



MINUTES  
of the  
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION  
of the  
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES  
of the  
STATE OF GEORGIA  
affiliated with the  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
  
when convened at the  
FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
WARE COUNTY  
GEORGIA  
  
on  
OCTOBER 20, 1979

Minutes of all 1979 Quarterly Meetings Included

# OFFICERS

<u>MODERATOR</u>	J. B. Mercer	<u>CLERK/TREASURER</u>	Herbert Waid
<u>ASSISTANT</u>	William J. Barksdale	<u>ASSISTANT</u>	C. M. Chafin, Jr.

## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Buddy Hartsfield	1980
James Martin Wilson	1981
J. C. Arnold	1982
C. M. Chafin, Jr.	1983
L. D. Wynn	1984
J. B. Mercer	Moderator
Herbert Waid	Clerk/Treasurer

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Everett Williams	1980
Adam Scott	1981
C. L. McMillan	1982
R. S. Hayes	1983
William J. Sumner	1984

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Geraldine Waid	Chairman
Willie Williams	
Lorene Miller	

Benny Hamilton	1980
Larry Spires	1981
Audie Williams	1982
C. D. Purvis	1983
J. C. Plair	1984

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thomas G. Hamilton	Chairman
John T. Cook	
Woodrow Herndon	

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

C. D. Purvis	Chairman
Coy Miller	
Buddy Hartsfield	

### MISSIONS BOARD

C. M. Chafin, Jr.	1980
Ran Kennedy	1981
Larry Spires	1982
Audie Williams	1983
Jesse Pope	1984

### BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

J. W. Franks	1980
Herbert Waid	1981
Earl Ridley	1982
Everett Williams	1983
Johnny Morgan	1984

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William J. Sumner	1980
Adam Scott	1981
Riley Giddens	1982
Herbert Waid	1983
Johnny Griffin	1984

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# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S STATISTICAL REPORT OF ASSOCIATION'S TOTALS

A. CHURCHES	13
B. MEMBERSHIP:	
1. Received by Baptism	25
2. Received by Other Means	41
3. Total Received (1 & 2)	69
4. Total Lost to Church Rolls	177
5. Resident Members	864
6. Nonresident members	149
7. Total Membership (5 & 6)	1,013
C. VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	
1. Parsonages	165,000
2. Other	419,000
3. All Church Property (1 & 2)	584,000
D. ORDAINED PERSONNEL:	
1. Ministers	15
2. Licensees	2
3. Deacons	38
E. SUPPORTING MINISTRIES:	UNITS AVERAGE ATTENDANCE
1. Sunday Schools	12 404
2. Church Training Services	5 137
3. Woman's Auxiliaries	5 31
4. Master's Men Chapters	2 13
5. Regular Prayer Services	10 188
6. Regular Visitation Programs	2
7. Vacation Bible Schools	1 87
F. RECEIPTS	141,042
G. EXPENDITURES:	
1. Pastor's Salaries	50,107
2. Property Improvements (including loans)	29,914
3. Debt Retirement	3,027
4. Other Local Expenditures	55,877
5. Total Local Expenditures (1 through 4)	138,925
6. Outside Giving	6,594
7. Total Expenditures	145,519
8. Percentage of Total Expenditures given Outside Causes	4.5%
9. Percentage of Receipts given to Outside causes	4.7%

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE'S STATISTICAL REPORT OF CHURCHES' TOTALS

CHURCHES	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	VALUE OF PROPERTY	PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT	TOTAL RECEIPTS	PAID PASTOR	OUTSIDE GIVING	**TOTAL PAID OUT
Cool Springs	88	3	\$80,000	\$2,950	\$14,560	\$6,500	\$1,197	\$14,528
Corinth	101	6	40,000		13,768	6,600	1,808	14,560
Forest Hill	25	1	8,000		2,926	1,452	50	2,369
Friendship	44	4	18,000	10,019	6,923	3,000	98	14,388
Hahira, First	95	4	80,000		12,952	4,800	536	13,036
Homerville	161	1	100,000		22,573	9,100	982	23,640
Ozias	97	5	75,000	12,133	18,218	5,200	827	22,100
Pine Level	136	12		1,152	14,068	5,376		7,989
Sunny Side	36		18,000	650	3,381	1,423	268	3,527
Tifton, First	55	2	42,000		5,449	2,255		4,751
Valdosta, First	49	10	100,000	3,010	6,286	2,376	245	6,012
White Hall	80	21			14,876			14,592
Zion Hill	46		23,000		5,062	2,025	583	4,027

\*\*Debt Retirement and miscellaneous local expenses included but not shown elsewhere.

