic job of preaching each day, as well as, Bro. Mark Walker with the music. We saw many young people make decisions for Christ, including salvation, rededication and those answering the call to the ministry. A special thanks to Rev. Terry Pierce for directing a great camp. He put together a great staff and spent many hours of hard work pulling the whole program together, as well as, mobilizing our churches to pray that God would work in this camp.

Plans are already being made for Teen Camp 2000. It will be held at Camp John Hope in Perry, GA from June 25-30. Begin praying for it now.

Bro. Mark Walker, the retreat director, has made plans for the winter retreat. It will be held December 27-28 at Camp John Hope in Perry, GA. Rev. Jeff Goodman will be our evangelist.

This year, we were also able to continue to assist all 10 associations with their Jr. Camps. We gave each association \$250.00 and paid for their campers insurance. With localized Jr. Camps, we have been able to see the total number of camper's increase across the state to record numbers. The total number of those attending camps across the state this year was 719. The breakdown of those numbers is as follows.

1 Chattahoochee, GA Union and Twin Cities:	112 campers 28 counselors
2 Little River	85 campers 25 counselors
3 Martin and Midway	80 campers 25 counselors
4 North Georgia	19 campers 7 counselors
5 Ogeechee	53 campers 10 counselors
6 South Georgia	35 campers 9 counselors
7 Union	77 campers 19 counselors
8 Teen Camp	112 campers 28 counselors

In order to further assist Jr. Camps, the board has decided to increase the amount of assistance from \$250.00 an association, to \$1000.00 an association. The following restrictions apply:

1. Each association is to submit a request, in writing, for the grant by April 15 each year proceeding the camp session. Failure to meet the deadline will result in the forfeiture of the grant.
2. Camping, with a deadline of October 1st of the year of your camp. A form will be furnished by the board to be filled out with two signatures. Failure to meet the deadline will result in the forfeiture of the grant for the following year.

Our hope is that these funds can be used to help each of the local associations camping ministries to grow both in quantity and quality.

This year the board has also finished a lengthy study on the future of camping in the state of Georgia. The results of the study and boards recommendation are included in the digest.

We look forward to serving you in the coming year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rod Goodman
Board Chairman

CAMP BOARD PROPOSAL

We the Camp Board have spent the past five years examining options for the future of camping in the State of Georgia. A great deal of time, prayer, and effort have went into the following observations and recommendation.

We have examined property locations in or around cities including Ashburn, Cordele, Hawkinsville, Dublin, Rochelle, McRae, Metter, Thomaston, Shellman, Reidsville, Junction City, and Moultrie. Several outdated schools and both private and public property have been researched. Each suggested site was either investigated or an onsite examination took place by various board members.

We the Camp Board have taken the lessons learned from our own experiences, other campsites, and our needs for the future and designed a campsite that we feel will modestly meet our need for the future. We understand that any future property sites, or building considerations should be at least guided by the following information. Again, a great deal of time, prayer, and effort has went into the following information:

A. MAJOR CONSIDERATIONS:

1. To build a camp facility that will accommodate both our current and future needs for camping.

2. That we look at a cost analysis for building, operating, and maintaining our own camping facilities.

B. THE LAND:

1. We need at least 25 acres for property.
2. We acquire land that is centrally located as soon as possible.

C. THE FACILITIES:

1. Dining facility that would seat about 250 people.
2. Kitchen facility that would meet All State codes.
3. Multi-Purpose Metal Building
 - A. This building would house the kitchen, dining facility, sleeping quarters for the kitchen staff and an auditorium. (See above for kitchen and dining sizes). The auditorium would need to seat about 250 people. Bathroom facilities to be included.
4. Dormitories that would be able to sleep about 250 people.
 - A. We would like five dorm buildings that consist of room for 50 people in each dorm to sleep in.
 - B. These dorms would need to have at least 5 showers, sinks, and commodes. They would need to have one central bathroom that is, of course, handicap accessible to each building.
5. Classroom- Office Metal Building that students could study in.
 - A. This building would need four rooms that would seat approximately 60 people in each room.
 - B. One other room for a caretaker's office would need to be included. A standard size office with a small copy room. Restrooms would also need to be included in this building.
 - C. This building would also need to have a room that would serve as a small canteen area for refreshments to be sold.
6. An outdoor Recreation area.
 - A. This would include a basketball court slab under option 2. This slab would have a top only covering it.
 - B. Softball field with backstop.
 - C. Two volleyball sand pits.
 - D. Small pond or lake for fishing and canoes, if possible.
7. Swimming Pool with a modesty fence that would accommodate at least 125 people. There would also need to be a small building for a changing area.
8. Utility Garage that would be large enough for a small tractor, bushhog, and small equipment.
9. Of course, a State approved septic system for the entire facility.

