

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF CHURCHES
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF GEORGIA
HELD AT
COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA
OCTOBER 19, 1974



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MINUTES OF THE SIXTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on Saturday, October 19, 1974 with the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park, Georgia. Host Pastor for the Association was the Rev. Jerry Wisham.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Registration of Minister, Deacons and delegates began at 9:10 A. M. At 9:30 the Association participated in song and praise time followed by devotion by the Rev. R.S. Hayes.

At 10:05 the Association was called to order by the Moderator, followed by report from the Credentials Committee and seating of delegates. (See Report)

Visitors were recognized by the President. Then he appointed the following committees.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Verda Rice, Chairman, Mrs. L. D. Wynn, and Mrs. Carlton Brown.

FINANCE: Mr. F.O. Nelson, Chairman, Mr. William Cooper and Mr. Robert Hendricks.

Following the appointment of Committees the Moderator called for reports from the following:

ORDAINING COUNCIL: A partial report for the ordaining council was given Riley Giddens. (See Report)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: No business being conducted by the Board of Trustees, a Negative Report was given.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE: With no business being brought before the committee, a negative report was given.

BIBLE INSTITUTE: The Little River Bible Institute Report was given by the Rev. Leslie Carney. The motion carried to accept the report. (See Report) The Rev. Damon C. Dodd submitted his resignation as Trustee of the Bible Institute. The motion carried to accept the resignation of Bro. Dodd and to extend to him and his wife a rising vote of appreciation for their good work and devotion to the Association during their stay with us.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The host church led the Association in singing and prayer. After which the Rev. Billy Sumner presented the morning message with the subject being Because He Lives.

There was a break for Lunch with the Moderator announcing that the afternoon session would commence at 1:30.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session began at 1:15 p.m. with a song and praise time being led by the host church. Devotion was given by Rev. Amos McMillan, Minister at Ozias Church.

The Moderator presented to the Association, Bro. Dale and Sandra Bishop, missionaries to Japan, followed by calling for reports from committees.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: A complete report was given by the Rev. Riley Giddens on activities of the council. Motion carried to accept the report. (See report.)

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD: A complete report was given by the Bible Insitute on activities and proposed plans for future classes. Motion carried to accept the report. (See report.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: The Christian Education Board report was given by Mr. Charles Gill. Main subject being on the organization of a Youth Rally in the Association. Motion carried to accept. (See report)

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: The Resolution Committee report was given by the Rev. L. S. Chambless pertaining to:

1. Adoption of a ways and means of obtaining more money into the Association for support of Missions, Bible Institute, State Cooperative Plan, and the normal expense incurred by the Association. Motion carried to have Moderator appoint a committee of one member from each church in Association to meet and plan a ways and means and make recommendation to our next regular meeting. Chariman of each church Deacon Board was appointed. (See report.)

2. To adopt and pass a resolution authorizing the clerk of the Association to expend whatever money necessary in the performance of his duties relating to publication, reproduction, assemblage, distribution, etc. of the Quarterly Minutes and Yearly Minutes required by the Association. Motion carried to accept the report. (See Report.)

3. To show our appreciation to Cool Springs Church for hosting the Association. Motion carried. (See report.)

OBITUARY COMMITTEE: The Obituary Report was given by the committee with a motion that the Association stand for a moment of silent prayer and meditation for our departed loved ones. Motion carried. (See report.)

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERNECE: A report on the Ministers and Deacons Conference was presented by Mr. John T. Cook, stating that two meetings were held during the past year. At last meeting a vote to send \$50.00 to the Alabama Childrens Home was taken and money sent. Motion carried to receive as information.

FINANCE REPORT: Motion carried to receive Finance Report. (See report.)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: The Credentials report was given by Mrs. Louise Ivey with motion carried to allow clerk to add church reports that were not present when

Delegates elected for State Association to meet November 14-16, 1974 in Valdosta, Georgia are as follows. Bro. Don Perry, Bro. Benny Larisey, Sister Lucille Grizzard.

HOSTING OF THE ASSOCIATION: Moved and carried that churchs accepting to host the Association will be scheduled as follows:

First Tifton.....	January 1975
Zion Hill	April 1975
Homerville	July 1975
Corinth	October 1975
Friendship	January 1976
Ozias.....	April 1976
Peace.....	July 1976
Forest Hill	October 1976
Sunny Side	January 1977
Hahira	April 1977
Bemiss	July 1977
Valdosta	October 1977
White Hall	January 1978
Cool Springs	April 1978
Pine Level	July 1978

CONTACT OF OAK GROVE CHURCH: Moved and carried to have the Rev. Alton Everson contact Oak Grove Church in the Name of Association and invite them to fellowship with us.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd standing in for the State Promotional Secretary gave report on the Dublin Mission, office supplies from Book Store, and awarded certificates to churches supporting the cooperative plan in the state.

The Association nominating committee submitted recommendations for the nomination of officers and committee members for the coming year. Motion carried . (See Report)

Bro. Benny Larisey gave report from the State Mission Board. Motion carried to receive report as information.

Reading of minutes was presented by the clerk, motion carried to approve as read.

ADJOURNMENT 3:45

Next Quarterly Meeting will take place at the Corinth FWB Church near Brookfield. First Tifton will be responsible Host Church.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNSEL

The Sixty-Eighth Annual Session of The Little River Association convened with the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, October 19, 1974.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd has resigned the Pastorial Care of the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, accepted a church in the Union Association, also is associated with the Christian Book Store. By request of Bro. Dodd for a letter, the Association voted to give him a letter of good standing, also requested the Ordaining Counsel to write a letter to the Union Association.

Dear Christians in our Wonderful Lord, Bro. Dodd is in excellent standing with this Association, a member of the Bible Institute Board, also a teacher, Member and Chairman of the Ordaining Counsel, also a member of the Minister's and Deacon's Conference.

We the Ordaining Counsel send this letter to the Union Association, with love and high regards for Bro. Dodd and Family.

Ordaining Counsel of Little River Asso.
Riley Giddens, Secretary

THE ORDAINING COUNCIL:LITTLE RIVER ASSO- CIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

The Ozias Free Will Baptist Church has called Rev. Amos McMillan to the pastoral care of Church 1974 and 1975, and request his ordination to the full Gospel Ministry, examination has been given by Riley Giddens, found satisfactory.

Counsel has met at this regular (annual) October session of the Association 1974 and discussed Bro. McMillan's examination, and his qualifications has been accepted, we your Ordaining Counsel recommend him to this session of the Little River Association for ordination.

Also the Ozias Church has requested Bro. McMillan's ordination as soon as possible and to be carried out in their Church, if possible the date be decided upon to day and time. October 27, 1973, 3:00 p.m.

