

**1998**  
**Quarterly Sessions**

One Hundred Twelfth Year



*Free Will*  
*Free Grace*  
*Free Salvation*

**Martin Association**  
**Free Will Baptists of Georgia**

7. That the Study Course Chairperson 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 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 continue to help support the Women Nationally Active for Christ Convention which will be held in Atlanta, Ga. in 1999.
15. That the Martin District auxiliary members continue to support our missionaries with the profits from the sale of our cookbooks.
16. That each Auxiliary member give \$5.00 per year (1998-1999) to help meet the expenses of our WNAC Convention to be held in Atlanta in 1999.
17. That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to the Colquitt Woman's Auxiliary for their hospitality today.

### **Martin Association Obituary Report - 1998**

#### **COLQUITT**

- Brother Abbie Calhoun - B. June 10, 1925 D. May 12, 1998  
 Brother Clifton Carpenter - D. July 19, 1998  
 Sister Calista Cofty - D. March 21, 1998  
 Brother Horace Lovering - B. November 27, 1922 D. October 31, 1997  
 Brother George E. Mears - B. March 26, 1930 D. July 30, 1998  
 Brother Gordon Williams - B. April 11, 1932 D. January 8, 1998

#### **CORINTH**

- Brother Spurgeon North - B. September 25, 1912 D. May 19, 1998  
 Brother Robert Preston - B. February 15, 1917 D. September 9, 1998

#### **HEBREW**

- Sister Thelma Odom - B. December 26, 1916 D. November 23, 1998

#### **MOTHERS HOME**

- Brother Jody Calhoun - B. 1968 D. January 27, 1998  
 Sister Alice Henry - B. 1929 D. August 7, 1998  
 Brother Gene Josey - B. 1929 D. August 23, 1998

#### **MT. GILEAD**

- Brother James Clayton Boyd - B. April 8, 1918 D. March 24, 1998  
 Brother Virgil Cecil Jones - B. March 13, 1924 D. July 27, 1998

#### **MT. GLORY**

- Sister Nellie Matthews - B. November 20, 1915 D. January 24, 1998

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## MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

1998 - 1999

### GENERAL OFFICERS

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

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Daniels  
Dr. Lynn Frazier  
Rev. Talmadge Worsley  
Rev. Roger Russell  
Billy Roland  
Gary Enfinger

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Lewis Williams - 1999  
Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 2001  
Rev. James Ursrey - 2000

### INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Billy Bush - 1999  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2001  
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

Highway, January 9, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Scarborough Scott  
 Response.....Bro. Billy Adams  
 Devotional.....Bro. Earl Daniels  
 Special Music.....Highway Singers  
 Message.....Highway Pastor

#### SECOND SESSION

Mothers Home, April 10, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Roscoe Daniels  
 Response.....Sis. Elise Williams  
 Devotional.....Bro. Jerry McNease  
 Special Music.....Mothers Home / New Home Trio  
 Message.....Rev. Bobby Whittaker

#### THIRD SESSION

Mt. Gilead, July 10, 1999, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Rev. Bill Robinson  
 Response.....Sis. Ruth Russell  
 Devotional.....Bro. Herbert Boyd  
 Special Music.....Mt. Gilead / Scrap Iron Quartet  
 Message.....Rev. Walter Baxley

#### FOURTH SESSION

Mt. Glory, October 9, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Joan Dawson  
 Response.....Rev. Talmadge Worsley  
 Devotional.....Sis. Ethel Newberry  
 Special Music.....Mt. Glory / Rev. Matt Pinson  
 Message.....Rev. Willie Dawson

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## First Quarterly Session

### January 17, 1998

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Colquitt Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of two congregational hymns entitled, "Stand up for J̄sus" and "Victory in Jesus" led by Brother Tully. Rev. Andy Merritt led in prayer. Bro. Abbie Calhoun extended the welcome to those in attendance. Bro. Ken Gibson responded to the welcome. Bro. Robert Tully presented a devotional based on II Chronicles 7:14.

**Opening Activities:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matt Pinson. 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. and Sis. William Smith was asked to stand to be recognized as visitors to our association. Moderator Pinson called attention to the fact that Rev. Smith is our recently elected State Executive Secretary / Treasurer. Rev. and Sis. Ronald Wallace, Home Missions missionary appointees to Alaska, was also recognized as visitors. Minutes of the fourth session of 1997 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.

