

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.

2001 Digest of Minutes & Reports

2002 Officers & Church Directory

**MINUTES
OF THE
NINETY-FOURTH 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, JANUARY 19, 2002**

Minutes of all 2001 Quarterly Meetings Included

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2001 Statistical Report

(Change +/-:)

Number of Churches in Association.....	13	
Number of Churches Reporting.....	12	
Number of City Churches.....	6	
Number of Rural Churches.....	7	
Number of Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	6	(-3)
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors.....	7	(+3)
Number of Churches with Parsonages.....	7	(+1)
Combined Value of all Church Property.....	\$3,237,500	(+\$603,500)
Number of Churches with Budgets.....	6	
Total Combined Income of all Churches.....	\$874,355	(+\$161,829)
Number of Ordained Ministers.....	17	
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	5	
Number of Ordained Deacons.....	34	(-3)
Total Combined Membership of all Churches.....	1174	(+60)
Total Number of Baptisms.....	49	(+10)
Total Members Added.....	110	(+60)
Total Members Lost.....	30	(-1)
Number of Churches with Sunday Schools.....	12	
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment.....	564	(+87)
Number of Churches with CTS.....	2	
Total Combined CTS Enrollment.....	59	(-10)
Number of Churches with WNAC.....	6	
Total Combined WNAC Enrollment.....	74	
Number of Churches with Master's Men.....	2	
Total Combined Master's Men Enrollment.....	20	(+2)
Number of Churches without a Pastor.....	0	

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.

Schedule of District Association Meetings:

<u>2002</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>
Homerville 1/19	Sunnyside 1/18	Cool Springs 1/17	Zion Hill
Corinth 4/20	Forest Hill 4/19	White Hall 4/17	Homerville
Ozias 7/27	Hahira 1st 7/26	Tifton 1st 7/31	Corinth
Friendship 10/19	Valdosta 1st 10/18	LRA Camp Ozias 10/16	Ozias

Special Notes:

- 1) Annual Sessions of the Little River Association will be held in January of each year.
- 2) Annual Sessions of the Little River Association will consist of reports and statistical information from the previous year.
(Example: At our January 18, 2003 Annual Session, Little River Association churches should submit reports and statistics that cover the period of time between January 1, 2002 and December 31, 2002.)
- 3) The Pine Level FWB Church, Norman Park, left the fellowship of the LRA on January 4, 2002. They did not submit an Annual Report, but their statistics from the first three quarters are included.

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OFFICERS - 2002

Moderator: Rev. Mitch Griffin (2004)
Asst. Moderator: Rev. Jeff Goodman (2004)
Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Keith Lloyd
Asst. Clerk: Rev. Roger Mercer

Term Expires:

Executive Committee:

Rev. Mitch Griffin	<i>Ex-officio</i> (2004)
Rev. Keith Lloyd	<i>Ex-officio</i>
Rev. Jeff Goodman	2003
Rev. Sim Youngblood	2004
Rev. Teddy Burch	2005
Bro. Timmy Barber	2006
Rev. Larry Johnson	2007

Mission Board:

Rev. Larry Johnson	2003
Bro. J.W. Franks	2004
Rev. Mitch Griffin	2005
Rev. William Selph	2006
Sis. Melonie Brown	2007

Trustee Board:

Bro. Tommy Sumner	2003
Bro. Gary Hamm	2004
Rev. Keith Lloyd	2005
Bro. Johnny Simmons	2006
Rev. Mitchell Deems	2007

Finance Committee:

Sis. Maxine Franks	2003
Sis. Michelle Mercer	2003
Sis. Barbara Hamilton	2003

Credentials Committee:

Sis. Michelle Mercer	2003
Sis. Emma Moody	2003
Sis. Cindy Lloyd	2003

Term Expires:

Ordaining Council:

Rev. Teddy Burch	2003
Rev. Mitch Griffin	2004
Rev. Larry Johnson	2005
Rev. Jeff Goodman	2006
Rev. Keith Lloyd	2007

Chrisitan Education Board:

Rev. Sim Youngblood	2003
Bro. Eric Whiddon	2004
Bro. Gary Hamm	2005
Sis. Joyce Johnson	2006
Rev. Mitchell Deems	2007

Camp Board:

Bro. Mike Jilcott	2003
Bro. Roger Mercer	2004
Bro. Harvey Hamilton	2005
Sis. Amy Simmons	2006
Bro. Eric Whiddon	2007

Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Teddy Burch	2003
Bro. Donald Tidwell	2003
Bro. Ronnie Lieupo	2003

Nominating Committee:

Bro. Roger Mercer	2003
Bro. Donald Tidwell	2003
Bro. Mike Jilcott	2003

Georgia State Association Boards:

Mission: Rev. Mitch Griffin 2005
Trustee: Bro. Timmy Barber 2005

Camp: Rev. Jeff Goodman 2003
C.E.: Rev. Mitchell Deems 2003

2002 CHURCH DIRECTORY

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Church Name:

Pastor:

Rev. Mitch Griffin
2559 Ellenton-Norman Park Rd.
Norman Park, GA 31771-9659
(229) 769-3828

Rev. William Sumner
2275 Highway 82 East
Tifton, GA 31794
(229) 386-5976

Rev. Mitchell Deems
Rt. 1 Box 10-A
Pearson, GA 31642-9706
(912) 422-7346

Rev. William Selph
P.O. Box 382
Broxton, GA 31519
(912) 359-3868

* Rev. Arther Knight
5141 Granada St.
Lake Park, GA 31636
(229) 559-3997

Rev. Jeff Goodman
P.O. Box 607
Homerville, GA 31634
(912) 487-3292

Rev. Larry Johnson
Rt. 2 Box 214
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-3650

Rev. Sim Youngblood
Rt. 5 Box 145
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-3781

* Bro. Robert Freeman
Rt. 1 Box 131
Adel, GA 31620
(229) 630-3808

Cool Springs

Corinth

Forest Hill

Friendship

Hahira

Homerville

Ozias

Sunnyside

Tifton 1st

Clerk:

Kim Merritt
P.O. Box 2204
Moultrie, GA 31776
(229) 985-8388

Maxine Franks
39 Sutton Rd.
Tifton, GA 31794
(229) 382-3580

Judy Crowley
507 N. Cleveland Ave.
Adel, GA 31620-2011
(229) 896-7243

Fredda D. Herndon
6042 Sappville Rd.
Waycross, GA 31503
(912) 284-0410

Herbert Arden
511 East Stanfill St.
Hahira, GA 31632
(229) 794-2441

Judy Tolle
Rt. 3 Box 19
Homerville, GA 31634
(912) 487-5495

Barbara Hamilton
Rt. 1 Box 26
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-3516

Gwyn Kirkland
892 Basswood Rd.
Douglas, GA 31535
(912) 383-8088

Clara Nell Eason
1211 US Hwy 319N-Lot 8
Tifton, GA 31794
(229) 382-7620

* Credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

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Church Name:

Pastor:

Rev. Earl Ridley
2509 Deborah Dr.
Valdosta, GA 31602
(229) 242-4550

* Rev. George Crutchfield

Waycross, GA 31503
(912)

