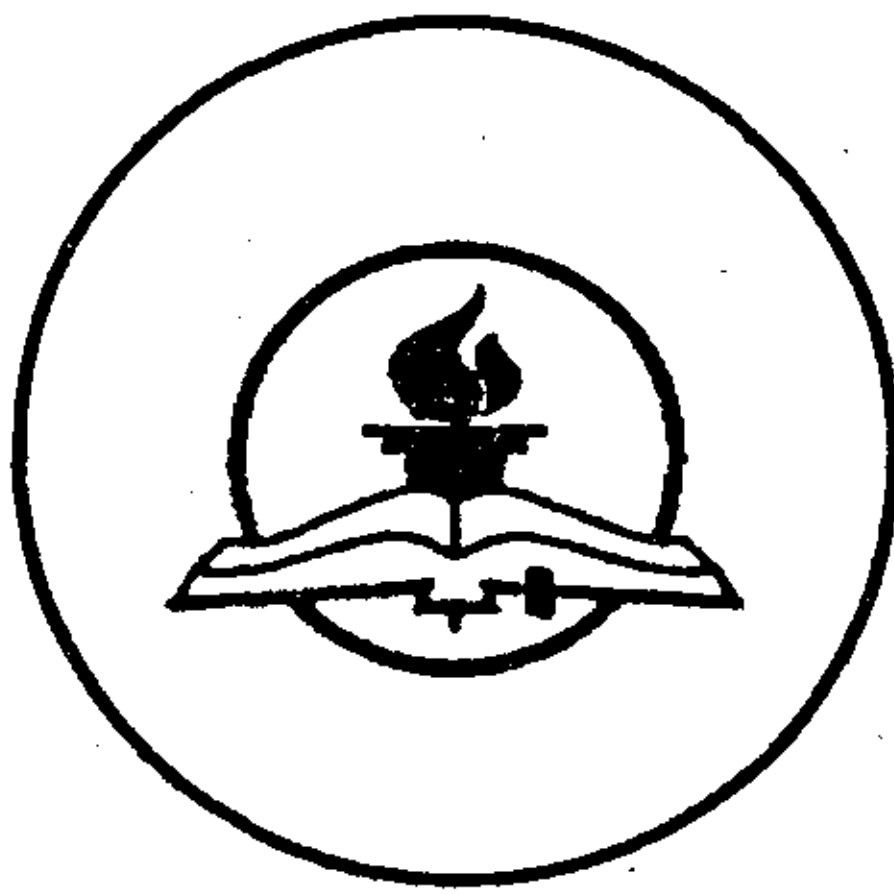


2007

Quarterly Sessions
One Hundred Twenty-One Years



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Free Salvation

Martin Association
Free Will Baptists of Georgia

2007

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

2007 - 2008

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Kent Barwick
Assistant Moderator.....Rev. Benjamin Miller
Treasurer.....Jewel Maddox
Assistant Treasurer.....Robert Tully
Clerk.....Rev. Mike Schultz
Assistant Clerk.....Claude Newsome

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Kent Barwick
Jewel Maddox
Rev. Mike Schultz
Bobby Richardson
Gary Enfinger
Charles Grimes

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 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 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

Mothers Home - January 13, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Fellowship Meeting.....Sun., 6:00 p.m.

Host Church In Charge Of Program

SECOND SESSION

Mt. Gilead - April 12, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Stanley Kirkland

Response.....Sis. Elise Williams

Devotional.....Bro. Timmy Bellflower

Special Music.....Mt. Gilead

Message.....Bro. Edwin Boyd

THIRD SESSION

New Home Decatur County - July 13, 2008

Fellowship Meeting.....Sun., 6:00 p.m.

Host Church In Charge Of Program

FOURTH (Annual) SESSION

New Home Miller County - October 11, 2008 - 10:00 a.m.

