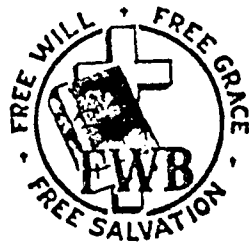


LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

1977 MINUTES

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY - FIRST ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCHES



HELD AT
FIRST VALDOSTA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 15, 1977

OFFICERS

Moderator- - - - -Rev. Tom Hamilton
Assistant Moderator - - - - -Rev. William J. Sumner
Clerk/Treasurer- - - - -Rev. Herbert Waid
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer- - - - -Mr. Don Perry

Executive Committee

C. M. Chafin-----1978	James Martin Wilson-----1981
L. D. Wynn-----1979	J. C. Arnold-----1982
Buddy Hartsfield---1980	Herbert Waid-----Clerk

Boards and Committees

Ordaining Board

Rev. Tom Hamilton-----100 E. Park Street, Homerville 31634-----1978
Rev. L. J. Chambliss-----Rt. 4, Tifton 31794-----1979
Rev. Everett Williams-----Rt. 1, Pearson, 31642-----1980
Rev. Adam Scott-----P. O. Box 354, Homerville 31634-----1981
Rev. C. L. McMillan-----608 HomerStreet, Waycross 31501-----1982

Board of Trustees

Leon Harrin-----1978	Larry Spires-----1981
J. C. Plair-----1979	Audie Williams-----1982
Benny Hamilton-----1980	

Resolutions Committee

Rev. Adam Scott-----Rev. J. B. Mercer-----Rev. Everett Williams

Bible Institute Board

Rev. Herbert Waid----1978	Rev. William Lewis-----1981
Mr. William Cooper----1979	Rev. Riley Giddens-----1982
Rev. W. J. Sumner----1980	

Credentials Committee

Mrs. Myrtise Giddens, Rt. 1, Box 146, Ray City, GA 31645
Mrs. Willie Williams, Rt. 1, Pearson, GA 31642
Mrs. Wanda Cooper, Rt. 4, Box 590, Tifton, GA 31794

State Mission Board - Mr. Benny Lairsey-----1978

State Board of Trustees - Mr. Don Perry-----1978

State Board of Retirement and Insurance - Mr. M. M. Franks-----1978

State Board of Christian Education and Camping - Mr. Rowan Sirmans-----1978

State Budget Board - Rev. L. J. Chambliss -----1978

(more)

Nominating Committee

Mr. A. J. Boutwell-----Rev. R. S. Hayes-----Mrs. Fannie Mizell

Missions Board

Mr. Audie Williams-----1978
Rev. Bill Lewis-----1979
Mr. C. M. Chafin-----1980

Mr. Ran Kennedy-----1981
Mr. Benny Larissey---1982

Board of Christian Education

Rev. Everett Williams-----1978
Rev. James Roebuck-----1979
Mr. J. W. Franks-----1980

Rev. Herbert Waid-----1981
Mr. Earl Ridley-----1982

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES AND PASTORS

BEMISS	William S. Lewis, Jr., 528 N. Main, Moultrie 31768 (941-5780)
COOL SPRINGS	J. B. Mercer, Rt. 1, Norman Park 31771 (769-3327)
CORINTH	Herbert Waid, P. O. Box 117, Brookfield 31727 (382-0060)
FIRST HAHIRA	William J. Sumner, 302 S. College St., Hahira 31632 (794-3640)
FIRST TIFTON	Gerald Lee Wishum, Rt. 4, Box 671, Tifton 31794 (382-0334)
FIRST VALDOSTA	(Interim) Riley Giddens, Rt. 1, Ray City 31645 (686-3615)
FOREST HILL	Everett Williams, Rt. 1, Pearson 31642 (422-3690)
FRIENDSHIP	B. L. Shivar, 806 2nd Street, Folkston 31537 (496-2485)
HOMERVILLE	Adam Scott, P. O. Box 354, Homerville 31634 (487-5840)
OAK GROVE	-----
OCILLA	Rollie Stankowitz, 209 W. 4th Str., Ocilla 31774 (468-5179)
OZIAS	L. J. Chambless, Rt. 4, Tifton 31794 (382-4572)
PEACE	-----
PINE LEVEL	James Roebuck, Rt. 2, Box 200A, Sumner 31789 (776-3296)
SUNNY SIDE	Tom Hamilton, 100 E. Park Str. Homerville 31634 (487-2217)
WHITE HALL	C. L. McMillan, 608 Homer Str., Waycross 31501 (285-1219)
ZION HILL	Tom Hamilton, 100 E. Park Str., Homerville 31634 (487-2217)

