

# **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION of FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.**

*2003 Minutes & Reports*

*2004 Officers & Church Directory*

**MINUTES  
OF THE  
NINETY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION  
OF THE  
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.  
AFFILIATED WITH THE  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.  
WHEN CONVENED AT THE  
COOL SPRINGS FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
IN NORMAN PARK, GEORGIA  
ON  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 17, 2004**

**Minutes of all 2003 Quarterly Meetings Included**

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# 2004 LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

## *Officers, Committee & Board Members*

### LRA Association Officers

Moderator:	Rev. Jeff Goodman	2005
Asst. Moderator:	Rev. Mitchell Deems	2005
Clerk/Treasurer:	Rev. Keith Lloyd	Indefinite
Asst. Clerk:	Rev. Larry Johnson	Indefinite
Camp Treasurer:	Sis. Amy Simmons	Indefinite

### Term Expires

### Executive Committee:

Rev. Jeff Goodman	Ex-officio (2005)
Rev. Keith Lloyd	Ex-officio
Rev. Teddy Burch	2005
Bro. Timmy Barber	2006
Rev. Larry Johnson	2007
Rev. Billy Sumner	2008
Bro. David Taylor	2009

### Mission Board:

Sis. Wanda Cooper	2005
Sis. Traci Taylor	2006
Sis. Melonie Brown	2007
Rev. Larry Johnson	2008
Bro. J.W. Franks	2009

### Trustee Board:

Rev. Keith Lloyd	2005
Bro. Johnny Simmons	2006
Rev. Mitchell Deems	2007
Bro. Johnny Walden	2008
Bro. Gary Hamm	2009

### Finance Committee:

Sis. Maxine Franks	2005
Sis. Rita Burch	2005
Sis. Barbara Hamilton	2005

### Credentials Committee:

Sis. Jeanie Monk	2005
Sis. Cindy Lloyd	2005
Sis. Heather Goodman	2005

### Term Expires:

### Ordaining Council:

Rev. Larry Johnson	2005
Rev. Earl Ridley	2006
Rev. Keith Lloyd	2007
Rev. Teddy Burch	2008
Rev. Mitchell Deems	2009

### Christian Education Board:

Bro. Gary Hamm	2005
Sis. Joyce Johnson	2006
Rev. Mitchell Deems	2007
Bro. Jason Wilks	2008
Bro. Eric Whiddon	2009

### Camp Board:

Bro. Harvey Hamilton	2005
Bro. Jason Wilks	2006
Bro. Eric Whiddon	2007
Bro. Mike Jilcott	2008
Sis. Michelle Pittman	2009

### Resolutions Committee:

Rev. Teddy Burch	2005
Bro. Donald Tidwell	2005
Bro. Ronnie Lieupo	2005

### Nominating Committee:

Rev. Larry Johnson	2005
Bro. Donald Tidwell	2005
Bro. Mike Jilcott	2005

### Georgia State Association Boards:

#### Mission:

Sis. Melonie Brown	2005
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#### Trustee:

Bro. Timmy Barber	2005
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#### Camp:

Rev. Jeff Goodman	2007
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#### C.E.:

Bro. Jason Wilks	2007
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# 2004 Church Directory

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## Church:

## Pastor:

## Clerk:

<b>Cool Springs</b> 2559 Ellenton-Norman Park Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (229) 769-3525	<b>Rev. Ron Burger</b> 2559 Ellenton-Norman Park Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (229) 769-3828	<b>Sis. Laura Mathis</b> 203 George Flowers Rd. Norman Park, GA 31771 (229) 769-3294
<b>Corinth</b> 3216 Chula-Brookfield Rd. Brookfield, GA 31727 (229) 382-0060	<b>Rev. William Sumner</b> 2275 Hwy. 82 East Tifton, GA 31794 (229) 386-5976	<b>Sis. Maxine Franks</b> 39 Sutton Rd. Tifton, GA 31794 (229) 382-3580
<b>Forest Hill</b> Hwy. 37 Adel, GA 31620	<b>Rev. Mitchell Deems</b> Rt. 1 Box 10-A Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-7346	<b>Sis. Judy Crowley</b> 507 N. Cleveland Ave. Adel, GA 31620 (229) 896-7243
<b>Friendship</b> Hwy 158 Waycross, GA 31503	<b>Rev. William Selph</b> P.O. Box 382 Broxton, GA 31519 (912) 359-3868	<b>Sis. Fredda Herndon</b> 6042 Sappville Rd. Waycross, GA 31503 (912) 284-0410
<b>Hahira 1<sup>st</sup></b> 412 Francis St. Hahira, GA 31632	<b>(*) Rev. Arthur Knight</b> 5141 Granada St. Lake Park, GA 31636 (229) 559-3997	<b>Bro. Herbert Arden</b> 511 E. Stanfill St. Hahira, GA 31632 (229) 794-2441
<b>Homerville</b> North Church St. Homerville, GA 31634 (912) 487-5336	<b>Rev. Jeff Goodman</b> P.O. Box 607 Homerville, GA 31634 (912) 487-3292	<b>Sis. Judy Tolle</b> Rt. 3 Box 19 Homerville, GA 31634 (912) 487-5495
<b>Ozias</b> Hwy. 441 N. Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3286	<b>Rev. Larry Johnson</b> Rt. 2 Box 214 Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-3650	<b>Sis. Lilla Deems</b> Rt. 1 Box 10 Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-7872
<b>Sunnyside</b> Pearson, GA 31642	<b>Rev. Teddy Burch</b> Rt. 1 Box 26-C Pearson, GA 31642 (912) 422-7909	<b>Sis. Gwyn Kirkland</b> 892 Basswood Rd. Douglas, GA 31535 (912) 383-8088

(\*) Credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

# 2004 Church Directory

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## Church:

## Pastor:

## Clerk:

<b>Tifton 1<sup>st</sup></b> 535 E. 16 <sup>th</sup> St. Tifton, GA 31794 (229) 387-0040	(*) Rev. Robert Freeman P.O. Box 193 Enigma, GA 31749 (229) 599-2887	Sis. Julia F. Ogletree 1005 Pineview Ave. Tifton, GA 31794 (229) 386-4410
<b>Valdosta 1<sup>st</sup></b> 2400 N. Forrest St. Valdosta, GA 31602 (229) 242-8074	Rev. Earl Ridley 2509 Deborah Dr. Valdosta, GA 31602 (229) 242-4550	Sis. Joyce Trumbo 3002 Tyndall Dr. Valdosta, GA 31602 (229) 253-9032
<b>White Hall</b> 608 Homer St. Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 285-1219	(*) Rev. George Crutchfield 1810 Rhoda St. Waycross, GA 31503 (912) 287-1317	Sis. Liz Roberson 631 Aycock Rd. Waycross, GA 31503 (912) 283-9657
<b>Zion Hill</b> 3064 Zion Hill Rd. Millwood, GA 31552 (912) 283-1225	Rev. Keith Lloyd 3063 Zion Hill Rd. Millwood, GA 31552 (912) 285-5075	Sis. Jeanie Monk 1356 Truman St. Waycross, GA 31501 (912) 283-0532

