

MINUTES

OF THE

Sixty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

Little River Association

OF

Freewill Baptist Churches

CONVENED WITH

SUNNY SIDE FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pearson, Georgia

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1973

(Minutes of the Quarterly Sessions also included.)

OFFICERS, COMMITTEES, COUNCILS, BOARDS

1973-74

Moderator John T. Cook, Tifton, Ga.
 Ass't. Moderator J. B. Mercer, Norman Park, Ga.
 Clerk-Treasurer Charles Parrish, Hahira, Ga.
 Ass't. Clerk-Treasurer Don Perry, Norman Park, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

L. D. Wynn. 1974
 Buddy Hartsfield 1975
 Carson Parrish. 1976
 J. C. Arnold 1977
 C. M. Chafin, Jr. 1978

ORDAINING COMMITTEE

Rev. Damon Dodd 1974
 Rev. Riley Giddens 1975
 Rev. J. B. Mercer 1976
 Rev. C. L. McMillian 1977
 Rev. Tom Hamilton. 1978

MISSIONS BOARD

Charles Parrish 1974
 J. W. Selph 1975
 Rev. Leslie Carney 1976
 Benny Larescy 1977
 Rev. Alton Everson 1978

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

M. M. Franks 1974
 James Harpe 1975
 Fred Baker 1976
 Audie Williams 1977
 Leon Herrin 1978

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Charles Gill 1974
 J. W. Franks 1975
 Buddy Hartsfield 1976
 Earl Ridley 1977
 Rev. Everett Williams 1978

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

Rev. Leslie Carney 1974
 William Sumner 1975
 Rev. Damon Dodd 1976
 John T. Cook 1977
 Riley Giddens 1978

CREENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Louise Ivey Rt. 1, Norman Park, Ga. 31771
Mrs. Eula Taylor
Mrs. J. C. Arnold

ROSTER OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Leslie C. Carney 242-1330, Valdosta, Ga.
L. J. Chambless 382-4572, Tifton, Ga.
Roy Dasher 242-0503, Valdosta, Ga.
Damon C. Dodd 487-5840, Homerville, Ga.
Alton Everson 422-7180, Pearson, Ga.
Riley Giddens 686-3615, Ray City, Ga.
M. T. Goff Adel, Ga.
A. D. Greene 382-5264, Tifton, Ga.
T. G. Hamilton 487-2217, Homerville, Ga.
R. S. Hayes 869-3334, Adel, 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, Hahira, Ga.
W. J. Sumner 382-3340, Tifton, Ga.
Everett Williams 422-3690, Pearson, Ga.
Julian R. Vickers Hahira, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTERS

James Stringer Valdosta, Ga.
Jerry Wishum 382-0334, Tifton, Ga.
Benny Robinson Omega, Ga.
Larry Thompson Albany, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ANNUAL SESSION

The Sixty-Seventh annual Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist met at Sunny Side Church on Saturday, Oct. 20, 1973. The session opened with singing led by Bro. Kirkland and Prayer led by Rev. Mercer.

Rev. C. L. McMillian brought the Morning Devotion. Welcome to the Association and Sunny Side Church by the Moderator, Bro. John T. Cook, and declared the Session in order for transaction of business. First Report was from the Credentials Committee by Mrs. Dodd, MSC to receive this Credentials Committee report as a partial report. MSC for the Executive Committee check into the status of Oak Grove Church and report back at the next session.

Moderator recognized and welcome all visitors present. Moderator appointed the following committees: OBITUARY — Mrs. Riley Giddens, Mrs. Marie Roberts, Mrs. Frank Dean. FINANCE — A. D.

Greene, Carson Parrish, Alton Everson. MSC to elect a nomination Committee, nominated were Leon Herrin, C. M. Chafin, Jr., Frank Dean. MSC nomination cease and these be elected by acclamation.

Report from standing Committees: No report from the Executive and Ordaining Committees at this time.

Mission Board report by Rev. Carney, MSC to receive report as read.

No report from the Christian Education Board at this time. Report from the Bible Institute Board by Rev. Dodd, MSC to receive and adopt this report.

Report from the State Office by Rev. Truluck, He reported offering made a good increase the past year, Book Store had been a real success. Churches presented certificates of honor role for their cooperative plan giving were as follows: Bemiss, Homerville, Valdosta, White Hall. Certificates for Grand honor role were: Corinth, Ozias, Pine Level, Sunny Side, Tifton and Zion Hill. He also reported that the State Association will meet on Nov. 15, 16 and 17 at Eastman. Dismissed for recess by Charles Parrish.

Session opened after recess with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Hamilton.

Special singing from Host Church. Morning message was brought by one of our senior Ministers, Rev. M. T. Goff. Bro. Williams gave the invitation for lunch. Dismissed by Charles Gill.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Session convened after lunch with congregational singing led by L. D. Wynn, and Prayer led by L. J. Chambless. Bro. Wynn and Joan Chambless brought a special song. After Prayer by Rev. Giddens an offering was received for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$45.30. Evening Devotional was brought by Rev. Wishum.

BUSINESS SESSION: First report was from the Ordaining Committee by Rev. Dodd, MSC to adopt the proposal. MSC for the Ordaining Committee to ordain Bro. Jerry Wisham. Bro. Hayes reported that Bro. Dasher was ordained. MSC to read the minutes of the ordination of Bro. Dasher. Report of the Ministers and Deacons Meetings by Rev. Parrish, MSC to receive this report as information. MSC that the Little River Association go on record as supporting a active youth program. Minutes read of the ordination of Bro. Dasher, MSC to accept these minutes as read. MSC to sustain the action of the Ordaining Committee.

Report from the Obituary Committee by Mrs. Giddens, MSC to accept this report.

Finance Committee report by Carson Parrish, MSC to receive this report. Resolutions Committee report by C. M. Chafin, Jr., MSC that this report be accepted and voted on item by item, Item # 1 MSC, MSC to give Bro. Dasher Authorization to reserve the Valdosta City Auditorium for Nov. 14-16, 1974. MSC in the event that the Valdosta Auditorium is not available on these dates to contact the Rural Development Center in Tifton. Item # 2 MSC, Item # 3 MSC, Item # 4 MSC, Item # 5 MSC, Item # 6 MSC. After Prayer by Rev.

Dasher as offering was received for printing of the minutes in the amount of \$34.00.

Delegates for the State Association are as follows: Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. Riley Giddens, Mrs. Leslie Carney, Mrs. M. M. Franks, Mrs. C. L. McMillian. MSC to accept these delegates to the State Association. MSC to cut 50 minutes off the 400 that is printed each year. Report of the nomination committee by C. M. Chafin, Jr., MSC to suspend all precuders and elect officers and committee members by acclamation.

MSC to take the constitution change from the table, MSC to make this constitution change. Moderator appointed the following to serve on the resolution committee for the coming year, L. J. Chambless, W. J. Sumner, Leslie Carney. Ammended report of the nomination committee report, Don Perry elected to State Trustee board, Rev. C. L. McMillian elected to State Budgeting Board. MSC that Association body give Moderator authority to appoint a nomination Committee, those appointed were C. M. Chafin, Jr., Frank Dean, Leon Herrn.

C. M. Chafin, Jr. gave a eport on the Harvest Day Drive for the Children Home.

After Prayer by Rev. Giddens an offering was received for the State Office in the amount of \$21.07. Announcements were called for and several were given.

MSC to adopt minutes as read. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by C. M. Chafin, Jr.

John T. Cook, Moderator
Don Perry, Clerk

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

NAME OF CHURCH	NAME OF DELEGATES
BEMISS:	Mrs. Riley Giddens, J. F. Lee, Mrs. J. F. Lee, Mrs. Zelma Long, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Kirkland, Esterlena Kirkland.
COOL SPRINGS:	Marie Roberts, ZLouise Ivey, Mrs. S. E. Harrod.
CORINTH:	Rosa York, Leota Cook, Mrs. M. M. Franks.
FOREST HILL:	Maudella Crowley, Jerry Rowan, Verdie Rice, Harvey Rice, Sue Rowan.
FRIENDSHIP:	Randall Steedley, Ezra Hill, Woodrow Herndon, Fredda Herndon.
HAHIRA:	Ronald Coopage, Mandy Coopage, Jewell Parrish, L. D. and Mrs. Wynn.
HAMERVILLE:	Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mrs. W. N. Wilson.
OZIAS:	Elva Baker, Shirley Matthews, Mary Everson, Beulah Tominson, Glynda Roberson, Tony Brown.
PEACE:	Walter Lambert, Sherrie Owens, Barbra Parrish.
PINE LEVEL:	Catherine Powell, Ervin Willis, Flora Conger, Bennie Perry.

SUNNY SIDE: Loraine McGovern, Annie Douglas, Lula McGovern, Eddie Williams, Margaret Williams.
 TIFTON: Mrs. Nelda Joiner, Mrs. Bonnie Harris.
 VALDOSTA: Ruth Miller, Paul Miller.
 WHITEHALL: Geneva Parker, Eula Taylor, Lucy Moore, Juanita McKinnon, Betty Pittman, Anita Parker, Patricia Larscey, Charley Gill, Benny Lariscey, Gwyn Moore.
 ZION HILL: Oveda Arnold, Ruby Lamkin, Viola Walden.

