MINUTES

of the

SEVENTY-FOURTH 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

FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF HAHIRA LOWNDES COUNTY

GEORGIA

on

OCTOBER 18, 1980

Minutes of all 1980 Quarterly Meetings Included

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	в.	MEME	BERSHIP:			•		
		1. 2. 3,	Received by Baptism Received by Other Means Total Received (1 & 2)			ł.,	35 52 87	
		4.	Total Lost to Church Rolls				93	
		5. 6. 7.	Resident Members Nonresident Members Total Membership (5 & 6)			1	836 183 1,019	
	с.	VALU	JE OF CHURCH PROPERTY					
		1. 2. 3.	Parsonages Other All Church Property (1 & 2)			4	\$213,000 \$585,000 \$798,000	
1	D.	ORD	AINED PERSONNEL:					
		1. 2.	Ministers Licensees				15	
		3.	Deacons	ю			46	
	Ε.	SUPI	PORTING MINISTRIES:	UNI	TS	AVERAGE	ATTENDANCE	
		1. 2.	Sunday Schools Church Training Services		12 6	X	441 170	
		3. 4.	Woman's Auxiliaries Master's Men Chapters	51	5 2		30 9	
		5. 6.	Regular Prayer Services Regular Visitation Programs		10 6		261	
		7.	Vacation Bible Schools		4		154	
	F.	REC	EIPTS (Including Loans):				\$1,76,790	
	G.	EXP	ENDITURES: ·					
		1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Pastor's Salaries Property Improvements (Incl Debt Retirement Other Local Expenditures Total Local Expenditures (1		Loans)	\$ 70,817 \$ 30,831 \$ 18,880 \$ 35,925 \$156,453	
		6.	Outside Giving	a'			\$, 8,957	
		7.	Total Expenditures				- \$165,410	1
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OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret to report the following members have gone to be with the Lord during the last Associational year:

CORINTH Mrs. G. M. (Ella) Kirkland Mrs. Ida Belle O'Neal	BORN Dec. 23, 1902 March 9, 1908	DIED Aug. 2,7, 1980 June 22, 1980
FOREST HILD Charlie Dunn	1902	, April 27, 1980
Rev. Mack T. Goff	1899	April 10, 1980
FRIENDSHIP Taylor Paulk		Sept. 1980
OZIAS ·		
Frank Bennett	Aug. 15, 1922	Nov. 27, 1979
PINE LEVEL		1
W. T. Porter	Oct. 1901	Sept. 1980
SUNNY SIDE Mrs. Fannie Brown	Oct. 5, 1905	New 17 1080
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TIFTON, FIRST Mrs. J. L. (Etta Mae) Franks	0at 5 1900	0-1 0 1000
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John Harvey Beverly Jeff Chancey	June 4, 1892	Oct. 2, 1979
Mrs. Stella Chancey	May 18, 1930 June 14, 1908	June 18, 1980
Mrs. Linnie Moody	Jan. 7, 1918	Dec. 31, 1979 Nov. 4, 1979
Mr. Riley Price	March 2, 1900	Dec. 11, 1979
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Fannie M	izell, Chairman,	Harlene Causey

EMBERS: Fannie Mizell, Chairman, Harlene Causey and Lorene Miller

SCHEDULE OF CHURCHES HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION

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Valdosta White Hall Cool Springs Tifton	January `April July October	18 25	Friendship Ozias Forest Hill Sunny Side	January April July October	16 30
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Pine Level Zion Hill Homerville Corinth	January April July October	17 31	Hahira Valdosta White Hall Cool Springs	January April July October	14 28
*Unconfirmed					

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL SESSION October 18, 1980, at First Free Will Baptist Church of Habira THEME: "Stand Therefore" SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 6:13-14

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother Audie Williams and Sister Margaret Williams. Brother C. B. Dowdney, Georgia State Executive Secretary, led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Brother Billy Sumner. Welcome was by Brother Billy Sumner and response was by Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Brother J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Sister Geraldine Waid reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 11 pastors, two other ministers, 18 deacons, and 50 church delegates giving us 81 voting members for the day. The Credentials Committee's 1980 Annual Statistical Report was handed out. Sister Waid's motion to seat the churches' delegates was carried. A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Brothers Earl Ridley, Johnny Morgan, and Sister Louise Ivey. An Obituary Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Sisters Fannie Mizell, Harlene Causey, and Lorene Miller. In place of Brother Buddy Hartsfield, Brother Tom Carlton was appointed by the Chair to serve on the Nominating Committee for the day.