Please note the following drawings and designs based upon the preceding information.

The dimensions and a possible cost analysis are as follows on the buildings and furnishings for a campsite.

Total Building square feet is 37,250. At a moderate rate of only \$65.00 per square foot of construction cost the total will be \$2,421,250.00.

Auditorium – 14,800 sq. ft.
Education Bldg. – 7,300 sq. ft.
6 Dorms total – 12,600 sq. ft.
Pool Bldg. – 2,100 sq. ft.
Storage Bldg. – 450 sq. ft.

Purchase of Property:
\$20,000.00 for 25 acres.

Kitchen Zone:

Cafeteria Tables 8 ft. long – (30) at \$1,200.00 (40.00)
Cafeteria Chairs – (250) at \$3,000 (12.00)
Kitchen stoves, coolers, freezers, ice machine, pots, pans, etc. \$12,000
Annual paper plates, trash bags, trash cans, napkins, utensils, mops, buckets, etc. \$800.00.
Food - \$21,000.00 annually.

Dorm Zone:

Metal Bunk Beds and mattresses – (120) at \$36,000.00 (\$300 bed & 2 mattresses)

Auditorium Zone:

Chairs – (250) at \$3,000 (12.00)
Tables – (10) at \$400 (40.00)
Overheads – (2) at \$200.00
TV & VCR - \$350.00
Marker Boards – (3) \$100.00

Sports Zone:

Basketballs, volleyballs, canoes, softball equip., ping pong tables, etc. \$1,500.00
Pool Chemicals & Supplies - \$1,000.00 (annually)

Maintenance Equipment & Supplies Zone:

Tractor and mower (used) - \$8,000.00
Tools, parts, grass equipment, etc. - \$1,500.00 (annually)

Insurance & Utilities Zone:

Insurance - \$12,000.00 (annually)
Utilities - \$20,000.00 (annually)

Part-time Camp Director & Grounds Keeper Zone:

Salary - \$20,000.00 (annually)

Summary of the proceeding cost estimates are for a total of:

Building Cost - \$2,421,250.00
Property Purchase - \$20,000.00
Set Up & Furnishings Cost - \$114,300.00
Cost for Speakers fees, Camp coordinator, teachers, and other miscellaneous items \$4,000.00 (annually)

TOTAL - \$2,551,550.00 FOR NEW CAMP

Based upon a detailed cost analysis of purchasing and maintaining our own camp facility we the Camp Board recommend that we continue the present course of renting camp facilities around the state to serve our young people.

We recognize the inconveniences and that renting is not a perfect solution. To be good stewards of God's resources we must seek His will in doing what in our opinion is best for the Georgia State Association. We feel that this course will provide our children with a great camping ministry at a considerable less cost both over-all and annually. We estimate that is would cost approximately ***\$80,300.00 every year just to maintain an owned facility in good condition.***

We also recommend that we take the Camp fire fund money and place it in a savings account fund and let the yearly interest help with the annual cost of camping in Georgia. We will keep the principle amount invested indefinitely.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Board of Camping

Camping Board Accounts 1998

Camp Board Accounts	Checking	Savings	Total
Balance as of 12/31/97	\$ 38,367.45	\$173,599.18	\$211,966.63
INFLOWS			
Interest Inc	\$ -	\$ 9,857.62	\$ 9,857.62
Receipts:			
Coop	\$ 4,853.37	\$ -	\$ 4,853.37
Designated	\$ 244.90	\$ -	\$ 244.90
Teen Camp	\$ 8,012.50	\$ -	\$ 8,012.50
Teen Retreat	\$ 2,775.00	\$ -	\$ 2,775.00
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 15,885.77	\$ -	\$ 15,885.77
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 15,885.77	\$ 9,857.62	\$ 25,743.39
Balance	\$ 54,253.22	\$183,456.80	\$253,595.79
OUTFLOWS			
BdMeal	\$ 122.47	\$ -	\$ 122.47
Insurance:			
Com Multi- Peril	\$ 1,019.75	\$ -	\$ 1,019.75
Insurance-Other	\$ 743.25	\$ -	\$ 743.25
TOTAL Insurance	\$ 1,763.00	\$ -	\$ 1,763.00
Local Camp Support	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00
Mileage	\$ 718.00	\$ -	\$ 718.00