Welcome.....Bro. Wendell Cox

Response.....Bro. Earl Daniels

Devotional.....Bro. Scott Roberts

Special Music.....New Home

Message.....Rev. Benjamin Miller

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

-Minutes-

1st Quarterly Session

January 13, 2007

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at Colquitt First Free Will Baptist Church. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Andy Merritt, the body sang "When the Roll is Called up Yonder." Sis. Elise Williams gave a warm welcome to the Association, and Bro. Benjamin Miller gave the response. The devotional, entitled "Taming of the Tongue," was given by Bro. Cleve Roland who used James 3:1-8 for 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 three visitors recognized: Rev. Fred Hersey and Bro. & Sis. Jim Tolbert. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of churches was taken with nine churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Sis. Mandy Roland and Sis. Jara Miller) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Bobby Roberts and Bro. Gerald Thompson). The Moderator then called for a short recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Bro. Randy Adams led in prayer and the offering was taken. Then Sis. Jara Miller reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that the Martin Association adopt the following scripture verse as our theme for this year: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27
2. Be it resolved we be more vocal in opposing the many moral issues confronting Christians today.
3. Be it resolved that we encourage all church members to faithfully attend all church services and related business events.
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 Bro. Bobby Richardson read the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion, second, and approval to accept these as read. Then attention was called to the Treasurer's Report in the 2006 Quarterly Session Booklet. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as written.

There was no Executive Committee Report. Bro. Wendell Cox stated that there had been no State Trustee Board Meeting and he had no report. Bro. Gerald Thompson stated that there had been no State Mission Board Meeting, but that they were still looking for someone to plant a church in Harris County. In giving the State Christian Education Board Report, Rep. Kent Barwick reminded everyone to keep checking the Promotional Bulletin for all the upcoming seminars. He further stated that eighty-five teens had attended the recent Teen Retreat. Rev. Barwick stated that the Ordaining Council recommended that the credentials of Rev. Roger Mercer be revoked. A motion was made, then seconded and carried to accept this recommendation of the Ordaining Council.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Bobby Roberts with 12 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$420.00, Benevolent Fund was \$1262. 00, National fees were \$300.00, for a total \$ 1982.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt First FWB for highest number present and Highway Church for the highest percent present. There was motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous Business: Delegates were needed for the state meeting in Macon. Bro. Gerald Thompson, Rev. Kent Barwick and Rev. Bobby Whittaker plan to attend the meeting and were appointed to serve as delegates from the Martin Association. Rev. Fred Hersey reported on the "Change the World" Missions Offering due April 29th, 2007. He showed a brief video explaining this program. Then Bro. Jim Tolbert spoke on behalf of FWB Family Ministries in Greenville, Tennessee. He provided numerous brochures including one on the Hope Center, a home for young unwed mothers-to-be. The body then recessed for a short time.

Then worship services began with the congregation singing "Where Could I Go?" and "Just Over in the Glory Land." Special music was rendered by Bro. Buddy Johnson who sang "Rise Again." Rev. Kent Barwick brought the morning message from Matthew 16:13-20. He challenged all present to "make sure that you are part of God's church" by Surrendering, Searching, being Sensitive to the Holy Spirit, Sanitizing, and Staying with the Scriptures. The blessing was prayed by Rev. Talmadge Worsley, and a bountiful meal was served by the Colquitt FWB Church family.

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

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

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2nd Quarterly Session

April 7, 2007

The Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at Corinth Free Will Baptist Church. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order. After opening prayer by Rev. Bobby Whittaker, the body sang "To God Be the Glory." Bro. Jim Jones welcomed everyone to the Association, and Sis. Doretha Stewart gave the response. The devotional entitled "Preparing for the Millennial Reign of Christ," was given by Bro. Lynn Frazier.

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 two visitors recognized: Sis. Pam Driggers and Sis. Louise Hicks. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of churches was taken with ten churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Sis. Jara Miller and Bro. Billy Adams) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Claude Newsome and Bro. Earl Daniels). The Moderator then called for a short recess.

