

MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCHES
OF THE
STATE OF GEORGIA
AFFILIATED WITH THE
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

WHEN CONVENED AT THE
COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
COLQUITT COUNTY
NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA

ON
OCTOBER 20, 1984

MINUTES OF ALL 1984 QUARTERLY MEETINGS INCLUDED

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Chester Rineer Clerk

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| | | |
|---------------------|-------------------|------|
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STATISTICAL REPORT FROM ANNUAL CHURCH LETTERS

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Number of churches | 13 |
| Number of churches reporting | 13 |
| Number of baptisms | 32 |
| Number of parsonages | 7 |
| Number of churches with full-time pastor | 9 |
| Number of part-time pastors | 4 |
| Number of city churches | 5 |
| Number of rural churches | 8 |
| Number of ordained ministers | 17 |
| Number of licensed ministers | 3 |
| Number of ordained deacons | 37 |
| Combined total membership | 1,108 |
| Total members added | 82 |
| Total members lost | 36 |
| Total income of all churches | \$128,286.62 |
| Number of churches with budgets | 3 |
| Combined value of churches and parsonages | \$902,250.00 |
| Combined Sunday School enrollment | 616 |
| Average attendance | 452 |
| Combined CTS enrollment | 126 |
| Average attendance | 93 |
| Combined WNAC enrollment | 76 |
| Average attendance | 59 |
| Combined Master's Men enrollment | 30 |
| Average attendance | 25 |

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee, in honor of our dearly departed brothers and sisters, stand in silent prayer and tribute to their memory. We request the names be printed in the minutes of the Little River Association.

| | BORN | DIED |
|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| COOL SPRINGS | | |
| F.O. Nelson | Feb. 21, 1912 | July 31, 1984 |
| Mose Sangster | Feb. 16, 1910 | July 26, 1984 |
| Ione S. Weeks | April 26, 1916 | April 2, 1984 |
| FOREST HILL | | |
| Fred Futch | Dec. 5, 1923 | Nov. 24, 1983 |
| FRIENDSHIP | | |
| Randell Steedley | May 3, 1909 | April 3, 1984 |
| HAHIRA, FIRST | | |
| A. D. Green | March 29, 1917 | March 11, 1984 |
| SUNNYSIDE | | |
| Bill Lewis | Aug. 2, 1910 | Dec. 7, 1983 |
| Danny Hurlburt | May 10, 1940 | April 20, 1984 |
| Emma Taft | Nov. 2, 1905 | Sept. 20, 1984 |
| WHITE HALL | | |
| Daisey Boatwright | | |
| Jessie Flecter | | |
| Donald Grey | | |

Very Respectfully,

Margaret Williams, Chairperson
Latrelle Barksdale, Member
Jane Holder, Member

SCHEDULE OF CHURCHES HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION

1985

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|---------------|------------|
| Tifton, First | January 19 |
| Pine Level | April 20 |
| Zion Hill | July 27 |
| Homerville | October 19 |

1986*

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|-------------|------------|
| Corinth | January 18 |
| Friendship | April 19 |
| Ozias | July 26 |
| Forest Hill | October 18 |

1987*

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|-----------------|------------|
| Sunny Side | January 17 |
| Hahira, First | April 18 |
| Valdosta, First | July 25 |
| White Hall | October 17 |

1988*

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|---------------|------------|
| Cool Springs | January 16 |
| Tifton, First | April 16 |
| Pine Level | July 30 |
| Zion Hill | October 15 |

*Unconfirmed

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION JANUARY 14, 1984 AT HAHIRA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THEME: "The Christian Walk"

Ephesians 4:1

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30- 9:45 Congregational Singing and Prayer
9:45-10:00 Morning Devotions: Curtis Alligood, Homerville Pastor
10:00-10:05 Welcome: Felton Lee Response: Coy Miller

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

10:05-10:45 Call To Order, J. B. Mercer Moderator.
Report of Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chairman
Seating of Delegates
Recognition of Visitors
Minutes of Previous Meeting
Appointment of Committees: Finance
Report of Standing Association:
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council

