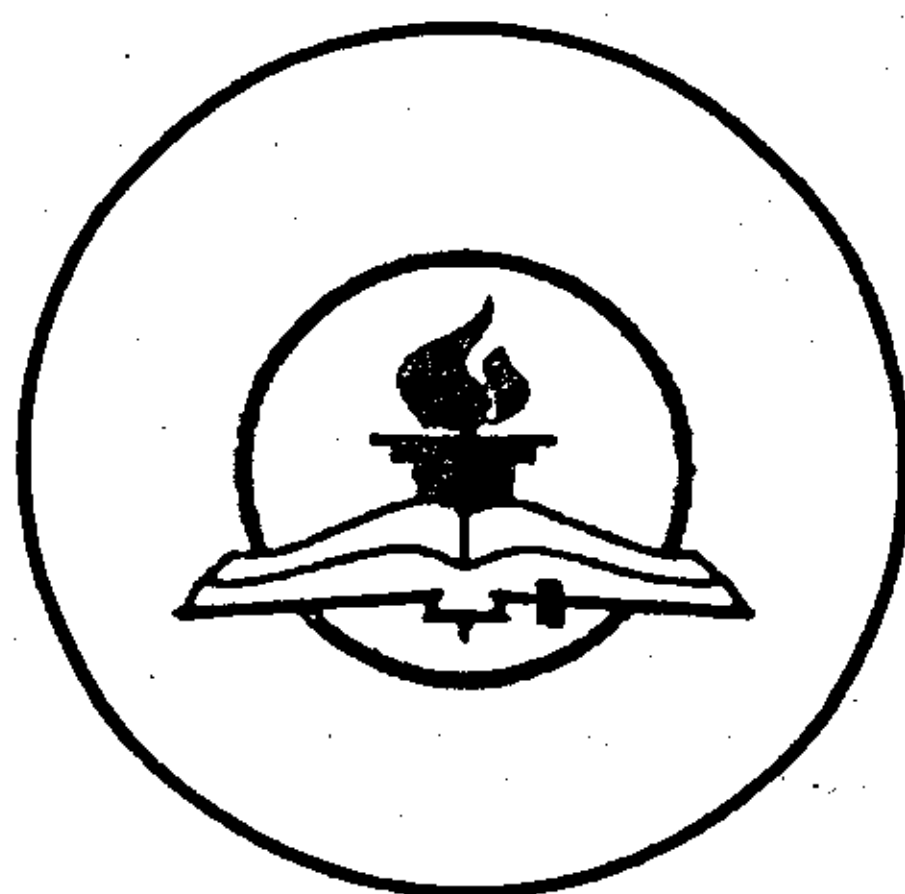


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Quarterly Sessions

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Preface

Thank you for the opportunity to have served as your clerk for the past four years. Hopefully my effort has pleased the Lord. I have tried to conduct my effort in a professional way for your Association. I appreciate the recognition you gave me at the fourth Quarterly Meeting. Please pray the Lord's Will be done as I try to help establish the Bible Institutes.

My prayer is that the effort to gather and report basic statistical data in regard to our Sunday Schools has raised our awareness of a serious problem in our Association. A very large percent (59%) of our Sunday School students are adults. Very small numbers of young students are attending the various grade levels. Please see Figure 1. on page 27 that shows the percent of students per class in the nine Churches that reported data.

What does this tell us about the future of our churches?

The Barna research group has collected data for two years that may shed some light on things we might do to improve our Churches. This information emphasizes that the unchurched are not looking for a different style of sermon, music or if an offering is taken. There are seven things they are looking for. See page 29 to get an idea of what Barna's research indicates.

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

2000 - 2001

GENERAL OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Daniels
Rev. Charles Powell
Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Rev. Roger Russell
Billy Roland
Gary Enfinger

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Talmadge Worsley - 2003
Rev. Matt Pinson - 2002
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2001

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2003
Timmy Bellflower - 2002
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2001

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

Corinth - January 13, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Lucille Lane
Response.....Bro. Roscoe Daniels
Devotional.....
Special Music.....Corinth
Message.....Bro. Lynn Frazier

SECOND SESSION

Donalsonville - April 7, 2001 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Lajoy Hagler
Response.....Sis. Margaret Ann Daniels
Devotional.....Sis. Lillian Rodgers
Special Music.....Donalsonville
Message.....Rev. Rollin Rathel

THIRD SESSION

Hebrew - July 7, 2001 - 10 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Joe Riddlehoover
Response.....Bro. Jerry McNease
Devotional.....Bro. Billy Adams
Special Music.....Hebrew
Message.....Rev. Andy Merritt

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Mothers Home - October 13, 2001 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Ken Gibson
Response.....Bro. Herbert Boyd
Devotional.....Bro. Rod Brewer
Special Music.....Mother's Home
Message.....Rev. Bobby Whittaker

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

First Quarterly Session

January 8, 2000

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the New Home (M.C) Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with a congregational hymn led by Brother Scott Roberts, followed with prayer by Rev. Andy Merritt. After prayer, Sister Martha Williams extended a welcome to those in attendance. Sister Melinda Pinson responded. Brother Bobby Roberts gave a devotional from Luke 12 entitled, "Bind the Strong Man."

