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

2008 - 2009

GENERAL OFFICERS

Moderator.....Rev. Kent Barwick
Assistant Moderator.....Bro. Lynn Frazier
Treasurer.....Rev. Benjamin Miller
Assistant Treasurer.....Bro. Eddie Cobb
Clerk.....Bro. Robert E. Tiner
Assistant Clerk.....Sis. Pam Roberts

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Rev. Kent Barwick
Rev. Benjamin Miller
Bro. Robert E. Tiner
Bro. Gary Enfinger
Bro. Charles Grimes
Bro. Bobby Richardson

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Andy Merritt - 2011
Rev. Bobby Whittaker - 2010
Rev. Benjamin Miller- 2009 (to replace Rev. Benny Cumbie)

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

Rev. Andy Merritt - 2011
Bro. Randy Adams - 2010 (to replace Bro. Harvey Cox)
Bro. Timmy Bellflower - 2009

REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS

Board of Trustees - Bro. Wendell Cox, 2009
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2009
Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Thompson, 2009

PROGRAMS

for

Martin Association Quarterly Meetings

FIRST SESSION

New Salem Free Will Baptist - January 11, 2009
Fellowship Meeting.....Sun., 6:00 p.m.
Host Church In Charge Of Program

SECOND SESSION

Thompson Free Will Baptist - Saturday, April 11, 2009, 10:00 a.m.
Host Church In Charge Of Program
Business Meeting

THIRD SESSION

Colquitt Free Will Baptist - Sunday, July 12, 2009
Fellowship Meeting.....Sun., 6:00 p.m.
Host Church In Charge Of Program

FOURTH SESSION

Corinth Free Will Baptist - Saturday, October 11, 2009, 10:00a.m.
Host Church In Charge Of Program
Business Meeting

Martin Association Minutes

January 13, 2008

6:00 p.m.

Mothers Home Free Will Baptists Church

1st Session

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists convened in regular session on Sunday evening, January 13, 2008 at 6:00p.m. at Mothers Home FWB Church. This was the first meeting in our new "worship/fellowship" oriented format and by all appearances, it seemed to be well received. Attendance was estimated between 130-140 people. 11 of 13 churches reported with total revenue of \$360 Reg. Fees; \$1191 Benevolent Fund; \$200 National Fees for a grand total of \$1751.

The Meeting was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick and was opened in prayer by Rev. Andy Merritt. Bro. Kent then reminded and informed the attendees of our new format and Bro. Rod Brewer gave the welcome on behalf of Mothers Home Church.

There was only one item of business to be addressed and that had to do with the selecting of delegates to the state meeting--of which we were permitted three. The floor was opened for volunteers, of which there were none. The moderator then requested and was granted permission to appoint delegates as present.

The Moderator then turned the floor over to the clerk, Rev. Mike Schultz, who introduced our special guest; Dr. Thomas Marberry-- President of the FWB Seminary in Reynosa, Mexico and National Home Missionary to Mexico. Dr. Marberry spoke on behalf of both Home Missions and the Seminary and informed us regarding the terrific work being done in training Mexican FWB Pastors and church workers for that nation. He also thanked us for our continued prayers for and support of that work.

Bro. Kent then spoke on behalf of the three National E-Team participants (Deana Barwick, Brittany Miller, and Nikki Griffin) from the Martin Assoc. He informed us that they would be available to come to our churches and share with us their plans and needs for this wonderful experience to take place during the summer.

Bro. William Smith was then granted the floor and spoke on behalf of the GA. State Assoc. He reminded us of the State Meeting being held at Albany FWB Church March 13-14. He also shared with us the status of our three state mission works and that all three, Cartersville, Valdosta, and our new work in Harris county are doing great. He thanked us for both our continued prayers and support for these three great mission endeavors.

