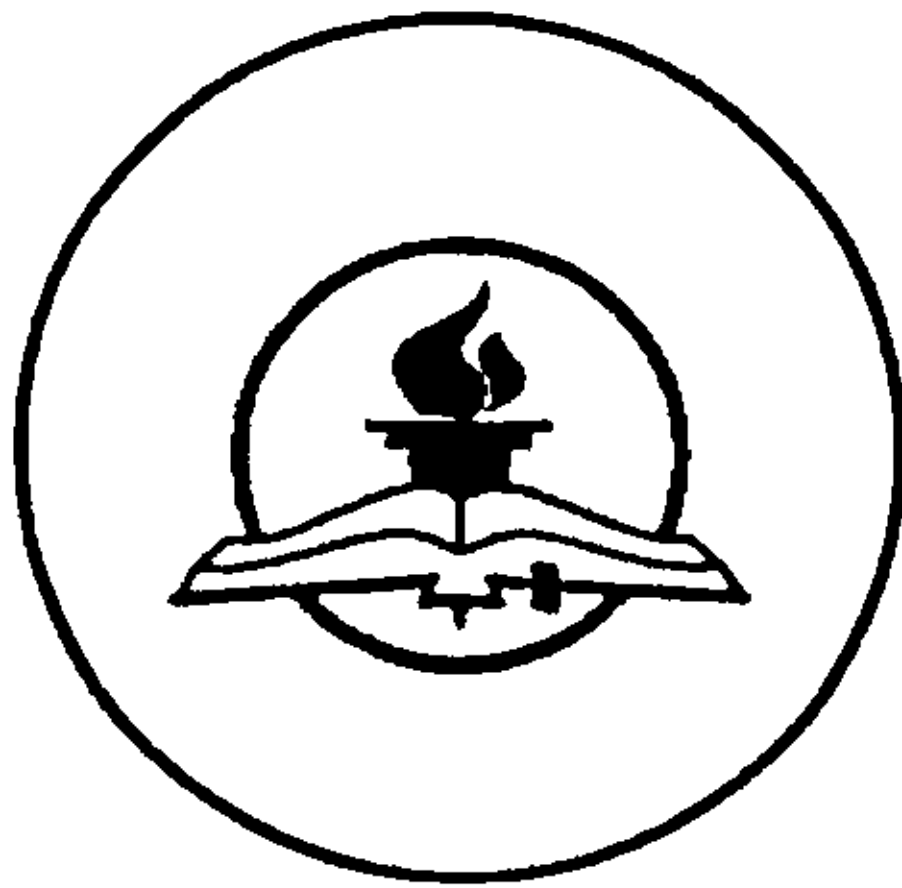


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**Quarterly Sessions**  
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**Free Will Baptists of Georgia**

**2010**

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

**2010 - 2011**

**GENERAL OFFICERS**

Moderator.....Bro. Wendell Cox  
Assistant Moderator.....Dr. Lynn Frazier  
Treasurer.....Rev. Benjamin Miller  
Assistant Treasurer.....Bro. Bobby Tiner  
Clerk.....Sister Becky Woods  
Assistant Clerk.....Bro. Rod Brewer

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Bro. Wendell Cox  
Rev. Benjamin Miller  
Sister Becky Woods  
Rev. Kent Barwick  
Bro. Charles Grimes  
Bro. Bobby Richardson

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Benjamin Miller - 2012  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2011  
Rev. Kent Barwick - 2013

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Bro. Timmy Bellflower - 2012  
Rev. Andy Merritt - 2011  
Bro. Randy Adams - 2013

**REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARDS**

Board of Trustees - Bro. Wendell Cox, 2011  
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2011  
Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Thompson, 2011  
Board of Camping - Rev. James Judkins, 2011

# **PROGRAMS**

**for**

## **Martin Association Quarterly Meetings**

### **FIRST SESSION**

New Home Free Will Baptist - Miller County - January 9, 2011  
Fellowship Meeting.....Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
Host Church In Charge Of Program  
Fellowship Meeting

