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Officers

Brother Louie Grimes, Moderator	Colquitt, Georgia
Brother Herbert Boyd, Clerk	Brinson, Georgia

Executive Committee

Brother Louie Grimes, Chairman	Colquitt, Georgia
Brother Herbert Boyd	Brinson, Georgia
Brother C. A. Powell	Colquitt, Georgia
Brother Emory Richardson	Colquitt, Georgia
Brother J. R. McNease	Colquitt, Georgia



OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator	Brother Louie Grimes
Assistant Moderator	Rev. Danny Keen
Clerk	Brother Herbert Boyd
Assistant Clerk	Brother Talmadge Cooper

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

- Brother Edd Roberts (2 years)
- Brother C. A. Powell (1 year)
- Brother Billy Roland (3 years)

ORDAINING COUNCIL

- Rev. James Rathel (3 years)
- Rev. C. A. Gilbert (2 years)
- Rev. Talmadge Worsley (1 year)

STANDING BOARDS

MISSION BOARD

Brother C. M. Smith	
Brother Don Roberts	Colquitt, Georgia
Sister Geneva Roland, Secretary-Treasurer	Colquitt, Georgia

PROMOTIONAL BOARD

Sister Robert Preston	Iron City
Sister Jack Burke	Iron City
Sister Martha Williams, Secretary-Treasurer	Colquitt

YOUTH CAMP BOARD

Brother Horace Lovering	Colquitt
Brother Clint Ard	Colquitt
Brother Emory Richardson	Colquitt
Brother Edd Hill	Donalsonville
Brother Bobby Roberts	Colquitt

YOUTH CAMP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Brother Bobby Richardson	Colquitt
Brother Fred Ingram	Donalsonville
Brother Richard McNease	Colquitt
Brother P. A. Hines	Colquitt
Brother W. E. Lane	Colquitt
Brother W. R. Barber	Colquitt

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Brother Ned Bryan	Colquitt
Brother Dallas Wadell	Brinson
Brother David Clements	Colquitt

PROMOTIONAL COORDINATOR

Sister Carolyn Hornsby

NOMINATIONS TO STATE BOARD

STATE MISSION BOARD

Rev. J. Lewis Williams	Colquitt
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TRUSTEE BOARD

Rev. W. S. Driggers	Bainbridge
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SUPERANNUATION BOARD

Brother Howard Roberts	Colquitt
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STATE PROMOTIONAL SECRETARY--TREASURER

Rev. A. C. Truluck	P. O. Box 591	Moultrie, Georgia
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1972 FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The first Quarterly Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association convened at the Martin Youth Camp Saturday morning January 15, 1972. Brother I. V. Vickers opened the session with a song. Bro. J. R. McNease lead in prayer. Sister Jack Burke gave the devotional and Rev. James Rathel led in prayer. Brother Jack Burke gave the welcome and Sister Lucile Lane made the response.

A call for church letters and the names of the delegates were read. A motion was made and seconded to seat the regular delegates. The credential committee was excused to make a compiled report.

The Executive Board made a report of the meeting held November 18, 1971, which was adopted as read.

The Ordaining Council was given the authority by the Association to write a letter of recommendation for Rev. Donald Franks and any other request they may receive in the future.

Rev. Lewis Williams, State Mission Board, gave a report of State activity. Brother Emory Richardson led in prayer and an offering of \$37.66 was taken for the keeping up of the Youth Camp yards.

The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. James Rathel using Proverbs 22 ch. 1 and Rev. 2 ch. 2 as his scripture for his subject "A Good Name." Brother Talmadge Worsley dismissed the service with a prayer.

The afternoon session was opened with a song. Rev. W. S. Driggers led in prayer and Sister Lucille Lane brought the devotional using John 6 ch.

The Ordaining Council ordained Brother James Rathel and Brother Talmadge Worsley.

Brother Jerry Johnson gave a talk concerning his missionwork that is to take place in Athens, Georgia, and an offering of \$60.70 was received.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, our State Promotional Secretary and Treasurer, made a report of state office activity, and in the future the Sunday School and C. T. S. Literature may be ordered from the State Office.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Corinth Church for hosting the session.

The Credential Committee made a report and motion was made and seconded to accept the report. Motion and second was made to adjourn. Brother Horace Lovering dismissed with prayer.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT.

Total Church Membership	733
Sunday School Enrollment	618
12 Churches Reported Average Attendance	445
C. T. S. Enrollment	272
Average Attendance	177
Women's Auxiliary Enrollment	84
Average Attendance	51
Prayer Meeting	164
12 Churches Enclosed for Minutes	\$195.25
12 Churches enclosed for Martin Youth Camp	60.00

DISBURSEMENT REPORT

Martin Youth Camp	\$ 45.00
Clerk	5.00
Moderator	5.00

National Association Dues	2.50
Minutes	80.00
State Cooperative 10%	10.29
Local Superannuation 60%	55.48
Local Promotion 15%	18.49
Local Mission 15%	18.49
Total Disbursement	\$240.25

Brother Louie Grimes, Moderator
 Brother Herbert Boyd, Clerk

1972 SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION

The Second Quarterly Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association convened at Martin Youth Camp Saturday morning, April 15, 1972. Brother Wayne Sheffield opened the session with a song and Brother Howard Roberts led in prayer. Brother Fred Ingram gave the welcome and Sister Leroy Johnson gave the response. Brother Ed Hill gave the devotion taken from Mark 12: 11th verse.

