

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES



Held At
Forest Hill Freewill Baptist Church

Adel, Georgia

October 16, 1976

Minutes of the Quarterly Meetings Included

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS

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| BEMISS | William S. Lewis, Jr., 528 N. Main, Moultrie 31768 |
| CORINTH | Herbert Waid, P. O. Box 117, Brookfield 31727 |
| COOL SPRINGS | J. B. Mercer, Rt. 1, Norman Park 31771 |
| FIRST HAHIRA | William J. Sumner, 302 S. College Str., Hahira 31632 |
| FIRST TIFTON | L. J. Chambless, Rt. 5, Tifton 31794 |
| FIRST VALDOSTA | Danny Keen, 1302 Pineview Dr., Valdosta 31601 |
| FOREST HILL | Carl Taylor, 103 Brookhaven Dr., Tifton 31794 |
| FRIENDSHIP | B. L. Shivar, 806 2nd Street, Folkston 31537 |
| HOMERVILLE | Adam Scott, P. O. Box 354, Homerville 31634 |
| OAK GROVE | |
| OZIAS | Amos McMillan, P. O. Box 52, Pearson 31642 |
| PEACE | |
| PINE LEVEL | James Roebuck, Rt. 2, Sumner 31789 |
| SUNNY SIDE | Tom Hamilton, 100 E. Park Street, Homerville 31634 |
| WHITE HALL | C. L. McMillan, 608 Homer Street, Waycross 31501 |
| ZION HILL | Tom Hamilton, 100 E. Park Street, Homerville 31634 |

MINISTERS

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| Rev. M. T. Goff | 501 N. Gordon Ave., Adel 31620 |
| Rev. A. D. Green | 2205 Prince Ave., Tifton 31794 |

OFFICERS

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| Moderator | J. B. Mercer |
| Assistant Moderator | Amos McMillan |
| Clerk/Treasurer | Wanda Cooper |
| Asst. Clerk/Treasurer | Herbert Waid |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

| | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|-------|
| Frank Dean | 211 Peagler Street, Homerville | 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 590, Tifton | Clerk |

BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Ordaining Board

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|-----------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Rev. C. L. McMillan | 608 Homer Street, Waycross | 1977 |
| Rev. Tom Hamilton | 100 E. Park Street, Homerville | 1978 |
| Rev. L. J. Chambliss | Rt. 5, Tifton | 1979 |
| Rev. Everett Williams | Rt. 1, Pearson | 1980 |
| Rev. Adam Scott | P. O. Box 354, Homerville | 1981 |

Board of Trustees

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|----------------|------|----------------|------|
| Audie Williams | 1977 | Benny Hamilton | 1980 |
| Leon Harrin | 1978 | Larry Spires | 1981 |
| John T. Cook | 1979 | | |

Resolutions Committee

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| Rev. Adam Scott | Homerville |
| Mr. Frank Dean | Homerville |
| Rev. Everett Williams | Sunny Side |

Bible Institute Board

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|--------------------|---------|------|
| Mr. John T. Cook | Tifton | 1977 |
| Rev. Herbert Waid | Corinth | 1978 |
| Mr. William Cooper | Corinth | 1979 |
| Rev. W. J. Sumner | Hahira | 1980 |
| Rev. William Lewis | Bemiss | 1981 |

Credentials Committee

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|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Mrs. Louise Ivey, Chmn. | Rt. 1, Norman Park 31771 |
| Mrs. Amos McMillan | P. O. Box 52, Pearson 31642 |
| Mrs. Frank Dean | 211 Peagler Street, Homerville |

OFFICERS

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State Mission Board

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|-------------------|------------|------|
| Mr. Benny Lairsey | White Hall | 1977 |
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State Board of Trustees

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| Mr. Don Perry | Rt. 2, Norman Park | 1977 |
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State Board of Retirement and Insurance

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| Mr. M. M. Franks | Corinth | 1977 |
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Nominating Committee

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| Rev. R. S. Hayes | Forest Hill |
| Mrs. Frank Dean | Homerville |
| Mrs. Fannie Mizell | Ozias |

