

# 1999

## Quarterly Sessions

One Hundred Thirteenth Year



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*Free Grace*  
*Free Salvation*

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## Preface

Another year has quietly slipped into eternity. It's gone. We can discuss what we should have done and what we could have done to advance the cause of Christ; but, 1999 is on the eternal books. We need to ask ourselves this question at the end of each year, "how pleased is God with our effort?" Three of our 13 Sunday Schools showed gains in attendance from 1997 to 1998. One church recorded S. S. gain during 1999. (For more information on S. S. comparisons see the graph and narrative after the statistical page.) Of the eight churches that reported tithes and offerings two years in a row the total was up less than half of 1%. Of the churches reporting, collectively we gained one member over the number lost. Most of our churches lost membership during 1999. We had 41% less baptisms last year. One bright note, a church gained 41% in total membership in 1999. Praise the Lord!

This commentary is almost all negative, sorry to say, but this should not discourage us, it should challenge us to do better in the year 2000. How can we do better? What do we need to do? First, let's pray. Ask God to show us where we have not worked very efficiently. Satan would have us spin our wheels on many activities that have very little eternal value. Let's include God in every aspect of our church planning. Plans made within ourselves usually amount to wasted effort. Let's ask Him to help us mobilize our churches to include all of our members in an outreach to our friends, neighbors, co-workers and others. The Great Commission applies to more than just our Pastors. One of our most productive efforts might be in following up on our members who have quietly slipped out of our midst. Don't we need to be reminded of our responsibility to our Christian brothers and sisters?

Let us resolve to ask God to guide us into greater service in the coming year. He has been so good to us in providing the ultimate sacrifice, His Son Jesus Christ. How much have we sacrificed for Him?

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

**1999 – 2000**

## **GENERAL OFFICERS**

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

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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

## **ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Matt Pinson - 2002  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2001  
Rev. Talmadge Worsley - 2000

## **INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Timmy Bellflower - 2002  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2001  
Harvey Cox - 2000

## **REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS**

Board of Camping - Jerry McNease, 2001  
Board of Trustees - Rev. Walter Daniels, 2002  
Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier, 2001  
Board of Missions - Rev. Roger Russell - 2002

# **PROGRAMS**

## **FOR**

### **MARTIN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS**

#### **FIRST SESSION**

New Home (Miller County) - January 8, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Martha Williams  
Response.....Sis. Melinda Pinson  
Devotional.....Bro. Bobby Roberts  
Special Music.....New Home  
Message.....Pastor

#### **SECOND SESSION**

New Salem, April 8, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Gerald Kirkland  
Response.....Sis. Doretha Stewart  
Devotional.....Bro. David Richardson  
Special Music.....New Salem  
Message.....Rev. Roger Russell

#### **THIRD SESSION**

Thompson, July 8, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Margaret Ann Daniels  
Response.....Bro. Timmy Bellflower  
Devotional.....Bro. Gerald Thompson  
Special Music.....Thompson  
Message.....Rev. Walter Daniels

#### **FOURTH SESSION**

Colquitt, October 7, 2000, 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Gary Enfinger  
Response.....Bro. Earl Daniels  
Devotional.....Bro. Robert Tully  
Special Music.....Colquitt  
Message.....Rev. Matt Pinson

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

– *Minutes* –

## Fourth Quarterly Session

October 9, 1999

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the New Home (Decatur County) Church at 9:30 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn led by Brother Howard Scarborough and accompanied by Sister Cumbie at the piano. After prayer by Rev. Jamie Florence, Brother Steve Allen extended the welcome to those in attendance. Brother Earl Daniels responded to the welcome. Brother Randall Forrest presented the devotional.

**Business Session:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniels. 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 of 1999 were read and approved with corrections. Financial report for the third session 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 Daniels appointed Program and Nominating Committees as follows: Billy Adams, Herbert Boyd, and Claude Newsome were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Jean Tully, Scarborough Scott and Regina Sauls were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Three reports were given by elected State Board Members. Brother Jerry McNease reported on Camp Board progress. The advantages and disadvantages of purchasing a campsite were discussed. The Association voted to go on record opposing the purchase of a campsite at this time. Rev. Roger Russell reported Mission Board progress and Dr. Frazier reported on Christian Education Board's progress. He indicated the Board has established a committee to look into the possibility of establishing several Bible Institutes across the State. Sister Melinda Pinson reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress. She announced the officers for the coming year. (See the September 11, 1999 minutes of the Woman's Auxiliary report for the slate of officers for 2000.)