Postage	\$ 137.92	\$ -	\$ 137.92
Teen Camp:			
Cash	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Facilities	\$ 17,487.00	\$ -	\$ 17,487.00
Gas	\$ 36.50	\$ -	\$ 36.50
Honorarium	\$ 750.00	\$ -	\$ 750.00
Promotional Materials	\$ 169.18	\$ -	\$ 169.18
Refund	\$ 37.50	\$ -	\$ 37.50
Supplies	\$ 624.53	\$ -	\$ 624.53
Tee Shirts	\$ 1,042.19	\$ -	\$ 1,042.19
Teen Camp-Other	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ 100.00
TOTAL Teen Camp	\$ 21,246.90	\$ -	\$ 21,246.90
Teen Retreat:			
Facilities	\$ 4,207.50	\$ -	\$ 4,207.50
Honorarium	\$ 250.00	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Total Teen Retreat	\$ 4,457.50	\$ -	\$ 4,457.50
Uncategorized	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Outflows			
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ 30,945.79	\$ -	\$ 30,945.79
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$ 23,307.43	\$183,456.80	\$222,650.00
OVERALL TOTAL	\$(15,060.02)	\$ 9,857.62	\$ (5,202.40)

Board of Christian Education

November 1998 – November 1999

The Christian Education Board initiates and supervises activities and responsibilities within its designated perimeters of service as mandated by Georgia Free Will Baptists. The board is essentially a collection of ministries perpetuating its services throughout our state. We are completely aware of the fact that your money and your participation are what bring about the success of anything we provide the leadership to do.

Therefore we express our appreciation to each individual and church in Georgia who supports the efforts of the board.

We met in January and August of this year to discuss, organize and implement our business. We have had a profitable year. There seems to be a growing enthusiasm for retreats in our state. It would be safe to say that retreat attendance has at least doubled in the last few years, all things considered. It might be difficult to draw an accurate conclusion as to why we are experiencing such an energetic response. Obviously, then, the praise goes to the Lord *"who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will: (Ephesians 1:11)."*

The first retreat of this calendar year, the Couple's Retreat, was a refreshing source of fellowship and inspiration for those who were able to attend. Dr. Paul Harrison of Nashville, Tennessee was well received and plans for next year's retreat are already being formed.

The Minister's Retreat was also a treat for those who heard Dr. Milton Fields of Free Will Baptist Bible College address communication matters in our churches. And who didn't enjoy the beginning session of the retreat as we fellowshiped around (and I can't say this too loud) those grilled T-bone steaks provided by the Smith brothers. The singing, testimonies and prayer service afterward was revivalistic. I am truly sorry if you missed it.

We apologize to the ministers' wives who anticipated a retreat in September but were providentially cancelled. We have you on the agenda for next year.

The Senior Adult Retreat was possibly a record breaker with at least 50 attending. Leroy and Faye Forlines were there to inform and encourage attendees. The Forlines shared a video experience of Russia and discussed plans for a trip to India. Brother Forlines spoke on "Our Sure Inheritance." An offering for the Forlines of \$359 was also received.

The Youth Conference coordinator and board member Mark Findley reports that this years' conference had more Bible entries than music participants which is unusual. He, along with other board members who have served the youth conference, have always expressed their appreciation for the hospitality of the churches where the competition takes place. We want to echo their appreciation in this report.

The Historical Society has at least two unpublished articles on ministers that were written this year and these will be published in the near future. We have also discussed the need for strengthening the society. In lieu of this please remember that we always need any historical documents and (or) information that you are able to share with us.

We are doing what we are able to encourage our young people at Free Will Baptist Bible College by sending them financial gifts for Georgia. There are 20 students enrolled this year who receive checks each month in the amount of \$35.

We are increasingly aware of the educational needs of our people. It is a burden we discuss and pray about. We discuss ideas and how to implement them often. Perhaps in the near future our board will be able to adopt and set in motion fresh and needful programs to enrich our spiritual lives.

Please mark your calendars for these events noting the places as well.

- Minister's Retreat
- Minister's Wives Retreat
- Couples' Retreat
- Youth Conference
- Senior Adult Retreat

In appreciation to you for an opportunity to serve,

Willie Martin
Board Chairman

Board of Christian Education
1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Board of Christian Education	1/1/98 through 12/31/98
Balance as of 12/31/97	\$ 3,854.02
INFLOWS	
Receipts:	
Coop	\$ 7,230.53
Designated	\$ 3,920.60
Minister Retreat	\$ 380.00
Ministers Wives Retreat	\$ 110.00
Youth Competition	\$ 925.00

TOTAL Receipts	\$ 12,566.13

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 12,566.13
Balance	\$ 16,420.15
OUTFLOWS	
BdMeal	\$ 66.73
Couples Retreat:	
Rooms	\$ 300.00