State Board of Christian Education and Camping

Rev. C. L. McMillan

State Budget Board

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| Mr. Henry Mathis | Peace | 1977 |
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| CHURCH | TOTAL MEMBERS | PASTOR | CLERK | MEMBERS REC'D | PAID PASTOR | MINUTES RECEIVED | VALUE OF PROPERTY | BUILDING & REPAIRS | COOPERATIVE GIVING |
|----------------|---------------|---|--|---------------|-------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Bemiss | 15 | William S. Lewis, Jr. 528 N. Main Moultrie, GA | Emma Jean Harpe Rt. 1 Ray City, GA | 2 | \$1,023.76 | 6 | \$30,000.00 | ----- | \$20.00 |
| Cool Springs | 83 | J. B. Mercer Rt. 1 Norman Park, GA | C. M. Chafin, Jr. Rt. 1 Norman Park, GA | 4 | \$5,200.00 | 50 | \$50,000.00 | \$1,082.00 | \$300.00 |
| Corinth | 100 | Herbert Waid P. O. Box 117 Brookfield, GA | Harlene Gausey Rt. 4, Box 786 Tifton, GA | 0 | \$6,368.00 | 15 | \$40,000.00 | ----- | ----- |
| First Hahira | 125 | William Sumner 302 S. College Street Hahira, GA | Mrs. J. C. Clair 209 E. Stantill Hahira, GA | 0 | \$3,700.00 | 30 | \$65,000.00 | ----- | \$300.00 |
| First Tifton | 92 | L. J. Chambless Rt. 5 Tifton, GA | Mary Graham 1412 Missouri Ave. Tifton, GA | 5 | \$1,800.00 | 10 | \$40,000.00 | \$1,715.53 | \$184.75 |
| First Valdosta | 52 | Danny Keen 1302 Pineview Dr. Valdosta, GA | Dale Tucker 304 Betty Jo Drive Valdosta, GA | 1 | \$3,600.00 | 20 | \$80,000.00 | ----- | ----- |
| Forest Hill | 29 | Carl Taylor 103 Brookhaven Dr. Tifton, GA | Billy G. Crowley 2317 Bear Creek Rd. Adel, GA | 0 | \$ 716.00 | 15 | \$ 8,000.00 | \$338.00 | ----- |
| Friendship | 48 | B. L. Shivar 806 2nd Street Folkston, GA | Joy Ternest Rt. 4, Box 399 Waycross, GA | 3 | \$2,400.00 | 20 | \$10,000.00 | \$4,874.40 | ----- |
| Homerville | 172 | Adam Scott P. O. Box 354 Homerville, GA | Mrs. Frank Dean 211 Peagler Str. Homerville, GA | 7 | \$8,580.00 | 15 | \$100,000.00 | ----- | \$300.00 |
| Oak Grove | | Betty Royal/Rt. 1 Stockton, GA | | | | 5 | | ----- | ----- |
| Ozias | 90 | Amos McMillan P. O. Box 52 Pearson, GA | Henry E. Mathews P. O. Box 457 Pearson, GA | 7 | \$4,225.00 | 30 | \$42,646.74 | \$2,985.26 | \$200.00 |
| Peace | 26 | | Sherry Owens Rt. 9, Box 156 Valdosta, GA | 6 | \$2,925.00 | 15 | \$13,500.00 | ----- | ----- |
| Pine Level | 141 | James Roebuck Rt. 2 Sumner, GA | Don Perry Rt. 2 Norman Park, GA | 3 | \$4,370.00 | 20 | \$50,000.00 | \$404.00 | \$866.00 |
| Sunny Side | 40 | Tom Hamilton 100 E. Park Street Homerville, GA | Margaret Williams Rt. 1, Box 18 Pearson, GA | 1 | \$1,288.16 | 15 | \$17,000.00 | ----- | \$120.00 |
| White Hall | 122 | C. L. McMillan 608 Homer Street Waycross, GA | Barbara Robinson Rt. 3, Mexico Ave. Waycross, GA | 3 | \$7,420.10 | 25 | \$70,000.00 | \$238.69 | \$120.00 |
| Zion Hill | 49 | Tom Hamilton 100 E. Park Street Homerville, GA | Johnny Bennett Rt. 1 Millwood, GA | 0 | \$1,600.00 | 15 | \$23,000.00 | \$3,715.00 | \$110.00 |

Services began at 9:30 a.m.; Song: Heavens Jubilee and Leaning on the Everlasting Arms. Prayer: Rev. Adam Scott. Devotional: Rev. William J. Sumner. The welcome was given by Rev. Carl Taylor and Response by Audie Williams. The moderator then called the meeting to order. Partial report from the Credentials Committee and a Move from Mrs. Louise Ivey to accept letters and receive delegates with a completion of their report after compilation. Seconded, Carried! MSC to seat delegates. Recognized visitor...Rev. Jerome McNeese, Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. The moderator appointed a Finance Committee: Rev. Carl Taylor, Bro. O. L. Roberts, and Bro. Audie Williams. Also a Resolutions Committee was appointed: Rev. Adam Scott, Bro. Frank Dean and Rev. Everett Williams. No report from the Bible Institute Board as they are not active. Board of Trustees...no report. Executive Committee...no report. Ordaining Council will report after lunch. Ministers and Deacons report given by Bro John Thomas Cook. Move that report be received and inserted into annual minutes. Seconded, Carried!

Christian Education report written by Charles Gill reported by Benny Lariscy. Move, Second to accept report. Carried! Missions Board to report later. Rev. James Roebuck gave update on State meeting in Athens on November 18-20, 1976. One recommendation is that Dublin work be carried on by moving state office and Executive Secretary to Dublin, Georgia. Please think about it and pray about it as it will be presented to body at state meeting in November.

Sung Victory in Jesus after break with Prayer by Rev. Tom Hamilton. Dr. Melvin Worthington, State Moderator representing Rev. C. B. Dowdney presented Certificates to churches supporting Cooperative Plan! Special Singing by Bro Wayne Boyette with Accompanist Mary Nell Boyette from Spring Head Baptist Church. Sang: That I Could Still Go Free and The Scars in The Hands of Jesus. Morning Message by Rev. J. B. Mercer utilizing the scripture and theme on program: "Prove all things: hold fast that which is good." "Abstain from all appearance of evil." IThess. 5: 21, 22.