10:45-11:00 Recess

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00-11:55 Song and Prayer Service
Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program
Morning Message: William J. Barksdale, Pine Level Pastor
Host Pastor directs for the Noon Meal, offers the
Benediction and prays the blessing on the meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:15- 1:20 Congregational Singing and Prayer
1:20- 1:35 Afternoon Devotions: William B. Hedrick, Hahira Pastor

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:35- Final Report of all Association and State
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council
4. Finance Committee
Old Business
New Business
Announcements, Adjournment and Benediction

NEXT SESSION, APRIL 14, 1984 - VALDOSTA, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
January 14, 1984, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, HAHIRA, GA

THEME: "The Christian Walk"

Ephesians 4:1

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

L. D. Wynn opened by leading congregation in singing. After the singing of "There Is Power In The Blood" and "Tell It To Jesus", prayer was led by Roger Spivey. Curtis Allgood, Homerville, Pastor, presented the morning devotions.

Welcome was by Felton Lee and response by Coy Miller.

MORNING BUSINESS

Session called to order by Moderator J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee Chairman, Louise Ivey reported: 13 churches, 12 pastors, 12 deacons, 5 other ministers, 50 church delegates, for total of 79 delegates for the day. Church delegates seated by vote. Minutes were approved as read. A Finance Committee was appointed for the day: Rowan Sirmans, Chairman, Earl Ridley and Roy Cooper, members.

Richard Hays brought a message concerning Master's Men activity in Brazil, asking for support of our Association.

Roger Spivey gave a partial report of State Camp, indicating that other associations could not go with 2nd Session of Camp. Partial report was accepted as information. Curtis Allgood asks that anyone going to Tic-Tac-Toe Competition, Prepare!!

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Service opened with congregational singing "At The Cross". Prayer was given by C. D. Rentz. Resolution Committee was appointed as follows: C. D. Rentz, Woodrow Herndon, McGlovern. Special song presented by L. D. Wynn.

Morning Offering for Georgia State Cooperative was called for at this time. The amount of \$86.55 was received. William J. Barksdale, Pastor, Pine Level Church preached the morning message. Closing with the beautiful hymn "Just As I Am", he then blessed the Noon Meal, and gave the Benediction.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Session opened with congregation singing "Living By Faith" and "When We All Get To Heaven", singing being led by L. D. Wynn. Devotion by Host Pastor, William B. Hedrick, Hahira Pastor.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS

Report of the Resolutions Committee: That the Hahira and Valdosta Churches be given a rising vote of thanks for the good food and fellowship.

Ronnie Moore gave report on Dublin Mission. Accepted as information. Trustee Board had no report at this time.

Herbert Waid spoke about Ministers Retreat and matters concerning the youth. The Georgia Bible Institute was explained. He spoke

in support of missionaries and also of Master's Men Chapter work.

Motion made by Chester Rineer to have one Camp with other two associations. Vote: Yes 36, No 5, Motion carried. The report of the Ordaining Council is as follows:

The Ordaining Council met January 14, 1984, at Hahira Free Will Baptist Church with the following members present: Rev. Riley Giddens, Chairman; Tom Hamilton, Secretary, and Rev. Roger Spivey, Rev. J. B. Mercer, Rev. William Barksdale.

The meeting was opened with prayer being offered by the chairman and concluded with prayer by Rev. Roger Spivey.

We recommend that a maximum of \$35.00 be paid for the bibles to be presented by the Association to those who are ordained into the gospel ministry in the Little River Association.

Motion made, seconded and carried that the chairman of the Ordaining Council purchase the bible furnished by the Association each minister who is ordained by the Little River Association.

We recommend that the Clerk be authorized to pay for the bibles presented to Rev. Daniel Eason and the Rev. Chester Rineer. The amount is to be furnished by the clerk to the above mentioned ministers.

We further recommend that the Rev. Wm Barry Hedrick, who was examined by your council, be received into the fellowship of the Little River Association pending receipt of Letter of Recommendation from the Georgia Union Association. The clerk is to write for the Letter.

