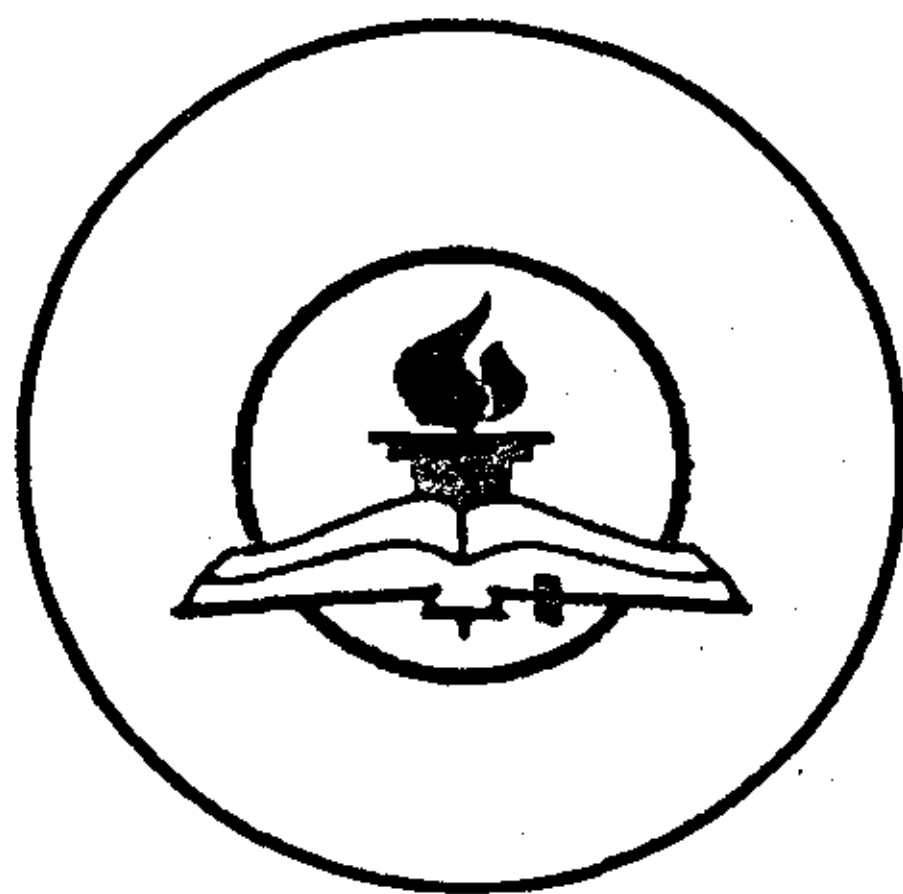


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**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS**

2002 - 2003

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Johnny Lewis
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Kent Barwick
Treasurer.....Jewel Maddox
Assistant Treasurer.....Bobby Richardson
Clerk.....Jerry Calhoun
Assistant Clerk.....Pam Roberts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Lewis
Jewel Maddox
Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Jerry Calhoun
Billy Roland
Gary Enfinger

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 2003
Rev. Willie Dawson - 2005
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2003
Timmy Bellflower - 2005
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

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

PROGRAMS

FOR

MARTIN ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY MEETINGS

FIRST SESSION

New Salem - January 11, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Jeff Braswell
Response.....Sis. Pam Roberts
Devotional.....Bro. Bobby Richardson
Special Music.....New Salem
Message.....Rev. Jerry McArthur

SECOND SESSION

New Home D. C. - April 12, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Howard Scarborough
Response.....Bro. Jerry McNease
Devotional.....Bro. Randal Forster
Special Music.....New Home D. C.
Message.....Rev. Benny Cumbie

THIRD SESSION

Thompson - July 12, 2003 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Charles Grimes
Response.....Bro. Claude Newsome
Devotional.....Bro. Gerald Thompson
Special Music.....Thompson
Message.....Rev. Gene Gilbert

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Colquitt - October 11, 2003 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Randy Adams
Response.....Bro. Herbert Boyd
Devotional.....Bro. Gary Enfinger
Special Music.....Colquitt
Message.....Rev. Kent Barwick

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

First Quarterly Session

January 12, 2002

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Highway Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with the congregation singing "When We All Get To Heaven". Rev. S. E. Newberry was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Sis. Scarborough Scott extended a warm welcome and Bro. Ryan Clements gave the response. Bro. Earl Daniels gave a thought provoking devotion from God's word on "Seeking That Of The World" and "Laying Up Treasure Before God".

