

110th
Quarterly Sessions
of the
Martin Association
1996



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**OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS OF THE
MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
GENERAL OFFICERS - 1996-1997**

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Matthew Pinson
Gerald Kirkland
Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Billy Roland
Gary Enfinger

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lewis Williams - 1999
Rev. Walter Daniels - 1998
Rev. James Ursrey - 1997

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Billy Bush - 1999
Rev. Willie Dawson - 1998
Harvey Cox - 1997

STATE ASSOCIATION BOARDS

Board of Camping - Jerry McNease, 1997
Board of Trustees - Bobby Roberts, 1999
Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier - 1997
Board of Missions - Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 1999

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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(D. C.)

Rev. Benny Cumbie
Rt. 2
Climax, Ga. 31734
246-2046

Bro. Wayne T. Scott
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Climax, Ga. 31734
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NEW SALEM

Rev. Roger Russell
73 New Salem Church Rd.
Colquitt, Ga. 31737
758-2559

Bobby Richardson
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Blakely, Ga. 31723
758-2659

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Rev. Walter Daniels
70 Whites Bridge Rd.
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Bro. Louie Grimes
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Colquitt, Ga. 31737
758-2102

MARTIN ASSOC.

MODERATOR:
Rev. Matthew Pinson
114 Bremond St.
Colquitt, Ga. 31737
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CLERK:
Gerald Kirkland
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Colquitt, Ga. 31737
758-2034

PROGRAMS FOR MARTIN QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION

New Home (M. C.), January 18, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Scott Roberts
Response.....Margaret Ann Daniels
Devotional.....David Richardson
Special Music.....New Home (M. C.)
Message.....Rev. James Ursrey

SECOND SESSION

New Home (D. C.), April 19, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Wayne Scott
Response.....Timmy Bellflower
Devotional.....Claude Newsome
Special Music.....New Home (D. C.)
Message.....Rev. Bennie Cumbie

THIRD SESSION

New Salem, August 2, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Billy Roland
Response.....Phillip Hines
Devotional.....Rod Brewer
Special Music.....New Salem
Message.....Rev. Roger Russell

FOURTH SESSION

Thompson, October 18, 1997, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Charles Grimes
Response.....Robert Tully
Devotional.....Ethel Newberry
Special Music.....Thompson
Message.....Rev. Walter Daniels

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FIRST QUARTERLY SESSION

January 20, 1996

The first quarterly session was held at Highway Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. on January 20, 1996. The meeting opened with the singing of the hymns, "My Faith Looks Up To Thee" and "Spirit Of The Living God" led by Rev. James Ursrey. Sister Ruth Russell played the piano. Brother David Richardson led in prayer. Rev. Bill Robinson gave the welcome and Brother Harvey Cox the response. Brother Bobby Roberts brought an interesting devotion. The business session was declared in progress and the moderator, Rev. Matt Pinson, recognized the standing delegates and seated the elected delegates upon receiving a motion and second. The moderator appointed Brother Billy Roland, Sister Ethel Newberry, and Brother Ken Gibson to the credentials committee. He also appointed Margaret Ann Daniels, Herbert Boyd, and Vonnice Calhoun to the resolutions committee.

There were several reports given by Rev. Herbert Waid, our State Secretary. He gave a report of the State Mission Board, the State Camping Board, the State Trustee Board, and the State Office. They were given orally and a motion was S.C. to receive as information. Dr. Lynn Fraizer gave a Christian Education Board report. MMSC to receive as information. Sister Melinda Pinson gave an oral report of the Woman's Auxiliary. MMSC to receive as information.

After a ten minute recess, the meeting resumed with the report of the Credentials Committee. There were ten ministers and eleven minister's wives present. Fifteen deacons and thirteen deacon's wives attended. Visitors included Rev. Herbert Waid, Sister Driggers and Sister Tedder from the Bainbridge F.W.B. Church, and Brother John Batchelor from the Fathers Home FWB Church. Also, Brother Nathan and Sister Linda Snow from the Foreign Missions department of the National Association were present. Brother Snow spoke to the association of their plans to return to Japan as soon as they can raise support needed. They asked the churches to have them in a service soon.

