MINUTES

of the
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL SESSION
of the

MARTIN FREEWILL BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Which Convened With

NEW SALEM CHURCH, Colquitt, Georgia

on October 21st, 1966

and

ENTERPRISE YOUTH CAMP

on October 22nd, 1966

OFFICERS

Bro.	Louie Grimes, Moderator	•	• .	•	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro.	Edward Kimbrel, Clerk .,	•	•		Colquitt, Ga.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Bro. Louie Grimes, Chairman	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. Edward Kimbrel	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. W. S. Driggers	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. J. J. Scott	Brinson, Ga.
Bro. Edgar Smith	Colquitt, Ga.

The next session to convene with Mt. Gilead Church on October 20th, 1967 and with Enterprise Youth Camp on Saturday, October 21st, 1967.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE				
Bro. Edd Roberts (1 year)				
ORDAINING COMMITTEE				
Rev. J. J. Scott (1 year), Chairman Brinson, Ga. Rev. Kenneth Faison (2 years) Colquitt, Ga. Rev. W. S. Driggers (3 years)				
STANDING BOARDS				
MISSION BOARD Rev. W. S. Driggers (1 year), Chairman				
PROMOTIONAL BOARD Bro. Herbert Boyd (3 years), Chairman				
SUPERANNUATION BOARD Bro. Edgar Smith (2 years), Chairman Colquitt, Ga. Bro. Leroy Johnson (1 year) Donal sonville, Ga. Sister Alma J. Grimes (3 years), Sect. & Treas Colquitt, Ga.				
YOUTH CAMP BOARD Bro. J. W. Nix (1 year)				
Bro. Herbert Boyd Brinson, Ga. Bro. Emmett Houston Colquitt, Ga. Bro. C. A. Powell				

STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY AND TREASURER

Bro. W. R. Barber, Sect. & Treas.

Rev. Mance Cason.

. Colquitt, Ga.

Moultrie, Ga.

PROCEEDINGS

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FRIDAY MORNING SESSION

The 80th Annual Session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association convened with New Salem Church, Colquitt, Georgia, at 10:00 o'clock on Friday morning, October 21st, 1966.

'The session was opened with a song service led by Bro. W. S. Driggers. Bro. Leo Curtis offered prayer. Bro. Richard McNease gave the devotional using scripture from Ephesians 6: 4-10; "Why Me?"

Mrs. Annie Lou Wells gave the welcome address and Bro. John Bailey gave the response.

The Credential Committee appointed by the Moderator were: Bro. Clint Ard, Bro. Robert Boyd and Bro. J. W. Nix.

At 10:30, the Moderator gave his remarks using scripture from John 13: 34-35.

Roll call of ministers was made and seven were present.

The Moderator extended the right hand of christian fellowship to all visitors from other associations.

The Credential Committee made a partial report. Motion made and carried to receive this report and seat the delegates.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Nominating Committee: Sis. C. A. Lane, Bro. Jesse Regan, Sis. Doris Grant.

Program Committee: Sis. Collie Mae Nix, Sis. L. D. Scott, Sis. S. E. Newberry.

Disbursement Committee: Bro. J. T. Hilburn, Bro. J. L. Wilson, Bro. Jimmy Taylor.

Special singing by Mothers Home Church. Song by Mrs. Ray Hornsby.

Rev. Larry Powell preached the 11:00 o'clock message taking scripture from 2nd Kings, Chapter 7.

A mission offering of \$162.67 was taken for Rev. Larry Powell. Bro. Herbert Boyd dismissed the session for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Friday afternoon session was opened at 1:30 P.M. with a song service led by Bro. W. S. Driggers. Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Faison. Special music from Mothers Home Church. Song by Mrs. Ray Hornsby. Sister Annie Lou Wells gave the afternoon devotional.

Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotional Secretary, gave a report from the National Association and the Promotional Office. He reported that six churches from the Association supported the Promotional Program.

Grand Honor Roll - Bellview Church.

Honor Roll - Corinth Church

Mothers Home Church

Mt. Glory Church.

Junior Honor Roll - New Home No. I Church Mt. Gilead Church.

Sister Doris Grant gave a report from the Ladies Auxiliary. Only two churches in the association have Auxiliaries.

Sister Jack Burke gave a report from the Mission Board. Moved and carried to accept this report.

Bro. Herbert Boyd gave the report from the Youth Camp, reporting that the Camp is in need of repairs amounting to about \$1,000. Deducting the 1966 payment on the Camp leaves a balance owed of \$2,500.00.

A rising vote of thanks was given New Salem Church for their hospitality for the day.

Rev. Willie Sellars led the closing prayer.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

SATURDAY MORNING SESSION

The Saturday morning session of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association met at Enterprise Youth Camp on October 22nd, 1966.

The session was opened with a song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Sister Eva Clenney offered prayer. Rev. Gordon Ellis gave the devotional taking the scripture from Matthew 21: 18-21.

Rev. W. S. Driggers gave the welcome address and Sister Ethel Newberry made the response.

Minutes of the Friday Session of the Association were read by the clerk and adopted as read. The clerk reported that the churches were coming up short on money to the Association.

Moved and seconded that the delegates return to their local churches and raise 25¢ per member more and send same to the clerk of the Association. Motion made and seconded to table this move until after lunch. Motion carried.

Report from the Resolutions Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report from the Temperance Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report from the Sunday School Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report from the Suggestions Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report from the Disbursement Committee. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report on the Youth Camp by the Camp Secretary. Motion moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

An offering of \$76.57 was received for the Youth Camp.

The 11:00 o'clock message was preached by Rev. Kenneth Faison, taking the scripture from Acts 1: 1 and Hebrew 4: 12.

The Association was dismissed for lunch by Rev. Ervin Williams.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON SESSION

The Saturday afternoon session opened with song service led by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Bro. Edgar Smith offered prayer. Rev. Bobby Register gave the devotional, with scripture from Romans 12: 1.

Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report from the Promotional Board.

Report of the Ordaining Council. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report of the Superannuation Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report and that each church take a special offering once a year for this cause.

Report of the Obituary Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report of the Credential Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Moved and carried that the tabled amendment be brought back before the Association and discussed. Motion moved, seconded and carried that each church send 50¢ per capita member instead of 25¢ per member.

Motion moved and carried that each church send the clerk 25¢ additional for the expense of this session.

The Moderator appointed delegates to the various associations as follows:

Union: Rev. & Mrs. Kenneth Faison.

Salem: Rev. & Mrs. L. D. Scott.

Midway: Sis. B. W. Clenney, Bro. & Sis. W. E. Lane.

South Georgia:

Little River:

State Association: Sis. B. D. Wells, Sis. Alma Houston, Sis. Gordon Ellis, Sis. Claudia Calhoun, Sis. Richard McNease.

Report of Program Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report.

Report of the Nominating Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept this report. The Moderator asked for nominations from the floor. Bro. Edward Kimbrel was nominated as Clerk and elected.

Motion made that after this, all officers be nominated from the floor. Motion not carried.

Moved and carried to adjourn. Rev. Bobby Whitaker led the closing pryaer.

Bro. Louie Grimes, Moderator Bro. Frank Newberry, Clerk

CHURCHES and DELEGATES to the ASSOCIATION

Bellview Church: Bro. Edward Kimbrel, Sis. Shirley Kimbrel, Sis. G. C. Duncan, Sis. Doris Grant, Sis. Kenneth Faison.

Colquitt Church: Bro. & Sis. Horace Lovering, Sis. Vonnie Calhoun, Sis. S. E. Newberry, Sis. Glenda Tulley.

Corinth Church: Sis. Robert Preston, Sis. Tom Lane, Sis. C. A. Lane, Sis. Jessie Cordell.

Hebrew Church:

Highway Church: Bro. & Sis. W. H. Bragdon, Sis. Jewel Barber, Sis. L. D. Scott.

Mothers Home Church: Bro. John Bailey, Sis. J. R. McNease, Bro. Collie Addison.

Mt. Gilead Church: Bro. & Sis. C. M. Smith, Bro. Robert Boyd. Mt. Glory Church: Bro. & Sis. Jimmie Taylor, Sis. Fannie C. Ellis, Sis. Gloria J. McDonald.

New Home No. 1: Bro. Clint Ard, Sis. Laverne Mock, Sis. Ruby Sheffield, Sis. Nelda Williams.

