

MINUTES
OF THE
EIGHTY FIRST 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
WHITE HALL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
WAYCROSS, GEORGIA
ON
OCTOBER 17, 1987

Minutes of all 1987 Quarterly Meetings Included.

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STATISTICAL REPORT FROM ANNUAL CHURCH LETTERS

Number of churches in association	13
Number of churches reporting	13
Number of city churches	5
Number of rural churches	8
Number of churches with full-time pastor	9
Number of churches with part-time pastor	3
Number of parsonages	11
Combined value of churches/parsonages	\$945,000.00
Number of churches with budgets	1
Total income of churches	\$137,157.77
Number of ordained ministers	14
Number of licensed ministers	3
Number of ordained deacons	36
Combined total membership	751
Number of baptisms	37
Total members added/lost	60/24
Number of churches with Sunday Schools	12
Combined Sunday School enrollment	451
Number of churches with CTS	4
Combined CTS enrollment	55
Number of churches with Woman's Auxiliary	6
Combined WNAC enrollment	42
Number of churches with Masters Men	4
Combined MM enrollment	15

OFFICERS

MODERATOR	Bill Barksdale	CLERK/TREASURER	Bill Cooper
ASSISTANT	R. S. Hayes	ASSISTANT CLERK	C. M. Chafin

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bill Barksdale, Moderator	
R. S. Hayes, Asst. Moderator	
Bill Cooper, Clerk	
Jimmy Abell, Asst. Clerk	
C. M. Chafin	1988
L. D. Wynn	1989
Buddy Hartsfield	1990
J. C. Plair	1991
Frank Beverly	1992

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Chester Chancey	
Woodrow Herndon	
Dop Perry	

FINANCE COMMITTEE

L. D. Wynn	
Ann Mercer	
Chester Chancey	

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

R. S. Hayes	1988
J. C. Plair	1989
Benny Hamilton	1990
Chester Chancey	1991
Audie Williams	1992

MISSIONS BOARD

Jesse Pope	1988
C. M. Chafin, Jr.	1989
Earl Ridley	1990
Bill Cooper	1991

STATE MISSION BOARD, Pete Winstead (1988)

STATE TRUSTEE BOARD, C. M. Chafin, Jr. (1988)

STATE CAMPING BOARD, J. W. Franks (1988)

STATE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD, Bill Cooper (1988)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

William J. Sumner	1988
Riley Giddens	1989
William J. Barksdale	1990
Thomas G. Hamilton	1991
J. B. Mercer	1992

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Louise Ivey	
Lorene Miller	
Willie Williams	

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Earl Ridley	
Bobby Thompson	
Raymond Mercer	

LITTLE RIVER CAMP BOARD

Pete Winstead	
Rowan Sirmans	
J. W. Franks	

BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Everett Williams	1988
Larry Johnson	1989
Daniel Eason	1990
Buddy Hartsfield	1991
Gary Milan	1992

DIRECTORY OF PASTORS AND CLERKS

COOL SPRINGS

Rev. Pete Winstead
RR 1, Box 218-A
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3246

Mr. C. M. Chafin, Jr.
RR 1, Box 204
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3436

CORINTH

Rev. William J. Barksdale
RR 4, Box 2485
Tifton, GA 31794
386-8320

Mrs. J. W. Franks
RR 4, Box 2470
Tifton, GA 31794
382-3580

FIRST - HAHIRA

Rev. Roger Beecher
RR 4, Box 1045
Hazlehurst, GA 31539
375-5693

Mrs. Zelma P. Samples
P. O. Box 34
Hahira, GA 31632
794-2738

FIRST - TIFTON

Rev. Leonard F. Ogletree
1005 Pineview Avenue
Tifton, GA 31794
386-4410

Mrs. Leota Cook
P. O. Box 251
Brookfield, GA 31727
382-1961

FIRST - VALDOSTA

Rev. Randy Penix
1001 E. Cranford Avenue
Valdosta, GA 31601
242-2187

Mrs. Tami Penix
1001 E. Cranford Avenue
Valdosta, GA 31601
242-2187

FOREST HILL

Rev. Everett Williams
RR 1, Box 18
Pearson, GA 31642
422-3690

Mrs. Judy Crowley
507 N. Cleveland
Adel, GA 31620
896-7243

FRIENDSHIP

Rev. Ronny Moore
1930 McClure Street
Waycross, GA 31501

Mrs. Joy Ternest
RR 4, Box 399
Waycross, GA 31501
285-1321

DIRECTORY OF PASTORS AND CLERKS

HOMERVILLE

Rev. Curtis Alligood
P. O. Box 354
Homerville, GA 31634
487-5840

Mrs. Vernice Coon
P. O. Box 457
Homerville, GA 31634
487-2993

OZIAS

Rev. Charles Hardeman
RR 2
Eastman, GA 31023
374-3618

Mr. Riley Cowart
RR 2
Pearson, GA 31642
422-3931

PINE LEVEL

Rev. David Young
RR 2
Norman Park, GA 31771
776-5307

Mr. Don Perry
RR 2, Box 93
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3655

SUNNYSIDE

Rev. Sim Youngblood
RR 2, Box 150
Pearson, GA 31642
422-3781

Mr. James Carlton Burch
P. O. Box 611
Pearson, GA 31642
422-7219

WHITE HALL

Rev. Rowan Sirmans
RR 2, Box 82A
Pearson, GA 31642
422-3013

Mrs. Carolyn Merritt
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Waycross, GA 31501
285-3156