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 session of 2000 were read and approved with one correction. Financial report for the first 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 two committees as follows: Sister Margaret Daniels, Brothers Earl Daniels and Claude Newsome were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Lillian Gibson, Patsy Merritt and Jean Tully were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee. Moderator Daniels also asked the Ordaining Council to meet in regard to receiving Reverend Charles Powell into the Martin Association.

State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports: Brother Frazier reported the Board of Christian Education met on November 20, 1999 immediately following the State Meeting. The major topic of discussion was the proposed plan for establishing Bible Institutes across the State. Brother Frazier said a 25-page planning document was distributed at the last meeting for review. He gave an abbreviated review of the plan and asked if the Association agreed with the general concept. Brother Matt Pinson suggested we vote on the issue. There was unanimous approval. Brother Frazier indicated he would make the Board aware of the Martin Association's very

positive response to the possibility of establishing Bible Institutes in the State.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Boyd related the following statistics: Standing delegates (18); Ministers (8); Ministers' Wives (8); Deacons (13); Deacons' Wives (9); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (11); Churches with delegates (11); Total present (58); Martin Church Membership reported (504), Quarterly fees total (\$377.50); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$557.00); and the General Offering collected at the Quarterly Meeting was (\$115.00). Attendance banners were awarded to the Highway Church for the highest percent present and to the New Home (M.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 Scott Roberts opened this session with a congregational hymn. 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. We to keep II Chronicles 7:14 as our key 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."

B. We win the lost at any cost by increasing our outreach to those who do not know the Lord.

C. We visit the shut-ins and elderly regularly, encouraging them in the Lord.

D. We support our missionaries through prayer in the year 2000.

E. We give New Home (M. C.) Church congregation a rising

vote of thanks for their effort in hosting the Quarterly Association.

These resolutions were adopted as a whole, then voted on as separate entities. The body approved all five resolutions. Moderator Daniels asked for a rising vote of thanks to the New Home (M.C.) Church for their hospitality.

Ordaining Council: The Ordaining Council recommended that Reverend Charles Powell be accepted into the Martin Association pending a letter of transfer from the Northern Quarterly Cumberland Association of Tennessee.

State Meeting Delegates: Moderator Daniels asked for volunteers to represent the Association at the State Meeting in March. Brother Ken Griffin indicated he would serve. Without other volunteers, Moderator Daniels indicated our other two delegates would be appointed as Martin Association members arrive for the State Meeting.

General Information: Moderator Daniels asked Rev. Pinson for an update on the State Meeting. He reported good preaching. There was a spontaneous response to Rev. Pinson's request for financial help with the establishment of the official Free Will Baptist professional journal relating to Christian studies in the amount of \$1160.00. He also indicated the effort to establish term limits for State board officers was defeated. He reminded the assembly that the next State Meeting is March 16-18, 2000, which will establish the new month for the yearly State Meeting.

Reverend Russell indicated the Association has enough in the treasury to award the Free Will Baptist Bible College "Preacher Boys" \$250.00 to help defray their expenses in traveling to Georgia. This suggestion was translated to a motion, which passed unanimously.

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Brother Scott Roberts led a congregational hymn. After special music was presented by the New Home (M.C.) Church and the offering was collected, Reverend Charles Powell delivered the message from God's Holy Word.

After the worship service, Moderator Daniels asked Reverend Powell for

information regarding the lunch and also asked him to give thanks for the food. The women of New Home (M.C.) Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

Respectively submitted,
Lynn Frazier, Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Second Quarterly Session

April 8, 2000

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the New Salem Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with a congregational singing led by Rev. Roger Russell and accompanied by Sister Sue Mock on the piano and Sister Ruth Russell on the organ. Rev. Talmadge Worsley prayed the opening prayer. Brother Gerald Kirkland extended a welcome to everyone in attendance. Sister Doretha Stewart responded. Brother Jerald Kirkland presented the devotional from Matthew 22:36 entitled, "Which is the greatest commandment?"

Opening Activities: The meeting was called to order by Moderator Daniels. Ministers and ministers' wives were asked to stand, followed by deacons and deacons' wives. These were recognized as standing delegates. Elected delegates were also asked to stand. These were officially seated with a motion and second. Minutes of the January session of 2000 were read and approved as read. 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. The roll call was as follows: Colquitt (8); Corinth (2); Donalsonville (0); Fathers Home (0); Hebrew (5); Highway (4); Mothers Home (1); Mt. Gilead (2); Mt. Glory (2); New Home - M.C. (6); New Home - D.C. (0); New Salem (21); Thompson (6); and one visitor was in attendance.

Committee Appointments: These were made as follows: Sister Margaret Daniels and Brothers Earl Daniels and Claude Newsome were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Patsey Merritt, Beverly Richardson and Pam Roberts were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

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. Brother Frazier reported Board of Christian Education progress. He indicated the Board's Bible Institute Committee had developed a questionnaire to get an idea of the most convenient times and evenings during the week for stu-

dents in the Martin Association to meet. He also indicated there was a proposed one-year and two-year curriculum of courses on the back of the questionnaire. He said the committee would like to know which three courses would be of the most interest. The questionnaires were distributed to be collected at the recess. (The survey results are attached.) The Ladies Auxiliary report was given. All three reports were received as information.

