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# OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS OF MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS 1989 - 1990

### **General Officers**

Moderator	Bro. David Richardson
	Bro. Bobby Roberts
	Bro. Bobby Richardson
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#### **Executive Committee**

Bro. Jerry McNease	Colquitt, Ga.
Rev. James Roland	Jakin, Ga.
Bro. Abbie Calhoun	Colquitt, Ga.
Bro. James Swanner	Donalsonville, Ga.
Bro. Terry McVey	Colquitt, Ga.

# **Ordaining Council**

Rev. Roger Russell	. Term expires 1990
Rev. Willie Dawson	. Term expires 1993
Rev. Talmadge Worsley	. Term expires 1993

#### **Investigating Committee**

Bro. Louie Grimes	. Term expires 1990
Rev. Harvey Henderson	. Term expires 1993
Bro. Herbert Boyd	. Term expires 1993

State Mission Board State Trustee Board Board of Christian Education Camp Mt. Bethel Board

# Members of State Board

Rev. Roger Russell Brother Bobby Roberts Bro. Lynn Frasier Rev. David Young Term expires 1991 Terms expires 1991 Term expires 1993 Term expires 1993

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# **PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

# FIRST QUARTER

Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church, January 13, 1990

Welcome	Bro. Emory Corbitt
Response	Bro. Billy Ray Butler
Devotional	
Message	Rev. Lewis Williams

# SECOND QUARTER

New Home (Decatur Co.) April 14, 1990

Welcome	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	. Rev. Murray Giddens
Response		Bro. Billy Roland

Devotional.	Bro. Scott Ro	berts
Message		oung

# THIRD QUARTER

# Mt. Gilead, August 4, 1990

Welcome	Bro. Timmy Bellflower
Response	Bro. Herbert Golden
	Bro. Herbert Boyd
Message	Rev. Harvey Henderson

#### FOURTH QUARTER

# First Church, Donalsonville, October 13, 1990

Welcome	Rev. Harvey Henderson
Response	
Devotional	
Message	

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

The Martin Association met January 14, 1989. The music was directed by Rev. Harvey Henderson. The congregation sang "When I See The Blood". Bro. Roger Russell led in prayer.

Bro. Ed Hill gave the welcome and Bro. David Richardson gave the response. Bro. Ed Miller gave the devotional.

The standing delegates were recognized and a motion was sustained to seat the elected delegates from the churches. There were 7 ministers, 5 minister's wives, 12 deacons, 5 deacon's wives.

The clerk read the Minutes and Financial report from last session. Motion was carried to adopt the report as read.

The Moderator appointed the following two committees. The Resolution Committee: Rev. Harvey Henderson and Bro. James Swanner. Credentials Committee: Bro. David Richardson, Bro. Clifton Powell and Bro. Harvey Cox.

After a break for fifteen minutes Bro. David Richardson gave the Credentials Committee Report: 12 churches reporting, 42 elected delegates, \$371.50 Benevolent Fund, \$371.50 dues. After a song the morning offering was taken which was \$69.68.

The Ordaining Council Report.. Letter of good standing from the former association of Rev. Thomas Kirkland and Rev. W. L. Rentz were received. We recommend that they be received in the Association in full standing.

We are still waiting for Bro. David Young 's letter from his former association. Respectfully submitted, Rev. Talmadge Worlsey, Rev. Willie Dawson, Rev. Roger Russell. A motion and second to adopt as read. All were in favor.

This the January session is to be dedicated to the Senior Laymen of the association. Each church had a representative to tell about the Dedication of their Senior Members.

Mt. Glory won the attendance banner with 28.7%.

Bro. Walter Daniels brought the morning message from II Timothy. Bro. Harvey Henderson gave the Resolution Committee report.

The association gave Hebrew Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting this session of the association.

After the moderator made announcements, a motion to adjourn was carried.

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The host church served a delicious meal which was enjoyed by all.