**Credentials Committee Report:** Brother Boyd related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30); Ministers (8); Ministers' Wives (9); Deacons (11); Deacons' Wives (6); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (11); Churches with delegates (10); Total present (90); Martin Church Membership reported (645); Quarterly fees total (\$346.00); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$1244.00); and the General Offering was (\$86.45). Attendance banners were awarded to the Highway Church for the highest percent present and to the New Home (D.C.) Church for highest number present.

**Recess:** Moderator Daniels called for a 20 minute recess so the Committees could complete their work.

**Completion of Business:** Moderator Daniels called the meeting back to order. Brother Howard Scarborough opened this session with a congregational hymn accompanied by Sister Cumbie on the piano. Moderator Daniels called for the Resolutions Committee Report.

**Resolution Committee Report:** Sister Sauls read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

A. That we continue to support our Georgia Missionaries and other Missionaries.

B. That we faithfully minister to our elderly and shut-ins through visitation, prayer and assistance.

C. That we continue to use II Chronicles 7:14 as our theme verse: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land."

D. We give a rising vote of thanks to the New Home (D.C.) 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 Daniels asked for a rising vote of thanks to the New Home (D.C.) church for their hospitality.

**General Information:** Rev. Matt Pinson reviewed the advantages and disadvantages of changing the name of the Free Will Baptist Bible College. After discussing this issue, the Association voted to recommend the name be changed to Palmer College. The Association asked the clerk to draft a letter indicating our vote and forward this to each FWB Bible College Trustee Board member. A second request of clerk was that he draft a letter and send it to the churches that were not represented at this Quarterly Meeting, encouraging them to attend the next meeting in January. Rev. Pinson indicated that Sis. Elise Williams had been added as a recipient of the benevolent fund. Rev. Roger Russell said the Association had enough surplus to give a love offering of \$250.00 to Rev. Ursrey. This suggestion was translated to a motion which was seconded and carried unanimously.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Bro. Scarborough led a congregational hymn accompanied by Sis. Cumbie on the piano. After New Home's special music "The Lord Is My Life" sung by Bro. and Sis. Gerald Cumbie and Rev. Pinson's hymn "Each Step I Take", Rev. Cumbie preached on the subject "God's Elisha".

After the worship service, Moderator Daniels asked Rev. Cumbie for information regarding the lunch and to pray for the food. The women of New Home (D.C.) Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.



# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

– *Minutes* –

## Third Quarterly Session

July 10, 1999

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Mt. Gilead Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "When We All Get To Heaven" led by Rev. Roger Russell and accompanied by Rev. Matt Pinson at the piano. After prayer by Rev. Willie Dawson, Rev. Bill Robinson extended the welcome to those in attendance. Rev. Roger Russell responded to the welcome. Bro. Herbert Boyd presented a devotional from Proverbs 18:4 reminding us of "The Friend That Sticks Closer Than a Brother".

**Business Session:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniels. 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 first and second sessions of 1998 were read and approved without corrections. Financial report for the second session 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. Bro. Boyd suggested the Association consider increasing the church fee for the Benevolent Fund by \$1.00 during the fourth quarter of 1999, to help the retired ministers and minister's widows during the Christmas holiday. This increase in the Benevolent Fund was to be done on a one-time trial basis. Moderator Daniels asked Bro. Boyd to put this suggestion into a motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**Committee Appointments:** Moderator Daniels appointed Program and Nominating Committees as follows: Program Committee - Sisters Patsy Merritt, Martha Williams and Barbara Kirkland; Nominating Committee - Rev. Andy Merritt, Bros. Gerald Thompson and Ken Gibson. Billy Adams, Herbert Boyd, and Earl Daniels were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Lillian Gibson, Scarborough Scott and Regina Sauls were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Moderator Daniels also asked the Ordaining Council to meet in regard to Rev. Jamie Florence's ordination. Rev. Lewis Williams requested that Rev. Matt Pinson serve out the remainder of Rev. James Ursrey's term on the Ordination Council (due to his health problem). Rev. Pinson agreed and the replacement was made by general consent.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** No reports were given by elected State Board members. Sister Melinda Pinson reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress. She announced the next meeting would be held at New Home (M.C.) She also encouraged all of the ladies to attend the National and the Woman's Auxiliary activities planned for them.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Bro. Herbert Boyd related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30); Ministers (12); Minister's Wives (6); Deacons (6); Deacon's Wives (6); Visitors (3); Churches reporting (11); Churches with delegates (10); Total present (89); Martin Church Membership reported (473); Quarterly fees total (\$288.50); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$427.00); and the General Offering collected at the Quarterly Meeting was (\$108.48). Attendance banners were awarded to the Hebrew Church for the highest percent present and to the Mt. Gilead Church for highest number present.

**Rev. Smith's Letter:** Bro. Frazier indicated Rev. William I. Smith Jr.'s letter of transfer from the Midway Association to the Martin Association had been received with him in good standing.

