

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

Convened With
CORINTH FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH
Brookfield, Georgia

Saturday, October 14, 1972

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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:

FOREST HILL

**Mrs. Annie Bell Thompson
Mrs. Edna Hayes
Mrs. Scrappie Hayes
Mr. W.J. Yeomans**

VALDOSTA

**Mr. Jack Selph, Sr.
Mrs. Georgia Bell Selph**

HAHIRA

Mr. Clarence Lee Ledbetter

COOL SPRING

Mrs. Emma Nelson

SUNNY SIDE

Mrs. Beulah Bowen

FRIENDSHIP

One listed but no name given

CORINTH

**Mr. G.M. Kirkland
Mr. John Blanchard
Mrs. G.N. McDaniel
Mrs. W.R. Hullet**

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, BOARDS . . . 1972-73

Moderator	John T. Cook — Tifton, Ga.
Ass't. Moderator	J.B. Mercer — Norman Park, Ga.
Clerk-Treasurer	Mrs. Dianna Hesselmeyer — Norman Park, Ga.
Ass't. Clerk-Treasurer	Don Perry — Norman Park, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

C.M. Chalfin, Jr.	1973
L.D. Wynn	1974
Buddy Hartsfield	1975
Carson Parrish	1976
J.C. Arnold	1977

ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Rev. R.S. Hayes	1973
Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer	1974
Rev. Riley Giddens	1975
Rev. J.B. Mercer	1976
Rev. C.L. McMillian	1977

MISSIONS BOARD

C.M. Chafin, Jr.	1973
Rev. L.F. Ogletree	1974
J.W. Selph	1975
Rev. Leslie Carney	1976
Benny Larescy	1977

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

F.B. Dean	1973
M.M. Franks	1974
James Harpe	1975
Fred Baker	1976
Selmon Bostic	1977

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Rev. Everett Williams	1973
Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer	1974
J.W. Franks	1975
Buddy Hartsfield	1976
Earl Ridley	1977

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer	1973
Rev. Leslie Carney	1974
Rev. L.F. Ogletree	1975
Rev. Damon Dodd	1976
John T. Cook	1977

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

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

ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Leslie C. Carney	242-1330	Valdosta, Ga.
L.J. Chambless	382-4572	Tifton, Ga.
Damon C. Dodd	487-5840	Homerville, Ga.
Alton Everson	776-3571	Sylvester, Ga.
Riley Giddens	686-3615	Ray City, Ga.
M.T. Goff		Nashville, Ga.
T.G. Hamilton	487-2217	Homerville, Ga.
R.S. Hayes	869-3334	Adel, Ga.
Robert Hesselmeyer	769-4951	Norman Park, Ga.
W.R. Hullett		Nashville, Ga.
Clarence McMillian	285-1219	Waycross, Ga.
J.B. Mercer	769-5261	Norman Park, Ga.
M.C. Nail	487-5845	Homerville, Ga.
Charles Parrish	244-3147	Valdosta, Ga.
Carl Taylor	382-9858	Tifton, Ga.
Everett Williams	422-3690	Pearson, Ga.
L.F. Ogletree	382-2384	Tifton, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

W.J. Sumner	382-3340	Tifton, Ga.
James Stringer		Valdosta, Ga.
Roy Dasher		Valdosta, Ga.

PROCEEDING OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

The Sixty-Sixth Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist convened at Corinth Church at Brookfield, Ga. on Saturday, Oct. 14, 1972. The meeting was opened with singing led by Rev. Dodd and prayer led by Rev. Chambless.

Morning devotion by Rev. Carney using text from Rev. 22:7, 12, 20. Welcome to this Session of this Association by the Moderator, Rev. J.B. Mercer and declared this Session in order for transaction of business. Partial report of the credential committee by Mrs. Dodd, MSC to seat these delegates and those to come in later. Moderator recognized the following visitors, Rev. Randy Cox from Mississippi, Rev. Leonard Pirtle. Moderator appointed the following committees: RESOLUTIONS — Charles Parrish, Stanley Harrod, Mrs. Frank Dean; OBITUARY — Mrs. J. W. Franks, Mrs. Billy Sumner, Mrs. Everett Williams; FINANCE — C.L. McMillian, Audie William, Benny Lariscy. MSC to elect a nominating committee, nominated were: M.T. Goff, Alton Everson, C.M. Chafin, Jr. MSC nomination cease and these be elected. Moderator called for the reports from the standing committees, Ordaining Council by Rev. Hayes MSC to receive this report. Bible Institute Board by Rev. Dodd MSC to receive this report in full. Missions Board, finance report by C.M. Chafin, Jr. MSC to receive report.

Report from State Office by Rev. Pirtle, State Association will meet at Martin Youth Camp on Nov. 16-18. Reminder that the National Association will meet in Macon, Ga. in 1973.

A presentation was made of certificates to the various churches for their giving to the cooperative plan and designated plan. Report from camp sessions at Camp Mt. Bethel by Rev. Pirtle. Finance report of the

camp by Rev. Hesselmeyer.

Delegates to the State Association are as follows: Don Perry, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. M.M. Franks, Mrs. Carson Parrish, Joe Dorsey. Dismissed for recess by Don Perry.

Convened after recess with congregation singing led by J.W. Franks and prayer by J.H. Ivey. Special singing by host church.

After prayer by Rev. Mercer an offering was received for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$61.58.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Dodd using text from Rev. 22:6. Rev. Sumner gave the invitation for lunch. Dismissed by Charles Gill.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with congregational singing and prayer by Rev. Taylor.

Special singing was rendered by a trio from Pine Level Church. Evening Devotional was given by Rev. McMillian. Committee reports were presented as follows:

Resolution: MSC to act on item by item, Item No. 1 MSC, Item No. 2 MSC, Item No. 3 MSC.

Obituary: MSC; Ordaining Council: MSC; Finance: MSC; Final Credential report: MSC; Women's Auxiliary: MSC; Partial report of Ministers and Deacons: MSC.

Moderator reminded Association about resolution of last April meeting dealing with Pastors exchanging pulpits one Sunday per year. MSC to postpone this indefinitely.

Report on Oak Grove Church by Rev. Goff. Received an offering for cooperative plan, prayer by John Cook.