MINISTERS ROLL

M. T. Goff	501 N. Gordon Ave., Adel 31620 (896-7193)
A. D. Green	2205 Prince Ave., Tifton 31794 (382-5264)
R. S. Hayes	Rt. 2, Adel 31620 (869-3334)
Carl Taylor	Box 693, Tifton 31794 (382-6708)

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>MEMBERS</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>
Bemiss	31	William S. Lewis, Jr. 528 N. Main Moultrie 31768	Emma Jean Harpe Rt. 1 Ray City 31645	13
Cool Springs	86	J. B. Mercer Rt. 1 Norman Park 31771	C. M. Chafin, Jr. Rt. 1 Norman Park 31771	5
Corinth	102	Herbert Waid P. O. Box 117 Brookfield 31727	Harlene Causey Rt. 4, Box 786 Tifton 31794	3
First Hahira	125	William J. Sumner 302 S. College Str. Hahira 31632	Mrs. J. C. Plair 209 E. Stantill Hahira 31632	7
First Tifton	60	Jerry Wishum Rt. 4, Box 671 Tifton 31794	Clara Nell Eason Rt. 4, Box 597 Tifton 31794	8
First Valdosta	34	Riley Giddens Rt. 1 Ray City 31645	Betty J. Ridley 2509 Deborah Dr. Valdosta 31601	3
Forest Hill	30	Everett Williams Rt. 1 Pearson 31642	Sue Singletary Rt. 1 Adel 31620	1
Friendship	56	B. L. Shivar 806 2nd Str. Folkston 31537	Mrs. Dale Youmans Rt. 1, Box 127 Waycross 31501	3
Homerville	165	Adam Scott P. O. Box 354 Homerville 31634	Barbara Morgan Box 477 Homerville 31634	0
Oak Grove		Betty Royal, Rt. 1, Stockton, GA		
Ocilla	19	Rollie Stankowitz 209 W. 4th Str. Ocilla 31774	Barbara Whittle 103 N. Alder Str. Ocilla 31774	8
Ozias	99	L. J. Chambliss Rt. 4 Tifton 31794	Larry Johnson Rt. 2 Pearson 31642	1
Peace	26	Sherry Owens, Rt. 9, Box 156, Valdosta, GA		-
Pine Level	140	James Roebuck Rt. 2 Sumner 31789	Don Perry Rt. 2 Norman Park 31771	3
Sunny Side	46	Tom Hamilton 100 E. Park Street Homerville 31634	Margaret Williams Rt. 1, Box 18 Pearson 31642	5
White Hall	138	C. L. McMillan 608 Homer Str. Waycross 31501	Barbara Robinson 711 Homer Str. Waycross 31501	4
Zion Hill	47	Tom Hamilton 100 E. Park Str. Homerville 31634	Johnny Bennett Rt. 1 Millwood 31552	1

<u>PAID PASTOR</u>	<u>MINUTES REQUESTED</u>	<u>VALUE OF PROPERTY</u>	<u>BUILDING & REPAIRS</u>	<u>COOPERATIVE GIVING</u>
\$1090	6	\$30,000	\$530.10	\$240
\$5,200	50	\$60,000	\$10,588	\$400
\$6,500	15	\$40,000	-----	-----
\$4,800	20	\$80,000	\$250	\$300
\$1,925	10	\$42,000	\$1,381.32	\$128.26
\$1,424,52	20	\$90,000	\$936.74	-----
\$725	15	\$8,000	-----	-----
\$2,400	25	\$15,000	\$1,957	-----
\$8,580	15	\$100,000	-----	-----
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NA	10	NA	\$600	-----
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\$4,420	30	\$42,646.74	-----	-----
\$2,925	15	\$13,500	-----	-----
\$5,544	15	\$50,000	-----	\$207.21
\$1,644.01	15	\$18,000	\$1,594.27	\$120.00
\$7,465.31	25	\$70,000	\$937.85	\$120
\$2,025	15	\$23,000	\$227.94	\$120

