



MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-FIFTH 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 TIFTON
TIFT COUNTY
GEORGIA

ON
OCTOBER 17, 1981

MINUTES OF ALL 1981 QUARTERLY MEETINGS INCLUDED

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ASSISTANT	J. B. Mercer	ASSISTANT	C. M. Chafin, Jr.

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J. C. Arnold	1982
C. M. Chafin	1983
L. D. Wynn	1984
Buddy Hartsfield	1985
Coy Miller	1986
Bill Cooper	Moderator
Rowan Sirmans	Clerk/Treasurer

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C. L. McMillan	1982
R. S. Hayes	1983
William J. Sumner	1984
William J. Barksdale	1985
Thomas G. Hamilton	1986

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Louise Ivey	Chairman
Lorene Miller	
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BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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J. C. Plair	1984
Benny Hamilton	1985
Larry Spires	1986

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

John T. Cook	Chairman
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Larry Spires	1982
Audie Williams	1983
Jesse Pope	1984
C. M. Chafin, Jr.	1985
Earl Ridley	1986

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Earl Ridley	1982
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John T. Cook	1986

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A. CHURCHES		1
B. MEMBERSHIP:		
1. Received by Baptism	47	
2. Received by Other Means	31	
3. Total Received (1 & 2)	78	
4. Total Lost to Church Rolls	52	
5. Resident Members	929	
6. Nonresident Members	128	
7. Total Membership (5 & 6)	1,057	
C. VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY:		
1. Parsonages	\$234,500	
2. Other	\$677,100	
3. All Church Property (1 & 2)	\$911,600	
D. ORDAINED PERSONNEL:		
1. Ministers	18	
2. Licensees		
3. Deacons	42	
E. SUPPORTING MINISTRIES:		
1. Sunday Schools	12	466
2. Church Training Services	5	119
3. Woman's Auxiliaries	6	44
4. Master's Men Chapters	2	11
5. Regular Prayer Services	10	203
6. Regular Visitation Program	4	
7. Vacation Bible Schools	4	142
F. RECEIPTS (Including Loans):		
G. EXPENDITURES:		
1. Pastor's Salaries		\$80,651
2. Property Improvements (Including Loans)		\$21,413
3. Debt Retirement		\$10,954
4. Other Local Expenditures		\$41,511
5. Total Local Expenditures (1 - 4)		\$154,529
6. Outside Giving		\$13,828
7. Total Expenditures		\$168,357
8. Percentage of Total Expenditures given Outside Causes		8.2%
9. Percentage of Receipts given to Outside Causes		7.7%

CHURCH NAME	TOTAL MEMBERS	MEMBERS RECEIVED	PAID PASTOR	VALUE OF PROPERTY	PROPERTY IMPROVEMENT	OUTSIDE GIVING	**TOTAL PAID OUT
COOL SPRINGS	101	2	\$ 6,600	\$ 90,000	\$ 7,412	\$2,842	\$ 20,362
CORINTH	106	3	6,050	70,000	-0-	861	14,051
FOREST HILL	23	-0-	2,011	8,600	600	133	3,339
FRIENDSHIP	44	4	3,450	20,000	2,957	465	8,227
HAHIRA, FIRST	95	4	5,000	80,000	2,000	423	13,628
HOMERVILLE	157	7	12,480	175,000	-0-	720	19,480
OZIAS	105	14	6,500	85,000	5,461	50	19,126
PINE LEVEL	134	5	10,400	50,000	-0-	689	17,687
SUNNY SIDE	79	29	6,870	28,000	300	345	1,784
TIFTON, FIRST	36	2	2,240	43,000	1,074	25	6,052
VALDOSTA, FIRST	46	6	8,700	150,000	-0-	742	11,998
WHITE HALL	81	2	7,650	72,000	1,512	-0-	14,989
ZION HILL	50	-0-	2,700	40,000	142	533	4,695
TOTALS	1,057	78	\$80,651	\$911,600	\$21,458	\$7,828	\$155,418

Respectfully submitted,

Geraldine Waid
Mrs. Geraldine Waid, Chairman

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OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, report the following Little River church members who have gone to be with the Lord since our last Little River Annual Association meeting.