**Recess:** Moderator Daniels called for a 20-minute recess so the Committee could complete their work.

**Completion of Business:** Moderator Daniels called the meeting back to order. Rev. Roger Russell opened this session with a congregational hymn accompanied by Rev. Pinson on the piano. Moderator Daniels called for the Resolutions Committee Report.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** Sis. Sauls read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

A. We gather as many of the unchurched children within our communities into our churches as soon as possible so they may have the opportunity to learn about salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

B. We be more vocal in opposing the many moral issues that face Christians today which are counter to Bible teachings.

C. We adopt the following verse of scripture as our theme this year, "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land" II Chronicles 7:14.

D. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Mt. Gilead 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 Daniels asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Mt. Gilead Church for their hospitality.

**General Information:** Moderator Daniels asked Rev. Pinson for an update on the progress of Georgia hosting the 1999 National Association in Atlanta, Georgia. He also said Georgia is responsible for registration and ushering and volunteers are needed for both activities. Moderator Daniels announced that Bro. Timmy Bellflower had agreed to serve out the remainder of Bro. Billy Bush's term on the Investigating Committee. Sis. Ethel Newberry requested that Mt. Glory be excused

from hosting the next Quarterly Meeting. The Executive Committee recommended that we move to the next church, New Home (D.C.), for the fourth session, pending agreement from the church to do so. This recommendation was put to a vote and approved unanimously. Bro. Frazier was asked to contact Rev. Cumbie to confirm their willingness to assume this responsibility. Rev. Lewis Williams described the surprise he and his wife received at the special prayer meeting for the National Association in regard to the love offering. He explained that the offering was used to pay on medical bills that he and his wife had incurred over a number of years. He expressed their relief from this financial burden and their gratitude for this gesture of Christian love. Bro. Ken Gibson reported a series of successful camp meetings with campers being saved, rededicating their lives to the Lord and making decisions to work for the Lord.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Russell led a congregational hymn accompanied by Rev. Matt Pinson on the piano. After Mt. Gilead's choir presented special music, which reflected a dedicated effort, Rev. Jamie Florence preached from II Timothy 1:5-6 on "How To Keep A Fire Burning." After the offering was collected, Moderator Daniels asked for announcements, and prayer requests.

After the worship service, Moderator Daniels asked Bro. Boyd for information regarding the lunch and prayer for the food. The women of Mt. Gilead Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

— *Minutes* —

## Second Quarterly Session

April 10, 1999

Martin Association of Free Will Baptist convened at the Mothers Home Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with the congregation singing "Standing On The Promises" followed with prayer by Bro. Charles Grimes. After prayer, Bro. Ken Gibson extended a welcome to everyone in attendance. Sis. Elise Williams responded. Sis. Joan Whittaker gave a devotional encouraging everyone to "Be ready". She read scripture from Genesis Chapter 1 relating to God creating the heavens and earth.

**Opening Activities:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Assistant Moderator David Richardson (Moderator Daniels was absent due to sickness). Standing delegates were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and were officially seated with a motion from Rev. Matt Pinson and seconded by Rev. Roger Russell. Minister and minister's wives were recognized, then deacons and deacon's wives were recognized. Two visitors were recognized; Matthew Harlow and Jesse Espinoza.

Minutes of the January session of 1999 were not read because of the absence of the clerk who was called away due to a health emergency in his family. Rev. Roger Russell read the financial report. He reported a balance of \$811.39. The financial report was approved without changes. Roll call of association churches was made and the number of members attending from each church was recorded.

**Committee Appointments:** Appointments were made as follows: Brothers Billy Adams, Herbert Boyd, and Claude Newsome were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Rev. Talmadge Worsley, and Sisters Regina Sauls and Margaret Ann Daniels were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Assistant Moderator Richardson then asked the Ordaining Council to meet. Rev. Matt Pinson was asked to serve on the Ordaining Council in Rev. James Ursrey's place because of his illness.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the past quarter. Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress. Sis. Melinda Pinson announced the Women's Auxiliary Workshop will be held at the Mt. Gilead Church, Thursday, April 22 at 7:00 p.m. These two oral reports were received as information.

**Roll Call:** Colquitt (8); Corinth (4); Donalsonville (0); Fathers Home (0); Hebrew (11); Highway (3); Mothers Home (15); Mt. Gilead (5); Mt. Glory (3); New Home - M.C. (4); New Home - D.C. (0); New Salem (8); Thompson (3). Attendance banners

were awarded to Mothers Home for most present and Hebrew for the highest percent present.