**Changes in 1997 Minutes:** Bro. Frazier indicated he took the liberty to make changes in the 1997 Quarterly Session Minutes relating to the Constitution and By-laws; bringing them in conformity to the vote of the body to separate the Clerk / Treasurer office. He read the changes to the assembly. He also called attention to Article 8 Alterations or Amendments which indicates the proposed changes be "... read publicly before the Body at least two (2) times at a previous meeting." Moderator Pinson asked Bro. Frazier to read the proposed changes a second time in conforming to the Constitution. After the reading Pinson indicated this would be tabled until the next meeting.

**Committee Appointments:** Moderator Pinson appointed two committees: Credentials, and Resolutions. Membership was as follows: Brothers Billy Adams and Ken Gibson and Sis. Pam Roberts were appointed to the Credentials Committee; Sis. Janet Jordan, Rev. Talmadge Worsley and Bro. Emory Richardson was appointed to the Resolutions Committee. Moderator Pinson then called for a fifteen-minute recess to afford the committees time to complete their work.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Moderator Pinson called the meeting back to order and elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the fourth quarter of 1997. Brother Frazier gave an update on State Board of Christian Education efforts and Rev. Roger Russell reported State 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.

**Executive Secretary / Treasurer Report:** Rev. William Smith reported progress of his personal move, State office move to Colquitt, our hosting the National Association in Atlanta in 1999, coop giving in 1997, Acts 1:8 plan to support Georgia Missionaries, Retirement Fund for Georgia pastors, Waid's retirement gift (over \$12,000 to date), Promotional Bulletin's new format and division of responsibilities and the progress in selling the North Fayette Property.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Bro. Ken Gibson in reporting for the committee, related the following statistics: Standing delegates (25); Ministers (11); Ministers' Wives (8); Deacons (14); Deacons' Wives (13); Visitors (4); Churches reporting (9); Churches with delegates (10); Total present (92); Martin Church Membership (active) (549); Quarterly fees total (\$355.50), Benevolent Fund total (\$691.00) and National Association fees (\$175.00). (Note: See Financial Report for additional January receipts.) Attendance banner was awarded to Hebrew for highest percent present and to New Salem for highest number present.

**Resolution Committee Report:** Rev. Talmadge Worsley read the following resolutions: Be it resolved ...

1. The Martin Association support our new Georgia State Association of Free Will Baptists' Executive / Secretary - Rev. William Smith.

2. To give a rising vote of thanks to the Colquitt Church congregation for their hospitality in hosting the Martin Association Quarterly Meeting.

The body approved both resolutions. Moderator Pinson asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Colquitt church.

**Ministerial Ordination Questionnaire:** At the previous session Colquitt Church submitted a proposed draft questionnaire for review, designed to afford consistency in ministers' ordination process. Copies were distributed to the body. Moderator Pinson indicated that his manuscript relating to this problem had been approved and would be in print soon. Subsequently, the Colquitt Church withdrew its request for the Association to review the questionnaire for possible adoption.

**Program Committee Report on Constitutional Change:** Rev. Roger Russell reported the program committee's recommendation to move all four Association meetings to the first Saturday in each quarter: January, April, August and October. He then put the committee's recommendation in the form of a motion. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Rev. Russell then read the recommended Association program changes for 1998 based on the constitutional change. This recommendation was presented in the form of a motion, seconded and approved by the body.

**Merging of Fellowship Fund:** Rev. Russell reported a balance of \$311.00 in the Fellowship Fund. He suggested we merge this fund with the General Fund. He put this in the form of a motion, which was seconded and carried. He also proposed the possibility of disbanding the Fellowship Meeting as a result of poor attendance. After discussing this issue, Moderator Pinson asked the assembly to think and pray about this until the next session.

**Offering to Rev. Ursery and FWBBC:** Rev. Russell indicated the Association's treasury balance was over \$1000.00. He suggested we give a \$250.00 love offering to Rev. Ursery and a \$250.00 offering to FWBBC to be delivered by the college's "Preacher Boys" who would be in our area on Sunday, February 8. This suggestion was put into a motion which was seconded and passed.