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## LITTLE RIVER MINISTER AND DEACON FELLOWSHIP

The Little River Ministers and Deacons Conference met Saturday, March 17, 1979 at Friendship Church. After singing by group and a special by a duet from Friendship we heard a very inspiring message by Bro. Joseph Alday. Opened business session. We had 10 ministers and 20 deacons present. Bro. Herbert Waide was appointed Moderator due to absence of regular moderator. After our oral reports from each church we were dismissed for fellowship and food in social hall.

J. B. Mercer, Moderator  
C. M. Chafin, Jr., Clerk

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The fall session of the Little River Minister and Deacon Fellowship was held at White Hall Church on September 15, 1979. After special singing by a group from their church, Bro. Billy Sumner brought a very good message from Galatians 4: 1-7.

Meeting called to order by Moderator. Roll call made--we had 11 ministers and 15 deacons present. Oral reports were given by the churches that were represented. Next session to convene with First Valdosta in March 1980. Motion made and carried to retain moderator and clerk for another year. Dismissed for fellowship and food in social hall.

J. B. Mercer, Moderator  
C. M. Chafin, Jr., Clerk

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance 3-17-79	\$ 26.57
Received 3-17-79	47.00
TOTAL	\$ 73.57
Received 9-15-79	36.50
TOTAL BALANCE	\$110.07
Paid out Orphan's Home	50.00
BALANCE	\$ 60.07

C. M. Chafin, Jr.,  
Clerk/Treasurer

#### OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

COOL SPRINGS CHURCH  
J. C. Weeks Born Jan. 15, 1902. Died Aug. 24, 1979

CORINTH CHURCH  
Mrs. C. P. (Ma) Bethea Born Nov. 29, 1892 Died Aug. 24, 1979

FOREST HILL CHURCH  
Curtis Hayes Born Dec. 7, 1891 Died Oct. 7, 1978  
Frank Hayes Born June 29, 1894 Died Aug. 27, 1979  
Junita Labadie Died July 28, 1979

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH  
Mr. J. W. Herndon Died April 1979

PINE LEVEL CHURCH  
Mrs. Jessie M. Hartsfield " Mar. 20, 1909 Died Dec. 31, 1978

SUNNY SIDE CHURCH  
Sister Annie Douglas Born Mar. 17, 1900 Died July 29, 1979

WHITE HALL CHURCH  
Mary Lucille Crawford Born Mar. 23, 1918 Died May 19, 1979  
John Harvey Beverly Born June 4, 1897 Died Oct. 2, 1979  
Marvin Buchanan Born Mar. 3, 1916 Died Sept. 16, 1979  
Marvin Paten White Born May 31, 1908 Died May 23, 1979

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Myrtice Giddens, Chmn., Elva Baker and  
Leona Williams

#### LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL SESSION

AT THE FRIENDSHIP FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH ON OCTOBER 20, 1979

THEME: Prayer

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:9-13

#### MORNING PRELIMINARIES

The song leaders for the day were Brothers John L. and Woodrow Herndon. Sister Anna Bennett played for each service. Opening prayer was by Brother Frank Beverly. Brother B. L. Shivar brought the morning devotions. Brother Woodrow Herndon welcomed the Association; Brother Clarence L. McMillan gave the response.

#### MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Brother Thomas Hamilton. Sister Geraldine Waid, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, reported that all of the church clerks had cooperated by sending in their annual letters soon enough to enable her to compile, and have copied, a resume of our churches annual statistics which was handed out to the delegates. \*Thirteen churches reported; 13 ministers, 2 licensees, 20 deacons, and 55 elected delegates were present giving us 90 voting members for the day. All elected and appointed delegates were seated by vote of the standing delegates.