Report from C.M. Chafin, Jr. concerning harvest day drive for the Free Will Baptist Children Home in Alabama.

Report of Nominating Committee by C.M. Chafin, Jr.: All Officers and Board Members elected by acclamation.

MSC that Rev. Dodd be elected as Parliamentarian.

Moderator appointed the following to serve on the Resolution Committee for one year: C.M. Chafin, Jr., Robert Anderson, Riley Giddens. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Hesselmeyer.

Rev. J.B. Mercer — Moderator

Don Perry — Clerk

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Name of Church	Name of Delegates
BEMISS:	Marion Harpe, Ema Jean Harpe, James Stringer.
COOL SPRINGS:	S. E. Harrod, Becky Harrod, Dianna Hesselmeyer, Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Brannan, J. H. Ivey, Benny Hamilton, Wanda Hamilton, Stanley Harrod, Marie Roberts.
CORINTH:	Coy Miller, Bill Cooper, Jerry Wishum, Diane Wishum, Jane Sumner, Mrs. M. M. Franks, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. T. W. Sumner, Toni Sumner.
FOREST HILL:	
FRIENDSHIP:	Fredda Herndon, Joy Ternest, Woodrow Herndon.
HAHIRA:	Ronald Coppage, Mandy Coppage, Bessie Coppage, Lottie Cain, Joan Chambless.
HOMERVILLE:	Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr., Mrs. Frank Dean.

PINE LEVEL: Bennie Perry, Eugenia Spires, Murleen Dorsey, Orma Willis, Larry Thompson.
 SUNNY SIDE: Loraine McGovern, Martha Long, Annie Douglas, Leona Williams, Willie Williams.
 TIFTON: Herman Eason, Mrs. Nelda Joiner.
 VALDOSTA: Earl Ridley.
 WHITE HALL: Geneva Parker, Charles Gill, Buddy Smith, Alice Smith, Lucy Moore, Benny Larisey, Johnny Griffin, Charlene Griffin, Gwen Moore, Anita Parker.
 ZION HILL: Oveda Arnold, Sam Barlow, Elizabeth Barlow, Ruby Lankin.
 OZIAS: Mrs. Riley Cowart, James Edge, Marian Everson.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:
 Received from Churches \$229.00 to be applied as follows:
 Associational Purposes \$224.00
 Associational missions 5.00
 The following disbursements are to be made:
 Moderator & Clerk honorarium \$ 17.50
 Programs & Mailing 7.80
 Bible Institute 100.00
 Total paid out \$125.30
 Balance in treasury July 22, 1972 \$356.26
 Receipts today 224.00
 Total \$580.26
 Paid out today 125.30
 Balance in treasury today \$454.96

Committee:
 C.L. McMillian
 Audie Williams
 Benny Lariscy

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council recommend that Bro. W.J. Sumner take the test for ordination and if he passes the test be ordained.
 R.S. Hayes, Chairman

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

We make the following nominations:
 ModeratorMr. John T. Cook
 Assistant ModeratorRev. J.B. Mercer
 ClerkMrs. Dianna Hesselmeier
 Assistant ClerkDon Perry
 Executive CommitteeJ.C. Arnold
 Ordaining CommitteeC.L. McMillian
 Mission BoardBenny Lariscy
 Trustee BoardSelmon Bostic
 Bible Institute BoardJohn Cook
 Christian Education BoardEarl Ridley

Credentials Committee Mrs. Damon Dodd
Mrs. Wanda Cooper
Mrs. J.C. Arnold

Committee:
C.M. Chafin, Jr.
Alton Everson
M.T. Goff

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. Whereas, the Little River Association convenes four times each year, and whereas, the various Churches that make up the Little River Association only receive minutes of the various meetings each year in the annual minutes and that at times there may be a need to refer to the minutes between the time of receiving the compilation of the annual minutes, be it therefore resolved that the Little River Association direct its clerk to mimeograph the minutes of each meeting before the annual meeting and send a copy to each pastor and each church clerk after each meeting.
2. Whereas, a resolution committee is appointed at each regular meeting of the Little River Association, and whereas this committee has very little reaction time to present to the body a resolution that has been well thought out and prepared, often times contributes no constructive resolutions to be adopted. Be it therefore resolved that at the annual meeting of the Little River Association the moderator appoint a resolution committee to act in this capacity throughout the church year.
3. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of appreciation to Corinth Church for the wonderful display of Christian hospitality to us and the sharing of good food blessed by the Lord.

Committee:
Charles Parrish
Stanly Harrod
Mrs. Frank Dean

REPORT OF THE LITTLE RIVER MISSION FUND

Balance in Treasury October 1972 \$569.45
C.M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Membership — 45 Auxiliaries Report — 5 State Projects — \$418.21
Missions — \$195.00 Total Paid Out — \$613.21

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The 27th Session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference of the Little River Association met at Hahira Free Will Baptist Church September 16, 1972.

Song service was conducted by Bro. Leonard Ogletree. Piano was played by Sister Boutwell. Prayer was led by Bro. Riley Giddens.

The Conference moderator, Bro. Bob Hesselmeyer, asked for everyone that would to give a testimony of praise to God, praising God for things God had done. Those testifying were Bros. Charles Parrish, Everett Williams, Riley Giddens, J.B. Mercer, L.J. Chambless, Carson Parrish,

Audie Williams, Joe Dorsey, Alton Everson, John Cook, Buddy Hartsfield and Bro. Boutwell.

After testimony service Bro. Hesselmeyer asked Bro. Don Perry to lead in prayer and then introduced Bro. Leonard Pirtle of Bay Free Will Baptist Church to bring God's message for the evening. Bro. Pirtle gave a very inspiring message from the book of Acts using the man "Barnabas" as his subject.

Moderator then called conference to order. Minutes were read and approved.

Moderator called for unfinished business. The "Church Evangelist Conference on Evangelist and Soul Winning" was the only unfinished business we had. Bro. Hesselmeyer reported for that committee and the conference decided it would be best for this conference to go to and support the "Evangelist Conference in Moultrie in October. MSC to take this matter off table. This matter was then discussed and conference MSC to release this committee and go to one in Moultrie.

