

# **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINETY-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  
COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA  
ON  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1997**

**Minutes of all 1997 Quarterly Meetings Included**

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## **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - 1998**

**Moderator:** Rev. Rowan Sirmans  
**Asst. Moderator:** Bro. Chester Chancey  
**Clerk/Treasurer:** Rev. Keith Lloyd  
**Asst. Clerk:** Rev. Max Cunningham

### **Executive Committee:**

Rev. Rowan Sirmans  
Rev. Keith Lloyd  
Rev. Billy Sumner 1998  
Rev. Charles Parrish 1999  
Bro. L.D. Wynn 2000  
Bro. Ronnie Hamm 2001  
Bro. J.C. Clair 2002

### **Mission Board:**

Bro. James Faircloth 1998  
Rev. Charles Parrish 1999  
Bro. Tommy Sumner 2000  
Bro. J.W. Franks 2001  
Rev. Steve Hughes 2002

### **Christian Education Board:**

Rev. Kent Barwick 1998  
Bro. Johnny Scofield 1999  
Rev. Rowan Sirmans 2000  
Bro. Raymond Mercer 2001  
Rev. Billy Sumner 2002

### **Finance Committee:**

Bro. Chester Chancey  
Sis. Cheryl Barwick  
Sis. Shirley Matthews

### **Little River Camp Board:**

Rev. Kent Barwick  
Rev. Rowan Sirmans  
Bro. Roger Mercer

### **Ordaining Council:**

Rev. Rowan Sirmans 1998  
Rev. Steve Hughes 1999  
Rev. Billy Sumner 2000  
Rev. Max Cunningham 2001  
Rev. Kent Barwick 2002

### **Trustee Board:**

Rev. Leonard Ogletree 1998  
Rev. R.S. Hayes 1999  
Bro. Arthur Hayes 2000  
Bro. Tommy Sumner 2001  
Bro. Chester Chancey 2002

### **Resolutions Committee:**

Rev. Charles Parrish  
Rev. Leonard Ogletree  
Bro. Joe Aldridge

### **Nominating Committee:**

Rev. Rowan Sirmans  
Rev. Billy Sumner  
Bro. W.M. Wilson, Jr.

### **STATE BOARDS 1998:**

Mission Board- Rev. Steve Hughes  
Trustee Board- Bro. Ronnie Hamm  
Camp Board- Bro. Roger Mercer  
C.E. Board- Rev. Kent Barwick

### **Credentials Committee:**

Sis. Ann Mercer  
Sis. Sarah Sumner  
Sis. Faye Ogletree

## 1998 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Pastor:	Church Name:	Clerk:
Rev. Steve Hughes 2559 Ellenton-Norman Park Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771-9659 (912) 769-3828	<u>Cool Springs</u>	C.M. Chafin, Jr. 387 C.M. Chafin Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (912) 769-3436
Rev. William Sumner P.O. Box 72 Brookfield, GA 31727 (912) 386-5976	<u>Corinth</u>	Maxine Franks 39 Sutton Rd. Tifton, GA 31794 (912) 382-3580
Rev. Mitchell Doems Rt. 1 Box 10-A Pearson, GA 31642-9706 (912) 422-7346	<u>Forest Hill</u>	Judy Crowley 507 N. Cleveland Ave. Adel, GA 31620-2011 (912) 896-7243
No Pastor at time of printing	<u>Friendship</u>	Frank Beverly 1308 Mary St. Waycross, GA 31503 (912) 283-0425
No Pastor at time of printing	<u>Hahira</u>	J.C. Plair 115 E. Stanfill St. Hahira, GA 31632 (912) 794-3137
Rev. Kent Barwick P.O. Box 354 Homerville, GA 31634 (912) 487-3292	<u>Homerville</u>	Judy Tolle Rt. 3 Box 19 Homerville, GA 31634 (912) 487-5495
Rev. Rowan Sirmans Rt. 2 Box 82-A Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3013	<u>Ozias</u>	Barbara Davis Rt. 2 Box 65-A Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3992
Rev. Ronny Moore 661 Paul's Chapel Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (912) 776-0959	<u>Pine Level</u>	Billie Welch P.O. Box 314 Omega, GA 31775 (912) 528-6408
Rev. Sim Youngblood Rt. 5 Box 145 Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3781	<u>Sunnyside</u>	Gwyn Kirkland 892 Basswood Rd. Douglas, GA 31535 (912) 383-8088

## 1998 Church Directory, Continued

Rev. Gerald E. Brown 1283 Coney Rd., S. Cordele, GA 31015 (912) 535-6391	<u>Tifton 1st</u>	Melba C. York 1208 Pineview Ave. Tifton, GA 31794 (912) 382-5658
No Pastor at time of printing	<u>Valdosta 1st</u>	George Barnaskey 2302 Chatooga Dr. Valdosta, GA 31602 (912) 242-1373
Rev. Chester Chancey 2975 Lakeview Dr. Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 285-3548	<u>White Hall</u>	Yvonne Farley 7267 College Loop Blackshear, GA 31516 (912) 449-3755
Rev. Keith Lloyd 3063 Zion Hill Rd. Millwood, GA 31552 (912) 285-5075	<u>Zion Hill</u>	Jeanie Monk 1356 Truman St. Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 283-0532
Rev. Max Cunningham 1658-B Mercury Dr. Valdosta, GA 31605 (912) 245-8029	<u>Other Ministers:</u>	Rev. Damon C. Dodd 4699 Cool Springs Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (912) 769-3327
Rev. Riley Giddens Rt. 1 Box 3230 Ray City, GA 31645 (912) 686-3615		Rev. R.S. Hayes Rt. 2 Box 253 Adel, GA 31620 (912) 896-3334
Rev. Leonard Ogletre 1005 Pineview Ave. Tifton, GA 31794 (912) 386-4410		Rev. Charles Parriah 5372 Griffin Dr. Hahira, GA 31632 (912) 794-3064
Rev. Everette Williams Rt. 1 Box 18 Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3690		_____
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### Other Names of Interest:

