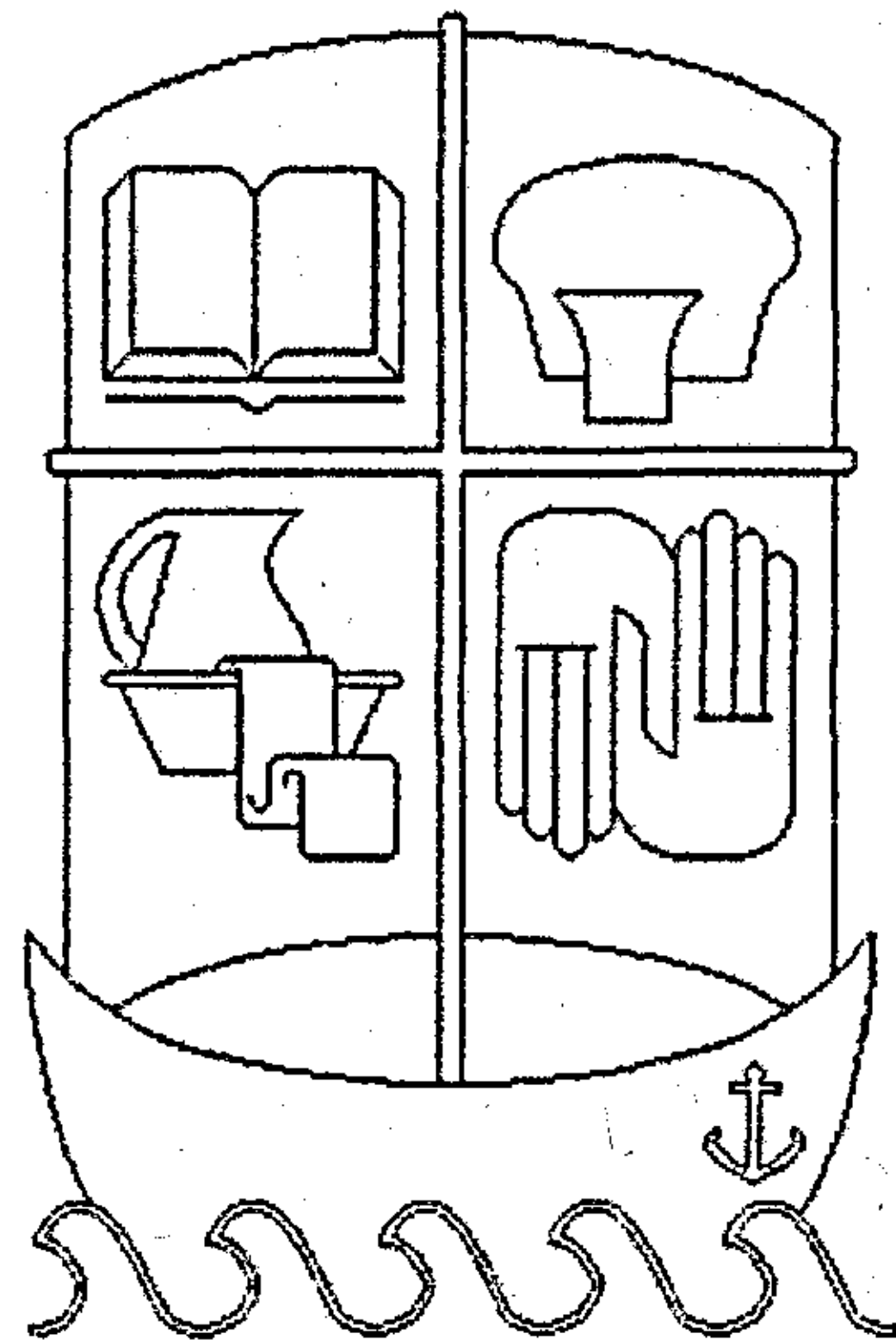


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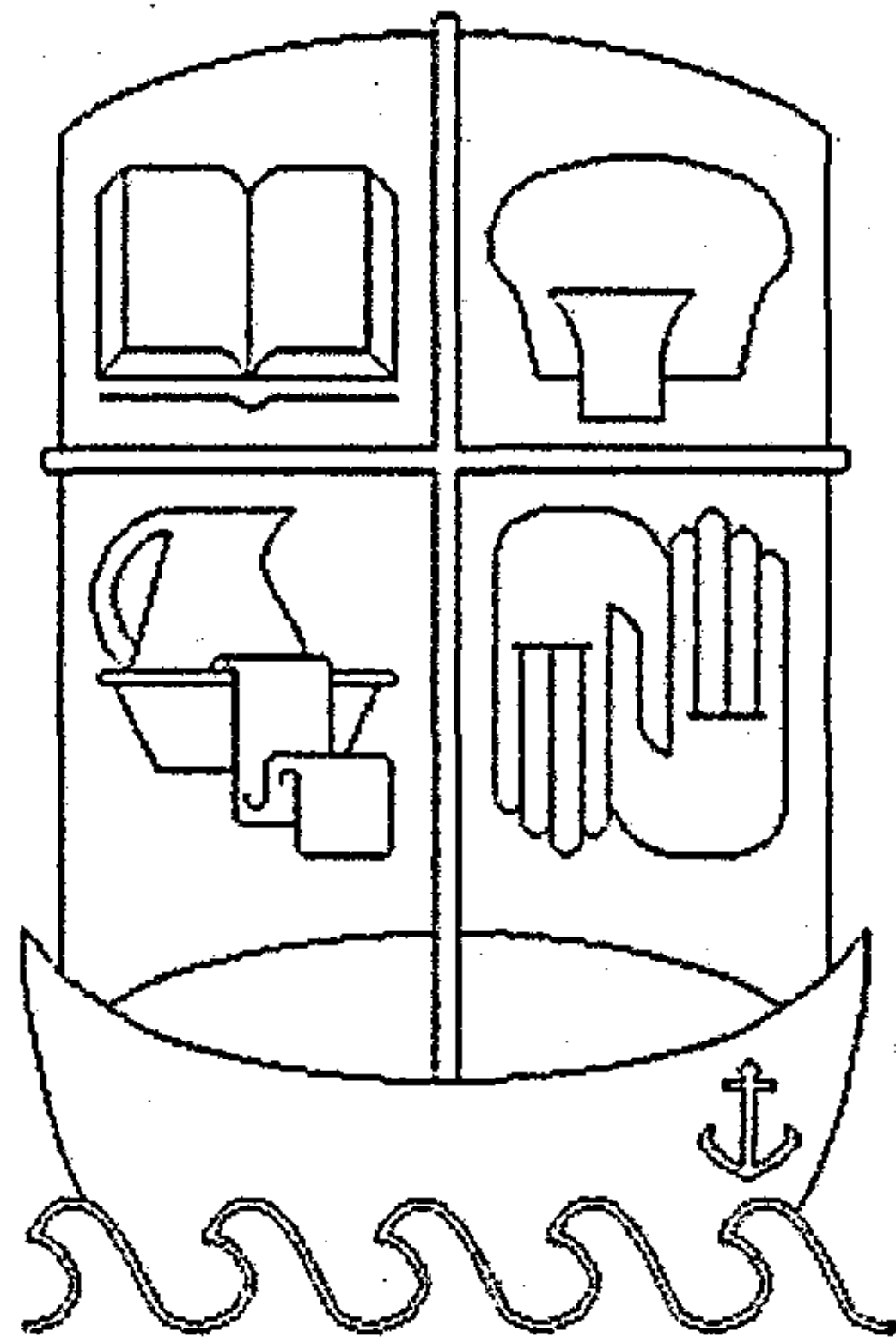
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# **LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION** *of* **FREE WILL BAPTISTS, INC.**



## **Minutes of the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Session**

*When convened at the*  
**Homerville Free Will Baptist Church**  
*Homerville, Georgia*

**Saturday, January 14, 2017**

*In affiliation with the*  
**Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**  
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# 2017 LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

## Officers, Committee & Board Members

### LRA Association Officers (elected annually)

<i>Moderator:</i>	Rev. Josh Crozier
<i>Asst. Moderator:</i>	Rev. Teddy Burch
<i>Clerk/Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd
<i>Asst. Clerk:</i>	Rev. Tanner Stahl
<i>Camp Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd

### Term Expires:

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### Executive Committee:

Rev. Josh Crozier	Ex-officio *
Rev. Teddy Burch	Ex-officio
Rev. Keith Lloyd	Ex-officio
Rev. Tanner Stahl	Ex-officio
Sis. Melonie Brown	Ex-officio

### Ordaining Council:

Rev. Teddy Burch	2018
Rev. Billy Sumner	2019
Rev. Larry Johnson	2020
Rev. David Landers	2021
Rev. Josh Crozier	2022 *

### Mission Board:

Bro. Michael Chafin	2018
Bro. Tanner Stahl	2019
Bro. Edward Mathews	2020
Sis. Faye Ogletree	2021
Sis. Melonie Brown	2022 *

### Camp Board:

Bro. Tanner Stahl	2018 *
Bro. David Landers	2019
Bro. James Corbitt	2020
Bro. Corey Hayes	2021
Bro. Alvin Thrift, Jr.	2022

### Finance Committee:

Sis. Joyce Johnson	2018
Sis. Faye Ogletree	2018
Sis. Millie Knight	2018

### Nominating Committee

*Moderator appoints in July.*

\* Denotes board / committee chairperson

### Georgia State Association Boards:

#### Mission:

Bro. Tanner Stahl	2021
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#### Trustee:

Bro. Josh Crozier	2021
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#### Camp:

Rev. Edward Mathews	2019
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#### C.E.:

Bro. David Landers	2019
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# **2017 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

**Cool Springs**  
211 Cool Springs Ch. Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 769-3525

**Corinth**  
3216 Chula-Brookfield Rd.  
(M) P.O. Box 117  
Brookfield, GA 31727  
(229) 382-0060

**Forest Hill**  
Hwy. 37  
Adel, GA 31620  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Friendship**  
Hwy 158  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Hahira 1<sup>st</sup>**  
402 Francis St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Homerville**  
North Church St. (US 441)  
(M) P.O. Box 354  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5336

**Open Door Fellowship**  
4525 Inner Perimeter Rd.  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
(229) 412-4663  
info@odffwb.org

**Ozias**  
2477 U.S. Hwy. 441 N.  
(M) P.O. Box 965  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3286

## **Pastor:**

(\*) Rev. Marlon Daniels  
3033 Cool Springs Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 873-4648  
mdaniels@colquitt.k12.ga.us

Rev. Marshall Kennedy  
P.O. Box 2634  
Moultrie, GA 31776  
(229) 454-9250

Rev. Carl Morrison  
P.O. Box 1  
Enigma, GA 31749  
(229) 533-5225

(\*) Rev. Alvin Baldwin  
2002 Prescott St.  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(912) 281-6072  
baldwine3073@att.net

(\*) Rev. Larry Hagen  
361 Strawder Rd.  
Ray City, GA 31645  
(229) 686-9653

Rev. Josh Crozier  
104 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-3292  
josh@aplacetogetinvolved.com

(\*) Rev. Jeremy Burho  
Lakeland, GA  
(615) 775-4345

Rev. Larry Johnson  
1254 Hwy. 64 East  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3650