ZION HILL

Rev. Barry Hedrick
RR 2, Box 652-D
Lake Butler, FL 32054
(904) 496-2280

Mrs. Ann Mercer
RR 1, Box 28-A
Millwood, GA 31552
283-3908

DEACON BOARD CHAIRMEN

COOL SPRINGS (4)
Benny Hamilton
RR 1
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3494

FIRST HAHIRA (3)
J. C. Clair
209 E. Stanfill Street
Hahira, GA 31632
794-3137

FIRST VALDOSTA (1)
Earl Ridley
2509 Deborah Drive
Valdosta, GA 31602
242-4550

FRIENDSHIP (1)
Woodrow Herndon
RR 4, Box 400
Waycross, GA 31501
283-4472

OZIAS (4)
Fred Baker
RR 1
Pearson, GA 31642
422-3646

SUNNYSIDE
No Report

ZION HILL (2)
J. C. Arnold
1001 North Augusta Avenue
Waycross, GA 31501
283-2387

CORINTH (5)
William H. Cooper
RR 4, Box 2490
Tifton, GA 31794
382-9868

FIRST TIFTON (1)
John Thomas Cook
P. O. Box 251
Brookfield, GA 31727
382-1961

FOREST HILL (1)
George Crowley
400 E. Robinson, Apt. A
Adel, GA 31620
896-4223

HOMERVILLE
No Report

PINE LEVEL (5)
Buddy Hartsfield
RR 2
Norman Park, GA 31771
776-3708

WHITE HALL (2)
Chester Chancey
RR 3, Box 741
Waycross, GA 31501
285-3548

() notes number of deacons

DIRECTORY - OTHER MINISTERS AND MISSIONARIES

COOL SPRINGS
Rev. J. B. Mercer
RR 1
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3327

CORINTH: MISSIONARIES
Dale & Sandra Bishop
48-1 Higashi Machi
Nopporo Ebetsu Shi
JAPAN 069

FOREST HILL
Rev. R. S. Hayes
RR 2, Box 253
Adel, GA 31620
896-3334

HAHIRA
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P. O. Box 72
Brookfield, Ga 31727
382-8479

CORINTH
W. Jerome McNeese (Licensed)
1220 Sussex Drive
Wildwood Apts. D-31
Tifton, GA 31794 386-1273

FIRST VALDOSTA
Rev. Riley Giddens
RR 1, Box 3230
Ray City, GA 31645
686-3615

HOMERVILLE
Rev. Thomas G. Hamilton
100 East Park Street
Homerville, GA 31643
487-2217

OZIAS
Rev. Daniel Eason
Douglas, GA 31755

DIRECTORY OF OTHER BOARD OR COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NOT FOUND ELSEWHERE IN THESE MINUTES

Mrs. Louise Ivey
P. O. Box 200
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3465

Mr. L. D. Wynn
RR 1, Box 447
Sparks, GA 31647
549-8857

Mr. Jesse Pope
RR 1
Norman Park, GA 31771
769-3832

Mr. J. W. Franks
RR 4, Box 2470
Tifton, Ga 31794
382-3580

SCHEDULE OF CHURCHES HOSTING THE ASSOCIATION

1988	1989
Cool Springs.....Jan. 16	Homerville.....Jan. 14
First Tifton.....April 16	Corinth.....April 15
Pine Level.....July 30	Friendship.....July 29
Zion Hill.....October 15	Ozias.....Oct. 14

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

October 17, 1987 - White Hall, Waycross

THEME: THE FRUIT OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE: John 15:9-17

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30 - 9:45 Congregational Singing and Prayer
 9:45 - 10:00 Morning Devotional: Bro. Sim Youngblood <Jn 15:9-10>
 10:00 - 10:05 Welcome: Chester Chancey Response: Fred Baker
 10:05 - 10:45 Call to Order, Bill Barksdale, Moderator
 Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chprsn
 Seating of Delegates/ Recognition of Visitors
 Minutes of Previous Meeting/Treasurer's Report
 Report of Standing Association: 1. Boards
 2. Committees 3. Ordaining Council
 Presentation of Attendance Award
 Recess

10:45 - 11:00

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 - 11:55

Song and Prayer Service
 Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program
 Special Music, Host Church
 Morning Message: Bro. Everett Williams <Jn 15:11-15>

Directions for Noon Meal, Benediction, and Prayer of Blessing for the
 Noon Meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:00 - 1:05 Congregational Singing and Prayer
 Afternoon Devotional: Bro. Pete Winstead <Jn 15:16-17>

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:20 Final Report of Boards, Ordaining Council,
 Finance and other Committees.

Old Business
 New Business

Announcements
 Adjournment/Benediction

NEXT SESSION: Cool Springs FWB Church, January 16, 1988.

{LOVE}

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS ANNUAL SESSION -- WHITE HALL

OCTOBER 17, 1987

THEME: THE FRUIT OF LOVE

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15: 9-17

The opening song was, "Fill My Way With Love". Bro. Frank Beverly led in prayer. Bro. Sim Youngblood gave the morning devotional. Chester Chancey gave the welcome and Fred Baker the response. The Annual Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Bill Barksdale. Credentials Committee Report was given by Mrs. Lorene Miller as a partial report. There were 11 Churches represented, 9 pastors, 4 other ministers, 16 deacons, 46 delegates = Total 75. Friendship & Zion Hill churches were represented by delegates (no written reports). Move, second to seat all delegates. Carried! Visitors were Rev. Randall Penix and Sister Tamara Sue Penix, new pastor's family at First Valdosta.

The minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read and accepted as information. The Association Missions Treasurer's report was given by Bro. C. M. Chafin, jr. Move, second, Carried to receive report (see report).² Bro. C. M. reported that we still do not have enough income to meet the bills. The following were appointed to these committees to today: FINANCE- Jimmy Abell & Audie Williams, NOMINATING - Buddy Hartsfield & Earl Ridley, RESOLUTIONS - Fred Baker. No reports from the Board of Trustees and the Board of Christian Education. The attendance award went to Sunny Side with sixteen in attendance. We recessed at 10:45.

We began singing with "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rowan Sirmans. Offering taken for the GA State Cooperative Program. Special Music was sung by a trio from the Host Church. Appointed to the Obituary Committee was: Mrs. Latrelle Barksdale & Mrs. Frank Beverly. Message was by Rev. Everett Williams & we adjourned for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened by Sister Barksdale and group from Pine Level singing "Prayer Bells of Heaven." Prayer by Rev. Rowan Sirmans and the afternoon devotional by Rev. Pete Winstead. The Resolutions Committee gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church. There was a move and second to receive the report of the Nominating Committee (see attached).² Another move and second to elect all officers at one time. The Finance Report given by Bro. Jimmy Abell.² A partial report was given because of Friendship and Zion Hill churches not having their written letters.

Bro. J. W. Franks made a move to have Little River Camp Board kept for another year. Second, Carried! The Committee is Pete Winstead, Rowan Sirmans and J. W. Franks. Bro. Winstead gave a report about the Youth Rally planned at Camp Mt. Bethel in November.

Move and second to take the trophy issue off the table, Carried! Move and second that the trophy be on a percentage basis of church membership. After discussion, vote was 19 for and 25 against. A move and second was made to present attendance trophy to Rev. Rowan Sirmans to keep because he and his church had the highest percentage of wins, Carried.

After discussion, there was also a move, second to do away with the trophy altogether (24 for 15 against) Carried! The Obituary Committee Report given by Sister Barksdale (see report).² Move to rise and have moment of silence and prayer by Bro. R. S. Hayes in memory of loved ones who had died. Seconded, Carried! A move, second to forward monies to State Association for fees by treasurer- Carried! Delegates to State Association at Norman Park are Sister Latrelle Barksdale and Sister Lorene Miller.

Ordaining Council report given by Bro. Tom Hamilton (see report).⁴⁵
 Bro. David Young to be accepted at next meeting. Move, second, carried to accept report.
 Move, second to have Association session beginning at 9:00 'til - Carried!
 Six members voted against the change after discussion.
 The next meeting will be at Cool Springs on January 16, 1988. Announcements were made and we adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
 Bill Cooper, Clerk

NOTE: Late letters received from Friendship and Zion Hill. Late letters were also received from Hahira and Homerville, with finances, but they were not represented at the Association.

ATTACHMENT 1

ASSOCIATION MISSION REPORT:

	BALANCE 1/17/87	201.08
Received for	October	60.00
"	January	55.00
"	April & July	155.00
"	Debbie Griffin	65.00
	TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	536.08
Paid Out....	February.....	60.00
	March.....	60.00
	April.....	60.00
	May.....	60.00
	June.....	60.00
	October.....	60.00
	Debbie Griffin.....	65.00
	BALANCE	111.08
	C.M. Chafin, Jr., Treasurer	

ATTACHMENT 2

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: by Raymond Mercer, Buddy Hartsfield, Earl Ridley

Moderator Bill Barksdale
 Asst. Mod. R. S. Hayes
 Clerk/Treas. Bill Cooper
 Asst. Jimmy Abell

Executive Committee:
 Frank Beverly to replace J. C. Arnold

Ordaining Council:
 J. B. Mercer to replace self

Credentials Committee: same

Board of Trustees:
 Audie Williams replacing self
 C. D. Purvis (deceased) replaced with R. S. Hayes

Mission Board:
 Bill Cooper replacing self

Resolutions Committee: same

Board of Christian Education:
 Gary Milan replacing Earl Ridley

Nominating Committee:
 Earl Ridley replacing Felton Lee

Finance Committee:
 Ann Mercer replacing Tim Johnson

State Boards:
 MISSIONS: Pete Winstead
 TRUSTEES: C. M. Chafin, Jr.

ATTACHMENT 5; The Ordaining Council met October 17, 1987 at White Hall Free Will Baptist Church, Waycross, GA. The Chairman, Rev. J. B. Mercer, called the meeting to order and Brother Billy Sumner led in prayer. The members present were: J. B. Mercer, Bill Barksdale, Billy Sumner and Tom Hamilton.