FOREST HILL	BORN	DIED
Mrs. Hattie Weeks	March 19, 1892	March 1, 1981
Mrs. Abbie Yeomans	May 19, 1902	Sept. 3, 1981
HAHIRA		
Mrs. Jewel Lee Harris	Feb. 21, 1906	May 17, 1981
Mr. Morris Boykin		May 19, 1981
Mrs. Mildred Booth		
HOMERVILLE		
Mrs. Frank Dean	Oct. 10, 1911	Sept. 16, 1981
Mr. Thomas L. Dupont	Sept. 17, 1913	Jan. 11, 1981
PINE LEVEL		
Mrs. Estelle Paulk		Oct. 27, 1980
Mrs. Virgil Paulk		July 21, 1981
Mrs. Cassie Bozeman		
Mr. Juston Barksdale		
SUNNY SIDE		
Mrs. Annie Bell Williams	May 8, 1900	Feb. 11, 1981
WHITE HALL		
Mr. Trolley Chaplin	Jan. 22, 1901	Aug. 1981
Mrs. Clarice Davis	Jan. 7, 1922	Sept. 10, 1981
ZION HILL		
Mr. Joseph Arnold	March 14, 1914	Jan. 1, 1981

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL SESSION

October 17, 1981 at First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton

THEME: "Let Us Be About Our Father's Business"

SCRIPTURE: John 9:4

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Buddy Hartsfield with Freda Powell at the piano. Curtis Powell led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Curtis Alligood, Homerville pastor. Welcome was by Jerry Wishum, Tifton pastor and the response was by Bill Barksdale, Pine Level pastor.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Geraldine Waid, reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 14 ministers, 20 deacons, and 47 church delegates totaling 81 voting members for the day. Church delegates were seated by vote of the standing delegates.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved by vote.

A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: L. D. Wynn, Chairman; Woodrow Herndon and J. F. Lee. An Obituary Committee was appointed by the Chair: Fannie Mizell, Chairman; Nancy Lee and Vallie Chafin.

Board of Christian Education Chairman, Herbert Waid, reported we had a joint session of the Little River, Georgia Union and the Ogeechee Associations at Camp Mt. Bethel, June 21-26, 1981. Registration peaked out at 119:

Little River campers, 62; workers, 11; total, 73

Georgia Union campers, 32; workers, 6; total 38

Ogeechee campers, 6; workers, 2; total, 8

There were exactly 100 campers and we had to turn down 10. Little River's Tom Hamilton was camp evangelist. Several campers made decisions for Christ or rededications. The campfire and testimonies at the Rock were a blessing. Another highlight was the new pool. The unusually hot weather we had made it even more inviting. Special thanks is owed to three of our workers who took a week of vacation from work to help: Raymond and Ann Mercer, Little River, and W. J. Wimberly, Ogeechee. Also, from Little River, Felton and Nancy Lee and Fannie Mizell did a superb job with the meals. Many others helped to make this session an excellent one. Thanks to all the good workers and campers who made this good report possible.

We were recessed with prayer by B. L. Shivar.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was led by Buddy Hartsfield with Freda Powell at the piano. Bill Barksdale led in prayer. A \$63.00 offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program was taken; Curtis Alligood asked God's blessing on the offering. Special music was by J. W. Franks, Wanda Cooper and Diane Wishum. The morning message was by Thomas G. Hamilton, Zion Hill pastor.

The Clerk asked for and received from the Body by vote a "dispensation of grace" to allow some unusual procedures as follows:

1. The Clerk is to have the authority to change the Ozias Church letter to read that Brother Taylor Merritt is their Church pastor, if in truth he is the elected pastor of Ozias Church and this is so verified by the Ozias Church Clerk

2. The Ordaining Council is allowed to examine Brother Taylor Merritt anticipating the Ozias Church Clerk verifying two facts, namely:
 - a. that Taylor Merritt is their elected pastor.
 - b. that Taylor Merritt is a member in good standing with Ozias Church.
- Jerry Wishum gave direction for the noon meal and a prayer of Benediction and Blessing was by C. D. Rentz.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service was led by L. D. Wynn with Diane Wishum at the piano. Taylor Merritt led in prayer. Afternoon devotions were by Herbert Waid, Valdosta pastor.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

C. M. Chafin, Jr., treasurer of Little River Mission Board gave the following report:

Balance July 24, 1981	\$ 76.85
Received July 25, 1981	65.00
Total	141.85
Paid out	90.00
Balance October 17, 1981	\$ 51.85

Fannie Mizell, Chairman of the Obituary Committee reported.