We, the OBITUARY COMMITTEE sorrowfully submit the following names:

Cool Springs	Sister Corda McInvale and Sister Tiny Allman
Corinth	Charter member--Sister Emmett Smith and Bro. E. B. Franks
First Tifton	Rev. William R. Hullett
Homerville	Sister Pauline Wilson
White Hall	Sister Juanita McKinnon and Bro. Wilbur Aultman
Friendship	Br. J. M. Davis and Bro. Ezra Hill
Ozias	Sister Rosa Lee Cowart

Respectfully submitted,

Bennie Perry

Ola Maude Mercer

Willie Williams

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

	<u>1976</u>	<u>1977</u>	<u>Difference</u>	
Total Membership	1,132	1,151	+19	
Received by Baptism	49	47	- 2	
Received by letter	40	54	+14	
Lost by letter or death	97	27	-70	
Sunday Schools	14	14	0	
CTS	6	5	- 1	
Woman's Auxiliary	5	6	+ 1	
Prayer Meetings	12	10	- 2	
Masters Men	3	2	- 1	
Vacation Bible Schools	3	4	+ 1	
Ordained Ministers	14	14	0	
Licensed Ministers	6	5	- 1	
Total Churches	15	17	+ 2	
Churches Reporting	15	Ministers	Deacons	Delegates
	15	13	47	
	TOTAL	75		

September 17, 1977

THE LITTLE RIVER MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE met with Sunnyside Church, Saturday night, September 17, 1977 for the 37th meeting of this group. Called to order by singing "What A Friend We Have In Jesus." Opening prayer by Rev. R. S. Hayes. In this prayer we asked God's blessing on the family of Bro. W. R. Hullett this being the time of his death.

Bro. Herbert Waid gave welcome in absence of moderator. We had a very interesting program led by Bro. Tom Hamilton and Bro. Adam Scott. This program on the work, and the call of ministers. Response by every minister present. This was a very inspiring program.

Received reports from Corinth, Cool Springs, Hahira, Forest Hill, Homerville, Ozias, Sunny Side, Whitehall, Zion Hill and Ocilla. After reports from churches-- election of officers for next year. Elected by acclamation:

J. B. Mercer -	Moderator
Herbert Waid -	Assistant Moderator
C. M. Chafin, Jr. -	Clerk & Treasurer

Ten ministers present and 14 deacons.

Balance Brought Forward	\$114.02
Received in Sept.	<u>28.25</u>
	\$142.27

Move at annual session that we send \$25.00 from this fund to orphan's home passed.

C. M. Chafin, Jr.
Clerk and Treasurer

March 19, 1977

THE LITTLE RIVER MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE met at Cool Springs, March 19, 1977. Meeting called to order by singing "The Old Rugged Cross." Due to Bro. Cook leaving the association, it became necessary to elect a clerk in his place. Elected C. M. Chafin, Jr. to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Cook.

Bro. Herbert Waid brought a very inspiring message on the "sly works of satan."

After message reports were received from Pine Level, Valdosta, Corinth, Hahira, Bemiss, Cool Springs, Sunnyside and Forest Hill. We had 8 ministers and 12 deacons present.

Bro. Audie Williams asked for next meeting to be held at Sunnyside in September. C. M. Chafin asked all to stay for refreshments in Social Hall. Dismissed by Bro. Audie Williams.

Balance Brought Forward	91.37
	<u>22.65</u>
	\$114.02

C. M. Chafin, Jr.
Clerk and Treasurer

October 15, 1977

ANNUAL SESSION

First FWB-Valdosta

The 71st Annual Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta on October 15, 1977. THEME: "Stand Up For Jesus" SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:13-14.