There was \$408.50 received as dues, and \$628.00 received as benevolent gifts with church letters. Eighty were present in the meeting, and total membership of the churches was seven hundred and seventy-nine. All twelve churches reported on time with letters and delegates.

The report of the Resolutions Committee was given. (1) Be it resolved that each church in our association support our Georgia missions and missionaries. (2) Be it resolved that all our churches support the pastor retirement plan of the State Association. (3) Be it resolved that we commend all the churches for their support of the Martin Association meetings and encourage them to continue. (4) Be it resolved that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today. With a MSC each resolution was adopted.

Business was concluded and the worship service began with the song "Tis So Sweet To Trust". Prayer was led by Dr. Lynn Frazier. After the offering was received, special music was given by the Highway folk. The song was a great blessing. Rev. Bill Robinson brought an inspiring message which stirred our hearts. Afterward, a delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone.

FINANCIAL RECORD

PREVIOUS BALANCE..... \$ 1482.56

RECEIPTS

Dues from Churches.....	\$ 408.50
Benevolence from Churches.....	628.00
Benevolence from State Assoc.	000.00
Offering.....	146.25
Other:	
Funds of the Martin Fellowship.....	210.13
Martin Fell. offering Jan. 19, 1996.....	<u>81.32</u>

Total Receipts..... 2746.63

EXPENDITURES

Benevolence gifts to five recipients....	\$ 1047.75
State Co-Op.....	72.45
State Dues.....	15.00
National Dues.....	100.00
Moderator honorarium.....	5.00
Clerk honorarium.....	25.00
Other:	
Office Supplies.....	15.25
Printing of Annual Minutes.....	<u>656.25</u>

Total Expenditures..... \$ 1936.70

BALANCE ON HAND..... \$ 809.93

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
SECOND QUARTERLY SESSION
April 20, 1996

The second quarterly session was held at the Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened with Rev. James Ursrey leading the song "Love Divine". Sister Ruth Russell played the piano. Brother Billy Bush led in prayer. Brother Roscoe Daniels welcomed everyone to Mothers Home for the day. Brother Billy Bush gave the response. Brother Jerry McNease gave a great devotion on "Having Spiritual Victory" using Scripture from I Peter 2:5-9 and II Chronicles 5:13-14.

Moderator, Rev. Matt Pinson, called the meeting to order. He recognized the standing delegates, and then seated the elected delegates. The minutes and financial report were given and approved. Two committees were appointed. Brothers Billy Adams, and Herbert Boyd, and Sister Scarborough Scott were appointed to the credentials committee. Brothers David Richardson, and Jerry McNease, and Sister Joan Peterson were appointed to the resolutions committee.

The Moderator called for old business. There being no old business, new business was called for. A letter of petition for membership into the Association from the Fathers Home Free Will Baptist Church, Decatur County, was read by the Moderator. A motion was made to receive Fathers Home Church under the watchcare of the Association for (1) one quarter and then bring up their petition again for further action. A letter from the Highway Church informing the Association that they had dismissed their pastor, Rev. Harvey Henderson, for ministerial misconduct was read by the moderator. He also informed those at the meeting that the Church had met with the Ordaining and Executive Councils and made their charges known. Rev. Henderson was invited to the meeting but did not appear. He also has not responded to other attempts to meet with him. Further actions are pending in this matter. MSC to receive the report as information.

Rev. Herbert Waid gave a State Office report, the State Mission Board, and the State Camping Board. MSC to receive the reports as information. Sister Melinda Pinson gave the report of the Martin Womans Auxiliary. MSC to receive the report as information. Brother Daryl Holley, professor at Free Will Baptist Bible College, was with us as the guest of Rev. Pinson. Rev. Pinson asked

him to talk to us about the College and to give us fresh information about its ministry. He told us the Lord is blessing in marvelous ways. The Bible Conference in March was one of the best ever. He asked us to pray for the relocation plans and the sale of the present property. His report was received as information.