Business Session: 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. One visitor, Rev. S. E. Newberry, was recognized. Roll call of the Association Churches was made and number of members attending from each church was recorded. After the minutes from the last quarterly meeting were read and approved, the financial report was given by Mrs. Jewel Maddox. A Credentials Committee consisting of Scot Roberts, Bobby Richardson and Gary Enfinger was appointed. A Resolutions Committee consisting of Edna Hagler, Cindy Buchanan, and Allie Mae Richardson was also appointed. The moderator then called for reports from the various State Boards. Bro. Ryan Clements mentioned the first meeting of the State Camping Board would be held in February. Bro. Lynn Frazier informed the body about the Couples Retreat at Jekyll Island, the Senior Retreat in the fall of 2002, and also gave an update on the Bible Institute classes. There were no reports from the Missions or Trustee Boards. The body then recessed to give the committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: After singing the hymn, "On Calvary", the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Andy Merritt. The moderator then recognized Rev. Jerry McArthur and his wife, who were recently called to serve at New Salem Free Will Baptist Church. Rev. S. E. Newberry was also recognized.

Credentials Committee Report: Bro. Bobby Richardson related the following statistics: Standing delegates (29); Ministers (10); Ministers' Wives (5); Deacons (14); Deacons' Wives (10); Visitors (1); Churches reporting (13); Churches with delegates (13); Total present (77); Martin Church membership reported: (703); Quarterly fees total (\$383.00) Benevolent fund total (\$734.00); National fees (\$87.50). Attendance banners were awarded to Highway Church for the highest percent present and to New Salem Church for highest number present. There was a motion and second to adopt this report and the motion carried.

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

1. That the Martin Association adopts the following verse of scripture as our theme for this year - Hebrews 10:25.
2. That we seek the kingdom of God and His righteousness first, and all our other needs will be met.
3. That we continue to pray for our world leaders and for God's continued protection for our country.
4. That we give Highway Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

The moderator announced Rev. Talmadge Worsley had resigned from the Ordaining Council. Rev. Willie Dawson was nominated and approved to fill this position. Rev. Bobby Whittaker was nominated and approved to fill in for Rev. Matt Pinson on the Ordaining Council.

Worship Service: The business portion of the meeting was adjourned and the worship service began. After a congregational hymn and special music by Highway Church, an offering was collected by Bro. Randy Adams and Bro. Ryan Clements. Rev. Willie Dawson then preached a stirring message from I Kings 17:8-16 on The Instruction of God. After dismissal prayer by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Rev. Dawson gave information on the noon meal. Highway Church served an excellent meal and all enjoyed the Christian fellowship during the noon hour.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Second Quarterly Session

April 13, 2002

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with the congregation singing "What a Glorious Day That Will Be". Rev. Talmadge Worsley was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Sis. Veda Bellflower extended a warm welcome and Bro. Claude Newsome gave the response. Bro. Edwin Boyd gave a thought provoking devotion from God's word based on II Timothy 4:1-5.

Business Session: 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. One visitor, Rev. S. E. Newberry, was recognized. Roll call of the Association Churches was made and number of members attending from each church was recorded. After the minutes from the last quarterly meeting were read and approved, the financial report was given by Mrs. Jewel Maddox. A Credentials Committee consisting of Earl Daniels, Herbert Boyd, and J. D. Bush was appointed. A Resolutions Committee consisting of Edna Hagler, Cindy Buchanan, and Jean Tully was also appointed. The moderator then called for reports from the various State Boards. Bro. Lynn Frazier gave an update on the Bible Institute classes. He told who could attend or teach and also passed out a catalog of course offerings. Bro. Gerald Thompson representing our Missions Board reported on the churches at Kingsland and Trinity Fellowship. He asked the members to continue to be in prayer for both churches. There were no reports from the Camping or Trustee Boards. There was no report from the WNAC. The body then recessed to give the committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: After singing the hymn, "Victory In Jesus", the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Rollin Rathel. The moderator then recognized Rev. Johnny Lewis, who was recently called to serve at New Home (Miller Co.) Free Will Baptist Church. The WNAC meeting at New Home Church on April 25 was mentioned.