Ordaining Council

J.B. Mercer

Damon C. Dodd

Tom Hamilton

C.L. McMillan

Riley Giddens, Sec't.

The Ordaining Counsel met October 18, 1974 for the purpose of examining Rev. John L. Grizzard, who was coming to Little River Association from the Southern Baptist Church.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Chairman, called the meeting to order and Rev. Clarence McMillan led in prayer.

Rev. Grizzard was questioned by the members of the council. He was instructed by the chairman on the procedures for membership in the association.

Rev. Grizzard was dismissed, and after further discussion by the council, it was voted to recommend to the association that Rev. Grizzard be placed under the watch-care of the association for twelve months and if he measures up to the rules and regulations of the Little River Association at the end of that time, he will be recognized as a fully ordained Free Will minister.

This concluded the meeting and Bro. T. G. Hamilton dismissed with prayer.

ORDAINING COUNSEL met July 27, 1974 -
No report given.

ORDAINING COUNSEL met April 20, 1974.

Ordination Service for Jerry Lee Wisham, held at Corinth Church January 27, 1974.

Called to order by Chairman, Riley Giddens. Congregational singing, prayer by Rev. Donald Franks. Message, Rev. J. B. Mercer. Charge by Riley Giddens. Bible

presented by Rev. McMillan. Ordaining Council, Preachers and Deacons present gathered around altar, laid hands on Bro. Wisham, prayer by Rev. T. G. Hamilton. Number present fifty-five(55). Concluding service Bro. and Mrs. Wisham stood in front of pulpit facing Congregation, was given right hand of fellowship and best wishes by all present. Dismissal prayer, by Rev. J. Sumner.

ORDAINING COUNCIL met on January 19, 1974 to act upon business that might be brought before it. The following items of business were conducted.

1. Rev. B.L. Shivers, pastor of Friendship Church and Rev. Robert Vickers, pastor of the Hahira Church presented themselves before the board requesting fellowship and membership into the Little River Association. Since these brothers do not have letters from previous associations the ordaining council recommends that we receive these brothers into full fellowship upon their presentation of letters from their respective associations.

2. Bro. Jerry Wisham was ordained into the ministry during this past quarter. The Ordaining Council makes the recommendation that the Association receive him as a duly ordained minister in good standing.

Rev. Riley Giddens, Sec't.

BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT

The Little River Association Bible Institute opened for the Fall Session Tuesday, September 17, 1974, in two locations; Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church for the Western area of the Association and White Hall Church, Waycross, for the Eastern area. The Bemiss area enrolled 14 students and the Waycross area 12, for a total enrollment of 26. Rev. Leslie Carney and Mr. William Cooper are serving as Instruc-

tors in the Bemiss school. Rev. Damon C. Dodd opened the session in Waycross and continued until he moved from Homerville. Rev. Ronald Wallace, Pastor of Okefenokee Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross, took over the teaching duties after Rev. Dodd left. He attended Free Will Baptist College, Nashville, Tennessee and is a candidate for the B.A. degree soon. He is thoroughly fundamental and is a good, thorough teacher. The pupils in the class have responded most favorably to Bro. Wallace's teaching ministry.

Financially, it will be about a break-even experience this session. At the present time we show a balance in the treasury of \$324.80, plus a credit memo from the National Free Will Baptist Sunday School Department of \$25.34, making a total balance of \$380.14. Accounts receivable of \$35.11 raise this amount to \$415.25.

The projected budget for the remainder of this session is:

Teaching Services	\$225.00
Outstanding Accounts p.	150.00
Total	<u>\$375.00</u>

Hopefully we will not run into any emergencies during this session and will be able to get by on the present balance.

We have appreciated the support of each Church and individual over the Association during the past year. Two Churches have contributed on a regular monthly basis: Pine Level Church gave \$10.00 per month for a total of \$120.00. Bemiss Church gave \$5.00 per month which amounted to \$60.00 for the year.

If the Institute program is to continue, it will require the prayers, giving, and cooperation of everyone in the Little River Association. There is no doubt about it, this is a worthwhile program-- one which rightly deserves the support of every Free Will Baptist Church and member in

the Association. Make this a matter of prayer and follow the leadership of the Holy Spirit.

God bless each and every one of you.

Prayerfully and humbly submitted,
Board of Trustees, Little River
Association Bible Institute

Rev. Billy Sumner, Chairman

Rev. Leslie Carney

Rev. Riley Giddens

Mr. John T. Cook

Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Secre-
tary-Treasurer

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE
JULY 27, 1974

The Little River Association Bible Institute will begin its Fall Session on Tuesday evening, September 17, 1974 at 7:30, and continue through Tuesday evening, December 10. Instructors will be Rev. Leslie Carney, Rev. Damon C. Dodd, and William Cooper. Rev. Carney is Institute Director.

Courses have been changed slightly to allow us to place more emphasis on direct Bible study. We will continue to offer ETТА courses to those who want them. In the Advanced Diploma course, the offering will be "Evangelize Through Christian Education" to be taught by Rev. Carney. The Preliminary Diploma course to be taught by William Cooper will be "Teaching Techniques."

Two completely new courses will be offered this session: The Book of Acts and The Book of Revelation. Course materials for the Book of Acts will be adapted from available Free Will Baptist authors. The textbook for the Book of Revelation will be "A Study Guide for the Book of Revelation", by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

There will again be two centers for the Institute sessions. The Western Division

will meet at Bemiss and the Eastern Division will hold classes at White Hall Church, Waycross.

Institute fees will remain unchanged: Matriculation-\$2.50; Instructional fee-\$12.50. ETТА textbooks have increased in price from \$2.25 to \$2.60. The textbook for the Revelation course is \$1.25 and a fee of \$2.00 will be charged for the mimeographed materials for the Book of Acts. Cost of books would thus vary from \$3.60 to \$5.20, depending on the courses taken.

The projected budget for this session is as follows:

Teaching services (3teachers @ \$15.00 for 13 sessions).....	\$585.00
Miscellaneous (Postage, Teachers materials).....	15.00
TOTAL	\$600.00

Balance in the Bible Institute Treasury as of July 9, 1974, was \$313.37. This, together with the anticipated income between now and September 17 should push this figure up to at least \$350.00, leaving a total of \$250.00 to be raised through student fees. This means that we must have a minimum of 17 students in order to break even for this session.

We would like very much to enroll all of these here today. We are prepared to do so if you are ready to respond. You may contact anyone of the following brethren here today and complete your enrollment form before you leave this meeting. The men to see are: William Cooper, John Cook, Rev. Billy Sumner, Rev. Riley Giddens, or Rev. Leslie Carney.