The Moderator gave a talk concerning our association and the duties of each board. A call for church letters. The Moderator read the delegate's name from each church letter, and it was moved and seconded to seat the delegates. The motion was carried.

The Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee as follows, to serve at this session: Brother Wayne Sheffield, Brother Emory Richardson and Rev. B. H. Parrish. The minutes of the last session were read and adopted. Rev. Lewis Williams gave a talk concerning our State Mission Board. Rev. Johnny Easom has consented to establish a mission in Swainsboro, Georgia. Brother Lewis Williams requested that all delegates go back to their churches and take a special offering for this mission work. A special offering was taken for \$56.05.

A recess of 10 minutes was taken before the eleven o'clock message. Had a congregational song and prayer by Sis. Myrtice Daniels.

An offering of \$29.05 was taken for the upkeep of the grounds of the Youth Camp.

The eleven o'clock message was brought by Rev. George Griffin who spoke on "Slackness Among Church Members" with Matthew 23: 13 as his chosen text. Was dismissed for noon hour.

THE AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Prayer was by Rev. W. S. Driggers. Devotional was brought by Sister Leroy Johnson from Philippians 4. Prayer was by Brother Wayne Sheffield.

The Credentials Committee gave their report which was adopted as read. A motion was made and seconded that the Credentials Committee be released from their duty. Motion carried.

Brother Talmadge Worsley gave a talk on activities that would take place at the first session of Youth Camp, beginning June 11.

New Home No. 1 requested that Sister Mattie Lou Roberts be placed on the Superannuation List. Request was granted. Brother Wayne Sheffield asked that all churches consider sending all superannuation funds to the State Office and that each eligible member will be paid out of the State Office.

Rev. Johnnie Easom acted in the absence of Rev. A. C. Truluck and gave a report on our State work.

Hebrew Church was given a rising vote of thanks for entertaining the Association. Move and second to adjourn. Motion carried. Dismissed by Rev. B. H. Parrish.

DISBURSEMENTS

Martin Youth Camp	\$ 50.00
Clerk	5.00
Moderator	5.00
National Association Dues	2.50
Minutes	80.00
State Cooperative 10%	7.60
Local Superannuation 60%	41.19
Local Missions 15%	13.76
Local Promotion	13.76
Herbert Boyd, Clerk	Total Disbursements . . . \$218.81
Rev. Larry Williams, Moderator	

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Total Church Membership	697
Sunday School Enrollment	514
Ten churches reporting average attendance	351
Five C. T. S. Enrollment	275
Average Attendance	151
Four Women's Auxiliary report	67
Average Attendance	49
8 Prayer Meeting	237
Average attendance	105
10 Churches enclosed for minutes	\$168.25
10 Churches enclosed for Youth Camp	50.00
	\$218.25
Wayne Sheffield	
Bronzo Parrish Emory Richardson	
Submitted April 15, 1972	

1972 THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

The Third Quarterly Session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Association convened at Mt. Gilead Church on July 15, 1972.

Sister Vicky Smith opened the Session with a song. Brother David Clements lead in prayer. Sister Vicky Smith gave the welcome. Bro. Fred Ingram gave the response. Bro. Stanley Kirkland gave the devotional taken from Matthew Ch. 25: 31 verse.

The Moderator addressed the Martin Association and called for the church letters, reading the delegates' names from each church letter. A motion was made and seconded to seat the delegates. Motion was carried.

The Board of Trustees presented to the Association the cost of covering the Youth Camp. The cost would be \$3,608.90. A motion was made to table until afternoon session. Motion was seconded and carried.

Brother Talmadge Worsley gave a talk on Youth Camp and the possibility of not having the August Session because he cannot get help to carry on the session.

REPORT OF JUNE SESSION

Two saved – 22 rededicated lives – 67 camp enrollment

Brother A. C. Truluck gave a talk on labors together with God.

The minutes of the last session were read and adopted. A ten minute recess before 11 o'clock message, and prayer by Rev. Lewis Williams. Song and prayer by Brother J. R. McNease and a special offering was taken for the camp grounds amounting to \$41.58.

The eleven o'clock message was by Rev. W. S. Driggers and his subject was "Christian on Trial Today," taking his text from Acts: 22-26, verse 28. Dismissed for noon by Rev. James Rathel.

Brother Wayne Sheffield requested that all local superannuation funds be sent to State Office and that all eligible members names be sent to the State Office and be paid through the State Superannuation. Motion seconded and carried.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Song service was led by sister Vicky Smith and prayer was by Rev. Talmadge Worsley. The Credential Committee gave their Report and a motion was made and seconded to adopt the report as read. Motion was carried.

The Youth Camp covering was brought from the table and it was voted to let the Board of Trustees get the work done.

The catering of State Association meeting at Youth Camp in Nov. was discussed. Move, second and carried to let the Executive Board take care of this matter.

There is a need for several committees: Registration Committee, Publicity Committee, Usher Board Committee and one to see about a telephone at camp. Move and second was made for moderator to appoint chairmen for these committees.

Registration Chairmen Bro. Bobby and Sister Sue Roberts
 Ushers Chairman Brother Emory Richardson
 Publicity Chairman Sister Eva Middleton
 Telephone Brother Curtis Williams

Brother Truluck gave a talk about National Association which will meet in Macon, Georgia, in July of 1973. The building will cost \$600 a day, suggest each church send 50¢ per member to help pay for use of building.

Rev. Lewis Williams talked about State Mission work, and starting in September he will be in full time mission work throughout the State.

