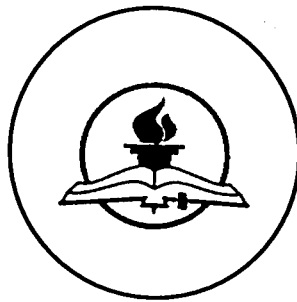


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MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

1997 - 1998

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Matthew Pinson
Assistant Moderator.....David Richardson
Treasurer.....Rev. Roger Russell
Assistant Treasurer.....Bobby Richardson
Clerk.....Dr. Lynn Frazier
Assistant Clerk.....Ken Gibson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Matthew Pinson
Dr. Lynn Frazier
Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Billy Roland
Gary Enfinger

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lewis Williams - 1999
Rev. Walter Daniels - 1998
Rev. James Ursrey - 2000

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Billy Bush - 1999
Rev. Willie Dawson - 1998
Harvey Cox - 2000

STATE ASSOCIATION BOARDS

Board of Camping - Jerry McNease, 2001
Board of Trustees - Rev. Walter Daniels, 1999
Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier - 2001
Board of Missions - Rev. Roger Russell - 1999

PROGRAMS

FOR

MARTIN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION

Colquitt, January 17, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Abbie Calhoun
Response.....	Ken Gibson
Devotional.....	Robert Tully
Special Music.....	Colquitt
Message.....	Rev. Matt Pinson

SECOND SESSION

Corinth, April 18, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Lynn Frazier
Response.....	Frank Newberry
Devotional.....	Scott Roberts
Special Music.....	Corinth
Message.....	Rev. Talmadge Worsley

THIRD SESSION

Donalsonville, August 1, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	LeJoy Hagler
Response.....	Margaret Daniels
Devotional.....	Lillian Rogers
Special Music.....	Donalsonville
Message.....	Rev. Rollin Rathel

FOURTH SESSION

Hebrew, October 17, 1998, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....	Billy Adams
Response.....	Rod Brewer
Devotional.....	Herbert Boyd
Special Music.....	Hebrew
Message.....	Rev. Andy Merritt

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

First Quarterly Session

January 18, 1997

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened with the New Home Church, Miller County, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened with the song "We Gather Together" led by Brother Scott Roberts. Rev. Matthew Pinson led in prayer. The welcome was given by Brother Scott Roberts and Rev. Talmadge Worsley gave the response. Rev. Pinson announced that a wonderful group of our association's young people were meeting in the back during the time the adults were meeting. He thanked those who were helping with the youth, and encouraged everyone to bring young people with them to the meetings. Brother David Richardson gave the devotion of the morning.

After the devotion the meeting was called to order and the standing delegates were recognized. All elected delegates were asked to stand to be recognized and were seated. The ministers and their wives were recognized. Then the deacons and their wives were recognized. Visitors were asked to stand and were also recognized. The minutes of the last meeting were read and the financial report was given by the clerk. Motion was made and seconded to receive the report and minutes without changes. The Moderator called the roll of churches and counted those present from each church. Two committees were appointed by the Moderator: to the Nominating Committee he appointed Sister Ruth Russell, Brother Billy Adams, and Rev. Bill Robinson. To the Credentials Committee he appointed Brother Herbert Boyd, Sister Edna Hagler, and Brother Charles Grimes. A fifteen minute recess was called by the Moderator.

After reconvening, several reports were given and other business transacted. Brother Jerry McNease gave a report of the Board of Camping. It was an oral report and was received as information. Brother Lynn Frazier gave a report of the Christian Board of Education. It was an oral report and received as information. Sister Melinda Pinson gave a report of the Woman's Auxiliary. It was an oral report received as information.

Old Business:

Motion was made and seconded to meet for the Second Quarterly Session on the 26th of April instead of the 19th because of the conflict with the Mayhaw Festival in Colquitt.

New Business:

Motion was made and seconded to set aside \$150.00 per quarter for the printing of the minutes instead of the \$110.00 as before. The Association agreed in the last meeting to assume the total cost of printing the minutes and thus the need to increase the amount.