Afternoon session began with songs: I'll Meet You in The Morning and Kneel At The Cross. Devotional: Rev. R. S. Hayes. An offering for the Cooperative Plan was now taken. The Credentials Committee completed their report. Finance Committee reported. Move, Second that report be accepted as read. Carried! Resolutions Committee: Move, Second, Carried that we give this church rising vote of thanks for their hospitality for such a wonderful meal. Report from Little River Mission Board...Move, Second, to accept report of board. Carried! Report from Ordaining Council...Move to accept report and items be voted on one at a time; Seconded, Carried! MSC to accept Item # 1. MSC to accept Item # 2. MSC to accept Item # 3. (See Committee Reports for description of Items).

Report from Woman's Auxiliary received as information. Miscellaneous Business: Delegates to State Meeting were selected. \$10 per delegate = \$40. 1. Mrs. Frank Dean, 2. Mrs. Adam Scott, 3. Mrs. William Lewis, 4. Mrs. Fannie Mizell. Two alternates were selected: 1. Mrs. Linda McMillan and 2. Mrs. Geraldine Waid.

Move that four delegates will be allowed \$25 expense consideration for delegates to State Meeting. Seconded, Carried!

Recommendation that offering be taken for Cooperative Plan before morning worship service so that Finance Committee can complete their report at afternoon session.

Announcement regarding the Little River Youth Rally to be held November 5, 6 at Camp Mt. Bethel received as information. Harvest Drive...Children's Home...next week October 20...loading date. Delivery date is October 21, 1976.

Nominating Committee reported. MS to accept report as is. Amendment to Move, Second to accept report collectively not item by item. Carried. Officers elected by body. Move, Second before body that orders of conference be placed back in the minutes. Carried.

Move, Second to receive minutes as read. Carried! MSC to adjourn. Adjourned in prayer by Rev. William Lewis.

| CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: | COMMITTEE REPORTS | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------|---------------|------------|
| | Last Year(75) | This Year(76) | Difference |
| Total Membership | 1,178 | 1,132 | 46 |
| Rec. by Baptism | 87 | 49 | 38 |
| Rec. by Letter | 76 | 40 | 36 |
| Lost by letter or Death | 32 | 97 | 65 |
| Sunday Schools | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| CTS | 7 | 6 | 1 |
| Woman's Auxiliary | 7 | 5 | 2 |
| Prayer Meetings | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Masters Men | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Vacation Bible Schools | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Ordained Ministers | 15 | 14 | 1 |
| Licensed Ministers | 3 | 6 | 3 |
| Total Churches | 16 | 15 | 1 |
| Churches Reporting | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| Ministers | 12 | 12 | 0 |
| Deacons | | 18 | 18 |
| Delegates | | | 65 |
| TOTAL | 95 | 95 | 0 |

Submitted by: Mrs. Louise Ivey, Mrs. Frank Dean and Mrs. Amos McMillan.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE:

We the Resolutions Committee move that this body give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and for such a wonderful meal. Bro. L. D. Wynn and Rev. L. J. Chambless.

MISSION BOARD:

The Little River Mission Board met during this session. We recommend that we continue the support for the Bishops and the Dalton work. This is \$10 per month for the next year for each account. We also recommend sending \$10 per month to the Dublin Work for one year.

Treasury Report:

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|-----------------------------|----------|
| Balance | \$398.95 |
| 7-24-76 | 37.00 |
| 10-15-76 | 40.00 |
| Total | 475.95 |
| Paid Out | 60.00 |
| Balance before today's off. | \$415.95 |

Benny Lariscy
C. M. Chafin, Jr.
Amos McMillan
Audie Williams

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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| Asst. Moderator..... | Amos McMillan | |
| Clerk & Treas..... | Wanda Cooper | |
| Asst. Clerk & Treas..... | Herbert Waid | |
| Executive Board..... | Frank Dean | |
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| Credentials Committee..... | Mrs. Louise Ivey | |
| " | Mrs. Amos McMillan | |
| " | Mrs. Frank Dean | |
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| " | Mrs. Frank Dean | |
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Submitted by: Amos McMillan, John T. Cook and Buddy Hartsfield.

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Financial Report of the Teach and Train Rally:

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|-------------------|---------|
| Previous Amount | \$57.50 |
| Paid Out | 7.50 |
| Balance on Hand | \$50.00 |
| Engraving Plaques | \$ 4.00 |
| Advertising | \$ 3.50 |
| | \$ 7.50 |

Submitted by Charles Gill

ORDAINING COUNCIL:

We your Ordaining Council met at Forest Hill Church October 16, 1976 with the following members present; J. B. Mercer, Everett Williams, L. J. Chambless and Tom Hamilton.

