

**LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
of
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

1998 Minutes & Reports

**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
HOMERVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
IN HOMERVILLE, GEORGIA
ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998**

Minutes of all 1998 Quarterly Meetings Included

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LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - 1999

Moderator: Rev. Rowan Sirmans
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Kent Barwick
Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Keith Lloyd
Asst. Clerk: Rev. Mitch Griffin

Executive Committee:

Rev. Rowan Sirmans / 422-3013
 Rev. Keith Lloyd / 285-5075
 Rev. Charles Parrish / 794-3064
 Bro. L.D. Wynn / 549-8857
 Bro. Ronnie Hamm / 769-3579
 Bro. J.C. Clair / 794-3137
 Rev. Billy Sumner / 386-5976

Mission Board:

Bro. James Faircloth / 794-2327
 Rev. Charles Parrish / 794-3064
 Bro. Tommy Sumner /
 Bro. J.W. Franks / 382-3580
 Rev. Mitch Griffin / 769-3828

Christian Education Board:

Rev. Mitchell Deems / 422-7346
 Bro. Johnny Schofill / 382-3138
 Bro. Gary Hamm /
 Bro. Raymond Mercer / 283-3908
 Rev. Billy Sumner / 386-5976

Finance Committee:

Sis. Maxine Franks / 382-3580
 Sis. Michelle Mercer / 285-8963
 Sis. Vicky Simmons / 769-3106

Little River Camp Board:

Rev. Kent Barwick / 487-3292
 Rev. Rowan Sirmans / 422-3013
 Bro. Roger Mercer / 285-8963
 Bro. John Schofill / 382-3138
 Bro. Ronnie Hamm / 769-3579
 Sis. Barbara Davis / 422-3992
 Sis. Emma Moody /

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Rowan Sirmans / 422-3013
 Rev. Mitch Griffin / 769-3828
 Rev. Billy Sumner / 386-5976
 Rev. Keith Lloyd / 285-5075
 Rev. Kent Barwick / 487-3292

Trustee Board:

Rev. Leonard Ogletree / 386-4410
 Rev. R.S. Hayes / 896-3334
 Rev. Charles Parrish / 794-3064
 Bro. Tommy Sumner /
 Bro. J.W. Franks / 382-3580

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Charles Parrish / 794-3064
 Bro. Johnny Walden / 289-8615
 Bro. Joe Aldrich / 283-6542

Nominating Committee:

Bro. Johnny Walden / 285-8615
 Bro. Donald Tidwell /
 Bro. James Faircloth / 794-2327

STATE BOARDS 1998:

Mission - Rev. Mitch Griffin
 Trustee - Bro. Ronnie Hamm
 Camp - Bro. John Schofill
 C.E. - Rev. Mitchell Deems

Credentials Committee:

Sis. Ann Mercer / 283-3908
 Sis. Sarah Sumner / 386-5976
 Sis. Faye Ogletree / 386-4410

1998 CHURCH DIRECTORY

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 time of printing

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1998 Church Directory, Continued

Tifton 1st

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Corner 16th & Davis
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Valdosta, GA 31602
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White Hall

Rev. Amos McMillan

Zion Hill

Rev. Keith Lloyd
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Millwood, GA 31552
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Pearson, GA 31642
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Rev. Charles Parrish
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Other Names of Interest:

1998 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	9
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors	2
Number of Churches with Parsonages	7
Combined Value of all Church Property	\$2,449,000
Number of Churches with Budgets	5
Total Combined Income of all Churches	\$393,406
Number of Ordained Ministers	17
Number of Licensed Ministers	2
Number of Ordained Deacons	35
Total Combined Membership of all Churches	966
Total Number of Baptisms	74
Total Members Added	96
Total Members Lost	56
Number of Churches with Sunday Schools	13
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment	401
Number of Churches with CTS	1
Total Combined CTS Enrollment	23
Number of Churches with WNAC	4
Total Combined WNAC Enrollment	59
Number of Churches with Master's Men	2
Total Combined Master's Men Enrollment	24
Number of Churches without a Pastor	2
Total Camp Ozias Enrollment	75
Salvation Decisions at Camp Ozias	6

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. It is impossible to make sense of the numbers from year to year without complete and accurate reports. According to the reports received this year, both our Church Membership and our Sunday School Enrollment decreased by 12 and 46, respectively. But, our reports also reflected a total net gain of 40 new members. It just doesn't add up. Let's make a concerted effort to have an accurate Statistical Report next year...for His glory.
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

Schedule of District Association Meetings:

1999	2000	2001
Corinth 1/16	Sunnyside 1/15	Cool Springs 1/20
Ozias 4/17	Hahira 1st 4/15	Tifton 1st 4/21
Friendship 7/31	Valdosta 1st 7/29	Pine Level 7/28
Forest Hill 10/16	White Hall 10/21	Zion Hill 10/20
2002		
Homerville		

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION **1999 Schedule of Revivals**

<u>Church / Homecoming Date</u>	<u>Spring Revival</u>	<u>Fall Revival</u>
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Cool Springs / Sept. 12Mar. 8 - Mar. 12.....Oct. 4 - Oct. 8

Forest Hill / Sept. 26Apr. 26 - Apr. 30Sept. 27 - Oct. 1

Friendship /

Hahira 1st / May 2

Homerville / May 2Feb. 21 - Feb. 24

Ozias / Aug. 8Mar. 29 - Apr. 2Aug. 2 - Aug. 6

Pine Level / Apr. 25Apr. 19 - Apr. 23

Sunnyside / Sept. 5Mar. 22 - Mar. 26Aug. 30 - Sept. 3

Tifton 1st / May 2May 3 - May 7

Valdosta 1st / Aug. 15

White Hall / Oct. 17

Zion Hill / Sept. 19April 21 - April 24Sept. 20 - Sept. 24

Revival dates are subject to change. Please call church for confirmation before going.

1998 OBITUARY REPORT

* **Mr. John Henry Ivey** - Member of the Cool Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, was born on June 30, 1918, and died on February 15, 1998.

* **Mrs. Savilla Hayes** - Member of the Forest Hill FWB Church in Adel, GA, was born on June 11, 19__, and died on June 5, 1998.

* **Mrs. Minnie Cain** - Member of the Hahira 1st FWB Church in Hahira, GA, was born in 1909, and died in 1998.

* **Mrs. Bessie Watson** - Member of the Hahira 1st FWB Church in Hahira, GA, was born in 1917, and died in 1998.

* **Mr. Lewis Hurst** - Member of the Pine Level FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, was born on September 2, 1919, and died on November 25, 1997.

* **Mr. Tom Watson Carlton** - Member of the Pine Level FWB Church in Norman Park, GA, was born on September 4, 1913, and died on October 30, 1997.

* **Mrs. Valarie Burch** - Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA, died on October 4, 1997.

* **Mr. Hugh Smith** - Member of the Zion Hill FWB Church in Millwood, GA, was born on May 3, 1944, and died on May 8, 1998.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 1998
TIFTON FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
TIFTON, GEORGIA

9:30- 9:40 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40- 9:55 DEVOTION: Rev. Mitchell Deems, Pastor of Forest Hill
9:55-10:00 WELCOME: Rev. Gerald Brown, Pastor of Tifton 1st
RESPONSE: Rev. Keith Lloyd, Pastor of Zion Hill
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: Tifton 1st FWB Church
MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. Sim Youngblood, Pastor of Sunnyside

NEXT SESSION: Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park, GA
4-18-98

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's first quarterly meeting of 1998 on January 17, at the Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting opened with a congregational song, "When He Put a Little Sunshine In", followed with a prayer by Rev. Everette Williams. The devotion was given by Rev. Mitchell Deems, pastor of the Forest Hill FWB Church, and his text was taken from Joel 2:28-32.