Visiting Brothers C. B. Dowdney and the White Hall Pastor, C. D. Rentz were recognized.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read. Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., Little River Mission Board Treasurer reported:

Previous Balance	\$ 87.95
Received July 26, 1980	54.50
Total to account for	\$142.45
Paid out	90.00
Balance October 17, 1980	\$ 52.45
Cash received October 18, 19	980 30.00
Balance on hand, October 18	. 1980 \$ 82.45

Brother Herbert Waid, Board of Christian Education member reported plans for next year's summer camp program.

Brother Billy Sumner, State Mission Board member reported that the Board met on August 23, 1980, at Dublin. Brother Jimmy Miller resigned as pastor and moved to North Carolina and was replaced with Brother Tim Hutchinson. Attendence average has been: Morning, 32; Evening, 28; Prayer Meeting, 20. Offerings in August were \$1,053.19 and in September \$880.60. In September 70 visits were made with one saved. The Pastor's Office was broken into with much damage done.

Brother John T. Cook, State Board of Christian Education and Camping member reported that the previous Bemiss Church's Board of Trustees has offered them money, with some conditions, to repair and improve the Camp Mt. Bethel facilities.

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Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., State Board of Trustees member made a motion that the Association transfer from its General Accoupt the sum of \$1,000.00 to the State Board of Trustee's account for the purpose of the Camp Mt. Bethel Swimming Pool project or repairs on the Camp Mt. Bethel facilities. If for some reason this money is not so used it is to be returned to the Little River General Treasury. This motion was tabled until the Afternoon business meeting.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was again led by Brother Audie Williams and Sister Margaret Williams. Brother Riley Giddens led in prayer. Special music was rendered by Sister Barbara Musgrove. A \$66.80 Georgia State Cooperative Offering was received. Brother J. B. Mercer brought the morning message. Brother Jimmy Coursey led in prayer. Brother Billy Summer, Host Pastor, gave directions for the noon meal. Brother Bill Barksdale led in the benediction and the blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service was led by Brother Audie Williams and Sister Margaret Williams. Special music was rendered by Brother L. D. Wynn. Afternoon devotions were by Brother Jimmy Coursey.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Brother C. B. Dowdney, State Association Executive Secretary, reported on the progress of the State ministries.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., State Board of Trustees member, asked that his motion that was tabled in the morning business meeting be taken from the table. It was so done and passed.

Brother R. S. Hayes, Ordaining Council member reported that they had met with Brother Frank Searcy, Pastor elect of the Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church, and recommended that he be under the watch-care of the Association for a one year period to be completed no sooner than our Annual Session, 1981.

. Brother Tom Hamilton, Resolutions Committee chairman reported one resolution, namely: Be it resolved that this body express it's gratitude to the Pastor and the people of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Hahira, assisted by the Valdosta Church, by a rising vote of thanks for their being such a gracious host in providing for both the spiritual and temporal for this session of the Little River Association. Motion was carried.

Brother Earl Ridley gave the Finance Committee report. Sister Fannie Mizell gave the Obituary Committee report.

The four churches which were to host the Association in 1981 according to the pre-set schedule, confirmed their intention to so host the Association.

The Clerk was authorized to send \$60.00 to the State Office for our Association's representation fees to the State

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Association.

Sisters Jane Sumner, Geraldine Waid, Louise Ivey, and Diane Coursey were elected as our delegates. Sisters Lorene Miller and Barbara Musgrove were elected as alternates.

The Clerk was authorized to give the delegates \$25.00 to help with personal expenses after they register at the State Association.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr. reported on the Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama, concerning their Fall Drive for money gifts.

Brother C. D. Purvis, Nominating Committee chairman reported. All nominees were elected as nominated.

Brother Jimmy Coursey made a motion that the Association show appreciation to the outgoing officers and members and to all of the officers and members who served so well during 1980. The motion carried.