(\*) Credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

## Other Ordained Ministers:

Rev. Fernando Bustamante  
P.O. Box 902  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 769-5463  
(Cool Springs, Hispanic Pastor)

Rev. Dale Bishop (when stateside)  
1006 Pineview Ave.  
Tifton, GA 31794  
(229) 386-5572  
(Corinth, Missionary to Japan)

## Other Licensed Ministers:

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

Bro. Jason Wilks  
6876 Albany Hwy.  
Millwood, GA 31552  
(912) 333-0213  
(Zion Hill, Youth Pastor)

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

Bro. James Edge  
  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3035  
(Ozias)



## 2003 Statistical Report

Number of Churches in Association .....	12
Number of Churches Reporting .....	12
Number of City Churches .....	6
Number of Rural Churches .....	6
Number of Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	6
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors.....	6
Number of Churches with Parsonages .....	7
Combined Value of all Church Property.....	\$ 4 million
Number of Churches with Budgets .....	4
Total Combined Income of all Churches .....	\$ 930,308
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	11
Number of Licensed Ministers.....	4
Number of Ordained Deacons.....	30
Total Combined Membership of all Churches .....	884
Total Number of Baptisms .....	67
Total Members Added.....	57
Total Members Lost .....	26
Number of Churches with Sunday Schools .....	11
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment .....	517
Number of Churches with CTS.....	2
Total Combined CTS Enrollment .....	61
Number of Churches with WNAC / GWAC .....	4
Total Combined WNAC / GWAC Enrollment.....	54
Number of Churches with Master's Men .....	3
Total Combined Master's Men Enrollment.....	31
Number of Churches without a Pastor .....	0

*Please note that even though all of our churches reported, the reports were incomplete and inaccurate. We do not have an accurate reflection in the areas of Church Finances, Membership, and Sunday School Enrollment. It is impossible to make sense of the numbers from year to year without complete and accurate reports. --Clerk Keith Lloyd*

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### Schedule of District Association Meetings:

<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>
Cool Springs-1/17	Zion Hill-1/15	Friendship-1/14	Valdosta 1 <sup>st</sup> -1/20
White Hall-4/17	Homerville-4/16	Sunnyside-4/15	Cool Springs-4/14
Tifton 1 <sup>st</sup> -7/31	Corinth-7/30	Forest Hill-7/29	White Hall-7/28
Camp Ozias-10/16	Ozias-10/15	Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup> -10/14	Tifton 1 <sup>st</sup> -10/20

#### Special Notes:

- Annual Sessions of the Little River Association will be held in January each year.
- Annual Sessions of the Little River Association will consist of reports and statistical information from the previous year, January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

# 2003 Obituary Report

## **Rev. Damon C. Dodd**

*Former pastor of several Little River Association churches, and former member of the Cool Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA*

## **Mrs. Mina Lou Bennett**

Born March 26, 1922—Died June 4, 2003  
*Member of the Forest Hill FWB Church in Adel, GA*

## **Mrs. Irene Johnson**

Born February 27, 1937—Died March 22, 2003  
*Member of the Forest Hill FWB Church in Adel, GA*

## **Mrs. T.G. Hamilton**

Born August 8, 1916—Died December 9, 2003  
*Member of the Homerville FWB Church in Homerville, GA*

## **Ron Perritt**

Born January 10, 1938—Died February 11, 2003  
*Member of the Homerville FWB Church in Homerville, GA*

## **Ethridge Davis**

Died May 27, 2003  
*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Martha Long**

Died September 10, 2003  
*Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA*

## **Clara Nell Eason**

Born November 29, 1931—Died April 27, 2003  
*Member of the First FWB Church in Tifton, GA*

## **Mae Blair**

Born October 24, 1906—Died September 6, 2003  
*Member of the First FWB Church in Tifton, GA*

## **Mrs. Betty Joyce Ridley**

Born July 6, 1937—Died September 25, 2003  
*Member of the First FWB Church in Valdosta, GA*

## **Billy Hue Thomas**

Born September 20, 1938 ---Died March 6, 2003  
*Member of the Zion Hill FWB Church in Millwood, GA*

## **Dewey Mercer**

*Member of the Zion Hill FWB Church in Millwood, GA*

# ***Little River Association***

## **ROLL CALL SUNDAY**

### **April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2003**

<b><u>Church Name:</u></b>	<b><u>Attendance:</u></b>	<b><u>1<sup>st</sup> Time Visitors:</u></b>	<b><u>Salvation Decisions:</u></b>
<b>Cool Springs</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Corinth</b>	<b>48</b>		
<b>Forest Hill</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>3</b>	
<b>Friendship</b>	<b>21</b>		
<b>Hahira First</b>	<b>39</b>		
<b>Homerville</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>20</b>	
<b>Ozias</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>9</b>	
<b>Sunnyside</b>	<b>90</b>		
<b>Tifton First</b>	<b>9</b>		
<b>Valdosta First</b>	<b>13</b>		
<b>White Hall</b>	<b>28</b>		
<b>Zion Hill</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>802</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>2</b>



# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

**Annual Session:** Saturday, January 17, 2004, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park, GA

## **Service Schedule:**

**9:30 – 9:40 am: Congregational Singing & Prayer**

**9:40 – 9:55 am: Devotion:** Rev. Ron Burger, Pastor of Cool Springs FWB Church

**9:55 – 10:00 am: Welcome:** Deacon of host church

### **10:00 – 10:40 am: Business Session Begins**

- ❖ Call to Order by the Moderator
- ❖ Credentials Committee Report
- ❖ GAFWB COOP Offering
- ❖ Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Reports of Boards & Committees
  - Executive Committee:
  - Ordaining Council:
  - LRA Camp Board:
  - LRA Mission Board:
  - LRA CE Board:
  - LRA Trustee Board:
  - Finance Committee:
  - Nominating Committee:
- ❖ GAFWB State Board Reports
  - GA State Camp Board:
  - GA State Mission Board:
  - GA State CE Board:
  - GA State Trustee Board:

**10:40 – 10:50 am Recess**

### **10:50 – 11:15 am Business Session Resumes**

- ❖ Old Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ New Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

### **11:15 – 12:00 Worship Service**

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message: Rev. William Smith, GAFWB Executive Secretary
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Giving of Thanks

**12:00 – Until Dinner Served**

## **Next Session:**

***Quarterly Session: White Hall FWB Church, Waycross, GA, April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 9:30 am***

# Little River Association of Free Will Baptists

## *Minutes of the 96<sup>th</sup> Annual Session*

Convening at: Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Norman Park  
Date: January 17, 2004, 9:30 am