Rev. Keith Lloyd
3063 Zion Hill Rd.
Millwood, GA 31552
(912) 285-5075

Rev. Everette Williams
Rt. 1 Box 19
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-3690
(Sunnyside, retired)

Rev. Roger Mercer
3510 Zion Hill Rd.
Millwood, GA 31552
(912) 285-8963
(Homerville, Youth Pastor)

Rev. R.S. Hayes
Rt. 2 Box 253
Adel, GA 31620
(229) 896-3334
(Forest Hill, retired)

Bro. Josh Bennett
705 Carswell Ave.
Homerville, GA 31634
(912) 487-3332
(Homerville)

Bro. Buddy Jordon
59 Cedar Dr.
Broxton, GA 31519
(912)
(Sunnyside)

* Credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

Valdosta 1st

White Hall

Zion Hill

Other Ordained Ministers:

Rev. James C. (Teddy) Burch
Rt. 1 Box 26-C
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-7909
(Sunnyside)

Other Licensed Ministers:

Clerk:

George Barnaskey
2302 Chatooga Dr.
Valdosta, GA 31602
(229) 242-1373

Dorothy Griffin
586 West Waring Street
Waycross, GA 31503
(912) 283-2451

Jeanie Monk
1356 Truman St.
Waycross, GA 31501
(912) 283-0532

Rev. Damon C. Dodd
4699 Cool Springs Rd.
Norman Park, GA 31771
(229) 769-3327
(Cool Springs, retired)

Rev. Dale Bishop (Sandra)
124-22 Tsuishikari
Ebetsu Shi Hokkaido
Japan 067-0033
(Corinth / Missionary)

Rev. Rowan Sirmans
Rt. 2 Box 82-A
Pearson, GA 31642
(912) 422-3013
(Ozias)

Bro. Carl Morrison
P.O. Box 1
Enigma, GA 31749
(229) 533-5225
(Forest Hill, Asst. Pastor)

Bro. Michael Sarasola
Rt. 2 Box 151-M
Lakeland, GA 31635
(229) 482-2385
(Valdosta)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

3064 Zion Hill Rd.; Millwood, GA 31552

Rev. Keith Lloyd, Clerk/Treasurer Phone: (912) 285-5075

Little River Association
ROLL CALL SUNDAY RESULTS: 2001

<u>Church Name:</u>	<u>Attendance:</u>	<u>Salvation Decisions:</u>	<u>Contacts Made:</u>
Cool Springs.....	97.....		
Corinth	75.....		141
Forest Hill	70.....		83
Friendship.....	19.....		13
Hahira 1st.....	29.....		10
Homerville	110.....		50
Ozias	56.....		8
Pine Level	52.....		
Sunnyside.....	68.....		150
Tifton 1st.....	7.....		106
Valdosta 1st.....	7.....		
White Hall.....	15.....	1.....	25
Zion Hill.....	141.....		392
<i>Totals.....</i>	<i>746.....</i>	<i>1.....</i>	<i>978</i>

2001 Obituary Report

C.M. Chafin

Born October 6, 1927.....Died February 25, 2001

Member of the Cools Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA.

Mr. Kelly C. Franks

Born November 4, 1914.....Died January 27, 2000

Member of the Corinth FWB Church in Brookfield, GA.

Mrs. Joyce Kemp

Born September 19, 1939.....Died December 2, 2001

Member of the Forest Hill FWB Church in Adel, GA.

Annie M. Douglas

Born January 30, 1915.....Died November 26, 2001

Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA.

Lois Hamil

BornDied September 8, 2001

Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA.

Rev. Leonard F. Ogletree

Born August 19, 1928.....Died April 8, 2001

Member of the Tifton First FWB Church in Tifton, GA.

Eula Taylor

Born October 3, 1910.....Died May 10, 2001

Member of the White Hall FWB Church in Waycross, GA.

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.
Annual Session: Saturday, January 19, 2002, 9:30 am
Hosted by: Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, GA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

- 9:30- 9:40.....CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
- 9:40- 9:55.....DEVOTION: *Bro. Josh Bennett, Licensed Minister, Homerville FWB*
- 9:55-10:00.....WELCOME: *Rev. Jeff Goodman, Pastor of Homerville FWB*
- 10:00-10:40.....CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
-CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
-STATE COOP OFFERING
-READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
-TREASURERS REPORT
-REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES
- 10:40-10:50.....RECESS
- 10:50-11:15.....OLD & NEW BUSINESS
-ANNOUNCEMENTS
-RESOLUTIONS
-MOTION TO ADJOURN
- 11:15WORSHIP SERVICE
-CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
-SPECIAL MUSIC: *Homerville FWB Church*
-MORNING MESSAGE: *Rev. William Smith,*
Georgia FWB Executive Secretary

NEXT SESSION:
Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Brookfield, GA
4-20-02

**Minutes of the Little River Association's Annual Session
when Convened at the Homerville F.W.B Church on January 19, 2002**

The meeting opened with the congregational song "Are You Washed In The Blood?", followed with a prayer by Rev. Mitchell Deems. Rev. Jeff Goodman, the pastor of the Homerville Church, introduced us to our morning devotion speaker, Bro. Josh Bennett, a licensed minister and future Free Will Baptist Bible College student from the Homerville Church. Bro. Josh took his text from 2 Kings 2:19-25, and his subject was "God Still Uses Faithful Men To Perform His Miracles".

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Jeff Goodman. The Moderator then called the meeting to order.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Sis. Michelle Mercer and was as follows: 12 churches reported with 9 pastors, 14 deacons, 5 other ministers, and 65 delegates present. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church representatives. The total voting delegation was 93.

The State COOP Offering was received and totaled \$174.44. The Moderator appointed Sis. Barbara Hamilton to serve as a temporary member of the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made and carried to receive each report as given.

Reports and Actions of Boards and Committees:

Executive Committee:

- * Clerk Keith Lloyd read a letter from the Pine Level FWB Church, notifying the LRA of their decision to withdraw fellowship from the association due to differences of interpretation regarding the ordination of divorced and remarried deacons. A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept their letter.

LRA Camp Board:

- * Rev. Roger Mercer proudly presented to the Association an official Certificate of Occupancy for the Camp Ozias property; proposed the need in the future of drilling our own deep well for the property; announced that Bro. Harvey Hamilton has volunteered to perform maintenance on the Camp Ozias grounds at no cost to the Association; and announced that Sis. Amy Simmons would be acting as the Camp Board treasurer. On that note, GAFWB Executive Secretary William Smith informed the Association that contributions to Camp Ozias could be made through the State Office. The State will send one check every month to the Camp Board treasurer and churches will receive credit for their contributions in the Promotional Bulletin.
- * A motion was made to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$2500 for the purchase of additional beds for the Camp Ozias facility. The motion was seconded and carried.
- * Financial Report: *Beginning Balance* - \$2354.12; *Deposits* - \$2870.00; *Disbursements* - \$2798.36; *Balance On Hand* - \$2425.76.

LRA Mission Board:

- * Rev. William Selph reported that plans are already underway for another LRA Missions Conference.