When the meeting reconvened, the congregation sang "When We All Get to Heaven." Rev. Randy Hawk led in prayer and the offering was taken. Then Sis. Jara Miller reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that the Martin Association adopt the following scripture verse as our theme for this year: "Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." James 1:27
2. Be it resolved that we encourage young adults in our churches to be active in Sunday School and all other church activities.
3. Be it resolved that we encourage our churches to hold scripture-based group studies that will glorify God.
4. Be it resolved we give a rising vote of thanks to Corinth FWB Church for their hospitality.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Then the minutes from the last meeting were read and approved. Each member was given a copy of the treasurer's report. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report.

Bro. Wendell Cox gave the State Trustee Board report. He stated that at their Feb. meeting, insurance for the building, all officers, all campers, and sexual harassment were discussed and covered at the amount of \$3400.00. In giving the State Christian Education Board Report, Rep. Kent Barwick stated that the Minister's Retreat was coming up on April 23-25. There would be no retreats during the summer months.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Claude Newsome with 12 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$384.50, Benevolent Fund was \$1253.00, National fees were \$300.00, for a total of \$1937.50. There were a total of 38 people present at this meeting.

An Attendance banner was awarded to New Salem FWB for highest number present, and Highway Church was recognized for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous business: Poley Branch Church has requested to be a member of the Martin Association. A motion was made for the Executive Committee and members from Poley Branch Church to meet and discuss this matter. This motion was then seconded and approved. Rev. Mike Schultz made a motion that the Executive Committee meet before our next meeting in July and discuss options that may improve the attendance at our quarterly meetings. This motion was seconded and passed. Each church was reminded to pick up a copy of the 2007 Free Will Baptist Yearbook. Announcements included revival meetings at Hebrew and New Salem. The body then recessed for a short time.

Then worship services began with the congregation singing "Heaven Came Down And Glory Filled My Soul." Special music was rendered by Sis. Pam Driggers who sang "When I Gave the Brush Back to Jesus." Rev. Randy Hawk brought the morning message entitled "The Benefits of the Wooden Box." The scripture reading was from I Chronicles 13:7-14, and we were encouraged to seek the presence of God in our lives and churches. The blessing was prayed by Rev. Benjamin Miller, and a bountiful meal was served by the Corinth FWB Church family.

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

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

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3rd Quarterly Session

July 7, 2007

The Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at Highway FWB Church. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order, and Rev. Andy Merritt prayed the opening prayer. The congregation then sang "Because He Lives." Sis. Scarborough Scott gave a warm welcome to the Association, and Sis. Ethel Newberry gave the response. Bro. Earl Daniels gave the devotional entitled "Obedience and Keeping the Commandments," using John 15:10-17 as the scripture reading.

Business Session: All ordained and licensed ministers (seven) were asked to stand and be recognized. All ordained deacons (ten) were recognized in like manner. All elected delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat all voting delegates. The program was adopted by unanimous approval. The roll call of all the churches in Martin Association was taken with ten churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Geneva Roland and Mandy Roland) and a Credentials Committee (Bill Adams and Earl Daniels). Then a Nominating Committee (Rev. Benjamin Miller, Bro. Gerald Thompson and Bro. Bobby Richardson) and a Program Committee (Rev. Kent Barwick, Bro. Wendell Cox and Bro. Herbert Boyd) were appointed. The Moderator then called for a short recess.

The meeting reconvened with congregational singing "He Hideth My Soul." Rev. O' Neal Stewart led in prayer and the offering was taken. Then Sis. Mandy Roland read the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that all our pastors encourage their members to support our association.
2. Be it resolved that we encourage all members to support Sunday School with their attendance and prayer.
3. Be it resolved that all churches in our association support our sister churches with prayer.
4. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to Highway Church for their hospitality today.

There was a 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.

Rev. William Smith gave the State Mission Board Report. He stated that the Valdosta church had moved into a new building. They have 4 new young couples attending and the church is doing really well. The Cartersville Church is doing great and running about 70 on Sunday. He further stated that a piece of property had been given to us in Tifton and that the property brought \$150,000. The Mission Board is still looking for someone to start a church in Harris County, which is the 9th fastest growing county in the United States. There was a motion, second and approval to receive this report as information. Rev. Kent Barwick gave the Executive Committee Report. He stated that the Executive Committee recommends to the Association that we hold the 1st and 3rd sessions on the second Sunday nights in January and July, with the host church providing the program, consisting of a short devotional and singing, followed by finger foods and fellowship. The 2nd and 4th sessions in April and October would consist of the regular business meetings at the regular times. The clerk would continue to send out letters quarterly and all churches would continue to send in their letters and fees each quarter. A motion was made to accept this recommendation on a trial basis beginning in January 2008. An additional motion was made, second, and carried that the Fellowship meetings in January and July begin at 6:00 p.m. Bro. Herbert Boyd will contact the churches and see which ones want to participate in the Quarterly Meetings and report this to the program committee.

