

Minutes
OF THE
Sixtieth Annual Session
OF THE
Little River Association
OF
The Original
Free Will Baptist
CONVENED WITH
Friendship Church
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1966
AND
White Hall Church

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1966

Rev. Everett Williams, Moderator..... Pearson, Ga.
J. W. Franks, Clerk Tifton, Ga.
M. C. Nail, Assistant Moderator..... Homerville, Ga.
O. W. Cowart, Assistant Clerk Pearson, Ga.

Next session to convene with First Valdosta Church on Saturday before
the third Sunday in October, 1967.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Prayer (unless divine service has been concluded and generally then).
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the doors for reception of members, and read over minutes of last conference.
4. Call for absentees.
5. For acknowledgments.
6. For reference of deferred business.
7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
8. For miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The body of each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Invite visiting brethren to seat with us.
4. Call for petitionary letters.
5. Call for corresponding messengers.
6. Appointed Committees; (a) Program; (b) Resolution; (c) Finance; (d) Card of Thanks; For the Session; Appoint Churches to Bring Report on (a) Auxiliaries and Literature; (b) Temperance; (c) Christian Education; (d) Missions.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Report on Committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot.
11. Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M.M. Franks, Ashburn, Ga. -----	Exp. 1969
J.C. Arnold, Waycross, Ga., Rt. 2 -----	Exp. 1967
C.M. Chafin Jr., Norman Park, Ga. -----	Exp. 1968
Buddy Hartsfield -----	Exp. 1970
Mickey Rouse.....	Exp. 1971

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Damon C. Dodd -----	1968
Rev. Riley Giddens -----	1970
Rev. Everett Williams -----	1969
Rev. Donald Franks -----	1967
Rev. J. B. Mercer.....	1971

PROCEEDINGS

The sixtieth session of the Little River Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convened with Friendship Church in Ware County, Georgia Friday October 14 and White Hall Church in Waycross, Georgia October 15, 1966.

Services were opened by congregation singing I'll Live in Glory, led by Brother L. F. Ogletree. Prayer by Rev. Tom Hamilton.

The Moderator welcomed each to the service. And ask each to be as brief as they could when speaking. An inspiring devotional was brought by Rev. J. B. Rice using Scripture II Tim. 3:15-16. Theme "Gods Word—Remedy for Today's Ills."

Called for church letters. Brother C. M. Chafin Jr. and Rev. J. B. Rice were appointed to read letters. Moved and carried to receive the letters and seat the delegation. Called for petitionary letters. Received none. Called for corresponding messengers. None present.

Moved and carried for Moderator to appoint committees.

Resolution Committee—Brother Billy Jean Ross, Rev. Riley Giddens and Brother Jessie Hartsfield. Finance Committee—Brother Isbom Mercer, Sister Damon Dodd and Brother O. W. Cowart. Card of Thanks—Rev. E. E. Kelly. Nomination Committee—Brother J. P. Perry, Brother Audie Williams and Gearald Cribb. State of Churches and Character of Ministers—Brother J. C. Arnold, Rev. W. H. Daughtry and Brother C. M. Chafin.

Churches appointed to bring reports to the 1967 session were:

Ozias—Auxiliary and Literature

Homerville—Temperance

Corinth—Christian Education

White Hall—Mission

Song service. Special singing by White Hall Church. Prayer by Rev. Dewey Quinn.

Morning message was brought by Rev. M. C. Nail. Scripture II Tim. 1-17 and Eph. 4:1-32. Was a challenge to each of our hearts.

Welcome by Rev. W. H. Daughtry.

Dismissed for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Song service led by Brother L. F. Ogletree. Prayer by Rev. Mance Cason. Devotional was brought by Rev. E. E. Kelly, Scripture St. John 14:1-7.

Called for reports from churches. Auxiliary and Literature, Temperance, Christian Education and Mission. Moved and carried to receive reports and release committees. (see reports)

Moved and carried to appoint a committee to rewrite the Articles of Faith in a clearer language and bring to the next annual meeting for approval. Committee appointed Rev. J. B. Rice, Brother C. M. Chafin and Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Called for partical report of Resolution Committee. Moved and carried to adopt the report on licensing and ordaining ministers. (see report)

Called for new business.

Called for Nominating Committee report. Moved and carried to recieve report and release committee. (see report)

Called for report on State of Churches and Character of Ministers. Moved and carried to recieve report and release committee. Voted to release the Committee on Preparing Minister Identification Cards. Carried.

Voted to take an offering to buy Bibles to present to ministers during ordination service, \$44.50 were given.

Elected degelates to State Association. Mrs. Riley Giddens and Mrs. M. M. Franks were elected.

Brother C. M. Chafin gave a report on plans to send commodities to the Orphan Home.

The Moderator appointed one from each church to get supplies for Camp Mt. Bethel.

Moved and carried to adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning to meet with White Hall Church in Waycross, Georgia.

SATURDAY MORNING

The meeting called to order by Moderator. Congregation singing led by Rev. Everett Williams. Prayer by Brother Frank Dean.

Moderator ask for each to be spiritually minded.

Devotional by Rev. W. J. Barksdale, Subject, "Profitable."

Called for unfinished business.

Moved and carried that we have a report from the ordaining council as needed. Called for report of Resolution Committee. Moved and carried to recieve the report and vote on it item by item. Moved and carried to combine item No. 1 and No. 2 and to keep a balance of \$50.00 in treasure Moved and carried to adopt this item.

Moved and carried to adopt item 2. Moved and carried to adopt item 3. Moved and carried to adopt item 4 as ammended. Moved and carried to adopt item 5 and 6. Moved and carried to accept Resolution Committee report and release committee. (see report)

Finance Committee reported. Moved and carried to accept the report. (see report)

Ten minutes break for fellowship.

Song Come and Dine. Prayer by Rev. Bill Brown. Promotional Secretary report by Rev. Mance Cason. Churches recieving grand honor roll certificates, which was awarded to churches on the merits of have given the percapito quota in support to a world wide ministry through the Unified Program were Corinth and Ozias Churches. Churches that were awarded honor roll certificates for giving more than they did last year were: Cool Spring, Pine Level, Sunny Side, First Tifton, Valdosta, White Hall, Zion Hill, First Hahira Churches, and Minnalo Mission.

Offering taken for Unified Program, \$46.62 were given. Offertory prayer by Rev. Tom Hamilton.

Moderator ask for the ministers to stand and be recognized.

Special singing by Cool Spring Church. Special song, "Not Made With Hands," and a moment of silence and prayer were given in Honor of Brother Charles Chafin deceased.

A very inspiring message were brought by Rev. J. B. Mercer. Scripture II Tim. 3:16. Welcomed by Rev. Everett Williams. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. James Stringer.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song service led by Rev. Everett Williams. Special song Brenda and Guinn Moore. Prayer by Rev. A. D. Greene. Special singing by Homerville Church. Devotional by Rev. Damon C. Dodd was a challenge to everyone to study Gods word and to find the cure for our Ills.

Moved and carried to elect Credential Committee. Elected M. M. Franks as chairman Frank Dean and J. B. Rice. Called for report from Ordaining Council. Moved and carried to adopt the report.

Cards of Thanks Committee reported.

Moved and carried to give Friendship and White Hall Churches a rising of vote of appreciation for their fine hospitality during this session. Moved and carried to give the Moderator and Clerk a rising vote of Thanks for their service. An offering were taken for the mission in Douglas, \$38.50 were given.

