

**109th  
Quarterly Sessions  
of the  
Martin Association  
*1995***



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**OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS OF THE  
MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
GENERAL OFFICERS - 1995-1996**

Moderator.....Rev. Matthew Pinson  
Assistant Moderator.....David Richardson  
Clerk/Treasurer.....Rev. Roger Russell

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Matt Pinson  
Rev. Roger Russell  
Mr. Harvey Cox  
Mr. Jerry McNease  
Dr. Lynn Frazier

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Walter Daniels - 1998  
Rev. James Ursrey - 1997  
Rev. Harvey Henderson - 1996

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Rev. Willie Dawson - 1998  
Mr. Harvey Cox - 1997  
Mr. Billy Bush - 1996

**STATE ASSOCIATION BOARDS**

Board of Camping - Mr. Jerry McNease, 1997  
Board of Trustees - Mr. Bobby Roberts, 1996  
Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier - 1997  
Board of Missions - Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 1996

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
COLQUITT	Rev. Matt Pinson 114. E. Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-6221	Sis. Thelma Lovering 201 Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-3549
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Rev. Benny Cumbie  
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Rev. Roger Russell  
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MARTIN ASSOC.

MODERATOR:  
Rev. Matthew Pinson  
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CLERK:  
Rev. Roger Russell  
73 New Salem Church Rd.  
Colquitt, Ga. 31737  
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## PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

### FIRST SESSION

Highway, January 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Scarborough Scott  
Response.....Bro. Harvey Cox  
Devotional.....Bro. Bobby Roberts  
Special Music.....By Highway Church  
Message.....Rev. Harvey Henderson

### SECOND SESSION

Mothers Home, April 20, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Rod Brewer  
Response.....Bro. Billy Bush  
Devotional.....Bro. Jerry McNease  
Special Music.....Sis. Brenda McNease  
Message.....Rev. Bobby Whittaker

### THIRD SESSION

Mt. Gilead, August 3, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Timmy Bellflower  
Response.....Bro. Phillip Hines  
Devotional.....Bro. Lynn Frazier  
Special Music.....Sis. Pam Roberts  
Message.....Rev. Bill Robinson

### FOURTH SESSION

Mt. Glory, October 19, 1996, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Ethel Newberry  
Response.....Bro. Clifton Powell  
Devotional.....Bro. Emory Richardson  
Special Music.....Mt. Glory Church  
Message.....Rev. Willie Dawson

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION  
January 14, 1995**

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 A.M. The meeting opened with a song, "At The Cross", led by Rev. Matt Pinson. Sis. Janet Baxley played the piano. Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer. Rev. Matt Pinson gave those attending a warm welcome. Sis. Ethel Newberry gave the response. Sis. Joanne Smith brought the morning devotion from Mark 5:21 which was a great inspiration.

The Moderator, Rev. James Ursrey, called the business meeting into session and recognized the standing delegates. A motion passed to seat the elected delegates. There were ten ministers, eleven deacons, eleven minister's wives, and eight deacon's wives present. There was one visitor present.

The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report which was afterward approved by the delegates. There was no old business. The moderator brought a motion to eliminate the noon meal from the district meeting each time because some of our churches are very small in number. The motion did not pass and it was agreed that we all would carry a covered dish when we meet at these churches. The following people were appointed to committees. To the Credentials Committee, Bro. Olin Smith, Bro. Claude Newsome, and Sis. Gloria Frazier. To the Resolutions Committee, Bro. Bobby Richardson, Rev. Walter Daniels, and Sis. Janet Baxley.

After a short recess the moderator called for reports from boards and committees.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Be it resolved that when we go to small churches that we carry a covered dish to help provide the meal at noon. If the church doesn't wish to have the meeting at that time to ask to be passed over. They would then take their turn the next time.

Be it resolved that we encourage all our members to read and study God's Word and pray daily.

Be it resolved that we give this Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality and delicious noon meal.

## ORDAINING

We have received the letter of approval from the West Florida Association in regards to Rev. Matt Pinson, and we recommend him to your fellowship.

Rev. Talmadge Worsley

Rev. Walter Baxley

Rev. Harvey Henderson

## CREDENTIALS

All twelve churches reported at the meeting. There was one visitor. Dues received was \$316.00 and the offering at the meeting was \$107.51. The amount sent for benevolence was \$561.00. The total membership reported was 759. Mt. Glory and Colquitt churches received the attendance banners.

All the above reports were approved by the body and are hereby entered into the minutes.

