

**NINETY-THIRD
QUARTERLY SESSIONS
OF THE
MARTIN ASSOCIATION
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST**

1979



MEETING DATES OF THE MARTIN ASSOCIATION

December 30, 1979	—Sunday School Convention—	Thompson
January 18, 1980	—Ministerial Conference—	New Salem
January 19, 1980	—Martin, First Session—	Mt. Glory
March 29, 1980	—C.T.S. Rally—	Thompson
April 18, 1980	—Ministerial Conference—	Mt. Glory
April 19, 1980	Martin, Second Session—	Hebrew
June 29, 1980	—Sunday School Convention—	Mt. Gilead
July 18, 1980	—Ministerial Conference—	Colquitt
July 19, 1980	—Martin, Third Session—	Highway
August 31, 1980	—C.T.S. Rally—	New Salem
October 17, 1980	—Ministerial Conference—	Mt. Gilead
October 18, 1980	—Martin, Fourth Session—	Donalsonville

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CHURCH HISTORIES

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST

In the summer of 1947, Rev. Ralph Lightsey held a two week tent revival. After that services continued in the County Courthouse, with Rev. H. L. Catrett serving as pastor. The church was organized with C. A. Williams and Murphy Daniels as deacons. C. A. Williams was elected Church Clerk and Treasurer.

Sunday School was organized with Mrs. Alma McDonald, Mrs. Lucy Tully, Mrs. Clemmie Williams as teachers.

On Sept. 6, 1947 land was purchased and a building erected on Bremond Street with nineteen Charter Members. During this thirty-two years the church has had twelve pastors.

April 13, 1969 under the leadership of Rev. Chester Pelt the church voted to build a new church building on Grow Street. With the congregation working together, Horace Lovering, Sr. directing, the present building was finished, and the first service was held January 12, 1975 with sixty-nine present.

Dedication services were held October 26, 1975 with Dr. Ralph Lightsey as guest speaker. Rev. Hollis Warren, Pastor.

The congregation has continued to grow and we give God the Glory and Praise for every thing He has done for us.

Mrs. Lavon Lovering
Church Clerk

THE CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

The Corinth Free Will Baptist Church, Iron City, Ga. was organized in 1874. James M. Lane and W. Henry Drake with the help of their neighbors built the original building which was made of logs cut from the pine forest donated by Mr. Lane and others and hauled by oxen to the church ground, which included enough for a cemetery. They named the church "Corinth." This building was destroyed in 1926 and was moved to its present site on land donated by Albert Cordell. It was a member of the Chattahoochee Free Will Baptist Association until the Martin Free Will Baptist Association was formed in 1881 and it became one of the charter members and has to this date been a faithful member.

The Rev. Jordan McCullough organized the church and served as the first pastor. The Charter Members were W. H. Drake, James M. Lane, E. C. Norris, W. A. Drake, Albert Cordell, Preston Gause,

Bennie Bachelor. First deacons were W. H. Drake and E. A. Norris. Mr. W. A. Drake was first clerk.

In 1973-1974 additional classrooms, Nursery and Fellowship Hall were added. Also central heating and cooling. Our present active membership is 69.

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church was organized in 1908 with seven Charter Members. Rev. Axim Drake was the first pastor. Rev. A. B. Ard helped organize the church. Bro. Allen Alday was the first deacon. The church was organized in a school house. It burned. The church was re-built in 1912 at its present location.

OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF
MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

General Officers

Moderator	<i>Rev. Irvin W. Hyman</i>
Assistant Moderator	<i>Rev. Wayne Sheffield</i>
Clerk	<i>Bro. Bobby Roberts</i>
Assistant Clerk	<i>Bro. David Richardson</i>

Executive Committee

Rev. Irvin W. Hyman	<i>Colquitt, Ga.</i>
Bro. Bobby Roberts	<i>Colquitt, Ga.</i>
Bro. James Swanner	<i>Colquitt, Ga.</i>
Bro. Herbert Boyd	<i>Brinson, Ga.</i>
Bro. Charles Grimes	<i>Colquitt, Ga.</i>

Ordaining Council

Rev. Damon Dodd	<i>Three Years</i>
Rev. Lewis Williams	<i>Two Years</i>
Rev. Cecil Mock	<i>One Year</i>

Investigaing Committee

Bro. Paul Boutwell	<i>Three Years</i>
Bro. Robert Tully	<i>Two Years</i>
Bro. Edd Hill	<i>One Year</i>

Local Mission Board

Bro. David Clements	<i>Three Years</i>
Bro. Tyrone Williams	<i>Two Years</i>
Bro. Johnny Naylor	<i>One Year</i>

Nominations To State Boards

Mission Board	<i>Rev. Wayne Sheffield</i>
Board of Trustees	<i>Rev. Jim Lugo</i>
Board of Retirement and Insurance	<i>Bro. Howard Roberts</i>
Board of Christian Education and Camping	<i>Rev. Cecil Mock</i>
Budgeting Board	<i>Rev. Irvin Hyman</i>
Promotional Secretary	<i>Rev. C. B. Dowdney</i>

P. O. Box 1844, Moultrie, Ga. 31768

PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

THEME: THE MATURING CHRISTIAN

Text: I Cor. 4:2 - "Moreover it is Required in Stewards, That a Man be Found Faithful."

First Session

Mt. Glory, January 19, 1980

THEME: "FAITHFULLY MATURING IN SANCTIFICATION"

Welcome *Bro. Darrell Newberry*
Response *Sis. Lucile Lane*
Devotion *Bro. Horace Lovering, Jr.*
Message *Rev. Bob Combs*

Second Session

Hebrew, April 19, 1980

THEME: "FAITHFULLY MATURING IN STUDY"

Welcome *Sis. Claude Johnson*
Response *Sis. Grace Nix*
Devotion *Bro. Tyrone Williams*
Message *Rev. Jake Scott*

Third Session

Highway, July 19, 1980

THEME: "FAITHFULLY MATURING IN STEWARDSHIP"

Welcome *Bro. James Glisson*
Response *Bro. Harvey D. Cox*
Devotion *Bro. O. B. Everson*
Message

Fourth Session

Donalsonville, October 18, 1980

THEME: "FAITHFULLY MATURING IN VISION"

Welcome *Bro. Lajoy Hagler*
Response *Sis. Grace Driggers*
Devotion *Sis. Geneva Roland*
Message *Rev. Bill Evans, Pastor of The Bellview FWB Church*

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

January 20, 1979

The First Session of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist met at the New Salem Free Will Baptist Church on January 20, 1979 at 10:00 o'clock a.m.

Rev. Jim Lugo opened service with a song and Rev. Jake Scott led in prayer.

The welcome was given by Sis. Eva Middleton, and the response was given by Bro. Robert Boyd, Rev. Scotty Driggers gave the morning devotional using II Cor. Ch. 6:1-3, "Today is the Day of Salvation."

The moderator asked the clerk to read a partial Credentials Report. Move by clerk, sec. Bro. Billy Ivey. Moderator then appointed a Credentials Committee as follows: Bro. Emory Richardson, Rev. Lewis Williams, and Rev. Cecil Mock.

The moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee consisting of Rev. Jim Lugo, Bro. Steve Keaton, Bro. Wayne Scott: Alternate Bro. Robert Tully.

The clerk was asked to read the minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting and give a Financial Report, move by clerk, sec. Bro. Frank Newberry to receive the reports and adopt minutes, move carried. (See reports)

Rev. Lewis Williams gave a complete Credentials Report, and made a move to adopt the same, sec. by Bro. Steve Keaton, move carried. (See reports)

The moderator called for a count of the ministers and deacons present. There were 11 ministers, and 11 deacons present.

The moderator then welcomed and recognized our visitors.

The moderator called for any business. Rev. Damon Dodd gave a report on The State Association.

Rev. Jim Lugo spoke on the Georgia Bible Institute to be located in Albany.

Bro. O. B. Everson gave a report on the Masters Men State meeting.

Sis. Eva Middleton gave a report on Womans Auxillary Meeting.

The moderator read a letter from the Childrens Home thanking the association for their gift.

Due to the resignation of Rev. Damon Dodd from the State Mission Board a nomination was needed to fill this vacancy, Rev. Wayne Sheffield was nominated and there being no further nominations, the same was elected to fill this vacancy.

We then had a five minute recess.

After the recess Rev. Jim Lugo led in a song, then we received an offering, move by Bro. Leroy Driggers, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to send offering to Childrens Home. Amount of offering received \$73.37. Rev. Paul Suggs led in prayer, Rev. Jim Lugo led in another song. Rev. Irvin Hyman offered prayer. Sis. Pam Roberts gave a special in song. Then Rev. W. C. Combs brought the message using Heb. Ch. 4: 14-16 as text. Then we dismissed for lunch.

After lunch we reconvened with a song, Bro. Frank Newberry led in prayer. Bro. Robert Tully gave the noon devotion using Phillipians Ch. 3: 13-21, Rev. Cecil Mock offered prayer.

The moderator called for reports:

Rev. Cecil Mock gave the Ordaining Council Report, move by Rev. Mock and sec. by Rev. Lugo to accept, motion carried. (See reports)

Bro. Robert Tully gave the Resolutions Committee Report, move and sec. to adopt, all items passed. (See reports)

We had a move and sec. to adopt the State Standard for Ordaining Ministers. Move carried.

Move by Rev. Scotty Driggers and sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to extend the right hand of Christian Fellowship to Rev. Irvin Hyman, pastor of the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, move carried, moderator acknowledged, move and sec. to adjourn, Bro. Edd Hill dismissed with prayer.

The moderator appointed a committee to study and recommend changes in Constitution and Governing rules. Committee is Rev. D. Dodd, Rev. W. C. Combs, and Rev. Wayne Sheffield.

Rev. S. E. Newberry, Moderator
Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

April 14, 1979

The second Session of the Martin Association convened with Thompson Church April 14, 1979, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. We were led in song by Rev. Irvin Hyman. Rev. Billy Sharpston led in prayer. The moderator appointed a Credentials Committee, consisting of Bro. Herbert Boyd, Rev. W. C. Combs, Bro. Frank Newberry. Bro. moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee consisting of Bro. Billy Roland, Bro. Robert Tully, and Rev. Lewis Williams.

The welcome was given by Bro. Louie Grimes, response was given by Bro. Wayne Scott, Bro. Stanley Kirkland brought the devotional using II Tim. Ch. 2:8 as his text.

Moderator asked how many ministers present 11, how many deacons 14. Moderator then recognized all visitors, the Credentials Committee gave the Credentials report, move by Rev. Lewis Williams, sec. Rev. Damon Dodd to accept report and seat the delegates. (See reports)

Moderator called for reading of minutes of last session and Financial report, move and second to adopt both. (See reports)

The Ordaining Council gave their report; move by Rev. W. C. Combs and sec. by Rev. Damon Dodd, to accept report. (See reports)

Bro. Bobby Roberts gave Local Mission Board Report; move by Bro. Bobby Roberts, sec. by Rev. Cecil Mock to accept, move carried. (See reports)

Rev. W. C. Combs gave a report on the Call-A-Thon for Foreign Missions.

The moderator read a letter from the Childrens Home thanking the association for its gift.

Rev. S. E. Newberry resigned from the State Board of Christian Education and Camping, move by Rev. Damon Dodd, and sec. by Rev. W. C. Combs to accept resignation, move by Bro. Frank Newberry, sec. by Bro. James Swanner, to replace with Rev. Cecil Mock, and report nomination to State Executive Committee, move carried.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report, move by Bro. Billy Roland, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to adopt, move carried. (See reports)

Rev. Damon Dodd gave the report on the proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes, move by Rev. Jim Lugo, sec, by Rev. Irvin Hyman to receive report, carried, move by Rev. Damon Dodd, and seconded by Rev. Scottie Driggers to lay proposed Constitutional Ammendments on table, move carried.

Move by Rev. Cecil Mock, sec. by Bro. Frank Newberry to repiace Bro. Steve Keaton on Local Mission Board, move carried. Moderator called for nominations. Rev. Irvin Hyman was nominated, move by Rev. Damon Dodd to cease nominations and elect, move carried.

Move by Rev. Irvin Hyman, sec. by Rev. Cecil Mock to send the offering to The Georgia Bible Institute in Albany, move carried. Amount of offering \$40.78.

We were led in song by Rev. Jim Lugo, Rev. Paul Suggs offered

prayer. Bro. Charles Grimes offered prayer for the offering to be received.

Rev. William Smith brought the morning message using as his text I Cor. 11:23 The Ordaniances of the Gospel.

The clerk read the second time the proposed Constitutional changes.

Move by Rev. Damon Dodd, sec. by Rev. Irvin Hyman, for the moderator to appoint a standing Resolutions Committee: They are Rev. Paul Suggs, Bro. Billy Roland, and Bro. Wayne Scott.

We then had a move and second to adjourn, carried, Rev. Paul Suggs gave the benediction, and asked the blessing on the meal to follow.

Rev. S. E. Newberry, Moderator

Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST THIRD SESSION

July 14, 1979

The Third Session of the Martin Association met at Mothers Home Free Will Church at 10:00 o'clock July 14, 1979. Rev. Damon Dodd led congregation in song, Bro. Herbert Boyd led in prayer, after another song the moderator appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of Bro. Howard Roberts, Bro. J. R. McNease, Bro. Edward Miller. The welcome was given by Rev. Bob Combs, the response was given by Sis. Lucile Lane. The morning devotion was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts using I Cor. 15:10. "Do we know what we are."

A count of the ministers present found eleven, and of the deacons found twelve. The moderator asked for any announcements, Rev. Damon Dodd talked about their Homecoming and Ordination of two new deacons, Rev. Jim Lugo gave a report on The Georgia Bible Institute.

The Credentials Committee gave their report. We had twelve churches reporting, with twelve pastors, with a total of forty-one delegates, with dues amounting to \$202.00. A move by Bro. J. R. McNease and a second by Rev. Irvin Hyman to receive the report and seat the delegates.

