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MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

2003 - 2004

GENERAL OFFICERS

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Johnny Lewis
Jewel Maddox
Rev. Kent Barwick
Rev. Mark Williford
Eddie Cobb
Charles Grimes

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Gene Gilbert - 2006
Rev. Willie Dawson - 2005
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2006
Timmy Bellflower - 2005
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2004

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2006
Board of Trustees - Rev. Gene Gilbert, 2005
Board of Christian Education - Paula Gilbert, 2005
Board of Missions - Gerald Thompson - 2005

PROGRAMS

for

Martin Association Quarterly Meetings

FIRST SESSION

Corinth - January 10, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Bonnie Swanner
 Response.....Bro. Billy W. Roland
 Devotional.....Bro. Lynn Frazier
 Special Music.....Corinth
 Message.....Rev. Talmadge Worsley

SECOND SESSION

Donalsonville - April 10, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Vena Rathel
 Response.....Bro. Timmy Bellflower
 Devotional.....Bro. Lajoy Hagler
 Special Music.....Donalsonville
 Message.....Rev. Rollin Rathel

THIRD SESSION

Hebrew - July 10, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Billy Adams
 Response.....Bro. Jimmy Miller
 Devotional.....Bro. Joe Ridlehoover
 Special Music.....Hebrew
 Message.....Rev. Andy Merritt

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Highway - October 9, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Sis. Scarborough Scott
 Response.....Bro. Bobby Roberts
 Devotional.....Bro. Earl Daniels
 Special Music.....Highway
 Message.....Rev. Willie Dawson

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

First Quarterly Session

January 11, 2003

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Salem Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Johnny Lewis. We were led in prayer by Rev. Ryan Clements. Each deacon and their wives were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and were seated. The program was adopted with necessary changes. We were then led in a congregational hymn, "Victory In Jesus", by Bro. Jeff Braswell.

Bro. Jeff Braswell then welcomed everyone to New Salem, and Sis. Pam Roberts gave the response. Bro. Bobby Richardson then gave the devotion based on Mark, chapter 4 and the parable of the sower. After recognizing our visitors, the roll call of the association churches was taken. The moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee consisting of Barbara McArthur, Ann Lewis and Paula Gilbert and a Credentials Committee consisting of David Richardson and Rev. Mark Williford. After taking an offering, the body was recessed for a short break to allow the committees time to prepare their reports.

Completion of Business: The minutes of the last meeting were read by the clerk. The Treasurer's report was given by Mrs. Jewel Maddox. The Moderator then called for reports from the State Boards. Rev. Ryan Clements gave the Camping Board report. There was no report from either the Christian Education or Mission Boards. The moderator asked for any unfinished business to come before the body. There was none. We then elected Sis. Ann Lewis and Sis. Barbara McArthur to be delegates to the State Meeting in Columbus on March 13 and 14. A motion was made to look into giving a regular donation to the Ala. Children's Home from Association funds. This was referred to the Executive Committee. There was a motion, second and approval to increase the honorarium of the Moderator and Clerk to \$50 each session. After discussion by the body, there was a motion, second and approval to change the starting time of our meetings to 9:30 a.m.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. Mark Williford related the following statistics: Standing delegates (30), ministers (11), minister's wives (6), deacons (14), deacon's wives (7), visitors (2), churches reporting (12), churches with delegates (11), total present (79), Martin Association member church membership reported for the quarter (634 active); Quarterly fees total (\$366.00) Benevolent fund total (\$707.00); National fees (\$100.00). Attendance banners were awarded to Hebrew 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. Barbara McArthur read the following resolutions for consideration by the body. Be it resolved:

1. That the host church of the Association meeting be excluded from receiving the attendance banner in order for some of the smaller churches might have a chance to receive the banner.

2. That we give the New Salem Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

There was a motion and second to deny the first resolution and approve the second resolution. The motion passed.

Ordaining Council Report: Rev. Andy Merritt informed the body that the Council met with Rev. Gene Gilbert and asked that the clerk request a letter of good standing for Rev. Gilbert from the Midway Association. The Council also requested that a letter of good standing be granted to Midway Association on behalf of Rev. Walter Daniels. This report was approved by the body.

