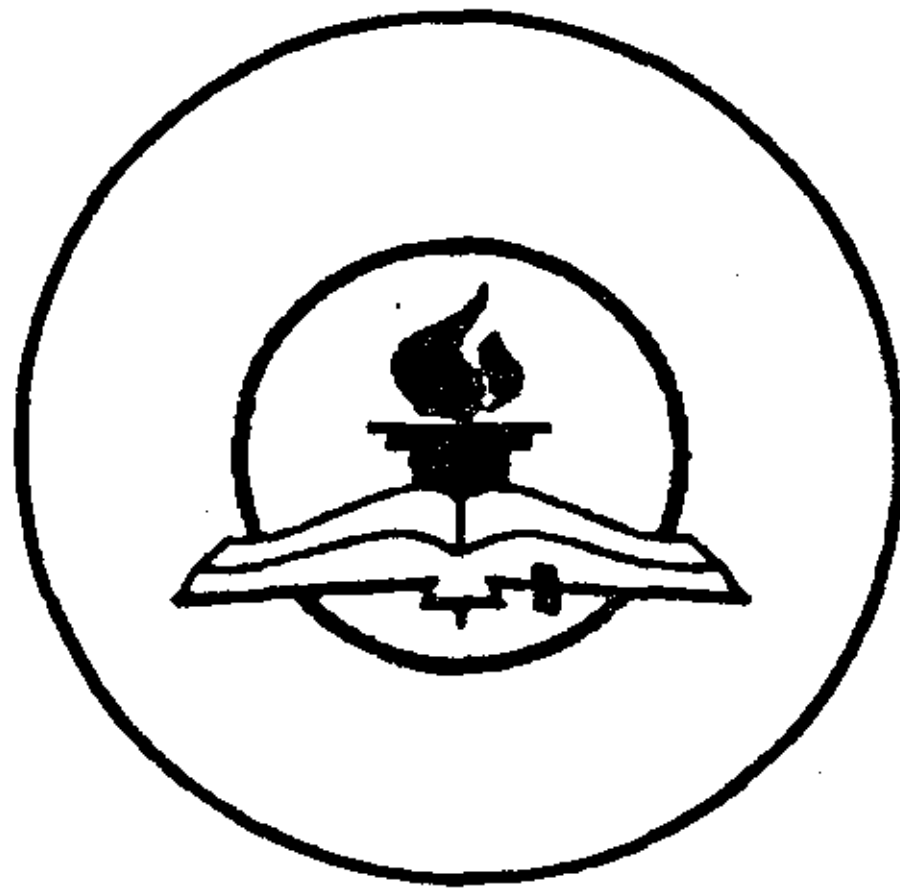


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**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS
OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS**

2005 - 2006

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

ORDAINING 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

New Home Miller Co. - January 7, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Wendell Cox
Response.....Bro. Billy Adams
Devotional.....Bro. Scott Roberts
Special Music.....New Home
Message.....Bro. Bobby Roberts

SECOND SESSION

New Home Decatur Co. - April 8, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Steve Allen
Response.....Sis. Doretha Stewart
Devotional.....Bro. Randall Foister
Special Music.....New Home
Message.....Rev. Benny Cumbie

THIRD SESSION

New Salem - July 8, 2006 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Claude Newsome
Response.....Bro. Earl Daniels
Devotional.....Bro. Ken Roberts
Special Music.....New Salem
Message.....Rev. Talmadge Worsley

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Thompson - October 14, 2006 - 9:30 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Jerry Torbert
Response.....Sis. Ethel Newberry
Devotional.....Bro. Louie Grimes
Special Music.....Thompson
Message.....Rev. Bobby Whittaker

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

1st Quarterly Session

January 8, 2005

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The session was opened by the congregation singing "At The Cross". Then Moderator Jerry Calhoun asked Rev. Andy Merritt to lead in prayer. Brother Ken Gibson then welcomed everyone to the meeting and Sis. Ethel Newberry gave the response. The devotion was given by Rev. Bobby Whittaker using I Timothy 5:17 as the scripture. He also read a poem written by Rev. Damon C. Dodd.

Business Session - All ordained and licensed ministers were asked to stand and be recognized. All ordained deacons were recognized in like manner. All elected delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat the delegates. There was one visitor recognized, Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan from Georgia. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Terra Smith and Doretha Stewart) and a Credentials Committee (Bobby Roberts and Jimmy Miller). The Moderator then called for a short recess.