Sister Spivey's motion to send \$100.00 to Helen Welch, Children's Home (Alabama) was seconded. Vote taken and approved.

A motion to adjourn was received, seconded, and meeting was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester Rineer

Rev. Chester Rineer, Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

Report on hand October 15, 1983

\$2,121.14

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|----------------------|----|-------|
| Moderator Honorarium | \$ | 7.50 |
| Clerk Honorarium | | 10.00 |

Georgia State Association:

| | | |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
| Cooperative Plan | \$84.15 | |
| Children's Home | 45.00 | |
| Home Mission | 10.00 | |
| Delegate Fees | 60.00 | 199.15 |
| Association Mission | | 160.00 |
| Little River Representation Fee | | |
| \$10.00 per Church | | 140.00 |

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

516.65

Balance on hand January 14, 1984

\$1,605.48

RECEIPTS

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|------------------------------------|----------|
| Association Support | \$247.15 |
| Association Mission | 30.00 |
| Georgia State Cooperative Offering | 86.55 |
| Other (Children's Home) | 54.00 |

417.70

Balance on hand

\$2,023.18

FINANCE COMMITTEE: (Please sign)

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION
April 14th, 1984, at FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH OF VALDOSTA, GA

THEME: "The Call Of God"

Proverbs 1:24

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

| | | |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:30- 9:45 | Congregational singing and prayer | |
| 9:45-10:00 | Morning Devotions | "When Does God Call?" |
| | Ronnie Moore, Friendship Pastor | |
| 10:00-10:05 | Welcome: Chester Rineer | Response: John Cook |

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

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| 10:05-10:45 | Call to Order, J. B. Mercer, Moderator |
| | Report of Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chairman |
| | Seating of Delegates |
| | Recognition of Visitors |
| | Minutes of previous meeting |
| | Appointment of Committees: Finance |
| | Report of Standing Association |
| | 1. Boards |
| | 2. Committees |
| | 3. Ordaining Council |

10:45-11:00 Recess

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

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|-------------|---|
| 11:00-11:15 | Song and prayer service |
| | Special Music, Host Church |
| | Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program |
| | Morning Message |
| | Roger Spivey, Corinth Pastor |
| | "How Does God Call?" |
| | Host Pastor directs for the Noon Meal, offers the |
| | Benediction and prays the blessing on the meal. |

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

| | |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| 1:15- 1:20 | Congregational singing and prayer |
| 1:20- 1:35 | Afternoon Devotions |
| | Curtis Alligood, Homerville Pastor |
| | "Why Does God Call" |

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

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|-------|---|
| 1:35- | Final Report of all Association and State |
| | 1. Boards |
| | 2. Committees |
| | 3. Ordaining Council |
| | 4. Finance Committee report |
| | Old Business |
| | New Business |
| | Announcements, Adjournment, Benediction |

NEXT SESSION: July 28, 1984 - Whitehall, Waycross

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION
April 14, 1984, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, VALDOSTA, GA

THEME: "The Call Of God"

Proverbs 1:24

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Opened in prayer by Riley Giddens. Congregational singing led by Riley Giddens singing: "Praise Him, Praise Him" and "Glow To His Name". Morning Devotions were by Ronnie Moore, Friendship Pastor: "When Does God Call?" Welcome was by Chester Rineer and the response returned by Bill Barksdale.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Session called to order by Moderator J. B. Mercer. Credentials Committee report was given by Latrelle Barksdale: 11 churches, 11 pastors, 3 other ministers, 14 deacons, 54 church delegates, for a total of 82 delegates for the day. Church delegates were seated by vote. Minutes were approved as read. A Finance Committee was appointed for the day: Buddy Hartsfield, Chairman; Mike Mercer and Ray Parrish, members.