Worship Service: After announcements, the business session was adjourned and the worship service was began. After special singing by New Salem Church, Rev. Jerry McArthur brought an inspirational message from God's word. We were then dismissed in prayer. The New Salem Church family served a delicious meal and everyone enjoyed a time of food and fellowship.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Second Quarterly Session

April 12, 2003

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Home Decatur Co. Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Johnny Lewis. We were led in prayer by Bro. Wendell Cox. We sang a congregational hymn, "Amazing Grace." The body was then welcomed by Rev. Benny Cumbie. The response was given by Bro. Harvey Cox. Bro. Wayne Scott then gave a devotion based on the fact that we as Christians can do all things through Christ.

Business Session: After a short break to allow the Executive Committee time to meet, we recognized ordained and licensed ministers. Deacons were asked to stand and be recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. One visitor, Rev. S. E. Newberry, was recognized. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion passed. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee of Pam Roberts, Ann Lewis, and Jim Williams, and a Credentials Committee consisting of Talmadge Worsley, Claude Newsome, and Wayne Scott. The clerk read the minutes of the last meeting. There was a motion, second, and approval as read. Jerry Calhoun then gave the Executive Committee report. The Committee recommended that a representative from Alabama Children's Home be allowed to come before the Association at any time there was a special need at the home. The Association could not make regular donations to the Home due to the restraints of our Constitution specifying how Association funds are to be spent. The Committee also recommended that all dollar figures be removed from the Constitution and stipulate funds be approved by the body as need be. Next a motion was read from our 1st Quarterly Session as follows: The Association would pay an honorarium of \$50 each to the Moderator, Treasurer, and Clerk. There was a motion and second to lay this on the table. This motion would be read a second time at our next meeting and action then taken according to the wishes of the body. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report as read.

There was no report from the Mission Board. Dr. Lynn Frazier gave the Christian Education Board report. There was a motion and second and approval to accept this as information. Rev. Johnny Lewis gave the Camp Board Report for Rev. McArthur. He mentioned the upcoming Jr. Camp at Mt. Pleasant.

Rev. Andy Merritt reported no business from the Ordaining Council. There was no report from the WGAC. The treasury report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox.

Credentials Committee Report: Bro. Wayne Scott reported the following statistics: Ministers - 7; Deacons - 10; Visitors - 1; Churches with delegates - 10; Churches reporting - 13; Total present - 39; Regular fees - \$282.50; Benevolent - \$725.00; National fees - \$87.50. Attendance banners were awarded to New Home (D. C.) for the highest number present and Highway for the highest percent present. This report was approved by the body.

Resolutions Committee Report: Sis. Pam Roberts offered the following resolutions for consideration by the body. No. 1 - that the Association set the date of the April meeting at the first session of the year in order to keep from conflicting with area activities. No. 2 - We have a special time of prayer for our troops, our leaders, and those who are POW's or MIA. No. 3 - That we give the New Home (D. C.) Church a standing vote of thanks for their hospitality today. There was a motion and second with some discussion on No. 1. The motion was denied. There was a motion and second, and approval for No. 2. There was a motion and second, and approval by the body standing for No. 3.

The Moderator then called for any new business. The State Office asked that we vote on placing the Thigpen Building at FWB Bible College in the state budget. Motion, second and approval was granted.

Worship Service: We were then led in special prayer for our troops by Rev. Johnny Lewis. An offering was taken. We enjoyed special music by Bro. Howard Scarborough. Rev. Benny Cumbie then preached a thoughtful message from Matthew, chapter 28, verse 19 of God's word. After a motion and second with approval to adjourn, we were dismissed in prayer by Rev. S. E. Newberry. After announcements, everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship with an excellent meal prepared by the New Home (D. C.) Church family.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Third Quarterly Session

July 12, 2003

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Thompson Church at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Johnny Lewis. We were led in prayer by Rev. Mark Williford. We sang a congregational hymn, "Deeper, Deeper." The body was then welcomed by Bro. Charles Grimes. The response was given by Bro. Claude Newsome. Bro. Bob George then gave a devotion from Psalm 129 that set the tone for the day's events.