### PRELIMINARIES:

- The meeting began with the congregational song "*Everybody Will Be Happy*". Rev. Jeff Goodman led us in an opening prayer and the congregation sang "*Power in the Blood*". Bro. Jesse Pope sang a special entitled "*When We Meet By The River*". Rev. Ron Burger, pastor of the Cool Springs church, brought the morning devotion from various scriptures on the subject of "*Be of Good Cheer*".
- Rev. Ron Burger gave the welcome from the host church.
- Moderator Jeff Goodman called the meeting to order.
- The Credentials Committee Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd and was as follows: 12 churches reported with 6 pastors, 3 other ministers, 8 deacons, and 29 delegates present. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church delegates. The total voting delegation was 46.
- The State Coop Offering was received. Sis. Rita Burch was appointed by the Moderator to serve as a temporary member of the Finance Committee. The Coop offering totaled \$91.00.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### ❖ Executive Committee:

- Rev. Keith Lloyd gave the Executive Committee report.
- The Executive Committee recommended that the Treasurer for Camp Ozias serve as an officer of the Little River Association, not a Camp Board member. A motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt the recommendation and create the position of Camp Ozias Treasurer as an Officer of the Little River Association.

#### ❖ LRA Camp Board:

- Rev. Jeff Goodman gave the Camp Board report.
- The Camp Board expressed appreciation for the financial support of the Association in purchasing additional bunk beds.
- LRA Junior Camp will be held at Camp Ozias on June 13<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2004, with Bro. Eric Foster-Whiddon serving as Camp Director.
- The report was received as information.

### **LRA Trustee Board:**

- Rev. Keith Lloyd gave the Trustee Board report.
- The individual currently storing old cars on the LRA property in Nashville has offered to purchase the property for \$10,000. A motion was made, seconded and carried to sell the property for \$10,000 with the buyer assuming all closing costs.

### ❖ **Finance Committee:**

- Sis. Barbara Hamilton gave the Finance Committee report.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive it as a partial report, due to the fact that some of the Association churches had not yet sent a check.
- The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$2499.44; Total Receipts: \$1206.75; Balance On Hand: \$3706.19.*

### ❖ **Nominating Committee:**

- Rev. Teddy Burch gave the Nominating Committee report.
- Nominations were read, and the floor was opened for additional nominations. Hearing none, a motion was made, seconded and carried to cease nominations and elect by acclamation.

### ❖ **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Rev. Jeff Goodman gave the GAFWB Camp Board report.
- The Winter Retreat was a big success. State Teen Camp will be held on May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2004 at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella, Georgia.
- The report was received as information.

*(The session took a brief recess.)*

### ❖ **Ordaining Council:**

- Rev. Teddy Burch gave the Ordaining Council report.
- The Ordaining Council recommended that the Association accept the credentials of Rev. Ron Burger, pastor of Cool Springs FWB Church, pending a letter of good standing from the Indian River Association of Free Will Baptists in Florida. Motion, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation. The Moderator gave Rev. Burger the right hand of Association fellowship.

### ❖ **GAFWB Executive Secretary Report:**

- Rev. William Smith gave a report on the status of giving to State ministries, including COOP, Acts 1:8, and other designated giving. Rev. Smith also answered questions concerning the National Offerings that are requested each year. He thanked the LRA for their faithful financial support.
- Rev. Smith also reported that the GA State Youth Competition will be held at the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, on Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004. The event will be kicked off with a Youth Rally at the same location on Friday night, April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- The report was received as information.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- There was no old business.



## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The Clerk read the Obituary Report from Association churches. The session stood for a moment of silence in memory of the deceased.

## **CLOSING ITEMS:**

### ❖ **Announcements:**

- Announcements, prayer requests, and praise reports were given from pastors and members of Association churches.

### ❖ **Resolutions:**

- Whereas, the Cool Springs 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*)

### ❖ **Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

## **MORNING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:**

- A trio of ladies consisting of Wanda Hamilton Tyler, Valda Mathis, and Coleen Flowers sang a special entitled "*Feeling Fine*". The song leader led the congregation in singing, "*Let's Just Praise the Lord*". Eric Foster-Whiddon, Coleen Flowers, and Jolie Pope blessed us with another special entitled, "*You're the Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me*". Bro. Eric prayed and turned the meeting over to our morning speaker.
- Rev. William Smith, GAFWB Executive Secretary, brought the morning message from Matthew 24:1-3, and his subject was "*Living in Uncertain Days*".
- The congregation sang, "*Freely, Freely*" as an invitation to respond to the Word was offered.
- Rev. Ron Burger dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessing upon the food.
- The members of the Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful and bountiful lunch, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: October 18, 2003 thru January 17, 2004

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,156.09
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 114.00		
Assn. Missions	10.00		
GA COOP Offering	98.40		
Bunk Beds for Camp Ozias			
Forest Hill	260.00		
Homerville	260.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,898.49
Outlay:			
Mod. Honorarium		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium		40.00	
Home Missions		10.00	
GA COOP		98.40	
Postage		44.20	
Camp Ozias (Bunk Beds)		520.00	
Balance on Hand: (includes \$600.00 for 2004 NAFWB Dues)			\$ 1,155.89
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<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 333.85
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 114.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 447.85
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 447.85
.....			
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 333.85
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 114.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 447.85
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 447.85
.....			
<b><u>LRA CE Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 333.85
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 114.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 447.85
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 447.85
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<b><u>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</u></b>			
General Fund:			\$ 1,155.89
LRA Mission Board:			447.85
LRA Camp Board:			447.85
LRA CE Board:			447.85
<b>Total Balance on Hand (01/17/04):</b>			<b>\$ 2,499.44</b>

Respectfully submitted: \_\_\_\_\_, Treasurer

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park  
**Date:** January 17, 2004

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>Other Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 58.50		\$ 50.00
Corinth	29.00		50.00
Forest Hill	17.50	\$ 10.00	50.00
Friendship	12.00		50.00
Hahira First	50.00		220.00 *
Homerville	38.50		50.00
Ozias	43.00		50.00
Sunnyside	15.25		50.00
Tifton First	4.25		50.00
Valdosta First	10.00		50.00
White Hall	7.75		50.00
Zion Hill	50.00		50.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 335.75</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>770.00</b>

\* \$120.00 for Camp Ozias Bunk Bed / \$100.00 for Nat'l. Rep. Fee

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 335.75</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Other Fees Total:</b>	<b>770.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts from Churches:</b>	<b>\$ 1115.75</b>
<b>Coop Offering Received:</b>	<b>91.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts this Meeting:</b>	<b>\$ 1206.75</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>2499.44</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 3706.19</b>

**Finance Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Barbara Hamilton

**Finance Committee Members:** Sis. Rita Burch



# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park  
**Date:** January 17, 2004

