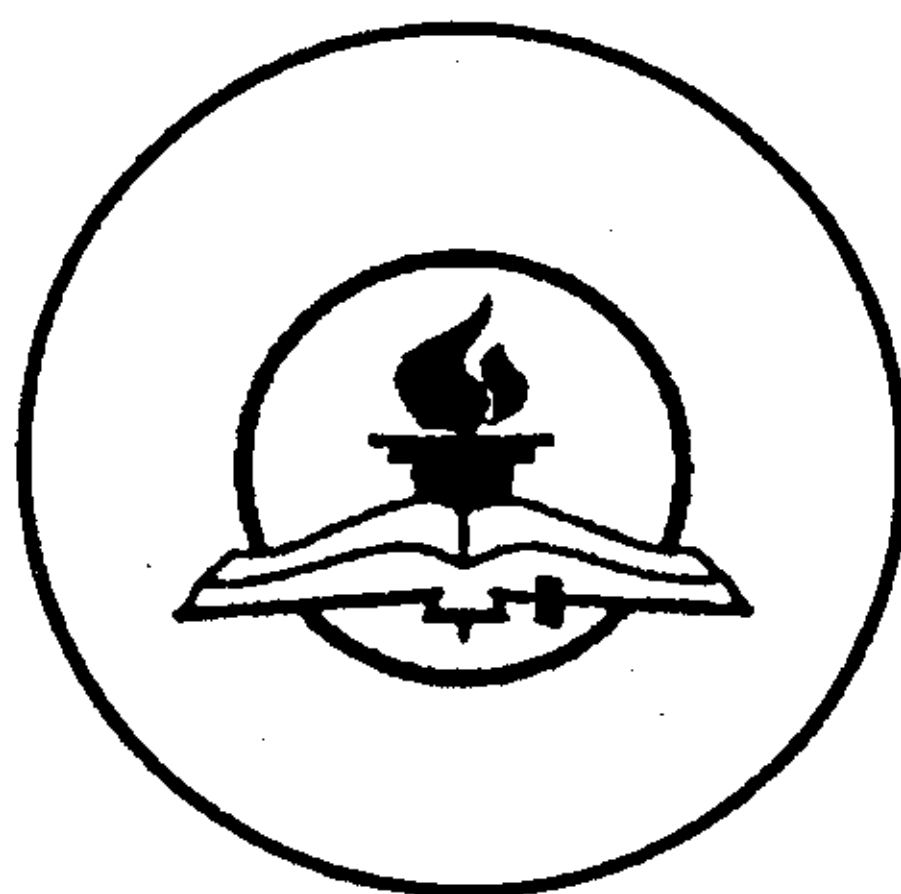


2001

Quarterly Sessions

One Hundred Fifteenth Year



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Free Salvation

Martin Association

Free Will Baptists of Georgia

2001 MINUTES

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

2001 - 2002

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Walter Daniels
Assistant Moderator.....David Richardson
Treasurer.....Jewel Maddox
Assistant Treasurer.....Bobby Richardson
Clerk.....Jerry Calhoun
Assistant Clerk.....Pam Roberts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Walter Daniels
Jewel Maddox
Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Jerry Calhoun
Billy Roland
Gary Enfinger

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Talmadge Worsley - 2003
Rev. Matt Pinson - 2002
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2003
Timmy Bellflower - 2002
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping - Ryan Clements, 2004
Board of Trustees - Rev. Walter Daniels, 2003
Board of Christian Education - Dr. Lynn Frazier, 2005
Board of Missions - Gerald Thompson - 2003

PROGRAMS

FOR

MARTIN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION

Highway Church - January 12, 2002 - 10:00 a.m.

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

SECOND SESSION

Mt. Gilead Church - April 13, 2002 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Veda Bellflower
Response.....Bro. Claude Newsome
Devotional.....Bro. Herbert Boyd
Special Music.....Mt. Gilead Church
Message.....Pastor Clifton Buchanan

THIRD SESSION

Mt. Glory Church - July 12, 2002 - 10 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Ethel Newberry
Response.....Bro. Harvey Cox
Devotional.....Sis. Ethel Newberry
Special Music.....Mt. Glory Church
Message.....Pastor S. E. Newberry

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

New Home Miller County - October 12, 2002 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Bobby Roberts
Response.....Bro. Robert Tully
Devotional.....Bro. Scot Roberts
Special Music.....New Home (M. C.) Church
Message.....To Be Announced

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

First Quarterly Session

January 13, 2001

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Corinth Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with Rev. Rollin Rathel leading the congregation in singing "When We All Get To Heaven", accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Russell. Rev. Andy Merritt was then asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Dr. Lynn Frazier extended a welcome and Mr. Scot Roberts gave the response. Dr. Frazier gave a devotional on Sunday School and Church growth.