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

Completion of Business: Moderator Daniels called the meeting back to order. Brother Newsome reported for the Credentials Committee: Regular Fees \$397.50, Benevolent Fund \$730.00, National Fees \$175.00 totaling \$1302.50 and total attendance was 57. Attendance banners were awarded to New Salem for the most present and Highway for the highest percent present.

The Resolutions Committee reported five items to be considered by the body. These were as follows:

Be it resolved:

A. Each church work to improve their Sunday School enrollment in the year 2000.

B. The leadership in each church encourage the laity to be more active in opposing the many moral issues confronting Christians today.

C. Each church increase their outreach to the unchurched children in each of our communities.

D. We strengthen our support to our home and foreign missionaries.

E. We give a rising vote of thanks to the New Salem Church for their hospitality in hosting the Martin Association meeting.

These resolutions were adopted as a whole, then voted on as separate entities. The body approved all five resolutions. Then Moderator Daniels asked

for a rising vote of thanks to the New Salem Church for their hospitality.

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Roger Russell led a congregational hymn accompanied by Sister Sue Mock at the piano. Special music was presented by New Salem's choir. After the offering was collected, Rev. Roger Russell delivered the morning message. Scripture was read from Ephesians 1: 15-19. His sermon was entitled, "The Exceeding Greatness of God." Information regarding the meal was given, followed by the concluding prayer. The women of the New Salem Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

Respectively submitted,
Brother Lynn Frazier, Clerk

Martin Association Bible Institute Survey Results

In favor of Bible Institute: (16) **Opposed:** (0)

Best Time: Start - **6 p.m.** (4); **7 p.m.** (10) End - **8 p.m.** (1); **9 p.m.** (9)

Best Evenings of Week: **Mon.** (2); **Tue.** (8); **Thur.** (4); **Fri.** (3); **Sat.** (4)

Distance willing to travel one way: **15 mi** (1); **20 mi** (1); **30 mi** (2);
45 mi (2); **50 mi** (2)

Program of Study: Selected Courses (4); One-Year Program (3);
Two-Year Program (3)

Courses of Interest:

104 Growing toward Spirituality (7)
102 Beyond Reasonable Doubt (6)
109 Teaching Youth (4)
106 Biblical Beliefs (4)
105 New Testament Survey (2)
108 Teaching Children (2)
207 You and Your Bible (2)
201 The Triune God (2)
209 Teaching Techniques (2)

101 Old Testament Survey (1)
103 Old Testament Survey II (1)
107 Teaching Preschoolers (1)
202 Understanding People (1)
206 Christian Ethics in a
Postmodern Society (1)
208 Understanding Music and
Worship in Society (1)
210 Understanding Teaching (1)

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
- Minutes -
Third Quarterly Session
July 8, 2000

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Thompson Church at 10:00 a.m. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "Isn't He Wonderful," led by Sister Margaret Daniels accompanied by Sister Patricia Grimes on the piano and Sister Ruth Russell on the organ. After prayer by Rev. Charles Powell, Sister Margaret Daniels extended the welcome to those in attendance. Brother Timmy Bellflower responded to the welcome. Brother Gerald Thompson presented a devotional from Nehemiah 8: 1-11.

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 second session were read and approved as read. Financial report for the second session was 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 established the membership for two committees. Brothers Claude Newsome and Earl Daniels and Sister Margaret Daniels were appointed to serve on the Credentials Committee. Sisters Patsy Merritt, Ethel Newberry and Beverly Richardson were appointed to serve on the Resolutions Committee.

State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports: Rev. Roger Russell reported Mission Board activities. Brother Jerry McNease gave the Camping Board report. Sister Gail Everson reported the Martin Woman's Auxiliary activities. Moderator Daniels asked that these reports be received as information.

Credentials Committee Report: The following statistics were shared: Standing delegates (16); Ministers (9); Ministers' Wives (9); Deacons (11); Deacons' Wives (9); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (11);

Churches with delegates (10); Total present (76); Martin Church Membership reported (540), Quarterly fees total (\$323.50); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$558.00); and National Fees (\$25.00). Attendance banners were awarded to the Highway Church for the highest percent present and to the Colquitt 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. Sister Margaret Daniels opened this session with a congregational hymn. 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. All of our churches continue to support our Georgia home and foreign missionaries and other missionaries.

B. We be reminded of our verse adopted as our theme for this year . . . "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, 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

C. We continue our efforts to improve our Sunday School enrollment in the year 2000.

D. We continue to be more vocal in opposing the many moral issues confronting Christians today.

E. We continue our efforts to 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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

F. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Thompson Church congregation for their hospitality in hosting the Martin Asso-

ciation Quarterly Meeting.