Bro. Jerry McNease, Moderator Bro. Terry McVey, Assistant Clerk

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT Period covering: September 30, 1988 - January 10, 1989

Brought Forward, September 30, 1988......\$872.41

**Received:** 

Dues from Churches, Oct. 15, 1988	\$402.50
Benevolent fund from Churches	402.50
Offering received Oct. 15, 1988	
Ministers Deacon Conference	
Minutes from Churches	30.00

National Association Dues (from Churches) . 90.00
Total Received
Total to account for
Disbursed:
Moderator\$ 5.00
Clerk
Ga. State Association Coop
Mrs. J. S. Scott
Mrs. L. D. Scott
Mrs. W. S. Driggers
Mrs. Bernice Mock
Mrs. Alton Everson
Ga. State Association (National Dues) 165.00
Automat Printers (Minutes)
Total expenses
Balance in treasury January 10, 1989 \$696.30
Terry McVey, Treasurer

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Martin Association met in conference on April 15, 1989 at the Highway Church. Bro. Charles Grimes directed the music. The congregation sang "There Is Power In The Blood". Prayer by Bro. Jerry McNease.

Sister Esther Scott gave the welcome. Response was given by Bro. Edward Miller. Instead of Devotional had a testimony from some members present.

The standing delegates were recognized and a motion was sustained to seat the elected delegates from the churches. There were 17 deacons, 13 deacon's wives, 12 ministers, 7 minister's wives.

The clerk read minutes and financial report from last session. A motion was carried to adopt the reports as read.

A motion and second that Terry McVey fill the clerk position because of Bro. Gerald Thompsons work would not let him be present,

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Credentials Committee, Bro. Frank Newberry, Bro. Paul Boutwell, and Bro. Bobby Richardson. Resolution Committee: Bro. Rodney Brewer and Bro. J. P. Bush.

Bro. Roger Russell made a motion that District Competition be held the week before the April Session of Quarterly Meeting to save time.

Bro. David Richardson gave report from Camp Board.

Camp Sessions for Midway Martin Camp - July 30 - August 4 -Camp Director, Bro. Marty McWilliams.

After a fifteen minute recess the congregation sang "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms".

District Competition was held. Judges were: Sister Patricia Grimes, Sister Gail Everson, and Pam Cox.

Contestants were Marcie McVey, Kyle McNease, Beth McNease, Jill McNease, Stuart McVey, and Celena McVey.

The Credentials Committee gave report:

Churches Reporting	11
Dues	371.50
Benevolent Fund\$	

Moved and second to adopt report.

The Credential Committee made a motion to withdraw Sister Alton Everson's name from Benelovent Fund because she had married again after Bro. Eversons death. Due to competition taking up time the morning message was postponed.

The Resolution Committee Report was given by Bro. Rodney Brewer. Be it resolved that the members of Association support the Ministers and Deacons Associations work with our time and financial support.

The Ordained Council Report was given by Bro. Roger Russell.

1. We have received letter in good standing from Little River Association for Bro. David Young. We recommend that he be granted full statue as a pastor in our association. We recommend that Bro. Emory Corbett be received into our fellowship pending a letter from Midway Association. The attendance banner was awarded to Mothers Home Church with 29.5% attendance.

A rising vote of thanks to Highway Church for hosting this session of the Association.

A motion to adjourn was moved and seconded.

A delicious meal was served by host church which all enjoyed.

Bro. Jerry McNease, Moderator Bro. Terry McVey, Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT MARTIN ASSOCIATION From January 10, 1989 to April 10, 1989

Brought Forward from January 10, 1989 ...... \$696.30

#### **Received:**

Dues from Churches - Jan. 14, 1989	. \$371.50
Benevolent Fund from Churches	371.50
Offering, January 14, 1989	69.68
Total received	\$812.68
Plus balance	696.30
Total to account	\$1508.98

#### **Disbursed:**

Moderator	\$ 5.00
Clerk	25.00
Ga. State Association (Coop.)	
Mrs. L. D. Scott	
Mrs. J. J. Scott	_
Mrs. W. S. Driggers	<b>_</b>
Mrs. Bernice Mock	

Mrs. Alton Everson	. 103.79
Total disbursed	\$694.60

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Martin Association met August 5, 1989. The music was directed by Bro. Harvey Henderson. Bro. Talmadge Worsley led in prayer. Bro. James Swanner gave the welcome. Sister Pam Roberts gave the response. The devotion was given by Bro. Walter Daniels from Esther: 4 and Daniel: 3. Prayer was led by Bro. Billy Ray Butler.

The standing delegates were recognized and a motion was made to seat the elected delegates from the churches. There were 9 ministers and 4 minister's wives. There were 10 deacons and 6 deacon's wives. There were 3 C.T.S. Directors and 3 Sunday School Directors.