STATISTICS (General)

Number of churches	16	No. of Baptisms	43
Total Membership	1210	Members Rec. by Letter . . .	51
No. of Parsonages	4	No. Rec. Other Means	0
No. Ordained Ministers . . .	18	Total Members Rec.	94
No. Ordained Deacons . . .	51	Net Gain in Members	12

STATISTICS (Auxiliaries)

No. Enrolled in S. S.	650	CTS No. Enrolled	344
Avg. Attendance in S. S. . .	38	CTS Avg. Att.	31
Masters Men Enrolled		Woman's Aux. Enrolled . . .	84
Masters Men Avg. Att.		Avg. Attn. W. A.	10
Avg. Att. Prayer Meeting . .	22	No. Busses	
		No. Riding Buses	

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee submit the following report:

Balance in treasury last meeting	\$133.75
Received from Churches for Association purpose	246.50
TOTAL	\$380.25
Paid out:	
Bible Institute	\$75.00
Bible for Bro. Dasher	15.95
Association Programs	15.45
Clerk & Moderator	17.50
Postage	2.90
Total paid out	\$126.80
Balance	\$253.45
Special Offering	34.00
Balance today	\$287.45

The Committee: A. D. Greene, Carson Parrish, Alton Everson

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the resolution committee make the following resolutions:

1. Whereas, the 1974 session of the Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptist will meet at Valdosta, Georgia, November 14-16, 1974, and whereas, the Little River Association is expected to meet the financial obligations involved in providing a place for that meeting, and whereas, this Association voted last July in Quarterly session to engage the Mathis City Authorium in Valdosta for said meeting, the cost of which will be \$350.00, therefore, be it Resolved, that we here today adopt a State Association Entertainment Budget of \$400.00, and that we ask each Church comprising this association to contribute \$25.00 to make up the total amount of this budget.

Be it further resolved, that April 20, 1974, be set as the deadline for raising this money and that all such funds be sent to the Treasurer of this Association, marked "State Association Entertainment Fund."

2. We recommend that the phone calls or other items of direct cost to the Ordaining Council be paid by the Association, these will be presented of the regular session meetings.

3. We recommend that a Nominating Committee for next year be appointed today, to give them time to study the needs of this body for Officers, and by so doing, be prepared to offer our best as Officers.

4. We recommend that our payment to the Bible Institute be terminated until such time as our treasury will permit.

5. We recommend that an offering be taken today to help pay for our minutes, due to the fact that our treasury will not cover this expense.

6. We recommend that this body give a rising vote of appreciation to Sunny Side, for the fine way they have entertained us during this session.

The Committee: C. M. Chafin, Jr., Riley Giddens

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Moderator	John T. Cook
Assistant Moderator	J. B. Mercer
Clerk	Charles Parrish
Assistant Clerk	Don Perry
Executive Committee	C. M. Chafin, Jr.
Ordaining Committee	Tom Hamilton
Mission Board	Alton Everson
Trustee Board	Leon Herrin, Audie Williams
Christian Education Board	Everett Williams
Bible Institute Board	Riley Giddens
State Trustee Board	Don Perry
State Mission Board	Benny Larescy
State Board of Retirement & Insurance	M. M. Franks

State Budgeting Board C. L. McMillian
Credentials Committee Mrs. Louise Ivey
Rt. 1, Norman Park, Ga. 31771
Mrs. J. C. Arnold, Mrs. Eula Taylor
The Committee: C. M. Chafin, Jr., Leon Harrin, Frank Dean.

OBITUARY REPORT

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

FOREST HILL
Mrs. Orlanda Abbott

HOMERVILLE
Mr. Lenord Booth
Mrs. G. C. Delk

SUNNY SIDE
Mr. Johnnie Taft
Mrs. E. C. Fancher

COOL SPRING
Mrs. Creacy Rogers

CORINTH
Mrs. Mimmie Ola Wynn

The Committee: Mrs. Riley Giddens, Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. O. L. Roberts.

LITTLE RIVER MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Little River Mission Board did not meet this past quarter and therefore has no new business to report at this time.

We have a balance in the treasury of \$724.95, not including whatever was designated at this session.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Chmn.

MINISTERS & DEACONS CONFERENCE

The 28th session of the Ministers & Deacons Conference met March 17, 1973 at Bemiss Church. Open with congregation singing led by Bro. Dasher, prayer led by Rev. Mercer.

Welcome address by president, announcements were made, Bro. Charles Parrish stated that Cool Springs was without a Pastor and if we knew of anyone please call Bro. C. M. Chafin, Jr. Bro.

Carney made statement as a reminder to send in names for making a survey of Nashville for a FWB Church. Rev. Giddens brought Gods message from I John 4:7-11 & St. John 13:15. John Cook led in prayer then went into business session.

Roll call was made 7 Ministers & 8 Deacons & 1 Visitor. Minutes were read, MSC to accept as read. Unfinished business next, president then proceed to go right into a discussion covering rewriting of the constitution & by-laws. MSC to accept new constitution and by-laws. President then call for any other old business.

New Bussness, MSC to have copies of constitution and by-laws made and sent to each member. MSC for clerk to send notice to each Church as a reminder of each meeting asking for their present and in the event Church could not make meeting to send report to clerk. Copies were presented to each member about our Astronouts reading the Bible while in Orbit, then instructed clerk to write National Aironautics to see if matter had been settled and report to next assembly.

Church Reports: Oral reports from Hahira, Valdosta, Bemiss Corinth, Ozias, Pine Level, Friendship. No report from Tifton, Sunny Side, Forest Hill, Zion Hill, Homerville, Cool Springs, White Hall. President asked for offering, prayer by Bro. Charles Parrish, Bro. Carney then asked God blessing on offering. John Cook made statement about Bible Institute, Challenge everyone to go back and promote this cause in each Church, need more people attending if if cannot support, then pray for us.

MSC that the clerk of this conference shall be authorized to spend what money is necessary to carry out the work of this conference or directed by this conference.

MSC previous motion be adopted as article II in by-laws. MSC to adjourn.

Bro. Dasher invited conference to stay for refreshments. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Cowart.

Balance brought forward \$54.36; Offering \$23.50; Total \$77.86; Paid out Con. & by-laws \$4.25; Balance on hand \$73.61.

Charles Parrish, President
John T. Cook, Clerk

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The 29th session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference met at Peace Free Will Baptist Church Sept. 15, 1973.

Opened with Prayer by Bro. Carney. Welcome address by President, Charles Parrish, he inturn introduced Bro. James Stringer, who brought a very inspiring message from St. Mark 1:10-13.

President then asked that all Pastors be included in the mailing list. Roll call was made with six Ministers and eleven deacons. Minutes were read with a MSC to accept as read.

New business was next, the floor was open for nomination for Officers for coming year. Nominated were Bro. James Stringer for president, nomination declined. The following were nominated and

elected by acclamation: President, Charles Parrish, Vice-President, R. S. Hayes, Clerk and Treasurer, John T. Cook.

Bro. Carney asked that everyone give mailing address to clerk.

MSC that the Ministers and Deacons go on record as supporting a youth program.

MSC to have Clerk write Churches not present to work with their young people and guide them and get their opinion and ideas what they would like to do and all churches mail this information back to the clerk so it could be studied and then presented to the board of Christian Education for them to study and present to the body at the next Association meeting in October.

MSC to give power to president to appoint a committee of 3 to study this program. President appointed the three elected officers, Bro. Hayes, Bro. Cook and himself.

Church reports: Written reports from Valdosta, Cool Springs, & Peace. (see report section) Oral reports from Hahira, Tifton, Sunny Side, Forest Hill, Zion Hill, Corinth, and Pine Level. Bro. Chafin spoke in behalf of the Harvest drive for F.W.B. children home on Oct. 24. MSC to end \$50.00 to F.W.B. children home.

Sunny Side asked for next session to be at their Church in March. Valdosta asked for it to be at their Church in September 74.

Bro. Cook & Bro. Carney made talk in behalf of Bible Institute.

Offering Received \$21.00; Balance brought forward \$73.61; Total \$94.61; Paid out F.W.B. children home \$50.00; Balance on hand \$44.61.

President Charles Parrish
Clerk John Cook

**REPORT TO THE PREACHERS
AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF
THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF FREEWILL BAPTIST
SEPTEMBER 15, 1973**

The Peace Tree Will Baptist Church was organized on the 27th of May 1973 by the Executive Committee of the Little River Association. The chairman, Bro. C. M. Chafin Sr. officiating. Upon a complete investigation and organization if the Executive Committee made recommenations to the association to receive the church into fellowship if church petitioned for membership.

The church made a petition for membership into the association and was received during the regular meeting in July 1973.