### **SECOND SESSION**

New Home FWB Church - Decatur County - April 9, 2011  
Business Meeting.....Saturday, 10:00 a.m.  
Host Church In Charge Of Program  
Business Meeting

### **THIRD SESSION**

New Salem Free Will Baptist Church - July 10, 2011  
Fellowship Meeting.....Sunday, 6:00 p.m.  
Host Church In Charge Of Program  
Fellowship Meeting

### **FOURTH SESSION**

Thompson Free Will Baptist Church - October 8, 2011  
Business Meeting.....Saturday, 10:00 a.m.  
Host Church In Charge Of Program  
Business Meeting

# **Martin Association Minutes**

**January 10, 2010**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church**

## **Fellowship Meeting**

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptist convened at Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church. This was a Fellowship Meeting.

Rev. Kent Barwick opened the meeting and stated the Program Committee had met January 10, 2010 consisting of Rev. Kent Barwick, Wendell Cox, and Rodney Brewer for selecting the next three meeting dates and places.

They are as follows:

April 10, 2010 at Highway Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting.

July 11, 2010 at Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church at 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meeting.

October 9, 2010 at Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church at 10:00 a.m. Business Meeting.

At this time Rev. Ben Miller handed out Financial Reports for the Martin District Association of Free Will Baptists (October 10, 2009 thru January 10, 2010) and the Annual Treasurer's report for (January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009) for review. Bro. Kent Barwick then gave the opening prayer and turned the Service over to Rev. Andy Merritt.

Rev. Andy stated he would like to have "Heaven" as our theme for the night as he welcomed each one for their presence. The offering prayer by Rev. Andy and offering was taken by Rev. Kent Barwick and Rev. Bobby Whitaker. The choir assisted by Rev. Andy and his wife Ms. Patsy Merritt then presented a musical program of several songs which included duets by Rev. Andy and Ms. Patsy singing two songs written by Squire Parsons. This musical presentation was well received by all present.

Rev. Andy used scripture from John 14: 1-6 and several verses from Revelation chapters 5 & 7 for his sermon which was entitled "Heaven Is A Better Place." After a song the service was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Bobby Whitaker.

All the members then adjourned to fellowship hall for a beautiful, delicious and well prepared meal by the ladies of the Hebrew Free Will Baptist Church. I am witness to it being well received.

Robert E. Tiner, Clerk

January 10, 2010

Approved Date: 4-10-2010

Signature: Robert E. Tiner

## **Martin Association Minutes**

**April 10, 2010**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Highway Free Will Baptist Church**

### **Business Meeting**

The Martin Association of Georgia Free Will Baptist business meeting was called to order by Rev. Kent Barwick, Moderator. The opening prayer was given by Rev. Ken Barwick followed congregational singing of songs in praise to God. Bro. Pete Giannare gave the welcome at this time followed by response by Wendell Cox. Sister Bailey gave a very timely devotion at this time entitled "Love" taken from scripture in 1st John 4:2. She stated that our world has lost its actions of love and stressed the importance of renewing our love for God, for our neighbors, and our families, our church, and all involved leaders in our churches, and keep all of them in our prayers.

At this time the Business session began with a roll call of ordained Ministers and Deacons with 7 present. There were 16 delegates seated and the program was adopted as presented. There was 1 visitor present, Mr. Richard Trawick from Corinth Church. A roll call of churches listed as follows Colquitt 6, Corinth 4, Hebrews 4, Highway 8, Mothers Home 2, Mt. Gilead 4, Mt. Glory 1, New Home Miller Co. 5, New Salem 1, Thompson 1. Bro. Kent appointed Sister Patsy Merritt, Sister Becky Wood, and Sister Jara Miller to the Resolutions Committee and Bro. Gerald Thompson, Sister Cheryl Barwick, and Bro. Wendell Cox to the Credentials Committee. A 15 minute recess was then called for these committees to meet.

