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MINUTES
OF THE
Sixty-Fifth Annual Session
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

Convened With

COOL SPRING FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Norman Park, Georgia

Saturday, October 16, 1971

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(Minutes of the Quarterly Sessions also included.)

OBITUARY REPORT

We honor these deceased members of our Churches for their Labors in the service of our Lord Jesus Christ:

COOL SPRINGS

Mrs. Edith Graham
Mrs. Ed Stone

HAHIRA

Jim Spearman

WHITE HALL

Milton Johnson
Edna Carter

FIRST VALDOSTA

Jack McCranie

FIRST TIFTON

Lawrence Branch

SUNNY SIDE

Melisa Bowing

Moderator J. B. Mercer, Norman Park, GA
 Ass't Moderator C.L. McMillian 608 Homer St. Waycross, GA
 Clerk-Treasurer 769-3865 Don Perry, Norman Park, GA
 Ass't Clerk-Treasurer C.M. Chafin, Jr., Norman Park, GA

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J.C. Arnold.....1972
 C.M. Chafin, Jr.....1973
 H.A. Coody.....1974
 L.D. Wynn.....1975
 Buddy Hartsfield.....1976
 Carson Parrish.....1977

ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Reverend W.J. Barksdale.....1972
 Reverend R.S. Hayes.....1973
 Reverend Robert Hesselmeyer.....1974
 Reverend Riley Giddens.....1975
 Reverend J.B. Mercer.....1976

MISSIONS BOARD

J.W. Franks.....1972
 C.M. Chafin, Jr.....1973
 L.F. Ogletree.....1974
 J.W. Selph.....1975
 Reverend Leslie Carney.....1976

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

W.J. Sumner.....1972
 F.B. Dean.....1973
 M.M. Franks.....1974
 James Harpe.....1975
 Fred Baker.....1976

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Damon C. Dodd ... Box 345 Homerville, Georgia 31634
 Mrs. Wanda Cooper
 Mrs. J.C. Arnold

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

J.W. Selph.....1972
 Reverend Everett Williams.....1973
 Reverend Robert Hesselmeyer.....1974
 J.W. Franks.....1975
 Buddy Hartsfield.....1976

ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

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L.J. Chambless			Tifton, Ga.
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Dewey Fraley			Ypsilanta, Mich.
Riley Giddens			Ray City, Ga.
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W.R. Hullett			Nashville, Ga.
Clarence McMillian	Phone 285-1219		Waycross, Ga.
J.B. Mercer	Phone 769-4627		Norman Park, Ga.
M.C. Nail	Phone 487-5845		Homerville, Ga.
Johnny Sexton			Goin, Ala.
Huwel Walker	Phone 382-4035	414 West 14th St.	Tifton, Ga.
Everett Williams	Phone 422-3609		Pearson, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Jerome McNeese	Tifton, Ga.
William E. Ellis	Tifton, Ga.
L.F. Ogletree	Phone 382-2384 Tifton, Ga.
James Stringer	Phone 242-7289 Valdosta, Ga.
Ronald Wallace	3809 Elkins Avenue Nashville, Tenn.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

The Sixty-Fifth Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Cool Spring Church Saturday, October 16, 1971 at 9:30 A.M. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. J. B. Mercer. Song service was led by L. D. Wynn and prayer by Rev. Hesselmeyer. Morning devotion was brought by Rev. Carney using text from Devt. 17:19.

The Sixty-Fifth Session of this Association was called to order by the moderator. Report of the Credentials Committee was given by Coy Miller. See Reports. M.S.C. to seat delegates and those to come in later. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTIONS: Damon C. Dodd, J.P. Perry, Myrtice Harrod
FINANCE: Audie Williams, Leslie Carney, Isbon Mercer
OBITUARY: Latrelle Barksdale, Brenda Hartsfield, Diana
Hesselmeyer

M.S.C. to elect a Nominating Committee. Nominated were:

Robert Hesselmeyer, C.L. McMillian, M.M. Franks,
L.D. Wynn, E.J. Williams

M.S.C. nomination cease and these be elected.

Moderator called for Report of Boards or Councils.

Ordaining Council - No Business at this time.

Board of Trustees - No Business.

Ministers and Deacons - By Buddy Hartsfield (See Report
Section for each report).

Executive Committee - No Report.

Oral Report from Missions Board by Rev. Carney.

Finance Report from the Bible Institute by Rev. Dodd.

At this time a recess was called.

The congregation reassembled for morning worship and was led in singing by L.D. Wynn, prayer by C.M. Chafin, Jr. M.S.C. that Rev. Hesselmeyer be released from the Nominating Committee and Carson Parrish be elected. Special singing by J.W. Franks and Daughters.

The morning message was brought by Rev Damon Dodd. A very inspirational message and a tremendous response to the invitation he gave after the message by both ministers and laymen.

The announcement was made concerning the noon meal and dismissed by Curtis Gay.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Dodd. Special singing by a group of our Senior Lady Members calling themselves the Teenage Group. Evening devotion by Buddy Hartsfield using text from II Timothy 2:15.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBITUARY: Diana Hesselmeyer.

FINANCE: Audie Williams. M.S.C. to receive report.

WOMEN AUXILIARY: Faye Ogletree.

TEACH AND TRAIN RALLY: Benny Larisey.

RESOLUTIONS: Rev. Damon Dodd. M.S.C. to act on item
by item.

- Item # 1. M.S.C. layed on table until January Meeting.
- Item # 2. M.S.C. layed on table until January Meeting.
- Item # 3. M.S.C.
- Item # 4. M.S. not carried.
- Item # 5. M.S.C.
- Item # 6. M.S.C.

Bible Institute - Oral Report by Rev. Carney.

Mission Board - Oral Report by Rev. Carney. M.S.C. that Association give Missions Board authority to go outside Association area to check the possibility of establishing other churches.

Ordaining Committee - Rev. Bill Barksdale. Recommended that L. F. Ogletree and Carl Taylor be ordained, M.S.C.

M.S.C. to receive letter of good standing for Bro. Carl Taylor from Enterprise Free Will Baptist Church to this Association.

Delegates appointed to State Association: Don Perry, Maxine Franks, Latrelle Barksdale.

Report from State Office by Rev. Truluck. He recommended that each District Association elect a Promotional Representative to work with the State Office. Also, the feeling of this Association toward a State Operated Book Store which he was given a good response.

Award of Certificates were presented to the following churches for their support to the Cooperative Plan by Rev. Truluck. Honor Roll Friendship to Homer-ville, Cool Spring, Sunny Side, Valdosta. Grand Honor Roll to White Hall, Bemiss, Zion Hill, Pine Level, Corinth, Tifton, and Ozias which was Number One in this Association.

M.S.C. that the moderator appoint a man to work with Rev. Truluck and State Office. Rev. Robert Hesselmeier was appointed.

Report from Camp Mt. Bethel by M.M. Franks: He states that the Bible College were selling some of their beds for \$10.00 and the Camp could use some of these.

Report of Nominating Committee by Carson Parrish: All officers and Board Members were elected by acclamation.

M.S.C. to elect a Board of Trustees for the Bible Institute. The following members were elected by acclamation: 5 year Damon Dodd, 4 year L.F. Ogletree, 3 year

Leslie Carney, 2 year Robert Hesselmeyer, 1 year W. J. Barksdale. Rev. Barksdale reported the Ordaining Council had Ralph Chafin credentials.

C. M. Chafin, Jr., gave a talk on the Harvest Day Drive for the Children's Home in Alabama.

An offering was received for the Cooperative Plan in the amount of \$49.05.

Announcements were called for and several were given including that L.F. Ogletree would be ordained Sunday Evening at 3:00 at Corinth Church. M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissed by J.W. Franks.