Motion was made and seconded to receive the Ordaining Council's report and adopt their recommendation to receive Rev. Rollin Rathel into the Association with full standing.

Credentials Committee:

All thirteen churches reported at the meeting and there were 102 members attending the meeting and two visitors. \$327.00 in dues and \$862.67 for the benevolent fund was sent to the meeting by the churches. Total membership reported was 606. There were 10 ministers and six minister's wives attending. Fourteen deacons and 11 deacon's wives attending. Colquitt and Highway churches received the banners.

Motion was made and seconded to receive the report of the Credentials Committee.

Motion was made and seconded to receive the report of the Resolutions Committee. The report is as follows.

"Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of appreciation to New Home Church for their hosting the Association and for their generous hospitality."

The business meeting ended and the worship service began with a song led by Brother Scott Roberts. Rev. Bill Robinson led in prayer. Special music was led and sung by Sister Pam Roberts. The offering was received. Rev. Roger Russell brought the Word of God in a message. After the service a delicious meal and good Christian fellowship was enjoyed by everyone.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

January 1997

FELLOWSHIP FUND

Fund balance Oct. 1996	\$ 379.45
Offering Jan. 1997	115.00
Total in Fund	494.45

EXPENDITURES

Debbie Griffin (Missions)	\$ 115.00
Total on hand January 1997	\$ 379.45

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand end of October 1996	\$ 855.21
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RECEIPTS

Late letter from Church	165.00
Association offerings, dues, benevolence	1296.67
Total on hand	\$2316.88

EXPENDITURES

State Co-op, dues, Nat'l dues	\$ 217.90
Five recipients of Benevolence	1038.75
Postal Service for stamps	32.00
Automat Printers for minutes	656.25
Moderator and Clerk	30.00
Total Expenditures	\$1974.90
Balance in General Fund	\$ 341.98

SUMMARY BALANCE

Fellowship Fund	\$ 379.45
General Fund	\$ 341.98
Total monies on hand end of January	\$ 721.43

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Second Quarterly Session

April 26, 1997

The Martin Association convened with the New Home Church, Decatur County at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened with singing "Face To Face" and "Joy Unspeakable" led by Brother Howard Scarborough. Rev. Walter Baxley led in prayer. Brother Howard also gave the welcome and Brother Timothy Bellflower gave the response. Brother Claude Newsome gave a moving devotion which touched our hearts.

The Moderator called the meeting to order. He recognized the standing delegates and seated the elected delegates. He recognized the ministers and their wives, and the deacons and their wives. Rev. Walter Baxley was the only visitor. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. A motion was made and seconded to receive the minutes and the financial report without changes.

A roll call of the churches was called for and those present were counted. The Moderator appointed two committees: To the Credentials Committee he appointed Brother Herbert Boyd, Brother Junior Williams, and Sister Ethel Newberry. To the Resolutions Committee he appointed Brother David Richardson, Sister Gloria Frazier, and Brother John Batchelor. Motion was made and seconded to elect these to serve on the two committees. A motion was made and seconded to split the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer and make them separate. The motion must lay on the table for one session before a vote is taken. A motion was made and seconded to appoint a Nominating Committee to find someone to fill these two offices. During the break the Moderator talked with Brother Lynn Frazier about serving as the Clerk if Rev. Roger Russell would keep the office of Treasurer, both agreed. After the break the Moderator announced the agreement and the motion to elect a Nominating Committee was rescinded.

Credentials Committee Report:

The Credentials Committee made the following report. The number of churches reporting were 13. Total membership reported was 791. Members attending the meeting were 101. One visitor was in attendance.

Total offering and dues sent were \$421.00. Amount sent for Benevolence Fund was \$642.00. The Association offering was \$130.00. Highway Church received the highest percent banner, and New Home Decatur County received the banner for the most present.

Respectfully submitted,

Herbert Boyd, Ethel Newberry, Rev. John Batchelor

A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the Credentials Committee report.

Resolutions Committee Report:

The Resolutions Committee made the following report:

A. Be it resolved that we, The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists, affirm that God's plan for human sex is that it be within the bond of heterosexual marriage. Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt resolution number one.

