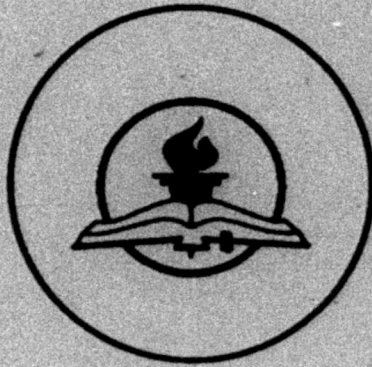


**2004**

**Quarterly Sessions**

**One Hundred Eighteenth Year**



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

2004 - 2005

### GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....	Jerry Calhoun
Assistant Moderator.....	Rev. Talmadge Worsley
Treasurer.....	Jewel Maddox
Assistant Treasurer.....	Robert Tully
Clerk.....	Bobby Richardson
Assistant Clerk.....	Pam Roberts

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Jerry Calhoun  
Jewel Maddox  
Rev. Kent Barwick  
Bobby Richardson  
Eddie Cobb  
Charles Grimes

### ORDAIN'NG COUNCIL

Rev. Andy Merritt - 2008  
Rev. Kent Barwick - 2008  
Rev. Willie Dawson - 2008

### INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2008  
Timmy Bellflower - 2008  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2008

### REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping - Rev. Roger Mercer, 2006  
Board of Trustees - Wendell Cox, 2006  
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2006  
Board of Missions - Gerald Thompson - 2006

# PROGRAMS

## for

### Martin Association Quarterly Meetings

#### FIRST SESSION

Mothers Home - January 8, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Ken Gibson  
 Response.....Sis. Ethel Newberry  
 Devotional.....Sis. Lillian Gibson  
 Special Music.....Mothers Home  
 Message.....Rev. Bobby Whittaker

#### SECOND SESSION

New Home M. C. - April 9, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Scot Roberts  
 Response.....Bro. Gerald Thompson  
 Devotional.....Bro. Bobby Roberts  
 Special Music.....New Home  
 Message.....Pastor

#### THIRD SESSION

Mt. Gilead - July 9, 2005 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Herbert Boyd  
 Response.....Sis. Scarborough Lee Scott  
 Devotional.....Sis. Veda Bellflower  
 Special Music.....Mt. Gilead  
 Message.....Pastor

#### FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Colquitt - October 8, 2004 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Robert Tully  
 Response.....Sis. Edna Hagler  
 Devotional.....Bro. Gary Enfinger  
 Special Music.....Colquitt  
 Message.....Rev. Kent Barwick

### Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

1st Quarterly Session

January 10, 2004

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Corinth Church at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Rev. Johnny Lewis called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Kent Barwick, the body sang the hymn "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms." Sis. Bonnie Swanner then gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Claude Newsome gave the response. The devotion was presented by Dr. Lynn Frazier. His text was taken from Luke 10:18, Ephesians 2:2 and I Peter 5:8. Dr. Frazier related that Satan is real and can be resisted by the same manner Jesus did. He stated that Satan is the core of humanism, which is the originator of the problems of this country. Humanism has stemmed from pagan philosophy and literature and the promotion of the Humanist's Manifesto. Yet we can resist by following what the Bible tells us.

Business Session - All ordained and licensed ministers were recognized. All ordained deacons were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. There were two visitors present - Rev. S. E. Newberry and Raymond Mercer. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion was unanimous. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed two committees: a Resolutions Committee consisting of Ann Lewis, Jewel Maddox, and Suzan Hutchinson; and a Credentials Committee consisting of Gary Enfinger, Harvey Cox, and Bob Roberts. The clerk read the minutes of the last session. There was a motion and second to approve as read. The Moderator then called for a short recess.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox which was taken from page 13 of the 2003 Session Report Booklet of the Martin Association. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. There was no report from the Executive Committee. The Christian Education Report was given by Dr. Lynn Frazier. He related how he appreciated everyone's support over the years as he carried out his duties for the association as CE Board Chairman. He also reported the dates for the upcoming Minister's Retreat which is set for April 19-21 at Fort Gaines, GA. The keynote speaker will be Randy Sawyer. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The Camp Board Report was given by Rev. Kent Barwick. He related seeking assistance for help in organizing the camp and also the tentative date for the Junior Camp which will be May 30 - June 4. With the aid of Mark Walker, they are looking into an alternate location for the camp. There was a motion, second and