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

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Sister Margaret Daniels led the congregational hymn, "Victory in Jesus," followed by special music by Sister Gail Everson. She sang "Great is Thy Faithfulness." Dr. Damon Dodd preached on the subject, "The Three-Path Road."

After the offering was collected, Moderator Daniels asked for announcements, and prayer requests. Special prayer was held for Rev. Talmadge Worsley.

Moderator Daniels invited all to stay for lunch. After prayer for the food, the assembly made their way to the Fellowship Hall where the women of the Thompson Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

Respectively submitted,
Gerald Thompson, Assistant Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
- Minutes -
Fourth Quarterly Session
October 7, 2000

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Colquitt Church at 9:30 a.m. in their beautiful new sanctuary. The opening activity was the singing of a congregational hymn entitled, "Praise Him, Praise Him," led by Brother Robert Tully. After prayer by Brother Emory Richardson, Brother Gary Enfinger extended the welcome to those in attendance. Brother Earl Daniels responded to the welcome. Brother Robert Tully presented a devotional from Psalms 34 reminding us that, "God Will Triumph."

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 were not read due to a misunderstanding of the location of the minutes that were recorded in the clerk's absence. (These minutes will be available in the printed minutes for the 2000 Quarterly Sessions.) Financial report for the third session was 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 asked the Ordaining Council to meet with Rev. Clifton Buchanan, new pastor of Mt. Gilead. Brothers Claude Newsome, Billy Adams and Sister Margaret Ann 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. Rev. Daniels also asked the Program Committee and the Nominating Committee to be prepared to report.

State Board and Woman's Auxiliary Reports: Rev. Roger Russell reported Mission Board activities, Brother Jerry McNease gave the Camping Board report and Brother Frazier reported Board of Christian Education activities. Martin Woman's Auxiliary progress was reported. Moderator Daniels asked that these reports be received as information.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Claude Newsome related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30); Ministers (11); Ministers' Wives (7); Deacons (10); Deacons' Wives (11); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (11); Churches with delegates (11); Total present (81); Martin Church Membership reported (540), Quarterly fees total (\$346.00); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$602.00); National Fees \$326.00 and \$40.00 for year 2000 minutes. Attendance banners were awarded to the Mt. Glory Church for the highest percent present and to the Colquitt Church for highest number present. Brother Claude also called attention to the persons on the year 2000 Obituary List. Special prayer was offered on behalf of the families of the deceased.

Church Letter: Moderator Daniels asked the clerk to request Rev. Clifton Buchanan's letter from his previous Quarterly Association.

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 Tully opened this session with a congregational hymn. Moderator Daniels called for the Resolutions Committee Report.

Program and Nominating Committee's Report: Rev. Andy Merritt read the recommended nominations of Officers and Board Members for 2001. These Nominations were accepted as read. Dr. Frazier thanked the Association for the opportunity to serve as Clerk for the past four years. He explained that he would be very busy during the coming year in helping to get the Bible Institutes started, and needed to be relieved of the clerk's responsibilities. Sister Patsy Merritt read the recommended programs for the year 2001. These nominations were approved as read. (See the 2000 Quarterly Sessions booklet for the new officers and board members and the program of activities for year 2001.)

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

A. Martin Association keep the following verse of scripture as our theme for this year, "If my people, which are called by my

name, shall humble themselves, 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

B. We be more vocal in opposing the many moral issues confronting Christians today.

C. To improve our Sunday School Enrollment in the year 2001 by gathering 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 Saviour Jesus Christ.

D. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Colquitt 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 Colquitt Church for their hospitality.

General Information: Rev. Smith updated members on the activities of National and State missionaries. He reminded members of the Senior Saints and the Ministers' Wives meetings. Over 80 ministers have signed for the Retirement Plan, was related. He stated the State Office would not be located in Macon and the location being discussed is in the Albany area. In the interim, the State Office will be moved to the Clenney Building in Colquitt.

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Brother Tully led two congregational hymns, followed by special music by the Colquitt Choir. Rev. Matt Pinson preached from Matthew 5:13-16 on "The Importance of Christians Being the Salt of the Earth." After the offering was collected, Moderator Daniels asked for announcements, and prayer requests. Special prayer was held for Sister Sadie McClendon.

After the worship service, Moderator Daniels asked Brother Pinson for information regarding the lunch and also asked him to pray for the food. The women of the Colquitt Church served an excellent meal. The food and Christian fellowship was wonderful.