The floor then opened up for annoucements from the various churches, of which there was one. Bro. Kent informed us that Colquitt Church would be in revival beginning Feb. 2 with Rev. James Aycock as evangelist. With no other annoucements or business to be addressed during this session, the business portion of this meeting was adjourned until

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

The body was called to worship by a congregational rendering of "O, Say But I'm Glad" and reading of Eph. 4:4-6 by Rev. Benjamin Miller. We were then opened in prayer by Bro. Brandan McNease. Two more congregationals were sung, one of which was "Stepping in the Light." The Mass Choir then treated the body to two specials, one of which was an extremely inspirational rendering of "God's Choir." After the offering, the congregation then sang the chorus "Sanctuary" and we were then treated to special music from the New Home Quartet.

Using Eph. 4:4-6 as his text, Rev. Mike Schultz brought the message: **The Power of One** whereby he proclaimed that as God's people, we must be reminded and we must never forget that we are a part of **One body**, practicing **One faith**, thereby worshipping **One God**. After the invitation, the benediction was given by Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The meeting was then concluded with a wonderful time of food and fellowship in the fellowship hall.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Rev. Kent Barwick- Moderator

Rev. Mike Schultz- Clerk

Martin Association Minutes

April 12, 2008

10:00a.m.

Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church

2nd Session

The Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists convened in regular session on Saturday morning, April 12, 2008 at 10:00a.m. at Mt. Gilead FWB Church. There were 48 people in attendance-- of those, 6 were ordained ministers, 6 were ordained deacons, and 20 were elected delegates from the local churches giving us a total voting body of 32. 12 of 13 churches reported with a total revenue of \$ 394.50 Reg. Fees; \$1454 Benevolent Fund; \$300 National Fees for a grand total of \$2148.50. Mt. Gilead won the Attendance Banner for the highest number of folks in attendance (14) and Highway won the Banner for the highest percentage in attendance (75%) however, they deferred to Hebrew with 19%.

The meeting was then called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick and was opened in prayer by Rev. Benjamin Miller. The congregation was then led in song with the hymn, "Blessed Jesus Hold My Hand." Bro. Stanley Kirkland gave the welcome on behalf of Mt. Gilead FWB Church with Rev. Talmadge Worsley giving the response on behalf of the Association. Bro. Timmy Bellflower brought the devotional.

After the recognition of the ordained ministers, deacons, and elected delegates, there was a motion m/s/c to seat the voting body. Visitors were then recognized, of which there were four (4)--Bro. Jimmy Tolbert representing FWB Family Ministers out of Greenville, TN who was then granted the floor for a brief period in order to report on the current state situation of that very beneficial ministry. Also recognized were Rev. Jim Osborn, the new pastor of Mt. Gilead; Bro. Jimmy Harris, the new pastor of New Salem; and Rev. Daryl Newberry, the new pastor of Highway. A motion was then m/s/c to adopt the program without any changes. The roll call of churches was then taken, of which ten (10) were present.

The Moderator then appointed a Resolutions Committee (Rev. Bobby Whittaker and Sis. Pam Roberts) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Randy Adams and Sis. Patsy Merritt). The Moderator then called for a fifteen minute recess. When the meeting reconvened, we were then led in an offertory prayer by Bro. Wendell Cox and the offering was taken as the congregation sang, "His Grace is Sufficient."

The floor was then turned over to the Clerk, Rev. Mike Schultz, who read the minutes from the previous two meetings and a motion was m/s/c to receive the minutes as read. Sis Jewel Worsley then gave the financial report and a motion was m/s/c to accept as presented. There was no old business.

In New Business, Rev. Kent Barwick gave the Christian Ed. Board report in which he reminded the ministers regarding the upcoming Minister's Retreat to be held April 21-23 at George T. Bagby State Park in

Ft. Gaines. He also gave the Camp Board report on behalf of Bro. James Judkins. The dates for Teen camp are May 25-30. Jr. Camp will be June 8-15 at Camp Tygert at a cost of \$75.00. All information could be obtained from Bro. James. Sis. Pam Roberts gave the GWAC report which consisted of the retreat information. For all of these reports, there was a motion m/s/c to accept as information. There were no Trustee Board, Mission Board, Ordaining Council, or Investigative Committee reports.

Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave the Resolutions Committee report and a motion was m/s/c to adopt the following resolutions:

- 1.) Be it resolved that we pray for FWB Family Ministries of Greenville, TN. and encourage all of our churches to support it, if possible.
- 2.) Be it resolved that in light of the nation's election process, the war, and our economy, that we ask for God's intervention to be evident in every aspect; and that we have a special prayer today for this great need.
- 3.) Be it resolved that we give Mt. Gilead FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality today.

After special prayer and the rising vote of thanks, the Credentials Committee report was given and all as previously noted was found to be in order. A motion was m/s/c to accept the C.C. report as presented as well.

In the final act of business, there was a motion m/s/c to allow the Executive Committee to appoint an interim treasurer for remaining period of Sis. Jewel's term as Bro. Talmadge has accepted the pastorate at New Enterprise FWB Church which is in the Midway Association. There was no business from the floor. In miscellaneous announcements, the body was reminded about our next worship meeting to be held at New Home D.C. on Sunday evening, July 13th @ 6:00p.m. It was also announced that the Miller County Ministerial Fellowship would be sponsoring a National Day of Prayer vigil at the Miller County Courthouse on Thursday, May 1st @ noon. The clerk also announced that the new FWB Yearbooks were in and that every church needed to pick one up. Hebrew Church was to be in revival services from April 27--30 with Rev. William Smith as the evangelist and Thompson Church would be having revival services from May 4-7 with Rev. Kent Barwick as evangelist. With no other business to address, there was a motion m/s/c to adjourn the business session. After a brief recess, the worship element of the meeting commenced. The congregation was led in singing the hymn "Dwelling in Beulah Land" and treated to a special rendition of "He'll Be Coming for Me." After a fantastic time of congregational singing and special music, Rev. Jim Osborn gave an inspirational message entitled "Fool's Gold" based upon 2 Cor. 11:2-4 and Galatians 1:6-9 challenging all of us as God's people to get back to living lives of holiness and godliness and to remain true to our faith and to quit allowing ourselves to be influenced by the things of this world. Following the message, a special offering was taken for FWB Family Ministries. The amount is unknown at the time of this writing. After the benediction, the body was treated to a magnificent meal prepared by the folks at Mt. Gilead. With no other business, the body was adjourned until our next meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Rev.. Kent Barwick, Moderator

Rev. Mike Schultz, Clerk

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

Executive Meeting

July 8, 2008

Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick called a meeting of the Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council. Those present were,

- Executive Committee

Rev. Kent Barwick

Bro. Bobby Richardson

Bro. Gary Enfinger

- Ordaining Council

Rev. Andy Merritt

Rev. Bobby Whittaker

- Rev. William Smith from the State Office was present too.

First Item on the Agenda

There was a need to fill the vacancy for the treasurer's position and the clerk's positions. The recommendation was as follows:

1. Bro. Gary Enfinger to finish out the year as treasurer

2. Bro. Bobby Richardson to finish out the year as clerk

The Executive Committee agreed unanimously to accept the recommendations.

Second Item on the Agenda

The Executive Committee and the Ordaining Council were asked by the Moderator to discuss the issue of ordaining men who had issues of divorce and remarriage and those who were coming out of another denomination seeking ordination in the Martin Association. Everyone participated in the discussion and Rev. William Smith reported that the State Association of FWB in Georgia had adopted a position on this matter back in 1980. We were all given copies of the Standard and Doctrinal Examination for Licensing and Ordaining Free Will Baptist Ministers in Georgia by Rev. Smith. It was also noted that the Martin Association adopted the same position as the State's position back in January of 1979. It was unanimously agreed that we would stay with that position set forth by the State Association.

The meeting was adjourned and closed in prayer by Rev. Kent Barwick.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kent Barwick

Martin Association Minutes

July 13, 2008

6:00 p.m.

New Home Decatur County

Free Will Baptist Church

3rd Session

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptists convened in worship session on Sunday evening, July 13, 2008 @ 6:00p.m. at New Home Decatur County FWB Church.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick and was opened in prayer by the host pastor, Rev. Benny Cumbie. The opening congregational Hymn was "Are You Washed in the Blood." There was a brief testimony period and then the congregation was led in the Hymn "Victory In Jesus." Bro. Claude Newsome led the offertory prayer and the congregation sang "Amazing Grace" as the offertory hymn. The offering came to \$229.72 and there were 103 people in attendance.

