

NINETY-SIXTH  
QUARTERLY SESSIONS  
OF THE  
MARTIN ASSOCIATION  
OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
1982



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## MEETING DATES OF MARTIN ASSOCIATION 1983

January 14, 1983	— Ministerial Conference (1st)—	New Salem
January 15, 1983	— Martin, First Session —	Mt. Glory
January 29, 1983	— C.T.S. Convention Rally —	Mother's Home
April 15, 1983	— Ministerial Conference (2nd)—	Hebrew
April 16, 1983	— Martin, Second Session —	Hebrew
April 23, 1983	— Woman's Auxiliary, Spring Workshop—	Colquitt
May 28, 1983	— Sunday School Convention —	Colquitt
July 22, 1983	— Ministerial Conference (3rd)—	Colquitt
July 23, 1983	— Martin, Third Session —	Highway
July 30, 1983	— C.T.S. Convention Rally —	New Home (M.C.)
September 17, 1983	— Woman's Auxiliary — District Convention	Corinth
October 14, 1983	— Ministerial Conference (4th)—	Mt. Gilead
October 15, 1983	— Martin, Fourth Session —	Donalsonville
October 29, 1983	— Sunday School Convention —	Mt. Glory

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## MEETING DATES OF MARTIN ASSOCIATION 1984

January 28, 1984	— C.T.S. Convention Rally —	Corinth
April 28, 1984	— Sunday School Convention —	Donalsonville
July 28, 1984	— C.T.S. Convention Rally —	New Salem
December 29, 1984	— C.T.S. Convention Rally —	Thompson

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## CHURCH HISTORICAL STATEMENTS

### Highway Free Will Baptist

The Highway Free Will Baptist Church was organized from a bush arbor in 1932. The land was donated by Dr. R. L. Z. Bridges of Brinson, Georgia. The first pastor was Rev. A. P. Norris, with 10 charter members, of which only one still remains, Mrs. Ruby Scott.

The church received its name from Mrs. Jennie Norris stating that "the highway passed in front." The first clerk was Bro. Sterling Pucket. The first deacons were Bro. Ed Scott and Bro. C. T. Turner.

There have been 16 pastors which have served this church, with the present pastor, Rev. Joseph J. Scott serving the church since 1977.

The present church building was built in 1950. The building was renovated in 1978-79 and in 1980 the fellowship hall was added. In 1982 the building was furnished with central heating and cooling.

The lord has blessed our church greatly. We give God the praise as in His Word He says "Where two or three are gathered together there I am also."

### Donalsonville Free Will Baptist

In 1956, the first services of the Donalsonville First Free Will Baptist Church were held in a tent. For a short time services were also held in the home of Mrs. Lena B. Henderson. These services were conducted by Rev. S. T. Shutes.

In 1957, land for the present church site was purchased from Mr. Ed Kelly and deeded to the church by Mr. Tom Cox. Together with the help of the Midway Association and other people in the community, the founding church members built the church we now hold services in.

First services in our new church building were also conducted by Rev. Shutes. Since some of our records are missing, we can only give a partial list of some of our other former pastors. Serving after Rev. Shutes were: Rev. Lewis Batchelor, Rev. Edward Sheffield, Rev. Bronzo Parrish, Rev. Calloway, Rev. Gordon Ellis (2), Rev. J. W. Loyless, Rev. Riley Giddens, Rev. Cecil Mock and our present pastor Rev. Willie Dawson.

Founding church members included: Mr. John Hudson, Mr. Tom Cox, Mr. Earnest Tedder, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henderson and Mrs. Cosetta Lord.

Over the years, there have been many improvements to the church. One of the major changes took place in 1978. A large part of the inside of the church was remodeled. These improvements included a new heating and cooling unit, new windows, new ceiling and walls and a new lighting system. A kitchen was also installed. Soon afterwards, a new piano was purchased for the church.

All of this took a lot of hard work and financial support from the church members. God provided the way and soon our remodeling debt was paid in full.

In conclusion of this church report, we regretfully acknowledge that on Nov. 5, 1982, our dear friend and fellow church member, Mr. Tom Cox, passed away. As we remember his concern and devotion for this church, may we continue, with God's help, to carry on the task that he and so many others undertook in the past years.



# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

## General Officers

Moderator .....*Rev. Cecil Mock*  
Assistant Moderator .....*Rev. Walter Daniels*  
Clerk .....*Rev. David Cooper*  
Assistant Clerk .....*Billy W. Roland*

## Executive Committee

Rev. Cecil Mock .....*Iron City, Ga.*  
Rev. David Cooper .....*Iron City, Ga.*  
Bro. David Richardson .....*Colquitt, Ga.*  
Bro. Phillip Hines .....*Colquitt, Ga.*  
Bro. Lowell McNease .....*Colquitt, Ga.*

## Ordaining Council

Rev. Wayne Sheffield .....*One Year*  
Rev. W. Irvin Hyman .....*Three Years*  
Rev. Lewis Williams .....*Two Years*

## Investigating Committee

Bro. Fred Ingram .....*One year*  
Bro. Benny Cumbie .....*Three Years*  
Rev. Walter Daniels .....*Two Years*

## Nominations to State Boards

Mission Board .....*Rev. Wayne Sheffield*  
Board of Trustees .....*Rev. David Cooper*  
Board of Retirement & Insurance .....*Bro. Roscoe Daniels*  
Board of Christian Education & Camping .....*Rev. Bob White*  
Budgeting Board .....*Rev. Irvin Hyman*  
Promotional Secretary .....*Herbert Waid*

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

**PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS**  
**THEME: "COMPLETE IN HIM" COLOSSIANS 1:1 - 2:23**

**FIRST SESSION**  
**Mt. Glory, January 15, 1983**

Welcome ..... *Bro. David Brock*  
Response..... *Bro. Robert Tully*  
Devotion ..... *Bro. Paul Boutwell*  
Message..... *Rev. Willie Dawson*

**SECOND SESSION**  
**Hebrew, April 16, 1983**

Welcome..... *Sis. Doretha Stewart*  
Response..... *Bro. Robert Boyd*  
Devotion ..... *Bro. Claude Newsome*  
Message ..... *Rev. Damon C. Dodd*

**THIRD SESSION**  
**Highway, July 23, 1983**

Welcome ..... *Sis. Ruby Scott*  
Response..... *Sis. Z. T. Calhoun*  
Devotion..... *Bro. Lynn Frazier*  
Message ..... *Rev. W. S. Driggers*

**FOURTH SESSION**  
**Donalsonville, October 15, 1983**

Welcome..... *Sis. Edna Hagler*  
Response..... *Bro. Phillip Hines*  
Devotion ..... *Bro. Hubert Cox*  
Message..... *Rev. C. W. Harrell*

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING  
JANUARY 16, 1982**

The first session convened at New Salem Church January 16, 1982, at 10:00 a.m. Song service was led by Bro. Frank Breeden. Prayer by Bro. Harvey Cox.

The moderator declared the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist in session.

Sis. Annie Lou Wells welcomed everyone and Sis. Alma Jean Grimes responded.

M.S.C. that the moderator appoint a Credentials Committee and a Resolutions Committee. The following were appointed to serve for one year. Credentials Committee: Frank Newberry (chairman), Ed Hill and Douglas Smith. Resolutions Committee: Louie Grimes, David Richardson and Herbert Boyd.