The chairman appointed Brothers Earl Ridley and William Barksdale and Sister Willie Williams to serve as the Finance Committee for the day.

The chairman appointed Sisters Myrtice Giddens, Elva Barker, and Leona Willis to serve as the Obituary Committee for the day.

Minutes of the previous session were read and approved with one correction pointed out by the clerk, namely, that he had omitted the action of the Association electing Brother William Sumner to the State Mission Board at our July 28, 1979 session.

The Board of Christian Education reported that on September 29, 1979, it sponsored a Youth Rally at the Hahira Free Will Baptist church at 7:30 p.m. The speaker was Mr. Randy Brinson, a "born again" medical student. Some 60 people were in attendance. A hearty thanks to the Ozias young people for rendering outstanding special music. Also Bill and Wanda Cooper helped in the preliminaries, leading the testimony service and providing exciting games. Let us say "Thank you" to all of the adults who supported your young people in helping to get them there but especially we thank the Lord for the great young people He has given to us to participate in such a rally.

\*By motion of the Association, the Pine Level and Ozias pastors were allowed to fill vacancies in their voting delegation even though their clerks failed to denote such authorization by their churches on their report to the Association.

Having been petitioned by the Hahira church to examine and ordain their pastor, Brother David Cooper; and the Sunny Side church to examine and ordain their pastor, Brother Rowan Sirmans, the Association authorized the Ordaining Council to so examine.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

After a song service, a Georgia State Cooperative Program offering of \$74.02 was received. Brother Buddy Hartsfield was appointed by the Chairman to serve on the Nominating Committee for the day. From the Pine Level Church, Brother Buddy Hartsfield, Sisters Brenda Hartsfield, and Freda and Mona Powell rendered special music. Brother J. B. Mercer brought the morning message. The Host Pastor, Brother B. L. Shivar, directed the Association concerning the serving of the noon meal and Brother Woodrow Herndon prayed the benediction on the service and the blessing on the noon meal.

## AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Following congregation singing, Brother Fred Baker led in prayer. Brother John L. Herndon and Sisters Woodrow Herndon and Leah Shivar rendered special music. Brother Herbert Waid brought the afternoon devotions.

## AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Brother J. B. Mercer, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, asked for and received a standing vote of appreciation for the fine way the Host Church, with the cooperation of the Zion Hill Church, hosted the Association.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer of the Little River Mission Board, reported:

Previous Balance	\$275.95
Paid out last quarter	60.00
Balance-October 20, 1979	\$215.95

The Ordaining Council reported that neither Brother Sirmans nor Brother Cooper had yet fulfilled their period of licensing requirement. Therefore, action to examine had been deferred until such time as they have so completed their licensing period.

The churches which were selected by rotation to host the Association in 1980 all stated that they would so host the Association. Thereupon, the Association voted to accept these invitations for 1980.

The Obituary Committee Chairman, Sister Myrtice Giddens, reported and Brother R. S. Hayes led the congregation in prayer.

Brother Earl Ridley, Chairman of the Finance Committee for the day, reported.

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The proposed "Government and Ordinances; Associational Decorum; Ministerial Relations; Constitution and Constitutional By-Laws" were taken from the table by motion. Brother Clarence L. McMillan made the motion to adopt the above document and to have 300 copies printed. The motion was unanimously carried by all who were voting.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., reminded the Association of the current "Harvest Drive" for the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Box 8, Eldridge, AL 35554.

Four delegates were elected for our State Association, November 15-17, 1979, at the First Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia. They were: Sisters Latrelle Barksdale; Nadyne Scott; Jane Sumner and Geraldine Waid. Sister Margie Cooper was elected as an alternate. The Clerk was authorized to send \$60 to the State Executive Office for our Little River Association representation fees. Also, the Clerk was instructed to give to each of the above elected delegates, upon registering, \$25 to help with their personal expenses. The Clerk was also authorized to fill vacancies at the State meeting if all elected delegates and the alternate are not present.

The Nominating Committee Chairman, Brother William Sumner, reported. All nominees were elected as nominated.

Motion was made to stand to show appreciation to the outgoing Moderator and to all of the 1979 officers and committee, board and council members for the way they had served the Association.