In response to the request of the First Free Will Baptist Church of Valdosta, GA that Rev. Randy Penix, pastor of the same, be examined by the Ordaining Council and received into the fellowship of the Little River Association, the Ordaining Council did examine Rev. Penix and recommends that he be received into the fellowship of the Association upon reception of a letter of recommendation from the Association of which he was formerly a member. Respectfully submitted, J. B. Mercer, Chairman
 Tom Hamilton, Secretary

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "A"

WHITE HALL, WAYCROSS
Place of Meeting

OCTOBER 17, 1987
Date of Meeting

CHURCH NAME	ASSOCIATION SUPPORT	ASSOCIATION MISSIONS	OTHER
COOL SPRINGS	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$.
CORINTH	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
FOREST HILL	\$ 10.00	\$.	\$ 10.00 Coop
FRIENDSHIP	\$.	\$.	\$.
HAHIRA, FIRST	\$.	\$.	\$.
HOMERVILLE	\$.	\$.	\$.
OZIAS	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
PINE LEVEL	\$ 30.00	\$.	\$.
SUNNY SIDE	\$ 30.50	\$ 25.00 Home Mis.	\$ 60.00 Coop
TIFTON, FIRST	\$ 7.00	\$.	\$.
VALDOSTA, FIRST	\$ 10.00	\$.	\$.
WHITE HALL	\$ 17.50	\$.	\$.
ZION HILL	\$.	\$.	\$.
TOTALS	\$ 180.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00

COOP OFFERING + TOTAL RECEIPTS + OLD BALANCE = BALANCE TO DATE
(from above)

\$ 71.79 \$ 300.00 \$ 633.85 \$ 1005.64

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "B"

WHITE HALL, WAYCROSS
Place of Meeting

OCTOBER 17, 1987
Date of Meeting

1. Association Support Total	\$ 180.00
2. Association Mission Total	\$ 50.00
3. Other Total (Checks made out to State Coop)	\$ 70.00
4. Total Received from Churches (Add #1 & #2 & #3)	\$ 300.00
5. Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 71.79
6. Total Receipts (Add #4 & #5)	\$ 371.79
7. Old Balance	\$ 633.85
8. Balance to Date (Add #6 & #7)	\$ 1005.64

PARTIAL REPORT

Signed *Jimmy Abell*
Finance Committee Chairman

This portion of report
added by Clerk, Bill Cooper!
Also SEE JANUARY 1988 REPORT!

SUBTOTAL... \$1005.64
Receipts came in late... 146.00
Less \$70.00 sent to State... 70.00
Office that was made out to
GA State Association
BALANCE..... \$1081.64

CHURCHES SENDING IN LATE REPORTS:
First Hahira 35.00
Friendship 20.00
Homerville 30.00
Zion Hill 31.00
FIRST VALDOSTA SENT NAT'L ASSOC. DUES 10.00
(not late) \$126.00
White Hall & Zion Hill paid cash 20.00
12 after Finance Report but was
added into deposit on 10/17/87.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT

OCTOBER 17, 1987
DATE

Balance on Hand July 24, 1987		\$434.61
date		amount
	DEPOSIT.....	\$605.80
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>	
What for? Amount	Where from? Amount	
R. S. Hayes 15.00		
Bill Cooper 20.00		
Pete Winstead 37.26		
phone calls re camp		
GA State Coop 127.30		
C. M. Chafin-Missions 185.00		
Tifton Postmaster 22.00		
Total Disbursements \$406.56	Total Receipts	
BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK TODAY \$633.85		

Treasurer, William H. Cooper

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Obituary Committee recommend that we stand in silence for a moment in tribute to the memory of our departed brothers and sisters. Then we will ask Brother R. S. Hayes to lead our hearts in prayer.

CHURCH	PERSON	DATE OF BIRTH	DATE OF DEATH
Cool Springs	O. L. Roberts		November 1986
Cool Springs	Tom Chafin	Dec 1919	Nov 29, 1986
Cool Springs	Kirk Hamilton	Mar 4, 1961	Aug 17, 1987
First Hahira	Mrs. Bessie Coppage	June 9, 1911	Jan. 27, 1987
First Hahira	Mrs. Dorothy Demoranville	Jan. 29, 1928	June 18, 1987
First Tifton	Mrs. Tennis Harris	Aug. 16, 1925	Jan. 24, 1987
First Valdosta	Harlow Selph		
First Valdosta	Rev. Chester A. Rineer, Jr.	March 23, 1927	March 29, 1987
Ozias	Mrs. Eddna Taft	March 18, 1910	May 4, 1987
White Hall	Mr. Clarene D. Purvis	Aug. 7, 1914	Nov. 6, 1986
	Respectfully Submitted,		
	Mrs. Latrelle Barksdale		
	Mrs. Frank Beverly		

 LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY
 SESSION JULY 25, 1987 AT VALDOSTA F.W.B. CHURCH

THEME: THE TRINITY

SCRIPTURE: I JOHN 5:7

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30-9:45 Congregational Singing & Prayer
 9:45-10:00 Morning Devotions: Pete Winstead
 10:00-10:05 Welcome: Earl Ridley Response: RS Hayes
 10:05-10:15 Call to Order, Bill Barksdale, Moderator
 Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chrsn
 Seating of Delegates
 Recognition of Visitors
 Minutes of Previous Meeting
 Report of Standing Association:
 1. Boards 2. Committees
 3. Ordaining Council

PRESENTATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARD

10:15-11:00

RECESS

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00-11:55

Song & Prayer Service
 Special Music, Host Church
 Offering for Georgia State Cooperative
 Program
 Morning Message: Billy Sumner

Directions for Noon Meal, Benediction & Prayer of Blessing
 for the Noon Meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:00-1:05