Bro. David Brinson brought the morning devotion. Ministers present were 12 and deacons 13.

The moderator recognized Bro. Frank Breeden, Rev. Herbert Waid, and Sis. Geraldine Waid as visitors.

The moderator delegated moderatorship to Rev. Walter Daniels.

The clerk read the minutes and gave the Financial report. M.S.C. to accept.

Bro. Frank Breeden gave a Free Will Baptist Bible College report. Bro. Frank Newberry gave a partial Credentials Committee report. M.S.C. to adopt.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Executive Secretary of State of Georgia gave a report.

Camp Mt. Bethel Planning Committee chairman, Rev. Lewis Williams, submitted a polling report of 48 possible campers and asked the committee be relieved of its responsibilities. M.S.C. to accept.

Motion was amended to delegate the camp planning to the Martin Executive Committee: decide the age brackets to participate, cost, make tentative plans, etc. Possibly join ranks with a Sister Association.

Rev. Wayne Sheffield gave the Ordaining Council and the State Mission Board reports. M.S.C. to accept.

Rev. Herbert Waid and Rev. Walter Daniels gave a G.B.I. report. Sis. Martha Everson gave the Martin District Women's Auxiliary report.



Bro. Frank Breeden, accompanied by Sis. Pam Roberts on the piano, led in a congregational hymn. Prayer by C. W. Harold.

Moderator recessed for five minutes.

Bro. Louie Grimes gave the Resolutions Committee report. M.S.C. to adopt.

Bro. Frank Breeden led in a hymn. Bro. Buddy Bailey led in prayer. Bro. Frank Breeden led congregation in a hymn. An offering of \$55.00 was received for Camp Mt. Bethel.

Sis. Pam Roberts sang "Because He Lives". The message was delivered by Bro. Bobby Roberts. (Text Titus 2:11-14)

New Salem Church was given a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

M.S.C. and adopted, giving the clerk authority to add the belated church letters and compile a complete Credentials report.

Bro. Bobby Roberts was given a rising vote of thanks for his past service as Martin Association Clerk. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Rev. Cecil Mock and Rev. Walter Daniels shared as moderator.

David Cooper, Clerk

## **MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING APRIL 17, 1982**

The second session convened at Thompson Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. The service was opened with a short fellowship. Bro. Frank Breeden led in the opening hymn. Bro. Cecil Mock read Psalm:126 and then led in prayer.

Bro. Breeden led the congregation in a song. Bro. Abbie Calhoun brought the morning devotional. Bro. Edward Miller welcomed everyone and Bro. Lewis Williams responded.

The moderator appointed a temporary Credentials Committee and Resolutions Committee in the absence of the elected committees.

The clerk read the minutes of the last session and gave a Financial report. M.S.C. to adopt these reports.

Bro. Breeden led in a congregational hymn. Ministers attending were 11 and deacons 8.

The moderator recognized Mrs. W. K. Thompson, Mr. J. D. Daniels and Mr. Frank Breeden as our visitors.

A partial Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Edward Miller. M.S.C. to adopt. The moderator gave a Georgia Bible Institute report. Bro. Wayne Sheffield gave the Ordaining Council and the State Missions Board's report. M.S.C. to adopt. Bro. Cecil Mock gave the State Board of Christian Camping report. M.S.C. to adopt. Bro. Mock also resigned his office on this board, effective 4/11/82, due to his health. M.S.C. to accept his resignation. Bro. Bob White was elected as the replacement to this board.

After a 10 minute recess Bro. Breeden led in another hymn.

Bro. David Richardson gave the Resolutions Committee report. M.S.C. to adopt. The State Board of Christian Education report was given by Bro. Walter Daniels. M.S.C. to adopt. There was a motion, second and approval to give Bro. Phillip Hines a rising vote of respect and appreciation for his faithful stand against the licensing of alcoholic beverages in Miller County.

The Bible College report was given by Bro. Breeden. An offering of \$46.50 was received for Camp Mt. Bethel.

Bro. Breeden sang a solo entitled "His Eye Is On The Sparrow", and Bro. Walter Daniels brought a challenging message concerning "Christian Halfheartedness".

The moderator asked all pastors to come forward to draw names for the annual Pulpit Exchange Sunday on May 16, 1982.

#### THE EXCHANGE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Colquitt .....	Rev. Murry Giddons
Corinth.....	Rev. Willie Dawson
Donalsonville .....	Rev. David Cooper
Hebrew.....	Rev. Harris Nix
Highway.....	Rev. Cecil Mock
Mothers Home .....	Dr. Irvin Hyman
Mt. Gilead .....	Dr. Damon Dodd
Mt. Glory .....	Rev. Jake Scott
New Home (M.C.).....	Rev. W. S. Driggers
New Home No. 2 .....	Rev. Bob White
New Salem .....	Rev. Wayne Sheffield
Thompson .....	Rev. Lewis Williams

M.S.C. to give the exchange offerings to G.B.I.

The clerk was asked to contact Herbert Waid concerning the possibility of our youth joining ranks with a Sister Association for a camp session this summer. M.S.C. to adjourn. Dismissed with prayer.

Dr. Irvin Hyman, Moderator  
David Cooper, Clerk

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING  
JULY 10, 1982**

The third session convened with Mother's Home Church beginning at 10:00 a.m. Sis. Jean Hyman provided the prelude music followed by the congregation's pledge of allegiance to our Christian and American flags.

Bro. Cecil Mock read Psalm 40:1-4 then led in prayer. Bro. Irvin Hyman led in a hymn.

The 96th Quarterly Sessions of Martin Association was then declared in session.

Sis. Claudia Calhoun welcomed everyone and Sis. Winnie Preston responded. Bro. Albert Johnson brought a devotional from Luke 2:45-49.

Bro. Damon Dodd proposed and lay on the table a resolution that Article III of the Constitution of Martin Association be altered to provide for the July session of Martin Association to be held on Saturday following the third Sunday of July, due to the conflicting dates of the July session of Martin Association and the National Association's Annual Session.

M.S.C. to approve the reading of the Minutes and the Financial report.

Ministers attending were 12 and deacons 13. Mr. Darrell Newberry was recognized as visiting.

Bro. Hyman led in a hymn and Bro. Jerry McNease led in prayer. Bro. S. E. Newberry gave the Credentials Committee report. M.S.C. to adopt.

The moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee. A G.B.I. report was given by Bro. Hyman.

M.S.C. for two churches per year to submit historical statements of not more than one page, or approximately 300 words, to be printed in the Annual Minutes. Donalsonville and Highway churches are to submit their statements by the Annual session, on October 16, 1982.

Bro. Bobby Roberts led in a hymn. The moderator appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Damon Dodd, Jerry McNease and Bob White. The moderator appointed a Program Committee consisting of S. E. Newberry, Tyrone Williams and David Cooper. Recessed for 15 minutes.

Bro. Bobby Roberts led in a hymn and afterwards an offering of \$47.55 was received. Bro. Bobby Roberts led in a hymn. Sis. Pam Roberts sang two solo's. Bro. Bob White brought the morning message from Daniel chapter 3.