approval to receive this report as information. The next report was presented by Sis. Mandy Roland on behalf of WGAC. She related the date, time and place for the WGAC Convention. The keynote speaker of the meeting would be Donna Walker from Albany Church. She also reminded the churches concerning upcoming dues and the need to update the WGAC address list for the association. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Gary Enfinger, who presented the following statistics: Regular fees - \$387.50, Benevolent - \$750.00, National fees - \$475.00, total of fees and funds - \$1612.50. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for the highest number present and the Corinth Church with the highest percent present. The number of standing delegates were as follows: 28, ministers - 12, deacons - 18, visitors - 2, churches reporting - 11, total present - 80. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information.

Rev. Gene Gilbert gave the Missions Report for Gerald Thompson. He mentioned that they have available funds from the tower and that they also are putting together a missions handbook. The Hampton property still had not been sold and the hopes to start new mission church elsewhere in the near future looked promising. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The Ordaining Council report was given by Rev. Andy Merritt, who made the following recommendations: 1. That the Martin Association send a letter of Good Standing for Rev. Clifton Buchanan to the Liberty Number One Association of Free Will Baptist. There was a motion, second and approval to this recommendation. 2. That the Martin Association send a letter of recommendation for Rev. Jerry McArthur to the New Mexico Association of Free Will Baptists. There was a motion, second and approval to this recommendation. 3. That we receive Rev. Mark Williford with full fellowship into the Martin Association. There was a motion, second and approval also for this recommendation.

Other Business: Following the service delegates were nominated for the State Association Meeting. Ann Lewis, Suzan Hutchinson, and Terra Smith were elected to serve in this capacity. Sis. Jewel Maddox then reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved Philippians 4:14, "I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me."
2. Be it resolved we as believers in Christ commit ourselves to be more involved in working for the Lord and encourage one another.
3. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks to the Corinth Church for their warm hospitality. There was a separate motion, second and approval to each of the proposed resolutions.

Worship Service: After announcements, the business session was adjourned and the worship service began. After the congregational hymn, "Old Time Power", Rev. Talmadge Worsley brought the special music which was enjoyed by all. The morning message was also delivered by Bro. Worsley which was based on Deuteronomy 6:10-12. His topic was from Verse 12. "Beware lest thou forget God." He related that if we forget God we forget the power of prayer, to be people of good morals, to hear him speak through His word. We also cannot forget God because of the generations to come. After prayer by Rev. Johnny Lewis, the congregation was dismissed by extending the right hand of Christian fellowship to Rev. Mark Williford. Everyone then enjoyed a wonderful meal that was prepared by the Corinth Church family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Mark Williford, Clerk

## Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

2nd Quarterly Session

April 10, 2004

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at First Free Will Baptist Church of Donalsonville at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Rev. Johnny Lewis called the meeting to order. After opening prayer the body sang the hymn "Near The Cross." Sis. Vina Rathel then gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Bob Roberts gave the response. The devotion was presented by Sis. Edna Hagler. Her text came from Luke 23:13-25. Sis. Edna related the thoughts of what faces Jesus must have seen as he looked into the mob, those at the crucifixion and those at the resurrection. She spoke of the man that Jesus was, the miracles he performed and the possibility of those he had healed in his ministry who were there that day of his crucifixion. Before they rejoiced, now they were crying "crucify him". His disciple's faces such as Judas who betrayed him and Peter who denied him. Also those faces Jesus saw were the men that inflicted the punishment upon him. How did it effect him? She concluded in saying "One day the eyes of Jesus are going to be turned on us. What is he going to be able to say to us?"