New Home No. 2: Bro. & Sis. Eddy Avery, Bro. Raymond Thorpe. New Salem Church: Sis. Annie Lou Wells, Bro. Bill Barber, Sis. Collie Mae Nix, Sis. Pauline Roland.

Pilgrim Home Church: Sis. E. P. McNeal, Sis. W. J. Hilburn, Bro. & Sis J. T. Hilburn.

Proctor Chapel Church: Bro. Josh Holley, Bro. Frank Cain, Bro. Walter Holten.

Springfield Church: Bro. Jessie Regan, Sis. Gatsy Sheffield, Sis. C. B. Reese.

Thompson Church: Bro. & Sis. G. R. Grimes, Sis. Linda Floyd, Bro. & Sis. Johnny Wilson.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Rev. W. S. Driggers	Colonitt Co
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Rev. C. A. Gilbert	
Rev. Drew Floyd	•
Rev. W. A. Sellers	
Rev. B. H. Parrish	
Rev. J. J. Scott	
Rev. L. D. Scott	·
Rev. James Roland	
Rev. Irvin Williams	
Rev. C. A. Williams.	
Rev. Grady Etheridge, Jr	- -
Rev. S. E. Newberry	
Rev. Gordon Ellis	
Rev. Kenneth Faison	
Rev. F. W. Sellers	
Rev. Bobby Register	
Rev. R. W. Holmes	
	Thomasville, Ga.
LICENSED MINISTERS	
Rev. George C. McDonald	Tallahassee, Fla.
COMPILED FINANCIAL REPO	RT
Amounts given for.	
Pastors \$1	16,453.94
Evangelistic work	1,555.00
Buildings and repairs	2,065.26
Literature	1,511.28
Miscellaneous	1,718.60
World wide ministry	10.00
Cooperative plan	754.36
Unified program	234.43
State missions	14.20
Youth Camp	731.70
Christian education	121.49
Children's Home	129.37
Superannuation	66.66
Home missions	239.98
Foreign missions	302.50
Bible College	30.00
Total spent for outside causes.	3,199.20
Total expenditures	. \$25,124.03
Value of parsonage property \$1	0,000.00
Amount enclosed for minutes, etc	•
Amount enclosed for infinites, etc.	•

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS OF CHURCHES

Obituaries	
CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE COMPILED REPORT	
Churches represented	14 54
Active church members	
Members received by baptism	
Members dismissed by letter32Members excluded10Members deceased15Total members dismissed57	
Members enrolled in Sunday School	14
Members enrolled in CTS	8
Prayer meetings	2 7 9 5
Total number Ladies Auxiliaries	2
Total number Masters Men	1

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT 1965-66

Members enrolled in Masters Men .

Assistant Clerk . . . Bro. S. E. Newberry

For Investigating Committee:

Bro. Edd Roberts (1 year), Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. John Bailey (2 years), Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Fred Kelley (3 years), Iron City, Ga.

For Ordaining Council:

Rev. J. J. Scott (1 year), Chairman, Brinson, Ga.

Rev. Kenneth Faison (2 years), Colquitt, Ga. (to fill unexpired term of Bro. B. H. Nix)

Rev. W. S. Driggers (3 years), Colquitt, Ga.

For Mission Board:

Rev. W. S. Driggers (1 year), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Emmett Houston (3 years), Donalsonville, Ga.

Sis. Jack Burke (3 years), Sect. & Treas., Iron City, Ga.

For Promotional Board:

Rev. Bobby Register (1 year), Colquitt, Ga. (to fill unexpired term of Rev. B. H. Nix)

Bro. Herbert Boyd

Sis. Vonnie Calhoun

For Superannuation Board:

Bro. Edgar Smith (2 years), Chairman, Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Leroy Johnson (1 year), Donalsonville, Ga.

Sis. Alma J. Grimes (3 years), Sect. & Treas., Colquitt, Ga.

Youth Camp Board:

Bro. J. W. Nix (1 year), Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. D. T. Pickren (2 years), Blakely, Ga.

Bro. Grover Duncan (3 years), Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. J. D. Barwick (4 years), Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Emory Richardson (5 years), Colquitt, Ga.

Youth Camp Board of Trustees:

Bro. Herbert Boyd, West Bainbridge, Ga.

Bro. Emmett Houston, Donalsonville, Ga.

Bro. C. A. Powell, Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Phillip Hines, Colquitt, Ga.

Bro. Jack Burke, Iron City, Ga.

Bro. W. R. Barber, Sect. & Treas. Youth Camp, Colquitt, Ga. We recommend to the State Mission Board, Rev. Kenneth Faison and to the Youth Camp Board, Bro. John Grant.

We also recommend that the Association convene with Mt. Gilead Church, Rt. 1, Brinson, Ga., on Friday, October 20th, 1967 and with Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp, Colquitt, Ga., on October 21st, 1967.

Mrs. C. A. Lane, Chairman, Mrs. Jesse Regan, Mrs. John A. Grant

1966 ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets:
Cash on hand
Received from Association
Received from Union Meeting . 10.00
Received from Minister's Conference . 10.00
Received from Sunday Schools . 10.00
Received from CTS Convention . 15.00
Received from District Auxiliary . 10.00
Total assets \$463.23
Disbursements:
Clerk
Moderator
Cups & plates 3.34
State & National Associations . 30.00
Local Superannuation Board 36.20
Local Promotional Board 10.85
Local Mission Board 10.85
State Unified Program 14.49
Association minutes
Total disbursements \$413.23
Balance in treasury \$50.00
REPORT OF PROMOTIONAL BOARD
Cash on hand
Money received:
Union Meeting, 11/2/65 \$8.25
Union Meeting, 2/4/66 8.25
Martin Association, 2/4/66 . 3.60
Union Meeting, 6/8/66 8.25
Union Meeting, 8/10/66 8.25
Total money received 36.60
Total receipts \$179.68
Disbursements
Balance in treasury \$179.68
Vonnie Calboun
Herbert Boyd

SUGGESTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Suggestion Committee, recommend that all standing boards elect their chairman each year.

Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

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Money received:
Union Meeting, November 13, 1965 . \$19.25
Association Funds, February 4, 1966. 31.27
Union Meetings (2x\$19.25)
Total received \$89.02
Disbursements:
Mr. Leron Clower (SS Board) \$22.32
Rev. A. B. Ard 13.34
Mrs. Tom Henry 13.34
Rev. Willie Sellers 13.34
Mrs. Dave Braswell 13.34
Mrs. B. W. Clenney
Total disbursements \$89.02
Balance in treasury
MISSION BOARD TREASURY REPORT
Balance in treasury, October 23, 1965 \$165.86
Money received:
Association funds, October 23, 1965 \$ 3.60
Union Meeting, October 30, 1965 . 8.25
Union Meeting, January 29, 1966 8.25
Union Meeting, January 29, 1966. 8.25 Union Meeting, May 28, 1966 8.25
Union Meeting, May 28, 1966 8.25
Union Meeting, May 28, 1966 . 8.25 Enterprise Youth Camp, July 30, 1966 . 8.25
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RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Be it resolved that all churches in our Association support Rev. Larry Powell. We are thankful the Lord has called him to the mission field from our midst and we suggest each church support him in prayer and also contribute regularly to his financial support.

We request that each church set up a monthly fund for that purpose with a minimum of at least \$10.00

New Salem Free Will Baptist Church

DISBURSEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Committee on Disbursements, recommend the following:
Clerk
Moderator 15.00
State Association
National Association 10.00
Retain in treasury
Minutes to be paid for and remainder to be allocated as follows:
State Unified Program 20%
Local Superannuation 50%
Local Promotional Board 15%
Local Mission Board 15%
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Bro. J. A. Taylor, Bro. J. T. Hilburn, Bro. J. L. Wilson

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Temperance Committee, submit and recommend the following report:

- 1. That we give fresh emphasis to paragraph 2 of our church Covenant which states that we are "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".
- 2. That because of the stepped-up efforts of satan in advertising through radio, television, magazines, newspapers, etc. with special appeal to women and young people as pertains to smoking and drinking, we urge our people to step-up our insistance on holy living and a separated life.
- 3. That ministers and church members observe closely their own personal lives in the realm of modest dress, clean conversation and dedicated christian character and conduct.

New Home No. 1 Church

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

We, the Ordaining Council, submit the following report.