**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Bro. Tully led in a congregational hymn. Special music was provided by an impromptu quartet who sang an excellent rendition of "Just a little talk with Jesus". Brothers Rod Brewer and Herbert Boyd served as ushers in collecting the offering of \$94.50. Rev. Ronald Wallace preached a very informative message from 1 Kings Chapter 18 on two types of prayer results: some answered, some not answered and the reasons for each. The women of Colquitt Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

### MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

January 1998

#### MARTIN FELLOWSHIP FUND

Balance end of October	\$ 311.20
Receipts (none)	
Expenditures (none)	
Balance in January	\$ 311.20

#### GENERAL FUND

Balance on hand end of October	\$1084.00
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#### RECEIPTS

State Association for benevolence	173.84
Benevolence from churches	691.00
Dues from churches	355.50
Refund from State Office for overpayment of dues	165.00
Churches for National dues	175.00
Offering at January Meeting	94.50
Total of balance and receipts	\$2738.84

#### EXPENDITURES

State Assoc. for National dues	\$ 175.00
Love gift to Rev. James Ursrey	250.00
Gift to F.W.B. Bible College	250.00
Automat Printers for minutes	662.50
Moderator and Clerk	30.00

New checks from Check Gallery	6.20
Benevolence gifts	983.65
State Association co-op	77.35
State dues	15.00
U.S. Postal Service for stamps	6.40

Total Expenditures \$2456.09

General Fund Balance \$ 282.75

Total of General and Martin Fell. Funds \$ 593.95

### MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Second Quarterly Session April 4, 1998

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Corinth Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, " Love Lifted Me " lead by Rev. Russell and accompanied by Sister Regina Sauls at the piano. Rev. Talmadge Worsley led in prayer. Brother Lynn Frazier extended the welcome to those in attendance. Brother Frank Newberry responded to the welcome. Brother Scott Roberts presented a devotional based on I Thessalonians 4:17

**Opening Activities:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matt Pinson. 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. Minutes of the previous 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:** Moderator Pinson appointed two committees: Credentials and Resolutions. Membership was as follows: Brothers Gerald Kirkland, and Billy Adams and Sister

Diane Bellflower were appointed to the Credentials Committee. Sister Ethyl Newberry, Rev. Lewis Williams and Brother Gary Enfinger were appointed to the Resolutions Committee. Moderator Pinson also asked the Ordaining Council to meet in regard to Hebrew Church's request for Rev. Andy Merritt to be received into the Martin Association. Moderator Pinson then called for a fifteen-minute recess to afford time for the committees to complete their work.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the second quarter. Brother Frazier gave an update on Board of Christian Education efforts and Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress. Rev. Walter Daniels related that the Board of Trustees had not met during the past quarter. These two oral reports were received as information. Sister Vonnie Calhoun reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress, which was also received as information.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Brother Billy Adams related the following statistics: Standing delegates (24); Ministers (11); Ministers' Wives (9); Deacons (13); Deacons' Wives (9); Visitors (4); Churches reporting (12) Churches with delegates (11); total present (90); Martin Church Membership reported (601); Quarterly fees total (\$ 300) and the Benevolent Fund totaled (\$646). Attendance banners were awarded to Hebrew Church for the highest percent present and New Salem Church for highest number present.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** Brother Enfinger presented the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

A. We pray for our school systems, students and faculty in view of increased violence.

B. We as a church body be more faithful to God.

C. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth 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 three resolutions. Moderator Pinson asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth Church.

**Ordaining Council:** Council members Rev. Willie Dawson, Rev. Talmadge Worsley and Rev. Walter Daniels made the following statement: "We recommend Rev. Andy Merritt for full fellowship

in the Martin Association pending a letter of good standing from the Midway Association."