Business Session - All ordained and licensed ministers were recognized. All ordained deacons were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. There were no visitors present. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion was unanimous. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed three committees: Resolutions Committee consisting of Ann Lewis, Terra Smith, and Suzan Hutchinson; and a Credentials Committee consisting of Gary Enfinger, Wendell Cox, and Rev. Tim Hutchinson. A Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Rev. Kent Barwick, Billy Roland, and William Smith. The Moderator then called for a short recess. The meeting reconvened with the clerk reading the minutes of the last session. There was a motion and second to approve as read.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The State Report was given by Rev. William Smith. Bro. William mentioned the State meeting went very well. He also stated that a new missionary has been appointed to go to Cartersville, GA. There was information that the property of the church in Valdosta has been donated to the State Association Mission Board. There are plans to send missionaries to Valdosta and Richmond Hill, GA. He gave information about the purchase of the state office. Nationally, he said that there are plans for a publication that would cover all national offices. There was a motion, second and approval to receive

this report as information. The Camp Board Report was given by Rev. Kent Barwick. He reported that May 30 - June 4 would be teen camp and July 11 - 16 would be Junior Camp. There was a plea for more workers for the Junior Camp. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The report of the Ordaining Council was given by Rev. Andy Merritt. The council had three recommendations:

1. That we send a letter of good standing for Rev. Matthew Pinson to the Southern Quarterly Meeting of the Cumberland Association.

2. We recommend Rev. Roger Mercer to the Martin Association pending a letter of good standing from the Little River Association.

3. That we receive Rev. Tim Hutchinson into full fellowship of Martin Association.

There was a motion, second and approval to adopt each recommendation.

The Credentials Committee report was given by Bro. Wendell Cox. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Miscellaneous Business: There was a reminder to receive Year Books. There was also a reminder from Rev. Kent Barwick of a Youth Rally upcoming. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. The Moderator then called for Rev. Tim Hutchinson and family to come and receive the right hand of fellowship from our Association members. There was a ten minute break. The Resolutions Committee report was given by Sis. Ann Lewis. The committee made two resolutions as follows:

1. Be it resolved that we improve our Sunday School enrollment in the year 2004.

2. Be it resolved that we give the Donalsonville Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. There was a motion, second and approval to accept each resolution.

Rev. Rollin Rathel and the Donalsonville Church presented special music that based its theme on Where in God's Hands and This Is My Story. The wonderful music was a blessing to all. The service was dismissed with prayer and everyone then enjoyed the gracious meal prepared by the Donalsonville Church family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Mark Williford, Clerk

## Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

3rd Quarterly Session

July 10, 2004

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Rev. Johnny Lewis called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, the body sang the hymn "Love Lifted Me." Bro. Billy Adams then gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Jimmy Miller gave the response. Bro. Joe Ridlehoover gave the devotion. Bro. Joe spoke on what we need to see in our homes and families by obeying God's word - we are to bind His word upon us and use it as a guide in our daily lives.

Business Session - All ordained and licensed ministers were recognized. All ordained deacons were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. There were no visitors present. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed two committees: a Resolutions Committee consisting of Ann Lewis, Edna Hagler, and Geneva Roland; and a Credentials Committee consisting of Wendell Cox, Roger Mercer, and Gary Enfinger. The moderator then called for a short recess. The meeting reconvened by the reading of the minutes of the last session. There was a motion, second and approval as read. The Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox. There was a motion, second and approval as read. There was no Ordaining Council business to report. There was also no report from the Board of Christian Education. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the Missions Board report. He mentioned the board was looking to fill positions in Cartersville and Valdosta. Rev. Kent Barwick gave the Camp Board report. He spoke about Teen Camp and Jr. Camp which were recently held.

There was a motion, second and approval for both these reports. There was no report from the GWAC. Rev. Roger Mercer was officially welcomed into our Association. After discussion, there was a motion, second and approval to elect Bro. Bobby Roberts as Assistant Moderator. Rev. Roger Mercer then gave the Credentials Committee report. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Sis. Geneva Roland then gave the Resolutions Committee report. The Committee offered three resolutions for the body:

- 1). That all people be more faithful in reading God's word so we can be better workers.
- 2). We be more faithful in His service.
- 3). That we give Hebrew Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today. There was a motion, second and approval to accept each resolution as offered.

We were then led in prayer by Dr. Lynn Frazier. An offering was taken. The body then recessed for a short time. We reconvened by singing a congregational hymn, "There Is A Fountain". Sis. Patsy Merritt then sang a beautiful song, "God Still Answers Prayer". The morning message was then brought by Rev. Andy Merritt. Rev. Merritt inspired us with a timely sermon on the family - how God ordained the marriage of a man and woman and how this union is being attacked in today's society. After the sermon, we were dismissed in prayer and everyone enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Hebrew Church family.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Jerry Calhoun, Clerk  
Rev. Johnny Lewis, Moderator

## Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

4th Quarterly Session

October 9, 2004

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Highway Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Rev. William Smith, who was appointed in the absence of Rev. Johnny Lewis, called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, the body sang the hymn "When The Roll Is Called." Sis. Scarborough Scott then gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Bob Roberts gave the response. The devotion was presented by Bro. Earl Daniels. He spoke on anger and hot temper and how they relate to God's people and our Christian walk.