Moved and carried to adjourn this session of the Little River Association.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

CORINTH—Mrs. C. K. Causey, Mrs. W. J. Barksdale and Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Franks.

OAK GROVE—Chester Hunter, Willene Hunter and Evelyn Sirmans.

FIRST VALDOSTA—Brother Bill Brown and Sister Riley Giddens.

COOL SPRINGS—Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brannon, Billy Jene Ross, Mrs. Hugh Parten, Raph Chafin, Ellen Nelson, C. M. Chafin Jr. and Myrtice Harrod.

FIRST TIFTON—Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Ogletree, Mrs. A. D. Greene and Mrs. Mildred Harris.

WHITE HALL—Noel L. Davis, Gearld L. Cribb, Cathern Shirah, Barbara Gill and L. M. Broom.

SUNNY SIDE—Brother Johnnie Taft, Brother Audie Williams, Sister Annie Douglas, Sister Margret Williams and Sister Thelma Hurlbert.

OZIAS—Mr. O. W. Cowart and Mrs. Fred Baker.

HOMERVILLE—Mrs. Marilyn Wood, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dean and Mrs. W. N. Wilson.

FRIENDSHIP—The Church.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

ZION HILL—Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Arnold and Mr. Isbom Mercer.

PINE LEVEL—Brother and Sister Tom Carlton, Brother and Sister J. P. Perry, Brother and Sister Jessie Hartsfield, Brother and Sister Eddie Lee Willis, Sister Freda Powell and Sister Brenda Hartsfield.

HAHIRA—

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. J. B. Rice, Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. W. H. Daughtry, Rev. Everett Kelly, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. J. B. Mercer, Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. Tom Hamilton, Rev. Riley Giddens, Rev. M. C. Nails, Rev. Dewey Quinn, Rev. Donald Franks, Rev. A. D. Greene, Rev. J. W. Barksdale, Rev. Bill Brown, and Rev. James Stringer.

CHURCHES AND AUXILIARIES

Churches

Corinth	55	55	9
Cool Springs	60	35	0
First Valdosta	69	53	12
First Tifton	26	21	0
Friendship	0	0	0
First Hahira	58	58	10
Homerville	115	52	12
Ozias	40	23	0
Oak Grove	15	0	0
Pine Level	49	0	0
Sunny Side	36	0	0
White Hall	81	0	15
Zion Hill	35	8	0

ORDAINED MINISTERS ON ROLL

- Rev. J. W. Barksdale, P.O. Box 125 ----- Brooksville, Ga.
- Rev. John Wheeler ----- Metter, Ga.
- Rev. E. E. Kelly, Phone 567-4132 ----- Sycamore, Ga.
- Rev. Riley Giddens, Phone 242-1330, 407 Floyd St. ----- Valdosta, Ga.
- Rev. W. E. Brown, Cranford St. ----- Valdosta, Ga.
- Rev. A. D. Greene, Phone 382-5264, 2205 Prince St. ----- Tifton, Ga.
- Rev. W. H. Daughtry, Box 165, Rt. 4 ----- Glennville, Ga.
- Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Phone HU 7-5840, 111 Tonilison St.-- Homerville, Ga.
- Rev. M. C. Nail, Phone HU 7-5845 ----- Homerville, Ga.
- Rev. T. G. Hamilton, Phone 7-2217 ----- Homerville, Ga.
- Rev. Dewey Quinn Phone FR 5-2982 ----- Hazlehurst, Ga.
- Rev. Jesse Castleberry, Phone 686-7403, Rt. 1 ----- Lenox, Ga.
- Rev. M. T. Goff, 411 Hull Avenue ----- Nashville, Ga.
- Rev. J. B. Mercer, Phone 769-3907, Rt. 1 ----- Norman Park, Ga.
- Rev. Everett Williams, Phone 422-3609 ----- Pearson, Ga.
- Rev. J. B. Rice, Phone 283-2781, 1506 Iola Dr. ----- Valdosta, Ga.

Rev. Donald Franks ----- Valdosta, Ga.
 Rev. W. A. Addison ----- Hahira, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Ralph Chafin ----- Norman Park, Ga.
 Rev. James Stringer, Phone 794-2154 ----- Hahira, Ga.

APPOINTED TO GET SUPPLIES FOR CAMP

Homerville ----- Mrs. Frank Dean
 Pine Level ----- Mrs. Brenda Hartsfield
 Zion Hill ----- Mr. Isbom Mercer
 White Hall ----- Miss Cathern Shiron
 Sunny Side ----- Mrs. Annie Douglas
 Friendship ----- Mrs. Leuo Stedley
 Cool Springs ----- Mr. C. M. Chafin
 Ozias ----- Mrs. Louise Hamilton
 Tifton ----- Mr. L. L. Ogletree
 Corinth ----- Mrs. C. K. Causey
 Valdosta ----- Mrs. Gene Crews
 Oak Grove ----- Mrs. Evelyn Sirmans
 Hahira ----- Mrs. Neal Parrish

COMMITTEES REPORTS

MISSION

What is the Mission field? Truly as we look around us and as we read God's word, we are told and reminded that the whole world is the Mission field. And that the Christians are the Missionaries. In Acts 1:8 we read the last command that Jesus gave before he ascended to heaven. He tells us that when we receive the Holy Spirit, we also receive power, and that we will testify of him in Jerusalem, in all Judia, in Samaria and to the farthest parts of the world.

If the Lord don't send us to those far away places, we can help to send those that he does call to go.

Surely we can pray for them, and we can tell the lost around about us about Jesus and His love for them.

CORINTH CHURCH

TEMPERANCE

Since this age is characterized by an uprising of evil, tension, confusion and false concepts of eternal trues and values. We strongly urge that we except the admonishing of Paul in Philippians, chapter 4 verse 8. Finally brethern whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report. If there be any virture

and if there be any praise, think on these things..

And may "The peace of God which passeth all understanding. Keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus."

PINE LEVEL CHURCH

AUXILIARY AND LITERATURE

We recommend that each church use the Freewill Baptist Literature printed by our own National Association of Free Will Baptist in all the Auxiliaries of the church. We believe our literature to be written by God inspired men and women prayerfully and to be in keeping with Free Will Baptist belief.

FIRST TIFTON CHURCH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, acting as the committee on Christian Education, prayerfully submits the following report to the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist while in its annual session October 14 and 15, 1966.

1. We are convinced that Christian Education must begin in the homes of our people and that the most effective teachers are Christian parents. No better formula can be given for this task than the one found in Deuteronomy 6:4-9. We recommend that every parent read this passage and put it into effect immediately in their homes.

2. Christian Education must continue in our schools if the home-teachings are to retain their meaning. No secular education is complete without a knowledge of the Word of God and its teachings.

We deplore the trend in our day away from the recognition of spiritual emphasis in our public schools. In this connection we would like to offer the following recommendation:

a.—That each of us parents go in person in our school officials and teachers who still allow the Bible to be read and prayer to be offered in our schools and thank them personally. This is the type encouragement they need and will appreciate.

b.—We recommend that the following letter be sent to the Honorable Everett Dirksen, U. S. Senator from Illinois who is working untiringly to get a bill through the Senate restoring Bible reading and prayer in our public schools; this letter to be written under the signature of the Moderator and Clerk of the Association, and that copies be sent to our senators from Georgia.