## 1997 STATISTICAL REPORT

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 Pastors.....	10
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors.....	3
Number of Churches with Parsonages.....	7
Combined Value of Church Property.....	\$2,279,000
Number of Churches with Budgets.....	4
Total Combined Income of Churches.....	\$257,079
Number of Ordained Ministers.....	15
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	4
Number of Ordained Deacons.....	32
Total Combined Membership.....	978
Total Number of Baptisms.....	40
Total Members Added.....	65
Total Members Lost.....	18
Number of Churches with Sunday Schools.....	13
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment.....	447
Number of Churches with CTS.....	1
Total Combined CTS Enrollment.....	36
Number of Churches with WNAC.....	4
Total Combined WNAC Enrollment.....	39
Number of Churches with Master's Men.....	2
Total Combined Master's Men Enrollment.....	16
Number of Churches without a Pastor.....	3

Please note that even though all of our churches reported, the reports were incomplete. We do not have an accurate reflection in the areas of Church Finances, Church Membership, and Sunday School Enrollment.

## SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

1998	1999	2000	2001
Tifton 1st- 1/17	Corinth- 1/16	Sunnyside- 1/15	Cool Springs
Pine Level- 4/18	Ozias- 4/17	Hahira 1st- 4/15	
Zion Hill- 7/25	Friendship- 7/31	Valdosta 1st- 7/29	
Homerville- 10/17	Forest Hill-10/16	White Hall- 10/21	

## 1997 OBITUARY REPORT

\* Mrs. Myrtice Clark- Member of the Cool Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, passed away in March of 1997.

\* Mrs. Odessa Carter- Member of the Forest Hill FWB Church in Adel, GA, passed away on September 28, 1997.

\* Mrs. Eula Dyson- Member of the Friendship FWB Church in Waycross, GA, was born on October 28, 1909, and passed away on November 22, 1996.

\* Ms. Fannie Mizell (Aunt Fannie)- Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA, was born on October 30, 1914, and passed away on September 8, 1997.

\* Mrs. Clyde Hartsfield- Member of the Pine Level FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, was born on September 18, 1911, and passed away on May 30, 1997.

\* Mrs. Nell McKellar- Member of the Pine Level FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, was born on February 14, 1905, and passed away on July 25, 1997.

\* Mrs. Maggie Porter- Member of the Pine Level FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, passed away on October 13, 1996.

\* Mr. Kenny Hamil- Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA, passed away in April of 1997.

\* Mrs. Annie Mae Walker Kearce- Member of the Tifton 1st FWB Church in Tifton, GA, was born on December 5, 1905, and passed away on July 9, 1997.

\* Mr. Isbon Mercer- Member of the Zion Hill FWB Church in Millwood, GA, was born on May 12, 1915, and passed away on October 7, 1996.

\* Mr. Lavell Davis- Member of the Zion Hill FWB Church in Millwood, GA, was born on December 11, 1913, and passed away on April 15, 1997.

**LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
DOUBLE IN A DECADE PROGRESS CHART**

YEAR	TOTAL CHURCH ATTENDANCE (ROLL CALL SUNDAY)	MEMBER-SHIP	NEW MEMBERS ADDED	MEMBERS LOST	NET GAIN OR (LOSS)	ANNUAL INCREASE GOAL	PERCENT OF INCREASE	SOULS SAVED/ BAPTISMS
1990	671	777	53	-18	35	0	0	?/26
1991	843	850	40	-32	8	738	114	?/24
1992	538	905	49	-32	17	805	-33	?/19
1993	612	818	48	-23	25	872	-30	?/28
1994	748	917	60	-66	(6)	939	-20	?/27
1995	636	955	41	-31	10	1006	-37	?/24
1996	643	920	47	-8	39	1073	-40	?/33
1997	937	978	65	-18	47	1140	-18	?/40
1998						1207		
1999						1274		
2000						1342		

**DOUBLE IN A DECADE 1990 TO 1999 PROGRESS REPORT  
CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REPORTED BY THE GEORGIA STATE CHURCHES TO THE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS**

ASSOCIATION	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	Net +/-
Chattahoochee	1195	1090	1094	1119	1071	928	796	792			-403
Georgia Union	1179	1300	1330	1199	1345	1199	1181	1094			-085
Little River	777	850	905	818	917	955	920	978			+201
Martin	754	705	809	829	854	857	776	883			+129
Midway	1315	1293	1357	1403	1388	1398	1332	1421			+106
North Georgia	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	170	95	219			?
Ogeechee	694	771	761	701	740	586	722	729			+035
South Georgia	2585	2565	2276	2278	2344	2344	2672	2350			-235
Twin Cities	555	521	570	535	598	655	687	724			+169
Union	755	760	752	721	633	689	701	716			-039
TOTALS	9809	9855	9854	9603	9890	9781	9882	9906			+097

Nov 1997



**LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
ANNUAL MEETING  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1997  
COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA**

**THEME:** Being Christ's witnesses in our cities and towns, and in our state and country,  
and in the whole world.

9:30- 9:40 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER  
9:40- 9:55 DEVOTION: Rev. Otis Whitehead (Missionary to Jax, FL)  
9:55-10:00 WELCOME: Rev. Steve Hughes  
RESPONSE: Rev. Billy Sumner  
10:00-10:30 CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR  
CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT  
STATE COOP OFFERING  
READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES  
TREASURERS REPORT  
REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES (see back of program)  
10:30-10:40 RECESS  
10:40-11:15 OLD & NEW BUSINESS  
ANNOUNCEMENTS  
11:15 WORSHIP SERVICE  
CONGREGATIONAL SINGING  
SPECIAL MUSIC: Cool Springs FWB Church  
MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. Ronald Wallace (Missionary to Alaska)

**NEXT SESSION:** FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH, TIFTON  
1-17-98

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's annual meeting on October 18, 1997 at the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting opened with a congregational song, "Victory in Jesus", followed with a prayer by Rev. Steve Hughes. The devotion was given by Rev. Otis Whitehead, home missionary to Jacksonville, FL, and his text was taken from Luke 14:16-24.