**Recess:** Assistant Moderator Richardson called for a 20-minute recess so the Committees could complete their work.

**Completion of Business:** Assistant Moderator Richardsdson called the meeting back to order. A partial Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Claude Newsome. After Sis. Margaret Ann Daniels gave the Resolutions Committee Report, all in favor of the report were asked to rise to their feet to show approval.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Sis. Brenda McNease led a congregational hymn accompanied by Sis. Joan Whittaker at the piano. After the offering was collected, Rev. Bobby Whittaker delivered the morning message. Information regarding the meal was given followed by the concluding prayer. The women of Mothers Home Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

– *Minutes* –

## First Quarterly Session

January 9, 1999

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Highway Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "At Calvary" led by Bro. Sellars and accompanied by Sis. Daniels at the piano. After prayer, Sis. Scarborough Scott extended the welcome to those in attendance. Bro. Billy Adams responded to the welcome. Bro. Earl Daniels presented a challenging devotional from 1 John 9; and Matthew 6 relating to forgiveness.

**Business Session:** After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniels. 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 fourth session of 1998 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 Daniels suggested we appoint standing members for a term of one year to serve on the Credentials and Resolutions committees. This suggestion was endorsed by general consent. Appointments were made as follows: Brothers Billy Adams, Herbert Boyd, and Claude Newsome were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Edna Hagler, Jeanette Jordan and Regina Sauls were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Moderator Daniels then asked the Credentials Committee to pick up their folder from the Clerk and begin their work.

**State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports:** Elected State Board Members were asked to report activities that had occurred during the past quarter. Bro. Frazier gave an update on Board of Christian Education efforts and asked the Association to review the Bulletin for the dates of activities sponsored by the Board. Rev. Roger Russell reported Home Missions progress relating to the Atlanta mission. Rev. Walter Daniels related the activities of the Board of Trustees in regard to the State Office land and proposed State office. Bro. Jerry McNease reported Camp progress. He explained his work responsibilities at the College required teaching Saturday classes Fall Semester. He said he was in the process of getting a person to substitute for him when he can not attend a Board meeting. Sis. Melinda Pinson reported Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress. These five oral reports were received as information.

**Credentials Committee Report:** Bro. Claude Newsome related the following statistics: Standing delegates (34); Ministers (10); Minister's Wives (7); Deacons

(11); Deacon's Wives (6); Visitors (3); Churches reporting (12); Churches with delegates (11); Total present (68); Martin Church membership reported (577); Quarterly fees total (\$314); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$577); and the General Offering collected at the Quarterly Meeting was (\$111.75). Attendance banners were awarded to the Hebrew Church for the highest percent present and to Highway Church for highest number present.

**Rev. Merritt's Letter:** Bro. Frazier indicated Rev. Andy Merritt's letter of transfer from the Midway Association to the Martin Association had been received with him in good standing.

**Pastor's Meeting:** Rev. Lewis Williams asked all of the ministers to meet with him during the recess.

**Recess:** Moderator Daniels called for a 20-minute recess so the Committees could complete their work.

**Completion of Business:** Moderator Daniels called the meeting back to order. Bro. Sellars opened this session with a congregational hymn. Moderator Daniels called for the Resolutions Committee Report.

**Resolutions Committee Report:** Bro. Frazier, as requested by the Committee, read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

A. We encourage our churches (more than in the past) to not forsake the assembling ourselves together, as we see the day of our Lord approaching.

B. We continue to support the resolutions made during past quarters, especially to gather as many of the unchurched children from our communities into our churches.

C. We reach the lost of all ages, from youth to elderly, at any cost.

D. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Highway 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 Daniels asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Highway Church for their hospitality.

**General Information:** Moderator Daniels asked Rev. Pinson for an update on the progress of Georgia hosting the 1999 National Association in Atlanta, Georgia. He indicated that the National Association being held in Atlanta would give Georgians a chance to attend the National close to home and would be the last chance for a number of years. He asked pastors to encourage attendance from each of our churches. He also said Georgia is responsible for registration and ushering and volunteers are needed for both activities. Rev. Roger Russell suggested that vacations could be planned around the National Association, so children could

observe the outstanding youth of our denomination participating in the many youth activities and hopefully this would inspire them to get involved. Sis. Pinson was asked to review some of the activities the State Women's Auxiliary would be responsible for at the National Association. She mentioned the responsibility for the banquet favors, the "Peanut Jar" project. She also indicated money-making projects are underway to help with the National expense. Rev. Daniels asked for announcements and prayer requests. After a number of announcements and prayer requests, Bro. Earl Daniels was asked to lead in prayer.