Bro. J.B. Mercer reminded conference about the Harvest Day drive held each year for Free Will Baptist Children's Home in Alabama. Everyone was told to contact C.M. Chafin for any further information concerning this matter.

Bro. Parrish, pastor of Bemiss Church told conference about a youth program that the Ladies Auxiliary is considering to start in Bemiss Church and asked this conference to consider this matter.

Bro. Everett Williams gave a report on the last T.N.T. rally held at White Hall Church in Waycross. Explained how the program was carried on and then announced the next one to be held the first Saturday in May at Ozias Church near Pearson, Ga.

MSC to print several programs for each church and pay for out of treasury. MSC to change Article Five to show the conference officers as

President — Vice-President

Secretary-Treasury — Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer

and to give the president and secretary authority to correct Constitution where needed.

MSC to send \$50.00 to Alabama Free Will Baptist Children's Home.

Time for officer election for another year. Buddy Hartsfield resigned as clerk.

Those new officers elected were:

Bro. Charles Parrish President
Bro. J.B. Mercer Vice-President
Bro. John Cook Secretary-Treasurer
Bro. Billy Sumner Ass't. Secretary-Treasurer

Bro. Chambless, pastor of host church, invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

Offering for this conference	\$ 21.85
Previous Offering	82.26
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	\$104.11
Children's Home	<hr/>
	—50.00
New Balance	<hr/>
	\$ 54.11

REPORT OF CHURCHES

Pine Level — Bro. Curtiss Powell believes church is doing good, attendance is holding up pretty good, but could do better. Desires prayers of all.

Zion Hill — Bro. Everett Williams said they were going to have revival the next week, and Bro. A.C. Truluck was going to be the evangelist. Invited everyone to come and especially pray for their church.

Homerville — No one present.

Corinth — Bro. John Cook stated that they were having an increase in Sunday School attendance, and asked everyone to pray for their revival coming up in October.

Friendship — No one present.

Ozias — Bro. Riley Cowart knows church is spiritually good, but needs prayers for the lost in that community.

Forest Hill — No one present.

Sunny Side — Bro. Audie Williams said attendance is fair and could be better if people were interested. Asked prayers of all.

Hahira — Bro. Boutwell said that services had been good, but sometimes better than others. Asked to be remembered in prayers.

Bemiss — Bro. Riley Giddens expressed that their church is doing real good and is very thankful for their pastor and his family. He says a great moving of the spirit in church programs and stated that they are having services every Sunday.

Valdosta — No one present.

White Hall — No one present.

Cool Springs — Bro. Hesselmeyer told conference that they had just had revival, and the Lord had really blessed their church but they were still having problems, especially with their young married people. They are building a new building at church, and asked everyone to pray that the Holy Spirit will fill the pastor and the people in their church.

Tifton — No one present.

MSC for churches to give written reports from now on along with oral reports. Reason! Because secretary is unable to record all of oral reports.

Bro. Hesselmeyer gave a report on Bible Institute asking everyone to back and support it. It will be held on Tuesday night at Norman Assembly, at Norman Park, Ga. Time 7:30 p.m. till 9:30 or 10:00 p.m. Probably one in Waycross, don't know yet.

Bro. Ethridge Coppage dismissed in prayer.

Bro. Bob Hesselmeyer — President

Bro. Buddy Hartsfield — Secretary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

Little River Association Bible Institute began its second year of operation Tuesday evening, September 19, 1972, under the directorship of Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer. This year two branches of the Institute were set up: one in Norman Baptist Assembly to accommodate students from the western area of the Association, and the other in Waycross at Whitehall Church for the convenience of students in the eastern area of

the Association. Seven students have enrolled in the Norman Park classes with Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer and Rev. Leslie Carney serving as instructors. Seventeen students make up the Waycross group with Rev. Damon C. Dodd as instructor.

The ETTA curricula is being used exclusively this year and instead of two divisions, Ministerial and Laymen as heretofore, the two have been incorporated into a single division, with ministers and laymen taking the courses together. The Norman Park group is divided into two classes, the Preliminary for those who are just beginning the ETTA program, and the Advanced, for those who have had previous ETTA courses. Subjects being taught are Bible, Teaching methods, and Administration.

Fees remain the same this year as they were: \$2.50 matriculation and \$12.50 instructional. However, the Board of Trustees voted to review the fee structure before the next session of the Institute and if possible to reduce the costs to students in each area. This reduction in fees will be made possible only if each of the Churches in the Association include the Bible Institute in their budgets and make regular monthly contributions for this cause. Up to the present time only two Churches have responded to this need. They are Cool Springs and Pine Level. Other Churches have indicated that they plan to support the Institute financially but as of now nothing has been received from them. We would like to encourage each Church to give at least \$10.00 per month toward the support of this worthy endeavor. After all, the greatest beneficiaries from the Institute will be the local Churches whose teachers and leaders are receiving the training offered by the Bible Institute.

The minimum budget per Institute session is \$454.00. This includes \$375.00 instructional fees, \$54.00 per term for rental on the classrooms at Norman Baptist Assembly, and \$25.00 for miscellaneous expenses. Income to date for this session is as follows:

DESIGNATED GIFTS:	
Little River Association	\$100.00
Pine Level Church	20.00
Cool Springs Church	29.00
Friendship Church	5.00
STUDENT FEES:	
Matriculation	50.50
Instructional Fees	200.00
TOTAL	\$404.50

Since we are short \$49.20 of the minimum budget, we would like to request that an offering for the Bible Institute be taken here today during this session for the Institute program. Any surplus accruing during the year will be carried over and applied toward the budget for the next session of the Institute which will begin January 9, 1973 and continue through April 3, 1973.

We would further request that representatives from the Churches here today take up the matter of regular Bible Institute support with their pastors and Churches back home and use their influence in making this a part of the regular budget of the Church.

In concluding our report, we express our heartiest thanks to each and every individual, to the Churches, and to the Association for your prayers and financial support. Most especially our thanks go to the

students of the Institute for their faithful interest and attendance.