Rev. J.B. Mercer - Moderator
Don Perry - Clerk

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

NAME OF CHURCH	NAME OF DELEGATES
ZION HILL:	Isbon Mercer, Mamie Mercer, Elizabeth Barlow, Oveda Arnold, Ruby Lumpkin.
FIRST TIFTON:	Jim Franks.
FRIENDSHIP:	Fannie Davis, Fredda Herndon, Levo Steedley.
CORINTH:	Glenda Woods, Rosa York, Coy Miller, Pattie Cooper, Roy Cooper, Frances Woods, Josie Franks, Latrelle Barksdale, Maxine Franks, Wanda Cooper, Mrs. C.P. Bethea, Diane Wishum.
OAK GROVE:	No Report.
SUNNY SIDE:	Betty Bayemore, Willie, Mae Clement, Annie Douglas, Willie Williams, Margaret Williams.
COOL SPRING:	Diana Hesselmeyer, N.C. Brannan, S.E. Harrod, O.L. Roberts, Myrtice Harrod, Marie Roberts, Louise Ivey, Jane Baldy, Ellen Nelson.
HOMERVILLE:	Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hendrix Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Musgrove.
OZIAS:	Mrs. Riley Cowart, Mrs. Henry Mathews, Mrs. Henry Bennett, Wanda Spekes, Henry Bennett, Henrietta Bennett.
BEMISS:	Mrs. Mathis.
FOREST HILL:	No Report.
PINE LEVEL:	Freeda Powell, Eugenia Spires, Brenda Hartsfield, Betty Robinson, Ola Maude Mercer, Bennie Perry, J.P. Perry.
FIRST VALDOSTA:	Mamie Whiddon, Cynthia Garney.
WHITE HALL:	Benny Larisey, Leona McMillian, Eula Taylor, David Rolison.

FIRST HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Flora Mae Wynn, Bessie Coppage
 Ronald Coppage, Mandy Coppage, Coy Cooper.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Number of Churches Represented.....	13
Number of Delegates.....	76
Number of Ordained Ministers on Roll.....	19
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	5
Number of Deacons on Roll.....	47
Church Membership - Total.....	1016
Members Received.....	101
Members Dismissed.....	46
Number Deceased.....	7
Number of Sunday Schools.....	12
Number of CTS.....	8
Number of Women Auxiliary.....	6
Number of Masters Men.....	3
Number of Prayer Meetings.....	12
Number of Vacation Bible Schools.....	5
Total Offerings Received.....	71,660.18
Total Spent for Outside Causes.....	11,224.29
Total Spent for Local Causes.....	60,835.96
Total Expenditures.....	71,611.80
Value of Church Property.....	285,000.00
Value of Parsonage Property.....	69,000.00
Total Spent for Minutes.....	300.00

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE: We make the following nominations:

- Moderator.....Rev. J.B. Mercer
 - Assistant Moderator.....Rev. C.L. McMillian
 - Clerk.....Don Perry
 - Assistant Clerk.....C.M. Chafin, Jr.
 - Executive Committee.....Carson Parrish-1977
 - Ordaining Committee.....Rev. J.B. Mercer-1976
 - Missions Board.....Rev. Leslie Carney-1976
 - Board of Trustees.....Fred Baker-1976
 - Board of Christian Education Buddy Hartsfield-1976
- Credentials Committee: Mrs. Wanda Cooper, Mrs. J.C. Arnold.

Chairman: Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, P.O. Box 345, Homer-ville, Georgia.

Committee: Carson Parrish, C.L. McMillian, M.M. Franks, L.D. Wynn, Everett Williams.

The Resolutions Committee submit the following report:

1. Whereas, the Little River Association Bible Institute is off to a successful start, and whereas, the authorization of Little River Association in this manner a year ago included the election of a Board of Trustees consisting of 5 members, all of whose terms expired today, and whereas, a Board of Trustees must be elected on a perpetuating basis to superintend and oversee the operation of the bible institute and whereas a constitutional amendment will be required to allow for such a board, therefore be it resolved, that Article IX, section 3 of the constitution of Little River Association of Free Will Baptists be amended to read as follows: "Standing boards of the association shall be the Missions Board, Recreation Board, Board of Trustees, Christian Education Board and the Bible Institute Board of Trustees". The remaining portion of this section shall be changed or altered.

2. We further recommend that section 11, 12, 13, and 14 of the By-Laws be renumbered to read sections 12, 13, 14, and 15, and that section 11 read as follows: "The Bible Institute Board of Trustees shall consist of 5 members as set forth in Article IX, section 3 of the constitution of the association. This board shall be responsible for setting up and scheduling the session of the bible institute, employing the faculty, naming a director, and setting the budget for the financial operation of said bible institute. This board shall organize at its discretion and shall submit periodic reports to the association in its regular session. Without exception, this board shall regularly file an annual report with the Little River Association showing progress made, financial conditions, and revealing plans for future operations. The action of said board are subject always to the approval of this Little River Association of Free Will Baptists.

3. We would remind our churches of Little River Association that inasmuch as we have voted to support Sandra Ogletree in her Missionary term in Japan, some arrangements must be made in our local churches for meeting this obligation. We would therefore urge each church to commit herself for a definite amount to be applied toward this fund.

4. Whereas the burden placed on the host church in entertaining the association meeting in the preparation of the noon meal deprives the membership of that church of participation in the service of the morning, and whereas, each family attending the meetings of the association could easily prepare and bring a sufficient amount of food for its own use and whereas, each family spreading the meal together could share in a marvelous

fellowship which would include full participation in the use, and whereas, each family spreading the meal together could share in a marvelous fellowship which would include full participation in the session of the association, therefore, be it resolved, that beginning with the next session of the Little River Association, each family prepare and bring its own food, leaving the local host church only the responsibility of furnishing the drink of their choosing and the plates, cups, and other necessary utensils.

5. Whereas, a bill pending before the U.S. House of Representatives proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the U.S. legalizing prayer and bible reading in our public schools, must come up for a vote on or before Nov. 8, 1971, and whereas, the fundamental Religious groups over our Nation are pressing for a favorable vote on this amendment, therefore be it resolved, that the Little River Association instruct the clerk to write our Representatives in the House of Representatives urging them to vote for the adoption of this amendment and that each church and each individual member in the churches do likewise.

6. That this association give a rising vote of thanks to Cool Springs Church for its wonderful Christian hospitality, the delicious meal, and each act of kindness shown in entertaining the session of the Little River Association.

Committee: Damon C. Dodd, J.P. Perry,
Myrtice Harrod

REPORT OF THE WOMANS AUXILIARY

We met at Homerville Church with five Auxiliaries reporting. We had a good spiritual service. Members 55. Total offering \$898.00 Mrs. Ayers - Devotional. Mrs. Carney - Message. Mrs. Mathes - Devotional.

Pres. Faye Ogletree
Sec. Mrs. D.C. Dodd

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance on Hand - Oct. 16, 1971	\$368.18
Received from Churches	200.25
TOTAL	<u>\$568.43</u>
We recommend the following expenditures:	
Moderator & Clerk	17.50
TOTAL IN TREASURY	<u>\$550.93</u>

Finance Committee: Isbon Mercer, Leslie Carney.
Chairman: Audie Williams.

TEACH & TRAIN RALLY

The annual Teach and Train Rally of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists was called to order at 10:20 a.m., May 22, 1971, at Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church by the Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer. Rev. E. J. Williams led in prayer, and the congregation sang "Trust and Obey". Bro. Hesselmeyer welcomed each church to the Rally. Rev. Jerome McNeese gave the devotional using as his text Romans 12:1-2. Rev. Leslie Carney then led us in prayer. For special music, a duet from Zion Hill sang "In the Garden". Each church was recognized as follows: Zion Hill, Corinth, Cool Springs, Valdosta, White Hall, and Ozias. The following visitors were recognized: Mount Green Church of God of Prophecy of Millwood, Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Pirtle and Lisa of Bay Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie, Rev. Luther Burns, pastor of Okefenokee Free Will Baptist Church of Waycross, and Rev. Bobby Jackson, Free Will Baptist evangelist of Greenville, North Carolina. Bro. Jackson gave a personal testimony and sang "Fill My Cup, Lord" and "It Will Be Worth It All". We were then dismissed for recess.

Ending the recess, the congregation sang "He Keeps Me Singing". The Zion Hill Trio sang "He's Everything to Me".

M.S.C. to dispense with business in the morning and dismiss at lunch. We preceded with the nomination for moderator. Rev. Jerome McNeese and Bro. Benny Larisey were nominated. Rev. McNeese was elected. Bro. Benny Larisey being the only one nominated for clerk-treasurer, was elected. White Hall asked to receive next years TNT Rally, and the officers were to decide upon a date. The Treasurer's Report was given. We had a balance of \$22.00 from last years meeting, and \$22.00 was taken in making a total of \$42.00. We imbersed Rev. Leonard Pirtle \$10.00 for his help in the program.

The congregation sang "The Lily of the Valley" and Bro. Pirtle led us in Roll Play, an interesting action-discussion used used to stimulate interest in CTS. We then dismissed with prayer, and lunch was provided for the group by Zion Hill.