The moderator called for announcements and Sis. Baxley announced the WNAC retreat which is upcoming. Bro. Billy Bush gave his testimony of God's healing and thanked all that had been praying for him. We all rejoiced and thanked the Lord. The meeting was then dismissed with prayer, and a delicious meal was served by the host church.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand end of October '94.....\$1408.83

## EXPENDITURES

State Office for Co-Op.....	\$ 92.70
Postage.....	35.48
Office Supplies.....	7.29
Printing Minutes.....	656.25
Benevolence (4 x \$164.03).....	820.15
Moderator and Clerk.....	30.00
Totals.....	1641.87

## RECEIPTS

Dues, Benevolence, Offering.....\$ 994.51

Balance on hand end of Jan. '95..... \$ 761.47

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION  
April 15, 1995**

The Martin Association quarterly meeting convened with the Corinth Church Saturday, April 15th at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened with a song led by Rev. Harvey Henderson. Sis. Ruth Russell played the piano. Rev. Walter Daniels led in prayer. Bro. Lynn Frazier welcomed those attending with a warm welcome. Bro. Kenneth Gibson gave the response for the people. Bro. Horace Lovering, from the New Home Church (MC), gave a brief devotion which was very moving.

The meeting was called to order by the moderator. Those who were elected by their churches to serve as delegates were recognized along with the standing delegates, and seated. The clerk then read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. Both were approved by a motion and vote. It was noted that there was no old business, and new business was entered into. The moderator called upon our State Executive Secretary to give a report of the State office. Bro. Jerry McNease gave a report of the Camp. Bro. Lynn Frazier gave a brief report of the Christian Education Board. Sis. Margaret Daniels gave a report of the Martin Woman's Auxiliary.

The moderator appointed Bro. Billy Roland and Bro. Rod Brewer to the Credentials Committee. Sis. Janet Baxley and Bro. David Richardson to the Resolutions Committee. He appointed Bro. Jerry McNease and Bro. Scott Roberts to serve on this year's nominating committee.

After a short recess the moderator called for reports from committees. Ordaining - No report needed. Resolutions - Be it resolved:

1. That we pray and worship our Lord and Saviour by dedicating our lives more fully to His will.
2. That we give the Corinth Church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality.

Janet Baxley and David Richardson

Credentials: 12 churches were represented by delegates. 11

churches were represented by letter. 11 minister's were present. 8 minister's wives were present. 10 deacon's were present. 5 deacon's wives were present. 2 from the State Office were present. 64 people were present in all. 796 members were reported by eleven churches. \$304.50 in dues was sent by churches. \$92.54 was received in the offering.

Billy Roland and Rod Brewer

The attendance banner was presented to Mt. Glory and the Donalsonville Churches. Announcements were made and the meeting was ended. At 11:00 the worship service began with Bro. Howard Scarborough leading the song "Amazing Grace". Sis. Cumbie played the piano. Bro. Matt Pinson led in prayer. Bro. Matt and Bro. Bennie Cumbie received the offering. Sis. Janet Baxley sang beautifully, the song, "My Desire". Rev. Harvey Henderson preached from II Timothy 3:1-5. The message was very inspiring and informative. After the service a delicious meal was served by the ladies of Corinth Church.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Balance on hand end of Jan.....\$ 761.47

#### RECEIPTS

State Office for Benevolence.....	\$ 117.70
Dues from churches.....	304.50
Benevolence from churches.....	568.00
Offering received 4-15-95.....	<u>92.54</u>
Totals.....	1844.21

#### EXPENDITURES

Labels for mailing.....	\$ 5.35
Moderator and clerk.....	30.00
Benevolence (5 x \$161.62).....	808.10
Ga. State Assoc. co-op and dues.....	<u>209.65</u>
Totals.....	1053.10

Balance on hand end of April.....\$ 791.11

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

August 5, 1995

The Martin Association quarterly meeting met in regular session with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Donalsonville on Saturday, August 5, at 10:00 a.m. Bro. Lajoy Hagler led those gathered in a song to open the meeting. Bro. Emory Richardson led in prayer. Bro. Lajoy gave the welcome from the Church, and Bro. Kevin Lovering gave the response for those present. Bro. Billy Roland gave the devotion from Matthew 18:1-6 and spoke of the importance of those who are children both to Christ and to us. It was a great devotion.