The Resolutions Committee recommended that a rising vote of thanks be given to First Church of Tifton and Corinth for the wonderful meal and hospitality. Ordaining Council secretary, Bill Barksdale gave the following report:

1. In replying to the letter from the Randall Association in North Carolina for a letter of commendation for Adam Scott; we recommend that the Association grant such a letter.
2. Having interviewed Roger Spivey and upon request of Corinth Church where he holds membership and is pastor, we recommend that he be granted membership in the Little River Association pending a letter of commendation from his association in Tennessee.
3. We recommend that the Moderator extend the right hand of fellowship to C. D. Rentz since a letter of commendation has been received from the South Georgia Association.
4. Having examined Taylor Merritt as directed by the Association we hereby make these recommendations:
 - a. that Brother Taylor Merritt unite with the Ozias Church
 - b. that the Ozias church:
 1. notify the Association if and when Brother Taylor Merritt becomes a member in good standing with the Ozias Church
 2. notify the Association if or when Brother Taylor Merritt is elected as pastor of Ozias Church
 3. petition the Association to examine and receive Brother Taylor Merritt into its fellowship as an ordained minister.
 - c. that the South Georgia Association grant a letter of good standing as an ordained minister for Brother Taylor Merritt.

We will recommend he be received as a minister in good standing with the Little River Association. All recommendations were approved by vote.

State Board Trustee member, C. M. Chafin, reported that the Board has helped to carry out a complete reformation of the Camp Mount Bethel property, through the generosity of the Bemiss Church Board (now closed) and from other funds collected over the State. Your State Trustee Board has spent about \$56,000 on this work this year.

Little River meeting places for 1982 were confirmed.

All nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee were elected by acclamation. There was a rising vote of thanks to the Herbert Waids for their work in the Little River Association.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to pay \$60.00 (4 x \$15) State Representation fee.

By motion, the Clerk was authorized to pay \$25.00 each to our four delegates as they register at the State Association in 1981.

Coy Miller, Lorene Miller, LaVerne Alligood and Wanda Spivey were elected as delegates; Latrelle Barksdale and Geraldine Waid as alternates to the State Association in Iron City, GA in 1981.

Motion was made and carried that:

1. Each Little River Association Church pay to the Little River Association the sum set by the National Association, per church, to allow our State to be represented at the National Association. If this sum is not paid by a local church in our fellowship, then the Association shall pay the amount of default.
2. For one time only, the 1982 National Association State Representation Fee shall be paid from the Little River Association Treasury, that is \$130.00 (13 churches x \$10.00).

By vote the Association requested the privilege to host the Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists for its Annual Session in 1983. If for some reason our request is not granted, we request the 1984 Session. The Executive Committee is charged with the responsibility of recommending to the Association a site for the meeting.

After a motion to adjourn was carried, Roger Spivey prayed the closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waid

Herbert Waid, Clerk

SCHEDULE OF CHURCHES HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION

	1982		1984 *	
Pine Level	January 16	Hahira	January 14	
Zion Hill	April 17	Valdosta	April 14	
Homerville	July 31	White Hall	July 28	
Corinth	October 16	Cool Springs	October 13	
	1983 *		1985 *	
Friendship	January 15	Tifton	January 19	
Ozias	April 16	Pine Level	April 20	
Forest Hill	July 30	Zion Hill	July 27	
Sunny Side	October 15	Homerville	October 19	

*Unconfirmed

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND, July 25, 1981	\$949.40
Homerville Association Dues	30.00
TOTAL ACCOUNTABLE	\$979.40

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 7.50		
Clerk Honorarium	10.00		
Little River Missions	65.00		
Georgia State Cooperative Program	70.18		
Telephone:			
July 17, 1981	\$ 8.42		
August 17, 1981	40.95	49.37	
Typing		4.40	
Printing:			
Programs	3.25		
Minutes	8.75		
Finance Report	7.50		
Credentials Report	2.50	22.00	
Bank charges:			
August 20, 1981	1.05		
September 21, 1981	1.05	2.10	230.55
BALANCE ON HAND, October 16, 1981			\$748.85

RECEIPTS October 17, 1981

Association Support	\$ 269.00
Association Missions	25.00
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	88.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS	382.00
BALANCE ON HAND	\$1,130.85

Finance Committee: (Please sign)

Chairman

Member

Member

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION

January 17, 1981, First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, GA.