The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Earl Daniels with 12 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$374.00, Benevolent Fund was \$1227.00, National fees were \$100.00, for a total of \$1701.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Colquitt FWB Church for highest number present and to Highway Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information.

Miscellaneous business: Nathan and Linda Snow will be speaking in churches in Georgia from Sept. 2007 through April 2008. They would like to come and visit in our churches. Various homecomings, Bible Schools and sings were announced, and the body then recessed for a short time.

The worship services began with the congregation singing "I'll Fly Away." Prayer was offered by Bro. Earl Daniels. Special music was rendered by Sis. Eloise Daniels and Rev. O'Neal Stewart who sang "How Great Thou Art." Then Rev. O' Neal Stewart brought the morning message entitled "Prayer Changes Things and People" using Acts 4:31 as the text. Rev. Stewart prayed the benediction and asked the blessing on the food. A bountiful meal was served by the Highway Church family.

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

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4th Quarterly Session

October 13, 2007

The Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at Hebrew FWB Church. Moderator Bro. Jerry Calhoun called the meeting to order, and Rev. Bobby Whittaker led in prayer. The congregation sang "At the Cross." Bro. Chuck Faircloth gave a warm welcome to the Association. Sis. Nellie Lynn gave the devotional entitled "Togetherness" pointing out how we can work together in bad and good ways.

Business Session: All ordained and licensed ministers (five) were asked to stand and be recognized. All ordained deacons (seven) were recognized in like manner. All elected delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat all voting delegates. Rev. Daryl Newberry, from the Palmer Association, was the only visitor present. The program was adopted with no changes necessary. The roll call of all the churches in Martin Association was taken with nine churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Bro. Gerald Thompson and Sis. Geneva Roland) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Earl Daniels and Bro. Billy Adams). The Moderator then called for a fifteen minute recess.

When the meeting reconvened, Bro. Billy Adams led in prayer and the offering was taken. The congregation sang "Victory in Jesus." Bro. Gerald Thompson reported the following resolutions from the Resolutions Committee:

1. Be it resolved that we encourage all churches to bring in the young families into our churches. We must have something to offer them to get them to come. This is the future of our denomination and our churches.
2. Be it resolved that we continue to support Sunday School with our presence and our prayers. Our Sunday Schools form the foundation of our churches.
3. Be it resolved that we pray for our country and support our troops with our prayers.
4. Be it resolved that we give Hebrew Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. Bro. Gerald Thompson gave the Benevolent Report by reading the names of the deceased members from each church. The Program Committee Report was given by Bro. Herbert Boyd. The Nominating Committee Report was given by Rev. Benjamin Miller. The clerk read

the minutes from the last meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read. Sis Jewel Worsley gave the treasurer's report. There was a motion, second and approval to accept this report.

Bro. Gerald Thompson reported that the State Mission Board had been busy. He stated that the property in Valdosta and Tifton has been sold. The Valdosta church is looking for property to build a church. Rev. Bill Lewis had a heart attack but is doing really well now. Bro. Crank is running 70-75 in attendance on Sunday at the Cartersville Church. They will be looking at property tomorrow to build a church on. Rev. J.D. Hollis is moving his wife and four children from Illinois during Christmas break to North Harris County or South Troupe County to start a church there in January 2008. Sis. Jara Miller gave the Women Active for Christ Report. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive all of these reports as information.

In Miscellaneous, Rev. Benjamin Miller invited everyone to come visit the Historical Archives being kept in the State Office in Colquitt. He asked the churches to bring him any old minutes or other archives that they didn't want to keep any longer.