Respectfully submitted:
Leslie Carney, Chairman
Robert Hesselmeyer
L.F. Ogletree
John T. Cook
Damon C. Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer

MAY 20, 1972

On May 20, 1972 the annual TNT Rally was called to order at Whitehall at 10 o'clock by Reverend Everett Williams. The congregation sang "He Abides," and Brother Benny Lairscy led us in prayer. The congregation then sang "Send the Light," and Reverend Williams welcomed each one to the TNT Rally. Reverend Clarence McMillian, pastor of Whitehall, welcomed all. Reverend Alvin Everson, Ozias, gave the devotion using as his text I John 5 and Psalms 39:23 and 24. MSC that Reverend Williams serve as moderator for the day in the absence of Reverend Jerome McNeese. The minutes of the last session were read and approved.

The churches present were recognized and each presented a short program. The churches present were Zion Hill, Ozias, Sunnyside, Hahira, Corinth, and Whitehall. We were dismissed for lunch by Reverend McMillian.

After lunch we gathered back and sang "I'll Meet You By the River." Sister Annette Mercer led us in prayer. We then sang "I've Got A Mansion." Reverend McMillian gave the devotion using Psalms 24 as his text. Sister Annette Mercer led in Sword Drill, and Jan Harrell from Whitehall was the winner. She received \$5.00 for her participation.

We opened the floor for business again. Ozias asked to host the 1973 TNT Rally to be held May 19, 1973. MSC we go to Ozias next year.

MSC that resolution be placed before the quarterly meeting in July for the host Church of the TNT Rally be in charge of the programs for each session. Officers elected were: Moderator — Alton Everson, Asst. Mod. — Everett Williams, Clerk-Treasurer — Shirley Matthews, Asst. Clerk-Treasurer — Linda Robinson.

MSC that we give Whitehall a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

MSC we adjourn. We were then dismissed in prayer.

Everett Williams, Mod.
Benny Lairscy, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING JANUARY 15, 1972

Quarterly Meeting convened at Pine Level Church at 9:30 a.m. Open with congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Everson. Morning devotional by Rev. Everson using text from St. John 6:11.

Moderator welcomed everyone to this church and to this Quarterly Meeting and declared the session in order for transaction of business.

Report of Credentials by Mrs. Dodd:

BEMISS: Mrs. James Harpe, Mrs. Henry Mathis.

COOL SPRINGS: Vera Chafin, Vallie Chafin, Myrtice Harrod, Maxie Brannon, N.C. Brannon, Billy Beverley, Dianah Hesselmeyer.

CORINTH: Mr. and Mrs. Coy Miller, Roy Cooper, Latrelle Barksdale, Rosa York.

FRIENDSHIP: Fredda Herndon, Leo Steedley.

HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Troy Wynn, Joan Chambless.

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr., Mrs. Thursue Wood, Mrs. Damon Dodd.

OZIAS: Shirley Mathews, Linda Roberson, Cathalene Corbett, Henrietta Bennett, Eva Cowart, Marrion Everson.

PINE-LEVEL: Church at large.

SUNNY SIDE: Loraine McGovern, Mamie Mancil, Willie Williams.

TIFTON: Joyce Martin, Joy Martin, Vickie Martin.

VALDOSTA:

WHITE HALL: Jimmy Sapp, Lovada Sapp, Robert Anderson, Virue Rewis, Buddy Smith, Alice Smith, Benny Larisey.

ZION HILL: Oveda Arnold, Johnny Bennett, Gail Bennett.

MSC to seat delegates and those to come in later. Rev. Pirtle was recognized as corresponding messenger.

Moderator appointed the following committees: Resolution — C.L. McMillian, Henry Mathis, Benny Lairscy; Finance — L.F. Ogletree, Brenda Hartsfield, James Harpe; Ordaining Committee and Board of Trustees reported no business. Executive Committee report by J.C. Arnold (See reports). MSC.

Oral report from Mission Board by Rev. Carney.

Oral report from Little River Bible Institute by Rev. Hesselmeyer.

Report from State Mission Board by Benny Lairscy (See reports).

Oral report from State board of Camping by Rev. Hesselmeyer.

Board of Christian Education reported no business.

Report from State Promotional Office by Rev. Leonard Pirtle. He reported that giving had made a good increase last year, that a walk in book store would be opened in Moultrie and State Office would handle Sunday School material. An offering was received for the State Office in the amount of \$45.69. At this time the Moderator declared a recess.

The congregation reassembled for morning worship with singing led by Buddy Hartsfield and prayer led by Sis. Dodd. Special singing by a trio from host church. The Moderator introduced Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer, who brought the morning message.

The afternoon session was opened with congregation singing and prayer led by Rev. Pirtle. Evening devotion by Rev. L.J. Chambless.

Business session — committee reports:

RESOLUTIONS: Benny Lariscy MSC to accept report item by item. Item No. 1 MSC that the fourth Sunday in each month be used as Sandra Ogletree Day and an offering received for her missionary trip to Japan. Item No. 2 MSC.

FINANCE: Rev. L.F. Ogletree MSC.

ORDAINING COMMITTEE: Rev. Barksdale unofficial recognized Rev. Charles Johnson, pastor of Bemiss Church, MSC.

MISSION BOARD: Rev. Carney MSC that to receive report item by item. Item No. 1 MSC that Fitzgerald be selected and the mission board look into the possibility of a mission work there.

Item No. 2 MSC that \$100.00 be given to the mission at Athens, Ga.

Item No. 3 MSC to designate 25% of incoming money for State Mission work until we have a Little River mission work to sponsor.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: F. Dean MSC, MS to discontinue trustee board until some business comes up (laid on table until next meeting).

MSC to receive report in full of Executive Committee.

MSC to receive report in full of Bible Institute.

MSC to adopt Items No. 1 and 2 of the resolutions committee report at last session.

Association Clerk reported that he had received reply from our Representatives on prayer in schools.

Announcements were called for and several were given. MSC to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Charles Johnson.

Rev. J.B. Mercer, Moderator

Don Perry, Clerk

THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

1. We would remind our Churches of the Little River Association that inasmuch as we have voted to support Sandra Ogletree in her missionary turn in Japan, some arrangements must be made in our local Churches. We recommend that each Church receive a special offering to be applied toward this fund.

