

MINUTES
OF THE
SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES



Held At
Homerville Freewill Baptist Church
Homerville, Georgia
October 18, 1975

(Minutes of the Quarterly Meetings Included)

OFFICERS

Moderator	J.B. Mercer
Assistant Moderator	Amos McMillan
Clerk/Treasurer	Wanda Cooper

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Carson Parrish	704 Floyd St., Valdosta	1976
J.C. Arnold	1001 N. Augusta Ave, Waycross	1977
C.M. Chafin	Rt. 1, Norman Park	1978
L.D. Wynn	Sparks	1979
Buddy Hartsfield	Rt. 1, Norman Park	1980
Wanda Cooper	Rt. 4-Box 137, Tifton	Clerk

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

ORDAINING BOARD

Rev. J.B. Mercer	Rt. 1, Norman Park	31771	1976
Rev. C.L. McMillan	608 Homer St., Waycross		1977
Rev. Tom Hamilton	Homerville,	31634	1978
Rev. L.J. Chambliss	Rt. 5, Tifton	31794	1979
Rev. Everett Williams	Rt. 1, Pearson	31642	1980

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Fred Baker	Ozias	1976
Audie Williams	Sunny Side	1977
Leon Herrin	White Hall	1978
John T. Cook	Tifton	1979
Benny Hamilton	Cool Springs	1980

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. L.J. Chambless	Tifton
Mr. L.D. Wynn	Hahira
Rev. Jerry Wisham	Corinth

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

Rev. Jerry Wisham	Corinth	1976
Mr. John T. Cook	Tifton	1977
Rev. Herbert Wald	Corinth	1978

Mr. William Cooper	Corinth	1979
Rev. W.J. Somner	Hahira	1980

MISSION BOARD

Mr. Henry Mathews	Ozias	1976
Mr. Benny Lairsey	White Hall	1977
Mr. Audie Williams	Sunny Side	1978
Rev. Amos McMillan	Ozias	1979
Mr. C.M. Chafin, Jr.	Cool Springs	1980

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. Buddy Hartsfield	Pine Level	1976
Mr. Earl Ridley	Valdosta	1977
Rev. Everett Williams	Sunny Side	1978
Mr. Charles Gill	White Hall	1979
Mr. J.W. Franks	Corinth	1980

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Louise Ivey, Chm.	Rt. 1, Norman Park	31771
Mrs. Amos McMillan	P.O. Box 52, Pearson	31642
Mrs. Frank Dean	Homerville	31634

STATE MISSION BOARD

Mr. Benny Lairsey	White Hall	1977
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STATE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Mr. Don Perry	Rt., Norman Park	1977
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STATE BOARD OF RETIREMENT AND INSURANCE

Mr. M.M. Franks	Corinth	1977
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NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Mr. John Cook	Tifton
Mr. Buddy Hartsfield	Pine Level
Mr. Leonard Ogletree	Corinth

STATE BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING

Rev. C.L. McMillan

STATE BUDGET BOARD

Mr. Henry Mathis	Peace	1977
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OAK GROVE CHURCH Pastor

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PINE LEVEL CHURCH Pastor Gene Collins
Rt. 2, Lyons, GA

SUNNY SIDE CHURCH Pastor Everett Williams
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WHITE HALL CHURCH Pastor C.L. McMillan
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ZION HILL CHURCH Pastor Eddie Hodges
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Rev. T.G. Hamilton Homerville, GA (487-2217)

Rev. A.D. Green 2205 Prince Av., Tifton (382-5264)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The sixty-ninth Annual Session of the Little River Association of Churches of The Free Will Baptists of Georgia met Saturday, October 19, 1975 with the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, Georgia.

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

Registration of Ministers, Deacons, and Delegates began at 9:15 a.m. At 9:30 the Association participated in a song and prayer service, followed by devotions presented by the Rev. J.B. Mercer.

At 10:30 the Association was called to order by the Moderator, the Rev. C.L. McMillan, followed by a report from the Credentials Committee. The following Members of delegates were seated. Oak Grove and Bemiss were not represented.

MINISTERS	DEACONS	DELEGATES	TOTAL
12	18	74	104

Visitors were recognized by the Moderator. He then appointed the following committees.

OBITUARY: Mr. Alton Hogan-Mr. Joe Tucker-Mr. Audy Williams

FINANCE Rev. Everett Williams-Rev. John Grizzard-Mr. C.D. Pervis

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Mr. C.D. Pervis

Following the appointment of the committees, the Moderator called for the following reports.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: No report at present time.

BIBLE INSTITUTE: No report at present

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: M.S.C. (See report)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: No report

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE M.S.C. (See report)

RECESS

Upon the completion of a fifteen minute recess, the Association met for an hour of worship, special singing was rendered by a ladies trio from the Homerville Church, followed by the morning message presented by Charles N. Parrish, Minister from Peace Church. The theme used was, GROWING IN GRACE AND KNOWLEDGE.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Upon completion of lunch break the Association assembled for a time of devotions and prayer. Devotions for the afternoon was presented by the Rev. Leslie Carney from Valdosta Church.

The first item of business was calling on the State promotional secretary for a report of State Activities. M.S.C. we receive as information.

Harvest drive for Alabama Children's home was presented by Mr. C.M. Chafin, Sr.