Devotional was led by Brother Curtis Williams—Hebrews, Ch. 5 — verses 7 through 9.

A rising vote of thanks to Mt. Gilead for hospitality throughout the day. A move and second to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dismissed by Rev. A. C. Truluck.

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Total Church Membership	669
Sunday School Enrollment	471
Ten churches reporting average attendance	324
C. T. S. Enrollment	264
C. T. S. average attendance	163
Women's Auxiliary Report	80
Average attendance	38
Prayer Meeting	143
Average Attendance	143
Ten churches enclosed for minutes	\$164.75
Ten churches enclosed for Youth Camp	45.00
	\$209.75
	15.00
	\$224.75

Submitted July 15, 1972 by Ned Bryan and Billy Roland.

Received for July 17, from New Home II \$ 15.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Martin Youth Camp	\$ 71.58
Clerk	5.00
Moderator	5.00
National Association Dues	2.50

Minutes retain in treasury	80.00
State Cooperative 10%	8.75
Local Superannuation 60%	47.40
Local Promotion 15%	15.80
Local Missions 15%	15.80
Herbert Boyd, Clerk	TOTAL \$251.83
Rev. Larry Williams, Moderator	TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$251.83

1972 FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION

The Fourth Quarterly Session of Free Will Baptist Association convened at Martin Youth Camp Saturday morning, October 14, 1972. Rev. Talmadge Worsley led song service. Prayer by Rev. J. J. Scott. Welcome by Sister Rachel Bailey. Response by Brother Terry McVey. Devotional by Sister Carolyn Hornsby: Rev. 1-8. Prayer by Rev. James Roland.

The Credentials Committee made a partial report. M.S.C. to accept this report and seat the delegates.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted.

M.S.C. to accept Ordaining Council report. M.S.C. to accept C.T.S. Convention report. M.S.C. to accept the Youth Camp Treasury report. M.S.C. to accept Superannuation report. M.S.C. to relieve Superannuation Committee of their duties, which will be taken care of by the State Superannuation. M.S.C. to send local superannuation list to the State Superannuation.

M.S.C. to accept the Credential report. M.S.C. to accept the Resolution Committee report. M.S.C. to accept Sunday School report. M.S.C. to accept Nominating Committee Report. M.S.C. to accept Mission Board report.

Moderator gave visitors the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Brother Frank Newberry, Chairman of the Children's Home, asked that all churches help in making this drive a success.

A special offering of \$72.54 was taken to help pay expenses.

Rev. Lewis Williams gave report on State Missions work.

Eleven o'clock message by Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Matt. Ch. 5; 14-15-16. Text: "Let Our Light Shine."

Dismissed for noon hour by Rev. Lewis Williams.

Afternoon Session

Song Service by Rev. James Roland. Prayer by Rev. C. A. Gilbert. Devotional by Brother J. R. McNease; II Corinthians 4:5. New Home I will host the First Session at the Youth Camp. New Salem will

host the Third Session at the Youth Camp.

The Moderator appointed the following committees: Decoration Committee—Sister Geneva Roland, Placement Committee—Sister Annie Lou Wells, Table Committee—Rev. Stanley Daniels, Clean-up Committee—Brother Buddy Bailey, Brother Emory Richardson and Rev. Kenneth Kirby.

Brother Stanley Daniels was ordained. Rev. A. C. Truluck gave a report on the work of the State Office.

Rev. Gordon Ellis asked that the Martin Association help start a mission in Tallahassee, Florida. M.S.C. to back this movement.

M.S.C. to take \$300.00 out of the Association Treasury and give to Youth Camp.

Delegates to the State Association are Sister Annie Lou Wells and Brother Wayne Sheffield.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mothers Home.

M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissed by Brother Buddy Bailey.

Brother Louie Grimes, Moderator
Brother Herbert Boyd, Clerk

DISBURSEMENTS

Martin Youth Camp	\$567.50
Clerk	20.00
Moderator	5.00
National Association Dues	2.50
Retain in Treasury for Minutes	80.00
State Cooperative 10%	12.75
State Superannuation 60%	68.85
Local Promotion 15%	22.95
Local Missions 15%	22.95
Total	\$802.50

CREDENTIAL COMMITTEE REPORT

Sunday School	11 Churches Reporting
C. T. S.	6 Churches Reporting
Woman's Auxiliary	4 Churches Reporting
Master's Men	None Reporting
Prayer Meeting	11 Churches Reporting
13 Churches Enclosed for Minutes	\$235.00
11 Churches Enclosed for Youth Camp	42.50

PROGRAMS FOR 1973 MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION—January 20, 1973—Youth Camp.

New Home I.

Song Leader—Bro. Clint Ard

Welcome—Bro. Bobby Roberts

Response—Bro. Bobby Richardson

Devotional—Bro. Wayne Sheffield

Message—Rev. Kenneth Kirby

Afternoon Devotional—Bro. Horace Lovering, Jr.

SECOND SESSION—April 14, 1973—Youth Camp

All churches will host.

Welcome—Sister Kathy Ingram

Response—Brother Paul Boutwell

Devotional—Brother Stanley Kirkland

Message—Rev. James Roland

Afternoon Devotional—Sister Ethel Newberry

THIRD SESSION—July 21, 1973—Youth Camp

New Salem

Welcome—Brother Bobby Richardson

Response—Brother Terry McVey

Devotional—Rev. C. A. Gilbert

Message—Danny and Dennis Keen

Afternoon Devotional—Brother J. D. Darley

ANNUAL SESSION—October 20, 1973—Youth Camp

All churches will host.