Business Session: We recognized ordained and licensed ministers. Deacons were asked to stand and be recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. One visitor, Rev. S. E. Newberry, was recognized. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion passed. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed a Credentials Committee of Rev. Mark Williford, Billy W. Roland, and Wendell Cox, and a Resolutions Committee consisting of Ann Lewis, Cheryl Barwick, and Pam Roberts. The clerk read the minutes of the last session. There was a motion, second, and approval as read. Sis. Jewel Maddox then gave the Treasurer's Report. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. There was no report from the Executive Committee. Rev. William Smith gave a report from the Mission Board. He briefed us on the churches at Kingsland and Alaska. At this time, the body took a short recess. After the break, Dr. Lynn Frazier gave the report from the Christian Education Board. He mentioned the upcoming Sr. Retreat and also the Couples Retreat. He also spoke on off-campus classes available thru Free Will Baptist Bible College. Rev. Johnny Lewis gave the Camp Board report. He recapped the recent success of our Jr. Camp. There was no business from the Ordaining Council. There was no WGAC report.

Credentials Committee Report: Rev. Mark Williford reported the following statistics: Ministers - 11; Deacons - 18; Visitors - 1; Churches with delegates - 11; Churches reporting - 12; Total present - 71; Regu-

lar fees - \$353.50, Benevolent fund - \$680.00; National fees - \$37.50. Attendance banners were awarded to Thompson Church for the highest number present and Mt. Gilead for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report as information.

Resolutions Committee Report: Sis. Ann Lewis offered the following resolutions for consideration by the body. No. 1 - Out of a burden for providing Christian alternatives and nurturing for the youth in our District, we resolve that the Association hold our pastors accountable to coordinate and complete plans to activate regular youth rallies and other events, and call for reports from the pastors at each quarterly meeting. After some discussion by the body, it was agreed that restrictions of our Constitution and By-Laws would make enforcement of this resolution impossible. There was a motion, second and approval to table this proposal. No. 2 - That the Association give Thompson Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. There was a motion, second and approval by the body standing. The Moderator then called for any other business. The Clerk read the following proposal from our First Quarterly Session: to increase the honorarium paid to \$50 each to the Association's Clerk, Moderator, and Treasurer. There was a motion and second to take this proposal off the table. The motion passed with the required two-thirds majority as needed for a change in our Constitution. A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Gene Gilbert, Herbert Boyd, and Bobby Richardson. A Program Committee consisting of Rev. Kent Barwick, Claude Newsome, and Gary Enfinger was also formed. Rev. Gene Gilbert and Jerry Torbert collected an offering and the body took a short break.

Worship Service: After a congregational hymn, "A Hill Called Mt. Calvary", we were led in prayer by Rev. William Smith. We were then blessed by special music by Sis. Paula Gilbert. Rev. Gene Gilbert then preached a stirring message from the book of Acts, Chapter 4. After announcements, there was a motion, second and approval to adjourn. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Harvey Cox. Everyone then enjoyed a time of fellowship with a delicious meal prepared by the Thompson Church family.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Minutes -

Fourth Quarterly Session

October 11, 2003

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Colquitt Church at 9:30 a.m. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Johnny Lewis. We were led in prayer by Rev. Andy Merritt. We sang a congregational hymn, "When We All Get To Heaven." The body was then welcomed by Bro. Randy Adams. The response was given by Bro. Billy Roland. Bro. Gary Enfinger then gave a devotion based on God's word from II Corinthians and Philippians.

Business Session: We recognized ordained and licensed ministers. Deacons were asked to stand and be recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. One visitor, Rev. S. E. Newberry, was recognized. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion passed. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed a Credentials Committee of Billy Roland, Scot Roberts and Eddie Cobb and a Resolutions Committee consisting of Carol Tomberlin and Cheryl Barwick. The clerk read the minutes of the last session. There was a motion, second, and approval as read. Sis. Jewel Maddox then gave the Treasurer's Report. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Rev. Gene Gilbert then gave the Nominating Committee report. The nominations were: Rev. Mark Williford as Clerk to replace Jerry Calhoun. Executive Committee - Rev. Kent Barwick to replace Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Eddie Cobb to replace Billy Roland, and Charles Grimes to replace Gary Enfinger. Ordaining Council - Rev. Gene Gilbert to replace Rev. Bobby Whittaker. Investigating Committee - Harvey Cox. State Boards - Board of Camping - Rev. Kent Barwick to replace Rev. Jerry McArthur. Board of Christian Education - Paula Gilbert to replace Lynn Frazier. There was a motion and second to receive and approve by acclamation. Claude Newsome then gave the recommendations from the Program Committee. There was a motion and second to approve the recommendations. There was no report from the Executive Committee. Rev. Gene Gilbert gave the Missions Board report for Gerald Thompson. He mentioned the sale of the Hampton property and possible new sites for Mission churches. Dr. Lynn Frazier then updated the body on the work of Christian Education Board. He reminded everyone about the coming retreats being offered. The Moderator then called for a short recess.