B. Be it resolved that we give the New Home Church, Decatur County a rising vote of appreciation for their hospitality and delicious meal. Motion was made, seconded and carried to adopt resolution number two.

Respectfully submitted,

David Richardson, Gloria Frazier, Rev. John Batchelor

Oral reports were given by Brother Lynn Frazier of the Board of Christian Education, and by Sister Melinda Pinson of the Woman's Auxiliary. Both were received as information.

A temporary Ordaining Council was appointed to handle the request of Rev. Walter Baxley to become a member of the Martin Association. The appointees were Rev. Talmadge Worsley and Rev. Bill Robinson. They recommended that we receive Rev. Baxley back into the Martin Association. Motion was made, seconded and carried to receive him.

There being no further business the worship service began. Brother Howard led in singing "Amazing Grace". Rev. Matthew Pinson led in prayer. Brother Gary Enfinger and Brother Timothy Bellflower acted as ushers to receive the offering. Special music was given by the Cumbie family that spoke to our hearts. Rev. Bennie Cumbie brought the message from God's Holy Word which inspired us to live for Christ.

After the worship service everyone enjoyed a delicious meal in the fellowship hall.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

April 1997

FELLOWSHIP FUND

Fund balance Jan. 1997	\$ 379.45
Offering April 1997	38.00
Total in Fund	417.45

EXPENDITURES

Honorarium to guest speaker, Rev. Terry Pierce	\$ 50.00
Music Tape	56.25

Balance on hand end of April	\$ 311.20
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GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand end of January	\$ 341.98
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RECEIPTS

Correction in Jan. deposit	90.00
State Assoc. Benevolence	149.31
Dues from churches	421.00
Offering	130.00
Benevolence from churches	642.00

Total monies received	\$1432.31
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EXPENDITURES

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
Five Benevolence recipients (190.32)	951.60
State Association for Co-op and dues	160.70

Total Expenditures	\$1142.30
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Total monies on hand end of April 1997	\$ 631.99
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SUMMARY BALANCE

Fellowship Fund	\$ 311.20
General Fund	\$ 631.99

Total monies on hand end of April	\$ 943.19
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MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Third Quarterly Session

August 2, 1997

The Martin Association met at the New Salem Church on August 2, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting opened by singing "At Calvary" led by Brother Billy Roland. Brother Billy Bush led in prayer. Brother Billy Roland welcomed everyone to New Salem and Rev. Lewis Williams gave the response. Rev. Matthew Pinson gave the devotion in the place of Brother Rod Brewer using Hebrews 12:1 - 3. It was good! The business session opened with the seating of the standing and the elected delegates from the churches. The ministers and their wives, and the deacons and their wives were recognized. The Clerk read the minutes of the last meeting and gave the financial report. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive both reports as read. The roll call of churches was taken and the youth attending were recognized. The youth were dismissed from the main meeting to their activities. The Moderator appointed Brother Robert Tully and Brother Billy Roland to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sister Helen Robinson, Brother Roscoe Daniels and Sister Grace Nix were appointed to the Resolutions Committee. Brother Jerry McNease, Brother Charles Grimes and Rev. Talmadge Worsley were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Rev. Roger Russell, Sister Veda Bellflower and Sister Debra Middleton were appointed to the Program Committee. Reports were given orally by Rev. Roger Russell from the State Mission Board, and Sister Melinda Pinson gave reports from the Martin and National Woman's Auxiliary meetings. A motion was made, seconded and carried to receive the reports as information. The motion to make the offices of Clerk and Treasurer separate offices, which was tabled at the last session, was called for by the Moderator. A motion was made, seconded and carried to remove this motion from the table and vote upon it. After discussion, the motion to separate the offices passed. Dr. Lynn Frazier was elected Clerk and Rev. Roger Russell would remain Treasurer. The Moderator showed a video commercial of 30 seconds prepared by the National Association's Radio and Television Commission to be purchased by local churches or associations to air on local stations. The video called "The Arrow" is good advertisement for our Free Will Baptists everywhere because it tells who we are and invites

people to our churches. He suggested we may want to pool our resources and make it an Association project. After a short recess the Credentials Committee gave its report.