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Reporting Y or N:</b>	<b>Pastor Present:</b>	<b>Other Ministers:</b>	<b>Deacons Present:</b>	<b>Delegates Present:</b>	<b>Total Voting:</b>
Cool Springs	Yes	Yes	2		8	11
Corinth	Yes					0
Forest Hill	Yes		1			1
Friendship	Yes					0
Hahira First	Yes			3	4	7
Homerville	Yes	Yes		1	5	7
Ozias	Yes	Yes		2	3	6
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes		1	5	7
Tifton First	Yes				1	1
Valdosta First	Yes	Yes				1
White Hall	Yes			1	1	2
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes			2	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>46</b>

**Credentials Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Michelle Pittman

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

**Quarterly Session: Saturday, October 18, 2003, 9:30 am**

**Host Church: Valdosta First FWB Church, Valdosta, GA**

## **Service Schedule:**

**9:30 – 9:40 am: Congregational Singing & Prayer**

**9:40 – 9:55 am: Devotion: Rev. Arthur Knight, Pastor of Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church**

**9:55 – 10:00 am: Welcome: Rev. Earl Ridley, Pastor of Valdosta 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church**

**10:00 – 10:40 am: Business Session Begins**

- ❖ Call to Order by the Moderator
- ❖ Credentials Committee Report
- ❖ GAFWB COOP Offering
- ❖ Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Reports of Boards & Committees
  - Executive Committee:
  - Ordaining Council:
  - LRA Camp Board:
  - LRA Mission Board:
  - LRA CE Board:
  - LRA Trustee Board:
  - Finance Committee:
  - Nominating Committee:
- ❖ GAFWB State Board Reports
  - GA State Camp Board:
  - GA State Mission Board:
  - GA State CE Board:
  - GA State Trustee Board:

**10:40 – 10:50 am Recess**

**10:50 – 11:15 am Business Session Resumes**

- ❖ Old Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ New Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00 Worship Service**

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message: Rev. Warren Larsen, (assistant to the pastor of Valdosta 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church)
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Giving of Thanks

**12:00 – Until Dinner Served**

## **Next Session:**

***Annual Session: Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park, GA, January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2004, 9:30 am***

# Little River Association of Free Will Baptist

## *Minutes of the Quarterly Session*

Convening at: Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church, Valdosta  
Date: October 18, 2003, 9:30 am

### PRELIMINARIES:

- The meeting began with the congregational song "*Living By Faith*". Rev. Authur Knight led us in an opening prayer and brought the morning devotion from Colossians 3:1-2.
- Rev. Earl Ridley gave the welcome from the host church.
- Moderator Jeff Goodman led in prayer and then called the meeting to order.
- The Credentials Committee Report was given by Sis. Cindy Lloyd and was as follows: 12 churches reported with 8 pastors, 3 other ministers, 10 deacons, and 23 delegates present. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church delegates. The total voting delegation was 44.
- The State Coop Offering was received. Sis. Heather Goodman was appointed by the Moderator to serve as a temporary member of the Finance Committee. The Coop offering totaled \$98.40.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### ❖ Ordaining Council:

- Rev. Teddy Burch gave the Ordaining Council report.
- The Ordaining Council recommended that the Association grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Mitch Griffin to the Chattahoochee Association. Motion, seconded and carried.

#### ❖ LRA Camp Board:

- Rev. Jeff Goodman gave the Camp Board report.
- The Board will fill the position vacated by Rev. Roger Mercer at the Annual Session in January.
- The Camp Board needs funding for the additional bunk beds that were purchased. Several churches committed to pay for the remaining costs of these beds.
- The suggestion was made that Bro. Jason Wilks, the youth pastor at Zion Hill, be elected to fill the position vacated by Rev. Roger Mercer. However, this would cause Zion Hill to have more than one member on the Camp Board, which is a violation of the Constitution. The possibility of making the Treasurer a non-voting member of the Camp Board was raised, which would alleviate this problem. The Association will address this issue in New Business.

#### ❖ LRA Mission Board:

- Sis. Melonie Brown sent a written report concerning plans for a Mission Rally.



❖ **LRA Trustee Board:**

- Rev. Mitchell Deems gave the Trustee Board Report.
- The Board is trying to sell the property in Nashville. They will be calling the man who currently has some junk cars on the property and give him the option to buy. Otherwise, a survey will be completed and a realtor will put it on the market.

❖ **Finance Committee:**

- The Finance Committee gave their report.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive it as a partial report, due to the fact that some of the Association churches had not yet sent a check.
- The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$2157.64; Total Receipts: \$564.40; Balance On Hand: \$ 2722.04.*

❖ **Nominating Committee:**

- The Moderator appointed Rev. Mitchell Deems to temporarily replace Rev. Roger Mercer on the Nominating Committee.

❖ **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Rev. Jeff Goodman reported that the Winter Teen Retreat will be held at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella, Georgia on December 28-30, and that the guest speakers will be Mike and Delene Cousineau, missionaries to the Ivory Coast.

❖ **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Rev. Keith Lloyd reported that the Mission Board is reorganizing and creating some new policies for planting and evaluating State mission works. Plans are underway now to possibly plant new churches in the Cartersville and Richmond Hill areas of the State.

*(The session took a brief recess.)*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made and seconded that the Treasurer of the Camp Board serves as a non-voting member. The motion would require a change to the wording of the Constitution. After much discussion, the motion was withdrawn. The Executive Committee will look into the proper wording for a Constitutional change to be presented and acted upon at the Annual Session.
- Questions were raised concerning the special offerings requested by the National Association. The Clerk suggested that Rev. William Smith, the GAFWB Executive Secretary, be invited to come and offer explanations.
- Clerk Keith Lloyd encouraged the Association to attend the next State Association Meeting in Albany, especially the Friday night worship service.

**CLOSING ITEMS:**

❖ **Announcements:**

- Announcements, prayer requests, and praise reports were given from pastors and members of Association churches.

❖ **Resolutions:**

- Whereas, the Valdosta 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*)

❖ **Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

**MORNING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:**

- The song leader led the congregation in singing "*Down At The Cross*". Rev. Jeff Goodman led in prayer, and the congregation sang "*Victory In Jesus*" and "*His Name Is Wonderful*". Bro. L.D. Wynn and Sis. Heather Goodman blessed us with a special music.
- Rev. Warren Larson, assistant pastor of the Valdosta First FWB Church, brought the morning message from Deuteronomy 6:4, and his subject was "*What Is Our Heritage?*" Rev. Larson then asked the Association to observe a moment of silence in memory of Sis. Joyce Ridley.
- The congregation sang, "*Just As I Am*" as an invitation to respond to the Word was offered.
- Rev. Keith Lloyd dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessing upon the food.
- The members of the Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful and bountiful lunch, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 26, 2003 thru October 18, 2003

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,112.60
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 113.49		
Assn. Missions	10.00		
GA COOP Offering	72.14		
GA COOP Designated	41.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,349.23
Outlay:			
Mod. Honorarium		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium		40.00	
Home Missions		10.00	
GA COOP		113.14	
Balance on Hand: (includes \$600.00 for 2004 NAFWB Dues)			\$ 1,156.09
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## **LRA Mission Board:**