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Steve Hughes and the response from the association was given by Rev. Billy Sumner.

Moderator Ronnie Moore called the meeting to order. Rev. Kent Barwick opened in prayer and the Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Keith Lloyd. The report was as follows: 13 churches, 8 pastors, 4 other ministers, 9-deacons, and 43 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 64. A motion was made and carried to seat these delegates.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$160.05. The minutes and treasurers report of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Keith Lloyd read a report from the Executive Committee. The report was received as read and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Rev. Rowan Sirmans read the recommendations from the Nominating Committee and asked that the Executive Committee look in to the possibility of dissolving unnecessary committees. The Nominating Committee report was received as read.

Rev. Steve Hughes gave a report from the Ordaining Council. The Council encourages all pastors to be present at district meetings as stated in the LRA Constitution and By-Laws. The Ordaining Council is still waiting on the Letters of Good Standing for Rev. Damon Dodd and Rev. Gerald Brown. The Ordaining Council report was received as given.

No report from the LRA Trustee Board. Rev. Steve Hughes made a motion that the Board be "de-activated" until needed. After some discussion about the possibility of the LRA owning property in Nashville, GA, Rev. Hughes withdrew his previous motion. Rev. Hughes then made a motion that the Trustee Board look in to this property and report back to the association at the next quarterly meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Steve Hughes read a report from the LRA Mission Board and thanked everyone who took part in the Mission Banquet. The report was received as read and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Rev. Kent Barwick gave a report from the LRA C.E. Board and

their intentions to plan a Sunday School enlargement seminar and other evangelistic techniques. The C.E. Board would like to highlight Evangelistic techniques at our January meeting. The C.E. Board report was received as given.

Bro. Chester Chancey gave a report from the LRA Finance Committee. This report was received as read and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Rev. Steve Hughes gave a report from the State Missions Board. The Board unanimously recommends the sale of the North Fayette mission property. This will be voted on by the State Association at it's Annual Meeting in November. Rev. Hughes also stated the need for more mission activity in the Metro-Atlanta area. The State Mission Board report was received as given.

Bro C.M. Chafin gave a report from the State Trustee Board. The Board met on Oct. 6 at the State Office in Moultrie and moved to sell the property there and rent property until a new office could be built. Bro. Chafin expressed his concern over this proposal and informed the association that this would be a matter of business at the State Association meeting in Nov. The report was received as given.

Bro. Kent Barwick gave a report from the State Camp Board. He informed the association of plans to secure a 4-H Camp in the North Georgia area, and of plans to hold both low and high teen camps simultaneously. Bro. Kent also encouraged pastors to promote the state camp session. The Camp Board report was received as given.

Rev. Kent Barwick gave a report from the State C.E. Board. The Sr. Saint's Retreat doubled in registrations from last years attendance. He also encouraged continued support of the FWBBC and attendance at the State meeting. This report was received as given.

Rev. Steve Hughes gave reports on the National Fund-Raising Drive and the Double-in-a-Decade Membership Drive. The campaign for the National Fund Raising Drive will end on 12-31-97. Georgia is still \$8000.00 short of it's goal. These reports were received as given.

After a brief recess, Rev. Rowan Sirmans, representing the Nominating Committee, opened the floor for any other nominations to fill the LRA offices for 1998. No nominations were received from the floor. Bro. Rowan then made a motion that all nominations from the Nominating Committee be seated in their respective offices. The motion was seconded and carried. The listing of the new officers for 1998 can be found in the first few pages of the Annual Minutes.

Old Business: None

New Business: The recommendation from the Executive Committee

to supply each church with one (1) set of minutes for every ten (10) members or fraction thereof, was moved upon and carried.

A motion was made that the C.E. Board work with Rev. Gerald Brown and the Tifton 1st church to provide the program for the January association meeting. Motion was seconded and carried.

With no further business, announcements from churches were received and a motion to adjourn from the business session was made, seconded and carried.

A congregational hymn, "Just a Little Talk with Jesus", began our special worship service. Rev. Steve Hughes introduced Rev. Fred Hersey, retired missionary to Japan, who shared with us about his ministry there. Sis. Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan, ministered to us with the song, "Great is Thy Faithfulness", with Sis. June Hersey accompanying her on the piano. After our special Mission Rally Offering, which totaled \$3031.00, Rev. Ronald Wallace, missionary to Alaska, brought the morning message from Jonah 1:4-10, 4:9-11.

Rev. Fred Hersey dismissed us in prayer and a wonderful lunch was provided by the members of Cool Springs FWB Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/Treasurer

### 1997 MISSION RALLY INFORMATION

Total attending Friday night Mission Banquet.....	68
Offering from Friday night Mission Banquet.....	\$ 761.29
Saturday morning Mission Rally/ District Meeting attendance.....	88
Saturday morning Mission Rally offering.....	\$3,281.00
Sunday night attendance- West (Tifton 1st).....	48
Hallelujah Offering- West (Tifton 1st).....	\$ 500.00
Sunday night attendance- East (Homerville).....	100
Hallelujah Offering- East (Homerville).....	\$1,217.71
TOTAL 1997 MISSION RALLY OFFERING.....	\$5,760.00

Money was distributed evenly with \$1,440.00 going to each of the following missionary families: Ron & Janice Wallace (Alaska), Fred & June Hersey (Japan), Debbie Griffin (Japan), and Otis & Mary Nell Whitehead (Jacksonville, FL).



# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

7/26/97-10/18/97  
(Date)

## RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR:

Association Expense	\$ 282.50
Assn Missions	\$ 35.00
Ga St COOPerative	\$ 202.00
Gift to Snow family	\$ 10.00
Gift to Waid family	\$ 1698.00
Nat'l Assn. Dues	\$ 25.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 2252.50</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 30.00
Clerk Honorarium	\$ 40.00
Ga St COOPerative	\$ 202.00
Snow family	\$ 10.00
Waid family	\$ 1698.00
Bishop family	\$ 35.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 2015.00</b>

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 562.68
Total Receipts (+)	\$ 2252.50
Subtotal	\$ 2815.18
Total Disbursements (-)	\$ 2015.00
Balance on Hand	\$ 800.18

Treasurer

*Rev Keith Lloyd*  
Rev. Keith Lloyd

# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

Cool Springs  
Place of Meeting

10/18/97  
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Forest Hill	\$ 20.25	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
Friendship	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ (pd. Nat'l 7/26)
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Pine Level	\$ 41.75	\$	\$ 25.00
Sunny Side	\$ 25.50	\$	\$ 25.00
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Valdosta, First	\$	\$	\$ 25.00
White Hall	\$ 15.00	\$	\$ 25.00
Zion Hill	\$ 17.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 25.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>A \$ 290.25</b>	<b>B \$ 20.00</b>	<b>C \$ 300.00</b>

4 Total of Above A + B + C	5 CO-OP <sup>*</sup> Offering	7 Old Balance	8 Balance To Date
\$ 610.25	\$ 160.05	\$ 800.18	\$ 1570.48

1	Association Support Total	\$ 290.25	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 20.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 300.00	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 610.25	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 160.05	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 770.30	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 800.18	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1570.48	8

Signed Chester Chancey Finance Committee Chairman

# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING Cool Springs

DATE 10/18/97

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y	1	2	5	9
Corinth	Y	Y			3	4
Forest Hill	Y					0
Friendship	Y		1	1	3	5
Hahira 1st	Y				2	2
Homerville	Y	Y		3	3	7
Ozias	Y	Y		1	6	8
Pine Level	Y	Y		1	3	5
Sunny Side	Y		1		6	7
Tifton 1st	Y	Y			2	3
Valdosta 1st	Y				2	2
White Hall	Y	Y	1		4	6
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	4	6
Totals	13	8	4	9	43	64

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

September 29, 1997

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on September 29, 1997, at 7:30 pm, at the Cool Springs church. Members present were as follows: Rev. Ronnie Moore, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Steve Hughes, Bro. C.M. Chafin, Bro. L.D. Wynn, Bro. J.C. Plair

Rev. Keith Lloyd opened in prayer. Rev. Ronnie Moore called the meeting to order and opened the floor for business.

Rev. Steve Hughes reported to us on the demise of the Double-in-a-Decade campaign. He also informed us that everything was in order for our Second Annual LRA Mission Rally.

The board discussed briefly the need to promote denominational enterprise among our association churches. Bro. C.M. Chafin recommended that we promote the Alabama Children's Home at our next association meeting if the host church has no objection. The board unanimously agreed. Secretary will contact Rev. Gerald Brown, pastor of the Tifton 1st Church to coordinate this special program.

On the next item of business, the board discussed the need to print additional copies of the Annual Minutes of the LRA. Rev. Steve Hughes made a motion that each church be provided with one(1) set of minutes for every ten(10) members or fraction thereof. Motion was seconded by Bro. L.D. Wynn and carried unanimously. This recommendation to be brought to the floor of the LRA's Annual Meeting.

With no other business at hand, the Executive Committee was dismissed with a special prayer, led by Rev. Ronnie Moore, for the churches in our association who are struggling and without pastors.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.R.A. of F.W.B. will be on December 15, 1997, at 7:30 pm, at the Tifton 1st Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

### LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT

10/18/97

The Little River Association Mission Board met on Sept. 2, 1997, 7:00 pm, at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church. Members present were as follows: Rev. Kent & Cheryl Barwick, Bro. Jr. & Carolyn Wilson, Bro. James & Vivian Faircloth, Rev. Steve & Marcie Hughes, Bro. Tommy & Sarah Sumner, Rev. Billy Sumner.

The meeting was called to order by Rev. Steve Hughes. Bro. Steve brought a short devotion and opened the meeting in prayer.

Plans for Mission Rally: Corinth FWB will host Mission Banquet; WNAC will plan supper and give each church a part in the meal preparation; a love offering will be accepted for the meal; the special Mission Rally offering will be taken at the quarterly meeting and the goal will again be \$250.00 per church; the speakers for the Mission Rally will be Rev. Fred & June Hersey, Rev. Ronald & Janice Wallace, Rev. Otis & Mary Nell Whitehead, and Sis. Debbie Griffin. Various churches will host the missionaries in their Sunday morning worship services.

Theme of meeting: The Mission Board will seek to help the weaker churches in the LRA. The Mission Board will look for best location to start a new church.

The meeting was closed in a word of prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
LRA Mission Board

### LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION MISSION BANQUET 10/17/97

The LRA met at the Corinth Church on Oct. 17, 1997, 7:00 pm, for it's 2nd Annual Missions Banquet.

A wonderful meal was served and a love offering received after the meal. The offering totaled \$761.29.

Following the meal, each of the missionaries present gave a testimony as to how the Lord had used them in their various fields.

Rev. Damon Dodd closed the meeting in a word of prayer for our missionaries and for the success of the Missions Rally.

Respectfully submitted,  
LRA Mission Board

### **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1997 WHITE HALL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH WAYCROSS, GEORGIA**

9:30- 9:40	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40- 9:55	DEVOTION: Rev. Ronnie Moore
9:55-10:00	WELCOME: Bro. Chester Chauncey
	RESPONSE: Rev. Max Cunningham
10:00-10:30	CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
	CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
	STATE COOP OFFERING
	READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
	TREASURERS REPORT
	REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES (see back of program)
10:30-10:40	RECESS
10:40-11:15	OLD & NEW BUSINESS
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
11:15	WORSHIP SERVICE
	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
	SPECIAL MUSIC: White Hall FWB Church
	MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. Herbert Waid

NEXT SESSION: COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
10-18-97

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's quarterly meeting on July 26, 1997 at the White Hall Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with a congregational song, "O I Want To See Him", followed with a prayer by Rev. Rowan Sirmans. The devotion was given by Rev. Ronnie Moore and his text was taken from Ephesians 4:1-16.