M.S.C. to take from the table the Resolution pertaining to a Constitutional Alteration. M.S.C. to adopt the Resolution.

M.S.C. to authorize Bro. Lowell McNease to serve as treasurer at the Local Mission Board. M.S.C. to compensate Bro. Jerry McNease for his labor of love toward the Mission in Atlanta, in the amount of \$250.00.

Bro. Robert Tully gave the Resolutions Committee report. M.S.C. to adopt. Bro. Wayne Sheffield gave the Ordaining Council report. M.S.C. to adopt.

M.S.C. to give today's offering of \$47.55 to G.B.I.

M.S.C. to reassure the Free Will Baptist Bible College of the Martin Association's continuing support by a letter written and hand carried by Bro. Irvin Hyman to the college's president. (See letter under resolution no. 4)

M.S.C. to schedule an area wide service to be held at the Colquitt Church on the evening of October 16, at 7:30 p.m., featuring the Bible College Quartet. M.S.C. to adjourn.

Irvin Hyman, Moderator  
David Cooper, Clerk



**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 1982**

The annual session convened at Corinth on October 16, 1982, at 9:30 a.m. with the musical prelude provided by Sis. Jean Hyman and Sis. Pam Roberts. The clerk then led in the pledge of allegiance to the Christian and American flags.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd led the song service throughout the day.

Rev. Herbert Waid led in prayer and Rev. Cecil Mock read Psalm 63.

Sis. Chastine Burke welcomed everyone and Bro. Ed Hill responded.

The morning devotion was given by Bro. Herbert Boyd from Psalm 23.

The clerk read the minutes and gave the Financial report. M.S.C. to adopt.

All delegates were seated and 12 ministers and 7 deacons were recognized. Also recognized were 25 ladies and 28 men.

Rev. Damon C. Dodd presented to the Martin Association several copies of old minutes, dated 1902, 1909, 1910, 1914-15, 1917-24. M.S.C. to thank Bro. Dodd and receive these copies. They are to be entrusted to the care of the clerk and copies will be made available to anyone for a copying fee.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Frank Newberry. M.S.C. to adopt.

Attention was called to the fact that only 22 tithers were reported. Insomuch that this figure was not an accurate representation of this Association's 12 churches, due to the wording of question No. 13 on the annual letter, it was suggested that question No. 13 be revised to read "approximate number of tithers."

The Program Committee report was given by Rev. David Cooper. M.S.C. to adopt.

Rev. Herbert Waid, our Executive Secretary was introduced and a report was given. M.S.C. to receive as information.

Rev. Jake Scott led in prayer and Rev. Bob White reported on the newly implemented C.T.S. competition for the youth.

The State Mission Board report was given by Rev. Wayne Sheffield. M.S.C. to adopt.



The Children's Home report was given by Bro. Frank Newberry. M.S.C. to accept as information and Bro. Newberry to serve as the Children's Home representative to this association.

After recess Rev. Murry Giddens led in prayer and then Rev. W. S. Driggers gave his personal testimony and spoke concerning his retirement from the pastorate.

After a hymn an offering of \$84.00 was received.

Rev. Herbert Waid sang a solo, followed by the morning message by Bro. Jerry McNease from II Timothy 3:5 and John 11:33-44.

M.S.C. to re-imburse Sis. Jean Hyman in the amount of \$5.00 for printing the programs for this session. This motion was amended, seconded and approved for Sis. Hyman to provide the materials and print the program each session. The Association will pay her \$10.00 per session.

Rev. Wayne Sheffield gave the Ordaining Council report. M.S.C. to adopt.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Rev. Walter Daniels. M.S.C. to adopt.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Rev. Damon C. Dodd. M.S.C. to adopt.

M.S.C. for our moderator to appoint our four delegates at the State Association.

M.S.C. for the Pulpit Exchange offering hereafter to go annually to Georgia Bible Institute.

M.S.C. for the moderator to appoint a Youth Camp Committee. The following were appointed: Rev. Walter Daniels, Rev. Bob White, Bro. Bennie Cumbie, Sis. Carolyn Smith and Sis. Martha Williams.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Dr. Irvin Hyman, Moderator  
David Cooper, Clerk

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**FROM**  
**OCTOBER 17, 1981 - JANUARY 16, 1982**

**BEGINNING BALANCE** **\$1,558.38**

**TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED**

Offering (10/17/81).....	74.45
Minutes (10/17/81).....	114.00
Dues (10/17/81).....	434.75
Children's Home (10/17/81) (Made direct to C.H.).....	25.00
Martin Minister's Assoc. gave toward printing of minutes ...	50.00
Martin S.S. Convention gave toward printing of minutes....	100.00
Salem Church offering to Childrens Home.....	681.00
	<u>\$1,479.20</u>

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

F.W.B. Bible College General Fund .....	74.45
Children's Home .....	25.00
State Association .....	15.00
Moderator .....	5.00
Clerk .....	50.00
State Cooperative Program.....	207.73
Local Missions.....	89.02
Georgia State Assoc. (4 delegates) .....	60.00
Nat's Florist (Flowers for State Assoc.) .....	18.03
Representation to National (Promotional Secretary).....	120.00
Promotional Secretary for Children's Home .....	681.00
Automat Printers (250 Minutes).....	527.50
	<u>\$1,872.73</u>

Beginning Balance .....	\$1,558.38
Total Monies Received.....	<u>+ 1,479.20</u>
Total .....	\$3,037.58
Total Expenditures .....	<u>-1,872.73</u>
Total to Date .....	\$1,164.85

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**FINANCIAL REPORT .. FROM JANUARY 16, 1982 - APRIL 16, 1982**

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BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,164.85

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

Offering (1/16/82) (Camp Mt. Bethel)..... 55.00  
Dues (1/16/82)..... 369.50  
Martin District C.T.S. (2/1/82) (Toward printing of minutes)... 50.00

**TOTAL EXPENDITURES**

State Association..... 15.00  
Assistant Moderator..... 5.00  
Clerk..... 5.00  
Offering (Camp Mt. Bethel) ..... 55.00  
State Cooperative Program..... 150.15  
Local Missions..... 64.35  
Postage and Envelopes..... 23.12  
317.62

Beginning Balance ..... 1,164.85  
Total Monies Received ..... + 474.50  
Total..... 1,639.35  
Total Expenditures ..... - 317.62  
Total to Date ..... \$1,321.73

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**FINANCIAL REPORT ..... FROM APRIL 16, 1982 - JULY 10, 1982**

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BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,321.73

**TOTAL MONIES RECEIVED**

Offering (4/17/82)..... 46.50  
Dues (4/17/82)..... 366.75  
Total..... \$413.25

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

State Association Representation Fee .....	15.00
Moderators Honorarium.....	5.00
Clerks Honorarium .....	5.00
Offering (Camp Mt. Bethel) .....	46.50
State Cooperative Program (70%).....	148.22
Local Missions (30 %) .....	63.53
Phone calls by clerk related to Associational Business .....	7.28
Total .....	<u>\$290.53</u>

Beginning Balance .....	\$1,321.73
Total Monies Received .....	<u>+ 413.25</u>
Total.....	1,734.98
Total Expenditures.....	<u>- 290.53</u>
Total to Date .....	\$1,444.45