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

The Committee:

C.L. McMillian

Benny Lairsy

Henry Mathis

REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We your board of trustees humbly submit the following report, no activity since the last session of the Associational meeting, ten dollars in treasury.

F.B. Dean, Chairman

REPORT OF THE STATE MISSION BOARD

On Jan. 7, 1972, the Ga. State Mission Board met at Camp Mt. Bethel. We are opening a mission in Athens, Ga. Rev. Jerry Johnson will be the pastor. We are asking the district mission board and Master's men of each church to undertake the purchasing of a Mobile Mission for our work in Athens. We are going to publish a paper each quarter on Missions, similar to our Promotional Bulletin.

Benny Lariscy, Board Member

MISSIONS BOARD REPORT

We the Mission Board submit the following report: During our last

quarterly meeting this Association authorized your mission board to go outside our own Association to start new mission works if necessary, also names of known interested Free Will Baptists were to be sent to Rev. Leslie C. Carney, mission board chairman. To date, no names have been sent. Your mission board met today while the Association was in session and we make the following recommendation:

- 1. That the matter be discussed on the floor and that this Association direct your mission board in some specific course of action.
- 2. We also recommend that this Association designate some of our existing funds in the mission board treasury to the new work in Athens, Ga. with Rev. Jerry Johnson as mission pastor.
- 3. We would further recommend that we cooperate with the State, and designate a set amount from our mission treasury to that, and/or other worthy mission works in our State until such time as we have a Little River work to sponsor. It is understood that a quarterly report be sent to the chairman of the Little River mission board from any work we help to support so as to make reports to this Association body when it convenes.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Balance in treasury	\$136.09
Received for Association purpose	87.50
Received for Association Missions	46.50
Total	\$207.09
Paid Out	
Moderator & Clerk	17.50
Missions	46.50
Total	\$ 64.00
Balance in treasury today	\$206.09

The Committee:
L.F. Ogletree
Brenda Hartsfield
James S. Harpe

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee of Little River Association met on December 3, 1971 at Cool Spring Church with the following committee members present, J.C. Arnold, C.M. Chafin, Jr., Buddy Hartsfield. Item of business was, Don Perry, clerk of the Association, stated he had been informed by the Tifton Church that they could not host the quarterly meeting in January 1972, whereas the meeting schedule had run out after this meeting in January so this left the Association with no meeting place for January. Buddy Hartsfield volunteered Pine Level Church to host this meeting, which was in agreement with the other committee members. Also this committee would like to make the following recommendation

on meeting places to this quarterly meeting in session on January 15, 1972.

Zion HillApril, 1972
Homerville July, 1972.
Corinth October, 1972
Friendship January, 1973
OziasApril, 1973
Forest Hill July, 1973
Sunny Side October, 1973

Hahira January, 1974
BemissApril, 1974
Valdosta July, 1974
White Hall October, 1974
Cool Spring January, 1975
First TiftonApril, 1975

The Committee

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING APRIL 15, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Little River Association met Saturday April 15, 1972 at Zion Hill Church, Millwood, Ga.

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by the Moderator, Rev. J.B. Mercer. After congregational singing, prayer was offered by Sis. Riley Giddens. Rev. Everett Williams brought the morning devotional using scripture from I Corinthians 3:9 as his text.

First committee to report was the credentials committee by Mrs. Dodd, report as follows:

HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Joan Chambliss, Betty Chambliss:

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Thrusie Wood, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hendrix.

FRIENDSHIP: Mrs. Woodrow Herndon, Randell Steedley.

ZION HILL: Oveda Arnold, Viola Walden, Gail Bennett, Mammie Mercer.

WHITE HALL: Alice Smith, Virue Rewis, Benny Lariscy, Linnie Moody, Geneva Parker, Buddy Smith, Charles Gill.

VALDOSTA: No delegates listed.

BEMISS: Mrs. Giddens, Mrs. Long.

COOL SPRING: Mrs. N.C. Brannon, Roy Weeks, Billy Beverley..

CORINTH: Mr. and Mrs. Coy Miller, Mrs. M.M. Franks, Rosa York, Mrs. Leota Cook, Mae Sumner, Rennie Sumner, Roy Cooper, Clytee Chambliss, Bill Cooper, Wonda Cooper, Latrelle Barksdale.

OZIAS: Shirley Mathews, Curtis Roberson, Wynda Robinson, Betty Bennett, Henrietta Bennett, Cathy Graham, Stella Mae Bennett, Mary Everson.

PINE LEVEL: Debbie Mercer, Vickie Duckworth, Bennie Perry.

SUNNY SIDE: Leona Williams, Betty Bazemore, Willie Williams, Margaret Williams.

MSC to seat delegates and those to come in later. Visiting brethren and corresponding messengers were recognized.

Moderator appointed the following committees:

RESOLUTIONS: L.D. Wynn, John Cook, Alton Everson.

FINANCE: C.L. McMillian, Vickie Duckworth, Mrs. J.C. Arnold.

Report from Little River Bible Institute by Rev. Dodd, MSC to receive report. (See reports).

State mission board report by Benny Lariscy, received as information. No report from Ordaining Council, Mission Board, Executive Committee,

Board of Christian Education at this time.

Oral report from the Bible Institute by Rev. Carney, received as information. After prayer by Rev. Dodd, an offering was received for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$43.88.

Convened after recess with congregation singing and special singing by Bro. L.D. Wynn and Bro. and Sis. Ogletree.

Morning message by Rev. J.B. Mercer. Invited to lunch by host pastor. Dismissed by Rev. McMillian.

Afternoon session open with congregation singing and prayer by Benny Lariscy, evening devotion by Rev. Giddens.

Committee reports were called for (see report section for each report).

ORDAINING COMMITTEE: Rev. Barksdale stated that L.F. Ogletree and Carl Taylor had been ordained, received as information.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: MSC

RESOLUTION: John Cook MSC to vote on item by item. Item No. 1 MSC Layed on table until next meeting. Item No. 2 MSC. Clerk reported that we voted to discontinue Trustee Board at last meeting, by a unanimous vote the move was defeated. Report from the Clerk on the Sandra Ogletree fund, \$589.66 had been received.