The clerk read the minutes of the second session and gave a Financial report. Move by Rev. Cecil Mock and seconded by Bro. Howard Roberts to adopt minutes and Financial report, carried.

There was some discussion about who's responsibility it was to send the Mission money to the Rev. Larry Nix Account, final resolvment was for the Missions Board to handle all Missions affairs.

The Ordaining Council gave their report, move by Rev. Cecil Mock and seconded by Bro. Robert Tully, move carried, report received. (See reports)

Bro. Bobby Roberts gave the Mission Board report, move by Bro. Bobby Roberts and seconded by Rev. Damon Dodd to accept, move carried. (See reports)

We entertained a motion to receive the morning offering for the Rev. Larry Nix Fund, move by Bro. Bobby Roberts and seconded by Bro. Howard Roberts to do this. Move carried, Amount of offering \$54.25.

Rev. Wayne Sheffield gave a report on the State Mission work in Smyrna, Georgia. The o.k. had been given for Rev. Larry Nix to go ahead and purchase land to build a church.

We had a move by Rev. Lewis Williams and was seconded by Rev. Damon Dodd to take proposed Constitution and By-Laws changes from the table and act accordingly. Move carried. New Constitution and By-Laws adopted.

The moderator called for new business.

Appointed a Nominating Committee: Bro. David Richardson, Bro. James Swanner, and Rev. Lewis Williams. It was decided the Executive Committee would serve as Program Committee. We discussed having a standing Credentials Committee.

Move by Bro. Herbert Boyd and seconded by Bro. Howard Roberts to wait until we printed the minutes before printing the new Constitution and By-Laws. Move carried.

Rev. Damon Dodd led in song, Rev. Scottie Driggers and Rev. Jake Scott were selected as ushers to receive the offering, Rev. Driggers asked the Lord's Blessing.

Rev. Cecil Mock brought the message using as his text Acts 1:8 "Do people perceive us as a man of God."

Moderator called for any other business before lunch, there being none we had a move and second to adjourn. Rev. Bob Comb invited everyone to stay for lunch. We were dismissed by Rev. Jake Scott.

Rev. S. E. Newberry, Moderator
Rev. Wayne Sheffield, Clerk

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST
FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING**

October 20, 1979

The Fourth Session of the Martin Association convened at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday morning, October 20, 1979, 9:30 a.m., song service was led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Rev. Irvin Hyman led in prayer. The welcome was given by Bro. James Swanner, the response was by Sis. Jewel Barber.

The devotion was given by Bro. Bennie Cumbie using scripture from the Book of Titus.

We had a count of the number of ministers and deacons present, there were eleven ministers, and twelve deacons present.

The moderator welcomed and recognized all visitors.

The moderator reminded the churches that were to have their histories printed in the minutes, to please get them in to the clerk.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney, State Promotional Secretary, gave a report on the State Office.

Moderator appointed a Credentials Committee consisting of Rev. Scottie Driggers, Bro. Bobby Roberts, Bro. James Brock: A Credentials report was given and a move was made by Bro. Bobby Roberts to receive the report and seat the delegates, seconded by Rev. Damon Dodd, move carried. (See reports)

The moderator asked the clerk to read the Minutes and give a Financial report from our last Quarterly Meeting, move by clerk and sec. by Bro. James Swanner to adopt minutes.

The Ordaining Council gave their report, move by Rev. D. Dodd to receive, sec. by Rev. W. C. Combs, move carried. (See reports)

Local Mission Board gave their report, with a suggestion the Mission Board pay out of its treasury \$40.00 to The Georgia Bible Institute. Move by Bro. Bobby Roberts, sec. by Rev. Irvin Hyman. Move carried. (See reports)

Rev. Cecil Mock, a member of the State Board of Christian Education and camping, gave a report, move by Rev. D. Dodd, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to receive as information, move carried.

Rev. Wayne Sheffield gave partial report on State Mission Board.

Rev. W. C. Combs gave report on the National Masters Men Organization.

The moderator asked for volunteers to serve as delegates to the State Association. Sis. Martha Everson, Bro. Jerry McNease, Sis. Lucile Lane, and Sis. June Lugo indicated they would go.

Move by Rev. D. Dodd that clerk pay out of the Associational Treasury all dues, etc. that the Association may be called upon to pay as representation fee from time to time, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams. Move carried.

Rev. Irvin Hyman gave an informational report on Georgia Bible Institute.

Move by Rev. Scottie Driggers and seconded that all churches send their Harvest Day Drive Offering to the Association Clerk, in order that the association may have record of the amount of the offering. Move carried.

We were dismissed for a five minute break.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney led congregation in a song. Bro. O. B. Everson and Bro. J. R. McNease were called upon to serve as ushers as the offering was about to be received. The amount of offering received was \$73.00 for the Children's Home.

Rev. W. C. Combs introduced our guest speaker Rev. Emory Corbett from the Hamock Springs Free Will Baptist Church, Midway Association. Rev. Corbett brought an inspiring message using Acts 9:15 and St. Mat. 10:7 as text and "Ministers their duty to preach," as his subject.

The Resolutions Committee gave their report, move by Rev. Jim Lugo, sec. by Bro. James Swanner to adopt move, carried. (See reports)

The Program Committee gave their report, move by Rev. D. Dodd, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to receive and adopt move carried. (See program)

Clerk read a letter of resignation from Rev. W. C. Combs, as he was resigning off the Ordaining Council.

The Nominating Committee gave their report, move by Bro. James Swanner, sec. by Rev. Lewis Williams to receive and adopt move carried. (See Officers)

Retiring Moderator Rev. S. E. Newberry invited the new elected Moderator Rev. Irvin Hyman to take the moderator's chair and close out the meeting. The moderator then appointed a Standing Resolutions Committee, consisting of Bro. O. B. Everson, Rev. Lewis Williams, and Rev. Bob Combs.

Rev. Cecil Mock made move to adjourn, sec. by Rev. D. Dodd,

All stood in appreciation to Corinth Church for hosting this session of the Martin Association. Rev. D. Dodd dismissed in prayer.