A special presentation was then made by Rev. Ronnie Moore, on behalf of the LRA, to Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid for their devoted service to this association and to the state association as Executive Secretary. The Waid's were presented with a beautiful plaque and a love gift in the amount of \$1698.00.

The welcome from the host church was given by Bro. Chester Chauncey and the response from the association was given by Rev. Max Cunningham.

Moderator Ronnie Moore called the meeting to order. Rev. Kent Barwick opened with prayer and the Credentials Committee report was given by Rev. Keith Lloyd. The report was as follows: 13 churches, 9 pastors, 3 other ministers, 9 deacons, and 49 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 70. A motion was made and carried to seat these delegates.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$202.00. The minutes and treasurers report of the last meeting were read and approved.

Rev. Keith Lloyd read a report from the Executive Committee. Several comments were made regarding this report and after a change in the next scheduled meeting time, the report was received as read. The Executive Committee report is an integral part of these minutes.

The Nominating Committee was recognized so that recommendations for appointments to various offices might be made before the next association meeting.

Rev. Steve Hughes read a report from the Ordaining Council. His report was received as read and the following items of business were moved upon and carried. Rev. Charles Parrish was received into the LRA as a minister of the gospel and given the right hand of fellowship. Rev. Gerald Brown was received into the LRA pending a letter of good standing from the GA Union Assn. Rev. Damon Dodd was received into the LRA pending a letter of good standing from the Midway Assn. The Ordaining Council report is an integral part of these minutes.

Rev. Kent Barwick, though not a member of the LRA Camp Board, encouraged the association to proceed with plans on acquiring a campsite for our junior age kids, grades 1st-6th. Rev. Steve Hughes moved that Bro. Kent work with the camp board on this project prior to the next meeting. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Kent Barwick also gave a report on the state teen camps. Attendance was great and a wonderful time was had by all who took part.

Bro. James Faircloth gave a report for the LRA Missions Board. The upcoming Mission Conference is scheduled for Oct. 17-19. Host churches are needed for the missionaries. The Friday night meal will be at the Gorinth Church in Brookfield at 7:00 pm. The district WNAC and other ladies from the association will prepare the meal. Bro. Faircloth encouraged us to again exceed our offering goal of \$250.00 per church, or \$3250.00. Last year's offering totaled \$3922.69. The LRA Mission Board report was received as read and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Rev. Kent Barwick, on behalf of the LRA C.E. Board, informed us of plans to schedule a seminar for S.S. enlargement campaigns. Bro. Barwick also encouraged continued support of the FWB Bible College. The Christian Education Board report was received as given.

Rev. Steve Hughes gave a report as representative to the State Mission Board. The North Fayette Mission has relocated and the old facility is currently being rented with plans to sell for \$500,000.00, pending approval by the State Association at the next annual meeting. Bro. Steve also stressed the need to begin looking for a location to plant a new FWB church in Georgia. The State Mission Board report was received as given.

Rev. Kent Barwick, as representative to the State C.E. Board, gave a report on the success of the Minister's Retreat and the Couple's Retreat. Bro. Barwick also reminded us of the upcoming Senior's Retreat at Epworth-by-the-Sea on Oct. 20-22. The State C.E. report was received as given.

After a brief recess, Rev. Steve Hughes gave information concerning the National Fund Raising Drive and the Double-in-a-Decade Membership Drive. Bro. Steve informed us that GA was \$8123.13 short of it's \$38,000 goal to the Fund Raising Drive and encouraged us as the LRA to do our part. He also encouraged us to give accurate and complete information on our annual reports. These reports were received as given.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Comments were made in regard to using personal names when referring to proposals which become a part of the minutes of the LRA. Concern was acknowledged and an effort will be made to prevent such an incident in which an individual's reputation may be impacted.

Bro. Chester Chauncey gave a report from the LRA Finance Committee. This report was received as read. The Finance report is an integral part of these minutes.

Announcements were made by member churches. A letter of thanks



from the Tifton 1st church for the Hymnals purchased by the LRA was read. A motion was made to adjourn from the business session. Motion carried.

The congregational hymn "Victory in Jesus" was followed by special music from the White Hall church. Rev. Herbert Waid gave reports on state events and the proposed new mission program. Rev. Waid then brought the morning message from 1 Samuel 5:1-5 on "Worshipping God: Our Highest Priority".

Visiting minister, Rev. C.D. Rentz, dismissed us in prayer and a wonderful lunch was provided by the members of the White Hall FWB Church following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/Treasurer

# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

4/19/97 - 7/26/97  
(Date)

## RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR:

Association Expense	\$ 297.75
Assn Missions	\$ 58.00
Ga St COOPERative	\$ 205.90
Other ministries	\$ 8.75
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 570.40

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 30.00
Clerk Honorarium	\$ 40.00
Ga St COOPERative	\$ 205.90
Nat. Assn. Missions	\$ 58.00
GA Missions	\$ 8.75
Hymnals (Tifton 1st)	\$ 339.71
Additional postage	\$ 2.76
Plaque for Waid	\$ 79.20
	\$
	\$
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 764.32

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 756.60
Total Receipts (+)	\$ 570.40
Subtotal	\$ 1327.00
Total Disbursements (-)	\$ 764.32
Balance on Hand	\$ 562.68

Treasurer

Rev. Keith Lloyd  
Rev. Keith Lloyd



# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

WHITE HALL  
Place of Meeting

7/26/97  
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ *(250.00)
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ *(100.00)
Forest Hill	\$ 9.75	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 20.00	\$	\$ *(100.00)
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 25.00 + *(123.00)
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$ *(250.00)
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ *(250.00)
Pine Level	\$ 43.00	\$	\$ *(200.00)
Sunny Side	\$ 26.00	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ *( 25.00)
Valdosta, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ *( 50.00)
White Hall	\$ 10.75	\$	\$ *(150.00)
Zion Hill	\$ 18.00	\$	\$ 10.00 + *(200.00)
Totals	A \$ 282.50	B \$ 35.00	C \$ 1733.00