Finance Committee:

- * Sis Maxine Franks reported for the Finance Committee. The summary of their report is as follows: *Previous Balance* - \$788.04; *Receipts* - \$999.19; *Balance on Hand* - \$1787.23. The actual report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

GA State Mission Board:

- * Rev. Mitch Griffin reported on mission church activities around the state, then introduced Rev. Rick Bowling, the director of Hispanic ministries for the National Home Missions Department. Rev. Bowling informed the Association of the growing Hispanic population in Georgia, and of the Cool Springs Church's endeavor to build a Hispanic ministry from their church. The Cool Springs Church has already hired a Hispanic pastor and the ministry is growing. Rev. Bowling encouraged the Association to support this ministry physically, financially, and prayerfully.

GA State CE Board:

- * GAFWB Executive Secretary William Smith informed the Association of upcoming events and retreats in Georgia, and also of the status of giving in Georgia.

(brief recess)

Ordaining Council:

- * Rev. Jeff Goodman reported on the Cool Springs Church request for the Association to examine and ordain their Youth Pastor, Eric Foster-Whiddon, as a minister of the gospel. The Council will examine Bro. Eric and make their recommendation to the Association.

Nominating Committee:

- * Rev. Roger Mercer read the Nominating Committee report. The floor was opened for other nominations. A motion was made, seconded and carried to elect nominees by acclamation.

Association Business

Old Business: None

New Business:

- * A motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the Hispanic ministry at the Cool Springs Church as a LRA mission project.
- * The Obituary Report was read by the Clerk. A moment of silence was held in honor of the deceased.
- * Two resolutions were offered and adopted by the Association.
- * Moderator Mitchell Deems turned the meeting over to Moderator-elect Mitch Griffin.
- * Delegates to the State Meeting were elected as follows: Michelle Mercer, Ladonna Griffin, Josh Bennett, Eric Foster-Whiddon.

Resolutions:

- #1. Whereas, the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church has been very gracious and hospitable in hosting the Association, and have received us with love and kindness; therefore,
Be it resolved, that we offer to them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.
- #2. Whereas, the Rev. Mitchell Deems has faithfully served the Little River Association as Moderator during his two-year tenure as such, and has been a leader in word and in example; therefore,
Be it resolved, that we offer to him a rising vote of thanks and applause for his diligent service.
(accepted and acted upon)

After announcements were shared, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn from the business portion of our meeting. "The Edge" youth ministry of Homerville FWB Church led us in praise and worship, followed with special singing by Sis. Heather Goodman of a selection entitled "Give Me Jesus". Rev. William Smith brought the morning message from Hebrews 12:25-29 on the subject of "There's A Whole Lot of Shaking Going On". The United States and the world as a whole may have been shaken by the terrorist attacks of September 11th, but God's throne, God's Word, and God's Church will never be shaken. An invitational hymn was sung as an opportunity to respond to the Word was offered. Bro. Ronnie Lieupo dismissed us in prayer. A wonderful and bountiful lunch was provided by the members of the Homerville Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 10/20/01 - 1/19/02

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Balance brought forward			\$ 722.50
<u>Receipts from churches for:</u>			
Association Expense	\$ 300.75		
Association Missions	10.00		
National Representation Fees	50.00		
Mission Rally Offerings			
<i>from churches:</i>	3000.00		
<i>from individuals:</i>	184.00		
<u>Ga. State Coop.</u>	<u>102.71</u>		
Total receipts	\$ 3647.46		
Balance after receipts			\$ 4369.96
<u>Disbursements / Check #:</u>			
Moderator Honorarium / #1020		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium / #1021		40.00	
Ga. State Coop. / #1028		102.71	
Home Missions (General Fund) / #1028		10.00	
Ordination Bible for Rev. Roger Mercer / #1029		59.97	
<u>Mission Rally disbursements...</u>			
meat for fellowship supper: / #1022		126.87	
plates, cups, napkins, bread, etc.: / #1023		28.37	
Rev. Bobby Poole (Brazil): / #1024 & #1028		796.00	
Rev. Odis Whitehead (Haiti): / #1025 & #1028		796.00	
Rev. Tommy Capps (Jacksonville): / #1026 & #1028		796.00	
<u> Rev. Billy Bevans (Kingsland): / #1027 & #1028</u>		<u>796.00</u>	
Total disbursements		\$ 3581.92	
Balance after disbursements...			
in General Fund:			\$ 471.93
in Youth Fund:			\$ 316.11
TOTAL BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT (1/19/02)			\$ 788.04

Respectfully submitted: Keith Plouge, Treasurer

Break-down of receipts for Mission Rally:

Cool Springs FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Corinth FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Forest Hill FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Friendship FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Hahira 1st FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Homerville FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Pine Level FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Valdosta 1st FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
White Hall FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
Zion Hill FWB Church -----	\$ 300.00
<u>Individual Mission Rally Offerings -----</u>	<u>\$ 184.00</u>
Total Mission Rally Receipts -----	\$ 3184.00

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville

Date: 1/19/02

Church Name / Assn. Support / Assn. Missions / Other Fees

Cool Springs	32.75		50.00	(Nat'l. Rep. Fee))
Corinth	27.50		50.00	"
Forest Hill	29.50	10.00	50.00	"
Friendship	12.00		50.00	"
Hahira First	25.00		50.00	"
Homerville	51.75		50.00	"
Ozias	23.75		50.00	"
<i>Pine Level-----withdrew from fellowship of LRA on 1/4/02-----</i>				
Sunnyside	20.00		50.00	"
Tifton First	3.00		50.00	"
Valdosta First	10.00			(paid previously)
White Hall	4.50		50.00	"
Zion Hill	25.00		50.00	"
Totals	\$ 264.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 550.00	

Association Support Total: \$ 264.75
 Association Missions Total: 10.00
Other Ministries Total: 550.00
 Total Receipts from Association: \$ 824.75
COOP Offering: + 174.44
Total Receipts this Meeting: \$ 999.19
Balance Brought Forward: + 788.04
Balance on Hand to Date: \$ 1787.23

Finance Committee Chairperson: Sis. Maxine Franks

(Sis. Michelle Mercer, Sis. Barbara Hamilton)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville

Date: 1/19/02

Church Name:	Report Y or N:	Pastor Present:	Other Minister:	Deacon Present:	Delegate Present:	Total Voting:
Cool Springs.....	Yes	Yes	2.....	1.....	6.....	10
Corinth	Yes	Yes		1.....	3.....	5
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes	1.....	2.....	9.....	13
Friendship.....	Yes					
Hahira 1st.....	Yes				1.....	1
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2.....	4.....	11.....	18
Ozias	Yes	Yes		2.....	13.....	16
Pine Level	<i>withdrew from fellowship of LRA on 1/4/02</i>					
Sunnyside.....	Yes	Yes		1.....	4.....	6
Tifton 1st.....	Yes				2.....	2
Valdosta 1st.....	Yes	Yes			1.....	2
White Hall.....	Yes	Yes		1.....	4.....	6
<u>Zion Hill.....</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>		<u>2.....</u>	<u>11.....</u>	<u>14</u>
TOTALS	12.....	9.....	5.....	14.....	65.....	93