Credentials Committee Report:

The number of standing delegates attending was 15. There were 7 ministers and 4 minister's wives attending. 8 deacons and 7 deacon's wives were present. Total number attending was 83. The total number of members of the 12 churches reporting was 812. One church did not report. Total dues sent was \$449.00. Monies sent to the Benevolent Fund was \$598.00, and offering received at the meeting was \$94.00. The Highway Church received the percentage banner and the Colquitt Church received the banner for the greatest number present.

The Resolutions Committee did not have resolutions to report.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

August 1997

FELLOWSHIP FUND

Fund balance April 1997	\$ 311.20
Expenditures (none)	
Total in Fund	311.20

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand end of April	\$ 631.99
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EXPENDITURES

U.S. Postal Service for stamps	\$ 32.00
Moderator and Clerk	30.00
Benevolence gifts (5) at (\$190.32)	858.80
Co-op and dues State Association	206.10
Total expenditures in August	\$1126.90

RECEIPTS

State Assoc. for Benevolence	138.91
Benevolence from Churches	598.00
Dues from Churches	449.00
Offering received at Aug. meeting	94.00
Total receipts in August	\$1279.91

Balance in General Fund	\$ 785.00
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SUMMARY BALANCE

Fellowship Fund	\$ 311.20
General Fund	\$ 785.00
Total monies on hand end of Aug.	\$1096.20

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Fourth Quarterly Session

October 18, 1997

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Thompson Church at 9:30 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled "To God Be The Glory". Rev. Herbert Waid led in prayer. Brother Charles Grimes extended the welcome to those in attendance. Bro. Robert Tully responded to the welcome. Sister Ethel Newberry presented a timely devotional based on Luke 2:46 and Luke 10:38, 39.

Business Session:

After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by the Moderator. Standing delegates were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and were officially seated. Each minister and his wife were recognized. Each deacon and his wife were also recognized. Rev. Herbert Waid and Sis. Waid were asked to stand to be recognized as visitors. Rev. Waid gave an update on the State work. Rev. Pinson thanked them for the sixteen years of dedicated service in promoting the Georgia Free Will Baptist churches and wished them God's blessings in their next endeavors for Him. The Waid's were given a standing ovation. Minutes of the third session were read and approved without corrections. Financial report was also read and approved without changes. Roll call of Association churches was made and the number of members attending from each church was recorded.

Committee Appointments:

Three committees were appointed by the Moderator: Credentials, Resolutions and Obituary. Membership was as follows: Brothers Herbert Boyd, Charles Grimes and Rod Brewer were appointed to the Credentials Committee; Sis. Margaret Daniels, Rev. Willie Dawson and Bro. Robert Tully were appointed to the Resolutions Committee; Sisters Emory Richardson and Verdie Weaver, Bro. Billy Bush and Rev. Rollin Rathel were appointed to serve on the Obituary Committee. A fifteen minute recess was called for by the Moderator.

State Board and Auxiliary Reports:

Elected State Board members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the third quarter. Brother Frazier gave an update on Board of Christian Education efforts and Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress. Rev. Walter Daniels reported on the Board of Trustees work agenda. These three oral reports were received as information. Sister Melinda Pinson

reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress, which was also received as information.

Credentials Committee Report:

Bro. Rod Brewer related the following statistics: Standing delegates (21); ministers (10); ministers' wives (5); deacons (11); deacons' wives (9); visitors (2); churches reporting (13); churches with delegates (12); total present (78); Martin Church membership reported (787); quarterly fees total (\$312.00); Benevolent Fund total (\$645.50) and National Association fees total (\$32.00) and (\$15.00) were given to defray the cost of printing minutes. Attendance banners were awarded to Highway Church for the highest percent present and Thompson Church for highest number present.

Resolutions Committee Report:

Rev. Willie Dawson read the following resolutions:

A. Continue to support our missionaries with our prayers and offerings.

B. Keep Sister Geraldine and Rev. Herbert Waid in our prayers as they retire from the State promotional work and seek God's direction for their future.

C. Endeavor to stand firmly for God in our schools, homes and communities and against devil worship and other evils of our day.