We would like to make special mention of Pine Level Church and Bemiss Church. THESE ARE THE ONLY TWO CHURCHES IN THE ENTIRE ASSOCIATION WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE INSTITUTE ON A REGULAR MONTHLY BASIS. Pine Level has given \$120.00 over the past year and Bemiss has contributed

\$60.00. Our thanks go to each and every Church and individual who has made any contributions toward the Institute, as well as all those who have prayed for this cause. Please continue in prayer. And please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Bible and your Church by enrolling today in the Bible Institute as a student.

The Board of Trustees:
Rev. Billy Sumner, Chr.
Rev. Riley Giddens
John Cook
Rev. Leslie Carney
Rev. Damon C. Dodd, Sec't.

BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT - APRIL 20, 1974

Dear Christian Brethren:

We have reached a critical point in our Bible Institute program. In the words of one of the characters in a Shakespeare drama, "To be or not to be, that is the question." The problem is not financial in as much as will show a balance in excess of \$200.00 at the close of the present session. The problem is students.

There has been a steady decline in enrollment and attendance over the past year. We have sought to analyze this declining interest to find the cause. Frankly, we haven't satisfied ourselves as yet. We want you to help us.

There are three areas of the Bible Institute program that might be the cause of the illness. First, is YOUR personal interest in continuing the Institute. Do you as an association want it? Do you feel that the good it has done and will do justifies its existence? Would you vote to keep it going and back up that vote by your personal attendance if the classes were held in your locality?

The second concern is curriculum. We have used the ETTA study course books and

given ETTA certificates and diplomas. Some may object to this material. Suppose we were to write our own materials based on a study of the Bible books and doctrines? How would a course on the book of Acts, the Gospel of John, the Book of Revelation or Daniel appeal to you? If this is your desire, let us know and we will begin to phase out the ETTA courses and replace them with good, sound, practical Bible courses.

The third area is instructors. As teachers, we are vitally interested that we carry on a relevant and meaningful teaching ministry. Are we being too hard and overly demanding? Have we failed to simplify our teaching so that it can be easily understood? Your suggestions in this area are needed, encouraged, and welcomed.

Finally, there is the matter of money. Are the fees too high? It is the feeling of the Board that the Institute should be self-supporting. Fees have been determined accordingly. However, since Institute operating costs are pretty well fixed and do not fluctuate, the cost per student could be lowered if there were more students enrolled. It costs about \$450.00 to carry on a 13 weeks program with two instructors. This means we must have at least 30 students at \$15.00 each to pay our way. If we had 60 students enrolled, this cost could be reduced to \$8.00 per student.

Without your active participation as a student or a regular donor to the Institute we simply cannot continue this program. We must know here today what your wishes are in regards to this program. We would like to see it continue. But we are just your servants and must be governed by your actions. Pray and search your hearts well and then, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, tell us what to do.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FINANCIAL REPORT - LITTLE RIVER ASSO- CIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

Balance in Account April 11, 1974-	\$230.28
Credit Voucher, SS Dept. Nashville-	28.34
Credit Voucher, ETTA, Wheatan, Ill.	15.75
TOTAL.....	\$274.37

Projected Disbursements for
remainder of Spring Session:

Teaching Services	\$ 60.00
BALANCE...	\$214.37

Damon C. Dodd, Treasurer

BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT - JANUARY 19, 1974

Little River Association Bible Institute closed out a successful and profitable Fall session December 11, 1973. Classes were held in Cool Springs Church where Rev Leslie Carney and Rev. William Cooper served as instructors and White Hall Church, Waycross, with Rev. Damon C. Dodd as teacher. Rev. Leslie Carney is the Bible Institute Director.

This session was unique in that it marked the completion of the first full cycle of the ETTA courses in the Preliminary Diploma curricula. In the very beginning of the Institute separate courses were offered ministerial students. 10 students completing all the requirements for the Preliminary Teacher's Diploma. We had hoped to present these diplomas here today but due to a delay in Wheaton, Illinois, where the diplomas are hand-lettered for each individual, we were unable to receive them in time. However, these people will be publicly recognized by the Institute Director when he presents his report.

The Board met in Valdosta Friday, January 11, and finalized plans for the Winter-Spring session of the Institute. Classes will begin on Tuesday evening, February 5, at 7:30. The session will

close on Tuesday evening April 30. The Western Section will again meet at Cool Springs Church. Rev. Carney will teach the Advanced class and the courses will be Biblical Beliefs and The Missionary Enterprise. Rev. Cooper will be the instructor for the Preliminary courses which will consist of Old Testament Law and History and Understanding People. Plans have not been perfected as yet for the Eastern section but will be announced soon. Rev. Dodd will be the instructor for this division. Fees will remain the same: \$2.50 matriculation and \$12.50 instructional. Textbooks will cost \$2.25 each.

Financially we fared better this session than in any previous session. After all expenses were met, we showed a balance in the treasury of \$385.17. The projected budget for the coming session will be approximately \$600.00. This means that we must have a minimum of 15 students to break even financially. We feel confident that there will be more than the minimum number of our people who will want to avail themselves of this privilege of good, sound Biblical training.

At the present there are 3 of our Churches over the Association who are supporting the Institute program with regular monthly gifts. They are Bemiss, Pine Level, and Homerville. Along with these we would include Cool Springs and Whitehall, who are providing their facilities free of cost for the class sessions in their areas.

We are grateful for this continued support and would urge others of the churches to do likewise. Just \$5.00 per month from each of the churches over the Association would amount to \$225.00 for the Institute over a 3 month period. We do earnestly solicit your prayers for the continued usefulness and success of our Bible Institute program.

Respectfully submitted,
The Board of Trustees

MISSION BOARD REPORT

October 19, 1974

The Little River Mission Board did not meet this past quarter, as there was no definite business to conduct. The financial report is as follows:

Balance brought forward...	\$639.95
Mission Offering	<u>42.50</u>
Total	\$682.45

Respectfully submitted,
Benny Larisey, Chairman
Rev. Alton Everson
Rev. Charles Parrish
Rev. Leslie C. Carney
C.M. Chafin, Jr., Treas.

MISSION BOARD REPORT - JULY 27, 1974

The Little River Mission Board did not meet this past quarter, as there was no definite business to conduct. The financial report is as follows:

Balance brought forward....	\$612.45
Mission Offering	<u>27.50</u>
Total	\$639.95

Respectfully submitted,
Mission Board

MISSION BOARD REPORT - April 20, 1974

The Little River Mission Board met on April 20, 1974, while the Association was in session. There was no business conducted during the past quarter. The financial report is as follows:

Balance brought forward ...	\$734.95
Mission offering	<u>47.50</u>
Total	782.45
Disbursements (Gift to Assn)	<u>170.00</u>
Balance.....	\$612.45

Respectfully submitted,
Mission Board

MISSION BOARD REPORT - JANUARY 19, 1974

The Little River Association Mission Board met October 29, 1973 at Sunny Side Church. Bro. Benny Larisey was elected as Chairman. We have notified the nominating Committee to place in nomination someone to replace Bro. J.W. Self who is no longer in the Association of Free Will Baptists.