THEME: "The Atonement"

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 9:22b

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Riley and Myrtice Giddens. C. D. Rentz led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Curtis Alligood, Homerville Pastor. Welcome was by Earl Ridley and response was by Everett Williams.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Geraldine Waid, reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 11 pastors, 2 other ministers, 20 deacons and 54 church delegates totaling 87 voting members for the day. Church delegates were seated by vote.

Visitors Bobby and Jane Jackson and Ronald Wallace were recognized.

A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Coy Miller, Chairman; Ran Kennedy and J. C. Plair.

Ronald Wallace, Home Missionary to Atlanta, reported for the Georgia State Office. Bobby Jackson, Moderator of the National Association of Free Will Baptists reported for the National Association.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service again was led by Riley and Myrtice Giddens. Rowan Sirmans led in prayer. A \$68.70 Georgia State Cooperative Offering was received. Special music was rendered by Bobby and Jane Jackson. Thomas Hamilton, Zion Hill Pastor, brought the morning message. Host Pastor Herbert Waid gave directions to the W. G. Nunn Elementary School for the noon meal. L. D. Wynn led in the benediction and the blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service was led by Riley Giddens and Timalee Smith. Afternoon devotions were by Herbert Waid, Valdosta Pastor.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

John T. Cook, reporting for the Resolutions Committee, proposed:

1. The Association give the Valdosta Church and the Hahira Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in serving the noon meal.
2. That we instruct the Clerk to send a letter of appreciation to the Principal of the W. G. Nunn Elementary School and the Superintendent of the Valdosta Board of Education for granting us the use of their lunch room.

Motions were carried.

January 17, 1981

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

Balance on hand, October 16, 1980	\$ 52.45
Received cash	30.00
Received October 17, 1980	47.00
	<u>\$129.45</u>
Paided out	80.00
Balance on hand, January 16, 1981	<u>\$ 49.45</u>

Ordaining Council Secretary, William Sumner, reported that we have received a letter of good standing recommending Curtis Alligood, Pastor of the Homerville Church, to us from the Midway Association. Having examined him, we recommend this Association receive him into full fellowship. Moreover, the Moderator is to give to Curtis Alligood the right hand of fellowship in the name of the Little River Association. By vote of the Association, it was so done.

State Mission report was given by Board Member, William Sumner. State Trustee Board report was given by C. M. Chafin, Jr. Work has begun on the repair and improvement of Camp Mt. Bethel. All work should be completed by the end of next quarter.

State Board of Retirement and Insurance Member, J. B. Mercer, reported.

State Board of Christian Education and Camping Member, John T. Cook, reported

Little River Finance Committee report was given by Coy Miller, Chairman.

Georgia State representative to the Free Will Baptist Childrens' Home, Eldridge, Alabama, Curtis Alligood, reported.

After a motion to adjourn was carried, C. D. Rentz led in the prayer of benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waide
Herbert Waide, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND	October 18, 1980	\$1,675.85
Homerville	November 12, 1980	<u>30.00</u>
	TOTAL ACCOUNTABLE	<u>\$1,705.85</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 7.50	
Clerk Honorarium	10.00	
Georgia State Cooperative Program	66.80	
Association Missions	47.00	
State Board of Trustees	1,000.00	
Geraldine Waide, Typing Minutes	19.75	
State Office, Printing Minutes	67.13	
Quick Copy & Printing, Printing Minutes	12.48	
Envelopes for Mailing Minutes	.75	
Postage for Mailing Minutes (11 X 40¢)	4.40	
Telephone Bill (6.14 & 5.25 & .77)	12.16	
State Office, Printing Program & Map	4.50	
Envelopes, 1 Box	8.85	
Georgia State Representation Fee	60.00	
State Delegate Expense Help:		
Diana Coursey	25.00	
Lorene Miller	25.00	
Geraldine Waide	25.00	
		<u>1,396.32</u>

BALANCE ON HAND	January 16, 1981	<u>\$ 309.53</u>
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RECEIPTS January 17, 1981

Association Support	\$ 197.00
Association Missions	<u>45.00</u>
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	<u>68.70</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>310.70</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$ 620.23</u>

Finance Committee: (please sign)

<i>Coy Miller</i> Chairman	<i>Ran Kennedy</i> Member	<i>J. C. Chafin</i> Member
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RECEIPT January 20, 1981

Association Support,, Homerville	\$30.00
NEW BALANCE ON HAND	<u>\$650.23</u>

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION

April 18, 1981, Whitehall Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross, GA

THEME: "But Thou Hast Delivered Thy Soul"

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 3:17-21

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Thomas Hamilton and Ann Mercer. Clarence McMillan led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Jimmy Coursey, Corinth Pastor. Welcome was by Johnny Griffin, Whitehall Deacon and response was by Everett Williams, Forest Hill Pastor.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Geraldine Waid, reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 13 pastors, one other minister, 18 deacons and 41 church delegates totaling 73 voting members for the day. Church delegates were seated by vote.