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION CAMP FUND
QUARTERLY REPORT 10-01-01 THRU 12-31-01

DEPOSITS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
10-16-01	\$ 850.00
10-22-01	300.00
11-13-01	870.00
11-15-01	250.00
12-14-01	<u>600.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$2870.00

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Voided Check	1028	
10-12-01	Home Missions Dept.	Draft	\$ 835.38
11-01-01	Satilla REA	Draft	80.09
11-12-01	Sirmans Hardware(scarte)	1029	8.45
11-14-01	Home Missions Dept.	Draft	835.38
11-28-01	Satilla REA	Draft	115.57
12-12-01	Home Missions Dept.	Draft	835.38
12-28-01	Satilla REA	Draft	<u>88.11</u>
Total Disbursements			\$2798.36

BEGINNING BALANCE	- 10-01-01	\$2354.12
DEPOSITS		<u>2870.00</u>
		\$5224.12
LESS DISBURSEMENTS		<u>2798.36</u>
ENDING BALANCE	- 12-31-01	\$2425.76

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.
District Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, October 20, 2001, 9:30 am
Hosted by: Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood, GA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

- 9:30- 9:40.....CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER
- 9:40- 9:55.....DEVOTION: *Rev. Billy Sumner, Pastor of Corinth*
- 9:55-10:00.....WELCOME: *Rev. Keith Lloyd, Pastor of Zion Hill*
- 10:00-10:40.....CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
-CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
-STATE COOP OFFERING
-READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
-TREASURERS REPORT
-REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES
- 10:40-10:50.....RECESS
- 10:50-11:15.....OLD & NEW BUSINESS
-ANNOUNCEMENTS
-RESOLUTIONS
-MOTION TO ADJOURN
- 11:15.....WORSHIP SERVICE
-CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
-SPECIAL MUSIC: *Zion Hill Youth & Adults*
-MORNING MESSAGE: *Rev. Mitch Griffin,*
Pastor of Cool Springs

NEXT SESSION: **Annual Session
Homerville Free Will Baptist Church, Homerville, GA
1-19-01

**Minutes of the Little River Association's Quarterly Session
when Convened at the Zion Hill F.W.B Church on October 20, 2001**

The meeting opened with the pledge to the American and Christian flags, followed by the congregational song "When We All Get To Heaven", and a prayer by Rev. Larry Johnson. Rev. Billy Sumner, the pastor of the Corinth Church, led us in our morning devotion. Bro. Billy took his text from Jeremiah 4:1,2, and his subject was concerning our privileges and responsibilities as Americans and as Christians.

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Keith Lloyd. The Moderator then called the meeting to order. Rev. Jeff Goodman opened the business session in prayer.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Sis. Faye Ogletree and was as follows: 13 churches reported with 9 pastors, 11 deacons, 3 other ministers, and 45 delegates present. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church representatives. The total voting delegation was 68.

The State COOP Offering was received and totaled \$102.71. The Moderator appointed Sis. Hilda Tidwell and Sis. Faye Ogletree to serve as temporary members of the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made and carried to receive each report as given.

Reports and Actions of Boards and Committees:

Executive Committee:

- * The Executive Committee met prior to the business session with the following members present: Rev. Mitchell Deems, Rev. Keith Lloyd, Rev. Larry Johnson, Rev. Jeff Goodman, and Rev. Sim Youngblood. Among the items discussed and acted upon were the following: 1) To present for consideration the possibility of increasing church dues from .25 cents/member to .50 cents/member, for the purpose of having operating monies for the Mission Board, CE Board, Camp Board, and General Fund; 2) Encouraged the Nominating Committee to begin the process of nominating new Associational officers; 3) To invite all ordained ministers and pastors to meet with the Executive Committee prior to the next session to discuss important issues that have arisen; 4) Made motion to postpone the reprinting of Constitution and By-Laws until these issues have been discussed, (seconded and carried by a vote of the Association). Report received as information.

LRA Camp Board:

- * Bro. Roger Mercer brought the report from the Camp Board. No Certificate of Occupancy for Camp Ozias yet, but should have it in hand by next session. Report received as information.
- * Financial Report: *Beginning Balance* - \$5236.27; *Deposits* - \$2672.77; *Disbursements* - \$5554.92; *Balance On Hand* - \$2354.12.

LRA Mission Board:

- * Rev. William Selph, informed the Association of Mission Rally plans, to be held on Nov. 3 at Camp Ozias with the following missionaries and mission works participating and promoted: Rev. Odis Whitehead, Haiti; Rev. Bobby and Geneva Poole, Brazil; Rev. Tommy Capps, Jacksonville, FL; and Rev. Billy Bevan, Kingsland, GA. The Association thanked Bro. William for his work on this Rally. Report received as information.

LRA Christian Education Board:

- * Rev. Mitchell Deems reported that the scheduled Camp Meeting had to be cancelled, but that work would proceed to reorganize and reschedule at a later date.
- * Rev. Mitchell Deems made available National Youth Competition guidelines to all churches interested in participating. Encouraged all churches to get involved. Report received as information.
- * Rev. Keith Lloyd gave a praise report on the teen lock-in, which was held cooperatively with the Union Association, at Camp Ozias. Expressed appreciation for physical and financial support.

GA State Mission Board:

- * Rev. Mitch Griffin reported on the status of Kingsland and Atlanta mission works, and that plans were made to begin another work. Report received as information.

GA State Christian Education Board:

- * Rev. Mitchell Deems reported on upcoming state-wide retreats and youth competitions. Report received as information.

Finance Committee:

- * Sis Maxine Franks reported for the Finance Committee. The summary of their report is as follows:
Previous Balance - \$722.50; *Receipts* - \$3463.46; *Balance on Hand* - \$4185.96. The actual report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

(brief recess)

Ordaining Council:

- * Considered a request from the Cool Spings Church to recognize the ordination credentials of Rev. Fernando Bustamante, the pastor of their Hispanic mission work, from an unaffiliated denomination in Mexico. The Council will examine Bro. Fernando, and pending a letter of good standing and a year of watch care by the council, make a recommendation to the Association.
- * Having examined Bro. Roger Mercer, a licensed minister and youth pastor at the Homerville Church, and found him to be qualified under the guidelines of Free Will Baptist ordination policies, the Council recommends to the Association that he be ordained as a minister of the gospel. Motion, second, and carried by Association.

Association Business

Old Business: None

New Business:

- * A motion was made, seconded, and carried that \$200 be allocated to purchase meat and eating utensils for the Association Mission Rally. Churches are asked to bring a covered dish to go with meat.