Our balance in the Treasury is \$734.95.

Respectfully submitted,

Benny Larisey, Chairman

Rev. Alton Everson

Rev. Charles Parrish

Rev. Leslie C. Carney

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

OCTOBER 19, 1974
ANNUAL REPORT

The Annual Teach N Train Rally, Little River Association Free Will Baptists, convened May 11, 1974 at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, Ga.

A song "Fest" began the rally with the entire body joining in the hymns "Is Your All On The Altar For Christ" and "Sing and Pray and Smile the Clouds Away."

The rally was officailly called to order at 10:00 A.M., the Rev. Charles Parrish, Pastor of Peace Church presiding. The opening prayer offered by Bro. John Cook.

After the welcome, given by "Youth Sister" Sherry Owen, - urging youth to take advantage of living for Jesus - response was given by Bro. Charles Gill, Chairman of Christian Education, thanking everyone for attending and noting the importance of TNT Rallies to everyone.

After prayer the morning devotion was brought by Bro. Howard Tew. He asked the question "Why is God not working in our church as He is in others?" After

		Stockton, Ga.	Waycross, Ga.						
HOMERVILLE	136	Johnny Williams c/o Church Homerville, Ga.	Beulah Nettles 202 Pineview St. Homerville, Ga.	12	8,745.00	15	100,000.00	1,500.00	300.00
OZIAS	98	Amos McMillan Pearson, Ga.	Henry E. Mathis P.O.Box 457 Pearson, Ga.	5	2,580.00	30	37,500.00	13,938.34	200.00
PEACE	38	Charles Parrish P.O.Box 284 Hahira, Ga.	Retha Stringer 706 Formosa Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	9	2,400.00	10	13,500.00	250.00	450.00
PINE LEVEL	118	J.B. Mercer Route 1 Norman Park, Ga.	Don Perry Route 2 Norman Park, Ga.	3	3,900.00	25	35,000.00	20,895.25	687.91
SUNNY SIDE	39	Everett Williams Route 1 Pearson, Ga.	Margarett Williams Route 1 Pearson, Ga.	0	1,081.47	20	15,000.00	323.73	120.00
WHITEHALL	123	C.L. McMillan 608 Homer St. Waycross, Ga.	D.E. Rolison Rt. 4 Box 189 Waycross, Ga.	8	6,625.00	25	70,000.00	25,500.00	
ZION HILL	46	Everett Williams Route 1 Pearson, Ga.	Johnny Bennett Route 1 Millwood, Ga.	2	1,285.00	12	18,000.00		120.00
Oak Grove		Jessie Castleberry Route 1 Nashville, Ga.	Betty Royal Route 1 Stockton, Ga.						
TOTALS	1,220				\$94 45,875.17		\$581,500.00	\$74,388.80	\$3,254.50

CHURCH	Total Member- Ship	PASTOR	CLERK	Members Rec'd	Paid Pastor	Minutes ordered	Value of Prop.	Bldg. & Repairs	Coop Plan.
BEMISS	26	Roy Dasher 513 Floyd St. Valdosta, Ga.	Nancy Lee Route 1 Ray City, Ga.	10	1,000.00	6	30,000.00	5,104.28	120.00
COOL SPRINGS	131	Jerry Wisham Route 4 Tifton, Ga.	C.M. Chafin, Jr. Route 1 Norman Park, Ga.	3	3,840.00	15	40,000.00	2,840.00	
CORINTH	125	John L. Grizzard Route 5 Tifton, Ga.	Mrs. Billy Causey Rt. 4 Box 221A Tifton, Ga.	9	4,361.00	15	35,000.00		662.00
FIRST HAHIRA	125	William Sumner 302 S. College Hahira, Ga.	Mrs. J. C. Plair 209 E. Stanfill Hahira, Ga.	5	2,400.00	20	80,000.00		125.00
FIRST TIFTON	73	L. J. Chambless Route 5 Tifton, Ga.	Bonnie Harris 505 S. College A. Tifton, Ga.	23	2,148.50	12	9,500.00	513.20	409.59
FIRST VALDOSTA	63	Leslie Carney 1302 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	Grace Miller 2501 Deborah Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	6	3,600.00	20	80,000.00	450.00	140.00
FOREST HILL	47	R. S. Hayes Route 2 Adel, Ga.	Selmon Bostic Route 1 Adel, Ga.	2	654.20	15	8,000.00		
FRIENDSHIP	32	B. L. Shivar 806 2nd St. Folkston, Ga.	Joy Ternest Rt. 4 Box 399 Waycross, Ga.	3	1,255.00	20	10,000.00	3,074.00	40.00
HOMERVILLE	136								

an inspiring message urging everyone to do more praying, Bible reading, and work for the Lord; he invited everyone to join at the altar holding hands and praying.

After prayer the minutes of the last meeting was read by Bro. Buddy Smith which were adopted.

Roll call was taken with following churches being represented:

Corinth Free Will Baptist	11	present
Peace	"	13
Ozias	"	5
First - Valdosta		10	"
Whitehall	"	9	"

After which Bro. Charles Gill invited everyone present to give their ideas and any suggestions they might have on getting more people and churches involved and participating in TNT Rally.

The competition portion was conducted in Bible Sword Drill only as no participants were present for Tic Tac Toe and Bible Bowl exercises. There were six competitors in Sword Drill competition:

Three from Corinth Church, one from Ozias Church, and two from Whitehall Church.

Winners were:

Michele White	--Whitehall	--1st place,	\$5.00
Pam Matthews	---Ozias	----- 2nd place,	\$3.00
Pam Fletcher	---Corinth	----- 3rd place,	\$2.00

Each participant was given a cash award in afternoon session.

After a short recess morning worship was begun with the singing of "Did You Think To Pray" after which a blessing was shared by everyone present when the Peace Church Youth Choir presented a 3-song program that was enjoyed by all. These youths showed that they love Jesus.

The morning worship message was brought by Rev. Charles Parrish using as his text Isaiah 55:6.

The meeting was dismissed to lunch by prayer and blessing given by Bro. Billy Sumner.

The afternoon session was brought to or-

der with prayer by Bro. Les Carney followed by devotion given by Bro. James Stringer using St. Mark 10:16-21 as reading.

The cash awards were then presented the winners in Sword Drill competition.