The moderator appointed the following committees:

Credentials Committee: Bro. James Swanner, Bro. Clifton Powell, and Bro. Pete Davis.

Resolutions Committee: Bro. Billy Roland, and Bro. Smiley Grow.

The clerk read minutes from last session and gave financial report.

A motion was carried to adopt the reports as read.

The moderator appointed the program committee: Bro. Thomas Kirkland and Bro. David Young.

Nominating Committee: Bro. Talmadge Worsley, Bro. Bobby Richardson, and Bro. Harvey Henderson.

After a fifteen minute break Bro. Pete Davis gave the Credentials Committee report:

Churches reporting	9
Delegates	
Dues	
Benevolent Fund	
Total	
Moved and second to adopt Creder	

Moved and second to adopt Credentials Committee report.

After a congregational hymn "Amazing Grace" the morning offering was taken of \$114.30.

Special song "This Is My Fathers World" by Bro. Harvey Henderson.

Sister Barbara Kirkland gave a report on the Martin-Midway camp session.

The Ordaining Council had nothing to report at this time.

Bro. Thomas Kirkland gave programs for 1990 sessions.

After a congregational hymn Bro. Roger Russell brought the morning message from Acts 2:1-5 and I Corinthians 14:2 on Holy Spirit Revival.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Bro. Billy Roland. Be it resolved that we give Corinth Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association Meeting.

The attendance banner was won by New Home M.C. with 19.2% attendance. After announcements were made there was a move and second to adjourn.

The host church served a delicious meal which all enjoyed.

Bro. Bobby Roberts, Assistant Moderator Bro. Terry McVey, Assistant Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT MARTIN ASSOCIATION From April 10, 1989 - August 1, 1989

Received:	
Dues from Churches	\$371.50
Benevolent Fund from Churches	s
Offering, April 10	
Total received	
Plus balance	
Total to account for	\$1643.38
Disbursed:	•
Moderator	\$ 5.00
Clerk	
Post Office (Stamps)	
Georgia State Ass. Coop	r i
Mrs. Bernice Mock	
Mrs. L. D. Scott	
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Mrs. W. S. Driggers	140.18
Beth McNease Honorary State Winner.	
Total expense	\$768.02

Total to account	\$1643.38
Total disbursed	768.02
Balance Forward	

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS FOURTH QUARTERLY MEETING

The Martin Association met on October 14, 1989 at Mothers Home FWB. The music was directed by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Prayer was given by Bro. Jerry McNease. The welcome by Bro. Richard McNease. Response by Veda Bellflower. The devotional by Bro. Bobby Roberts.

The standing delegates were recognized and a motion to seat the elected delegates from the churches. There were 18 deacons and 6 deacon's wives.

The clerk read minutes and Financial report from last meeting. A motion to adopt. The moderator appointed Bro. Ed Miller, Bro. Charles Grimes to Credential Committee.Bro. Claude Newsome, Bro. Abbie Calhoun to the Resolution Committee.

Bro. Roger Russell gave Mission Board Report.

Bro. David Richardson gave Camp Board Report. Nov. 27 -28 special work days at Camp Mt. Bethel. A discussion on moving State Office from Moultrie to Macon, Ga. Delegates to State Conference, Sis. David Young, Sister Ruth Russell, Bro. David Richardson. Bro. Talmadge Worsley gave Nominating Committee Report.

The Credentials Committee was given by Bro. Ed Miller:

Churches reporting	. 10
Dues	2.00
Benevolent Fund \$362	2.00

The message was given by Bro. Harvey Henderson. The morning offering was taken. The amount was \$88.91.

After the moderator made the announcements a motion to give Mothers Home a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association. The host church served a delicious meal which all enjoyed.