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Gerald Brown and the response from the association was given by Rev. Keith Lloyd.

Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order and Sis. Ann Mercer gave the Credentials Committee report. The report was as follows: 13 churches, 11 pastors, 5 other ministers, 10 deacons, and 56 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 82. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat these representatives.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$198.40. The minutes and treasurers report from the last meeting were read and approved as given. Sis. Bambi Griffis and Sis. Melissa Cunningham were appointed to serve as temporary delegates to the Finance Committee due to the absence of other members.

Reports of Boards & Committees:

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

Ordaining Council: Rev. Steve Hughes read a letter of good standing from the Georgia Union Association on behalf of Rev. Gerald Brown. Bro. Steve also read a letter of intent and apology from the Midway Association on behalf of Rev. Damon Dodd. Bro. Dodd's letter of good standing will be provided at the next quarterly meeting. Rev. Gerald Brown was given the right hand of fellowship from Moderator Rowan Sirmans.

LRA Mission Board: Rev. Steve Hughes thanked the association for the support and success of the Mission Rally. Bro. Steve also announced that he would be leaving the Little River Association to assume a pastorate at the Savannah First FWB Church. Bro. Steve graciously volunteered to help the Mission Board any way he could in plans for this year's Mission Rally. The Mission Board report was received as information.

LRA Christian Education Board: Rev. Kent Barwick explained that there had been a mix-up in scheduling, therefore the plans to highlight evangelistic techniques and Sunday School enlargement campaigns had to be post-poned indefinitely. The C.E. report was received as information.

Finance Committee: Bro. Chester Chancey gave the Finance Committee report. His report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

GA State Mission Board: Rev. Steve Hughes informed the association of the intention of the state to sell the North Fayette Mission. They have a letter of intent to purchase from the congregation that is now renting the facility, and they have a tentative location chosen for new construction. Bro. Steve make a motion that Rev. Rowan Sirmans

represent the LRA at the next Mission Board meeting on January 31. The motion was seconded and carried and the report was received as information.

GA State Trustee Board: Bro. Ronnie Hamm reported on the state's action to sell the State Office building in Moultrie and rent a facility until a more suitable location could be found. Bro. Ronnie also commended Bro. C.M. Chafin for his faithfulness to the LRA and his service on the State Trustee Board. His report was received as information.

GA State Camp Board: Bro. Roger Mercer reported that the State Camp Board had set dates for Teen Camp to be held on July 26-31, at the Rock Eagle 4-H Camp in Covington. This report was given as information.

GA State Christian Education Board: Rev. Kent Barwick reported that plans for the Minister's Retreat on Jekyll Island were being finalized; a retreat for minister's wives was being discussed; the Sr. Citizens Retreat is being planned. Bro. Kent noted the increased participation in the various retreats. He also gave information about the status of GA's support of the FWBBC students. This report was received as information.

National Fund Raising Drive: Rev. Steve Hughes reported on the State's action to pay the remainder of our commitment from the Contingency Fund. Received as information.

Double-in-a-Decade Membership Drive: Rev. Keith Lloyd report on the demise of this campaign, but encouraged the accurate reporting of membership from association churches. This report was received as information.

LRA Camp Board: Rev. Kent Barwick, reporting for the Camp Board, recommended the use of the old Ozias church site for an association camp and retreat center; recommended that the LRA build shower facilities at this site; and solicited the physical and financial support of LRA churches in this endeavour. A motion was made and seconded to approve the Camp Board's recommendation. After much discussion and enthusiastic response, the motion carried unanimously. Tentative camp dates for Jr. Camp (grades 1-6) were set at June 14-19. The Camp Board report becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Old Business:

* Rev. Kent Barwick made a motion that the LRA Trustee Board look in to the property in Nashville, GA, that was reportedly given to the LRA, and to present their report to the Executive Committee within a month. The motion was seconded. Further information concerning the property was given by Rev. Everette Williams and Rev. R.S. Hayes. Said property was reported to have been donated by Sis. Aleen Brown for the purpose of establishing a FWB church on Nashville. The motion carried.

New Business:

* Rev. Max Cunningham was elected to replace Rev. Steve Hughes on the LRA Mission Board.

* A motion was made by Bro. James Faircloth that the LRA establish a Mission Rally as an annual event instead of voting on it yearly. The motion was seconded and carried.

* Rev. Charles Parrish, representing the Resolutions Committee, brought two resolutions before the association. The first concerns an expression of thanks for Rev. Steve Hughes and his faithful service to the LRA. The second concerns an expression of thanks to the Tifton First Church for their hospitality as hosts of this meeting. These resolutions were

accepted and acted upon by the association. These resolution will be printed in their entirety following the minutes.

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

The congregational hymn "Heaven's Jubilee" was followed by special music from the Tifton First Church. Rev. Sim Youngblood, pastor of the Sunnyside FWB Church, delivered the morning message and his text was taken from Mark 12:28-34 on "The First and Greatest Commandment".

A special prayer for Rev. Steve Hughes was offered by Moderator Rowan Sirmans and the ministers of the LRA. Rev. Gerald Brown dismissed us in prayer and a wonderful lunch was provided by the members of the Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/ Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

#1. Whereas, the Rev. Steve Hughes has served the Little River Association and it's boards and committees with distinction for all the years that he has been a member; therefore,

Be it resolved, that each member stand and extend to him our heart felt appreciation for his love and devotion to us; and,

Be it further resolved, that Rev. Hughes come forward at the close of this day's worship service, along with all the ministers and deacons, and that a prayer be made by the Moderator giving thanks to God for him and asking God's continued blessings upon he and his family at their next assignment.

#2. Whereas, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Tifton was gracious enough to invite us here today; and,

Whereas, they have been a great host for this occasion; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we express to them our appreciation by giving to them a rising vote of thanks.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 10/18/97 - 1/17/98

Category Description

Balance brought forward \$800.18

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$290.25
Association Missions	10.00
Ga. State Coop.	160.05
Snow family	10.00
Nat'l. Assn. Fees	300.00
Mission Rally	5760.00
Hersey family	150.00

Balance after receipts \$7480.48

Disbursements:

Moderator Honorarium	\$30.00
Clerk Honorarium	40.00
Ga. State Coop.	160.05
Home Missions (General Fund)	10.00
Snow family	10.00
Nat'l. Assn. Fees	325.00
State Assn. Fees	60.00
Ace Printing (1997 Minutes)	291.00
Postage	32.00

Mission Rally Disbursements:

Hersey (includes \$150.00 designated)	\$1590.00
Whitehead	1440.00
Griffin	1440.00
Wallace	1440.00
Rev. Steve Hughes (postage)	15.00

Total Balance on Hand \$597.43

Submitted by: Keith Lloyd

Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

Tifton 1st
Place of Meeting

1/17/98
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 50.00	\$	\$
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Forest Hill	\$ 12.25	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Pine Level	\$ 66.50	\$	\$
Sunny Side	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$
Valdosta, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
White Hall	\$ 15.00	\$	\$
Zion Hill	\$ 18.75	\$	\$
Totals	A \$ 362.50	B \$ 10.00	C \$