Welcome—Sister Alma Jean Grimes

Response—Bro. Richard McNease

Devotional—Sister Willie Lane

Message—Rev. James Rathel

Afternoon Devotional—Sister Chester Pelt.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT

FIRST SESSION OCTOBER 31, 1971

The first session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Mothers Home Church October 31, 1971. Brother Bobby Richardson opened with a prayer. Brother Ned Bryan gave the devotion. Welcome was given by Sister Rachel Bailey and the response was given by Brother Bobby Richardson.

Call for church letters and the digest committee was appointed as follows: Brother Wayne Sheffield, Brother Lewis Williams and Bro. Talmadge Worsley.

Special singing by New Salem and New Home No. 1.

Digest Committee gave the following report: Number of Churches reporting - 4; Number of Departments - 18; Number on roll - 315; Paid Lit. - \$344.71; Number of Teachers - 20; Miscellaneous expense - \$847.48; Number of Officers - 15; Total Offering \$667.02; Dues to Convention - \$20.00.

MSC to accept Digest Committee Report and seat delegates. MSC to accept reading of Minutes and Financial Report.

Program Committee appointed as follows: Patsy McVey, Debbie Williams, Adrian Lovering (two year term).

FIRST SESSION: OCTOBER 31, 1971

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Brothers David Clements, Pete Davis and Scott Roberts.

MSC to give Mothers Home a rising vote of thanks.

MSC to adjourn.

TREASURERS REPORT

Brought forward	\$161.50
Dues to Convention	20.00
Total	\$181.50
Stamps and Envelopes	3.00
Balance	\$178.50

Respectfully submitted, Ned Bryan, Secretary-Treasurer

Dues for Printing Minutes	\$ 35.00
Total in Treasury	\$217.50
	35.00
Balance	\$182.50

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION REPORT 1972

The second session of the Martin Free Will Baptist Sunday School Convention convened with Hi-way F.W.B. on April 31, 1972.

Brother Driggers opened with prayer. Song service was led by Bro. Herbert Boyd. Brother Louie Grimes gave the devotion. Welcome by Sister Driggers and response by Brother Herbert Boyd.

Call for Church Letters and the Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Brothers Howard Roberts, Terry McVey and Stanley Daniels. Delegates were seated. The nominating committee gave the following report.

President	Herbert Boyd
Vice President	Larry Williams
Secretary-Treasurer	Pam Cox
Director of Publicity	Terry McVey
Director of Organization	David Richardson

Respectfully submitted—Scott Roberts, Pete Davis, David Clements

Program Committee gave the following report: First Session, New Salem, October 29, 1972.

Devotion Brother Talmadge Cooper
Welcome Brother Emory Richardson
Response Brother Horace Lovering

BUSINESS

Special Singing New Home No. 1 and New Salem
Programs Colquitt and Corinth

Second Session at New Home No. 1, April 29, 1973

Devotion Brother Wayne Sheffield
Welcome Brother Wally Roberts
Response Sharon Sheffield

BUSINESS

Special Singing Mothers Home and Mt. Gilead
Programs Highway and Mt. Glory.

MSC to adopt minutes of last meeting. Digest Committee gave the following report:

Number on roll	423	Paid Literature	\$619.01
Number of Departments	33	Miscellaneous	624.44
Number of Teachers	33	Ave. attendance	43
Number of Officers	31	Convention dues \$	39.00
		Total Offering	\$1769.58

Respectfully submitted, Brothers Stanley Daniels, Terry McVey and Howard Roberts

MSC to give Hi-Way a rising vote of thanks. MSC to adjourn.

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance forward	\$178.50
Dues to convention	39.00
Balance in treasury	\$217.50

Respectfully submitted, Ned Bryan, Secretary and Treasurer

C. T. S. CONVENTION REPORT

January 30, 1972

Meeting was called to order by prayer given by Brother Wayne Sheffield. Song service by Brother Herbert Boyd. Welcome was given by Brother Herbert Boyd. Response by Brother Horace Lovering.

Special singing was presented by New Home No. 1, Mt. Gilead, Mothers Home, Corinth and New Salem.

MSC to accept Digest Committee's Report. Delegates were seated. Recognized ministers present - 3, C. T. S. directors - 3, C. T. S. Teachers - 5.

Nominating Committee was appointed as follows: Brother Billy Roland, Chairman, Randy Boyd and Scott Roberts.

Program Committee was appointed as follows: Brothers Dallas Wardell, Travis Burke and James Swanner.

Old Business - none.

Other Business - none

A rising vote of thanks was given to Mt. Gilead. We were dismissed by Brother James Rathel.

C. T. S. REPORT

July 30, 1972 Corinth

The meeting was called to order by a song by congregation. Prayer was given by Brother Ned Bryan. Devotional was given by Brother Dallas Wardel. Welcome was given by Mrs. Dallas Wardel. Response was given by Brother Wayne Sheffield.

Roll call of churches with six represented. Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Brothers Tyrone Williams, Chairman, Don Roberts, Billy Roland and David Clements.

Special singing was presented by New Home No. 1, Mothers Home, New Salem and Mt. Gilead.

MSC to accept the Digest Committee. Delegates were seated. Recognized ministers present-5, C.T.S. Directors-6, C.T.S. Teachers-13.