MORNING SESSION began with singing, "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" and "Amazing Grace" Morning devotions by Dr. Darwin Kelton, Salem Bible College. Welcome given by Bro. Earl Ridley with Response by Bro. Everett Williams. The moderator, Bro. J. B. Mercer called the meeting to order followed with a partial report of Credentials Committee appointee, Herbert Waid. Move to receive delegates and seat them at this time. Seconded by Bro. James Roebuck, Carried. Recognized visitor: Bro. Darwin Kelton, Salem Bible College, Florida. Finance committee appointed: Benny Lariscy, Chmn., Don Perry and C. D. Purvis. Obituary Committee appointed: Bennie Perry, Willie Williams and Ola Maude Mercer. Executive Committee--no report. Mission Board--no report. Ordaining Council will report later. Board of Trustees--no report at present. Resolutions committee to report later. Bible Institute Board--inactive--no report. State Mission Board--no report at present. State Board of Trustees--no report at present. State Board of Retirement and Insurance--no report. Nominating committee will report later.

State Board of Christian Education and Camping--no report. Amos McMillan needs replacing. Mission Board will report later. Board of Christian Education-- report from Herbert Waid re Youth Rally October 29 at Hahira church. Move to accept report, seconded by L. J. Chambless, carried. Time allotted for Rev. Darwin Kelton re Salem Bible College. Time allotted Rev. James Roebuck re State Association. We were recessed.

Reconvened singing "Standing On The Promises" Bro. Ray Parrish to help with Nominating Committee in absence of Mrs. Frank Dean. Special singing, Dr. Kelton "I Can Feel The Spirit, and Say I Do". Morning Message: Rev. Riley Giddens. Dismissed for lunch by Bro. Tom Hamilton.

AFTERNOON SESSION began with singing, "Take The Name Of Jesus With You," "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder and prayer. We took an offering for the cooperative plan. Dr. Kelton sang "He's My Friend." Evening devotion by Bro. Herbert Waid.

BUSINESS SESSION: Report from Ordaining Council/move, second, carried to remove name of Bro. Mack Nail, Homerville from ordained ministers list. Report from Board of Trustees, Audie Williams has deeds from John Thomas Cook to Nashville property and \$10 left from the sell of Shady Grove. Move, second, carried to accept this report.

Resolutions committee: Resolve that body gives this host church a rising vote of thanks for their generous hospitality. Carried.

Credentials committee completed report by Herbert Waid. Move that report be accepted as information, seconded, carried.

Finance report given: move that report be accepted, seconded, carried. State Mission Board report given by Bro. Benny Lariscy. Move that report be accepted, seconded, carried.

(more)

State Board of Trustees report by Bro. Don Perry: Bro. Dowdney's house in Moultrie is being rented and the rent received goes on Bro. Dowdney's expenses. An inventory of state property was taken--all property is insured under one policy. Move that report be received as information, seconded, carried.

Little River Mission Board report--have been supporting work in Dublin, Dalton and Dale Bishops with \$10 monthly. Recommend support of Dublin and Dale Bishops be continued. Move to accept report, seconded, carried. (See treasurer's report attached.)

Obituary report to be received as information and printed in minutes.

Minister and Deacons conference-report given by Bro. C. M. Chafin. Orphan Home Sunday--next Sunday instead of Harvest Drive as in previous years. Move that reports be accepted, seconded, carried. Move that \$25 be sent from Ministers/Deacon to Orphan's Home. Minister's/Deacons meeting next held 3rd Saturday in March--March 18, 1978 at Ozias.

Miscellaneous bus: NOTE: that letters need to be mailed to churches earlier.

Delegates to state meeting: Mrs. Adam Scott, Bro. Rowan Sirmans, Mrs. Fannie Mizell and Don Perry. Alternates: Mrs. Benny Lariscy and Mrs. Herbert Waid. Move that association allocate to Herbert Waid authority to give to each delegate \$25 to help toward travel expenses for being delegate from Little River Association. Move that chair appoint designator to appoint alternates at State meeting, Seconded, carried. Chair appointed Herbert Waid.