We have ordained Bro. S. E. Newberry to the work of the ministry on July 17, 1966. We also ordained Bro. Gordon Ellis to the work of the ministry on September 11, 1966.

Entering our Association from other Associations as Ordained Ministers were Rev. Bobby Register, Rev. Kenneth Faison and Rev. Bobby Whitaker. The Council has examined their credentials and found them to be valid.

We recommend that the retired ministers names' be placed on the active ministers list. We also recommend that all licensed ministers recommended for ordination be recommended to the Ordaining Council by the licensed ministers home church and the church he is pastoring.

Rev. J. J. Scott, Rev. W. S. Driggers

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

We regret very much that fifteen of our association members were claimed by death during 1965 — 1966.

Hebrew Church: Bro. Calvin Barber.

Highway Church: Mr. Louie Scott.

Proctor Chapel Church: Mr. L. L. Shinhelster.

Mt. Glory: Bro. Edd Cross.

Corinth Church: Bro. A. J. Cordell, Iron City, Ga.

Bro. A. B. Ard, Bainbridge, Ga.

Mothers Home Church: Sister Belle McGuirk

Sister Zula Stinson

Mr. Leon McNease.

Pilgrims Home Church: P. B. Hilburn

Mrs. Sarah Norman.

New Salem Church: Mrs. J. H. Amette

Mrs. Mattie N. Grubbs.

Bellview Church: Mrs. Alma Kimbrel

Mr. Collie Stokes.

Mothers Home Church & Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Committee on Sunday Schools, cannot too highly recommend an active and vigorous Sunday School program for all our churches.

We believe it to be beneficial to both adults and children. We, as Christians, must concentrate our efforts on the youth of our churches for the children of today are the leaders of tomorrow.

There are very few of us that are able to leave our children many worldly goods but if we can leave them a knowledge of God's Holy Word, we leave them a priceless heritage, a treasure of great worth, the Words of Eternal Truth.

The scriptures say, "The truth shall make you free", and "Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to Thy word". It is wonderful in this day of changing values to have the immutable word of God to lean upon and trust in.

We further believe that Sunday School is a stepping stone to a dedicated Christian life. The Scripture says, "Trainup a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it".

Mt. Glory Church & Pastor

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

The Martin FWB Sunday School Convention convened with the Thompson FWB Church on July 31, 1966.

Kenneth Driggers led the singing. Mrs. J. R. McNease was the pianist. Wayne McNease led the devotional. The welcome was given by Edgar Smith and Sister J. R. McNease gave the response.

Moved and carried to have a song and prayer service and postpone the business session until after lunch.

Bro. Irvin Williams brought the 11:00 o'clock message. There was a song and Bro. Phillip Hines dismissed the group for lunch with prayer.

Bro. W. S. Driggers led the afternoon singing and devotional. The minutes were read and adopted as read. The roll call was made and the following five churches reported: Bellview, Mothers Home, Colquitt, Thompson and New Home No. 1. New Home No. 1 presented the only program. Attending the Convention were five preachers, eleven teachers and one superintendent.

The following committees were appointed:

Program Committee: Alma Jean Grimes, Carolyn Hornsby, Lester Lane.

Nominating Committee: Wayne McNease, Phillip Hines, James Roland.

Digest Committee: Richard McNease, Lamar Brooks, Grover Duncan.

While the committees convened, there was a discussion on changing the Convention back to the afternoon. Moved and carried to make the change and future Conventions will be held at 1:30 P. M. o'clock.

Committee reports were read and adopted as follows: Nominating Committee Report for 1967:

President, Lamar Brooks

Vice-President, Charles Grimes

Secretary & Treasurer, Sister J. R. McNease

Assistant Secretary & Treasurer, Sister LaVerne Mock.

Program Committee Report, January 1967:

1st Session - Mt. Gilead

Devotional, Randy Boyd Welcome, Pam Barber Response, Glenda Tully Business Programs. 2nd Session - Hebrew

Devotional, Elaine Ingram Welcome, Regina Hill

Response, Sister Sue Roberts

Business

Programs.

Digest Committee Report:

Number on roll 63
Departments 4
Teachers 4
Officers 2
Average attendance 44
Total offering \$186.42
Literature
Youth Camp 42.49
Miscellaneous 134.10
Convention dues 12.00
Average offering . 7.93
Average of 3 churches reporting by letter.

A rising vote of thanks was given Thompson Church for their hospitality of the day.

The theme for the day was, "Why Praise God?"

The group was dismissed with a song and Bro. Bobby Register offered prayer.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT

Mt. Gilead - Friday Morning, 10:00 o'clock, October 20, 1967 Song and prayer service: Bro. Clint Ard.

Devotional: Bro. D. Floyd.

Welcome: Bro. C. M. Smith.

Response: Bro. Phillip Hines.

Special music: Mt. Gilead

Message: Bro. Irvin Williams.

Lunch.

Friday Afternoon, 1:15 o'clock

Song Service: Bro. Clint Ard.

Devotional: Bro. Gordon Ellis.

Friday Evening, 7:30 o'clock:

Song Service: Bro. Rudy Clenney.

Devotional: Bro. James Roland.

Testimony Time: Bro. L. D. Scott.

Special Music: Sis. Glenda Tully.

Message: Bro. Bobby Register.

Youth Camp - Saturday Morning, 9:30 o'clock, October 21st, 1967

Song Service: Bro. S. E. Newberry.

Devotional: Rev. Kenneth Faison.

Welcome: Bro. W. E. Lane.

Response: Bro. C. A. Gilbert.

Message: Rev. J. J. Scott.

Lunch.

Saturday Afternoon, 1:15 o'clock:

Song Service: Bro. S. E. Newberry.

Devotional: Bro. G. C. McDonald.

Adjournment.

Sis. J. W. Nix, Sis. L. D. Scott, Sis. S. E. Newberry

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MARTIN YOUTH CAMP FINANCIAL REPORT

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Total receipts

No. 1, New Salem

J. L. Lane concession

Disbursements:		
Association expense, 1965 \$	14.62	
McLendons Grocery		
12 months REA bills	75.99	
12 freezer locker payments	125.30	
Int., Ins., & Annual payment	750.96	
Lunchroom equipment, final payment.	257.50	
Brooks Hdw. Co., plumbing repair parts.	9.16	
Hydratane Gas Co	13.53	
Bainbridge Hdw. Co., window parts .	12.55	
Callahan Grocery, plywood	14.84	
1st Youth session expense	145.63	
2nd Youth session expense	135.47	
Total disbursements .	•	\$ <u>1,555.55</u>
Balance in treasury.	•	\$669.54
Principal & Interest due 11/1/66	•	\$680.00
Insurance due 11/1/66	•	40.96
Total due 11/1/66.	• •	\$720.96

MINISTERS' AND DEACONS' CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

1st Session, January 27, 1967 - New Salem Church Devotional, Bro. J. B. Adams.

Welcome, Bro. B. A. Middleton.

Response, Bro. Louie Grimes.

Message, Rev. Kenneth Faison.

2nd Session, April 28, 1967 - Mt. Gilead Church

Devotional, Bro. Herbert Boyd.

Welcome, Bro. Fred Kelley.

Response, Rev. C. A. Gilbert.

Message, Rev. Bobby Register.

3rd Session, July 28, 1967 - Bellview Church

Devotional, Bro. Counce Sheffield.

Welcome, Bro. J. D. Barwick.

Response, Rev. Irvin Williams.

Message, Rev. James Roland.

4th Session, October 27, 1967 - Corinth Church

Devotional, Bro. Clifton Powell.

Welcome, Rev. J. J. Scott.

Response, Bro. Howard Roberts.

Message, Rev. W. S. Driggers.

UNION MEETING REPORT

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TREASURER'S REPORT -		
Union Meetings:		
New Home No. 2, Oct. 30, 1965 \$6	65.00	
	65.00	
Proctors Chapel, May 28, 1966	65.00	
Youth Camp, July 30, 1966	<u>5</u> 5.00	
Total	-	\$260.00
Special offerings:		
· ·	58.73	
State Promotion, Jan. 29, 1966	45.00	
• • •	20.00	
Youth Camp, July 30, 1966	27.07	
Total		\$150.80
Disbursements: Oct. 30, 1965:		
	19.25	
	19.25	- *
Sis. Abbie Calhoun	8.25	
Sis. Jack Burke	8.25	
	10.00	
Total .	•	\$65.00
Disbursements, Jan. 29, 1966:		
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Sis. Abbie Calhoun.	8.25	
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Total Disbursements, May 28, 1966:	•	\$65.00
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Total .	0.00	\$65.00
Disbursements, July 30, 1966:	•	#00 . 00
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Total		\$65.00

The Moderator appointed the following Nominating Committee: Sis. Lamar Brooks, Bro. Charles Grimes and Bro. Howard Roberts.