**Roll Call Sunday:** Moderator Pinson indicated the procedure to collect roll call Sunday attendance had been changed by the National Executive Office. Churches are to submit their enrollment to the Moderator rather than the Clerk. Pinson asked churches to give him their attendance data during the recess.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Roger Russell led in song. Next the Conference offering was collected. Then Brother Mark Worsley provided special music, "Thank You" and delivered an inspiring message from Matt. Chapter 13, "Building My Church on Jesus." After the worship service, Moderator Pinson asked for church announcements. Reverend Walter Baxley prayed the dismissal prayer. The women of Corinth Church served a bountiful meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

April 1998

Balance end of January	\$ 282.75
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### RECEIPTS

From the Martin Fellowship Fund	311.20
Benevolence from churches	646.00
Dues from churches	300.00
Benevolence from State Office	134.20
Offering from April meeting	129.00
Total receipts	\$1520.40
<b>Total Money On Hand and Receipts</b>	<b>\$1803.15</b>

### EXPENDITURES

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
Five Benevolence checks of \$185.14	925.70
State Office for co-op	38.50
State Office for dues	15.00
U.S. Postal Service for stamps	6.40
Total Expenditures	\$1015.60



Balance on Hand End of April	
Money on hand	\$1803.15
Expenditures	<u>1015.60</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	\$ 787.55

### MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Third Quarterly Session August 1, 1998

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Donalsonville Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "Love Lifted Me" led by Brother LeJoy Hagler and accompanied by Sister Vina Rathel at the piano. Brother LeJoy Hagler extended the welcome to those in attendance. Sister Margaret Daniels responded to the welcome. Sister Lillian Rogers presented a challenging devotional based on the book of Jude.

**Opening Activities:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matt Pinson. 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. Minutes of the second 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:** Moderator Pinson appointed four committees: Credentials, Resolutions, Nominating and Program. Membership was as follows: Rev. Walter Daniels, Brother Timmy Bellflower and Sister Ethel Newberry were appointed to the Credentials Committee. Sister Edna Hagler, and Brothers Billy Adams and Herbert Boyd were appointed to the Credentials Committee. Brothers David Richardson and Robert Tully and Sister Pam Roberts were appointed to the Nominating Committee. Rev. Andy Merritt, Brothers Lynn Frazier and Charles Grimes and Sister Veda Bellflower were appointed to serve on the Program Committee. The

later two Committees were to report their recommendations at the next Quarterly Meeting. Moderator Pinson called for a fifteen-minute recess to afford the Credentials and Resolutions Committees time to complete their work.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the third quarter. Brother Frazier indicated the Board of Christian Education had not met during the past quarter. Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress. Rev. Walter Daniels related that the Board of Trustees had not met during the past quarter. Camp Board representative was not in attendance. 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:** Brother Herbert Boyd related the following statistics: Standing delegates (20); Ministers (11); Ministers' Wives (11); Deacons (9); Deacons' Wives (8); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (12) Churches with delegates (11) Total present (86); Martin Church Membership reported (601); Quarterly fees total (\$ 330.50), National dues total (\$125.00) and the Benevolent Fund totaled (\$830.35). Attendance banners were awarded to Hebrew Church for the highest percent present and Donalsonville Church for highest number present.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** The following resolutions were presented by Brother Walter Daniels for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

- A. We develop and support stronger Church visitation programs.
- B. We continue to support the resolutions made during past quarters.
- C. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Donalsonville 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 three resolutions. Moderator Pinson asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Donalsonville Church.

**General Information:** Rev. Pinson reported on the National Association meeting. He indicated a good meeting with a minimal amount of dissention. He indicated a number of men from the National Offices would be retiring and asked for prayer that God's

will would be done in their replacements. He also announced that the State Office had reprinted Rev. Dodd's book "The Handbook for New Church Members". Brother Frazier called attention to Rev. Pinson's new book "A Free Will Baptist Handbook" written to help the reader understand where we came from, what we believe, what God has done through us in the past, and what He is doing through us today. He also mentioned the Colquitt Church would be hosting a time to meet the author and get an autographed copy.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Bro. LeJoy Hagler led in the congregational hymn "I Heard An Old, Old Story". Sister Clarice Holman sang the hymn entitled "The Longer I Serve Him" and Sister Vina Rathel sang "Oh What A Savior". Rev. Rollin Rathel filled the pulpit during the worship hour. After the worship service, Moderator Pinson conducted the conference offering and then asked for church announcements. The women of the Donalsonville Church served a wonderful meal. The food and Christian fellowship was an event to be remembered.

#### MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

August 1998

**Balance on hand the end of April**                      **\$ 787.55**

#### RECEIPTS

Late letter from Church	78.00
Dues from churches	455.50
Benevolence from churches	707.00
Benevolence from State Office	123.35
Offering from the Meeting	132.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$1495.86</u>
<b>Total money on hand and receipts</b>	<b>\$2283.40</b>

#### EXPENDITURES

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 30.00
Five Benevolence checks of \$209.56	1047.80
State Office for co-op	78.05
State Office for dues, State and National	140.00
U.S. Postal Service for stamps	<u>32.00</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$1327.85</b>

#### Balance on Hand End of August

Money on hand	\$2283.40
Expenditures	1327.85
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$ 955.55</b>

#### MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS Fourth Quarterly Session October 17, 1998

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Hebrew Church at 9:30 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "The Longer I Serve Him" led by Brother Billy Adams and accompanied by Sister Regina Sauls at the piano. Brother Billy Adams extended the welcome to those in attendance. Rev. Talmadge Worsley responded to the welcome. Brother Herbert Boyd presented the devotional.

**Opening Activities:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator, Matt Pinson. 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. 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:** Moderator Pinson appointed three committees: Credentials, Resolutions and Obituary. Membership was as follows: Brothers Ken Gibson and Billy Roland were appointed to the Credentials Committee. Rev. Andy Merritt, Sister Paula Cobb and Brother Harvey Cox were appointed to the Resolutions Committee. Rev. Bill Robinson, Sisters Scarborough Scott and Annie L. Wells were asked to serve on the Obituary Committee. The Ordaining Council was also asked to meet in regard to Rev. William Smith being received back into the Martin Association. The Program and Nominating Committees were also asked to meet and finalize their reports. Moderator Pinson then called for a fifteen-minute recess to afford time for the committees to complete their

work.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the second quarter. Brother Frazier indicated he was not able to attend the last Board of Christian Education meeting because of his heart attack. Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress. Rev. Walter Daniels related that the Board of Trustees had not met during the past quarter. The Board of Camping representative was not in attendance. These two oral reports were received as information. Sister Melinda Pinson reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress, which was also received as information. Credentials Committee Report: Brother Billy Adams related the following statistics: Standing delegates (15); Ministers (8); Ministers' Wives (7); Deacons (7); Deacons' Wives (7); Visitors (1); Churches reporting (11) Churches with delegates (11) Total present (61); Martin Church Membership reported (843); Quarterly fees total (\$455.00) and the Benevolent Fund totaled (\$707.00). Attendance banners were awarded to Corinth Church for the highest percent present and Hebrew Church for highest number present.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** The following resolutions were presented by the Committee for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

- A. We should be very vocal in sharing our opinion about the moral decline of our nation and some of our political leaders.
- B. To pray for our nation's leaders.
- C. We gather the unchurched children from our church communities into our churches so they may have the opportunity to learn about salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- D. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Hebrew 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. Moderator Pinson asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Hebrew church.

**Ordaining Council Report:** Rev. Walter Daniels made the following statement: "We recommend Rev. William Smith for full fellowship in the Martin Association pending a letter of good standing from the Midway Association."

**Program Dates For 1999:** After considerable discussion, a motion

was made to set the 1999 Quarterly Session Meeting dates on the Saturday after the first Sunday of each quarter. This motion was passed by the conference unanimously. Moderator Pinson asked the body to study this approach carefully for problems. If this system for setting the Quarterly Session Meeting dates proves to be a viable approach, a Constitutional change would be in order for the year 2000 meetings.

**General Information:** Rev. William Smith indicated there were 22 FWB churches in Georgia without pastors. He reported the Martin association ranked second in the State in terms of per capita giving. The State giving had increased by 50% as of this date over the past year according to Smith. He stated that Georgia had already paid the \$30,000 fee to sponsor the National Association Meeting. He said our State would be responsible for hospitality and registration at the 1999 National Association Meeting in Atlanta. He also reported progress was slowly being made on the mission project in Atlanta. He also gave a positive report from home missionaries Rev. Ron Wallace and his wife in Alaska. This report was received as information.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Brother Billy Adams led in the congregational hymn "What A Friend We Have In Jesus". Sister Patsy Merritt and the Hebrew choir provided special music. Rev. Andy Merritt delivered a challenging message from the book of Joshua. After the worship service, Moderator Pinson asked for the ushers to collect the conference offering. Then church announcements were called for. After the dismissal prayer and the blessing on the food, the group met in the Fellowship Hall for wonderful food and Christian fellowship.