Beginning Balance:		\$ 220.38
Income:		
Assn. Dues	\$ 113.47	
Balance after Receipts:		\$ 333.85
Outlay:	\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:		\$ 333.85
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## **LRA Camp Board:**

Beginning Balance:		\$ 220.38
Income:		
Assn. Dues	\$ 113.47	
Balance after Receipts		\$ 333.85
Outlay:	\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand		\$ 333.85
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## **LRA CE Board:**

Beginning Balance:		\$ 220.38
Income:		
Assn. Dues	\$ 113.47	
Balance after Receipts:		\$ 333.85
Outlay:	\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:		\$ 333.85
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## **ACCOUNT BALANCES:**

General Fund:	\$ 1,156.09
LRA Mission Board:	333.85
LRA Camp Board:	333.85
LRA CE Board:	333.85
<b>Total Balance on Hand (10/18/03):</b>	<b>\$ 2,157.64</b>

Respectfully submitted: Keith Lloyd, Treasurer



# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Valdosta First FWB Church, Valdosta  
**Date:** October 18, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>Other Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 63.00		
Corinth	59.00		
Forest Hill	33.00	\$ 10.00	
Friendship	36.50		
Hahira First	25.00		
Homerville	76.00		
Ozias	42.00		
Sunnyside	32.00		
Tifton First	10.50		
Valdosta First	20.00		
White Hall	8.50		
Zion Hill	50.50		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 456.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 456.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Other Fees Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts from Churches:</b>	<b>\$ 466.00</b>
<b>Coop Offering Received:</b>	<b>98.40</b>
<b>Total Receipts this Meeting:</b>	<b>\$ 564.40</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>2157.64</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 2722.04</b>

**Finance Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Maxine Franks

**Finance Committee Members:** Sis. Cindy Lloyd, Sis. Heather Goodman

# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Valdosta First FWB Church, Valdosta  
**Date:** October 18, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Reporting Y or N:</b>	<b>Pastor Present:</b>	<b>Other Ministers:</b>	<b>Deacons Present:</b>	<b>Delegates Present:</b>	<b>Total Voting:</b>
Cool Springs	Yes		1			1
Corinth	Yes	Yes		1	3	5
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes		1		2
Friendship	Yes					0
Hahira First	Yes	Yes		3	3	7
Homerville	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Ozias	Yes	Yes	1	1	2	5
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes		1	5	7
Tifton First	Yes					0
Valdosta First	Yes	Yes		1	5	7
White Hall	Yes			1	3	4
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes	1		1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>44</b>

**Credentials Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Cindy Lloyd

**THE MISSION BOARD IS WORKING TO GET THE MISSION RALLY ORGANIZED. WE ARE TALKING WITH SANDRA AND DALE BISHOP ABOUT A DATE FOR THE RALLY. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE BRO. LARRY POWELL FROM THE HOME MISSION BOARD TO COME AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS FOR GEORGIA CONCERNING HOME MISSIONS. WE WILL WORK TO COORDINATE THE SCHEDULE OF THE BISHOPS AND BRO. LARRY.**

**WE PLAN TO HAVE IT THE SAME AS LAST YEAR. THIS WILL INCLUDE A SATURDAY NIGHT SERVICE WITH ALL CHURCHES ATTENDING FOR THE MISSIONARY SPEAKERS. EACH CHURCH WILL BE ASKED TO MAKE AN OFFERING WHICH WILL BE DIVIDED BETWEEN HOME MISSIONS AND THE BISHOPS.**

**THE CHURCH HOSTING THE SERVICE WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SIMPLE MEAL OR REFRESHMENTS. LAST YEAR AT HOMERVILLE WE HAD SANDWICHES AND SWEETS. THIS SEEMED TO WORK GREAT. THIS WAS SERVED AFTER THE SERVICE. ALSO THE HOST CHURCH CAN ASK ONE OF THE SPEAKERS TO SPEAK AT THE SUNDAY SERVICE FOLLOWING THE SATURDAY SERVICE.**

**PLEASE PRAY FOR US AS WE WORK ON THESE PLANS. AS SOON AS WE HAVE ANY DETAILS WE WILL CONTACT EACH CHURCH. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS. ALSO LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE PLANNED SATURDAY SERVICES IN THE NEXT 4 OR 5 MONTHS. IF WE CAN WORK AROUND THESE WE WILL. WE NEED THE PARTICIPATION OF ALL OF OUR CHURCHES. OUR MISSION WORKS NEED ALL OF US.      THANK YOU, THE MISSION BOARD**



# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

**Quarterly Session: Saturday, July 26, 2003, 9:30 am**

**Host Church: Hahira First FWB Church, Hahira, GA**

## **Service Schedule:**

**9:30 – 9:40 am: Congregational Singing & Prayer**

**9:40 – 9:55 am: Devotion: Rev. Jeff Goodman, Pastor of Homerville FWB Church**

**9:55 – 10:00 am: Welcome: Rev. Arthur Knight, Pastor of Hahira First FWB Church**

**10:00 – 10:40 am: Business Session Begins**

- ❖ Call to Order by the Moderator
- ❖ Credentials Committee Report
- ❖ GAFWB COOP Offering
- ❖ Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Reports of Boards & Committees
  - Executive Committee:
  - Ordaining Council:
  - LRA Camp Board:
  - LRA Mission Board:
  - LRA CE Board:
  - LRA Trustee Board:
  - Finance Committee:
  - Nominating Committee:
- ❖ GAFWB State Board Reports
  - GA State Camp Board:
  - GA State Mission Board:
  - GA State CE Board:
  - GA State Trustee Board:

**10:40 – 10:50 am Recess**

**10:50 – 11:15 am Business Session Resumes**

- ❖ Old Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ New Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00 Worship Service**

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message: Rev. William Sumner, Pastor of Corinth FWB Church
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Giving of Thanks

**12:00 – Until Dinner Served**

## **Next Session:**

*First FWB Church, Valdosta, GA, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 9:30 am*

# Little River Association of Free Will Baptist

## *Minutes of the Quarterly Session*

Convening at: Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church, Hahira  
Date: July 26, 2003, 9:30 am

### PRELIMINARIES:

- The meeting began with the congregational song "*Just A Little While*", and Bro. James Faircloth led us in an opening prayer. Rev. Jeff Goodman brought the morning devotion from 1 Corinthians 15:1-4, on the subject of "*What Matters*".
- Rev. Authur Knight gave the welcome from the host church.
- Moderator Jeff Goodman called the meeting to order.
- The Credentials Committee Report was given by Sis. Michelle Mercer and was as follows: 12 churches reported with 5 pastors, 5 other ministers, 5 deacons, and 33 delegates present. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church delegates. The total voting delegation was 48.
- The State Coop Offering was received. Sis. Amy Simmons and Sis. Cindy Lloyd were appointed by the Moderator to serve as temporary members of the Finance Committee. The Coop offering totaled \$72.14.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### ❖ LRA Camp Board:

- Rev. Roger Mercer gave the Camp Board report.
- "*Operation Freedom in Christ*", the theme of the 2003 LRA Junior Camp Session, was a huge success. There were 69 campers and 25 helpers in the camp session, and at least 24 decisions were made to receive Christ.
- The old shower facilities at Camp Ozias were converted into classrooms at no cost, thanks to the volunteer efforts of several individuals.
- A rising vote of thanks was given to Rev. Roger Mercer for his work in directing the 2003 Camp Session, and to all others who volunteered their time.
- The Financial Report was given and becomes an integral part of these minutes.