Bob Hesselmeyer, Moderator
Annette Mercer, Clerk-Treasurer

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The 24th session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Little River Association met at the Friendship Free Will Baptist Church near Waycross, Ga., on March 13, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. The congregation sang two songs. They were "Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus", and "Victory in Jesus". The singing was led by Bro. Leonard Ogletree, and the piano was played by Sister Annette Mercer. The conference then had prayer being led by Bro. Everett Williams.

The session at this time was welcomed by the moderator, Bro. J. B. Mercer who introduced God's speaker for this session, Bro. Jerome McNeese. God's power really worked through Bro. McNeese as he spoke on the "Parable of the Sower", being taken from St. Luke 8:4-15.

The session was called to order at this time, and the roll call was made. Ministers and deacons from nine churches present, while six churches were not represented at all. Minutes were read and it was M.S.C. to accept them as read.

Moderator called for unfinished business. Bro Carney reported for Committee on "Church Evangelist" Conference on Evangelist and Soul Winning". Bro. Carney explained that some members of the committee has moved off and had made it difficult to contact the party or parties concerned with this item and therefore couldn't be perused any further at this point. He felt this was needed very badly, so he suggested that it be started a new.

It was M.S.C. to release committee and establish a new committee. The chair appointed a new committee. They were Bro. Bill Barksdale, Bro. Carson Parrish, Bro. L. J. Chambless, along with Mission Board.

Moderator called for new business. It was called to the attention of the conference that some churches in the association were having their regular church conference on the same night of the ministers and deacons conference and was keeping them from being represented. It was M.S.C. to change the meeting of Ministers and deacons conference from 2nd Saturday night of March and September, to Saturday night before 3rd Sunday in March and September.

At this time the churches present reported as followed.

REPORT OF CHURCHES

- Corinth - Bro. Wallace Franks reported they were in real good shape spiritually, but off at times.
- Hahira - Bro. Carson Parrish said they had made some progress since last meeting.
- Pine Level - Bro. Curtis Powell felt that the church was in real good shape at present time.
- Sunny Side - Bro. Everett Williams thinks they are doing pretty good.
- Tifton - Bro. Leonard Ogletree said that the church is not growing as good as he would like to see it grow, but feels that it is doing good.
- Valdosta - Bro. Carney feels that this church is running good. Having a lot of visitors and feels that the Lord is dealing real good. Desires prayer of this body.
- Zion Hill - Bro. J.C. Arnold thinks spiritual condition is good, but still needs prayer and desires the prayers of praying people.
- Friendship - Jeff Giddens reported that this church is holding on very well. They don't have church on Sunday night because the pastor lives so far away. Needs prayers of all, and hopes to have a better report next time.
- Ozias - Bro. Cowart feels this church is in good spiritual condition.

M.S.C. to adjourn until next appointed time. Bro. Stringer, pastor of host church asked everyone to stay for refreshments, and expressed his thanks and appreciation for everyone coming to visit with them.

Bro. Leonard Ogletree led the congregation in "God Be With You" while offering was taken.

Bro. Carney asked that members of the Church Evangelist Conference to meet with the Mission Board while they were together. Then moderator asked Bro. Carney to dismiss in a word of prayer.

Offering taken	\$40.25
Balance on Hand	6.50
Amount used for Mail	1.12
Total in Treasurer	<u>\$45.63</u>

Moderator Bro. J.B. Mercer
Clerk Bro. Buddy Hartsfield

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The 25th session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Little River Association met at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, September 18, 1971 at 8 o'clock p.m.

Congregation sang two songs and then the conference was led in prayer by Bro. Everson. The conference was then favored with a special from the Pine Level Trio. Their number was "Had It Not Been".

The session was welcomed at this time by moderator Bro. J. B. Mercer, who introduced the speaker for the evening, Bro. Hesselmeyer. Bro. Hesselmeyer brought a very inspiring message from St. Matthew, Chapter 24:4-14.

Following the message the session was called to order. First line of business was roll call with very few churches represented. Minutes was read from last conference, and M.S.C. accepted the minutes as read.

For deferred business, Bro. Hesselmeyer gave a partial report for Bro. Carney concerning the "Church Evangelist Conference on Evangelist and Soul Winning". Bro. Hesselmeyer suggested that the conference needed to get Bob Shockey and Lonnie Graves for day and night sessions because of the distance, or maybe someone else of this caliber.

For new business, conference moved to recommend that the secretary keep accurate list of ministers addresses and bring to session.

M.S.C. to bring before the Little River Association at the next meeting to establish some means of giving deacons some kind of credentials.

Carson Parrish gave a report on a church he visited in North Carolina. Bro. J.B. Mercer invited everyone to come to revival at Pine Level.

Place for next meetings to be held: Corinth in March and Hahira in September.

Election of Officers: Bro. Mercer resigned as moderator. Bro. Bob Hesselmeyer was elected as new moderator and Bro. Bill Barksdale as Assistant moderator. The clerk - M.S.C. to keep same one they had.

REPORT OF CHURCHES

- Cool Springs - Bro. Hesselmeier reports wonderful year with good increase and rooms have reached their capacity, but not as many souls saved as he would like to see.
- Sunny Side - Bro. Hayes reported they have not grown like they would like to, but everything is in peace and harmony. Need prayers of praying people.
- Forest Hill - Bro. Bostick reported that after Bro. Hesselmeier's message he feels that their church is not as good as it should be and needs prayer.
- Pine Level - Bro. Leon Powell reported that they have received seven new converts and church doing wonderfully and having a real good prayer meeting.
- White Hall - Was not represented, but Bro. Everett Williams visited them and said they had grown the most he had ever seen.
- Ozias - Bro. Everson reported he had just started and had a few additions. The church has a bus that is doing good and a group of young people that are really helping. The church desires prayers.
- Hahira - Bro. Carson Parrish reported that the church had made a lot of progress in a lot of ways. Everything is up about 40%. Had some new additions and the church is really enjoying Bro. Chambless and family as their pastor.
- Corinth - Bro. Barksdale said he would like to thank the Lord for what he has at Corinth. They have had a few additions but was a small percentage counting the number of meetings they had. He said they need prayers and support of all Gods people.

Bro. Everett Williams made the remark that he was not pastoring any church at this time, and is going to try to visit every church that he has ever pastored.

Bro. Hesselmeier reminded everyone not to forget about the bible institute.

Offering was taken, amount received was \$17.75.

Bro. J. B. Mercer asked everyone to stay for refreshments. Bro. C. M. Chafin dismissed in prayer.

Offering taken	\$17.75
Balance On Hand	45.63
Total in Treasurer	<u>\$63.38</u>

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING JANUARY 16, 1971

Quarterly meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. at Bemiss Church January 16, 1971. The meeting was called to order by moderator, Rev. J.B. Mercer.

Congregation singing was led by Sister Peggy Bennett. Prayer led by Rev. Riley Giddens. Morning Devotional by Rev. Johnny Sexton using the theme "Give an Account of Thy Stewardship".

The moderator declared the session in order for transaction of business.

The credential committee report by Bro. Coy Miller was given as follows:

- BEMISS: Henry Mathis, Zelma Long, Peggy Bennett.
COOL SPRING: Jesse Pope, Glen Hamm, Bobby Hobby, Billy Beverly, Diana Hesselmeyer, Mrs. Elton Harrod.
CORINTH: Mr. & Mrs. Coy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Cooper, Jerome McNeese, Rosa York, Latrelle Barksdale Frances Woods, Glenda Stembridge, Charles Ray Mrs. M.M. Franks, Mrs. J.W. Franks.
FRIENDSHIP: Levo Steedley, Fay Ross.
FOREST HILL: Ella Wiard, Maudella Crowley, Sue Crowley Irene Bostic, Nellie Saingster, Mr. & Mrs. Harvey Rice.
OZIAS: Eua Cowart, Elva Baker, Cathy Corbett, Timolee Smith, Larry Johnson, Fannie Kent, Louise Hamilton.
PINE LEVEL: Catherine Powell, Bennie Perry.
SUNNY SIDE: Eddie Williams, Loraine McGovern, Betty Baze Moore, Marthy Long, Annie Douglas.
WHITE HALL: Mamie Bunch, John Griffin.
ZION HILL: Mamie Mercer, Annett Mercer, Ruby Lumpkin, Johnny Bennett, Mr. & Mrs. Barlow.
FIRST VALDOSTA: Mamie Whiddon, Rosa Self.
FIRST TIFTON: Jane Walker, Fay Ogletree, Jim Cook, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Snyder.
HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Thursie Wood, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Musgrove, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wilson, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr.
HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Roger Spillers.