The Honorable Everett M. Dirksen
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, comprising thirteen (13) churches in southeast Georgia, would like to commend you for your valiant efforts to restore Bible reading and prayer in our public schools. We have followed your work in this matter with keen interest and have prayed that our God would see you through to victory.

We are not discouraged at the recent defeat in the Senate. Rather, we are much encouraged by your determination to continue to push for this legislation during the upcoming session.

Please be assured of our prayer support in your fight for what is unquestionably the right. We pledge you our utmost in prevailing prayer. We are also urging our own honorable senators from Georgia to lend you a helping hand in this matter.

We stand ready to assist you in any way possible. If you know of anything more that we can do, collectively or individually, please let us know.

Thank you again for your interest in the spiritual welfare of our nation.

Sincerely yours,

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists

Moderator _____

Clerk _____

3. The National Association of Free Will Baptists, of which Little River Association is a member, own, operate, and controls the business which produces and distributes Sunday School and Church Training Service Literature out of its Headquarters in Nashville, Tennessee. This material is written by loyal Free Will Baptists. Profits from the sale of this literature are invested in the program of the Free Will Baptist Denomination in its missionary and education work.

We would like to recommend that our churches who do not presently use this literature, investigate it and give it an honest and impartial try-out in their Sunday School and Church Training Service work and if they feel that they can use it successfully, to adopt it as their literature. For more information write the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department, 1134 Murfreesboro Road, Nashville, Tennessee.

4. The Little River Sunday School Convention is sponsoring two Teacher Training Institutes in November, one at Ozias Church, near Pearson, and one at Corinth Church, Brookfield. Each Sunday School is urged to send its teachers to the session nearest you. The cost will be nominal, and those completing the courses will be given credit toward a preliminary teachers diploma.

Respectfully submitted:

Homerville Free Will Baptist Church

STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We your committee, report that all ministers and churches are in good standing as far as we know.

C. M. Chafin Jr.

J. C. Arnold

W. H. Daughtry

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We the Resolution Committee recommend, we accumulate enough money to take care of the things that are needful, such as printing of minutes, buying the Bibles etc. And that the finance committee elected by this body make such allocation of the money received that would take care of expenses occurred by this association with \$50.00 being left in the treasure for additional expense. The balance left beyond this expense be given to our World Wide Ministry through our state office.

2. We recommend we work this association to the Point. We could finish the business in one day.

3. We recommend we resolve the State of the Churches and Character of Ministers Committee and turn this work over to the Executive Committee.

4. "Whereas," we consider that the time element is of significant value of the Little River Association therefore, "Resolve" that it is the sense of this body that the time be utilized to the maximum benefit and highest good of the association.

Resolve that a Credentials Committee comprised of three (3) members to be elected. Whose duty it shall be to receive the church letters and finance and to furnish the association with a digest of the same. Thus dispensing with the reading of the individual church letters since the statistic of each letter will be carried in the Associational Minutes for future reference.

5. We recommend an obituary column with all the deaths listed under one heading embossed with and attractive border, and the death of the ministers be carried for 5 years listing date of death and church of membership.

6. In order to be fair and impartial to every candidate for ordination to the Ministry. And in order to encourage Preachers-to-be in the study of the Bible and the Free Will Baptist Doctrine and Practices. And in order to provide a definite plan of study for preparation for the examination for ordination.

We recommend that the Ordaining Council be instructed to prepare a list of questions for the ordination examination, to be submitted to the association for approval at the next session in January 1967.

Brother Billy J. Ross

Rev. Riley Giddens

Brother Jessie Hartsfield

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We the Nominating Committee have nominated the following:

Moderator -----	Rev. Everett Williams
Assistant Moderator -----	Rev. M. C. Nail
Clerk -----	Brother J. W. Franks
Assistant Clerk -----	Brother O. W. Cowart
Executive Committee -----	Brother Mickey Rouse
Parliamentarian -----	Rev. Damon C. Dodd
Ordaining Council -----	Rev. J. B. Mercer

We recommend Brother M. M. Franks to serve on the State Superannuation Board another year.

Brother J. P. Perry
Brother Gerald L. Cribb
Brother Audie Williams

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Rev. M. C. Nail and the Rev. Bill Brown having appeared before the council and been found qualified for ordination. The Ordaining Council recommend that these brethren be ordained in a special service to be held at the Free Will Baptist Church Valdosta, Georgia, Sunday October 30 at 3 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

The Ordaining Council

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance brought forward -----	\$ 37.26
Received from churches -----	197.25
Received from ministers and deacons -----	
Conference for Bibles -----	15.00
Offering received during session for Bibles -----	44.50
Offering received for Douglas Mission -----	38.50
Offering received for Co - operative Program -----	46.62
 Total -----	 <u>\$379.13</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

State and National Association -----	\$ 38.75
Honorarium for Clerk -----	25.00
Honorarium for Moderator -----	15.00
Ministers Identification Cards -----	5.00
Allocation for Bibles -----	59.50
Douglas Mission -----	38.50

Co-operative Program -----	76.62
Minutes -----	100.00
Total -----	358.37
Balance -----	20.76

Respectfully Submitted:

Brother O. W. Cowart
 Brother Isbom Mercer
 Mrs. Damon C. Dodd
 Mrs. Fred Baker

ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Meets Saturday before third Sunday in Januray, April, July and October.

Ozias Church -----	January 1967
Hahira Church -----	April 1967
Sunny Side -----	July 1967
Valdosta -----	October 1967
Cool Springs -----	January 1968
Tifton -----	April 1968
Zion Hill -----	July 1968
Homerville -----	October 1968
White Hall -----	January 1969
Pine Level -----	April 1969
Corinth -----	July 1969
Friendship -----	October 1969
Oak Grove -----	January 1970
Ozias -----	April 1970

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Tharpe Bailey -----	1911	Rev. B. O. Brown -----	1928
Rev. J. J. Davis -----	1913	Rev. M. F. Cason -----	1929
Rev. Lucion Cowart -----	1917	Rev. H. J. Griffis -----	1939
Rev. Leon Starling -----	1919	Rev. W. R. Cato -----	1941
Rev. J. B. Griffin -----	1926	Rev. J. C. Arnold -----	1942
Rev. H. J. Cowart -----		Rev. J. R. Weeks -----	1947
Rev. Morgan Cannon -----	1926	Rev. J. D. Little -----	1958
Rev. A. Eunice -----	1928	Rev. W. A. Pope -----	1959
Rev. Seborn Bowen -----	1960		



IN MEMORIAM

IN MEMORY OF THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED:

C. M. CHAFIN SR.—With great sorrow we report the death of our loved one C. M. Chafin Sr. We know he has gone to be with God.

Cool Springs Church

C. H. ARNOLD—With sorrow we report the death of C. H. Arnold. We trust that our loss is for heavens gain and his eternal peace.

Ozias Church

A. P. O'KELLEY—It is with sorrow that we report the death of Brother A. P. O'Kelley, who departed this life January 30, 1966. We trust that our loss will be heavens gain and his eternal peace.

*Eddie Lee Willis
Pine Level Church*

QUARTERLY MEETINGS

JANUARY 29, 1966

The quarterly session of the Little River Association met January 29, 1966 with Corinth Church.

Service was opened with hymn led by Rev. E. E. Kelly and prayer by Rev. Donald Franks. A most inspiring devotional was given by Rev. J. W. Barksdale reading Joshua 24:14-19. Prayer by Rev. E. E. Kelly.