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 last session were read and approved. Financial report was given by Rev. Roger Russell and approved. The Moderator shared with the body that in 1999 the association tabled a motion to change the constitution of the Martin Association in regard to the time of the meetings, but the change was inadvertently printed in the 1999 minutes of the association without having been voted on by the body. A motion was made by Rev. Matt Pinson to remove the item from the table. The motion before the body was to change Article III of the Constitution pertaining to meetings. It originally read: "The Sessions of this Association shall be held quarterly in January, April, August, and October, on Saturday following the second Sunday of these months, except the August meeting, which shall be held on the first Saturday in August, the place of meeting to be determined by vote of the association." The change will read: "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 the meeting to be determined by vote of the Association." Motion was made and seconded to amend the constitution in regard to the time of our meetings and this motion was unanimously approved by the body. Roll call of the association churches was made and the number of members attending from each church was recorded.

Committee Appointments: Moderator Daniels appointed two committees as follows: Scot Roberts, Claude Newsome, and Travis Torbert were asked to serve on the Credentials Committee. Geneva Roland, Edna Hagler, and Shirley Smith were asked to serve on the Resolutions Committee. The body was then recessed to give these committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: The Moderator called the meeting back to order and Rev. Matt Pinson led the congregation in singing "Bring Them In" accompanied by Mrs. Ruth Russell on the piano.

State Boards Reports: The moderator called for reports from the various boards. There were no reports from the Board of Camping nor the Board of Trustees. Dr. Frazier gave the Board of Christian Education report. He stated that the first Bible Institute will be held in Colquitt in October of 2001, and Rev. Matt Pinson will be the teacher. Rev. Roger Russell gave the Board of Missions report. He shared with the body information concerning the dedication of the new facility at Trinity Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Hampton and he stated that, "all of us can be proud of this beautiful new facility". It was announced that the Georgia State Meeting will convene with the Trinity Church on March 15-17, 2001.

Women Active For Christ Report: Mrs. Ruth Russell reminded everyone of the Women Active for Christ report in the 2000 minutes of the Association.

Resolution Committee Report: Mrs. Geneva Roland read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

1. Martin Association adopt the following verse of scripture as theme for this year, "And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing." I Corinthians 13:2.
2. That our hearts be move by the need to reach the young people in our communities.

3. That God's work be our first priority.

4. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth Church congregation for their hospitality in hosting the Martin Association Quarterly Meeting.

These resolutions were adopted as read and the moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth Church for their hospitality.

General Information: The moderator asked Rev. Matt Pinson to share information concerning the State Office. It was requested by Bro. Matt that each church send in its information concerning revivals and other activities to the State Office so they can be printed in the Promotional Bulletin. Rev. Bobby Whittaker shared information concerning a fish fry at the Mothers Home Church on January 20, 2001. Rev. Benny Cumbie shared with the body information concerning a camp meeting to be held in Vada on April 7-13, 2001.

Worship Service: The business session was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Matt Pinson led the congregation in singing "Where The Soul Never Dies". He then sang a special entitled "All That Thrills My Soul Is Jesus". Dr. Lynn Frazier brought the morning message on "The Condition of the Church" and gave some very disturbing statistics concerning the church today.