D. Give a rising vote of thanks to the Thompson church congregation for their hospitality in hosting the Martin Association Quarterly Meeting.

These resolutions were adopted as a whole, then voted on as separate entities. The body approved all four resolutions. The Moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Thompson church.

Obituary Committee Report: Rev. Rollin Rathel read the committee's findings. (See Obituary Report on page 21).

Nominating Committee Recommendations: Rev. Talmadge Worsley presented committee recommendations to Rev. Roger Russell who read the following list: *Moderator:* Rev. Matt Pinson, *Assistant Moderator:* David Richardson, *Clerk:* Dr. Lynn Frazier, *Assistant Clerk:* Ken Gibson, *Treasurer:* Rev. Roger Russell, *Assistant Treasurer:* Bobby Richardson, *Ordaining Council:* Rev. James Usrey - 2001, *Board of Camping:* Jerry McNease - 2001, *Board of Christian Education:* Dr. Lynn Frazier - 2001, *Investigating Committee:* Harvey Cox, *Executive Board:* Dr. Lynn Frazier (to

replace Gerald Kirkland). These recommendations were approved by the body without changes.

Ministerial Ordination Questionnaire: Colquitt Church submitted a proposed draft questionnaire for review, designed to afford consistency in the ordination process. Copies were distributed to the body. Moderator Pinson requested the Ordaining Council and the Executive Committee study the questionnaire and bring recommendations back to the body next session.

Constitution Violation: Moderator Pinson made the body aware an innocent mistake had been made in voting to change the third session meeting date in an effort to not conflict with the Mayhaw Festival. This action violated our constitution. (See Article III of the Martin Association Constitution.) To change a meeting date of a quarterly session requires a constitutional change. Rev. Worsley suggested the body also consider a quarterly session date that would not conflict with Seminole County Harvest Festival.

Program Committee Report: Rev. Roger Russell read the proposed Martin Quarterly meeting program for 1998. After a period of discussion regarding session dates, Moderator Pinson appointed the Program Committee to study the problem and develop suggested session changes as soon as possible. The Moderator also reminded the body that a two-thirds majority is needed to change the Constitution. After a second brief discussion regarding the session dates, it was agreed the first session scheduled for January 17, 1998 would meet as recommended.

The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Roger Russell led in song accompanied by Sis. Ruth Russell at the piano. Thompson Church trio provided special music. Rev. Walter Daniels delivered an inspiring message from Luke 19:1 - 10. After the worship service, Moderator Pinson asked for church announcements. A sumptuous meal was served by the women of Thompson Church. The food and Christian fellowship were wonderful.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

October 1997

FELLOWSHIP FUND

Fund balance Aug. 1997	\$ 311.20
Expenditures (none)	
Balance in October	311.20

GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand end of Aug.	\$ 785.00
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RECEIPTS

State Assoc. for Benevolence	\$ 123.71
Benevolence from Churches	780.00
Dues from Churches	362.50
Offering received at Oct. meeting	149.00
Womans Aux. for Minutes	50.00
Churches for printing minutes	57.00
Churches for National dues	175.00
Total Receipts	\$1697.21

EXPENDITURES

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 55.00
Benevolence from Churches (217.69)	1088.46
Co-op and dues State Assoc.	79.75
State Assoc. for National dues	175.00

Total Expenditures	\$1398.21
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Balance in General Fund end of Oct.	\$1084.00
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SUMMARY BALANCE

Fellowship Fund	\$ 311.20
General Fund	\$1084.00
Total monies on hand end of Oct.	\$1395.20

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION September 20, 1997

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church on September 20, 1997. The theme was "Study - Expanding Knowledge." The Scripture reference was II Timothy 2:15. Registration began at 9:15 a.m. The session began at 10:00 a.m. Song leader was Gail Everson and pianist, Patricia Grimes.

The meeting began with the congregational hymn, "Praise Him! Praise Him." Melinda Pinson led in prayer. The ladies from Thompson gave a delightful and gracious musical welcome. The President, on behalf of all attending, responded gratefully. We then sang, "Joy Unspeakable." Melinda Pinson gave highlights of the 1997 WNAC Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio, noting that copies had already been distributed giving details of the event.