Congregational Singing & Prayer
 Afternoon Devotions: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Ronnie Moore

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:20

Final Report of ALL Association & State:
 1. Boards 2. Committees
 3. Ordaining Council 4. Finance Committee

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

BENEDICTION

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION
 July 25, 1987 at First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta, GA

THEME: THE TRINITY

SCRIPTURE: I JOHN 5:7

Congregational singing "Power In The Blood" opened the session with prayer, Bro. Everett Williams. Congregation sang: Leaning On The Everlasting Arms. Bro. Pete Winstead brought the morning devotion. Call to order by Asst. Moderator, Bro. R. S. Hayes. Welcome given by Bro. Earl Ridley; response by Bro. R. S. Hayes. Credentials committee report given by Louise Ivey: 13 churches reported, 7 pastors, 12 deacons, 4 other ministers, 47 delegates with a total of 70 voting delegates. Mrs. Ivey moved that the report be accepted and delegates seated, seconded, motion carried. State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Herbert Waid and Wife, Geraldine attended the session. The minutes were read and approved as read. Bro. Pete Winstead reported for Bro. C. M. Chafin that the offering for missions is not enough to cover disbursements to missionaries. The people were ask to respond and help. Presentation of attendance award made with White Hall having 17 in attendance. Discussion was that we wait until after lunch to give out the trophy. If there is to be a change, it will be discussed in afternoon business session.

Meeting recessed. The MORNING WORSHIP HOUR was opened by singing, Heavenly Sunlight, prayer by Bro. Riley Giddens. Special music by Valdosta First choir: How Great Thou Art and I Know Whom I Have Believed. Offering taken for GA State Cooperative Fund= \$127.30. Bro. Billy Sumner brought the morning message from I John 5:7 and St. John 1:1-5. Benediction for the noon meal by Earl Ridley.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES began with singing, Love Lifted Me. The devotion was brought by Rev. Herbert Waid, John 14:26. BUSINESS SESSION started with Ordaining Council reporting no business today. Resolutions Committee reported and ask the Association to help pay Bro. Pete Winstead for phone calls he incurred during his office as Youth Camp Director = \$37.26. Motion seconded and carried. See Financial Reports attached. Association gave rising vote of thanks to host church for noon meal and hospitality. Rev. Pete Winstead reported for the Little River Association Camp Board: very good camp session with ten souls saved. Bro. Tom Hamilton gave report on Constitution and By-laws re the Assistant Clerk having the authority to write and sign checks. He read the by-laws-p. 14 Section I, Officers and Their Duties, Article D. "The Assistant Clerk/Treasurer shall assist the Clerk/Treasurer and/or assume his duties if required." The Assistant Clerk has the same authority as Clerk. Motion to accept report as information, seconded, carried.

Discussion on trophy: motion made to table it until next session, seconded, carried. Question was ask about adding deacons to church letters for credentials reporting. Our State Promotional Secretary Rev. Waid reported at this time: State Association is November 12-14 at Norman Baptist Assembly, Norman Park, GA; explained monies given for Advance Celebration, etc.; Hymn Book Sunday is December 6, 1987, Book has shaped and round notes; reported on National work. There were no other reports from Boards or Committees. Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Benediction by Bro. Earl Ridley.

Bill Cooper, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT

JULY 25 1987
DATE

Balance on Hand April 18, 1987 \$698.07
date amount

DEPOSIT.....

DISBURSEMENTS

What for?	Amount	Where from?	Amount
Bill Barksdale	\$15.00		
Bill Cooper	20.00		
Camp Mt. Bethel reservation fee	50.00		
Southern Pines Florist	52.00		
Rev. Rineer's flowers			
GA State Coop	87.06		
Assoc. Missions	35.00		
Postage Stamps	4.40		

Total Disbursements \$263.46 Total Receipts

BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK TODATE \$434.61

Treasurer, William H. Cooper

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "A"

FIRST VALDOSTA
Place of Meeting

JULY 25, 1987
Date of Meeting

CHURCH NAME	ASSOCIATION SUPPORT	ASSOCIATION MISSIONS	OTHER
COOL SPRINGS	\$ 50.00	\$.	\$.
CORINTH	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
FOREST HILL	\$ 7.00	\$.	\$.
FRIENDSHIP	\$ 20.00	\$.	\$.
HAHIRA, FIRST	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
HOMERVILLE	\$ 30.00	\$.	\$.
OZIAS	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
PINE LEVEL	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
SUNNY SIDE	\$ 30.50	\$ 25.00	\$ 75.00 Bishc 75.00 Griff
TIPTON, FIRST	\$ 7.00	\$.	\$.
VALDOSTA, FIRST	\$ 10.00	\$.	\$.
WHITE HALL	\$ 17.00	\$.	\$.
ZION HILL	\$ 12.00	\$ 10.00	\$.
TOTALS	\$ 283.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 160.00
COOP OFFERING + TOTAL RECEIPTS (from above)	\$ 127.30	\$ 478.50	\$ 434.61
			\$ 1040.41

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "B"

FIRST VALDOSTA
Place of Meeting

JULY 25, 1987
Date of Meeting

1. Association Support Total	\$ 283.50
2. Association Mission Total	\$ 35.00
3. Other Total	\$ 160.00
4. Total Received from Churches (Add #1 & #2 & #3)	\$ 478.50
5. Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 127.30
6. Total Receipts (Add #4 & #5)	\$ 605.80
7. Old Balance	\$ 434.61
8. Balance to Date (Add #6 & #7)	\$ 1040.41