ASSOCIATIONS LADIES AUXILLERY: M.S.C. to receive report as information.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES: Mr. John Cook, Spokesman for the board informed the body that an offer had been made by an individual to purchase the Associations property in Nashville. M.S.C. that the Association would not consider selling this property.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: M.S.C. to receive report (see reports)

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD: M.S.C. to receive reports (see reports)

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: M.S.C. to receive reports (see report)

MISSION BOARD: M.S.C. to receive reports

And to continue supporting the Dale Bishops and the Dalton Mission by giving ten dollars monthly to each.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE: M.S.C. to receive report (see report)

OBITUARY REPORT: M.S.C. (see reports)

ELECTION OF STATE DELEGATES: Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dean to represent the Association at State level.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: M.S.C. to receive (see report) nominations and act on each individually.

FINANCE REPORT: M.S.C. to receive (see report)

Support for Establishing Church in Nashville.

M.S.C. to remove from table a proposal to support the establishment of a Free Will Baptist Church in Nashville, Georgia. M.S.C. that the Association would not support this proposal by giving seventy five cents per member per each three months.

Meeting Adjourned 3:30

CHRISTIAN BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT

The Annual T&T Rally got unde way at Whitehall Free Will Baptist Church on June the 7th, at 10:00 a.m.

The theme for the day was "The Ten Commandments". Taken from Ex. 20: 3-17

Devotion was given by Rev. Amos McMillan from Ozias Free Will Baptist Church.

Sword Drill was won by Lisa Larisy from Whitehall Free Will Baptist Church.

The highlight of the day was the Teach and Train Class.

The Adult Class was taught by Charles Parrish from Peace Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "The Home". The senior class, age 12-18 was taught by Annette Mercer, from Zion Hill, the theme was "Is it Popular to be a Christian". Junior Class Age 8-11 was taught by Bennie Larisy from Whitehall and Amos McMillan, the theme was "Peacemaker". Beginner Class, age 5-7, no one present.

Broke for ten minute recess.

11:50- Sing and Praise Time

The Message was brought by Johnny Williams from Homerville Free Will Baptist Church.

Due to lack of interest in Competition Drill, we concluded the service and broke for Lunch at 1:00 p.m.

There were seven Churches represented at the rally. They were Cool Springs, Corinth, Homerville, Ozias, Peace, Zion Hill, Whitehall.

We thank God that there were six preachers interested enough to attend.

They were: Jerry Wisham, Cool Springs-John L. Grizzard, Corinth-Johnny Williams, Homerville-Amos McMillan, Ozias-Charles Parrish, Peace-C.L. McMillan, Whitehall

Charles Gill Christian Board of Education presided over the meeting.

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on hand from last T&T Rally	78.00
Spent for T&T Rally:	
Stamps and advertisement	3.00
Trophies	17.50
TOTAL	20.50
Balance on Hand	57.50

MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE REPORT

The Ministers and Deacons Conference met twice this past year in accordance with their Constitution and By-Laws. Submitted herewith is a condensed report on the activities of this conference. Please note, unrelated material not contributing to the overall activities of this conference is not included.

MARCH 15, 1975

The 32nd Session of the Ministers and Deacons Conference met at Ozias Freewill Baptist Church. A welcome was given by the host pastor, the Rev. Amos McMillan. The Rev. Bill Barksdale brought the message of the hour.

BUSINESS FOR THE HOUR

Br. Jack Thomson opened business with prayer

Minutes were read. M.S.C. to receive as read.

Roll Call was conducted with the following number present. Ministers 14, Deacons 19, Total 33.

Time Change for Conference Meeting. M.S.C. to move up time to meet to 6:00.

Speakers for Conference. M.S.C. that those who speak at conference would have their names recorded in the associations minutes.

Church Reports: The following are Churches present who gave oral or written reports of their church activities since last meeting, HAHIRA, oral report; FIRST TIFTON, oral report; SUNNYSIDE, oral report; FORREST HILL, oral report; ZION HILL, oral report; VALDOSTA, written report; HOMERVILLE, oral report; BEMISS, none; CORINTH, oral report; OZIAS, oral report; WHITEHALL, none; PINE LEVEL, oral report; FRIENDSHIP, none; PEACE, oral report; OAK GROVE, oral report; COOL SPRINGS, oral report.

Offering: M.S.C. that offering received would be sent to Br. Mac Golf.

Meeting location for next meeting. M.S.C. we accept invitation to meet with Corinth Church in September.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Finance Report:

Todays offering	40.00
on hand	<u>10.73</u>
Total	50.73

Alton Everson, President
John Cook, Secretary

SEPTEMBER 1975

The Conference met at Corinth Freewill Baptist Church on September 20, 1975. After the welcome, song & prayer, the host pastor, the Rev. Hubert Wald brought our message.

Not having our President or Vice-President present at this meeting, the clerk called the meeting to order. The election of Rev. Leslie C. Carney as President for this meeting was the first order of business.

Upon Brother Carney assuming the duties of president, we then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year. They were elected as follows:

President: Rev. Leslie C. Carney

Vice-President: Rev. Billy Summer

Clerk/Treasurer: Mr. John Cook

ROLL CALL with following numbers present.

Ministers 7, Deacons 16.