After being treated to some wonderful special music from the folks at NHDC entitled "Take me in your Lifeboat," "Sometimes I Overlook Him," and "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" respectively, the congregation was blessed by an encouraging message from Rev. Benny Cumbie entitled: "God ain't Never been Nothing but Good to Me" based upon Psalm 117:1-2. We were then led in the Invitational Hymn, "I Surrender All." Bro. Bennie then dismissed us in prayer and we were treated to a fantastic meal and time of fellowship in the fellowship hall.

In other financial information, 10 of 13 churches reported with \$325 in Reg. Fees; \$1170 in Benevolent Fund; and \$175 National Fees for a total of \$1670.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Kent Barwick, Moderator
Rev. Mike Schultz, Clerk

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

Martin Association of Free Will Baptists

4th Session

October 11, 2008

The Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists convened at 10:00 a.m. at New Home FWB Church in Miller County. The meeting began with the congregation singing "I Want to Know More about My Lord."

Moderator Rev. Kent Barwick called the meeting to order, and Rev.

Andy Merritt led in prayer. Bro. Wendell Cox gave a warm welcome to the Association and Bro. Earl Daniels gave the response. Bro. Scott Roberts delivered the devotional from Titus:2 about "these uncertain times."

Business Session: All ordained and licensed ministers (five) were asked to stand and be recognized. All ordained deacons (eleven) were recognized in like manner. All elected delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made, seconded, and carried to seat all voting delegates. Sister Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan, was recognized and welcomed as a visitor. The program was adopted with no changes necessary. The roll call of all the churches in Martin Association was taken with ten churches present. The Moderator appointed a Resolutions Committee (Sis. Patsy Merritt, Sis. Jara Miller and Sis. Geneva Roland) and a Credentials Committee (Bro. Scott Roberts and Bro. Gerald Thompson). He also appointed a Program Committee consisting of Bro. Claude Newsome and Rev. Bobby Whittaker. The Moderator then called for a fifteen minute recess.

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

1. Be it resolved that we adopt the following verse: Hebrews 12:2a "Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith".
2. Be it resolved that each delegate encourage support for the association in local churches.
3. Be it resolved that we stress the importance of Sunday School in our churches. This is the ministry of teaching the Word of God to our people.
4. Be it resolved that we give a rising vote of thanks to New Home Church for their hospitality.

There was a motion, second and approval to accept these resolutions. The Nominating Committee Report for the general officers was given by Rev. Benjamin Miller. The General Officers of the Martin Association of Free Will Baptists for 2008-2009 are as follows: Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick; accept the general officers. The executive committee members and other board nominations were presented. There was a motion, second and approval to accept the remainder of the Nominating Committee Report. The treasurer's report was given by Rev. Benjamin Miller. There was a motion, second

and approval to accept this report. The Executive Committee Report was given by Rev. Kent Barwick, and it was accepted as information. Brother Gerald Thompson reported that the State Mission Board had a meeting on Sept. 8, 2008. They voted to suspend the mission work in Valdosta as of Dec. 31, 2008. However, a group of 14 young people from the Valdosta church met with the Mission Board at a later time and requested that the work not be suspended. Bro. Crank is running 85-100 in attendance on Sundays at the Cartersville Church. Rev. J. D. Hollis, who started the work in North Harris County in July 2008, is running 15-20 in attendance on Sundays. The Mission Board is looking for a new location in Northeast Georgia to plant another church. The State Trustee Board report was given by Bro. Wendell Cox. He stated that there is an air conditioning problem in the library at the state office. They are getting price quotes on a new unit, and the only quote so far is \$4850.00. Then the State Christian Education Board report was given by Bro. Kent Barwick. He told about the Senior Citizen's Retreat on Nov. 3-5 at George T. Bagby State Park in Fort Gaines. He further said that you can check the Promotional Bulletin for all retreat schedules. For all of these reports, there was a motion, second and approval to accept as information. There was no Benevolent, Ordaining Council, State Camp Board, or WAC report.