After the break Rev. Kent Barwick gave the Camp Board report. He mentioned the recent success of the Youth Rally held by our Association. He also raised the possibility of our Association going together with Midway Association to hold a joint Youth Rally. There was no report from the WGAC.

Credentials Committee: Billy Roland then related the following statistics: Standing delegates - 25; minister's - 8; deacons - 12; visitors - 1; churches reporting - 12; total present - 65; Regular fees - \$354.00; Benevolent - \$681.50; National fees - \$351.50; printing of minutes - \$10.00; total fees - \$1397.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for the highest number present and Highway Church for the highest percent present.

There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report.

Ordaining Council: Rev. Andy Merritt then gave the report of the Ordaining Council. The Council recommended to the Association that Rev. Tim Hutchinson be received into our fellowship upon receipt of a letter of good standing from Salem Association.

Other Business: The Moderator asked for any new business. There was a motion, second and approval to reimburse Colquitt Church for expenses incurred for the Martin Youth Rally. After some discussion by the body, there was a motion, second and approval for the Executive Committee to look into the possibility of including a column on the quarterly church report for each church to donate a small amount to the Association to cover these expenses. There was also a motion, second and approval to form a Camp & Youth Board with the inclusion of our State Camping Board representative. This Board would include Rev. Tim Hutchinson, Rev. Mark Williford, Rev. Kent Barwick and two other lay persons from our Association. The Body then voted to give Colquitt Church a rising vote of thanks for hosting our quarterly meeting.

Worship Service: After announcements, the business session was adjourned and the worship service was began. After a congregational hymn, "I Want To Be A Worker", Sis. Gail Everson brought special music which was enjoyed by all. Rev. Kent Barwick then brought the morning message based on John 15, verse 11 on "Love One Another". After prayer by Rev. Johnny Lewis, we were dismissed by extending the right hand of Christian fellowship to Rev. Tim Hutchinson and his wife, Susan. Everyone then enjoyed a wonderful meal prepared by the Colquitt Church family.

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS - Financial Record -

Register Report January 1, 2003 - December 31, 2003

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/31/02		Opening Balance	Martin Association	\$1451.38
01/11/03	1035	Automat Printers	Printing Minutes	609.50
01/14/03		Deposit	Dues/Benevolent	1406.90
01/14/03		Deposit	Co-op/Dues	60.00
01/14/03	1036	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	50.00
01/14/03	1037	Johnny Lewis	Moderator	5.00
01/14/03	1038	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	288.33
01/14/03	1039	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	288.33
01/14/03	1040	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	288.33
01/14/03	1041	GA State Assoc.	Co-op	172.20
01/24/03	1042	Martin Assoc.	Dues	695.00
03/01/03	Deposit		Benevolent	101.62
03/31/03	Deposit		Benevolent	52.10
04/15/03	Deposit		Co-op/Benevolent/Nat.	1280.00
04/15/03	1043	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	288.23
04/15/03	1044	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	288.23
04/15/03	1045	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	288.23
04/28/03	1046	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	25.00
04/28/03	1047	Johnny Lewis	Moderator	5.00
04/28/03	1048	Martin Assoc.	Co-op	152.25
06/25/03	Deposit		Benevolent	53.94
07/09/03	Deposit		Benevolent	58.22
07/16/03	Deposit			1266.10
07/17/03	1049	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	282.21
07/17/03	1050	Void		
07/17/03	1051	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	282.21
07/17/03	1052	Johnny Lewis	Moderator	50.00
07/17/03	1053	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	50.00
07/17/03	1054	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
07/17/03	1055	Martin Assoc.	Co-op	127.12
07/17/03	1056	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	282.21
10/15/03	Deposit		Co-op/Benevolent/Nat.	1488.10
10/15/03	1057	Martin Assoc.	Co-op	56.00
10/15/03	1058	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	235.00
10/15/03	1059	Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	235.00
10/15/03	1060	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	235.00
10/15/03	1061	Johnny Lewis	Moderator	50.00
10/15/03	1062	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	50.00
10/15/03	1063	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
12/17/03	1064	Colquitt Church	Food for Youth Rally	215.79