Ronnie Moore presented (GA State) report of Missions. Billy McKinney has elected to continue without further involvement from State Mission Board. Brother Lysaker, Dublin, GA, has balance on Bond of \$40,000.00. Lawn mower is to be bought for Dublin, \$1,250. Mission Board to present need to Executive Board for \$12,000 Bank Payment due September 13, 1984 for Northside Free Will Baptist Church. To present to Executive Committee the idea of one Sunday set aside each year for raising funds independent of COOP Program. Make South Atlanta area as a prospective site for new mission work and that the work be joint project, State and National.

Report of State Camp Board submitted by Roger Spivey we read and accepted as follows: The State Camp Board met 3 times. The Little River Camp Session will be held June 17-22. The Camp fee has dropped for a family with more than one camper. (\$35 for 1st camper, \$30.00 for 2nd and \$5.00 less for each subsequent camper per family.) Rev. Walter Scarborough will serve as Camp Director for the 1984 session. New activities at camp include: rifle range, nature trail and pony rides. The Master's Men plan a work day at Camp in May.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Song service was led by Rowan Sirmans including: "Amazing Grace" and "Victory In Jesus." Offering of \$103.68 for Georgia State Cooperative was received. Mike Mercer was called upon for special music which was enjoyed by all.

Roger Spivey, Corinth Pastor brought the morning message "How Does God Call?" Host Pastor Chester Rineer gave directions for Noon Meal, offered the benediction and prayed the blessing on the meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Afternoon session opened with congregational singing led by Earl Ridley followed by prayer. Songs sung were: "He Hideth My

Soul" and "I Am Thine O Lord." Afternoon devotions were presented by Curtis Alligood, Homerville Pastor, "Why Does God Call?"

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Little River Missions Board Treasurer, C. M. Chafin, Jr., gave report and it was accepted as follows:

| | |
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| Balance 2-1-84 | \$503.58 |
| Received Jan | 30.00 |
| Total | \$533.58 |
| Paid Out | 90.00 |
| Balance 4-14-84 | \$443.58 |

A rising vote of thanks was given to the First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, and Hahira Church, Hahira, GA.

A motion to do away with the morning and afternoon devotions died for lack of a second.

The Ordaining Council report recommended that the clerk send a letter of recommendation on behalf of Rev. Damon Dodd. They further recommended that:

Item 14 under "Government and Ordinances" be changed to read: No licensed minister shall be ordained until he has been licensed for one year and is called to the pastorate of a church (or churches) or until he becomes engaged in full-time Christian activity, the nature of which requires the authority of an "Ordained Minister of the Chapel" and that Item 14 under "Government and Ordinances" be removed from this section and transferred to the section "Ministerial Relations" where the licensing of ministers is dealt with at length. Ordaining Council's report was received and approved as read.

The vote on sending delegate to National Association died for lack of a second.

Motion was made and seconded to send \$500.00 to the Children's Home (Alabama). Motion was approved.

Motion was made and seconded to procure a briefcase for clerk. Motion was approved.

Curtis Alligood gave information on Home Mission speakers at Homerville. He stated to the Association that those who are to submit checks, to send them to Little River clerk.

A motion to adjourn was received. We were dismissed in prayer by Earl Ridley.

Respectfully submitted,

Chester A. Rineer, Jr.

Chester A. Rineer, Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT

April 14, 1984

First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, GA

Balance on hand January 1984 \$2,023.18

DISBURSEMENTS

| | | |
|---|---------|--------|
| Check 133 Georgia State Association (Printing January Minutes) | \$78.25 | |
| " 134 Moderator Honorium | 7.50 | |
| " 135 Clerk Honorium | 10.00 | |
| " 136 Georgia State Association COOP Plan | \$86.55 | |
| AL Children's Home | 54.00 | |
| Helen Welch Fund | 100.00 | 240.55 |
| " 137 C. M. Chafin Little River Missions | 30.00 | |
| " 138 Gospel Ship Books (Rineer Ordination Bible) | 27.71 | |
| " 139 Post Office (Stamps) | 20.00 | |
| " 140 First F.W.B. Church, Valdosta Phone calls | 6.48 | |
| " 141 Daniel Eason Ordination Bible | 35.96 | |
| " 142 Allied Duplicating Co Valdosta (Programs) | 8.00 | |
| | | 464.45 |