Respectively submitted,
Lynn Frazier, Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
- Financial Record -
Register Report

December 9, 1999 through October 12, 2000

BALANCE 10/30/98 \$1,187.53

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
12/9/99		Opening Balance		[Martin Association]	R	1,127.70
12/31/99	722	Automat Printers	Printing	Minutes		-609.50
1/10/00	DEP	Martin Association	January 2000	Dues/Benov.		1,449.50
1/10/00	723	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l Dues	Co-op/Dues		-242.75
1/10/00	724	Eliese Williams	Benov.	Benov.		-192.35
1/10/00	725	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.		-192.35
1/10/00	726	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.		-192.35
1/10/00	727	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.		-192.35
1/10/00	728	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	Benov.		-192.35
1/10/00	729	Rev. Walter Daniels	Mod.	Honorarium		-5.00
1/10/00	730	Dr. Lynn Frazier	Clerk	Honorarium		-25.00
4/8/00	731	Rev. Walter Daniels	Moderator	Honorarium		-5.00
4/8/00	732	Dr. Lynn Frazier	Clerk	Honorarium		-25.00
4/8/00	733	F.W.B. Bible College	Gift	Charity		-250.00
4/8/00	734	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l Dues	Co-op/Dues		-281.75
4/8/00	735	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.		-251.94
4/8/00	736	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.		-251.94
4/8/00	737	Eliese Williams	Benov.	Benov.		-251.94
4/8/00	738	Mrs. L.D. Scott	Benov.	Benov.		-251.94
4/8/00	739	U.S. Postal Service	Postage	Postage		-6.60
4/9/00	DEP	Martin Association	April 2000	Dues/Benov.		1,534.50
7/10/00	DEP	Martin Association	July 2000	Dues/Benov.		844.78
7/10/00	DEP	Martin Association	Dues	Dues/Benov.		449.00
7/10/00	740	Rev. Walter Daniels	Honorarium			-5.00
7/10/00	741	Voided				0.00
7/10/00	742	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l Dues	Co-op/Dues		-84.35
7/10/00	743	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.		-265.11
7/10/00	744	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.		-265.11
7/10/00	745	Eliese Williams	Benov.	Benov.		-265.11

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
7/10/00	746	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.			-265.11
7/10/00	747	Dr. Lynn Frazier	Clerk			-25.00
8/14/00		Security Bank	penalty	Bank Charge		-24.00
10/9/00	DEP	Martin Association	October 2000	Dues/Benov.		1,446.00
10/9/00	748	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.		-197.62
10/9/00	749	Eliese Williams	Benov.	Benov.		-197.62
10/9/00	750	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.		-197.62
10/9/00	751	Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.		-197.62
10/9/00	752	Dr. Lynn Frazier	Clerk			-50.00
10/9/00	753	Rev. Walter Daniels	Honorarium			-5.00
10/9/00	754	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l Dues	Co-op/Dues		-360.50
10/9/00	755	U.S. Postal Service	Postage	Postage		-6.80
10/9/00	756	U.S. Postal Service	Postage	Postage		-13.75

TOTAL 12/9/99 - 10/12/00

1,006.05

BALANCE 10/12/00

1,006.05

TOTAL INFLOWS

6,851.48

TOTAL OUTFLOWS

-5,845.43

NET TOTAL

1,0065.05

MARTIN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

- Convention Minutes -

September 23, 2000

The Martin Women Active for Christ convened on Saturday, September 23, 2000, at New Salem Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "Opportunities: A Door Ajar," based on Revelation 3:8. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. Those serving on the registration committee were Laverne McLendon and Sylvia Newsome.

The session began at 10:00 a.m. The song leader was Beverly Richardson, the pianist, Sue Mock, and the organist, Ruth Russell. The meeting began with the congregational hymn, "I Need Jesus." Gail Everson led in prayer. The welcome was given by Arlene Worsley. Melinda Pinson gave the highlights of the 2000 WNAC Convention held in Anaheim, California, on July 17 & 18, 2000.

President, Gail Everson, opened the session for business. Ruth Russell gave the Credentials report as follows: # auxiliaries reporting - 5; # local auxiliaries at beginning of year - 5; # auxiliaries at end of year - 5; # members at beginning of year - 67; # members added - 6; # members lost - 7; total members at end of year - 66; membership dues paid - \$709.50 (\$10.75 per member). Moved, seconded, and carried to receive the Credentials report.

Delegates were seated. The following visitors were recognized: Cindy Buchanan, Patsy Merritt, Wanda Powell. Call for reports from each of the following mission chairpersons: Mission Action - Jean Tully; Mission Study - Grace Nix; Mission Prayer - Veda Bellflower (appointed).

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's annual report and the Financial report. Balance in the treasury was \$667.14. Total designated giving was \$1,880.00. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept both reports.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Mandy Roland. All resolutions were read, moved, seconded, and carried to adopt as a whole.

The Martin District Delegate appointed to the GA Women Active for Christ Convention on March 15-16, 2001 was Melinda Pinson. (Others in attendance may be appointed at that time).

The State Prayer Retreat at Norman Park on October 27-28, 2000 was announced.

Registration Committee report was given by Lavene McLendon as follows: Present - 23 members, 2 visitors; a total of 25 in attendance. Colquitt had 4, Mt. Gilead 6, New Home 0, New Salem 9, Thompson 4. The attendance award was presented to Mt. Gilead Auxiliary for having the highest percentage of their members present.

The minutes were read by Grace Nix. Moved, seconded, and carried to approve.

We entered into the worship time with the congregation singing, "Grace Greater Than Our Sin." Eudene Boyd led in prayer. An offering was received in the amount of \$83.00. Patsy Merritt sang a special number, entitled "Touch Through Me." Gail Everson introduced the speaker, Wanda Powell. Wanda used bird houses and bird feeders as an example of doors being ajar, knocking on the door, with the door knob on the inside. She encouraged us to get back to sharing the Word with others who do not know Christ. We must pray for students in school. The church is a lighthouse and a feeder. We, the church, are to step forward in the door ajar.