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 2050.50		\$ 202.00		\$ 562.68		\$ 2815.18

1	Association Support Total	\$ 282.50	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 35.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 1733.00	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 2050.50	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 202.00	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 2252.50	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 562.68	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 2815.18	8

Signed Chester Chauncey Finance Committee Chairman

7/98

\*- Denotes love gift to Rev. & Mrs. Herbert Waid

# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING WHITE HALL

DATE 7/26/97

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y		1	5	7
Corinth	Y	Y				1
Forest Hill	Y	N			4	4
Friendship	Y	N		1	3	4
Hahira 1st	Y	N	2		3	5
Homerville	Y	Y		3	3	7
Ozias	Y	Y		1	8	10
Pine Level	Y	Y				1
Sunny Side	Y	N	1		9	10
Tifton 1st	Y	Y			3	4
Valdosta 1st	Y	Y				1
White Hall	Y	Y		2	4	7
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	7	9
Totals	13	9	3	9	49	70

## Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

June 23, 1997

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 23, 1997, at 7:30 pm, in the Corinth Church social hall. Members present were as follows: Rev. Ronnie Moore, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Steve Hughes, Bro. C.M. Chafin, Bro. L.D. Wynn, Bro. J.C. Plair.

Bro. C.M. Chafin opened in prayer. Rev. Ronnie Moore called the meeting to order and opened the floor for business.

The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to place Rev. Steve Hughes in charge of acquiring a plaque in honor of Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Waid. Cost of plaque not to exceed \$100.00. Wording was agreed upon by the entire committee.

The Committee further agreed that each member church of the L.R.A. be encouraged to send a love offering to Rev. and Mrs. Waid in honor of their service to the L.R.A. and the GA State Assn. The plaque and love offering are to be presented by Rev. Ronnie Moore in the next association meeting at the White Hall church.

In the next item of business, the committee considered Rev. Kent Barwick's proposal that the L.R.A. go to bi-annual instead of quarterly meetings. Rev. Barwick stated the following reasons for his proposal: Not enough business to merit four meetings per year, very little interest from member churches, very little accomplished apart from the missions conference, no reports from boards or committees.

The Executive Committee unanimously disagreed with Rev. Barwick's proposal; however, acknowledged the complacency within the association. The Executive Committee resolved, therefore, to encourage participation from member churches and that boards and committees become active in promoting associational functions.

The Executive Committee furthermore resolved to begin meeting once per quarter, one month prior to association meeting, to discuss and promote the business of the L.R.A. Other boards and committees are encouraged to set similar schedules.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.R.A. of F.W.B will be on Sept. 15, 1997, at 7:30 pm, in the Cool Springs church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

## ORDAINING COUNCIL LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

The ordaining Council of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on July the 15<sup>th</sup>, 1997 at the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton. Members present were Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Billy Sumner, and Rev. Steve Hughes.

Meeting was opened in prayer by Bro. Sumner. After opening discussion the council recommends the following actions be taken by this body:

- Bro. Charles Parrish brought a letter of Transfer from the Albermarle Conference of the Original Free Will Baptists of North Carolina. Upon hearing his request for full membership in the Little River Association and subsequent interview of his standing with Free Will Baptists, the Ordaining Council recommends his admission into Little River Association of Free Will Baptists pending approval of this body.
- The Tifton Free Will Baptist Church had requested their new pastor, Rev. Gerald Brown, be accepted into the Little River Association. Upon our interviewing Bro. Brown of his standing with the Free Will Baptists faith and practice, the Ordaining Council recommends his acceptance into the Little River Association pending acceptance of this body and a letter of good standing from the GA Union Association of Free Will Baptist.
- The Ordaining Council also recommends that Rev. Damon Dodd be accepted into the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists pending the approval of this body and a letter of good standing from the Midway Association of Free Will Baptists.

That concludes our report and we move the acceptance of this report.

Rev. Rowan Sirmans  
Rev. Steve Hughes  
Rev. Billy Sumner

## **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION MISSION BOARD REPORT**

7/26/97

The LRA of FWB Mission Board has not met since our last quarterly meeting. However, Rev. Steve Hughes has been successful in securing speakers for this year's LRA Mission Conference, to be held on Oct. 17-19, 1997.

Currently, the following missionaries have been selected to take part in this conference: Ronald Wallace, Alaska; Debbie Griffin, Japan; Eddie Payne, formerly Ivory Coast; Fred Hersey, Japan; and possibly a speaker from Home Missions.

Host churches are needed for the missionaries on Sunday morning, Oct. 19, and two churches who would like to host the Sunday evening Mission Rally services.

Please remember, the Friday evening banquet, Oct. 17, will be held at the Corinth church in Brookfield at 7:00 pm. Our district WNAC and the women of Corinth will be preparing the meal.

Please pray and plan to exceed our goal of \$3250.00 (\$250/per church) again this year. Last year's offering totaled \$3922.69.

Thank you for your prayers and support for the work of missions!

Respectfully submitted,

Little River Association  
Mission Board

## **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 1997 VALDOSTA, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH VALDOSTA, GEORGIA**

9:30- 9:40	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40- 9:55	DEVOTION: Rev. Steve Hughes
9:55-10:00	WELCOME: Rev. Max Cunningham
	RESPONSE: Rev. Kent Barwick
10:00-10:30	CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
	CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
	STATE COOP OFFERING
	READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
	TREASURERS REPORT
	REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES
10:30-10:40	RECESS
10:40-11:15	OLD & NEW BUSINESS
	ANNOUNCEMENTS
11:15	WORSHIP SERVICE
	CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
	SPECIAL MUSIC: Valdosta 1st FWB Church
	MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. Rowan Sirmans

NEXT SESSION: WHITE HALL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
7-26-97

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's quarterly meeting on April 19, 1997 at the Valdosta, First Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Max Cunningham opened the meeting by leading the congregation in the hymn, "I Never Shall Forget the Day", followed with prayer by Rev. Billy Sumner. The devotion was given by Rev. Steve Hughes and his text was taken from Psalms 133. Bro. Steve also led the Association in a Responsive reading of the Free Will Baptist Church Covenant. The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Max Cunningham and the response from the association was given by Rev. Kent Barwick.