## MARTIN ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL RECORD

October 1998

Balance on hand end of Aug. \$ 955.55

### RECEIPTS

National and State Church dues	\$ 182.00
Dues from Churches	286.00
Benevolence from churches	522.00
Benevolence from State Office	113.53
Offering from the meeting	<u>126.00</u>

Total Receipts \$1229.53

### EXPENDITURES

Moderator and Clerk	\$ 55.00
Five Benevolence checks of \$164.17	820.85
State Office for co-op	21.70
State Office for dues, State and National	<u>100.00</u>

Total Expenditures \$ 997.55

### SUMMARY BALANCE

Total on hand in October	\$2185.08
Expenditures	<u>\$ 997.55</u>

Balance end of October \$1187.53

## MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION September 12, 1998

The Martin District Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held at Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, September 12. The theme was "Living Sacrifices", based on Romans 12:1-2. Registration began at 9:15 a.m. The session began at 10:00 a.m. The song leader was Thelma Lovering and the pianist, Merri Jordan.

The meeting began with the congregational hymn, "Take My Life, and Let It Be." Margaret Ann Daniels led in prayer. Mandy Roland, representative of Colquitt Woman's Auxiliary, extended everyone a warm welcome. The welcome was acknowledged by Melinda Pinson, President. The group sang "To God Be the Glory." Melinda gave highlights of the 1998 W.N.A.C. Convention held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, with copies pertaining to the event being distributed. We were reminded of the 1999 W.N.A.C. being hosted by our state. Gail Smith, our State President, shared plans for the 1999 Convention and a report on the Provision Closet.

Business opened with the Credentials Report given by Ruth Russell as follows: total auxiliaries reporting - 6; number of members at beginning of year - 64; number of members added - 14; number of members lost - 6; number of members at end of year - 72; total dues paid - \$774.00. Moved, seconded, and carried to receive the Credentials Report. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates. Visitors were recognized and introduced.

Jean Tully, Mission Action Chairperson, gave a report. She encouraged attendance at the Spring Retreat, March 19-20. She gave an update on our peanut jar project for the National in 1999. She urged local auxiliaries to have money-making projects for the National expenses, sharing several ideas. Grace Nix, Mission Study Chairperson, gave a report. No auxiliary had a Bible study, with the exception of two auxiliaries having mini-studies. She has completed the Martin District Auxiliary Address Book and copies were given out. Special thanks was given to Rev. William Smith and Rev. Matt Pinson for their assistance in getting them printed. Grace Nix was given special thanks for taking the responsibility of this project. No report was given in the area of prayer, due to the chairperson's absence and a death in her church family. Annie Lou Wells led in

prayer for this need and other special requests.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's Report. Total designated giving was \$2,161. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. She then gave the Financial Report. Balance in the treasury was \$673.04 (later amended). Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. (The detailed reports are included with the minutes.)

Eudene Boyd gave the Resolutions Committee Report, reading all items. (See enclosed report.) Moved, seconded, and carried to receive report as read. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #1. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #2. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #11, which includes resolutions 3 through 10 collectively. There was discussion on resolution #3. Moved, seconded, and carried, because of #3, to amend the motion and strike the part which reads, "with the District Auxiliary paying \$50 for the printing." Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #12. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #13. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #14. There was discussion on resolution #14, giving a report of the progress that had been made in support of the W.N.A.C. Convention to be held in Atlanta. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #15. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #16. Moved, seconded to adopt resolution #17, thus giving those on our program and the Colquitt Woman's Auxiliary a rising vote of thanks.

Delegates to the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention are: Margaret Ann Daniels and Ruth Russell. Announcements were made. Terra Smith was appointed to serve on our State Nominating Committee.

