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Quarterly Sessions
One Hundred Twenty Years



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Martin Association
Free Will Baptists of Georgia

2006
MINUTES

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MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS

2006 - 2007

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. Kent Barwick - 2010
Rev. Benny Cumbie - 2009
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2008

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Harvey Cox - 2010
Timmy Bellflower - 2009
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2008

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

Board of Camping -
Board of Trustees - Wendell Cox, 2008
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2008
Board of Missions - Gerald Thompson - 2008

PROGRAMS

for Martin Association Quarterly Meetings

FIRST SESSION

Colquitt - January 13, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Sis. Elise Williams
Response.....	Bro. Charles Grimes
Devotional.....	Bro. Cleve Roland
Special Music.....	Colquitt
Message.....	Rev. Kent Barwick

SECOND SESSION

Corinth - April 7, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Bro. Jim Jones
Response.....	Sis. Doretha Stewart
Devotional.....	Bro. Lynn Frazier
Special Music.....	Corinth
Message.....	Rev. Harvey Henderson

THIRD SESSION

Highway - July 7, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Sis. Scarborough Scott
Response.....	Sis. Ethel Newberry
Devotional.....	Bro. Earl Daniels
Special Music.....	Highway
Message.....	Rev. O'Neal Stewart

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

Hebrew - October 13, 2007 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....	Bro. Chuck Faircloth
Response.....	Bro. Claude Newsome
Devotional.....	Sis. Nellie Lynn
Special Music.....	Hebrew
Message.....	Rev. Andy Merritt

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1st Quarterly Session

January 7, 2006

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at NewHome Free Will Baptist Church Miller County at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Kent Barwick, the body sang "This Is The Day". Bro. Wendell Cox gave a warm welcome to the Association, and Bro. Billy Adams gave the response. The devotion was given by Bro. Scot Roberts using "His mercies are new every morning" as the theme and Lamentations 3:19-26 as the scripture.

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 were no visitors present. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of all the churches in the Martin Association was taken with nine churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Mandy Roland and Lynn Frazier) and a Credentials Committee (Debra Middleton and Claude Newsome). The Moderator then called for a short recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Sis. Mandy Roland reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that we encourage our association's younger couples to participate in the Martin Association quarterly meetings.
2. 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.
3. Be it resolved that the Martin Association adopts the following verse of scripture as our theme, "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." II Chronicles 7:14.
4. 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. Clerk Bobby Richardson then read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read. Attention was then called to the Treasurer's Report, by Sis. Jewel Maddox, which was recorded on page 17 of the 2005 Quarterly Session handbook. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as written.

The State Trustee Board Report was given by Bro. Wendell Cox. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated we are looking at planting a church in Harris County, between Columbus and LaGrange. Rev. Jeff Sloan from Ft. Wayne, Indiana, has shown an interest in coming to Harris County. The Valdosta work had 25 people at their worship services in December. They are trying to sell the present property and purchase a new location. The Cartersville church is having a problem leasing a building and is now meeting in Bro. Crank's garage. Rev. Kent Barwick then gave the State Christian Education Board Report. He stated that information on the Retreats can be found in the Promotional Bulletin. He also mentioned the "Building Kingdom Stewards" seminar to be held on Feb. 25, 2006 at the Albany First FWB Church. Rev. Barwick also gave the Ordaining Council Report. The Ordaining Council asks that Mt. Gilead Church send a formal letter asking for them to request a letter of good standing from Rev. Randy Hawk's former association. In lieu of a Women Active for Christ Report, Pam Roberts announced the annual WAC Convention to be held on Saturday, Jan. 14, 2006, at Mt. Gilead Church. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive these reports as information.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Claude Newsome. Regular fees totaled \$362.50, Benevolent Fund was \$705.00, National fees were \$300.00, for a total of \$1367.50. Attendance banners were awarded to New Home Miller County 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.

Miscellaneous business: Delegates were needed for the state meeting, and Bro. Gerald Thompson, Rev. Kent Barwick and Rev. Roger Mercer plan to attend the meeting. There was motion and second to change from quarterly meetings to semi-annual meetings. The motion failed to receive the two-thirds majority vote required for a constitutional change. There was a motion, second, and approval to change the Benevolent Fund from \$1 per member to \$2 per member. An offering was taken. The body then recessed for a short time.