A ten minute recess was taken to give the committees a chance to meet and prepare their reports. After the recess the meeting continued with the reports of the resolutions and the credentials committees. MSC to receive the reports and to vote on the resolutions item by item.

RESOLUTIONS

(1) Be it resolved that we give the Mothers Home Church a rising vote of thanks for their gracious hospitality. MSC.

(2) Be it resolved that the Executive Committee study the matter of changing the April Association meeting so as to miss the weekend of Mayhaw Festival. They are to make their findings and recommendations known at the next meeting. MSC.

(3) Be it resolved that we thank Brother Holley for his good report of the Lord's blessings and work of the Bible College. MSC.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

53 were present at the meeting. Two (2) were visitors: Rev. Welton Rentz and Brother Daryl Holley. 13 were standing delegates. Six (6) ministers and seven (7) minister's wives. Seven (7) deacons and seven (7) deacon's wives. 10 Churches reported by letter. Two (2) sent no report. 681 was the total membership reported. \$ 909.75 was sent by the Churches as dues. \$81.00 was received in the offering.

The attendance banners were awarded to Mothers Home Church for the most members present. Mt. Glory received the banner for having the largest percentage of members present.

Rev. Welton Rentz addressed the body about his desire to begin a new church in the city of Bainbridge. He asked for our prayers and support as we are led and are able. His request was received as information. For those desiring to contact him or send donations, his address is P.O. Box 183, Newton, GA 31770.

There being no more business, the 11:00 worship service began with singing "Jesus Is The Sweetest Name I Know" led by Rev. James Ursrey. Brother John Batchelor led in prayer. After the offering was received Sister Brenda McNease sang for us, and the Lord blessed our hearts. Following her song, Brother Bobby Whittaker preached on "The Need For Revival". The message stirred our souls deeply. After the morning worship a delicious meal was enjoyed in the fellowship hall. The meal was served by the ladies of the church.

FINANCIAL RECORD

PREVIOUS BALANCE..... \$ 809.93

RECEIPTS

Dues from Churches.....	\$ 344.75
Benevolence from Churches.....	565.00
Benevolence from State Assoc.	131.44
Offering.....	81.00
Other:	
Martin Fell. offering 2/19/96.....	<u>68.00</u>
Total Fell. Fund Money.....	359.45
Total Plus Receipts.....	\$ 2000.12

EXPENDITURES

Benevolence gifts to five recipients.....	\$ 802.34
State Co-Op.....	58.10
State Dues.....	15.00
National Dues.....	56.75
Moderator honorarium.....	5.00
Clerk honorarium.....	25.00
Other:	
Office Supplies (Stamps)	<u>32.00</u>

Total Expenditures.....\$ 994.19

BALANCE ON HAND.....\$ 1005.92

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS THIRD QUARTERLY SESSION

August 3, 1996

The third quarterly session of the Martin Association was held at the Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church, Saturday, August 3, 1996. The meeting opened with singing of the hymn "King Of Kings" led by Rev. Roger Russell. Sister Ruth Russell played the piano. Rev. Matthew Pinson led in prayer and offered special prayer for Rev. James Ursrey's healing of recent illness. Brother Tim Bellflower welcomed the people of the Association to Mt. Gilead. Brother Phillip Hines gave the response for the Association.

Brother Lynn Frazier gave the devotion from Mark 9:43. The word spoke to many hearts. The moderator, Rev. Matthew Pinson, called the meeting to order and seated all the churches delegates. The secretary read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. MMSC to receive the minutes and the financial report without changes. The moderator appointed several committees as follows. To the credentials committee, Brother Herbert Boyd and Sister Pam Roberts. To the resolutions committee, Brother Abbie Calhoun and Rev. Walter Daniels. To the nominating committee, Jerry McNease, Gary Enfinger, Margaret Daniels, David Richardson, and Sister Scarborough Scott. To the program committee, Pam Roberts, Lynn Frazier and Bobby Richardson.

The moderator called for any old business. A petition from Fathers Home Church to become a member of the Martin lay on the table from the previous meeting. At the request of their delegates to the meeting it was left on the table for one more session.