Thelma Lovering gave the Registration Committee Report. Those attending: Colquitt - 13; Corinth - 0; Mt. Gilead - 4; New Home - 2; New Salem - 3; Thompson - 2; Visitors - 9; total present - 33. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept report. There was a short break. The group sang a hymn, "Take Time to Be Holy." Due to the amendment of resolution #3, the Financial Report was adjusted to show a balance of \$723.04. The attendance award was presented to Mt. Gilead Woman's Auxiliary for having the greatest percentage of their membership present. The minutes were read...moved, seconded and carried to approve.

An offering in the amount of \$61 was received. Special music was rendered by Terra Smith and Debbie Sloan. Ruth Russell introduced our guest speaker. Mrs. June Hersey brought the message on "Six Ways to Be a Living Sacrifice." Final announcements were made. Rachel Horne dismissed in prayer. A covered dish lunch and fellowship were enjoyed in the dining hall immediately following the service.

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention  
First Church, Albany, Georgia - Nov. 12, 1998  
Martin Association Spring Workshop  
Mt. Gilead Church - Thursday, April 22, 1999 - 7 (8) p.m.  
Norman Park Retreat  
March 19-20, 1999  
National Association and W.N.A.C.  
Atlanta, Georgia - July 18-22, 1999

## MARTIN DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

**Treasurer's Annual Report -- Allie M. Richardson, Treasurer  
September 20, 1997 -- September 12, 1998**

Balance in Treasury (9-20-97)	\$ 462.14
Receipts:	
1997-98 Designated Giving	\$2161.00
1997 Convention Offering	83.00
1998 Spring Workshop Offering	77.00
Cookbook Sales	90.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	774.00
Convention Expenses (\$6 per aux.)	36.00
Total Receipts	\$3221.00
Total Available	\$3683.14
Payments:	
Ga. State Woman's Aux. (Desg. Giving)	\$2161.00
Record Books	6.25
Dues to State Convention (10.50 per member)	756.00
Gift for June Hersey	11.85
Travel Expenses for Convention Speaker	25.00
Total Payments	\$2960.10
Balance in Treasury (9-12-98)	\$ 723.04

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

## AUXILIARIES & MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 26	4. New Home - 10
2. Corinth - 8	5. New Salem - 16
3. Mt. Gilead - 5	6. Thompson - 7
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP - 72	



## Designated Giving

1999 Convention in Atlanta.....	\$ 395.00
State Project.....	384.00
Bishops.....	350.00
Griffin.....	345.00
Co-Laborer.....	175.00
Ron Wallace.....	150.00
Alabama Children's Home.....	125.00
Pre-Easter Offering.....	70.00
Russian Mission.....	50.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering.....	25.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	23.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	23.00
Emphasis Offering.....	20.00
Foreign Student Scholarship Fund.....	20.00
Minute Money.....	6.00
Total.....	\$2161.00

## MARTIN DISTRICT WNAC CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. That we adopt the following theme, watchword and song for 1999:  
Theme: "Passing the Torch"; Scripture: II Timothy 2:2; Hymn & Watchword: "Let Me Walk With Thee".
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 Association Minutes.
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 chairperson 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 Chairperson 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 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 continue to help support the Women Nationally Active for Christ Convention which will be held in Atlanta, Ga. in 1999.
15. That the Martin District auxiliary members continue to support our missionaries with the profits from the sale of our cookbooks.
16. That each Auxiliary member give \$5.00 per year (1998-1999) to help meet the expenses of our WNAC Convention to be held in Atlanta in 1999.
17. That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to the Colquitt Woman's Auxiliary for their hospitality today.

## Martin Association Obituary Report - 1998

### COLQUITT

- Brother Abbie Calhoun - B. June 10, 1925 D. May 12, 1998  
 Brother Clifton Carpenter - D. July 19, 1998  
 Sister Calista Coffy - D. March 21, 1998  
 Brother Horace Lovering - B. November 27, 1922 D. October 31, 1997  
 Brother George E. Mears - B. March 26, 1930 D. July 30, 1998  
 Brother Gordon Williams - B. April 11, 1932 D. January 8, 1998

### CORINTH

- Brother Spurgeon North - B. September 25, 1912 D. May 19, 1998  
 Brother Robert Preston - B. February 15, 1917 D. September 9, 1998