State Meeting Delegates: The moderator asked for volunteers to represent the association at the State Meeting in March. The following delegates volunteered to attend the state meeting: Mrs. Ruth Russell, Mrs. Margaret Ann Daniels, and Mr. J. T. Smith.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Newsome reported the following statistics: Ministers - 11; Deacons - 9; Visitors - 2; Churches reporting - 12; Total present - 89; Regular fees - \$360.50; Benevolent Fund - \$621.00; National fees - \$247.50; General Offering - \$167.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Donalsonville for the highest number present and to Mt. Gilead for the highest percentage present. After the offering was received, the moderator asked Dr. Frazier for information regarding

the lunch and called on Rev. C. B. Dowdney to pray. The ladies of the Corinth Church served an excellent meal and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship during the noon hour.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Second Quarterly Session

April 7, 2001

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Donalsonville Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with Rev. Rollin Rathel leading the congregation in singing "When My Name Is Called In Glory", accompanied by Mrs. Vina Rathel and Mrs. Debbie Whitaker. Rev. Andy Merritt was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Mr. Lajoy Hagler extended a welcome and Mrs. Margaret Ann Daniels gave the response. Mrs. Lillian Rodgers gave a devotional from Psalm 103: 1-5.

Business Session: After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Rev. Walter Daniels. Standing delegates were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and were seated. Each minister and his wife were recognized. Each deacon and his wife were also recognized. Minutes of the last session were read and approved. Financial report was given by Rev. Roger Russell and approved. Roll call of the association churches was made and the number of members attending from each church was recorded.

Committee Appointments: The moderator appointed two committees as follows: Claude Newsome, Travis Torbert, and Gary Enfinger were asked to serve on the Credentials Committee. Geneva Roland, Edna Hagler, and Tara Torbert were asked to serve on the Resolutions Committee. The body was then recessed to give these committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: The moderator called the meeting back to order and Rev. Rollin Rathel led the congregation in singing "He Keeps Me Singing".

State Boards Reports: The moderator called for reports from the various boards. There was no report from the Board of Camping nor the Board of Trustees. Dr. Lynn Frazier gave the Board of Christian Education report. He shared with the body the "Policy Manual" for the Georgia Bible Institutes. Rev. Roger Russell gave the Board of Missions report. He shared with the body information concerning the Hispanic work in

Georgia.

Women Active For Christ Report: Mrs. Ruth Russell reported that there would be a district workshop on April 26, 2001 at the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church.

Resolution Committee Report: Mrs. Tara Torbert read the following resolutions for consideration by the body.

Be it resolved:

1. To honor God in our hearts regardless of the circumstances because greater is He that is within us than he that is in the world.
2. Each individual be committed to the support of missions and the spreading of God's word throughout the whole world.
3. We give a rising vote of thanks to the Donalsonville Church for their hospitality.

These resolutions were adopted as read and the moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Donalsonville Church for their hospitality.

Report of Ordaining Council: Rev. Matt Pinson gave the report of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council granted the request of the New Home Church (Decatur County) to examine and ordain two deacons: Wesley Cumbie and Don Newsome. The Ordaining Council had received a letter from the Damascus Free Will Baptist Church in Marianna, Florida requesting a letter of good standing for Rev. Walter Baxley. The Ordaining Council instructed the associational clerk to contact the clerk or ordaining council of the Salem Association and request that a letter of good standing come from the association. Pending this request the clerk could send a letter of good standing with four provisions. This report was approved by the body.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Newsome reported the following statistics: Ministers - 7; Deacons - 11; Visitors - 1; Churches reporting - 12; Total Present - 81; Regular Fees - \$271.00; Benevolent - \$542.10; National Fees - \$125.00; Attendance banners were awarded to Donalsonville for the highest number present and to Hebrew for the highest percentage present.

Worship Service: The business session was adjourned and the worship service began. Brother Rollin Rathel led the congregation in singing "When He Put A Little Sunshine In". The Donalsonville Church Choir led by Brother Rathel concluded the morning worship service by singing a cantata of special music,

accompanied by Mrs. Vina Rathel on the piano and Mrs. Debbie Whitaker on the organ.

After the offering was received, the moderator called on Rev. Rollin Rathel for information regarding the noon meal and called on Brother Emory Richardson to pray. The ladies of the Donalsonville Church served an excellent meal and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship during the noon hour.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Third Quarterly Session

July 7, 2001

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at the Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with Rev. Andy Merritt leading the congregation in singing "Victory In Jesus," accompanied by Mrs. Regina Sauls. Rev. Matt Pinson was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Mr. Joe Ridlehoover extended a welcome and Mr. Ken Gibson gave the response. Mr. Billy Adams gave a devotional from Matthew 25: 1-13.

Business Session: After the devotion, the meeting was called to order by Mr. David Richardson. 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 last session were read and approved as read. Financial report was given by Mr. Bobby Richardson and approved. Roll call of association churches was made and the number of members attending from each church was recorded.