Moderator remarks by Rev. J. B. Mercer, after which the Moderator called for church letters. These were read by Sister W. J. Barksdale and Sister J. C. Arnold. Moved and carried to receive letters and seat degelation.

Moved and carried to read minutes of previous meeting at each meeting accept yearly minutes. Called for reading of minutes. Moved and carried to accept minutes as read.

Moved and carried that Moderator appoint committees as needed. RESOLUTION COMMITTEE—Rev. Donald Franks, Brother Irvin Willis and Brother J. C. Arnold.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Rev. M. T. Goff, Brother N. C. Brannon and the Brother Ronny Crews.

CARDS OF THANKS—Rev. J. B. Rice.

Ministers present—Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. Donald Franks, Rev. J. B. Rice, Rev. Arnold Woodlief, Rev. J. B. Mercer, Rev. Riley Giddens and Rev. W. J. Barksdale.

Special singing by Sister Collins and Sister Powell, "O What a Savior." A wonderful message was brought by Rev. E. E. Kelly, Scripture Acts 16:25-33.

Welcome by Brother J. W. Franks.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Session was opened by Congregation singing, "When We All Get to Heaven." Prayer by Brother Eddie Williams.

A wonderful devotional was brought by Rev. Arnold Woodlief. Scripture Col. 1:17-19, Subject being, "Christ Must be Put First in the Homes"

An offering was taken for Co-operative Plan, \$26.07 were given.

The Moderator gave his appreciation to churches for their co-operation in entertaining the State Association. Brother M. M. Franks also expressed his appreciation.

Called for Resolution Committee report. Moved and carried to adopt report. (see report)

Appointed Program Committee for the next session as following: Brother Billy Harrod, Sister Eva Cowart, Brother C. M. Chafin, Brother J. C. Arnold, Brother J. W. Franks and Brother Leon Powell.

Finance report was given. Moved and carried to accept
Moved and carried to adopt Card of Thanks report.

Moved and carried that the Ordaining Council contact Brother F. S. Jones and ask for his papers of carrying the gospel for Free Will Baptist as he has joined another denomination.

Moved and carried that \$30.00 be the maximum price for Ordaining Council to pay for Bibles.

The Moderator ask the new comers into our association to come to the front of the church and everyone to come by and welcome them. These were Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. J. W. Barksdale and Rev. Arnold Woodlief.

Dismissed by Brother J. W. Franks.

Moderator Rev. J. B. Mercer
Assistant Clerk J. W. Franks

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that the chair appoint a six member Program Committee at each session to prepare the Program for the next session. Theme, Speaker and etc.

2. That the address and direction to church where the quarterly meeting will convene be put on the Program.

3. That this body check into starting a mission in Douglas immediately.

4. That all our churches support our quarterly mission fund. Brother Donald Franks, Brother J. C. Arnold and Brother Irvin Willis.

MAY 28, 1966

The quarterly session of the Little River Association met with Zion Hill Church near Millwood, Ga. on Saturday May 28, 1966.

Service was opened by Congregation singing, "The Old Rugged Cross" led by Rev. Everett Williams.

The Moderator, Rev. J. B. Mercer welcomed each to the service and ask for each one to pray for the meeting.

Devotional were given by Brother Mickey Rouse. Scripture St. Luke 14 using theme for the day. What is Your Excuse? Was a very inspiring message and enjoyed by all.

Called for Church Letters. Rev. J. B. Rice and Rev. Bill Brown were appointed to read letters. Moved and carried to receive the letters as read and seat the delegates.

Called for the reading of the minutes of the last meeting. Moved and carried to accept the minutes as read.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors to the service.

Called for Petitionary Letters.

Received one from Camp Mt. Bethel Mission. Moved and carried to receive them under the watch care of this association until they are fully organized.

Moved and carried that chair appoint committees.

Committees appointed were: Resolution—Rev. E. E. Kelly, Brother Buddy Hartsfield and Brother Eddie Williams. Finance Committee—Brother M. M. Franks, Sister Barbara Gill, and Sister C. E. Causby. Cards of Thanks—W. H. Daughtry. Program Committee—Brother Johnnie Taft, Sister Damon C. Dodd, Brother J. C. Weeks, Sister Mamie Bush, Brother J. C. Arnold and Sister Fannie Davis.

Special singing by Cool Spring Church and White Hall Church. Prayer by Rev. Mance Cason. Morning message by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Luke 9:57-62 the message was a challenge to each of our hearts.

Welcomed by Rev. J. B. Rice.

Dismissed for lunch and the blessing were given by Rev. Marvin Hartsfield.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Congregational singing led by Rev. J. B. Rice. Prayer by Brother Jake Weeks. Special singing by Brother Charles Chafin and Sister Margaret Mercer. Devotional by Rev. Mance Cason. Scripture Hebrew 10:23-25.

Rev. Cason announced the C.T.S. Sunday School State Convention and the National Association.

Rev. Mance Cason gave reports from the State Office.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd gave a talk about the Bible College. Told about the need of expansion and ask the Laymen of the association to support this part of expansion.

Offering were taken for Unified Program, \$47.50 were given.

The Moderator ask the Ordaining Council to contact Rev. Jones concerning his credentials.

Moved and carried that the chair appoint a committee to try to get a mission started in Douglas. Committee appointed—Brother J. C. Arnold Brother Johnnie Taft and Rev. Everett Williams.

Called for reports from Committees. Moved and carried to accept report of committees and release committees. (see report)

Moved and carried to give the Zion Hill Church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality.

Rev. Dodd gave report of the committee to study the rules and regulations of association.

Article 13C—Add these words.

It is earnestly requested that no church ask for the ordination to the ministry of any man who has been divorced and remarried and who in the process has more than one living companion, with whom he has ever contracted marriage.

Moved and carried to give \$50.00 from general fund for the chairs at Camp Mt. Bethel.

Brother M. M. Franks encouraged all to support the Camp.

Moved and carried to adjourn this session.

Moderator thanked each for their co-operation in this session.

Dismissed by Rev. J. B. Mercer.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that we meet quarterly, January, April, July and October. Saturday before third Sunday.

JULY 29, 1966

The quarterly session of Little River Association meet with Pine Level Church near Norman Park, Ga. Saturday July 29, 1966.

Services open with congregational singing, led by Rev. Everett Williams. Prayer by Brother C. M. Chafin Jr. The Moderator Rev. J. B. Mercer welcomed each one to the service. A most inspiring devotional were given by Rev. Bill Brown. Scripture Act 2:31-47, using theme for the day, "Churches Working Together."

Called for Church Letters. Brother J. M. Hartsfield and Rev. J. B. Rice were appointed to read letters.

Moved and carried to receive letters as read and seat delegation.

The Moderator welcomed the visitors. Brother and Sister Curtis Gay were welcomed.

Ministers present were: Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. Bill Brown, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Rev. J. B. Rice, Rev. J. W. Barksdale, Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. James Stringer, Rev. M. T. Goff, Rev. Mance Cason and Rev. J. B. Mercer.

Appointed committee, Program Committee—Brother L. J. Chambless Brother N. C. Brannon, Brother Grady Flipppo, Brother Frank Dean, Sister Barbara Gill and Brother Jesse Hartsfield. Resolution Committee—Brother C. M. Chafin, Rev. Everett Williams and Rev. Bill Brown. Cards of Thanks—Rev. J. W. Barksdale.