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT
FROM**

October 15, 1978 to October 20, 1979

TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED

October 1978 Session	\$1808.33
(Includes Assoc. dues, Children's Home offering, Nix account, printing of minutes)	
January 1979 Session	
(Associational dues, Children's Home offering)	\$358.12
April 1979 Session (Dues and offering)	216.53
July 1979 Session (Dues and offering)	256.25
	\$2639.23

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Rev. Dean Dobbs	\$75.00
Clark's Christian Book Supply	7.21
Ga. Association FWB	60.00
Bellview FWB Church	5.00
Ga. State Association FWB	56.32
Local Missions	5.43
Clerk	20.00
Moderator	5.00
FWB Children's Home	1236.80
Missions Nix Account	164.78
Nix Account (Oct., Nov., Dec.)	30.00
Automat Printers (235 Minutes)	476.52
Ga. State Assoc.	32.03
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	5.00
Local Missions	2.72
Children's Home	73.37
Moderator	5.00
Clerk	5.00
Ga. State Assoc.	32.93
Local Missions	2.82
Nix Account (Jan., Feb., March)	30.00
Ga. Bible Institute	40.78

Material for Ordaining Council	9.60
Moderator	5.00
Local Missions	59.70
Ga. State Association	56.55
Clerk	5.00

\$2512.56

Beginning Balance	\$1195.29
Deposited	2639.23

Total	\$3834.52
Total Disbursements	2512.56

October 20, 1979 Balance	\$1321.96
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CREDENTIAL REPORTS January Session

Total Churches Reporting	12
Total Number of Elected Delegates	39
Total Amount of Dues	\$186.75
Ministers Present	11
Deacons Present	11

April Session

Total Churches Reporting	12
Total number of Elected Delegates	41
Total Amount of Dues	\$175.75
Ministers Present	11
Deacons Present	14

July Session

Total Churches Reporting	12
Total Number of Elected Delegates	41
Total Amount of Dues	\$202.00
Ministers Present	11
Deacons Present	12

October Session

Total Churches Reporting	12
Total Number of Elected Delegates	47
Total Amount of Dues	\$211.00
Ministers Present	11
Deacons Present	12

LOCAL MISSION BOARD REPORTS
January Session

No Report

April Session

April 14, 1979 - Bank Balance	\$134.70
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July Session

January Bank Balance	\$137.52
Rev. Larry Nix account	60.00
July 14, 1979 - Balance	77.52

October Session

October 20, 1979 - Bank Balance	\$137.22
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ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORTS
January Session

The Ordaining Council met on Saturday, January 20, 1979, at New Salem Church.

Dr. Irvin Hyman came before us with a request to be received into the Fellowship of the Martin Association.

After interviewing Dr. Hyman and discussing the work with him, we recommend that we receive Dr. Hyman into full Fellowship of this Association. Pending a letter of recommendation from South Carolina Conference of which he was a former member.

April Session

We the Ordaining Council met with Robert Combs and examined him. He is coming from the Beckley Conference of Free Will Baptists in West Virginia.

We recommend that he be received into the full Fellowship of this Association. Pending receipt of a letter from that Association.

July Session

The Ordaining Council met Saturday, July 14, 1979. A letter of recommendation was placed in our hands for Rev. Robert Combs, together with his official dismissal from Beckley Conference of Free Will Baptists of West Virginia. The letter was issued by the Ministerial Session on May 25, 1979, and signed by Mrs. Frances Mullaney, Clerk.

We will go to New Home Church, Miller County, on Sunday, July 22, 1979, to assist in the ordination of two Deacons, and to New Home #2 on August 12, to assist in the ordination of Deacons.

We would like to establish an up-to-date personnel file on each Ordained Minister in Martin Association. This file would consist of name, mailing address and telephone number, family status, pastorates held over the years in Martin Association, and the Minister's signature on the Pledge of Integrity. This file would be forwarded, along with the letter of recommendation, from the Martin Association to any other Association to which the Minister might transfer. We hereby request the permission of the Martin Association to proceed with this project as soon as the necessary forms can be prepared and distributed, and further request that the Association authorize the Treasurer to appropriate sufficient funds for this purpose not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25.00).

Respectfully Submitted:

Cecil Mock

Damon C. Dodd

October Session

At the request of Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church, we have interviewed and approved the application of Rev. Paul Suggs for ordination to the Gospel ministry. He has passed the written examination and is ready for ordination.

We recommend that the Rev. Paul Suggs be ordained to the Gospel ministry, the time and place to be determined by him.

The Rev. Suggs is presently pastor of Berean Free Will Baptist Church, Albany, Georgia.

We have received a letter of recommendation and good standing for Dr. Irvin Hyman from the First District Quarterly of the South Carolina Conference, thus establishing his official ministerial standing with Martin Association of Georgia.

All of the ordained ministers of the Martin Association have completed and returned the information form sent out by this Council as authorized by the Association, with but a single exception. We are hoping that we can make these files 100% complete in the near future.

We would like to encourage all our ministers to attend the Ministers Retreat to be held at Camp Mt. Bethel, May 20-23, 1980. The cost for the entire session will be \$25.00, including meals.

We would also like to congratulate Georgia Bible Institute on its very fine opening year and urge you to pray for the faculty and student-body. Each and everyone of our ministers and laymen who can possibly arrange to enroll should begin making plans to do so. The next quarter will begin January 14, 1980. If you desire further information you may see Dr. Irvin Hyman, Dean, or Rev. Damon C. Dodd, President.

Prayerfully and respectfully submitted:

Cecil Mock

W. C. Combs

Damon C. Dodd

The Ordaining Council

Rev. Joseph Alday appeared before the Ordaining Council requesting that he be accepted into the Ministerial Fellowship of the Martin Association from the Little River Association of Free Will Baptist.

We recommend that he be received into our fellowship pending a letter of recommendation from the Little River Association.

Rev. W. C. Combs, Pastor of Corinth Free Will Baptist Church is leaving us and going to West Virginia to labor for the Lord. We recommend that this Association grant him a letter of recommendation to Beckley Conference, 214 Earhart St., Beckley, West Virginia 25801 from this Body, and that we hereby express our appreciation to him for the commendable manner in which he has labored among us for the past while.

We recommend that this Association grant a letter of recommendation to Rev. S. E. Newberry to State Line Association of Alabama.

We also recommend that this Association express appreciation and thanks to Bro. Newberry for his interest and activity in the total program of Martin Association and assure him of our continued love and prayers for him and his family.

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORTS

January Session

1. The Resolutions Committee recommends that the Association appoint a committee to study the governing rules of the Association and make recommendations to the Association in April concerning certain obsolete passages and changes that need to be made.
2. The Resolution Committee recommends that the Association pass a motion of cooperation and support for the newly forming Georgia Bible Institute of which several of our ministers are working. And that a letter be sent by the clerk to Dr. Worthington, the president, informing him of our cooperation and support.
3. The Resolutions Committee is concerned about more of our people participating in the quarterly meetings. To encourage more participation it is recommended that procedures be implemented to streamline the business of the Association and consider terminating the meeting after lunch unless there is so much business that it would be necessary to have an afternoon session.
4. Read from handwritten paper.
5. The Resolutions Committee offers a resolution concerning giving New Salem a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Tully

Jim Lugo

Wayne Scott

Resolution Committee

At the 1978 Session of the Georgia State Association the Historical Commission requested the various Associations to set aside one page in their Annual Minutes as a history section. On this page would appear paragraph histories of three of the member churches of that particular Association. This would be continued annually until all the churches had been covered.

Be it resolved, therefore, that Martin Association cooperate in this historical program, and that Colquitt, Corinth, and Hebrew Churches prepare short historical paragraphs for publication in the 1979 Minutes of Martin Association.

April Session

Be it resolved that the annual pulpit exchange Sunday be held the 3rd Sunday in May.

Be it resolved that the offering received that day be designated for the new Georgia Bible Institute in Albany, Georgia.

We further recommend that we give Thompson Church, a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Quarterly Meeting.