Business opened with the Credentials Report given by Ruth Russell as follows: total auxiliaries reporting - 6; total members - 64; total dues paid - \$688.00. Moved, seconded and carried to accept report. Delegates were asked to stand and they were seated. Visitors were welcomed and each one introduced herself.

Call for report from Mission Action Chairperson. Jean Tully reported on recipe books and encouraged the ladies to attend the retreat in the spring. Grace Nix, Mission Study Chairperson, reported that two auxiliaries had studies and encouraged everyone to study the Bible and read it through in a year. Mission Prayer Chairperson, Lucille Lane, reminded us to take advantage of opportunities to pray for missionaries and each other, and particularly to offer praise to God.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Report. Balance in treasury - \$462.14; total designated giving - \$1,795.00. Cookbook profits - \$965.96. Moved, seconded and carried to receive Treasurer's report; moved, seconded and carried to receive Finance Committee Report.

Gail Everson gave the Resolutions Committee report. Moved, seconded and carried to receive report as printed. Resolution #1 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #2 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #11 read. Moved, seconded and carried to adopt Resolutions

#3 through #11. Resolution #12 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #13 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #14 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #15 was read; moved, seconded and carried to adopt. Resolution #16 was read; moved and seconded. There was discussion on when to pay - once a year or all at one time - either would be permissible. Carried to adopt #16. Resolution #17 was read, which was "That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to the Thompson Woman's Auxiliary for their hospitality today." Moved, seconded and carried to adopt.

Melinda Pinson asked for volunteers to serve as delegates to the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention. This was left open. Melinda authorized anyone who attends and reports in to serve as a delegate.

Announcements were made. A prayer request was shared by Christine Daniels.

Registration Committee Report was given by Grace Smith. total members present - 26; guests - 6; total present - 32. Moved, seconded and carried to receive report. Correction was later made in report, with a total present of 33.

Jean Tully gave Nominations Committee report as follows: *President* - Melinda Pinson; *Vice President* - Ruth Russell; *Secretary* - Pam Roberts; *Treasurer* - Allie Richardson; *Mission Action Chairperson* - Jean Tully; *Mission Prayer Chairperson* - Lucille Lane; *Mission Study Chairperson* - Grace Nix; *Field Worker* - Vonnice Calhoun. There were no nominations from the floor. Moved, seconded and carried to elect officers as submitted by acclamation.

The attendance award was presented to Thompson Auxiliary, having 100% members present, plus 28% members from their church.

A committee was appointed to coordinate our District responsibility for providing peanuts for the 1999 WNAC Banquet in Atlanta. They are: Sara Newberry, Jean Tully, Debra Middleton, Maxine Torbert. Jean Tully will serve as chairperson.

The minutes were read. Moved, seconded and carried to receive as read. We sang the hymn, "The Longer I Serve Him." An offering was received in the amount of \$83.00. Gail Everson sang "Celebrate Jesus' Name." Our guest speaker was presented with a gift. The installation of Officers was conducted by Margaret Ann Daniels. Annie Lou Wells closed in prayer.

Mrs. Fay Forlines, short-term missionary appointee to Russia, shared with the ladies about their ministry in Russia. She showed a video of the Russian Christians and their needs.

After the meeting, a covered dish meal was enjoyed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Martin Association Spring Workshop - Corinth Free Will Baptist Church - April 23, 1998 • Norman Park Retreat - March 27-28, 1998
- National Association and WNAC - July 18-22, 1999, Atlanta

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

Treasurer's Annual Report -- Allie M. Richardson, Treasurer
September 21, 1996 -- September 20, 1997

Balance in Treasury (9-21-96)	\$ 890.44
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Receipts:

1996-97 Designated Giving	\$1795.00
1996 Convention Offering	27.00
1997 Spring Workshop Offering	53.00
Cookbook Sales	215.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	688.00
Convention Expenses (\$6 per aux.)	36.00
Total Receipts	\$2814.00

Total Available	\$3704.44
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Payments:

Ga. State Woman's Aux. (Desg. Giving)	\$1795.00
Love Offerings to Ga. Missionaries	
Griffin Account	200.00
Bishop Account	100.00
Snow Account	100.00
Creech Account	100.00
Gift for Workshop Guest Speaker	14.84
Cookbook expenses	93.50
Dues to State Convention (10.50 per member)	672.00
Martin Assoc. (printing of minutes)	50.00
Love offering to Forlines Account	100.00
Gift for Convention Speaker	16.96
Total Payments	\$3242.30

Balance in Treasury (9-20-97)	\$ 462.14
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FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie Mae Richardson, Chairperson
Veda Bellflower, Lucille Lane

AUXILIARIES & MEMBERSHIP

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Colquitt - 16 | 4. New Home - 13 |
| 2. Corinth - 7 | 5. New Salem - 16 |
| 3. Mt. Gilead - 5 | 6. Thompson - 7 |

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 64

Designated Giving

State Project.....	\$ 396.00
Bishops.....	360.00
Griffin.....	360.00
Co-Laborer.....	180.00
1999 Convention in Atlanta.....	175.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering.....	70.00
Pre-Easter Offering.....	50.00
Dave Franks.....	50.00
Emphasis Offering.....	50.00
Alabama Children's Home.....	50.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	24.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	24.00
Minute Money.....	<u>6.00</u>
Total	\$1795.00

Cookbook Project

Total Sales.....	\$1375.00
Total Expenses.....	<u>409.04</u>
Total Profits.....	\$ 965.96

MARTIN DISTRICT WNAC CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. That we adopt the following theme, watchword and song for 1998; Theme: "Living Sacrifices"; Scripture: Romans 12: 1 & 2; Hymn & Watchword: "Take my life and let it be".
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 September 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.

15. That the Martin District WNAC continue to support our missionaries with the profits from our cookbooks.

16. That each Auxiliary member give \$5.00 per year (1997-1999) to help meet the expenses of our WNAC Convention to be held in Atlanta, Georgia in 1999.

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

Gail Everson, Jewella Lovering, Diane Bellflower

OBITUARY REPORT

HEBREW

Brother Buford Grady Alday
Brother Leroy Marvette Alday

HIGHWAY

Sister Inez Dukes

MOTHERS HOME

Sister Cutis McQuirt Josey

MT. GILEAD

Sister Daisy Boyd

NEW SALEM

Brother John H. Roland
Brother Leroy Driggers
Sister Callie Beatrice Floyd

FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLQUITT	CORINTH	D'VILLE	FATHER'S HOME	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS HOME	MT. GILEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	New Home (D.C.)	NEW SALEM	Thompson	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	0	0	0	5	1	3	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	15
Members Added	1	4	5	6	1	12	1	2	2	7	10	0	0	51
Members Lost	1	2	0	0	3	9	7	2	1	0	0	3	1	29
Total Members	115	98	29	30	27	23	105	52	21	136	70	103	75	884
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	16
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	4
No. of Ordained Deacons	4	2	0	0	3	2	6	1	0	4	6	8	3	39
S. S. Enrollment	50	15	25		20	20			10	50	60	57	50	357
C. T. S. Enrollment	25	0	0	0	0	0	0		0	0	0	29	25	79
W. A. Enrollment	16	6	0	0	15	0	0		0			14	10	61
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	41,600	25,263	17,651		11,401		29,606	23,640		56,003		60,121	41,117	306,402
Value of all Church Prop.	350,000	150,000			60,000	60,000	272,000	100,000		260,000	115,000	200,000	300,000	1,867,000

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, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Clerk, and Assistant Clerk, 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 and Treasurer 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 fifty (150) 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 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/her absence or upon the request of the Moderator.
9. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to keep accurate financial records in terms of receipts, expenditures, and balance of funds to be reported to the Association quarterly and prepared for yearly publication.
10. The Assistant Treasurer shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Treasurer in his/her absence or upon the request of the Treasurer.
11. It shall be the duty of the Clerk 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.
12. The Assistant Clerk shall perform such duties as are incumbent on the Clerk in his/her absence or upon request of the Clerk.
13. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote at any regular session.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
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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 holy 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.