M.S.C. that the partial credential committee report be adopted.

M.S.C. that the delegates be seated.

The moderator appointed the following committees.

RESOLUTION: Sis. Levo Steedley, Sis. Damon C. Dodd,
Bro. Everett Williams.

FINANCE: Sis. Latrelle Barksdale, Bro. John Griffin,
Sis. Fannie Kent.

CARD OF THANKS: Rev. Leslie C. Carney.

Report from Board of Trustees. (See reports).
M.S.C. to receive report as read.

Report from the special committee appointed to
study the feasibility of setting up a bible institute
in our association. (See reports). M.S.C. to accept
report.

Following a brief recess the body reassembled for
morning worship.

After congregational singing and prayer, special
music was rendered by host church. The morning message
was delivered by Rev. T. G. Hamilton, who brought a
touching message on 11 laws of Stewardship.

Following the service, Rev. Johnny Sexton made an-
nouncement for noon meal. Dismissed by Rev. Williams.

The afternoon session was opened by congregational
singing led by Sister Peggy Bennett and prayer led by
Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer. Recognition of visitors was by
Rev. James Lugo from Williams Chapel. Devotional ser-
vice was by Rev Damon C. Dodd taken from Hebrew 12:1-2.

Committee reports were presented as follows: (See
report section for each report).

RESOLUTION: M.S.C. to accept report.

FINANCE: M.S.C. to accept report.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Oral report was given by Rev. Hayes
that all was peace and harmony and
no new business.

MISSIONS BOARD: M.S.C. to receive this partial report.

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Reported no business.

M.S.C. to amend the Finance Committee Report to
add on Hahira Church and clear out the Credential Com-
mittee.

Card of Thanks Report was given by Rev. Carney.

Report from State Promotional Office by Rev. Leon-
ard Pirtle, who was substitution for Rev. Truluck.

M.S.C. item #2 from Resolution Committee Report to the association meeting (see report) which was put on the table until this meeting.

Offering received for Rev. Buddy Morris and the new work in Statesboro - \$48.15.

Offering received for Unified Program - \$28.12.

Announcement was called for and several were given. M.S.C. to adjourn and to meet with First Valdosta Church on April 17, 1971.

Benediction was given by Bro. Ray Bennett.

Rev. J.B. Mercer - Moderator
Don Perry - Clerk

ARTICLE VIII of the constitution was amended as following:

FINANCE:

It is suggested that each church comprising this association send to the association quarterly, their fees stipulated herein.

Churches up and not exceeding 50 members \$10.00, 51 to 100 members \$15.00, 101 to 200 members \$20.00. The churches are further urged to support association missions, church extension, and other local denominational ministries with offerings over and above their regular gifts for associational expenses.

Special offerings may be received at any of the sessions of the association as the need arises.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that the association authorize its treasurer to pay the expenses of the special committee or bible institute incurred in its correspondence related to the discharge of its duties.
2. Be it resolved that we receive a special offering during this session for Rev. & Mrs. Buddy Morris and the new work at Statesboro.
3. Be it resolved that our clerk and moderator write the Oak Grove Church and encourage them to attend the association meetings.

Chairman: Rev. Everett Williams, Mrs. Levo Steedley, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON BIBLE INSTITUTE

The special committee appointed to study the feasibility of setting up a bible institute in our association has met and discussed the involvements of such an undertaking. Everything looks encouraging for the inauguration of such a bible institute in the fall of this year.

However, there are so many technical details to be worked out that the committee needs more time to properly plan and present its proposals to this body. We therefore respectfully request the Quarterly Meeting to authorize the continuation of the committee and allow us to defer our completed report until the April meeting.

In the meantime we feel that we can and should have another ETTA session. We therefore recommend that we sponsor such an institute April 5-9, to be held at Tifton Church, instructor to be named later.

Signed: Rev. Robert Hesselmeier, Chairman
Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Secretary

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS BOARD

We the Missions Board submit the following partial report. The Missions Board of the Little River Association has not met officially to transact any business since the last associational meeting, therefore we have no new business to report to this session. A meeting is planned for February 20, 1971.

We are unable to give a financial report at this time due to the absence of the Mission Board Treasurer.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Leslie C. Carney,
Chairman Mr. J.W. Franks, Mrs.
L.F. Ogletree, Mr. J.W. Selph, Mr.
C.M. Chafin, Jr.

CARD OF THANKS

I move that we give the Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church a rising vote of thanks in deepest heartfelt appreciation of the sincere Christian welcome and Christ-like hospitality and the wonderful dinner all of us enjoyed.

Signed: Rev. Leslie C. Carney

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Balance in Treasury-----	\$500.63
Received for Associational Purposes-----	66.00
Received for Associational Missions-----	92.00
TOTAL-----	<u>\$658.63</u>

PAID OUT

Moderator-----	\$ 7.50
Clerk-----	10.00
Association Missions-----	92.00
TOTAL	<u>\$109.50</u>

Balance in Treasury Today-----\$549.13

Committee: Mrs. W.J. Barksdale, Mrs. Fannie
Kent, Mr. John Griffin

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We the Board of Trustees beg to submit the following report. There were not any items of business to come before this board since last association meeting.

We now have a balance of \$10.00 in our treasury.

By Chairman: F.B. Dean

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING APRIL 17, 1971

Quarterly meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. at First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta. Welcome to meeting was by Rev. Leslie Carney, pastor of host church. After congregational singing, prayer was offered by Rev W.J. Barksdale.

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer brought the morning devotional message from II Timothy 4:2.

Welcome to association by moderator and declared the session in order to transact business of the day.

First item of business was to receive a partial report from the Credential Committee. Churches and delegates are:

FIRST TIFTON: Phillip Ogletree, Derrick Ogletree.
FOREST HILL: Savillia Hayes, Harvey Rice, Verdie Rice,
Irene Bostic, Sue Crowley.
FRIENDSHIP: Randell Steedley, Ezar Hill.
FIRST VALDOSTA: Host Church at large.
PINE LEVEL: Eugenia Spires, Freida Powell, Brenda
Hartsfield, Betty Robinson.
OZIAS: Betty Bennett, Mrs. W.M. Smith, Mrs. Riley
Cowart, Mrs. Fred Baker.
SUNNY SIDE: Leona Williams, Willa Mae Clement, Loraine
McGovern, Mamie Mancil, Annie Douglas.
WHITE HALL: Mamie Bunch, Betty Stewart, Jean Bunch,
Leona McMillian, Wanda Gill.
ZION HILL: Annette Mercer, Mamie Mercer, Mrs. J.C.
Arnold.
BEMISS: Peggy Sexton.
COOL SPRING: Diana Hesselmeyer, Vallie Chafin, Myrtice
Harrod.
HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Martin
Wilson, Mrs. Carl Smith, Sr., Mrs. Frank
Dean, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mr. & Mrs. Robert
Hendrix.
FIRST HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn.
CORINTH: Latrelle Barksdale, Diana Wishum, Jerry
Wishum, Patty Cooper, Roy Cooper, Rosa York,
Gail Barksdale, Wanda Barksdale, Ronnie
Barksdale, Danny Walker, Joan Chambless.

Moderator charged church clerks not to mail monies to Credentials Committee, save for chairman of the Finance Committee that is appointed at each meeting.

M.S.C. to receive partial report from Credentials Committee and to seat delegates.

Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were recognized.

The following ministers from association were recognized: Leslie Carney, Johnny Sexton, Damon Dodd, Everett Williams, Riley Giddens, R. S. Hayes, Robert Hesselmeyer, W. J. Barksdale, Clarence McMillian, L. F. Ogletree, J. B. Mercer.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTIONS: Frank Dean, Leslie Carney, Riley Cowart, Myrtice Harrod, Annette Mercer.
FINANCE: Larry Spires, Johnny Sexton, Selmon Bostic.

No report from Board of Trustees due to no meeting.

Report from the Study Committee on the bible institute. M.S.C. to act on this report item by item. (See Reports).

Item #1 M.S.C., Item #2 M.S.C., Item #3 M.S.C., Item #4 M.S.C.

Rev. W. J. Barksdale stated that Corinth Church would let the bible institute use their church to hold any of their training sessions.

Moderator read a letter from Rev. Damon C. Dodd which he asked for his resignation from the Board of Christian Education due to his health.