After a short break, the Credentials Report was given by Bro. Earl Daniels with all 13 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$426.00. Benevolent Fund was \$1283.00. National fees were \$500.00, for a total of \$2209.00. Attendance banners were awarded to Hebrew Church for highest number present and to Mothers Home Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information.

The worship services began with the congregation singing "Glory to His Name." Prayer was offered by Bro. Billy Adams. Special music was rendered by the Hebrew Choir who sang a medley of "There's Something About That Name" and "He Touched Me." Rev. Andy Merritt brought the morning message, "Hands That Speak," using John 20:19-22 as the text. The service was dismissed with prayer by Bro. Joe Riddlehoover, and a delicious meal was served by the Hebrew Church family.

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

MARTIN ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CENTER

September 29, 2007

Thompson Free Will Baptist Church

The Martin Association Annual WAC convened Saturday, September 29, 2007 at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church. Theme was "Travel Light." Registration began at 9:30 a.m. The meeting began at 10:00 a.m. Patricia Grimes served as pianist and Martha Cox as Song Director.

The program opened with a congregational hymn, "Jesus Saves." President Maxine Torbert led in prayer. Grace Nix gave a very warm welcome to everyone present. Congregational hymn, "The Regions Beyond." Call for the WNAC report. No one attending the annual convention was present, so no report was given. Maxine Torbert read the scripture for our theme study, from Hebrew Chapter 12.

Business session began at 10:15 a.m. The Credentials Report was given by Maxine Torbert. A total of 3 auxiliaries sent in a report: Colquitt, Mt. Gilead, and Thompson. Total membership was 43. Total membership dues paid to date: \$88.75 (from one auxiliary). Membership dues are pending until the end of December 2007. One auxiliary's reporting year ends in December, and approval was given for any changes to be reported to the District Secretary by the end of the year to bring all information up to date and reconciled with the District Treasurer's report. There was a motion, and second to accept the report. Motion carried. All delegates were asked to stand. Motion, second, and carried to seat the delegates. Two visitors were recognized: Linda Snow and Fleda Snow.

Call for mission reports. The offices of Mission Action and Mission Prayer were still vacant, so there was no report from either. Grace Nix, Mission Study Chair, reported. She encouraged each auxiliary to be more active in Bible studies in their local groups and stated that time would be extended through December to turn in a report. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept Mission Study report. A WAC information booklet prepared by the District Secretary was distributed to each lady for their persual. They were encouraged to make use of it in their local groups to answer any questions and to be proactive in utilizing the tools provided by GWAC and WNAC. Pam Roberts administered a short quiz to encourage more prayerful involvement in missions.

Arlene Worsley, District Treasurer, distributed copies of the Treasurer's Report and Financial Report. Copies are attached. The reports represent

2 years of transactions, for 2006 and 2007. Balance in the Treasury as of September 28, 2007 was \$892.33. Motion, seconded, and carried to accept report. Call for Resolutions Committee Report. No report was offered.

Call Martin Association delegates to Georgia Women Active for Christ Convention in Gainesville on March 13-14, 2008. There were no volunteers. Maxine said that any member who later plans to attend could serve as a delegate and let the secretary know.

Representatives from each church was given an opportunity to make announcements. Colquitt Church announced "Ladies Night Out." The reservations had been met, but this would be an ongoing ministry to all ladies in the community in the future. Grace Nix gave the Registration Committee Report: Total in attendance: 22, which includes 20 members and 2 visitors; with 5 churches represented (Colquitt, Mt. Gilead, New Home, New Salem, Thompson). Motion, seconded, and carried to accept registration report.

This convention would have been the time for the presentation of Nominations Committee Report. No committee members were present. So this report was tabled. The term for the existing officers is expired. There was a 10 minute break, after which, the attendance banner was given to Thompson Church. Pam Roberts read the minutes. Motion, seconded, and carried to adopt.