Balance on hand April 14, 1984 \$1,558.73

RECEIPTS APRIL 14, 1984

| | |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| Association Support | 214.50 |
| Association Missions | 96.00 |
| Other (Alabama Children's Home) | 68.00 |
| Georgia State Cooperative Offering | 103.59 |
| Total Receipts | 482.09 |
| Balance on hand | \$2,040.82 |

CHAIRMAN

MEMBER

MEMBER

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION
July 28th, AT WHITEHALL CHURCH, WAYCROSS, GA

THEME: 48th Annual Convention Theme
"REACHING FOR REVIVAL"

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:6
Habakkuk 3:2
II Chronicles 7:14

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30- 9:45 Congregational Singing and Prayer
9:45-10:00 Morning Devotions: Rowan Sirmans Psalm 85:6
10:00-10:05 Welcome: C. L. McMillan Response: Audie Williams

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

10:05-10:45 Call to Order, J. B. Mercer, Moderator
Report of Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chairperson
Seating of Delegates
Recognition of visitors
Minutes of previous meeting
Appointment of Committees: Finance
Report of Standing Association
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council
10:45-11:00 Recess

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00-11:55 Song and prayer service
Special Music, Host Church
Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program
Morning Message: Everett Williams, Habakkuk 3:2
Host Pastor directs for the Noon Meal, offers the
Benediction and prays the blessing on the Noon Meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:15- 1:20 Congregational Singing and prayer
1:20- 1:35 Afternoon devotions: Daniel Eason, II Chronicles 7:14

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:35- Final report of all Association and State
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council
4. Finance Committee Report
Old Business
New Business
Announcements, Adjournment, Benediction

NEXT SESSION: Cool Springs - October 20th, 1984.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION
July 28, 1984 at WHITE HALL CHURCH, WAYCROSS, GA

THEME: 48th Annual Convention Theme
"REACHING FOR REVIVAL"

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 85:6
Habakkuk 3:2
II Chronicles 7:14

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

The meeting was opened in prayer by Marvin Franks. The congregation was led in singing the beautiful songs, "Amazing Grace", "Lily of the Valley", "Revive Us Again", and "I'll Fly Away". The welcome was given by C. L. McMillan, with the response by Audie Williams. Morning devotion was brought by Rowan Sirmans, Psalm 85:6.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

The session was called to order by J. B. Mercer, Moderator. Chairperson Louis Ivey, Credentials Committee reported as follows: 13 churches reported, 13 pastors present, 6 other ministers, 12 deacons, 42 church delegates, for a total of 73 voting delegates. The delegates were then seated. The moderator recognized visitors. Then the minutes of previous meeting were read and approved. The Finance Committee for the day was appointed as follows: Chairman, C. M. Chafin, Jr.; Members: Audie Williams and Roger Spivey.

Trustee Audie Williams presented and explained the deed of the Oak Grove Church. Report presented as information and was so received.

Bill Cooper gave report on State Board of Christian Education. He stated guidelines were adopted for Georgia Bible Institute, and a catalog is in preparation for publication.

Discussed programs for State Youth Conference. Rev. Steve Hasty is to draft a constitution for the Historical Society. He discussed State Ministerial Fellowship. Approval of 1984 Minister Retreat Program. Talked about having Pastor/Wife Retreat, then spoke of the Bookstore. Stated next meeting would be at Eastman, GA on September 15, 1984.

Ronnie Moore reported State Mission Board meeting was held June 9, 1984 at State Office in Moultrie. Motion, second and carried to have Special Emphasis Day if approved by Executive Board. Motion, second and carried to loan Northside F.W.B. Church money for note payment. Money to be repaid July 1, 1987. Motion, second and carried to begin taking applications for the mission work in South Atlanta. Deadline for application: August 1, 1984. Two missionaries under consideration: Brother Bob White and Luther Burns. Mission churches are doing fine. Progress is slow but steady. Report was accepted as presented.