Since the church has been organized, much work has been accomplished on the building and grounds. In addition a very effective visitation program has been established under the leadership of Bro. James Stringerand. We contribute several of our membership additions to this program.

God has blessed us beyond words and now the church has in its membership a total of 19 adults, 8 teenagers and young people

and 8 children, making a total of 35. We give God the Praise and Glory for all and look to a great year ahead.

TO MINISTERS AND DEACONS MEETING FROM COOL SPRINGS CHURCH

We report having just close a very good revival with Bro. Tom Hamilton. We did not receive any members but had many re-dedications.

We are now supplied by Bro. Jerry Wisham as Pastor.

The church is doing real well. Please pray for us.

Deacons: J. H. Ivey, S. E. Harrod, N. C. Brannon, C. M. Chafin, Jr.; Norman Park, Georgia, Route 1.

REPORT OF THE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF VALDOSTA TO THE MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Membership Information

Number on roll at last meeting		64
Number received since last meeting		11
By baptism	4	
By letter	5	
By statement	2	
Total	11	75
Number dismissed since last meeting		-13

Present membership on roll

Active		44
Inactive		11
Non-resident		7
Total	62	

Ordained Ministers Ordained Deacons

Active Deacon Board		2
Not on Active Deacon Board		3
Total	62	

Names of Active Deacons:

Earl Ridley
2509 Deborah Drive

Valdosta, Ga. 31601
Phone: 242-4550

Harlow W. Selph
306 E. Rogers St.
Valdosta, Ga. 31601
Phone: 242-9958

OTHER REMARKS

Since our last meeting the Church has had Missionary Lonnie Sparks for a missionary service. The Peace Free Will Baptist Church participated in this service. A good love offering was received. Brother Sparks showed slides of the work in Ivory Coast and preached a challenging message.

On July 12-15, our Church held revival services with Dr. Joseph Ange as evangelist. Three were saved, all of which united with the Church. Another rededicated her life and united by letter. Several members received or made other commitments. On Saturday evening, July 14th the entire congregation went to the altar as God truly came down. The same was true on both Sunday morning and Sunday evening of July 15th. We had a wonderful stirring from Heaven and praise God for it.

On Oct. 14th, next month, we are promoting a Laymen's Sunday in our Church, in which the laymen will be in complete charge of all services that day. Deacon Earl Ridley will preach the morning message, and Brother Paul Miller will preach the evening message. We praise God for dedicated laymen who will follow the example of the early Church believers, "... they ... went everywhere preaching the Word" (Acts 8:4).

On April 1, 1973, Brother Earl Ridley was publicly set apart, by the laying on of hands, to the office of Deacon.

We are expecting great things from God in our Church, and trust that we may be able by His wonderful grace to report the same to this body at our next meeting in March.

Yours for souls,

Leslie C. Carney
Pastor

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. In the matter of licensing Ministers to preach the Gospel, the local Church of which the individual is a member and before which 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 (1) year. Licenses may be renewed from year to year at the option of the Church in which the individual holds membership. Licenses are transferable from Church to Church within this Little River Association provided the holder thereof remains in good

standing with the Church in which he previously held membership.

2. The Licensee shall be accountable to the Church with which he holds membership and shall be subject to the disciplines and actions of said Church in relation to his ministry as a licensed minister. It is understood and agreed that the Church shall in no wise interfere with the licensee unless it has good and sufficient reason/s for so doing.

In the case of disciplinary action against a licensed Minister, the procedure shall be the same as that used in dealing with any other individual in the Church who is found out of order.

3. Licensed Ministers coming from another Denomination to this Little River Association do not transfer their licenses to preach, but shall come under the same requirements for license as stated herein in Paragraph 1.

4. Each Church shall report to the Association at the Annual session the names and addresses of all licensed and ordained Ministers holding membership in said Church.

5. Churches desiring the ordination of a Minister shall request of the Ordaining Council of this Association that the individual be examined for ordination according to the accepted and authorized procedures. After examining the Candidate, the Ordaining Council shall offer an appropriate recommendation to the Association in regular session and the action of said Association on the matter shall be considered final. In the event that a Candidate fails to satisfactorily pass the examination, he shall be required to wait for at least two weeks before he is eligible to take the examination again.

It is understood and agreed in the matter of the actual service of ordination that the Ordaining Council of the Little River Association shall have full and complete charge, but that the wishes and requests of the individual to be ordained regarding time and place of service be honored where feasible and reasonable.

6. An Ordained Minister coming from another Denomination to the Little River Association shall first take membership in a Church in good standing with said Association. Upon request of the Church with which the Minister has united, the Ordaining Council shall proceed with the examination for ordination after the accepted and authorized procedures. If found qualified, the individual shall be granted provisional permission to preach under the Watch-charge of the Association for one (1) year. If at the end of that length of time, the Ordaining Council feels that he has proved himself sufficiently, it shall recommend to the Association that the individual be granted Ordination credentials by the River Association. The action of the Association in the matter shall be considered final and binding.

7. An Ordained Minister who is in good standing with a Freewill Baptist Association affiliated with the National Association of Freewill Baptists, desiring to become a recognized Ordained Freewill Baptist Minister in said Little River Association, shall first affiliate with a Church in good standing with this Association. He shall then submit a letter of recommendation from the Association of which he was formerly a member to the Ordaining Council of this Association. His acceptance into the Little River Association as an Ordained Minister in good standing shall be contingent upon the approval of the

Ordaining Council's recommendation by the Little River Association in regular session.

8. Any Freewill Baptist Minister holding membership in this Little River Association of Freewill Baptists who preaches, teaches, and/or practices speaking in an Unknown Tongue in any Church in said Association, or allows it to be preached, taught and/or practiced in any Church of which he is Pastor: or who preaches, teaches, or allows to be preached or taught in any Church in this Association of which he is pastor, the doctrine of sinless perfection to be obtained by a second or third work of grace, shall be considered heretical and shall be dealt with by the Ordaining Council. The Council shall report its findings, along with appropriate recommendation/s to any regular session of this Association for final and official action in the matter.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Little River Association Bible Institute began the third year of operation September 11, with sessions being conducted at Cool Springs Church, near Norman Park and Whitehall Church, Waycross. Rev. Leslie Carney is serving as Institute Director, with William Cooper and Damon C. Dodd as Instructors along with Rev. Carney. Total enrollment in the Institute is 26.

The session will run through December 4, at which time there will be a group of students who will qualify for the Preliminary Teacher's Diploma. We hope to have a special program commemorating the attainments and achievements of this group. Definite plans will be announced later.

The winter session of the Institute will open January 22, 1974 and continue through April 16.

We have fared better financially this session than ever before. This is due to the fact that more of the Churches are supporting the Institute regularly and also to the continued support of Little River Association. We are indebted to Brothers John Cook and Frank Dean for visiting the Churches over the Association in behalf of the Institute program.

In spite of all the benefits offered through the Bible Institute ministry, we can see the end of it soon unless we can enlist more students. For some reason our people are not responding as they should. There ought to be a minimum of fifty (50) students in each session. Beaver Creek Association of Freewill Baptists in South Carolina has a similar Institute program and after three years they are teaching more than 100 students in two locations. If our ministers, Sunday School officers and teachers and other laymen could but realize what a tremendous opportunity they are letting slip by them, we are sure they would enroll in the very next Institute session.

It is highly possible that the enrollment in the Winter session will determine the future of our Bible Institute. An overflowing attendance will tell the Board of Trustees that you want to continue this program. Your failure to participate as a student will be a vote to

discontinue the Institute.

We sincerely hope that you will help us keep it going.

In closing this report we would like to mention the Churches that have been regular supporters of the Bible Institute. They are: Pine Level, Bemiss, Homerville.

Some of the others have given at least one offering during the year. They are: Ozias, Sunnyside, Whitehall, Cool Springs, Zion Hill, Friendship.

Our thanks and appreciation to every Church and each individual who has given money, sent students, and prayed for the success of the Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

PERIOD COVERED: JULY 1 — OCTOBER 19, 1973

BALANCE INTREASURY at beginning \$457.60

RECEIPTS:

July 7, Bemiss Church	\$ 5.00
July 7, L. R. Association	25.00
July 23, Offering at Association	58.08
July 23, Pine Level Church	10.00
August 8, L. R. Association	25.00
August 8, Homerville Church	10.00
August 8, Bemiss Church	5.00
August 11, Pine Level Church	10.00
August 20, Homerville Church	15.00
August 29, Ozias Church	14.05
August 29, Sunnyside Church	15.05
September 9, L. R. Association	25.00
September 11, Bemiss Church	5.00
September 19, Pine Level Church	10.00
October 3, L. R. Association	25.00
October 4, Bemiss Church	5.00
October 10, Student's Fees & Books (Waycross Area)	163.00
October 12, Student's Fees & Books (Cool Springs Area)	268.50
	<u>\$693.68</u>
Balance	\$1,151.28

DISBURSEMENTS:

Teaching	\$255.00
Books	221.28
Postage & Supplies	5.00
	<u>Total</u>
	\$481.28
Balance	\$670.00

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY MEETING JANUARY 20, 1973

The Quarterly Meeting convened at 9:30 a.m. at Friendship Church. Opened with Congregational singing led by Buddy Hartsfield, prayer led by Rev. Chambless.