FINANCIAL REPORT.....FROM JULY 10 - OCTOBER 16, 1982

BEGINNING BALANCE \$1,444.45

Total Monies Received

Dues (7/10/82).....	\$351.50
Offering (7/10/82).....	<u>47.55</u>
Total .....	\$399.05

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

State Association Representation Fee .....	\$15.00
Moderator's Honorarium .....	5.00
Clerk's Honorarium.....	5.00
Offering (Georgia Bible Institute).....	47.55
State Cooperative Program (70%).....	147.70

Local Missions (30%) .....	63.30
Clerk Reinbursement (phone calls).....	8.41
Seminole Office Supply (Copying Fee) .....	2.29
Total .....	<u>\$249.25</u>

Beginning Balance .....	\$1,444.45
Total Monies Received .....	<u>+ 399.05</u>
Total.....	1,843.50
Total Expenditures .....	<u>- 294.25</u>
Total to date (October 16, 1982).....	\$1,549.25

## FINANCIAL REPORT .....FROM OCTOBER 16, 1982

Beginning Balance	\$1,549.25
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### Total Monies Received

Dues (10/16/82).....	\$381.00
Minutes .....	168.00
National Representation Fees.....	60.00
Children's Home.....	376.00
Offering (10/16/82).....	84.00
Sunday School convention (toward printing of minutes).....	100.00
Woman's Auxiliary (toward printing of minutes) .....	<u>50.00</u>
Total.....	\$1219.00

### TOTAL EXPENDITURES

Moderator .....	\$5.00
Clerk .....	50.00
Jean Hyman (printing of programs).....	10.00
Georgia State Office 1. Co-op 70% .....	630.70
2. Representation fees (both State -National) 3. Children' Home	
Local Missions (30%).....	51.30
Phone Calls .....	<u>3.81</u>
Total .....	\$750.81



Beginning Balance .....	\$1,549.25
Total monies Received.....	1,219.00
Total.....	<u>\$2,768.25</u>
Total Expenditures .....	750.81
Balance (as of 11/29/82).....	<u>\$2,017.44</u>

## CREDENTIAL REPORTS

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT..... JANUARY 16, 1982

Total Churches reporting .....	12
Total number of elected delegates.....	42
Total amount of dues.....	\$369.50
Ministers present .....	12
Deacons present .....	13

Frank Newberry (Chairman)

Douglas Smith

Ed Hill

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT..... APRIL 17, 1982

Total Churches reporting .....	12
Total number of elected delegates.....	33
Total amount of dues.....	\$366.75
Ministers present .....	11
Deacons present .....	8

Stanley Kirkland

J. J. Scott

Ed Miller

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT..... JULY 10, 1982

Total Churches reporting .....	12
Total number of elected delegates.....	38
Total amount of dues.....	\$351.50

S. E. Newberry

David Richardson

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT..... OCTOBER 16, 1982**

Total Churches reporting .....	12
Total number of elected delegates.....	40
Total amount of dues.....	\$381.00
Ministers present .....	12
Deacons present .....	7

James Swanner  
Frank Newberry  
Ed Hill

**RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT..... JANUARY 16, 1982**

1. We resolve that today's offering go to Camp Mt. Bethel.
2. We resolve that New Salem Church be given a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality extended during this session.

Louie Grimes  
David Richardson  
Herbert Boyd

**RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT ..... APRIL 17, 1982**

1. We resolve that Martin Association of Free Will Baptist take a public stand concerning the use and sale of alcoholic beverages, as stated in our Church Covenant, through a news release in the local newspaper. This news release is to be prepared by the Executive Committee. (See the news release below)
2. We resolve that Thompson Church be given a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.
3. We resolve that today's offering go to Camp Mt. Bethel.  
M.S.C. to adopt this report.

Louie Grimes  
Herbert Boyd  
David Richardson

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION SPEAKS OUT ABOUT ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

During the second session of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, which convened at the Thompson Church on April 17, 1982, a resolution was unanimously adopted to make public, through a news release in the local newspaper, our Biblical convictions concerning the use and sale of alcoholic beverages as stated in our church covenant.

We have collectively...“promised, by God’s 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.”

Our goal as servants of God is to herald the message of salvation by grace through faith in the finished work of Calvary and to communicate the warning Apostle Paul gave in his epistle to Titus. (Titus 2:11-15)...“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lust, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; looking for that blessed hope and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works. These things speak, and exhort, and rebuke with all authority.”

Executive Committee

Dr. W. Irvin Hyman

Rev. David Cooper

James Swanner

Herbert Boyd

Charles Grimes

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### RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT ..... JULY 10, 1982

1. Resolved that we the Martin Association continue to support the Georgia Bible Institute with our prayers, our students, and our finances.

2. Resolved that the Churches of this Association remove their ticket boxes from the Piggly Wiggly, due to the stand of this Association against alcoholic beverages
3. Resolved that we give Mother's Home Church a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality today.

David Richardson

Robert Tully

Jerry McNease

4.

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT  
FOR  
FREE WILL BAPTIST BIBLE COLLEGE**

WHEREAS Free Will Baptist College has played a very important role in the lives of Free Will Baptists of Southwest, Georgia, and

WHEREAS the administration, faculty, and staff have dedicated their lives to God in the ministry of training Christian workers for our denomination, and

WHEREAS the future ministry of Free Will Baptist Bible College rests in wise and competent leadership, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist, extend a vote of appreciation to and confidence in the College's present administration, faculty and staff, and pledge ourselves to pray for the College, to financially support it, and to encourage students from the Southwest Georgia area to attend it.

5. Resolution pertaining to a constitutional change.

WHEREAS, the National Association of Free Will Baptist holds its annual session the week following the July session of our Martin Association, and

WHEREAS, those from our area who attend the National Association must leave for this meeting on the weekend on which the Quarterly Meeting meets, thereby being deprived of attending the July Quarterly Meeting therefore

## BE IT RESOLVED:

That Article III of the Constitution of Martin Association be altered to provide for the July session of Martin Association to be held on Saturday following the third Sunday of July.

Article III would then read:

“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, except the July meeting, which shall be held on Saturday following the third Sunday, the place of meeting to be determined by the Association.”

The remainder of Article III shall remain as is.

### RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT..... OCTOBER 16, 1982

Over the past several years the Missions emphasis in the State of Georgia among Free Will Baptist has been under the planning and guidance of the State Association's Missions Board, thus leaving little or nothing for a local Association's Missions Board to do. This has resulted in Missions Boards being elected by District Associations and the members left wondering what they should do and when they should do it. This is the case in our own Association.

1. WHEREAS WE RESOLVE that we discontinue the Martin Association's Missions Board under the proposals which follow.
  - A. That all the funds now in the treasury of the Missions Board of Martin Association be given to Georgia Bible Institute.
  - B. That Article IX, section 3 of the Constitution of Martin Association be deleted in its entirety and that section 4 become section 3, followed by the logical consecutive numbering of the remaining sections of Article IX.
  - C. That any matter or matters arising in Martin Association of a missionary nature that need our attention be taken care of by the Executive Committee, who may plan, recommend, submit proposals, or otherwise keep missions activity before our churches.