Resolutions:

- #1. Whereas, the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church has been very gracious and hospitable in hosting the Association, and have received us with love and kindness; therefore,
Be it resolved, that we offer to them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

(accepted and acted upon)

After announcements were shared, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn from the business portion of our meeting. The congregation joined together in singing "Beulah Land". The youth of Zion Hill, in addition to the choir, ministered to us in several special songs. Rev. Mitch Griffin brought the morning message from James 1:1-7 on the subject of "The Purpose of Suffering". An invitational hymn was sung as an opportunity to respond to the Word was offered. Bro. Gary Hamm dismissed us in prayer. A wonderful and bountiful lunch was provided by the members of the Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 7/28/01 - 10/20/01

<u>Category Description</u>	<u>Credits</u>	<u>Debits</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Balance brought forward			\$ 716.64
<u>Receipts from churches for:</u>			
Association Expense	\$ 339.25		
Association Missions	35.00		
Other Ministries	0.00		
Ga. State Coop.	120.75		
<u>Teen Lock-In Receipts...</u>			
from churches and associations:	650.00		
from registration fees:	390.00		
Total receipts	\$ 1535.00		
Balance after receipts			\$ 2251.64
<u>Disbursements / Check #:</u>			
Moderator Honorarium / #1014		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium / #1015		40.00	
Ga. State Coop. / #1016		120.75	
Home Missions (General Fund) / #1016		35.00	
Alaska Building Fund (Ron & Jan Wallace) / #1016		500.00	
Randall House (NYC Competitive Guidelines) / #1019		79.50	
<u>Teen Lock-In disbursements...</u>			
for miscellaneous games and supplies: / #1017		93.42	
for advertising postage: / (cash)		25.00	
for Eyes East praise band: / #1018		500.00	
for food and paper goods: / (cash)		105.47	
Total disbursements		\$ 1529.14	
Balance after disbursements...			
in General Fund:			\$ 406.39
in Youth Fund:			\$ 316.11
TOTAL BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT (7/28/01)			\$ 722.50

Respectfully submitted:

Keith Lloyd
Treasurer

Break-down of receipts for Teen Lock-In:

New Prospect FWB Church -----	\$ 50.00
Tifton 1st FWB Church -----	\$ 25.00
Homerville FWB Church-----	\$ 150.00
Zion Hill FWB Church -----	\$ 150.00
Forest Hill FWB Church ---	\$ 100.00
Union Association of FWB -----	\$ 150.00
Sylvester 1st FWB Church-----	\$ 25.00
Registration fees @ \$5/person-----	\$ 390.00
Total Lock-In Receipts ---	\$1040.00

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood

Date: 10/20/01

Church Name / Assn. Support / Assn. Missions / Other Fees

Cool Springs	32.75		300.00	(Mission Rally)
Corinth	30.25		300.00	"
Forest Hill	29.00	10.00	300.00	"
Friendship	10.75		300.00	"
Hahira First	25.00		300.00	"
Homerville	51.25		300.00	"
Ozias	20.75			
Pine Level	37.50		300.00	"
Sunnyside	20.00			
Tifton First	3.25			
Valdosta First	10.00		350.00	" (+ \$50 Nat'l Rep Fee)
White Hall	4.75		300.00	"
Zion Hill	25.50		300.00	"
Totals	\$ 300.75	\$ 10.00	\$ 3050.00	

Association Support Total: \$ 300.75
 Association Missions Total: 10.00
Other Ministries Total: 3050.00
 Total Receipts from Association: \$ 3360.75
COOP Offering: + 102.71
Total Receipts this Meeting: \$ 3463.46
Balance Brought Forward: + 722.50
Balance on Hand to Date: \$ 4185.96

Finance Committee Chairperson: Sis. Maxine Franks
 (Sis. Hilda Tidwell, Sis. Faye Ogletree)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood

Date: 10/20/01

Church Name:	Report Y or N:	Pastor Present:	Other Minister:	Deacon Present:	Delegate Present:	Total Voting:
Cool Springs.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	1.....	3.....	6
Corinth	Yes	Yes		2.....	4.....	7
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes	1.....	2.....	8.....	12
Friendship.....	Yes				2.....	2
Hahira 1st.....	Yes			1.....	2.....	3
Homerville	Yes	Yes		1.....	3.....	5
Ozias	Yes	Yes			5.....	6
Pine Level	Yes					
Sunnyside.....	Yes	Yes		1.....	4.....	6
Tifton 1st.....	Yes				2.....	2
Valdosta 1st.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	1.....	1.....	4
White Hall.....	Yes	Yes			2.....	3
<u>Zion Hill.....</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>Yes</u>		<u>2.....</u>	<u>9.....</u>	<u>12</u>
TOTALS	13.....	9.....	3.....	11.....	45.....	68

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION CAMP FUND
QUARTERLY REPORT 7-01-01 THRU 9-30-01

DEPOSITS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
7-03-01	\$ 412.09
7-09-01	282.00
7-16-01	300.00
7-16-01	513.86
7-19-01	150.00
9-17-01	<u>1014.82</u>
Total Deposits	\$2672.77

DISBURSEMENTS:

	Voided Check	1024	
	Voided Check	1025	
7-02-01	Satilla REA		\$ 140.91
7-12-01	Home Missions Dept.		835.38
7-31-01	Satilla REA		300.15
8-13-01	Home Missions Dept.		835.38
8-16-01	Engineering & Equipment	1026	1391.00
	Shower Stalls		
8-31-01	Satilla REA		143.87
9-12-01	Michael Thrift	1027	855.61
	Labor - \$575 Materials - \$280.61		
9-13-01	Home Missions Dept.		835.38
9-28-01	Satilla REA		<u>217.24</u>
Total Disbursements			\$5554.92

BEGINNING BALANCE - 7-01-01	\$5236.27
DEPOSITS	<u>2672.77</u>
	\$7909.04
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>5554.92</u>
ENDING BALANCE - 9-30-01	\$2354.12

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.
District Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, July 28, 2001, 9:30 am
Hosted by: Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park, GA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

- 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. Teddy Burch, Pastor of Pine Level*
- 10:00-10:40.....CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
-CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
-STATE COOP OFFERING
-READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
-TREASURERS REPORT
-REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES
- 10:40-10:50.....RECESS
- 10:50-11:15.....OLD & NEW BUSINESS
-ANNOUNCEMENTS
-RESOLUTIONS
-MOTION TO ADJOURN
- 11:15WORSHIP SERVICE
-CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
-SPECIAL MUSIC:
-MORNING MESSAGE: *Rev. Larry Johnson*

NEXT SESSION:
Zion Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Millwood, GA
10-20-01

**Minutes of the Little River Association's Quarterly Session
when Convened at the Pine Level F.W.B Church on July 28, 2001**

The meeting opened with the congregational song "I'll Fly Away", followed by a prayer. Rev. Mitchell Deems, the pastor of the Forest Hill Church, led us in our morning devotion. Bro. Mitchell took his text from Acts 2:14-19, and his subject was "Resurrecting the Church".

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Teddy Burch. The Moderator then called the meeting to order.

The Credentials Committee report was given by the Clerk and was as follows: 13 churches reported with 9 pastors, 7 deacons, 4 other ministers, and 45 delegates present. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church representatives. The total voting delegation was 65.

The State COOP Offering was received and totaled \$120.75. The Moderator appointed Sis. Cindy Lloyd and Sis. Heather Goodman to serve as temporary members of the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made and carried to receive each report as given.