1. We recommend the Ordination to the ministry of Brother William Lewis who has satisfactorily completed the requirements stipulated by this body and requested by the Bemiss Church, Bemiss, GA, where Bro. Lewis is now pastoring. The Ordination Service is to be at Bemiss Church October 31, 1976 at 3:00 p.m.
2. We recommend that a letter certifying that Rev. Charles Parrish is in good standing with the Little River association and recommending him to the Association with whom he shall affiliate.
3. We further recommend that Brother Herbert Waid who has been under the watchcare of this association of Free Will Baptist until such time as a letter of recommendation was received from the Wolverine Association of Free Will Baptist, Michigan. Such a letter having been received that he be fellowshipped into this body and that our Moderator extend the hand of fellowship on the behalf of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Mercer, Chairman
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| Asst. Moderator..... | Amos McMillan | |
| Clerk & Treas..... | Wanda Cooper | |
| Asst. Clerk & Treas..... | Herbert Waid | |
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| Credentials Committee..... | Mrs. Louise Ivey | |
| " | Mrs. Amos McMillan | |
| " | Mrs. Frank Dean | |
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| " | Mrs. Frank Dean | |
| " | Mrs. Fannie Mizell | |

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Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Mercer, Chairman
Tom Hamilton, Secretary

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| BALANCE ON HAND | \$1,156.30 | DATE | July 24, 1976 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | <u>Receipts</u> | |
| Moderator Honorarium | 7.50 | Association Support | \$269.15 |
| Clerk Honorarium | 10.00 | Association Missions | 30.00 |
| Ga. State Assoc. of FWB- Coop. Plan | 63.13 | Ga. State Assoc. of FWB - Coop. Plan | 64.98 |
| Bible Institute | | Bible Institute | |
| Printing Minutes | 33.48 | | |
| Postage | 8.85 | | |
| Supplies | | | |
| Assn. Missions | 42.00 | | |
| | | | |
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| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 164.96 | TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$364.13 |
| BALANCE TO DATE 10-16-76 | \$991.34 | Balance to Date | \$1,355.47 |

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Rev. Carl Taylor
Chairman
Rev. Carl Taylor

Rev. William O. Roberts
Member
Member

Services began at 9:30 a.m.; Song: Praise Him, Praise Him. Prayer: by Rev. Danny Keen. Song: The Old Rugged Cross. Morning Devotion: Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter in the absence of Rev. B. L. Shivar, I John 5:1 "We will love Jesus." The welcome was given by Rev. Amos McMillan with the response given by Rev. Clarence McMillan in the absence of Charles Gill. Moderator called meeting to order desiring a spiritual meeting. Report of Credentials Committee by Mrs. Louise Ivey. MSC to accept report and seat delegates. Recognition of visitors - Scott Moody and Earnestine and James Roebuck. Appointment of Finance Committee: Rev. Herbert Waid, Chmn; Rev. Everett Williams, Bro. Ray Parrish. Ordaining Council will report after lunch. No report from Board of Trustees, Bible Institute, Mission Board and Board of Christian Education. Resolutions committee to report in afternoon session. Bro. J. C. Arnold to replace Rev. Everett Williams on Finance Committee as Bro. Williams will need to meet with Ordaining Council.

Letter from Peace Free Will Baptist Church requesting that we excuse them from October 1976 Annual session. MSC to excuse Peace. MSC to move up the list from Peace to Forest Hill for the Annual meeting in October. Dismissed for recess by Bro. Curtis Powell.

Song: Since Jesus Came Into My Heart and What A Friend We Have in Jesus. Prayer: Bro. C. M. Chafin. Special Singing: Ozias Free Will Baptist Church-- "Just As the Sun Went Down and Annanias" Morning Message by Rev. L. J. Chambless. Taken from I John 5:2, 3 "We will know we are saved." Dismissed for lunch by Bro. T. G. Hamilton.

Afternoon session began with song: Saved, Saved. Devotion: Rev. J. B. Mercer taken from I John 5:4,5 "We will overcome the world." Business Session began with an offering taken for the Unified Program and prayer by Bro. Woodrow Herndon. Report of National Association by Rev. Amos McMillan. MSC to accept reports from Executive Committee, Resolutions Committee, Missions Board, Finance Committee and Ordaining Council. (Please see reports of Committees) MSC that body rise in appreciation to Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid for their helpfulness and cooperative spirit in our Little River Association. MSC to accept minutes as read. MS to adjourn. We were adjourned in prayer by Rev. Clarence McMillan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

We the Resolutions Committee move that this Body give Ozias Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and for the good dinner that they served. L. D. Wynn and L. J. Chambless.

We your Executive Committee met with Bro. James Harp on April 24, 1976 to discuss with him the conditions of Bemiss Church. Bro. Harp told us that some other doctrine than Free Will Baptist was being brought into their services, but their desire was to remain Free Will Baptist and that they would like to change pastors. We suggested and secured Bro. C. B. Dowdney to meet with them on the first Sunday in June. From this meeting they have called Bro. William Lewis as pastor and the church is progressing. Carson Parrish, Chmn.

COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED...

Mission Board reported as information. Money is still being sent to Dalton Mission and Bishops in Japan.

The Ordaining Council met Saturday, July 24, 1976 at Ozias Church with the Chairman, J. B. Mercer presiding and the following members present: Rev. Clarence McMillan, Tom Hamilton, Everett Williams and L. J. Chambless.

The following ministers desiring to affiliate with the Little River Association were questioned by your Ordaining Council.

Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter, South Georgia Association now pastoring Friendship Church.

Rev. Danny Keen, Georgia Union Association, now pastoring First Valdosta.

Rev. James Roebuck, Midway Association, now pastoring the Pine Level Church, Norman Park.

1. We recommend the receiving of these brethren under the watchcare of the Association, pending a letter of recommendation from their association.