Bro. Bobby Richardson then read the minutes from the August 12, 2008 Associational Business meeting and the July 13, 2008 Associational Fellowship meeting. There was a motion, second and approval to accept as read. The Credentials Report was given by Bro. Gerald Thompson with 11 churches reporting. Regular fees totaled \$378.50, Benevolent Fund was \$1514.00, and National fees were \$425.00, for a total of \$2317.50. Attendance banners were awarded to New Home Miller County for highest number present (18) and to Highway Church for the highest percent present. There was a motion, second, and approval to receive this report as information. The announcement was made that the next Associational meeting would be held at New Salem FWB Church on Sunday, January 11, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. This will be a fellowship meeting with singing, worship and refreshments. Sister Debbie Griffin reported that she will be home until May 2009. She is accepting invitations to speak from November 2008 through April 2009. She further informed us that the Japan, Ivory Coast and Brazil ministries have all recently celebrated 50 years. She stated that the missionaries are really excited about the new funding system. Then Highway Church announced their upcoming revival. The worship services began with the New Home choir singing "Though Your Sins be as Scarlet", "Wonderful Grace of Jesus" and "I'm Redeemed." Prayer was offered by Rev. Benjamin Miller. Rev. Miller then brought the morning message entitled "Where Has the Glory Gone?" using I Samuel 4:1-22 as the text. Following the Benediction and Blessing by Rev. Miller, a delicious meal was served by the New Home Miller County Church family.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Rev. Kent Barwick, Moderator
Bro. Bobby Richardson, Acting Clerk

**NO REPORTS
FOR:**

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE
FOR CHRIST**

**MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR
CHRIST STATE CONVENTION
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR
CHRIST CONVENTION**

**MARTIN DISTRICT WOMEN ACTIVE FOR
CHRIST CONVENTION
FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

-FINANCIAL REPORT 2008-

DEPOSITS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
1/15/08	Deposit (Quarterly Meeting)	\$2071.00
1/23/08	Deposit (Late Quarterly Meeting)	\$105.00
4/17/08	Deposit (Quarterly Meeting)	\$2146.00
4/18/08	Deposit (Late Quarterly Meeting)	\$175.00
7/22/08	Deposit (Quarterly Meeting)	\$1899.72
10/22/08	Deposit (Quarterly Meeting)	\$2453.25
10/31/08	Deposit (Late Quarterly Meeting)	\$172.50
TOTAL CREDITS		\$9022.97

WITHDRAWALS

Date	Ck#	Payee	Memo	Amount
1/13/08	1204	Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
1/13/08	1205	Mike Schultz	Clerk	\$50.00
1/13/08	1206	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	\$50.00
1/15/08	1207	GA State Assoc.	Co-Op	\$245.00
1/18/08	1208	Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$341.50
1/18/08	1209	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$341.50
1/18/08	1210	Mrs. J.L. Williams	Benevolent	\$341.50
1/18/08	1211	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	\$341.50
1/18/08	1212	Automat Printers	Annual Mintues	\$467.38
1/23/08	1213	GA State Assoc.	National & State Dues	\$1375.00
4/12/08	1214	Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
4/12/08	1215	VOID	VOID	
4/12/08	1216	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	\$50.00
4/12/08	1217	Mike Schultz	Clerk & Postage	\$59.84
4/18/08	1218	Ga State Assoc.	Co-Op	\$134.50
4/18/08	1219	Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$377.93
4/18/08	1220	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$377.93
4/18/08	1221	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	\$377.93
4/18/08	1222	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	\$377.93
7/12/08	1223	Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
7/12/08	1224	Mike Schultz	Clerk & Postage	\$55.04
7/12/08	1225	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	\$50.00
7/12/08	1226	GA State Assoc.	Co-Op	\$132.80
7/22/08	1227	Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$306.73
7/22/08	1228	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$306.73
7/22/08	1229	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	\$306.73
7/22/08	1230	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	\$306.73
10/11/08	1231	Bobby Richardson	Clerk & Postage	\$55.04
10/11/08	1232	Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
10/11/08	1233	Jewel Maddox	Treasurer	\$50.00
10/24/08	1234	GA State Assoc.	Co-Op	\$104.48
10/24/08	1235	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$389.69
10/24/08	1236	Mrs. J.L. Williams	Benevolent	\$389.69
10/24/08	1237	Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$389.69
10/24/08	1238	Mattie McAllister	Benevolent	\$389.69
TOTAL DEBITS				\$8742.48