## **Clerk:**

Sis. Lajuana Chafin  
358 C.M. Chafin Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 769-3249  
ljchafin@yahoo.com

Sis. Patsy Blanchard  
4781 Fire Tower Rd.  
Enigma, GA 31749  
(229) 326-6050  
clipperpatsy@hotmail.com

Bro. Billy Crowley  
4255 S. Coffee Rd.  
Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 494-9085

Sis. Sherrie Baldwin  
2002 Prescott St.  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(912) 281-6072  
baldine3073@att.net

Sis. Elizabeth Arden  
511 E. Stanfill St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(229) 794-2441

Sis. Judy Tolle  
1807 Jesse Booth Rd.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5495  
tollejw@hotmail.com

Sis. Melonie Brown  
84 Lightsey St.  
Dupont, GA 31630  
(912) 470-9618

Sis. Bonnie Corbitt  
353 George Cowart Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-6040  
littleredridinghood71@gmail.com

(\*) Licensed Minister or credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

# **2017 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

**Sunnyside**  
17 Crossroads Ch. Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Zion Hill**  
3064 Zion Hill Rd.  
Millwood, GA 31552  
(912) 283-1225  
www.zionhillchurch.com

## **Pastor:**

Rev. Teddy Burch  
7168 Old Douglas Hwy.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7909

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

## **Clerk:**

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

Sis. Jeanie Monk  
1356 Truman St.  
Waycross, GA 31501  
(912) 283-0532  
njm9340@bellsouth.net

(\*) Licensed Minister or credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.  
(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

## **Other Ordained Ministers:**

Rev. Aaron Clanton  
14571 Hwy 129  
Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 686-9925

Bro. David Landers  
907 Pearson Hwy.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(870) 495-8335  
(Homerville, Youth Pastor)

Bro. Tanner Stahl  
62 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(615) 975-4466  
(Homerville, Music Minister)

Rev. Edward Mathews  
P.O. Box 968  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7792  
(Zion Hill, Children's Pastor)

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

## **Other Licensed Ministers:**

(\*) Bro. Chris Walker  
1960 Vann Rd.  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(912) 816-8079  
(Zion Hill, Youth Pastor)

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

## 2016 Statistical Report

Number of Churches in Association .....	10
Number of Churches Reporting.....	10
Number of City Churches .....	4
Number of Rural Churches .....	6
Number of Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	6
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors .....	4
Number of Churches with Parsonages.....	5
Combined Value of all Church Property .....	\$ 4.9 million
Number of Churches with Budgets .....	4
Total Combined Income of all Churches .....	\$ 1.2 million
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	12
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	4
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	30
Total Combined Membership of all Churches .....	641
Total Number of Baptisms .....	15
Total Members Added .....	15
Total Members Lost .....	30
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment .....	400
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:

2017  
Homerville – 1/14  
Corinth – 7/29

2018  
Ozias – 1/20  
Sunnyside – 7/28

2019  
Friendship – 1/19  
Forest Hill – 7/27

2020  
Camp LR – 1/18  
Hahira – 7/25

2021  
Open Door – 1/16  
Cool Springs – 7/24

2022  
Zion Hill – 1/15  
Homerville – 7/30

### 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>.

# **2016 Obituary Report**

## **Mrs. Margaret Foster Pope**

November 20, 1932 – August 4, 2016

*Member of the Cool Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA*

## **Rosa Lee Luke**

November 6, 2016

*Member of the Corinth FWB Church in Brookfield, GA*

## **Rev. Auther E. Knight**

November 11, 1925 – July 5, 2016

*Member of the First FWB Church in Hahira, GA*

## **Sis. Judy Colwell**

February 1, 1940 – November 22, 2016

*Member of the First FWB Church in Hahira, GA*

## **Katherine (Kate) Griner Wallace**

September 29, 1928 – June 11, 2016

*Member of the Homerville FWB Church in Homerville, GA*

## **Tommy Wyndell Bennett**

April 1, 1959 – July 11, 2016

*Member of the Homerville FWB Church in Homerville, GA*

## **Bill Stamper**

June 14, 1931 – January 2, 2016

*Member of the Open Door Fellowship Church in Valdosta, GA*

## **Mary Lou Lott Hodge**

October 27, 1937 – December 2, 2016

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Mrs. Jean D. Kirkland**

March 25, 1932 – November 25, 2016

*Member of the Sunnyside FWB Church in Kirkland, GA*

## **Sis. Rebecca Ann Simmons Mercer**

November 26, 2016

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

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

**Annual Session:** Saturday, January 14, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Homerville FWB Church  
North Church St. (Hwy 441-N)  
Homerville, Georgia 31634

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

- ❖ **Call to Order by the Moderator**
- ❖ **Camp & Mission Board Offering**
- ❖ **Credentials Report**
- ❖ **Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report**
- ❖ **Reports of Boards & Committees**
  - **Executive Committee:**
  - **Ordaining Council:**
  - **LRA Camp Board:**
    - *Financial Report*
  - **LRA Mission Board:**
  - **Nominating Committee:**
    - *2017 Officer, Board, Committee Member nominations*
  - **Finance Committee Report**
- ❖ **GAFWB State Board Reports**
  - **GA State Camp Board:**
  - **GA State Mission Board:**
  - **GA State CE Board:**
  - **GA State Trustee Board:**

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ **Old Business**
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- ❖ **New Business**
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- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **Resolutions**
- ❖ **Motion to Adjourn**

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ **Congregational Singing & Prayer**
- ❖ **Special Music**
- ❖ **Morning Message:**
- ❖ **Closing Prayer**

## **Next Session:**

***Bi-Annual Session:***

***Corinth FWB Church, Brookfield, GA, Saturday, July 29, 2017, 9:30 am***

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Annual Session***

Convening at: Homerville FWB Church, Homerville  
Date: January 14, 2017, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- The congregation sang "*Standing on the Promises*". Pastor Josh Crozier welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer.
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$105.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 10 churches reported with 5 pastors, 3 other minister, 7 deacons, and 9 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 24.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Ordaining Council:**

- Bro. Baldwin, pastor of the Friendship Church has not yet returned the doctrinal questionnaire sent to him by the Council.
- Bro. Jeremy Buhro, the new pastor of Open Door Fellowship, will be transferring his credentials from an Arkansas association.

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$6,069.20; Total Receipts: \$2,587.00; Balance On Hand: \$8,656.20.*

A motion was made to receive all LRA reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Bro. David Landers reported that GA Teen Camp will be held on May 28 thru June 2 at Camp Echeconnee in Lizella; and, that Little River Junior Camp will be held on June 4 thru June 9<sup>th</sup> at Camp Little River.

#### **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Sis. Melonie Brown reported that the Burke family's ministry in Castle Rock, Colorado has come to an end and they will be relocating to Gainesville, GA to serve under the Home Mission Board on a church revitalization project at the Liberty Church.

### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- Bro. David Landers reported on the upcoming state retreats and the Georgia Youth Competition, which will be held on May 6.

A motion was made to receive all GAFWB reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried. (The Association recessed briefly.)

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bro. Keith Lloyd read a list of nominations from the Nominating Committee. Hearing no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to elect by acclamation.
- Bro. Tanner Stahl, on behalf of the Mission Board, requested that \$1000 be given to Rachel Pittman, from the Homerville Church, who has been chosen to travel with the E-Team to Japan. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to give this give from the Mission Board account.
- A motion was made to give the Camp Board the authority to make needed repairs and improvements to Camp Little River as those needs arise and as funding allows. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made to allow the Young Women's Association (affiliated with the Latter Day Saints) to rent Camp Little River, and that the Camp Board be given authority to make such discretionary decisions in the future. The motion was seconded and carried.
- After much discussion regarding LRA churches and pastors who are not represented at Association meetings, a motion was made to schedule a meeting with pastors to discuss the necessity of their representation in order to be in good standing with the Association. The clerk will send a letter to each pastor and church clerk in regards to this matter and the meeting. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to give the Clerk authority to appoint delegates at the 2017 GAFWB as needed.
- After announcements and a rising vote of thanks to the Homerville Church for hosting the LRA, the Clerk read the Annual Obituary Report. After a moment of silence in honor of the deceased, Bro. Larry Hagen prayed.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to adjourn from business.

### **MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- The congregation sang, "Are You Washed in the Blood?", and a trio from the Homerville Church sang, "I Wanna Know How It Feels".
- Bro. Jeremy Buhro, pastor of the Open Door Fellowship Church, preached from Esther 4:13-17 on the subject, "For Such a Time As This".
- With no other business, the Association was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 30, 2016 thru January 14, 2017

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,164.21
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.67		
NAFWB Representation Fees	300.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,872.88
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
Postage for Annual Reports		14.90	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,727.98
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 948.30
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.67		
OFFERING (from individuals)	53.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,409.97
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,409.97
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,469.59
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.66		
OFFERING (from individuals)	53.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,931.25
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 1,931.25
<b>Total Balance on Hand (1/14/17):</b>			<b>\$ 6,069.20</b>

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 14, 2016 – January 14, 2017

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 14,470.37</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Solid Rock	24,000.00		
SREMC Refund	49.18		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB: (Jul - Oct)</b>			
Homerville	20.92		
Open Door Fellowship	600.00		
Ozias	1,200.00		
Sunnyside	641.12		
Zion Hill	1,033.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(27,544.22)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 42,014.59</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
July		1,297.54	
August		518.12	
September		351.68	
October		260.57	
November		321.87	
December		158.03	
<b>CELFF (Loan Payments):</b>			
July		374.51	
August		374.51	
September		374.51	
October		374.51	
November		374.51	
December		374.51	
Lump Sum Payment		17,250.00	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (July thru December)</b>		1,000.00	
<b>TAYLOR POOLS (July thru December)</b>		400.00	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)</b>		1,556.50	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters)</b>		178.00	
<b>TRANSWASTE SERVICES</b>		226.28	
<b>Bank Charge</b>		.70	
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(25,766.35)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand (1/14/17):</b>			<b>\$ 16,248.24</b>

**Loan Balance Information:**

As of 12/10/16: **Paid in full – Refund due!**

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Homerville FWB Church  
**Date:** January 14, 2017

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>NAFWB Rep Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 80.00		\$150.00
Corinth	68.00		150.00
Forest Hill	48.00		Paid.Prev
Friendship	40.00		150.00
Hahira First	20.00		150.00
Homerville	212.00		150.00
Open Door Fellowship	40.00		150.00
Ozias	216.00		Paid.Prev
Sunnyside	120.00		150.00
Zion Hill	438.00		150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,282.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,200.00</b>

### Camp & Mission Board Offering

*Received from individuals* **\$ 105.00**

### TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:

Association Fees Total:	<b>\$ 1,282.00</b>
Association Missions Total:	<b>0.00</b>
Camp & Mission Board Offering Total:	<b>105.00</b>
<u>NAFWB Rep Fees Total:</u>	<u><b>1,200.00</b></u>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 2,587.00</b>
<u>Balance Brought Forward:</u>	<u><b>6,069.20</b></u>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 8,656.20</b>

**Finance Committee:** Judy Tolle, Julia Faye Ogletree

# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Homerville FWB Church, Homerville  
**Date:** January 14, 2017