Billy W. Roland
Rev. Lewis Williams
Robert Tully

October Session

Due to the fact that a number of churches have already committed themselves to a local community Thanksgiving service we recommend that there be no union Thanksgiving service this year sponsored by the Martin Association.

We recommend that the offering received today be sent to the Children's Home.

We recommend that the host Church be given a rising vote of thanks for their splendid hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Wayne Scott
Herbert Boyd
Jim Lugo
Resolutions Committee

Resolution

We recommend that we invite Rev. Bill Evans of Bellview FWB Church to be our guest speaker for our Annual Session on October 19, 1980, and that we give an honorarium of \$50.00.

MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS

First Session - New Salem - January 18, 1980 - 8:00 p.m.

Speaker Rev. Lewis Williams

Theme: What Free Will Baptist Believe about Baptism

Second Session - Mt. Glory - April 18, 1980 - 8:00 p.m.

Speaker Rev. W. Irvin Hyman

Theme: What Free Will Baptist Believe about the Lords Supper

Third Sesion - Colquitt - July 18, 1980 - 8:00 p.m.

Speaker Rev. Damon C. Dodd

Theme: What Free Will Baptist Believe about Feet Washing

Fourth Session - Mt. Gilead - October 17, 1980 - 8:00 p.m.

Speaker Rev. Jim Lugo

Theme: What Free Will Baptist Believe about Apostosy

Note: Each church will submit name of person to give welcome.
Moderator will appoint some one to respond. There will be no
devotional.

Officers

Rev. Damon C. Dodd Moderator
Rev. Jim Lugo Assistant Moderator
Bro. Claude Newsome Clerk
Bro. J. R. McNease Assistant Clerk

Financial Report

Total Offering 1979 \$ 92.86
Brought Forward 136.68
Total \$229.54

DISBURSEMENTS

Printing of Minutes \$ 75.00
Georgia Bible Institute 40.00
Rev. Larry Nix 60.00
Total \$175.00

October 19, 1979 Balance \$54.54

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 amended or altered at any meeting by two-thirds majority voting.

C.T.S. CONVENTION PROGRAMS

First Session - March 29, 1980

Thompson at 7:30 p.m.

The ladies bring covered dish for a covered dish supper at 7:30.

Business Session Begins 8:30 p.m.

Welcome Bro. John Dozier

Response Bro. Herbert Boyd

Devotion Bro. Roger Grimes
Responsible for Program Bro. Edward Miller
Bro. Charles Grimes

Second Session - August 31, 1980
New Salem at 7:30

The ladies bring covered dish for supper at 7:30

Business Session Begins 8:30 p.m.
Welcome Bro. David Richardson
Response Sis. Carolyn Smith from (Corinth)
Devotion Bro. Claude Newsome
Responsible for Program Sis. Sue Mock
Sis. Arlene Worsley

Each host church will be responsible for plates, cups, napkins, silverware, ice and beverages.

C.T.S. RALLY REPORT
October 29, 1978

The Martin District C.T.S. convention convened at Colquitt FWB Church October 29, 1978.

Bro. Terry McVey called the meeting to order. Song service was led by Bro. Herbert Boyd with prayer by Bro. Wayne Sheffield. Welcome was given by Bro. Robert Tully, response by Bro. Herbert Boyd, devotional by Sis. Merlene Jordan on "The Meaning of the Gospel." Scripture was taken from a portion of scripture from Revelation and St. Mark.

The nomination Committee gave their report. It was moved and second to adopt as read.

The assistant secretary gave the reading of the last meeting. Move by Bro. Herbert Boyd and second by Bro. Don Roberts to adopt. Move carried.

New Home and Corinth gave their programs. New Home had a program about Missions.

The Digest Committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Robert Tully, Bro. Leroy Driggers, Bro. Lewis Williams. The committee gave their report. Move by Bro. Robert Tully and second by Bro. Lewis Williams to adopt.

There were 5 ministers, 11 deacons, and 3 directors present at the convention.

Mt. Gilead invited the next session to be held at their church. MS and carried to adopt.

Corinth invited the second session. It was given the Program Committee the authority to move accordingly and have printed in the minutes. Move by Bro. Robert Tully and seconded by Bro. James Swanner. Program Committee is as follows: Bro. Bobby Roberts, Bro. Herbert Boyd, Bro. William Smith.

Announcements were made concerning the Harvest Drive.

We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. William Smith.

Nominating Committee

General Director	Bro. William Smith
Assistant Director	Bro. J. D. Bush
Secretary & Treas.	Sis. Johnnie Ogg
Assistant Sec. & Treas.	Sis. Gertrude Roberts
Song Leader	Bro. Herbert Boyd
Pianist	Sis. Debra Middleton

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Churches Reporting	7
Number of Departments	33
Number Enrolled	331
Average Attendance	208
Total Amount of Offering	\$1114.06
Amount Spent for Literature	\$612.35
Amount Spent for Supplies	\$64.41
Total Expenditures	\$1019.23
Dues to Rally	\$35.00

TREASURY REPORT

Old Balance	\$93.78
Dues to Rally	\$35.00
New Balance	\$128.78

Assistant Sec. & Treas. - Sis. Gertrude Robert
Sec. & Treas. - Johnnie Ogg

C.T.S. RALLY REPORT

April 29, 1979

The Martin District C.T.S. convention convened at Mt. Gilead on April 29, 1979. assistant Moderator Bro. J. D. Bush called the meeting to order. Bro. Herbert Boyd led the song service. Prayer by Bro. Lewis Williams, welcome by Bro. Jimmy Belflower, response by Bro. David Clements, devotional by Bro. Stanley Kirkland "Concerning The Last Days."

Secretary gave reading of last minutes. Move by Bro. Herbert Boyd and second by Bro. Lewis Williams to accept. Move carried.

Bro. J. D. called for church letter. Next he appointed a Digest Committee as follows: Bro. Leroy Driggers, Bro. David Clements, and Bro. Arthur Ogg.

New Home of Miller County presented their special singing program to us.

Digest Committee gave their report. Move by Bro. Charles Grimes, second by Bro. Wayne Sheffield to adopt. Move carried.

Bro. J. D. called for business. Bro. Dodd made a move to give fifty dollars to the Georgia Bible Insitute, second by Bro. Horace Lovering. Move carried.

Bro. Wayne Sheffield made comments regarding the leaving of the C.T.S. Director. Bro. Sheffield made a move to elect a director and an assistant. Move was seconded and carried.

Bro. J. D. was asked if he would serve as director until term. He excepted and was given a rising vote of confidence.

Bro. Charles Grimes made a move and second by Bro. Herbert Boyd to elect Bro. Scott Roberts as assistant director. Move carried. There were 5 ministers, 10 deacons, 13 teachers, and 3 directors present. Bro. Wayne Sheffield made comments about the excutive committee working out the programs for the 1980 conventions.

Comments were also made concerning the interest and activities about C.T.S.