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 372.50		\$ 198.40		\$ 597.43		\$ 1168.33

1	Association Support Total	\$ 362.50	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 10.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ -----	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 372.50	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 198.40	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 570.90	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 597.43	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1168.33	8

Signed Chester Chancey Finance Committee Chairman

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING Tifton 1st

DATE 1/17/98

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y		2	2	5
Corinth	Y	Y		1	6	8
Forest Hill	Y	Y	1		6	8
Friendship	Y			1	3	4
Hahira 1st	Y				5	5
Homerville	Y	Y		1	3	5
Ozias	Y	Y	1	1	6	9
Pine Level	Y	Y		1	4	6
Sunny Side	Y	Y	1		3	5
Tifton 1st	Y	Y	1		2	4
Valdosta 1st	Y	Y			3	4
White Hall	Y	Y	1	2	6	10
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	7	9
Totals	13	11	5	10	56	82

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

December 15, 1997

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on December 15, 1997, at 7:30 pm, at the Tifton 1st church. Members present were as follows: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Charles Parrish, Bro. Ronnie Hamm. Visitors present: Bro. Tom York

Rev. Charles Parrish opened in prayer. Rev. Keith Lloyd read the minutes of the last meeting and briefly discussed the purpose and duties of the Executive Committee as outlined in the Constitution and By-Laws.

Rev. Rowan Sirmans expressed a desire to see the churches in the Little River Association supporting and fellowshiping with one another. A discussion ensued on how to get the LRA churches motivated to this end.

Many ideas were expressed that might spark a renewed interest in the association. Some of these ideas were as follows: The possibility of joint 5th Sunday night services between churches; a district youth camp at the old Ozias church site; district youth Bible competition; and the possibility of reducing the number of associational business meetings and replacing them instead with associational worship meetings.

All board members agreed that the key to church support is pastoral support. Therefore, the board voted that a letter be drafted and sent to every pastor, church, and ordained minister in the LRA. This letter is to encourage all churches to get involved in the business and fellowship of the LRA. Rev. Keith Lloyd is to draft such a letter and see that it meets the approval of each board member before mailing.

With no other business at hand, the Executive Committee was dismissed in prayer by Bro. Ronnie Hamm.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.R.A. of F.W.B will be on March 16, 1998, at 7:30 pm, at the Pine Level Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
CAMP BOARD
MEMBERS
ROWAN SIRMANS, ROGER MERCER, KENT BARWICK

January 17, 1998

Churches of the LRA of FWB:

REPORT:

Camp Board met on 1/5/98 at 5:00 p.m. at the old Ozias Church property. Those present were: Rowan Sirmans, Roger Mercer, and Kent Barwick. Rev. Sirmans informed the board that the owner of the church property agreed to let the LRA use the property for camping purposes. We discussed the possibilities of converting the existing facilities into a camp for grades 1-6 for this summer. Brother Roger Mercer said that he would bring a general contractor to our next meeting to help us make plans.

Camp Board met on 1/7/98 at 2:00 p.m. at the old Ozias Church property. Those present were: Rowan Sirmans, Roger Mercer, Marshall Monk (general contractor.) The camp board decided that it was necessary to construct new shower stalls in order to have camp at this site for this summer. Mr. Marshall Monk will inform Roger Mercer on all that is needed so we can determine the approximate cost for this project.

RECOMMENDATION:

The LRA Camp Board recommends the following:

1. Use the former Ozias Church site for future camps and retreats.
2. Build shower facilities at this site.
3. Each individual member of the LRA give generously of the time, treasure, and talents to this effort.

Respectfully,

Kent Barwick

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
QUARTERLY MEETING
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 1998
PINE LEVEL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA

- 9:30-9:40 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40-9:55 DEVOTION: Rev. Billy Sumner, Pastor of Corinth
9:55-10:00 WELCOME: Rev. Ronny Moore, Pastor of Pine Level
RESPONSE: Rev. Charles Parrish, Interim Pastor of Valdosta 1st
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: Pine Level FWB Church
MORNING MESSAGE: Roger Bennett, Alabama Children's Home

NEXT SESSION: Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood, GA
7-25-98

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptist's held its second quarterly meeting of 1998 on April 18, at the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, in Norman Park, GA. The meeting opened with a congregational song, "Standing on the Promises", followed with a prayer by Bro. Raymond Mercer. The devotion was given by Rev. Billy Sumner, pastor of the Corinth FWB Church, and his text was taken from Galatians 6:17,18 on "The Marks of a Christian".

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Ronny Moore and the response from the association was given by Rev. Charles Parrish.

Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order and Sis. Ann Mercer gave the Credentials Committee report. The report was as follows: 13 churches, 8 pastors, 2 other ministers, 5 deacons, and 48 delegates were present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 63. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat these representatives.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$149.00. Sis. Ann Mercer and Bro. Frank Beverly were appointed to serve as temporary delegates to the Finance Committee in the absence of other members. The minutes and treasurers report from the last meeting were read and approved as given. Rev. Max Cunningham and Bro. Tommy Sumner were appointed to serve as temporary delegates to the Resolutions Committee in the absence of other members.

Reports of Boards & Committees:

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

Finance Committee: Sis. Ann Mercer gave the report from the Finance Committee. Her report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

Nominating Committee: Rev. Max Cunningham was nominated to fill the unexpired term of Rev. Steve Hughes on the GA State Mission Board. The nomination was motioned, seconded, and carried.

Ordaining Council: A letter of good standing for Rev. Damon Dodd was received from the Midway Association of FWB. Moderator Rowan Sirmans extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Dodd on behalf of the LRA.

LRA Camp Board: Rev. Kent Barwick gave a progress report on "Camp Ozias", as well as a financial statement. The account balance for the camp fund: \$4732.00. This report was received as information.

LRA Trustee Board: Bro. Tommy Sumner brought information concerning property that had been deeded to the LRA. Said property was deeded to the association by Sis. Allene Brown on July 2nd, 1975. It is located in Berrien County, in Land Lot 179 of the Tenth Land District. Map of property is on Plat Number 4, page 42. Deed for property is recorded in Book Number 118, page 220. Consists of 1.16 acres. Located on County Rd. 178 off Old Coffee Rd. This report was received as information.

LRA Mission Board: Rev. Charles Parrish reported on the status of the annual LRA Mission Conference. Paul & Rhoda Creech have been confirmed as participants; two Hispanic missionaries, Omar Alfera and Carlos Robio have been tentatively scheduled; and one home missionary from Davenport, Iowa, Rev. Cliff Donoho has also been tentatively scheduled. This report was received as information.

LRA Christian Education Board: Rev. Kent Barwick has contacted James Evans of Benchmark Adventure Ministries concerning a Sunday School Seminar. Bro. Kent hopes to have a representative of this ministry at our next quarterly meeting. His report was received as information.

GA State Christian Education Board: Rev. Kent Barwick reported on plans for various retreats promoted by the State Assn. This report was received as information.

GA State Mission Board: Rev. Max Cunningham reported that the North Fayette property had been sold and another site had been tentatively located for the Atlanta mission work. His report was received as information.