Assistant Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order and Sis. Sarah Sumner gave the Credentials Committee report. Her report was as follows: 13 churches, 9 pastors, 3 other ministers, 7 deacons, and 53 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 72. A motion was made and carried to seat these delegates.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$205.90. The minutes and the treasurers report of the last meeting were read and approved.

Bro. James Faircloth, reporting for the LRA Mission Board, informed us of the progress made concerning the fall Mission Conference. Tentative plans are to meet on a Friday night for supper at Corinth church, with other churches helping with the food preparation, and a Mission Rally on Sunday night at two separate locations. The Mission Board would like to hear from the churches who are interested in hosting a missionary.

Rev. Kent Barwick, reporting for the C.E. Board, informed the association of the upcoming Minister's Retreat, Couples Retreat, and the support of FWBBC students.

Rev. Kent Barwick, reporting for the Camp Board, suggested that we begin to make plans for a camp next year for our association, and gave dates for the upcoming State Camps.

Rev. Steve Hughes, reporting for the Ordaining Council, made a motion that the LRA Association send a letter of good standing for Rev. Terron Stonecypher to the Union Association. Motion was seconded and carried. Rev. Keith Lloyd was given a vote of confidence and accepted into the LRA Association from the South Georgia Association.

Rev. Steve Hughes, reporting for the State Mission Board, gave information concerning relocation of the North Fayette Mission. Bro. Steve also gave information and statistics concerning our Double-in-a-Decade campaign.

Bro. Chester Chauncey, reporting for the Finance Committee, gave a partial report due to letters from churches not being received. His report was received as given. Bro. James Faircloth made a motion that the LRA purchase 25 "Rejoice Hymnals" for

the Tifton 1st church at a total cost of \$343.97. Motion was seconded and carried.

Bro. James Faircloth and Rev. Kent Barwick were appointed to fill the unexpired terms of Rev. Leonard Ogletree and Rev. Terron Stonecypher on the Resolutions Committee. The Resolutions Committee made a motion to give a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their hospitality.

After a brief recess, Rev. Kent Barwick, speaking in behalf of the Resolution Committee, made a motion that the association double the Moderator and Clerk Honorarium, and furthermore that the increase begin with this meeting. Motion was seconded and carried. New Honorariums will be, for each quarterly session: Moderator-\$30.00, Clerk/Treasurer-\$40.00.

Old Business: None

New Business: Rev. Steve Hughes made a motion that we honor our retiring State Executive Secretary, Rev. Herbert Wald, at our next quarterly meeting on July 26 at White Hall church, with a plaque and monetary gift. Seconded and carried.

Rev. Keith Lloyd made a motion that the Executive Committee be given the authority to carry out the previous motion and to determine the amount of the monetary gift to be given. Motion was seconded and carried.

Rev. Keith Lloyd made a motion to proceed with securing a location for Summer Camp 1998. Motion was seconded and carried.

With no other business on hand, announcements were received and praise reports given by many of the association churches. There seems to be a spirit of revival in the LRA. A motion was made to adjourn from the business session. Motion carried.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. Max Cunningham and special music provided by members of the Valdosta 1st church, followed by a morning message by Rev. Rowan Sirmans. His text was taken from John 15:15-25 on "Biblical Separation".

The members of Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful lunch following the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/Treasurer



# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATON TREASURER REPORT

1/18/97-4/19/97  
(Date)

## RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR:

Association Expense	\$ 313.50
Assn Missions	\$ 45.00
Ga St COOPerative	\$ 128.44
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 486.94</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 15.00
Clerk Honorarium	\$ 20.00
Ga St COOPerative	\$ 128.44
Rev. Steve Hughes	\$
(Reimbursement for phone & postage)	\$ 30.00
Bishops, Japan	\$ 45.00
Supplies (postage, envelopes, folders, labels)	\$ 42.67
New checking acct. fee	\$ 15.19
	\$
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$ 296.30</b>

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 565.96
Total Receipts (+)	\$ 486.94
Subtotal	\$ 1052.90
Total Disbursements (-)	\$ 296.30
Balance on Hand	\$ 756.60

Treasurer

*Rev Keith Lloyd*  
Rev. Keith Lloyd

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# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

VALDOSTA  
Place of Meeting

4/19/97  
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Forest Hill	\$ 8.25	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$
Hahira, First	\$ 35.00	\$	\$
Homerville	\$ 46.75	\$	\$
Ozias	\$ 16.25	\$	\$ 8.75
Pine Level	\$ 43.00	\$	\$
Sunny Side	\$ 26.25	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 6.50	\$	\$
Valdosta, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
White Hall	\$ 10.75	\$	\$
Zion Hill	\$ 18.00	\$ 10.00	\$
<b>Totals</b>	<b>A \$ 297.75</b>	<b>B \$ 58.00</b>	<b>C \$ 8.75</b>

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 364.50		\$ 205.90		\$ 756.60		\$ 1327.00

1	Association Support Total	\$ 297.75	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 58.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 8.75	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 364.50	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 205.90	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 570.40	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 756.60	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1327.00	8

Signed

Finance Committee Chairman

7/98



# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT,

PLACE OF MEETING VALDOSTA

DATE 4/19/97

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y	1	3	4	9
Corinth	Y	Y		1	9	11
Forest Hill	Y	Y			4	5
Friendship	Y				4	4
Hahira 1st	Y		1		3	4
Homerville	Y	Y			2	3
Ozias	Y	Y			5	6
Pine Level	Y			2	4	6
Sunny Side	Y				5	5
Tifton 1st	Y	Y	1		2	4
Valdosta 1st	Y	Y			3	4
White Hall	Y	Y			4	5
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	4	6
Totals	13	9	3	7	53	72