Church Name	Reporting (Yes/No)	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons Present	Delegates Present	Total Voting Delegation
Cool Springs	Yes					
Corinth	Yes		1			1
Forest Hill	Yes					
Friendship	Yes					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	7
Open Door Fellowship	Yes	Yes		2	3	6
Ozias	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Sunnyside	Yes					
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes		1		2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>24</b>

*Credentials Committee Chairperson:* Keith Lloyd

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

**Annual Session:** Saturday, July 30, 2016, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Zion Hill FWB Church  
3064 Zion Hill Rd.  
Millwood, Georgia 31552

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

- ❖ **Call to Order by the Moderator**
- ❖ **Camp & Mission Board Offering**
- ❖ **Credentials Report**
- ❖ **Reading of Previous Minutes & Treasurer's Report**
- ❖ **Reports of Boards & Committees**
  - **Executive Committee:**
  - **Ordaining Council:**
  - **LRA Camp Board:**
    - *Junior Camp Report*
    - *Financial Report*
  - **LRA Mission Board:**
    - *Rachel Pittman Mission Trip Testimony*
  - **Nominating Committee:**
    - *Moderator Appoints for Annual Meeting*
  - **Finance Committee Report**
- ❖ **GAFWB State Board Reports**
  - **GA State Camp Board:**
  - **GA State Mission Board:**
  - **GA State CE Board:**
  - **GA State Trustee Board:**

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ **Old Business**
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- ❖ **New Business**
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- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **Resolutions**
- ❖ **Motion to Adjourn**

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ **Congregational Singing & Prayer**
- ❖ **Special Music**
- ❖ **Morning Message:**
- ❖ **Closing Prayer**

## **Next Session:**

**Annual Session:**

*Homerville FWB Church, Homerville, GA, Saturday, January 14, 2017, 9:30 am*

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Annual Session***

Convening at: Zion Hill FWB Church, Millwood

Date: July 30, 2016, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- The congregation sang "*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*". Pastor Keith Lloyd welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer.
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$106.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 10 churches reported with 5 pastors, 1 other minister, 5 deacons, and 8 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 19.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Ordaining Council:**

- The Council received a request from the Friendship Church to recognize the Church of God credentials of Pastor Alvin Baldwin as a Minister of the Gospel. Bro. Baldwin has not yet returned the doctrinal questionnaire sent to him by the Council.

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report.
- Bro. David Landers gave info regarding the LRA Junior Camp. The number of campers was just under 40, but a great and spiritual time was had by all.

#### **LRA Mission Board:**

- Bro. Josh Crozier gave a brief report on Rachel Pittman's mission trip and thanked the LRA for their financial support.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward:* \$4,582.10; *Total Receipts:* \$1,632.00; *Balance On Hand:* \$6,214.10.

#### **LRA Nominating Committee:**

- Bro. Josh Crozier appointed Keith Lloyd, Teddy Burch, and Larry Hagen to serve on the Nominating Committee at the 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Session.

A motion was made to receive all LRA reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Bro. David Landers gave information regarding GAFWB Teen Camp 2016. The number of campers was down... approximately 130... but school calendar conflicts account for some of that.

### **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Bro. Tim Tart reported that the Board is looking to begin a new church plant soon.

### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- Bro. David Landers reported on the upcoming state retreats and the National Youth Competition participants.

A motion was made to receive all GAFWB reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried. (The Association recessed briefly.)

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

- Bro. Billy Sumner reported that the Solid Rock Church in Tifton had closed due to his poor health and declining numbers. As his strength is regained, Bro. Billy offered fill the pulpit of associational churches as needed.
- Bro. Keith Lloyd, on behalf of the Association, thanked Bro. Billy Sumner for his many faithful years of service to the LRA. Bro. Keith also informed the Association that the Solid Rock Church had made a \$24,000 donation to Camp Little River, asking that the money be used to satisfy debt and to build a new classroom/class building. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to honor their request. A round of applause was given to Bro. Billy and the membership of the Solid Rock Church for their generous gift.
- A motion was made to add Camp Little River back into the Associational meeting rotation. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made and seconded to approve expenditures of \$3000 for a convection oven and \$1000 for pool equipment at Camp Little River, with the Camp Board given discretion to add an additional \$500 if necessary. After discussion, the motion was amended to also authorize the Camp Caretaker (Keith Lloyd) to spend up to \$1000 every 6 months for other necessary repairs and general maintenance needs. After some discussion, the amended motion carried.

After announcements and a rising vote of thanks to the Zion Hill Church for hosting the LRA, a motion was made to adjourn from the business session. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- The congregation sang, "I Am Thine, Lord" and "Deeper, Deeper". Sis. Christy Hurst sang a special entitled, "Come Morning".
- Bro. Josh Crozier, pastor of the Homerville Church, preached from Proverbs 27:91-0 on the subject: "How To Be a Good, Godly Neighbor as a Church".
- With no other business, the Association was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 16, 2016 thru July 14, 2016

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,216.43
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 442.67		
NAFWB Representation Fees	1,650.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 4,309.10
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
GAFWB Representation Fees		75.00	
NAFWB Representation Fees		1,650.00	
Postage		54.89	
Annual Office Expense Allocation		150.00	
Incorporation Fees		85.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,164.21
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,152.13
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 442.67		
OFFERING (from individuals)	153.50		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,748.30
Outlay:			
Rachel Pittman Mission Trip		800.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 948.30
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,373.43
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 442.66		
OFFERING (from individuals)	153.50		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,969.59
Outlay:			
Transfer to Camp Little River		1,500.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 1,469.59
<b>Total Balance on Hand (7/14/16):</b>			<b>\$ 4,582.10</b>

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 1, 2016 – July 14, 2016

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 10,999.50</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Dining Hall Rental (1/7)	50.00		
Transfer from LRA	1,500.00		
GAFWB Jr. Camp Grant	1,200.00		
LRA Jr. Camp Registrations	3,497.00		
Roddenberry Reunion (5/28)	250.00		
Ogeechee Association (6/13-6/17)	1,807.00		
Trinity Church (6/27-7/1)	1,800.00		
Gardenview Baptist (7/4-7/8)	1,712.50		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB: (Jul - Aug)</b>			
Homerville	339.88		
Open Door Fellowship	625.00		
Ozias	1,200.00		
Sunnyside	865.69		
Zion Hill	1,277.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(16,124.07)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 27,123.57</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
January		168.76	
February		176.44	
March		177.25	
April		194.07	
May		154.96	
June		300.40	
<b>CELf (Loan Payments):</b>			
January		374.51	
February		374.51	
March		374.51	
April		374.51	
May		374.51	
June		374.51	
<b>LRA JUNIOR CAMP EXPENSES</b>		4,667.24	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (January thru June)</b>		1,310.00	
<b>TAYLOR POOLS (pool chemicals – July 2015 thru June 2016)</b>		522.89	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE (1<sup>st</sup> Half)</b>		1,556.50	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (4<sup>th</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters, Termite)</b>		389.00	
<b>AMERIGAS</b>		236.02	
<b>TRANSWASTE SERVICES</b>		167.61	
<b>PITTMAN PUMP SERVICE</b>		385.00	
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(12,653.20)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 14,470.37</b>
<b><u>Loan Balance Information:</u></b>			
As of 6/13/2016:	\$ 18,837.11		

# Breakdown of Jr. Camp Finances

Reporting Period: Thru July 14, 2016

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Beginning Balance:			\$ 586.02
Income:			
Jr. Camp Receipts			
GAFWB Jr. Camp Grant	\$ 1,200.00		
Registration Fees	3,497.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 5,283.02
Outlay:			
Jr. Camp Costs:			
Camp Director Honorarium		\$ 500.00	
Camp Cook Honorarium (3x \$200)		600.00	
Camp Evangelist Honorarium		500.00	
Camp Music Minister		200.00	
All Food and Supplies		2,867.24	
(Total Disbursements to Date)		(4,667.24)	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 615.78

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Zion Hill FWB Church  
**Date:** July 30, 2016

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>NAFWB Rep Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 80.00		
Corinth	62.00		
Forest Hill	48.00		\$ 150.00
Friendship	30.00		
Hahira First	24.00		
Homerville	202.00		
Open Door Fellowship	38.00		
Ozias	188.00		150.00
Solid Rock (disbanded)			
Sunnyside	116.00		
Zion Hill	438.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,226.00</b>		<b>\$ 300.00</b>

**Camp & Mission Board Offering**  
*Received from individuals* \$ 106.00

### **TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:**

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,226.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Camp &amp; Mission Board Offering Total:</b>	<b>106.00</b>
<b>NAFWB Rep Fees Total:</b>	<b>300.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 1,632.00</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>4,582.10</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 6,214.10</b>

**Finance Committee: Judy Tolle, Melonie Brown**

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 30, 2016 thru January 14, 2017

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,164.21
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.67		
NAFWB Representation Fees	300.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,872.88
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,742.88
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<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 948.30
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.67		
OFFERING (from individuals)	53.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,409.97
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,409.97
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<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,469.59
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 408.66		
OFFERING (from individuals)	53.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,931.25
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 1,931.25
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Total Balance on Hand (1/14/17):			\$ 6,084.10