Committee Appointments: The assistant moderator appointed two committees as follows: Geneva Roland, Claude Newsome, and Rev. Clifton Buchanan were asked to serve on the Program Committee. Talmadge Worsley, Bobby Richardson, and Gerald Thompson were asked to serve on the Nominating Committee. Both of these committees are to report in the annual session in October.

Moved, seconded, and carried for Nominating Committee to replace Rev. Roger Russell on the State Mission Board and the assistant moderator to appoint a proxy to attend the meeting of the State Mission Board to be held in Albany on July 10, 2001. Rev. Matt Pinson was appointed to attend this meeting. Bobby Richardson was asked to serve on the Credentials Committee along with Claude Newsome and Gary Enfinger. Patsy Merritt was asked to serve on the Resolutions Committee with Geneva Roland and Edna Hagler. The body then recessed to give the Credentials Committee, the Resolutions Committee, and the Ordaining Council time

to do their work.

Completion of Business: The assistant moderator called the meeting back to order, and Rev. Andy Merritt led the congregation in singing "There Is Power In The Blood."

State Board Reports: The assistant moderator called for reports from the various boards. There were no reports from any state boards.

Women Active For Christ Report: Mrs. Melinda Pinson announced that the WNAC national convention will be held on July 16-17, 2001, in Detroit, Michigan.

Resolution Committee Report: Mrs. Geneva Roland read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

1. That all Christians stand up and be counted. Let's put God's work first.
2. That each member be committed to "Reach the Lost at all Cost." Souls are crying, men are dying.
3. That each one practice intercessory prayer for those that are blinded by Satan.
4. We would like to give Hebrew Church a rising vote of thanks!

These resolutions were adopted as read and the assistant moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to Hebrew Church for their hospitality.

Report of Ordaining Council: Rev. Matt Pinson gave the report of the Ordaining Council. The Ordaining Council granted the request of the Colquitt Church to begin the one-year testing period for Randy Adams who is a deacon candidate. A letter of good standing for Rev. Walter Baxley from the Salem Association is still pending. This oral report was approved by the body.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Newsome reported these statistics: Churches reporting - 10; Total present - 59; Regular fees - \$276.50; Benevolent - \$528.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for the highest number present and to Mt. Glory for the highest percent present.

Worship Service: The business session was adjourned and the worship service began. Rev. Andy Merritt led the congregation in singing "I'll Fly Away." The Hebrew Quartet and Patsy Merritt rendered the special music. Rev. Andy Merritt delivered the message on the subject of God's everlasting love. Scripture references included Jeremiah 31, 1 John 4:19, 1 Timothy 2:4, Ephesians 2:4-5, and James 1:7. The congregation was then led in singing "O, How I Love Jesus."

After the offering was received, Rev. Andy Merritt gave information concerning the noon meal and prayed the blessing. The ladies of the Hebrew Church served an excellent meal and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship during the noon hour.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Fourth Quarterly Session

October 13, 2001

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The meeting began with Mothers Home Choir singing "Welcome To The Family." Bro. David Richardson was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Bro. Ken Gibson extended a welcome and Bro. Herbert Boyd gave the response. Bro. Rod Brewer gave a devotion from the book of Hebrews.

Business Session: After a congregational hymn, "O Say But I'm Glad," led by Bro. Rod Brewer and accompanied by Joan Whittaker on the piano and Rev. Bobby Whittaker on the organ, the meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Walter Daniels. Standing delegates were recognized. Each deacon and his wife were recognized. Each minister and his wife were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and were seated. Financial report was given by Bro. Bobby Richardson and approved. Roll call of the Association Churches was made and number of members attending from each church was recorded.

The moderator informed the body that Rev. Matt Pinson had been selected to serve as president of Free Will Baptist Bible College. The moderator called for reports from the state boards. Bro. William Smith reported on our denominational growth, gave us an update on our missionaries, and mentioned the Couples Retreat and Minister's Retreat. Bro. Jerry McNease from the Board of Camping mentioned Youth Camp in December at Lizella, Ga. Bro. Lynn Frazier gave the Board of Christian Education report on the Bible Institute classes starting in November. Rev. Matt Pinson gave the Board of Missions report on the churches at Kingsland and Hampton. There was no information from the Trustee Board to report. All these reports were approved as information. The body then recessed to give the Committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: After a hymn by Mothers Home Choir, "It Is

Finished," the past minutes were read and approved.