> Bro. Jerry McNease, Moderator Bro. Terry McVey, Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT MARTIN ASSOCIATION From August 1, 1989 - October 10, 1090

Brought Forward from August 1, 1989......\$875.36 **Received from churches:** Offering August 5, 1989 ..... 114.30 Total received ......\$661.30 **Disbursed:** Moderator.....\$ 5.00 

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Mrs. W. S. Driggers.	
Total expense	. \$449.40

Total to account for	. \$1536.96
Total disbursed	449.40
Balance Forward Oct. 14, 1989	. \$1087.56

# **BENEVOLENT FUND COMMITTEE**

Colquitt	Robert Tully
Corinth	
Donalsonville	
Hebrew	
Highway	
Mothers Home	
Mt. Gilead	Herbert Boyd
Mt. Glory	JamesSmith
New Home (MC)	_
New Home (DC)	-

New Salem	Frank Newberry
Thompson	Edward Miller

# **CHURCHES & PASTORS** PRESENTLY IN MARTIN ASSOCIATION

Corinth	
	on
Donalsonville	
HebrewRev. James Rolan	nd
HighwayRev. W. L. Rent	tz
Mothers Home	
Mt. Gilead William	-
Mt. Glory	on
New Home (DC) Rev. Murray Gidden	
New Home (MC) Rev. David Your	
New SalemRev. Roger Russe	eĬl
Thompson	ls

**TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT** 1989

Total Membership-79

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# Auxiliary & Membership

- (19) Colquitt 1. (12)
- Corinth 2.
- Mt. Gilead 3.
- New Home 4.
- New Salem 5.
- **6.** Thompson

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Local

District -

#### State

Name of Auxiliary, District, or State--Martin Treasurer-Allie Mae Richardson - Rt. 5, Box 142, Colquitt, Ga.

(7)

(10)

(22)

(9)

# 31737

Number active members on roll 79 Membership fees enclosed (at \$2.50) \$197.50

# **Other Disbursements:**

Home Missions	. *
Pre-Thankgiving offering\$10	)8.00
State Missions	
Special projects:	
State (State Project)	30.00
District (Bob White)	
Foreign Missions	
Pre Easter Offering	95.00
Special Projects:	
State	30.00
State (Crowsons)	19.00
District (Debbie Griffin)	36.00
Westfield Indian Mission2	
Bishops	15.00
Bible Colleges	
General Fund	·
Student loan funds (Dot Harvey)	9.00
Special projects:	U.
State	• • • •
District	•
Woman's National Auxiliary	
WNAC general fund (Emphasis Month)	0.00
Co-Laborer offerings	20.00
Special projects (Provision closet)	
Children's Homes	••••
Retired ministers1	2.00
Youth camps and projects	• • • •
Local church activities	3.20
Auxiliary literature and supplies	6.22
Other special offerings	1.00
Total disbursements \$3,80	5.92

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Please list any cash gifts sent directly to:

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Foreign Missions	. <b></b>	\$90.00
Home Missions		
State Missions		• • • • • • • •
Free Will Baptist Bible College		
California Christian College		
Hillsdale Bible College		
Children's homes		

Youth camps or projects .		
	Total	\$165.00
Non Cash Gifts (evaluate):		
Children' homes		125.00
Missionary provision close	t	
Retired ministers		
		\$145.00
	Grand total disbursed	\$4,115.92

# MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

# Treasurer's Annual Report-Allie M. Richardson, Treasurer September, 1988-September, 1989

Balance in Treasury (9-15-00) ..... 64.83

#### **Receipts:**

1988-89 Designated Giving	. \$2,421.47
1988 Convention Offering	54.70

1989 Spring Workshop Offering
Convention Dues (\$2.75 per member) 217.25
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary) 36.00
Minute Money
Total receipts
Total Available
Payments:
Ga. State Woman's Auxiliary
(Designated Giving)
Martin Association-Printing of
Minutes
Checks
Postage
Gift for Convention Speaker 16.96
Dues to State Convention
(\$2.50 per member)
Minute Money
Total Payments
Balance in Treasury (9-23-89) \$ 141.13

# FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie Mae Richardson, Chairman Patricia Grimes, and Jean Tully

#### MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION 00.000 Annual Treasurer's Report Allie M. Richardson-Treasurer Sept. 15, 1988 to Sept. 23, 1989 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000 10.0000

# **Designated Funds**

State Project	\$ 660.00
Debbie Griffin	536.00
Emphasis Offering	338.47
Pre-Easter	170.00
Bishops <sup>reased of a coloradobil</sup> de officed executif france à cher	165.00
Co-Laborer Offerings and are the Constraint and are the St.	130.00
Provision Closet	120.00
Pre-Thanksgiving	108.00
Bob White	60.00
Dot Harvey	50.00

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Crowsons	25.00	·
Westfield In	dian Mission Contraction and State 10 25.00	)
Eunice Edwa	ards Loan Fund	)
<b>Retired</b> Mini	isters 12.00	)
Total	00.08	,
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# MARTIN DISTRICT CTS RALLY CARDEN CARDEN STREET

The Martin District CTS Rally was held at Colquitt Church on Saturday, July 29, 1989, at 7:30.