Reports and Actions of Boards and Committees:

LRA Camp Board:

- * Bro. Roger Mercer brought the report from the Camp Board. Most of the work to bring Camp Ozias up to required State Fire Codes has been completed, with the exception of installing new handicap shower stalls. The showers have been ordered, however, so the State Fire Marshall's office waived the fine on not completing the requirements before the deadline.
- * The LRA 2001 Camp Survivor at Camp Ozias was a huge success with 7 churches participating and 50 kids registered. (A short video segment of Camp Survivor was shown after recess, and made available to churches for individual viewing) On behalf of the Camp Board, Bro. Roger thanked all those who helped to make this possible, and encouraged all Association churches to continue to support Camp Ozias. He also reminded the Association that Camp Ozias was open for use by the member churches. His report was received as given.
- * Financial Report: *Beginning Balance* - \$5547.27; *Deposits* - \$6212.50; *Disbursements* - \$6523.50; *Balance On Hand* - \$5236.27

LRA Mission Board:

- * Rev. William Selph, informed the Association of plans for a Mission Rally, to be held on Nov. 3 at Camp Ozias with the following missionaries and mission works participating and promoted: Rev. Odis Whitehead, Haiti; Rev. Ronald Callaway, Cuba and Panama; Rev. Tommy Capps, Jacksonville, FL; and Rev. Billy Bevan, Kingsland, GA. A motion was made, seconded, and carried that each church be asked to contribute \$300 to this Mission Rally. All money collected will be evenly divided and distributed to participating missionaries.
- * Rev. Keith Lloyd made a motion that the Association give a \$500 gift to Missionaries Ron and Jan Wallace and the Alaska Building Fund. The Homerville FWB Church is Bro. Ron's home church. The motion was seconded and carried.

LRA Christian Education Board:

- * Rev. Mitchell Deems reported that the CE Board will be working on scheduling a Camp Meeting on October 3-6, 7:pm, at Camp Ozias. The possibility of an associational skating party was also suggested.
- * Rev. Keith Lloyd invited the association churches to participate in a teen lock-in, to be held cooperatively with the Union Association, at Camp Ozias on September 7,8. Financial support and physical help will be needed to make this lock-in a success. The praise band, "Eyes East", from Jacksonville, FL will provide the music.

Finance Committee:

- * Sis Maxine Franks reported for the Finance Committee. The summary of their report is as follows: *Previous Balance* - \$716.64; *Receipts* - \$495.00; *Balance on Hand* - \$1211.64. The actual report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

GA State Camp Board:

- * Rev. Keith Lloyd reported on the success of the State Teen Camp, and that several young men from our Association had surrendered to the call to ministry. Bro. Keith encouraged the churches of the LRA to get their teens involved in the camping and retreat activities of the GA State Association.

(brief recess)

Association Business

Old Business:

- * Rev. Jeff Goodman, on behalf of the Ordaining Council, offered an apology to the Forest Hill Church and to Rev. James Taylor, for their delay in examining Bro. Taylor. The Ordaining Council will meet with Bro. Taylor immediately following the adjournment of the quarterly meeting. (Special Note: Upon meeting with Bro. Taylor, following discussion concerning certain Free Will Baptist distinctives and interpretations of the qualifications of an ordained minister, he subsequently and voluntarily withdrew his request to have his credentials recognized by the Little River Association.)

New Business:

- * Bro. Donald Tidwell, representing the Nominating Committee, informed the Association that Bambi Griffis had resigned her position on the LRA Camp Board. Sis. Bambi's resignation was due to the fact that the Homerville church has hired Bro. Roger Mercer as their Youth Pastor, and therefore would have had two members of their church serving on the Camp Board. Since the Zion Hill church lost their Camp Board representative upon Bro. Roger's move to Homerville, they submitted that Sis. Amy Simmons be elected to fill Sis. Bambi's unexpired term. Bro. Donald Tidwell, acting on behalf of the Nominating Committee, made a motion to elect Sis. Amy Simmons of the Zion Hill church, to replace Sis. Bambi Griffis on the LRA Camp Board. Seconded and carried.
- * The Clerk read several praise reports from the Association churches regarding the number of baptisms and new members taken in over the last quarter. The Spirit of the Lord is definitely moving in the LRA!

Resolutions:

- #1. Whereas, the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church has been very gracious and hospitable in hosting the Association, and have received us with love and kindness; therefore,
Be it resolved, that we offer to them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.
(accepted and acted upon)

After announcements were shared, Bro. Roger Mercer adjourned us in prayer from the business portion of our meeting. The congregation joined together in singing "Love Lifted Me", which was followed by an opening prayer by Bro. L.D. Wynn. After the congregational song, "Jesus Spoke To Me", Rev. Larry Johnson brought the morning message from Hebrews 12:1,2 on the subject of "Laying Aside Every Weight And Sin". The invitational hymn, "Near The Cross", was sung as an opportunity to respond to the Word was offered. Bro. Gordon Parrish, a guest from the Union Association, dismissed us in prayer. A wonderful and bountiful lunch was provided by the members of the Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 4/21/01 - 7/28/01

Category Description

Balance brought forward **\$ 635.89**

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$ 334.75
Association Missions	35.00
Other Ministries	0.00
Ga. State Coop.	117.00
Total receipts	\$ 486.75

Balance after receipts **\$ 1122.64**

Disbursements / Check #:

Moderator Honorarium / #1009	\$ 30.00
Clerk Honorarium / #1010	40.00
Zion Hill (annual office expense) / #1011	150.00
Ga. State Coop. / #1012	117.00
Home Missions (General Fund) / #1012	35.00
Postage / #1013	34.00
Total disbursements	\$ 406.00

Balance after disbursements **\$ 716.64**

TOTAL BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT (7/28/01)	\$ 716.64
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Respectfully submitted: Keith Lloyd
Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park

Date: 07/28/01

Church Name / Assn. Support / Assn. Missions / Other Fees

Cool Springs	25.00	25.00	
Corinth	29.50		
Forest Hill	26.25	10.00	
Friendship	62.00		
Hahira First	25.00		
Homerville	51.25		
Ozias	18.75		
Pine Level	37.50		
Sunnyside	21.25		
Tifton First	3.25		
Valdosta First	10.00		
White Hall	4.50		
Zion Hill	25.00		
Totals	339.25	35.00	

Association Support Total:	\$ 339.25
Association Missions Total:	35.00
<u>Other Ministries Total:</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Receipts from Association:	374.25
<u>COOP Offering:</u>	<u>+ 120.75</u>
<i>Total Receipts this Meeting:</i>	<i>495.00</i>
<u>Balance Brought Forward:</u>	<u>+ 716.64</u>
Balance on Hand to Date:	\$ 1211.64

Finance Committee Chairperson: Sis. Maxine Franks
 (Sis. Heather Goodman, Sis. Cindy Lloyd)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park