Brother William Barksdale led in the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk

## SCHEDULE OF CHURCHES HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION

1980		1982*	
Ozias	January 19	Pine Level	January 16
Forest Hill	April 19	Zion Hill	April 17
Sunny Side	July 26	Homerville	July 31
Hahira	October 18	Corinth	October 16
1981*		1983*	
Valdosta	January 17	Friendship	January 15
White Hall	April 18	Ozias	April 16
Cool Springs	July 25	Forest Hill	July 30
Tifton	October 17	Sunny Side	October 15

\*Unconfirmed

# FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND July 28, 1979 \$1,702.43

## DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$7.50
Clerk Honorarium	10.00
Georgia State Cooperative Program	76.91
Association Missions	44.00
Postmaster:	
1 roll of 100 15¢ stamps	
10 Post Cards @ 10¢ each	16.00
Mrs. Harlene Causey, Copying	10.50
Telephone:	
\$35.63 plus \$1.07 tax	36.70
2.43 plus .07 tax	2.50
Mrs. Wanda Cooper, Typing:	
July 28, 1979 Minutes X 1	\$1.25
October 20, 1979 Programs X 1	1.50
Moody Printing Company:	
300 July 28, 1979 Minutes	\$9.50 X 3
130 October 20, 1979 Programs	9.50 X 1
Tax	1.52
	39.52

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 246.38

BALANCE October 19, 1979 \$1,456.05

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk/Treasurer

## October 20, 1979 RECEIPTS

Association Support	\$ 225.25
Association Missions	25.00
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 740.2

TOTAL RECEIPTS 324.27

BALANCE ON HAND October 20, 1979 \$1,780.32

Finance Committee: (please sign)

<i>Earl Riddle</i> Chairman	<i>William J. Barbak</i> Member	<i>Willie Williams</i> Member
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10/23/1979 Received from Homerville \$30.00

REVISED BALANCE ON HAND \$1,810.32 *A.W.*

# MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GEORGIA FREE WILL BAPTISTS January 20, 1979, Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church

## MORNING PRELIMINARIES

The song leader for the day was Brother J. W. Franks. Sister Margaret Williams played for the opening service. Opening prayer was by Brother Audie Williams. Morning Devotions were by Brother Riley Giddens speaking from Acts 2:34-36. Welcome was by Brother J. C. Arnold; Response was by Brother Jerry Wishum.

## MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by Moderator, Brother Tom Hamilton. Credentials Chairwoman, Sister Geraldine Waid reported: all churches reported; 12 of 13 pastors were present; 2 of 6 other ministers were present; 15 deacons, and 50 delegates were also present giving us 79 total voting members for the day. The delegates were seated. The Chair recognized our visitors: Brother James Roebuck, State Clerk, and Brother A. C. Truluck. A finance committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Brother Johnny Bennett; Sister Fannie Mizell; Brother J. W. Franks. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed. Brother Roebuck gave a report on the recent State Meeting and Brother Truluck gave greetings.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing was led by Brother J. W. Franks, accompanied by Sister Ann Mercer. Brother Everett Williams led in the opening prayer. Georgia State Cooperative Fund Offering of \$72.48 was received. Special music was rendered by a trio from our Pine Level Church. Message was by Brother Herbert Waid who spoke on "The Lordship of Christ" using Acts 2:34-36 as his text. The Host Pastor, Brother Tom Hamilton, gave directions for the noon meal. Brother L. J. Chambliss led the prayer of benediction and blessing on the noon meal.

## AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing again was led by Brother J. W. Franks and Sister Ann Mercer. Brother Adam Scott led in the opening prayer and then brought the afternoon devotions.

## AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Brother J. B. Mercer reported for the Resolutions Committee, recommending:

(1) That the proposed State Unified Minister's Ordination Standard, Application, and Examination be voted on at our next regular session, April 14, 1979, thereby giving us time to study it thoroughly. Moreover, the Ordaining Council be instructed to study the said document and to bring us a motion to either accept or reject it at our next session.

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January 20, 1979 Session  
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(2) That the Association Decorum, Article # 5, be deleted and in its place the following be inserted, "The Minutes of the previous session shall be read in the morning business meeting and acted upon by the body."