2. Brother Bill Lewis from Union Association now pastoring Bemiss Church requests ordination to the ministry.

The council recommends the granting of the petition for Ordination of Bro. Lewis pending the outcome of compliance to the standard set by this body. The tests to be administered by the Chairman of Ordaining Council Rev. J. B. Mercer. The Bemiss Church to present a letter of request for same.

3. The Council met at the King Frog in Adel, GA Thursday evening, July 1, 1976 in a called meeting to consider the Rev. Roy Dasher and his relation to the Association and Bemiss church.

Since that meeting the Secretary talked with Brother Dasher by telephone, and have at hand a letter from the same stating that and I quote, "I no longer desire to be connected with the Little River Association, nor the Free Will Baptist denomination in any way." We feel that this is an answer to prayer.

MSC that the secretary of Ordaining Council write the Rev. Roy Dasher and ask for the returning of his credentials to this body. We recommend that such action be taken by this Association.

Respectfully submitted,

Your Ordaining Council: Chairman, J. B. Mercer; Secretary, Tom Hamilton.

MSC in the Associational meeting to receive report and that items be voted on one by one. MS to receive Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter, Rev. Danny Keen, and Rev. James Roebuck. Rev. Carter and Rev. Roebuck were given acceptance handshake pending letter of recommendation, Rev. Keen excused for the afternoon session. MS that we adopt item # 2--Carried. MS to adopt Item # 3--Carried.

Credentials Report:

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| Churches Reporting | Ministers | Deacons | Delegates |
| 15 | 13 | 20 | 70 |
| TOTAL 103 | | | |

COMMITTEE REPORT CONTINUED...

BALANCE ON HAND \$951.23 DATE April 17, 1976

| <u>Disbursements</u> | <u>Receipts</u> |
|---|--|
| Moderator Honorarium <u>\$7.50</u> | Association Support <u>\$252.00</u> |
| Clerk Honorarium <u>10.00</u> | Association Missions <u>42.00</u> |
| Ga. State Assoc. of FWB- Coop. Plan <u>68.03</u> | Ga. State Assoc. of FWB - Coop. Plan <u>63.13</u> |
| Bible Institute _____ | From Bible Institute <u>30.47</u> |
| Printing Minutes _____ | to Assoc. General Account _____ |
| Postage _____ | |
| Supplies <u>10.00</u> | |
| Asso. Missions <u>37.00</u> | |
| Dublin Mission <u>50.00</u> | |
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS <u>\$182.53</u> | TOTAL RECEIPTS <u>\$387.60</u> |
| BALANCE AFTER DISBURSE- MENTS <u>\$768.70</u> | Balance to Date <u>\$1,156.30</u> |

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Chairman

Member

Member

Herbert Wain *J C Arnold* *E. Ray Parikh*
July 24, 1976

Services began at 9:30 a.m.; Song: "Love Lifted Me", Prayer: Rev. C. B. Dowdney; Song: "The Old Rugged Cross."

Comments by Rev. J. B. Mercer, Moderator who stated he would like for us to have a good, spiritual meeting.

Devotions: Rev. Amos McMillan--"I am the vine, ye are the branches" John 15:5a. Welcome: Rev. B. L. Shivar; Response: Bro. Benny Lariscy. Meeting then called to order by Moderator, Rev. Mercer. Report of Credentials Committee given by Mrs. Louise Ivey. MSC to accept report and seat delegates. (See reports) Recognition of Visitors: Rev. & Mrs. C. B. Dowdney; promotional secretary. Appointment of Finance Committee: Bro. Buddy Hartsfield, Chmn., Bro. Benny Lariscy and Bro. Jeff Giddens. Ordaining Board gave partial report--will make full report later stated Bro. Clarence McMillan. Bible Institute Board report given by Rev. Herbert Waid, Director. Also treasurer's report given. MSC to receive report as information. Little River Mission Board report given by Bro. Benny Lariscy with treasurer's report. MSC to accept report of Mission Board. Comments from Rev. Billy Sumner on Bible Institute--"When there are sufficient number of students we will have Bible Institute."

Song: "He Keeps Me Singing" and "Victory in Jesus". Prayer: Rev. Charles Parrish; Song: "The Gloryland Way"; Prayer: Rev. Clarence McMillan. Special Singing: Trio from Pine Level, "I've Never Been Sorry". Testimony from the moderator. Special Singing: Mrs. Adam Scott, "It Took A Miracle". Morning Message: Rev. Adam Scott, "...he that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit." John 15:15b. After prayer, we sang "More About Jesus" and took an offering for the Cooperative Plan.

Announcement for Women's Auxiliary--please turn in any news you have to Mrs. Geraldine Waid or Wanda Cooper for the Auxiliary bulletin. Little River held District Workshop at Whitehall on March 27. WA retreat held at Camp Mt. Bethel on April 9 and 10. Represented by Little River District with one from Homerville and four from Corinth. We were dismissed for lunch with prayer and blessing by Rev. Billy Sumner.