Signed

L. D. Wynn
Finance Committee Chairman

Hester Hawley
E. J. Williams

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION
FIRST HAHIRA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - APRIL 18, 1987
THEME: "BACK TO BETHEL" SCRIPTURE: GENESIS 35:1-7

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30 - 9:45	Congregational Singing and Prayer
9:45 - 10:00	Morning Devotional: R. S. Hayes
10:00 - 10:05	Welcome: L. D. Wynn Response: Bill Cooper
10:05 - 10:45	Call to Order, Bill Barksdale, Moderator Credentials Committee, Louise Ivey, Chprsh Seating of Delegates/ Recognition of Visitors Minutes of Previous Meeting/Treasurer's Report Report of Standing Association: 1. Boards 2. Committees 3. Ordaining Council Presentation of Attendance Award
10:45 - 11:00	Recess

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

11:00 - 11:55	Song and Prayer Service Offering for Georgia State Cooperative Program Special Music, Host Church Morning Message: Rev. Curtis Alligood Directions for Noon Meal, Benediction, and Prayer of Blessing for the Noon Meal.
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AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:00 - 1:05	Congregational Singing and Prayer Afternoon Devotional: Pete Winstead
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AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:20	Final Report of Boards, Ordaining Council, Finance and other Committees. Old Business New Business Announcements Adjournment/Benediction
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NEXT SESSION: July 25, 1987, First Valdosta Free Will Baptist

MINUTES OF THE

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION # April 18, 1987
FIRST HAHIRA FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

THEME: "Back To Bethel"

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 35: 1-7

L. D. Wynn led congregational singing: There Shall Be Showers of Blessings and There Is Power In The Blood. Prayer by Buddy Hartsfield. Bro. R. S. Hayes brought the morning devotional using theme & scripture. Welcome by L. D. Wynn; response by Bill Cooper.

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

Moderator Bill Barksdale called the session to order. The first item was to pay our respects to the late Rev. Chester Rineer, our Association Clerk, who died at his home with a heart attack. Bro. Barksdale told what an excellent job Bro. Rineer did as clerk of our Association and how much he loved being our clerk. He was also well spoken of as pastor, husband and friend. The moderator asked that a card or letter be sent to Mrs. Rineer from the Association for a job well done, and that as many as possible sign it. Bro. Everett Williams led our hearts in prayer after a few moments of silence in memory of Bro. Rineer.

Credentials Committee report was given: 13 churches represented, 11 pastors, 4 other ministers, 13 deacons, 43 church delegates with a total of 71 voting delegates. Mrs. Ivey asked that the report be accepted and the delegates seated. Move, seconded and carried.

Visitors Gary Abell and children were recognized. The minutes were read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was given and accepted as information.

Report from the State Board of Christian Education [see attachment 1]. Bro. Chester Chancey was elected to the Finance Committee instead of Bro. Bill Sumner as Bro. Sumner is on the Ordaining Council. The moderator asked pleasure of the Association on paying for flowers he had personally ordered and sent for Mrs. Martha Rineer. Moved, second, carried to pay the \$52.00 for flowers sent from the Association.

MORNING WORSHIP

Bro. L. D. Wynn led congregational singing, Kneel At The Cross. Bro. Wynn also sang special music accompanied by Wanda Cooper. Presentation of attendance award: White Hall had 30. Offering taken for State Coop = \$87.06. Congregation sang Amazing Grace. The message was by Rev. Curtis Alligood using theme and scripture. Invitation hymn Just As I Am. Pastor gave directions for the noon meal and we were dismissed for lunch.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Congregational song and then afternoon devotional was given by Bro. Pete Winstead who then led our hearts in prayer.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The Moderator called the afternoon business session to order. A report from the Camp Board for the Little River Association. We will have our own session this year for all school aged children June 29 - July 3. Jimmy Abell will go to each church to talk about and promote the Camp.

Bro. Pete Winstead gave a report on helping the Free Will Baptist Bible College financially. He will talk more about it later.

Ordaining Council had no report. The Finance Committee reported. Moved, seconded and carried to accept report [see Attachment 3].

The resolutions committee wanted to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for the noon meal. Also Bro. Sumner thanked the other churches who helped with lunch.

Nominating Committee reported: C. M. Chafin, Jr. nominated as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer since Bill Cooper is now acting clerk. [See report, attachment # 2] Move, seconded, carried to accept report of nominating committee. Move and second for Bro. C. M. Chafin, Jr. to have signature available to sign checks in the event that the Clerk cannot. Bro. Tom Hamilton was asked to study the Constitution and Bylaws re the Assistant Clerk already having permission to sign, etc.

National Association Delegates: July 19-23, Sister Laverne Alligood, Sister Faye Ogletree and Sister Lorene Miller.