- D. That these items be laid on the table following any discussion here today and that final action be taken on this matter at the January, 1983, session of Martin Association.
2. WHEREAS WE RESOLVE to give Dr. Damon Dodd a rising vote of love and appreciation for all that he has contributed to the Martin Association.
  3. WHEREAS WE RESOLVE that a page or some pages be printed in the minutes which show our appreciation to Dr. Dodd. This to be taken care of by the Executive Committee.
  4. WHEREAS WE RESOLVE to give Corinth Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting this annual meeting of the Martin Association.

Herbert Boyd  
Walter Daniels  
Emory Richards

## STATE MISSION BOARD REPORTS

### STATE MISSION BOARD REPORT..... OCTOBER 16, 1982

Rev. Barry Hedricks has resigned from the Dublin Mission and Rev. Jack Lysacker has taken his place. Bro. Lysacker seems very enthused.

Rev. Ronald Wallace must sell some more bonds to complete the building in the Atlanta project.

Rev. Wayne Sheffield

## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORTS

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT ..... APRIL 17, 1982

We the Ordaining Council of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist do recommend Bro. C. W. Harrell to be ordained to the Gospel Ministry on approval of this Association by majority vote, at a time and place to be chosen by the candidate and approved by the Ordaining Council.

Bro. Harrell has been recommended to us by his home church (New Home No. 2) and has been approved by the same. Bro. Harrell has met with the Ordaining Council of the Association and has met any and all requirements put forth by this Association for the ordaining of men to the Gospel Ministry.

Lewis Williams  
Damon Dodd  
Wayne Sheffield

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## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT ..... JULY 10, 1982

Bro S. E. Newberry met with Ordaining Council to discuss membership as an ordained minister in the Martin Association. He presented a letter from the State Association of Alabama and a letter of request from Mt. Glory Church, stating that he was in good standing.

We recommend the Martin Association receive Bro. Newberry as a minister in good standing and that the moderator extend to him the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Lewis Williams  
Damon Dodd  
Wayne Sheffield

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## ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT ..... OCTOBER 16, 1982

Rev. Murry Giddens met with this board, desiring membership in the Martin Association as an Ordained Minister in good standing. We recommend Bro. Giddens to this body to be received in full fellowship.

Also, Rev. Damon Dodd asked this association to grant him a letter in good standing. We recommend (with regret) that the clerk, with permission of this body, grant this letter.

Rev. Lewis Williams  
Rev. Damon Dodd  
Rev. Wayne Sheffield

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## NOMINATING COMMITTEE'S REPORT ..... OCTOBER 16, 1982

The Nominating Committee prayerfully submits the following lists of nominees for the offices designated in this report:

Moderator ..... Rev. Cecil Mock  
Assistant Moderator ..... Rev. Walter Daniels  
Clerk-Treasurer ..... Rev. David Cooper  
Assistant Clerk-Treasurer ..... Mr. Billy Roland

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (3 to be elected)**

David Richardson  
Lowell McNease  
Phillip Hines

**ORDAINING COUNCIL (3 year term)**

Dr. W. Irvin Hyman

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE (3 year term)**

Benny Cumbie

Rev. Damon C. Dodd  
Rev. Bob White  
Bro. Jerry McNease

**Camp Session Planning Committee Report ..... January 16, 1982**

8 churches responded to polling...48 possible campers. This committee relieved of its responsibilities.

Rev. Lewis Williams, Chairman

**MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE PROGRAMS — 1983**

**First Session**

New Salem, January 14, 1983 - 8:00 p.m.

**Second Session**

Hebrew, April 15, 1983 - 8:00 p.m.

**Third Session**

Colquitt, July 22, 1983 - 8:00 p.m.

**Fourth Session**

Mt. Gilead, October 14, 1983 - 8:00 p.m.

NOTE: The host pastor will be responsible for the message and the submitting of someone to give the welcome. Moderator will appoint someone to respond.

**MINUTES OF THE MARTIN DISTRICT  
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
SEPTEMBER 18, 1982**

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention met September 18, 1982 at the Thompson Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "Give Yourself Away." The Scripture was II Corinthians 8:5B,—"They first gave their own selves to the Lord, and unto us by the will of God—"

The convention opened with singing "Give of Your Best To The Master." The opening prayer was led by Margaret Daniels. A warm welcome was given by the women of the Thompson Auxiliary. Pam Roberts rendered special music, "Now I Belong To Him." An inspiring devotional was brought by Deanna White from Ephesians 5:1 and 5:21-24.

The convention was called to order by the president, Gail Everson. M.S.C. to seat the delegates. Roll call and minutes of the last convention were read and adopted.

The president appointed the following committees:

**CREDENTIALS:** Veda Bellflower, Chairman, Sarah Newberry and Carolyn Smith

**REGISTRATION:** Lucille Lane, Chairman, Eudene Boyd and Grace Houston.

**FINANCE:** Patricia Grimes, Chairman, Margaret Daniels and Eva Middleton.

**RESOLUTIONS:** Jean Hyman, Chairman, Vonnie Calhoun and Minnie Cobb.

The Mission Study and Mission Action Chairman each gave a report of recommendations for 1982-1983.

Martha Everson, Mission Study Chairman, passed out the following mimeograph suggestions as goals to work toward this year.

1. That each auxiliary have one local Mission Study sometime during this year.
2. That the Martin District Woman's Auxiliary sponsor a district wide Mission's Clinic, February 2-3, from 7:00 to 8:30 o'clock p.m.

3. That each local auxiliary participate in the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Poster Contest this year.
4. That each local Mission Study chairman be responsible for emphasizing Free Will Baptist Missionary work by accenting it at the regular monthly meetings this year.

Pam Roberts, Mission Action Chairman, recommended the following goals to work toward:

1. Personal Soul Winning, by adding particular individuals to prayer lists, visiting and encouraging them.
2. Continue to support the WNAC Gift Plan.
3. Give special emphasis to the Children's Home at Eldridge, Alabama. Suggested that each auxiliary help by Christmas gifts for the children (no less than \$10.00 each.) The number of children for each auxiliary be given according to the amount of auxiliary membership. It was recommended that a grocery or linen shower be given for the Children's Home at the next Spring Workshop to be held at Colquitt Church, April 23, 1983.

The business session began with report of committees. The Registration Committee gave their report. M.S.C. to accept. The Credentials Committee gave their report. M.S.C. to accept. The Finance Committee gave their report. M.S.C. to accept. M.S.C. to send a report to the president of each Auxiliary and to the executive officers. The Resolutions Committee gave their report. M.S.C. to accept.

Delegates appointed to the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention to convene at Macon, Ga., Nov. 17, 18 were: Eva Middleton, Martha Everson, Carolyn Smith and Jean Hyman, with Gail Everson, President and Vonnie Calhoun, Fieldworker, as standing delegates.

M.S.C. for workshop and conventions to be held in alphabetical order. The spring workshop will be held at Colquitt Church, April 23, 1983. The District Convention will be held at Corinth Church, September 17, 1983.

Business ended with the Thompson Auxiliary receiving the attendance banner.

Special music was rendered by Rhonda Smith and Wende Grimes singing "The Way That He Loves."

Ken and Judy Bailey, "Missionary Appointees to Japan", were our guest speakers. Judy gave an interesting talk after which Ken



gave a very challenging message on "Giving until it is a Sacrifice." His Scripture was taken from II Corinthians 8:1-5.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Thompson Auxiliary for hosting the convention. The convention moved to adjourn. Rev. Irvin Hyman led the benediction and blessing on the covered dish luncheon which followed and was very much enjoyed.