William (Buddy) Morris, State Association Assistant Moderator, was recognized as a visitor.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Clerk and approved by vote.

A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Woodrow Herndon, Chairman; E. Ray Parrish and James Martin Wilson.

Board of Christian Education Chairman, Herbert Waid, reported concerning our Summer Bible Camp Program to be at Camp Mt. Bethel June 21-26, 1981.

"Buddy" Morris reported for the State Office emphasizing the need for all of our churches in the whole State to support monthly our State Cooperative Plan of Giving so every part of our Denominational work might be properly supported.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service again was led by Thomas Hamilton and Ann Mercer. A \$59.00 Georgia State Cooperative Offering was received. J. B. Mercer, Cool Springs Pastor, brought the morning message. Host Pastor, C. D. Reutz gave direction for the noon meal. Thomas Hamilton led in the benediction and blessing on the noon meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service was led by Mike Mercer and Ann Mercer. Prayer was by Frank Searcy, Tifton Pastor. Afternoon devotions were by William Sumner, Hahira Pastor.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Billy Sumner, reporting for the Ordaining Council, submitted a motion to the effect that our Association grant a Ministerial Letter of good standing for Jerry Wishum to the Union Association.

Motion was carried by vote and the Clerk of the Association was instructed to send such a letter.

John T. Cook, reporting for the Resolutions Committee submitted a motion that the Association thank the White Hall Church for their wonderful hospitality. Motion was carried by a standing vote.

C. M. Chafin, Association Mission Board Treasurer, gave a financial report as follows:

January 1981, Balance on hand	\$ 49.95
January 1981, Receipts	40.00
January 1981, Cash receipts	30.00
Total accountable	\$119.95

February 1981, Paid out	\$40.00
March 1981, Paid out	30.00
April 1981, Paid out	30.00
	100.00

April 17, 1981, Balance on hand	\$ 19.95
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Fannie Mizell made a motion that we receive a special Association Mission offering at this time. Motion carried and a \$91.90 offering was received.

Billy Sumner, State Mission Board member, reported. C. M. Chafin, State Board of Trustees member, reported. J. B. Mercer, State Board of Retirement and Insurance Chairman, reported. John T. Cook, State Board of Christian Education and Camping member, reported. C. M. Chafin reported for the Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama.

James Martin Wilson gave the Finance Committee report.

After a motion to adjourn was carried, William Barksdale, Pine Level Pastor, led in the prayer of benediction.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waid
Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND	January 17, 1981	\$620.23
Homerville	January 20, 1981	30.00
	TOTAL ACCOUNTABLE	\$650.23

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 7.50	
Clerk Honorarium	10.00	
Georgia State Cooperative Program	68.70	
Association Missions	45.00	
State Office, Printing:		
January Minutes (250)	\$8.75	
April Program (130)	3.25	
Whitehall Map (50)	1.25	13.25
Postage Stamps (100)	\$15.00	
Post Cards (30)	3.00	18.00
Telephone, 1/19/'81-2/16/'81		15.35
Bank Charges:		
1/20/'81	\$2.25	
2/20/'81	2.25	
3/20/'81	2.10	6.60
		<u>184.40</u>

BALANCE ON HAND	April 17, 1981	\$465.83
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RECEIPTS April 18, 1981

Association Support	\$ <u>229.50</u>
Association Missions	<u>55.00</u>
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	<u>59.00</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>343.50</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ <u>809.33</u>

Finance Committee: (please sign)

<i>William Pearson</i>	<i>E. Ray Perish</i>	<i>Martin Wilson</i>
Chairman	Member	Member

April 18, 1981, Afternoon Special Association Mission Offering	<u>91.90</u>
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April 18, 1981, New Balance on Hand	\$ <u>901.23</u>
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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION

July 25, 1981 at Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church

THEME: "God Is Blessing"

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:28

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Congregational singing was led by Byron Roberts; Wanda Cooper played the piano and Lajuna Chafin played the organ. James Martin Wilson led in prayer. Morning devotions were by Jimmy Coursey, Corinth pastor. Welcome was by C. M. Chafin, Cool Springs deacon and response was by L. J. Chambless, Ozias pastor.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session was called to order by the Moderator, J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Geraldine Waid, reported: all 13 churches reported; attending were 11 pastors, one other minister, 15 deacons and 47 church delegates totaling 74 voting members for the day. Church delegates were seated by vote of the standing delegates.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read by the clerk and approved by vote.