(3) That we all rise as a "vote of thanks" to the Zion Hill and Friendship Churches for the fine way they entertained us today. Motions # 1 and # 3 were carried. Motion # 2 was accepted to be acted upon at our next regular meeting, April 14, 1979, in accordance with our Constitution, Article X, Alterations or Amendments.

The Finance Committee's report was received.

The Ordaining Council's Secretary, Brother Adam Scott, reported that they had met today with all members present. Also, at our last Annual Session, October 14, 1978, Brother Joseph W. Alday, Pastor elect of Friendship Church, was recommended by our Council for ordination. The Council met at White Hall Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross, Georgia, November 1, 1978, and carried out the ordination service for Brother Alday. We then gave Brother Alday a Bible commemorating his ordination.

Christian Education and Camping board member, Brother Rowan Sirmans gave a report which was received as information.

Little River Mission Board Treasurer, Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr. reported that on October 1, 1978 their balance was \$72.95. That month they received \$52. Until today, they have spent out \$60 leaving them a balance on hand of \$64.95.

Brother Jerry Wishum, Secretary of the Nomination Committee reported their recommendations that, since Brother Benny Larisey has left our Association:

(1) That his position on our Association Mission Board be filled by Brother Larry Spires, through 1982.

(2) That his position on the Georgia State Mission Board for 1979, be filled by Brother Alton Everson. Brothers Larry Spires and Alton Everson were so elected.

After a motion to adjourn, Brother A. C. Truluck prayed the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND October 14 (19), 1978 \$1,949.07

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$7.50
Clerk Honorarium	10.00
Georgia State Cooperative Fund	68.08
Association Missions	30.00
Alabama Childerns Home	200.00
Georgia State Delegate Fee	60.00
Georgia State Delegate Expenses (3x\$25)	75.00
1978 Annual Minutes, Typing	12.00
1978 Annual Minutes, Printing	91.52
Quarterly Report Forms	8.84
January 20, 1979 Programs	8.84
Zion Hill Church Maps	2.00
Ordaining Council Bible (for Brother Alday)	21.50
Postage (100 15¢ Stamps)	15.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 610.28

BALANCE January 19, 1979 \$1,338.79

January 20, 1979 RECEIPTS

Association Support	\$247.00
Association Missions	45.00
Georgia State Cooperative Fund Offering	72.48
TOTAL RECEIPTS	364.48

BALANCE ON HAND January 20, 1979 \$1,703.27

Finance Committee: (please sign)

<i>Johnny Bennett</i> Chairman	<i>James McGill</i> Member	<i>J. W. Frazier</i> Member
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# MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

## OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

At Homerville Free Will Baptist Church

On April 14, 1979

THEME: "The Church and Missions"

Matthew 28:18-20 & Acts 1:8

## MORNING PRELIMINARIES

The song leader for the day was Brother Buddy Hartsfield. Sister Freeda Powell played for the opening service. Opening prayer was by Brother H. M. Hamilton. Morning devotions were by Brother C. L. McMillan on the subject, "Source of Authority." Welcome was by Brother Frank Dean; response was by Brother L. J. Chambless.

## MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by Moderator, Brother Tom Hamilton. Credentials Chairwoman, Sister Geraldine Waid, reported: all churches reported, 12 of 13 pastors were present, 2 of 6 other ministers and one licensee were present. 19 deacons and 44 delegates were also present giving us 78 voting members for the day. The delegates were seated. A finance committee for the day was appointed by the chair: Brothers Buddy Smith and Jerry Wishum and Sister Savilla Hayes. Minutes of the previous meeting were read with the following correction, submitted by the clerk, pertaining to:

page 2, (3), the last part which states, "in accordance with our Constitution, Article X, Alterations of Amendments." Rather, this part should have stated, "in accordance with Associational Decorum, # 13." Let it hereby be noted that: (1) this was the clerk's mistake, (2) fundamentally, this has nothing to do with the intent of the motion, only with procedure, (3) therefore, we should act upon this motion today, in good faith, as it was presented to this body at our previous regular session.