Roger Spivey gave report on Camp Board. New caretaker is Kim Kelley. The Georgia Union, Little River and Ogeechee Associations met for Camp the 3rd week in June. Little River was represented by 18 campers. There was a total of 115 campers this year. Report was received as information.

We all enjoyed report of missionary on Japan which brought us to morning recess.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

The service was opened by special music by the following: Wendell Morgan, Virue Lewis, Reba Jean Thompson, Evelyn Aldrich. They sang "I'm Winging My Way".

The offering for Georgia State Cooperative program was received. The amount received was \$142.00.

The morning message was brought by Everett Williams. Scripture Habakkuk 3:2 on the day's theme. The Host Pastor directed for the Noon Meal. He offered the Benediction and prayed the blessing on the meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Song leader Wendell Morgan led the meeting in two beautiful songs: "I Feel Like Traveling On" and "Victory In Jesus". The afternoon devotions by Daniel Eason on our theme, using II Chronicles 7:14 was well received.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Tom Hamilton reported the Ordaining Council met with the following members present: Riley Giddens, Tom Hamilton, Roger Spivey, Curtis Alligood proxy for William Barksdale. Curtis Alligood led in prayer. The closing prayer was by Roger Spivey. A motion was made, seconded and carried that a Letter of Recommendation be sent to the Ogeechee Association on behalf of Rev. Jimmy Coursey, with and apology for any inconvenience caused by the delay in sending such a letter. Informed conference that a letter of recommendation has been received on behalf of Rev. William Barry Hedrick from the Georgia Union Association and requests Moderator extend the hand of fellowship to him.

Little River Mission report presented by C. M. Chafin, Jr. was received as follows:

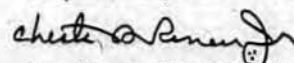
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| Balance May 6, 1984 | \$443.58 |
| Received from April | 96.00 |
| Total | \$539.58 |
| Paid out for Quarter | 90.00 |
| Received from State | 25.00 |
| Balance July 28, 1984 | \$474.58 |

Rev. Waid spoke on missionary couple from Japan, State Bulletin, and National Convention. Called for support of State Meeting at Norman Park, GA on November 14-17. Rev. Alligood next reported \$1,800 was sent to Home Missions Department gave further report of the whole program at his church.

The Resolutions Committee made the following resolution: That we give White Hall Church a standing vote of thanks for the good dinner and their friendship".

Having no further business, the Moderator accepted motion to adjourn with second and approval of meeting.

Respectfully submitted,


Chester A. Rineer, Jr.
Clerk/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT
July 28, 1984
White Hall Church, Waycross, GA

Balance on hand April, 14, 1984 \$2,040.82

DISBURSEMENTS

| Checks | Date | To | Amount |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| 143 | 14 April 1984 | J. B. Mercer | \$ 7.50 |
| 144 | 14 April 1984 | Chester Rineer | 10.00 |
| 145 | 19 April 1984 | C. M. Chafin, Jr. | 96.00 |
| 146 | 19 April 1984 | Georgia State Association | 671.59 |
| 147 | 21 May 1984 | Christian Book Store, Moultrie | 2.66 |
| 148 | 21 May 1984 | Evangelism Conference | 550.00 |
| 149 | 28 July 1984 | J. B. Mercer | 7.50 |
| 150 | 28 July 1984 | Chester Rineer | 10.00 |
| 151 | 20 Aug 1984 | Georgia State Association | 192.00 |
| 152 | 20 Aug 1984 | C. M. Chafin, Jr. | 35.00 |
| 153 | 30 Aug 1984 | Allied Duplicating Products | 8.00 |
| 154 | 28 Sept 1984 | Allied Duplicating Products | 8.00 |
| 155 | 19 Oct 1984 | First F.W.B. Church, Valdosta | 11.30 |
| Total Disbursements | | | \$1,609.55 |
| Balance | | | \$ 431.27 |