The Moderator appointed the following Program Committee: Bro. Bud Bailey, Sis. Jack Burke and Sis. Emmett Houston.

UNION MEETING NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, the Nominating Committee, nominate the following: for Moderator, Rev. Bobby Register; Assistant Moderator, Bro. Clifton Powell; Clerk, Bro. Charles Grimes; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Herbert Boyd.

We recommend that the Union Meetings convene with the following churches:

First Session, January 28, 1967 - New Salem.

Second Session, April 29, 1967 - Mt. Gilead.

Third Session, July 29, 1967 - Bellview.

Fourth Session, October 28, 1967 - Corinth.

UNION MEETING PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT -

New Salem, January 28, 1967:

Devotional, Bro. Herbert Boyd .

Welcome Address, Bro. Idus Goocher.

Response, Sis. Eva Clenney.

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message, Rev. S. E. Newberry

Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional, Sis. Linda Floyd.

Business:

Adjoum.

Mt. Gilead, April 29, 1967:

Devotional, Bro. C. A. Gilbert.

Welcome, Sis. Ruby Barber.

Response, Bro. C. S. Bailey.

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message, Rev. Kenneth Faison.

Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional, Bro. Emory Richardson.

Business:

Adjourn.

Bellview, July 29, 1967:

Devotional, Rev. L. D. Scott.

Welcome Address, Sis. Lamar Brooks.

Response, Bro. Richard McNease.

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message, Rev. W. S. Driggers.

Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional, Sis. Lucille Lane.

Business:

Adjoum.

Corinth, October 28, 1967

Devotional, Bro. Edgar Smith.

Welcome, Bro. James Swanner.

Response, Sis. John Bailey.

Business:

11:00 o'clock Message, Rev. Bobby Register.

Lunch.

Afternoon Devotional, Bro. Clifton Powell.

Business:

Adjourn.

Motion made, seconded and carried to adopt these reports as read.

C. T. S. REPORT

The Nominating Committee appointed by the president were Bro. Bobby Roberts, Bro. John Bailey and Bro. Grover Duncan. Elected as officers were:

President, Lester Lane

Vice-President, Bobby Roberts

Recording Secretary, Wiliene Sheffield

Corresponding Secretary, Rhonda Duncan

Song Leader, Bro. Clint Ard

Pianist, Janice Cox

Tic-Tac-Toe, Sis. Shirley Kimbrel

Declamation, Doris Grant

Bible Bowl, Laverne Mock

Sword Drill, Sue Roberts

Field workers elected were Bro. Clifton Powell, Bro. Grover Duncan and Bro. Richard McNease.

The Program Committee elected were Carolyn Hornsby, Chairman, Sue Roberts and Shirley Clenney.

The program for the coming year is listed below:

1st Rally - Mt. Gilead

Devotional, Janice Cox

Welcome, Pam Barber

Response, Ronnie McNease

Talk, Louie Grimes

2nd Rally - New Salem
Devotional, Rita Cooper
Welcome, Bobby Richardson
Response, Bobby Roberts
Talk, Randy Clenney

TREASURER'S REPORT -

Assets:

Total assets . . \$61.90

Disbursements:

Printing of minutes . . \$15.00

Total disbursements . . . 15.00
Balance in treasury 11/1/66 \$46.90

C T S RESOLUTION REPORT

Whereas there is no provision made in the Martin CTS Convention for the organization and full function of the Church Training Service, such as Bible Bowl, Tic-Tac-Toe and Declamation — Therefore, we move you, sir, that the Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April be set aside as Youth Camp Day, and that this function come under the direction of the Martin CTS Convention.

We further move, that the program committee select leaders to direct each of these (Bible Bowl, etc.) at the beginning of the Associational year, and that these leaders check with the local churches to see who will compete.

Other churches that do not have this sort of set-up, may elect to put on a play. That would be up to the committee to find out such information and put on the program for that day.

Winners of the Bible Bowl, Tic-Tac-Toe and Declamation would compete in the State Meeting with the other Associations.

I move you, sir, that this be adopted and recorded in the Constitution and By-Laws of the CTS Convention minutes.

We also move you, sir, that the deacons and preachers be standing delegates to the Convention.

Bellview Free Will Baptist Church

WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met with Bellview Church, October 8, 1966, with Mrs. Kenneth Faison and Mrs. John Grant in charge of registration.

The theme for the convention was, "The Need For Such A Time As This". (Esther 4:14). The convention was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Kenneth Faison. The President, Mrs. Eva Clenney, called the meeting to order.

The morning devotional, "The Need For Laborers For Such A Time As This", Ephesians 2: 8-10, was given by the State Vice-President, Mrs. Opal Hatcher. All ministers and visitors were welcomed. Mrs. Charles Brown of Bellview gave the welcome.

Mrs. Lamar Brooks gave the National Convention highlights. The President appointed committees as follows:

Registration: Mrs. Kenneth Faison, Mrs. John Grant.

Finance: Mrs. Alma Houston, Mrs. Charles Brown, Mrs. Thomas Williams.

Resolutions: Mrs. Lamar Brooks, Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mrs. Bobby Roberts.

Credentials: Mrs. Laverne Mock, Mrs. Carlton Duncan, Mrs. Rudy Clenney.

Nominating: Mrs. Faye Roberts, Mrs. G. C. Duncan, Mrs. Uva Mason.

An offering was received.

Rev. Kenneth Faison sang, "In Times Like These".

Rev. Larry Powell, Missionary Appointee to the Virgin Islands, brought the message, "What Am I Living For?" Hestressed the fact that we should live for Jesus and use our tongues to witness for him. He said there are two things that are important in witnessing and they are Prayer and Patience. For his scripture, he read Phillipians 4: 19 and Matthew 6: 19.

The Convention was dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing led by Rev. Faison. Mrs. Larry Powell gave the devotional, "Our Need For Such A Time As This".

The Credentials Committee reported. Motion moved and carried to accept the report and seat the delegates.

Minutes were read and adopted.

Recording Secretary's report was read and adopted. (See reports) Reports were read and adopted from the Registration, Finance, and Resolutions Committees. (See reports).

An offering of \$40.00 was presented to Rev. and Mrs. Larry Powell. Mrs. W. E. Lane offered a prayer in their behalf.

The district officers gave their reports for the past year.

Mrs. W. E. Lane, Mrs. Laverne Mock, Mrs. John Grant, Mrs. Kenneth Faison and Mrs. G. E. Duncan were appointed delegates to the State Convention.

Mrs. Kenneth Faison was appointed to serve on the Nominating Committee at the State Convention.

Mrs. Faye Roberts reported from the Nominating Committee. The Installation Service was presented by the State President, Mrs. G. C. Lee.

The Convention was adjourned.

Mrs. Eva Clenney, President, Mrs. Edward Kimbrel, Rec. Sect. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, the Credentials Committee, submit the following report: Bellview and New Home No. 1 Auxiliaries reported. We recommend the delegates from these auxiliaries be seated.

Laverne Mock, Chairman, Carol Clenney, Agnes Duncan REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report: Number of persons registered:

State Auxiliary Officers	4											
District Auxiliary Officers	8											
Local Delegates	7											
Ministers	2											
Visitors	17											
Total												

FINANCE REPORT -

Active members on roll	35
Per capita membership fee	\$45.00
Amount sent to:	
Co-Laborer Fund	\$33.00
WNAC	33.00
Student Loan Fund	33.00
Easter offering, Foreign Missions	14.37
Thanksgiving offering, National Home Mission	27.26
Christmas offering, State Home Missions .	10.67
Auxiliary literature	61.30
Other special gifts to missions	13.59
Printing of minutes	10.00
State project	166.59
Youth Camp mattresses (District project) .	195.70
Provisions Closet	40.00

Mrs. Alma Houston, Treasurer

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT -

We, the Resolutions Committee, present the following recommendations:

- 1. Resolved that the District Convention support the State Project for the coming year.
- 2. That we, as a District, adopt the recommendations of the WNAC for the coming year.
- 3. That we delete resolution No. 1 of September, 1964 and elect officers every two (2) years.
- 4. That we elect a Nominating Committee 1 year prior to the election of officers to meet before the Annual Convention for the selection of officers.
 - 5. That we give our speaker for the day \$30.00.
- 6. That we have as our District Project to support our Missionaries, Larry and Wanda Powell to the Virgin Islands.
- 7. That we give Mrs. Lee and our visiting speaker for the day a rising vote of thanks for their services rendered.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT -

President, Mrs. John Grant.