TOTAL Couples Retreat	\$	300.00
FWBBC Student	\$	4,235.00
Mileage	\$	944.60
Ministers Retreat:		
Hotel	\$	4,209.75
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TOTAL Ministers Retreat	\$	4,209.75
Ministers Wives Retreat:		
Hotel	\$	2,297.70
Planning Committee	\$	27.20
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TOTAL Ministers Wives Retreat	\$	2,324.90
Postage	\$	19.33
Senior Retreat	\$	4,187.08
SYC:		
Awards	\$	222.50
Competition Supplies	\$	276.16
Honorarium	\$	325.00
Hotel	\$	35.52
Medallions	\$	123.10
National Registration	\$	540.00
TOTAL SYC	\$	1,522.28
Utilities:		
Telephone	\$	102.23
TOTAL Utilities	\$	102.23
Uncategorized Outflows	\$	-
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	17,911.90
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	(1,491.75)
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	(5,345.77)
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MISSION BOARD REPORT

November 1998 - November 1999

The Mission Board is glad to report that the process of relocating the South Atlanta mission work is now in its final stages. Construction has begun on the new church building on a sixteen acre sight in Hampton. This project is scheduled to be completed in April of 2000. This has been a trying time for Brother Paul Smith and the people of the Trinity Fellowship Church. We are thankful for their patience.

The property at Riverdale was sold to the Community Fellowship Church, Inc. for a total of \$500,000.00. They made their final payment to the Mission Board in September of 1999. All funds from this sale have been received by the Mission Board. The contract required the Community Fellowship Church to pay all legal fees. Because of this, the net proceeds from the sale was \$500,000.00.

The South Georgia Association approached the Mission Board concerning the mission work in Kingsland. This church was started by the South Georgia Association nine years ago. The Mission Board met with representatives from the South Georgia Association in August. At this meeting it was agreed upon for the State Mission Board would manage this work until December 31, 2004.

Brother Billy Bevan, Jr. was hired by the Mission Board to serve as our state missionary in Kingsland. The mission work has a beautiful building that is completely paid for, and about 15 people. The area is experiencing rapid growth because of the Kings Bay Nuclear Submarine Base which is located at St. Marys. The people at the Camden mission are excited to have Brother Bevan as their new pastor.

As we enter the new millennium we do not know what the future will bring. We are experiencing tremendous change in our world, our country and our state. Please pray for our board to have the proper vision for the future, that we may be able to plant and establish Free Will Baptist Churches in the State of Georgia.

Respectfully Submitted

Malcom Freeman

Board of Missions 1/1/98 through 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97	\$	34,888.52
INFLOWS		
Receipts:		

Coop	\$	62,895.65
Designated:		
SAP	\$	402.91
Designated-Other	\$	4,841.30
TOTAL Designated	\$	5,244.21
GA Missions Day	\$	1,757.52
TOTAL Receipts	\$	69,897.38
FROM SAP - Paul Smith	\$	60,835.80
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	130,733.18
Balance	\$	165,621.70
OUTFLOWS		
American Strategy Forum	\$	99.00
BdMeal	\$	548.49
Board:		
Meals	\$	246.09
TOTAL Board	\$	246.09
Earnest Money	\$	2,500.00
Gifts Given	\$	1,000.00
Mileage	\$	1,803.00
Missionary:		
Car Allowance	\$	6,825.00
Health Insurance	\$	2,034.00
Housing Allowance	\$	15,508.20
Retirement	\$	1,800.00
Salary:		
Fed	\$	(713.00)
SRA	\$	(1,800.00)
SS	\$	(1,122.75)
State	\$	(80.78)
Salary-Gross	\$	24,991.00
TOTAL Salary	\$	21,274.47
TOTAL Missionary	\$	47,441.67
National:		
Foreign Missions	\$	1,781.46
Home Missions	\$	324.03
TOTAL National	\$	2,105.49
Postage	\$	44.80
Ray	\$	1,700.00
Tax:		
Fed	\$	589.00
Soc Sec	\$	3,555.84
TOTAL Tax	\$	4,144.84
Training	\$	849.65
TO LMCBF Account	\$	6,594.92
TO SAP - Paul Smith	\$	1,037.66

TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	70,115.61

Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	95,506.09

OVERALL TOTAL	\$	60,617.57

South Atlanta Project – Paul Smith

Balance as of 12/31/97 0.00

INFLOWS

Designated	\$ 342,156.38
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 342,156.38
FROM Mission Board	\$ 1,037.66
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 343,194.04

OUTFLOWS

Earnest Money	\$ 5,000.00
Land Purchase	\$ 186,337.60
TO LMCBF Account	\$ 55,000.00
TO Mission Board	\$ 60,835.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$ 307,173.40