MSC to accept Program Committee Report. It was as follows:

Third Session, 1972 New Salem
Devotional and Welcome, Programs . . . Mothers Home and Corinth

First Session, 1973 Mothers Home
Devotional and Welcome, Programs . . . New Salem and Highway

Second Session, 1973 Highway
Devotional and Welcome, Programs . New Home No. 1 and Mt. Gilead

First Session, 1974 Mt. Gilead
Devotional and Welcome, Programs . . . Highway and Mt. Gilead

Second Session, 1974 Corinth
Devotional and Welcome, Programs . Mt. Gilead and Mothers Home

MSC to accept Nominating Committee Report. It was as follows:

General Director	Wayne Sheffield
Assistant Director	David Richardson
Secretary and Treasurer	Sharon Sheffield
Assistant Secretary and Treasurer	Cathy Boyd
Song Leader	Herbert Boyd
Sword Drill Leader	Mrs. Jack Burke
Bible Bowl Leader	Mrs. Don Roberts
Tic Tac Toe Leader	Mrs. Carolyn Hornsby
Declamation Leader	Mrs. C. M. Smith
Pianist	Debra Roberts

New Business – none.
 MSC to pay \$25.00 for printing of minutes.
 A rising vote of thanks was given to Corinth for their hospitality.
 We were dismissed by Brother James Rathel.

Mrs.Sue Mock, Secretary
 Bobby Richardson, Director

MISSION BOARD REPORT

Brought Forward	\$68.19
Disbursements:	
State Misisons Board	\$12.50
Martin Youth Camp	12.50
Total	\$25.00
Balance in Treasury	\$43.19

PROMOTIONAL BOARD REPORT
 (No Report)

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

- (1) Be it resolved that the request of Rev. Gordon Ellis for membership as an ordained minister be granted and that he be welcomed back into the Martin Association.
- (2) Be it resolved that names of obituaries be placed in Minutes as follows:
- | | |
|------------------------|---------------------|
| Brother J. W. Tully | Sister Lena Roland |
| Brother Carl Middleton | Brother Frank Smith |
| Brother Paul Howard | Brother Bob Smith |
| Sister Ethel Sheffield | Sister J. E. Dawson |

MINISTERS AND DEACONS REPORT

FINIANCIAL REPORT

Assets:

Offerings for 1972 \$157.77

Disbursements:

Youth Camp (Repair of Piano) 80.00

Printing of Minutes 15.00

Total . - \$ 95.00

October 14, 1972, Balance in Treasury \$ 62.77

OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR

Rev. W. S. Driggers Moderator

Rev. Danny Keen Assistant Moderator

Brother Claude Newsome Clerk

Brother J. R. McNease Assistant Clerk

PROGRAMS FOR 1973 MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION Martin Youth Camp January 19, 1973

Welcome Brother Willie Lane

Response Brother Howard Roberts

Devotion Brother Emory Richardson

Message Rev. Danny Keen

SECOND SESSION Martin Youth Camp April 13, 1973

Welcome Brother Gene Josey

Response Brother Claude Newsome

Devotion Brother Talmadge Cooper

Message Rev. Stanley Daniels

THIRD SESSION Martin Youth Camp July 20, 1973

Welcome Brother B. A. Middleton

Response Brother Ned Bryan

Devotion Brother Bobby Roberts

Message Rev. C. A. Gilbert

FOURTH SESSION Martin Youth Camp October 19, 1973

Welcome Brother C. M. Smith

Response Brother Edd Hill

Devotion Brother Don Roberts

Message Rev. James Roland

CHILDREN'S HOME HARVEST DRIVE REPORT

CHURCH	CASH	COMMODITIES
Colquitt		\$ 45.00
Mt. Glory	\$ 14.50	150.00
Mt. Gilead	120.00	200.00
Hebrew	56.00	254.40
Corinth	300.00	75.00
Thompson	88.00	128.50
New Home No. 1	180.00	145.00
Mothers Home	190.00	50.00
New Salem	295.00	210.00
	\$1243.50	\$1257.90
Martin Association	39.25	
	\$1282.75	
Mr. and Mrs. Doc Kook	\$1.00	\$ 3.00
Newberry-Williams Farms		25.00
Marvin Kimbrel		5.00
R. W. Bush		10.00
Holt Nitrogen Company (1 Ton Corn)		50.00
Farmers Fertilizer & Milling Company		140.00
		\$234.00
Harvest Drive Total		\$2774.65

SUPERANNUATION BOARD REPORT

Balance in Treasury at beginning of this associational year	\$ 47.12
Amount brought forward	\$ 47.12
Money Received:	
Martin Association	\$203.47
New Home No. 1	80.00
Total	\$330.59
Disbursed: 1972	
Rev. C. A. Gilbert	\$ 48.00
Rev. Willie Sellers	48.00
Rev. L. D. Scott	48.00
Mrs. A. B. Ard	48.00
Mrs. Jack Horn	48.00
Mrs. Mattie Lou Roberts	22.00
State Superannuation	42.00
Money Order Fee and Stamps	2.58
Total	\$306.58
Balance in Treasury	\$ 24.01

REPORT OF THE ORDAINING COUNCIL

The Ordaining Council wishes to make the following report:

We received a request from Mt. Glory Church for the ordination of Brother Stanley Daniels and approved him for ordination at this Annual Session.

The ordaining council also met with Rev. Kenneth Kirby, pastor of New Home No. 1, Rev. Danny Keen, pastor of New Salem and Rev. James Roland, pastor of Mt. Gilead. We have received letters of recommendation from their association and do recommend them into full fellowship with the Martin Association.