The meeting reconvened with an offertory prayer by Bro. Pete Giannare, following the offering the minutes were read for the meeting of Oct. 10, 2009 and motion and second made to approve and were approved as read. The meeting of Jan. 10, 2010 were read and second to approve as corrected. The treasurer report for Oct. 10, 2009 thru April 9, 2010 was presented by Rev. Benjamin Miller and after review was approved. Rev. Kent Barwick, Moderator advised that the Executive Board would meet and appoint a nomination committee to select names of officers for the next year. The moderators term would expire and the clerk had asked to be replaced at the end of this year. It was also noted that at the next meeting the by-laws needed to be corrected showing that the (2) regular business/fellowship meetings and the (2) worship/fellowship meetings were recognized as approved by the Association. There was no report by the ordaining council. Bro Gerald Thomp-



son gave a brief report for the State Mission Board which met at Cartersville. His report gave an update relating to the church there and the church at Harris County and asked for continued prayer for those two churches. This report was approved and presented. There was no report by the State Trustee Board. Bro. Kent Barwick gave the report for the State Camp Board regarding the Teen Camp of June 6-11 and the Junior Camp of June 13-18. He also made a request that all churches send their ministers to the meetings of the State Christian Education Board meetings.

At this time Sister Grier Tiner gave a report of the Women Active for Christ at Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church relating to their activities which gave evidence of Women very Active for Christ. This report was accepted as presented.

The resolution committee presented their report and after review was approved after motion and second as presented. The credentials committee report was presented and after review was approved after motion and second as presented. The banner for attendance was presented to Highway Free Will Baptist Church. It was announced that Hebrew Church would have Revival beginning Sunday April 11 thru April 14. Bro. Darrell Newberry reported that a good relationship had occurred as a result of a joint relationship of the Bainbridge and Highway Churches. There being no further business Rev. Andy Merritt closed with prayer.

Bro. Kent turned the worship service over to Rev. Darrell Newberry at which time the service began with congregational singing including a solo, beautifully sung by Sister Pam.

Rev. Newberry began his sermon titled "What have we done with Jesus"? by reading Luke 2: beginning with verse 41. He stated that the Revelation that Christ gave to John revealed that Christ had been excluded from some of the churches and it was felt that we now also had left Christ out of many of our churches. Rev. Newberry asked "Are we committed? Are we caring about the things of God? Are we attentive to the things of God?" Food for thought which Rev. Newberry presented as a result of these questions were- We should be a part of everything that happens in our church-support all functions. Do God's will first; not ours. Determine where we left Jesus- Mary and Joseph went back to find him when they lost him! Spiritual Authority lies with the Pastors and Deacons. Is this true in our churches? Jesus was attending to his Father's Business. Are we too busy to put God first: to put Jesus first? Rev.



Neberry stated in his conclusion that God gave us enough that we should always be happy to put Jesus first in our life. Rev. Newberry then closed the service with prayer. Bro. Kent Barwick announced that lunch was being served and gave the blessing after which everyone joyfully adjourned to the dining room.

Robert E Tiner, Clerk

April 10, 2010

Approved Date: Oct, 9, 2010

Signature: Robert E. Tiner

## Martin Association Minutes

July 11, 2010

6:00 pm

Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church  
Fellowship Meeting

Rev. Kent Barwick, Moderator opened the meeting with prayer and informed the members present that appointments would need to take place at the next meeting for Moderator and Clerk. He asked that everyone should pray in regards to these appointments. The meeting was then adjourned and Bro. Rodney Brewer began the regular church service with several songs by the choir and congregation. Songs included "O Say But I'm Glad", "All I Need", "Where The Soul Never Dies", "I Know Whom I Have Believed", and "The Family of God". Brother Wendell Cox then gave the offertory prayer after which Bro. Brewer introduced Rev. Shane Suggs who had been called as the new minister for Mothers Home Church. Rev. Suggs and his family had previously been living and ministering in Columbus, Ga. After a very cordial introduction and welcome from Bro. Suggs and his family a beautiful message in song was presented by the church choir.