Date: 07/28/01

Church Name:	Report Y or N:	Pastor Present:	Other Minister:	Deacon Present:	Delegate Present:	Total Voting:
Cool Springs.....	Yes					
Corinth	Yes	Yes	1	1	4	7
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes	1	2	7	11
Friendship.....	Yes	Yes			1	2
Hahira 1st.....	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2		8	11
Ozias	Yes				8	8
Pine Level	Yes	Yes		2	7	10
Sunnyside.....	Yes				3	3
Tifton 1st.....	Yes				1	1
Valdosta 1st.....	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
White Hall.....	Yes	Yes			1	2
Zion Hill.....	Yes	Yes			2	3
TOTALS	13	9	4	7	45	65

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION CAMP FUND
QUARTERLY REPORT - 4-22-01THRU 6-30-01

DEPOSITS:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
5-15-01	\$1154.00
5-15-01	110.00
5-22-01	605.56
5-30-01 (Includes State Camp Check)	1400.00
6-04-01	1000.00
6-26-01(Camp Registration 50 @\$40)*See note	<u>1942.94</u>
Total Deposits	\$6212.50

DISBURSEMENTS:

4-30-01	Satilla REA		\$ 130.25
5-11-01	Home Missions Dept.		835.38
5-31-01	Satilla REA		78.54
	Voided Check	1006	
6-01-01	Target-Camp Clean-up	1007	39.07
	Voided Check	1008	
6-02-01	Church's-Lunch Clean-up	1009	65.37
6-02-01	Harvey's-Drinks Clean-up	1010	22.89
6-05-01	J. Goodman Supplies	1011	209.88
6-05-01	Discover	1012	*957.52
	*T-Shirts \$730 ToysRUs \$96.34 WalMart \$131.18		
6-05-01	J. Goodman-Director's Fee	1013	500.00
6-07-01	Wal Mart-Cokes,PPBalls	1014	43.63
6-07-01	B. Griffis-Sam's-Food	1015	859.34
6-09-01	Wal Mart -Camp Supplies	1016	68.88
6-11-01	S.Matthews-Craft Supplies	1017	48.39
6-11-01	Wal Mart-Food Supplies	1018	382.63
6-12-01	Home Missions Dept.		835.38
6-14-01	Papa John's-Pizza	1019	117.70
6-15-01	Sign Crafter's	1020	464.00
6-15-01	Jon's Sports Park	1021	627.65
6-25-01	Steve Bennett	1022	87.00
6-26-01	Josh Bennett-Evangelist	1023	150.00

Total Disbursements	\$6523.50
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BEGINNING BALANCE - 4-22-01	\$5547.27
DEPOSITS	<u>6212.50</u>
	\$11,759.77
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>6523.50</u>
ENDING BALANCE 6-30-01	\$5236.27

*Registration total amount was \$2000. We used \$57.06 cash for a camp activity.

Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.

District Quarterly Meeting: Saturday, April 21, 2001, 9:30 am

Hosted by: Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church, Tifton, GA

SCHEDULE OF SERVICE

9:30- 9:40.....CONGREGATIONAL SINGING & PRAYER

9:40- 9:55.....DEVOTION: *Bro. Elzie Franks*

9:55-10:00.....WELCOME: *Bro. Elzie Franks*

10:00-10:40.....CALL TO ORDER BY MODERATOR
-CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT
-STATE COOP OFFERING
-READING OF PREVIOUS MINUTES
-TREASURERS REPORT
-REPORT OF BOARDS & COMMITTEES

10:40-10:50.....RECESS

10:50-11:15.....OLD & NEW BUSINESS
-ANNOUNCEMENTS
-RESOLUTIONS
-MOTION TO ADJOURN

11:15WORSHIP SERVICE
-CONGREGATIONAL SINGING
-SPECIAL MUSIC:
-MORNING MESSAGE: *Bro. Allen Little*

NEXT SESSION:

Pine Level Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park, GA

7-28-01

**Minutes of the Little River Association's Quarterly Session
when Convened at the Tifton First F.W.B Church on April 21, 2001**

The meeting opened with the congregational songs "Praise Him" and "Victory in Jesus", followed with a prayer by Rev. Mitch Griffin. Rev. Elzie Franks, the pastor of the Tifton First Church, led us in our morning devotion. Bro. Elzie took his text from Psalm 101:1-2, and his subject was "Sing of the Mercies of God".

The welcome from the host church was given by Rev. Elzie Franks. The Moderator then called the meeting to order.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Sis. Michelle Mercer and was as follows: 13 churches reported with 9 pastors, 7 deacons, 3 other ministers, and 36 delegates present. A motion was made and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church representatives. The total voting delegation was 55.

The State COOP Offering was received and totaled \$117.00. The Moderator appointed Sis. Ann Mercer to serve as a temporary member of the Finance Committee.

The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made and carried to receive each report as given.

Reports and Actions of Boards and Committees:

Executive Committee:

- * Clerk Keith Lloyd presented the following information and recommendations from the Executive Committee for Association approval: 1) Informed Association of Executive Committee action in giving a love gift of \$50 to Heart & Home Ministries; 2) Informed Association of Executive Committee decision and reasoning behind the quarterly session date change from 4/14/01 to 4/21/01; 3) Informed Association of Executive Committee decision to make quarterly session scheduling changes, adding 10 minutes to the reporting of boards and committees, and subtracting 10 minutes from the old and new business time; 4) Presented and read for the final time, changes, deletions, and/or additions to the LRA Constitution and By-Laws, and recommended their ratification in the new business portion; 5) Recommended that Constitution and By-Laws, as amended and after ratification, be reprinted at the proportion of 5 copies per church; 6) Made motion to insert in the By-Laws under Section 1. Letter C. Number 1, the following provision: *"One-hundred-fifty dollars shall be allocated annually for standard printing and office related expenses, not including postage. This allocation shall be paid annually to the church or individual who absorbs such Associational expenses."* The motion was seconded, and following discussion, carried; 7) Made motion to reimburse LRA State Board members at the rate of \$0.42 per mile, plus \$10 per diem for meetings over 100 miles. Motion seconded. In the ensuing discussion, it was pointed out that the State already reimburses any board member who submits a request for such. The motion of the Executive Committee was then withdrawn; 8) The Executive Committee again encouraged the LRA C.E. Board and Mission Board to plan various activities and rallies for the Associations participation.

Ordaining Council:

- * No action on the Forest Hill Church's request to accept the transfer of Rev. James Taylor's ordination credentials from an un-affiliated denomination.

LRA Camp Board:

- * Bro. Roger Mercer brought the report from the Camp Board. Most of the work to bring Camp Ozias up to required State Fire Codes has been completed and a temporary occupancy permit has been issued. The LRA will host a Junior Camp at Camp Ozias in the summer of 2001. On behalf of the Camp Board, Bro. Roger thanked all those who helped to make this possible, and encouraged all Association churches to continue to support Camp Ozias. His report was received as given.
- * Financial Report: *Beginning Balance* - \$7719.82; *Deposits* - \$3105.98; *Disbursements* - \$5278.53; *Balance On Hand* - \$5547.27.

LRA Christian Education Board:

- * Rev. Mitchell Deems reported that the CE Board will be working on scheduling a Couples Retreat and/or Family Enrichment Conference with James and Pamela Tomen of Heart & Home Ministries. Various youth activities and possibly a Camp Meeting were also suggested.