Report from State Office by Rev. Truluck, he reported that financial giving is encouraging, Christian Supply Store was located on 118 1st St. S.E., Moultrie, Ga., each Association is equested to give \$.50 per member to help pay for the rent on the colosseum at Macon for the National Association meeting place for 1973. Offering received for the State Office in the amount of \$26.78.

MSC to change the July quarterly meeting to the 22nd. Called for announcements, MSC to adjourn, dismissed by Sis. Arnold.

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

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

The resolution committee recommends that once a year that this body put all pastors names in a hat and draw according to Church, so they may exchange pulpits one Sunday per year.

We recommend to this body to give a rising vote of thanks to this Church for their hospitality and marvelous meal.

The Committee:

John Cook, Alton Everson, L.D. Wynn

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee make the following report:

Balance in treasury	\$206.09
Received for Missions	49.50
Received for Association	94.50
Total	\$350.09
Paid Out	
Missions	49.50
Programs	3.00
Moderator & Clerk	17.50
Total	\$ 70.00
Balance in treasury	\$280.09

The Committee:

C.L. McMillian, Vickie Duckworth, Mrs. J. C. Arnold

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Little River Association's Bible Institute has completed two, thirteen-week sessions and is now ready for the second meeting of the third session having opened this third session last Tuesday night, April 11, 1972.

That the Institute has been successful in meeting the needs of those who have taken advantage of the courses, there can be no doubt. The students themselves can and will give you their personal testimonies to this effect.

Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer has done a commendable job as Institute Director, and he and Rev. Leslie Carney have been faithful and efficient faculty members.

The first two sessions were held at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, Georgia. The facilities there were exactly right in every respect. We were paying the nominal sum of \$54.00 per session for two classrooms, heated and/or cooled (as the weather required) and lighted.

Enrollment for the first session reached 36, with 30 in the Laymen's division and 6 in the Ministerial division. Of this number, 18 Laymen and 4 Ministers received certificates. Financially, we finished the first session with a balance of \$54.55 after all accounts were paid. The total receipts from all sources for this session were \$531.30.

The second session saw a drop in enrollment to 15 Laymen and 5 Ministers. This of course resulted in a slump in receipts to a total of \$297.75 from all sources, giving us a total on which to operate this session of \$352.30.

Operating costs for this second session were \$397.38, leaving us with a deficit of \$45.08. An anonymous gift has reduced this figure to \$41.08, where we stand at the present time.

In view of the financial situation, we have made our plans for this third session tentative, depending on the number of students enrolled to provide sufficient funds to operate debt-free. We have changed our meeting place from Norman Baptist Assembly to Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, Georgia, as an economy measure, thus cutting \$54.00 from the cost of this session. In fairness to the officials of Norman Assembly, however, let us state here that we discussed our financial picture with them at the close of our second session and they offered to cut the rental of their facilities to \$25.00 per session if we would continue there.

With the savings effected by relocating to Corinth Church, our projected expense of this third session will be \$300.00. In terms of students, this means that we must enroll a minimum of twenty (20) students at \$15.00 each in order to operate.

The Board of Trustees of the Bible Institute voted to open the third session on April 11, 1972, and set the cut-off date for matriculation April 18, 1972. If by that time, there are not sufficient students to finance the session, we will discontinue classes until September, 1972, and all fees paid in will be refunded.

In closing this report, we wish to express our appreciation to each and every individual and Church who has cooperated in any way with the Bible Institute program. Without your help and prayers we would not

have been able to go along as far as we have with this important program. We would also urge all of you, most especially the Ministers, Sunday School workers and teachers, CTS Directors and leaders and Church officials to enroll in the Institute. You need the training — we need the students. The cost to you is approximately \$1.15 per session of two classes. This means that you are paying a little more than \$.50 per class per session. You will be getting instruction comparable to a regular Bible Institute offering which would cost you approximately \$12.50 per hour if you were enrolled in a regular Institute. You can enroll in the Little River Bible Institute here today by contacting Rev. Hesselmeyer, Rev. Carney, or Rev. Dodd. Your first class will meet next Tuesday evening, at Corinth Church, at 7:30 p.m.

We would also respectfully request that an offering be received here today, under the provisions made by vote of Little River Association in session at Whitehall Church, Waycross, Georgia, July 24, 1971, for the purpose of making up the \$41.08 deficit of the second session of the Bible Institute, and if the offering is not sufficient, that the balance be taken from the Associational treasury.

Respectfully and Prayerfully submitted,
Leslie Carney, Chairman
Robert Hesselmeyer
L.F. Ogletree
William Barksdale
Damon C. Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer
Board of Trustees, Little River Bible Institute

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE
TO THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
IN SESSION WITH HOMERVILLE CHURCH
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 1972**

Since our last report to the Association in April, 1972, the Board of Trustees has held two meetings, both at Corinth Church, Brookfield, Ga.

A spring and summer session of the Bible Institute was planned for April, June, and July as reported at the last Associational meeting. However, there were not enough students registered to make it an official session, so upon the insistence of those enrolled, and upon their promise to help raise the necessary finance to make it a paying session, it was operated as the Corinth Church Bible Institute. The Board agreed to allow credits earned in the session to the next regular session of the Bible Institute, so that students who attended and completed their work would not lose anything.

The Board has voted to conduct a fall and winter session of the Bible Institute which will begin on Tuesday evening, September 19, and continue through Tuesday evening, December 12, 1972. The courses will be based on the ETTA Curriculum plans and there will be classes for the Preliminary studies as well as for the Advanced students. It was decided to eliminate the two divisions that had been formerly operating, namely Ministerial and Laymen, and combine the student body into one.