The roll call of all the churches in the Martin Association was taken with nine churches present. Attention was called to the minutes of the last session that were recorded on pages 12 and 13 of the 2004 Quarterly Session Booklet. There was a motion and second to approve as written. Then attention was called to the Treasurer's Report, by Sis. Jewel Maddox, which was recorded on page 14 of the 2004 Quarterly Session Booklet. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as written.

Brother Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated that Rev. Bill Lewis had accepted the missionary work in Valdosta. Rev. Roger Mercer gave the State and Local Camp Board reports. He also asked permission to do something on his own concerning junior camp if he is unable to find a campground for 2005. MSC that Rev. Mercer be given this freedom. Rev. Ken Barwick gave the Ordaining Council Report. The Ordaining Council recommended to the body that we grant letters of good standing for Rev. Johnny Lewis to the Twin Cities District Association and for Rev. Tim Hutchinson to the Georgia Union Association. MSC for these recommendations. Rev. Kent Barwick then gave the State Christian Education Board Report. He stated that information on the Couple's Retreat and the Minister's Retreat can be found in the last Promotional Bulletin. Sister Debbie Griffin then gave a report on our Japanese ministries. She hopes to return to Japan in March after the State Associational Meeting. No Women Active for Christ report was given. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive all of

these reports as information.

Sis. Terra Smith then reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that all of our churches continue to support our Georgia missionaries and other missionaries.

2. Be it resolved to improve our Sunday School enrollment in the year 2005.

3. Be it resolved that the Martin Association adopts the following verse of scripture as our theme for this year, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

4. Be it resolved we be more vocal in opposing the many moral issues confronting Christians today.

5. Be it resolved we gather as many of the unchurched children of our communities into our churches as soon as possible so they may have the opportunity to learn about salvation through our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

6. Be it resolved we give our host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Miscellaneous business included information about the state meeting. It will be held March 17-19, 2005 at Shallowford Church in Marietta. Two delegates were needed, and it was MSC for Bro. William Smith to appoint delegates at the state meeting. An offering was taken. The body then recessed for a short time.

The body reconvened with the singing of "I Just Keep Trusting My Lord". The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Regular fees totaled \$397.50, Benevolent fund was \$778.50, National fees were \$500.00, for a total of \$1676.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for highest number present and Hebrew Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information. Rev. Kent Barwick spoke to the group about a possible Sunday School Seminar/Workshop. MSC that Rev. Barwick be given permission to spearhead this program.

When the floor was opened for church announcements, Bro. Bobby Roberts asked for prayer that New Home Church find a pastor. Bro. Gerald Thompson mentioned the Methodist Church having a food bank where food is distributed to the needy once each month. Then worship services began with the congregation singing "Have A Little Talk With Jesus". The special music was rendered by Sis. Susie Bryan who sang "I Bowed On My Knees and Cried Holy". Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the message entitled "Saints,

Sons, and Servants" using Phil. 1: 1-2 as his main text. He stated that our sainthood and adoption as sons were *positions* given to us in Christ, while we are servants in *attitude*. The service was dismissed with prayer by Sis. Debbie Griffin, and a bountiful meal was served by the Mothers Home Church family and enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully submitted,
Bro. Jerry Calhoun, Moderator
Bro. Bobby Richardson, Clerk

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

2nd Quarterly Session

April 9, 2005

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Home Free Will Baptist Church in Miller County at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Willie Dawson, the body sang the hymn "To God Be the Glory". Bro. Scott Roberts gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the response. Then the devotion was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts using 1 John 1:1-9 as the scripture. In conclusion, he paid tribute to the late Bro. David Richardson, a former moderator of the Association and member of New Salem Free Will Baptist Church. He stated that David was a man who "loved his parents, his brothers, his wife and children, and his church family". Bro. Roberts said he was glad that he had known and had fellowship with Bro. Richardson.

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 moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee (Bro. Cleve Roland and Sis. Gail Everson) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Billy W. Roland) The roll call of all the churches in the Martin Association was taken with ten churches present. The Moderator then called for a 15-minute recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Bro. Cleve Roland reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that the Martin Association adopts the following verse of scripture as our theme for this year, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

2. Be it resolved we as believers in Christ commit ourselves to encourage all levels of ministry in the Association and especially focusing on youth and Sunday School ministries.

3. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to New Home, Miller County for their warm hospitality.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Then the minutes were read by the clerk, Bro. Bobby Richardson. There was a motion, second and approval as read. Then the Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report.

The State Trustee Board Report was given by Bro. Wendell Cox. He stated that the board had determined that the state office in Colquitt needs a new roof and possibly vinyl siding, and room needs to be made for our state archives. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated that the new church in Valdosta, pastored by Rev. Bill Lewis, was named Open Door Fellowship. He also mentioned the Cartersville church and our need to sell the Hampton property. Rev. Kent Barwick then gave the State Christian Education Board Report. He mentioned the Minister's Retreat, the Minister's Wives Retreat, and the Senior Citizen's Retreat and encouraged all to attend. Rev. Barwick announced a meeting of the Martin Assoc. Christian Ed. Board for a Sunday School workshop on Saturday, April 30th, at 9:00 a.m. Rev. Talmadge Worsley volunteered New Salem to host this meeting. The importance of all our Sunday School leaders to attend this meeting was stressed. Rev. Roger Mercer gave the State and Local Camp Board reports. He gave dates and locations of Jr. Camp (June 26 - July 1) and Teen Camp (May 29 - June 3). Pam Roberts gave a brief Women Active for Christ Report. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive all of these reports as information.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts. Regular fees totaled \$336.00, Benevolent Fund was \$583.00, National fees were \$100.00, for a total of \$1019.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for highest number present and Highway Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous business - Bro. Herbert Boyd made a motion to change the regular quarterly meeting time back to 10:00 a.m. and keep the annual session at 9:30 a.m. This motion was seconded and approved by the body. All churches were reminded to pick up their Year Books. Then the floor was opened for church announcements. Rev. Andy Merritt announced a revival at Hebrew for April 24 - 27 with Rev. Kent Barwick preaching. Rev. Talmadge Worsley announced a revival at New Salem for May 15 - 18 with Rev. Andy Merritt preaching. Bro. Bobby Roberts asked that we remember New Home Church in prayer as they continue to seek a pastor. A tent revival was announced by New Home, Decatur County for May 8 - 13. The Moderator then called for a 10-minute recess.

The worship service began with the receiving of the morning offering. Then the Ladies Trio, consisting of Mary Cox, Debra Middleton and Pam Roberts, sang "It It Well With My Soul" and "My House Is Full, But My Field Is Empty". Rev. Talmadge Worsley brought the message using II Peter 3:18 as his main text. He talked of our willingness and desire to receive God's grace (undeserved favor), but our unwillingness to channel that grace through our lives to our family in Christ. He stated that we must cast bad feelings and

ill tempers out of our lives. The service was dismissed with prayer and the blessing, and a bountiful meal was served by the New Home Church family and enjoyed by everyone.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bro. Jerry Calhoun, Moderator
Bro. Bobby Richardson, Clerk

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

3rd Quarterly Session

July 9, 2005

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church. The congregation sang "Victory In Jesus". Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order and Rev. Bennie Cumbie led in prayer. Bro. Herbert Boyd gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Bobby Roberts gave the response. Then the devotional was given by Sis. Veda Bellflower using Romans 12:9-21 as the scripture reading.

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 program was then adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken with nine churches present.

Then the Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Bro. Cleve Roland and Sis. Gail Everson), a Credentials Committee (Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Billy W. Roland), a Nominating Committee (Bro. Robert Tully, Bro. Bobby Richardson, and Rev. Talmadge Worsley), and a Program Committee (Bro. Billy Adams, Bro. Earl Daniels, and Bro. Herbert Boyd). The Moderator then called for a 15-minute recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Bro. Cleve Roland reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved to make "prayer" life in our homes and churches a top priority, to become prayer warriors for the cause of Christ.
2. Be it resolved to reach as many unchurched people as possible through children's ministry and Sunday School.
3. Be it resolved, most of all, for churches to experience revival that will spill out into this country and world.
4. Be it resolved to pray for American troops abroad and at home.
5. Be it resolved to submit to the will of God as individuals, families, and churches.
6. Be it resolved that we remember our theme scripture for this year, II Chronicles 7:14. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."
7. Be it resolved that a rising vote of thanks be given to Mt. Gilead for their warm hospitality in hosting this meeting.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Then the last quarter's minutes were read by the clerk, Bro. Bobby Richardson. There was motion, second and approval to accept as read. The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts, with all 13 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$399.50, Benevolent Fund was \$761.50, National fees were \$100.00, for a total of \$1261.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt Church for the highest number present and Hebrew Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information. Then the Treasurer's Report was given by Sis. Jewel Maddox. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report.