Rev. J. Lewis Williams

Rev. W. S. Driggers

Rev. C. A. Gilbert

TREASURY REPORT OF MARTIN YOUTH CAMP

Balance October, 1971	\$872.03
Offerings Received 1972	1134.42
Total	\$2006.45
Paid out October 9, 1972	935.53
Balance in Treasury	\$1070.92

1972 ASSOCIATION TREASURER'S REPORT

Assets:

Cash on hand	\$ 363.42
Received from Association	966.34
Received Mt. Gilead Windows	100.00
Received New Salem Windows	100.00
Received Corinth Windows	50.00
Received Sunday School Convention	35.00
Received CTS	25.00
Received Ministers Conference	15.00
Total assets	\$1654.76

Disbursements:

Clerk	\$ 35.00
Moderator	20.00
State and National	10.00
State Cooperative	39.39
Local Promotional	71.00
Local Mission	71.00
Local Superannuation	236.93
Martin Youth Camp	714.08
Citizens Bank of Colquitt	2.40
Total disbursements	\$1199.80
Balance in Treasury	\$ 454.96

STANDING RULES OF MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

1. Recommend that each church close their books on Sept. 1, and mail their annual and quarterly reports to the clerk two weeks before each session.
2. The pastoral year will begin on September 1.
3. Each church that entertains Quarterly Meetings will prepare a program for that day and be responsible for preacher and speakers and let the moderator and clerk know in advance of the meeting.
4. The Sunday School and C.T.S., Ministers and Deacons Conference, Ladies Auxiliary and any other auxiliary give an annual report to the Quarterly Meetings.
5. The Obituaries of each church will give name, date of birth and date of death of members in an annual report to the Quarterly Meetings. This information will be given to the Resolution Committee.
6. Our standing resolutions will be printed in the minutes each year.
7. The Quarterly Meeting fee will be 25¢ per capita member at each session, or \$1.00 at the Annual Session.
8. A Digest Committee of at least three will be elected by the body or appointed by the moderator to examine church letters and make a report of their findings.
9. Our Quarterly Meetings will be Saturday before the third Sunday in January, April, July and October at 10:00 A.M. The Annual Session will be held in October beginning at 9:30 A.M. and continuing until all business is finished.
10. That no person may serve more than one elected office in the Martin Quarterly at the same time.
11. That the Second and the Annual Session of the Quarterly Meeting will be held at the Youth Camp with all churches acting as hosts. The first and third sessions will be held in the local churches by request with this church acting as host.
12. DISBURSEMENTS: (a) Retain in treasury: \$50 after each session (b) State Association: \$5 each session (c) Retain for printing minutes \$80 each session (d) National Association: \$2.50 each session (e) Moderator: \$5 per session, Clerk: \$2.50 each session per one, two, three session, and \$20 for fourth session. (f) the remaining funds left will be allocated as follows: (a) State Cooperative Board: 25%, (b) local superannuation board: 60% (c) local promotion board: 15% (d) local mission board: 15%.
13. Superannuation Board: 25% of funds will be allocated to the State Superannuation Board and the remaining funds to the retired ministers of the Martin Quarterly Meeting or their widows which to be eligible have to be recommended by the local church and approved by the Quarterly Meeting.
14. The Moderator and Clerk will not serve more than three years in succession

FINANCIAL REPORT

CHURCHES	Paid Pastor	Total Offering	Paid Evangelist	Revivals Held	Cooperative Plan	Building and Repairs	Literature	Total Expenditure	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	Meeting Days	Minutes	Martin Youth Camp
COLQUITT	\$2,305	5,240.47				6,020.40	\$245.88	9,080.67	\$12,000		Full	\$17.50	\$15.00
CORINTH	3,197.50	15,720.60	395.00	5	378.00	8,500	282.39	14,988.38	\$18,000		Full	27.50	
HEBREW	778.58		107.00				58.03	945.60	6,365		Full	51.00	20.00
HIGHWAY	375.00	129.75						552.76	4,295.00				
MOTHERS HOME	3,269.94	8,069.51	350.50	2	544.82	461.62	593.85	7,783.35	6,000.		2&4	20.75	
MT. GLORY	1,422.92	3,140.19	70.00			683.14	27.48	8,000			Full	8.50	20.00
MT. GILEAD	1,860.00	5,429.45	270.00	2	96.00	772.60	253.86	4,887.21	15,000.		Full	14.25	285.00
NEW HOME No. 1	4,660.00	14,754.98	560.00	2	396.08	377.01	718.94	9,584.93	13,200	15,000	Full	24.50	329.04
NEW HOME No. 2	1,236.98	3,704.86	250.00	2	100.00	1,150.00	143.88	3,579.86	10,000		Full	15.00	
NEW SALEM	3,820.00	10,900.57	100.00	2	752.73	2,293.90	411.78	9,897.34	21,000.	12,000.	Full	30.50	120.00
PILGRIMS HOME												16.00	
PROCTOR CHAPEL	1,788.00	2,207.00	100.00	2					10,000.		Full	11.00	15.00
THOMPSON	2,000		250.00	2		296.18	20.00	3,675.83	7,000.		2&4	36.50	20.00

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

PREAMBLE

In order to encourage and inspire our Sunday Schools of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, in a more definite plan of work and to co-ordinate our efforts for a more successful program of teaching God's Word, we set forth the following *Constitution and By-Laws*:

ARTICLE I

NAME: This Convention shall be known as the *Sunday School Convention of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist*.