The moderator, Bro. James Ursrey called the meeting to order. All standing and elected delegates were recognized and the elected delegates were seated by vote. The ministers, deacons, and their wives were recognized. There were no visitors at the meeting. The minutes and the financial reports were given by the clerk and approved with a vote. The roll call of churches was taken with eleven of the twelve represented. The moderator appointed the following committees: to the Credentials Committee, Bros. Bobby Richardson and Billy Adams; to the Resolutions Committee, Rev. Bill Robinson and Bro. Roscoe Daniels. Rev. Walter Daniels and Rev. Matt Pinson were appointed as proxies for the day to serve on the ordaining council. MMSC to accept the appointees.

In miscellaneous business, Bro. Lynn Frazier gave a report of the action taken at the Martin Fellowship on Friday evening to appoint a committee to study a change in the format for the services, deleting business and emphasizing revival and evangelism. Rev. Matt Pinson gave a brief report of the National Association Meeting saying that the meeting was a very harmonious one and that he came away feeling good about the future of all our work. Sis. Margaret Daniels announced that the Woman's Auxiliary district meeting would be held at Corinth in September. Prayer requests were given for Sis. Mattie McAlister, Sis. Lillian Rogers, Sis. Edna Henderson, and Eric Newsome for physical healing. MMSC to receive these reports as information.

A motion was made to amend the constitution Article VI, Sec. 3 as follows: The moderator may not serve more than three

(3) terms in succession. The clerk may serve for an indefinite period. Motion passed.

A short recess was called for by the moderator after which committee reports were given.

Ordaining Council - We, the ordaining council recommend that the Martin Association grant a letter of good standing for Rev. Walter Baxley to the Midway Association.

Rev. Harvey Henderson

Rev. Walter Daniels

Rev. Matt Pinson

Resolutions Committee - Be it resolved that we give the host Church, the First Free Will Baptist Church of Donalsonville, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Be it resolved that all the churches of the Martin Association render their prayers and concern for the committee appointed by the Martin Fellowship Meeting as they study the restructure of its meetings.

Rev. Bill Robinson

Bro. Roscoe Daniels

Credentials Committee - 11 churches were represented by delegates. 8 churches were represented by letter. 8 ministers were present. 7 minister's wives were present. 13 deacons were present. 10 deacon's wives were present. 67 total were present. 778 members were reported by eight churches.

Bro. Bobby Richardson

Bro. Roscoe Daniels

Three of the church letters did not make it to the clerk in time to be included in this report.

A partial report of the nominating committee was given by Bro. Jerry McNease. Motion received as information.

The moderator called for a motion to end the business session and enter into the worship service. MMSC.

Bro. Lajoy led in the singing of a song. Bro. Harvey Henderson led in prayer. A quartet made up of Revs. Bobby Whittaker, Matthew Pinson, James Ursrey, and Roger Russell sang the special song. Rev. Rollin Rathel brought the message using the passage from Genesis 3:1-4 concerning Satan our tempter, and Christ our victory and strength. Lunch followed.

## FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance on hand in April.....\$ 791.11

### RECEIPTS:

From the State Office.....	\$ 115.17
Benevolence with letters.....	563.00
Offering .....	5.00
From the State office.....	104.40
Dues with letters.....	272.50
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$1851.18</u>

### EXPENDITURES:

Co-op and National dues.....	\$ 79.25
Moderator and Clerk.....	30.00
Benevolence.....	920.20
<b>Totals</b>	<u>\$1029.45</u>

Balance on hand August.....\$ 821.73

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION October 14, 1995

The annual session of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists was held Saturday, October 14, 1995 at the Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church of Donalsonville. The meeting opened with the singing of "Glory To His Name" led by Rev. Harvey Henderson. Sis. Ruth Russell played the piano. Dr. Lynn Frazier led in prayer. Bro. Joseph Riddlehover gave the welcome, and Bro. Frank Newberry gave the response. Sis. Margaret Daniels gave the devotional using II Chronicles 7:14. The word was very moving and instructive.