Welcome to the Quarterly Meeting by the Moderator, John Cook & declared this session in order for transaction of business, first item of business was due to the fact that the Clerk had resigned the Moderator accepted a M. & S. that the Assistant Clerk fill out the balance of the Association year, carried.

Moderator introduced Rev. Billy Sumner, Pastor of Corinth Church who brought the morning Devotion using text from Luke 1:73-75.

Credential committee report by Mrs. Arnold as follows:

CORINTH — Mr. & Mrs. Coy Miller, Rosa York, Mrs. C. P. Bethea, Leota Franks, Josie Franks, Marvin Franks, Clytee Chambliss. FOREST HILL — Harvey Rice, Verdie Rice, Maudella Crowley, Sue Crowley. HAHIRA — Jewel Parrish. FRIENDSHIP — Jeff Giddens, Robert Dyson, Esar Hill, Woodrow Herndon. HOMERVILLE — Mrs. Frank Dean, Robert Hendrix. OZIAS — James Edge, Larry Johnson, Betty Bennett, Henrietta Bennett, Wealthy Bennett, Toni Brown, Terry Smith. PINE LEVEL — Freida Powell, Brenda Hartsfield, Don Perry, Joe Dorsey. TIFTON — Hermon Eason. ZION HILL — Oveda Arnold, Gail Bennett, Johnny Bennett. SUNNY SIDE — Martha Long, Williamae Clement, Betty Bazemore. WHITE HALL — Benny Larisey, Charles Gill, Eula Taylor, Everlyn Aldrich, Geneva Parker, Vonice Anderson. COOL SPRING — Dianna Hesselmeyer, Mr. & Mrs. N. C. Brannon. BEMISS — VALDOSTA — Earl Ridley. MSC to accept report of credentials committee and seat the delegates. Moderator recognized the following visitors, Larry Williams — State Missions, Jerome McNeese — Union Association, Carrol Wood — Faith Temple Mission in Tifton. Moderator appointed Mrs. F. B. Dean, Larry Johnson & Freida Powell to serve as the Finance Committee. Reports from standing Committee: Executive Committee report by Buddy Hartsfield, (See Report Section) MSC to accept & uphold committee report. Ordaining Council by Rev. Hesselmeyer, MSC to adopt this report. Board of Trustees, no report other than \$10.00 in treasurer. Bible Institute Board of trustees report by Rev. Hesselmeyer & finance report of Bible Institute Board of trustees report by Rev. Hesselmeyer & finance report of Bible Institute by Rev. Dodd, MSC that these reports be adopted. Board of Christian Education: Reminder that the TNT rally will meet at Ozias Church on the Saturday in May. Frank Dean appointed to serve on the resolutions committee for this meeting to replace C. M. Chafin, Jr. Moderator recognized Jerome McNeese and gave him time to speak on their Mission in Tifton. Dismissed for recess by Carson Parrish.

Convened after recess with congregational singing & prayer by Rev. Hamilton. Received an offering for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$62.76. Special singing by a group from Ozias Church. Morning Message by Rev. Dasher. Dismissed for lunch by Rev. Williams.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opened with congregational singing & prayer by Rev. Ogletree. Special singing by Rev. & Mrs. Ogletree. At this time we led in a wonderful testimony time by Pastor Riley Giddens, after this we enjoyed a number in song "How Great Thou Art" by all Ministers present.

Business Session: First report by Rev. Hesselmeier, oral report of the State Board of Christian Education, MSC to receive as information. Mission Board report by Rev. Carney, MSC to receive report item by item. #1 MSC #2 MSC #3 MSC. Finance Committee report by Larry Johnson, MSC to receive this report. Resolutions Committee report by Rev. Giddens, Item #1 MSC to accept report as read, Item #2 MSC Tabled until next meeting.

Oral report from M. M. Franks on retirement programs for ministers & full time Freewill Baptist workers, received as information. After prayer by Rev. Dodd an offering was received for the State Office in the amount of \$32.71.

At this time the Association body gave a rising vote of thanks to the host Church for a fine day and noon meal. Charles Gill gave an encouraging talk for the TNT rally. MSC to accept Bro. Bostic resignation and elect another. Nomination from floor were Robert Hendrix, MSC nomination cease and he be elected. Report from State Mission Board by Rev. Williams. Report from State Promotion Office by Rev. Truluck. Moderator appointed the following to serve on the committee to look into a meeting place for the State Association in 1974, Frank Dean, L. F. Ogletree, Roy Dasher. MSC to accept minutes as read. Announcements called for and several were given. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Carney.

John T. Cook, Moderator
Don Perry, Clerk

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Whereas, The Georgia State Association of Freewill Baptists voted in its 1972 session to meet within the bounds of Little River Association in 1974, and whereas, the place for this meeting must meet certain requirements such as motel and restaurant facilities and a building for the daily sessions with sufficient seating capacity and adequate parking space, and WHEREAS, we are limited in our area in finding such location as will meet all these requirements, we therefore RECOMMEND, THAT the Moderator appoint a committee of three (3) here today to seek out the better place and submit their findings to the Executive Secretary of the State Association for his consideration. We further RECOMMEND, that this committee complete its work before the next meeting in April, 1973, and report to the Association so that plans can be implemented for any financial outlay that might be involved. WHEREAS, The National Association of Freewill Baptists will hold its 1973 session in Macon, Georgia in July, and WHEREAS, the Georgia State Association is expected to

provide the meeting place and make other arrangements requiring a sizeable financial outlay, and WHEREAS, Georgia State Association voted in its 1972 session to ask each of the constituent Associations to raise a sum of money for this cause equal to fifty-cents (\$.50) per member per Church, said monies to be sent to the State Office by February 18, We therefore, would like to REMIND our Churches and people represented here today to take this matter up in the Churches and see that this amount is sent on or before the suggested deadline.

The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each to whom shall be elected to the Office of Moderator or Asst. Moderator for more than 2 consecutive terms. The Clerk-Treasurer and Asst. Clerk-Treasurer may be re-elected or not as the will of the body.

The Committee:
Riley Giddens
Robert Anderson
F. D. Dean

MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Mission Board of the Little River Association met today while the Association was in session. We discussed the possibilities with the intent of beginning a new work for the Lord and for Free Will Baptist.

We the board members would like to: (1) Urge our sister Churches in the Little River Association to commit at least one Team each to work with the Little River Mission Board in the endeavor. A date for the survey will be forthcoming in the near future. Send the names, addresses, and phone numbers of the teams to Rev. Leslie C. Carney, pastor of the Valdosta Church. (2) We recommend our Churches cooperate with the State mission board in Target City revivals, (Athens would be the Target City this year) The monies raised would be used in that work in purchasing land. (3) We further recommend that our Churches cooperate with our State Mission Board representative in receiving him into their Churches for service in behalf of State Mission work.

We have a balance in the treasury of \$569.45, not including whatever was designated at this session.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Chmn.
Rev. Leonard F. Ogletree
Mr. Benny Lariscy

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Received from Churches \$162.00 to be applied as followed:

Association purposes	\$108.50
Association Missions	53.50
Balance in treasury 1-14-72	454.96
	Total \$616.96
Paid Out	486.93
Balance in treasury 1-20-73	\$130.03

The Committee:
Mrs. ½ Frank Dean
Larry Johnson
Freida Powell

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

Dear Brethren in Christ:

The Executive Board of the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists submits the following report for your consideration and action here today.

In the early part of the month of December, 1972, we received a request from the Ordaining Council of the Association and Homerville Church regarding an ordination service for Rev. Ronald Wallace, a member of Homerville Church. Bro. Wallace is a fourth year student at Freewill Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee and had been called to pastor Dunbar's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church, Neptune, Tennessee. This Church had petitioned his home Church asking that he be ordained to the full Gospel ministry to enable him to carry out the full functions of a pastor.

Homerville Church voted to request the Ordaining Council of our Association to examine Bro. Wallace and if he passed the examination, to ordain him on Sunday, December 31, 1972, inasmuch as he would be home from Nashville, Tennessee, for the Christmas holiday. The Ordaining Council was willing to proceed but was unable to do so legally, since our Associational regulations required that the Council examine the candidate and report their findings, along with an appropriate recommendation to the Association in regular session before proceeding with the ordination. This would have delayed the ordination of Bro. Wallace until today and would have involved some 1,600 miles additional travel on his part to be here today.