Bro. Lewis Williams made suggestions that the executive committee check with other associations to see how they carried out their conventions and to bring back a report to the next rally. Bro. Dodd also made comments concerning the C.T.S. conventions. Mt. Gilead was given a rising vote of thanks for hospitality. We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Clint Ard.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Churches Reported	5
Number of Departments	26
Number Enrolled	229
Average Attendance	151
Condition of C.T.S.	Good
Total Amount of Offering	\$704.56
Amount Spent for Literature	\$419.06
Amount Spent for Supplies	\$107.30
Amount Spent for other causes	\$247.30
Total Expenditures	\$873.35
Dues to Rally	\$25.00

TREASURY REPORT

Old Balance	\$128.78
Dues to Rally	25.00
New Balance	\$153.78
Georgia Bible Institue	50.00
Balance	\$103.78
Mailing Supplies	5.32
New Balance	\$98.46

Sec. & Treas. - Johnnie Ogg

C.T.S. RALLY REPORT
September 30, 1979

The Martin District C.T.S. convened at Corinth September 30, 1979 with Moderator Bro. J. D. Bush calling the meeting to order. Song service led by Bro. Herbert Boyd, prayer by Bro. Charles Grimes, welcome by Bro. Combs, response by Bro. J. D. Bush, Sis. Chastain

Burke gave real good devotion from Genesis about "Gods Creation." Secretary gave reading of last minutes. Move by Bro. Combs and second Bro. David Richardson, move carried. Moderator called for church letters. Digest committee was appointed as follows: Bro. Louie Grimes, Bro. Bobby Roberts, and Bro. David Lane.

Bro. J. D. introduced Bro. Marty Aalto from Child Evangelist Fellowship. Bro. Aalto and his wife brought an inspiring program concerning "The Youth and How to Witness More and Win Souls to Christ." He also talked about "The power of God and What He can do." They used visuals to bring out the point about how to get people to Christ. Mrs. Aalto presented a skit to show how children could be saved. Talked about memory verses. She also showed a puppet. Last Bro. Aalto read scriptures from the Bible and showed visuals about Tabernacles. He made comments that they would be proud to come back anytime and help anyway to lead Souls to Christ.

Moderator called for Digest Committee Report. Move by Bro. Wayne Sheffield and second by Bro. Combs to adopt. Move carried.

The Executive Committee gave report on some ideas on how to improve our C.T.S. conventions.

Discussion was called for. Move, second and carried for moderator to appoint a committee to prepare program for trial basis for Friday or Saturday. Another move, second and carried for this to be a two year trial period.

Bro. Damon Dodd made suggestion concerning the business to be done in a way the children would not get tired out. Move by Bro. Charles Grimes regarding the representation of the churches at the conventions. Move was second and carried.

Bro. J. D. appointed all C.T.S. Directors to work with the Executive Committee on programs for trial basis term.

Move by Bro. Herbert Boyd and second by Bro. Lewis Williams to give fifty dollars to the association for the printing of minutes.

There were 8 ministers, 11 teachers, 12 deacons, and 3 directors present.

Corinth was given rising vote of thanks for hosting the convention at their church. We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Dodd.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of Churches	6
Number of Departments	28
Number Enrolled	249
Average Attendance	161
Total Amount of Offering	\$857.00
Amount Spent for Literature	\$460.00
Amount Spent for Supplies	\$227.00
Amount Spent for other causes	\$49.00
Dues to Rally	\$30.00

TREASURY REPORT

Old Balance	\$98.46
Dues to Rally	30.00
New Balance	\$128.46
Printing of Minutes	50.00
New Balance	\$78.46

CONSTITUTION AND BY—LAWS OF THE DISTRICT CHURCH TRAINING SERVICE RALLY Preamble

The purpose of this Rally shall be to promote the Church Training Service Program (C.T.S.) in the Martin Association; to unify, to devise and execute measures for the extension of the Kingdom of God in co-operation with the various local C.T.S. 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 C.T.S. 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 C.T.S. 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 Directors: 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 Contest. 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 C.T.S. 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.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION
December 31, 1978

The Martin Association Sunday School Convention was held at Mt. Glory, December 31, 1978. the meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Albert Johnson. Rev. Wayne Sheffield led in prayer. Bro. F. W. Sellers gave the welcome, and Bro. Leroy Driggers responded. Bro. Albert Johnson brought the devotion.

Call for church letters. MSC to receive and seat delegates. Digest Committee appointed: Veda Bellflower, Charles Grimes, Claude Newsome. Minutes and treasury report read. MSC to adopt.

Call for any business. Program Committee appointed: Billy Roland, Scot Roberts. Cecilia Newberry. Recognized were: 6 superintendents, and 5 pastors.

Donalsonville rendered special singing.

Digest Committee report given by Bro. Claude Newsome:

Churches Represented	8
Dues	\$42
No. on Roll	391

No. Departments	38
No. Teachers	44
No. Officers	18
Total Offering	\$1552.49
Paid for Literature	\$548.39
Miscellaneous	\$349.32
Average Offering	\$198.84
Average Attendance	34
MSC to accept report.	

New Salem rendered special singing. Pam Roberts from New Home (Miller Co.) rendered a special song in place of Thompson.

Move by Rev. Wayne Sheffield to amend Article IV in the by-laws to read, "All officers of this convention shall be elected at the last session of the year every two (2) years." Seconded and carried.

Mt. Glory was given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. MSC to adjourn. Bro. Louie Grimes dismissed in prayer.

TREASURY REPORT

Brought Forward	\$199.82
Dues 12-31-78 (Does not include check	32.00
for \$10 from Colquitt received late)	\$231.82

Pam Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer

MARTIN ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION July 19, 1979

The Martin Association Sunday School Convention was held at Donalsonville, July 29, 1979. Meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Rev. Cecil Combs led in prayer. Rev. Cecil Mock gave the welcome, and Bro. Bobby Roberts responded. Rev. Paul Suggs gave the devotion.

Digest Committee appointed: Sis. Dorita Suggs, Bro. Ronnie McNease, Bro. Charles Grimes.

Mrs. Bobby Smith from Corinth Church, spoke concerning the need of America to turn back to God. New Home II gave special singing, featuring children and adult groups. New Home (Miller Co.) choir had special singing.

Digest Committee report given by Bro. Ronnie McNease:

Churches Reporting	9
Dues	\$45
No. on Roll	519
No. Departments	57
No. Teachers	66
No. Officers	53
Total Offering	\$2959.31
Paid for Literature	\$1120.77
Miscellaneous	\$594.47
Average Offering	\$15.89
Average Attendance	38
MSC to accept report.	

Recognized were: 7 preachers, 6 superintendents. Minutes and Treasury Report read. MSC to adopt.
 Bro. Scot Roberts gave Program Committee Report:

First Session
 Thompson, December 30, 1979

Welcome	Charles Grimes
Response	Robert Tully
Devotion	Phillip Hines
Programs	Mothers Home and Colquitt
Special Singing	Hebrew and Thompson

Second Session
 Mt. Gilead, June 29, 1980

Welcome	Robert Boyd
Response	Claude Newsome
Devotion	Stanley Kirkland
Programs	Mt. Gilead and New Home (Miller Co.)
Special Singing	Corinth and New Salem

MSC to accept report. MSC that Convention contribute \$100 to printing of minutes. Announcements were made. MSC to give Donalsonville a rising vote of thanks. Convention adjourned in prayer.