**Worship Service:** The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Bro. Sellars led a congregational hymn accompanied by Sis. Daniels on the piano. Bro. Sellars also presented special music. Highway's interim pastor Mike Spooner also played and sang two hymns. Rev. Matt Pinson played the piano for Sis. Henrietta Brown as she sang the concluding special. Wonderful music was sung from the heart for the Glory of the Lord. After the offering was collected, Rev. Talmadge Worsley delivered an inspiring message from Hebrews 10: 19-25, "Our Responsibilities to God". After the worship service, Moderator Daniels asked Bro. Earl Daniels for information regarding the meal. The women of Highway Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

### — *Financial Record* —

#### Register Report

October 31, 1998 through October 12, 1999

BALANCE 10/30/98

\$1,187.53

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/3/98	DEP	From State Office	Benov.	115.00
12/3/98	DEP	Thompson Church	Dues (late)	30.00
12/3/98	DEP	Thompson Church	Benov.	60.00
12/3/98	DEP	New Home D.C.	Dues (late)	42.00
12/3/98	DEP	New Home D.C.	Benov.	84.00
12/3/98	DEP	New Home D.C.	Nat'l. Dues	25.00
1/4/99	683	Automat Printers	Minutes	-609.50
1/4/99	684	Walter Daniels Mod.	Honorarium	-5.00
1/4/99	685	Lynn Frazier	Clerk	-25.00
1/4/99	686	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	-198.01
1/4/99	687	Lewis Williams	Benov.	-198.01
1/4/99	688	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	-198.01
1/11/99	DEP	Martin Association	Offering	111.75
1/11/99	DEP	Martin Association	Church Dues	314.00
1/11/99	DEP	Martin Association	Church Benov.	577.00
1/11/99	DEP	Martin Association	Nat'l. Dues	225.00
1/11/99	691	Ga. State Assoc. of F.W.B.	Co-op	-98.70
1/11/99	689	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	-198.01



Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
1/11/99	690	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	-198.01
1/11/99	691	Ga. State Assoc. F.W.B.	Nat'l. Dues	-225.00
1/11/99	692	U.S. Postal Service	Postage Stamps	-6.64
4/11/99	665	Lynn Frazier	Clerk	-25.00
4/11/99	693	U.S. Postal Service	Postage Stamps	-33.00
4/11/99	694	David Richardson	Honorarium	-5.00
4/19/99	DEP	Martin Association	Offering	86.25
4/19/99	DEP	Martin Association	Dues (late)	383.00
4/19/99	DEP	Martin Association	Benov.	716.00
4/19/99	DEP	Martin Association	Dues (late)	50.00
4/19/99	695	Lynn Frazier	Clerk	-25.00
4/19/99	696	Ga. State Assoc. F.W.B.	Co-op	-107.00
4/19/99	696	Ga. State Office/Benov.	Dues (late)	50.00
4/19/99	697	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	-169.63
4/19/99	698	J. Lewis Williams	Benov.	-169.63
4/19/99	699	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	-169.63
4/19/99	700	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	-169.63
4/19/99	701	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	-169.63
7/10/99	702	Walter Daniels Mod.	Honorarium	-5.00
7/10/99	703	Lynn Frazier	Clerk	-25.00
7/14/99	DEP	Martin Association	Dues	288.50
7/14/99	DEP	Martin Association	Benov.	527.00
7/14/99	DEP	Martin Association	Offering	108.07
7/16/99	704	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	-129.62
7/16/99	705	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	-129.62
7/16/99	706	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	-129.62
7/16/99	707	Lewis Williams	Benov.	-129.62
7/16/99	708	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	-129.62
7/16/99	709	Ga. State Assoc. F.W.B.	Co-op	-30.45
8/16/99	DEP	Martin Association	Benov.	124.20
8/16/99	DEP	Martin Association	Benov.	23.00
8/16/99	DEP	Martin Association	dues	37.50
10/9/99	710	Walter Daniels Mod.	Honorarium	-5.00
10/9/99	711	Lynn Frazier	Clerk	-50.00
10/9/99	712	Matt Pinson	Gifts Given	-40.66
10/12/99	DEP	Dues Martin Association	Church Dues	346.00
10/12/99	DEP	Martin Association	Benov. State	120.00
10/12/99	DEP	Martin Association	Church Benov.	1244.00
10/12/99	DEP	Martin Association	Dues National	225.00
10/12/99	DEP	Martin Association	Offering	86.45
10/12/99	DEP	Martin Association	Dues Minutes	40.00
10/12/99	713	Elise Williams	Benov.	-310.55
10/12/99	714	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	-310.55
10/12/99	715	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	-310.55
10/12/99	716	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	-310.55
10/12/99	717	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	-310.55
10/12/99	718	Rev. James Ursrey	Gifts Given	-250.00
10/12/99	719	Ga. State Assoc. F.W.B.	Co-op	-96.95
10/12/99	720	U.S. Postal Service	Postage Stamps	-6.60
10/12/99	721	Ga. State Assoc. F.W.B.	Dues	-285.00
BALANCE 10/12/99				1127.70
TOTAL INFLOWS				7176.25
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				-6048.55
NET TOTAL				1127.70

# MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

## - Minutes -

September 11, 1999

The Martin District Women's Auxiliary Convention was held at New Home Free Will Baptist Church (Miller County) on Saturday, September 11, 1999. The theme was "Passing the Torch", based on II Timothy 2:2. Registration began at 9:15 a.m. Those serving on the Registration Committee were: Martha Williams, Mary Cox, and Debra Middleton.

The session began at 10:00 a.m. The song leader was Pam Roberts and the pianist, Debra Middleton. The meeting began with the congregational hymn, "To God Be the Glory." Janice Usrey led in prayer. Janice Ursrey, representing New Home, extended a warm welcome. There was another congregational hymn entitled "I Want to Be a Worker." Grace Nix gave highlights of the 1999 W.N.A.C. Convention held in Atlanta, Georgia on July 19-20 and copies were distributed to each lady, giving further details of the event.

President, Melinda Pinson, opened the session for business. Ruth Russell gave the Credentials report: # auxiliaries reporting - 6; # local auxiliaries at beginning of year - 6; # local auxiliaries at end of year - 5; # members at beginning of year - 72; # members added - 11; # members lost - 16; total members at end of year - 67; membership dues paid was \$720.25 (\$10.75 per member). Moved, seconded, and carried to receive the Credentials report. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat delegates. Visitors were recognized and welcomed.

Call for reports from each mission chairperson. Jean Tully gave the Mission Action report. Grace Nix gave the Mission Study report. Due to the chairperson's absence, there was no report on Mission Prayer.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's annual report and the Financial report. Balance in the treasury was \$776.81. Total designated giving was \$2,387.50. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept both reports.

Lisa Houston gave the Resolutions Committee report, reading all 16 resolutions. Moved, seconded, and carried to receive report as read. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #1, adopting the theme and song for the year 2000. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #2. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #11, which includes resolutions 3 through 10 collectively. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #12, calling for more faithfulness in attendance and support of the Auxiliary program. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #13, calling for support from each local Auxiliary to the accounts of the missionaries of their choice. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #14, which is to continue using the profits of cookbook sales to support our missionaries.

Resolution #15 was read and discussed, which resolved that the Martin District Women's Auxiliary change its official name to "Martin Women Active For Christ." This is on the district level only, and each local auxiliary could choose to leave their name as is or to change it accordingly. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt resolution #15. Resolution #16 was read. Moved, seconded, and carried to give New Home Women's Auxiliary, the host church, and those on program a rising vote of thanks.

Martin Association delegate to the Georgia Women Active for Christ Convention on November 18 was Terra Smith. The president would have the authority to appoint others in attendance on that day.

Announcements were made. The Registration Committee report was given by Martha Williams as follows: Colquitt - 6 present; Mt. Gilead - 3 present; New Home - 9 present; New Salem - 5 present; Thompson - 3 present; Visitors - 3; total in attendance - 29. Moved. seconded, and carried to receive report.

Nominating Committee report was given by Gail Everson for the 2000-2001 term, as follows: Mission Action - Jean Tully; Mission Prayer - Christie Florence; Mission Service - Grace Nix; Field Worker - Melinda Pinson; Treasurer - Allie Richardson; Secretary - Pam Roberts; Vice President - Ruth Russell; President - open. There was a move from Gail Everson that this slate of nominees be accepted and a nominee for President be taken from the floor. Seconded and carried. Gail Everson was nominated for President from the floor. There were no other nominations. Move that nominations cease, and that the above slate of officers be elected.

After a short break, the attendance award was presented to New Home Women's Auxiliary. The minutes were read by Pam Roberts. Moved, seconded, and carried to adopt.

The worship service began with several choruses sung by the congregation. An offering was received. The New Home Trio sang "I Surrender All". Pam Roberts introduced the speaker, Karen Rice. Mrs. Rice brought an inspiring, convicting, and challenging message on what is necessary in our lives to be able to pass the torch for Jesus effectively. Following the message Mrs. Rice was presented with a gift from the District Women's Auxiliary. Shirley Kimbrel, from Bellview F.W.B. Church in the Midway District, did the installation for the newly elected officers, followed by a prayer of commitment.

Announcements were made and the meeting dismissed in prayer. Following the service, a covered dish luncheon and fellowship were enjoyed in the fellowship hall.

## WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Georgia Women Active of Christ Convention

First Church, Metter, Georgia - November 18, 1999

Martin Women Active for Christ Workshop

Thompson Free Will Baptist Church - Thursday, April 20, 2000

Georgia Women's Retreat

October of 2000

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

September 12, 1998 --- September 11, 1999

Balance in Treasury (9-12-98) \$ 723.04

#### Receipts:

1998-99 Designated Giving	\$2,387.50
1998 Convention Offering	61.00
1999 Spring Workshop Offering	27.89
Cookbook Sales	30.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	720.25
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary)	30.00
Total Receipts	<u>\$3,256.64</u>
Total Available	<u>\$3,979.68</u>

#### Payments:

GA State Woman's Auxiliary (Designated giving)	\$2,387.50
Dues to State Convention (\$10.50 per member)	703.50
Gift for Henrietta Brown	11.87
Love Offering for Convention Speaker	<u>100.00</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$3,202.87</u>

Balance in Treasury (9-11-99) \$ 776.81

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie M. Richardson, Chairwoman;  
Vonnie Calhoun, Lucille Lane

#### AUXILIARIES AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 29	4. New Salem - 16
2. Mt. Gilead - 5	5. Thompson - 7
3. New Home - 10	

Total Membership - 67

### **Designated Giving**

1999 Convention in Atlanta	\$ 565.00
Griffin	420.00
State Project	384.00
Bishops	360.00
Co-Laborer	180.00
Emphasis Offering	175.50
GA Acts 1:8	100.00
Pre-Thanksgiving Offering	75.00
Alabama Children's Home	50.00
Pre-Easter Offering	25.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund	24.00
Westfield Indian Mission	24.00
Minute Money	<u>5.00</u>

**Total** **\$2,387.50**

### **Martin District Auxiliary Convention Resolutions September 11, 1999**

- 1) That we adopt the following theme and song for 2000:  
Theme: "New Horizons"  
Scripture: Revelations 3:8  
Hymn: "Anywhere with Jesus"  
Emphasis: Opportunities
- 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.
- 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 1st 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 sends \$10.75 per member on roll to the Convention as Convention dues. (\$10.00 National dues, \$.50 State dues, and \$.25 Local dues.)
- 9) That each Auxiliary sends with their dues to the Convention a registration fee of \$6.00 to take or 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 Resolution 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 the Martin District Auxiliary members continue to support our missionaries with the profits from the sale of our cookbooks.
- 15) That whereas the Woman's National Auxiliary Convention has changed its name to Women Nationally Active for Christ, and whereas the Georgia Woman's Auxiliary Convention has changed its name to Georgia Women Active for Christ, and whereas we of the Women of Martin District desire to affirm our unity with our State and National organizations, and whereas we the women of Martin District desire to be "Active for Christ" as a body and as individuals, be it therefore resolved that Martin District Woman's auxiliary change its official name to Martin Women Active for Christ.
- 16) That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to New Home Woman's Auxiliary for their hospitality today.

## **MARTIN ASSOCIATION OBITUARY REPORT - 1999**

### **COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mrs. Willie Mae Debary - b. Oct. 11, 1912 d. June 23, 1999

Rev. J. Lewis Williams - b. June 10, 1934 d. Aug. 14, 1999

### **CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Max Williams - b. Dec. 24, 1952 d. April 19, 1999

Mr. Earl Berry - b. June 1, 1939 d. Sept. 18, 1999

### **HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Marquis Shelly - b. Feb. 8, 1913 d. July 8, 1999

### **HIGHWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

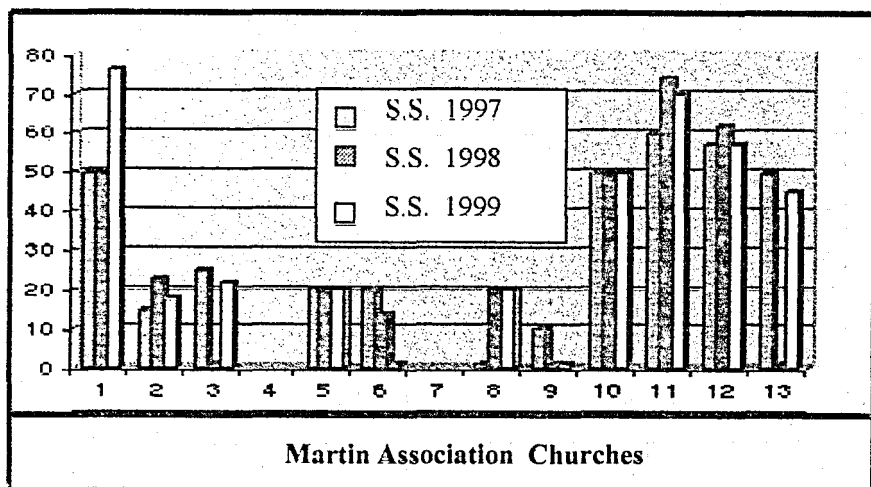
Mrs. Willie Mae Mills - b. d. Oct. 22, 1998

# FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLQUITT	CORINTH	D'VILLE	FATHERS HOME	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS HOME	MT. GILEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	New Home (D.C.)	NEW SALEM	THOMPSON	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms	5	0		0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	10
Members Added	10	1		0	1	0	1	6	0	0	5	0	2	26
Members Lost	4	2		0	2	1	2	0	0	9	3		2	25
Total Members	127	93		25	31	15	98	52	15	120	72	94		742
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1		1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	15
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1		0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	2		1	3	2	6	1	0	4	6	8	3	38
S. S. Enrollment	76	18		22	20	0	0	20	0	50	70	57	45	378
C. T. S. Enrollment	46	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	30	105
W. A. Enrollment	30	0		0	15	0	0	5	0	10	0	16	7	83
M. M. Enrollment	0	0		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	55,795	24,790		19,126	24,897		35,301	27,980		45,406		51,669	52,735	337,699
Value of all Church Prop.	350,000	150,000			72,700	60,000	272,000	185,000		260,000	180,000	200,000	250,000	1,979,700



## COMPARISON OF SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT 1997 - 1999



**Figure 1 - Martin Association Churches 1-13\***

*\*Note: A zero indicates no data was received on the yearly report, rather than zero enrollment.*

Figure 1 illustrates Sunday School data for three years - 1997, 1998, and 1999. Three churches, 2, 11, and 12 recorded gain in S.S. attendance from 1997 to 1998, with a percent increase of 53%, 23%, and 26% respectively. Only one church showed a gain in S.S. attendance from 1998 to 1999 which was 52%. The names of specific churches was not recorded, because the purpose of the graph is to help us get an overview of our progress rather than embarrass specific churches. Some are holding their own, others lost membership. We do not collect information on the different age groups enrolled in our church Sunday Schools. Consequently, our Quarterly Association does not know whether we are gaining or losing our youth, young adults, or our older adult members. We may want to consider collecting more detailed S.S. information. Accurate information is always needed to make good decisions in improving our effectiveness in service to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Will we be held accountable for the way we conduct His work?

# **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, July, and October on Saturday following the first Sunday of these months. 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 right to administer its own government without interference from any higher body, being under Christ 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 September 1st 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 Woman's 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
<b>COLQUITT</b>	Rev. Matt Pinson 114 E. Bremond St. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-6221	Sis. Thelma Lovering 201 Bremond St. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-3549
<b>CORINTH</b>	Rev. Talmadge Worsley Hwy. 45 S. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-6285	Sis. Helen Wiggins 308 W. Tenth St. Donalsonville, GA 31745 524-5842
<b>DONALSONVILLE</b>	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
<b>FATHERS HOME</b>	Rev. Rodney Wisham 1244 Church Rd. Camilla, GA 31730	Bro. John E. Wisham, Jr. 1260 Church Rd. Camilla, GA 31730
<b>HEBREW</b>	Rev. Andy Merritt 63 Old Airport Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2451	Sis. Doretha Stewart Rt. 2, Box 149 B2 Donalsonville, GA 31745 861-3171
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, GA 31725 246-1978
<b>MOTHERS HOME</b>	Rev. Bobby Whittaker 972 Brinson Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-3051	Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams-Powell Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 246-7735

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>MT. GILEAD</b>	Rev. Jamie Florence	Bro. Timmy Bellflower 236 Hales Landing Rd. Bainbridge, GA 31717 246-7839
<b>MT. GLORY</b>		Sis. Ethel Newberry Rt. 5, Box 228 Quincy, FL 32351 (904) 856-5134
<b>NEW HOME (M.C.)</b>	Rev. Charles Powell 84 Lane Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2330	Bro. Scott Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-5335
<b>NEW HOME (D.C.)</b>	Rev. Benny Cumbie Rt. 2 Climax, GA 31734 246-2046	Bro. Wayne T. Scott Rt. 2, Box 1715 Climax, GA 31734 246-8685
<b>NEW SALEM</b>	Rev. Roger Russell 73 New Salem Church Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2559	Bro. Bobby Richardson Rt. 4, Box 276-C Blakely, GA 31723 758-2659
<b>THOMPSON</b>	Rev. Walter Daniels 70 Whites Bridge Rd. Iron City, GA 31759 758-3840	Bro. Louie Grimes Whites Bridge Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2102
<b>MARTIN ASSOC.</b>	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.**