Rev. Suggs took his message from Exodus 3:10-11 and Exodus 4:10-14 and centered his message around the theme of "In Service of the Lord don't make excuses". He told of Moses and others in the Bible who felt they were not qualified and made all kinds of excuses. He stated that God already knows our excuses and if we will only trust God, He can do anything He wants through us. We need to focus on the future and get excited about "God" who He is! Get excited about what "God" can do! He referred to Acts 12:5 which says "Pray without ceasing," Pray Big! Pray Big! If we get excited about God He will do what we need. Rev. Suggs closed saying we either focus on failure or focus on God. After the invitational hymn Bro. William Smith gave the closing prayer and everyone was invited to the dining area for a fantastic meal and Christian fellowship.

Robert E. Tiner, Clerk

July 11, 2010

Approved Date: Oct 9, 2010

Signature: Robert E. Tiner

## **Martin Association of Free Will Baptists**

Executive Committee Meeting

September 2, 2010-6:00 p.m.

Moderator Rev. Kent Barwick called a meeting of the Executive Committee on the above date at the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church. Other members present were Treasurer Rev. Benjamin Miller, Clerk Bobby Tiner, Wendell Cox, Rev. Bobby Whitaker, Charles Grimes and Bobby Richardson.

The following dates were approved for the 2011 Quaterly Meeting. Sunday, January 9, 2011, 6:00 p.m. New Home FWB Church-Miller County-Fellowship Meeting, Saturday, April 9, 2011, 10:00 a.m. New Home FWB Church-Decatur County-Business Meeting, Sunday, July 10, 2011, 6:00 p.m. New Salem FWB Church-Fellowship Meeting, Saturday, October 8, 2011, 10:00 a.m. Thompson FWB Church-Business Meeting.

Discussion of next years officers, committees, Ordaining council, and State Boards revealed the following. Positions were needed for Moderator, Clerk, Assistant Moderator, Assistant Clerk.

The follwing people agreed or had previously agreed to the following 2011 positions: Treasurer - Rev. Benjamin Miller, Assistant Treasurer - Eddie Cobb, Ordaining Council - Rev. Kent Barwick, Investigating Committee - Randy Adams. Representatives to State Boards, 1 - Board of Trustees - Wendall Cox, Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, Board of Missions - Gerald Thompson, Board of Camping - Rev. James Judkins. These appointments were approved after a motion and second by the committee.

At this time a discussion revealed the great difficulty involved in the selection and acceptance of people willing to accept these vacant positions. It was agreed by the committee that the Moderator send a letter to all churches seeking their assistance and input for these positions now and in the future. A copy of Moderator Rev. Kent Barwicks letter will be attached to these minutes. After which the meeting was adjourned.

Robert E. Tiner, Clerk

September 2, 2010

Approved Date: Oct 9 2010

Signature: Robert E. Tiner

# **Martin Association Minutes**

Business Meeting

October 9, 2010

10:00 a.m.

Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church

Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick. Bro. Kent opened the meeting with prayer after which Rev. Charles Taylor lead the congregation in song followed by the Welcome - Rev. Kent Barwick, followed by the Response - Bro. Melvin Whitaker was called at this time to give the devotion. Bro. Whitaker expressed concern about our country having left the principles of direction by drifting away from the teaching of the Bible and the need for us all to pray and redirect ourselves back to God for guidance. In conclusion he gave a short personal testimony which was well received by those in attendance.

Bro. Kent called the Business Session to begin by having all Ordained and Licensed Ministers to be recognized by standing - 5 were present, the number of Ordained Deacons - 12 present, Elected Delegates - 18, Visitors - 0. A motion and second approving the Number of delegates to be seated and to adopt the program with changes.

At this time a roll call of churches revealed Colquitt 8, Corinth 2, Hebrew 5, Highway 5, Mothers Home 5, Mt. Gilead 12, Mt. Glory 1, New Home Miller Co. 5, New Salem 3, Thompson 3. Bro. Kent appointed Patsy Merritt, Trudie Candee, and Darrell Newberry to the Resolutions Committee and Rod Brewer and Grier Tiner to the Credentials Committee and called for a 15 minute recess.