A Finance Committee for the day was appointed by the Chair: Buddy Hartsfield, Chairman; J. C. Plair and Mike Mercer.

Board of Christian Education Chairman, Herbert Waid, reported on the June 12, 1981 Youth Rally at Hahira with the Girls Trio from the Free Will Baptist Bible College and the June 21-26, 1981 Camp Session with the Georgia Union and the Ogeechee Associations. He also reported on the 1981 Session of the National Association in Louisville, Kentucky.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was led by Byron Roberts with Colene Roberts at the piano and Lajuna Chafin at the organ. Prayer was by Roy Cooper. A \$70.18 State Cooperative Program offering was received. Mike Mercer sang a solo and Jane Weeks, Valda Schwalls and Wanda Hamilton sang several Trio Specials. Morning Message was by Bill Barksdale, Pine Level Pastor. Prayer of Benediction and Blessing on the Noon Meal was by Billy Sumner.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song service was again led by Byron Roberts and Lajuna Chafin at the organ and Colene Roberts at the piano. Prayer was by Everett Williams. Afternoon devotions were by R. S. Hayes.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Ordaining Council Secretary, Billy Sumner, reported that they had interviewed C. D. Rentz and recommend him to the Little River Association as a minister in good standing contingent upon receipt of a letter of good standing from his previous Association, South Georgia. The clerk of the Association was instructed to write for this letter. The Association acted upon this recommendation with a positive vote.

July 25, 1981

Little River Mission Board Treasurer, C. M. Chafin, reported:

April 17, 1981	Balance on hand		\$ 19.95
April 18, 1981	Association support		55.00
April 18, 1981	Special Association Offering		91.90
April 18, 1981	Balance on hand		<u>\$166.85</u>
April 27, 1981	Paid Out	\$30.00	
June 2, 1981	Paid Out	30.00	
July 3, 1981	Paid Out	<u>30.00</u>	90.00
July 24, 1981	Balance on hand		<u>\$ 76.85</u>

State Board Members: Missions, Billy Sumner and Retirement and Insurance, J. B. Mercer reported.

The Resolutions Committee recommended that we give the host church, Cool Springs, a rising vote of thanks for their wonderful hospitality.

The prayer of adjournment and benediction was prayed by the Moderator, J. B. Mercer.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Waid

Herbert Waid, Clerk

FINANCE REPORT

BALANCE ON HAND	July 24, 1981	\$901.23
June 12, 1981, Youth Rally	Bible College Offering	83.63
	TOTAL ACCOUNTABLE	<u>\$984.86</u>

DISBURSEMENTS

Moderator Honorarium		\$ 7.50	
Clerk Honorarium		10.00	
Georgia State Cooperative Program		59.00	
Association Missions	\$55.00		
	<u>91.90</u>	146.90	
Free Will Baptist Bible College		83.63	
State Office, Printing:			
April Minutes,	19.25		
July Programs	3.25		
Cool Springs Church Map	1.25		
Bible Camp Posters	<u>2.50</u>	26.25	
Typing:			
Minutes, 2 pages	3.50		
Program, 1 page	<u>1.75</u>	5.25	
Postage:			
May 18, 1981	5.74		
June 15, 1981	5.78		
July 2, 1981	<u>.72</u>	12.24	
Telephone		17.12	
Bank Charges:			
April 20, 1981	1.95		
May 20, 1981	1.65		
June 22, 1981	1.50		
July 20, 1981	<u>1.65</u>	6.75	374.64
BALANCE ON HAND			<u>\$610.22</u>

RECEIPTS July 25, 1981

Association Support	\$ <u>204.00</u>
Association Missions	<u>65.00</u>
Georgia State Cooperative Offering	<u>70.18</u>
TOTAL RECEIPTS	<u>\$339.18</u>
BALANCE ON HAND	\$ <u>949.40</u>

Finance Committee: (Please Sign)

Buddy Britton
Chairman

J. C. Davis
Member

Mike Mason
Member