READING OF MINUTES was accepted as read.

CHURCH REPORTS: The following were churches present who gave oral or written reports: HAHIRA, written report; TIFTON, written report; SUNNYSIDE, oral report; FORREST HILL, none; ZION HILL, none; VALDOSTA, written report; HOMERVILLE, none; BEMISS, none; COOL SPRINGS, oral report; CORINTH, oral report; OZIAS, none; WHITEHALL, oral report; PINE LEVEL, oral report; FRIENDSHIP, none; PEACE, none;

Br. Lamar Parrish was our visitor-

Whitehall Church will host our next meeting in March 1976

Adjourned

Offering received	27.50
on hand	10.73
Total	38.23

Rev. Leslie Carney, President
Mr. John Cook, Secretary

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met October 18, at The Homerville Freewill Baptist Church with all members present. The following business was acted on:

1. In response to the request for a letter in good standing from The Little River Association on behalf of Rev. Johnny Williams to the Central Texas District Association of Freewill Baptist we recommend the granting to this letter.

2. We recommend the granting of a letter of recommendation to the Rev. Alton Everson from the Little River Association to the South Georgia Association.

3. We recommend with reference to the request of the Rev. Hubert Wald who has united with Corinth Church and now its Pastor, petitions

for membership in this body, that he be received under the watchcare of this association pending a letter of recommendation from the Michigan Wolverine Association.

4. We recommend the ordination of Mr. John L. Grizzard to the Ministry in the Little River Association of Freewill Baptist, and that his request for ordination at this session be granted.

5. We recommend the granting of a letter of recommendation to the Midway Association on behalf of the Rev. Riley Giddens from the Little River Association and that a rising vote of thanks to Brother and Sister Giddens for their faithful service to their Lord in the Little River Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Your Ordaining Council
Riley Giddens, Chairman
J.B. Mercer
L.J. Chambless

REPORT OF BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD

October 18, 1975

The Little River Bible Institute Board of Trustees met in August to discuss the Fall-Winter Session of the Bible Institute. It was decided we would tentatively open on September 23, 1975, having two branches again. The Western Branch would convene at First Tifton Church and the Eastern Branch at Homerville Church. The sessions opened for two weeks, but due to an insufficient number of students we closed the session down. If interest is shown for the Winter-Spring Session, beginning in January (date to be decided and announced later), we will have one, using the same courses as was announced for the Fall-Winter session. The instructors were not paid for their time and travel. The body needs to elect 4 new members as one term expires and three are leaving the area.

Respectfully submitted
Billy J. Summer, Chairman
John Cook
Alton Everson
Riley Giddens
Leslie C. Carney

MISSION BOARD

The Mission Board has not met since our last association Session. We have paid out to the Dalton Mission and to the Dale Bishops that amount voted on by the association. This amount being ten dollars to each for one year.

Treasurer reports as follows-

Received at last session: 48.50

Balance on Hand, 10-18-75 446.95

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

1. We the resolutions committee recommend that the association allow at each session a time for the ladies auxillary to give a report of their activities.

2. Be it resolved that this association give a rising vote of thanks to the Homerville Church for the hosting of the association along with good hospitality, fellowship, and noon meal served.

W. J. Sumner

Leslie C. Carney

L. J. Chambless

OBITUARY COMMITTEE

The obituary committee humbly and reverently submits the following report of deceased members for the past year.

TIFTON CHURCH: Mr. Jim Franks 9/27/1897 to 3/30/75

Mr. Noah Jovis

HAHIRA CHURCH: Mrs. Charline Boutwell 8/16/53 to 7/26/75

Master Robert Cain 6/8/65 to 8/19/75

WHITEHALL CHURCH: Mr. Robert Anderson age 62

COOL SPRINGS CHURCH: Mr. C. M. Chafin, Sr. - 8/3/75

Mr. Hugh Parten 8/22/1884 to 4/27/75

CORINTH CHURCH: Mr. O. D. Stone

HOMERVILLE CHURCH: Mr. W. M. (Buddy) Wilson 5/1/1894 to 10/5/75

Mr. Orren Aubrey Register 5/18/27 to 6/6/75

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

OFFICERS:

Moderator - J.B. Mercer

Assistant Moderator - Amos McMillan

Clerk/Treasurer - Wanda Cooper

Assistant Clerk/Treasurer - William Cooper

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Buddy Hartsfield 1980

ORDAINING BOARD:

Everett Williams 1980

BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Benny Hamilton 1980

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE:

1. L. J. Chambless

2. L. D. Wynn
3. Jerry Wisham

BIBLE INSTITUTE BOARD:

W. J. Sumner 1980
Jerry Wisham 1976
Bill Cooper 1979
Rev. Herbert Waid 1978

MISSION BOARD

C. M. Chafin, Jr. return 1980
Henry Mathis 1976
Audy Willaims 1978
Amos McMillian 1979

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

J. W. Franks 1980

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Mrs. Louise Ivey
Mrs. Amos McMillian
Mrs. Frank Dean

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

John Cook
Buddy Hartsfield
Leonard Ogletree

STATE OFFICE:

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND CAMPING:

Bro. C. L. McMillian

**LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
FINANCE REPORT, QUARTER ENDING
10-18-75**

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS

Balance on hand 7-24-75	430.90
Offerings & Asso. Support	390.79
Total on hand	821.69
Disbursements for quarter	265.31
Balance:	556.38

DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUARTER:

Little River Missions	48.50
Little River Bible Institute	80.67
Georgia State Coop	73.62
Clerk	10.00
Moderator	7.50
Pronto Press	35.02
U.S. Postmaster	10.00
Total	<u>265.31</u>

COLLECTIONS FOR 10-18-75

Bible Institute	29.23
State Coop	55.65
Missions	35.00
Association Support	257.00
Total	<u>376.88</u>
Balance on hand	556.38
Total on hand	<u>933.26</u>

10-18-75

COMMITTEE:

E.J. Williams
A.D. Purvis
John L. Grizzard

7-26-75

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptist met in regular quarterly session at Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood, Georgia, on July 26, 1975.

This session was opened with singing and prayer, led by the Host Church. After a period of singing and prayer, the Rev. Riley Giddens brought the opening devotions, Theme from the Second Chapter of Ezekiel.

The Rev. Everett Williams, pastor of Host Church gave a welcome to the Association. Response by Mr. Carson Parrish.

Call to order by the Moderator, The Rev. C.M. McMillan.

Roll Call of churches was conducted by the credentials committee with the following number present:

MINISTERS	DEACONS	DELEGATES	TOTAL
12	15	56	83

M.S.C. to receive this report and seat delegates.

Appointment of Finance Committee consisting of the following members: Mr. Audy Williams, Mr. Jimmy Griffin, Rev. B.L. Shiver.

The Ordaining Council gave its report. M.S.C. to receive report. (See Report)

The Board of Trustees gave report. M.S.C. to receive oral report.

On completion of reports from the above, a recess was called for fifteen minutes.

After recess, we went into our morning worship hour. Special music furnished by the host church. Our speaker for this hour was the Rev. J.B. Mercer from the Pine Level Church.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song and Praise time conducted by host church, followed by devotions by the Rev. Johnny Williams. Ezekiel 3:17

Moderator called for the Following reports.

1. Resolutions Committee: M.S.C. to receive report. (See Reports)
2. Mission Board: M.S.C. to receive report. (See Reports)
3. Bible Institute: No report was prepared to be given, however, it was reported that the Bible Institute may be in trouble with its finance. At this time a move was made to have the Clerk investigate the status of any outstanding expenses and if any are found to be delinquent, to rescue the Institute by paying these bills.
4. Finance Report: M.S.C. to receive report. (See Reports)
5. From the Floor: Subject: "Time change for the State Association Yearly Meeting." M.S.C. to have Mr. M.M. Franks to vote NO to any change recommended in changing the States meeting time.
6. Committee Recommendation for Support of Association. M.S.C. to remove from table, the recommendation offered at last regular meeting, dealing with financing the Association. This item to be acted upon today.

CHURCH	TOTAL MEMBERS	PASTOR	CLERK
Bemiss		Roy Dasher 513 Floyd St. Valdosta, Ga.	Nancy Lee Rt. 1 Ray City, Ga.
Cool Springs	88	Lamar Parrish Funston, Ga.	C.M. Chafin, Jr. Rt. 1 Norman Park, Ga.
Corinth	123	Herbert Waid P.O. Box 117 Brookfield, Ga.	Mrs. Billy Causey Rt. 4, Box 221A Tifton, Ga.
First Hahira	125	William Sumner 302 S. College St. Hahira, Ga.	Mrs. J.C. Plair 209 E. Stantill Hahira, Ga.
First Tifton	50	L.J. Chambless Rt. 5 Tifton, Ga.	John Cook 2213 Oneal Ave. Tifton, Ga.
First Valdosta	52	1302 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, Ga.	Dale Tucker 304 Betty Jo Dr. Valdosta, Ga.
Forest Hill	35	Carl Taylor 103 Brook Haver Dr. Tifton, Ga.	Billy G. Crowley 2317 Bear Creek Rd. Adel, Ga.
Friendship	43	B.L. Shivar 806 2nd St. Folkston, Ga.	Joy Ternest Rt. 4, Box 399 Waycross, Ga.
Homerville	165	P.O. Box 354 Homerville, Ga.	Beullah Nettles 202 Pineview St. Homerville, Ga.
Oak Grove			Betty Royal Rt. 1 Stockton, Ga.
Ozias	98	Amos McMillan P.O. Box 52 Pearson, Ga.	Henry E. Mathews P.O. Box 457 Pearson, Ga.
Peace	21	Charles N. Parrish P.O. Box 284 Hahira, Ga.	Phillis Mathis Rt. 2 Hahira, Ga.
Pine Level	137	Gene Collins Rt. 2 Lyons, Ga.	Don Perry Rt. 2 Norman Park, Ga.
Sunny Side	39	Everett Williams Rt. 1 Pearson, Ga.	Margaret Williams Rt. 1 Pearson, Ga.
White Hall	123	C.L. McMillan 608 Homer St. Waycross, Ga.	Barbara Robinson Rt. 3, Mexico Ave. Waycross, Ga.
Zion Hill	46	Edward Hodges 159D Darien Hwy. Brunswick, Ga.	Johnny Bennett Rt. 1 Millwood, Ga.