ARTICLE II

OBJECT: The object of the Convention shall be to promote Sunday School work in general among our churches and to sponsor Sunday School institutes in various localities to be determined by the Convention when in session for the purpose of training such Christian workers and leaders as superintendents, teachers, secretaries, class officers, etc. This Convention shall cooperate with the Sunday School program sponsored by the Sunday School Department of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE III

MEMBERSHIP:

Section 1: The membership of this Convention shall be the Sunday Schools of the churches that are members in good standing with the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist. A mission Sunday School shall hold membership as long as it has the endorsement of a church which represents in said Convention.

Section 2: The representation fee for each session shall be the minimum of \$1.00 per delegate. The said fee shall be used to defray the expenses of the Convention, promote Sunday School Workers Institutes and to contribute to our denominational enterprises. The fee is to accompany a letter containing the condition of the Sunday School, average attendance, number of classes, number of departments, number on roll, number of teachers and officers and any other information that the Convention deems pertinent to the growth and efficiency of the local Sunday School.

Section 3: Each Sunday School with 100 members or less shall be entitled to 5 delegates, and one delegate for every 25 additional members or fraction thereof of the Sunday School. All delegates are to be elected from the laity.

Section 4: All pastors of the churches of the local Association and superintendents shall be considered members at large with voting power and are not to be sent as delegates.

ARTICLE IV

OFFICERS:

The officers of this Convention shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Director of Publicity and Director of Organization.

TENURE: All officers shall be elected at the close of the last session of the Convention each year.

ARTICLE V

AMENDMENTS:

This *Constitution* may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

BY-LAWS

DUTIES OF GENERAL OFFICERS:

Section 1. President: The President shall preside over all meetings of the Convention, appoint temporary committees and perform the other duties usually devolving upon said officer.

Section 2. Vice-President: The Vice-President shall preside over meetings in the absence or at the request of the President and assist the President in the general supervision of the Convention.

Section 3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Convention and if the Treasurer is absent shall record all finances that come as funds into the Convention.

Section 4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall make a record of all finances that come as funds into the Convention — offerings, gifts, etc. He shall be authorized to pay the current expenses of the Convention. He shall make an itemized report of all transactions to the Convention when in session. All records shall be the property of the Convention and are subject to being audited at each session. He shall give such surety as this Convention deems wise. The Convention shall bear the cost of the same.

Section 5. Director of Organization: The Director of Organization shall organize or assist in the organization of new Sunday Schools, the reorganization of existing Sunday Schools that have lapsed into a state of inefficiency. This service being rendered at the request of the local Sunday School. He shall serve as chairman of the Convention Program Committee because of his knowledge of the needs of the local Sunday Schools of the local

association. The Convention shall pay him a reasonable amount per mile for services rendered.

Section 6. Director of Publicity: The Director of Publicity shall see to it that each Sunday School receives the printed program as prepared by the Program Committee. He shall prepare and submit a written report to all meetings of the Convention to all denominational publications and the local papers where space is given free-gratis for such items.

Section 7. Amendments: These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the members present at any regular session.

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 I. 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 Association and keep them informed concerning the needs of the camp.

Section II. Members of the *Camp Board* must be from the laity 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,
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Edgar Smith, D. T. Pickren

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE RALLY
Martin District Association Of Free Will Baptist

CONSTITUTION

Preamble:

The purpose of this Rally shall be to promote the Church Training Service Program (CTS) in the Martin Association; to unify, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in cooperation with the various local CTS Programs of this District, so therefore, we accept this Constitution to help strengthen our total Church Training program.

ARTICLE I

NAME: The name of this organization shall be known as the Martin District CTS Rally of the original Free Will Baptist of the State of Georgia.

ARTICLE II

MEMBERSHIP: The membership shall be composed of all persons who are active members in the Church Training Service of a church which is a member of the Martin Association. Each member shall have voting privileges and may participate fully in all activities provided by the Rally. Ordained ministers affiliated with the Martin Association shall be standing members.

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS: The officers of this Rally shall consist of a General Director, an Assistant General Director, a Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer, Song Director, Pianist, Sword Drill Leader, Bible Tic Tac Toe Leader, Bible Bowl Leader, Declamation Leader, and other officers which may be needed to carry on the work of the Rally.

ARTICLE IV

MEETING: The Rally shall meet semi-annually at such a time and place as may be decided upon by the Nominating Committee.

ARTICLE V

COMMITTEES: All committees needed to carry on the work of the Rally shall be appointed by the General Director.

ARTICLE VI

REPORTS: This Rally shall be under direct supervision of the Martin District Association and shall give a written report annually to the Association of all funds received and disbursed, and functions of the Rally during the year. The report should include objectives and any future plans being considered by the Rally.

ARTICLE VII

FINANCES: This Rally shall be supported by each local CTS representing with a gift of \$5.00 competitive activities entry fee; Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe \$1.00 each; Sword Drill and Declamation \$1.00 each, and special offerings which might be received during the Rallies.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT: This constitution may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present.

BY-LAWS

Section 1. Officers

All officers shall be elected by the Rally.

Section 2. General Director

It shall be the duty of the General Director to preside at all meetings and perform such duties delegated to him by the District Association and this Rally. He shall also submit annual written reports to the District Association.

Section 3. Assistant General Director

It shall be the duty of the Assistant General Director to serve in full capacity of the General Director when he is absent. He shall also serve in those capacities assigned to him by this Rally.