Worship hour began with a congregational hymn, "Bring Them In." An offering was received. The special music was rendered by Martha Cox and Pam Roberts, singing "Come Thou Fount," followed by Pam singing "Broken and Spilled Out." Pam introduced the guest speaker, Mrs. Linda Snow, missionary to Japan. Linda shared her personal testimony. She shared that our most important ministry to the missionary families is prayer. She encouraged us to continue in our support of missions through the WNAC, even though we are a small group. She also shared specific prayer requests. At the close of her message, Maxine Torbert presented a monetary gift to Linda on behalf of the Martin Association WAC, in the amount of \$200. Grace Nix dismissed in prayer and asked the blessing on the meal.

The ladies enjoyed a time of fellowship during the salad luncheon. Door prizes were given. Our appreciation is extended to Thompson Church for their warm hospitality.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Roberts

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 01, 2006 - December 31, 2006

Balance in Treasury Decmeber 31, 2005 \$ 497.43

Receipts

Designated Giving	420.12	
Convention Offering	433.00	
Workshop Offering	91.65	
National Dues 36 @ \$15	540.00	
State Dues 36 @ \$2.50	90.00	
Local Dues 4 @ \$.25	1.00	
Conventional Expense 2 @ \$6.00	12.00	
Total Receipts		<u>1,587.77</u>
Total Available		<u>\$ 2,085.20</u>

Payments

GWAC (Designated Giving)	418.12	
Stepping Stones	150.00	
Dues State, National 36 @ \$17.50	630.00	
Total Payments		<u>1,198.12</u>

Balance in Treasury 12/31/06 \$ 887.08

Local Women Active for Christ

Colquitt FWB - 32

Thompson - 4

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

Annual Treasurer's Report
Arleen Worsley, Treasurer
January 01, 2006 - December 31, 2006

Designated Giving

State Project	\$ 64.52
Laura Bell Barnard	200.00
Debbie Griffin	153.60
Minute Money	<u>2.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 420.12</u>

MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST CONVENTION

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

January 01, 2007 - September 28, 2007

Balance in Treasury December 31, 2006 \$ 887.08

Receipts

Designated Giving	
Acts 1:8	100.00
Minute Money	1.00
National Dues 5 @ \$15.00	75.00
State Dues 5 @ \$ 2.50	12.50
Local Dues 5 @ \$.25	1.25
Convention Expense (1)	<u>6.00</u>
Total Receipts	195.75
Total Available	\$ 1,082.83

Payments

GWAC (Designated Giving)	101.00	
Dues National, State (5)	87.50	
Minute Money 2006	<u>2.00</u>	
Total Payments		<u>\$ 190.50</u>