Nominating committee--report given...move that report be accepted and acted on one item at a time, seconded, carried. See reports. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Moderator and Asst. Moderator. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Clerk/Treasurer and Asst. Clerk/Treasurer. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Executive committee appointments. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Ordaining Board. MSC to accept recommendation of committee on Board of Trustees. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Resolutions Committee. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Bible Institute Board. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Credentials Committee. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on State Mission Board. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on State Board of Trustees. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on State Board of Retirement and Insurance. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Nominating Committee. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on State Board of Christian Education and Camping. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on State Budget Board. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Little River Mission Board. MSC to accept recommendation from committee on Board of Christian Education. MSC for moderator to receive nominations from floor to replace Rev. Amos McMillan on the Mission Board. MSC that nominations cease and Bill Lewis be appointed to Mission Board for term 1979 to replace McMillan.

MSC that body give to officers that have served this association and who are now leaving office a rising vote of appreciation.

Minutes read--move that minutes be received as read, seconded, carried. MSC to adjourn.

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 1,877.04 DATE 7-30-77

Disbursements

Moderator Honorarium 7.50

Clerk Honorarium 10.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB- Coop. Plan 57.85

Bible Institute

Printing Minutes ?

Postage

Supplies (Envelopes) 9.27

Association 54.00

Missions
(Bill Lewis) Bible 20.70

Receipts

Association Support 278.50

Association Missions 30.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB - Coop. Plan 44.00

Bible Institute

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 159.32 TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 352.50

BALANCE after Disbursements \$ 1717.72 Balance to Date \$ 2070.22

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Benny Linsky
Chairman

Don Perry
Member

C. D. Piers
Member

PARTIAL REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE: (see complete report in Annual minute.)

12 pastors 2 ministers 13 deacons 43 delegates = TOTAL 70

ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council met October 15, 1977 at First Free Will Church, Valdosta, Georgia with the following members present: Rev. Adam Scott, Rev. Clarence McMillan, Rev. L. J. Chambless, Rev. Everett Williams, and Rev. Tom Hamilton.

MSC that minutes be approved as read.

At the request of Rev. Mack Nail, Homerville, GA and by reason of his affiliation with another denomination, we recommend that his name be removed from the ministerial roll.

MSC that meeting be adjourned.

*(Clarence McMillan, Chas
Tom Hamilton, Secretary*

Obituary Committee report will be in the Annual Minutes. Also, Minister/Deacons Meeting Minutes will be in the Annual Minutes.

The Georgia State Missions Board has supported Statesboro, Athens, and Swainsboro with only money designated to their account. We have supported Dublin bond payment and Bro. Dowdney housing and car allowance. We have supported Dalton with \$850 per month.

Recently, we mailed out letters to our people asking for a faith promise for once a year offering or to use the check system of giving. We have had some response to this. Remember State Missions in your church budget.

We recently moved the Mobile Chapel to Rome, GA where Bro. Thomas Coxwell has started a mission. Pray for this work.

Please pray for your State Missions Board as we continue to serve God. The needs are great.

Benny Lausey

Little River Mission Board Treasurer's Report:

Balance July	\$179.95	\$ 89.95
8-1	-30.00	+104.00 April & July deposit
9-1	-30.00	\$193.95 Balance 10-15-77
10-1	-30.00	
	<u>\$ 89.95</u>	

*C. M. Choy - Jr
Sect & Treasurer*

The little River Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Bemiss Free Will Baptist Church on July 30, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. The theme "Growing in Grace..." and Scripture: II Peter 3:18.

The MORNING SESSION began with the song, "Glory To His Name. Prayer by Bro. Amos McMillan and another song, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." The morning devotion was brought to us by Bro Ken Murphy from the Union Association. using scripture II Peter 3:17,18. Welcome given by Bro. James Harpe, Response by Bro. Herbert Waid. The meeting was then called to order by the moderator and he reminded us that we are meeting for serving God and doing business in that order. "The Bible tells us to worship God in spirit and in truth."

Report of Credentials Committee (see reports). Move to receive reports and seat delegates and those that arrive later. Seconded, Carried.

Visitor--Bro. Ken Murphy from the Union Association welcomed. Finance committee appointed: Bro. Rowan Sirmans, Bro. Benny Hamilton and Bro. Coy Miller. Recess period-dismissed in prayer by Bro. Bill Lewis.