The Ordaining Council and the Homerville Church then petitioned the Executive Board to grant them the privilege of going ahead with the ordination service if Bro. Wallace qualified otherwise. Since our Constitution provides that the Executive Board is the Association between regular sessions and has power to act on matters of such nature that they require immediate attention, subject to the approval of the Association when it next meets, we polled the Executive Board members by mail. Of the seven (7) postcards sent out on which the members could vote their sentiments, six (6) of

them were returned with a favorable vote. The seventh, sent to Bro. L. D. Wynn, was returned for insufficient address. On the strength of the unanimous vote of those responding, we authorized the Ordaining Council to go ahead with the examination and the ordination service. The candidate successfully passed the examination and the ordination service was held at the Homerville Church on Sunday afternoon, December 31, 1972.

Accordingly, we hereby submit this report of our action in this matter, along with a recommendation that the Association here today approve our action and confirm it as legal and binding.

Respectfully submitted,
The Executive Board
Little River Association

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Fall and Winter session of the Bible Institute were perhaps the most successful and rewarding of any thus-far held. Student interest was unusually high and the experience gained from the previous sessions enabled us to conduct a much smoother operation. We were able to cover a wider territory in our program by conducting classes in two locations: Norman Park and Waycross. Twenty-four students enrolled for the courses and we awarded twenty-two certificates to those who completed the courses.

Financially, we finished the session with all accounts paid in full and a balance in the Treasury of \$34.99. The January gift from the Association gives us a present balance of \$59.99.

The next session will begin Tuesday, January 23, at 7:30 P.M. We will again conduct sessions at Norman Park and Waycross. Instructors at Norman Park will be Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer and Rev. Leslie Carney. Rev. Damon C. Dodd will be the instructor at the Waycross branch. The session will close April 17. Fees will remain the same: \$2.50 Matriculation and \$12.50 Instructional. Textbooks are additional and cost \$4.00.

Support from the local Churches is still below expectation, with only 5 out of the 14 Churches comprising the Association making any contribution. These Churches are:

Cool Springs.	\$29.00
Pine Level.	20.00
Friendship	15.00
Zion Hill.	5.00
Homerville	25.00

We have received a monthly check from the Treasurer of the Association since July, 1972, for a total Associational gift of \$175.00.

Our proposed Budget for the coming session is as follows:

Instructors	\$487.50
Rent on Norman Assembly	54.00
Postage & Miscellaneous	10.00
Travel for Promotional Director	<u>49.00</u>
(700 miles at \$.07) Total.	\$600.50

If we are to be self-sustaining we must enroll 40 students in the Institute program. Failing this, if each Church over the Association would give a minimum of \$5.00 per month, this would give us an additional \$210.00, thus reducing our enrollment requirements to 26 students. Surely there is not one of our Churches that could not afford to invest \$5.00 per month for the next three months in a program as beneficial and far-reaching as this.

The Board reorganized at its December meeting. Leslie Carney was re-elected Chairman and Damon C. Dodd was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer. We created a new position of Director of Public Relations and elected John Cook, of Tifton, to fill this office. He will be the traveling representative for the Board and will be paid \$.07 per mile for travel in the interest of this cause. Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer was re-elected Institute Director for 1973.

We have set up a Bible Institute Booth at this meeting of the Association where you can talk with Bro. Cook about the Institute. He has enrollment forms and will be happy to help you fill one out and be ready for the first class next Tuesday evening. We sincerely hope that many of you will take advantage of these classes and become a part of the student body of our very own Bible Institute. If you are not in a position to pay the entire \$15.00 at one time, he will be glad to make arrangements for you to stretch out your payments over a period of time.

In closing, let me convey the thanks of the Board of Trustees to everyone of you individuals who have supported the Institute with your money and prayers. Also we want to thank the Churches who have supported us, and the Association for the continuous support over the months. Also, we would like to request an offering to help our institution.

Our financial report follows:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT MAY 25, 1972.	\$	3.37
RECEIPTS BY MONTHS:		
July, 1972	\$25.00	
August, 1972	25.00	
Sept., 1972	165.50	
October, 1972	309.07	
November, 1972	43.00	
December, 1972	<u>81.00</u>	
TOTAL	\$648.57	<u>648.57</u>
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		\$651.94

Receipts are analyzed as follows:

From the Churches	\$ 99.00
From the Association	175.00
Student fees & Books	<u>374.57</u>
TOTAL	\$648.57

DISBURSEMENTS:

September:

Instructors	\$ 62.50
Rental on Norman Assembly	<u>53.34</u>
TOTAL	\$115.84

October:

Instructors	\$150.00
Books	<u>40.56</u>
TOTAL	\$190.56

November:

Instructors	\$187.50
Books	8.19
Postage & Miscellaneous	<u>10.00</u>
TOTAL	\$205.69

December:

Instructors	\$ 87.50
Books	<u>17.63</u>
TOTAL	\$105.13

GRAND TOTAL OF DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$617.32</u>
BALANCE IN ACCOUNT DECEMBER 31, 1972 . .	\$34.62

NOTE:

A check from the Association's Treasurer for \$25.00 was received on January 15, 1973. Added to the Balance of December 31, 1972, this gives us a current balance in the account of \$59.62.

Damon C. Dodd, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

After passing all requireents a meeting was called for the purpose of ordaining Bro. William Sumner into the ministry. This service was November 19, 1972 at the Corinth Church. After a good song service Bro. Hesselmeyer preached on the subject of being God's man. Bro. Hayes gave the charge after which Bro. Giddens prayed the prayer of consecration.

At the request of the Homerville Church, the council met for the purpose of determining Bro. Ronald Wallace's ordination. The Executive committee was requested to give approval to ordain him since the quarterly meeting did not know of the situation. Upon approval from them the Ordaining Council proceeded to ordain Bro.

Wallace after proper test was given. Bro. Wallace was ordained at Homerville on Sunday, December 31, 1972.

After singing, Bro. Haryes preached the message using I Corinthians 7:17-24 as his text. The charge was given by Bro. Riley Giddens. The prayer of consecration was led by Bro. J. B. Mercer.

The Committee:

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 14, 1973 QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting of the Little River Association was called to order by Moderator at 9:30 A.M. Congregation sang "Glory To His Name". Bro. Charles Parrish appointed as secretary.

Morning Devotion by Bro. Larry Johnson, subject taken from Hebrew 4:14 "Hold Fast our Profession". The Moderator welcome members & Visitors.

Report from Crecentials committee as follows: FOREST HILL: Harvey Rice, Verdie Rice, Savillia Hayes. ZION HILL: Mammie Mercer, Viola Walden. SUNNY SIDE: Lorain McGovern, Martha Long, Leona Williams, Margaret Williams, Annie Douglas. FRIENDSHIP: Fredda Herndon, Woodrow Herndon. HAHIRA: Ronald Coppage, Mandy Coopage, Bessie Coppage, Mary Thomason, Jewel Parriss, L. D. Wynn. HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Damon Dodd, Mr. & Mrs. Martin Wilson, Mrs. W. L. Musgrove, Mrs. Virgil Melton, Sr. OZIAS: James Edge, Larry Johnson, Sherley Mathews, Hennerita Bennett, Catherine Graham, Betty Bennett, Kathy Corbitt, Tony Brown, Carlo Brown. PINE LEVEL: Ola Maude Mercer. TIFTON: Hermon Eason. BEMISS: Roy Dasher, Myrtice Giddens, James Harpe. COOL SPRINGS: Mr. & Mrs. N. C. Brannon, Benny Hamilton, Myrtice Harrod, Wonda Hamilton, Donald Harrod, Joe Roberts, Myrt Harrod. CORINTH: Wonda Cooper, Bill Cooper, Jerry Wishum, Diane Wishum, Mrs. C. P. Bethea. Mrs. Rosa York, Mrs. Leota Cook, Mrs. Rennie Sumner, Mrs. James Sumner. VALDOSTA: None listed. WHITE HALL: Buddy Smith, Alice Smith, Johnny Griffin, Charlene Griffin, Tommy Richardson, Violet Richardson, Geneva Parker, Jessolene Morgan, Vonice Anderson, Benny Larscey, Jeff Channcey. MSC to seat Delegates.

The following Committees were appointed, FINANCE: Donald Harrod, Jerry Wishum, Charlie Dunn. NOMINATING: Robert Anderson, James M. Wilson, W. J. Cumner.

Moderator called for Reports from standing boards (see report section) Ordaining Council: MSC to receive report. Board of Trustees: No report-Association decided that this board would not be required to report unles there were something to report. Executive Committee: No report. Bible Institute Board: MSC to receive report. Offering taken for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$45.64. This amount turned over to treasurer of Institute. Mission Board: MSC to receive report. Christian Education Board: No Report.

Bro. Lewis Williams, State Mission was called upon to speak, gave a real informative talk on our State Missions. Athens Mission had their Trailer moved over by the storm. Three Missions in the State all are doing well. MSC to receive this report as information.

Called for report from committee appointed to survey area for meeting of Georgia State Association: Committee unable to report at this time. Bro. Audie Williams to replace Bro. Ogletree on this committee and to give a report at next Association Meeting.

Announcement: May 17-18 Lonnie Graves and Norman Adams, Martin Youth Camp Colquitt, Ga. Afternoon Session: Moderator called for Finance Committee report, MSC to adopt report as given.

Nominating committee report: MSC to receive report.