Balance as of 12/31/98	\$ 36,020.64
OVERALL TOTAL	\$ 36,020.64

Living Memorial Church Building Fund 1/1/98 – 12/31/98

Balance as of 12/31/97 \$ 4,310.69

INFLOWS

Receipts:	
Designated	\$ 5,825.34
TOTAL Receipts	\$ 5,825.34
FROM Mission Board	\$ 6,594.92
FROM SAP - Paul Smith	\$ 55,000.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	\$ 67,420.26

OUTFLOWS

	\$ -
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$ 71,730.95

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

November 1998 - November 1999

The last year of this century and millennium has been a very exciting year for the Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists Board of Trustees.

At our last State Association meeting our association voted to:

- 1) Relocate our State office to Macon.
- 2) Accept the land that the White Oaks Church offered to donate to us on which to build our State office.
- 3) Allot \$175,000 to build a new State office.

Since that meeting we have been working at getting these jobs done. We have met with the Macon-Bibb County Planning and Zoning Commission, and was granted approval of a conditional land use permit, with the one condition of relocating the parking area to the rear of the building.

A boundary survey has been completed, and by the time of our State meeting, we should have some plans back from the architect, and should have the legal work done in signing over the White Oaks property to the State Association.

Our future plans are to form a "Capital Stewardship Committee" made up of men across our state to help devise a plan of raising funds for the State office. We will also be devising a five year maximum plan of completing this project.

We, the Board of Trustees have recommitted ourselves to carrying out this project as our State Association has directed us to do.

Until He Comes,

Wayne Miracle, Chairman

Board of Trustees

Balance as of 12/31/97	\$	7,692.50
INFLOWS		
Receipts:		
Coop	\$	4,853.37
TOTAL Receipts	\$	4,853.37

TOTAL INFLOWS	\$	4,853.37
Balance	\$	12,545.87
OUTFLOWS		
BdMeal	\$	20.00
Insurance:		
Com Multi- Peril	\$	1,069.00
Com Umbrella	\$	309.00
Insurance-Other	\$	214.00
TOTAL Insurance	\$	1,592.00
Mileage	\$	219.60
Office:		
Building Supplies	\$	190.24
Equipment	\$	69.89
Moving	\$	137.67
Property	\$	120.00
Rent	\$	2,400.00
Repairs	\$	178.56
Shelves	\$	725.00
TOTAL Office	\$	3,821.36
Pest Control	\$	110.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	\$	5,762.96
Balance as of 12/31/98	\$	6,782.91
OVERALL TOTAL	\$	(909.59)

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 known as the *Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*

ARTICLE II

SECTION 1. The officers of this association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Clerk, and 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 dollars (\$15.00) 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 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 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 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 Baptist.
- B. To set policy and supervise the functions of the 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 seminars.
- E. To set policy and supervise the 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: 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 the State Association except 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 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 the officer or board member who does not conduct his or her office in a Christian, business like manner according to the rules of Christian conduct as set forth in the New Testament.

Any standing board of this State Association may appoint proxies to serve in lieu of the absent members.

At the pleasure of the boards, and subsequent to the meeting from which the regular member 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 account 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 Secretary/Treasurer.
- C. The State Office shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the corporate seal and all official documents of the State Association.
- D. No State Board may borrow money or financially obligate the State Association without the approval of the 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 amount stipulated by the State Executive Board.
- I. This Association shall meet for its regular session annually on Thursday following the second Sunday in March 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 duly 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 in the following months: March, June, September, and December. The March meeting shall be held just prior to the regular meeting of the State Association.

SECTION 3.

- A. The Moderator shall preside at the Annual Session 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 *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 remuneration received by the Executive Secretary during his four (4) weeks vacation, which 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 the Secretary/Treasurer of the Corporation known as the *Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.*
- E. **General Promotion.** He is to be present, 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 as well 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, audiovisuals, 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. Meetings 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 the session the allocations to be observed in the Cooperative Plan for 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.

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WOMEN OF GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
ANNUAL SESSION
NOVEMBER 18, 1999
"Passing the Torch"

Janice Temples welcomed everyone at 9:00 a.m. and LaRee Findley led the congregation in "We've a Story to Tell" and "He is Lord". An offering was taken as Susan Waters played a moving rendition of "Amazing Grace". Helen Holland from Bellview Church rendered the special music by singing "In the Midst of It All."