TREASURY REPORT

Brought Forward	\$231.82
Dues 7-29-79	45.00
	\$276.82

DISBURSED:

Printing Minutes	\$100.00
Total	\$176.82

Pam Roberts, Secretary-Treasurer

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 Baptists.

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 Baptists.

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 Baptists. A mission Sunday School shall hold membership 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 of this Convention shall be elected at the last Convention before the October Session of the Martin Association every two (2) years.

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 MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Preamble

We, the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists of Georgia, do establish and ordain this Constitution for the purpose of advocating, promoting, and increasing our fellowship with one another as fellow-members of the Church of Jesus Christ, and for the extension of the Kingdom of God through the preaching of the Gospel of the divine Son of God.

ARTICLE I

NAME: This Association shall be called the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists, and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well disciplined churches as may embody themselves under this Constitution.

ARTICLE II

COMPOSITION AND DELEGATES:

Section 1. This Martin Association shall be composed of its general officers, all ordained and licensed ministers of the Gospel, all ordained deacons who are in good standing with the churches of which they are members, duly elected delegates from the local churches comprising the Association, and all Home and Foreign Missionaries who are members in good standing with a church belonging to this Association.

Section 2. Local churches shall be allowed two (2) delegates for the first fifty (50) members or fraction thereof, and one (1) delegate for each additional twenty-five (25) members or fraction thereof.

ARTICLE III

MEETINGS: The sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, July, and October, on Saturday following the second Sunday of these months, the place of meeting to be determined by vote of the Association. It shall be the duty of the member churches to represent by letter and delegates at these meetings and report their condition and statistics on forms provided by the Association. The October session shall be considered the annual session of this Association.

ARTICLE IV

INDEPENDENCE OF THE LOCAL CHURCHES: Every church in this Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs, having unrestricted rights to administer its own government without interference from any higher body, being under Christ essentially free and independent.

ARTICLE V

ASSOCIATIONAL RELATIONSHIP TO THE LOCAL CHURCHES: The Martin Association shall be considered an advisory body whose function is to meet quarterly at such places as may be determined according to Article III of this Constitution, and not to adjourn formally until all pertinent matters are disposed of. While in session its duty shall be to examine all questions of interest to this Association and to use its best influence to promote, Christian, denominational, and benevolent programs and institutions, such as Sunday Schools, Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Masters Men, Home and Foreign Missions, and child-care institutions. The only punitive power this Association has in relation to the member churches is the right to withdraw fellowship from such churches who are in open violation of the rules and regulations of said Association or who become unsound in the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS:

Section 1. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of the October session and assume the duties of their offices the next day following their election.

Section 2. No individual shall be elected to more than one office at a time.

Section 3. The Moderator and the Clerk-Treasurer may not serve more than three (3) terms in succession.

ARTICLE VII

PROCEDURES FOR JOINING THE ASSOCIATION: A church desiring to become a member of Martin Association shall submit a petitionary letter to the Association at any of its regular quarterly sessions, stating the date and place of organization, the Pastor's name and address, list of all elected officers, number of members, and time and place of regular meetings. The church must conform to the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination as set forth in the Treatise of Faith and Practice of the National Association of Free Will Baptists.

This Association reserves the right to send its Executive Committee to investigate any applicant for membership in this Association if it deems necessary and to subsequently act on the report of said Executive before approval for membership becomes final.

*ARTICLE VIII

FINANCE:

Section 1. It is suggested that each church comprising this Association send to the Association on a quarterly basis fifty cents (50¢) per member to be determined on a total membership basis. However, at the discretion of the churches, inactive members need not be in the per-capita figure, but it is hoped that the churches will elect to include all members, active and inactive, in determining their total fee.

Section 2. Regular funds to the Associational treasury shall be disbursed on a quarterly basis as follows:

- A. Retain in the treasury fifty (50) dollars.
- B. State Association, fifteen (15) dollars.
- C. For printing Minutes, eighty (80) dollars.
- D. Moderator's honorarium, five (5) dollars; Clerk's honorarium, five (5) dollars for three sessions and fifty (50) dollars for the annual session.
- E. The remaining funds will be allocated as follows:
 - State Cooperative Program, 70%
 - Local Missions, 30%

ARTICLE IX

COMMITTEES, BOARD, COUNCIL:

1. Committees may be chosen for any particular function at any session of the Association as the need arises. Unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 2. Standing Committees may be set up by the Association as the need arises and unless otherwise specified, the Moderator shall appoint these committees.

Section 3. The Standing Board of this Association shall be a Board of Missions. *The Missions Board shall have supervision of all missions interests sponsored by this Body. The Missions Board shall be composed of three (3) members to be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term. Members may be reelected at the discretion of the Association.

Section 4. The Standing Committees of this Association shall be the Executive Committee and the Investigating Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and three (3) members to be elected annually by the Association. The Executive Committee shall act for and in behalf of the Martin Association on matters pertaining to its interests which may arise between sessions and which by their nature require immediate action. Such actions shall, however, be subject to final approval by this Association at its next regular session and consequently must be reported in full to the Association at its next regular meeting.

The Investigating Committee shall consist of three (3) members who shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term. This Committee shall act on instruction from the Association in investigation any irregularities among the churches which threaten the harmony and well being of the Association. It shall have no legislative or jurisdictional powers within itself, but must report all its findings to the Association for official action.

Section 5. There shall be an ordaining Council consisting of three (3) ordained ministers in good standing with Martin Association. They shall be elected as follows: one for a three (3) year term; one for a two (2) year term; and one for a one (1) year term. Election thereafter shall be for the three (3) year term.

* The Ordaining Council shall examine candidates for ordination to the Gospel ministry under the procedures adopted by this Association

ARTICLE X

ALTERATIONS OR AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be altered or amended by Martin Association at any or its regular session by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the members present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed alteration or amendment be presented in writing, filed with the Clerk of the Association, and read publicly before the Body at least two (2) times at a previous regular meeting.

BY—LAWS

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

1. It is recommended that each church close its books on September first and mail the quarterly and annual reports to the clerk two weeks before each session of the Association.
2. It is suggested that the Pastoral year begin September first.
3. All business of this Body shall be conducted according to established parliamentary procedures as set forth in Roberts Rules of Order.
4. 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.
5. The Sunday School Convention, Church Training Service Rally, Ministers and Deacons Conference, Womans Auxiliary, and any other Auxiliary of this Association shall give an annual report at the October meeting.
6. Obituary reports from each church will give name, date of birth, and date of death of deceased members in the annual report to the Association. This information will be given to the Resolutions Committee.
7. It shall be the duty of the Moderator to call the meeting to order and to maintain order and harmony.
8. It shall be the duty of the Assistant Moderator to assume the duties of the Moderator in his absence or upon the request of the Moderator.

9. It shall be the duty of the Clerk-Treasurer to keep a minute of the proceedings and to prepare the Minutes for publication, including all items of business, committee reports, and all other matters which effect the program of this Association.