Vice-President, Mrs. G. C. Duncan.

Recording Secretary, Mrs. Laverne Mock.

Assistant Recording Secretary, Mrs. Uva Mason.

Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Lamar Brooks.

Treasurer, Mrs. Nelda Williams.

Field Worker, Mrs. W. E. Lane.

Mission Chairman: Mrs. Kenneth Faison.

Study Course Chairman, Mrs. Edward Kimbrel.

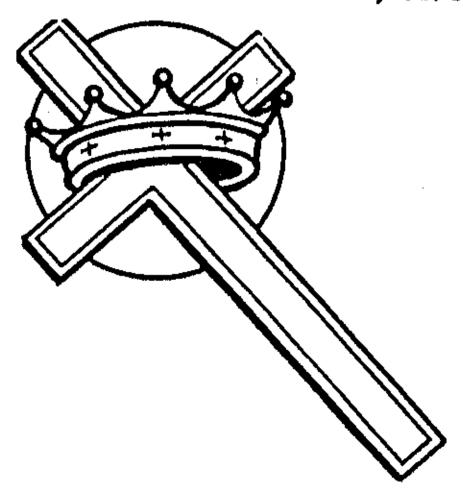
Stewardship-Prayer, Mrs. Rudy Clenney.

Personal Service, Mrs. Sue Roberts.

Historian, Mrs. Eva Clenney.

The next meeting will convene at the Youth Camp.

Mrs. Faye Roberts, Chairman Mrs. G. C. Duncan, Mrs. Uva Mason



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE YOUTH CAMP

ARTICLE I

The Youth Camp shall be known as the "Martin Freewill Baptist Youth Camp" and all business transactions shall be done under the authority of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association.

ARTICLE II - BOARDS and OFFICERS

Section 1. There shall be a Board of Trustees consisting of five members for an indefinite period. The Board shall consist of the three members now serving under the authority of the Ministers' and Deacons Conference of the Martin Freewill Baptist Association, and two new members who shall be elected by the Association in regular session. In the event of emergencies, such as resignation or death, members of this Board may be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association.

- A. Duties of the Trustees: The duties of the Trustees shall be:
 - (1) to hold all titles to the property, and handle legal matters.
 - (2) to raise funds for the indebtedness of the camp building.
 - (3) to raise funds for the necessary accessories of the camp site.
 - (4) to keep in touch with the Executive Committee of the Associtaion and keep them informed concerning the needs of the camp.

Section II. Members of the Camp Board must be from the layety of the Association elected in same manner as the Board of Trustees on a rotating basis and consisting of five members.

- A. Duties of the Camp Board: The duties of the Camp Board shall be:
 - (1) to hold a business meeting at least twice yearly.
 - (2) to promote the camp at all times.
 - (3) to make arrangements for food and its preparation while the camp is in session.

Section III. The Camp Director shall be appointed by the Executive Committee of the Association for a term of one year. The said Director appointed shall have the authority to appoint his assistant.

- A. Duties of the Camp Director shall be as follows:
 - (1) to secure teachers, literature and accessories for teaching.
 - (2) be responsible for the camp at all times while in session.
 - (3) responsible for all recreation activities held at the camp.
 - (4) responsible for all registration and schedules to be held at the camp.

- (5) the camp dates for camp sessions must be made by the Camp Board and the Camp Director and not to conflict with the State Camp.
- (6) responsible for speakers at each service.

Section IV. The Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected in the same manner as the above mentioned Camp Board members and shall also be an ex-officio member of each board, having no voting power except in the event of a tie vote. He or she shall be elected annually.

- A. Duties of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be:
 - (1) to record the activities of transactions of each Board meeting, of the various Boards.
 - (2) receive all money and record and report all receipts and expenditures.
 - (3) be in charge of all publicity activities.

Section V. Camp Fee. There shall be a Camp Fee, the minimum being \$4.00 and the maximum being \$7.00.

Section VI. Board Chairman. Each Board must elect their Board Chairman from their own body. Each Chairman must give a weeks notice of meetings to his members and the Secretary and Treasurer.

Section VII. Changes in Constitution. The above By-Laws and regulations may be changed only by a two-thirds majority of the Association in regular session.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Boyd, J. D. Barwick Edgar Smith, D. T. Pickren

CONSTITUTION and BY-LAWS of the C T S CONVENTION

PREAMBLE:

We, the CTS of the Original Free Will Baptist of the Martin Association District, desiring to promote the cause of Jesus Christ as represented by our denomination, and to put the "Kingdom of God First," do ordain this Constitution and By-Laws.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This organization shall be known as the Martin District CTS Convention of the original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE: The purpose of this Convention shall be to promote the general welfare of the Free Will Baptist C T S throughout the District, to assist the churches, pastors and co-operate with the State and National C T S Conventions in enlisting the youth of the churches in active Christian service.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Sword Drill Leader, Chorister, Pianist and such other officers as may be deemed necessary from time to time, and the election shall take place the last session in the Calendar Year at the close of the session.

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERSHIP: This Convention shall be composed of all ordained ministers in good standing of the district who are in good standing with the Martin Association, and delegates representing each local general C T S together with the general directors and officers of the District C T S Convention.

ARTICLE V

MEETINGS: This Convention shall meet semi-annually at such a time and place as may be decided upon by the Nominating Committee in their annual report.

ARTICLE VI

COMMITTEES: The Committees of the Convention shall be composed of the Executive, Program, Nominating, and any special committee that may be necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE VII

REPORTS: Each local CTS (general) shall be required to make a written report to this Convention on a blank furnished for the purpose by the District Convention to each session.

ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE: Each local league representing in this Convention is asked to make an offering of four dollars (\$4.00) semi-annually to carry on work of the convention and all the benevolent causes sponsored.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I

Section 1. It shall be the duty of the President to assume all the usual obligations of such office as in general parliamentary usage. He shall have power to declare any office vacant, temporarily, subject to the approval of either—the Executive Committee or the Convention.

Section 2. The Vice President shall assume the duties of the President in his absence and assist in any way which becomes necessary.

Section 3. The Recording Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Convention and the Executive Committee and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and turn same over to his or her successor in office, and is requested to present Corresponding Secretary with copy of minutes after each Convention. The Recording Secretary shall handle all money belonging to the Convention and pay out same only by order of the Convention or Executive Committee.

Section 4. The Corresponding Secretary shall be held respon-

sible for all regular Correspondence of the Convention and shall be a medium of contact between this Convention and all State and National Conventions, and shall be responsible for the printing of programs of conventions and sending one to each general C T S prior to Conventions; shall also be responsible for printing annual report slips and sending one to each C T S prior to second session C T S convention.

Section 5. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the President, Vice President, Recording Secretary-Treasurer, Corresponding Secretary, Sword Drill Leader, and Field Workers. This Committee shall be the same as the Convention when not in session, having authority to call extra sessions when deemed necessary, declare vacant any office upon a neglect of duty or the incumbent becoming debilitated for any cause and fill such offices until the regular session of the Convention. Other duties of the Executive Committee shall be that of any well ordered established body.

Section 6. The Nominating Committee shall work with the Program Committee and shall Nominate the places for the Conventions to be held. Any churches so desiring Convention shall file invitations with said Committee.

Section 7. The Program Committee shall arrange the program theme for each session of the Convention. The programs shall be constructed around the following suggestions: Use as many Leaguers from the various General CTS on Convention Theme Program as possible; Use lay speakers for morning talk; Church programs shall be limited to fifteen minutes.

Section 8. The President shall be ex-officio member of all committees of the Convention.

ARTICLE II

All members, ministers and officers who compose the Convention shall have the right to vote on all questions coming before the Convention and all such questions shall be decided by the majority vote.