Gail Everson presented Wanda with a love gift from the Martin Auxiliary. After the dismissal prayer, a covered dish luncheon was served in the fellowship hall.

MARTIN DISTRICT WNAC CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. That we adopt the following theme, watchword and song for 2001: Theme: Sharing hope and healing; Scripture: Colossians 1:27; Hymn & Watchword: The Solid Rock.
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 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 committee (with the exception of the Nominating Committee, which is elected bi-annually at the Convention) at the Spring Workshop each year, naming a chairman of each committee and supplying her name and address to all the auxiliaries, so they can get their suggestions and requests for the committees to meet before the convention and prepare their report.
7. That the Study Course Chairman be responsible for planning, conducting, and promoting the Martin District Auxiliary Workshop.
8. That each auxiliary send \$10.75 for each member on roll to the convention as convention dues. (\$10.00 national dues, .50 state dues and .25 local dues).
9. That each auxiliary send with their dues to the convention a registration fee of \$6.00 to take care of operational expenses.
10. That because printing, postage and mailing costs have increased, each local auxiliary include \$1.00 per auxiliary for minute money with their annual convention dues each year.
11. That 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 of work beginning with our local auxiliaries and continuing through district, state, and national organizations.
13. That each auxiliary faithfully support the accounts of the missionary or missionaries of their choice.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Margaret Ann Daniels
Freda Powell
Mandy Roland

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN
ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT
September 11, 1999 --- September 23, 2000

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

Receipts:

1999-2000 Designated Giving	\$1,880.00
1999 Convention Offering	83.00
2000 Spring Workshop Offering	61.00
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	709.50
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary)	<u>30.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$2,763.50</u>
Total Available	\$3,540.31

Payments:

GWAC (Designated giving)	\$1,880.00
Dues to GWAC (\$10.50 per member)	693.00
Gift for Sandra Bishop	50.00
Bishop Account	150.00
Gift for Wanda Powell	20.17
Travel expenses for Wanda Powell	<u>80.00</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$2,873.17</u>

Balance in Treasury (9-23-2000) \$ 667.14

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie M. Richardson, Chairwoman;
Veda Bellflower, Grace Nix

LOCAL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 30	4. New Salem - 16	
2. Mt. Gilead - 5	5. Thompson - 7	
3. New Home - 8		Total Membership - 66

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

OBITUARY REPORT - 2000

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. J.W. Nix - b. Jan. 13, 1919 d. Jan. 2000

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Lewis Brock Debary - d. Oct. 16, 1999

NEW HOME (M.C.) FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. John Joiner - b. Nov. 7, 1929 d. Sept. 21, 2000

Mr. Andrew Miller - d. Feb. 24, 2000

HIGHWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruby A. Scott - b. Feb. 5, 1906 d. Jan. 13, 2000

MT. GLORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Leon Culpepper - b. Dec. 4, 1932 d. Nov. 26, 1999

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Ruby Heard - b. July 1, 1903 d. May 7, 2000

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Angela Adams Burch - b. Sept. 4, 1973 d. April 5, 2000

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Evelyn Vickers - b. June 2, 1924 d. Feb. 10, 2000

Mrs. Lois Everett - b. Feb. 19, 1913 d. June 17, 2000

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	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	2	11
Members Added	12	0	2	0	1	2	4	4	0	2	5	2	2	36
Members Lost	2	3	0	0	4	4	2	4	1	7	3	2	0	32
Total Members	137	90	30		28	13	96	52	18	114	72	105		755
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1		0	1	1	1	3	0	1	1	1	1	14
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1		0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	2		1	3	2	5	1	0	5	6	7	0	34
S. S. Enrollment	85	14		0	20	25	30	23	3	50	70	57	50	427
C. T. S. Enrollment	70	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	95
W. A. Enrollment	29	0	0	0	15	0	0	5	0	10	0	16	7	82
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	75,342	24,775			25,230		38,301	32,172		51,468		55,165	58,476	360,929
Value of all Church Prop.	700,000	150,000			72,700	60,000	272,000	165,000		260,000	180,000	200,000	250,000	2,309,700

Martin Association

Sunday School Attendance: Percent by Age Group

(9 Of 13 Churches Reporting)