MEMBERS RECEIVED	PAID PASTOR	MINUTES RECEIVED	VALUE OF PROPERTY	BUILDING AND REPAIRS	COOP. GIVING
		6	30,000.00		
3	4,160.00	30	50,000.00	19,684.00	
12	2,981.00	15	40,000.00		566.00
5	3,600.00	20	85,000.00		300.00
12	2,262.30	10	40,000.00	19,498.77	247.38
1	3,600.00	20	80,000.00		
0	690.00	15	8,000.00		
4	2,000.00	20	10,000.00	2,857.00	
6	8,060.00	15	100,000.00		300.00
		5			
8	3,250.00	30	43,000.00	5,146.74	200.00
2	2,800.00	10	13,500.00		584.00
13	3,900.00	25	50,000.00	1,000.00	840.00
1	1,275.00	15	17,000.00	1,981.25	90
8	6,625.00	25	70,000.00		120.00
0	1,275.00	15	18,000.00		120.00
75	47,478.00	276	665,000.00	50,163.98	3,367.38

7. Finance Support of the Little River Association: M.S.C. to adopt recommendations of fund raising committee, and to make necessary changes to that portion of Article VII, "Finance" to the Constitution governing this Association.

Meeting Adjourned 2:45

Next Meeting, Homerville Church, October 18, 1975.

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We the Ordaining Council, after examining Bro. Johnny Williams, do recommend him to be given full fellowship in this Association.

Rev. Clarence McMillan

Rev. J.B. Mercer

Rev. Tom Hamilton, Sect.

Rev. L.J. Chambless

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

7-26-75

The Mission Board met on 3 June 1975, for the purpose of deciding the feasibility of obtaining a house to hold services in, starting a mission in the city of Nashville. After a period of discussion and investigating the proposed house, it was decided not to consider the house at this time.

During the course of this meeting it was decided that before any decisions were made in obtaining a building of any kind, that we would complete the survey started two years ago and determine if there were enough people interested in establishing a church there.

That should there be enough interest shown, that consideration would be given to obtaining a trailer large enough to hold services in and move it on the one acre tract of land that was given by Mr. & Mrs. Brown of Pearson.

At 8:30 a.m. on June the 21, we had nine men to meet in front of the courthouse in Nashville for the purpose of continuing the survey. During this portion (not complete) of the survey, there were several people who indicated that they would be interested in a Free Will Baptist Mission there. At this time there has been no followup work done.

It is requested that each church in our Association support our efforts in this Mission work.

Your Mission Board

FINANCE REPORT

Balance & Collections:

Balance on hand 4-19-75	\$643.95
Offerings 4-19-75	44.50
Total	<u>\$688.45</u>
Disbursements for Qtr.	230.00
Balance on Hand	<u>\$458.45</u>
Disbursements:	
Bishops and Dalton Mission	\$60.00
Association Land Survey, Nashville	160.00
Payment for deed	10.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$230.00</u>

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Whereas the Association has adopted the challenge for an active missions program, and has directed the Missions Board to become actively engaged in this work on behalf of the Association,

Be it resolved that this Association act today on the following:

- A. Receive recommendation from the Mission Board to raise money for the purpose of starting and maintaining a mission in the city of Nashville, Georgia.
- B. That Individual delegates take back to their churches the recommendation of the Mission Board, that each member give \$.75 Quarterly for this purpose.
- C. That the Clerk be directed to correspond with each pastor to determine the feelings of each church pertaining to this recommendation.

2. Be it resolved that this Association give a rising vote of thanks to Zion Hill Church for the wonderful hospitality, fellowship and meal.

L.J. Chambless

W.J. Sumner

FINANCE REPORT

Qtr. Ending 7-26-75

Balance & Collections:

Balance on Hand 4-19-75	\$305.03
Offerings & Asso. Support 4-19-75	349.21
Disbursements for Qtr.-	223.24
Balance on Hand	\$430.90

Collections for 7-26-75:

Bible Institute	\$50.67
State COOP	73.62
Missions	48.50
Asso. Support	218.00
TOTAL	<u>\$390.79</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	430.90
TOTAL ON HAND	<u>\$821.69</u>

Disbursements:

Rev. Billy Sumner, Mod.	\$7.50
Charles Parrish, Clerk	10.00
L.R. Missions	44.50
L.R. Bible Institute	63.42
GA State Asso.	40.54
Postmaster	10.00
Pronto Press	47.38
	<u>\$223.34</u>

James R. Griffin

B.L. Shivar

Audie J. Williams

FINANCE COMMITTEE

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

4-19-75

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met in regular quarterly session at Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church on April 19, 1975.

Opening this session was a song and praise time led by the hosting church. After a period of singing and prayer, the Rev. Everett Williams brought the morning devotions using the Theme "If My People."

Upon completion of devotions, a welcome was given by the host pastor, the Rev. J.B. Mercer, followed by response given by Mr. Bennie Larisey.

Call to order by the assistant moderator, the Rev. Billy Sumner officiating for the Moderator, The Rev. C.L. McMillan who was not feeling well.

A Roll Call of churches was conducted by the Credentials committee with the following number present:

MINISTERS	DEACONS	DELEGATES	TOTAL
15	12	66	93

Visitors were recognized: Mr. & Mrs. Johnson, Directors at Camp Mt. Bethel.