The State Trustee Board Report was given by Bro. Wendell Cox. He stated that the new tin roof had been installed on the state office building in Colquitt and the vinyl siding was about 80% complete. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated that our new church in Valdosta is steadily growing and that the Cartersville church plans to have grand opening services on September 11th. He also stated that the Hampton church is being leased to another denomination. Rev. Kent Barwick gave the State Christian Education Board Report. He mentioned the Minister's Wives Retreat, and the Senior Citizen's Retreat and said that all of the retreats were lined up through 2007. Rev. Barwick stated the Martin Assoc. Christian Ed. Board had met twice for a Sunday School workshop with 4 churches represented at both meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Sept. 17th at the Colquitt Church. He further stated that they would like to have a Sunday School campaign during the month of October to focus on enrollment. Rev. Roger Mercer gave the State and Local Camp Board reports. He said the State Teen Camp had over 200 students in attendance, while the Jr. Camp had 75 kids and 25 workers in attendance. Sis. Maxine Torbert gave a brief Women Active for Christ Report. There was a motion, second and approval to receive all of these reports as information.

Miscellaneous business: Bro. Herbert Boyd made a motion that Sis. Helen Robinson, widow of Rev. Bill Robinson, be added to the Benevolent Fund. This motion was seconded and approved by the body. Rev. Kent Barwick requested that the Executive Committee meet and discuss changing the quarterly meetings to biannual meetings before the next scheduled quarterly meeting on October 8th. Sis. Jewel Maddox made a motion for the Martin Assoc. to pay for the Sunday School workshop books used in the S. S. Seminars. This motion was seconded and approved. Then the floor was opened for church announcements. Bro. Bobby Roberts stated that God is blessing at New Home Church while the pulpit is being filled by a Southern Baptist pastor. It was reported that Thompson Church's homecoming was the following day and everyone was invited. After the morning offering was taken, the Moderator called for a 5-minute recess.

The worship services began with the congregation singing "What a Day That Will Be". Then special music was rendered by a quartet from Mt. Gilead who sang "Canaan Land Is Just In Sight". Bro. Edwin Boyd brought the morning message using Romans 10:1-15 as his scripture reading. He asked the question, "Where are the preachers?" Bro. Herbert Boyd dismissed the service with prayer and the blessing. A bountiful meal was served by the Mt. Gilead Church family and greatly enjoyed by us all.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bro. Jerry Calhoun, Moderator
Bro. Bobby Richardson, Clerk

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

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4th Quarterly Session

October 8, 2005

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. The congregation sang "Lily of the Valley". Moderator Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order and Rev. Andy Merritt opened with prayer. Bro. Robert Tully extended a warm welcome to everyone and Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the response. There was no devotion because the speaker was not present.

The Moderator recognized the following by asking them to stand: ordained and licensed ministers - 4; ordained deacons - 9; elected delegates - 20. These are the voting delegates. Moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. One visitor was recognized. Keisha Tully was asked to give a report on the Free Will Baptist Bible College. She introduced her guest, Tricia Enger, also a student at the college. Keisha reported that there are 370 students. Classes are difficult, but going well. Services are good and they are enjoying college life. There was motion, second and approval to accept the agenda. The roll call of churches in the Assoc. was taken, with 9 churches represented. The following committees were appointed: Resolutions Committee - Bro. Cleve Roland and Sis. Gail Everson; Credentials Committee - Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Billy Roland. There was a 15-minute break while the committees met to prepare their reports. Bro. Earl Daniels gave the Program Committee report (see page 4 of minutes for copy). Move, second and carried to approve recommendation of the Program Committee. Bro. Robert Tully gave the Nominating Committee Report (see page 3 of minutes for copy of officers). Moderator called for other nominations. There were none. Move and second to approve the nominations of the Nominating Committee. There was no further discussion. The move carried to elect those officers named in the report.