GA State Trustee Board: Bro. Ronnie Hamm reported that Herbert & Geraldine Waid had purchased the old state office building in Moultrie, Ga; and that a tentative location for a new state office building had been located in Macon, GA. His report was received as information.

GA State Camp Board: Rev. Kent Barwick reported on the dates for the State Teen Camp in Covington, Ga. His report was received as information.

After a brief recess, Bro. Roger Bennett of the Alabama Children's Home shared pertinent information concerning this very important FWB ministry.

Old Business: None

New Business:

* Bro. Raymond Mercer made a motion that \$500.00 be transferred from the LRA General Fund to the Camp Ozias Fund. Motion was seconded and carried.

* Rev. Kent Barwick made a motion that \$500.00 be given to the Alabama Children's Home from the General Fund. Motion was seconded and carried.

* Rev. Everette Williams suggested that a revival schedule be worked out among the association churches and published in the annual minutes. The Executive Committee will look into this request.

* Rev. Charles Parrish, representing the Resolutions Committee, brought two resolutions before the association. The first resolution concerns an expression of thanks to the boards and committees of the LRA for their diligent efforts in accomplishing the wishes of the association. The second resolution concerns an expression of appreciation, in the form of a letter from the LRA, to the Pine Level FWB Church for their kind hospitality in hosting this meeting. These resolutions were accepted and acted upon by the association. They will appear in their entirety following the minutes.

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

The congregational hymn "Come Unto Me" was followed by special music from the Pine Level Church. Rev. Roger Bennett, from the Alabama Children's Home, delivered the morning message and his text was taken from Psalm 119:7-10,14 on "The Word of God".

Rev. Ronny Moore dismissed in prayer and a wonderful lunch was provided by the members of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk/ Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

#1. Whereas, there are several committees elected or assigned in our association that have displayed extra effort and sincere devotion in accomplishing our wishes; therefore, Be it resolved, that the association recognize them individually and express our heart felt thanks for a job well done; and,

Be it further resolved, that this recognition should come from the floor of the association from people who recognize and appreciate them enough to offer a commendation.

#2. Whereas, the Pine Level Church has offered their facilities for our use in conducting the business of the association; and,

Whereas, they have given their assistance in meeting our needs and providing for our comfort; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we extend to them our appreciation by instructing the clerk to write a letter of thanks for their hospitality.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 1/17/98 - 4/18/98

Category Description

Balance brought forward **\$597.43**

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$362.50
Association Missions	10.00
<u>Ga. State Coop.</u>	<u>198.40</u>
Total receipts	570.90

Balance after receipts **\$1168.33**

Disbursements:

Moderator Honorarium	\$30.00
Clerk Honorarium	40.00
Ga. State Coop.	198.40
<u>Home Missions (General Fund)</u>	<u>10.00</u>
Total disbursements	278.40

Total Balance on Hand **\$889.93**

Submitted by:

Keith Lloyd
Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

Pine Level 4/18/98
Place of Meeting Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 50.00	\$	\$
Corinth	\$	\$	\$
Forest Hill	\$ 12.50	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 20.00	\$	\$
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Pine Level	\$ 67.25	\$	\$
Sunny Side	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$
Valdosta, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
White Hall	\$ 9.45	\$	\$
Zion Hill	\$ 19.50	\$	\$ 150.00* (Camp)
Totals	A \$ 328.70	B \$ 10.00	C \$ 150.00

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 488.70		\$ 149.00		\$ 889.93		\$ 1527.63

1	Association Support Total	\$ 328.70	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 10.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 150.00	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 488.70	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 149.00	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 637.70	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 889.93	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1527.63	8

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING Pine Level DATE 4/18/98

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	N	1	2	5	8
Corinth	Y	Y		1	7	9
Forest Hill	Y	N			3	3
Friendship	Y	N			3	3
Hahira 1st	Y	Y			4	5
Homerville	Y	Y				1
Ozias	Y	Y			6	7
Pine Level	Y	Y		1	8	10
Sunny Side	Y	N	1		5	6
Tifton 1st	Y	Y			3	4
Valdosta 1st	Y	Y				1
White Hall	Y	N			3	3
Zion Hill	Y	Y		1	1	3
Totals	13	8	2	5	48	63

Signed Ann Mercer Acting as Finance Committee Chairman

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

March 16, 1998

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on March 16, 1998, at 7:30 pm, at the Pine Level church. Members present were as follows: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Charles Parrish, Rev. Billy Sumner, Bro. L.D. Wynn, and Bro. J.C. Plair. Bro. Ronnie Hamm was unable to attend due to revival at his church.

Rev. Keith Lloyd opened in prayer and distributed the minutes to the last meeting. The floor was opened for business and discussion.

The Committee moved to highlight the Alabama Children's Home at the April meeting of the L.R.A. A representative has been contacted and can come on this date.

Rev. Rowan Sirmans shared information concerning the property located in Nashville, GA, that was donated to the L.R.A. It is his understanding that the property does belong to the Association, and that there are no stipulations concerning the time frame for its use. Rev. Billy Sumner stated that he and Bro. Tommy Sumner, (Trustee Board member), would check further into the location of the property and a copy of the deed, and report to the Association at the April 18th meeting.

Rev. Rowan Sirmans gave a report on the progress of the L.R.A. Camp Site. After some discussion, the Executive Committee moved to suggest that each church in the L.R.A. pledge their financial support to the Camp Fund on a quarterly basis.

The Executive Committee moved to highlight Sunday School Enlargement and Evangelism at our July 25th District Meeting. The L.R.A. Christian Education Board will be asked to organize this event.

The Executive Committee moved to suggest having regional 5th Sunday night worship services. Association churches to be divided into two regions with a Worship Coordinator for each. Coordinator's responsibility would be to organize the service for his/her respective region and notify the churches in that region of the date, time, and place of the worship service. Each church should have a person who will serve as a Church Coordinator that will work with the Regional Coordinator in planning and in motivating his/her church to participate. These worship sessions may consist of preaching, praise and worship, special singing, and food and fellowship. Lay men or women are encouraged to volunteer to serve as coordinators of these events.

The Executive Committee further moved that the churches in this association be encouraged to support one another in revivals and other special meetings. Such support will strengthen our bond with one another and bring a greater sense of unity into the L.R.A.

With no other business at hand, the Executive Committee was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Billy Sumner.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.R.A. of F.W.B. will be on June 15, 1998, at 7:00 pm. This meeting will be held at the Little River Association Youth Camp, which was formerly the location of the old Ozias church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS QUARTERLY MEETING SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1998 ZION HILL FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH MILLWOOD, GEORGIA

****We are pleased to have Bro. James Evans, of Benchmark Adventure Ministries, with us this morning. We will attempt to expedite the business portion of our meeting today, in order to give Bro. Evans as much time as possible to minister to us.**

- 9:30- 9:40 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40- 9:55 DEVOTION: Rev. Mitch Griffin, Pastor of Cool Springs Church
9:55-10:00 WELCOME: Rev. Keith Lloyd, Pastor of Zion Hill Church
RESPONSE: Rev. Kent Barwick, Pastor of Homerville Church
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: Zion Hill FWB Church
MORNING MESSAGE: James Evans, Founder and President
Benchmark Adventure Ministries

NEXT SESSION: Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, GA
10-17-98

MINUTES OF QUARTERLY MEETING

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held its third quarterly meeting of 1998 on July 25th, at the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, in Millwood, GA. The meeting was opened with a congregational song, "Are You Washed in the Blood?", followed with an opening prayer by Rev. Billy Sumner. The devotion was given by Rev. Mitch Griffin, pastor of the Cool Springs FWB Church, and his message was taken from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6 on "The Glorious Gospel".