President Gail Smith introduced our speaker, Dale Bishop, missionary to Japan. Dale began by thanking everyone for their support throughout the years, and the fact that it is now easier to come back and minister to the churches due to the Acts 1:8 Plan. Dale read from II Timothy 2:1-10. He told us that Paul was arrested during his trip to Troaz which is a reverse role from what he played several years earlier. He left his treasured parchments behind and asked Timothy to bring them to him. He was expecting to die at this time but he was still interested in the well-being of others. Dale reminded us that we need to be encouragers as Paul was to Timothy. Paul reminded Timothy to "Pass the torch, don't keep it", and to communicate the Gospel to others, expecting positive results. Dale reminded us that truth comes from God and that we should proclaim, explain and make plain the Gospel.

Nora McCarty remembered those ladies who had gone to be with the Lord during the past year: Eunice Whitley from Calvary Church and Cassie Holton from Marietta Church. A moment of silence was observed for these faithful ladies and Sis. McCarty said a prayer of thanks for the legacies which they left behind.

We took a fifteen minute break and when we resumed, LaRee Findley led us in "Jesus Saves".

Gail Smith called the business session to order and Edwina Drinkwater opened in prayer.

Rachel Horne gave the Credentials Committee Report, with 8 districts and one local church reporting.

The delegates were recognized and seated.

Secretary Donna Jewell read the minutes from the 1998 Session. M/S/C to accept as read.

Janice Temples gave the financial report. M/S/C to receive this report as given and that it be recorded in the State Minute Book.

Marjorie Workman, National Executive Secretary, gave a report from the National Office. She commended the Georgia ladies for their hard work prior to and during the National Convention in Atlanta, not only financially, but for their prayerful support and in every other way. She commented on our leadership at the banquet and was impressed with the fact that there was a Georgia lady hosting each table. She told us

that Georgia is now number one in membership at this time. She encouraged us to subscribe to the Co-Laborer. She also told us about some other available materials. Debe Taylor is the new WNAC President. Mrs. Workman encouraged us to register early for Anaheim. She said the 2000 Retreat will be at Ridgecrest September 14-16.

Old Business

1. Betty Henderson gave the report for the 1999 Retreat at Norman Park. She commented on the leadership reception and the fact that we could meet our state leaders. Diane Thomas was our special speaker and everyone was moved by her life story. She encouraged everyone to attend next year's retreat.

2. Nadine Blanton gave a report on the retreat at Glorietta and she said it was enjoyed by everyone who attended.

Committee Reports

Wanda Powell gave the Resolutions Committee Report as follows: "Whereas, the women of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Metter have hosted the Women of Georgia Active for Christ convention in such a gracious manner: Be it resolved that this body give a rising vote of thanks to them for their wonderful hospitality." M/S/C to accept.

Christine Daniel gave the Finance Committee Report. The beginning balance today in the treasury is \$3,154.44, the offering today was \$242, with an honorarium to Dale Bishop in the amount of \$250, the State Minutes cost is \$100, leaving a balance of \$3,036.44. M/S/C to accept. M/S/C to give \$2,332.94 from the National funds to the Acts 1:8 Plan. M/S/C that the goal for the Lora Shutes Project is \$7,000.

Melissa Lunsford gave the Registration Committee Report. There were 10 districts represented, 7 state officers, 5 district presidents, 31 delegates, 2 missionaries, 24 ministers, 5 national officers and 50 visitors, for a total of 124 registered. M/S/C to accept.

Rachel Horne gave the Executive Committee Report and there was a M/S/C to vote on item by item, as follows:

1. That WGAC not meet in conjunction with the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists in March of 2000, with any business necessary to be conducted at the annual retreat in October 2000. M/S/C to accept after clarification.

2. That the Constitution, Article V, Meetings, Item 2, be changed to read "A prayer retreat shall be held annually, time and place to be planned by the executive committee." M/S/C to accept.

3. That the 2000 WGAC Retreat be held the 4th weekend in October at Norman Park Assembly subject to availability of the facility. Alternate date will be the 3rd weekend in October and alternate location will be Epworth by the Sea. M/S/C to accept after clarification.

4. That WGAC pay the expenses for the WGAC president and one executive committee member to attend the National Association of Free Will Baptists Annual Leadership Conference. That the executive committee member be selected from the following hierarchical order: Vice President, Field Worker, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian or Member-at-Large. M/S/C to accept after clarification.

5. M/S/C to accept the following delegates for Anaheim:

Nora McCarty	LaRee Findley	Belyn Pierce
Helen Holland	Robin Faison	Geraldine Wade
Terra Smith	Edwina Drinkwater	Rachel Horne

6. Terra Smith gave the Nominating Committee Report and the following Officers were elected by acclamation:

President - Gail Smith	Vice President - Belyn Pierce
Secretary - Donna Jewell	Treasurer - Christine Daniel
Historian - Marie Glover	Field Worker - Sherrie Bailey
Members at Large: Debbie Miracle	
Shirley Kimbrell	
Rachel Horne	

These offices will expire in 2001.