Called for reading of the minutes of last meeting. Moved and carried to accept minutes as read.

Called for report of Ordaining Council concerning Rev. Jones credentials. Rev. Goff and Rev. Williams reported Rev. Jones said he lost his credentials and he ask this association to relieve him of all responsibilities.

Moved and carried that this association drop Rev. Jones name from this association as minister and his credentials be annulled.

Rev. Everett Williams gave report on mission in Douglas. South Georgia Association is planning to start a mission and has ask this association to help get names of anyone might be interested in a church in Douglas.

Moved and carried to accept the report of the committee and release them.

Moved and carried that this association help South Georgia Association in starting this mission. Song service led by Brother Hartsfield.

Message were by Rev. Mance Cason, Scripture Rom. 8:28, was a challenge to each of our hearts.

Welcomed by Brother J. M. Hartsfield.

Dismissed in prayer and the blessing ask for lunch by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

AFTERNOON SERVICE

Congregational singing led by Brother J. M. Hartsfield.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Prayer by Brother Curtis Gay. Devotional by Rev. E. E. Kelly. Eph. 4:1-7 was enjoyed by all. Promotional Department report by Rev. Manse Cason. Offering were taken for Unified Program \$16.50 were given.

"Song Kneel at the Cross," by congregation. Prayer by Rev. J. B. Mercer. Brother Curtis Gay gave report from the Children Home in Alabama and ask each to support the home.

Call for committees reports, Moved and carried to receive reports. Moved and carried that we all stand in appreciation to Pine Level Church for their fine hospitality.

Rev. Goff gave report concerning the road to cross the church property of Shandy Grove Church.

Moved that the association sign the papers giving the State the rights to put a highway on the church property.

Moved that the State leave the road where people could get to and fro from the church before papers are signed.

Moved that the Executive Committee be in charge. Moved and carried. Moved and carried to adjourn this session.

Dismissed by Rev. E. E. Kelly.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We recommend that the Little River Association issue annually identification cards to its ministers who are found to be in good standing with the association and that this take effect immediately following the annual session 1966.

It is recommend in this connection that the Moderator appoint a committee to design these cards and have them printed and that the treasure be authorized to pay for the printing.

Committee appointed: Brother J. C. Arnold, Rev. Everett Williams and Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

C. T. S. CONVENTION

The C. T. S. Convention of the Little River Association convened with Ozias Free Will Baptist Church on Nov. 5, 1966.

The meeting was opened with song. Prayer by Rev. Riley Giddens. There was another song, followed by a short talk on the Theme, "Training To be a Servant for God in C. T. S.," by President Rev. J. B. Rice.

The welcome was given by Brother Riley Cowart of the host church.

Rev. M. C. Nail gave an inspiring devotion using the theme. Matt. 5:3-16 verse 16 being key verse.

The reports of the churches were presented. Those present were Ozias, Corinth, Sunny Side, Zion Hill, Valdosta, First Tifton and Homer-ville. The ministers present were Everett Kelly, Riley Giddens, Damon C. Dodd, and J. B. Rice.

Ruth Coarsey from the Baptist Denomination were welcomed.

Committees appointed were Finance—Mrs. Riley Giddens, Annette Mercer and Wanda Chambless.

Nominating Committee were: Mrs. A. D. Greene, Sara Beth Arnold and Wanda Franks.

Resolution Committee were: Mrs. Faye Ogletree, Barbara Dodd and Riley Cowart.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and accepted as read.

At this time special singing was provided by Rev. and Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Barbara Dodd and Melonie Wilson. Prayer by Mrs. Isbom Mercer.

John Arnold gave a good talk on, "Training Service Helps Me as a Youth." Special singing by Sara Beth and Nellie Bess Arnold.

The Bible Bowl was given by Wanda Franks. With the girls against the boys. The girls won and all the young people enjoyed it.

Diane and Wanda Franks from Corinth then sang a special which was followed with a prayer by Mrs. Riley Giddens.

Rev. Everett Kelly preached the morning message from several scripture, using Matt. 3:16. His theme was mainly for parents to set good examples for their children. This was a very inspiring message.

Dismissed by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

We reconvened after a wonderful lunch, with a song, and prayer.

Annette Mercer sang a special followed by an inspiring devotional by Mrs. Riley Giddens, from Matt. 6:33 and II Tim. 2:15.

Business session. Remarks from churches. Rev. Dodd emphasized the need for more F. W. B. Ministers. Rev. Rice remarked on the new C. T. S. of the Valdosta Church. And Mrs. Ogletree said the new C. T. S. of the First Church of Tifton was doing very well.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Recommended Rev. Everett Kelly -----	\$ 5.00
Minutes -----	5.00
Secretary and President -----	10.00
State Convention -----	10.00
Sword Drill Winners -----	5.00
Total -----	<u>\$35.00</u>

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

The following resolution were made:

1. That a field worker be appointed.
2. That churches at large be degelation.
3. That Program Committee secure new and interesting way to entice young people to attend.
4. That the host church be given a rising vote of thanks.

NOMINATION COMMITTEE

The following were nominated: President—Rev. J. B. Rice. Vice President—Rev. Riley Giddens. Secretary and Treasure—Diane Franks Assistant Secretary and Treasure—Judy Hamilton.

Field Worker—Rev. J. B. Rice. Program Committee—Mrs. Fannie Mizell, Mrs Louise Hamilton, Miss Annette Mercer and Barbara Dodd. Assistant Field Workers—John Arnold and Ronnie Lieupo.

All these recommendations, resolutions and nominations were accepted as given.

There was no old business.

Miscellaneous bussiness.

Sunny Side and Hommerville ask for convention next year. The meeting will be held at Homerville on Saturday before the 1st Sunday in November

The top 5 Sword Drill Winners were: Sandra Ogletree, John Arnold, Joan Arnold, Diane Franks and Barbara Dodd.

There was a reminder of the Campers retreat at Thanksgiving.

Moved and carried to place our minutes in the Annual Association Minutes.

The officers were installed by Rev. Riley Giddens. With the Prayer of dedication by Rev. Damon Dodd.

We were adjourned with the Old League Benediction.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING

The 14th Session of Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Little River Free Will Baptist Association met at Corinth Church on September 9, 1966.

Inspiring message brought by Rev. J. B. Mercer, titled God's message for America, taken from Jeremiah chapter 5. Present at meeting were 35, with 8 churches represented. A representative from each church gave information as to services and work being done at their churches. Several announcements concerning revivals and meeting were given.

Moves made, seconded and motions carried were for this Conference send \$25.00 to the Bible College, give \$25.00 to the Mineola Mission near Valdosta, Ga., and to give \$15.00 to secretary of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists for purpose of helping the Association buy Bibles for new Ordained Ministers.

Was moved to accept invitation to have next meeting at the Homer-ville Church on March 11, 1967 at 7:30 P.M.

Elected as officers for next years were: Rev. Everett Williams as Moderator, Rev. Donald G. Franks as Assistant Moderator. As Secretary and Treasurer Rev. J. B. Rice Jr. and as Assistant Secretary and Treasurer Brother J. W. Selph.

Free Will offering taken and collected was \$21.50, making new balance on hand \$103.90.

Rev. Barksdale of Host Church invited all to stay for refreshments.