The next item of old business was concerning the case of Rev. Harvey Henderson, and the charges of immoral conduct brought against him by Highway Church. The moderator explained that all efforts by the officials of the Association to get a response from Rev. Henderson to meet with them to answer these charges had failed. He then asked the clerk to read the recommendation made by the ordaining board and the executive committee meeting jointly. It is as follows.

"We, the joint committee of the ordaining council, and the executive committee, believe that the Scriptures teach that a minister is to be blameless in his conduct before others. I Timothy 3:2 says, "A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife, vigilant, sober, of good behavior, given to hospitality, apt to teach..." Also, Titus 1:7 says, "For a bishop must be blameless as the steward of God..." Therefore, we make the following recommendation".

"We the joint Committees of the ordaining council and the executive committee recommend that the credentials of Rev. Harvey Henderson be revoked, due to his failure to meet with us to answer charges of immoral conduct brought against him by Highway Free Will Baptist Church."

A motion was carried to receive the report of the joint committees and act upon it. After brief discussion a motion to ammend the recommendation was offered. The amendment was to include publication of the action of the Association against Rev. Henderson

in the Promotional Bulletin. The motion and the amendment carried.

The moderator called for new business. A motion was made and carried to place Rev. Lewis Williams on the ordaining council. Rev. Roger Russell gave the report of the Martin Fellowship Meeting. The Woman's Auxiliary report was given by Sister Melinda Pinson, and Rev. Herbert Waid reported on the work of the State Association and the National Association meeting held in July in Fort Worth, Texas. All these reports were given orally. A motion was carried to receive them as information.

CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

Delegates and members from the churches: fifty-six (56), visitors present: five (5), standing delegates: twenty-five (25), elected delegates: nineteen (19), Ministers: eight (8), Minister's wives: seven (7), Deacons: eleven (11), Deacon's wives: seven (7), total Martin Church membership: eight hundred forty-nine (849), Churches reporting by letter and delegates: twelve (12), dues sent by churches: \$ 339.00, Benovelent money sent by churches: \$ 711.50. The attendance banners were awarded to Highway Church for the highest percentage present, and Colquitt Church for the highest number present.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

"Be it resolved that we give Mount Gilead a rising vote of thanks for hosting the Association today, and for the delicious meal."

There being no further business, the moderator adjourned the business session and the worship was begun. The service opened with singing "The Family Of God" and "The Bond Of Love". Special Music was rendered by Sister Pam Roberts. After the offering was received the moderator asked Rev. Herbert Waid to introduce the speaker for the service. He introduced to us Rev. John Smith, home missionary to San Diego, California. His message and plans for a new church were very inspiring and encouraging. After the benediction a delicious meal was enjoyed by everyone who stayed.

FINANCIAL RECORD

Previous balance.....\$ 646.47

RECEIPTS

Dues from churches.....	\$ 339.00
Benevolence from churches.....	711.50
Benevolence from State Assoc.....	270.69
Offering.....	84.00
Martin Fell. Fund offering 8/2/96....	104.00
Totals.....	<u>1509.19</u>
Martin Assoc. funds previous balance....	359.45
Total Monies on hand.....	\$ 2515.11

EXPENDITURES

Benevolence gifts to five recipients..	\$ 1136.40
State Co-Op.....	163.80
State Dues.....	15.00
Moderator honorarium.....	5.00
Clerk honorarium.....	25.00
Other:	
Bro. Mitch Griffin honorarium.....	<u>50.00</u>
Totals.....	<u>1395.20</u>
Balance Martin Fell. fund.....	413.45
Balance general fund.....	<u>706.46</u>
Total Funds on hand.....	\$ 1119.91

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST FOURTH QUARTERLY SESSION October 19, 1996

The fourth quarterly session of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptist met with Mt. Glory on October 19, 1996, at 9:30 a.m. The meeting opened with the singing of "My Savior's Love" led by Sister Louise Hicks. Sister Ethel Newberry played the piano. Rev. Lewis Williams led in prayer. Sister Ethel Newberry gave the welcome, and Brother Billy Bush gave the response. Brother Emory Richardson gave the devotion using Matthew 7:13-14 as his text. The devotion was very inspiring.