Move, seconded, carried to send \$50 for camp fee to hold dates for camp session. Announcements were made. Move, second to adjourn. Bro. Jimmy Abell dismissed the assembly in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William H. Cooper
Clerk

Next session: July 25, 1987, First Valdosta Free Will Baptist Church

ATTACHMENT # 1

The State Board of Christian Education met in Eastman, Georgia. We discussed the meeting of the Preachers Retreat and the future of the Georgia Bible Institute. We had to fill a vacancy on that committee. We asked Rev. (Dr.) Tom Lightsey to serve on that committee with Rev. Willie Martin and myself as chairman. We also discussed the State Youth Conference to be held in May. There is progress in the building of the Historical Society. If you have any information or articles for the History of Free Will Baptists in Georgia you can contact Rev. Herbert Waid. We are still working on the Preachers and Laymen Retreat and a Couples Retreat. The State Youth Conference Committee is Rev. Bud Hill, Bill and Wanda Cooper. We ask you to attend the Youth Conference at Norman Baptist Assembly, May 1 & 2. Guest speaker will be Rev. Gary Frye from Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,
Bill Cooper, Board Member

ATTACHMENT # 2

We, the Nominating Committee, do hereby nominate Bro. C. M. Chafin to replace Bro. Bill Cooper as Assistant Clerk and Treasurer since Bro. Chester Rineer passed away; and Bro. Bill Cooper as Clerk-Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Felton Lee, Chairman
Sister Latrelle Barksdale
Bro. Raymond Mercer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT

April 18 1987
DATE

Balance on Hand	January 17, 1987	\$461.46
	date	amount
		DEPOSIT..... 21.00 3/8
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>		<u>RECEIPTS</u>
What for?	Amount	Where from? Amount
GA State Coop 1/20/87	\$135.45	Association Support 251.00
PM Valdosta GA stamps 1/20 #270	22.00	Association Missions 35.00
Bill Barksdale	15.00	GA State Coop 87.06
Bill Cooper	20.00	
Total Disbursements	\$192.45	Total Receipts 373.06
BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK TODATE \$663.07		

Treasurer, William H. Cooper

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "A"

FIRST HAHIRA		APRIL 18, 1987	
Place of Meeting		Date of Meeting	
CHURCH NAME	ASSOCIATION SUPPORT	ASSOCIATION MISSIONS	OTHER
COOL SPRINGS	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$.
CORINTH	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
FOREST HILL	\$ 7.00	\$.	\$.
FRIENDSHIP	\$ 20.00	\$.	\$.
HAHIRA, FIRST	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
HOMERVILLE	\$ 30.00	\$.	\$.
OZIAS	\$ 25.00	\$.	\$.
PINE LEVEL	\$ 20.00	\$.	\$.
SUNNY SIDE	\$ 30.50	\$.	\$.
TIFTON, FIRST	\$ 7.00	\$.	\$.
VALDOSTA, FIRST	\$ 10.00	\$.	\$.
WHITE HALL	\$ 15.50	\$.	\$.
ZION HILL	\$ 11.00	\$ 10.00	\$.
TOTALS	\$ 251.00	\$ 35.00	\$.
COOP OFFERING + TOTAL RECEIPTS + OLD BALANCE = BALANCE TO DATE			
(from above)			
\$ 87.06	\$ 286.00	\$ 325.01	\$ 698.07

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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "B"

FIRST HAHIRA		APRIL 18, 1987	
Place of Meeting		Date of Meeting	
1. Association Support Total		\$	251.00
2. Association Mission Total		\$	35.00
3. Other Total		\$.
4. Total Received from Churches (Add #1 & #2 & #3)		\$	286.00
5. Georgia State Cooperative Offering		\$	87.06
6. Total Receipts (Add #4 & #5)		\$	373.06
7. Old Balance		\$	325.01
8. Balance to Date (Add #6 & #7)		\$	698.07

Signed Leonard D. Wynn
Finance Committee Chairman

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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY SESSION
JANUARY 17, 1987 AT SUNNYSIDE F. W. B. CHURCH.

THEME: FAIL NOT TO ASSEMBLE THYSELVES

SCRIPTURE: HEBREWS 10th CHAPTER
25th VERSE.

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

9:30-9:45 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AND PRAYER
9:45-10:00 MORNING DEVOTIONS: BILL BARKSDALE

10:00-10:05 WELCOME: A WILLIAMS RESPONSE: DANIEL EASON

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

10:05-10:45 CALL TO ORDER, REV. BILL BARKSDALE, MODERATOR.
REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, LOUISE IVEY, CHAIRPERSON.
SEATING OF DELEGATES
RECOGNITION OF VISITORS
MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
REPORT OF STANDING ASSOCIATION
1. BOARDS
2. COMMITTEES
3. ORDAINING COUNCIL

PRESENTATION OF ATTENDANCE AWARD

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: RONNIE MOORE

HOST PASTOR DIRECTS FOR THE NOON MEAL, OFFERS THE BENEDICTION AND PRAYS
THE BLESSING ON THE NOON MEAL!

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

1:00-1:05 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING AND PRAYER
AFTERNOON DEVOTIONS: EVERETTE WILLIAMS

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

1:20 FINAL REPORT OF ALL ASSOCIATION AND STATE
1. BOARDS
2. COMMITTEES
3. ORDAINING COUNCIL
4. FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
OLD BUSINESS
NEW BUSINESS

NEXT SESSION: HAHIRA FIRST 18 APRIL 1987

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

ADJOURNMENT

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST QUARTERLY SESSION
JANUARY 17, 1987 SUNNYSIDE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, KIRKLAND, GA

THEME: FAIL NOT TO ASSEMBLE THYSELVES SCRIPTURE: HEB.10:25

MORNING PRELIMINARIES

Session opened with singing of # 46 "I'd Rather Be An Old Time Christian"
led by Brother Rowan Sirmans. Prayer presented by Daniel Eason.
Our Moderator Bill Barksdale then brought to us the morning devotion.
Welcome given by Bro. Al Williams, Response by Daniel Eason.