Afternoon Session began with Song: "A Beautiful Life". Special Singing: "Fill My Cup Lord." by Wanda Cooper. Devotion: Rev. L. J. Chambless, "...for without me ye can do nothing." John 15:5c. Moderator opened business session with Committee reports. Ordaining Council--one item of business. MSC that we write a letter of recommendation to Martin Association for Brother Amos D. Adderson. Resolutions Committee: Rev. L. J. Chambless gave report and it was accepted by giving rising vote of thanks to host church. Finance Report: Bro. Buddy Hartsfield gave report--MSC to accept partial report of Finance Committee. Bro. Charles Gill presented plaque to Sword Drill Winner, Suzette Tomlinson for first place at TNT Rally.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney--thankful for support of the Cooperative plan. Reported on all state missions; introduced Rev. Eddie Hodges who will be doing work in Dublin. Bro. Hodges used Romans 8:28 and gave his testimony as to how the Lord lead him to Dublin. Began work on March 19, 1976. MSC to maintain Bible Institute Board and that the funds be transferred to Little River general treasure. MSC to send

\$50 to Dublin Mission from Association treasure. Youth Rally will be held at Zion Hill at 2:00 on May 1, 1976. The next quarterly meeting to be held at Ozias on July 24, 1976 (4th Saturday) because of National Association. The National Association will be July 11-17 in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Bro. Benny Lariscy ask us to visit the missions as we make vacation plans this year. MSC to accept reading of minutes. MSC to adjourn. Adjourned in prayer by Rev. J. B. Mercer.

Resolutions Committee: We the Resolutions Committee recommend this body give, Friendship, the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their great hospitality for such a good meal. Rev. L. J. Chambless and Bro. Coy Miller.

Little River Mission Board: We have had no business to transact this quarter.

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| Treasurers Report: | Balance in January | \$421.95 |
| | Received in January | \$ 47.00 |
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| | | \$468.95 |
| | Paid out | 60.00 |
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Respectfully submitted,
Benny Larisey, Chairman

Credentials Committee:

| Churches Reporting | Ministers | Deacons | Delegates |
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| 14 | 12 | 19 | |
| Total= | | | _____ |

Our last session was to have been from January 20 until April 13 at our Corinth Church. Brother Bill Cooper was to have taught two courses, Sunday School Success and Part I of Romans. I, Herbert Waid, was to have taught the Missionary Enterprise and Philippians,

We met January 20 and 27 and February 3. In all we had 4 students to register. Needing as a minium about 4 times our enrollment to function, we had no choice but to again disband our session for lack of interest shown.

It seems evident that no amount of planning and advertising by the Board and study and preparation by the teachers can make up for the apathy of prospective students. Voting for the Institute and even giving an offering by the Association cannot substitute for a desire on our peoples part to study at our Little River Bible Institute.

This is at least the second time in succession that the Institute's teaching session had to be aborted due to lack of student attendance. Unless we can develop an interest in studying at the Institute level I do not see how we can hope to have a functioning Institute in the foreseeable future.

Respectively Submitted,

Herbert Waid
 Herbert Waid, Director
 Little River Bible Institute

Treasurer's Report:

January 17, 1976-----Balance Brought Forward-----\$52.51

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| Received: | The association | \$36.58 |
| | Pine Level Church | 20.00 |
| | Sale of Books | 4.55 |
| | TOTAL RECEIPTS | \$61.13 |

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| Disbursements | Salaries | \$90.00 |
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Balance on Hand to date \$23.64

To be received: From Sunday School Dept. for return of books..... \$35.10

Total Financial Assets..... \$58.74

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 1102.20 DATE 1-17-76

Disbursements

Moderator Honorarium \$ 7.50

Clerk Honorarium 10.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
 FWB- Coop. Plan 59.08

Bible Institute 36.58

Printing, ^{Asso.} Minutes 337.84

Postage 10.00

Supplies _____

Asso. Missions 47.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 508.00

Balance after ^{\$} Disbursements 594.20

Receipts

Association Support 252.00

Association Missions 37.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
 FWB - Coop. Plan 68.03

Bible Institute _____

TOTAL RECEIPTS 257.03

Balance to Date 951.23

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Buddy Hartfield Benny Laisey Jeff Piddens
 Chairman Member Member

Services began at 9:30 A.M.; Song: "Victory in Jesus;" Prayer: Rev. R. S. Hayes;
Song: "Are You Washed in the Blood." Remarks by Moderator J. B. Mercer.

Devotion by Rev. W. J. Sumner--text taken from Ezekiel 22:30 and Acts 1:7,8.
Welcome: Rev. Herbert Waid; Response: Rev. Charles Parrish. Meeting then called
to order by Moderator. MSC to accept report of the Credentials Committee and
seat delegates. (See Reports) Moderator appointed Finance Committee: Rev. R. S.
Hayes, Chmn., Henry Mathis and John T. Cook. MSC to accept report of Little River
Bible Institute. Further reports would be given this afternoon. After prayer by
Rev. Clarence McMillan we were dismissed for short recess.

Song: "I Want to be a Worker." Prayer: Rev. Amos McMillan. Song: "Stand Up, Stand
Up For Jesus." Special Song by Host church: "Holy Spirit, Breathe On Me."
Morning Message by Rev. Tom Hamilton. Text taken from Ezekiel 22:30, Theme:
God's Quest For A Man. After message and prayer by Rev. Hamilton we sang "I Gave
My Life For Thee." Dismissed for lunch & fellowship by Rev. Waid until 1:30.

Songs: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" and "Must Jesus Bear The Cross Alone."
Prayer: Rev. Mack Goff. Offering received for the Georgia State Promotional Office.
Devotion: Rev. Gene Collins using same theme & text.