Our one and only problem is financial. If we could be assured of sufficient students to meet the needs in this area, our problem would be solved. It is our sincere conviction that we, as an Association, need this Institute, and that the benefits derived therefrom will be shared by all of our Churches and people alike in better trained, more knowledgeable and efficient pastors, teachers, and leaders in all our congregations. Thus it is our conviction as a Board that everyone of the Churches over the Association, regardless of the number of students from any one of them attending the Institute classes, should share in the financial needs of the Institute. We believe you want to help us keep this good work going. Therefore we submit the following recommendation for your consideration and action here today:

“WE RECOMMEND THAT ALL THE CHURCHES OF LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION INCLUDE THE LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE IN THEIR BUDGETS BY EITHER DESIGNATING A CERTAIN AMOUNT TO BE GIVEN MONTHLY OR BY DESIGNATING ONE SUNDAY PER MONTH AS LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE DAY, AT WHICH TIME AN OFFERING WOULD BE RECEIVED FOR THE BIBLE INSTITUTE. THIS IS YOUR INSTITUTE AND YOUR BOARD IS DEPENDING ON EACH OF YOU IN THE ASSOCIATION TO DO AS MUCH AS YOU CAN AS OFTEN AS YOU CAN SO THAT WE MIGHT SEE IT GROW. YOU WILL BE GIVEN CREDIT THROUGH AN OFFICIAL REPORT FROM THE TREASURER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND EACH GIFT WILL BE REPORTED AT THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION.

ALL OFFERINGS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

DAMON C. DODD

P. O. BOX 354

HOMERVILLE, GA. 31634

PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS PAYABLE TO:

THE LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE.”

Fees for the upcoming session will remain the same as in the past:

Matriculation \$ 2.50

Instructional \$12.50

This fee structure will be reviewed before the beginning of the Spring session of the Institute and if the response from the Churches is what it ought to be, we will be able to reduce the cost per student.

It is hoped that we will be able to have a second branch of the Institute somewhere in the eastern section of the Association – either in Waycross or Homerville. The location of the Institute in the western part of the Association will be announced soon.

In closing, the Board expresses thanks to each of you who has supported the Institute in any way. Special thanks go to Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, Ga., for donating the use of their Church building and facilities for the summer session of the Institute.

Respectfully submitted:

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE

Leslie Carney, Chairman

Damon C. Dodd, Secretary-Treasurer

CHURCH		PASTOR-ADDRESS	CLERK-ADDRESS	MEE DA
BEMISS	35	CHARLES PARRISH <i>RILEY GIDDENS</i> Bemiss Rural Sta. Valdosta, Ga.	HENRY MATHIS Rt. 2, Box 202 Hahira, Ga.	FULI
COOL SPRINGS	130	ROBERT HESSELMAYER Route 1 Norman Park, Ga.	C.M. CHAFIN, JR. Route 1 Norman Park, Ga.	FULI
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HAHIRA	58	L. J. CHAMBLESS Route 5 Tifton, Ga.	MRS. FAYE COPPAGE 312 E. Stanfill St. Hahira, Ga.	FULI
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TIFTON	55	CARL A. TAYLOR 1120 S. College Tifton, Ga.	MRS. NELDA JOINER Owens Trlr. Pk., Lot 49 Tifton, Ga.	FULI
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ZION HALL	44	EVERETT WILLIAMS Route 1 Pearson, Ga.	JOHNNY BENNETT Route 1 Millwood, Ga.	1st &

ETING AYS	Members Received	Paid Pastor	Paid Evangelist	Minutes	Value of Property	Building and Repairs	Coop Plan
L TIME	12	950.00	120.00	12.00	22,000.00	1,698.61	60.00
L TIME	4	4,160.00	484.25	30.00	30,000.00	4,542.00	150.00
L TIME	6	3,735.32	250.00	30.00	35,000.00	4,545.27	579.16
& 4th Sun.	1	548.00	130.00	8.00	6,800.00	818.00	
& 4th Sun.	3	395.00	106.63	10.00	3,000.00	209.10	
L TIME	18	2,400.00	300.00	10.00	20,000.00	96.51	
L TIME	4	6,500.00	300.00	20.00	95,000.00	2,000.00	300.00
L TIME	29	2,625.00	308.00	15.00	10,000.00	48.68	617.26
L TIME	14	3,290.00	250.00	20.00	16,000.00	386.31	517.46
& 4th Sun.	—	1,265.92	200.00	12.00	15,000.00	2,549.76	110.00
L TIME	8	812.74	150.00	5.00	9,000.00	—	214.37
L TIME	25	5,720.00	331.24	20.00	45,000.00	1,694.18	120.00
L TIME	25	5,550.00	294.85	20.00	16,000.00	2,762.51	120.00
3rd Sun.	—	1,095.00	250.00	12.00	18,000.00	2,522.00	120.00

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETING JULY 22, 1972

The quarterly meeting of the Little River Association met Saturday, July 22, 1972 at Homerville Church. The meeting convened at 9:30 with congregational singing and prayer by C.M.Chafin, Jr. Moderator welcomed everyone to the Quarterly meeting.

Morning devotion Rev. Hesselmeyer using text from II Timothy 2:1.

Moderator declared session in order for transaction of business. First report was from the credentials committee by Mrs. Dodd, Churches and delegates as follows:

WHITE HALL: Johnny Griffin, Charlene Griffin, Juanita McKinnon, Virue Rewis, Buddy Smith, Alice Smith, Joey Griffin, Leona McMillian, Chris Griffin, Penny McMillian.

SUNNY SIDE: Martha Long, Willie Williams, Annie Douglas, Margret Williams.

PINE LEVEL: Freida Powell, Catherine Powell, Brenda Hartsfield, Kathy Powell, Eugina Spires.

BEMISS: Mrs. Giddens, Mrs. Harpe, Mrs. Mathis, Kay Parrish, Roy Dasher.

VALDOSTA: Cynthia Carney, Gary Bement, Sylvia Bement, Mamie Whiddon, Earl Ridley, Vicky Whiddon, Mr. and Mrs. J.J. Grey.

TIFTON: Jim Cook, Jack Joiner.

OZIAS: Curtis Roberson, Glenda Roberson, Cathy Corbitt, Marian Everson, Tony Brown, Carla Brown, Betty Bennett, Shirley Matthews.

CORINTH: Mrs. M.M. Franks, Rosa York, Mae Sumner, Mr. and Mrs. Coy Miller, Mrs. C. P. Bethea, Jane Sumner.

ZION HILL: Annette Mercer, Sam Barlow, Elizabeth Barlow.