MORNING BUSINESS MEETING

Moderator called the session to order with a call to Sister Louise Ivey
for Credentials Committee Report. 13 churches, 10 pastors, 7 other ministers,
15 deacons, 57 church delegates reporting for a total of 83 voting delegates
to conduct the days business. Mrs. Ivey Moved that report be accepted,
seconded, carried. Delegates were seated and visitors recognized: Jay
Dormany and Tim Williams. Minutes were read by the clerk, move, second,
carried to accept reading of minutes. Moderator appointed Don Perry and
Daniel Eason to fill vacancy on Finance Committee for this meeting. Report from
Rev. Herbert Waid, State Promotional Secretary. Subjects were: Laura Belle
Barnard Day, Bill Travis Medical Fund, 1987 National Convention, Minister and
Wives Retreat, and Target 90. A count was conducted to determine winner of
the attendance trophy. White Hall with 33 was declared the winner.

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Session opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Al Williams.
Buddy Hartsfield led us in prayer. Special music was presented by Janet Critzer
with Margaret Williams accompanying her at the piano. Offering for GA State
Coop was taken- amount received \$80.45.

The morning message on the theme was brought by Bro. Billy Sumner in place
of Bro. Ronny Moore. Invitation hymn Amazing Grace was sung prior to dismissal.
The host pastor, Bro. Sim Youngblood offered the benediction and blessing for
the noon meal.

AFTERNOON PRELIMINARIES

Session opened by singing "I've Seen The Light" and "Living By Faith".
Tom Carlton led our hearts in prayer. Bro. Everett Williams gave the afternoon
devotional.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS MEETING

Moderator called for completed report of Credentials Committee. Move
and second that report be received, carried! Report of Ordaining Council -
shown as Attachment 1. Report of Mission Board Treasurer - attachment 2.
L. D. Wynn called for rising vote of thanks to Sunnyside Church for their fine
hospitality. The Nominating Committee report was approved by the session -
see attachment 3. Finance report was called for next. Move, second, carried
to accept report - see attachment 4. Move, second to adjourn, carried!
Announcements made and special prayer for Bro. Rineer before surgery and others
as requested by Bro. Barksdale. Session dismissed.

NEXT SESSION: Hahira First, April 18, 1987

ATTACHMENTS

1. The Ordaining Council met Jan. 17, 1987 at Sunnyside Church with the following members present: J. B. Mercer, Billy Sumner, Tom Hamilton, Bill Barksdale. The meeting was opened with prayer by Tom Hamilton.

The Ordaining Council received a letter of recommendation from the Georgia Union Association to the Little River Association on behalf of Rev. Billy Sumner, and we ask the Moderator to extend the hand of fellowship to him.

The Ordaining Council wishes to remind the church or churches who desire the services of the Ordaining Council to send the request for the service needed to the Chairman, Rev. J. B. Mercer and not to the secretary of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,
J. B. Mercer, Chairman
Tom Hamilton, Secretary

2. Mission Board Treasurer Report 1-17-87

Balance July 1986	56.08	
Rec. October for July	50.00	
Transfer from General	200.00	
Rec. from state office	75.00	
Rec. from October session	60.00	
	\$441.08	
Paid out 11-4	-60.00	= 381.08
Paid out 12-4	-60.00	= 321.08
Paid out 1-3	-60.00	= 261.08
BALANCE 1/17/87	\$261.08	

C. M. Chafin, Treasurer

3. We, the Nominating Committee, nominate Brother Buddy Hartsfield to replace Brother Jerry Wishum on the Board of Christian Education. We also nominate for the Little River Camp Board: Brother Pete Winstead, Chairman; and Brother Rowan Sirmans and Brother Wallace Franks as he is already on this State Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Raymond Mercer and Bobby Thompson

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURERS REPORT

Jan. 17 1987
DATE

Balance on Hand November 5, 1986 \$458.76
date amount

DEPOSIT..... 20.00 1/2/87

DISBURSEMENTS

What for?	Amount
Accupro 1/13/87 #265	\$ 90.00
Allied Dup. Products	262.00
1/16/87 # 266	
Bill Barksdale 1/17/87	15.00
Chester Rineer 1/17/87	20.00

RECEIPTS

Where from?	Amount
Association reporting	\$234.25
Association Missions	55.00
GA State Coop	80.45
Children's Home	-0-
Others	-0-

Total Disbursements \$387.00 Total Receipts \$369.70

BALANCE IN CHECKBOOK TODATE \$461.46

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S WORK SHEET "B"

January 17, 1987

Date of Meeting

1. Association Support Total	\$ 234.25
2. Association Mission Total	\$ 55.00
3. Other Total	\$.
4. Total Received from Churches (Add #1 & #2 & #3)	\$ 289.25
5. Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 80.45
6. Total Receipts (Add #4 & #5)	\$ 369.70
7. Old Balance	\$ 458.76
8. Balance to Date (Add #6 & #7)	\$ 828.46

Finance Committee Chairman

\$	80.45	\$	289.25	\$	458.76	\$	458.76
			31				369.70
							828.46

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