Section 4. Secretary-Treasurer

The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Rally and preserve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the Treasurer at the approval of the Rally.

Section 5. Assistant Secretary-Treasurer

It shall be the duty of the Assistant Secretary-Treasurer to serve in the full capacity of the Secretary-Treasurer when he is absent.

Section 6. Song Leader

It shall be the duty of the Song Leader to be present, and on time, at all meetings and assist in arranging music for the Rally.

Section 7. Pianist

It shall be the duty of the Pianist to be present at all meetings, and on time. Also assist in arranging music for the Rally.

Section 8. Sword Drill, Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe Leaders

It shall be the duty of these leaders to serve as coordinating agencies between the various districts in promoting and stimulating interest in the Sword Drill, Bible Bowl and Bible Tic Tac Toe Contests. Also be responsible for conducting these contests at the proper time set up by the Rally. It shall also be the duty of these leaders to be careful and make sure they go directly by the rules set up by the State and National since they have the power to disqualify a contestant for this purpose.

Section 9. Declamation Leader

It shall be the duty of the Declamation Leader to serve as a coordinating agency between the various districts in promoting and stimulating interest in the Declamation speeches. Also be responsible for conducting the Declamation Contest at the proper time set up by the Rally. It shall also be the duty of this leader to be careful and make sure he goes directly by the rules set up by the State and National since they have the power to disqualify a contestant for this purpose.

Section 10. Committees

Committees may be appointed as deemed wise by the Rally and will serve at the discretion of the Rally.

Section 11. Executive Committee

All general officers shall be members of the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to keep the business to a minimum so that the Rally can be geared toward promoting the Church Training program and should be a time of inspiration, instruction and other special features pertaining to the CTS work. The Executive Committee shall also serve as the Program Committee and meet prior to the Rallies to plan an inspiring and interesting program.

Section 12. Amendment

These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present.

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 free 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 unanimous 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 anyone 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 anyway 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. The Ordaining Council of the Martin Association shall receive each request for the purpose of ordaining ministers and deacons and shall be impartial and unbiased.

16. Licensed ministers must have a waiting period of one year before being ordained. Licensed ministers coming from sister associations must bring a letter of recommendation from their associations, be called to one or more churches, and have a waiting period of one year before being ordained by the Ordaining Council of the Martin Association.

17. Each candidate must be questioned by the council as to his beliefs of the fundamentals of doctrine of Free Will Baptist, including doctrine, faith and practices.

18. Any ordained minister coming from sister associations must bring a letter of recommendation from his association, as well as satisfy the Ordaining Council in reference to item 3 above, before being received into the fellowship of the Martin Association.

19. Ministers leaving our association to serve in the bounds of sister associations be given a letter of recommendation, providing they are in good standing with our association.

20. Churches making application to the Ordaining Council for members to be ordained to preach, do so at least 3 months in advance, in order to give the Ordaining Council time to question the candidate in doctrine and character.

21. These by-laws, in order to be amended, must be done by a two-thirds majority vote of the Martin Association only.

22. 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 successive 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 miscellaneous 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 cited 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 acknowledgment 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 discussions 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 accountability, 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 repugnant 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 ecclesiastical 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 ecclesiastical 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 further, 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 in-after mentioned resolve themselves into a body ecclesiastic 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 thereof 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 privilege 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 sub-joined 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 frequent 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. We will also sympathize with each other in seasons of temptation and affliction 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.

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Active Members	Inactive Members	Total Members	Received by Letter	Received by Baptism	Statement of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Sunday School Enrollment	Average Attendance	C. T. S. Enrollment	Average Attendance	Womens Auxiliary	Average Attendance	Master's Men	Prayer Meeting	Number of Deacons
COLQUITT			66	1					2	47	27			26	12		Yes	4
CORINTH			110	12	34		1		3	45	30	35	30				Yes	8
HEBREW			51	2	2		1			42	25			19	10		Yes	3
HIGHWAY			6				8											1
MOTHERS HOME	74	9	83		5			2	1	78	64	54	33	16	5		Yes	4
MT. GLORY	34		34	7		1				30	25	30	25					
MT. GILEAD	57		57						1	48	43	35	30				Yes	3
NEW HOME No. 1	97	1	98	1	1		8		1	97	59	97	50	11		10	Yes	7
NEW HOME No. 2			55	6		8			1	65	40						Yes	5
NEW SALEM	122	65	187	4		6	3		2	80	61	37	30	26	12		Yes	5
PILGRIMS HOME	16		16															
PROCTOR CHAPEL	42		42	9	9				1	15	12						Yes	4
THOMPSON	53		53		1					35	30						Yes	6

CHURCH DIRECTORY						
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NEW HOME No.2	W. G. Turner Cairo, Georgia	Paul Boutwell Climax, Ga.	O'Neal Cumbie Climax, Ga.			
NEW SALEM	Danny Keen Rt. 5 Colquitt, Ga.	John Pickren Rt. 5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bobby Richardson Colquitt, Ga.	Billy Roland Colquitt, Ga.		Ann Richardson Colquitt, Ga.
PROCTOR CHAPEL	B. H. Parrish Bainbridge, Ga.	Frank Cain P.O. Box 661 Pelham, Ga.	Jimmy Poppell Pelham, Ga.			
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THOMPSON	Paul Erwin Newton, Ga.	G. R. Grimes Colquitt, Georgia	Edgar Smith Colquitt, Ga.			