Business Session: (All Committee Reports are on the attached page!) MSC to accept
report of the Ordaining Council. MSC to accept report of the Finance Committee.
MSC to accept report of Mission Board. MSC to accept report from Resolutions
Committee. No report given by Board of Trustees. MSC to accept report from
Board of Christian Education as information. The TNT Rally will be held the
first Saturday in April at 9:30 a.m. at Ozias Church. The State Rally will be
the second Friday and Saturday in May. MSC to receive report from State Missions
Board. MSC to accept report from Woman's Auxiliary as information. Report on
minutes--they are at the printers now. Will be mailed to the clerk and she will
mail them to the churches as soon as possible. Moderator called our attention to
the change in Article VII Finance to Constitution of the Little River Association.

Announcement that the Preachers-Deacons meeting will be held at White Hall
on the third Saturday in March 1976. Offering for Bible Institute will be taken
at each quarterly meeting. This information should be entered in the minutes to
make it official. MSC to replace Board members electing by nominations from the
floor. Coy Miller elected to fill Rev. Jerry Wishum's positions on the Resolutions
and Bible Institute Board. Rev. Amos McMillan elected to fill Rev. L. F. Ogletree's
position on Nominating Committee. Correction to October 1975 minutes re Asst. Clerk.
Had new vote on this change. MSC to make correction in minutes from William Cooper
to Rev. Herbert Waid. Offering taken for Bible Institute was \$36.59. MSC to
adopt minutes as read. MSC to adjourn. Dismissed in prayer by Rev. L. F. Ogletree.

Our Little River Mission Board met today during this Association. We
had no business to attend to, however, our treasurers report is as follows:
Balance at last report.....\$446.95
Deposits from Annual meeting..... 35.00
Total to account for.....\$481.95

Respectfully submitted,
Your Mission Board
Benny Lariscy, Chmn.

Paid out (Daltons & Bishops).....\$ 60.00
Balance on Hand.....\$421.95

Report of the Georgia State Mission Board to the Little River Assn:
Our State Mission has commitments in Athens, Swainsboro, Dublin and
Dalton. Statesboro receives only the money that is designated for Statesboro.
We feel that Statesboro and Swainsboro will be self supporting sometime this
year. Statesboro has completed their new building and will have their dedication
service the last of February.

Due to the lack of finances in our mission work, several of our missionaries
have had to get jobs to help support themselves and their work. Our missions
stand in need of your prayers and financial support. Try to visit in our missions
when you can. Respectfully submitted, Benny Lariscy.

The Ordaining Council met with Rev. J. B. Mercer presiding. The following
members were present: Rev. L. J. Chambless, Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. Tom
Hamilton, Rev. Clarence McMillan and Rev. J. B. Mercer.

1. Upon the reception of a letter of recommendation from the Second District
of the South Carolina Conference of FWB to the Little River Assn., the Ordaining
Council recommends that Rev. Adam Scott be granted membership and accepted into
the fellowship of this association; and

Upon the reception of a letter of recommendation from the Ogeechee
Association to the Little River Association we further recommend the granting
of membership and accepting into the fellowship of this body of the Rev. Gene
Collins.

2. We recommend the granting of a letter of recommendation to the
Chattahoochee Association on the behalf of Rev. Jerry Wisham who will be
pastoring in the same, and a letter recommending th Rev. Leonard Ogletree to
the South Georgia Association and that the congregation stand as an expression
of gratitude to these two men and their families for their services rendered
unto the Lord in this association.

3. We recommend that the moderator extend the hand of fellowship on the
behalf of the Little River Association to Rev. Adam Scott and Rev. Gene Collins.
Respectfully submitted, Your Ordaining Council; J. B. Mercer, Chairman and
Tom Hamilton, Secretary.

Report from Board of Christian Education: TNT Rally will be the 1st Saturday
in April at 9:30 a.m. at Ozias FWB Church. Also the State Youth Conference
is to be held the 2nd Friday and Saturday in May, 1976. Submitted by Bro. Charles
Gill, Chmn.

Mrs. J. W. Franks, President of the District WA reported: The annual meeting
was held in October 1975 at Corinth FWB Church with only 19 attending. Mrs.
Franks challenged all the women to go home and encourage more women in their
church to participate in Woman's Auxiliary. The district officers and a repre-
sentative from each auxiliary was ask to meet after the service to decide on
a date for a biannual meeting.

LITTLE RIVER BIBLE INSTITUTE REPORT

January 17, 1976

Part I: Board Meeting, December 2, 1975 at First Church, Tifton

All members were present. Leslie Carney resigned as Director. With gratitude for a job well done, his resignation was accepted. Herbert Waid was elected Director. William Sumner was re-elected Chairman of the Board. Bill Cooper was elected Secretary/Treasurer.