#### ❖ Finance Committee:

- Sis. Michelle Mercer gave the Finance Committee report.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive it as a partial report, due to the fact that some of the Association churches had not yet sent a check.
- The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward*: \$1773.74; *Total Receipts*: \$577.04; *Balance On Hand*: \$ 2350.78.

#### ❖ GAFWB Camp Board:

- Rev. Jeff Goodman reported that the Winter Teen Retreat will be held at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella, Georgia on December 28-30.

❖ **GAFWB CE Board:**

- Moderator Jeff Goodman reported that Sis. Rebecca Brown of the Homerville FWB Church had placed in the Vocal Soloist division of the National Youth Competition at the 2003 Free Will Baptist National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Sis. Rebecca was also chosen to be a member of the National Youth Evangelistic Team.

*(The session took a brief recess.)*

❖ **Ordaining Council:**

- Rev. Teddy Burch gave the Ordaining Council report.
- Having met during the recess, the Ordaining Council received and considered a request from the Forest Hill Church that their associate pastor, Bro. Carl Morrison, be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Bro. Carl has been licensed and under the watch care of the Forest Hill Church for more than a year. The Council will examine him and then make a recommendation to the Association for final approval of this request.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- Clerk Keith Lloyd informed the Association that he had had some requests that the names of the delegates be read aloud by the Credentials Committee at each quarterly session. The reason given was so that members of Association churches will get to know each other by name. A motion was made, seconded and carried to have the Credentials Committee read the names of delegates and have them stand as their name is called, beginning at the next quarterly session. All delegates, standing and elected, will still be required to sign in at the door prior to the quarterly session.
- Rev. Roger Mercer announced he and Sis. Michelle's resignations from Association Boards and Committees. They will soon be moving to another church and Association. The Nominating Committee was instructed by the Moderator to make recommendations for filling these vacated positions at the next quarterly session. Bro. Roger suggested that Bro. Eric Foster-Whiddon, the youth pastor at Cool Springs, be elected to fill his position on the Camp Board.
- Clerk Keith Lloyd informed the Association of the financial status of Camp Ozias. The funds that are coming in are barely enough to make the payment on the building and the utilities. Several bunk beds still need to be paid for, and if the Association ever intends to rent the facility out, it will need a new state approved dining facility. Bro. Keith encouraged all Association churches to contribute financially, and suggested that the Camp Board set a date for a special offering to be received each year for Camp Ozias.

**CLOSING ITEMS:**

❖ **Announcements:**

- Announcements, prayer requests, and praise reports were given from pastors and members of Association churches.



❖ **Resolutions:**

- Whereas, the Hahira 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*)

❖ **Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

**MORNING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:**

- The song leader led the congregation in singing "*Victory In Jesus*".
- Bro. L.D. Wynn blessed us with a special song entitled "*God Shall Wipe Away The Tears*". The choir of the Hahira First FWB Church sang two special selections, and then led the congregation in singing "*I'll Fly Away*" and "*O, How I Love Jesus*".
- Rev. Billy Sumner, pastor of the Corinth FWB Church, brought the morning message from Acts 17:1-9, and his subject was "*Turning the World Upside Down By Turning It Right Side Up*".
- The congregation sang, "*Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior*" as an invitation to respond to the Word was offered.
- Rev. Larry Johnson dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessing upon the food.
- The members of the Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful and bountiful lunch, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: April 19, 2003 thru July 26, 2003

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,064.60
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 118.00		
Assn. Missions	10.00		
GA COOP	165.81		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,358.41
Outlay:			
Mod. Honorarium		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium		40.00	
Home Missions		10.00	
GA COOP		165.81	
Balance on Hand: (includes \$600.00 for 2004 NAFWB Dues)			\$ 1,112.60
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<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 102.38
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 118.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 220.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 220.38
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<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 102.38
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 118.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 220.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 220.38
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<b><u>LRA CE Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 102.38
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 118.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 220.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 220.38
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<b><u>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</u></b>			
General Fund:			\$ 1,112.60
LRA Mission Board:			220.38
LRA Camp Board:			220.38
LRA CE Board:			220.38
Total Balance on Hand (07/26/03):			\$ 1,773.74

Respectfully submitted: Keith Lloyd, Treasurer

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Hahira First FWB Church, Hahira  
**Date:** July 26, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>Other Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 63.50		
Corinth	60.50		
Forest Hill	33.50	\$ 10.00	
Friendship	36.50		
Hahira First	25.00		
Homerville	76.40		
Ozias	34.50		
Sunnyside	34.00		
Tifton First	10.50		
Valdosta First	20.00		
White Hall	9.00		41.00 (GA Coop)
Zion Hill	50.50		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 453.90</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 41.00</b>

**Association Fees Total:** \$ 453.90  
**Association Missions Total:** 10.00  
**Other Fees Total:** 41.00  
**Total Receipts from Churches:** \$ 504.90  
**Coop Offering Received:** 72.14  
**Total Receipts this Meeting:** \$ 577.04  
**Balance Brought Forward:** 1773.74  
**Balance On Hand to Date:** \$ 2350.78

**Finance Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Michelle Mercer

**Finance Committee Members:** Sis. Cindy Lloyd, Sis. Amy Simmons



# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Hahira First FWB Church, Hahira  
**Date:** July 26, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Reporting Y or N:</b>	<b>Pastor Present:</b>	<b>Other Ministers:</b>	<b>Deacons Present:</b>	<b>Delegates Present:</b>	<b>Total Voting:</b>
Cool Springs	Yes					0
Corinth	Yes	Yes			3	4
Forest Hill	Yes		1		1	2
Friendship	Yes					0
Hahira First	Yes	Yes		2	10	13
Homerville	Yes	Yes	1		2	4
Ozias	Yes	Yes			7	8
Sunnyside	Yes		1		2	3
Tifton First	Yes					0
Valdosta First	Yes			1	1	2
White Hall	Yes		1	1	3	5
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes	1	1	4	7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>48</b>