A partial treasury report was then given by Bro. Buddy Smith:

Previous Amount	\$70.00
TNT Dues received:	
Ozias Church	5.00
Corinth Church	5.00
Whitehall Church	5.00
Peace Church	5.00
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	\$90.00
Sword Drill Awards	12.00
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Total	\$78.00

Report adopted 5-11-74.

Bro. Charles Gill then urged this meeting to send letter requesting that the State TNT Rally be held at Camp Mt. Bethel each year.

Returning to business session it was:

Item 1. Proposed to organize a Youth Rally to meet quarterly. This was put in the form of a motion, seconded, carried.

Item 2. It was then MSC to hold a meeting on August 3rd, 1974 at 2 P.M. to elect officers. Also to hold meetings each 3 months thereafter.

Item 3. Upon invitation of Corinth Church it MSC to hold meetings there Saturday, August 3, 1974 at 2:00 P.M.

The above three items were discussed by the body with youth present and after consideration by all it was decided that this was the best way to proceed in organizing a Youth Rally Organization to meet quarterly.

Special thanks was given to First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta for help in preparing the food for lunch.

After praising God to the tune of "Amazing Grace" the meeting was dismissed with prayer Bro. Billy Sumner.

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

July 27, 1974

The annual Teach-N-Train Rally, Little River Association Free Will Baptists, convened May 11, 1974 at Peace Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, Georgia.

Body voted to begin a Youth Rally once every quarter. First Rally to be held at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, Georgia. August 3, 1974, at 2 P.M.

There were no reports submitted of the Christian Board of Education meetings on April 20, 1974, and January 19, 1974.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE ANNUAL SESSION OCTOBER 19, 1974

Whereas, there exist a problem in obtaining sufficient operating expense money for the Association and

Whereas, there is no workable method approved and adopted by the Association to supply needed money to operate a Bible institute, and

Whereas there is no workable plan and approved method to obtain money through the Association to support Missions, local and extended and

Whereas, there is no definite plan adopted by the Association to support the Ga. State Cooperative plan be it.....

Resolved that the Little River Association act today in appointing a committee (one delegate per church) to meet and prepare recommendations to be presented to this body at the next meeting, a ways and means to obtain funds to meet the present needs of the Association and extending a helping hand to our Mission Board, State Promotional Department and Bible Institute. MSC to receive the report.

MSC to have Moderator appoint committee.

The Moderator appointed the chairman of each church deacon board to act on the matter of obtaining these funds. Bro. C. M. Chafin, Chairman of the deacon board of Cool Springs Church appointed as chairman of committee.

To: The Resolutions Committee of the
Little River Association

Whereas, the Association requires publication of the quarterly minutes and the providing of copies to each minister and church clerk in the Association for reference to last meeting, and

Whereas, the Association requires the publication of a program outline of its quarterly meetings to be sent to its pastors, church clerks, and given out to delegates attending associational meetings, and

Whereas, the Association does not desire to place or expect any individual, group or institution to defray these expenses without due compensation from the association, and

Whereas, the association has placed the responsibility upon the clerk of our association for the assemblage, producing, reproduction and distribution of these said publications with out providing the necessary equipment, and expense money required in the performance of his duties. Be it resolved that we act upon this matter today and make provisions to defray all expenses by obtaining necessary equipment required in their publication or provide money for the typing, paper, and reproduction by a commercial means.

MSC to authorize expenditures necessary in performance of clerk's duties.

October 19, 1974

Be it resolved that this association give a rising vote of thanks to the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church for its warm Christian hospitality in hosting the Association and preparing such a wonderful dinner.

Be it resolved that this Association give a rising vote of thanks to the Whitehall Free Will Baptist Church of Waycross for its warm Christian hospitality in hosting the Association, and preparing a delicious dinner.

April 20, 1974

Be it resolved that this Association give a rising vote of thanks to the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta for its warm Christian hospitality in hosting this Association and preparing the meal.

2. Also, whereas the Beniss Free Will Baptist Church, and the Hahira Free Will Baptist Church also helped prepare the food, be it therefore resolved that these Churches be included in the rising vote of thanks.

3. Whereas the majority of youth today are not spiritually inclined, and whereas, there are an increasing number of young people who are attending our associational sessions, and whereas, a goodly number are present here today, be it resolved that this association show its love and appreciation to our youth by giving them a hearty Amen.

WHEREAS the cost of paper, labor and printing is rising at a rapid rate, imposing on the Little River Association expenses in connection with the printing of the Minutes of the Association which we are not able to meet with our present income, and

WHEREAS we must devise some means of offsetting a portion of this expense without sacrificing anything that we feel is absolutely important to the work of our Association and the good of the good of the people who make up the Association, and

WHEREAS, we have thoroughly discussed this matter and sought by prayer and interchange of ideas the best means of solving this problem, therefore be it RESOLVED that, beginning with the publication of

the Minutes of the Association in October, 1974, the following arrangements be incorporated:

1. That we delete from the Minutes the statements on Government and Ordinances, suggested Church Decorum, Suggested Form for a Constitution for a Local Church, Associational Decorum, Articles of Faith, Constitution, and By-Laws.

2. That all the above-named statements be printed in separate documents in sufficient quantities and be made available to all those who desire them. Any amendments alterations, additions or other changes of any nature made to any of the aforementioned documents, be mimeographed and inserted in the Minutes of the Association as they occur.

3 That all the above-mentioned documents be reprinted every five years and brought up to date to conform to any and all changes that have been made during the preceding five-year period.

4. That a sufficient quantity of the actual minutes of the Association without the above-mentioned documents be printed annually to furnish the Churches, with careful attention being given to overprinting.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leslie C. Carney
Rev. Billy Sumner
Rev. L. J. Chambless, Chr.

January 19, 1974

We, the Resolutions Committee submit the following report:

1. That this Association give a rising vote of thanks to the Hahira Free Will Baptist Church for its' wonderful hospitality, the delicious meal, and each act of Christian kindness shown in entertaining this Association.

2. That our Associational Churches encourage their membership to endeavor to enroll, if at all possible, in our Bible Institute in the next session,

beginning February 5, 1974, either at Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church, or the eastern branch, the place and date to be announced by Bro. Damon Dodd.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Leslie C. Carney
Rev. Billy Sumner
Rev. L. J. Chambless, Chairman

OBITUARY REPORT

Your Obituary Committee humbly and reverently submits the following report of deceased members for the past year.

Ozias

Hosie Corbitt
Pearlie Guest
Pat Corbitt

Pine Level

Dan Graham
J. S. Gay

Whitehall

Ida Boatwright
Laura Brooker
Abna Davis

Sunnyside

Lola Bowen
Lila Pittman

Zion Hill

Lucille Davis

Valdosta

Mrs. Gem Dorris

Late report from Forest Hill Church reveals that Mrs. Cora Ethyl Franks passed away January 17, 1973. Our apologies and regrets go to the church and family for not acknowledging before now.