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

1. That we as Christians search the scriptures and apply it to our lives so we can be better equipped to be the witness God would have us to be.
2. To remember to pray for the world crisis, especially in Israel and how it affects everyone's life.
3. That we give Mt. Gilead Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Last quarter our Bible verse was Hebrews 10:25. These resolutions were adopted as read and the moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Mt. Gilead Church for their warm hospitality.

Credentials Committee Report: Bro. Earl Daniels reported the following statistics: Ministers - 11; Ministers wives - 6; Deacons - 10; Deacons' wives - 10; Visitors - 1; Churches reporting - 12; Total present - 77; Regular fees - \$281.00; Benevolent - \$697.00; National fees - \$87.50. Attendance banners were awarded to Mt. Gilead for the highest number present and Highway for the highest percent present. This report was approved by the body.

Ordaining Council Report: The Ordaining Council recommended Rev. Jerry McArthur be received as a member in good standing of our Association. A letter of good standing was received from The West Fork Association for Rev. McArthur. Rev. Johnny Lewis was also recommended for membership in our association pending a letter of good standing from the SE Alabama Association. This report was approved by the body.

Worship Service: After announcements, the business session was adjourned and the worship service began. After special singing by Mt. Gilead Church, Rev. Clifton Buchanan brought a stirring message from God's word. After the offering was received, the moderator called on Rev. Buchanan for information on the noon meal and asked Bro. Bill Robinson to dismiss us in prayer. The Mt. Gilead Church family served a delicious meal and everyone enjoyed the time of food and fellowship.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Third Quarterly Session

July 13, 2002

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Mt. Glory Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting began with the congregation singing "The Glory Land Way". Rev. Benjamin Miller was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Sis. Ethel Newberry extended a warm welcome and Bro. Harvey Cox gave the response. Sis. Ethel Newberry gave a thought provoking devotion from God's word based on Psalms 100 and 139.

Business Session: 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. Two visitors, Rev. S. E. Newberry and Rev. Mark Williford, were recognized. Roll call of the Association Churches was made and number of members attending from each church was recorded. After the minutes from the last quarterly meeting were read and approved, the financial report was given by Mrs. Jewel Maddox. A Credentials Committee consisting of Gary Enfinger, Herbert Boyd, and Scot Roberts was appointed. A Resolutions Committee consisting of Patsy Merritt, Sharon Calhoun, and Veda Bellflower was also appointed. The moderator then called for reports from the various State Boards. Bro. Lynn Frazier gave an update on the Bible Institute classes. Rev. Ryan Clements gave the Camping Board report and Rev. Walter Daniels gave the Trustee Board report. He mentioned the plans for the new State Office building in Cordele. There was no report from the Missions Board. The body then recessed to give the committees time to do their work.

Completion of Business: After singing the hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms", the congregation was led in prayer by Rev. Ryan Clements. The moderator then asked the congregation to come and extend the right hand of Christian fellowship to two of the new pastors in our association, Rev. Johnny Lewis and Rev. Jerry McArthur, and their wives.

Resolutions Committee Report: Sis. Sharon Calhoun read the

following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

1. That each church member be more faithful in all works of the church.
2. That we encourage our young people to attend our meetings and we develop an educational procedure to prepare them to be able to assume church and organizational leadership roles.
3. That we give Mt. Glory Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

The committee recommended that our Bible verse - Hebrews 10:25, be made a standing resolution. These resolutions were adopted as read and the moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the Mt. Glory Church for their warm hospitality.

Credentials Committee Report: Bro. Gary Enfinger reported the following statistics: Ministers - 8; Ministers wives - 7; Deacons - 10; Deacons' wives - 7; Visitors - 2; Churches reporting - 11; Total present - 64; Regular fees - \$334.00; Benevolent - \$589.00; National fees - \$37.50. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for the highest number present and Mt. Glory for the highest percent present. This report was approved by the body.

Ordaining Council Report: The Ordaining Council recommended Rev. Mark Williford for membership in our association pending a letter of good standing from Midway Association. Rev. Williford has been called to pastor Mt. Gilead Church. This report was adopted by the congregation.