After a motion to adjourn, Brother Everett Williams led in the prayer of benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT July 26, 1980 \$1.537.79 BALANCE ON HAND DISBURSEMENTS \$ 7,50 Moderator Honorarium 10.00 Clerk Honorarium Georgia State Cooperative Program 65.00 54.50 Association Missions 3.50 Geraldine Waid, Typing State Office, Printing 20.75 Quick Copy & Printing, Printing 4.69 11.48 U. S. Postmaster, Postage 6.82 184.24 Telephone, 8/25-9/17 BALANCE ON HAND October 17, 1980 \$1,353.55 Respectfully submitted. Herbert Waid, Clerk/Treasurer RECEIPTS October 18, 1980 Association Support Association Missions Georgia State Cooperative Offering TOTAL RECEIPTS BALANCE ON HAND Finance Committee: (please sign)

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MINUTES OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

At Ozias Free Will Baptist Church

January 19, 1980

THEME: "Complete In Christ"

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 2:10

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield with Sister Freda Powell playing the piano. Opening prayer was led by Brother Damon C. Dodd. Morning devotions were by Brother David Cooper. Welcome was by Brother L. J. Chambless; response was by Brother Buddy Hartsfield.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Brother J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Sister Geraldine Waid, reported: 11 pastors, 2 other ministers, 21 deacons, 58 delegates present giving us a total voting delegation of 92. She also reported that three churches, Corinth, Hahira, and Sunnyside, has petitioned the Association to examine and ordain their pastors. By motion, the standing delegates voted to seat the elected or appointed delegates. Thereafter, a motion was carried to instruct the Ordaining Council to examine Pastors Cooper, Coursey, and Sirmans as to their eligibility for ordination and to report back to the Association during this session. Brother Damon C. Dodd, Moderator of the State Association. was reconized as a visitor. The Chair appointed Brothers Earl Ridley, J. F. Lee, and Coy Miller to serve as the Finance Committee for the day. Minutes of the previous session were read by the clerk and approved as read. The Association asked the Ordaining Council to give a recommendation concerning granting a letter for Brother Alton Everson to the West Florida Liberty Association. Brother John T. Cook, our representative on the State Board of Christian Education and Camping reported that: fees for the use of Camp Mt. Bethel are being revised, all groups using the Camp must supply their own staff, a new mower is needed, a work day is planned, and a live-in caretaker is needed at the Camp. This report was received as information. Brother Damon C. Dodd, State Moderator, reported on the State work.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield and Sister Freda Powell, Georgia State Cooperative Program offering of \$78.18 was received and Brother Larry Williams led in prayer. The morning message was brought by Brother L. J. Chambless. The host pastor. Brother L. J. Chambless gave directions for the serving of the meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was again led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield and Sister Freda Powell. Brother Audi Williams led the opening praver. Afternoon devotions were brought by Brother Rowan Sirmans.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

The Resolutions Committee made a motion to thank the host church for the fine way they served the Association. Motion carried.

The Finance Committee reported. Received as information.

Brother Dale Bishop brought greetings from Japan and asked that he be invited Winto our churches to have Missionary Services.

Sister Geraldine Waid gave a Woman's Ausiliary report including an announcement concerning the Little River Districe-Wide Woman's Auxiliary and Master's Men Rally to be held on March 29, 1980 at 6:00 p.m. at the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church. She also reported that the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary Spring Retreat is to be at Camp Mt. Bethel in April.

The Ordaining Council reported;

- 1. Recommended Brother Alton Everson be granted a letter of good standing to the West Florida Liberty Association.
- Recommended Brother Joseph W. Alday be granted a letter of good standing to the Martin Association of Georgia.
- Recommended Brother Rowan Sirmans be ordained to the Gospel Ministry.
- Recommended Brother Jimmy M. Coursey be ordained to the Gospel Ministry.
- 5. Recommended Brother David Cooper be ordained to the Gospel Ministry after the next Little River Association Meeting.

Motion to grant letters as recommended in 1. and 2. was carried. Motion to ordain as recommended in 3. and 4.. was carried. Motion to give Bibles to Brothers Rowan Sirmans, Jimmy M. Coursey and David Cooper, upon their ordination was carried. Thereafter, the ordination service for Brothers Rowan Sirmans and Jimmy M. Coursey was announced for Sunday, February 3, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. at Sunnyside Free Will Baptist Church. Tentative date for Brother David Cooper's ordination service is Sunday, April 27, 1980 at 3:00 p.m. at Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church.