ARTICLE III

Any ammendment to this Constitution and By-Laws may be added by a two thirds majority vote in any regular session of the convention provided such amendments are offered and placed on the table for one at least before the final vote is taken.

ARTICLE IV

All ordained ministers and deacons shall be standing delegates to the Convention.



CONSTITUTION ON MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE



Seeing the need of greater love, fellowship and understanding among our Ministers, also the unifying of our visions and working for greater cooperation, we do hereby ordain and establish this constitution.

- 1. Name: This shall be known as the "Ministerial Conference of Martin Association of Original Free Will Baptist."
- 2. We adopt the Treatise of faith and practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptist as our standard to look to and pray for the day when we may be more united.
- 3. The officers of the Ministers' Conference shall consist of a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Assistant Clerk and other officers as may be deemed necessary.
- 4. The officers shall be elected on nomination by acclamation at each annual session.
- 5. This Conference shall be composed of all ordained and licensed Ministers and Deacons in good standing of the Martin Association.
- 6. The Clerk shall be paid \$5.00 per annum for preserving and editing the minutes of the Conference.
- 7. The Ministers Conference is not a court to try nor to air out the faults of the Ministers and Deacons. If they are in good standing with the Martin Association, they are in good standing with the Ministers Conference. This is to be a meeting of fellowship, inspiration and brotherly love.
- 8. Any other ministers and deacons who are in good standing with the Free Will Baptist Church will be accepted as honorary members when visiting with the Conference.
- 9. This Constitution may be ammended or altered at any meeting by two-thirds majority voting.

DOCTRINAL VIEWS

- 1. We believe that the Holy Bible was written by men divinely inspired and is a treasure of Heavenly instruction that has a God for its author, salvation for its end and truth without mixture of error for its matter; that it reveals the principles by which God will judge us, and therefore, it shall remain with us to the end of time, the true center of Christian union and the supreme standard to which all human conduct and opinion should conform.
- 2. That there is but one true God, whose name is Jehovah the maker and ruler of Heaven and earth, inexpressively glorious in holiness, worthy of all possible honor, confidence and love, revealed in the personal distinction of the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, equal in every divine perfection, and executing distinct but harmonious offices in the great work of redemption.
- 3. That man was created in a state of holiness under the laws of his Maker, but by voluntary transgression fell from that holy and happy state, in consequence of which men are sinners, not by constraint, but by choice, being by nature utterly void of that holiness required by the law of God, wholly given to the gratification of the world, of Satan and their sinful passions and therefore under just condemnation to eternal ruin, without defence or excuse.
- 4. That the salvation of sinners is wholly of grace through the mediation of the Son of God, who took upon him our nature; yet without sin honored the law by His personal obedience, and made atonement for sin by His death; being risen from the dead, He is now enthroned in Heaven and uniting in His Wonderful person the tender sympathies with divine perfection, in every way qualified to be a suitable compassionate and all sufficient Savior.
- 5. That the great gospel blessings which Christ of His fullness bestows on such as believe on Him is justification; that justification consists in the pardon of sin and promise of eternal life upon principles of righteousness; that it is bestowed, not in consideration of anything which we have done, but solely through His own righteousness and atonement, and that it brings us into a state of most blessed peace and favor with God.
- 6. That the blessings of salvation are made free to all by the Gospel; that it is the immediate duty of all to receive them by a cordial and obedient faith, and that nothing prevents the salvation of the greatest sinner on earth but his own voluntary refusal to submit to the Lord Jesus Christ which results will subject him to aggravated condemnation.
- 7. That in order to be saved we must be regenerated or born again. That regeneration consists of giving a holy disposition to the

mind, and is effected in a manner above our comprehension by the power of the Holy Spirit producing a voluntary obedience to the Gospel; and that its proper evidence is found in the holy fruits which we bring forth to God.

- 8. That election is the gracious purpose of God, according to which He regenerates, sanctifies and saves sinners. That being perfectly consistent with the tree agency of man, it comprehends all means with the end, that it is a most glorious display of God's goodness, being infinitely wise, holy, unchangeable; that it utterly excludes boasting and promotes humility, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of His free mercy; that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree; that it is the foundation of Christian assurance, and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves, demands and deserves our utmost diligence.
- 9. That the preserving attachment of true believers to Christ the grand mark which distinguishes them from superficial professors; that a special providence watches over their welfare and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.
- 10. That the law of God is the eternal, unchangeable rule of His government; that it is holy, just and good, that the inability which the Scriptures ascribe to fallen man to fulfill the precepts arise entirely from their love of sin to deliver them from which and to restore them through a mediator to unfeigned obedience to the Holy law is one design of the Gospel and the means of grace connected with the establishment of the visible church.
- 11. That the first day of the week is the Lord's day or Christian Sabbath; that it should be kept sacred to religious purposes by abstaining from all secular labor and recreation by the direct observance of all means of grace, both public and private, and prepare for the rest which remains for the people of God.
- 12. That civil government is of divine appointment for the interest of order of human society; that the magistrates are to be prayed for conscientiously; honored and obeyed in all things not contrary to the will of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the Lord of conscience and Prince of the kings of the earth.
- 13. That there is a radical and essential difference between the righteous and wicked, and that such only are justified by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and is sanctified by the spirit of God as are truly righteous in His esteem while all such as continue in impenitence and unbelief are, in His sight, wicked and under the curse and this distinction holds good among men, both in and after death.
 - 14. That the end of this world is approaching when Christ will

descend from the Heaven and raise the dead from their graves to final retribution, that solemn separation will then take place, the righteous being adjudged to everlasting happiness and the wicked to endless punishment and his judgment will forever fix the final state of men in Heaven or Hell on principles of righteousness.—John 5:25; Matt. 25:31; 41:46.

ASSOCIATIONAL DECORUM

- 1. The Association shall be called to order by the moderator elected last session.
 - 2. This Association shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- 3. The moderator and clerk shall officiate until their successors are elected.
- 4. It shall be the duty of the moderator to call the meeting to order, to see that order is preserved, receive and submit all questions to the body. He shall have the privilege of speaking but must call upon some other brother to preside in his place while speaking. He shall not have the right to vote unless the body is equally divided, when he may cast the deciding vote.
- 5. The members present shall be enrolled and their names called as often as necessary.
- 6. The majority of the members present shall rule in cases, except upon admission of new churches, which shall require a unamious vote.
- 7. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the moderator, and no member shall leave the association without the consent of the body.
- 8. All business shall be brought before the body by a move and second and shall be disposed of according to good usage.
- 9. No person shall be allowed to speak more than three times on the same subject nor more than fifteen minutes each time without permission from the body.
- 10. No person shall be disturbed while speaking unless he departs from the subject and it will be necessary to call him to order.
- 11. Only one person shall be allowed to speak at a time and he must rise to his feet and address the moderator and must not use abusive language or personal reflection on any one without being subject to a call to order by the moderator.

- 12. It shall be the duty of the Clerk to keep a minute of the proceedings and read the same when called upon, to be corrected at the discretion of the body, and shall prepare the minutes for publication, unless the association shall appoint someone for that purpose. He shall keep all books and papers belonging to the association and read the same when ordered to do so, and shall have such compensation for his services as the association may prescribe.
- 13. It shall be the duty of the corresponding secretary to carry on correspondence by writing to persons belonging to other associations of like faith in any way that would be likely to create interest in this association for its promotion and well being.
- 14. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to keep all money committed to him by the association, and to keep an account of receipts and expenditures, make a report at every association if called upon, pay out money when ordered to do so by the association, and shall receive such compensation as the association may prescribe.
 - 15. No Licensed Minister shall be Ordained until he has been licensed one year and called to one or more churches and examined by the Ordaining Council concerning his Faith and that all Ministers coming from Sister Associations and other denominations to pastor churches in our Association must be examined by the Ordaining Council. The requirements for Ministers coming from other denominations shall be the same as a Licensed Minister of our own Faith. The Ordaining Council shall have the authority to revise our Ministerial Roll each year.
 - 16. These rules of decorum may be amended at the discretion of the association.

CHURCH DECORUM

- 1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in association year; or if they prefer it may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as they deem it proper to keep up the connection.
- 2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at another time; but if the choice be made at a special conference, the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.
- 3 The pastor shall be the moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator, being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.
- 4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of the contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's supper.