The moderator, Rev. Matthew Pinson, called the meeting to order, and recognized the standing delegates. The elected delegates were seated by vote of the standing delegates. Ministers, deacons, and their wives were recognized and counted. The moderator recognized those visiting. Visitors were Rev. Herbert Waid, Sister Geraldine Waid, Rev. Donald Hanna, and Sister Belinda Hanna, Rev. John Batchelor, and a delegation from Fathers Home Church.

The moderator called for the reading of the minutes, and the financial report by the clerk. MMSC to receive the minutes and financial report without changes. The roll call of churches was taken and those present were counted. The moderator appointed Brother Robert Tully, Brother Herbert Boyd, and Sister Ethel Newberry to the credentials committee, and Sister Sylvia Newsome, Rev. Walter Daniels, and Brother Harvey Cox to the resolutions committee. A recess of ten minutes was called for fellowship and so that reports could be prepared. When the meeting continued the following items of business were considered. A MMSC to receive Fathers Home Church into the Martin Association. A MMSC to receive the report of the program committee without changes. A MMSC to receive the nominating committee's report with several changes. The report is as follows: Moderator: Rev. Matthew Pinson, Assistant Moderator: David Richardson, Clerk/Treasurer: Gerald Kirkland, Assistant Clerk/Treasurer: Rev. Roger Russell, Executive Committee: Rev. Matthew Pinson, Gerald Kirkland, Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Billy Roland, Gary Enfinger. Ordaining Council: Rev. Walter Daniels - 1998, Rev. James Ursrey - 1997, Rev. Lewis Williams - 1999. Investigating Committee: Rev. Willie Dawson - 1998, Harvey Cox - 1997, Billy Bush - 1999. State Association Boards - Board of Camping - Jerry McNease, 1997, Board of Trustees - Bobby Roberts, 1999, Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier, 1997, Board of Missions - Rev. Roger Russell, 1999.

A MMSC to receive the Resolutions Committee report, All of the report was adopted without change. (1). Be it resolved that we petition the State Association hold its annual meeting at Norman Park. (2). Be it resolved that the total expense for the printing of the minutes of the Association be paid out of the general fund. (3). Be it resolved that we give the Mt. Glory Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

The clerk read a list of those names on the obituary pages of the reports from the churches. The moderator called for a moment of silence in their memory. MMSC to allow the moderator to choose

the delegates for the State Association from among those attending. A MMSC to receive two reports given orally. One report was by Rev. Herbert Waid on the State work. The other was the Martin Womans Auxiliary work report by Sister Melinda Pinson. The credentials committee gave its report. It is as follows. Standing delegates: 11, Ministers: 9, Deacons: 5, Visitors: 10, total present: 70, elected delegates: 21, Minister's wives: 9, Deacon's wives: 6, Martin Church Membership reported: 776, number of Churches reporting: 11, sending delegates: 10, dues from Churches: \$284.00, offering: \$78.15, benovelence from Churches: \$535.00. Mt Glory Church received the attendance banner for greatest percentage present, and Highway for the next highest.

There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned. The worship service opened with the song "Old Time Power" led by Rev. Roger Russell. Sister Ruth Russell played the piano. Rev. Matthew Pinson led in prayer. After the offering was received, special music was rendered by Brother Jerry Bruner and his blue grass band. Sister Louise Hicks also sang special songs which were a great blessing. Rev. Donald Hanna brought the worship message from the Book of Hebrews. His subject was "Keeping On". After the service a delicious meal was served by the women of the Mt. Glory Church. The food and fellowship was a great blessing for those who stayed.