**Credentials Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Michelle Mercer

CH.#	DATE	TRANS. DESCRIP.	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
	11/30	The Satilla REMC	63.48		2032.94
	12/9	Deposit		489.50	2522.44
	12/11	F.W.B. Assoc. Loan	835.38		1687.06
	12/30	The Satilla REMC	69.11		1617.95
		2003			
	1/11	F.W.B. Assoc. (Loan)	835.38		782.57
	1/15	Deposit		475.00	1257.57
	1/30	Satilla REMC	65.60		1191.97
	2/2	Deposit	1215.00		2406.97
AD	2/11	FWB Assoc.(Loan)	835.38		1571.50
AD	2/30	Satilla REMC	70.05		1501.54
	3/5	Deposit		1005.00	2506.54
AD	3/11	FWB Assoc. Loan	835.38		1671.16
AD	3/31	Satilla REMC	97.84		1573.32
	4/11	Deposit		475.00	2048.32
	4/21	LRA Deposit (Beds)		390.00	2438.32
AD	4/11	FWB Assoc.(Loan)	835.38		1602.94

CH.#	DATE	TRANS. DESCRIP.	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
535	4/25	U.S. Postal (Stamps)	29.60		1573.34
536	4/25	Family Dollar	15.90		1557.44
537	4/24	Family Dollar	47.70		1509.74
AD	4/30	Satilla REMC	57.34		1452.40
538	5/2	Roger Mercer (camp supplies)	30.77		1421.63
AD	5/11	FWB Assoc.(Loan)	835.38		586.25
	5/16	Deposit		2235.00	2821.25
539	5/26	Oriental Trade (Camp Supplies)	65.30		2755.95
540	5/29	Wal-mart	27.36		2728.59
541	6/6	Michaels	114.95		2613.64
542	6/6	Family Dollar	27.48		2586.16
543	5/30	Oriental Trade	30.75		2555.41
544	5/30	Waycross Office Supplies	32.64		2446.74
AD	5/30	Satilla REMC	76.03		2446.74
	6/9	Deposit		1640.00	4086.74
545	6/10	Sams	772.39		3314.35
AD	6/11	FWB Assoc.(Loan)	835.38		2478.97
	6/11	Deposit(camp reg.)		2805.00	5283.97
546	6/11	C&C Graphics	693.36		4590.61
547	6/11	Sgt. Gator	54.04		4536.57
548	6/11	Chevron	10.00		4526.57



CH.#	DATE	TRANS. DESCRIP.	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
549	6/11	Satilla Pest Cont.	60.00		4466.57
550	6/12	Sirmans Hardware	39.12		4427.45
551	6/13	Wal-Mart	7.53		4419.92
552	6/14	Corbitt H/A	80.00		4339.92
553	6/14	Adens	12.00		4327.92
554	6/16	(A/C) Lowe's	147.66		4180.26
555	6/16	Bills Dollar (Cameras & Film)	15.83		4164.43
556	6/16	Levington H/A	50.00		4114.43
557	6/16	Keith Lloyd	803.71		3310.72
558	6/17	Jon's Spors Park	855.95		2454.77
559	6/18	Harveys	105.10		2349.67
560	6/18	CBR	683.01		1666.66
561	6/19	Bells Berry Patch (Sno-Cones)	149.00		1517.66
562	6/19	Dominos	174.90		1342.76
563	6/19	Wal-Mart	20.40		1322.36
564	6/19	Matt Price	300.00		1022.36
565	6/20	Roger Mercer	100.00		922.36
	6/23	Deposit(camp reg.)		785.00	1707.36
566	6/23	C&C Graphics	96.30		1611.06
567	6/23	Jason Wilks(supplies)	46.27		1564.79
568	6/23	Eric Whiddon (lamps)	27.25		1537.54
569	6/23	Traci Newton (crafts)	215.98		1321.56

CH.#	DATE	TRANS. DESCRIP.	PAYMENT	DEPOSIT	BALANCE
AD	6/30	Satilla REMC	78.03		1243.53
570	7/1	Gibson McDonald payment for beds	260.00		983.57
	7/9	Deposit		475.00	1458.57
AD	7/11	F.W.B. Assoc.(Loan)	724.98		733.59
571	7/18	Johnny Simmons(video)	50.00		683.59

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

**Quarterly Session: Saturday, April 19, 2003, 9:30 am**

**Host Church: Forest Hill FWB Church, Adel, GA**

## **Service Schedule:**

**9:30 – 9:40 am: Congregational Singing & Prayer**

**9:40 – 9:55 am: Devotion: Rev. Keith Lloyd, Pastor of Zion Hill FWB Church**

**9:55 – 10:00 am: Welcome: Rev. Mitchell Deems, Pastor of Forest Hill FWB Church**

**10:00 – 10:40 am: Business Session Begins**

- ❖ Call to Order by the Moderator
- ❖ Credentials Committee Report
- ❖ GAFWB COOP Offering
- ❖ Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report
- ❖ Reports of Boards & Committees
  - Executive Committee:
  - Ordaining Council:
  - LRA Camp Board:
  - LRA Mission Board:
  - LRA CE Board:
  - LRA Trustee Board:
  - Finance Committee:
  - Nominating Committee:
- ❖ GAFWB State Board Reports
  - GA State Camp Board:
  - GA State Mission Board:
  - GA State CE Board:
  - GA State Trustee Board:

**10:40 – 10:50 am Recess**

**10:50 – 11:15 am Business Session Resumes**

- ❖ Old Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ New Business
  - 1)
  - 2)
  - 3)
- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00 Worship Service**

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message: Bro. Carl Morrison
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Giving of Thanks

**12:00 – Until Dinner Served**

## **Next Session:**

*Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church, Hahira, GA, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2003, 9:30 am*

# Little River Association of Free Will Baptist

## *Minutes of the Quarterly Session*

Convening at: Forest Hill Free Will Baptist Church, Adel

Date: April 19, 2003, 9:30 am

### PRELIMINARIES:

- The meeting began with the congregational song "*I'll Fly Away*", and Rev. Teddy Burch led us in an opening prayer. Rev. Keith Lloyd brought the morning devotion from Ezekiel 37:1-14, on the subject of "*Dry Bones Revival*".
- Rev. Mitchell Deems gave the welcome by the host church.
- Assistant Moderator Mitchell Deems called the meeting to order.
- The Credentials Committee Report was given by Sis. Bobbie Morrison and was as follows: 12 churches reported with 8 pastors, 5 other ministers, 9 deacons, and 33 delegates present. A motion was made, seconded and carried by the standing delegates to seat all other church delegates. The total voting delegation was 55.
- The State Coop Offering was received. Sis. Bobbie Morrison was appointed by the Assistant Moderator to serve as a temporary member of the Finance Committee. The Coop offering totaled \$165.81.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and the Treasurer's Report was given by Clerk Keith Lloyd. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:

#### ❖ LRA Camp Board:

- Rev. Roger Mercer gave the Camp Board report.
- Jr. Camp is scheduled to be held on June 15-20, and will be for kids from 3rd through 5th grades. The theme for this year's session will be "*Operation Freedom In Christ*". A camp cleanup day is to be held on June 7, beginning at 9:00 am. The Camp Board will need church vans to carry the kids swimming and to Jon's Sports Park. The cost for kids coming to Jr. Camp will be \$55 on or before June 7, and \$65 thereafter.
- A recommendation was made by the Camp Board to convert the old bathroom and shower facilities into classroom space, with a cost not to exceed \$500. A motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the recommendation.
- Association churches have purchased five and one-half additional bunk beds, and more will be added, if funds allow, to keep kids from having to sleep on the floor.
- A lock-in for teens was held earlier in the year with a total of 128 youth attending.
- Sis. Barbara Hamilton asked permission to donate and plant flowers and shrubbery around the Camp Ozias facilities. The Association granted her permission and expressed appreciation for the work that she and Bro. Harvey have put into maintaining the grounds at Camp Ozias.