Resolution committee report: The resolution committee moved that the congregation give a rising vote of thanks for the excellent hospitality rendered by the host Church.

Received as offering for the State Promoting Office in the amount of \$27.85. Miscellaneous Business: MSC to adopt an addition to our by-laws, that specifies length of office for elected officers, tabled at last meeting (see minutes of last meeting)

MSC to appoint a committee to study the Government and ordinances and Associational decorum and make recommended changes, The following were nominated and elected to serve on this board. Rev. L. C. Carney, Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. J. B. Mercer.

MSC we change our Association Meeting from 14 July to 21 July, so as not to interfere with the National Association.

Association Meeting adjourn at 2:45.

We the Nominating Committee recommend the following to fill the vacancies listed: Ordaining Council — Rev. Damon Dodd to replace Rev. Hesselmeyer; Bible Institute Board — Rev. Riley Giddins to replace Rev. Hesselmeyer, Rev. William Sumner to replace Rev. Ogletree; Mission Board — Rev. Charles Parrish to replace Rev. Ogletree; Christian Education Board — Bro. Charles Gill to replace Rev. Hesselmeyer.

The Committee:
Robert Anderson
James M. Wilson
W. J. Sumner

MINUTES OF ORDAINING COUNCIL FEBRUARY 22, 1973

Meeting called to order by Chairman, opened with prayer by Bro. McMillian. A Letter of recommendation was requested for Bro. Hesselmeyer. MSC to grant a Letter of good standing. Nomination of Bro. Riley Giddens to fill the Office, MSC to adjourn. Dismissed Prayer by Bro. Hensely.

Letter of Recommendation

We, the Ordaining Council of Little River Association of FWB, have voted on February 22, 1973 to give a letter of recommendation in good standing to Bro. Hesselmeyer.

CHURCH	TOTAL MEMBERS	PASTOR	CLERK	MEETING DAYS	MEMBERS
Bemiss	41	Roy Dasher 513 Floyd St. Valdosta, Ga.	Nancy Lee Rt. 1 Ray City, Ga.	Full Time	
Cool Springs	130	Jerry Wisham Rt. 4 Tifton, Ga.	C. M. Chafin, Jr. Rt. 1 Norman Park, Ga.	Full Time	
Corinth	114	William Sumner P.O. Box 72 Brookfield, Ga.	Mrs. Billy Causey 709 E. 6th St. Tifton, Ga.	Full Time	
Forest Hill	43	R. S. Hayes Rt. 2 Adel, Ga.	Selmon Bostic Rt. 1 Adel, Ga.	2nd & 4th Sun.	
Friendship	50	B. L. Shivar 806 2nd St. Folkston, Ga.	Mrs. Joy Ternest Rt. 4 Waycross, Ga.	2nd & 4th Sun.	
✓ Hahira	90	Julian R. Vickers 302 S. College St. Hahira, Ga.	Mrs. J. C. Plair 209 E. Stanfill St. Hahira, Ga.	Full Time	
✓ Homerville	136	Damon C. Dodd P.O. Box 354 Homerville, Ga.	Mrs. Beulah Nettles 202 Pineview St. Homerville, Ga.	Full Time	
✓ Ozias	91	Alton Everson P.O. Box 532 Pearson, Ga.	Riley Cowart Rt. 1 Pearson, Ga.	Full Time	
Pine Level	127	J. B. Mercer Rt. 1 Norman Park, Ga.	Don Perry Rt. 2 Norman Park, Ga.	Full Time	
Peace (Valdosta)	27	Charles Parrish P.O. Box 248 Hahira, Ga.	Retha Stringer 706 Formosa Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	Full Time	
Sunny Side	42	Everette Williams Rt. 1 Pearson, Ga.	Mrs. Audie Williams Rt. 1, Box 33 Pearson, Ga.	2nd & 4th Sun.	
Tifton	56	L. J. Chambless Rt. 5 Tifton, Ga.	Mrs. Nelda Joiner 352 Elizabeth Circle Tifton, Ga.	Full Time	↓
✓ Valdosta	62	Leslie C. Carney 1302 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	Mrs. Gene Miller 2501 Deborah Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	Full Time	↓
✓ White Hall	130	C. L. McMillian 608 HOMER ST Waycross, Ga.	Linda Rouse Route 4 Waycross, Ga.	Full Time	
Zion Hill	42	Everette Williams Rt. 1 Pearson, Ga.	Johnny Bennett Rt. 1 Millwood, Ga.	1st & 3rd Sun.	

MEMBERS RECEIVED	PAID PASTOR	MINUTES	VALUE OF PROPERTY	BUILDING AND REPAIR	COOP. PLAN
6	1,350.00	20.00	30,000.00	1,849.52	105.00
2	4,160.00	30.00	35,000.00	2,900.00	
5	4,425.00	28.50	35,000.00		722.00
3	554.50	8.00	8,000.00		25.00
2		10.00	3,000.00	300.00	
7	2,400.00	10.00	80,000.00	100.00	300.00
7	7,820.00	20.00	100,000.00	4,000.00	300.00
9	2,475.00	15.00	10,000.00	898.08	665.74
6	3,120.00	20.00	15,000.00		702.73
4	400.00	10.00	11,550.00		152.91
2	1,213.57	12.00	15,000.00	952.95	120.00
6	787.47	10.00	9,500.00		147.56
11	4,640.00	20.00	80,000.00	268.00	100.00
12	6,135.00	20.00	15,000.00	2,220.00	
	1,265.00	12.00	18,000.00	350.00	120.00

Bro. Hesselmeyer came to us with recommendation and leaves us with such after orking with and for us. He has faithfully served on the Ordaining Council, Board of Christian Education, and the Bible Institute Board of which he was director and a teacher. Also he has served on the State level and was Secretary and Treasurer for the Board of Christian and Camping.

We commend Bro. Hesselmeyer to your Association with our blessings.

Respectfully submitted,
Ordaining Council of the
Little River Association

LITTLE RIVER MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Little River Mission Board met on February 9, 1973, at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta at 7:30 P.M. At that time we discussed the recommendations we had made at the previous Quarterly Meeting of the Little River Association, particularly the one with regard to our sister Churches committing one team to help survey Nashville, Ga., with a view to beginning a new work in that City fr the Lord and Free Will Baptist.

We made plans as to how to conduct the survey, and what types of follow-up should be done. A tentative date was set for the survey on March 31, 1973 — a Saturday. Due to some very inclement weather, this survey was postponed. A new date will be set in the near future. Letters were sent to the teams — We trust these same teams will be available to us when we make our next announcement regarding a new survey date.

Bro. Leonard F. Ogletree has accepted a Pastorate in a sister Church of a sister Association, thus creates a vacancy on our Board of Missions. We feel you would like to fill that vacancy today.

We have a balance in the treasury of \$627.95, not including whatever was designated at this session.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Chm.
Rev. L. F. Ogletree
Mr. J. W. Selph
Mr. Benny Larisey
Mr. C. M. Chafin, Jr., Trea.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

We the Finance Committee make the following report:

Balance as of last meeting	\$130.03
Received today from Churches	\$157.00
Total	\$287.03

PAID OUT:

Little River Bible Institute	\$75.00
Programs	3.00
Postage & Envelopes	5.38
Missions	48.50
Moderator & Clerk Honorarium	17.50
Total	\$149.38

Balance Today . . . \$137.65

The Committee:
Donald Harrod
Charlie Dunn
Jerry Wishum

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

The January — April session of the Little River Association Bible Institute will come to a close at Norman Park next Tuesday, April 17 and at the Waycross Division Tuesday, April 24. A total enrollment of 28 was reached for this session and from all indications it has been the best one thus far. There are two reasons for this: the experience gained by faculty and students in the previous sessions, and the fact that the Institute has come to be accepted by our people as a part of the Association's regular program and the Churches are beginning to realize some of the benefits of the effort.

This is not to say there is no room for improvement. As yet the majority of our people have not taken advantage of this training service. The idea of study is not as appealing as it should be and must become if we are to offer our best to the Master and His service. Like it or not, II Timothy 2:15 is a command that too many of us would like to ignore.

Especially disappointing has been the response of our ministers. Every God called preacher ought to be anxious to get deeper into the Word and learn more about the mechanics of his calling. Hopefully, future sessions of the Institute will attract more of our ministers to the classes where they can not only learn, but also share their experiences with others in a joint learning experience.

We would respectfully call the attention of the Association to two vacancies on the Board of Trustees. Rev. Robert Hesselmeyer has moved to a new pastorate in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Rev. L. F. Ogletree is pastor of a Church in a sister Association and no longer a member of this Association. We feel that you will want to fill these vacancies here today.

In closing, we take this means of thanking each Church and individual who has supported the Institute through your prayers and gifts. We are also thankful to our students for their faithfulness to attend the classes and cooperate in every way.