Oral partial report from Missions Board by L. F. Ogletree. M.S.C. to receive this partial report. Rev. Truluck stated that State Missions Board would help any local Missions Board with their work.

M.S.C. that a ETТА session be set up at First Tifton Church on April 26th - 30 and each Sunday School would send \$10.00 for operating expenses.

Following a brief recess the body reassembled for morning worship with congregational singing and prayer. Morning offering was received for the Unified Program in the amount of \$51.70.

Special singing by host church. Morning message was brought by Rev. A. C. Truluck, which he first spoke on the State Promotion Office, how the receipts are disbursed and the growth and spirit of our churches.

Rev. Carney gave the invitation for lunch and the congregation was dismissed by Rev. Dodd.

The afternoon session was open by congregational singing led by Bro. Buddy Hartsfield and prayer by Rev. Everett Williams. Devotional was given by Rev. Leslie Carney from II Corinthians 4:5.

Committee reports were called for: (See report section for each report).

FINANCE: M.S.C. to accept report.

RESOLUTIONS: M.S.C. to adopt report item by item:

Item #1 M.S.C. Changed to July 24, 1971.

Item #2 M.S.C. Letter read to the session and each church responded as follows: Bemiss \$25.00, Cool Springs \$50.00, Corinth \$50.00, Forest Hill \$50.00. Hahira \$50.00, Homerville \$50.00, Ozias \$50.00, Pine Level \$50.00, Sunny Side \$25.00, Tifton \$50.00, Zion Hill \$50.00, White Hall and Valdosta would do what they could.

Item #3 M.S.C.

Report from Missions Board by Rev. Carney. M.S.C. to adopt report.

Final report from Credentials Committee. M.S.C. to adopt report.

Nomination from floor to replace Rev. Dodd on the Board of Christian Education: Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer was elected by acclamation.

Sis. Dean asked all the women auxiliary members to remain after service.

Bro. Carson Parrish encouraged support of missions.

Announcements called for and several were given. M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissed by Sis. Hesselmeyer.

Rev. J.B. Mercer - Moderator
Don Perry - Clerk

REPORT OF THE STUDY COMMITTEE ON THE BIBLE INSTITUTE

The committee named by the moderator to study the feasibility of setting up a Bible Institute Program for the Little River Association met at the home of Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer on Saturday evening, February 6, 1971, with all members of the committee present.

The matter of the Bible Institute was thoroughly discussed and out of the discussion and prayer come the following recommendations which we present for the consideration of Little River Association in session this 17th day of April 1971.

1. We recommend that the Little River authorize the setting up of a Bible Institute Program for the purpose of offering training in bible, bible related subjects, pastoral methods, pastoral training, ETTA courses and other similar courses, to ministers and laymen in our association and also those from our sister association who care to attend, and participate under the rules and regulations devised for said institute by the Little River Association.

2. We recommend that the association in session here today elect a Board of Directors for the Bible Institute, consisting of 5 (five) members, all of whom shall be elected for a term of one year.

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CHURCH	MEMBERSHIP	PASTOR and ADDRESS	CLERK
BEMISS	18	RILEY GIDDENS Rt. 3 Ray City, GA	HENRY MATHIS Rt. 2 Box 202 Hahira, GA
COOL SPRINGS	132	ROBERT HESSELMAYER Rt. 1 Norman Park, GA	C.M. CHAFIN, JR. Rt. 1 Norman Park, GA
CORINTH	139	W.J. BARKSDALE P.O. Box 117 Brookfield, GA	MRS. BILLY CAUSEY 709 6th St. Tifton, GA
FOREST HILL	NO REPORT		
FRIENDSHIP	50	JAMES STRINGER 620 W. Gordon Valdosta, GA	FAY ROSS Rt. 4 Waycross, GA
HAHIRA	58	L.J. CHAMBLESS Rt. 5 Tifton, GA	MANDY COPPAGE Rt. 1 Box 83 Hahira, GA
HOMERVILLE	162	DAMON C. DODD Box 345 Homerville, GA	BEULAH NETTLES Homerville, GA
OAK GROVE	NO REPORT		
OZIAS	57	ALTON EVERSON 506 N. Monroe St. Sylvester, GA	RILEY COWART Rt. 1 Pearson, GA
PINE LEVEL	108	J.B. MERCER Rt. 1 Norman Park, GA	DON PERRY Rt. 2 Norman Park, GA
SUNNY SIDE	49	R.S. HAYES Rt. 2 Adel, GA	MAMIE MANCIL Rt. 1 Pearson, GA
TIFTON	52	CARL TAYLOR 1105 E. 12th St. Tifton, GA	NELDA JOINER Owens Trailer Pk. Lot - 49 Tifton, GA
VALDOSTA	68	LESLIE CARNEY 1302 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, GA	JOHN FIVEASH Rt. 1 Hahira, GA
WHITE HALL	78	CLARENCE McMILLIAN 608 Homor St. Waycross, GA	LINDA ROUSE Rt. 4 Waycross, GA
ZION HILL	45	L.F. OGLETREE 1005 Pineview Ave. Tifton, GA	JOHNNY BENNETT Rt. 1 Millwood, GA

MEETING DAYS	Members Received	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Minutes	Value of Property	Building and Repairs	Coop Plan
FULL TIME	3	1601.00	120.00	15.00	20,000.00	1880.73	60.00
FULL TIME	-	4160.00	211.50	25.00	20,000.00	687.00	409.00
FULL TIME	12	3708.26	285.00	28.25	35,000.00	2407.46	341.25
2nd & 4th	7	479.00	75.00	8.00	3,000.00	--	10.00
FULL TIME	13	1680.00	100.00	10.00	20,000.00	--	--
FULL TIME	9	6500.00	285.00	20.00	75,000.00	2000.00	150.00
FULL TIME	14	2170.00	245.00	10.00	10,000.00	119.91	438.74
FULL TIME	8	2405.00	250.00	20.00	16,000.00	--	375.80
2nd & 4th	-	1093.52	200.00	12.00	--	195.61	120.00
FULL TIME	5	1461.10	150.00	10.00	9,000.00	--	155.83
FULL TIME	8	5720.00	280.00	18.00	25,000.00	1672.80	110.00
FULL TIME	18	2425.00	275.00	10.00	10,000.00	1589.38	120.00
1st & 3rd	4	1060.00	295.00	12.00	15,000.00	1276.01	117.04

3. We recommend that this Board of Directors be, and hereby is, authorized to complete all plans for opening the first session of the Bible Institute on September 14, of this year. The term "all plans" included the following:

Plan the session of the institute as to date and place.

Set up the curriculum.

Select the Director and the Faculty.

Set fees for students.

Set remuneration for faculty members.

Establish rules and regulations for the institute.

Approve the granting of awards, such as diplomas and certificates.

4. We submit the following nominations for membership on this first Board of Directors of the Little River Association's Bible Institute:

Rev. Leslie Carney, Valdosta

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer, Norman Park

Mr. Ray Bennett, Bemiss

Mr. Martin Wilson, Homerville

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Homerville

Respectfully and Prayerfully Submitted:

Committee: Robert Hesselmeyer, Chairman, Damon C. Dodd, Secretary, W. J. Barksdale, Buddy Hartsfield, Leonard Ogletree.

REPORT OF THE MISSIONS BOARD

The Missions Board reports to the Little River Association in session at First Free Will Baptist Church in Valdosta:

1. We recommend that the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists look into the possibility of starting a Mission in Ocilla, Ga.

2. We recommend each church in the Little River Association volunteer one team (2 people) to help canvass this city, and report finding in July 24, meeting.

Respectfully Submitted: Rev. Leslie Carney, Mr. L.F. Ogletree, Mr. J.W. Selph.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Balance in Treasury-----	\$241.33
Received from Churches-----	168.15
TOTAL-----	<u>\$409.48</u>

PAID OUT

Associational Missions-----	\$ 80.15
Moderator-----	7.50
Clerk-----	10.00
TOTAL-----	<u>\$ 97.65</u>

Balance in Treasury Today-----\$311.83

Committee: Mr. Larry Spires, Rev. Johnny Sexton,
Mr. Selmon Bostic.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We, the Resolutions Committee make the following resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist consider moving the date of our next meeting from July 17, 1971, to July 24, 1971. This action suggested due to the possible conflict with the National Association.
2. Be it resolved that a letter from Bro. Jack Paramore be read to this association, and that the balance of the \$1,000.00 mentioned in the letter be made of the member churches of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists.
3. Be it resolved that the Little River Association extend a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta, as the host church for this session.