❖ **LRA Trustee Board:**

- Rev. Mitchell Deems gave the Trustee Board report.
- A recommendation was made to sell the property owned by the Association located in Nashville, Georgia. Having talked to some realtors in the area, the property should be worth between 10 to 15 thousand dollars (\$10,000 to \$15,000). The money raised from the sell of the property could be used to pay down the debt on the building at Camp Ozias. A motion was made, seconded and carried to give the Trustee Board the authority to sell the property.

❖ **Finance Committee:**

- Sis. Maxine Franks gave the Finance Committee report.
- A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive it as a partial report, due to the fact that some of the Association churches had not yet sent a check.
- The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$1371.74; Total Receipts: \$647.81; Balance On Hand: \$ 2019.55.*

*(The session took a brief recess.)*

❖ **Ordaining Council:**

- Rev. Teddy Burch gave the Ordaining Council report.
- Having met during the recess, the Ordaining Council received and considered a request from the Zion Hill Church that their youth pastor, Bro. Jason Wilks, be ordained as a Minister of the Gospel. Bro. Jason has been under the watch care of the Zion Hill Church for one year. The Council will examine him and then make a recommendation to the Association for final approval of this request.

❖ **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the GAFWB Mission Board report.
- The Atlanta mission property has been leased to a Southern Baptist Convention group with an option to buy.

❖ **GAFWB CE Board:**

- Clerk Keith Lloyd reported that Sis. Rebecca Brown of the Homerville FWB Church will be representing her home church and the Little River Association as a vocal soloist in the State Youth Competition. If she wins at the state level, Sis. Rebecca will go on to compete in the National Youth Competition to be held at the 2003 Free Will Baptist National Convention in Tampa, Florida.

❖ **GAFWB Trustee Board:**

- Bro. Timmy Barber gave the GAFWB Trustee Board report.
- The building of a new State Office has been put on hold temporarily while an effort is made to raise additional funds. These funds could potentially come from the sale of the Atlanta mission property.

❖ **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Rev. Roger Mercer reported that State Teen Camp will be held at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella, Georgia on June 1-6.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- None.

## **CLOSING ITEMS:**

### ❖ **Announcements:**

- Announcements, prayer requests, and praise reports were given from pastors and members of Association churches.

### ❖ **Resolutions:**

- Whereas, the Forest 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*)

### ❖ **Motion to Adjourn:**

- A motion was made, seconded and carried to adjourn from the business session.

## **MORNING WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP:**

- The song leader led the congregation in singing "*He Set Me Free*" and "*Jesus, Hold My Hand*".
- Rev. Roger Mercer blessed us with a special song entitled "*Had It Not Been*".
- Bro. Carl Morrison, a licensed minister from the Forest Hill Church, brought the morning message from 2 Timothy 3:1-6.
- The congregation sang "*Amazing Grace*" as an invitation to respond to the Word was offered.
- Rev. Larry Johnson dismissed the meeting in prayer and asked God's blessing upon the food.
- The members of the Forest Hill Free Will Baptist Church provided a wonderful and bountiful lunch, and all enjoyed the food and fellowship.

Respectfully submitted,

Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 18, 2003 thru April 19, 2003

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 584.88
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 102.36		
Assn. Missions	10.00		
GA COOP	79.30		
NAFWB Dues	1200.00		
Camp Ozias Bunk Beds			
<i>Forest Hill</i>	260.00		
<i>Valdosta</i>	130.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,366.54
Outlay:			
Mod. Honorarium		\$ 30.00	
Clerk Honorarium		40.00	
Home Missions		10.00	
GA COOP		79.30	
GAFWB Dues		45.00	
NAFWB Dues		600.00	
LRA Inc. Fee		15.00	
2002 Minutes		92.64	
Camp Ozias Bunk Beds		390.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,064.60
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<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 0.00
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 102.38		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 102.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 102.38
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<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 0.00
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 102.38		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 102.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 102.38
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<b><u>LRA CE Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 0.00
Income:			
Assn. Dues	\$ 102.38		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 102.38
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 102.38
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<b><u>ACCOUNT BALANCES:</u></b>			
General Fund:			\$ 1,064.60
LRA Mission Board:			102.38
LRA Camp Board:			102.38
LRA CE Board:			102.38
Total Balance on Hand (04/19/03):			\$ 1,371.74

Respectfully submitted: Keith Lloyd, Treasurer

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Forest Hill FWB Church, Adel  
**Date:** April 19, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>Other Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 63.50		
Corinth	59.00		
Forest Hill	34.00	\$ 10.00	
Friendship	36.50		
Hahira First	50.00		
Homerville	75.00		
Ozias	34.50		
Sunnyside	33.50		
Tifton First	7.50		
Valdosta First	20.00		
White Hall	8.50		
Zion Hill	50.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 472.00</b>	<b>\$ 10.00</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 472.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>10.00</b>
<b>Other Fees Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts from Churches:</b>	<b>\$ 482.00</b>
<b>Coop Offering Received:</b>	<b>165.81</b>
<b>Total Receipts this Meeting:</b>	<b>\$ 647.81</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>1371.74</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 2019.55</b>

**Finance Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Maxine Franks

**Finance Committee Members:** Sis. Bobbie Morrison, Sis. Barbara Hamilton



# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Forest Hill FWB Church, Adel  
**Date:** April 19, 2003

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Reporting Y or N:</b>	<b>Pastor Present:</b>	<b>Other Ministers:</b>	<b>Deacons Present:</b>	<b>Delegates Present:</b>	<b>Total Voting:</b>
Cool Springs	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Corinth	Yes	Yes		1	4	6
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes	1	1	4	7
Friendship	Yes					0
Hahira First	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Homerville	Yes		1			1
Ozias	Yes	Yes		1	10	12
Sunnyside	Yes		1		4	5
Tifton First	Yes				2	2
Valdosta First	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	4
White Hall	Yes	Yes		1	3	5
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>55</b>

**Credentials Committee Chairperson:** Sis. Bobbie Morrison

## FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observances of the ordinances of the gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.