Business Session - All ordained and licensed ministers were recognized. All ordained deacons were recognized. Elected delegates were asked to stand and be recognized. There was a motion, second and approval to seat the delegates. There was one visitor present - Rev. S. E. Newberry. There was a motion and second to approve the program. The motion was unanimous. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken. The moderator then appointed four committees: Resolutions Committee consisting of Gerald Thompson, Cleve Roland and Doretha Stewart; a Credentials Committee consisting of Dr. Lynn Frazier, Edna Hagler, and Ethel Newberry; a Nominating Committee was appointed consisting of Robert Tully, Bobby Richardson, and Rev. Bobby Whittaker; and a Program Committee consisting of Scot Roberts, Charles Grimes, and Rev. Rollin Rathel. The Moderator then called for a short recess.

The minutes of the last quarterly session were read. 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 as read. Gerald Thompson then reported from the Mission Board. He mentioned their next meeting was Oct. 18. Rev. Kent Barwick reported that the State Christian Education Board had not met since he had been appointed at our last quarterly meeting. Rev. Roger Mercer reported the next State Camping Board meeting would be held Oct. 11. Bro. Wendell Cox also informed the body that the State Trustee Board had not met this quarter. There was a motion, second and approval to receive these reports as information. Rev. Kent Barwick then gave the Ordaining Council report. The Ordaining Council recommended to the body that we grant letters of good standing for Rev. Gene Gilbert to the Pamlico Association and Rev. Ryan Clements to the West Florida Association. There was a motion, second and approval for these recommendations. Sis. Pam Roberts gave the report for the Women Active for Christ. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Dr. Lynn Frazier then gave the Credentials Committee report. Regular fees totaled \$387.00, Benevolent fund was \$713.00, National

fees totaled \$575.00, for a total amount of \$1675.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for highest number present and Donalsonville Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Bro. Gerald Thompson then gave the Resolutions Committee report. The Committee recommended the following resolutions to the body:

1. All Association churches continue to support Georgia missionaries and foreign missionaries in prayer and financial support.

2. Continue our work to improve enrollment in our Sunday School, especially young children, teens and young adults.

3. Continue using II Chronicles 7:14 as our Scripture.

4. We need to be more vocal to the moral issues confronting our country such as gay marriage, abortion, and pornography on the Internet.

5. Pray for our troops in harms way and the people of Iraq and Afghanistan as they might have free government.

6. Pray for the churches in our Association without pastors, that God will send a shepherd to lead them.

7. To give Highway Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today. There was a motion, second and standing approval for these resolutions.

Bro. Scot Roberts then gave the Program Committee report. 1st Session - Mothers Home, Jan. 8, 2005; 2nd Session - New Home M. C., April 9, 2005; 3rd Session - Mt. Gilead, July 9, 2005; and 4th Session - Colquitt, Oct. 8, 2005. There was a motion, second and approval for this report. Bro. Robert Tully then gave the Nominating Committee report. Their nominations were as follows: Jerry Calhoun - Moderator; Rev. Talmadge Worsley - Assistant Moderator; Assistant Treasurer - Robert Tully; Clerk - Bobby Richardson; Rev. Andy Merritt to succeed himself on the Ordaining Council and Investigating Committee. All other positions would remain the same. There was a motion and second with approval to receive this report. The moderator then called for any other nominations. There were none. There was a motion, second and approval to elect these officers by acclamation.

Miscellaneous Business: There was a discussion on determining the percent of members from each church and the Association as a whole. Rev. Roger Mercer then spoke on our local Camp situation. He mentioned the opportunity to reach young people thru this program. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. After prayer by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, an offering was taken and the body was recessed for a short time. The body was reconvened with the congregational hymn "When We All Get To Heaven". We then enjoyed special music by Highway Church. Rev. Willie Dawson then brought the message. Bro. Dawson preached on pain and how we deal with it and the choices we have. After the message, Bro. Darryl Newberry dismissed the body with prayer and invited everyone to stay for lunch. Everyone enjoyed a time of fellowship and a delicious meal prepared by the Highway Church family.