The Resolution Committee: Rev. Leslie C. Carney,
Mr. Frank Dean, Mr. Riley Cowart,
Miss Annette Mercer, Mrs. Myrtice
Harrod.

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 24, 1971

The Quarterly Meeting was held at White Hall Free Will Baptist Church in Waycross. Meeting called to order by moderator and by congregational singing. Prayer by Sis. Latrelle Barksdale. Morning devotion by W.J. Barksdale, scripture Exodus 14-15, prayer by Robert Hesselmeier.

Report of Credentials Committee by Coy Miller:

- OZIAS: Heneretta Bennett, Elva Baker, Timolee Smith, Kathleen Corbett.
- PINE LEVEL: Freida Powell, Betty Robinson, Linda Hartsfield, Eugenia Spires, Brenda Hartsfield.
- ZION HILL: Annette Mercer, Vivian Stephens, Annette Stephens.
- FRIENDSHIP: Randell Steedley, Ezra Hall.
- TIFTON: Faye Ogletree, Joy Martin, Vicke Martin.
- SUNNY SIDE: Eddie Williams, Loraine McGovern, Martha Long, Mamie Mancil.
- HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Sis. Wynn, Randy Wynn, Ronald Coppage, Mandy Coppage.
- HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean, Mr. & Mrs. C.J. Stonecypher, Mr. & Mrs. W.L. Musgrove, Linda Hendrix, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wilson, Mrs. Carl Smith, Jr., Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr.
- BEMISS: Sis. Giddens, Sis. Harpe, Sis. Mathis.
- CORINTH: Coy Miller, Latrelle Barksdale, Rosa York, Diana Wishum, Gail Barksdale, Betty Chambless, Glenda Stenbridge, Joan Chambless, Sandra Stinson, Jerry Stinson, Lorene Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Ray, Mrs. Frank Ray, Roy Cooper.
- WHITE HALL: Linda Rouse, Evelyn Aldrich, John Griffin, Archie Gill, Buddy Smith.
- COOL SPRING: Diana Hesselmeyer, Lula Belle Whisnant, Louise Ivey, Vera Chafin, Patsy Chafin, Jane Baldy.
- VALDOSTA:

M.S.C. to seat delegates as named and also any appointed delegates coming in by letter. Recognized Bro. Martin from Illinois as a visitor. Appointed committees as follows:

- FINANCE: L.D. Wynn, H.A. Cooty, R.S. Hayes.
- RESOLUTIONS: C.L. McMillian, N.C. Brannan, Coy Miller, M.M. Franks, H.M. Hamilton, F.B. Dean.

Report of Board of Directors of the Bible Institute by Rev. Dodd. (Report included). M.S.C. that report be received and disposed of item by item. M.S.C. on all items 1 th 8.

Report of Christian Education by Rev. Everett Williams, oral report of T and T Rally.

Report from Ordaining Council that we have lost a minister by moving of his letter also reported that Ralph Chafin has not surrendered his credentials. Sandra Ogletree was given time to tell of her coming

missionary journey to Japan. Dismissed for short recess and fellowship.

Called back to order by singing a Hymn. Special music by host church, Charles Gill and his group.

Morning message brought by Rev. Everett Williams. Dismissed for lunch hour by Rev. Dodd.

Called back to order after a very fine lunch, by congregational singing. Devotional by Rev. R.S. Hayes, text Acts 8:27-40.

Committee Reports (See report section for each report).
Report of Finance Committee: M.S.C. to accept report.
Executive Committee and Missions Board: Did not have any new business to report.

Report of Board of Trustees: M.S.C. to adopt report and act on each item. Item #1 M.S.C., Item #2 M.S.C., Item #3 M.S.C.

M.S.C. to pay balance due Rev. Carney for ETTA Rally by check on this body, also any money calling in for this purpose be placed in the general fund.

Rev. Hesselmeier was given time to report on the State work.

Report on Bible Institute by Rev. Hesselmeier, School starts Tuesday Sept. 14, 1971 at Norman College.

While piano played an offering was received for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$42.70.

Announcements: Bob Hesselmeier announced the Ministers Conference on Aug. 3 at 8:30 at Reed Bingham State Park. Woman's Aux. will meet at Bemiss Church Aug. 8 at 2:30 for all officers.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissed by C.M. Chafin, Jr.

Rev. J.B. Mercer - Moderator
Don Perry - Clerk

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We your Board of Trustees met April 17, 1971, at our last session and appointed M. M. Franks as Secretary-Treasurer. If you please remember your Board of Trustees begin their duties with \$20.00 of which we

used \$10.00 for legal expenses in the transaction of Shady Grove property leaving the amount of \$10.00 in the Treasury.

Respectfully Submitted: Chairman F.B. Dean,
Sec-Treas. M.M. Franks, J.C.
Arnold.

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

The resolutions committee submits the following recommendations:

1. Be it resolved that the association in session receive a report of the financial pledges made by churches of this association to the F.W.B.B.C. If those pledges have not been met please we suggest that they be met immediately.
2. We recommend that the association help Sandra Ogletree \$100.00 per month to help on her expenses to Japan.
3. Be it resolved that we extend to this church for their hospitality shown us here today by a standing vote.

Resolutions Committee: F.B. Dean, C.L. McMillian,
Coy Miller, H.M. Hamilton,
N.C. Brannon, M.M. Franks.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the LITTLE RIVER FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE has had three meetings-June 12, June 26, and July 10, all of which were held at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta. Rev. Leslie Carney was elected chairman and Rev. Damon C. Dodd secretary. Out of these meetings come the following recommendations concerning an associational sponsored Bible Institute for ministers and laymen.

1. That this association authorize the operation of a Bible Institute for a fall term beginning Tuesday, September 14, and continuing through December 7, 1971.
2. That Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer be named Director of the Institute and Rev. Damon C. Dodd serve as Secretary Treasurer.
3. That the Institute be operated in a Ministers Division and a Layman's Division with classes meeting simultaneously from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. each week.

4. That the director be authorized to select a faculty and arrange the curriculum and that the Board of Directors approve all faculty appointees as well as the proposed curriculum.

5. That we enter into a contract with Norman College, Norman Park, Georgia to use two of their classrooms, each week, at a cost of approximately \$5.00 per week for both rooms, heated, lighted, and cleaned.

6. That the student fees for the fall session of the Institute to be set as follows:

\$ 2.50 Matriculation fee
\$10.00 Instructional fee

7. That instructors be paid \$10.00 per weekly session and that the director be paid 7¢ per mile for travel in any official capacity.

8. It is also recommended that in the event that a financial need arises, the Board of Directors may call on the Little River Association to supplement the Institute income by special offerings or allocations during regular sessions of the association and/or by permitting special drives for funds over the association among its churches.

If these recommendations are adopted here today it is requested that a special offering be received to enable the Board to finance the arrangements for the first session, since no student fees have been collected as yet.

Also, with the adoption of these recommendations, the director is prepared to announce the faculty for the fall session and the courses to be offered. There are also application forms to be distributed to all persons interested in attending any of the Institute Classes. We are asking all prospective students to please complete the form and mail it along with the matriculation fee of \$2.50 to the Treasurer, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Box 354, Homerville, Georgia 31634.

Respectfully Submitted:

Board of Directors: Chairman Leslie Carney, Sec-
Treas. Damon C. Dodd, Robert
Hesselmeyer, Ray Bennett,
Martin Wilson

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

Balance in Treasury	-----	\$309.18
Received from Churches	-----	149.00
TOTAL		<u>\$458.18</u>

(FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED)

PAID OUT:

Associational Missions	-----	\$ 49.50
Moderator	-----	7.50
Clerk	-----	10.00
TOTAL	-----	<u>\$ 67.00</u>

Balance in Treasury Today-----\$391.18

Committee: L.D. Wynn, H.A. Cooty, R.S. Hayes.



GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

L. 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 of 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 government over the visible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthy 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 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, are 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 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 consciences of men in any manner whatsoever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel: faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite for 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 elder and deacons: that the elders are called bishops or pastors and all of the elders are equal in rank 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 or 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 offices.

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

SUGGESTED CHURCH DECORUM

Local Freewill Baptist Churches are autonomous as relates to government and the regulation of internal affairs, being free from any jurisdictional or legislative authority of any higher ecclesiastical body. Therefore, the following suggestions are noting more than guidelines, inasmuch as the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists has nor desires no final powers to enforce any rule or regulation in the local Churches.