Worship Service: After announcements, the business session was adjourned and the worship service began. After special singing by Mt. Glory Church, Rev. S. E. Newberry brought an inspiring message from God's word from John 6:5-14. After the offering was received, the moderator asked for information on the noon meal and dismissed in prayer. The Mt. Glory Church family served a delicious meal and everyone enjoyed the time of food and fellowship.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Fourth Quarterly Session

October 12, 2002

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Home Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The meeting began with the congregation singing "To God Be The Glory". Rev. William Smith was asked to lead the congregation in prayer. Bro. Bobby Roberts extended a warm welcome and Bro. Robert Tully gave the response. Bro. Scot Roberts gave a thought provoking devotion from God's word based on I Corinthians 8:5,6 and I John 5:7.

Business Session: 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. Two visitors, Rev. S. E. Newberry and Rev. William Smith, were recognized. Roll call of the Association Churches was made and number of members attending from each church was recorded. After the minutes from the last quarterly meeting were read and approved, the financial report was given by Mrs. Jewel Maddox. A Credentials Committee consisting of Bobby Roberts, Billy Adams, and Earl Daniels was appointed. A Resolutions Committee consisting of Jean Tully and Martha Williams was also appointed. After a short recess, the congregation sang "This Is My Fathers House." We were led in prayer by Rev. S. E. Newberry. The moderator then called for reports from the various State Boards. Bro. Ryan Clements deferred to Rev. William Smith for the Camping Board Report. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave us a report on the Churches at Kingsland and Atlanta. Rev. Walter Daniels of the Trustee Board deferred to Rev. S. E. Newberry who mentioned the groundbreaking for the new State Office in Cordele. There was no report from the Board of Christian Education. The moderator then recognized Rev. William Smith of the State Office who gave an update on the financial and numerical gains experienced by our State Association. Rev. Nathan Snow then spoke of our Mission work in Japan.

Credentials Committee Report: Bro. Bobby Roberts related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30) ; Ministers (12); Ministers' wives (4); Deacons (15); Deacons' wives (8); Visitors (2); churches

reporting (13); churches with delegates (12); total present (73); Martin Church membership reported (652); Quarterly fees total (\$375.50); Benevolent Fund total (\$726.00); National Fees (\$348.00) and (\$10.00) for minutes. Attendance banners were awarded to the Highway Church for the highest percent present and the New Home M. C. Church for the highest number present.

Resolutions Committee Report: Sis. Jean Tully read the following resolutions for consideration for the body. Be it resolved:

1. That as a Christian body we dedicate ourselves to special prayer for our national leaders & soldiers during this time of crisis.

2. That we pray that young people will participate in more church business meetings and organizational leadership in our churches.

3. That we give New Home Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Ordaining Council Report: Rev. Andy Merritt gave the ordaining council report. A letter on behalf of Rev. Charles Powell was sent to the Salem Association. A letter was received from South Central Quarterly of the Cumberland Association on behalf of Rev. Kent Barwick and it was recommended he be received in full fellowship. The Ordination Service of Rev. Benjamin Miller was scheduled at the Colquitt Church on November 10. It was also recommended that the license for Rev. Ryan Clements be extended for one year. There was a motion and second and approval by the body to adopt this report.

Program and Nominating Committee Reports: Rev. Walter Daniels read the recommended nominations of Officers and Board Members for 2003. These nominations were adopted by acclimation. Bro. Robert Tully read the recommended programs for the year 2003. These programs were approved as read.

Worship Service: The business part of the meeting was adjourned and worship service began. After special music by Rev. Jerry and Barbara McArthur and more great singing by Rev. Johnny Lewis, Rev. Nathan Snow gave an update on our Mission work in Japan.

After the offering was collected, Rev. Johnny Lewis gave information on the noon meal. Rev. Kent Barwick prayed the blessing. The ladies of New Home Church served an excellent meal and everyone enjoyed the Christian fellowship.