**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**- Financial Record -**

**Register Report January 1, 2004 - December 31, 2004**

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/31/03		Opening Balance	Martin Association	\$1524.19
01/12/04		Deposit		1893.00
04/12/04		Deposit		1516.00
07/12/04		Deposit		1477.50
10/22/04		Deposit		1872.00
		<b>TOTAL MONIES</b>		<b>\$8289.69</b>
01/01/04	1065	Automat Printers	Printing of Minutes	551.20
01/19/04	1066	Rev. Johnny Lewis	Moderator	50.00
01/19/04	1067	Rev. Mark Williford	Clerk	50.00
01/19/04	1068	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
01/19/04	1069	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	270.35
01/19/04	1070	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	270.35
01/19/04	1071	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	270.35
01/19/04	1072	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	142.45
02/04/04	1073	GA State Association	National Dues	1280.00
02/10/04	1074	GA State Association	Add'l National Dues	15.00
03/31/04	draft	Bank Service Charge	(below \$500 in acct.)	2.00
04/09/04	1075	Rev. Johnny Lewis	Moderator	50.00
04/09/04	1076	Rev. Mark Williford	Clerk	50.00
04/09/04	1077	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
04/20/04	1078	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	276.10
04/20/04	1079	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	276.10
04/20/04	1080	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	276.10
04/20/04	1081	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	147.00
07/10/04	1082	Rev. Johnny Lewis	Moderator	50.00
07/10/04	1083	Rev. Mark Williford	Clerk	50.00
07/10/04	1084	Jewell Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
07/15/04	1085	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	345.67
07/15/04	1086	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	345.67
07/15/04	1087	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	345.67
07/15/04	1088	Postmaster	Stamps	7.40
09/16/04	1089	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	165.55
10/09/04	1090	William Smith	Moderator	50.00
10/09/04	1091	Jerry Calhoun	Clerk	50.00
10/09/04	1092	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
10/13/04	1093	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	193.92
10/13/04	1094	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	193.92
10/13/04	1095	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	193.92
10/13/04	1096	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	79.80
12/13/04	1097	Automat Printers	Printing of Minutes	609.50
		<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$6923.02</b>

**Balance in Checking Account on 12/30/04** **\$1,359.67**

**Total Inflows** **\$6,758.50**  
**Total Outflows** **\$6,923.02**

**MARTIN WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST**

Saturday, January 17, 2004

New Home Free Will Baptist Church

The Martin District Women Active for Christ convened on Saturday, January 17, 2004, at New Home Free Will Baptist Church. The theme was "Lift Up Your Eyes," based on Psalm 121:1. Registration began at 9:30 a.m. Those serving on the Registration Committee were: Ann Lewis, Mary Cox, Jewella Lovering. The program began at 10:00 a.m. with congregation singing led by Pam Roberts and accompanied by Debra Middleton. We sang "O How I Love Jesus." Paula Gilbert led in prayer. Ann Lewis gave the welcome. Congregation hymn, "The Solid Rock." No WNAC report.

Maxine Torbert gave the Credentials Report: 5 auxiliaries reporting; 68 members at the beginning of the year; 8 members added; 10 members lost; 66 members at ending of the year; total dues paid \$841.50. MSC to approve as read. All delegates were asked to stand. Margaret Ann Daniels was recognized as a visitor. Call for reports: Mission Action - none. Mission Study - Grace Nix shared the study Thompson was doing and asked for other auxiliaries to report: Veda Bellflower reported the studies Mt. Gilead had completed; Beverly Richardson shared their study at New Salem; Mary Cox shared New Home's study. Grace encouraged continued studies. MSC to accept report. Mission Prayer - Veda Bellflower shared prayer needs: the war, our President, the holy union of marriage being in jeopardy (let officials know our stance). MSC to accept report.

Beverly Richardson gave the Treasurer's report (copy attached). MSC to accept reports. Paula Gilbert gave the Resolutions Committee report (copy attached). There were 3 resolutions. MSC to accept report. Maxine Torbert made a suggestion about a workshop to train officers. Delegates to GWAC Convention in Albany, March 18, 2004: Ann Lewis and Gail Everson. Call for announcements. Revival at Macedonia, February 8-12; revival at New Salem, February 29 - March 3; concert in Dothan, February 20; announcement of the birth of Mary Ashley, granddaughter of Paula Gilbert.