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Finance Committee: Mr. Audie Williams, Mr. Ronald Coppage, Mr. Buddy Hartsfield

A partial report was given by the Ordaining Council. M.S.C. to receive report. (See Reports)

Mr. Johnson from Camp Mt. Bethel gave an informative talk on the camp.

The Associations Mission Board gave report on land in Nashville and Finance report. M.S.C. to receive report.

The Trustee Board requested the Moderator appoint individuals temporarily to board that they might have a quorum for the purpose of conducting business. The Chair appointed Mr. Coy Miller to Board.

An offering was taken for the Bible Institute during the worship hour.

Our speaker for this hour was the Rev. Johnny Williams from the Homerville Church. Special music by host church.

After the Worship Hour, we recessed for lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Singing and Prayer was first on agenda, followed by devotions by the Rev. Amos McMillan. Upon completion of devotions the Moderator called for the following reports.

1. Ordaining Council gave report on receiving Rev. Johnny Williams into full fellowship in the Association. Information received was to act upon this matter at the next Association meeting in July due to the fact, report was not brought to this meeting.

M.S.C. to accept report.

2. Resolutions Committee: M.S.C. (See Report)

3. Board of Trustees: M.S.C. (See Report)

4. Finance Committee: M.S.C. (See Report)

5. Association Fund Raising Committee: M.S.C. to receive report as

acted on by individual items. The Constitution change was laid on table to be acted upon at next regular session.

6. From the Floor: Motion made to give rising vote of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Brown from the Ozias Church who gave the Association the acre of land in Nashville, Georgia for the purpose of building a church. In addition to instruct the Association Clerk to write and send a special letter of acknowledgement and appreciation to Mr. and Mrs. Brown.

7. From State Promotion Office: The Rev. C.B. Dowdney gave a talk on the work in Georgia.

M.S.C. to receive as information.

8. Bible Institute Board: M.S.C. to receive. (See Report)

Meeting Adjourned 2:45

Next Meeting July 26 at Zion Hill

REPORT OF MISSION BOARD

Our Little River Mission Board met in Nashville, Georgia on March 8, 1975.

The purpose of our meeting was to meet with Bro. and Sis. Carlton Brown from Ozias Church. Bro. and Sis. Brown want to give one acre of land to the Little River Association for the purpose of building a church in Nashville.

We recommend that the Association take the necessary action to receive this property.

Treasury Report

Balance	\$763.95
Paid Out:	
To Dale Bishop and Dalton Mission	100.00
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	\$663.95

Prayerfully submitted
Benny Lariscy, Chairman
Little River Mission Board

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

April 19, 1975

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

Whereas, the Little River Association voted to receive the report of the Little River Bible Institute, and,

Whereas, in that report a recommendation was made that each sister Church in the Association be urged to receive a love offering to help offset and defray the immediate financial dilemma, therefore

Be it resolved that:

1. Each Church be urged to receive a love offering to help our Bible Institute
2. Each Church be urged to send regular monthly support.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. L.J. Chambliss, Chairman

Rev. William J. Sumner

Rev. Leslie C. Carney

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The board of Trustees met on 4-19-75 at Pine Level Church, during the regular quarterly meeting. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the acceptance of one acre of land in the city of Nashville, Georgia. This land being offered free of charge, by Mr. & Mrs. Brown of the Ozias Church.

As a result of this meeting, we your Trustee board recommend to this Association, acceptance of this land for future use as a Free Will Baptist Mission and Church.

Further, that the Mission board be directed to assume all expenses in the survey, transfer and legal matters involved in the transfer of property to the Association.

The Trustee board has in its Treasury as of the 4-19-75 session, \$10.00.

Andy Williams

John Cook

Coy Miller

FINANCE REPORT
QUARTER ENDING 4-19-75

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS:

Balance on Hand 1-18-75	\$497.55
Offerings and Asso. Support 1-18-75	324.32
Total on Hand	<u>\$821.87</u>
Disbursements for Qtr.	516.84
Balance on Hand	<u>\$305.03</u>

DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUARTER:

Little River (Missions)	\$36.50
Bible Institute	59.96
C.M. McMillan (Moderator)	7.50
Charles Parrish (Clerk)	10.00
GA State COOP Plan	54.36
Christian Supply Store (Minutes)	323.80
Pronto Press (Printing, Minutes & Programs)	24.72
	<u>\$516.84</u>

TOTAL

COLLECTIONS FOR 4-19-75

Bible Institute	\$63.42
State COOP Plan	40.54
Missions	44.50
Association Support	200.75

TOTAL	<u>\$349.21</u>
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Balance on Hand	305.03
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TOTAL on Hand	<u>\$654.24</u>
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Buddy Hartsfield
Ronald Coppage
Audie Williams

FUND RAISING COMMITTEE

The Committee appointed to study ways and means of raising money for Association, met at Cool Springs, April 11, 1975.

Move that we recommend that we return to the system of sending \$.25 per capita member for each Quarterly meeting, for Association purposes only. Money for Mission Fund, or other uses be above this.

We recommend that NO money be spent outside for any cause until ALL Association needs be met.

We also discussed the possiblilty of sending churches that do not pay their part, notices of what they are due the Association.