It is strongly recommended that each local Church adopt a Constitution by which it shall be governed and under which the program shall be operated.

1. Churches may choose their pastors at any time and in any manner that they see fit, provided that they do not violate ordinary Baptist principles and usages. The duties and responsibilities of pastors shall be determined and assigned by the Church in conference with the pastor elect.

2. The churches may elect deacons in a manner deemed advisable by the local situation. Their tenure of office and their duties and responsibilities shall be determined by the Church which they shall serve.

3. The Churches may elect as many officers as they deem necessary to properly conduct their affairs. Tenure of office and responsibilities and duties of all officers shall be determined by the local Church.

4. Church Conferences may be held at the discretion of the local Churches as to frequency and agenda.

4. Churches may discipline their members according to regulations and rules adopted by the local Churches as long as they are not in conflict with those rules and regulations adopted by the National Association of Freewill Baptists and those of the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists. Any member who has been disciplined has the right to appeal to the next higher body of the Freewill Baptist organization. Churches deliberately violating the rights of members shall be subject to the action of the Little River Association in withdrawing fellowship from them.

6. The manner of receiving members into the local Churches shall be determined by each local congregation. It is understood in this connection that prospective members shall give proper evidence of having been born again and shall be baptized by immersion in the Name of the Holy Trinity.

7. Local Churches are advised to observe the basic parliamentary rules and usages when conducting Church conferences.

8. The frequency of the observances of the Gospel Ordinances shall be determined by the local Churches.

9. It is understood that the Churches are not to adopt rules or regulations repugnant or contrary to the Constitution and By-laws of the Little River Association nor to engage in any practices nor preach any doctrines in violation of the Treatise of Faith and Practices of the National Association of Freewill Baptist. Local Churches not conforming to this article are liable to reprimand and/or the action of the Association withdrawing fellowship from them.

SUGGESTED FORM FOR A CONSTITUTION FOR A LOCAL CHURCH

This is a simple basic outline for a constitution for a local Church. Specific statements and provisions are to be determined by the needs and wishes of the local Church.

PREAMBLE

I. Name

II. Purpose

III. Membership

Section 1. Members received on profession of faith and mode of baptism.

Section 2. Reception of members coming from other churches

Section 3. Dismissal or transfer of members in good standing

Section 4. Exclusion or expulsion of members

IV. Officers, Tenure, Duties

Section 1. Pastor

Section 2. Clerk

Section 3. Treasurer

Section 4. Board of Deacons

Section 5. Board of Trustees

Other sections may be added for additional officers as needed

V. Auxiliaries of the Church

Section 1. Sunday School

Section 2. Church Training Service

Section 3. Woman's Auxiliary

Section 4. Master's Men

VI. Finance

Section 1. Tithes and Offerings

Section 2. Special Offerings

VII. Meetings of the Church

Section 1. Regular services of worship

Section 2. Church Conferences

Section 3. Observing the Ordinances of the gospel

Section 4. Annual Homecoming or Anniversary service

Section 5. Revival meetings

Section 6. Special Services

IX. Committees and Boards (If needed)

X. Election of Officers

XI. Alterations or Amendments.

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 in reference 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 the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of 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 principles 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 toiling 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 the 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."

ASSOCIATIONAL 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.

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 licensee 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 licensee unless it 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 where feasible.

It is earnestly requested that no church ask for the ordination to 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 Baptists. 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 have proved themselves, they shall be issued ordination credentials by the Little River Association and shall have all the rights and privileges which pertain to any regularly ordained Free Will Baptist Minister. 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 Freewill Baptist ministers who are in good standing with another Association affiliated with the National Association of Freewill Baptists, desiring to become a member of the Little River Association shall first affiliate with a Church in good standing with Little River Association. They shall then submit a letter of recommendation from the Association to which they formerly belonged to the Ordaining Council of this Association. Their acceptance into Little River Association shall be contingent upon the approval of the Or-

daining Council's recommendation to the Little River Association in regular session.

13-F. We finally recommend that each and every former action taken by Little River Association bearing on licensed and ordained ministers, be, and hereby is abrogated, and that these foregoing rules and regulations comprise the rules and regulations 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.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE. The Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were given by inspiration of God, and are our infallible rule of faith and practice. (II Timothy 3:16; II Peter 1:18-21)

2. GOD. There is one living and true God, revealed in nature as the Creator, Preserver, and Righteous Governor of the universe; and in the Scriptures as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, and obey. (Deuteronomy 6:4; I Corinthians 8:4)

3. CHRIST. Christ is God manifest in the flesh, and His divine nature truly in God, in His human nature truly man. The only begotten Son of God, He was born of the Virgin Mary. The Mediator between God and man, once crucified, He is now risen and glorified, and is our ever-present Saviour and Lord (Isaiah 7:14; John 1:1-14, I Timothy 2:5)

4. THE HOLY SPIRIT: The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity and as such the scriptures assign to Him all the attributes of God. (John 16:7-15, I John 5-7)

5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD. God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of men requires. (Acts 17:28; Matthew 10:30; Ephesians 1:11; Psalm 22:28).

6. THE SINFULNESS OF MEN. Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin and become guilty before God. (Genesis 1:26, 27; Psalm 51:5; Ephesians 2:3; Romans 5:12)

7. THE WORKS OF CHRIST. The Son of God by His incarnation, life, sufferings, death, and resurrection effected for all a redemption from sin that is full and free, and is the ground of salvation by faith. (John 1:14; I John 2:2; John 3:16; Romans 3:25, 26)

8. THE TERMS OF SALVATION. The conditions of salvation are:

(a) Repentance or sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it. (Acts 2:38; Ephesians 2:8,9) (b) Faith or the unreserved com-mital of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. (Romans 12:1,2) In the exercise of saving faith the soul is renewed by the Holy Spirit (Titus 3:5), freed from the dominion of sin (Romans 6:1-11), and becomes a child of God (Romans 8:14-17) (C) Continuance in faith and obedience until death. (Revelation 2:10.)

9. ELECTION. God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the conditions of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect. (Ephesians 1:3-5; Romans 9:11)

10. FREEDOM OF THE WILL . The human will is free and self-controlled, having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the Spirit, or to resist them and perish (Joshua 24:15; Mark 16:15, 16)

11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will may come and take of the water of life freely. (Isaiah 45:22; I Timothy 2:4; Ezekiel 33:11; Revelation 22:17)

12. PERSEVERANCE. All believers in Christ who through grace pre-severe in holiness to the end of life , have promise of eternal salvation . (Romans 8:38,39; I Corinthians 10:13; Hebrews 6:4-6)

13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism or the immersion of believers in water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19) and the Lord's Supper (I Corinthians 11:27-29) are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel.

Feet Washing, an ordinance teaching humility of universal obligation, is to be ministered to all true believers. (John 13: 5-17)

14. TITHING. God commands tithes and offerings in the Old Testament. (Malachi 3: 8-10) Jesus Christ endorsed them in the Gospel (Matthew 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "Upon the first day of the week let everyone of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him." (I Corinthians 16:2)

15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH. The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements for rest, worship, holy works, and activities, and for personal communion with God. (Acts 2:1; 20:7; Luke 24: 1-6; Exodus 20:8-11)

16. RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, AND FINAL RETRIBUTION. The scriptures teach the resurrection of all men at the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they have done evil to the resurrection of damnation. (John 5:28-29) then the wicked will "go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life. (Matthew 25:46)

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I. NAME

This Association shall be called the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

ARTICLE II. COMPOSITION AND DELEGATES

Section 1. This Association shall be composed of the general officers of the Association, duly elected delegates from the churches comprising the Association, all ordained and licensed ministers, all ordained deacons, and missionaries who are in good standing with a church belonging to this Association.

* Section 2. Local churches shall be allowed one (1) delegate for each ten (10) members of fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III. MEETINGS

The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October, on Saturday following the second Sunday of these months, the place of meeting to be determined by vote of the Association, at which times it shall be the duty of the churches of which the Association is composed to represent by letter and delegates and report their condition and statistics, using the Uniform Report Forms as provided by the Association. The October meeting shall be considered the Annual Session of the Association.

ARTICLE IV. INDEPENDENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCH

Each church in this Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs, having unrestricted rights to administer its own government without interference from a higher body, being under Christ essentially free and independent.