Credentials Committee Report: Brother Claude Newsome related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30); Ministers (9); Ministers' Wives (8); Deacons (16); Deacons' Wives (11); Visitors (0); Churches reporting (12); Churches with delegates (12); Total present (82); Martin Church Membership reported (619), Quarterly fees total (\$368.00); Benevolent Fund totaled (\$711.00); National Fees \$387.50 and \$40.00 for year 2001 minutes. Attendance banners were awarded to the Highway Church for the highest percent present and to the Colquitt Church for highest number present.

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

1. That I Corinthians 13:1-2 is our theme Bible verse.
2. That we pray regularly for the leaders of our country, during this trying time of war against terrorism, but remember God is always in control.
3. That we pray for revival, beginning with each of us individually, to spread over our great country and to put prayer back in our schools.
4. That we give Mothers Home a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Women Active For Christ Report: Mrs. Mandy Roland reminded all of the WNAC Retreat to be held at Norman Park October 19 & 20, 2001.

Ordaining Council Report: Rev. Matt Pinson gave the Ordaining Council report. The Ordaining Council made a motion that Bro. Benjamin Miller and Bro. Ryan Clements be licensed to preach the Gospel by the Association. A letter of good standing from the East Central District Association was received in regards to Rev. Clifton Buchanan. These men were approved by the body and welcomed into the Association with the right hand of Christian fellowship.

Program and Nominating Committee Reports: Rev. Talmadge Worsley read the recommended nominations of Officers and Board Members for 2002. These nominations were accepted as read. Rev. Clifton Buchanan read the recommended programs for the year 2002. These programs were approved as read. (See the 2001 Quarterly Sessions booklet for the new officers and board members and the program of activities for year 2002.)

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. Bro. Rod Brewer led a congregational hymn. Rev. Bobby Whittaker preached on "Apostate Teachers and Religions" from the book of Jude.

After the offering was collected, Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave information on the noon meal. Rev. Bill Robinson prayed the blessing. The ladies of Mothers Home Church served an excellent meal and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship during the noon hour.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Financial Record -

Register Report

October 13, 2000 through December 28, 2001

BALANCE 10/13/00 \$1,006.05

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Amount
10/13/00		Opening Balance			1,006.05
10/13/00	757	Voided			00.00
11/03/00	758	Checks			5.99
11/03/00	DEP	Martin Assoc.	Dues	Dues/Benov.	1331.00
01/13/01	759	Walter Daniels	Honorarium		5.00
01/13/01	760	Void			00.00
01/13/01	761	Mrs. Elise Williams	Benov.	Benov.	204.16
01/13/01	762	Mrs. W.S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.	204.16
01/13/01	763	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.	204.16
01/13/01	764	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.	204.16
01/13/01	765	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l.	Co-op/Dues	284.35
01/13/01	766	Automat Printers	Printing	Minutes	609.50
01/13/01	767	Charles Powell	Clerk		25.00
01/30/01	768	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l.	Co-op/Dues	117.00
04/07/01	769	Charles Powell	Clerk		25.00
04/07/01	770	Walter Daniels	Honorarium		5.00
04/07/01	771	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.	294.32
04/07/01	772	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.	294.32
04/07/01	773	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.	294.32
04/07/01	774	Mrs. Elise Williams	Benov.	Benov.	294.32
04/07/01	775	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l.	Co-op/Dues	192.21
04/07/01	776	U. S. Postal Service	Postage	Postage	34.00
04/09/01	DEP	Martin Association		Dues/Benov.	1585.51
07/15/01	777	Mrs. Elise Williams	Benov.	Benov.	160.17
07/15/01	778	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.	160.17
07/15/01	779	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.	160.17
07/15/01	780	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.	160.17
07/15/01	781	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l.	Co-op/Dues	212.80
07/15/01	DEP	Martin Assoc.		Dues/Benov.	1094.50
10/29/01	DEP	Martin Assoc.		Dues/Benov.	1907.78
11/04/01	782	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk		50.00
11/04/01	783	Walter Daniels	Honorarium		5.00
11/04/01	784	Ga. State Assoc.	Co-op/Nat'l.	Co-op/Dues	165.20
11/04/01	785	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benov.	Benov.	261.25
11/04/01	786	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benov.	Benov.	261.25
11/04/01	787	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benov.	Benov.	261.25
11/04/01	788	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benov.	Benov.	261.25
11/16/01	DEP		Dues		37.42
TOTAL 10/13/00 - 12/28/01					1546.61
BALANCE 12/28/01					1546.61
TOTAL INFLOWS					5956.21
TOTAL OUTFLOWS					-5410.16