Then worship services began with the congregation singing "Bringing In The Sheaves". Special music was rendered by Tim Allen, Kyle Aligood and Pam Roberts, a New Home Church trio, who sang "Let Me Tell You About Jesus" and "There's A Light Guiding Me". Rev. Benjamin Miller brought the morning message from Nehemiah 8:1-12. He challenged all present to "Allow the Word of God to reclaim its importance in your life". The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Randy Adams, 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

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2nd Quarterly Session

April 8, 2006

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at New Home FWB Church in Decatur County at 10:00 a.m. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order and Rev. Andy Merritt prayed the opening prayer. The congregation then sang "When We All Get To Heaven". Bro. Steve Allen gave a warm welcome to the Association, and Sis. Doretha Stewart gave the response. The devotion was given by Bro. Randall Foister who used James 1:12-16 as the scripture reading.

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 all voting delegates. There were no visitors present. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of Association churches was taken with eleven churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Lynn Frazier and Gerald Thompson) and a Credentials Committee (Claude Newsome and Billy Adams). Rev. and Mrs. Mike Schultz were given the right hand of Christian fellowship into the Association. The Moderator then called for a short recess.

When the meeting reconvened, the congregation sang "Victory In Jesus" and the offering was taken. Sis. Jewel Maddox gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report. Bro. Gerald Thompson 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 that we encourage all church members to faithfully attend all church services.

3. Be it resolved we gather as many of the unchurched people, especially children, within our community into our churches.

4. 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. Then the minutes were read by the clerk, Bro. Bobby Richardson. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read.

Bro. Wendell Cox gave the State Trustee Board Report stating that work was being done on the state office as the monies came in to cover it. He said that

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3rd Quarterly Session

July 8, 2006

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at New Salem FWB Church. Assistant Moderator Rev. Talmadge Worsley called the meeting to order and Bro. Jimmy Miller prayed the opening prayer. The congregation then sang "Since I Have Been Redeemed". Bro. Claude Newsome gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Wendell Cox gave the response. The devotional, entitled "Opportunities", was given by Bro. Ken Roberts.

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. The program was then adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of the Association Churches was taken with seven churches present. Then the Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Sis. Geneva Roland and Bro. Gerald Thompson), a Credentials Committee (Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Claude Newsome), 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 short recess.

The meeting reconvened with congregational singing. Bro. Gerald Thompson reminded the body that II Chronicles 7:14 was our theme verse for the year. Then he reported the following resolutions from the Committee:

1. Be it resolved that we improve our Sunday attendance, especially young adults with children. These represent the future of our churches.
2. Be it resolved that all our churches continue to support our Georgia Missionaries and our other missionaries.
3. Be it resolved that we gather as many of the unchurched people in our communities so they may have the opportunity to learn about salvation through our Lord and Savior.
4. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to New Salem for their hospitality for today's meeting.

There was motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Bro. Bobby Richardson read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read. Sis. Jewel Maddox gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report.

Bro. Wendell Cox gave a brief report on the repairs of the State Office building. Bro. Gerald Thompson reported that the State Mission Board had not

all the exterior work had been completed and the inside lacked only the carpet. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated we are looking for someone to plant a church in Harris County. The Valdosta work has sold its property for \$236,000 pending approval from the bank, and will be looking to purchase new properties in Lowndes County. Rev. Bill Lewis reported that they are averaging 25-30 in attendance on Sundays. The Cartersville church is now leasing a building and is averaging 20-25 in attendance on Sundays. Rev. Andy Merritt gave the Ordaining Council Report. He stated that Rev. Randy Hawk has been accepted into our association pending a letter of good standing from the Tennessee Union Association - Western Quarterly. Rev. Roger Mercer gave the Camping Board Report. He gave the dates for Teen Camp (May 28 - June 2) and Junior Camp (June 25 - June 30) and the cost for each camper. He encouraged each church to go out and find at least one junior/teen that does not attend their church and pay for them to attend camp this summer. There was a motion, second and approval to receive all of these reports as information.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Claude Newsome with 12 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$411.00, Benevolent Fund was \$1084.00, National fees were \$200.00, for a total of \$1695.00. Attendance banners were awarded to New Home Decatur Co. 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.

Miscellaneous business - Bro. Jerry Calhoun announced that Rev. Paul Park, a Korean representative, has contacted him about wanting to speak in this area. Revivals were announced by Hebrew, Colquitt, and New Home Decatur Co. Churches. A number of Easter Sunrise Services and a community Easter Egg hunt were also announced. Rev. Talmadge Worsley announced that the Ministerial Association had been told of 200 Asian exchange students coming to Georgia on Aug. 1 for a 10 month stay. Christian homes are being sought to keep these students. The body then recessed for a short time.