# Little River Association

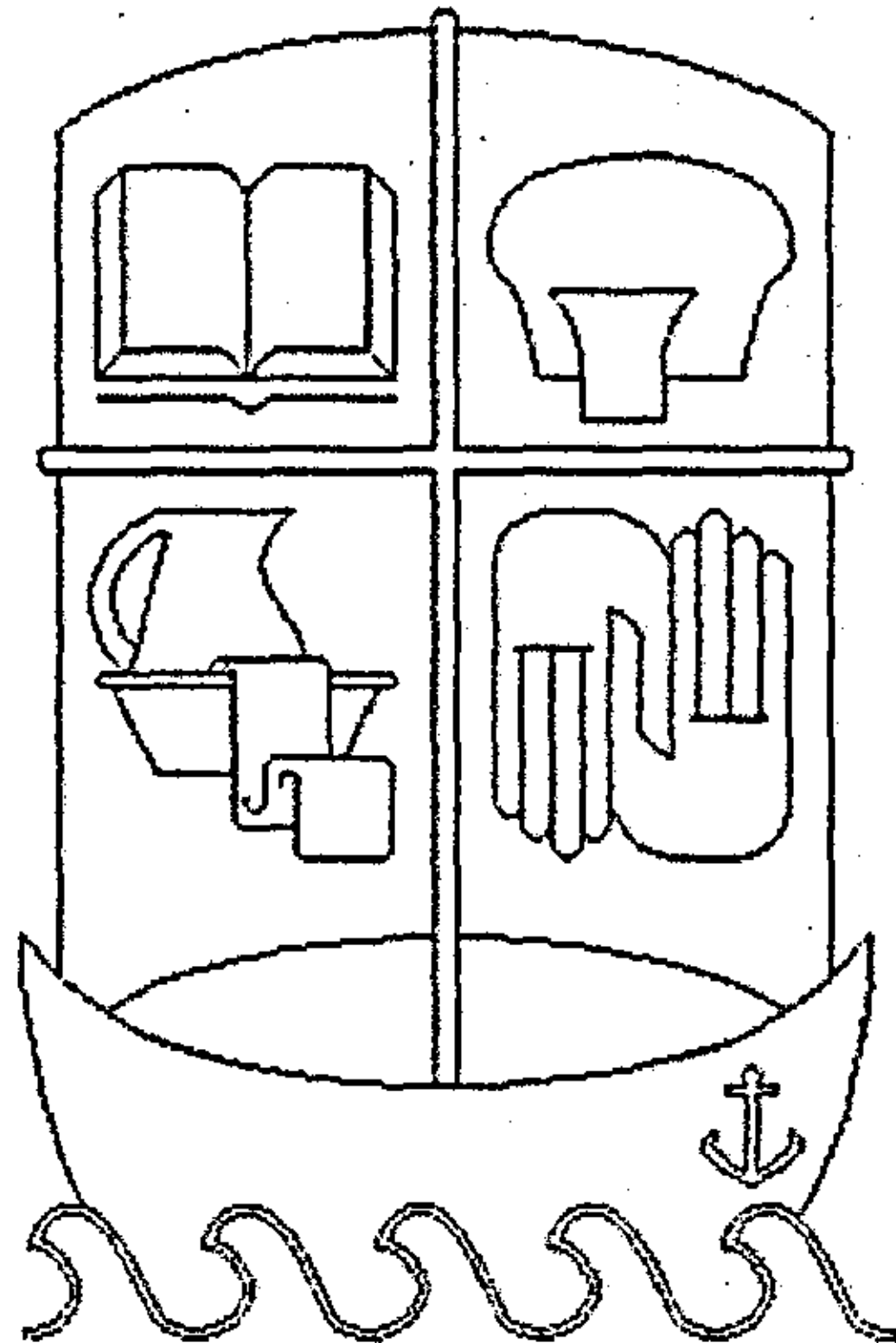
## Credentials Committee Report

Meeting at: Zion Hill FWB Church, Millwood  
Date: July 30, 2016

Church Name	Reporting (Yes/No)	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons Present	Delegates Present	Total Voting Delegation
Cool Springs	Yes					
Corinth	Yes					
Forest Hill	Yes					
Friendship	Yes					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Homerville	Yes	Yes	1	1	1	4
Open Door Fellowship	Yes			2	3	5
Ozias	Yes					
Solid Rock		Yes				1
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes			2	3
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>

Credentials Committee Chairperson: Keith Lloyd

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



## Minutes of the 108<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

*When convened at the*  
**Cool Springs Free Will Baptist Church**  
*Norman Park, Georgia*  
**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

*In affiliation with the*  
**Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**  
*And the*  
**National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

**This publication includes the following documents:**  
**2015 Minutes, Statistical Report, & Obituary Report;**  
**2016 Officers, Board & Committee Members;**  
**2016 Directory of Churches, Pastors & Clerks.**

# 2016 LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

## Officers, Committee & Board Members

### LRA Association Officers (elected annually)

<i>Moderator:</i>	Rev. Josh Crozier
<i>Asst. Moderator:</i>	Rev. Teddy Burch
<i>Clerk/Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd
<i>Asst. Clerk:</i>	Rev. Tanner Stahl
<i>Camp Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd

### Term Expires:

#### Executive Committee:

Rev. Josh Crozier	Ex-officio *
Rev. Teddy Burch	Ex-officio
Rev. Keith Lloyd	Ex-officio
Rev. Tanner Stahl	Ex-officio
Sis. Melonie Brown	Ex-officio

#### Mission Board:

Sis. Melonie Brown	2017 *
Sis. Michael Chafin	2018
Bro. Tanner Stahl	2019
Bro. Edward Mathews	2020
Sis. Faye Ogletree	2021

#### Finance Committee:

Sis. Joyce Johnson	2017
Sis. Faye Ogletree	2017
Sis. Judy Tolle	2017

### Term Expires:

#### Ordaining Council:

Rev. Josh Crozier	2017 *
Rev. Teddy Burch	2018
Rev. Billy Sumner	2019
Rev. Larry Johnson	2020
Rev. Jeff Isaacs	2021

#### Camp Board:

Bro. Alvin Thrift, Jr.	2017
Bro. Tanner Stahl	2018 *
Bro. David Landers	2019
Bro. James Corbitt	2020
Bro. Corey Hayes	2021

#### Nominating Committee

*Moderator appoints in July.*

\* Denotes board / committee chairperson

### Georgia State Association Boards:

#### Mission:

Bro. Tim Tart	2017
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#### Trustee:

Bro. Timmy Barber	2017
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#### Camp:

Rev. Edward Mathews	2019
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#### C.E.:

Bro. David Landers	2019
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# **2016 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

**Cool Springs**  
211 Cool Springs Ch. Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 769-3525

**Corinth**  
3216 Chula-Brookfield Rd.  
(M) P.O. Box 117  
Brookfield, GA 31727  
(229) 382-0060

**Forest Hill**  
Hwy. 37  
Adel, GA 31620  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Friendship**  
Hwy 158  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Hahira 1<sup>st</sup>**  
402 Francis St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Homerville**  
North Church St. (US 441)  
(M) P.O. Box 354  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5336

**Open Door Fellowship**  
4525 Inner Perimeter Rd.  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
(229) 412-4663  
info@odffwb.org

**Ozias**  
2477 U.S. Hwy. 441 N.  
(M) P.O. Box 965  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3286

**Solid Rock**  
1790 Hwy. 82 East  
(M) P.O. Box 203  
Brookfield, GA 31727

## **Pastor:**

(\*) Rev. Marlon Daniels  
3033 Cool Springs Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 873-4648  
mdaniels@colquitt.k12.ga.us

Rev. Marshall Kennedy  
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Moultrie, GA 31776  
(229) 454-9250

Rev. Carl Morrison  
P.O. Box 1  
Enigma, GA 31749  
(229) 533-5225

(\*) Rev. Alvin Baldwin  
2002 Prescott St.  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(912) 281-6072  
baldwine3073@att.net

(\*) Rev. Larry Hagen  
361 Strawder Rd.  
Ray City, GA 31645  
(229) 686-9653

Rev. Josh Crozier  
104 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-3292  
josh@aplacetogetinvolved.com

(\*) Rev. Jeff Isaacs  
609 Sheavette Rd.  
Lake Park, GA 31636  
(229) 460-9031  
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Rev. Larry Johnson  
1254 Hwy. 64 East  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3650

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

## **Clerk:**

Sis. Lajuana Chafin  
358 C.M. Chafin Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
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ljchafin@yahoo.com

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Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 494-9085

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Waycross, GA 31503  
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baldine3073@att.net

Sis. Elizabeth Arden  
511 E. Stanfill St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(229) 794-2441

Sis. Judy Tolle  
1807 Jesse Booth Rd.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5495  
tollejew@hotmail.com

Sis. Melonie Brown  
P.O. Box 119  
Dupont, GA 31630  
(912) 470-9618

Sis. Bonnie Corbitt  
353 George Cowart Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-6040  
littleredridinghood71@gmail.com

Sis. Jean Weaver  
409 Lower Brookfield Rd.  
Tifton, GA 31794  
(229) 386-5777  
jejoweaver@mchsi.com

(\*) Licensed Minister or credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.  
(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

# **2016 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

**Sunnyside**  
17 Crossroads Ch. Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Zion Hill**  
3064 Zion Hill Rd.  
Millwood, GA 31552  
(912) 283-1225  
www.zionhillchurch.com

## **Pastor:**

Rev. Teddy Burch  
7168 Old Douglas Hwy.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7909

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

## **Clerk:**

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

Sis. Jeanie Monk  
1356 Truman St.  
Waycross, GA 31501  
(912) 283-0532  
njm9340@bellsouth.net

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(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

## **Other Ordained Ministers:**

Rev. Aaron Clanton  
14571 Hwy 129  
Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 686-9925

Bro. David Landers  
907 Pearson Hwy.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(870) 495-8335  
(Homerville, Youth Pastor)

Bro. Tanner Stahl  
62 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(615) 975-4466  
(Homerville, Music Minister)

Rev. Edward Mathews  
P.O. Box 968  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7792  
(Zion Hill, Youth Pastor)

(\*) Rev. Arthur Knight  
5141 Granada Dr.  
Lake Park, GA 31636  
(229) 559-3997  
(Hahira 1<sup>st</sup>)

## **Other Licensed Ministers:**

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

## 2015 Statistical Report

Number of Churches in Association .....	11
Number of Churches Reporting.....	11
Number of City Churches .....	4
Number of Rural Churches .....	7
Number of Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	7
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors .....	4
Number of Churches with Parsonages.....	5
Combined Value of all Church Property .....	\$ 4.9 million
Number of Churches with Budgets .....	4
Total Combined Income of all Churches .....	\$ 1,081,698.00
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	14
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	5
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	33
Total Combined Membership of all Churches .....	659
Total Number of Baptisms .....	14
Total Members Added .....	28
Total Members Lost .....	16
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment .....	379
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>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cool Springs – 1/16	Homerville – 1/14	Ozias – 1/20
Zion Hill – 7/30	Corinth – 7/29	Sunnyside – 7/28
<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Friendship – 1/19	Camp Ozias – 1/18	Open Door – 1/9
Forest Hill – 7/27	Hahira – 7/25	Cool Springs – 7/24

### 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>.

# **2015 Obituary Report**

## **Jr. Woods**

September 2015

*Member of the Corinth FWB Church in Brookfield, GA*

## **Bro. Julian Boykin**

July 17, 1928 – December 9, 2015

*Member of the First FWB Church in Hahira, GA*

## **Ms. Pauline Brown Buckholts**

September 6, 1944 – November 2, 2015

*Member of the Homerville FWB Church in Homerville, GA*

## **Mary Lou Hodge**

October 27, 1937 – December 2, 2015

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Loretta Anderson**

April 2, 1978 – December 28, 2015

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Sis. Lois Arnold Walker**

September 6, 1927 – January 1, 2015

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

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

**Annual Session:** Saturday, January 16, 2016, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Cool Springs FWB Church  
211 Cool Springs Church Rd.  
Norman Park, Georgia 31771

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

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

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ Old Business
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- ❖ New Business
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- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message:
- ❖ Closing Prayer

## **Next Session:**

***Bi-Annual Session:***

*Zion Hill FWB Church, Millwood, GA, Saturday, July 30, 2016, 9:30 am*

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Annual Session***

**Convening at:** Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park  
**Date:** January 26, 2016, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- The congregation sang "*I'm Going That Way*". Pastor Marlon Daniels welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer.
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$307.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 11 churches reported with 9 pastors, 2 other ministers, 8 deacons, and 18 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 37.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Ordaining Council:**

- The Council received a request from the Friendship Church to recognize the Church of God credentials of Pastor Alvin Baldwin as a Minister of the Gospel. Bro. Baldwin has not yet returned the doctrinal questionnaire sent to him by the Council.

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report.
- Bro. Tanner Stahl gave info regarding the LRA Junior Camp: it will be held on Sunday through Friday, June 5 -10; David Landers will again serve as director; early bird discount before May 23 is \$85/camper, and afterwards the cost is \$100/camper; a clean-up day will be held on May 21; and camp junior counselor volunteers must submit an application.

#### **LRA Mission Board:**

- Sis. Melonie Brown reported that Sis. Debbie Griffin had offered to help the LRA organize an associational Mission Rally.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$5,741.99; Total Receipts: \$3,285.00; Balance On Hand: \$9,026.99.*

A motion was made to receive all LRA reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

#### **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Bro. Tanner Stahl gave information regarding GAFWB Teen Camp 2016: it will be held on May 29 – June 3; background checks for all camp workers are mandatory.

### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- The Couples Retreat has been canceled due to construction on the facility that had been reserved. The GWAC will hold a retreat on April 8-9 at the Baptist Assembly in Norman Park. The Minister's Retreat will be held on April 18-20. GAFWB Youth Competition will be held on May 7 at the Homerville FWB Church.

### **GAFWB Trustee Board:**

- Reports were given on the status of the sale of state-owned properties, and the occupation of a state-owned property in Athens that is being occupied without permission or compensation by a non-FWB group.

A motion was made to receive all GAFWB reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

(The Association recessed briefly.)

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made by the Ordaining Council to receive the credentials of Rev. Marshall Kennedy as a Minister of the Gospel in good standing from the Union Association. He pastors the Corinth Church in Brookfield.
- Clerk Keith Lloyd read Nominating Committee recommendations for LRA officers and board/committee members. Hearing no other nominations, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to elect by acclamation.
- A motion was made, seconded, and carried to give Moderator Josh Crozier and Clerk Keith Lloyd the authority to appoint LRA delegates as needed to the GAFWB Annual Session on March 16-18, 2016.
- The LRA Mission Board recommended an \$800 gift to Sis. Rachel Pittman, a teenager from the Homerville Church, for her mission trip to Panama. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve the gift.
- After announcements, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Open Door Fellowship Church for being such gracious hosts of the Association.
- Clerk Keith Lloyd read the annual Obituary Report. After a moment of silence, a prayer of thanks was offered in memory of those gone on.

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

### **MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- Led by Bro. Michael Chafin, the congregation sang, "I Want to Know More", "Jesus Hold My Hand", and "We Have Come Into His House".
- Bro. Marlon Daniels, pastor of the Cool Springs Church, shared an informative presentation and slide show from his recent trip to Israel.
- With no other business, the Association was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 25, 2015 thru January 16, 2016

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,007.09
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 388.34		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,395.43
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
Postage		49.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,216.43
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 698.80
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 388.33		
OFFERING (from individuals)	65.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,152.13
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,152.13
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,920.10
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 388.33		
OFFERING (from individuals)	65.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,373.43
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 2,373.43
Total Balance on Hand (1/16/16):			\$ 5,741.99

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 9, 2015 – December 31, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 12,404.84</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Unity Ministries (7/20 – 7/24)	\$ 2000.00		
Dining Hall Rental (9/12)	100.00		
Satilla REMC Refund	50.66		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB: (Jul - Aug)</b>			
Homerville	65.36		
Open Door Fellowship	200.00		
Ozias	1,200.00		
Solid Rock	50.00		
Sunnyside	887.74		
Zion Hill	1,054.00		
Mr. & Mrs. W.M. Smith	2,000.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(7,607.76)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 20,012.60</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
July		1,316.18	
August		639.15	
September		196.66	
October		177.67	
November		163.81	
December		153.88	
<b>CELF (Loan Payments):</b>			
July		374.51	
August		374.51	
September		374.51	
October		374.51	
November		374.51	
December		374.51	
<b>JUNIOR CAMP EXPENSES (Director &amp; Cook Honorariums)</b>		600.00	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (June - December)</b>		1,475.00	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE (2<sup>nd</sup> Half)</b>		1,506.00	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (Ant Spray)</b>		125.00	
<b>TRANSWASTE SERVICES (July-December)</b>		412.69	
<b>Miscellaneous Maintenance Supplies</b>			
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(9,013.10)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 10,999.50</b>
<b><u>Loan Balance Information:</u></b>			
As of 12/11/2015:	\$ 20,441.38		

# **Little River Association**

## **Finance Committee Report**

**Meeting at:** Cool Springs FWB Church  
**Date:** January 16, 2016

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>NAFWB Rep Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 80.00		\$ 150.00
Corinth	52.00		150.00
Forest Hill	56.00		150.00
Friendship	50.00		150.00
Hahira First	112.00		150.00
Homerville	200.00		150.00
Open Door Fellowship	40.00		150.00
Ozias	178.00		150.00
Solid Rock	60.00		150.00
Sunnyside	118.00		150.00
Zion Hill	382.00		150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,328.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,650.00</b>

### **Camp & Mission Board Offering**

*Received from individuals* **\$ 307.00**

### **TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:**

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,328.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Camp &amp; Mission Board Offering Total:</b>	<b>307.00</b>
<b>NAFWB Rep Fees Total:</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,285.00</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>5,741.99</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 9,026.99</b>

**Finance Committee: Judy Tolle, Joyce Johnson**

# Little River Association

## Credentials Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park  
**Date:** January 16, 2016

Church Name	Reporting (Yes/No)	Pastor Present	Other Ministers	Deacons Present	Delegates Present	Total Voting Delegation
Cool Springs	Yes	Yes		3	4	8
Corinth	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Forest Hill	Yes					
Friendship	Yes					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2	2	1	6
Open Door Fellowship	Yes	Yes			3	4
Ozias	Yes	Yes			3	4
Solid Rock	Yes	Yes			2	3
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes			1	2
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>37</b>

*Credentials Committee Chairperson:* Keith Lloyd

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

**Bi-Annual Session:** Saturday, July 25, 2015, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Open Door Fellowship FWB Church, Valdosta, Georgia

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

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

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ **Old Business**
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- ❖ **New Business**
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- ❖ **Announcements**
- ❖ **Resolutions**
- ❖ **Motion to Adjourn**

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ **Congregational Singing & Prayer**
- ❖ **Special Music**
- ❖ **Morning Message:**
- ❖ **Closing Prayer**

## **Next Session:**

***Annual Session:***

***Cool Springs FWB Church, Norman Park, GA, Saturday, January 16, 2016, 9:30 am***

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Bi-Annual Session***

Convening at: Open Door Fellowship FWB Church, Valdosta  
Date: July 25, 2015, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- Pastor Jeff Issacs welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer. The congregation sang "*My Savior's Love*".
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$130.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 10 churches reported with 6 pastors, 3 other ministers, 6 deacons, and 10 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 25.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Ordaining Council:**

- The Council received a verbal confirmation from the Union Association of Rev. Marshall Kennedy's good standing as a Minister of the Gospel. They are still awaiting the official letter.

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report for both the Camp Board and the Little River Association Junior Camp.
- Camp Director David Landers gave a report on the success of the 2015 LRA Junior Camp.

#### **LRA Mission Board:**

- Sis. Melonie Brown reported that the Board had only received 4 responses from pastors regarding proposals/recommendations for a Mission Rally. The Board would still like to hold a Spring Mission Rally.

#### **Nominating Committee:**

- Moderator Josh Crozier appointed Keith Lloyd, Teddy Burch, and Tanner Stahl to serve as the 2016 Nominating Committee.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward:* \$4,625.99; *Total Receipts:* \$1,295.00; *Balance On Hand:* \$5,920.99.

A motion was made to receive all LRA reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Bro. Edward Mathews gave information regarding success of the 2015 Georgia Teen Camp.

### **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Bro. Tim Tart reported that a Missionary Baptist group is working towards purchased the Cartersville property. The Board is scheduled to meet in Milledgeville, a potential location for the next state mission work.

### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- Bro. David Landers gave information about the National Youth Competition and encouraged the involvement of other Little River Association churches in this ministry to youth.

A motion was made to receive all GAFWB reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

(The Association recessed briefly.)

### **OLD & NEW BUSINESS:**

- A motion was made to give \$300 honorariums to the LRA Camp Director and Camp Cook. The motion was made and seconded.
- Due to low attendance numbers, the LRA Camp Board will be meeting with other district associations to discuss Junior Camp mergers.
- A church group from Jacksonville, Florida has asked about the potential of doing a ministry service project for Camp Little River. The Camp Board agreed to waive rental fees should the group decide to proceed.
- The Ordaining Council denied a request from the Ozias Church to ordain Bro. Ryan Hutchinson due to his having been divorced and remarried.
- Bro. Tanner Stahl gave a report on the Homerville Church's mission trip to Japan and thanked the Association for its financial support and prayers.
- After announcements, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Open Door Fellowship Church for being such gracious hosts of the Association.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- Bro. Johnny Mack Brown led in prayer. The congregation sang "Ten Thousand Reasons", "This Is My Father's World", "Have Faith in God", "Farther Along", and "Sweet By and By". Bro. Ronnie Lieupo led in prayer.
- Bro. Jeff Isaacs, pastor of the Open Door Fellowship, brought the morning message from Genesis 1:1-18, 26-28, regarding the ministry of the church in America's contemporary culture: show them the Gospel (John 8:1-11)
- After an invitational hymn, the Association was dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 17, 2015 thru July 25, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,780.09
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 432.00		
NAFWB ANNUAL REP FEES	1,650.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 3,862.09
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
GAFWB ANNUAL REP FEES		75.00	
NAFWB ANNUAL REP FEES		1,650.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,007.09
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,993.80
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 432.00		
OFFERING (from individuals)	73.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,498.80
Outlay:			
Homerville: Japan Mission Team		\$ 1,000.00	
Chris & Tori Sargent: Spain		800.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 698.80
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 3,415.10
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 432.00		
OFFERING (from individuals)	73.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 3,920.10
Outlay:			
Camp Little River		\$ 2,000.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 1,920.10
Total Balance on Hand (7/25/15):			\$ 4,625.99

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 17, 2015 – July 9, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 8,898.57</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Gardenview Baptist (1/16-1/19)	\$ 917.33		
LRA Camp Board	2,000.00		
LRA Jr. Camp Registration Fees	2,590.00		
Ogeechee Association (6/15-6/19)	1,845.00		
Gardenview Baptist (6/22-6/25)	1,600.00		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB: (Jan-Jun)</b>			
Homerville	\$ 247.13		
Open Door Fellowship	600.00		
Ozias	1,200.00		
Solid Rock	200.00		
Sunnyside	1,080.82		
Zion Hill	1,029.00		
GAFWB Jr. Camp Grant	1,200.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(14,509.28)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 23,407.85</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
January		201.42	
February		378.35	
March		198.08	
April		159.58	
May		287.69	
June		306.31	
<b>CELF (Loan Payments):</b>			
January		374.51	
February		374.51	
March		374.51	
April		374.51	
May		374.51	
June		374.51	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (January - May)</b>		675.00	
<b>POOL CHEMICALS &amp; EQUIPMENT (January - June)</b>		174.59	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL INSURANCE (1<sup>st</sup> Half)</b>		1,506.00	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters, Termite Warranty)</b>		295.00	
<b>REPUBLIC SERVICES (Demolition Waste)</b>		593.23	
<b>TRANSWASTE SERVICES (Garbage Dumpster)</b>		46.09	
<b>JUNIOR CAMP EXPENSES</b>		3,035.65	
<b>AMERIGAS (Propane for Kitchen)</b>		181.84	
<b>LEVITON HEATING &amp; AIR (A/C servicing &amp; repairs)</b>		659.35	
<b>Miscellaneous Maintenance Supplies</b>		57.77	
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(11,003.01)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 12,404.84</b>
<b><u>Loan Balance Information:</u></b>			
As of 6/12/2015:	\$ 21,992.63		