Ann Lewis gave the Credentials report. Attending were: 6 from Colquitt, 4 from New Salem, 3 from Thompson, 2 from Mt. Gilead, 10 from New Home, 2 visitors - a total attendance of 27. MSC to receive the report. Beverly Richardson gave the Nominations Committee report. MSC to accept report and vote on. Call for nominations from the floor - none. MSC to elect officers as read: President - Maxine Torbert; Vice-President - Paula Gilbert; Treasurer - Arleen Worsley; Secretary - Pam Roberts; Field Worker - Ann Lewis; Mission Action Chair - Veda Bellflower; Missions Study Chair - Grace Nix; Mission Prayer Chair - Suzan Hutchinson.

There was a 10 minute break. The attendance award for having the greatest percentage of members present was presented to New Home.

MSC to send \$800 from the District treasury to Debbie Griffin fund, which is in the red. The minutes of the business session were read. MSC to approve as read.

The worship service began at 11:00 a.m. with the hymn, "Jesus Is All The World To Me." An offering was received in the amount of \$136. Debra Middleton and Pam Roberts rendered special music, "I'll Tell The World That I'm A Christian." Mandy Roland introduced our guest speaker, Mrs. Donna Walker, from Albany. Mrs. Walker brought a timely message on how to achieve the high expectations that we should have in our relationship with Christ. The scripture reference was Philippians 1:20. Her main points were: 1) know God; 2) have an intimate relationship with Christ; 3) believe God; 4) obey God. We closed in prayer.

Installation of officers was directed by Margaret Ann Daniels, using the colors of the rainbow. A covered dish luncheon and time of fellowship followed in the dining hall.

Submitted by,  
Pam Roberts, Secretary

#### Resolutions Committee Report:

We the Resolutions Committee submit the following resolutions:

- 1) Be it resolved that we as Free Will Baptist Women Active For Christ encourage our women to take advantage of the opportunities provided by the local, district and National levels of the Women Active For Christ.
- 2) Be it resolved that we provide training for our new officers and other interested women in their responsibilities and duties at the local level, by hosting a "How To" workshop.
- 3) Be it resolved that we give the New Home Church, the officers, and those on the program today a rising vote of thanks for a job well done.

Respectfully submitted:

Shirley Holt, Suzan Hutchinson, Paula Gilbert

## Martin Women Active For Christ Convention

Annual Treasurer's Report  
Allie M. Richardson - Treasurer  
September 14, 2002 to January 17, 2004

### Designated Giving

Debbie Griffin.....	\$ 240.00
State Project.....	224.00
Acts 1:8.....	200.00
Sandra & Dale Bishop.....	160.00
Alabama Children's Home.....	100.00
Co-Laborer Offering.....	80.00
Dot Harvey Student Loan Fund.....	16.00
Westfield Indian Mission.....	16.00
Minute Money.....	5.00

TOTAL \$1,041.00

## Martin District Women Active For Christ Convention

### FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

September 14, 2002 ---- January 17, 2004

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

#### Receipts:

2001-2002 Designated Giving	\$1,041.00
2001 Convention Offering	76.00
2002 Spring Workshop Offering	49.00
Convention Dues (\$12.75 per member)	841.50
Convention Expenses (\$6 per auxiliary)	30.00
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$2,037.50</b>
Total Available	<b>\$3,017.19</b>

#### Payments:

GWAC (Designated Giving)	\$1,041.00
Dues to GWAC (\$12.50 per member)	825.00
Workshop & Convention Speakers' Gifts & Mileage	75.71
Record Books	4.05
<b>TOTAL PAYMENTS</b>	<b>\$1,945.76</b>

BALANCE IN TREASURY (1-17-2004) \$1,071.43

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Allie Mae Richardson, Chairwoman  
Veda Bellflower  
Grace Nix