The worship service began with the congregation singing "Haven Of Rest". Prayer was offered by Rev. Bennie Cumbie. Special music was rendered by the Cumbie Family who sang "Stand Still" and "Take Me In Your Lifeboat". Rev. Benny Cumbie brought the morning message about the practical qualifications of the missionary. Mentioning the statement from the Mission Board Handbook, "If not us, then who", he stated that there are mission fields all around our churches. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Cumbie, and a bountiful meal was served by the New Home Decatur Co. Church family.

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

met, and the next meeting was scheduled for August 18, 2006. He stated that the Valdosta church was averaging 35 on Sunday and the Cartersville church was averaging 50 on Sunday. He further reported that the Valdosta building did not sell. Rev. Kent Barwick stated that all retreats related to the State Christian Education Board were listed in the Promotional Bulletin. There was a motion, second and approval to receive all of these reports as information.

The Credentials Committee Report was given by Bro. Claude Newsome with all 13 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$443.00, Benevolent Fund was \$1317.00, National fees were \$100.00, for a total of \$1860.00. Attendance banners were awarded to New Salem for highest number present and to Mothers Home for the highest percent present. Bro. Newsome also stated that our churches reported a total membership of 938, with 730 of these listed as active members and 51 in attendance at this meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous business: Various revivals, homecomings and sings were announced. The body then recessed for a short time.

The worship service began with congregation singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. Talmadge Worsley. Special music was rendered by New Salem's quartet who sang "Ten Thousand Years" and "Sweeter As The Days Go By". Rev. Talmadge Worsley brought the morning message using Psalms 11:3 as the text: "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do"? The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Randy Adams, and a bountiful meal was served by the New Salem Church family.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Talmadge Worsley, Assistant Moderator
Bro. Bobby Richardson, Clerk

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4th Quarterly Session

October 14, 2006

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church at 9:30 a.m. Moderator Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order and the congregation sang "Where The Soul Never Dies". Rev. Mike Schultz opened with prayer. Bro. Gerald Thompson extended a warm welcome to everyone and Bro. Jerry Calhoun gave the response. Bro. Jerry Torbert gave the devotional, "There is a God in Heaven", using Daniel 2:28 as the key verse.

Business Session: All ordained and licensed ministers (seven) were asked to stand and be recognized. All ordained deacons (twelve) were recognized in like manner. All elected delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat all voting delegates. There were no visitors present. The program was adopted with no changes necessary. The roll call of all the churches in the Association was taken with eight churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Sis. Geneva Roland and Bro. Gerald Thompson) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Claude Newsome and Bro. Scot Roberts). The offering was taken. The Moderator then called for a fifteen minute recess.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Joy Unspeakable". Bro. Gerald Thompson reminded the body that II Chronicles 7:14 was our theme verse for the year. Then he reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that our pastors and leaders encourage and promote attendance at our quarterly meetings, and that each church submit reports to the associational clerk in a timely manner.
2. Be it resolved that we improve our Sunday attendance, especially young adults with children. These represent the future of our churches.
3. Be it resolved that all our churches continue to support our Georgia missionaries and our other missionaries.
4. Be it resolved that we gather as many of the unchurched people in our communities so they may have the opportunity to learn about salvation through our Lord and Savior.
5. Be it resolved that we give Thompson Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality for today's meeting.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. After Bro. Gerald Thompson read all the names of the deceased members from each church, we had a moment of silent prayer in their memory. The Nominating Committee report was given by Bro. Bobby Richardson. The Program

Committee report was given by Bro. Herbert Boyd. The clerk read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read. Sis. Jewel Maddox gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report.

Bro. Wendell Cox stated that there would be a State Trustee Board meeting in January, 2007, and he would have a report at the next meeting. Bro. Gerald Thompson reported that the State Mission Board met in August. He stated that the Valdosta church continues to run around 35 on Sundays, and the Cartersville church was running 65-70 in attendance on Sundays. Rev. Kent Barwick encouraged everyone to check the Promotional Bulletin for all retreats for the next two years. He also reminded the body about the Senior Citizens retreat coming up. Sis. Maxine Torbert gave the 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. Claude Newsome with all 13 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$407.00, Benevolent fund was \$1223.00, National fees were \$400.00, for a total of \$1881.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Thompson Church for the highest number present and to Hebrew Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous business: There was a motion, second and approval to have all four quarterly meetings at 10:00 a.m.