# Breakdown of Jr. Camp Finances

Reporting Period: Thru July 25, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 431.67</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Jr. Camp Receipts			
<i>GAFWB Jr. Camp Grant</i>	\$ 1,200.00		
<i>Registration Fees</i>	2,590.00		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 4,221.67</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
Jr. Camp Costs:			
<i>Camp Director Honorarium</i>		\$ 0.00	
<i>Camp Evangelist Honorarium</i>		500.00	
<i>Camp Evangelist Travel Expenses</i>		366.20	
<i>Food / Paper Goods / Cleaning Supplies</i>		1,794.95	
<i>T-shirts</i>		374.50	
(Total Disbursements to Date)		(3,035.65)	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 1,186.02</b>

# **Little River Association**

## **Finance Committee Report**

**Meeting at:** Open Door Fellowship FWB Church  
**Date:** July 25, 2015

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>NAFWB Rep Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 80.00		
Corinth			
Forest Hill	56.00		
Friendship	40.00		
Hahira First	114.00		
Homerville	198.00		
Open Door Fellowship	44.00		
Ozias	103.00		
Solid Rock	60.00		
Sunnyside	116.00		
Zion Hill	354.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,165.00</b>		

### **Camp & Mission Board Offering**

*Received from individuals* **\$ 130.00**

### **TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:**

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,165.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Camp &amp; Mission Board Offering Total:</b>	<b>130.00</b>
<b>NAFWB Rep Fees Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 1,295.00</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>4,625.99</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 5,920.99</b>

**Finance Committee:** Claudia Lieupo, Julia Ogletree

## **Little River Association**

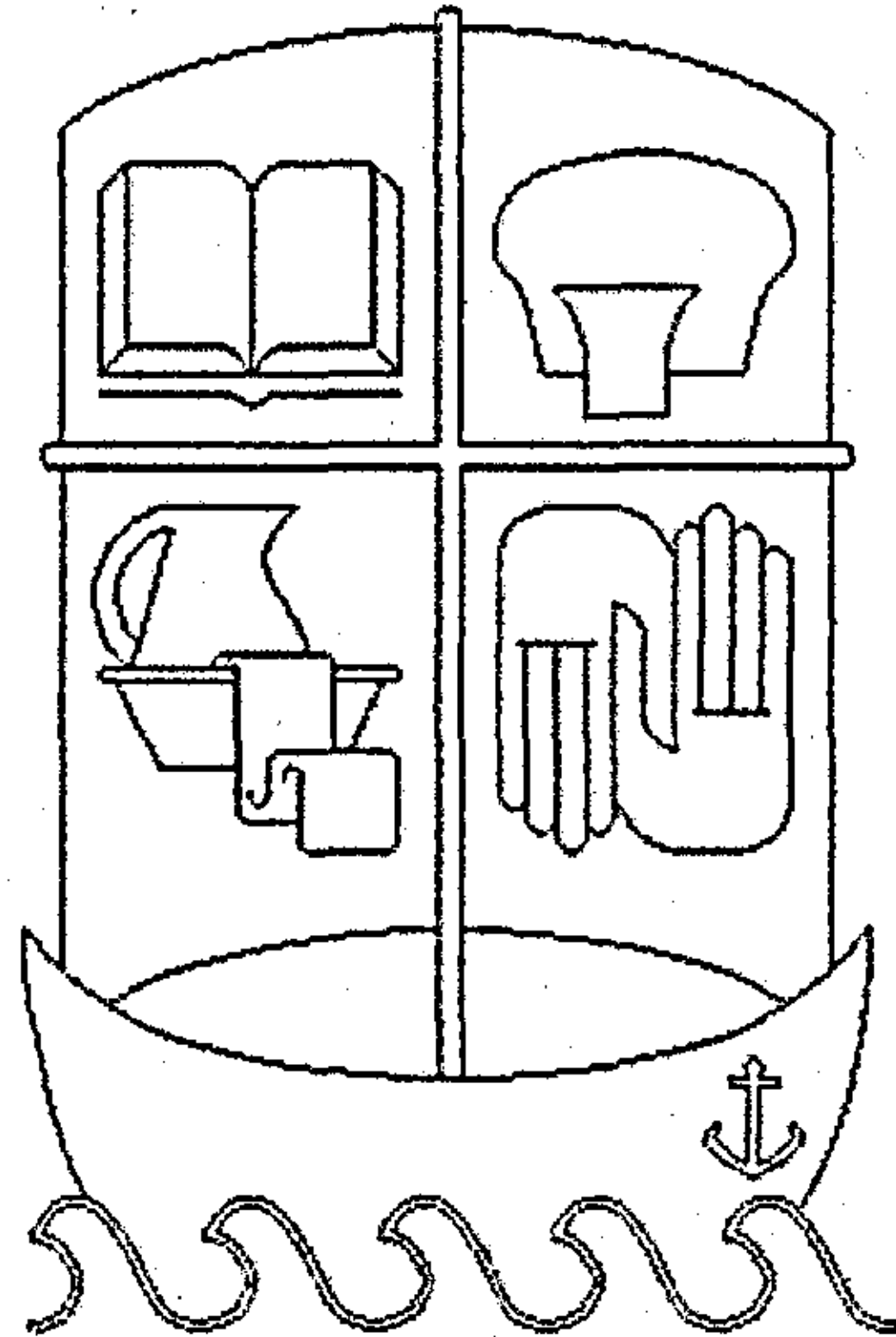
### **Credentials Committee Report**

**Meeting at:** Open Door Fellowship FWB Church, Valdosta  
**Date:** July 25, 2015

<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Reporting (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Pastor Present</b>	<b>Other Ministers</b>	<b>Deacons Present</b>	<b>Delegates Present</b>	<b>Total Voting Delegation</b>
Cool Springs	Yes			1	1	2
Corinth	NO					
Forest Hill	Yes					
Friendship	Yes					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2	1	2	6
Open Door Fellowship	Yes	Yes		2	2	5
Ozias	Yes					
Solid Rock	Yes	Yes			2	3
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes			1	2
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes	1	1		3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>25</b>

*Credentials Committee Chairperson:* Keith Lloyd

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



## Minutes of the 107<sup>th</sup> Annual Session

*When convened at the*  
**Hahira First Free Will Baptist Church**  
*Hahira, Georgia*  
**Saturday, January 17, 2015**

*In affiliation with the*  
**Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**  
*And the*  
**National Association of Free Will Baptists, Inc.**

This publication includes the following documents:  
**2014 Minutes, Statistical Report, & Obituary Report;**  
**2015 Officers, Board & Committee Members;**  
**2015 Directory of Churches, Pastors & Clerks.**

# 2015 LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION

## Officers, Committee & Board Members

### LRA Association Officers (elected annually)

<i>Moderator:</i>	Rev. Josh Crozier
<i>Asst. Moderator:</i>	Rev. Teddy Burch
<i>Clerk/Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd
<i>Asst. Clerk:</i>	Rev. Tanner Stahl
<i>Camp Treasurer:</i>	Rev. Keith Lloyd

### Term Expires:

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#### Executive Committee:

Rev. Josh Crozier	Ex-officio *
Rev. Teddy Burch	Ex-officio
Rev. Keith Lloyd	Ex-officio
Rev. Tanner Stahl	Ex-officio
Sis. Amy Fitzgerald	Ex-officio

#### Ordaining Council:

Rev. Aaron Clanton	2016
Rev. Josh Crozier	2017 *
Rev. Teddy Burch	2018
Rev. Billy Sumner	2019
Rev. Larry Johnson	2020

#### Mission Board:

Sis. Faye Ogletree	2016
Sis. Melonie Brown	2017
Sis. Amy Fitzgerald	2018 *
Bro. Tanner Stahl	2019
Bro. Edward Mathews	2020

#### Camp Board:

Bro. Corey Hayes	2016
Bro. Alvin Thrift, Jr.	2017
Bro. Tanner Stahl	2018 *
Bro. Joey Fitzgerald	2019
Bro. James Corbitt	2020

#### Finance Committee:

Sis. Joyce Johnson	2016
Sis. Faye Ogletree	2016
Sis. Judy Tolle	2016

#### Nominating Committee

*Moderator appoints in July.*

\* Denotes board / committee chairperson

### Georgia State Association Boards:

#### Mission:

Bro. Tim Tart	2017
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#### Trustee:

Bro. Timmy Barber	2017
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#### Camp:

Rev. Edward Mathews	2019
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#### C.E.:

Bro. David Landers	2019
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# **2015 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

## **Pastor:**

## **Clerk:**

### **Cool Springs**

211 Cool Springs Ch. Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
(229) 769-3525

(\*) Rev. Marlon Daniels  
3033 Cool Springs Rd.  
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(229) 873-4648  
mdaniels@colquitt.k12.ga.us

Sis. Lajuana Chafin  
358 C.M. Chafin Rd.  
Norman Park, GA 31771  
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ljchafin@yahoo.com

### **Corinth**

3216 Chula-Brookfield Rd.  
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Brookfield, GA 31727  
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Rev. Marshall Kennedy  
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Moultrie, GA 31788  
(229) 985-0585

Sis. Patsy Blanchard  
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Enigma, GA 31749  
(229) 533-4725  
clipperpatsy@hotmail.com

### **Forest Hill**

Hwy. 37  
Adel, GA 31620  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

Rev. Carl Morrison  
P.O. Box 1  
Enigma, GA 31749  
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Bro. Billy Crowley  
4255 S. Coffee Rd.  
Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 494-9085

### **Friendship**

Hwy 158  
Waycross, GA 31503  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

(\*) Rev. Alvin Baldwin  
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Sis. Sherrie Baldwin  
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Waycross, GA 31503  
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### **Hahira 1<sup>st</sup>**

402 Francis St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

(\*) Rev. Larry Hagen  
361 Strawder Rd.  
Ray City, GA 31645  
(229) 686-9653

Sis. Elizabeth Arden  
511 E. Stanfill St.  
Hahira, GA 31632  
(229) 794-2441

### **Homerville**

North Church St. (US 441)  
(M) P.O. Box 354  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5336

Rev. Josh Crozier  
104 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-3292  
josh@aplacetogetinvolved.com

Sis. Judy Tolle  
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Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 487-5495  
tollejew@hotmail.com

### **Open Door Fellowship**

4525 Inner Perimeter Rd.  
Valdosta, GA 31601  
(229) 412-4663  
info@odffwb.org

(\*) Rev. Jeff Isaacs  
609 Sheavette Rd.  
Lake Park, GA 31636  
(229) 460-9031

Sis. Amy Fitzgerald  
105 Holly Dr.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(912) 470-9559

### **Ozias**

2477 U.S. Hwy. 441 N.  
(M) P.O. Box 965  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3286

Rev. Larry Johnson  
1254 Hwy. 64 East  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-3650

Sis. Bonnie Corbitt  
353 George Cowart Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-6040  
littleredridinghood71@gmail.com

### **Solid Rock**

1790 Hwy. 82 East  
(M) P.O. Box 203  
Brookfield, GA 31727

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

Sis. Jean Weaver  
409 Lower Brookfield Rd.  
Tifton, GA 31794  
(229) 386-5777  
jeoweaver@mchsi.com

(\*) Licensed Minister or credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.