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF

FREE WILL BAPTIST

QUARTERLY MEETING

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 1997

HAHIRA, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

HAHIRA, GEORGIA

9:30- 9:40

9:40- 9:55

9:55-10:00

10:00-10:30

10:30-10:40

10:40-11:15

11:15

Congregational Singing & Prayer & SPECIAL MUSIC: BRO. L.D. WYN

Devotion: BRO. RONNIE MOORE

Welcome: MRS. MAMIE SORRELL

Response: BRO. ROWAN SIRMANS

Call to Order by Moderator

Credentials Committee Report

State Coop Offering

Reading of Previous Minutes

Treasurer's Report

Report of Boards & Committees

Recess

Old & New Business

Announcements

Worship Service

Congregational Singing

Special Music: BRO. RUSSELL THORNTON

Morning Message: BRO. EMORY CORBETT

Next Session:

VALDOSTA, FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST  
4-19-97

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's quarterly meeting on January 18, 1997 at the Hahira, First Free Will Baptist Church. Bro. L.D. Wynn opened the meeting by leading the congregation in the hymn, "Love Lifted Me", followed with a prayer by Rev. R.S. Hayes. Bro. Wynn then sang a special entitled "Going Home". The devotion was given by Rev. Ronnie Moore and his text was taken from John 11:25,26. The welcome from the host church was given by Sis. Mamie Sorrell and the response from the association was given by Rev. Rowan Sirmans.

Moderator Ronnie Moore called the meeting to order and Sis. Faye Ogletree gave the Credentials Committee report. Her report was as follows: 13 churches, 9 pastors, 3 other ministers, 5 deacons, and 49 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 66. A motion was made and carried to seat these delegates.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$128.44. The Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The treasurer's report was unavailable at the time of the meeting but will be given at the next meeting.

Rev. Steve Hughes, reporting for the LRA Mission Board, informed us of the success of the Annual Missions Conference and suggested we proceed with plans for another conference this year.

Rev. Steve Hughes, as representative to the State Mission Board, gave a report on the North Fayette Mission. Bro. Steve also gave as information that the State Camping Board would be meeting on March 17, at the Western Sizzlin in Tifton, at 11:am. Anyone interested in our camp situation is encouraged to attend. Bro. Steve also reported that Ga. is about \$10,000 short of it's goal for the National Fund-raising Drive, and he gave a brief report of the Double-in-a-Decade membership drive.

After a brief recess, the meeting reconvened with Bro. Chester Chauncey giving a partial report from the Finance Committee due to letters from churches not being received and no treasurers report. The report was received as given. (a full report will be attached to these minutes)

Rev. Rowan Sirmans, reporting for the Ordaining Council, moved that Bro. Keith Lloyd's request that the South Ga. Assn. of FWB be permitted to ordain him at Zion Hill Church be granted and furthermore that he be accepted into the LRA pending this ordination. The motion was seconded and carried. Bro. Lloyd will notify the pastors in the Assn. of the ordination date.

A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church for their hospitality.

Old Business: Rev. Steve Hughes made a motion to proceed with plans for another annual missions conference. The motion was seconded and carried. The Mission Board will organize and inform

the association of it's plans. Input from churches and pastors is welcome and appreciated.

With no other business on hand, announcements were taken and a motion made to adjourn from the business session. Motion carried.

Congegational singing and special music by Bro. Russell Thorton was followed by the morning message from Rev. Emory Corbett. His text was taken from John 14:16 on "The Person of the Holy Spirit".

The members of Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful lunch following the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/Treasurer

# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATON TREASURER REPORT

10-19-96 to 1-18-97  
(Date)

## RECEIPTS FROM CHURCHES FOR:

Association Expense	\$ 239.75
Assn Missions	\$ 45.00
Ga St COOPorative	\$ 167.00
National Rep. Fee	\$ 335.00
Reimbursement/Missions Supper	\$ 567.27
Missions Rally	\$ 3,927.44
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$ 5,281.46

## DISBURSEMENTS:

Moderator Honorarium	\$ 15.00
Clerk Honorarium	\$ 20.00
Ga St COOPorative	\$ 167.00
National Rep. Fee	\$ 335.00
Bishops	\$ 45.00
Missions Rally	\$ 3,927.44
Missionary/Mileage	\$ 903.00
minutes printed	\$ 70.49
	\$
	\$
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	\$ 5,482.93

Balance Brought Forward	\$ 767.43
Total Receipts (+)	\$ 5,281.46
Subtotal	\$ 6,048.89
Total Disbursements (-)	\$ 5,482.93
Balance on Hand	\$ 565.96

Treasurer

Rev. Kent Barwick

# LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

HAHRA  
Place of Meeting

1/18/97  
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Forest Hill	\$ 8.00	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 45.00	\$	\$
Hahira, First	\$ 35.00	\$	\$
Homerville	\$ 46.75	\$	\$
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Pine Level	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Sunny Side	\$ 25.50	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$
Valdosta, First	\$ 20.00	\$	\$
White Hall	\$ 10.75	\$	\$
Zion Hill	\$ 17.50	\$ 10.00	\$
Totals	A \$ 313.50	B \$ 45.00	C \$

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 358.50		\$ 128.44		\$ 565.96		\$ 1052.90

1	Association Support Total	\$ 313.50	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 45.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 358.50	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 128.44	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 486.94	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 565.96	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1052.90	8

Signed Chester Chauncey

Finance Committee Chairman

# CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING HAHIRA

DATE 1/18/97

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y		1	2	4
Corinth	Y	Y			6	7
Forest Hill	Y	N			2	2
Friendship	Y	Y		1	4	6
Hahira 1st	Y	Y	1		7	9
Homerville	Y	N		1	2	3
Ozias	Y	Y			4	5
Pine Level	Y	Y			4	5
Sunny Side	Y	N	2		6	8
Tifton 1st	Y	Y			2	3
Valdosta 1st	Y	N				0
White Hall	Y	Y		1	3	5
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	7	9
Totals	13	9	3	5	49	66