The worship services began with the congregation singing "All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name". Prayer was offered by Rev. Andy Merritt. The congregation then sang "At Calvary" and "What A Day That Will Be" with prayer offered by Bro. Scot Roberts. Special music was rendered by Sis. Louise Newsome who sang "I'll Talk With The Father". Rev. Bobby Whittaker brought the morning message, "Two Marvelous Things About Being Saved", using Ephesians 2:8-9 as the text. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Kenneth Gibson, and a delicious meal was served by the Thompson Church family.

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

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Financial Record -

Date	Num	Description	Category	Amount
12/31/05		Opening Balance	Martin Association	\$1580.27
01/10/06		Deposit		1752.86
04/10/06		Deposit		1980.51
07/12/06		Deposit		2086.00
08/23/06		Deposit		105.00
10/15/06		Deposit		2142.27
12/01/06		Deposit		105.00
		TOTAL MONIES		\$9,751.91
01/06/06	1135	Automat Printers	2005 Minutes	561.75
01/06/06	1136	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
01/06/06	1137	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
01/06/06	1138	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
01/29/06	1139	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	217.18
01/29/06	1140	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	217.18
01/29/06	1141	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	217.18
01/29/06	1142	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	217.18
02/06/06	1143	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	218.75
02/15/06	draft	Ameris	Harland check order	85.00
03/08/06	1144	GA State Association	National & State dues	1375.00
04/07/06	1145	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
04/07/06	1146	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
04/07/06	1147	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
04/20/06	1148	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	289.41
04/20/06	1149	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	289.41
04/20/06	1150	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	289.41
04/20/06	1151	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	289.41
04/20/06	1152	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	171.85
07/08/06	1153	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
07/08/06	1154	Talmadge Worsley	Moderator	50.00
07/08/06	1155	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
07/12/06	1156	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	352.05
07/12/06	1157	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	352.05
07/12/06	1158	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	352.05
07/12/06	1159	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	352.05
07/12/06	1160	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	212.80
10/13/06	1161	Bobby Richardson	Clerk	50.00
10/13/06	1162	Jerry Calhoun	Moderator	50.00
10/13/06	1163	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	50.00
10/20/06	1164	Mrs. J. J. Scott	Benevolent	323.67
10/20/06	1165	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	323.67
10/20/06	1166	Mrs. Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	323.67
10/20/06	1167	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	323.67
10/31/06	1168	GA State Association	State Co-op Plan	167.28
		Total Disbursements		\$8,131.03

Balance in Checking Account on 12/31/06	\$1,600.58
Total Inflows	\$8,151.34
Total Outflows	\$8,131.03

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OBITUARY REPORT - 2006

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

William Ralph Henry - b. Jan. 15, 1933 d. Dec. 23, 2005
Lavon Lovering - b. Dec. 19, 1924 d. June 12, 2006

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Charlie Lee Elkins - b. Aug. 4, 1934 d. Nov. 14, 2005
Winnie Mae Preston - b. Dec. 26, 1917 d. Apr. 8, 2006

DONALSONVILLE FIRST FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Alta Toole Christmas - b. Apr. 23, 1921 d. June 2, 2006

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Dorothy Horn Norris - b. May 8, 1934 d. Aug. 24, 2005

MOTHERS HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mabel Middleton McVey - b. Oct. 27, 1918 d. Mar. 15, 2006

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Jimmy L. Bellflower - b. Apr. 19, 1948 d. July 23, 2006
Dennis Bland - b. May 11, 1933 d. Aug. 1, 2006

MT. GLORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Maggie Josey - b. June 13, 1916 d. July 10, 2006

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Roy Newberry - b. Aug. 21, 1918 d. Dec. 19, 2005
Grace Annett Newberry - b. Oct. 30, 1919 d. July 13, 2006
Marguerite Newberry - b. Jan. 2, 1923 d. Aug. 31, 2006
Ernie D. Maddox - b. Mar. 3, 1933 d. July 26, 2006
Elizabeth Ruth Williams - b. Oct. 28, 1903 d. Aug. 15, 2006

FINANCIAL and STATISTICAL REPORT

(Totals are inaccurate because all churches did not report)

No. of Baptisms	15
Members Added	41
Members Lost	26
Total Members	781
No. of Ordained Ministers	11
No. of Licensed Ministers	2
No. of Ordained Deacons	35
S. S. Enrollment	405
C. T. S. Enrollment	96
W. A. Enrollment	67
 Value of all Church Property	 3,510,000

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.

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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.