C.M. Chafin, Jr., Chairman

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

April 19, 1975

The Little River Bible Institute began its Winter-Spring Session on Tuesday evening, January 28, 1975 at Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church (Western Branch). Due to insufficient student turnout, your Bible Institute Director, along with the faculty decided to move it to Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, as interest was shown to have it there.

There are 9 students presently enrolled in the Western Branch of the Bible Institute. More began, but some fell by the wayside as we got into the session.

Due to low student participation and lack of regular financial support on a monthly basis from our sister Churches, the Bible Institute is in serious financial circumstances. The instructors have not been paid since March 25, 1975, but have given their time as it was felt that the students who paid their fees were deserving of receiving their instruction. We feel this Association will not want to leave that situation unattended to, as it is by your direction that we are operating. Therefore, the Board of Trustees of the Little River Bible Institute would recommend and urge:

1. That a good offering be taken today for the Bible Institute to help defray its financial obligations.
2. That the delegates, and/or Pastors of our sister Churches receive a love offering for the Bible Institute as soon as possible and send it to our treasurer, Bill Cooper, Rt. 4, Tifton, GA 31794.
3. That our Churches be urged to send monthly support to help keep the Bible Institute on a sound financial footing.

The response to these three recommendations will determine the future of the Bible Institute. We believe it is a worthy cause that both honors our Lord Jesus Christ, and has been a blessing to those who have taken advantage of its services. Several students in the past can stand and give testimony of how it has helped them personally. We trust you will rally and respond enthusiastically to the urgent plea we make before you today.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Billy Sumner, Chairman
Rev. Leslie C. Carney
Rev. Riley Giddens
Mr. John T. Cook
Rev. Alton Everson

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

TREASURER'S REPORT

PAID OUT THRU 4-19-75

SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Allied Duplicating Products	\$26.79
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Allied Duplicating Products	10.06
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Allied Duplicating Products	1.15
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Phone Calls	7.30
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Phone Calls	3.74
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TOTAL PAID OUT	<u>\$49.04</u>
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TAKEN IN: Tuition and Gifts	\$348.36
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BALANCE ON HAND 1-28-75

Balance	\$170.89
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Taken In	348.36
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Balance	<u>\$519.25</u>
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Teaching Salaries	405.00
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Balance	<u>\$114.25</u>
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Supplies and Misc.	49.04
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TOTAL	<u>\$65.21</u>
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OUTSTANDING BILLS

Teaching Salary	\$180.00
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Supplies	48.68
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TOTAL	<u>\$228.68</u>
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INCOME NEEDED

Outstanding Bills	\$228.68
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Balance on Hand	65.21
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TOTAL Needed	<u>\$163.47</u>
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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1-18-75

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptist's met on January 18, 1975 in regular session at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church. The First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton hosting the Association.

Opening this session, the congregation worshipped the Lord in a song service with prayer and devotions. Mr. Alton Hogan from the Tifton Church giving the devotions using the theme scripture, Matthew 11:18-30.

Upon completion of devotions, the Moderator declared the Association in order for the purpose of conducting business and consideration of items that might be brought before it.

The first item brought before the body was seating of the delegates. The Credentials Committee giving the following report:

DELEGATES: 81 STANDING DELEGATES: TOTAL DELEGATES: 112

Ministers: 16

Deacons: 15

M.S.C. to seat Delegates.

Upon seating delegates, the Moderator recognized visitors and welcomed the delegates to this session.

Appointment of Committees were as follows:

1. Finance Committee: Mr. Buddy Smith, Mr. Audy Williams, Mr. Amos McMillan.

The Moderator called for the following reports:

1. Ordaining Council: No report at this time.
2. Bible Institute: The Rev. Leslie Carney gave report. M.S.C. to receive report. (See Reports)

Upon completion of the report by the Bible Institute, a special offering was received: (See Finance Report)

3. Report from the Promotional Secretary, the Rev. C.B. Dowdney. Subject of report was money received by the state through Coop. Plan, designated giving, state and home missions.

M.S.C. to receive report as information.

Upon completion of report by the State Promotion Secretary, our Morning Worship service was conducted as follows:

Special Singing and Prayer time.

Special Singing presented by hosting church.

Morning message by the Rev. Robert L. Shockey, General director of the Home Missions Department of the National Association.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Opening the afternoon session, the congregation participated in a song and prayer time, followed with afternoon devotions by the Rev. John L. Grizzard.

Reports by the following committees:

1. Mission Board Report: M.S.C. to receive. (See Reports)
2. Board of Trustees: (No report given)
3. Christian Education: (No report given)
4. Bible Institute Treasurer Report: M.S.C. (See reports)

5. Ordaining Council: M .S.C. (See reports)
6. Finance Committee: M.S.C. (See reports)
7. Resolutions Committee: M.S.C. (See reports)
8. Report from Ways and Means Committee on financing Association programs. (See reports)
9. Report on Oak Grove Church: The Rev. Alton Everson gave an encouraging report on the church. Stating that services were being conducted there each Sunday. Also that the church had two delegates at this quarterly session. Request prayer that a great work may be restored there.

Upon completion of reports a special offering was received for the State Promotion Office. (See Finance report)

Br. Shockey and Br. Wood, Missionaries to Dalton, GA, gave a very informative talk on the work there.