(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

# **2015 Church Directory**

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## **Church:**

**Sunnyside**  
17 Crossroads Ch. Rd.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(M) Clerk or Pastor

**Zion Hill**  
3064 Zion Hill Rd.  
Millwood, GA 31552  
(912) 283-1225  
www.zionhillchurch.com

## **Pastor:**

Rev. Teddy Burch  
7168 Old Douglas Hwy.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7909

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

## **Clerk:**

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

Sis. Jeanie Monk  
1356 Truman St.  
Waycross, GA 31501  
(912) 283-0532  
njm9340@bellsouth.net

(\*) Licensed Minister or credentials not yet recognized by the Little River Association.  
(M) Mailing Address, if different from Physical Address

## **Other Ordained Ministers:**

Rev. Aaron Clanton  
14571 Hwy 129  
Nashville, GA 31639  
(229) 686-9925

Rev. Edward Mathews  
P.O. Box 968  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 422-7792  
(Zion Hill, Youth Pastor)

Bro. David Landers  
907 Pearson Hwy.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(870) 495-8335  
(Homerville, Youth Pastor)

(\*) Rev. Arthur Knight  
5141 Granada Dr.  
Lake Park, GA 31636  
(229) 559-3997  
(Hahira 1<sup>st</sup>)

Bro. Tanner Stahl  
62 Hunter St.  
Homerville, GA 31634  
(615) 975-4466  
(Homerville, Music Minister)

## **Other Licensed Ministers:**

Bro. Ryan Hutchinson  
2670 US Hwy 441 N.  
Pearson, GA 31642  
(912) 387-1128  
(Ozias, Youth Pastor)

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

## 2014 Statistical Report

Number of Churches in Association .....	11
Number of Churches Reporting.....	11
Number of City Churches .....	4
Number of Rural Churches .....	7
Number of Churches with Full-time Pastors.....	6
Number of Churches with Part-time Pastors .....	5
Number of Churches with Parsonages.....	5
Combined Value of all Church Property .....	\$ 4.6 million
Number of Churches with Budgets .....	5
Total Combined Income of all Churches .....	\$ 957,999.00
Number of Ordained Ministers .....	11
Number of Licensed Ministers .....	8
Number of Ordained Deacons .....	30
Total Combined Membership of all Churches .....	648
Total Number of Baptisms .....	14
Total Members Added .....	28
Total Members Lost .....	31
Number of Churches with Sunday Schools .....	10
Total Combined Sunday School Enrollment .....	303
Number of Churches with CTS .....	1
Total Combined CTS Enrollment .....	50
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>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Hahira – 1/17	Cool Springs – 1/16	Homerville – 1/14
Open Door – 7/25	Zion Hill – 7/30	Corinth – 7/29
<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>
Ozias – 1/20	Friendship – 1/19	Solid Rock – 1/18
Sunnyside – 7/28	Forest Hill – 7/27	Hahira – 7/25

#### 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>.

# **2014 Obituary Report**

## **Mr. J.A. Pope**

January 8, 1933 – March 8, 2014

*Member of the Cool Springs FWB Church in Norman Park, GA*

## **Rev. (Bill) William J. Barksdale**

May 28, 1932 – December 26, 2014

*Member of the Corinth FWB Church in Brookfield, GA*

## **Sis. Martha Plair**

May 17, 1940 – April 19, 2014

*Member of the First FWB Church in Hahira, GA*

## **Sis. Janie Andrews**

May 19, 2014

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Mack McClendon**

2014

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Joyce McClendon**

2014

*Member of the Ozias FWB Church in Pearson, GA*

## **Bro. David Boatright**

September 14, 1939 – April 10, 2014

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

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

**Annual Session:** Saturday, January 17, 2015, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Hahira 1st FWB Church, Hahira, Georgia

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

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

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ Old Business
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- ❖ New Business
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- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message:
- ❖ Closing Prayer

## **Next Session:**

***Mid-Year Business Session:***

*Open Door Fellowship FWB Church, Valdosta, GA, Saturday, July 25, 2015, 9:30 am*

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Annual Session***

**Convening at:** Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church, Hahira  
**Date:** January 17, 2015, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- The congregation sang "*Praise Him, Praise*". Pastor Larry Hagen welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer.
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$146.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 11 churches reported with 9 pastors, 2 other ministers, 6 deacons, and 18 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 35.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to receive the report.
- Camp Director David Landers gave information concerning plans for a pre-camp clean-up day and for the 2015 LRA Junior Camp.

#### **LRA Mission Board:**

- Sis. Amy Fitzgerald presented a pastor's survey form regarding future mission rallies. The board would appreciate their input concerning preferences of when, where, and how to organize rallies.

#### **GAFWB Camp Board:**

- Bro. David Landers gave information regarding the date and location of the 2015 Georgia Teen Camp.

#### **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Bro. Keith Lloyd reported that separate congregations, outside our denomination, are either renting or leasing the Cartersville, Bainbridge, and Dublin properties with an interest and intent to eventually purchase.

#### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- Bro. David Landers gave information about the State and National Youth Competitions and on upcoming State Retreats.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward: \$7,188.99; Total Receipts: \$3,092.00; Balance On Hand: \$10,280.99.*

(The Association recessed briefly.)

**LRA Ordaining Council:**

- A motion was made to receive the credentials of Rev. Marshall Kennedy, the pastor of the Corinth Church, as a Minister of the Gospel, pending a letter of good standing from the Union Association. The motion was seconded and carried.

**Nominating Committee:**

- Clerk Keith Lloyd read the Nominating Committee recommendations. With no other nominations from the floor, a motion was made, seconded, and carried to approve these nominations by acclamation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- The demolition of the old restroom facility at Camp Little River will be done in conjunction with the clean-up day on May 23, 2015.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- At the recommendation of the LRA Mission Board, a motion was made to donate \$1,000 to the Homerville mission team who will be visiting Japan over the summer, and to donate \$800 to Chris & Tori Sargent, who will soon begin an international mission work in Spain, with funds from the Mission Board account. The motion was seconded and carried.
- A motion was made to give the Moderator and Clerk the authority to appoint delegates to the GAFWB Annual Session on March 19-20, 2015, at the Albany 1<sup>st</sup> FVB Church.
- Clerk Keith Lloyd read the names that will be listed in the Annual Obituary Report. After a moment of silence, Bro. Larry Johnson led in a prayer of thanksgiving for the lasting spiritual legacy of the deceased.
- After announcements, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> Church for being such gracious hosts of the Association.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

**MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus", "Precious Lord Take My Hand", and "Amazing Grace".
- Bro. Chris Sargent, international missionary to Spain, brought the morning message from Romans 10:1-2, 13-15, interweaving it with his passion to reach the people of Spain with the Gospel.
- Bro. Larry Hagen dismissed the Association with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 19, 2014 thru January 17, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,516.78
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 426.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 1,942.78
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
Postage		32.69	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,780.09
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,968.30
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 426.00		
OFFERING (from individuals)	99.50		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 3,493.80
Outlay:			
The Spring's Church Relocation Fund		\$ 1,500.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,993.80
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,139.60
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 426.00		
OFFERING (from individuals)	99.50		
For tables & chairs	750.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 3,415.10
Outlay:		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 3,415.10
<b>Total Balance on Hand (1/17/15):</b>			<b>\$ 7,188.99</b>

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: July 19, 2014 – January 17, 2015

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 8,989.24</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Unity Church Church Rental	\$ 2,000.00		
Ogeechee Association Rental	1,875.00		
Camp Registration Fee ( <i>from Ozias</i> )	100.00		
Satilla REMC Refund	50.50		
Sunnyside ( <i>for loan principal</i> )	10,000.00		
Arlene Bennett ( <i>Dining Hall rental</i> )	75.00		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB:</b>			
Homerville	\$ 297.93		
Open Door Fellowship	600.00		
Ozias	1,600.00		
Solid Rock	100.00		
Sunnyside	1,148.97		
Zion Hill	991.00		
Mr./Mrs. W.M. Smith	500.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(19,338.40)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 28,327.64</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
July		1,350.13	
August		1,055.73	
September		220.80	
October		193.62	
November		171.92	
December		178.15	
<b>CELFF (Loan Payments):</b>			
July		374.51	
August		374.51	
September		374.51	
October		374.51	
November		374.51	
December		374.51	
Principal Payment ( <i>from Sunnyside's gifts</i> )		10,000.00	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (July - December)</b>		1,100.00	
<b>POOL CHEMICALS &amp; EQUIPMENT (July - December)</b>		514.51	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL (3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters)</b>		797.00	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (3<sup>rd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Quarters)</b>		170.00	
<b>TRANSWASTE (Garbage Dumpster / Service)</b>		191.74	
<b>Pump Repair (Pittman Pump Service)</b>		195.54	
<b>A/C Repairs (Sutton's Heating &amp; Air)</b>		145.00	
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(19,429.07)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 8,898.57</b>
<b><u>Loan Balance Information:</u></b>			
As of 12/19/2014:	\$ 23,692.81		

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church  
**Date:** January 17, 2015

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>NAFWB Rep Fees:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 80.00		\$ 150.00
Corinth	36.00		150.00
Forest Hill	64.00		150.00
Friendship	60.00		150.00
Hahira First	114.00		150.00
Homerville	198.00		150.00
Open Door Fellowship	40.00		150.00
Ozias	180.00		150.00
Solid Rock	58.00		150.00
Sunnyside	114.00		150.00
Zion Hill	352.00		150.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,296.00</b>		<b>\$ 1,650.00</b>

### Camp & Mission Board Offering

*Received from individuals* **\$ 146.00**

### TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:

<b>Association Fees Total:</b>	<b>\$ 1,296.00</b>
<b>Association Missions Total:</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Camp &amp; Mission Board Offering Total:</b>	<b>146.00</b>
<b>NAFWB Rep Fees Total:</b>	<b>1,650.00</b>
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$ 3,092.00</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>7,188.99</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 10,280.99</b>

**Finance Committee:** Judy Tolle, Julia Ogletree

## **Little River Association**

### **Credentials Committee Report**

**Meeting at:** Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church, Hahira  
**Date:** January 17, 2015

<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Reporting (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Pastor Present</b>	<b>Other Ministers</b>	<b>Deacons Present</b>	<b>Delegates Present</b>	<b>Total Voting Delegation</b>
Cool Springs	Yes	Yes		1		2
Corinth	Yes	Yes		1	2	4
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes				1
Friendship	Yes					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	3	5
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2	2	2	7
Open Door Fellowship	Yes				5	5
Ozias	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Solid Rock	Yes	Yes			3	4
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes			1	2
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes			1	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>35</b>

*Credentials Committee Chairperson:* Keith Lloyd

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

**Mid-Year Session:** Saturday, July 19, 2014, 9:30 am

**Host Church:** Solid Rock FWB Church, Tifton, Georgia

## **Service Schedule:**

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

**9:40 – 9:45 am:** Welcome: *Pastor Billy Sumner*

**9:45 – 10:30 am:** Business Session Begins

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

**10:30 – 10:45 am** Recess

**10:45 – 11:15 am** Business Session Resumes

- ❖ Old Business
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- ❖ New Business
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- ❖ Announcements
- ❖ Resolutions
- ❖ Motion to Adjourn

**11:15 – 12:00** Worship Service

- ❖ Congregational Singing & Prayer
- ❖ Special Music
- ❖ Morning Message:
- ❖ Closing Prayer

## **Next Session:**

***Annual Session:***

*Hahira 1<sup>st</sup> FWB Church, Hahira, GA, Saturday, January 17, 2015, 9:30 am*

# **Little River Association of Free Will Baptists**

## ***Minutes of the Bi-Annual Session***

Convening at: Solid Rock FWB Church, Tifton

Date: July 19, 2014, 9:30 am

### **PRELIMINARIES:**

- The congregation sang "*Jesus Hold My Hand*". Pastor Billy Sumner welcomed the Association and led in an opening prayer.
- Moderator Josh Crozier called the Session to order, and as the first item of business received the special offering for the LRA Mission Board and Camp Board which totaled \$199.00.
- The clerk gave the Credentials Report as follows: 10 churches reported with 7 pastors, 3 other ministers, 9 deacons, and 15 delegates present. All elected delegates were seated by a vote from the standing delegates. The total voting delegation was 34.
- The minutes of the last meeting were read, and Clerk Keith Lloyd gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive each report as given.