FINANCIAL RECORD

Previous balance.....\$ 706.46

RECEIPTS

Dues from churches.....	\$ 284.00
Benevolence from churches.....	535.00
State and Nat'l. dues and minutes.....	307.00
Offering.....	78.15
Martin Fell. Fund offering 10/2/96....	66.00
Totals.....	1976.61
Martin Assoc. funds previous balance....	<u>413.45</u>
Total Monies on hand.....	\$ 2390.06

EXPENDITURES

Benevolence gifts to five recipients..	\$ 636.85
State Co-op.....	180.30
State Dues.....	30.00
Moderator honorarium.....	5.00
Clerk honorarium.....	50.00
National Dues.....	153.25
Honor. for Rev. B. Hanna, Fell. meeting...	<u>100.00</u>
Totals.....	1155.40
Balance Martin Fell. fund.....	379.45
Balance general fund.....	<u>855.21</u>
Total Funds on hand.....	\$ 1234.66

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION - September 21, 1996

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church on Sept. 21, 1996. The theme was "Hold The Light High." Musicians were Veda Bellflower, song leader, and Ruth Russell, pianist.

Registration began at 9:45 a.m. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. with the congregational hymn, "We've a Story To Tell." Margaret Ann Daniels led in prayer. We sang "People Need the Lord." President, Melinda Pinson, welcomed everyone. Christy Woods from Mt. Gilead, rendered special music. Melinda Pinson gave a report on WNAC in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Business opened with the Credentials report given by Ruth Russell: total auxiliaries reporting - 6; total members - 62; total dues paid - \$666.50. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. Delegates were asked to stand. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates. Three visitors were welcomed.

Call for reports from chairpersons. Jean Tully, Mission Action Chairperson, encouraged attendance of spring retreat and mentioned the sale of the District Woman's Auxiliary cookbooks. Grace Nix, Mission Study Chairperson, reported that two auxiliaries had studies this year. Everyone was encouraged to read the Bible in a year, with bookmarks given as reminders. One person had accomplished this. Lucille Lane, Mission Prayer Chairperson, reminded us of our responsibilities as women to give continued prayerful support to our missionaries. She asked for a moment of silence in memory of Mrs. Janet Baxley.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's report and Finance Committee report. Balance in treasury was \$890.44 and total designated giving was \$2,061.00. (The printed reports are included in these minutes.) Moved, seconded, and carried to accept reports.

Margaret Ann Daniels gave the Resolutions Committee report. (See enclosed report, consisting of 17 resolutions.) Moved, seconded, and carried to accept resolution #1, then #2. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept standing resolutions #3 through #10 at one time. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept resolutions #11 through #17 item by item. There was discussion on resolutions 14, 15, and 16 and on what should be done with the balance of cookbook sale money in regard to expenses for WNAC Convention in Atlanta in 1999.

Delegates to the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention are: Debra Middleton, Annie Lou Wells, Veda Bellflower, Diane Bellflower.

Cookbook Committee report was given by Margaret Ann Daniels. As of September 17, sales total \$1,160 (232 cookbooks sold) and expenses total \$315.54. Cookbooks are being sold for \$5 each.

Melinda asked for announcements from churches represented: Mt. Gilead Revival October 27-29; Debbie Griffin to speak at Corinth on September 29.

Registration Committee report was given by Veda Bellflower. Six auxiliaries were represented. Total present was 21. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. Attendance award was presented to Mt. Gilead, having 80% of membership in attendance.

Appointed to serve on Nominating Committee for the State Convention was Veda Bellflower.

Minutes of the September 21 meeting were read. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept.

Worship service began with the hymn, "Lovest Thou Me." An offering in the amount of \$27 was received. Special music was rendered by Debbie Griffin. Margaret Ann Daniels introduced the speaker, Debbie Griffin, missionary in Japan. Debbie spoke on Jesus, the Light, based on St. John 1. We are to be lights to those in darkness. Melinda presented a gift to Debbie. Announcements were made. Veda Bellflower gave the benediction and blessing of the food. A covered dish meal was enjoyed afterward.