Bro. Cleve Roland gave the Resolutions Committee report:

1. Be it resolved to make "prayer" life in our homes and churches a priority and make our churches a house of prayer.
2. Be it resolved to fulfill the Great Commission and be a witness for Christ to bring the lost to the foot of the Cross.
3. Be it resolved to continue outreach in our Sunday School ministries to use as a tool to grow spiritual maturity.
4. Be it resolved for all churches to preach and teach the pure gospel of Jesus Christ. New scripture - John 14:6: "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." Moved, second, and carried to approve these resolutions.

Sis. Pam Roberts, Assistant Clerk, read the minutes of our last meeting.

Move, second and carried to adopt minutes as read. Sis. Jewel Maddox gave the financial report. Beginning balance \$1,093.06; total receipts \$1,422.00; total disbursements \$1,574.99; 9/30/05 bank balance \$940.07. Move, second and carried to accept this report. Bro. Jerry Calhoun reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Committee met on the recommendation of changing the Quarterly Meeting to 2 meetings per year instead of 4. The Committee recommends that each church of the association decide. A letter would be mailed to each church, explaining the recommendation and requesting a response; then a report would be given and acted upon at the next quarterly meeting. Bro. Jerry also discussed a recommendation of raising the Benevolent Fund giving from \$1 per member to \$2 per member.

Since the board member was not present, there was no report from the State Trustee Board. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. The church in Valdosta is for sale. Two black churches are interested in buying the property. Plans are to relocate as soon as the church is sold. The Board will be looking for a new property to buy. Report from Rev. Bill Lewis was that there was an increase in attendance from 9 to 25 in attendance on Sunday, but the location is not favorable. Cartersville - the area is predominately Southern Baptist and Pentecostal. The pastor's garage has been revamped to hold services in. There are several vacant buildings up for lease, but they refuse to lease to a church. They are running 15 to 24 in attendance on Sunday. The Hampton property was damaged by a tornado. Repairs are started, but it will take about 2 months to complete. Move, second and carried to receive Mission Report as information.

Rev. Kent Barwick gave the State Christian Education Board Report. He called our attention to announcements in the Promotional Bulletin informing of coming events. The Senior Citizens Retreat is packed out. Bro. Kent stated that we did not have a Sunday School meeting in Sept. The Board will get back in touch with the churches to reschedule at another time. This report was submitted as information. From the Ordaining Council, Bro. Kent recommended that Rev. Mike Schultz, pastor of Mothers Home, be accepted in the Martin Assoc. pending a letter of good standing from South Central Assoc. in Missouri. Move, seconded and carried to accept the Christian Education Report. Moved, seconded and carried to accept the recommendation of Rev. Mike Schultz pending a letter from the other association.

Rev. Roger Mercer gave the State and Local Camp Board Report. Winter retreat is scheduled for right after Christmas. We should be receiving information within 2 or 3 weeks. In regard to local camps, Bro. Roger has names of 3 camps that he plans to contact for more information. Seminole County this past summer was not the best camp situation. We will be joining Midway Association this year. Move, seconded and carried to receive this report as information.

Sis. Maxine Torbert gave a report on the Martin District Women Active for Christ, which she reminded us is to be the mission arm of the church. Although some of the local WAC's are sending their money, the District meetings and workshops are not well attended. She suggested that we consider a new outreach or ministry, such as visiting the women's halfway house in Bainbridge. The residents there are hungry for groups to come, bring hymnals, and sing with them. Feedback from each local women's group is vitally important for the future success of Women Active for Christ. Move, second, and carried to receive this report as information.

Bro. Bobby Roberts gave the report of the Credentials Committee. There are 13 churches, with 12 churches submitting a report. Paid: regular fees \$340.50; Benevolence fees \$632.00; National fees \$400.00; making a total received from the churches \$1,372.50. Total membership is 606. Total members present is 67. Move, second, and carried to approve report. Attendance awards were presented to Colquitt Church for having the highest number present and Mothers Home for the highest percentage of members present. The Moderator called for new or miscellaneous business. There was none. The following announcements were made: Rev. Bobby Whittaker extended an invitation to attend revival services at Thompson; Rev. Kent Barwick requested prayer for Colquitt Church as they start a building program to add an educational building and fellowship hall. Rev. Bobby Whittaker led in prayer and an offering was received.