Adjourned by prayer led by Brother Riley Giddens.

Respectfully submitted

Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

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DISBURSEMENTS

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Moderator Honorarium Clerk Honorarium	37.50	
Georgia State Cooperative Program	74.02	
Association Missions	25.00	
State Association Representive Fees	60.00	
State Delegate Help: Latrelle Barksdale	25.00	
Margie Cooper	25.00	
Nadyne Scott		
	25.00	
Geraldine Waid	· 25.00	
Telephone: October 11, 1979 52.92		
November 17, 1979 6.87	9.79	
Typing: Annual Minutes 19.75		1
Constitution & Etc. 31.25	51.00	
Copying		·
	7.20	
Postage 7.42	22.42	
Stapler	14.51	381.44

BALANCE January 18, 1980

47.408.98

Respectfully submitted. Waid, Clerk/Treasurer

January 19, 1980 RECEIPTS

Association Support	1 236.50
Association Missions	42.00
(eorgia State Cooperative Offering	74,18
TOTAL RECEIPTS	*
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MINUTES OF QUARTERLY SESSION OF THE LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS April 19, 1980 THEME: "Be Ye Doers of the Word" SCRIPTURE: James 1:22-25

MORNING PRELIMINATIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother L. D. Wynn and Sister Margaret Williams. Brother William Barksdale led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Brother Jimmy Coursey. Welcome was by Brother Everett Williams and response was by Brother Rowan Sirmans.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order be the Moderator, Brother J. B. Mercer. Credentials Chairman for the day, Sister Willie Williams, reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 12 pastors, three other ministers, 20 deacons, and 46 church delegates giving us 81 voting members for the day. Sister Willie Williams' motion to seat the church delegates was carried. A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chairman: Brothers C. M. Chafin, Jr., L. O. Powell, and L. D. Wynn. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed.

Brother William Sumner reported that the Georgia State Mission Board Treasury had a balance on hand at the end of March, 1980, of \$7,568 and \$101 in the Rome land fund.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr. reported that the Little River Mission Treasury had a balance on hand, January 19, 1980, of \$121.095; received last session, \$42 for a total of \$163.95; paid out last quarter, \$60; making a balance to date of \$103.95.

The Clerk read a letter from the Georgia State Master's Men Senator, Mr. Chuck Snow, commending the Little River Association for its Master's Men work and encouraging other Little River churches to organize chapters too.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was again led by Brother Wynn and Sister Williams. Brother Johnny Griffin led in prayer. A Georgia State Cooperative Program offering of \$70.62 was received. Brother Everett and Sister Willie Williams rendered a special song. Brother R. S. Hayes brought the morning message. The Host Pastor, Brother Everett Williams, gave directions for the noon meal. Brother Herbert Waid led in the benediction and the blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother L. D. Wynn and Sister Freda Powell. Brother Rowan Sirmans led in prayer. Brother Riley Giddens brought the afternoon devotions. Little River Association Minutes

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AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

The Ordaining Council recommended that Brother David Cooper be ordained to the Gospel Ministery, as requested by the Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church, Sunday, April 27, 1980, at 3:00 p.m. at the Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church, Hahira, Georgia. The Association concured with the recommendation and authorized the Ordaining Council to so ordain Brother David Cooper.

The Finance Committee Chairman, Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., reported and the Association received it as information.

Brother Thomas Hamilton, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, asked for and received a rising vote of thanks for the fine way the Host Church served the Association.

The motion to adjourn proceeded the benediction prayed by Brother Curtis Powell.

Respectfully submitted by,

Herbert Waid, Clerk

· ·	FINANCE REPORT		
BALANCE ON HAND	January 19, 1980		\$1,781.56
1 *	DISBURSEMENTS		
Moderator Honororium		\$ 7.50	-
Clerk Honorarium		10.00	1
Georgia State Cooperative	Program	74.18	~
Association Missions		42.00	
Moody Printing Company:			
300 Constitutions & Etc 300 Annual Minutes 13 x	\$333.60 \$9.50 123.50		
300 Covers for Minutes			
United Parcel Service	8.86		
Tax	19.08	505.04	
Typing 3 x \$1.75	19.00	5.25	
Georgia State Association,	Printing	7.50	
Pronto Press, Coping Map		4.16	
Telephone Bills:	2.48		
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U. S. Postmaster, 50 x 10¢		5.00	
Ordaining Council Bibles,	x 3	76.65	742.08
BALANCE April 19, 1980			\$1,039.48
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•	pril 19, 1980 RECE	IPTS .	
Association Support	\$	232.00	
Association Missions		.44.00	
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Georgia)State Cooperative	Offering	70.62	
TOTAL RECEIPTS			346.62
BALANCE ON HAND April 19,	1980		\$ 1386.10
Finance Committee: (pleas	e sign)		
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Chairman	Member		Member
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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION

July 26, 1980 at Sunnyside Free Will Baptist Church THEME: "Redeeming the Time" SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 5:16-17

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother Audie Williams and Sister Margaret Williams. Brother Ran Kennedy led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Brother L. J. Chambless. Welcome was by Brother Rowan Sirmans and response was by Brother L. D. Wynn.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, Brother J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Sister Geraldine Waid reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 10 pastors, two other ministers, 18 deacons, and 50 church delegates giving us 80 voting members for the day. Sister Geraldine Waid's motion to seat the church delegates was carried. A finance committee for the day was appointed by the Chairman: Brothers Buddy Hartsfield, Terry Colson, and C. D. Purvis. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as printed.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr., Little River Mission Board Treasurer reported: Balance on Hand, April 18, 1980 \$103.95

Received, April	19, 1980	44.00
	, April 19, 1980	\$147.95
Paid out		60.00
Balance on Hand	, July 25, 1980	\$ 87.95

Brother Adam Scott gave a partial report about the status of the Bible Institute Board of Trustees.

Brother Herbert Waid, who is to be the chairman of the Board of Christian Education next year, gave some advance publicity concerning the Little River Association cooperating with one or two other associations in sponsoring a "Children's Camp" and a "Teen Camp" next year at Camp Mt. Bethel. Churches were asked to begin promoting next year's camp program now. We will need campers, workers, and perhaps some sponsors to help some of our young people with their expenses.

Dismissed for recess with prayer by Brother M. M. Franks.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was again led by Brother Audie Williams and Sister Margaret Williams. Brother Thomas Hamilton led in prayer. The Host Church trio; Sisters Annie Douglas, Loriane McGoven, and Lona Williams sang for us. A \$65.00 Georgia State Coop Offering was received. Brother Everett Williams brought the morning message. Brother Rowan Sirmans, the host pastor, gave directions for the noon meal. Brother C. D. Purvis led in the benediction and the blessing on the noon meal. 1 15

AFTERNOON 'PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Brother Buddy Hartsfield and Sister Freda Powell. Brother J. C. Arnold led in prayer. Brother William Barksdale brought the afternoon devotions.

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AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

By recommendation of the Ordaining Council, this Association directed the Clerk to grant a letter of good standing for Brother David Cooper to the Martin Association.

Brother Thomas Hamilton, Chairman of the Resolutions Committee, asked for and received a rising vote of thanks for the fine way the Host Church served the Association.

Brother Riley Giddens, as senior member present of the Bible Institute Board of Trustees, made a motion that, since the Little River Bible Institute Board of Trustees has been inactive since February 3, 1976 and it does not seem likely that it will be active in the foreseeable future, therefore, we move that it be dissolved at this time. Motion was carried.

Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr. moved that we increase our mission giving to Dale and Sandra Bishop, Missionaries to Japan, from the present \$10.00 per month (\$30.00 per guarter) to \$20.00 per month (\$60.00 per guarter). The motion carried.

Brother Buddy Hartsfield, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported. This report was received as information.

The motion to adjourn proceeded the benediction prayed by Brother C. M. Chafin, Jr.

Respectfully submitted Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT.

BALANCE ON HAND April 19, 1980 \$1,386.10

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 7.50	
Clerk Honorarium	10.00	
Georgia State Cooperative Program	70.62	
Association Missions	44.00	
State Office, Printing	27.33	
Telephone	18.80	
U.S. Postmaster, Stamps	16.56	194.81

BALANCE ON HAND July 25, 1980

\$1,191.29

Respectfully submitted,

RECEIPTS July 26, 1980

Association Support	227,00
Association Missions	54.50
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	65.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	346.50
BALANCE ON HAND July 26, 1980	\$1,537.7

Finance Committee: (please sign)