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Treasurer's Annual Report -- Allie M. Richardson, Treasurer

September 30, 1995 -- September 21, 1996

Balance in Treasury (9-30-95)	\$ 134.95
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Receipts:

1995-96 Designated Giving	\$2061.00
1995 Convention Offering	62.00
1996 Spring Workshop Offering	47.53
Cookbook Sales	1160.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	666.50
Convention Expenses (\$6 per aux.)	36.00

Total Receipts	<u>\$4033.03</u>
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Total Available	\$4167.98
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Payments:

Ga. State Woman's Aux.	
(Designated giving)	\$2061.00
Dues to State Convention (10.50 per member)	651.00
Cookbook expenses	315.54
Martin Assoc. (printing of minutes)	50.00
Love offering to Snow Account	100.00
Love offering to Griffin Account	100.00
Total Payments	<u>\$ 3277.54</u>
Balance in Treasury (9-21-96)	<u>\$ 890.44</u>

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie Mae Richardson, Chairperson
Grace Nix, Debra Middleton

AUXILIARIES & MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 16	4. New Home - 13
2. Corinth - 6	5. New Salem - 15
3. Mt. Gilead - 5	6. Thompson - 7
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 62	

DESIGNATED FUNDS

Debbie Griffin.....	\$ 615.00
State Project.....	406.00
Bishops.....	340.00
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	217.00
Co-Laborer.....	170.00
Children's Home.....	100.00
Pre-Easter.....	99.00
Emphasis Offering.....	50.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	23.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	23.00
Retired Ministers.....	12.00
Minute Money.....	6.00
TOTAL	<u>\$2,061.00</u>

RESOLUTIONS - 1996

1. That we adopt the following theme, watchword and song for 1996: Theme: "Witnessing: Hold the Light High". Scripture: *"For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that thou shouldst be for salvation unto the ends of the earth."* Acts 13:47. Hymn: People Need the Lord.

2. That we accept the Georgia Women Active for Christ 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 the printing.

4. That we adopt and use as our guide the Constitution and By-Laws for a District Auxiliary Convention as published by 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 Sept. 1 of 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 District Auxiliary Workshop.

8. That each auxiliary send \$10.75 for each member on roll to the convention as convention dues. (\$10.00 national dues, .50 state dues, and .25 local 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 begin planning now to help support the Women Nationally Active for Christ Convention which will be held in Atlanta in 1999. (One way we can support financially is through some of the profits from our cookbook).

15. That because our cookbook sales have gone so well, our Martin District Auxiliary contribute the following to our Georgia Foreign Missionaries' accounts: Debbie Griffin, \$200.00; Paul and Rhoda Creech, \$100.00; Nathan and Linda Snow, \$100.00; and Dale and Sandra Bishop, \$100.00.

16. That the Martin District Woman's Auxiliary continue to support our missionaries with the profits from our cookbooks.

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

Margaret Ann Daniels, Merlene Grow, & Martha Williams

OBITUARY REPORT

COLQUITT

Alton Henry

CORINTH

Johnny Dawson

HEBREW

Edward T. (Edd) Hill

Hurby Johnson

Andrew Robert Jones

HIGHWAY

Sister Ola Scott

MOTHERS HOME

Joe Brown Adams

Cliff Musgrove, II

MT. GLORY

James Smith

NEW SALEM

Sister Fannie Barber

Sister Esther Hill

Sister Maybelle Barbree

THOMPSON

Sister Evelyn D. Lowery

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	Thompson	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	9
Members Added	4	0	4	2	0	0	4	3	10	0	2	1	30
Members Lost	1	2	0	3	11	10	12	1	0	0	3	1	33
Total Members	113	96	25	27	20	120	47	20	126	64	103	75	776
No. of Ordained Ministers	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	15
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	4
No. of Ordained Deacons	4	2	0	3	1	6	1	0	4	6	8	3	32
S. S. Enrollment	56	15	25	22	23	30	35	10	54	34	57	40	367
C. T. S. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	0	0	0	29	25	80
W. A. Enrollment	18	6	0	15	0	0	5	0	13	13	14	10	81
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	35,678	26,383	17,651	8129		28,912	25,255		54,734		42,742	47,464	286,958
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	1,789,000

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

ARTICLE VI

OFFICERS:

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

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

Section 3. The Moderator 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) 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. *(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.