Part II: Treasurer's Report

August 1, 1975 - Balance brought forward \$ 53.05

Received from: The Association.....\$109.90
 Pine Level Church..... 80.00
 Corinth Church..... 30.00
 Friendship Church..... 25.00
 Sale of books..... 11.40 \$256.30
 Total Accountable 309.35

Paid out: Books..... 151.84
 Materials..... 12.00
 Correspondence..... 3.00
 Salaries: Spring..... 30.00
 Fall/Winter..... 60.00 256.84
 Total Paid Out 256.84

Balance on hand - January 17, 1976 \$ 52.51

Part III: Director's Report

Your Little River Bible Institute Board is trying to continue the Biblical traditions of "Christian Education" that dates back at least 3,000 years and is spelled out so well by the Apostle Paul in II Timothy 2:2 which says, "You have heard everything that I teach in public; hand it on to reliable people so that they in turn will be able to teach others." Scriptural Christian Education is directed toward the leaders of the Christian Community. Therefore, we encourage each Pastor to lead his flock in Christian Education by first enrolling in the Institute himself and then by bringing as a group other 'key leaders' from his Church, Sunday School, and C.T.S.

Our next session is to be each Tuesday from January 20 until April 13 here at our Corinth Church from 7:30 til 9:30 p.m. Cost will be \$15.00 plus books and notes. Brother Bill Cooper is to teach an E.T.T.A. course called Sunday School Success and Part I of The Book of Romans. I, Herbert Waid, am to teach an E.T.T.A. course called The Missionary Enterprise and also The Book of Philippians. Only two of the four courses can be taken at a time. Bible Institute Registration Forms are available today.

Perhaps you have a question. If you like, you may ask it now for the benefit of the whole assembly. If you rather, you may direct it to one of our Board Members in private. Please call on me if I can be of help to you.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waid

Herbert Waid, Director
 Little River Bible Institute

BALANCE ON HAND \$933.26 DATE 10-18-75

| Disbursements | Receipts |
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| Moderator Honorarium \$ 7.50 | Association Support (Dues) \$255.25 |
| Clerk Honorarium 10.00 | Deposit 10.00 |
| GA State Coop Plan 30.00 | Association Missions 47.00 |
| Bible Institute 29.23 | GA State Coop Plan 59.08 |
| Printing Minutes 71.59 | Bible Institute 36.58 |
| Little River Assn. Missions 35.00 | |
| Assn. Offering 55.65 | |
| Total Disbursements \$238.97 | Total Receipts \$407.91 |
| Remaining Balance \$694.29 | Balance to Date \$1102.20 |

Respectfully submitted:

Finance Committee: Rev. R. S. Hayes, H. E. Mathis, John T. Cook.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT:

| Churches Reporting | Ministers | Deacons | Delegates |
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| 15 | 16 | 22 | 74 |
| Total= 112 | | | |

March 1976

We the Minister and Deacons Conference met at White Hall Church. Evening message by Bro. Everett Williams taken from II Timothy 4. Opened with prayer into business session by Bro. Waid. No old business. New Business: Bro. McMillan mentioned about poor attendance. M, S, Carried that we take a love offering for Bro. M. T. Goff. Offering received was \$65. M, S, Carried that John Cook give him this offering. M, S, Carried that we elect an Asst. President. Bro. Amos McMillan was nominated. MSC that nominations cease and elect by acclamation. Church reports next. Reports from: Hahira, First Tifton, Sunny Side, Cool Springs, Corinth, Ozias, White Hall, Pine Level. Next hymn of praise and offering. Rec. prayer by Bro. L. J. Chambless. First church asked to host next meeting in September. MSC to adjourn. Prayer by Billy Causey.

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| Balance Brought Forward | 38.23 | 6 Ministers Present |
| Offering for Bro. Goff | 65.00 | 14 Deacons Present |
| Regular Offering | 21.54 | |
| Total----- | 124.77 | |
| Paid out to Bro. Goff | 65.00 | |
| BALANCE ON HAND----- | 59.77 | |

September 1976

We the Minister and Deacons Conference met at First Church Tifton. Congregational singing, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms" and "Blessed Assurance". Pastor of the host church gave welcome then introduced the speaker, Bro. R. S. Hayes. Text taken from II Kings 7: 1-11. Opening prayer by Bro. C. M. Chafin. Minutes read--MSC to accept. Roll call made and church reports given. Following churches reported: Hahira, First Tifton, Forest Hill, Valdosta, Bemiss, Cool Springs, Ozias, White Hall, Pine Level and Peace. No Old Business. New Business: Bro. Waid mentioned about support of Dublin mission through the Masters Men. Bro. Parrish also made a talk in support of it.

Bro. Amos McMillan made a talk on youth rally he mentioned about taking them to Camp Mt. Bethel on Friday afternoon. He asked each one to go back to their church and see what each church can do toward this support. Cost \$2 per camper. First Saturday in November.

Election of Officers: Nominated for President: W. J. Sumner, declined. Nominated J. B. Mercer--MSC nominations cease. Nominated for VP: Herbert Waid. MSC nominations cease. Nominated for clerk: Larry Spires--declined. Amos McMillan--declined. John Cook, nominated--MSC that nominations cease. Cool Springs ask for next meeting. MSC to accept. Rec. offering. Prayer by Bro. Chambless (\$31.60). Bro. Chambless ask everyone to revival in October. Bro. C. M. Chafin reminded everyone about Harvest Drive. MSC to adjourn. Bro. Chambless invited everyone to stay for refreshments.

W. J. Sumner, President
John T. Cook, Clerk

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| Balance brought forward | \$59.77 |
| Offering received | 31.60 |
| Balance on Hand | 91.37 |

Present 11 ministers and 20 deacons.