MARTIN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

- Convention Minutes -

September 15, 2001

The Martin Women Active for Christ convened on Saturday, September 15, 2001, at Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "Hope and Healing," based on the following scripture: "...Which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. Colossians 1:27." Registration began at 9:30 a.m. Those who served on the registration committee were: Veda Bellflower, Diane Bellflower, and Eudene Boyd.

The program began at 10:00 a.m. with a congregational hymn, "America," led by Veda Bellflower. Eudene Boyd served as pianist. Gail Everson led in prayer. The welcome was given by Cindy Buchanan, president of Mt. Gilead Auxiliary. Highlights of WNAC in Detroit, Michigan were given by Helen Holland. She shared the awesome experience of bringing all our missionaries home and the blessed gathering and fellowship that followed. Melinda Pinson also shared the history of the Provision Closet given at one of the WNAC events.

President, Gail Everson, opened the session for business. Pam Roberts gave the Credentials report as follows: # auxiliaries reporting - 5; # members at beginning of year - 65; # members added - 3; # members lost - 5; total members at end of year - 63; membership dues paid - \$677.25. Moved, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates.

Gail Everson called for reports from each of missions chairwomen. Jean Tully, Mission Action Chairperson, promoted the State Retreat to be held October 19-20, 2001. Grace Nix, Mission Study Chairperson, reported that all auxiliaries did a Bible study this year -- the first year ever. Each auxiliary was given an opportunity to share what they did. Melinda Pinson, from Colquitt, and Veda Bellflower, from Mt. Gilead, gave reports on their studies. Maxine Torbert, from Thompson, shared future plans for their auxiliary. Veda Bellflower, Mission Prayer Chairperson, gave hand-outs of "Five Blessings in Five Minutes," giving 5 important areas of prayer to focus on.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's annual report and the Financial Committee report. Total designated giving, \$1,435.00; total receipts, \$2,992.89; total disbursed, \$2,123.26; balance in treasury, \$869.63. The

move was seconded and carried to receive reports.

The Resolutions Committee report was given by Beverly Richardson. There are 16 in all. Gail Everson called for questions about any of the resolutions. Beverly Richardson added, concerning #1, that she had a way to get the theme song which is not in the hymn books ("Such a Time as This") and also brought to our attention about resolution #8, concerning the dues. The move was seconded and carried to adopt all resolutions at one time.

Delegates were selected to represent the Martin District at the Georgia Women Active for Christ Convention, March 14-16, 2002 in Camden, Georgia. They are: Melinda Pinson and Gail Everson.

Call for announcements from churches. There were none. The Registration report was given by Veda Bellflower. There were 21 members and 3 visitors present. The move was seconded and carried to accept this report.

The Nominating Committee report was given by Mandy Roland. It was moved, seconded and carried to elect all the officers on the nominations report for the next two years. The new officers are as follows: President - Mandy Roland; Vice President - Maxine Torbert; Treasurer - Allie Mae Richardson; Secretary - Pam Roberts; Field Worker - Melinda Pinson; Mission Action - Debra Middleton; Mission Study - Grace Nix; Mission Prayer - Veda Bellflower.

After a short break, Pam Roberts presented the attendance award on a percentage basis. The award went to Mt. Gilead for having 100% of its members present. The minutes were read and approved. A rising vote of thanks was given the ladies from Mt. Gilead for their gracious hospitality (Resolution #16 on the Resolutions report).

The worship service began with the hymn, "Alleluia". An offering was received in the amount of \$92.00. Gail Everson introduced our special guest, Mrs. Helen Holland, pastor's wife at Bellview Free Will Baptist Church in the Midway District. Mrs. Holland rendered special music entitled "In the Midst of It All". She then brought a very timely and encouraging message on "Hope and Healing", drawn from the 42nd chapter of

The installation of the new officers was conducted by Elise Williams. Eudene Boyd led in the prayer of benediction. Following the service, a delicious meal and fellowship were enjoyed in the fellowship hall.