### **REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES:**

#### **LRA Ordaining Council:**

- Tanner Stahl, David Landers, and Sean Mercer have all been Ordained as Ministers of the Gospel, serving in the Homerville FWB Church, and were extended the right hand of fellowship from the Little River Association.
- Marlon Daniels has been Licensed as a Minister of the Gospel by the Cool Springs FWB Church and his Ordination is pending completion of his examination and meeting with the Council.
- Ryan Hutchinson has been Licensed as a Minister of the Gospel by the Ozias FWB Church and the church has requested his examination by the Council to be Ordained.

#### **LRA Camp Board:**

- Camp Board Treasurer Keith Lloyd submitted a financial report, reported on Junior Camp, and gave info on camp rentals to outside groups.

#### **LRA Mission Board:**

- Sis. Melonie Brown and Bro. Tanner Stahl are planning to meet to discuss the potential of restarting an Annual Spring Mission Rally.

#### **LRA Finance Committee:**

- A partial report from the Finance Committee was given. The complete report is as follows: *Balance Brought Forward:* \$6,624.68; *Total Receipts:* \$2,227.00; *Balance On Hand:* \$8,851.68.

#### **Nominating Committee Appointments:**

- The Moderator appointed Keith Lloyd, Teddy Burch, and Larry Johnson to serve as the 2015 Nominating Committee.

### **GAFWB Mission Board:**

- Bro. Tim Tart reported that the Cartersville property has been leased to a Missionary Baptist group for 5 years with an option to purchase.

### **GAFWB Christian Education Board:**

- Bro. David Landers reported that there are 2 competitors from the Homerville Church participating in the National Youth Competition. Bro. Josh Crozier encouraged others to engage in this facet of FWB ministry.

### **GAFWB Trustee Board:**

- Bro. Keith Lloyd reported that the Dublin property has been sold.

A motion was made to receive all Board and Committee reports as information. The motion was seconded and carried.

The Association recessed briefly for light refreshments.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- The director of the Alabama Children's Home, Bro. Danny Williams, gave a report on the exciting progress of that ministry and thanked the Association for its support.
- A motion was made to give \$1,500 from the Mission Board Account to The Spring's Church Relocation Project, the church plant in Marana, AZ led by Josh Bennett and Jeff Goodman. The motion was seconded and carried.
- Bro. Tanner Stahl reported that Bro. David Landers has been appointed to serve as the 2015 LRA Junior Camp Director.
- After announcements, a rising vote of thanks was given to the Solid Rock Church for being such gracious hosts of the Association.

A motion was made to adjourn. The motion was seconded and carried.

### **MORNING WORSHIP SESSION:**

- Bro. Billy Sumner introduced the morning speaker, Rev. Ron Wallace, former missionary to Alaska and interim pastor of the Open Door Fellowship FWB Church. Bro. Ron brought the morning message from Colossians 1:21-23, entitled "If Ye Continue". He emphasized the FWB doctrinal positions on Free Will, Free Grace, and Free Salvation.
- Bro. Keith Lloyd led in special prayer for Rev. Billy Sumner regarding an upcoming surgery, and then dismissed the session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Keith Lloyd, Clerk

# Little River Association Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 18, 2014 thru July 19, 2014

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b><u>General Fund:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,679.83
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 425.34		
National Association Dues	1,650.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 3,755.17
Outlay:			
MODERATOR HONORARIUM		\$ 30.00	
CLERK HONORARIUM		100.00	
Postage		29.40	
Georgia Association Dues		75.00	
National Association Dues		1,650.00	
Annual Office Expense Allocation		150.00	
Incorporation Fees		140.00	
Minutes printing		63.99	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 1,516.78
<b><u>LRA Mission Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 2,429.97
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 425.33		
OFFERING (from individuals)	113.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,968.30
Outlay:			
		0.00	
Balance on Hand:			\$ 2,968.30
<b><u>LRA Camp Board:</u></b>			
Beginning Balance:			\$ 1,601.27
Income:			
LRA BI-ANNUAL DUES	\$ 425.33		
OFFERING (from individuals)	113.00		
Balance after Receipts:			\$ 2,139.60
Outlay:			
		\$ 0.00	
Balance on Hand			\$ 2,139.60
<b>Total Balance on Hand (7/19/14):</b>			<b>\$ 6,624.68</b>

# Camp Board Treasurer's Report

Reporting Period: January 18, 2014 – July 19, 2014

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 7,943.44</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
<b>Gifts thru LRA:</b>			
Jr. Camp Registrations	4,095.00		
Victory Chapel Baptist Rental	1,400.00		
Destination Church Rental	1,492.50		
Gardenview Baptist Rental	2,050.00		
For tables/chairs...			
<i>Cool Springs</i>	250.00		
<i>Forest Hill</i>	250.00		
<i>Hahira</i>	250.00		
<i>Ozias</i>	500.00		
<b>Gifts thru GAFWB:</b>			
Jr. Camp Grant	\$1,200.00		
Homerville	\$ 463.26		
Open Door Fellowship	600.00		
Ozias	800.00		
Solid Rock	250.00		
Sunnyside	1,175.39		
Zion Hill	1,107.00		
Mr./Mrs. W.M. Smith	1,000.00		
<b>(Receipts Total)</b>	<b>(16,883.15)</b>		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 24,826.59</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
<b>SREMC (Electric Utilities):</b>			
January		183.31	
February		180.37	
March		174.43	
April		178.19	
May		180.50	
June		337.04	
<b>CELFF (Loan Payments):</b>			
January		374.51	
February		374.51	
March		374.51	
April		374.51	
May		374.51	
June		374.51	
<b>JR. CAMP EXPENSES</b>		5,482.71	
<b>LAWN, POOL, CARETAKER VISITS (January - June)</b>		1,250.00	
<b>POOL CHEMICALS (January - June)</b>		292.81	
<b>CHURCH MUTUAL (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters)</b>		1,594.00	
<b>ALLGOOD PEST CONTROL (1<sup>st</sup> &amp; 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarters, Termite Warranty)</b>		295.00	
<b>Garbage Dumpster / Service</b>		86.29	
<b>Miscellaneous Expenses / Repairs (Plumbing/Electrical)</b>		629.67	
<b>Vacuum Cleaners (2 new)</b>		308.15	
<b>Bathroom Floor Paint</b>		177.52	
<b>Lifetime Tables / Chairs (8 tables/64 chairs)</b>		2,052.00	
<b>A/C Repairs (Leviton Heating &amp; Air)</b>		132.80	
<b>Deposit Slips</b>		55.50	
<b>(Disbursements Total)</b>		<b>(15,837.35)</b>	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 8,989.24</b>
<b><u>Loan Balance Information:</u></b>			
As of 6/10/2014:	\$ 34,632.01		

# Breakdown of Jr. Camp Finances

Reporting Period: Thru July 19, 2014

	<u>Receipts</u>	<u>Disbursements</u>	<u>Balances</u>
<b>Beginning Balance:</b>			<b>\$ 519.38</b>
<b>Income:</b>			
Jr. Camp Receipts			
GAFWB Jr. Camp Grant	\$ 1,200.00		
Registration Fees	4,095.00		
<b>Balance after Receipts:</b>			<b>\$ 5,814.38</b>
<b>Outlay:</b>			
Jr. Camp Costs:			
Camp Director Honorarium		\$ 0.00	
Camp Evangelist Honorarium		0.00	
Camp Cook Honorarium		0.00	
Food / Paper Goods / Cleaning Supplies		2,164.29	
Decorations, Prizes, Crafts, Registration Supplies		125.54	
T-shirts / Banner		389.48	
Inflatable Slides (X-Treme Party Rentals))		800.00	
Summer Waves & Charter Bus		2,003.40	
(Total Disbursements to Date)		(5,482.71)	
<b>Balance on Hand:</b>			<b>\$ 331.67</b>

# Little River Association

## Finance Committee Report

**Meeting at:** Solid Rock FWB Church  
**Date:** July 19, 2014

<b>Church Name:</b>	<b>Association Fees:</b>	<b>Association Missions:</b>	<b>Other Gifts:</b>
Cool Springs	\$ 76.00		
Corinth	56.00		
Forest Hill	82.00		
Friendship			
Hahira First	120.00		
Homerville	198.00		\$ 250.00 (camp tables/chairs)
Open Door Fellowship	40.00		250.00 (camp tables/chairs)
Ozias	174.00		
Solid Rock	80.00		
Sunnyside	116.00		250.00 (camp tables/chairs)
Zion Hill	336.00		
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 1,278.00</b>		<b>\$ 750.00</b>

### Camp & Mission Board Offering

*Received from individuals* \$ 199.00

### TOTAL RECEIPTS FROM THIS SESSION:

Association Fees Total:	\$ 1,278.00
Association Missions Total:	0.00
Camp & Mission Board Offering Total:	199.00
Other Gifts Total:	750.00
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>2,227.00</b>
<b>Balance Brought Forward:</b>	<b>6,624.68</b>
<b>Balance On Hand to Date:</b>	<b>\$ 8,851.68</b>

**Finance Committee:** Judy Tolle, Julia Ogletree

## **Little River Association**

### **Credentials Committee Report**

**Meeting at:** Solid Rock FWB Church, Tifton  
**Date:** July 19, 2014

<b>Church Name</b>	<b>Reporting (Yes/No)</b>	<b>Pastor Present</b>	<b>Other Ministers</b>	<b>Deacons Present</b>	<b>Delegates Present</b>	<b>Total Voting Delegation</b>
Cool Springs	Yes					
Corinth	Yes			1		1
Forest Hill	Yes	Yes			1	2
Friendship	NO					
Hahira 1 <sup>st</sup>	Yes	Yes		1	1	3
Homerville	Yes	Yes	2	3	1	7
Open Door Fellowship	Yes			1	5	6
Ozias	Yes	Yes	1	2	2	6
Solid Rock	Yes	Yes			4	5
Sunnyside	Yes	Yes			1	2
Zion Hill	Yes	Yes		1		2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>

*Credentials Committee Chairperson:* Keith Lloyd

## **FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT**

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in 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 the 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 agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and special worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance 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 approved 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.