FINANCE REPORT

QUARTER ENDING OCT. 19, 1974

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS:

Balance on Hand (7-27-74)	\$441.54
Offering and Assessments	348.42
Received during Quarter (Ozias)	12.00
TOTAL	<u>801.96</u>
Disbursements:	434.19
Balance on Hand 10-19-74	<u>\$367.77</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUARTER:

Little River Missions	\$ 42.50
State Coop Plan	32.90
Clerk Fees	10.00
Moderator Fees	7.50
Bible Institute	43.05
City of Valdosta(Auditorium for State Assn.)	280.00
U.S.Postmaster (stamps)	10.00
Southern Stationary (Paper)	8.24
Total disbursements	<u>\$434.19</u>

COLLECTIONS for Oct. 19, 1974

Association Missions	10.00
State Coop Plan	39.05
Bible Institute	75.69
Regular Association Dues	194.00
Total	<u>\$318.74</u>
Balance on Hand,10-19-74,	367.77
Total on Hand this Report	<u>\$686.51</u>

JULY 27, 1974

Balance on hand 4-20-74	\$141.54
Offerings and Assessments	325.40
Offering for State Assn.	125.00
Total	<u>\$591.94</u>
Disbursements	150.00
Balance on hand	<u>\$441.40</u>

Disbursements:

Little River Assn.Missions	62.50
Ga. State Coop Plan	43.10
Clerk Fees	10.00
Bible Institute (cash)	34.80
TOTAL	<u>\$150.40</u>

Collections for 7-27-74

State Coop Plan	32.90
Association Assessments	180.00
Bible Institute	43.05
Association Missions	42.50
Hosting Ga. State Assn.	<u>25.00</u>

TOTAL	\$323.45
Balance on hand	<u>441.50</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$764.95</u>

APRIL 20, 1974

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS

Balance on hand	\$215.39
Offerings and Assessments	302.83
Offering for State Assn.	50.00
	<u>\$568.22</u>
Disbursements	426.68
Balance	<u>141.54</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator fees	7.50
Clerk fees	10.00
Assn., Missions	47.50
Bible (Bookstore)	9.85
Book Store (Assn. Minutes)	254.00
Bible Institute	65.36
Ga. State Cooperative Plan	32.47
Total	<u>\$426.68</u>

COLLECTIONS

Bible Institute	34.80
Missions	62.50
State Coop. Plan	42.10
Association Assessments	185.00
Balance April 20, 1974	<u>141.54</u>
Total	<u>\$465.94</u>

JANUARY 19, 1974

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS

Balance on hand 10/20/73	24.45
Offerings and Assessments	301.57
Offering for Ga. State Assn.	75.00
Total Cash on Hand	401.02
Disbursements for quarter	<u>185.63</u>
Balance on hand Jan. 19, 1974	<u>\$215.39</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator	7.50
Ga. State Coop. Plan	21.07
Roy Dasher (Mathis City Aud.)	70.00
Ga. State Assn. (Delegates)	50.00
Proto Press (Printing)	19.06
Cash (stamps)	8.00
C.M. Chafin, Jr. Missions	10.00
TOTAL	<u>\$185.63</u>

COLLECTIONS

Offering for Bible Institute	
(Cash Transaction)	65.36
Mission offering	47.50
State Coop. Plan	32.47
Hosting Ga. Assn. 1974	25.00
Association Assessments	132.50
TOTAL	<u>\$302.83</u>

Submitted by:

Rev. Alton Everson

Rev. Gary Wishem

Sister Oneda Arnold

EXECUTIVE BOARD

April 20, 1974 Report

The Executive Board met on March 9 at Bro. Coe's to discuss the paying for the minutes of the Association. We voted to borrow the money from the Mission Board. The amount was \$170.00. We like that much paying for the minutes in the treasury. We ask that each Church send enough to make up the difference.

Report was received and adopted with the following amendment:

Money loaned to the Association by the Mission Board would be a gift, and Association was not under any responsibility to pay back.

January 19, 1974 Report

People were contacted at Oak Grove Church as directed by the Association. Our findings indicate that Oak Grove desires to remain the Association and plans to carry on as a organized Church. They have indicated that they hope to attend future Associational Meetings.

Submitted by:

Bro. L.D. Wynn

Bro. C.G. Hartsifeld

Bro. Carson Parrish

Bro. J.C. Arnold

RECREATION BOARD

JANUARY 19, 1974

Inasmuch as there is no elected members to the Recreation Board, and whereas there is no property presently owned by the Association for Control and Coordination by the recreation board, be it known that the following recommendation is offered at this Quarterly Session and to be acted upon at our Recommendation:

1. That the recreation Board be deleted from the list of standing boards as outlined in Section 3, Article IX of the Constitution.

2. That Section 7 of the by-laws be deleted as pertains to the Recreation Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 19, 1974

RECOMMENDATIONS OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Moderator: McMillan

Assistant Moderator: W. J. Sumner

Clerk-Treasurer: Charles Parrish

Assistant Clerk-Treas.: William Cooper

Executive Committee: L.D. Wynn

Ordaining Committee: L.J. Chambless

Missions: Charles Parrish

Trustees: John T. Cook

Board of Education: Charles Gill

Bible Institute: Leslie Carney

State Mission Board: Benny Larisey

State Board of Trustees: Don Perry

State Budget Board: Henry Mathis

Credentials: Mrs. Louise Ivey, Mrs.

Cynthia Carney, Mrs. J.C. Arnold

Nominating Committee: Audy Williams,

Benny Hamilton, Henry Mathis

State Board of Retirement and Insurance:

M.M. Franks

JANUARY 19, 1974 Report

The Nominating Committee offers the following in nomination:

1. State Board of Christian Education: We offer Bro. Tracy Smith of Waycross in nomination.

2. Little River Association Mission Board. We offer Bro. C.M. Chafin, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of J.W. Self who has left the denomination.

STATISTICS (General)

Number of Churches.....	16
Total Membership	1220
Number of Parsonages	4
Number of Ordained Ministers....	21
Number of Baptisms	73
Members Received by Letter & Profs	94
Member Received by other	0
Total Members received	94
Net Gain in Members	10

(AUXILIARIES)

Churches with Sunday School	13
Number enrolled in S.S.....	726
Avg. Attendance in S.S.....	606
Churches with Masters Men.....	3
Masters men Avg. Attendance	27
Avg. Attendance Prayer Meeting .	314
Churches with CTS	8
CTS, number enrolled	364
CTS Avg. Attendance	280
Number of Womans Auxiliaries....	6
Womans Aux. Enrolled.....	84
Womans Aux. Avg. Attendance	59

MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 1974 QUARTERLY
MEETING OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met with the Whitehall Church, Waycross, Georgia on the 27th day of July, 1974, for the purpose of conducting business and fellowship in the spirit of our blessed Lord.