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Keith Lloyd and the response from the association was given by Rev. Kent Barwick.

Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order and Bro. James Faircloth opened the business session with prayer. Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the report from the Credentials Committee. The report was as follows: 13 churches reporting with 8 pastors, 2 other ministers, 8 deacons, and 31 delegates present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 49. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat these representatives.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$160.08. Sis. Barbara Davis, Sis. Ann Mercer, and Sis. Barbara Parrish were appointed by the Moderator to serve as temporary delegates on the Finance Committee in the absence of other members. Clerk Keith Lloyd read the minutes and treasurers report from the last meeting. These reports were received as given.

Reports of Boards & Committees:

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

Ordaining Council: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, reporting for the Ordaining Council, recommended that Rev. Steve Hughes be granted a letter of good standing from the LRA to the South Georgia Association of FWB. Motion was made and carried to grant this request. Rev. Sirmans then recommended that Rev. Mitch Griffin, the new pastor of the Cool Springs Church, be accepted into the fellowship of the LRA pending a letter of good standing from the South Central Quarterly of the Cumberland Association of Tennessee. Motion was made and carried to grant this request.

LRA Camp Board: Rev. Kent Barwick reported on the success of our first youth camp and gave a complete financial report. This financial report becomes an integral part of these minutes. Rev. Rowan Sirmans then reported that the camp site property and the buildings thereon would be deeded to the LRA, with the only stipulation being that the property must remain a camp that is operated by the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists. If at any time the property ceases to be used by the Little River Association, it, the buildings, and any improvements located thereon will revert back to the ownership of the Ozias Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. Sirmans further informed the Association that Bro. John Schofill, a deacon of the Corinth FWB Church, had donated 1000 caps to the Camp Ozias project. A cap will be given to any individual who will donate at least \$20.00 to this endeavor. All proceeds go to the Camp Ozias fund.

LRA Mission Board: Bro. James Faircloth gave information concerning our 3rd Annual Fall Mission Conference. The Corinth Church in Brookfield, GA will host the Friday night Mission Banquet. The Corinth Church will also host the Western Region in the Sunday Evening Rally Service, and the Ozias Church will host the Eastern Region in the Sunday Evening Rally Service. All churches are encouraged to give at least \$250.00 to our Sunday Evening Rally Offering. Participating missionaries will be: Paul and Rhoda Creech, Omar Alfera, and Carlos Robio. A motion was made and carried to accept this report and its recommendations.

LRA Christian Education Board: Rev. Kent Barwick introduced our special guest speaker for the day, Bro. James Evans of Benchmark Adventure Ministries.

Finance Committee: Rev. Keith Lloyd read the Finance Committee report. This report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

After a brief recess, the business meeting resumed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

* Rev. Rowan Sirmans asked that the Executive Committee assemble for a special called meeting, immediately following the morning message.

* Rev. Charles Parrish, representing the Resolutions Committee, brought three resolutions before the Association for consideration and approval. The first resolution concerns a prayer of thanksgiving and blessing, by the Moderator, for all who took part in making Camp Ozias a success. The second resolution concerns a word of encouragement for cooperation from all our churches in the next Annual Mission Rally. The third resolution concerns a rising vote of thanks and applause to Zion Hill FWB Church for their hospitality. These resolutions were accepted and individually acted upon by the Association and will appear in their entirety following the minutes.

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

Special singing was brought by Sis. Cindy Mercer, entitled "The Silence of the Lambs". Bro. James Evans of Benchmark Adventure Ministries brought the morning message on "The Message and Methods of Sunday School and Church Growth".

Rev. Charles Parrish dismissed in prayer and a wonderful lunch was provided by the members of the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk / Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

#1. Whereas, the Association has sponsored and conducted its first youth camp with great success in what a youth camp is designed to do; and, Whereas, we recognize that this success was made possible by our Heavenly Father, the Almighty God, who provided us with men and women who gave of their time, money, talents, and met the demanding physical stamina to insure that God's Word was shared with our children; and, Whereas, several men and women gave much more than we could reasonably expect (God knows them); therefore, Be it resolved, that we give a prayer of thanksgiving to Him and ask Him to bless every church and individual for their unselfish participation; and, Be it further resolved, that we ask our Moderator to lead us in this prayer and that we all conclude his prayer with a hearty... Amen!

#2. Whereas, the Little River Association has agreed to have a mission rally yearly; therefore, Be it resolved, that we encourage our churches to cooperate with our Mission Board and make our next rally a great success... for His Glory!

#3. Whereas, Zion Hill Church was kind enough to invite us to meet with them; and, Whereas, they have been kind enough to make us welcome and comfortable; therefore, Be it resolved, that we show our appreciation by standing and giving them a hand of applause.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 4/18/98 - 7/25/98

Category Description

Balance brought forward \$889.93

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$328.70
Association Missions	10.00
Ga. State Coop.	149.00
Camp Ozias	150.00
Total receipts	637.70

Balance after receipts \$1527.63

Disbursements:

Moderator Honorarium	\$30.00
Clerk Honorarium	40.00
Ga. State Coop.	149.00
Home Missions (General Fund)	10.00
Alabama Children's Home	500.00
Camp Ozias	650.00
Postage	6.16
Total disbursements	1385.16

Total Balance on Hand \$142.47

Submitted by:

Keith Lloyd
Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

Zion Hill
Place of Meeting

7/25/98
Date of Meeting

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING Zion Hill

DATE 7/25/98

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Forest Hill	\$ 12.75	\$ 10.00	\$
Friendship	\$ 20.00	\$	\$
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ 125.00 (Camp)
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
Pine Level	\$ 67.25	\$	\$
Sunny Side	\$ 24.75	\$	\$
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$
Valdosta, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$
White Hall	\$ 15.00	\$	\$
Zion Hill	\$ 20.50	\$	\$ 150.00 (Camp)
Totals	A \$ 335.25	B \$ 35.00	C \$ 275.00

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y		1		2
Corinth	Y	Y		1		2
Forest Hill	Y	Y				1
Friendship	Y			1	2	3
Hahira 1st	Y	Y	1		2	4
Homerville	Y	Y			2	3
Ozias	Y	Y		1	6	8
Pine Level	Y					0
Sunny Side	Y		1	1	8	10
Tifton 1st	Y	Y		1	1	3
Valdosta 1st	Y					0
White Hall	Y				2	2
Zion Hill	Y	Y		2	8	11
Totals	13	8	2	8	31	49

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 645.25		\$ 160.08		\$ 142.47		\$ 947.80

1	Association Support Total	\$ 335.25	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 35.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 275.00	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 645.25	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 160.08	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 805.33	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 142.47	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 947.80	8

Signed Sis. Barbara Davis Finance Committee Chairman

Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting

June 15, 1998

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists met on June 15, 1998, at 7:30 pm, at Camp Ozias. Members present were as follows: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Bro. L.D. Wynn, and Bro. Ronnie Hamm. Visitors present: Bro. John Schofill of the Corinth FWB Church.

Rev. Keith Lloyd distributed the minutes of the last meeting and the floor was opened for any business.