Veda Bellflower, Secretary

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TREASURY REPORT

BROUGHT FORWARD \$130.55

RECEIPTS:

September Dues and Offerings.....	\$215.30
State Speaker's Gift .....	60.00
Foreign Missions, State Project, Co. Laborer, etc.....	408.02
Total Receipts.....	<u>\$683.32</u>

DISBURSEMENTS:

Ken & Judy Bailey (Missionaries to Japan) .....	\$138.30
Mimeographing .....	5.00
Mary Bruner, State Treas.....	544.52
Printing Minutes .....	50.00
Total Disbursements.....	<u>\$737.82</u>

BALANCE IN TREASURY: \$76.05

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION  
RESOLUTIONS  
1982-83

BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That we adopt the 1982-83 theme, "Give Yourself Away." Scripture, "...they first gave their own selves to the Lord..." (2 Cor. 8:5B) Song, "Give or Your Best To The Master."
2. That we adopt and use as our guide the CONSTITUTION AND BY LAWS for a District Convention as published by the WNAC.

3. That the president appoint the convention committees (with the exception of the Nominating Committee which is elected bi-annually at the convention) at the Spring Workshop every year, naming a chairman of each committee and supplying her name and address to all the auxiliaries so they can get their suggestions and requests for the committee's consideration to her in ample time for the committees to meet **BEFORE THE CONVENTION** and prepare their reports.
4. That the **TREASURER, SECRETARY AND CHAIRMAN OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE** be responsible for mimeographing copies of their reports to be given out at the **CONVENTION**.
5. That the Executive Committee plan and prepare the convention program in time to mail an advance copy to each **CHURCH**, each **PASTOR**, each President of local auxiliaries, each District Officer and each person on the program in the Martin Association by September 1 every year.
6. That the President be responsible for special promotion of **MANUAL STUDY AND WNAC EMPHASIS MONTH PROGRAMS** in our District.
7. That the **VICE-PRESIDENT** plan and promote Big "M MONTH (January) in our district as suggested by the **WNAC**.
8. That the **FIELD WORKER** be responsible for promoting the Ga. State WA Convention and the Georgia WA Retreat in our district.
9. That we accept the Ga. State WA Project and that the **DISTRICT TREASURER** be responsible for special promotions throughout the year to encourage our district collaborators to reach our goal.
10. That we utilize WNAC Resolution No. 5 which reads "BE IT RESOLVED, THAT THE NEXT THREE YEARS BE DESIGNATED FOR AN IN-DEPTH EMPHASIS ON THE THREE DEPARTMENTS OF WORK:

1982-83 Mission Action

1983-84 Mission Study

1984-85 Mission Prayer

We further recommend that in order to emphasize these departments of our work district-wide (as well as locally) that the **WORKSHOP PROGRAMS** during these three years be planned around that year's emphasis.

11. That the STUDY COURSE CHAIRMAN be responsible for planning, conducting, and promoting the MARTIN DISTRICT AUXILIARY WORKSHOPS.
12. That we adopt and support the suggestions presented by the Missions Prayer, the Missions Study and the Missions Action Chairman for the year.
13. That we continue the Mission Action Projects suggested by WNAC as long as needed:
  1. Discarded plastic medicine bottles for Ivory Coast Medical Clinic
  2. Used Postage Stamps (Keep foreign and USA stamps separate)
  3. Old eyeglasses
  4. Old BiblesWe recommend that we add to this list labels from Campbell's products to be given to Camp Mt. Bethel for recreation equipment. all these "recycled" collections should be taken to the Ga. WA Retreat at CAMP MT. BETHEL every MARCH.
14. That each auxiliary bring to the convention a REGISTRATION FEE of \$6.00 to take care of operational expenses.
15. That the Martin District WA Convention's Minutes be included in the Martin Associational minutes with the District paying \$50.00 for printing.
16. That RESOLUTIONS number 3, 4, 5, 11, 13 and 14 be standing RESOLUTIONS and printed in each years Resolutions report with necessary changes made in costs of printing and office supplies & etc.
17. That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on program and to THOMPSON WOMAN'S AULILIARY FOR THEIR HOSPITALITY TODAY.

Respectfully Submitted

Jean Hyman

Vonnie Calhoun

Minnie Cobb

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

May 29, 1982

The Martin Association Sunday School Convention convened at New Salem Church on May 29, 1982. A delicious covered dish supper was enjoyed by everyone.

The session opened with Dr. Irvin Hyman leading us in a congregational hymn "At The Cross." Bro. Lewis Williams then led in prayer. The welcome was given by Bro. David Richardson and the response by Bro. Scott Roberts.

Bro. Herbert Boyd gave an inspiring devotional taken from 1st Psalms.

M.S.C. to seat delegates. A Digest Committee was appointed as follows; Bro. Tyrone Williams, Bro. James Swanner and Bro. Billy Roland. M.S.C. to accept the Program Committee's schedule for the next 2 years. (See white sheet)

Nominating Committee consisting of : Bro. Frank Newberry, Rev. David Cooper and Sister Martha Williams submitted the following report: President - Bro. Stanley Kirkland; Vice-President - Bro. David Richardson; Secretary-Treas. - Sister Joyce McNease; Director of Organization - Bro. James Swanner; and Director of Publicity - Sister Martha Williams. M.S.C. to accept this report.

Moderator, Bro. Charles Grimes asked for any business but there was none.

Special singing was presented by Bro. David Cooper's children and by New Home (Decatur Co.) Church.

Minutes of last meeting and Treasury Report were read and approved. The Digest Committee submitted the following partial report: No. of churches - 8; No. on roll - 454; No. of Depts. - 48; No. of teachers - 54; No. of Officers - 28; Total offerings - \$3,242.69; Paid for literature - \$2,153.97; Misc. - \$646.12; Average offering - \$130.53; and Average attendance - 361. M.S.C. to accept Digest Committee Report.

Recognized 8 ministers and 8 S. S. Supts.

A film "The Return" was then viewed by the congregation. Colquitt F.W.B. Church postponed their program because the film was rather lengthy. A rising vote of thanks was given to New Salem for hosting the convention. Stanley Kirkland dismissed in prayer.

### TREASURY REPORT

Brought Forward.....	\$102.92
Convention Dues.....	<u>- 40.00</u>
	\$142.92
Bank Service Charge (Aug., Sept., Oct., 1982).....	3.50
Bank Balance -Oct. 1982 - total.....	<u>\$139.42</u>

Patricia Grimes, Sec. & Treas.



# MARTIN ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 30, 1982

The Martin Association Sunday School Convention convened at Highway F.W.B. Church on October 30, 1982. The session was opened with a song, "Amazing Grace." Bro. Cecil Mock then led in prayer. The welcome was given by Bro. Kelly Harrell and the response by Bro. Edward Miller. Recognized all the delegates from other sister churches. M.S.C. to seat the delegates.

Moderator, Bro. Stanley Kirkland, then appointed a Digest Committee as follows: Bro. Robert Boyd, Bro. David Richardson and Bro. Kelly Harrell.