Bro. Ronnie McNease, Moderator, called the meeting to order and led the congregation in a song, "Standing On The Promises." He then led in prayer. Bro. Pete Davis gave a warm welcome, and Bro. J. D. Bush gave the response. Bro. Ronnie McNease brought the devotional from Eph. 6:11-17, which was followed with prayer by Bro. Roger Russell.

Bro. Terry McVey and Bro. Herbert Boyd were appointed to serve on the Digest Committee. The minutes and Treasurer's report were read and approved. Old business: We elected a new secretary-treasurer to replace Sis. Johnnie Ogg who had resigned at our last meeting. Moved, seconded, and carried to elect Sis. Rita McVey to fill this vacancy.

New business: We planned our next 2 programs for Dec. 2, 1989 and April 7, 1990.

Sis. Louisa McNease gave a report from the National Youth Conference.

Digest Committee gave a report. MSC to adopt.

MSC to elect Sis. Louisa McNease to replace Sis. Janice Brewer, who resigned as Coordinator of Competition. Sis. Ruth Russell will be her assistant.

MSC to ask Martin Association to help with competitive expenses for District, State and National Youth Competition.

MSC to raise dues to CTS Rallies from \$5 per church to \$15 per church.

We had 3 ministers, 5 deacons, 3 CTS teachers, and 3 CTS directors present at this rally.

The youth of Thompson Church presented an enjoyable program of special singing.

We gave Colquitt Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Moved to adjourn. Closing prayer was given by Bro. David Richardson.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT المركز n en la servici de la señel de la servici de la servic A servici de la servici de l A servici de la servici de l Number of churches reporting Number of departments in the second s Number enrolled 177 Average attendance 118 fair **Condition of CTS** Total amount of offerings \$791.97 \$362.10 Amount spent for literature Amount spent for supplies -0-Other causes not listed Total expenditures **\$294.42** CTS Convention Dues

#### **CTS PROGRAMS**

Thompson - December 2, 1989, 7:30

Welcome - Bro. J. D. Bush Response - Bro. Herbert Boyd Devotional - Bro. Walter Daniels Special Singing - Mt. Gilead Program Thompson Church

New Salem - April 7, 1990, 7:30

Welcome - Bro. David Richardson Response - Bro. Terry McVey Devotional - Bro. Roger Russell Special Singing & Program -CTS Competition

TREASURY REPORT

Old Balance Dues to Rally New Balance **\$70.17 30.00** 

\$100.17

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE CTS

Moderator - Ronnie McNease Assistant Moderator - Bro. Jimmy Bellflower Secretary-Treasurer - Sister Rita McVey Assistant Secretary-Treasurer - Sis. Allie Mae Richardson CTS Competition Coordinator - Sis. Louisa McNease Assistant CTS Competition Coordinator - Sis. Ruth Russell

# **MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE**

## **OFFICERS 1990**

Moderator	Bro. Lynn Frasier
Assistant Moderator	
Clerk	Bro. Claude Newsome

Assistant Clerk	Rev. Harvey Henderson
Song Leader	
Pianist	Sis. Ruth Russell

# FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought Forward	\$ 33.75
Received	
Total	\$167.55
Paid out (Printing of minutes)	<u>75.00</u>
Balance	\$ 92.55

# **PROGRAMS FOR 1990**

First Session - Thompson - January 19, 1990 - 8:00 p.m. Second Session - Highway - April 13, 1990 - 8:00 p.m. Third Session - Hebrew - August 3, 1990 - 8:00 p.m. Fourth Session - Colquitt - October 19, 1990 - 8:00 p.m.

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

#### **OBITUARY REPORT**

Rev. Erwin Williams - Thompson Sis. Johna King - May 11, 1989 - Highway Sis. Minnie Tomlin - Sept. 22, 1989 - Highway

#### CONSTITUTION MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

#### Preamble

We, the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist 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 Baptist, 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 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, August, and October, on Saturday following the second Sunday of these months, except the August meeting, which shall be held on the first Saturday in August, 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 Auxilary, 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** 



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 Committee 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, one hundred ten (110) dollars.