Meeting reconvened with "He Keeps Me Singing." Prayer by Bro. Tom Hamilton. Another song "The Old Rugged Cross." Special singing by the host church members "Do You Know My Jesus?" Morning message by Bro. J. B. Mercer using theme and scripture. Bro. Mercer said, "Growing in grace takes fertilizer, the spirit of God, faith and obedience." We were dismissed for lunch by Bro. Clarence McMillan.

AFTERNOON SESSION: began with singing "When We All Get To Heaven." Prayer by Bro. Curtis Powell. Devotional by Bro. Billy Sumner using various scripture in the New Testament. Offering taken for Cooperative Plan after prayer by Bro. Herbert Waid.

Business session opened with report from Ordaining Council (see reports) given by Bro. Tom Hamilton. Move, second, carried to adopt report of Ordaining Council. Items were acted on separately--Bro. James Roebuck given welcome to LR Association by the Moderator. Bro. J. C. Hubert Carter's letter of recommendation from South Georgia Association to LR Association be returned to South GA complying with his request. Move, Second, Carried. Bible presented to Bro. Bill Lewis from Ordaining Council of LR Association.

Resolutions Committee: That the body extend to this church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Carried.

Board of Christian Education is planning youth rally October 29 at Hahira with Bro. Ken Murphy as speaker.

Report of Finance Committee: move that report be accepted as read, Seconded, Carried. Move that minutes be accepted as read, Seconded, Carried. Move, Second Carried to adjourn. Adjourned in prayer by Bro. R. S. Hayes.

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND \$ 1700.18 DATE 4-16-77DisbursementsModerator Honorarium 7.50Clerk Honorarium 10.00Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB- Coop. Plan 83.50

Bible Institute _____

Printing Minutes 25.75Postage 6.24

Supplies _____

Association _____
Missions _____ReceiptsAssociation Support \$248.00Association Missions \$54.00Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB - Coop. Plan \$57.85Bible Institute - 0 -TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$ 182.99 TOTAL RECEIPTS \$359.85BALANCE after Disbursements \$ 1517.19 Balance to Date \$1877.04

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Rowan Surmans
ChairmanP. J. Hamilton
MemberCory Miller
Member

July 30, 1977

CREDENTIALS REPORT:

Churches reporting	Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Visitors
14	13	10	57	1

TOTAL = 81

The Ordaining Council met at Camion Church July 30, 1977 with the following members present: Rev. Clarence M. Millon, Everett Williams, J. L. Chambliss, Adam Scott, Tom Hamilton

(1) The Ordaining Council having received a letter of recommendation from the Midway Association to the Little River Association on the behalf of Rev. James Roebuck, recommends that the Moderator extend the hand of fellowship to the Rev. Roebuck as an Ordained Minister in good standing in the Little River Association. In complying with the request of Rev. J. C. Hubert Carter that his letter of recommendation to the Little River Association from the South Georgia Association be returned to the South Georgia Association, the recommend that his request be granted and the letter be returned to the South Georgia Association.

Clarence M. Millon Chm.

Tom Hamilton, Secy.

April 1977

Quarterly Session

Hahira

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptist was convened at Hahira Free Will Baptist Church on April 16, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. The theme was "Come unto me;..." and the scripture was taken from Matthew 11:28-30. Song and prayer service began with "When We All Get To Heaven", Songleader: Buddy Hartsfield and Pianist: Annette Mercer. Prayer was by Bro. Frank Dean and we sang another song, "Victory In Jesus." The Moderator introduced the morning devotional speaker, Bro. Herbert Waid and asked that we have a spiritual meeting. We were welcomed by Bro. J. C. Plair with response by Bro. Audie Williams. The Moderator, Rev. J. B. Mercer, then called the meeting to order. The Credentials Committee reported (See committee reports) The motion to receive the report and to seat the delegates was made by Louise Ivey and carried. The visitors were welcomed: Bro. and Sister Cadel Dowdney.

The Chair appointed the Finance Committee for the day: Ran Kennedy, Coy Miller, and Benny Larisey. Report of Standing Committees. Dismissed by prayer for recess by Bro. Leon Powell.