Beginning Balance (12/31/07)	\$1964.27
Deposits +	\$9022.97
Withdrawals -	<u>\$8742.48</u>
Ending Balance (12/31/08)	\$2244.76

MARTIN ASSOCIATION

OBITUARY REPORT - 2008

COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Ms. Kim Tully b. February 10, 1983 d. September 5, 2007

Mr. Homer Harrison b. March 29, 1924 d. April 19, 2008

Mr. Wallace Reagan b. June 19, 1926 d. May 4, 2008

Mr. Mike Tully b. May 2, 1961 d. July 28, 2008

CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Katrina Jones b. December 8, 1936 d. February 16, 2008

DONALSONVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Joel Eugene White b. October 19, 1942 d. September 20, 2008

HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. Reuben Isaiah Parker b. October 23, 1923 d. November 29, 2007

MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Tommy Edward Ingram b. August 21, 1939 d. September 21, 2007

MT. GLORY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mrs. Maybell Brock b. March 11, 1923 d. May 1, 2008

Mrs. Jessie Shepard b. May 19, 1920 d. July 23, 2008

NEW HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH - Miller County

Mrs. Myrtle King b. October 23, 1925 d. October 9, 2007

Mrs. Christine Bracewell b. October 4, 1925 d. March 5, 2008

NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH

Mr. L. T. Davis b. August 4, 1920 d. May 20, 2008

Mrs. Ada Lee Roland b. January 20, 1920 d. June 11, 2008

CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
COLQUITT	Rev. Kent Barwick 1077 Enterprise Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-6221	Sis. Jeannie Lee 656 Thompson Town Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2105
CORINTH		Sis. Gloria Frazier 811 Rose Circle Bainbridge, GA 39819 246-4078
DONALSONVILLE	Rev. Rollin Rathel 5876 Hwy. 39 South Donalsonville, GA 39845 524-8917	Sis. Laverne Holman P. O. Box 4504 Donalsonville, GA 39845 774-2581
FATHERS HOME		Sis. Pauline Harrell 1102 Church Rd. Camilla, GA 31730 229/294-3084
HEBREW	Rev. Andy Merritt 63 Old Airport Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2451	Sis. Doretha Stewart 2971 Croom-Webb Rd. Donalsonville, GA 39845 861-3171
HIGHWAY	Rev. Darrell Newberry 2153 Hutchinson Ferry Rd. Quincy, FL 32352 229-416-0715	Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, GA 39825 246-1978
MOTHERS HOME		Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams Powell Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 246-7735
MT. GILEAD		Bro. Timmy Bellflower 156 Bethany Church Rd. Brinson, GA 39825 254-2851

CHURCH

PASTOR

CLERK

MT. GLORY

Rev. James Lemieux
P. O. Box 181
Greensboro, FL 32330
850/ 442-4379

Sis. Ethel Newberry
2157 Hutchinson Ferry Rd.
Quincy, FL 32352
850/ 856-5134

NEW HOME (M.C.)

Rev. Benjamin Miller
80 Lane Rd.
Colquitt, GA 39837
758-2330

Sis. Pam. Roberts
265 Grimsley Rd.
Colquitt, GA 39837
758-5335

NEW HOME (D.C.)

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

Bro. Larry Miles
211 Open Pond Rd.
Bainbridge, GA 39817
246-1323

NEW SALEM

Rev. Jimmy Harris
16047 Hwy 39
Blakely, GA 39823
229-723-8373

Bro. Bobby Richardson
1256 Mayhaw Rd.
Blakely, GA 39823
758-2659

THOMPSON

Rev. Bobby Whittaker
70 Thompson West Rd.
Colquitt, GA 39837
758-8839

Bro. Louie Grimes
233 Bush Grimes Rd.
Colquitt, GA 39837
758-2102

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Damascus, GA 39841
229-723-6631

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.