The Committee would like to recommend to the association that Camp Ozias become a part of this year's Annual LRA Mission Conference. A representative of the Camp Board would be asked to share with the association the vision and plans for Camp Ozias in the future. All monies collected during the Mission Conference should then be distributed in equal parts among the missionaries and Camp Ozias.

Most of the Executive Committee meeting focused on the vast opportunities that lay before this association with the acquisition of the Camp Ozias property. Among the activities discussed: Retreats for various church groups, youth lock-ins, fifth Sunday sings, associational fellowships, and seminars. The Committee also recognized the expense of maintaining such a facility and would like to encourage association churches to consider supporting Camp Ozias on a quarterly basis.

The request at our last quarterly meeting that a revival schedule be published in the Annual Minutes was discussed. The secretary was instructed to solicit a schedule from each church and publish in the minutes.

With no other business at hand, the Executive Committee was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Keith Lloyd.

The next meeting of the Executive Committee of the L.R.A. of F.W.B. will be on September 14, 1998, at 7:30 pm, at the Homerville F.W.B. Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER CAMP BOARD

Board Members:

Kent Barwick

Roger Mercer

Rowan Sirmans

7-26-98

Our first camp session was a grand success. By the time that camp had come to a close we had seventy-five campers who came through our camp. The most important thing to take note of is, there were six first time decisions made for Christ by our young campers. There were many others who rededicated their lives to the Lord as well. We can say without any reservation that it was worth it all. That is, our camp session was worth every single drop of sweat, every worry, every trip made to the camp ground, every donation, every hot day at camp. Thank God for the way He blessed our initial camp session.

We are forever grateful for all the hard work done by the many people who helped during this whole process. There were many times that I realized that God was at work just by watching how others came out to help in this wonderful work. There were numerous people who came through with various types of donations. We are grateful for every act of generosity demonstrated for our camp.

We are already looking forward to Camp Ozias 1999. We will schedule a meeting in the future to lay out the ground work for our next camp meeting. I can only hope and pray that we will see the hand of God at work next year as we did this year. Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

By His Grace

Kent Barwick

Little River Camp Fund

Little River Camp Fund

Num	Date	Payee	Amount	Running Total
INCOME CATEGORIES				
Income - Unassigned				
	3/6/98	opening deposit	4,432.00	4,432.00
	3/10/98	deposit	300.00	4,732.00
	4/27/98	deposit	1,150.00	5,882.00
	5/15/98	deposit	585.00	6,467.00
	5/22/98	deposit	530.00	6,997.00
	6/1/98	deposit	351.05	7,348.05
	6/3/98	deposit	845.00	8,193.05
	6/15/98	deposit	1,412.00	9,605.05
	6/22/98	deposit	454.00	10,059.05
	6/22/98	deposit	51.00	10,110.05
	7/21/98	deposit	708.31	10,818.36
Total Income - Unassigned			10,818.36	
TOTAL INCOME CATEGORIES			10,818.36	

EXPENSE CATEGORIES

Expense - Unassigned				
	3/20/98	CHECKS	(12.85)	10,805.51
101	3/20/98	H'ville FWB	(24.77)	10,780.74
102	3/20/98	Pittman's Pump Service	(47.16)	10,733.58
103	3/27/98	Heritage Builders	(71.68)	10,661.90
104	3/27/98	move building / Aaron Royals	(1,100.00)	9,561.90
106	4/14/98	Post Office	(32.00)	9,529.90
107	4/24/98	Harveys	(13.07)	9,516.83
108	4/29/98	Lowndes Electric	(96.58)	9,420.25
105	5/1/98	Vinyl Siding / Rowan Sirmans	(422.84)	8,997.41
109	5/4/98	elect. supplies / Ronnie Hamlin	(288.87)	8,708.54
110	5/4/98	Heritage Builders	(432.61)	8,275.93
111	5/14/98	lumber / Rowan Sirmans	(187.42)	8,088.51
112	5/14/98	Sirmans Hardware	(51.04)	8,037.47
113	5/20/98	plumbing mat. / Farr Discount	(30.50)	8,006.97
114	5/21/98	phone exp. / Homerville FWB	(10.79)	7,996.18
115	5/23/98	siding material / Tommy Sumner	(38.52)	7,957.66
116	5/23/98	bath tops&BRC / Rowan Sirmans	(188.45)	7,769.21
117	5/26/98	Dixie Ready Mix	(292.56)	7,476.65
118	5/27/98	Home Depot	(83.03)	7,393.62
119	5/27/98	Sears	(427.98)	6,965.64
120	6/1/98	Heritage Builders	(276.15)	6,689.49
121	6/2/98	Home Depot	(150.68)	6,538.81
122	6/2/98	Leon Morris / carpenter	(264.00)	6,274.81
123	6/2/98	Rober Spivey / carpenter	(214.50)	6,060.31
124	6/2/98	plumber / Clyde English	(500.00)	5,560.31
125	6/6/98	Moody	(340.00)	5,220.31
126	6/8/98	Ray Anns Book Store	(20.31)	5,200.00
127	6/10/98	RayAnns Book Store	(23.40)	5,176.60
128	6/11/98	West Builders Supply	(303.88)	4,872.72
129	6/11/98	Home Depot	(39.16)	4,833.56
130	6/11/98	Potter's House	(246.65)	4,586.91

Num	Date	Payee	Amount	Running Total
131	6/12/98	Matthews 66 / Food Supplies	(275.00)	4,311.91
132	6/12/98	Wal Mart	(92.83)	4,219.08
133	6/13/98	Rowan Sirmans / Doors	(158.58)	4,060.50
134	6/13/98	Sirmans Hardware	(303.17)	3,757.33
135	6/14/98	Homerville FWB / change canteen	(54.75)	3,702.58
136	6/14/98	Wal Mart	(81.81)	3,620.77
137	6/15/98	Michaels Crafts	(38.73)	3,582.04
138	6/17/98	Buddy Smith / snow cones	(75.00)	3,507.04
139	6/17/98	Todd Schofill / T Shirts	(500.00)	3,007.04
140	6/18/98	Jon's Sport Park	(805.60)	2,201.44
141	7/3/98	Potter's House	(66.31)	2,135.13
142	7/3/98	Sirmans Hardware	(10.39)	2,124.74
143	7/3/98	Satilla REMC	(91.74)	2,033.00
144	7/22/98	Satilla REMC	(351.55)	1,681.45
Total Expense - Unassigned			(9,136.91)	
TOTAL EXPENSE CATEGORIES			(9,136.91)	
GRAND TOTAL			1,681.45	1,681.45

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
FREE WILL BAPTISTS
ANNUAL MEETING
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 1998
HOMERVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH
HOMERVILLE, GEORGIA

9:30-9:40 CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
9:40-9:55 DEVOTION: Missionary speaker
9:55-10:00 WELCOME: Rev. Kent Barwick, Pastor of Homerville FWB Church
RESPONSE: Rev. Mitchell Deems
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: Homerville FWB Church
MORNING MESSAGE: Rev. Paul Creech,
Missionary to Ivory Coast

NEXT SESSION: Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, GA
1-16-99

MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held it's 92nd Annual Meeting on October 17, 1998, at the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was opened with a congregational song, "We Have Come Into His House to Worship Him", followed by prayer. Bro. James Faircloth, Chairman of the LRA Mission Board, introduced us to our missionary speakers. Bro. Carlos Robio (Cross-cultural missionary in Nashville, TN) and Bro. Omar Alfaro (Cross-cultural missionary in Miami, FL) ministered to us with the song "At the Cross". Bro. Robio then brought the devotion from Ephesians 2:1-9.