Reconvened at 11:00 am with the congregational song: "Come Unto Me," and prayer by Bro. C. B. Dowdney for offering and opening prayer. Special singing by host church, "I'm So Glad He Found Me," and "I've Come Too Far To Look Back," and "Thank You Lord For Your Blessings On Me." Morning Message by Bro. James Roebuck, Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church. After alter call with 13 people responding for rededication we were dismissed in prayer by Bro. J. B. Mercer.

Afternoon Session

Began with Congregational singing, "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms," led by Bro. Dowdney with Annette Mercer accompanying and "Rescue the Perishing." Prayer by Bro. C. D. Purvis. The afternoon devotional was by Bro. Bill Lewis. Entered into business session: Finance Committee reported which was received by vote. Report of the Ordaining Council (see reports) Mission Board Committee reported & received by vote. Resolution Committee reported with one resolution: Resolved that we give the host church, Hahira F. W. B., a rising vote of thanks for the fine noon meal. The Nominating Committee reported and recommended that Bro. J. C. Plair to fulfill Bro. John T. Cook's unexpired term on the Board of Trustees, the nomination was carried.

The Board of Christian Education reported on the L. R. Youth Camps, April 22-23 pre-teens, and April 29-30, teens. Also, announced the Camp Mt. Bethel regular summer camp program.

Bro. C. B. Dowdney gave a report on some of our state programs and also on the Dublin work where he is now ministering. Minister/Deacons meeting report was given by Bro. C. M. Chafin. The next meeting will be at Sunnyside on September 17, 1977.

The Ordaining Council reported by Bro. Tom Hamilton. Met April 16, with Bro. Rollie Stankowitz to give him permission to preach under the watch care of this Association. Motion was carried to receive their motion thereby giving approval of their action taken. Clarification was made concerning ministers coming into the L. R. Association. The decision was made by the Moderator with the consensus of the body, to allow a minister (under the watchcare of the L. R. Association is able to

fulfill the duties of his office including, preaching the word, baptising, and conducting Communion and Feet Washing services and marriages.

Miscellaneous announcements were made from the floor. The minutes were approved as read and we were adjourned in prayer.

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CREDENTIALS REPORT:

Churches reporting	Ministers	Deacons	Delegates
15	11	57	21
TOTAL		89	

Mission Board Treasurer's Report:

Balance 1-15-77	\$317.95
Received January	<u>42.00</u>
	\$359.95
Paid out	<u>90.00</u>
Balance 4-16-77	\$269.95

C. M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND \$1,453.87 DATE January 15, 1977DisbursementsModerator Honorarium 7.50Clerk Honorarium 10.00Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB- Coop. Plan 80.45Bible Institute Printing Minutes Postage 6.24Supplies Association 42.00
Missions TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$146.19ReceiptsAssociation Support 259.00Association Missions 50.00Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB - Coop. Plan 83.50Bible Institute TOTAL RECEIPTS 392.50BALANCE after Disbursements \$1,307.68 Balance to Date \$1,700.18

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Benny Lantry
ChairmanCoy Miller
MemberJ.R. Kennedy
Member

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptist was convened at Sunny Side Free Will Baptist Church on January 15, 1977 at 9:30. The theme was "Sanctify Yourself" and scripture taken from Joshua 3:5. Song and prayer service began with "Jesus Saves" and "Amazing Grace". Prayer by Rev. Adam Scott. The moderator introduced the morning devotional speaker Bro. Everett Williams and asked that we have a spiritual meeting. We were welcomed by Bro. Tom Hamilton with response by Bro. C. M. Chafin. The Moderator (Rev. J. B. Mercer) then called the meeting to order.

The Credentials Committee reported (see committee reports). MSC to receive report and seat the delegates. Recognized visitors - Bro Rollie Stankowitz from Ocilla with three members.

The Finance committee was appointed: Bro. Coy Miller, Bro. Herbert Waid and Sister Lynda McMillan.

The Executive Committee reported as having met with the group from Ocilla to discuss their becoming a part of this Association meeting. MS to accept partial report of Executive Committee with report to be completed later. Carried.