The message, prayers, resolutions, testimonies, songs, installation service, and comments all focused on our burden for the crisis in America and the tragedy of the terrorist attacks on Manhattan, New York and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001. We resolve to continue to pray for the victims, their families, all those involved in the rescue efforts, the leaders of our country, the military, and decisions that are being made to protect our nation. May God bless America. May His people be the instruments to bring hope and healing to those who are hurting, by the power of Christ living in us! Amen.

Coming Events:

State Retreat - Norman Park, Oct. 19-20, 2001. Georgia Women Active for Christ Convention - State Meeting will be in Camden, GA, March 14-16, 2002. Martin District Spring Workshop - New Home Free Will Baptist Church, Apr. 25, 2002. National Association and WNAC - Memphis, TN, July 21-25, 2002.

Martin District Women Active for Christ Convention

Annual Treasurer's Report
Allie M. Richardson - Treasurer
September 23, 2000 to September 15, 2001

Designated Giving

Debbie Griffin.....	\$ 420.00
Sandra & Dale Bishop.....	360.00
State Project.....	252.00
Co-Laborer Offering.....	180.00
Laura Belle Barnard (Pre-Easter).....	100.00
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	40.00
Emphasis Offering.....	30.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	24.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	24.00
Minute Money.....	5.00
TOTAL.....	\$1435.00

**MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN
ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION
FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT**

September 23, 2000 — September 15, 2001

Balance in Treasury (9-23-00) \$ 667.14

Receipts:

2000 - 2001 Designated Giving	\$1,435.00
2000 Convention Offering	83.00
2001 Spring Workshop Offering	100.50
Convention Dues (\$10.75 per member)	677.25
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary)	<u>30.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$2,325.75</u>
Total Available	<u>\$2992.89</u>

Payments:

GWAC (Designated giving)	\$1,435.00
Dues to GWAC (\$10.50 per member)	661.50
Speaker's Gifts	<u>26.76</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$2,123.26</u>

Balance in Treasury (9-15-2001) \$ 869.63

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie M. Richardson, Chairwoman;
Freda Powell, Maxine Torbert

LOCAL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 32	4. New Salem - 13	
2. Mt. Gilead - 4	5. Thompson - 6	
3. New Home - 8		Total Membership - 63

MARTIN DISTRICT WNAC CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

September 15, 2001

1. That we adopt the following theme, scripture and song for 2002: Theme: For Such A Time As This; Scripture: Esther 4:14; Hymn: "For Such A Time As This"
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 Women Active for Christ Convention minutes be included in the Martin Association Minutes.
4. That we adopt and use as our guide the Constitution and By-Laws for our Martin Women Active for Christ 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, all presidents of local WAC's, 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 chairman of each committee and supplying her name and address to all the WAC's 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 Women Active for Christ Workshop.
8. That each WAC sends \$12.75 per member on roll to the Convention as convention dues. (\$10.00 national dues, \$2.50 state dues, and \$.25 local dues)
9. That each WAC send with their dues to the Convention a registration fee of \$6.00 to take care of operation expenses.

10. That because printing, postage and mailing costs have increased, each local WAC include \$1.00 per WAC 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 WAC members be more faithful in attending and supporting the WAC program of work beginning with our local WAC's and continuing through the district, state, and national organizations.

13. That each WAC faithfully supports the accounts of the missionary or missionaries of their choice.

14. That we as Women Active for Christ pray (and continue praying) for the victims of the recent terroristic attacks, along with their families and all those involved in the rescue efforts, in New York City and Washington , D.C., our nation's capital.

15. That we as Women Active for Christ pray diligently for our nation's leaders and those in our armed forces as decisions are being made concerning the protection of our nation from further attacks by terrorists.