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Kent Barwick and the response from the association was given by Rev. Mitchell Deems, pastor of the Forest Hill church.

Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order. Candidates were appointed by the Moderator to temporarily fill the vacancies in the Finance Committee. These appointees were as follows: Sis. Maxine Franks, Sis. Michelle Mercer, Sis. Vicky Simmons. The Moderator also appointed Bro. Johnny Walden to temporarily fill a vacancy on the Resolution Committee. Rev. Kent Barwick opened the session in prayer.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. The report was as follows: 13 churches reporting with 8 pastors, 3 other ministers, 13 deacons, and 52 delegates present. This made the total number of voting delegates for the day, 76. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat these representatives.

The State COOP offering was received and totaled \$289.50. Clerk Keith Lloyd read a summary of the minutes of the last meeting and gave the treasurer's report. A motion was made and carried to receive these reports as given.

Reports of Boards & Committees:

Executive Committee: Rev. Keith Lloyd read two reports from Executive Committee meetings. These reports primarily contained information concerning situations that had arisen at the Valdosta 1st FWB Church. Bro. Earl Ridley, now serving as pastor of the Valdosta 1st Church, gave a report on the current status of the church as being good. These reports were received as given and become an integral part of these minutes.

Ordaining Council: Received a letter of good standing from the South Central Quarterly of the Cumberland Association (TN) for Rev. Mitch Griffin, pastor of the Cool Springs Church. Moderator Rowan Sirmans extended to Rev. Griffin the right hand of fellowship on behalf of the LRA. A letter of good standing was granted to the Southern Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association (TN) on behalf of Rev. Max Cunningham. Rev. James (Teddy) Burch was recognized as the interim pastor of the Pine Level church.

LRA Camp Board: Rev. Kent Barwick reported that Camp Ozias currently has \$658.19 in it's account. Rev. Barwick also recommended on behalf of the Camp Board that at least four more members be added to board. This would bring the total number of LRA Camp Board members from three to seven. This report was received as given.

LRA Missions Board: Bro. James Faircloth reported on the success of the Friday night Mission Banquet at the Corinth FWB Church and the schedule of events to follow in the

Missions Conference. A full report of the 3rd Annual Missions Conference will follow and become an integral part of these minutes.

Finance Committee: Clerk Keith Lloyd read the Finance Committee report. This report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

After a brief recess, the business meeting resumed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- * The Nominating Committee presented its recommendations for the election of officers for 1999. Their nominations were received and voted upon by acclamation. A list of these officers will appear at the beginning of the Annual Minutes.

- * A motion was made that the Credentials Committee register delegates at the front door prior to the opening of the district meetings. This would help expedite the business of seating delegates. The motion was voted on and carried.

- * A motion was made to separate our Annual Mission Conference from our Annual Business Meeting. This would allow more time and a greater emphasis on missions. The Mission Board would be given the responsibility of scheduling. The motion was voted on and carried.

- * Delegated were appointed to represent the Little River Association at the Georgia State Association Annual Meeting on Nov. 12-14, at the Albany 1st FWB Church. This delegates were as follows: Sis. Ladonna Griffin, Sis. Cindy Lloyd, Sis. Cheryl Barwick, Sis. Hilda Tidwell, and Sis. Juanita Weeks (Alt.).

- * Rev. Charles Parrish, representing the Resolutions Committee, brought two resolutions before the Association for consideration and approval. The first resolution concerns our stand as to the situations and allegations that have been brought against the President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton. The second resolution concerns a rising vote of thanks to the Homerville FWB Church for their hospitality. These resolutions were accepted and acted upon individually by the Association and will appear in their entirety following the minutes.

With no further business, announcements from the churches were received and visitors were recognized. A motion to adjourn from the business session was made and carried. Rev. Teddy Burch closed the business session in prayer.

Congregational singing was followed by a special from Sis. Rebecca Brown, entitled "Prayer Changes Things". Bro. Omar Alfaro, cross-cultural missionary in Miami, FL, shared his testimony and his burdens with us. Rev. Paul Creech, missionary to the Ivory Coast, brought the morning message from Acts 1:4-8, "The Command to Go".

The 92nd Annual Session of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists was dismissed in prayer. A wonderful lunch, prepared by the Homerville FWB Church, followed in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Keith Lloyd, Clerk / Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS

#1. Whereas, there is much unrest in our nation concerning the charges and counter charges concerning the President of our beloved country, William J. Clinton; and, Whereas, we as a Body of believers dedicated to following the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ, as outlined in His Word; and,

Whereas, these teachings instruct us to treat all people the same regardless of position and influence; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we do not condemn our President, or encourage others to find fault with him unjustly. However, should the charges be found to be true, let us go on record and insist that the rule of law be applied to him as to any other citizen of this country.

#2. Whereas, the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church extended to us an invitation to meet with them to transact our business; and,

Whereas, they have proved to be a gracious host; therefore,

Be it resolved, that we stand and express our heartfelt appreciation for their service to us.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 7/25/98 - 10/17/98

Category Description

Balance brought forward

\$142.47

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$335.25
Association Missions	35.00
Ga. State Coop.	160.08
Camp Ozias	1944.66
Total receipts	2474.99

Balance after receipts

\$2617.46

Disbursements:

Moderator Honorarium	\$30.00
Clerk Honorarium	40.00
Ga. State Coop.	160.08
Home Missions (General Fund)	35.00
Benchmark Adventure Ministries	300.00
Camp Ozias	1944.66
Postage	19.20
Total disbursements	2528.94

Total Balance on Hand

\$88.52

Submitted by:

Keith Lloyd
Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION FINANCE REPORT

Homerville
Place of Meeting

10/17/98
Date of Meeting

Church / Check #	Assn Support	Assn Missions	Other Ministries
Cool Springs	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ *25.00
Corinth	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ *25.00
Forest Hill	\$ 13.25	\$ 10.00	\$ *25.00
Friendship	\$ 11.50	\$	\$ *25.00
Hahira, First	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ *25.00 + **300.00
Homerville	\$ 45.00	\$	\$ *25.00
Ozias	\$ 25.00	\$	\$ *25.00
Pine Level	\$ 43.25	\$	\$ *25.00
Sunny Side	\$ 25.25	\$	\$ *25.00
Tifton, First	\$ 5.00	\$	\$ *25.00 + **64.24
Valdosta, First	\$ 15.00	\$	\$ *25.00
White Hall	\$ 8.25	\$	\$ *25.00
Zion Hill	\$ 21.25	\$	\$ *25.00 + **150.00
Totals	A \$ 287.75	B \$ 35.00	C \$ 839.24

4	Total of Above A + B + C	5	CO-OP Offering	7	Old Balance	8	Balance To Date
	\$ 1161.99		\$ 289.50		\$ 88.52		\$ 1540.01

1	Association Support Total	\$ 287.75	1
2	Association Mission Total	\$ 35.00	2
3	Other Ministries Total	\$ 839.24	3
4	Total Received from Churches (1 + 2 + 3)	\$ 1161.99	4
5	Georgia State Cooperative Offering	\$ 289.50	5
6	Total Receipts (4 + 5)	\$ 1451.49	6
7	Old Balance / Balance Brought Forward	\$ 88.52	7
8	Balance to Date / Balance on Hand (6 + 7)	\$ 1540.01	8