An inspiring devotional taken from John was given by Bro. Ronnie McNease. Recognized 7 ministers; 4 S.S. Superintendents; and 16 S.S. teachers.

Bro. Kirkland asked for any old business. There was none. He then asked for new business. A suggestion was made to change the time of the convention back to Sunday afternoons, but most of the congregation was satisfied with the Saturday night time. No vote was taken.

Sis. Carolyn Smith then gave several dates that Camp Mt. Bethel would have open for sessions next summer.(1983)

The Digest Committee gave their report as follows: No. on roll - 471; No. Depts. - 61; No. teachers - 72; No. officers - 30; Total offerings - \$3,774.76; Paid for Literature - \$1,987.54; Miscellaneous - \$1,090.48; Average offering - \$162.98; and Average attendance - 415. M.S.C. to accept this report.

M.S.C. to pay \$100.00 for printing of the minutes.

Minutes of last meeting and treasury report read and approved.

Mother's Home then sang several songs which everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

A film entitled "Home Run for Rusty" was then viewed and enjoyed.

A rising vote of thanks was then given to Highway Church for hosting the convention and Rev. Lewis Williams dismissed in prayer.

Patricia Grimes, Sec. & Treas.



## TREASURY REPORT

Brought Forward.....	\$139.42
(Oct.) Dues to Convention.....	+ 44.00
	<u>\$183.42</u>
Received for Film.....	+ 35.00
	<u>\$218.42</u>
Paid out for Film.....	- 39.20
	<u>179.22</u>
Printing Minutes.....	- 100.00
Balance.....	<u>\$79.22</u>

### PROGRAMS FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

October, 1982 - May & October, 1983 - April, 1984

#### Program Planning Committee

October 30, 1982

Place: Highway Church

Welcome Jewel Barber

Response: Edward Miller

Devotional: Ronnie McNease

Programs: Highway & Hebrew

Special singing: Mothers Home & Donalsonville

May 28, 1983

Place: Colquitt

Welcome: Steve Holt

Response: Lowell McNease

Devotional: W. T. Henry

Programs: Corinth & New Salem

Special Singing: Colquitt, New Home Miller County

October 29, 1983

Place: Mt. Glory

Welcome: Ethel Newberry

Response: David Richardson

Devotional: Kenneth Newberry

Programs: Mt. Glory & Mt. Gilead

Special Singing: New Home No. 2 & Donalsonville

First Session, April 28, 1984

Place: Donalsonville

Welcome: Edna Hagler

Response: Jean Tully

Devotional: Blaine Everson

Programs: Thompson & Highway

Special Singing: Mothers Home & Hebrew

Signed

Louisa McNease

Allie Mae Richardson

Alma Jean Grimes

Program Committee

## C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT

AUGUST 28, 1982

The Martin District C.T.S. Convention convened at Mt. Gilead on August 28, 1982. Bro. J. D. Bush, moderator called the meeting to order. Song service led by Bro. Herbert Boyd. Prayer by Bro. Johnny Dozier. welcome by Bro. Stanley Kirkland. Response by Bro. J. D. Bush. Devotional was given by Bro. Jimmy Bellflower taken from Luke, Chapter 21, entitled "Christ Coming and Warning that is given for His Coming." Devotional was closed with prayer.

Bro. J. D. asked secretary to give reading of last minutes and Program Committee Report for 1983 and 1984. M.S.C. to adopt. Mt. Gilead presented program with a skit about making excuses not wanting to be in the Lords House. After the skit, special singing was brought by some of the young people and the Men's Choir.

Moderator asked for Nominating Committee Report. Report was given by Bro. Walter Daniels. Move by Bro. Walter, second by Bro. Lewis Williams to adopt report. Serving on Nominating Committee was Bro. Walter Daniels, Bro. Louie Grimes and Bro. Cecil Mock.

Next moderator asked for Digest Committee report. Report given by Bro. Charles Grimes. Move by Bro. Charles, seconded by Bro. Stanley Kirkland to adopt. Move carried. Serving on Digest Committee was Bro. Charles Grimes, Bro. Jimmy Bellflower, and Bro. Billy Roland.

Moderator asked for any business. Bro. Lewis Williams made comment about still having the covered dish supper. Because of being hardly anyone at the supper, it was M.S.C. to omit the suppers.

Next Bro. Lewis made move with second by Bro. David Richardson to elect Bro. Bob White and Bro. Walter Daniels to work with C.T.S. Moderator and Secretary to get C.T.S. Competitive activities. Move carried.

Moderator asked for any other business. Bro. Billy Roland made comment about time changing. Since there is no covered dish supper, it was agreed to start the convention at seven o'clock p.m.

After no other business the counting of ministers, deacons, teachers and directors was taken. There were 3 ministers, 5 deacons, 5 teachers and 4 C.T.S. Directors present. After no other business Mt. Gilead was given a rising vote of thanks for hospitality and we were dismissed with prayer.

### **DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT**

Number of churches reporting .....	6
Number enrolled .....	214
Average attendance .....	23
Condition of C.T.S. ....	Fair
Total amount of offerings .....	\$787.26
Amount spent for literature .....	\$352.08
Amount spent for supplies .....	\$59.17

### **TREASURY REPORT**

Old balance .....	\$123.53
Dues to convention .....	\$30.00
New balance .....	\$153.53

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT FOR 1983**

There will be no covered dish supper. Convention will start at 7:00 p.m.

#### **FIRST SESSION - JANUARY 29, 1983**

##### **Mothers Home**

Welcome - Bro. Lowell McNease

Response - Bro. Billy Roland

Devotional - Bro. J. R. McNease

Responsible for Programs - Sis. Martha Williams and Sis. Joyce McNease

**SECOND SESSION - JULY 30, 1983**

**NEW HOME (Miller Co.)**

Convention will start at 7:00 p.m.

Welcome - Bro. Don Roberts

Response - Bro. Jack Burke

Devotional - Bro. David Clements

Responsible for Programs - Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Scott Roberts

**PROGRAMS FOR 1984**

**FIRST SESSION - JANUARY 28, 1984**

**CORINTH**

Welcome - Bro. James Swanner

Response - Bro. Johnny Dozier

Devotional - Bro. Jack Burke

Responsible for Programs - Sis. Lucille Lane and Sis. Bonnie Swanner

**SECOND SESSION - JULY 28, 1984**

**NEW SALEM**

Welcome - Bro. Greg Houston

Response - Bro. Herbert Boyd

Devotional - Bro. David Richardson

Responsible for Programs - Bro. Leroy Driggers and Bro. Billy Roland

**THIRD SESSION - DECEMBER 29, 1984**

**THOMPSON**

Welcome - Bro. Edward Miller

Response - Bro. Scott Roberts

Devotional - Bro. Walter Daniels

Responsible for Program - Sis. Carolyn Smith and Sis. Grace Nix

## C.T.S. CONVENTION REPORT JANUARY 30, 1982

The Martin District C.T.S. Convention convened at Donalsonville Free Will Baptist Church January 30, 1982. Bro. J. D. Bush, Moderator calling the meeting to order. Song service was led by Bro. Lajoy Hagler. Prayer by Bro. Stanley Kirkland. The welcome was presented by Bro. Lajoy Hagler. Response by Bro. Harris Nix.