#### LOCAL WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST AND MEMBERSHIP

1. Colquitt - 34	4. New Salem - 17
2. Mt. Gilead - 5	5. Thompson - 2
3. New Home - 8	Total Membership - 66

## MARTIN ASSOCIATION OBITUARY REPORT - 2004

### COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Lorelle Shiver Davis - b. Mar. 25, 1925 d. Dec. 26, 2003

### CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Margie Peters - d. Mar. 6, 2004

### MOTHERS HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Roscoe Daniels - b. Oct. 10, 1927 d. July 13, 2004

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

Bessie L. Sadler - b. Mar. 6, 1919 d. Sept. 13, 2004

### NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ruth Lipker - b. Apr. 17, 1923 d. May 17, 2004  
Talmadge Cox - b. Sept. 4, 1922 d. Mar. 11, 2004  
Hubert Cox - b. Dec. 27, 1920 d. May 16, 2004

### NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ida Lee Kirkland Davis - b. Sept. 10, 1913 d. June 16, 2004

### THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Sigo Meredith  
Nancy Thompson

# 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 HOME		HEBREW HIGHWAY		MOTHERS HOME		MT. GILEAD	MT. GLORY	New Home (M.C.)	Home (D.C.)	NEW SALEM	THOMPSON	TOTALS
No. of Baptisms		0	3	0	0	1	0	0	3	4			1			12
Members Added	42	4	4	0	0	4	1	5	2			1	1	3		67
Members Lost		5		0	0	3	0	0	6			8	0	3	6	31
Total Members	216	92	37	17	32	14	112	42	10	118	70	117	70			947
No. of Ordained Ministers	6	1	1	0	1	1	1	2		1	1	1	1	1		16
No. of Licensed Ministers		1	1	0			0	0		1	1	1	1	0		4
No. of Ordained Deacons	3	3	1	1	2	2	4	1				5	8	7	7	44
S. S. Enrollment	155	17	30	0	15	9		23	7	56	25	51	35			423
C. T. S. Enrollment	125			0	0										20	145
W. A. Enrollment	38			0	11			4		10		11	2			76
M. M. Enrollment																0
Total Tithes & Offerings	222,891	31,648	36,092		24,737		55,437	28,384		62,731		75,803	46,024			583,747
Value of all Church Prop.	740,000	150,000	300,000		72,700	130,000	272,000	150,000		260,000	150,000	200,000	325,000			2,749,700



#### **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.

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<b>COLQUITT</b>	Rev. Kent Barwick 1077 Enterprise Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-6221	Sis. Shirley Holt 81 Mayhaw Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-3189
<b>CORINTH</b>		Sis. Gloria Frazier 811 Rose Circle Bainbridge, GA 39819 246-4078
<b>DONALSONVILLE</b>	Rev. Rollin Rathel 5876 Hwy. 39 South Donalsonville, GA 39845 524-8917	Sis. Edna Hagler 2813 Burl Lane Rd. Donalsonville, GA 39845 524-2671
<b>FATHERS HOME</b>		Sis. Pauline Harrell 1102 Church Rd. Camilla, GA 31730 229/294-3084
<b>HEBREW</b>	Rev. Andy Merritt 63 Old Airport Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2451	Sis. Doretha Stewart 2971 Croom-Webb Rd. Donalsonville, GA 39845 861-3171
<b>HIGHWAY</b>		Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, GA 39825 246-1978
<b>MOTHERS HOME</b>	Rev. Bobby Whittaker 972 Brinson Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-3051	Sis. Glenda Miller 1596 Brinson Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-8141
<b>MT. GILEAD</b>		Bro. Timmy Bellflower 188 Hayes St. Brinson, GA 39825 246-8023

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<b>MT. GLORY</b>		Sis. Ethel Newberry 2157 Hutchinson Ferry Rd. Quincy, FL 32352 (850) 856-5134
<b>NEW HOME (M.C.)</b>		Bro. Scot Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-5335
<b>NEW HOME (D.C.)</b>	Rev. Benny Cumbie 125 Church Rd. Climax, GA 39834 246-2046	Bro. Larry Miles 211 Open Pond Rd. Bainbridge, GA 39817 246-1323
<b>NEW SALEM</b>	Rev. Talmadge Worsley 407 Hwy. 45 S. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-6285	Bro. Bobby Richardson 1256 Mayhaw Rd. Blakely, GA 39823 758-2659
<b>THOMPSON</b>		Bro. Louie Grimes 233 Bush Grimes Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2102
<b>MARTIN ASSOC.</b>	MODERATOR: Jerry Calhoun 157 E. College St. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-5119	CLERK: Bobby Richardson 1256 Mayhaw Rd. Blakely, GA 39823 758-2659

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