After a 15-minute recess, and a call to worship prayer led by Rev. Kent Barwick, there was an inspiring time of worship led by Rev. Roger Mercer, and assisted by the church choir, musicians, and featured singers from Colquitt Church. Messages in music through praise choruses, hymns, with solos and trio specials all included: "It Keeps On Getting Better", "What a Mighty God We Serve", "Because He Lives", "Blessed Assurance", "You Are My King", "To Be Like Jesus", "Sanctuary", and "I Believe in a Hill Called Mt. Calvary". Rev. Kent Barwick brought the morning message entitled "How to Bless an Association (or Church)", based on passages of scripture from Acts chapter 1. The 7 be's are: 1) Be patient - wait on god; 2) Be obedient; 3) Be pliable; 4) Be unified; 5) Be powerful; 6) Be committed; 7) Be generous. He concluded with a challenge for us to ask God to let us know what He wants in order to revive the churches in the Martin Association. After a prayer of dismissal, a delicious lunch was provided in the fellowship hall by members of Colquitt Church family.

Respectfully submitted by,
Bro. Jerry Calhoun, Moderator
Sis. Pam Roberts, Assistant Clerk

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Financial Record -

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/31/04		Opening Balance	Martin Association	\$1359.67
01/11/05		Deposit		1849.00
04/12/05		Deposit (\$66 recvd. late - dep. 4/25)		1473.00
07/11/05		Deposit		1422.00
10/19/05		Deposit		<u>1671.50</u>
		TOTAL MONIES		\$7,775.17
01/08/05	1098	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
01/08/05	1099	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
01/08/05	1100	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
01/11/05	1101	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	283.35
01/11/05	1102	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	283.35
01/11/05	1103	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	283.35
01/11/05	1104	Voided		
02/16/05	1105	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	166.95
02/16/05	1106	GA State Association	National Dues	1400.00
03/26/05	1107	Post Office	Stamps	14.80
04/09/05	1108	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
04/09/05	1109	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
04/09/05	1110	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
04/12/05	1111	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	236.57
04/12/05	1112	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	236.57
04/12/05	1113	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	236.57
04/12/05	1114	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	132.30
06/07/05	1115	US Post Office	Stamps S.S. Mailing	14.80
07/09/05	1116	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
07/09/05	1117	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
07/09/05	1118	Jewell Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
07/11/05	1119	Colquitt FWB Church	S. S. Textbooks	370.00
07/11/05	1120	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	217.31
07/11/05	1121	Voided		
07/11/05	1122	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	217.31
07/11/05	1123	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	217.31
07/11/05	1124	Helen Robinson	Benevolent	217.31
07/11/05	1125	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	148.75
08/15/05	1126	Bobby Richardson	Stamps	13.32
10/08/05	1127	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
10/08/05	1128	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
10/08/05	1129	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
10/10/05	1130	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	111.02
10/10/05	1131	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	198.89
10/10/05	1132	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	198.89
10/10/05	1133	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	198.89
10/10/05	1134	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	<u>198.89</u>
		Total Disbursements		\$6,194.90

Balance in Checking Account on 12/30/05

\$1,580.27

Total Inflows

\$6,415.50

Total Outflows

\$6,194.90

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

OBITUARY REPORT - 2005

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Raymond E. Miller - b. Apr. 16, 1939 d. Mar. 28, 2005
Dorothy Dixie Norris - b. May 8, 1934 d. Aug. 24, 2005

HIGHWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rufus Dukes - b. Apr. 1, 1914 d. Apr. 15, 2005

MOTHERS HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

James Richard McNease - b. Oct. 17, 1916 d. Sept. 17, 2005

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Bill Robinson

NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Eddie Lou Chambers - b. Oct. 31, 1904 d. Apr. 4, 2005

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

F. Emory Richardson - b. Apr. 1, 1914 d. May 25, 2005
David P. Richardson - b. Mar. 30, 1945 d. Mar. 13, 2005
Douglas Edward Worsley - b. Nov. 9, 1942 d. Aug. 20, 2005

THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Helen H. Grant - b. Dec. 31, 1927 d. Mar. 2, 2005

FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

(Totals are inaccurate because all churches did not report)

No. of Baptisms	12
Members Added	57
Members Lost	36
Total Members	830
No. of Ordained Ministers	8
No. of Licensed Ministers	1
No. of Ordained Deacons	18
S. S. Enrollment	412
C. T. S. Enrollment	123
W. A. Enrollment	68
M. M. Enrollment	0
Value of all Church Prop.	2,437,000

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, 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.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
COLQUITT	Rev. Kent Barwick 1077 Enterprise Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-6221	Sis. Shirley Holt 81 Mayhaw Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-3189
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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.