Ordaining Council to meet with interested persons during lunch hour. No report from Board of Trustees. Status of Bible Institute Board is enactive as reported by Bro. Billy Sumner. Mission Board report by Bro. C. M. Chafin. MSC to accept report. (See committee reports). Report for Board of Christian Education given by Bro. James Roebuck. Met on November 5 & 6 at Camp Mt. Bethel with 106 attending. It was cold but we all had a real good time. Bro. Gary Page was the speaker. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed it and we intend to have more activities of this kind. MSC to accept report as information. Dismissed for recess by Bro. Amos McMillan.

Reconvened at 11:00 with song "Old Time Power" and prayer by Rev. Amos McMillan. Special singing by host church "That's The Man I'm Looking For," and "Press On It Won't Be Very Long." Morning message by Bro. Clarence McMillan, White Hall Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross.

AFTERNOON SESSION: began with congregational singing "He Keeps Me Singing" prayer by Bro. Bill Lewis. Evening devotional by Bro. L. J. Chambless. Entered into business session with report from Ordaining Council. MSC to adopt report from Ordaining Council.

The Executive Committee met with church group from Ocilla. A letter from the church was read. MS that report be accepted and that this church be accepted into the Little River Association. Carried.

Moderator welcomed them into the Little River Association.

Resolutions Committee report by Bro. Adam Scott. Move that we extend to the host church rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Seconded, Carried.

MSC to accept report of committee of Finance. Report from Board of Christian Education accepted as information.

Move and Second to move April Quarterly meeting from 16th to 9th because of conflict with Regional Woman's Auxiliary Retreat at Camp Mt. Bethel. 12 positive 31 negative. Move was not carried.

Report from state by Bro. James Roebuck. He ask that we be sure to support state missions.

Bro. Rollie Stankowitz given right hand of Christian fellowship by our Moderator.

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Report from Board of Camping and Christian Education by Bro. Amos McMillan requesting that churches give \$25 to Camp Mt. Bethel for food and supplies for the pantry.

MS to accept reading of minutes. Carried.

MS to adjourn. Adjourned in prayer by Bro. Tommy Sumner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MISSION FUND TREASURY:

Balance	10-31	\$407.95	
Paid out	11-1	30.00	Submitted by:
Paid out	12-1	30.00	C. M. Chafin, Jr.
Paid out	1-1	<u>30.00</u>	
Balance	1-15-77	\$317.95	

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

We your Executive Committee met since the last session, with a newly organized mission in Ocilla which since this meeting has organized themselves into a church.

This group has representatives with us today desiring to become a part, of the Little River Association.

Moderator: J. B. Mercer
C. M. Chafin, Jr.
L. D. Wynn
Executive Committee of Little River
Association Members.

ORDAINING COUNCIL: The Ordaining Council met January 15, 1977 at Sunny Side Church with the following members present: Rev. Clarence McMillan, Rev. Tom Hamilton, Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. Adam Scott and Rev. L. J. Chambless.

There was no business claiming the attention of the Council. In accord with the request of Bemiss church, and in compliance to the directions of the LR Association William B. Lewis having met the requirements of this Association, was ordained to the ministry October 31, 1976 at Bemiss Church.

We recommend that Bro. Lewis be extended the hand of fellowship as an ordained minister by our Moderator.

Clarence McMillan, Chmn.
Tom Hamilton, Secretary

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

Delegates = 65 Pastors = 11 Deacons = 16 Churches = 15

Visitors = 4 TOTAL ATTENDANCE = 96

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND \$1,355.47 DATE 10-16-76

Disbursements

Moderator Honorarium 7.50

Clerk Honorarium 10.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB- Coop. Plan 64.98

Bible Institute

Printing Minutes 55.62

Postage 7.20

Supplies

Association 30.00

Missions
State Assoc Dues 40.00

\$25/3 delegates 75.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 290.30

Receipts

Association Support \$266.25

Association Missions 42.00

Ga. State Assoc. of
FWB - Coop. Plan \$80.45

Bible Institute

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$388.70

BALANCE after Disbursements \$1065.17 Balance to Date \$1,453.87

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Coy Miller
Chairman

Lynnda McMillen
Member

Herbert Wain
Member