16. That we give a rising vote of thanks to those on our program and to the Mt. Gilead WAC for their hospitality today.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Buchanan

Martha Williams

Beverly Richardson, Chairperson

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

OBITUARY REPORT - 2001

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Minnie Worsley Cobb - b. Apr. 17, 1922 d. Jan. 14, 2001

Mrs. Calista Davis Lovering - b. Nov. 26, 1921 d. July 15, 2001

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. James H. Stewart - b. Oct. 28, 1928 d. May 8, 2001

THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Philip Andrew Hines - b. Dec. 2, 1923 d. Oct. 9, 2001

Mr. J. T. Smith - b. Feb. 2, 1929 d. Mar. 16, 2001

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

Mr. James Madison Dean - b. June 14, 1936 d. Aug. 20, 2001

Mrs. Eva Odum Sadler - b. Apr. 21, 1915 d. Aug. 30, 2001

Mrs. Geneva Faircloth Cumbie - b. May 14, 1925 d. Feb. 8, 2001

Mrs. Mattie Sadler Brock - b. Nov. 15, 1914 d. May 1, 2001

Mr. Marvin Todd Barfield II - b. June 23, 1982 d. July 28, 2001

DONALSONVILLE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Walter A. Rathel - b. Sept. 25, 1938 d. Aug. 21, 2001

Mr. Billy J. Cherry, Sr. - b. Oct. 24, 1935 d. Oct. 27, 2001

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	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	3	0	2	10
Members Added	2	4	5	0		0	3	0	0	5	5	0	2	26
Members Lost	2	1	2	0	1	0		2	0	1	5	5	2	21
Total Members	137	92	30		29	13	104	50	8	117	76	100		756
No. of Ordained Ministers	3	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	14
No. of Licensed Ministers	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	7
No. of Ordained Deacons	2	2	1	1	3	2	5	1	0	5	7	7	2	38
S. S. Enrollment	80	14		0	20		30	23	4	50	70	45	40	376
C. T. S. Enrollment	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	105
W. A. Enrollment	32	0	0	0	15	0	0	4	0	8	0	14	7	80
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	87,720	30,542	31,795		39,022		34,284	28,776		47,989		63,193	72,557	435,878
Value of all Church Prop.	660,000	150,000			72,700	60,000	272,000	190,000		260,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	2,264,700

CONSTITUTION

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
CORINTH	Rev. Talmadge Worsley 407 Hwy. 45 South Colquitt, GA 31737 758-6285	Sis. Gloria Frazier 811 Rose Circle Bainbridge, GA 31717 246-4078
DONALSONVILLE	Rev. Rollin Rathel 5876 Hwy. 39 South Donalsonville, GA 31745 524-8917	Sis. Edna Hagler 2813 Burl Lane Rd. Donalsonville, GA 31745 524-2671
FATHERS HOME		Sis. Pauline Harrell 1102 Church Rd. Camilla, GA 31730
HEBREW	Rev. Andy Merritt 63 Old Airport Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2451	Sis. Doretha Stewart 2971 Croom-Webb Rd. Donalsonville, GA 31745 861-3171
HIGHWAY	Rev. Willie Dawson 1863 Jameson Rd. Havana, FL 32333 (850) 627-3259	Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, GA 31725 246-1978
MOTHERS HOME	Rev. Bobby Whittaker 972 Brinson Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-3051	Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams-Powell Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 246-7735
MT. GILEAD	Rev. Clifton Buchanan 2930 Spring Creek Rd. Brinson, GA 31725 248-2099	Bro. Timmy Bellflower 3065 Spring Creek Rd. Brinson, GA 31725 246-0498

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
MT. GLORY		Sis. Ethel Newberry 2157 Hutchinson Ferry Rd. Quincy, FL 32352 (850) 856-5134
NEW HOME (M.C.)		Bro. Scot Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-5335
NEW HOME (D.C.)	Rev. Benny Cumbie 125 Church Rd. Climax, GA 31734 246-2046	Bro. Wayne T. Scott 1034 Salem Church Rd. Climax, GA 31734 246-8685
NEW SALEM	Rev. Jerry McArthur 73 New Salem Church Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2559	Bro. Bobby Richardson Rt. 4, Box 276-C Blakely, GA 31723 758-2659
THOMPSON	Rev. Walter Daniels 70 Whites Bridge Rd. Iron City, GA 31759 758-3840	Bro. Louie Grimes 233 Bush Grimes Rd. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-2102
MARTIN ASSOC.	MODERATOR: Rev. Walter Daniels 70 Whites Bridge Rd. Iron City, GA 31759 758-3840	CLERK: Jerry Calhoun 157 E. College St. Colquitt, GA 31737 758-5119

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.