The minutes were approved as corrected.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Congregational singing was led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield, accompanied by Sisters Mary Lynn Ayers and Melanie Brown. Prayer was by Brother Duane Scott. Special music was rendered by Mrs. Naydine Scott and son, Duane. Message was by Brother Billy Sumner speaking on the subject, "The Great Commission." The ministers of the Association came forward for an altar of prayer led by Brother Herbert Waid. Thereafter, a Georgia State Cooperative Offering of \$62.02 was received. The host pastor, Brother Adam Scott, gave directions for the noon meal. Brother J. B. Mercer led the prayer of benediction and blessing on the noon meal.

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## AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing again was led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield and Sister Freeda Powell. Brother Eddie Williams led in prayer. Afternoon devotions were by Brother Jerry Wishum on the subject, "His Promised Presence."

## AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

In a motion submitted by the Ordaining Council's Secretary, Brother Adam Scott, the Ordaining Council unanimously recommended that our Association accept and adopt the proposed Unified Minister's Ordination Standard, Application, and Examination recommended by The Georgia State Association. The motion was unanimously carried.

Brother J. B. Mercer, reporting for the Resolutions Committee, made a motion that we give the host church, Homerville, a rising vote of thanks for the fine way they served us during the noon hour. It carried.

The Finance Committee's report was received.

Association Mission Board Treasurer, Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr. reported:

Previous Balance .....	\$64.95
Receipts.....	45.00
Paid Out.....	60.00
Balance to Date.....	49.95

Christian Education and Camping Board member, Brother Rowan Sirmans, reported that the Board sponsored a work day at Camp Mt. Bethel on March 30/31, 1979, with 10 adults and 10 young people helping. Work that was done: washing and cleaning of buildings, painting of the Snack Bar, putting paneling in the Chapel, and installing a washing machine. He also asked the Association to help Camp Mt. Bethel by praying, giving and attending.

Complying with our Associational Decorum, # 13, the motion to delete Article #5 of our Associational Decorum and in its place, to insert, "The Minutes of the previous session shall be read in the morning business meeting and acted upon by the body," was carried.

Brother J. B. Mercer moved that we transfer \$200 from our general treasury to our Mission Board treasury. The motion carried.

After a motion to adjourn was carried, Brother Adam Scott prayed the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk

# FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND January 20 (22), 1979 \$1,703.27

## DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$7.50	
Clerk Honorarium	10.00	
Georgia State Cooperative Fund	72.48	
Association Missions	45.00	
Wanda Cooper, Typing:		
January 1979 Minutes		
April 1979 Program	4.00	
Moody Printing Company, Printing:		
500 Quarterly Report Forms	\$15.00	
300 Finance Reports	8.50	
300 Minutes, page #1	8.50	
300 Minutes, page #2	8.50	
130 Programs	8.50	
Tax	1.96	50.96
Moody Printing Company, Printing:		
1976 Annual Minutes	120.00	
Tax	4.80	124.80
Postage (50 10¢ Postcards)		5.00

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 319.74

BALANCE April 13, 1979 \$1,383.53

Respectfully Submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk

## April 14, 1979 RECEIPTS

Association Support	\$241.50
Association Missions	42.00
Georgia State Cooperative Fund Offering	62.02

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$345.52

BALANCE ON HAND April 14, 1979 \$1,729.05

Finance Committee: (please sign)

*Budd Smith* Chairman  
*John Washburn* Member  
*Mrs R.S. Hayes* Member

MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
AT: Corinth Free Will Baptist Church On: July 28, 1979  
THEME: "A Powerful Church SCRIPTURE: Luke 24:49/Acts 2:41-47

## MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing led by Brother L. D. Wynn and Sister Margaret Williams. Opening prayer by Brother J. B. Mercer. Morning devotions by Brother Billy Sumner, "A Praying Church." Welcome by Brother Herbert Waid; response by Brother Rowan Sirmans.

## MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by Moderator, Brother Tom Hamilton. Credentials Chairman, Sister Geraldine Waid, stated: all 13 churches reported; Attending were 10 pastors, 2 other ministers, 1 licensee, 25 deacons and 51 church delegates giving us 89 voting members for the day. Sister Waid's motion to seat church delegates was carried. Credentials Committee Chairman's motion carried. Brothers C. B. Dowdney and William J. Barksdale were recognized as visitors. The moderator appointed finance committee: Brothers Don Hayes and Rowan Sirmans and Sister Nadyne Scott. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed.

## MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service led by Brother J. W. Franks and Sister Wanda Cooper. Prayer by Brother Everett Williams. Special music by Sister Wanda Cooper. A GA State Cooperative Program offering of \$76.91 was received. Message by Brother Adam Scott, "A Proclaiming Church." Host pastor, Brother Herbert Waid, gave directions for the noon meal, led the prayer of benediction and the blessing on the noon meal.

## AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service led by Brother J. W. Franks and Sister Wanda Cooper. Brother C. B. Dowdney led in prayer. Afternoon devotions by Brother Joseph W. Alday, "A Praying Church."

## AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Brother C. B. Dowdney, GA State Executive Secretary, gave a report. Mission Board Treasurer, Brother C. M. Chafin, reported; April 14, 1979 balance brought forward \$49.95. Received \$242. Total on hand \$291.95. Paid out for this quarter \$60. July 28, 1979 Balance on hand \$231.95. Brother Adam Scott, Ordaining Council Secretary, reported all members of the Council were present. Having received a letter of recommendation from Union Association and having examined Brother William J. Barksdale, the Council recommended him to the Association to be accepted as a Minister in good standing. This motion carried and the Moderator, in the name of the Association, welcomed him into our fellowship. The Moderator appointed Brother C. D. Purvis in place of Brother Alton Everson on the Nominating Committee.

The Clerk presented a revised, "Government and Ordinances, Associational Decorum, Ministerial Relations, Constitution, and Constitutional By-Laws" which was tabled until our next regular session, October 20, 1979. The Resolutions Comm. asked for and received a rising vote of thanks for the way Corinth Church hosted the Association. After a motion to adjourn was carried, Brother C. L. McMillan prayed the benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

*Herbert Waid*  
Herbert Waid, Clerk

# FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND April 14, 1979 \$1,729.05

## DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$7.50
Clerk Honorarium	10.00
Georgia State Cooperative Fund	62.02
Association Missions	42.00
Association Missions	200.00
Wanda Cooper, Typing:	
April 1979 Minutes	
July 1979 Programs	4.00
Moody Printing Company, Printing:	
300 April Minutes	
130 July Programs	35.36
Mr. David Roy Hege, Copying	10.40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS 371.28

BALANCE July 28, 1979 \$1,357.77

Respectfully Submitted,

Herbert Wald  
Herbert Wald, Clerk

## July 28, 1979 RECEIPTS

Association Support	<u>223.75</u>
Association Missions	<u>44.00</u>
Georgia State Cooperative Fund Offering	<u>76.91</u>

TOTAL RECEIPTS 344.66

BALANCE ON HAND July 28, 1979 \$1,702.43

Finance Committee: (please sign)

Dan Hayes  
Chairman

Rona Sumers  
Member

Nadine Scott  
Member

NOTE: Credentials Committee Chairman's motion as stated in minutes.

## MOTION

To facilitate the Credentials Committee in making its annual statistical report during the initial business meeting of the annual session of the Little River Association, I move:

- I. That the Associational Clerk mail to the clerk of each church:
  - A. the annual report form.
  - B. a postage paid envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Associational Credentials Committee.
- II. That the clerk of each church:
  - A. complete the form.
  - B. keep the last one, 'COPY 4', for future reference.
  - C. remove and discard the carbon paper sheets.
  - D. no later than one (1) week prior to the annual session of the Association, mail the other sheets, copies 1, 2, and 3, using the postage paid envelope addressed to the Chairman of the Associational Credentials Committee.
- III. That the Credentials Committee:
  - A. compile a statistical report of the churches' totals.
  - B. have it reproduced for handing out at the annual session of the Association.
- IV. Any church that does not have their report in early enough to be included, shall also be included in the statistical reports printed in the annual minutes of the Association.

Geraldine Wald  
Geraldine Wald, Chairman  
Credentials Committee  
Little River Association