Balance in Treasury 9/28/07 \$ 892.33

Local Women Active for Christ
Reporting

Thompson - 5

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

- Financial Record -

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
12/31/06		Opening Balance	(Martin Association)		R	\$1600.57
01/23/07		Deposits				\$2010.00
04/12/07		Deposits				\$2087.50
04/23/07		Deposits				\$ 105.00
07/10/07		Deposits				\$1867.11
10/19/07		Deposits				\$2267.00
10/31/05		Deposits				\$ 105.00
TOTAL MONIES						\$ 10,042.18
01/13/07	1169	Jerry Calhoun		Moderator		50.00
01/13/07	1170	Bobby Richardson		Clerk		50.00
01/13/07	1171	Automat Printers		Print Annal Report		467.38
01/13/07	1172	Jewel V. Maddox		Treasurer		50.00
01/25/07	1173	Mrs. J.J. Scott		Benevolent Fund		318.87
01/25/07	1174	Mrs. J. L. Williams		Benevolent Fund		318.87
01/25/07	1175	Mrs. Mattie McAllister		Benevolent Fund		318.87
01/25/07	1176	Mrs. Helen Robinson		Benevolent Fund		318.87
01/25/07	1177	GA State Association		State Cooperative Fund		122.50
02/07/07	1178	GA State Association		State & National Fund		1175.00
02/07/07	1179	GA State Association		Balance of National Dues		200.00
04/07/07	1180	Bobby Richardson		Clerk and Setting		55.68
04/07/07	1181	Jerry Calhoun		Moderator		50.00
04/07/07	1182	Jewel Maddox		Treasuer		50.00
04/23/07	1183	GA State Association		State Cooperative Fund		143.15
04/20/07	1184	Mr. J.J. Scott		Benevolent Fund		346.08
04/20/07	1185	Mrs. J. L. Williams		Benevolent Fund		346.08
04/20/07	1186	Mrs. Mattie McAllister		Benevolent Fund		346.08
04/20/07	1187	Mrs. Helen Robinson		Benevolent Fund		346.08
07/07/07	1188	Jerry Calhoun		Moderator		50.00
07/07/07	1189	Bobby Richardson		Clerk		50.00
07/07/07	1190	Jewel Maddox		Treasurer		50.00
07/07/07	1191	GA State Association		State Cooperative Fund		123.50
07/10/07	1192	Mr. J. J. Scott		Benevolent Fund		320.00
07/10/07	1193	Mrs. J.L. Williams		Benevolent Fund		320.00
07/10/07	1194	Mrs. Mattie McAllister		Benevolent Fund		320.00
07/10/07	1195	Mrs. Helen Robinson		Benevolent Fund		320.00
10/12/07	1196	Bobby Richardson		Clerk		50.00
10/12/07	1197	Jerry Calhoun		Moderaator		50.00
10/12/07	1198	Jewel Maddox		Treasurer		50.00
10/19/07	1199	GA State Association		State Cooperative Fund		156.80
10/19/07	1200	Mrs. Helen Robinson		Benevolent Fund		337.55
10/19/07	1201	Mrs. J.J. Scott		Benevolent Fund		337.55
10/19/07	1202	Mrs. J.L. Williams		Benevolent Fund		337.55
10/19/07	1203	Mrs. Mattie McAllister		Benevolent Fund		337.55
ENDING BANK BALANCE AS 12/31/07						\$1964.27
TOTAL INFLOWS						\$8441.61
TOTAL OUTFLOWS						\$8283.01

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

OBITUARY REPORT - 2007

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Carolyn Smith Tully - b. Jan. 21, 1932 d. Aug. 3, 2007

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Edna Henderson - b. Nov. 24, 1925 d. Mar. 19, 2007

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Roddie Manget Cloud - b. Sept. 2, 1940 d. Nov. 4, 2006

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Faye Chambers Ingram - b. Oct. 20, 1941 d. July 28, 2007

MT. GLORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Albert Alexander Johnson - b. Sept. 5, 1919 d. Jan. 25, 2007

NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - Miller County

Sue R. Roland - b. Feb. 2, 1957 d. Nov. 17, 2006

Leonard Varnum - b. Jan. 25, 1920 d. Feb. 22, 2007

Hazel R. Ard - b. Sept. 30, 1919 d. Dec. 6, 2006

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Hattie Newberry - b. Jan. 12, 1908 d. Apr. 23, 2007

Collie Mae Nix - b. Feb. 15, 1918 d. May 11, 2007

Zora Gertrude Richardson - b. Aug. 7, 1916 d. June 12, 2007

Marcia Floyd Worsley - b. Nov. 22, 1941 d. Nov. 5, 2006

THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Lou Edward Miller - b. July 10, 1928 d. Jan. 26, 2007

H. C. Bush - b. Nov. 8, 1916 Nov. 8, 2006

Zebbie Lee Bush - b. Aug. 22, 1924 d. Mar. 14, 2007

Carolyn Rodriquis - b. Oct. 2, 1933 d. Sept. 20, 2007

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758-2330

Sis. Pam Roberts
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Colquitt, GA 39837
758-5335

NEW HOME (D.C.)

Rev. Benny Cumbie
125 Church Rd.
Climax, GA 39834
246-2046

Bro. Larry Miles
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Bainbridge, GA 39817
246-1323

NEW SALEM

Bro. Bobby Richardson
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Blakely, GA 39823
758-2659

THOMPSON

Rev. Bobby Whittaker
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Colquitt, GA 39837
758-8839

Bro. Louie Grimes
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Colquitt, GA 39837
758-2102

MARTIN ASSOC.

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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.

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.

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.