ARTICLE V. ASSOCIATIONAL REPLATIONSHIP TO LOCAL CHURCHES

The Little River Association shall be considered as advisory body whose duty is to meet quarterly at such places as may be determined according to Article III of this constitution, and not to adjourn formally until all pertinent matters are disposed of. While in session its function shall be to examine all questions of interest to the Association and to use its best influence to promote Christian and benevolent means and institutions such as Sunday Schools, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliaries, Master's Men, and Missions.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of the October session annually. Individuals may not be elected to any of these offices for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE VII - PROCEDURE FOR JOINING THE ASSOCIATION

Churches desiring to become a member of this association shall submit a petitionary letter to the Association at any of its sessions, containing the date and place of organization, the name of the pastor and a list of all elected officers, number of members, and time and place of regular meetings. They must conform to the doctrines and practices of the Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Freewill Baptists.

The Association reserves the right to send its Executive Committee to investigate any applicant for membership if it deems necessary and to subsequently act on the report of said Executive Committee before approval for membership becomes final.

ARTICLE VII - FINANCE

It is suggested that each church comprising this Association send the Association, quarterly, their fees as stipulated herein. Churches up to and not exceeding 50 members \$10; 51 to 100 members \$15; 101 to 200 members \$20. The churches are further urged to support Associational missions, church extension, and other local and Denominational ministries with offerings over and above their regular gifts for Associational expenses.

Special offerings may be received at any of the sessions of the Association as the need arises.

ARTICLE IX - COMMITTEES, BOARDS, COUNCILS

Section 1. Committees may be chosen for any particular function at any session of the Association as the need arises. Unless otherwise specified, these committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Section 2. Standing committees may be set up by the Association as the need arises and unless otherwise specified these committees shall be appointed by the Moderator.

Section 3. Standing Boards of the Association shall be the Missions Board, Recreation Board, Board of Trustees, and the Christian Education Board. These Boards shall consist of five (5) members each. Membership on these Boards shall be for a term of five (5) years, with election annually for the five-year term. Vacancies on any of these Boards may be filled at any regular session of the Association for the unexpired term/terms.

Section 4. This Association shall maintain an Ordaining Council composed of five (5) ordained ministers who are in good standing with the Association. Members shall serve for a five (5) year term with election annually for the five year term. Vacancies occurring on this Council may be filled at any regular session of the Association for the unexpired term/terms.

It shall be the duty of the Ordaining Council to examine each person for whom ordination to the Gospel Ministry is requested in the proper manner by the church of which he is a member, as to his moral, doctrinal, and educational qualifications, and his willingness to cooperate with the functions and programs of this Association.

After having examined the candidate the Council shall report its

findings to the Association, along with an appropriate recommendation in each case, to be voted on by the Association.

ARTICLE X. ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be altered or amended by the Association at any of its regular sessions by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of intended alterations or amendments be presented in writing and filed with the Clerk of the Association at a previous regular session.

BY- LAWS

SECTION I. Duties of Officer

MODERATOR ...The duties of the Moderator shall include presiding at all the meetings of the Association, appointing such committees as are created without provision for their selection, serve as ex-officio member of the Executive Committee, and in general to fulfill whatever responsibilities may be commensurate with his office or are delegated to him by the body.

Assistant Moderator ...The duties of the Assistant Moderator shall include presiding at the meetings in the absence of the Moderator or at his request, and assisting him in such ways as may be necessary.

CLERK-TREASURER ...The duties of the Clerk - Treasurer shall include preparation of the minutes of all meetings of this Association and the handling of such official correspondence for the Association as he may be directed, and to serve as Ex-Officio member of the Executive Committee.

He shall receive and record all funds of the Association and expend the same under the direction of the Association.

Assistant Clerk - Treasurer ...The duties of the Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be to assist the Clerk - Treasurer.

SECTION 2. Standing Committees, Boards, and Councils.

The Executive Committee shall consist of five (5) members, each of whom shall be elected for a term of five years. Election shall be for the five year term. In addition to these five, the Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer shall, by virtue of their offices, be members of the Executive Committee.

SECTION 3.

The Executive Committee shall act for the Association on the matters pertaining to its interests which may arise between regular sessions

of the Association and which by their nature require immediate attention. Such actions shall be subject to the final approval of the Association at its next regular session, and consequently must be reported in full to the Association in regular session.

SECTION 4.

The Credentials Committee shall consist of three (3) members elected annually by the Association. This Committee shall receive all church letters at the opening session of each Associational meeting and shall immediately submit to the Association a complete list of elected delegates from the churches in good standing with the Association.

The Committee shall submit a digest of the statistics reported in the church letters at the final business session of each annual session of the Association.

Matters regarding the ineligibility of any church shall be reported by the Committee to the Association and final action shall be taken by the Association in regular session.

SECTION 5.

The Missions Board shall consist of five (5) members as stipulated in Article IX, Section 3 of the Constitution. This Board shall receive monies designated for Associational missions, maintain an accurate record of all gifts, and pay out funds under the direction of the Association.

This Board shall encourage Church Extension and give help and assistance to the weaker churches in this Association. It shall also seek to keep the people informed on the programs and plans in these areas of operation.

section 6.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of five (5) members as set forth in Article IX, Section 3 of this constitution.

This Board of Trustees shall, in the name and in behalf of, the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists, receive and hold title to any and all Real property of said Association.

This Board shall also have the power to receive by grant, gift, bequest or otherwise, property real or otherwise, for and in the name of Little River Association of Freewill Baptists.

This Board shall have no authority to buy, sell, rent, lease, mortgage, or in any other wise, encumber the property or properties of said Association without the official consent of the Association.

This Board shall represent Little River Association of Freewill Baptists in all legal transactions involving properties of this Association and shall act in strict observance of the wishes and demands of the Association as expressed by majority vote of the Association in regular or officially called session.

SECTION 7.

The Recreation Board shall consist of five (5) members as set forth in Article IX, Section 3 of the constitution.

This Board shall be responsible for planning and scheduling the Associationally sponsored events to be held at the Association's Recreation area. The Board shall also serve as a clearing committee for events to be held at the area by the local churches or their Auxiliaries.

The Board of Recreation shall set up rules governing the use of the Area and a code of conduct to be observed by those using the Area.

SECTION 8.

The Board of Christian Education shall consist of five (5) members as set forth in Article IX, Section 3 of the constitution.

This Board shall be, and hereby is, authorized to plan and promote annually within the bounds of the Little River Association a Teach and Train Rally, incorporating into said Rally the interests and programs of the Sunday Schools and Church Training Services within the Association. They shall designate one or more of their number to preside at the Rallies and shall be responsible for arranging the programs, the place and date of the Rallies, and the method of financing.

They shall submit an annual report of their work at the October session of the Association.

SECTION 9.

The Ordaining Council's composition, functions, and authority shall be those set forth under Article IX, Section 4, of the constitution.

SECTION 10.

The District Woman's Auxiliary Convention and the Teach and Train Rally shall be recognized as subsidiary organizations of the Little River Association.

The Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall organize at its discretion and have power to adopt its own constitution and by laws and maintain complete management of the work for which it is constituted. The Woman's Auxiliary Convention shall report its accomplishments and financial operation to the Association annually at the October session.

The Teach and Train Rally shall be under the control of the Board of Christian Education and as such shall have the power to adopt its own constitution and by laws. Reports of this Teach and Train Rally shall be according to section 8 of these by laws.

SECTION 11.

Two - fifths (2/5) of the churches comprising this Association shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of this body or its Auxiliaries.

SECTION 12.

The Moderator shall receive an honorarium of thirty dollars (\$30.00) and the Clerk shall receive an honorarium of forty dollars (\$40.00) to be paid quarterly.

SECTION 13.

The meetings of Little River Association shall be governed by the rules of parliamentary law as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order, except in the case of those rules which are superseded by some rule or rules of this body.

SECTION 14.

The by-laws may be amended at any regular session by a two thirds (2/3) vote of members present and voting, provided proposed amendment or alteration be presented in writing and filed with the Clerk at a previous regular meeting of the Association.

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

Pine Level	-----	January	1972
Zion Hill	-----	April	1972
Homerville	-----	July	1972
Corinth	-----	October	1972
Friendship	-----	January	1973
Ozias	-----	April	1973
Forest Hill	-----	July	1973
Sunny Side	-----	October	1973
Hahira	-----	January	1974
Bemiss	-----	April	1974
Valdosta	-----	July	1974
White Hall	-----	October	1974
Cool Spring	-----	January	1975
First Tifton	-----	April	1975