COOL SPRINGS: Lula Bell Whisnant, Louise Ivey, Myrtice Harrod, Elton Harrod, Maxie Brannon, N.C. Brannan, Dianna Hesslemeyer, J.A. Pope, Jane Baldy, Vallie Chafin, Jackie Chafin.

HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Mary Alice Thomason, Joan Chambless.

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. L. Carl Smith, Sr., Mrs. Damon Damon Dodd, Martin Wilson, Linda Hendrex, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr., Robert Hendrix, Mrs. Johnny Mack Brown, Barbara Dodd, Bambi Wilson.

FRIENDSHIP: Mr. and Mrs. W.W. Herndon, Mrs. T. J. Ross.

MSC to seat all delegates. Moderator appointed the following committees: **FINANCE:** Damon Dodd, Coy Miller, Annette Mercer. **RESOLUTION:** Alton Everson, J.A. Pope, Henry Mathis. At this time Rev. Dodd led the congregation in another song. Reports of the standing committees were called for and the first to report was the Ordaining Council by Rev. Hesselmeyer, MSC to receive this report.

Report of the Bible Institute by Rev. Dodd, MSC to receive this report.

Rev. Hesselmeyer gave a report on the students completing the Bible Institute.

Special music at this time by a group from Pine Level Church. The Moderator led the congregation in a wonderful testimony service. MSC

for the resolution committee to replace the two vacancy on the standing boards.

After recess the congregation reassembled with singing and prayer by Rev. Dodd.

Moderator asked for the regular offering for the State Office, after prayer by Rev. Mercer this was received in the amount of \$72.46.

Special music by the Homerville trio. Morning message by Rev. A.C. Truluck.

Announcement made for noon meal by host church pastor, dismissed by C.M. Chafin, Jr.

The afternoon session was open by congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. McMillian. Evening devotion by James Wilson, layman from Homerville Church. Special singing by all Ministers present. Reports from the committees: (see report section for each report). Finance report: MSC. Resolution report: MSC to receive report and vote on item by item, Item No. 1 MSC, Item No. 2 MSC, Item No. 3 MSC, Item No. 4 MSC, Item No. 5 MSC, Item No. 6 MSC.

Mission Board report: MSC to adopt item by item, Item No. 1 MSC, Item No. 2 MS not carried.

Ordaining Council final report: MSC to accept Rev. Charles Parrish into this Association.

Item No. 1 of last Quarterly Meeting Resolution committee report brought before the body, MS not carried to put names of Churches into a hat today and each Pastor draw to exchange pulpits the 4th Sunday in August for morning services.

Report from State Office by Rev. Truluck. He gave a report on the National Association, the State Association would be Nov. 16 and 18, Book Store is open in Moultrie, also dealer in pianos and organs. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Annette Mercer.

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

MINUTES OF ORDAINING COUNCIL MAY 22, 1972

Meeting called to order by Bro. Barksdale. Opening prayer was offered by Bro. Mercer.

Bro. Barksdale opened the business session by stating the purpose of the meeting. He had resigned his pastorate at Corinth Church and offered his resignation from the Ordaining Council and requested a letter of recommendation.

A letter of recommendation was read by Bro. Hesselmeyer. MSC that we grant Bro. Barksdale the letter.

Reorganization was the next item of business. Bro. Hayes is the next in line to fill the office of chairman of the Ordaining Council. Bro. Hesselmeyer was elected as clerk.

Bro. Barksdale dismissed in prayer.

Those in attendance: Bro. Barksdale, Bro. Hayes, Bro. Giddens, Bro. Mercer, Bro. Hesselmeyer.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee, submit the following report:

Received from the Churches \$154.00 to be applied as follows:

Quarterly meeting expenses	\$104.50
Associational Missions	49.50
The following disbursements are to be made:	
Moderator honorarium	\$ 7.50
Clerk honorarium	10.00
Programs for this session	7.73
Postage and mailing	3.10
Total	\$ 28.33
Balance in treasury April 15, 1972	\$280.09
Receipts July 22, 1972	104.50
Total	\$384.59
Paid out today	28.33
Balance in treasury today	\$356.26

Committee:
Damon Dodd
Coy Miller
Annette Mercer

MISSION BOARD REPORT

It has been brought to the attention of the Little River Mission Board that the work in Swainsboro, Ga. is in need of regular support, (1) Your mission board would like to suggest to this body that we donate out of our present funds an initial offering of \$200.00. (2) We recommend this Association designate regular monthly support, the amount to be set by this body while in session today, and if adopted our sister Churches be urged to include this work in their budgets on a monthly basis. The financial support should be sent to C.M. Chafin, Jr., Rt. 1, Norman Park, Ga. Funds should be ear-marked to the Swainsboro mission project.

Respectfully submitted,
C.M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer
Rev. L.F. Ogletree
Rev. L.C. Carney, Chairman

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

1. We the resolution committee nominate Bro. John T. Cook to the Bible Institute Board.
2. We nominate Rev. C.L. McMillian to the Ordaining Council.
3. We recommend that the Little River Association designate from the general treasury \$25.00 per month beginning this month for the support of the Little River Bible Institute.
4. Recommendation from the TNT Rally for the host church to be in charge of the program for that session.
5. We recommend that each church in the Little River Association send a minimum of \$10.00 per month to the Little River Bible Institute.
6. Whereas, our National Association of Free Will Baptist, while in session in Ft. Worth, Texas, July 10-13, 1972, adopted the following resolution:
 1. That the National Association of Free Will Baptist voice its support

to reinstate capital punishment as a deterrent to and a punishment for capital crimes.

2. And that copies of this resolution be sent to our President, the leader of House, and Senate, Chief Justice Burger, the chairman of the Republican National Committee and the news media.

Be it resolved that the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist:

1. Voice its support of the action taken by our National Association of Free Will Baptist regarding its resolution on capital punishment.

2. And that copies of this resolution be sent to our Governor, the two U.S. Senators of our State, and the Federal Supreme Judge of our district.



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 sown 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 preceeding 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 1:13-21)

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 reünunciation 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 persevere 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 RELATIONSHIP 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, the Christian Education Board, and the Bible Institute Board of Trustees. 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.

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.

Section 12.

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

Section 13.

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 14.

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 15.

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.