- 5. The deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause, that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.
- 6. Some suitable member shall be appointed clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and other writing pertaining to the business of the church and to preserve a file of the minutes of the association.
- 7. When a new clerk is appointed all the books, etc belonging to the clerk shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor.
- 8. When a church deems it necessary, a committee of not less than three male members well acquainted with business, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to give advice to brethren who apply to them relative to cases of dealings and etc.
- 9. The church shall hold two days meetings monthly, embracing Saturday and the Lord's day following the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.
- 10. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in special manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rule of holy living.
- 11. Any male member, who shall fail to attend three sucessive conferences, and any member whatever who may be generally remiss in attending the meetings of the church according to the covenant (Article 10), shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect, but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.
- 12. Conference, after prayer or divine service shall be opened as follows: (1) Inviting visiting brethren to seat. (2) Opening the door of the church for the reception of members. (3) Calling for the reading of the minutes of the last conference. (4) Calling for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For references or deferred business. (7) For new matters of dealings, which are to come before the body. (8) For miscellanous business.
- 13. Visiting brethren, as help called in from sister churches, shall be allowed to speak and make motions and seconds, but not allowed to vote.
- 14. Any orderly member of the Baptist Church may be received into the church without letter, when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable, and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other members must join by letter or baptism.

- 15. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid and unless withdrawn the member who makes them shall be liable to be taken under dealings by the church.
- 16. When the moderator calls for absentees, the clerk shall inform the church what members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.
 - 17. No member shall be expelled unless he has been checked verbally or in writing to attend his trial; provided his residence be known to the church. If a minister be guilty of unchristian conduct, he may be dealt with just as any other member, by his church, and must be reported to the Ordaining Council and they may silence him for a period of time or indefinitely, as they see fit.
 - 18. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall not be examined till the question has been put to the church "Will you hear the testimony of this witness?"
 - 19. The evidence in every case of dealing and acknowledgmen shall be minuted in the church book.
 - 20. Members dismissed from the church by letter who becomes disorderly or continue to hold their letters without a good reason, shall be cited to the conference to answer for their conduct.
 - 21. Expelled members may be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented of their former evil conduct.
 - 22. A vote shall not be taken upon any question without a move and a second, and in all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.
 - 23. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.
 - 24. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon his request, may be exempted from voting on either side in peculiar cases.
 - 25. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be called to order by the moderator.
 - 26. All dicussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the moderator, and keep to the point in debate.
 - 27. No one shall speak more than three times on the same motion without permission from the moderator, nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

- 28. When the moderator speaks in debate he must nominate some brethren moderator in his stead.
- 29. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it is necessary to call him to order.
- 30. It shall be the rule of the church to attend to the administration of the Lord's supper and foot washing at least four times a year, and the expenses are to be paid by the church.
- 31. Members not in good standing shall not commune, but the administration shall not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.
- 32. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.
- 33. It shall be the duty of the pastor to take up collections quarterly for the support of the home mission work.
- 34. It shall be the duty of each church to appoint a committee to revise the church book once a year.
- 35. This decorum may be altered or amended by the vote of two-thirds of the members present at any two successive monthly conferences.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

- 1. THE SCRIPTURE. The Scripture of the old and the New Testaments were given by the inspiration of God, and are binding on all as or only rule of faith and practice. There is only one living and true God. infinite in all of His attributes; the Creator, Preserver and Governor of the Universe, revealed to us in the Scriptures as Father, Son and Spirit.
- 2. CHRIST. He is God manifest in the flesh, being in His divine nature true, God, in His human nature true man, united in the person of Messiah as the mediator for the redemption of the world.
- 3. THE HOLY SPIRIT. He possesses all personal divine attributes belonging to the Reformer, Comforter and Sanctifier of men.
- 4. DIVINE PURPOSE AND PROVIDENCE. The purposes of God are eternal and immutable, and His Wise and Holy Providence is over all things to secure His only glory and the highest welfare of all creatures.

- 5. ORIGINAL STATE AND FALL OF MAN. Man was created upright, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. All his posterity inherits his fallen nature, which is cherished by indulgence so all who come to years of moral accountibility, sin and come short of the glory of God.
- 6. THE ATONEMENT. Christ in His great compassion offered Himself as a sacrifice in our stead, and those by His life, suffering and death, made an atonement which is full and free to all, and opens the only way to salvation.
- 7. GRACE. No one can by his own work merit, obtain salvation which is wholly of the grace of God, and through which all spiritual blessings are bestowed upon us.
- 8. CONDITION OF SALVATION. These are repentances implying Godly sorrow for open concessions and other renunciations of sin, faith or the unreserved committal of the mind and heart to receive, obey and trust in Christ, regeneration by the Holy Spirit, whereby the soul is freed from the dominion of sin and brought into the glorious liberty of the children of God.
- 9. ELECTION. God has not fixed the future state of man by any unconditional decree, but determined from the beginning to save all who could comply with the conditions of salvation.
- 10: PERSERVANCE. None will be finally saved but those who, through grace, preserve in holiness.
- 11. SALVATION FREE. God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, and whosoever will, may come and take of the water of life freely.
- 12. THE FREEDOM OF THE WILL. The human will is not controlled by any fatal necessity or external force, but is free and self-determined, having power to yield to gracious influences or resist them and perish.
- 13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES. Baptism or the immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.
- 14. THE SABBATH. The Christian Sabbath is a divine institution binding on all, and should be observed by abstaining from all secular business, amusements and consecrated to the worship of God and to spiritual improvement.

15. THE RESURRECTION. Final judgment and final retribution— Christ will make His second appearance at the end of the world, when the dead will be raised, the judgment will set, the righteous will be received to eternal blessedness, and the wicked banished to endless suffering.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

- 1. We believe that the Gospel church, or a church of Christ is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.
- 2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches, and to be composed of baptized believers in Christ.
- 3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of Gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in Heaven; and of such Christians now on earth as are not attached to the visible; according to the Gospel rules.
- 4. That the establishment of a central or Catholic government over the visible church or any part thereof is a device of earthly ambition repugant to the word of God and subsersive to the churches and dangerous to the liberties of men.
- 5. That the Gospel churches are the only eclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scripture; that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute and that if this right is surrendered to a superintending jurisdiction by delegation or otherwise the assembly ceases to be a gospel church.
- 6. That churches may nevertheless, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up a friendly correspondence but that the rights and authority of the churches being inalienable are in no wise compromised by or hindered by entering into an association, therefore associations have no shadow of authority over churches or individuals, their only powers being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their eclesiastical capacity, or to promote mutual intercourse and concentration of voluntary effort, and to give that advice to churches which might with equal authority be given by an individual.
- 7. That the authority of churches are designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel and for the preservation of a pure and orderly body of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but it does not extend to the person's property or consciences of men in any case whatever.

- 8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and to prescribe any other requisites of church membership is an assumption on the part of the church and a departure from the plan of the Gospel.
- 9. That the officers of the church are elders and deacons; that elders are also called bishops or pastors; that all elders are equal in rank; though they may perform different functions since some may be bishops or pastors of a particular church, while others may be simply elders, having no pastoral charge.
- 10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no turther, that he can not perform any act which belongs to the authority of the church, such as the reception of members into the church compact, of the expulsion of offenders, that as member of the church he is no more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent and proper to call in advisory help, especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.
- 11. That Christian baptism is the immersion of a believer in water in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
- 12. That the Lord's upper is an ordinance to be observed in the church till the Lord comes.
- 13. The elders and deacons must be set apart to their office by ordination, by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

ASSOCIATIONAL CONSTITUTION

1. A church proper in its lowest sense is a body of Christians united and congregated together for the purpose of worshiping God and promoting His cause, and in which the Gospel is regularly preached; the ordinances duly administered and the principles of holiness encouraged and practiced. Each church or body thus formed is a separate part thereof and independent in itself; possessing the right to direct its own affairs in its own way, subject only in certain difficult cases

to arbitrate by sister churches. Such churches may, however, unite in associational capacity for purposes of more thorough organization, efficient work and for general and mutual good of all without surrendering any of their individual rights. Therefore, the churches here inafter mentioned resolve themselves into a body eclesiastic to be known as the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist which shall meet annually at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the body at its annual meeting.