Meeting ended by dismissal prayer by Brother Carson Parrish.

Moderator—Rev. Everett Williams
Secretary & Treasurer—J. B. Rice Jr.

MINUTES SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

MAY 7, 1966

The Little River District Sunday School Convention met at Ozias Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 on May 7, 1966. The Opening Hymn (I am Resolved) was sung and were led in prayer by Brother Everett Williams.

The devotional was given by Brother W. H. Daughtry and it was a real inspiration to everyone. The president then opened the session and welcomed everyone. The roll call was given and all churches were present except Oak Grove and Tifton.

The Convention Reports were read by Brother Bill Brown and Sister Frank Dean. It was moved, seconded and carried to accept the reports as read. The Delegates were then seated.

The ministers recognized as present were: Rev. Mance Cason—Promotional Secretary, Rev. Marvin Hartsfield—Pine Level, Rev. Murtis Goff—Oak Grove, Rev. Donald Franks—Hahira, Rev. Damon Dodd—Homer-ville, Rev. Arnold Woodliff—Sunny Side, Rev. Giddens—Valdosta, and Rev. Tom Hamilton.

The following committee were appointed: Finance—Mrs. Elouise Eunice, Mrs. Eddie Williams and Mr. N. C. Brannon. Resolutions—Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Fannie Mizel and Brother Marvin Hartsfield. Nominations—Mrs. Annie Douglas, Brother W. C. Brown and Miss Teresa Aldridge.

A talk was given by Mrs. Frank Dean on "Knowledge, Skill and Wisdom." Her topic was on What is teaching? Who is a teacher? One who shows real christianity and influences others. The scripture II Tim. 2:15 was used and it was stated that a teacher must know the word of God before he or she can teach. They should arm their pupils with Bible facts. First, we must love our teacher, the book he teaches and then her or his Jesus. Finally we must know the power of the Holy Spirit. Mrs. Dean gave a very fine talk.

Special singing was given by Diane and Wanda Franks from Corinth, (From Now On) Also, special singing was given by Mrs. Nellie Bess Arnold, Miss Annette Mercer and Miss Sarah Bess Arnold. They sang "Wasted Years" and "Born to Serve the Lord." We were then led in prayer by Brother Riley Giddens.

Field Workers Report: Brother Bill Brown stated that churches should have more and better trained teachers more recreational facilities in order to get young people interested in the church. He also stated that he visited every church except two.

Hymn, "Where He Leads Me I Will Follow." The Convention message given by Brother Damon Dodd was based on Matthew 28:16 and his themes were, Go Ye Therefore, Go. "GET" "Get Disciples," and Teach Teach, "Teach them to observe all things." A special was given in reference to the message by Miss Debra Wilson and Miss Barbara Dodd.

We were led in prayer by Brother Everett Williams and dismissed for lunch at 12:00.

AFTERNOON SESSION

We reconvened for the afternoon session at 1:15 and the song

“Bringing in the Sheaves” was sung. After prayer by Brother Donald Franks. Brother J. B. Rice, gave the President's message on Romans 15:4. His theme was, Why Have Sunday School if we receive no benefit from it? The purpose of the Sunday School is to teach boys and girls about Jesus Christ. First goal for a teacher is that they need a Savior. The teachers has to have the “Want to” to be a good teacher. Drop out in churches are mostly young people. We need to evanglize adults and maybe they'll teach their children to do right and come to church. We should accept the challenge I want my Sunday School to benefit.

We had questions from Brother Donald Franks on The Sunday School Lessons and the Bible. The young people took part in the questionnaire and he stated the main problem of the church was the attitude of the people.

BUSINESS SESSION

The minutes of the last session were read and were approved as read. The committees then reported.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Old Balance -----	\$41.00
Received from churches -----	<u>41.00</u>
Total -----	\$82.00

PAID OUT

State Convention -----	\$10.00
Field Worker -----	10.00
Unified Program -----	10.00
Secretary -----	5.00
Printing Program -----	5.00
Total Spent -----	<u>\$40.00</u>

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

President—Damon C. Dodd
 Vice President—W. H. Daughtry
 Secretary & Treasure—Wanda Franks
 Assistant Secretary & Treasure—Mrs. Elouise Eunice
 Field Secretary—Bill Brown

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We the Resolutions Committee recommend the following:

1. Convention urge each Sunday School to start visitation Programs in their localities. Moved, seconded and carreid.
2. Study Course be arranged for October 7-11 at Ozias Church and get a trained teacher. The officer were to get a teacher. Moved, seconded and carried.
3. Vote of Thanks be given to Ozias Church for it's hospitality shown throughout the day. Moved, seconded and carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The Youth Rally was discussed and it was to be held June 29 at 8:00, on Saturday night. Refreshments were to be served by the host church.

Brother Mance Cason urged members to attend the retreat furnished by the Board. It was to be held on Friday evening, Banquet Friday night and another session on Saturday. Brother George Lee was to speak on the Subjects "Home and Hospital Visitation" Brother Mance also urged members send money for the chairs for the camp.

Homerville invited the convention and there was a move and second to go to Homerville on 1967. Seven delegates were appointed to State Convention and are as follows: Mr. J. W. Franks, Sister Nellie Bess Arnold, Mrs. Fanny Mizell, Brother Bill Brown, Brother Donald Franks, Sister Annie Davis and Mrs. Frank Dean.

Youth committee was appointed: Mrs. Frank Dean and Brother W. H. Daughtry.

Program Committee was appointed: Brother J. M. Hartsfield and Brother Everett Williams.

Rev. Mance Cason installed the new officers and led in prayer. It was moved, seconded and carried to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Wanda Franks
Secretary & Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY MINUTES

The Woman's District Auxiliary Convention of Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met October 8, 1966 at Homerville, Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, Ga. Theme, Debtors to the World, Romans 1:14-16. Mrs. Frank Dean was in charge of registration. Mrs. Delbert Wilson played the instrumental prelude. At 10:00 the meeting was called to order by the President Mrs. D. C. Dodd. Mrs. Fannie Mizell gave a most inspirational devotional. Prayer by Brother Everett Kelly. Welcome was given by Mrs. W. M. Wilson Jr., with response by Mrs. L. F. Ogletree.

Five ministers present and six visitors.

The following committees were appointed: Credentials—Maxine Franks, Ch., Mrs. Riley Giddens, and Mrs. Martin Wilson. Finance—Mrs. Fannie Mizell, Ch., Mrs. Crews and Mrs. Aldridge. Nominating—Carolyn Wilson, Homerville, Mrs. Crews, Valdosta, Mrs. Mizell, Ozias, Mrs. Gill, White Hall and Mrs. M. M. Franks, Corinth. Moved and carried that we elect these 5 to serve on Nomination Committee. Registration Committee—Mrs. Frank Dean, Ch., Mrs. Barksdale and Mrs. Stewart.

Special music by Diane and Wanda Franks. Report from our National Auxiliary Convention by Mrs. Dodd. At 10:50 we enjoyed a Hymn-Fest with Brother Damon Dodd in charge. We were led in prayer by Brother Buddy Wilson.

The highlight of the meeting was the convention messages which were as inspiration to all and every one present felt the very presence of God. (1) America--A Debtor--by Rev. J. B. Rice. (2) A Universal Obligation--Rev. Everett Kelly. (3) I Am Ready--Rev. J. B. Mercer.