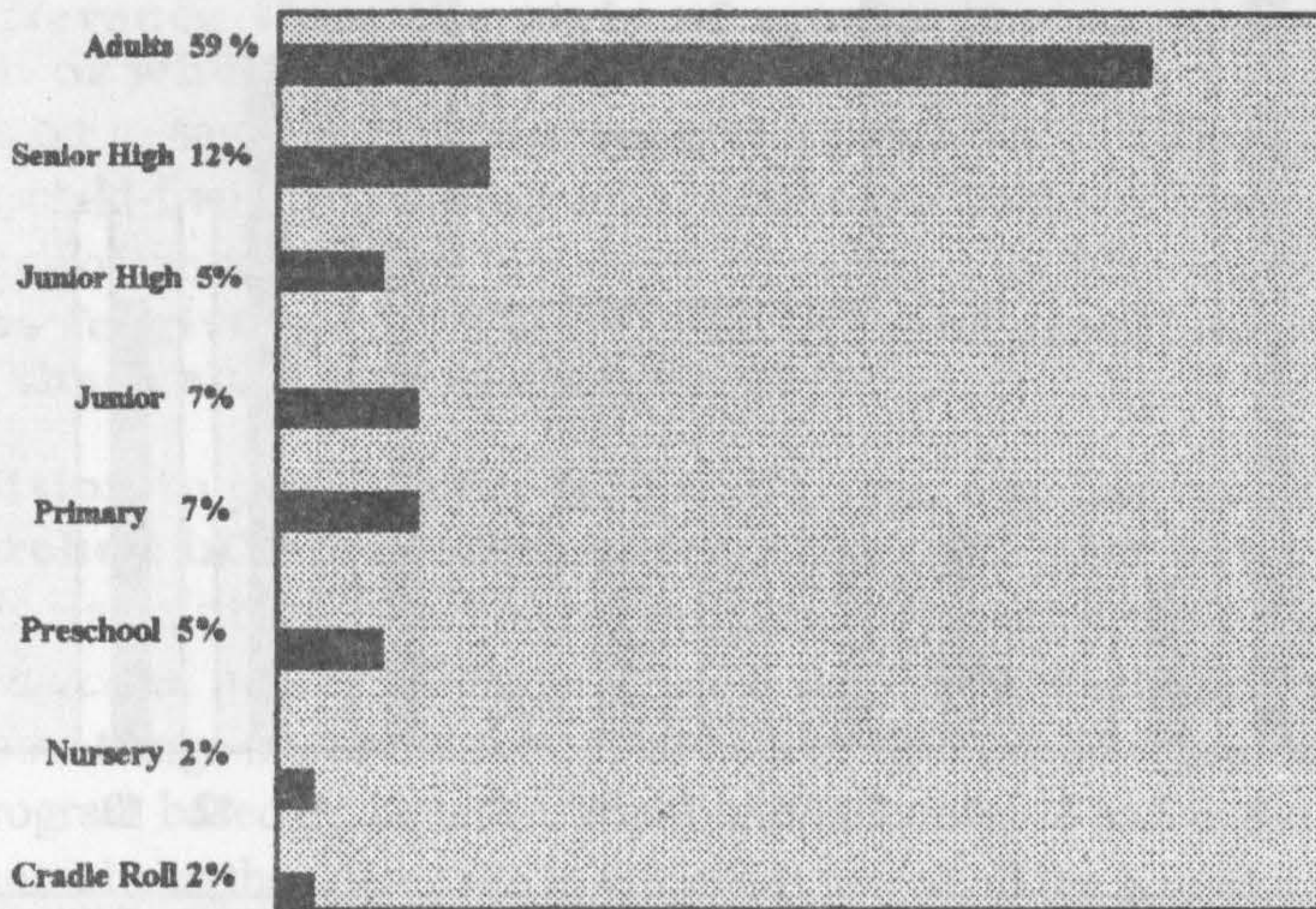


Figure 1. Sunday School percent by age groups based on attendance of at least one time during the last calendar year.

The percent of S.S. students per age group collectively is about the same as we experience in our individual churches. Older adults are the majority of our Sunday School attendees. The percent of S.S. students below the adult level ranges from 12% to 2%.

What does this tell us about the future of our churches?

Dear God . . . raise up men to lead us to a sense of responsibility to the next generation . . . to help us understand what needs to be done . . . swiftly. Should not this be our prayer?