He shall keep all books and papers belonging to the Association and read the same when requested to do so.

He shall keep all money committed to him by the Association and keep an account of receipts and expenditures, and make disbursements when requested to do so by the Association.

10. The assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Clerk-Treasurer in his absence or upon the request of the Clerk-Treasurer.

11. These By-laws may be amended by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote at any regular session.

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT

	Colquitt	Corinth	D,ville	Hebrew	Highway	Mother's Home	Mt. Gilead	Mt. Glory	New Home	New Home #2	New Salem	Thompson	Totals	One Year Ago -1978
Rec. by Baptism	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	4	13	14
Rec. by Letter and Prof.	20	7	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	5	7	43	33
Lost by Letter, Death, Etc.	2	7	3	3	1	2	0	0	5	3	4	0	30	49
Res. Mem.	102	69	35	51	14	82	57	25	85	40	97	65	722	697
Non-Res. Mem.	9	75	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	20	82	2	202	235
Total Mem.	111	144	35	51	14	96	57	25	85	60	179	67	924	932
S.S. Enrol.	93	61	18	42	25	62	50	28	no info.	40	78	60	557	378
Avg. Att.	53	44	18	28	25	48	30	15	60	20	61	50	452	356
C.T.S. Enrol.		45	0	0	0	54	35	0	no info.	0	39	40	213	238
Avg. Att.		30	0	0	0	25	25	0	50	0	31	30	191	206
Woman's Aux. Enrol.	32	18	0	10	0	12	10	0	no info.	0	16	10	108	110
Avg. Att.	16	9	0	8	0	9	8	0	12	0	11	10	83	64
Master's Men Enrol.		9	0	0	0	no	0	0	10	0	no	12	31	27
Avg. Att.		5	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	6	21	
Prayer Meeting	25 yes	30	15	no	10	20	20	10	35	20	25	30	230	231
Vac. Bible School	yes	no	no	no	yes	yes	no	no	yes	no	yes	yes	6-with VBS 6-without	6-with VBS 6-without
Meeting Days	full	full	full	no	full	full	full	no info.	full	full	full	full	11-full 2-part time	11-full time 1-part time
Total Offering	\$36,177.44	\$16,673.45	\$5167.64	\$5,000.00	not giv.	\$18,000.00	\$11,407.00	\$6,583.43	\$28,700.52	no info.	\$23,086.53	\$23,993.00	\$174,789.01	\$159,100.98
Val. of all Church Prop.	\$175,000.00	\$55,000.00	no info.	\$15,000.00	\$21,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$20,000.00	no info.	\$90,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$94,000.00	\$715,000.00	\$615,000.00
Exp. for Local Cau.	\$30,963.00	\$16,142.01	\$6587.39	\$5,250.00	\$5,367.93	\$16,972.32	\$10,212.00	\$3,575.00	\$24,756.14	\$5,092.46	\$24,297.56	\$23,725.00	\$172,940.00	\$160,855.86
Exp. Outside Cau.	\$1,163.50	\$814.98	\$20.00	\$80.00	\$15.00	\$1,035.00	\$1,463.00	0	\$1,097.60	\$319.30	\$938.91	\$600.00	\$7,547.29	\$9,447.34
1979 Harvest Day Drive		\$41.00		\$60.00			\$331.00		\$173.85	\$50.00	\$915.00	\$758.00	\$2,401.85	\$2,686.80 Martin Assoc. \$73.00
Sup. Co-op Plan	no info.	yes	no info.	no	no	yes	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	7-sup. co-op 5-no sup.	8-sup. co-op 4 - no
Ordained Ministers	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	14	
Licensed Ministers	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	7	

CHURCH DIRECTORY						
CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	C.T.S. DIRECTOR	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
COLQUITT	Dr. Irvin Hyman Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga.	Sis. Lavon Lovering 201 Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. W. T. Henry Damascus, Ga.	None	None	Sis. Inelle Williams 301 N. Delores St. Colquitt, Ga.
CORINTH		Sis. Ruth North 609 N. Tennille Ave. Donalsonville, Ga.	Bro. James Swanner Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Herbert Golden 707 Faubus Dr. Donalsonville, Ga.	Bro. Spurgeon North Tennille Ave. Donalsonville, Ga.	Sis. Winnie Preston Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.
DONALSONVILLE	Rev. Cecil Mock P.O. Box 65 Iron City, Ga.	Sis. Edna Hagler Rt. #1, Box 1106 Donalsonville, Ga.	Bro. Charlie Williams Rt. #1 Donalsonville, Ga.	None	None	None
HEBREW	Rev. W. S. Driggers 507 Mills St. Bainbridge, Ga.	Sis. Emily Johnson Rt. #2, Box 93H1 Donalsonville, Ga.	Bro. Fred Ingram Rt. #3 Donalsonville, Ga.	None	None	Sis. Doretha Stewart Rt. #2 Donalsonville, Ga.
HIGHWAY	Rev. J. J. Scott Box 105 Brinson, Ga.	Sis. Jewel Barber Rt. #1, Box 26A Brinson, Ga.	Sis. Mable Scott Brinson, Ga.	None	None	None
MOTHERS HOME	Rev. Bob Combs Rt. #2 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Terry McVey Rt. #2 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. J. R. McNease Rt. #2 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. David Lane Rt. #1 Donalsonville, Ga.	None	Sis. Z. T. Calhoun Rt. #2 Colquitt, Ga.
MT. GILEAD	Rev. Lewis Williams P.O. Box 398 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Herbert Boyd Rt. #1, Box 148A Brinson, Ga.	Bro. Robert Boyd Rt. #1 Brinson, Ga.	Bro. C. M. Smith Rt. #3, Box 1413 Bainbridge, Ga.	None	Sis. Carolyn Kirkland Rt. #1 Brinson, Ga.
MT. GLORY	Rev. Leon Culpepper Rt. #1, Box 77 Sneads, Fla.	Bro. Albert Johnson P.O. Box 853 Quincy, Fla.	Bro. Mark Wade Rt. #5, Box 92 Quincy, Fla.	None	None	None
NEW HOME M.C.	Rev. Damon Dodd Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Scot Roberts Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Hubert Cox Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Don Roberts Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Don Roberts Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Sis. Jewella Lovering Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.
NEW HOME # 2	Rev. Murry Giddons Rt. #2 Norman Park, Ga.	Bro. Paul Boutwell Rt. #2, Box 61 Climax, Ga.	Bro. Benny Cumbie Rt. #2, Box 61A Climax, Ga.	None	None	None
NEW SALEM	Rev. Jim Lugo Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Greg Houston Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Jerry Roland Rt. #1 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Leroy Driggers Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	None	Sis. Irene Driggers Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.
THOMPSON	Rev. Wayne Sheffield Rt. #5 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. G. R. Grimes Rt. #3 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Charles Grimes Rt. #3 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Phillip Hines Rt. #3 Colquitt, Ga.	Bro. Phillip Hines Rt. #3 Colquitt, Ga.	Sis. Johnny Ogg Bellview Rd. Colquitt, Ga.
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CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

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

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

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

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.