We were dismissed for lunch by Brother Riley Giddens. A most delicious lunch was served by the host church in their new and beautiful church social area.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Another inspirational devotion was given by Mrs. Riley Giddens. Special music by White Hall Church.

Moved, seconded and carried to receive report of Credentials Committee. (See Reports) Moved, seconded and carried to receive report of Finance Committee. (See Reports) Moved, seconded and carried to receive report of Registration Committee. (See Report)

Moved, seconded and carried to receive an offering today for our District Newsletter. Offering received was \$13.57.

Moved, seconded and carried to meet with Corinth Church the second Saturday in October 1967.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Nominating Committee. As there were no other nominations from the floor, the officers nominated were elected by acclamation. (See Report)

Delegates to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention were appointed as follows: Mrs. Riley Giddens, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. W. J. Barksdale, Mrs. Teresa Moore, and Mrs. M. M. Franks. Mrs. J. W. Franks was asked to serve on the Nominating Committee at the State Convention.

Moved, seconded and carried that minutes of today's meeting be printed in our Little River Association Minutes and we give \$5.00 toward this.

Moved, seconded and carried that we give this church a rising vote of Thanks for their great hospitality.

Moved, seconded and carried that we have District Newsletter printed quarterly and that anyone wishing to send news, to get it in by the 15th of January, April, July and October.

Moved, seconded and carried that our District President serve as Editor of the District Newsletter.

Moved, seconded and carried that we stand behind our State Project whatever it might be for 1966 and 1967.

Reports of District Secretary and Treasure was given. Moved, seconded and carried that this report be accepted as information.

Announcement was made of "Everyone who has a Bible, give a Bible" Sunday, which will be December 4th. Our money for this should be sent through the church or the W. N. A. C.

Installation of New Officers was by Mrs. Frank Dean. The dedication prayer was prayed by Brother Damon Dodd.

We, the Credentials Committee wish to submit the following report. We have 5 Auxiliaries reporting with correct dues.

Corinth-----	\$ 6.65	-----	7 members
Homerville -----	9.50	-----	10 members
Valdosta -----	6.65	-----	7 members
Ozias -----	6.65	-----	7 members
White Hall -----	<u>7.60</u>	-----	<u>8 members</u>
Total -----	\$37.05	-----	39 members

We further recommend that the Little River Women's Auxiliary District Convention print and send out a newsletter.

Mrs. J. W. Franks, Ch.
Mrs. Martin Wilson
Mrs. Riley Giddens

FINANCE

We, the Finance Committee make the following recommendations. We pay \$4.55 to Homerville Church for name tags, bulletins, etc. We send \$10.00 for State Newsletter. We recommend that we get out a newsletter and we pay whatever the cost will be. We recommend that we take an offering for the District Newsletter today.

\$10.00	Balance in Treasure	\$17.65	\$21.05
4.55	Received today	3.40	14.55
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\$14.55		\$21.05	\$ 6.50 Treas.

Offering received for District Newsletter was \$13.57.

REGISTRATION

We, the Registration Committee report 16 delegates, 6 ministers, and 11 visitors making a total of 33 present today. Humbly submitted by Mrs. Frank Dean, Ch., Mrs. Betty Stewart and Mrs. Latrelle Barksdale.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee, wish to nominate the following:
President—Mrs. Damon Dodd, 111 Tomlinson St., Homerville, Ga. 31634.
Vice President—Mrs. Fannie Mizell, Route 2, Pearson, Georgia.
Recording Secretary—, Treasurer—. Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. J. W. Franks, Route 4, Tifton, Ga. 31794. Personal Service Ch.—Mrs. Nellie Selph, 805 West Park Ave., Valdosta. Stewardship Prayer Ch.—Mrs. Hazel Gill, 711 Homer St., Waycross, Ga. Study Course Ch.—Mrs. Riley Giddens, 407 Floyd St., Valdosta, Ga. Missions Ch.—Mrs. W. J. Barksdale Box 125, Brookfield, Ga. Field Secretary—Mrs. Everett Williams, Perreca, Ga. Historian—Mrs. Frank Dean, 211 Peagler St., Homerville, Ga. 31634.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a gospel church, or Church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptised believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven and such Christians on earth as are attached to the visible church according to gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central catholic government over the visible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthly ambition, repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of man.

5. That gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scriptures; and that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially, independent and absolute, and if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegates or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel church.

6. That churches may, nevertheless, we suppose, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no way compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity, to promote natural intercourses, and a concentration of voluntary effort; and to give that advice to churches which might equal authority given by an individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel, and the preservation of true and orderly bodies of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatsoever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are called bishops or pastors and all of the elders are equal in

think though they may perform different functions—since some may be bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simple elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the Church such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders, that as a member of the church, he is not more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and, convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person, yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart in their office or ordination by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No liseniate shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually two conferences before the end of the Associational year; or if they prefer it, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length length of time to continue from year to year, as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference the time must be appointed at monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be Moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church, whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of all contributions made by the Church for the pastor etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The Deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be

his duty to do all the recording and writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a Clerk is appointed, all books, minutes, etc., belonging to the Clerk, shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor. Also, it shall be the duty of the church clerk to revise the church roll at least once a year. It shall be the duty of the pastor to instruct the deacons and clerks of their churches in regard to money for minutes.

8. The church shall hold a two-day's monthly meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

9. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rules of holy living.

10. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive conferences, and any member whatever of the church according to the Covenant (Article 5) shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect. But the church may exempt members from the rule if necessary.

11. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer unless divine services has just been concluded, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgments. (6) Reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

12. Visiting brethren, as helpers called in from sister churches, shall speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

13. An orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or by baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, unless withdrawn, the members who made them shall be liable to be taken under dealings with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend the trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

17. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall be examined until the question has been put to the church. Will you hear the testimony of the witness?

18. The evidence in every case or dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the church book.

19. Members dismissed from the church by letter who becomes disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their misconduct.

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

21. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

23. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon receipt, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

24. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, not engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called by the Moderator.

25. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep the point in the debate.

26. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator nor shall the remarks of anyone be unreasonably long.

27. When the Moderator speaks he must designate some brother to act in his stead.

28. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it can be to call the speaker to order.

29. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet at least once a year.

30. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing

31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

32. No ~~Members~~ shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

33. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two consecutive monthly conferences.

CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reverence to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the Church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and tolling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until the successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move for a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13-A. In the matter of licensing ministers, the local church of which the individual is a member and before, whom he relates his experience of a divine call to the ministry. Shall be, and hereby is authorized to grant a license to said individual to preach the Gospel for one year. Each church shall report to the association on the letter to the annual session the names of all licensed ministers holding membership in said church.

13-B. The license shall be answerable to the church granting him his authority and shall be subject to the discipline and actions of said body in relation to his standing as a licensed minister. It is understood that the church shall in no wise interfere with the license unless he has good and sound reason for so doing. In case of disciplinary action the procedure shall be the same as that used dealing with an individual in the church who is found walking in a disorderly manner.

13-C. Churches desiring the ordination of a minister shall request of the ordaining council of the association that the individual be examined by the

council according to the procedure of the council. If found qualified, his ordination shall be authorized. It is understood in this connection that the wishes of the individual regarding the time and place of his actual ordination service be honored and where feasible and possible be granted.

It is earnestly requested that no church ask for the ordination of the ministry of any man who has been divorced and remarried and in the process has more than one living companion with whom he has ever contracted marriage.