LRA Mission Board:

- * Rev. Mitch Griffin reported on the progress of an Associational Mission Conference. No dates have been set, but the plans now are for late fall or early winter. Potential missionaries who will be participating include Rev. Odis Whitehead of Jacksonville, FL and Haiti, and Rev. Billy Bevan of Camden FWB Mission, Kingsland, GA. His report was received as information.

Finance Committee:

- * Sis Michelle Mercer reported for the Finance Committee. The summary of their report is as follows:
Previous Balance - \$635.89; *Receipts* - \$486.75; *Balance on Hand* - \$1122.64. The actual report was received as given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

GA State Mission Board:

- * Rev. Mitch Griffin gave a brief report on the Camden County and Atlanta mission works, and informed the Association of the Mission Board's desire to begin a new work, possibly in the Athens area. His report was received as information.

GA State Camp Board:

- * Teen camp is scheduled for July 25-29, 2001, in Covington, GA.

GA State Christian Education Board:

- * Rev. Mitchell Deems reported on the CE Board plans to go forward with the establishment of a Georgia Bible Institute. He also reported on the various retreats that are planned for this year. His report was received as information.

GA State Trustee Board:

- * Bro. Timmy Barber submitted a report from the State Trustee Board. In accordance with the wishes of the State Association, the construction of a State Office Building will resume in Cordele, GA. His report was received as information and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

(brief recess)

Association Business

Old Business:

- * Clerk Keith Lloyd, on behalf of the Ordaining Council, offered an apology to the Forest Hill Church and to Rev. James Taylor, for their delay in examining Bro. Taylor. The possibility of making the required one year of watchcare retroactive to the date of Forest Hill's request was also stated.

New Business:

- * A motion was made to ratify the amended Consitution and By-Laws of the LRA. Seconded and carried.
- * A motion was made to reprint the amended and ratified Constitution and By-Laws of the LRA, at a proportion of 5 copies per church. Seconded and carried.
- * A motion was made to give authority to Camp Board to establish costs, appoint a director, and handle all other particulars of the LRA Annual Junior Camp. Seconded and carried.
- * Bro. Joe Aldrich, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, offered the following resolution(s) for the Association's consideration and approval:

Resolutions:

- #1. Whereas, the Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church has been very gracious and hospitable in hosting the Association, and have received us with love and kindness; therefore,
Be it resolved, that we offer to them a rising vote of thanks and appreciation.

(accepted and acted upon)

After announcements were shared, we adjourned from the business portion of our meeting and entered into the worship session. Rev. Elzie Franks introduce our speaker, Bro. Allen Little. Bro. Little brought the message from James 4:10-17. Moderator Mitchell Deems dismissed us in prayer. A wonderful and bountiful lunch was provided by the members of the Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION TREASURER REPORT

Reporting period: 1/20/01 - 4/21/01

Category Description

Balance brought forward **\$ 994.11**

Receipts from churches for:

Association Expense	\$ 282.75
Association Missions	35.00
Nat'l. Rep. Fees	550.00
Ga. State Coop.	154.87
Total receipts	\$ 1022.62

Balance after receipts **\$ 2016.73**

Disbursements / Check #:

Moderator Honorarium / #1002	\$ 30.00
Clerk Honorarium / #1003	40.00
Heart & Home Ministries / #1004	50.00
Ga. State Rep. Fee / #1005	60.00
Ga. State Coop. / #1005	154.87
Home Missions (General Fund) / #1005	35.00
Nat'l. Rep Fee / #1005	650.00
Ordination Bible for Larry Johnson / #1006	54.97
2001 Incorporation Fee / #1007	15.00
Annual Minutes printing costs / #1008	291.00
Total disbursements	\$ 1380.84

Balance after disbursements **\$ 635.89**

TOTAL BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT (4/21/01)	\$ 635.89
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Respectfully submitted: Keith Boyd
Treasurer

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church, Tifton

Date: 04/21/01

Church Name / Assn. Support / Assn. Missions / Other Fees

Cool Springs	25.00	25.00
Corinth	28.00	
Forest Hill	20.00	10.00
Friendship	62.00	
Hahira First	25.00	
Homerville	50.00	
Ozias	18.75	
Pine Level	37.50	
Sunnyside	21.25	
Tifton First	3.75	
Valdosta First	10.00	
White Hall	8.25	
Zion Hill	25.25	
Totals	334.75	35.00

Association Support Total:	\$ 334.75
Association Missions Total:	35.00
<u>Other Ministries Total:</u>	<u>.00</u>
Total Receipts from Association:	369.75
<u>COOP Offering:</u>	<u>+ 117.00</u>
<i>Total Receipts this Meeting:</i>	<i>486.75</i>
<u>Balance Brought Forward:</u>	<u>+ 635.89</u>
Balance on Hand to Date:	\$ 1122.64

Finance Committee Chairperson: Sis. Michelle Mercer

(Sis. Vickie Sue Simmons, Sis. Ann Mercer)

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY SESSION

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Meeting at: Tifton First Free Will Baptist Church, Tifton

Date: 04/21/01

Church Name:	Report Y or N:	Pastor Present:	Other Minister:	Deacon Present:	Delegate Present:	Total Voting:
Cool Springs.....	Yes	Yes	2.....	3.....	6	
Corinth	Yes	Yes	1.....		1	
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes	1.....	9.....	11	
Friendship.....	Yes					
Hahira 1st.....	Yes		1.....	5.....	6	
Homerville	Yes	Yes		3.....	4	
Ozias	Yes	Yes		2.....	3	
Pine Level	Yes			1.....	1	
Sunnyside.....	Yes					
Tifton 1st.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	2.....	4	
Valdosta 1st.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	1.....	3	
White Hall.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	5.....	7	
Zion Hill.....	Yes	Yes	1.....	2.....	5.....	9
TOTALS	13.....	9.....	3.....	7.....	36.....	55

LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION CAMP FUND
QUARTERLY REPORT - 1-20-01 THRU 4-21-01

DISBURSEMENTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>CK#</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
1-30-01	Satilla REA	Draft	\$ 67.33
2-13-01	Home Mission Dept.	Draft	835.38
2-15-01	Lowndes Electric	1004	248.24
2-23-01	Lee Hardware	1005	55.64
2-28-01	Satilla REA	Draft	67.33
3-02-01	All South Door/Hard	1003	2276.60
3-13-01	Home Mission Dept.	Draft	835.38
3-30-01	Satilla REA	Draft	57.25
4-13-01	Home Mission Dept.	Draft	<u>835.38</u>
			\$5278.53

DEPOSITS

<u>DATE</u>	
1-22-01	\$1161.37
3-20-01	564.61
4-02-01	400.00
4-20-01	<u>980.00</u>
	\$3105.98

BEGINNING BALANCE	\$7719.82
LESS DISBURSEMENTS	<u>5278.53</u>
	2441.29
PLUS DEPOSITS	<u>3105.98</u>
ENDING BALANCE - 4-21-01	\$5547.27

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