The moderator, Rev. James Usrey, called the meeting to order and recognized the standing delegates. The elected delegates were seated. The minutes and financial report were given by the clerk and adopted. There was no old business. Bro. Rod Brewer and Sis. Abby Calhoun were appointed to the credentials and obituary committee. Bro. David Richardson and Bro. Lynn Frazier were appointed

to the resolutions committee. The nominating committee report was presented and acted upon. Rev. Matthew Pinson was nominated to serve as moderator. Rev. James Ursrey and Rev. Walter Daniels were nominated to serve on the ordaining council. Rev. Willie Dawson was nominated to the investigating committee, Bro. Jerry McNease to the Camp Board, and Dr. Lynn Frazier to the Christian Education Board. MMSC to elect all nominees. The report of the program committee was received and adopted. The report of the credentials committee was received and adopted. The obituary report was received and those having passed on before us were given a moment of silence in their honor and memory. The resolutions committee report was received and acted upon. The report of the special committee to restructure the Martin Association Fellowship meetings was given and a motion was made and passed that all churches and pastors give their full support to the success of the meetings. A report of the District Woman's Auxiliary Meeting was given by Sis. Melinda Pinson. The report was received as information. Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave a report of the State Mission Board and its recent activities. MMSC to receive as information. Dr. Lynn Frazier gave a report of the Christian Education Board of the State Association. His report was given orally and received as information. Sis. Melinda Pinson was nominated and elected as a delegate to the State Association. Power was given the moderator to appoint other delegates from our people at the meeting. The Donalsonville Church won the attendance banner for percentage and Colquitt Church for the most present at the Association meeting. The business session was adjourned.

The worship service opened with singing "Send The Light". The special music was given by Sis. Pam Roberts who sang a beautiful medley of songs. Rev. Matthew Pinson preached from II Corinthians 10:1-4. The sermon was very powerful. Bro. Bill Robinson led in closing prayer. A delicious meal and great fellowship was enjoyed around the table at noon.

Credentials Report - Attending the meeting were eight ministers and six minister's wives. Thirteen deacons and ten deacon's wives. There was one visitor. Eleven churches reported by letter to the meeting with delegates attending. (One church sent their letter in late). Dues sent were \$569.50, and \$700.00 was sent for the benevolent fund. Total membership reported was 857.

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO RESTRUCTURE THE MARTIN FELLOWSHIP**

The committee for planning the Martin Association Fellowship Meeting services met October 8, 1995 at the New Home Free Will Baptist Church (MC). Rev. Talmadge Worsley called the meeting to order. Prayer was offered and discussion followed. It was agreed to recommend the following course of action:

I. That Rev. James Ursrey and Rev. Roger Russell be the program co-ordinators for the services. That Rev. Ursrey be in charge of securing the speakers for the services, and that Rev. Russell be in charge of securing the special music, leading the singing, and the musicians.

II. That the places of meetings be between the following five churches because of the size of their seating capacities and sound systems. New Home (MC), Thompson, New Salem, Colquitt, and Mothers Home.

III. That the type of meetings be meetings for pastoral edification.

IV. That the preparing and serving of refreshments be made voluntary but not necessary.

V. That the time of the first meeting be Friday evening January 19, 1996; and the place be the New Home Free Will Baptist Church (MC).

VI. That the times for the meetings be further decided by discussion at the October 13th meeting at Mt. Glory.

VII. That the funds of the Martin Association Fellowship Meeting be incorporated into the Martin Association general fund but recorded separately, and that the expenses of the services be paid from those funds. Offerings will be received in the services to offset the expenses.

VIII. No business is to be conducted in the meetings for fellowship, and that the present officers of the Fellowship give their duties to the newly elected co-ordinators of the Martin Fellowship Meeting.

Respectfully submitted by the Planning Committee: Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Bro. Herbert Boyd, Dr. Lynn Frazier, Rev. James Ursrey, and Rev. Roger Russell.

The entire committee report was adopted in the Oct. 13, 1995 meeting at Mt. Glory. It was approved in the Martin Assoc. meeting on Oct. 14, 1995 at Hebrew.

## MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION - Sept. 30, 1995

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church on September 30, 1995. The theme was "Prayer: Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer" (Jer. 33:3). Musicians were Ruth Russell, pianist, and Beverly Richardson, song leader.

Registration began at 9:15 a.m. The meeting began at 9:45 with the congregational hymn, "Holy, Holy, Holy." Lucille Lane led in prayer. Mrs. Lucille, from Corinth, gave the welcome. President Margaret Ann Daniels, responded. The theme song, "Women Active for Christ," was introduced. A special song, entitled "How Long Has It Been?" was presented by Debra Middleton and Pam Roberts. Copies giving information on WNAC 1995 were distributed by Ruth Russell.

Business opened with Credentials report given by Ruth Russell: total auxiliaries reporting - 6; total members - 65; with all dues paid. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates. One visitor was acknowledged and welcomed.