* National Rep. Fee

** Camp Ozias Gifts

Signed Maxine Franks, Michelle Mercer Finance Committee Chairman

Vickie Sue Simmons

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE STATISTICAL REPORT

PLACE OF MEETING Homerville

DATE 10/17/98

Church Name	Church Reporting Yes/No	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons	Delegates	Total Church Vote
Cool Springs	Y	Y		1	5	7
Corinth	Y	N		3	5	8
Forest Hill	Y	Y			4	5
Friendship	Y	N		1	3	4
Hahira 1st	Y	Y	1		6	8
Homerville	Y	Y		4	4	9
Ozias	Y	Y	1	1	10	13
Pine Level	Y	Y			3	4
Sunny Side	Y	N	1		3	4
Tifton 1st	Y	N				0
Valdosta 1st	Y	Y			1	2
White Hall	Y	N		1	3	4
Zion Hill	Y	Y		2	5	8
Totals	13	8	3	13	52	76

Executive Committee - Special Called Meeting 7/25 98

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held a special, called meeting on July 25, 1998, at the Zion Hill Church (following the quarterly meeting on this date). Members present were as follows: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Billy Sumner, Rev. Charles Parrish, and Bro. L.D. Wynn.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible solutions to problems that have arisen at the Valdosta First FWB Church. The problem, basically, is that a man who is openly hostile to some of the doctrines held by Free Will Baptists, is now serving in the capacity of pastor and threatening it's livelihood as a Free Will Baptist church.

It is the consensus of the Executive Committee that the fellowship and property of the Valdosta First FWB Church are in jeopardy. Therefore, even though we are limited in our authority over this matter, we feel that it is our obligation to attempt to prevent it's destruction as a Free Will Baptist church.

The Executive Committee will attempt to set up a meeting with the leadership of the Valdosta First FWB Church and offer our assistance in helping them find a Free Will Baptist minister to fill the pulpit. Rev. Charles Parrish agreed to try to schedule this meeting and report back to the Committee.

In further business, the Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the Association, agreed to give \$300.00 to Bro. James Evans, of Benchmark Adventure Ministries, as adequate and fair compensation for his ministry to us during the quarterly meeting. Benchmark Adventure Ministries, after being approved by the Association, had been contacted and scheduled by the LRA Christian Education Board, as an effort to promote Sunday School and church growth in our Association.

The meeting was adjourned in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

Executive Committee - Special Called Meeting 7/27/98

The Executive Committee of the Little River Association of Free Will Baptists held a special, called meeting on July 27, 1998, 7:30 pm, at the Cool Springs FWB Church. Members present: Rev. Rowan Sirmans, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Charles Parrish, Rev. Billy Sumner, Bro. Ronnie Hamm, and Bro. L.D. Wynn. Visitors present: Rev. Damon Dodd, Rev. Herbert Waid, and Bro. Earl Ridley.

Moderator Rowan Sirmans called the meeting to order and Rev. Billy Sumner opened in prayer.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss possible solutions to problems that have arisen at the Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church. The problems stem from the current pastor of the church, Mr. Bob Smith, and his apparent hostilities to certain doctrines that are held by Free Will Baptists.

An attempt was made to schedule a meeting with the church leadership concerning this problem and some possible solutions. Rev. Charles Parrish informed the Committee as to the futility of this attempt.

Bro. Earl Ridley, an inactive member of the Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church, shared his recent experiences concerning Mr. Smith with the Executive Committee. Bro. Ridley also expressed his love and concern for this fellowship, and his desire to reunite with it and see it flourish once again as a Free Will Baptist church.

The Executive Committee then questioned Bro. Ridley concerning the "Constitution and By-Laws", and the "Articles of Incorporation" for the Valdosta First FWB Church. Bro. Ridley informed the Committee that the church was in violation of "Section V, Article A" of its "Constitution and By-Laws". Bro. Ridley further informed the Committee that he believed himself to be the CEO of the Valdosta First FWB Church, as filed in the "Articles of Incorporation" with the Georgia Secretary of State.

After much discussion, the Executive Committee advised Bro. Earl Ridley of his authority as the CEO, (if in fact he is), and encouraged him to confront the pastor and congregation as to their breach of the "Free Will Baptist Treatise" and the "Constitution and By-Laws" of the church. If this confrontation fails to correct the problem, Bro. Ridley was encouraged to secure the properties of the Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church until a viable solution could be found.

With no other business, our visitors were thanked for their insight and helpful advice, and Rev. Charles Parrish dismissed us in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

1998 MISSION RALLY REPORT

The 3rd Annual Little River Association Mission Rally was once again a big success!

The participating missionaries were: Paul Creech, missionary to the Ivory Coast; Carlos Robio, missionary in Nashville, TN; and Omar Alfaro, missionary in Miami, FL.

Bro. Robio and Bro. Alfaro are cross-cultural home missionaries. They minister to Spanish speaking people who live in the United States. A big high point of the Rally was on Sunday afternoon. Bro. Robio and Bro. Alfaro when to a farm near the Cool Springs church and witnessed to some Spanish speaking people who worked there. Thirteen of those people gave their heart to Christ. Praise God! The mission field has been brought to our doorstep.

The Friday Night Mission Banquet was hosted once again by the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church. Everything was wonderful! The food was delicious, the fellowship was uplifting, and the testimonies from the missionaries was truly soul-stirring. There were a total of 62 people present at the Banquet. The offering totaled \$334.12. Many thanks to the Corinth Church for their gracious hospitality.

The Saturday District Meeting at Homerville FWB Church was a blessing as Bro. Robio and Bro. Alfaro ministered to us in song and testimony, and Bro. Creech brought a challenging message to us concerning "The Great Commission". A total of 76 people were present. Churches in the association contributed \$1750.00 to the Mission Rally.

Sunday morning found the missionaries ministering in various churches in the Association. Then on Sunday night we held our Regional Mission Rally Services. The Western Division met at the Corinth Church with missionaries, Bro. Carlos Robio and Bro. Omar Alfaro. There were 68 people present, and the offering totaled \$894.25. The Eastern Division met at the Homerville Church with Bro. Paul Creech. There were 128 people present, and the offering totaled \$1694.68.

The money received during this Mission Rally was divided equally among the three missionaries involved. The Mission Board would like to thank everyone who helped make this Rally a success. And, the Association would like to thank the Mission Board for putting it all together.

But most of all, we give praise, and honor, and glory, to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ! For without Him, we would be nothing.

Submitted by Keith Lloyd, Clerk.

Summary of 1998 Mission Rally

<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>
Friday Night Banquet.....	62.....	\$ 334.12
Saturday District Meeting.....	76.....	\$1,750.00
Western Division Rally.....	68.....	\$ 894.25
Eastern Division Rally.....	128.....	\$1,694.68
Total Offering.....		\$4,673.05
Less Mission Banquet Expense.....		\$ - 277.21
GRAND TOTAL.....		\$4,395.84

Disbursements:

..... Carlos Robio.....	\$1,465.28
..... Omar Alfaro.....	\$1,465.28
..... Paul Creech.....	\$1,465.28
Total Disbursements:.....	\$4,395.84