Opening this meeting, the congregation participated in a song service followed by devotions presented by the Rev. T.G. Hamilton. Subject: Be Ye Steadfast: I Cor. 15:58.

Welcome by Host Church: Mr. Robert Anderson. Response by: Mr. Audy Williams.

The Moderator called the Association to order, followed by a roll call of churches. The credentials committee gave a report with the following authorized delegates seated:

ZION HILL: Ruby Lankin, Oveda Arnold, Gail Bennett, Mammie Mercer, Annitte Stephens

OZIAS: Glynda Roberson, Mrs. Carlton Brown, Tony Brown, Elva Baker, Robin Everson.

BEMISS: Standing delegates.

WHITEHALL: Johnny Griffin, Charles Gill, Robert Pittman, Jeff Chancey, Buddy Smith, Billy Ray Martin, Jesse Pittman, Frances Thripp, Carolyn Merritt and Sister Robert Anderson.

VALDOSTA: Howard Tew, Shrie Tew.

TIFTON: Betty Chambless, Joan Chambless, Alton Hogan, Maggie Hogan, Teresa Hogan

SUNNY SIDE: Martha Long, Annie Douglas, Margaret Williams, Leona Williams.

PEACE: Sherry Owens, Kay Parrish, Janice Long, David Long.

PINE LEVEL: Don Perry, Freeda Powell, Bennie Perry, Ola Maude Mercer.

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean.

HAHIRA: L.D. Wynn, Ronald Coopage, Sister R. Coopage, Sister Roy Coopage.

FRIENDSHIP: Standing delegates only.

COOL SPRINGS: Diane Wisham, Donald Harrod, Carolyn Harrod, O.L. Roberts, Louise Ivey, Marie Roberts, Bennie Hamilton, Wanda Hamilton.

CORINTH: Bill Cooper, Wanda Cooper, Mrs. C.P. Bethea, Lestor Cook, Jane Sumner, Tony Cook.

FOREST HILL: No Report - No Delegates

Brother L. Ogletree was recognized from the Union Association as visitor.

Appointment of a Finance Committee by the Moderator: Mr. Bill Cooper, Mr. Ronald Coopage and Sister Glenda Robertson.

REPORT OF STANDING BOARDS

1. Ordaining Council: Delayed until after lunch.
2. Board of Trustees: No Report
3. Executive Board: No Report
4. Bible Institute Board: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

Morning Worship: Bro. J.B. Mercer, Pastor of Pine Level Church brought Morning Message.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The afternoon session started with singing and prayer. An offering was given for the Bible Institute. Afternoon devotions by Bro. L.D. Chambless, Pastor of Tifton Church.

Committee Reports

1. Board of Christian Education: MSC to accept. (See Reports)
2. Ordaining Council: The South Georgia Association has granted Bro. B.L. Shivar a letter in good standing and recommends him to our Association. In light of this report along with the councils examination of Bro. Shivar, we recommend him to the Association, to be received into full fellowship. MSC to receive Rev. B.L. Shivar into fellowship.
3. Board of Trustees: No Report.
4. Mission Board: MSC to receive report (See Reports)

5. Resolution: MSC to receive report.
(See Reports)

6. Finance Report: MSC to receive report.
(See Reports)

Received offering for State Promotional Department.

OLD BUSINESS

Subject: Change in Associational Meeting time as proposed by the Bemiss Church at the Quarterly Meeting in April 1974.

MSC to continue Associational Meetings as scheduled in the Constitutions and By-Laws of the Association.

NEW BUSINESS

The Association Clerk, Bro. Charles Parrish recommended to the Association that we consider new methods of obtaining operating money for the association. That our present systems was not adequate and that a better system should be adopted. Bro. Parrish stated that a proposal would be presented to the Association for consideration at the Annual Session.

The Annual Session will meet with Cool Springs Church, Norman Park, Georgia, on 19 October 1974.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30 P.M.

MINUTES OF THE APRIL 20, 1974 QUARTERLY MEETING OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

The quarterly meeting of the Little River Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, Georgia, on April 20, 1974.

Opening this meeting, the congregation participated in a song service followed by devotions presented by the Rev. Damon C. Dodd. Subject: "Full proof of your Ministry" with scripture from II Timothy 4:1-5.

Roll Call of Churches was conducted by the Credentials Committee and the following authorized delegates were seated to conduct business for the Association:

PEACE: Retha Stringer, Kay Parrish, Donna Stringer.

OZIAS: Elva Parker, Shirley Mathews, Zula Tomlinson, Fannie Kent, Tony Brown, Tamera Everson, Henrietta Bennett, Donald Brown, Robin Everson.

VALDOSTA: Cynthia Carney, Ruth Miller, Paul Miller, Reney Ridley, Mary Ann Carnes.

CORINTH: Mrs. C.P. Methea, Coy Miller, Leon Scheffield, Rosie York, bill Cooper Brian Flancher, Pam Flancher, May Sumner, Kathy Flancher, Betty Flancher, Kim Scheffield, Tommy Fumner, Leodia Cook.

COOL SPRINGS: Donald Harrod, Mrs. N.C. Brannan, S.E. Harrod, Myrtice Harrod, N.C. Brannan.

HAHIRA: Jewell C. Parrish, L.D. Wynn.

FRIENDSHIP: Levi Steedley, Kiane Ross, Love Steedley, Jewell Douglas.

SUNNY SIDE: Eddie Williams, Margaret Williams, Leona Williams.

ZION HILL: Oveda Arnold, Ruby Lankin, Viola Walden.

PINE LEVEL: Brenda Hartsfield, Irvin Willis

WHITEHALL: Betty Pittman, Eula Taylor, Carol Merrett, Betty Stewart, Leona McMillian, Francis Thrift, Benny Larisey, Rena Faye Martin, Robert Pittman, Charles Gill.

BEMISS: Mrs. Riley Giddens, J.F. Lee, Nancy Lee, Zelma Long.

TIFTON: Nelda Joiner, Betty Chambless, Alton Hogan, Maggie Hogan, Terise Hogan

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Robert Hendrix, Mrs. Thursie Wood.

Welcome by Host Church: Rev. Leslie Carney. Response by Charles Parrish.

Call to Order: By the Moderator. The Moderator recognize and welcomed the following visitors: Rev. Amos McMillan, Philadelphia Church, Rev. Gary Page, Baxley, Georgia and Sister James Stringer from Ocilla, Ga.