Balance in Checking Account on 12/31/03

\$1524.19

Total Inflows \$5766.38

Total Outflows \$5694.77

**MARTIN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST
Workshop
New Salem Baptist Church
September 11, 2003**

Theme Study: "Lift Up Your Eyes"
Scripture: Psalm 121:1

Salad supper was served at 7:00 p.m. Program began at 7:30 p.m. with congregational singing. Pianist: Sue Mock; Song Director: Beverly Richardson. Prayer. Welcome by New Salem representative. Who's Here by Terra Smith.

Appointment of Convention Committees: Resolutions: Shirley Holt (Chair), Paula Gilbert, Susan Hutchinson. Credentials Committee: Maxine Torbert (Chair), Pam Roberts. Finance Committee: Allie Mae Richardson (Chair), Veda Bellflower, Grace Nix. Registration Committee: Ann Lewis (Chair), Jewella Lovering, Mary Cox. Nominating Committee: Beverly Richardson (Chair), Cheryl Barwick, Ginny Williford.

State Women Active for Christ Retreat highlights were given by Mandy Roland.

Program consisted of an opening hymn, service of giving, special music by Beverly Richardson and Pam Roberts, and the guest speaker, Lynn Henley. Mrs. Henley spoke on the jail ministry. Benediction.

Announcements:

Women Active for Christ District Convention will be at New Home Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, January 17, 2004.

Member dues should be paid by February 1, 2004.

In order to update our Address Book, please send to Grace Nix a list of member names, addresses and telephone numbers by October 1, 2003. You may also e-mail the list to gnix@bainbridge.edu.

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION
OBITUARY REPORT - 2003**

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Gerald Pete Warren - b. Sept. 10, 1938 d. June 8, 2003
Eva M. Davis - b. Oct. 25, 1915 d. Aug. 14, 2003

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Grace W. Driggers - b. Sept. 4, 1918 d. Dec. 8, 2002
Larry W. Atkinson - b. Oct. 22, 1941 d. Dec. 17, 2002
Lavara R. Alday - b. Sept. 16, 1919 d. Feb. 25, 2003
Susie V. Riddlehoover - b. Sept. 15, 1920 d. June 7, 2003

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Louise V. Barwick - b. Oct. 4, 1917 d. Jan. 28, 2003

MT. GLORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Wesley A. Newberry - b. Apr. 6, 1930 d. Nov. 18, 2002

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Oscar Frank Newberry - b. Oct. 29, 1916 d. April 11, 2003
Mary Sheffield - b. Aug. 31, 1901 d. Mar. 5, 2003

THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ona Alice Mock - b. Jan. 9, 1926 d. Mar. 27, 2003

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.

FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

	COLQUITT	CORINTH	D'VILLE	FATHERS	HEBREW	HIGHWAY	MOTHERS	MT.	MT.	New Home	New Home	NEW	THOMPSON	TOTALS
				HOME			HOME	GILEAD	GLORY	(M.C.)	(D.C.)	SALEM		
No. of Baptisms	8	0	0	0	2	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	3	18
Members Added	32	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	1	0	4	8	53
Members Lost	4	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5	19
Total Members	177	93	33	17	29	13	109	42	10	125	70	117	75	910
No. of Ordained Ministers	4	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	1	1	15
No. of Licensed Ministers	1		1	0		0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
No. of Ordained Deacons	3	3	1	1	2	2	6	1	0	6	7	7	8	47
S. S. Enrollment	126	16	30	0	15	9	30	17	7	56	62	52	35	455
C. T. S. Enrollment	69	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43	25	137
W. A. Enrollment	32	0	0	0	12	0	0	5	0	10	0	18	5	82
M. M. Enrollment	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Tithes & Offerings	139,300	34,036	34,316		25,346		45,327		52,792		83,780	52,011	466,908	
Value of all Church Prop.	660,000	150,000	300,000		72,700	65,000	272,000	175,000		260,000	150,000	200,000	250,000	2,554,700

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, fifty (50) dollars; Clerk's honorarium, fifty (50) dollars; Treasurer's honorarium fifty (50) dollars.
- 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.