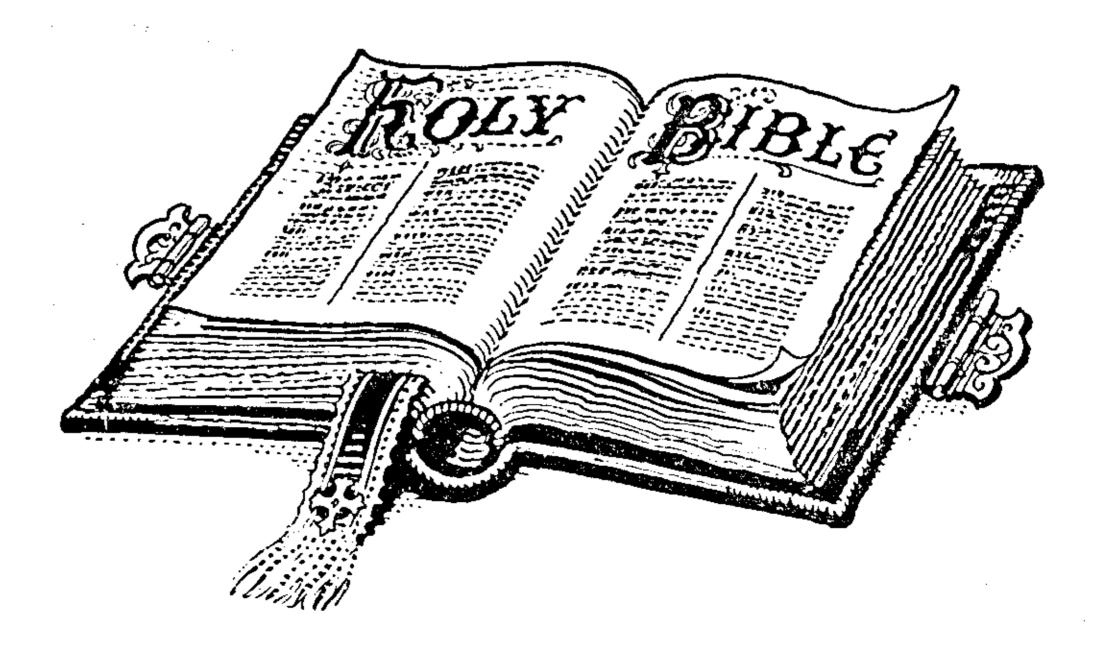
- 2. The association, when assembled, shall be composed of all ministers of the association, both ordained and licentiates, and the delegates or messengers chosen by the several churches from time to time for that purpose.
- 3. The number of delegates to be determined by the membership of the respective churches. To simplify this we will state that any church is entitled to two delegates, it matters not how few members it may have. That after it has attained fifty members it shall then be entitled to one more delegate to every twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, until it has reached one hundred; then for every fifty, or fractional part thereoof and go on increasing in its ratio to any number.
- 4. The officers of the Association shall consist of a moderator, clerk and treasurer to be chosen annually for the next year and to be elected by ballot or anyway the Association deems proper.
- 5. It shall be the duty of the moderator to preside over the body during the session for which he is elected, call the session to order, enforce the rules of the decorum, decide all questions of discipline, and in case of a tie, to cast the deciding vote.
- 6. It shall be the duty of the clerk to keep an accurate record of the business transactions of the association, superintend the printing of the minutes and draw on the treasurer for the funds to discharge the expense of the same: He shall hold office until his successor is elected and installed, and shall receive such compensation for his services as the association may deem proper to allow.

- 7. There shall be an executive committee of discreet brethren appointed annually by the moderator, or elected by the body who shall properly be the association in recess, and whose duty may be more fully defined from time to time by the association. The treasurer shall be one of the number.
- 8. When the association is assembled a majority of all the members enrolled shall be required to form a quorum for the transaction of business.
- 9. All debates shall be conducted in a Christian like and brotherly spirit. All shall be allowed the privelege of speaking on any question which is submitted to the consideration of the body.
- 10. Every speaker shall rise to his feet, address the moderator, and keep to the question in debate, and shall avoid all unpleasant reflections and personalities.
- 11. No brother shall be allowed to consume more than fifteen minutes in one speech, or speak more than twice on the same subject except by permission of the moderator or body.
- 12. All questions shall be submitted by move and second the first motion taking precedence in point of order. Every motion seconded must be acted upon, unless withdrawn by the mover.
- 13. The business shall be taken up in order according to the subjoined plan, unless it becomes necessary to suspend the regular rules for a time for purposes which appear proper.
- 14 The moderator shall, at each session, invite corresponding delegates from other bodies of our own order, and also ministers from other denominations to seats, when thus seated shall be entitled to the friendship of honorary members.

ASSOCIATIONAL COVENANT

Having been, we trust, brought together to organize an association; by divine grace to embrace our Lord Jesus Christ, to give ourselves up wholly to Him, with all humility and brotherly love; to watch over each other for good, and stir up each other to love and good work, and not forsaking the frequest assembling of ourselves together with our neighbors to worship God according to His revealed will, as occasion may

require; to warn, rebuke and admonish each other according to the rules of the Gospel, that the knowledge may be thereby promoted to the end. We will uphold the public worship of God and the ordinances of His house, and hold constant communion with each other therein; and we will cheerfully contribute of our property for the maintenance of a faithful minister of the Gospel among us and for the extension of the blessed Redeemer's kingdom among us universally. We will not omit family and close religion at home nor allow ourselves in the too common neglect of the great and important duty of religiously training our children for the service of God and the enjoyment of heaven. will also sympathize with each other in seasons of temptation and afflication and be ready to distribute to the necessities of the saints. We will especially pray for and with each other for the churches universally, for the promised effusion of the Holy Spirit, for the prosperity of Zion, and the ingathering of the elect and may the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead, our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the Sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do His will, that we may not only enjoy a name and place in the church on earth but finally with His glorious church of the first born of Heaven in ascribing blessings, honor, might, majesty to Him who sitteth on the throne and the Lamb forever.



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COLQUITT	Rev. S. E. Newberry	Mrs. W. T. Cooper	Colquitt, Ga.	Full	1	2	0	0	0	0	62	\$15.50		\$2,489.41	\$ 8,000.00		51	14	10		
CORINTH	Rev. J. J. Scott	Mrs. C. A. Lane	Iron City, Ga.	1st	0	0	0	0	2	0	82	\$20.50	\$108.45	\$760.55	\$ 6,000.00		43	10	8		
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HIGHWAY	Rev. G. E. Ellis	Mrs. L. D. Scott	Brinson, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	0	2	0	0	1	29	\$7.2 5		\$ 369 . 05	\$ 3,500.00	20	20		15		
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MT. GILEAD	Rev. W. S. Driggers	Herbert Boyd	Rt. 1 Brinson, Ga.	2nd & 4th	2	1	2	0	0	0	53	\$26,50	\$96.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 8,000.00	45	59		20		
MT. GLORY	Rev. L. D. Scott	W. D. Brock	Rt. 2, Box 421 Quincy, Florida	Full	1	2	1	0	0	2	44	\$22.00	\$138.43	\$888.23	\$ 5,000.00	38			Yes		
NEW HOME No. 1	Rev. Bobby Whitaker	Leonard Varnam	Colquitt, Ga.	Full	0	0	5	0	0	0	111	\$ 38 . 50	\$52.53	\$1,198.00	\$8,000.00	60	60	25			
NEW HOME No. 2	Rev. F. W. Sellers	O'Neal Cumbie	Rt. 2 Climax, Ga.	2nd & 4th	0	2	6	0	0	0	60	\$15.00		\$185.5 5	\$2,500.00		64				
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PILGRIM HOME	Rev. Grady Ethridge, Jr.	Virginia H. Mathews	Rt. 1 Newton, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	1	1	0	0	1	47	\$23.50		\$1,300.00	\$15,000.00						
PROCTOR CHAPEL	Rev. B. H. Parrish	Frank Cain	Pelham, Ga.	Full	0	12	1	0	0	1	66	\$16.50		\$857.55	\$10,000.00	20	34		23		
SPRINGFIELD	Rev. Irvin Williams	Jessie Reagan	Donalsonville, Ga.	1st & 3rd	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	\$ 5.00		\$239.00	\$ 2,500.00			 			
THOMPSON	Rev. W. S. Driggers	G. R. Grimes	Colquitt, Ga.	1st & 3rd	1	0	0	0	0	0	82	\$41.00	\$66.66	\$975.00	\$ 6,000.00		38				

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