Call for reports. Mission Action report - none. Grace Nix gave the Mission Study report and gave book marks to encourage reading the Bible through in a year. Auxiliaries shared studies, programs, and projects they had during the year. Lucille Lane gave the Mission Prayer report, encouraging that we keep all contacts open for mission needs and Christian endeavors. Special prayer requests were shared.

Allie Richardson gave the treasurer's report and finance committee report. Treasury balance was \$134.95 and total designated giving was \$2,094.61 (\$500 above last year's giving). Moved, seconded, and carried to accept both reports.

Resolutions report was given by Gloria Frazier. (See enclosed report). Moved, seconded, and carried to accept item by item.

Delegates to the state convention in Statesboro are: President, Melinda Pinson, and Field Worker, Vonnice Calhoun as standing delegates; and whoever attends and reports in as a delegate.

Registration report was given by Helen Wiggins, reporting a total of 20 in attendance.

Nominating committee report was given by Maxine Torbert. (See enclosed report). No nominations from the floor. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept nominations given by the committee and to elect officers submitted by committee.

President asked for resolutions to send in to the state from our district. There were none.

Attendance award was presented to Corinth, having 100% of membership present.

Pam Roberts read the minutes of the September 30 meeting. Moved, seconded and carried to accept as read.

The worship service began with the hymn, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." An offering was received in the amount of \$62.00. Special song, entitled "I'm Thankful", was presented by Debra and Pam. The speaker was introduced. Gail Everson, member of Thompson Woman's Auxiliary, gave an inspiring message. Installation of new officers was conducted by Margaret Ann Daniels. A committee chosen for the completion of the recipe book included: Margaret Ann Daniels, Debra Middleton, Grace Nix, Jean Tully, and Melinda Pinson (President). Following announcements and the closing prayer and blessing, a covered dish meal was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Pam Roberts  
District Secretary

**Treasurer's Annual Report -- Allie M. Richardson, Treasurer**  
**September 24, 1994 -- September 30, 1995**

Balance in Treasury (9-24-95) \$ 86.39

**Receipts:**

1994-95 Designated Giving	\$2094.61
1994 Convention Offering	81.25
1995 Spring Workshop Offering	33.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	698.75
Convention Expenses (\$6 per aux.)	<u>36.00</u>
Total Receipts	\$2943.61

Total Available \$3030.00

**Payments:**

Ga. State Woman's Aux. (Designated giving)	\$2094.61
Dues to State Convention (\$10.50 per member)	682.50
Martin Assoc. (printing of minutes)	50.00
Love offering to Griffin Account	50.00
Gift for convention speaker	<u>17.94</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$2895.05</u>
Balance in Treasury (9-30-95)	\$ 134.95

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie Mae Richardson, Chairperson  
Vonnie Calhoun, Lucille Lane

**AUXILIARIES & MEMBERSHIP**

- |                   |                   |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Colquitt - 18  | 4. New Home - 13  |
| 2. Corinth - 6    | 5. New Salem - 15 |
| 3. Mt. Gilead - 6 | 6. Thompson - 7   |

**TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 65**

**DESIGNATED FUNDS**

Debbie Griffin.....	\$ 655.50
Bishops.....	400.50
State Project.....	350.00
Co-Laborer.....	180.00
Pre-Easter.....	119.61
Pre-Thanksgiving .....	109.00
Children's Home.....	100.00
Emphasis Offering.....	65.00
Molly Barker.....	25.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	24.00
Memorial Student Loan Fund.....	20.00
Dot Harvey Studen Loan Fund.....	16.00
Foreign Student Scholarship.....	12.00
Retired Ministers.....	12.00
Minute Money.....	<u>6.00</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$2,094.61</u>

## **Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention Resolutions - 1995**

Be it resolved:

1. That we adopt the following theme, watchword and song for 1995: Theme: "Great and Mighty Things Through Prayer". Scripture... "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Jer. 33:3 Hymn: "Women Active for Christ"

2. That we accept the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary project and that the District Treasurer be responsible for special promotions throughout the year to encourage our District to reach its goal.

3. That the Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention's minutes be included in the Martin Associational minutes with the District paying \$50.00 for printing.

4. That we adopt and use as our guide the Constitution and the By-Laws for a District Convention as published by the WNAC.

5. That the Executive Committee plan and prepare the convention program in time to mail an advance copy to each church, pastor, president of local auxiliaries, each district officer, and each person on the program in the Martin Association by September 1 each year.

6. 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 each 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 report.

7. That the Study Course Chairman be responsible for planning, conducting, and promoting the Martin Dist. Auxiliary Workshop.