Gail Smith then gave an emotional thank-you to everyone for their hard work and support for the National Convention. She was overwhelmed by the coming together of everyone. Gail was given a rising vote of thanks for her leadership over the past two years and for making Georgia stand out.

Announcements were given and a special prayer request was made for Marie Glover.

Wynette Carver installed the new officers.

The minutes were read for this session.

The meeting was adjourned and Diane Martin dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Jewell, Clerk
Gail Smith, President

WOMEN OF GEORGIA ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
Of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists
Constitution and By-Laws
1995

Article I

Name

This organization shall be known as Women of Georgia Active for Christ of the Georgia Association of Free Will Baptists, commonly known by its initials, WGAC. Its members shall elect their officers, conduct their business and maintain their treasury.

Article II

Purpose

The purpose of this organization shall be to assist the various women composing the WGAC in providing opportunities for them to understand and fulfill the Great Commission through their responsibilities in the family, in the church, in the community and around the world.

It shall bring the women of each district together for fellowship sharing information and encouraging one another in the work of the Lord and furthering the purpose and goals of the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists.

Article III

Officers

1. The officers of this convention shall be a president, a vice president, a recording secretary, a treasurer, a field worker, a historian, and three members at large, all of which are elected by the convention. These shall serve as the State Executive Committee. Five of these shall be a quorum for transacting business.

2. Any officer or elected committee member of this convention must be an active member of a local Free Will Baptist Church and an active member of the WGAC group of a local church.

Article IV

Membership

1. This convention shall be composed of the officers of the convention together with the district coordinators, the district field workers, ten delegates (duly accredited by the credentials committee) from each district convention, four delegates and the coordinator from each local WGAC in good standing with its district convention.

2. Local groups in an area where there is no district convention may represent with five delegates by payment of their membership fees. All delegates as well as the officers of the convention should be in good standing with a church that is in good standing with the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists and shall perform the duties as set forth for them in the present manual.

Article V

Meetings

1. The annual meeting shall be held each year the day before the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists is held, being in the same place or at such a time and place as may be determined at the previous annual meeting or by the executive committee.
2. A prayer retreat shall be held in the spring, time and place to be planned by the executive committee.

Article VI

Amendments

This constitution may be amended at any annual meeting of the convention by a two-thirds vote of the members present.

By Laws

Article I

Duties of Officers

Section 1. President - The president shall preside over all meetings, appoint such committees as may be needed; call the executive committee together when necessary- be ex-officio member of all committees, except the nominating committee; see that reports are made promptly to the National WNAC secretary; and perform all duties usually pertaining to such an office. She should see that the WGAC is represented in the State Promotional Bulletin in the WGAC news section. Articles should be sent to the state executive office by the 7th of each month. She may either write the articles or ask someone to write them for her. (rev. 98)

Section 2. Vice President - The vice president shall preside in the absence of the president or by her request and otherwise assist her in the oversight of the work in general. She shall serve as chairman of the credentials committee.

Section 3. Recording Secretary - The secretary shall keep an accurate record of all proceedings of the convention and executive committee meetings, preserve all valuable papers and turn same over to her successor in office. She shall make an annual report to the national secretary of WNAC on a form available from WNAC office within 15 days after the State WGAC Convention. She shall compile the districts' slates of officers and addresses immediately after the convention and send all state officers a list of district officers. She shall send a slate of state officers to the National Executive Secretary and to each state officer. She is responsible for getting the minutes prepared and to the state associational office in time to be included in the state minutes each year.

Section 4. Treasurer - The treasurer shall have charge of all funds belonging to this convention and shall pay out same only when authorized by the convention. The treasurer shall keep an accurate account, and give a written report of all funds received and disbursed at each annual meeting of the convention. She shall send an annual report to the WNAC Executive Secretary-Treasurer within 15 days after the convention. She is

required to deposit and distribute all checks in her possession by the 30th of each month. She shall be bonded through the state office and audited annually.

Section 5. Field Worker - The field worker shall promote the WGAC program -of work through personal contact and the distribution of literature. She shall assist the state officers in organizing state conventions. (rev. 98)

Section 6. Historian - The historian shall keep a historical record and have a display at the state meeting. She shall send historical information to the National Executive Secretary annually.

Section 7. Members at Large - The members at large shall help promote the work in general, meet with the executive committee and serve wherever needed.