The Board of Trustees

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION INSTITUTE

BALANCE IN ACCOUNT JANUARY 23, 1973 \$62.96

RECEIPTS:

CHURCHES:

Bemiss \$20.00

ZPine Level 60.00

Whitehall 15.00

TOTAL \$95.00

Little River Association 50.00

Rev. Riley Giddens, Personal. 6.00

Student Fees 333.00

GRAND TOTAL \$546.96

DISBURSEMENTS:

Teaching:

Rev. Leslie Carney, 12 sessions at \$12.50 \$150.00

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, 12 sessions at \$12.50 150.00

Rental on Norman Assembly Classroom 27.00

GRAND TOTAL \$327.00

BALANCE SHEET

GRAND TOTAL RECEIPTS \$546.96

GRAND TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 327.00

Balance April 14. \$219.96

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE 30.00

\$249.96

Accounts Payable April 17 & April 24 25.00

CLOSING BALANCE \$224.96

BOOK FUND:

Books Purchased \$98.00

Books Sold and Paid for 98.00

Damon C. Dodd, Treasurer

**MINUTES OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
QUARTERLY MEETING
JULY 21, 1973**

The Quarterly Meeting convened at Forest Hill Church, opened with congregational singing & prayer led by Rev. L. J. Chambless.

Welcome to the Associational Quarterly meeting by the Moderator, John T. Cook.

Morning devotion by Rev. J. B. Mercer ussng scripture from St. Luke 10:2.

No one present from the credentials committee, MSC that chair appoint a credentials committee to serve for today, those appointed were Mrs. Frank Dean, Jack Joiner, L. J. Chambless.

Report of the credentials committee by Mrs. Dean were as follows: ZION HILL — Annette Mercer, Mamie Mercer, Viola Walden. VALDOSTA — Ruth Miller, Paul Miller, Cynthia Carney. HOMERVILLE — Mrs. Frank Dean. BEMISS :— Myrtice Giddens, Zelma Long. COOL SPRINGS — S. E. Harrod, Myrt Harrod, O. L. Roberts, Marie Roberts, Carolyn Harrod. OZIAS — Curtis Robersons, Glinda Robersons, Larry Johnson, Joyce Johnson, Shirley Mathews, Elva Baker, James Edge, Barbara Edge. WHITE HALL — Alice Smith, Jan Harrell, Vonice Anderson, Charles Gill, Benny Larscey, Rena Martin, Gwen Moore, Lavada Moore. PINE LEVEL — Freida Powell, Brenda Hartsfield, Ola Maude Mercer, Benny Perry, Ervin Willis. FOREST HILL — Maudella Crowley, Verdie Rice, Harvey Rice, Vivian Cox. HAHIRA — Jewel Parrish, Betty Chambless. TIFTON — Jack Joiner, Herman Eason, Clara Nell Eason. CORINTH — Coy Miller, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cooper, Mrs. Rosa York, Mrs. John Cook, Mrs. M. M. Franks. SUNNY SIDE — Leona Williams, Eddie Williams. FRIENDSHIP — Faye Ross, Iva Jean Ross. MSC to seat delegates & those to come in later. Moderator recognized all visitors present.

Moderator appointed the Finance Committee as follows: Annette Mercer, Paul Miller, S. E. Harrod Report from the standing boards and committees:

No report at this time from the Ordaining Council, Executive Committee, Resolution Committee. Bible Institute Board report by Rev. Carney, MSC to receive this report. Christian Education Board, no report at this ime but would like time this afternoon.

Report of committee to study a meeting place for the State Association in the Little River Association area, The Committee reported checking into three places, Tifton, Waycross & Valdosta, with the committee recommending Valdosta as the most adequate MSC that this report be accepted. Dismissed for recess by Rev. Oglitree.

Convened after recess with congregational singing & prayer led by Rev. Goff.

Morning message was brought by Rev. Everett Williams, after the message and prayer by Rev. Greene, an offering was received for the Bible Institute in the amount of \$58.28.

Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Bennett.

The afternoon session began with congregational singing and prayer led by Frank Dean. Special Singing by a group from Spring Head Church. Evening devotional by Rev. Sumner.

Business Session: Report of the Ordaining Council by Rev. Giddens, Bemiss Church has requested Bro. Roy Dasher be ordained, this council recommended he be ordained. MSC that this Association grant the ordaining of Bro. Dasher.

Report of the Executive Committee, MSC to accept this report. Letter of Petition from Peace Free Will Baptist Mission read before the Association Body, MSC to grant this Mission into full fellowship and membership into this Association. Report of Board of Christian Education by Charles Gill, MSC to receive this report. Peace Free Will Baptist Church will host the T & T rally in May 1974. Resolution Committee — By a rising vote the Association showed our thanks to this Church for their hospitality and marvelous meal.

Report of the Revisions Committee by Rev. Carney, first report from the revision of the Government and Ordinances, MSC to receive this report as a harmonious whole. Next report from the revision of the Associational Decorum, MSC to recommend this to the Ordaining Council for review and report to the Association at its next regular session.

MSC to ammend article Three of our Constitution as read, tabled until next meeting.

MSC to receive report of the Finance Committee. Moderator recognized Rev. Truluck, who gave his report from the State Office & the meeting of the National Association. An offering was received for the State Promotion Office in the amount of \$31.16. Announcements were called for and several were given. Next meeting will be at Sunny Side Church.

MSC to accept minutes as read. Dismissed in Prayer.

John T. Cook, Moderator
Don Perry, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER MISSION BOARD REPORT

The Little River Mission Board met on April 28, 1973, at 9:30 A.M., in Nashville, Ga. to conduct a survey to determine the plausibility of beginning a new work in that City to the glory of God & for Free Will Baptist. Each Church in our Association was requested to send at llast one team each to help the Mission Board conduct the survey. There was a very good response. We begin our survey on a street-by-street and door-to-door survey. The compiled resslts are: Regular Attendants: 63, Not Home: 94, Not Regular Attendance: 55, Not Interested: 15, Good Prsopects: 12, A total of 239 homes were contacted in this brief period. It is the opinion of the Little River Missson Board that this survey be followed up.

One of our Pastor's has contacted the mission board chairman & is interested in overseeing such a work should the Lord continue to lead in that direction. Pray our Lord will send us the right man.

Your mission board also requests your prayers as we discuss this matter with the Brother Pastor who expressed an interest in this endeavor.

We have a balance in the treasury of \$676.45, not including whatever was designated at this session.

Respectfully submitted:
Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Chmn.
Mr. J. W. Selph
Mr. Benny Larisey
Rev. Charles Parrish
Mr. C. M. Chafin, Jr., Treas.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Report of investigation of the Valdosta Mission on 27 May 1973.

The Executive Committee met at the Valdosta Mission at their request on 27 May for the purpose of investigating into its beliefs and practices and the possibility of organizing this body into a regular Free Will Baptist Church.

After an examination of the group as to their character, doctrine, and fellowship, the committee found the group satisfactory and proceeded to organize them into a regular body of Free Will Baptist after the regular services, Sunday night 27 May 1973.

Be it resolved, The Executive Committee of the Little River Association makes recommendation that this Church under the name of Peace Free Will Baptist Church, be received into the Association if they should petition or into any Association that they should decide to make petition.

The Committee:

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We the Finance Committee make the following report:

Balance in treasury as of last Month	\$137.65
Received today from Churches	167.00
TOTAL	\$204.65
PAID OUT	
Little River Bible Institute	\$85.00
Programs	15.40
Postage & Envelopes	4.50
Missions	48.50
Moderator & Clerk Honorarium	17.50
TOTAL	\$170.90
Balance in treasury today	\$133.75

Committee:
Elton Harrod
Annette Mercer
Paul Miller

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Bible Institute of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists will begin its third year of operation September 11, when it opens the Fall and Winter session. This session will continue through December 4.

We are especially thrilled in that we will have several students who will complete all requirements for the Preliminary Teacher's Certificate during this first session.

We are planning graduation ceremonies at some central location in the Association and will make final announcement as soon as arrangements are completed.

We will have two locations again this year; Norman Baptist Assembly for those in the western part of our Association, & Whitehall Church, Waycross, for those in the eastern section.

Rev. Leslie Carney will head up the Norman Park section and be assisted by another instructor to be named later. Rev. Damon Dodd will be in charge of the Waycross division.

Fees will remain unchanged this session. Matriculation fee will be \$2.50 and instructional fee will be \$12.50. Books will cost \$2.00 each. The board agreed to increase the remuneration for teachers from \$12.50 per class session to \$15.00. This was done in view of rising travel costs and the increased demands on their time in handling the increasing administrative and teaching duties. We have suggested to our Director of Public Relations, Mr. John Cook, that he arranges an itinerary among all the Churches over the Association to present the Bible Institute cause to each of them and receive an offering for the work of the Institute. He was also authorized to employ an additional worker for this cause. We trust that every Church door within the bounds of our Association will be open to us for this work.

We are just now beginning to receive the benefits of our Institute. If all of us will rally to this worthy cause, encourage our people to attend the sessions, and pray for the work, we are in for some lasting benefits in the near future.