Adjournment 4:30

Next meeting April 19, 1975 at Pine Level Church, Norman Park, GA.

REPORT OF THE MISSION BOARD

The Little River Mission Board met on November 2, 1974 in Valdosta. Bro. Alton Everson gave a report on Oak Grove Church and was planning a Revival at Oak Grove Church in December.

Our board was to contact each church in our association to raise \$50.00 for one square yard of land for our Dublin Mission. This is a State Mission project.

Our board met at this association and we offer a recommendation to send \$10.00 a month to each of the accounts of Dalton mission and the Bishop account for one year. We also recommend that each church support your mission board with regular support.

This support for the Bishop's and Dalton would be retroactive to our Annual Association, and would be reviewed at next Annual Association.

Benny Lariscy, Chairman
Little River Mission Board

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION BIBLE INSTITUTE

The Fall and Winter session of the Bible Institute was most successful and very rewarding. The student interest was high. Once again, there were two locations at which the sessions were held: Bemiss and Waycross. There were 10 students who completed the courses at Bemiss, with sixteen certificates being earned by those taking ETТА courses.

The next session begins Tuesday, January 28, 1975, at 7:30 p.m. We will again conduct sessions at Bemiss and Waycross. Instructors at Bemiss will be Rev. Leslie C. Carney and Bro. William Cooper. Rev. Ronald Wallace will be the instructor at Waycross. The session will

close April 22. Fees will remain the same: \$2.50 Matriculation and \$12.50 Instructional. Textbooks are additional for the ETTA courses: \$2.60 each. Revelation II and Acts II will be taught at Waycross. Bro. Bill Cooper will teach Acts II and Old Testament Survey, Poetry & Prophecy at Bemiss. Rev. Les Carney will teach Daniel and Church Education Agencies.

Our proposed budget for the coming session is as follows:

Instructors	\$585.00
Postage & Miscellaneous	10.00
Instructor Supplies	30.00
	<u>625.00</u>

In closing let me convey the thanks of the Board of Trustees to everyone of you individuals and churches who have supported the institute with your money and prayers. This thanks is also conveyed to the Association for the support it has rendered at the meetings through the offerings taken. We would like to request an offering today to help our Little River Bible Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

Bro. John Cook
 Rev. Riley Giddens, Secretary
 Rev. Billy Sumner, Chairman
 Rev. Leslie C. Carney, Director
 Rev. Alton Everson

TREASURER'S REPORT

PAID OUT in Fall Session

Teaching Salary: \$585.00

SUPPLIES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Bro. Dodd-Acts-Waycross	\$12.00
Bro. Dodd-Acts-Bemiss	10.00
Book Store-Revelations	15.00
Book Store	3.56
National Sunday School Dept.	55.92
	<u>96.48</u>
Rev. Leslie Carney-telephone	9.02
Checks printed	4.68
Service Charge at Bank	1.00
	<u>\$111.18</u>
TOTAL PAID OUT	696.18

TAKEN IN

Tuition and Gifts	\$571.19
Balance on Hand 9-18-74	\$295.88
Gifts & Tuition taken in	<u>571.19</u>

\$867.07

Teaching salary	585.00
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	\$282.07
Supplies and Miscellaneous	111.18
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	\$170.89

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, your Ordaining Council, met at Corinth Church, January 18, 1975, with three members present.

In compliance with the request of the Homerville Church as to their pastor being granted membership in this body:

We your Ordaining Council, recommend that the Rev. Johnny D. Williams be received into the membership of the Little River Association upon completion of a written examination to be provided by the Ordaining Council. This agreement entered into by the candidate and Ordaining Council.

Clarence McMillan, Acting Chairman

L.D. Chambless

Tom Hamilton, Acting Secretary

REPORT OF THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE

We the Resolution Committee recommend to this body that we give the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton, along with Corinth Church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality, fellowship, and wonderful meal.

Rev. L.J. Chambless, Chairman

Rev. L.C. Carney

Rev. W.J. Sumner

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Qtr. Ending 1-18-75

BALANCE AND COLLECTIONS:

Balance on Hand 10-19-74	\$367.77
Offerings and Ass. Support	318.79
Support received during quarter	30.00

TOTAL	<u>\$716.56</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS	219.01
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Balance on Hand 1-18-75	<u>\$497.55</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS FOR QUARTER:

Bible Institute	\$75.69
State Coop. Plan	39.05
Association Missions	10.00
John Cook, Moderator	7.50
Charles Parrish, Clerk	10.00
State Asso. Assessments	30.00
Christian Supply Store	25.95
Postmaster (Postage)	10.00
Pronto Press (Programs)	10.82

TOTAL	<u>\$219.01</u>
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COLLECTIONS FOR 1-18-75:

Bible Institute	\$59.96
State Coop. Plan	54.36
Association Missions	36.50
Association Support	173.50

TOTAL	<u>\$324.32</u>
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On hand 1-18-75	497.55
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TOTAL ON HAND	<u>\$821.87</u>
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COMMITTEE TO FINANCE ASSOCIATION PROGRAMS

The committee for planning how to finance the various programs of this Association has not met at this time, due to the variation in cost of Minutes printed by State Office, compared to commercial printers. After meeting today we will meet and present our findings at next meeting.

C.M. Chafin, Jr.
Chairman