13-D. Ordained ministers coming from another Denomination to the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist shall appear before the ordaining council for examination concerning the doctrines and practices of Free Will Baptist. If found qualified, they shall be granted a license to preach under the watch-care of the association for one year. At the end of a year, if the ordaining council feels that they proved themselves, then they shall be issued ordination credentials by the Little River Association and shall have all the rights and privileges which pertains to any regularly ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers. Licensed ministers coming from another denomination to this association shall come under the same requirements for license as any other minister and shall request their licenses from the local Free Will Baptist Church of which they are a member.

13-E. Ordained Free Will Baptist Ministers who are in good standing with another Free Will Baptist Association affiliated with the National Association of Free Will Baptist, desiring to become a member of the Little River Association, shall first affiliate with a church in good standing with the Little River Association. They then, by virute of membership in said church shall be enrolled the association roster of ministers at the next annual session of the Little River Association.

13-F. We finally recommend in this connection that each and every former action taken by the Little River Association bearing on the matter of ministers as stated in the foregoing regulations comprise the rulings and practices of the Little River Association in these regards.

14. Any church that shall tolerate Unknown Tongues in their church shall be regarded as encouraging heresy, and shall be dealt with for such. Also, any church, or pastor allowing preaching of such that is, sinless perfection, as a second work of grace, to occupy their pulpit, shall be dealt with for encouraging heresy.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at a previous business session.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

First, we believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—1 Cor. 8:6, Isa. 40-28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into the world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead—1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; Mat. 1:23, Eph. 4:4-6

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God—St. John 16:7-8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4-6.

4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery; from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell and by that means, brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17 — 3:19.
St. John 1:1-3

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:1-5

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ, who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them, because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallible true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—1 Tim. 3:16-17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the gospel.—Matt. 28:19-20; Luke 13:3-5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of soveieign grace.—Matt. 11:27; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11-12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that man, not considered, simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God. Jude 1:4; 11 Peter 2:1; 11 Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own person, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of God."—1 Cor, 15:22; Matt. 19:13-14; Luke 18:15-17.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—] Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 5:16; James. 2:17-20; Eph. 2:8-10

13. We believe that none has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for jurisdiction before God through his own works, power of ability which he has in and of himself only as be by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20-21.—John 3:16

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting yife, out of respect or mere choice, further than He hath appointed the godly unto life and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22-31; Matt. 25:31-46.

15. We believe as touching gospel ordinances, to believers, baptism, laying on the hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testa-

ment—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5-17; Jas. 5:14. .;

16. We believe the Gospel mode of Baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9-10; Acts 3:19, 21; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28-29; 11 Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46. Rev. 14:11; Prov. 14:32.

FORMS

FORMS FOR LICENSE

This is to certify that the bearer, Brother _____

_____ of the County _____

State of _____ is a regular member of the Free Will

Baptist Church, in the said county of _____ State

of _____ is hereby licensed to preach the gospel

for one year Done by order of the church in conference.

This _____ day of _____, A. D., 19_____

Signed _____, Moderator

Ordaining Council

CHURCH LETTER

_____ Free Will Baptist Church of Christ

This the _____ day of _____, A. D., 19_____

This is to certify that _____

is a member of the above named church in good standing and is hereby at his or her request dismissed from us. Done by order of the church in conference, This letter will be void after six months.

_____ Moderator

_____ Church Clerk

**PETITIONARY LETTER FROM A CHURCH
TO AN ASSOCIATION**

..... Free Will Baptist Church of Christ
This the day of, A. D., 19.....

To the Free Will Baptist Association
sendeth greetings: We constitute a Free Will Baptist Church by Elder
..... with members

We have adopted the Articles of Faith, Covenant and Decorum of the
Free Will Baptist Church. We are at peace. We have called as pastor,
Elder

We send as our delegates, Brethren

We do humbly petition Free Will
Baptist Association for membership in the same. We send for minutes
\$ Hoping our humble petition will be grant-
ed, we are your brethren in Christ.

..... Moderator

..... Church Clerk

HOW TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH

When any number of converts, not less than five, desire to consti-
tute a church, the following order should be observed: (A) The officiating
minister shall inquire into the Christian character and ability of the
members to sustain the church. This being satisfactory. (B) The minister
shall then read Articles of Faith, and finding they have obeyed and adopt-
ed the same, (C) He shall then read the Church Covenant, while the con-
gregation joins in singing a suitable hymn. (D) He shall have the mem-
bers to extend to each other the right hand of fellowship. (E) He shall
then offer a prayer of consecration. (F) He shall then declare the body
organized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows: (1) The election of a Clerk.
(2) The election of Deacons. (3) The election of a Treasurer. (4) The
election of a Pastor. (5) The selection of a name. (6) The selection of a
day of worship. (7) Adjournment.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Sunday of Meetings	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Con. of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Baptism	Paid Pastor	Paid for Minutes	Value of Church Property	Improvements	Paid for Evangelistic	Members	Paid to Unified Program
Pine Level	J. B. Mercer	Eddie L. Willis Rt. Omega, Ga.	Full	6	0	1	7	\$1183.21	\$15.00	\$15,000	\$2525.25	\$113.27	94	\$ 26.25
Corinth	W. J. Barksdale	Mrs. J. W. Franks Route 4, Box 137, Tifton	Full	6	2	2	10	2578.08	18.75	7,000	344.52	176.32	75	483.19
Zion Hill	J. B. Rice	Mrs. W. A. Sowell Box 436, Manor, Ga.	1-3	3	0	2	0	760.00	12.00	15,000	103.61	75.00	50	0
Sunny Side	Clarence McMillian	Betty M. Bazemore Pearson, Ga.	2-4	0	5	5	0	833.04	20.00	5,000	0	139.76	46	0
Cool Springs	Everett Kelly	C. M. Chafin, Jr. Route 1, Norman, Park	Full	0	0	0	4	1920.25	25.00	8,000	181.79	251.90	107	184.05
Friendship	W. H. Daughtry	Mrs. Mary Dyson Route 1, Millwood	Full	1	0	0	2	489.17	6.50	3,000	0	0	48	0
Ozias	M. C. Nail	Riley Cowart Pearson, Ga.	Full	0	0	6	0	1820.00	20.00	5,000	312.95	170.00	74	312.95
Valdosta	Riley Giddens	Eugene Crews 700 Randolph St., Va., Ga.	Full	8	0	3	6	2400.00	20.00	25,000	0	100.00	85	0
Hahira	James Stringer	Fannie Patterson Hahira, Ga.	Full	0	2	4	3	730.00	25.00	25,000	2000.00	150.00	89	160.00
Oak Grove	Ralph Chafin	Mrs. Wylene Hunter Stockton, Ga.	Full	0	0	1	1	81.70	5.00	5,000	0	38.34	12	0
Tifton	A. D. Green	Mrs. L. F. Ogletree Pineview Ave., Tifton, Ga.	Full	2	0	2	4	190.52	5.00	7,500	0	64.40	39	0
White Hall	Everett Williams	Annie Davis Albany Ave., Waycross Ga.	Full	4	0	3	5	1076.15	15.00	5,000	322.82	125.00	110	60.00
Homerville	D. C. Dodd	Lucians Wilson Homerville, Ga.	Full	20	0	0	24	4300.00	10.00	50,000	40,000	150.00	64	0