D. Moderator's Honorarium, five (5) dollars: Clerk's Honorarium, twenty-five (25) 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% Benevolent Fund, 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 Committees of this Association shall be the Executive Committee and the Investigating Committee. The Executive Committee shall consist of the Moderator, ClerkTreasurer, 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 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 investigating 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 4. 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 the Martin Association at any of its regular sessions 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 Sept. 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 Robert's Rules of Order.
- 4. No member shall absent himself from the house without leave from the Moderator, and no member shall leave the Associaltion without the consent of the Body.
- 5. The Sunday School Convention, Church Training Service Rally, Ministers and Deacons Conference, Womans Auxiliarly, and any other Auxiliary of this Association shall give an annual written report at the October meeting.
- 6. Obituary reports from each church should 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 or the Clerk-Treasurer.
- 11. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub>) vote at any regular session.

# **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.

# 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 Institute 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 session prior to the annual session of the Martin Association every two (2) years.

#### **ARTICLE V**

AMENDMENTS: This Constitution may be amended by a twothirds 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 revolving 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 reasonalbe amount per mile for services rendered.

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

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

# CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE 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 cooperation 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, and 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 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 \$15.00 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. Amendement: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority of members present.

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|                              | COLQUITT                         | CORINTH      | DONALSON-<br>VILLE | HEBREW      | HIGHWAY     | MOTHERS<br>HOME | MT.<br>Gilead | MT.<br>Glory | NEW HOME<br>(M. C.) | NEW HOME<br>NO. 2 | NEW SALEM    | THOMPSON     | TOTALS        |  |
| No. of Baptisms              | 3                                | 0            | 0                  | 0           | 0           | 5               | 0             | 0            | 0                   | 5                 | 0            | 0            | 13            |  |
| Members Added                | 4                                | 3            | 9                  | 0           | 2           | 5               | 0             | 0            | 0                   | 0                 | 0            | 0            | 23            |  |
| Members Lost                 | 9                                | . 6          | 2                  | 2           | 1           | 2               | 1             | 0            | 6                   | 2                 | 0            | 6            | 37            |  |
| Total Membership             | 133                              | 43           | 37                 | 61          | 26          | 112             | 57            | 18           | 90                  | 55                | 100          | 62           | 794           |  |
| No. of Ordained Ministers    | 4                                | 1            | 1                  | 1           | 1           | 1               | 1             | 1            | 1                   | 1                 | 1            | 2            | 16            |  |
| No. of Licensed Ministers    | 0                                | 1            | 0                  | 0           | 1           | 0               | 0             | 0            | 0                   | 0                 | 1            | o            | 3             |  |
| No. of Ordained Deacons      | 4                                | 4            | 0                  | 4           | 0           | 5               | 2             | 1            | 6                   | 5                 | 7            | 3            | 41            |  |
| S.S.Enrollment               | 73                               | 40           | 25                 | 28          | 0           | 68              |               | 9            | 42                  | 30                | 65           | 50           | 430           |  |
| CTS Enrollment               | 35                               | 20           | 18                 | 14          | 0           | 48              |               | 0            | 25                  |                   | 35           | 41           | 236           |  |
| W. A. Enrollment             | 12                               | 10           | 0                  | 13          | 16          | • 0             |               | 0            | 10                  |                   | 24           | 10           | 95            |  |
| M. M. Enrollment             | 0                                |              | 0                  | 0           |             | 0               |               | 0            | 7                   |                   | 6            |              | 13            |  |
| Total Tithes & Offerings     | \$29,876.92                      | \$21,348.97  | \$12,713.50        | \$7,878.84  |             | \$31,642.00     | \$13,500.00   | 0            | \$27,796.37         |                   | \$32,344.32  | \$35,693.95  | \$212,794.8   |  |
| Value of all Church Property | \$327,000.00                     | \$125,000.00 | 0                  | \$65.000.00 | \$34,000.00 | \$160.000.00    | \$100,000.00  | 0            | \$260,000.00        | \$70,000.00       | \$200,000.00 | \$225,000.00 | \$1,566,000.0 |  |

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# FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus 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 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 in 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 principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of 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.