DEPOSITS

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| July 28, 1984 | \$ 550.00 |
| August 20, 1984 | 468.25 |
| Balance on hand 28 July 1984 | \$1,449.52 |

RECEIPTS October 20, 1984
Cool Springs

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| Association Support | \$277.50 |
| Association Missions | 30.00 |
| Offering for Rev. Mercer | 215.00 |
| Other | 282.00 |
| Georgia State COOP | 61.20 |
| Total receipts (Deposited 31 October 1984) | 865.70 |
| Balance on hand 28 July 1984 + receipts 20 Oct. 1984 | \$2,315.22 |

L.M. Chopin, Jr. Treasurer, Waycross, Georgia

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL SESSION
October 20, 1984 at COOL SPRINGS, RT 1, NORMAN PARK, GA

THEME: "The Christians Priorities" Scripture: Matthew 6:24-34

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30- 9:45 Congregational singing and prayer
9:45-10:00 Morning Devotions: Curtis Alligood, Matthew 6:24
10:00-10:05 Welcome: J. H. Ivey Response: Buddy Hartsfield

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

10:05-10:45 Call to Order, J. B. Mercer, Moderator
Report of Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chairperson
Seating of delegates
Recognition of visitors
Minutes of previous meeting
Appointment of Committees: Finance
Report of Standing Association
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council
10:45-11:00 Recess

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00-11:55 Song and prayer service
Special Music, Host Church
Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program
Morning message: Barry Hedrick, Hahira Pastor,
Matthew 6:25-32
Host Pastor directs for the Noon Meal, offers the
Benediction and prays the blessing on the Noon Meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:15- 1:20 Congregational singing and prayer
1:20- 1:35 Afternoon devotions: Jerry Wishum, Pastor, Tifton
First, Matthew 6:33-34

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:35- Final report of all Association and State
1. Boards
2. Committees
3. Ordaining Council
4. Finance Committee Report
Old Business
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Announcements, Adjournment, Benediction

NEXT SESSION: Tifton, January 19, 1985.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL SESSION
October 20, 1984 at COOL SPRINGS CHURCH, NORMAN PARK, GA

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

The session was opened by Audie Williams leading the congregation in singing: "Prepare To Meet Thy God". Prayer was given by Ronnie Moore. Assistant Moderator spoke concerning J. B. Mercer's illness. Prayer was called. Then again led by Audie Williams, the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus".

Curtis Alligood, Homerville Pastor, gave the morning devotion which was well received by everyone present. Altar prayer for J. B. Mercer with 100% answer to that call, showed love and respect for our beloved Moderator, J. B. Mercer.

Welcome by J. H. Ivey, was a warm one, everyone felt the warmth. Response returned by Buddy Hartsfield.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Business meeting called to order by Assistant Moderator who then called for Credential Committee Chairperson, Louise Ivey to call roll of churches. Minutes of previous meeting was read and approved. Partial Financial Report was read and accepted. Resolution Committee was appointed as follows: Arthur Wyatt, Tom Carlton and Robert Bazemore. Finance Committee: Bill Cooper, Chairman, Daniel Eason and L. D. Wynn, members. Obituary Committee: Margaret Williams, Chairperson, Jane Holder and Latrelle Barksdale.

The Assistant Moderator called for morning recess. Session was dismissed in prayer.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Service was opened by singing "Revive Us Again" led by Audie Williams. Motion called for by Audie Williams that collection be received for Rev. J. B. Mercer. It was seconded and approved. Collection received was \$235.00. Congregation then sang "I Would Not Be Denied". Special singing by Wanda Cooper and Diane Wisham who sang "Someone Loves Me" and "Jesus Is My Maker".

Nominating Committee was short 2 members. Assistant Moderator then appointed J. P. Perry and Bobby Holder to serve with John T. Cook. Collection for Georgia State COOP was called for and \$61.20 received. While offering was taken Audie Williams led the congregation in singing "Showers of Blessings".

The morning message was brought by Barry Hedrick, Pastor, Hahira Church, Matthew 6:25-32.