Appointment of Finance Committee - Zula Tomlinson, James Stringer, Donald Harrod.

Reports from Standing Boards:

1. Executive Board: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)
2. Ordaining Council: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)
3. Bible Institute Board: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

Offering received for the Office of the State Promotional Fund. Amount received was \$42.10.

Break for Morning Worship Hour with the Rev. Gary Page presenting the Morning Message.

Afternoon Session Convened at 1;15 with Special Singing by Bro. L.D. Wynn and Ma Bethea, followed by Congregation singing and prayer. Devotions by the Rev. Alton Everson.

The Moderator called for reports from Committees and completions of all Reports.

MISSION BOARD: MSC to receive reports. (See reports)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION REPORT: The Christian Education Board reminds all churches of the upcoming TNT Rally to be held with Peace Church on 11 May 1974. It recommends that all Preachers, Deacons, and Layman to encourage our young people to attend. In addition the Board offers a recommendation that we organize a youth rally to meet monthly or quarterly. This Item of business to be discussed and acted upon at the upcoming TNT Rally.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

1. Hosting Ga. State Association: Motion: For the Association to instruct the Clerk to write Letter to all Churches who have not responded to request for \$25.00 to host the Georgia State Association, urging them to respond to this request not later than the next regular Association Meeting. MSC

to adopt this motion.

2. Bible Institute: Motion: To present to the body of the Association for consideration, the continuance or disbandment of the Bible Institute. After some deliberation the following motion was presented:

Motion: To instruct the Bible Institute Board to prepare plans and impliment for the Fall Session. MSC to adopt this motion.

3. Recreation Board: Reference is made to previous meeting to previous meeting to recommend deletion of this board. Item was removed from table to be acted upon.

Recommendation:

1. That the recreation Board be deleted from the list of Standing Boards as outlined in Section 3, Article 1 of the Constitution.

2. That Section 7 of the by-laws be deleted as pertains to the recreation Board. MSC to adopt this recommendation.

FROM THE FLOOR

Bemiss Church: The Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church recommends that the Association change its meeting time from the morning hour. The idea would be for an afternoon session only. After some discussion it was MSC to table this matter of changing the meeting time for further thought and consideration.

Offering received for Bible Institute in the amount of \$34.80. Disbursement was made in cash.

Assoication Meeting adjourned at 2:45.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 19, 1974 SESSION

The quarterly meeting of the Little River Association met at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Hahira, Georgia on 19 January 1974.

Program Theme: For the people had a Mind to Work! Neh. 4:6 Devotions presented by Rev. Charles Parrish using the accepted program theme.

The Association was called to order by the Moderator at 9:50 A.M. A Roll Call of churches was conducted and the following report of seated delegates was submitted by the Credentials Committee.

FOREST HILL CHURCH: Harvey Rice, Verdie Rice, Maudella Crowley, Savilla Hayes

ZION HILL CHURCH: Oveda Arnold, Ruby Franklin, Vista Walden.

SUNNY SIDE: Elizaran Clement, Martha Loney, Willie Mae Clement, Margaret Williams

FRIENDSHIP: Leah Shivar, Levo Steedley, Jewell Ross, Fredda Herndon.

HOMERVILLE: Mrs. Frank Dean, Mrs. Damon C. Dodd, Robert Hendrix.

FIRST FREE WILL VALDOSTA: Cynthia Carney, Grace Miller, Earl Ridley

CORINTH: Bill Cooper, Mrs. C.P. Bethea, Leota Cood, Rosa York, Chuch Flancher, Mary Flancher, Jane Sumner, Rene Sumner, Coy Miller.

HAHIRA: Stacy Boutwell, Roger Spillers

FIRST TIFTON: Nelda Joiner, Shorty Harris, Bunny Harris, Vera Exlee Hogan,

BEMISS: Mrs. Riley Gieends, Mr. J.F. Lee, Mrs. J.F. Lee, Mrs. Zelma Long

PINE LEVEL: Brenda Hartsfield, Irvin Willis, Freeda Powell, Linda Hartsfield.

COOL SPRINGS: Vera Chatin, Myrtice Harrod, Diane Wisham, Vallie Chafin, Glen Hamm.

WHITEHALL: Benny Larisey, Edith Herrin, Leona McMillan, Geneva Parker, Charles Gill, Robert Pittman, Betty Pittman

OZIAS: Tamara Everson, Carl Delk, Tony Brown, Mrs. Tony Brown, Mrs. Everson, Henrietta Bennett.

PEACE: Phillis Mathis, Nell Crowley, David Long

OAK GROVE: Not represented.

Moderator recognized visitors: Bro. Gary Page, Bro. Amos McMillan, Bro. Everson.

The following Finance Committee Appointed: Rev. Gary Wishem, Rev. Alton Everson, Mrs. Oneda Arnold.

Moderator called for and received the following reports:

ORDAINING COUNCIL: Partial Report given on ordaining Bro. Gary Wishem. MSC by body to receive this partial report. (See Reports)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE offers this report as a full report: Concerning status of Oak Grove Church. MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

BIBLE INSTITUTE: MSC to receive report upon completion of the above reports. (See Reports)

The Association had a fifteen minute recess, upon returning went into our morning Worship Hour.

Bro. A.D. Green Preached our morning message. Upon completion of the Morning Worship Hour, a lunch break was called for.

After lunch the Association assembled back in the Church with the following business transacted:

Afternoon Devotions by Bro. A.J. Boutwell. The Bible Institute awarded Certificates of Completion. Bro. Leslie Carney presided at the presentation of Certificates to members who completed training at the Bible Institute.

Offering for Bible Institute was received in the amount of \$65.36.

Offering for State Promotional Department was received in the amount of \$34.47.

Ordaining Council Reports: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

Mission Board Reports: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

State Mission Board: MSC to receive as information.

Christian Education: No Report

Treasurer Reports: MSC to receive Report. (See Reports)

Nominating Committee Reports: MSC to receive recommendations and voted to accept nominees. (See Reports)

Recreation Board: MSC to receive report and act upon recommendation at next meeting. (See Reports)

Resolutions Committee Reports: MSC to receive report. (See Reports)

FROM THE FLOOR:

Bemiss Church requested to be exempted from hosting the Little River Association at the next scheduled meeting.

MSC to comply with the Bemiss Church request and that other churches scheduled to the Association would move up to fill the gap created by this request. The Valdosta Church being next in order will host the Association at its regularly scheduled meeting in April 1974.

The State Promotional Secretary, Bro. Dowdney presented an informative talk on income to the State Missions and how money was designated through the cooperative plan of giving.

MSC to Adjourn at 2:45.