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

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/28/01		Opening Balance	Martin Association	\$1,546.61
01/10/02	1001	Automat Printers	Printing Minutes	609.50
01/12/01		Deposit		1,431.60
01/29/02	1002	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benevolent	239.98
01/29/02	1003	Voided		
01/29/02	1004	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	239.98
01/29/02	1005	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	239.98
01/29/02	1006	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	25.00
01/29/02	1007	Walter Daniels	Moderator	5.00
01/31/02	1008	GA State Assoc.	National 87.50, State 45.00	132.50
02/10/02	1009	Mrs. J. L. Williams (Replace check #1003)	Benevolent	239.98
02/20/02	1010	GA FWB Assoc.	National Assoc. Dues	365.00
04/15/02		Deposit		1,323.60
04/25/02	1011	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	218.30
04/25/02	1012	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	218.30
04/25/02	1014	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benevolent	218.30
04/25/02	1015	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	25.00
04/25/02	1016	Walter Daniels	Moderator	5.00
04/25/02	1017	GA State Assoc.	State Cooperative Plan	130.90
07/15/02	1018	Voided		
07/15/02	1019	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	234.61
07/15/02	1020	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benevolent	234.61
07/15/02	1021	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	234.61
07/15/02	1022	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	234.61
07/15/02	1023	Walter Daniels	Moderator	5.00
07/15/02	1024	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	25.00
07/15/02	1025	GA FWB Assoc.	Co-op 174.48 National 87.50	261.98
07/16/02	1026	Post Office	Stamps	7.40
10/15/02		Deposit		1,779.20
10/15/02	1027	Donalsonville Church	Donation	500.00
10/16/02	1028	Walter Daniels	Moderator	5.00
10/16/02	1029	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	25.00
10/16/02	1030	Mrs. W. S. Driggers	Benevolent	237.96
10/16/02	1031	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	237.96
10/16/02	1032	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	237.96
10/16/02	1033	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	237.96
10/16/02	1034	GA FWB Assoc.	Co-op	224.35
BALANCE IN CHECKING ACCOUNT 12/31/02				\$1,451.38
TOTAL INFLOWS				\$5,979.80
TOTAL OUTFLOWS				- \$6,075.03

MARTIN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

- Convention Minutes -

September 14, 2002

The Martin District Women Active for Christ convened on Saturday, September 14, 2002, at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "For Such A Time As This", based on the scripture, Esther 4:14. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. Those who served on the registration committee were: Maxine Torbert, Alma Jean Grimes and Grace Nix.

The program began at 10:00 a.m., with congregational singing led by Maxine Torbert and accompanied by pianist Patricia Grimes. We sang "He Took My Sins Away", Terra Smith led in prayer. Grace Nix gave the welcome. Highlights of WNAC 2002 were given by Barbara McArthur. She told us the highlights of the Convention and the two resolutions that were passed. One opposing same sex marriages and the second one that WNAC be committed to praying for our youth.

Mandy Roland opened the floor for business. Maxine Torbert gave the Credentials report: 5 auxiliaries reporting; 63 members at the beginning of the year; 20 members added; 15 members lost; total of 68 members at the end of the year; \$867.00 total dues paid. The delegates were seated. Move, second and carried to receive delegates.

Mission Action Chairwoman, Debra Middleton was not present. Mission Study Chairwoman, Grace Nix stated different auxiliaries are doing Bible studies. Mission Prayer Chairwoman, Veda Bellflower encouraged everyone to be in prayer for our nation because there was power in prayer against Satan.

Allie Richardson gave the Treasurer's Report and Finance Committee Reports. Total designated giving was \$1,615.00; total receipts \$3,515.38; total disbursements \$2,525.69; balance in account \$979.69. Move, second, and carried to receive these reports.

Elise Williams gave the Resolutions Committee report. There were 5 resolutions. Each one was voted upon individually. All resolutions passed.

Delegates were appointed to represent the Martin District at the Georgia Women Active for Christ Convention in March of 2003. They are Ann Lewis and Barbara McArthur.

After a short break, announcements were given. Mandy Roland spoke about the Mother/Daughter Banquet that was held at their church that was a tremendous success. At this time the auxiliaries discussed changing the district convention and the workshop so the reports to the state and national would not be old data. It was moved that the Martin WNAC Convention be held on Saturday, February 22, 2003, at New Salem FWB Church and the workshop would be held on Thursday Night, September 11, 2003, at Colquitt FWB Church. Move, second, and motion carried. Maxine Torbert gave the Registration Committee report. There were 21 members and 3 visitors present. Move, second, and motion carried to accept this report. The Attendance Award was presented to Mt. Gilead. The minutes of this meeting were read. Move, second, and motion carried to accept the minutes.