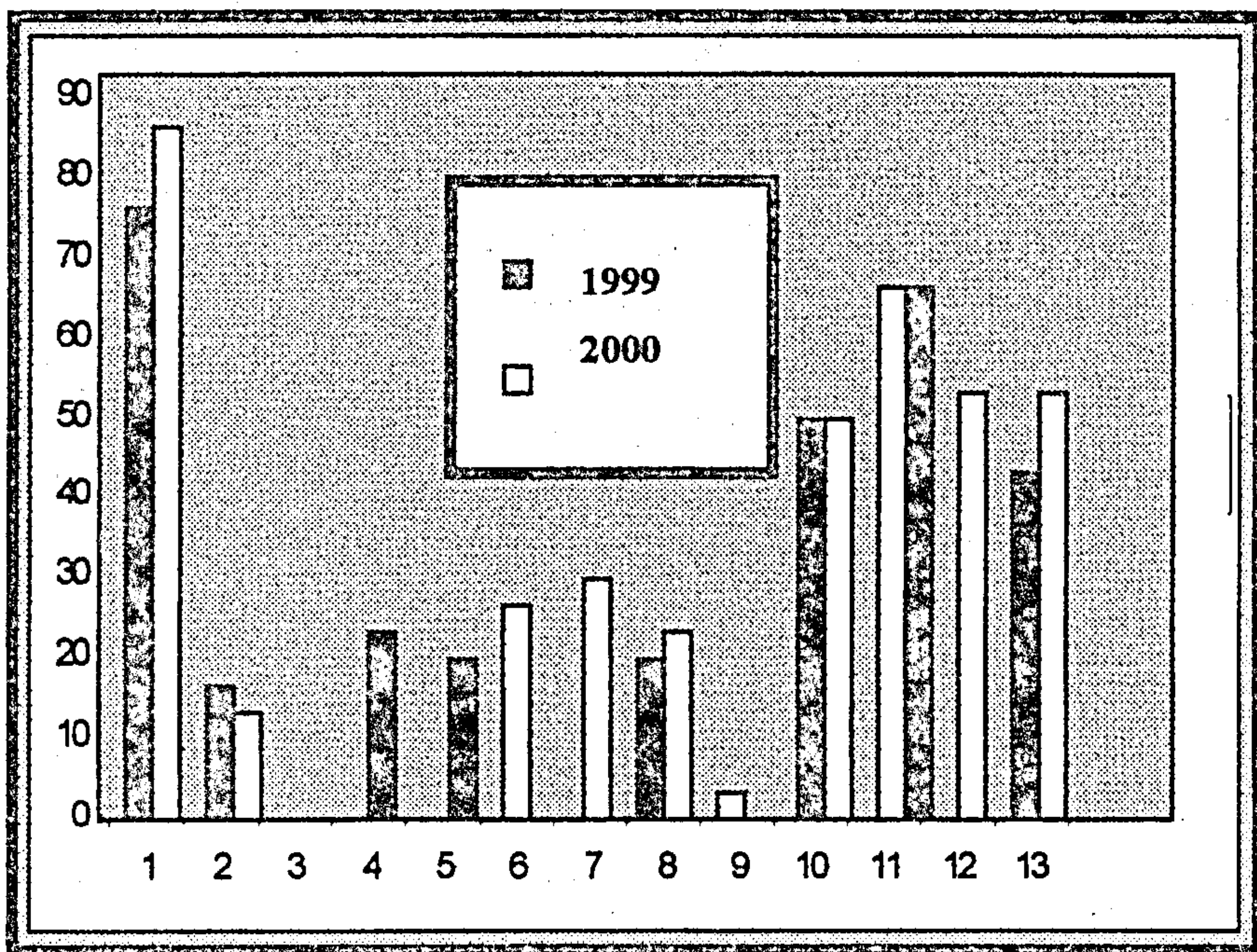


Figure 1. Martin Association Churches' Sunday School enrollment compared for the years of 1999 and 2000.

Three churches, of the 10 that reported, had a gain in Sunday School attendance. These gains were 11%, 12% and 15%. Praise the Lord! S.S. enrollment remained the same in two Churches and the others that reported had small decreases.

What can we do to improve our S.S. attendance? All of churches have adequate facilities - actually what we have is underutilized. We have teachers available to teach; but, we have very few young students.

Traditionally we have depended on biological growth, growth of our families to fill our S.S. classes. Folks, that day is past, as evidenced by our empty S.S. classrooms. Many young adult couples are not attending Church and of course their children are not being sent. **We must get a vision of these young adults and their families exiting this life and tumbling into the depths of Hell.**

Contrary to the “gimmicks” some Churches use to attract a crowd, Barna’s research indicates, **“Many of the Churches we studied who are successful at bringing unchurched people into the fold have done little, if anything, to alter the style of services they offer. They have realized that other elements make a bigger difference than the style of music, the nature of the sermon or whether or not an offering is taken.”**

He goes on to say, “In general they want a place that is caring, casual, creative, child-friendly, control-granting and contextualized.” Frankly they want many of the same things that church people want. **They are simply less forgiving in terms of the level of excellence with which these elements are provided.”**

In addition to praying for God to burden our hearts for the unchurched in our communities, attention to some of the information in Barna’s book based on his two years of research, *Re-Churching the Unchurched*, may be of some value. If these data would help us improve some things in our Churches and help us develop an organized outreach program based on better information than we have had in the past - would not it be to the advantage in our effort to extend the Kingdom?

We should never compromise our Bible-based standards, but we should be aware of what unchurched folks’ expectations are. We may be surprised to learn there are some areas that we have neglected to improve over the years. What has been good enough for us older folks may not measure up to the expectations of excellence to this generation of younger couples.

Note: This new book may be purchased by telephone (1-800-55-BARNA). This hardcover book retails for \$17.00

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 Baptists, 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

Section 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 Consitution 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
COLQUITT	Rev. Matt Pinson 114 E. Bremond St. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-6221	Sis. Shirley Holt 81 Mayhaw Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-3189
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CHURCH**PASTOR****CLERK****MT. GLORY**

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FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH COVENANT

Having given ourselves to God, by faith in Jesus Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to provide things honest in the sight of all men.

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship, and by self-denial, faith, and good works endeavor to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the holy gospel, nor fail to pay according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme; counting it our chief business in life to extend the influence of Christ in society; constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday Schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world.

And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.