### HEBREW

- Sister Thelma Odorn - B. December 26, 1916 D. November 23, 1998

### MOTHERS HOME

- Brother Jody Calhoun - B. 1968 D. January 27, 1998  
 Sister Alice Henry - B. 1929 D. August 7, 1998  
 Brother Gene Josey - B. 1929 D. August 23, 1998

### MT. GILEAD

- Brother James Clayton Boyd - B. April 8, 1918 D. March 24, 1998  
 Brother Virgil Cecil Jones - B. March 13, 1924 D. July 27, 1998

### MT. GLORY

- Sister Nellie Matthews - B. November 20, 1915 D. January 24, 1998

**\* 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

# FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLOUITE	CORINTH	DVILLE	FATHER'S HOME	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS HOME	MT. GILEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	New Home (D.C.)	NEW SALTEN	Thompson	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	5	3	0		1	0	0	0	0	1	7	0		17
Members Added	11	0	0		4	0	3	0	0	1	10	0		29
Members Lost	6	4	0		1	7	8	2	1	2	0			31
Total Members	83	94	28		32	18	104	52	19	131	84	94		739
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	1	1		1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1		15
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1	1		0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0		5
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	2	1		3	2	6	1	0	4	6	8		35
S. S. Enrollment	50	23			20	14		20		50	74	62		313
C. T. S. Enrollment	30	0	0		0	0	0	20	0	0	0	29		79
W. A. Enrollment	30	7	0		15	0	0	5	0	10	0	16		83
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		0
Total Tithes & Offerings	51,700	27,190	23,004		23,769		31,001	24,389		50,541		51,669		283,263
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

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
COLQUITT	Rev. Matt Pinson 114. E. Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-6221	Sis. Thelma Lovering 201 Bremond St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-3549
CORINTH	Rev. Talmadge Worsley Hwy. 45 S. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-6285	Sis. Helen Wiggins 308 W. Tenth Street Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 524-5842
DONALSONVILLE	Rev. Rollin Rathel 401 E. Bush St. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-5188	Sis. Edna Hagler Rt. 1, Box 110-L Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 524-2671
FATHER'S HOME	Rev. Rodney Wisham 1244 Church Rd. Camilla, Ga. 31730	Sis. Patrice Wisham 1244 Church Rd. Camilla, Ga. 31730
HEBREW	Bro. Andy Merritt 63 Old Airport Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31745 758-2451	Sis. Doretha Stewart Rt. 2, Box 149 B2 Donalsonville, Ga. 31745 861-3171
HIGHWAY		Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, Ga. 31725 246-1978
MOTHERS HOME	Rev. Bobby Whittaker 972 Brinson Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-3051	Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams-Powell Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 246-7735



MT. GILEAD	Rev. Walter Baxley P. O. Box 268 Cedar Springs, Ga. 31732 (912) 372-4343	Bro. Timmy Bellflower 236 Hales Landing Rd. Bainbridge, Ga. 31717 246-7839
MT. GLORY	Rev. Willie Dawson Rt. 5, Box 81 Havana, Fl. 32333 (904) 627-3259	Sis. Ethel Newberry Rt. 5, Box 228 Quincy, Fl. 32351 (904) 856-5134
NEW HOME (M. C.)	Rev. James Ursrey 84 Lane Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2330	Bro. Scott Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-5335
NEW HOME (D. C.)	Rev. Benny Cumbie Rt. 2 Climax, Ga. 31734 246-2046	Bro. Wayne T. Scott Rt. 2, Box 1715 Climax, Ga. 31734 246-8685
NEW SALEM	Rev. Roger Russell 73 New Salem Church Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2559	Bobby Richardson Rt. 4, Box 276-C Blakely, Ga. 31723 758-2659
THOMPSON	Rev. Walter Daniels 70 Whites Bridge Rd. Iron City, Ga. 31759 758-3840	Bro. Louie Grimes Whites Bridge Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 31737 758-2102
MARTIN ASSOC.	MODERATOR: Rev. Walter Daniels 70 Whites Bridge Rd. Iron City, Ga. 31759 758-3840	CLERK: Dr. Lynn Frazier 811 Rose Circle Bainbridge, Ga. 31717 246-4078

## 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.**