Host of the Cool Springs Church directed for Noon Meal, then offered Benediction and prayer for blessing on the Noon Meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Audie Williams once again led congregation in singing: "There Is Power In The Blood". Prayer by Everett Williams, followed by the song "At Calvary". Afternoon devotions were by Jerry Wishum, Pastor, Tifton First Church, Matthew 6:33-34.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Afternoon session called to order. Mission Board Treasurer gave the following report:

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| Brought forward | \$474.58 |
| Receive July | 35.00 |
| Total | \$509.58 |
| Paid Out | 90.00 |
| Balance | \$419.58 |

Resolution Committee recommended: Thanks to Cool Springs Church for food and fellowship. Standing ovation.

Ronnie Moore reported for State Mission Board. State Board met August 18, 1984 at State Office in Moultrie. Following was discussed: Loan to Northside F.W.B. Church, \$10,000 to pay off note. A budget of \$55,000 was adopted. Connie Cariker will be speaker for Mission Board at State Association. Hired Luther Burns as missionary to South Atlanta, Riverdale area. Billy Hatcher resigned as Chairman of Mission Board. Malcolm Freeman, Vice-Chairman, is now Chairman.

Christian Education report by Bill Cooper as follows:

1. State Youth Conference
 - A. State Youth Conference Committee: Rex Lynn, Rick Cason and Randy Jackson
 - B. The Committee is planning Youth activities at the State Association in November.
2. State Ministerial Fellowship
 - A. There are plans for a spring Pastor/Wife Retreat February 1-2, 1985. Rev. Ken Riggs will bring a series of messages to meet the needs of the group. (Curtis Alligood is on this committee.
 - B. The Annual Ministers Retreat is to be held April 30-May 3rd. The theme is "Church Growth and Administration" and will be held at Norman Baptist Assembly.
3. Georgia Bible Institute: Billy Sharpston is Director of External Studies. Dr. Irvin Hyman, G.B.I. President, with Danny Thomas, Registrar.
4. Historical Committee is at work organizing the Society and it's Constitution.
5. Christian Bookstore doing well, sales are up.

Obituary Committee report is listed in Annual Minutes.

Motion by Barry Hedrick to do away with Credentials Committee was received and seconded. After much discussion, was voted down. Credentials Committee remains in effect.

Delegates to State Association meeting appointed as follows: Arthur Wyatt, L. D. Wynn, Latrelle Barksdale and Laverne Alligood with Wanda Spivey as alternate.

Motion was received to send \$50.00 a month to Dale and Sandra Bishop. It was seconded and vote was for approval.

NEXT SESSION: First Church, Tifton, January 19, 1985.

Motion and seconded to adjourn was received. Session was closed in prayer.

Very Respectfully,

Chester A. Rineer
Chester A. Rineer, Clerk/Treasurer

FINANCIAL REPORT
ANNUAL SESSION, October 20, 1984
Cool Springs Church, Norman Park, GA

Balance on hand 20 October 1984 \$2,315.22

DISBURSEMENTS

| Checks | Date | To | Amount |
|--------|-------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| 156 | 20 Oct 1984 | Rev. R. S. Hays | \$ 7.50 |
| 157 | 20 Oct 1984 | Rev. C. A. Rineer | 10.00 |
| 158 | 20 Oct 1984 | Rev. J. B. Mercer | 215.00 |
| 159 | 31 Oct 1984 | Georgia State Association | |
| | | COOP 136.20 | |
| | | Children's Home, AL 147.00 | 283.20 |
| 160 | 31 Oct 1984 | C. M. Chafin, Jr. | 30.00 |
| 161 | 6 Nov 1984 | Georgia State Association | |
| | | State Representation Fee | 60.00 |
| 162 | 9 Nov 1984 | Georgia State Association | |
| | | National Representation Fee | 130.00 |

Total Disbursements \$ 735.70

Balance \$1,579.52

DEPOSIT

23 Oct 1984 \$ 44.50

Balance on hand 31 December 1984 \$1,624.02

Bill Cooper David L. Wynn L. D. Wynn