8. That each auxiliary send \$10.75 for each member on roll to convention as convention dues.

9. That each auxiliary send with their dues to the convention a registration fee of \$6.00 to take care of operational expenses.

10. That because printing, postage and mailing costs have increased, each local auxiliary include \$1.00 per auxiliary for minute money with their annual convention dues each year.

11. That resolutions numbers 3,4,5,6,7,8,9, and 10 be standing resolutions and be printed in each year's resolutions report with the

necessary changes being made in costs of printing and office supplies.

12. That all auxiliary members be more faithful in attending and supporting the auxiliary program of work beginning with our local auxiliaries and continuing through the District, State and National organizations.

13. That each auxiliary faithfully support the accounts of the missionary or missionaries of their choice.

14. That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to the Corinth Woman's Auxiliary for their hospitality today.

15. We resolve to support our new officers with our prayers and attendance at meetings.

Gloria Frazier, Jean Tully, & Melinda Pinson

#### OFFICERS 1996 - 1998

President	Colquitt	Melinda Pinson 758-6221 114 Bremond St., Colquitt
Vice-President	New Salem	Ruth Russell 758-2559 73 New Salem Rd., Colquitt
Secretary	New Home	Pam Roberts 758-5335 265 Grimsley Rd., Colquitt
Treasurer	New Salem	Allie Richardson 758-3254 185 W. Newberry Rd., Colq.
Mission Action	Colquitt	Jean Tully 758-2642 1004 Phillipsburg Rd., Colq.
Mission Prayer	Corinth	Lucille Lane 774-2282 Rt. 1, Box 145, Iron City
Mission Study	Thompson	Grace Nix 758-2636 69 Nix Rd., Colquitt
Field Worker	Colquitt	Vonnie Calhoun 758-2107 1192 Phillipsburg Rd., Colq.

We the Nominating Committee respectfully submit the above names for officers for the 1996-1998 term of office.

Jewella Lovering

Sara Newberry

Maxine Torbert, Chairperson

## OBITUARY REPORT

### COLQUITT

Sister Ada Lee Phillips

Sister Clyde Brunson

### HIGHWAY

Sister Edna Waller Sellers

### MT. GILEAD

Brother I. V. Vickers

### NEW SALEM

Sister Nancy Houston

Sister Vera Mock

Brother Andrew Nobles

# FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLQUITT	CORINTH	D'VILLE	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS HOME	MT. GILEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	New Home No. 2	NEW SALEM	Thompean	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	1	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	1	9
Members Added	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	5	2	1	15
Members Lost	0	1	0	0	2	0	3	2	0	1	3	4	16
Total Members	111	98	21	28	31	131	52	18	117	64	104	75	857
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1	1	0	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	14
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
No. of Ordained Deacons	4	2	4	4	1	6	1	1	4	6	8	3	41
S. S. Enrollment	56	15	22	20	18	60	37	7	54	34	57	40	420
C. T. S. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	44		0	0	29	25	98
W. A. Enrollment	16	6	0	12	12	12	7		13	13	14	10	78
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	34,223	22,281	17,086	8798	8798	28,978	19,608		46,172		43,317		258,808
Value of all Church Property	327,000	150,000		60,000	60,000	272,000	100,000		260,000	85,000	200,000	300,000	1,654,000

# **CONSTITUTION**

## **MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

### **PREAMBLE**

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

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME:**

This Association shall be called the Martin Association of Free Will 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 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 board 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 question of interest to this Association and to use its best influence to promote Christian, denominational, and benevolent programs and institutions, such as Sunday Schools Church Training Service, Woman's Auxiliary, Masters Men, Home and Foreign Missions, and child-care institutions. The only punitive power this Association has in relation to the member churches is the right to withdraw fellowship from such churches who are in open violation of the rules and regulations of said association or who become unsound in the doctrines and practices of the Free Will Baptist Denomination.

## ARTICLE VI

### OFFICERS:

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

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

Section 3. The Moderator may not serve more than (3) terms in succession. The Clerk may serve for an indefinite period of time.

## 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, Clerk-Treasurer, and three (3) member 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. \*(Guidelines adopted by the State 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 (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 Association without the consent of the Body.

5. The Sunday School Convention, Church Training Service Rally, Ministers and Deacons Conference, Womans Auxiliary, and any other Auxiliary of this Association shall give an annual 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.
10. The Assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Clerk-Treasurer in his absence or upon the request of the Clerk-Treasurer.
11. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular session.

## 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.