The worship service began with the hymn, "The Longer I Serve Him". An offering was received in the amount of \$76.00. Maxine Torbert introduced Ashley Boyd who rendered the special music. Maxine Torbert introduced our special guest, Lynn Henley. Lynn used II Timothy, chapters 1 & 2, challenging us to be better disciples and to pray for wisdom every day reading God's word. She spoke about the prison ministry and how God has opened doors for her to bring His truth to these people. Maxine Torbert dismissed and said the blessing on the food.

MARTIN DISTRICT WNAC CONVENTION RESOLUTIONS

1. Be it resolved that we as Free Will Baptist Women Active for Christ keep the purpose of our organization in front of our women. The purpose of WNAC is to provide opportunities for women to understand and fulfill the Great Commission through their responsibilities in the family, in the church, in the community, and around the world.

2. Be it resolved that we encourage our officers to conduct a Manual Study to teach the women that are new to WNAC and refresh the minds of those already familiar with our organization of the duties and responsibilities of each officer from our local to our national work.

3. Be it resolved that we keep the vision of Missions in front of our women, encouraging them to be more mission minded in their prayers and in their giving, remembering the Pre Easter Week of Prayer offering for World Missions and the Pre Thanksgiving Week of Prayer offering for National Home Missions.

4. Be it resolved that speakers chosen to speak at our district GWAC meetings be of sound doctrine and believe in the fundamental truths essential for salvation.

5. Be it resolved that we give the Thompson Church and those on our program today a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Elise Williams, Ann Lewis, & Barbara McArthur

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

September 15, 2001 — September 14, 2002

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

Receipts:

2001-2002 Designated Giving	\$1,615.00
2001 Convention Offering	92.00
2002 Spring Workshop Offering	41.75
Convention Dues (\$12.75 per member)	867.00
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary)	<u>30.00</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$2,645.75</u>
Total Available	<u>\$3,515.38</u>

Payments:

GWAC (Designated giving)	\$1,615.00
Dues to GWAC (\$12.50 per member)	850.00
Speakers' Gifts	<u>70.69</u>
Total Payments	<u>\$2,535.69</u>

Balance in Treasury (9-14-2002) \$ 979.69

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie M. Richardson, Chairwoman;
Vonnie Calhoun, Grace Nix

LOCAL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 36	4. New Salem - 18
2. Mt. Gilead - 4	5. Thompson - 2
3. New Home - 8	Total Membership - 68

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

Annual Treasurer's Report

Allie M. Richardson – Treasurer

September 15, 2001 to September 14, 2002

Designated Giving

Debbie Griffin.....	\$ 420.00
Sandra & Dale Bishop.....	360.00
State Project.....	252.00
Pre-Thanksgiving.....	225.00
Co-Laborer Offering.....	180.00
Alabama Children's Home.....	100.00
GWAC Emphasis Offering.....	25.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	24.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	24.00
Minute Money.....	5.00
 TOTAL.....	 \$1,615.00

MARTIN ASSOCIATION
OBITUARY REPORT - 2002

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Benonia Carpenter - b. Nov. 16, 1934 d. Apr. 17, 2002

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

Mrs. Faye Roberts - b. June 8, 1923 d. Nov. 13, 2001

Mrs. Dixie Roberts - b. Jan. 5, 1923 d. May 1, 2002

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Gerald W. Kirkland - b. June 26, 1934 d. Feb. 17, 2002

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	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	6	1	8	0	24
Members Added	13	1	3	0	1	0	3	9	0	12	4	10	0	56
Members Lost	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	6	5	1	4	27
Total Members	150	93	33	18	30	13	107	48	8	124	70	117		811
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	15
No. of Licensed Ministers	2	1		0		0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	7
No. of Ordained Deacons	3	2	1	1	2	2	5	1	0	5	7	7	7	43
S. S. Enrollment	80			0	20	9	30	17	7	53	62	65	40	383
C. T. S. Enrollment	80	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	105
W. A. Enrollment	36	0	0	0	14	0	0	5	0	8	0	18	7	88
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	114,410	36,448	28,954		22,174		31,684	35,590		46,406		83,569	49,704	448,939
Value of all Church Prop.	660,000	150,000			72,700	60,000	272,000	175,000		260,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	2,249,700

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.

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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.