Thanks to the continued support of the association of \$25.00 per month and to the following Churches for their monthly support, Pine Level, Bemiss, and Cool Springs. We will begin this session in better financial shape than we have ever been. Our Treasury shows a balance of \$364.52 as of this date. However, our expenses will be larger for this session, due to the increase in teacher's pay, plus the fact that there will be added costs incurred in the graduation services. We are confident, however, that you will rally to our support and enable us to continue the good work which has been begun.

We want to thank each individual and Church who has supported us in this program of training with your prayers and gifts. We encourage and urge all of our people to take advantage of the

Institute and enroll for the courses. You will most certainly be the better for it.

Signed: The Board of Trustees
Rev. Leslie Carney, Chmn.
Rev. Riley Giddens
Rev. Billy Sumner
Mr. John Cook
Rev. Damon Dodd, Sec.-Treas.

REPORT OF THE TNT RALLY, MAY 19, 1973

The annual TNT rally of the Little River Association of Freewill Baptist was called to order at 9:45 A.M. on May 19, 1973 at Ozias Church by H. M. Hamilton. Introduction song was "I'm never alone" by the congregation. Bro. James Martin Wilson led in prayer. Minutes were read by Glenda Roberson.

Worship were added as a new interest. Melanie Brown spoke on Teaching Children. She read from Mark 10: 13-16, Matt. 18: 2-6, I John 2:12, Psalm 127: 3-8. She gave a lot of helpful methods for teachers of small children. She covered nursery thru Juniors.

Leroy Arnold spoke on understanding Teens. He read from Proverbs 4:23, Luke 2:47, he presented facts and solutions on dealing with teens. Buddy Smith led in prayer after break. Rev. Truluck spoke afterwards, his topic was interested in Sunday School and C.T.S. Assemblies, he read from Micah 6:6, I Cor. 10:31. He gave an interesting program for each Church to apply to their S.S. & C.T.S. assemblies.

Rev. McMillian gave thanks for lunch and we dismissed for that appointed time.

We came to order after lunch with the song "Stand up for Jesus". Bro. Curtis Roberson led in prayer. Rev. Carney of Valdosta was in charge of devotion, he used scriptures from Judges 17:6, Judges 21:25, II Kings 18:3.

Annett Mercer led in sword drill and was won by Cheryl Pittman, five dollars was awarded to her. We were dismissed in prayer by Rev. Carney.

H. M. Hamilton, Moderator
Shirley Mathews, Clerk & Treas.

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12. No delegate, standing or elected, shall absent himself from any session of this Association without permission from the Moderator, and none shall take final leave without good and sufficient cause or until final adjournment by the Body.

13. This Decorum may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority vote of members present and voting, provided that intention to alter or amend has been filed in writing with the Clerk at a previous regular session and has been read in open session at least twice before final action is taken.

In closing our report we would like to offer the following recommendations: "That Sections 13-A through 14, on pages 28 and 29 of the Minutes of the 66th Annual Session of the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists be set forth under a separate heading to be entitled, 'Ministerial Relations'.

We further recommend that the Moderator instruct the Ordaining Council of this Little River Association to review these

regulations and offer any changes which in their judgement ought to be made, to this Association in its next regular session.

Signed:

Leslie Carney, Chairman

J. B. Mercer

Damon C. Dodd, Secretary

REPORT OF THE REVISIONS COMMITTEE

The Revisions Committee chosen at the last session of the Little River Association of Freewill Baptists for the purpose of revising the Government and Ordinance and the Associational Decorum sections of our Association met at Homerville Church Tuesday evening, June 26, with all members present. Out of much prayer and discussion, we present herewith to the Association in regular session our suggestions as to what we believe to be the most accurate and Biblical statements in these connections.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe in the Church, Visible and Invisible. The Invisible Church is composed of all those whose names are written in the Lamb's Book of Life. The Visible Church is composed of those whose names are enrolled upon the roster of a local Church.

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2. We believe that the visible Church is composed of all those people who have professed faith in Jesus Christ, have been baptised publicly in water in the Name of the Holy Trinity by a qualified, ordained administrator, and have been received into membership by the expressed will of the congregation.

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4. We believe that the local Church is the only ecclesiastical and judicatory body authorized by the Scriptures and accordingly each Church has the right to administer its own government, discipline its own members, determine its own polity, and devise means for its own program without interference or dictatorship from any other Church or civil organization, being under God and Christ essentially independent and absolute. Therefore, if any of these rights or prerogatives be surrendered to any other jurisdiction by delegated authority or otherwise, the assembly forfeits the right to be considered a Gospel Church.

5. We believe that the local Churches, may by their free and independent action, form an Association of Churches, appoint or elect delegates to represent them, and declare the terms under

which they shall operate such an organization; but that the rights and authority of the local Churches shall in no wise be compromised or surrendered by entering into such an Association. Thus the Association shall have no authority over the Churches, its only powers being to transact business which does not pertain to Churches on the local level, to share ideas and procedures, to provide a concentration of voluntary effort for all the work, and to give advice to Churches as they seek it. The only punitive power possessed by an Association is the right to withdraw fellowship from the Churches for heretical or immoral practices.

6. It follows logically, then, that We Believe that the authority of the local Churches is designated for the continuance of true and orderly bodies of Christians on earth; and that the Church has Divine power through the Holy Spirit for realizing her true purpose.

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MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. In the matter of licensing Ministers to preach the Gospel, the local Church of which the individual is a member and before which 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 (1) year. Licenses may be renewed from year to year at the option of the Church in which the individual holds membership. Licenses are transferable from Church to Church within this Little River Association provided the holder thereof remains in good standing with the Church in which he previously held membership.

2. The licensee shall be accountable to the Church with which he holds membership and shall be subject to the disciplines and actions of said Church in relation to his ministry as a licensed minister. It is understood and agreed that the Church shall in no wise interfere with the licensee unless it has good and sufficient reason/s for so doing.

In the case of disciplinary action against a licensed Minister, the procedure shall be the same as that used in dealing with any other individual in the Church who is found out of order.

3. Licensed Ministers coming from another Denomination to this Little River Association do not transfer their licenses to preach, but shall come under the same requirements for license as stated herein in Paragraph 1.

4. Each Church shall report to the Association at the Annual session the names and addresses of all licensed and ordained Ministers holding membership in said Church.

5. Churches desiring the ordination of a Minister shall request of the Ordaining Council of this Association that the individual be examined for ordination according to the accepted and authorized procedures. After examining the Candidate, the Ordaining Council shall offer an appropriate recommendation to the Association in regular session and the action of said Association on the matter shall be considered final. In the event that a Candidate fails to satisfactorily pass the examination, he shall be required to wait for at least two weeks before he is eligible to take the examination again.

It is understood and agreed in the matter of the actual service of ordination that the Ordaining Council of the Little River Association shall have full and complete charge, but that the wishes and requests of the individual to be ordained regarding time and place of the service be honored where feasible and reasonable.

6. An Ordained Minister coming from another Denomination to the Little River Association shall first take membership in a Church in good standing with said Association. Upon request of the Church

with which the Minister has united, the Ordaining Council shall proceed with the examination for ordination after the accepted and authorized procedures. If found qualified, the individual shall be granted provisional permission to preach under the Watch-care of the Association for one (1) year. If at the end of that length of time, the Ordaining Council feels that he has proved himself sufficiently, it shall recommend to the Association that the individual be granted Ordination credentials by the Little River Association. The action of the Association in the matter shall be considered final and binding.

7. An Ordained Minister who is in good standing with this Association. He shall then submit a letter of recommendation from the Association of which he was formerly a member to the Ordaining Council of this Association. His acceptance into the Little River Association as an Ordained Minister in good standing shall be contingent upon the approval of the Ordaining Council's recommendation by the Little River Association in regular session.

8. Any Freewill Baptist Minister holding membership in this Little River Association of Freewill Baptists who preaches, teaches, and/or practices speaking in an Unknown Tongue in any Church in said Association, or allows it to be preached, taught, and/or practiced in any Church of which he is Pastor: or who preaches, teaches or allows to be preached or taught in any Church in this Association of which he is pastor, the doctrine of sinless perfection to be obtained by a second or third work of grace, shall be considered heretical and shall be dealt with by the Ordaining Council. The Council shall report its findings, along with appropriate recommendation/s to any regular session of this Association for final and official action in the matter.

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.

ARTICLE III, MEETINGS

The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, July and October. The meeting day shall be on the Saturday following the second Sunday of the January, April and October sessions. The July session shall be on the last Saturday of that month. 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, rissng the Unirofm 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 sessson 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 Misssons.

ARTICLE VI. OFFICERS

The Officers of this Association shall be Moderator, assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each to whom shall be elected at the close of the October session annually. Individuals may not be elected to the Office of Moderator or Assistant Moderator for more than 2 consecutive terms. The Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant Clerk-Treasurr may be re-elected or not as the will of the body.

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 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 1. 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, 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 Auxiliar Convention and the Teach and

Train Rally shall be recognized as subsidiary organization 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.