Moderator asked Bro. David Brinson to stand in for Bro. Lowell McNease on Digest Committee.

Next Bro. J. D. asked secretary to give reading of last minutes. Move by Bro. Cecil Mock, seconded by Bro. Harris Nix to adopt. Move carried. Bro. Lewis Williams asked to get a replacement for Bro. C. M. Smith for devotional at next session. Moderator asked for any old business. he stated not remembering appointing a Nominating Committee for new officers. He appointed Bro. Cecil Mock, and asked secretary to get in contact with Bro. Walter Daniels, and Bro. Louie Grimes to serve on committee.

Moderator then asked for any other business. Secretary asked question to whom she should pay for printing of the minutes. Bro. David Cooper answered he was responsible for printing of the minutes.

Next Digest Committee gave report and moderator asked that the letter which came in late be added in to the report later. M.S.C. to adopt.

Those serving on Digest Committee was Bro. Stanley Kirkland, Bro. Greg Houston and Bro. David Brinson.

Donalsonville gave an inspiring program opening with singing and young people presented a skit on "God's Blessed Assurance." Bro. Hagler asked congregation to sing "Blessed Assurance."

Bro. Cecil Mock brought a wonderful devotional from second Timothy - Chapter 1, verses 6 through 14. "Having that Blessed Assurance not being ashamed to witness for our Lord and Savior." Bro. Mock closed devotional with prayer. Testimonies was given from various people about the Love of God and what God is doing for them. We had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Next, the counting of minsters, deacons, teachers and directors was taken. They were 5 ministers, 7 deacons, 8 teachers, and 6 C.T.S. Directors present.



Bro. Lewis Williams, pastor of Mt. Gilead made comment about how well his church was represented at convention.

After no other business, Donalsonville was given a rising vote of thanks for hospitality. We were dismissed with prayer by Bro. Billy Roland.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Number of churches reporting .....	7
Number of departments.....	26
Number enrolled .....	251
Average attendance .....	164
Total amount of offerings .....	\$588.84
Amount spent for literature .....	\$457.15
Amount spent for supplies.....	\$43.94
Other causes not listed .....	\$277.12
Total expenditures .....	\$778.21

TREASURY REPORT

Old balance .....	\$152.13
Printing of minutes .....	50.00
Balance.....	<u>\$102.13</u>
Dues to convention.....	35.00
Balance.....	<u>\$137.13</u>
Mailing supplies .....	7.36
Balance.....	<u>\$129.77</u>
Letters being printed .....	2.92
Balance.....	<u>\$126.85</u>
New book for keeping minutes .....	3.32
New balance .....	<u>\$123.53</u>

Johnnie Ogg, Secretary & Treas.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. DAMON C. DODD

In the course of a lifetime we meet with many diverse people. Some we will come to know as people of a mean or base character, others will fill the places of medocrity, but there are those who will rise higher than our own standards, who are governed by a stricter code of ethics and morality, and possess a keener insight into the strengths and weaknesses of humanity. Those who know how to

communicate with such wisdom and patience their thoughts and ideas to others that they are soon pushed to the forefront and their lives become an example to a great many people. This is the character of a true leader. It is said heroes are not born but are made. Certainly the same is true of great leaders. They are made by tribulations, patience, wisdom, discipline and love.

This is the characterization of one of our fellow ministers of the Martin Association. The Rev. Damon C. Dodd, whose life here with us was surely a living epistle, written upon the tables of our hearts.

The accomplishments of Bro. Dodd are too numerous to name in this short space, who of us who have know him could ever forget his coming unto us here. He walked among us as a man among men. A man of pride-but never arrogant, a man of tact- but never deceptive, a man of peace without compromise, a man of wisdom without boasting, a man of love without hypocrisy. We have seen our churches pulled together and built stronger by his pastorate and revival preachings, we have seen the Martin Association regrouped into a unified assembly and our goals placed higher than ever before. Surely his life here was the epitome of a true minister of God.

In summation I would like to borrow a line of thought from Gen. Douglas McArthur's prayer for a son, that "here was a man whose heart was clear, whose goals were high. A man who sought to master himself before he would seek to master other men, who reached into the future- yet never the past."

We are eternally grateful to God for the gift of this life to our association and to the Free Will Baptist Denomination and to the cause of Christ.

Bro. Dodd, we love you and you will be missed, but not forgotten.

CHURCH DIRECTORY						
CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK	SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT	C.T.S. DIRECTOR	MASTER'S MEN PRESIDENT	WOMAN'S AUXILIARY PRESIDENT
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NEW HOME NO. 2		Bro. Wayne T. Scott Rt. 2 Box 130-A Climax, Ga.	Bro. Benny Cumbie Rt. 2 Climax, Ga.	None	None	None
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		Bainbridge 31717; Camilla 31730; Quincy 32351; Climax 31734;				

FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT														
	Colquitt	Corinth	Donalsonville	Hebrew	Highway	Mother's Home	Mt. Gilead	Mt. Glory	New Home	New Home No. 2	New Salem	Thompson	Totals	One Year ago 1981
Rec. by Baptism	7	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	0	0	13	39
Rec. by Letter & Prof.	0	0	2	0	3	1	0	2	1	9	6	8	32	41
Lost by letter, death, etc.	4	2	4	3	23	0	0	4	5	1	3	0	49	30
Res. Mem.	128	43	20	39	16	62	57	15	81	58	99	90	708	736
Non-Res. Mem.	7	63	1	0	0	32	0	0	0	35	82	0	220	207
Total Mem.	135	106	21	39	16	94	57	15	81	93	181	90	928	943
S.S. Enrol.	95	42	20	24	25		50	15		55	64		390	526
Avg. Att.	78	26	15	13	30		30	12		34	54		292	345
C.T.S. Enrol.		20					30				35	50	135	157
Avg. Att.		12					25				30	38	105	315
Woman's Aux. Enrol.	29	9		10		15	10				15	10	98	109
Avg. Att.	20	6		8		7	10				11	10	72	84
Master's Men Enrol.	18					10						12	40	31
Avg. Att.	13					8						8	29	21
Prayer Mtg.	yes	yes 15				yes 20	yes 20	yes 8	yes 25	yes 35	yes		123	191
Vac. Bible School	yes					yes 63					yes	yes	63	
Total Offering	\$43,135.52	\$15,426.99		\$4,160.00		\$17,145.29	\$15,916.00	\$2,142.26	\$30,441.56		\$19,507.46	\$31,354.00	\$179,219.07	\$190,753.85
Val. of Church Prop.	\$175,000.00	\$70,000.00		\$20,000.00	\$36,000.00	\$107,000.00	\$50,000.00			\$80,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$125,000.00	\$813,000.00	\$525,000.00
Exp. for Local Cau.	\$36,191.39	\$13,910.14		\$500.00	\$4,891.47	\$17,573.48	\$12,645.00	\$3,401.37	\$30,094.83		\$22,142.00		\$141,349.68	\$236,960.18
Exp. for Outside Cau.	\$3,072.00	\$867.36		\$200.00	\$675.25	\$338.50	\$3,093.00	\$154.11	\$1,234.18		\$681.00		\$10,315.15	\$16,024.07
Ordained Min.	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	4	15	14
Licensed Min.	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	5	2

## 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.