Article II

Elections

The general officers and members at large shall be nominated by a nominating committee. Following the nominating committee's report opportunity shall be given for nominations from the floor. In case of more than one nominee for any particular office, a vote will be taken each; other wise they may be elected by acclamation. The officers shall be elected every two years on odd number years. Not more than one-half of the elected officers shall be changed in any regular election. All elections shall be held at the closing session of the annual convention.

Article III

Expenses

An appropriation toward the expense of the secretary's postage and stationary shall be made by the convention. Expenses for postage and telephone calls made by the president shall be reimbursed. All field promotional work is subject to the state executive committee, who should approve all work done by state officers in the interest of state work as well as expense of same.

Article IV

Committees

Section 1. - Executive Committee - This committee shall be composed of the six officers and three members at large elected by the convention. Five of these shall compose a quorum. They shall hold meetings for the transaction of business as often as necessary. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to maintain an oversight of the work at large. The committee shall act for the convention when necessary. It shall prepare the program for the regular meeting of the convention, and fill any vacancy between elections.

Section 2. - Resolutions Committee - A resolutions committee shall be appointed by the president. A member of the executive committee shall chair this committee.

Section 3. - Nominating Committee The nominating committee shall be composed of one member from each district convention and shall be elected one year prior to making

their report. The name of the member from each district shall be submitted with the convention annual report. This committee shall serve for two (2) years.

Section 4. - Credentials Committee - The vice president shall be the chairman of the credentials committee and the president shall appoint two other members.

Section 5. - Finance Committee - The treasurer shall be chairman of the finance committee and four other members may be appointed by the coordinator. This committee reviews the financial records of the year, reports on same to the convention, and makes recommendations of disbursements of the funds of the convention.

Section 6. - Registration Committee - The president shall appoint members as needed to serve on this committee. This committee registers those in attendance and gives a report to the convention.

Article V

Fees and Reports

Active members shall pay dues yearly as required by the WGAC Convention for membership fee. These fees should come through the district treasurers. In 1995 the dues are \$10.50 per member. Georgia will retain \$.50 per member and the WNAC receives dues of \$10 per member.

Article VI

Gifts

1 - Season of Prayer Offerings

- (a) **Pre-Easter Week of Prayer** offering is used for Foreign Missions in memory of Laura Bell Barnard, our first foreign missionary.
 - (b) **Pre-Thanksgiving Week of Prayer** offering is used for Home Missions in memory of Mrs. Lizzie McAdams, a great writer of our literature and a first National officer.
 - (c) **The December Week of Prayer** offering is used for State Missions in memory of Mrs. Alice E. Lupton, our first National president.
- Co-Laborer Offering is the financial plan of support of the WNAC. Each local WGAC is encouraged to support the VVNAC office with a monthly offering.

- 3 - **Provision Closet** - This project helps missionaries as they return home to pick up household items, etc., from the closet in/at the National Office. Each local WGAC is encouraged to keep abreast of the items and supplies needed as they are listed in the Co-Laborer periodically and give to this project at least once a year.

- 4 - **WNAC Emphasis** - A special offering to supplement the Co-Laborer offerings for WNAC expenses of operation, literature, etc. This offering is received during August when locals present a special program to enlist others in the work.

- 5 - **Remembrance Fund** - This is a fund established by WNAC and a distinct way to honor any occasion the donor wishes to note: anniversaries, birthdays, or as a memorial at the time of death. A remembrance card notifying the family of the person being honored and the donor will be entered in the Book of Remembrance permanently kept in the WNAC office. These gifts will be recorded and used to

advance the Kingdom of God through WNAC. A Remembrance Service is to be conducted at our state WGAC convention each year.

- 6 - **Foreign Student Scholarship Fund** – Any WGAC group who wishes to may contribute to the special fund set up by WNAC to train Nationals from our foreign fields. February is designated as Foreign Student month.
- 7 - **Dot Harvey Loan Fund** - A revolving loan fund set up by the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention in 1954 to aid worthy Georgia Students who need financial assistance to attend Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. This fund was planned in honor of Miss Dot Harvey who was a forerunner of the youth work in Georgia. She died in 1993. Each local WGAC group is asked to send one dollar per month toward this project. Annual offerings are received in September to add to this fund.
- 8 - **Westfield Church Fund** – This fund is used to assist the church in Kotogiri, South India in memory of Miss Laura Bell Barnard. All groups are encouraged to give to this Georgia project \$1 monthly.
- 9 - **Other Gifts** - The State WGAC may decide upon and promote other projects for funds at its discretion.
- 10 - **Lora Shutes Mission Project** - This is a statewide project with the goal set each year at the annual meeting. Funds are disbursed to missionaries through the State Acts 1:8 Program.

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