The meeting was reconvened by Moderator Bro. Kent Barwick and Clerk Bobby Tiner gave the obituary report for 2010 as reported by the churches at this time. A copy of these names will be attached to these minutes. Rev. Andy Merritt gave the prayer in Honor of these fellow Christians following this report. The offering prayer was given by Bro. Randy Adams after which he and Bro. Glenn Clenney received the associations offerings. Minutes of the April 10, 2010 Business Meeting were read and approved, and minutes of the July 11, 2010 Fellowship Meeting were read and approved with the following correction being the spelling of Rev. Shane Suggs name. Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting of Sept. 2, 2010 were read and approved.

Rev. Benjamin Miller presented the financial report for April 10, 2010 thru October 8, 2010 after which was approved. See attached to these minutes.

Rev. Andy Merritt presented a recommendation by the Ordaining Council; consisting of he and Rev. Bobby Whitaker and Rev. Benjamin Miller, of Rev. Shane Suggs to the Martin Association



pending a letter for good standing from Twin Cities Association. This recommendation was approved.

Bro. Gerald Thompson gave a short report from the State Missions Board and asked for continued prayers for the churches at Cartersville and Harris County and the State Mission Board Members.

Rev. Kent gave a short report from the State Christian Education Board. He advised that cuts would be necessary in Budget cuts for that Board.

Sister Becky Woods gave a report that the W.A.C. would have a meeting; as recommended by Sister Debbie Griffin for a Concert of Prayer for Missions, which would be held on November 4, 2010 at the Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church. Attendance was encouraged for this most needed service.

Moderator, Rev. Kent Barwick then advised of the recommendations by the Nominating Committee of positions for the coming years as follows: Rev. James Judkins State Board of Camping 2013; Rev. Kent Barwick State Board of Christian Education 2013; Bro. Randy Adams Investigative Council Committee 2013; Rev. Kent Barwick Ordaining Council 2013. These appointments were all approved as recommended.

General officers were presented as follows: Moderator - Bro. Wendell Cox, Assistant Moderator - Rev. Lynn Frazier, Treasurer - Rev. Benjamin Miller, Assistant Treasurer - Bro. Bobby Tiner, Clerk - Sister Becky Woods, Assistant Clerk - Bro. Rod Brewer. All were approved.

Executive Committee members were presented as follows: Moderator - Bro. Wendall Cox, Clerk - Sister Becky Woods, Treasurer - Rev. Benjamin Miller, Rev. Kent Barwick, Bro. Charles Grimes, Bro. Bobby Richardson. All were approved.

The Resolutions Committee presented their report. See attached.

The Credentials Committee presented their report. See attached. It should be noted that Mt. Gilead won the Banner for the most present and New Home Miller County for the Highest percentage present.

At this time announcements revealed that Mothers Home Church would have revival beginning this Sunday at 6:00 p.m. and Monday thru Wednesday beginning at 7:00 p.m. As an added attraction meals would be served on Sunday and Wednesday following services.

The meeting was then turned over to Rev. Charles Taylor for the Worship Service. After congregation singing Bro. Taylor took his sermon from 2 Timothy 3"1-5 and 13-14. His aim for the sermon was to challenge pastors and people alike to stand for God in the last days. His approach to this topic was very inclusive and very well received by those present. The closing prayer was given by Bro. Taylor after which adjournment revealed a most delicious and diversified choice of good country cooking including excellent deserts to end a good day at church.

Robert E. Tiner  
October 9, 2010

Approved Dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
**(January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010)**

<i><b>Deposits</b></i>				
<i><b>Date</b></i>	<i><b>Sequence</b></i>	<i><b>Purpose</b></i>	<i><b>Meeting Date</b></i>	<i><b>Amount</b></i>
1/11/10	#1	Offering	10/1/10	\$222.00
1/11/10	#2	Regular Fees	1/10/10	\$1,959.50
4/16/10	#3	Reg. Fees	4/10/10	\$2,100.00
4/16/10	#4	Offering	4/10/10	\$118.00
7/13/10	#5	Offering	7/11/10	\$255.00
7/13/10	#6	Regular Fees	7/11/10	\$1775.00
10/11/10	#7	Regular Fees	10/9/10	\$2,495.00
10/11/10	#8	Offering	10/9/10	\$143.00
11/9/10	#9	Prayer Concert Offering	N/A	\$401.00
			<b>Total Deposits</b>	<b>\$9,468.50</b>



# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Annual Treasurer's Report

(January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010)

continued

Disbursements				
<i>Date</i>	<i>Check #</i>	<i>Payee</i>	<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Amount</i>
1/9/10	1275	Rev. Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
1/9/10	1276	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Clerk	\$50.00
1/9/10	1277	Rev. Benjamin Miller	Treasurer	\$50.00
1/15/10	1278	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$394.80
1/15/10	1279	Mrs. J.L. Williams	Benevolent	\$394.80
1/15/10	1280	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$394.80
1/15/10	1281	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	\$394.80
1/15/10	1282	GA State Association	Co-Op Giving	\$184.80
1/15/10	1283	GA State Association	National/State Dues	\$1,375.00
2/4/10	1284	Automat Printers	2009 Minutes	\$283.55
4/9/10	1285	Rev. Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00
4/9/10	1286	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Clerk	\$50.00
4/9/10	1287	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Postage	\$8.80
4/9/10	1288	Rev. Benjamin Miller	Treasurer	\$50.00
4/9/10	1289	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Postage (1/10/10)	\$10.02
4/12/10	1290	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$383.20
4/12/10	1291	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	\$383.20
4/12/10	1292	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$383.20
4/12/10	1293	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	\$383.20
4/12/10	1294	GA State Association	Co-op	\$95.20
7/11/10	1295	Rev. Kent Barwick	Moderator	\$50.00

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
**(January 1, 2010 - December 31, 2010)**  
**continued**

7/11/10	1296	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Clerk	\$50.00
7/11/10	1297	Rev. Benjamin Miller	Treasurer	\$50.00
7/12/10	1298	Rev. Kent Barwick	Ck # 1285, Reissue	\$50.00
7/13/10	1299	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$355.85
7/13/10	1300	Mrs. J.L. Williams	Benevolent	\$355.85
7/13/10	1301	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$355.85
7/13/10	1302	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	\$355.85
7/13/10	1303	GA State Association	Co-op	\$166.60
10/8/10	1304	Bro. Bobby Tiner	Clerk and Postage	\$60.02
10/8/10	1305	voided check	Ck # 1285 found	\$0.00
10/8/10	1306	Rev. Benjamin Miller	Treasurer	\$50.00
10/11/10	1307	Mrs. J.J. Scott	Benevolent	\$378.28
10/11/10	1308	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolent	\$378.28
10/11/10	1309	Sis. Helen Robinson	Benevolent	\$378.28
10/11/10	1310	Sis. Mattie McAlister	Benevolent	\$378.281
10/11/10	1311	GA State Association	Co-Op	\$109.90
11/9/10	1312	GA State Association	Missions Disbursement	\$401.00
			<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$9,293.41</b>

<b>Beginning Balance (Jan. 1, 2010)</b>		<b>\$2,246.99</b>
<b>Additions</b>	<b>\$9,468.50</b>	
<b>Subtractions</b>	<b>\$9,293.41</b>	
<b>Closing Balance (Dec. 31, 2010)</b>		<b>\$2,622.08</b>

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION**  
**OBITUARY REPORT - 2010**  
**As Reported**

**COLQUITT FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Smiley Grow

Born: September 8, 1927 - Died: June 7, 2010

Mr. Robert Tully

Born: January 28, 1936 - Died: July 16, 2010

Mr. Cecil Davis

Born: December 19, 1925 - Died: July 23, 2010

Mrs. Kaye Braswell

Born: January 13, 1961- Died: August 9, 2010

**CORINTH FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Bonnie Swanner

Born: June 27, 1928 - Died: October 7, 2009

**DONALSONVILLE FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Annie Grant

Born: December 25, 1921 - Died: May 24, 2010

**HEBREW FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mrs. Brondell Capps Hill

Born: April 3, 1924 - Died: July 15, 2010

**HIGHWAY FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. D.W. Sellars - (Deacon)

Born: September 12, 1917 - Died: March 3, 2010

**MOTHERS HOME FREE WILL BAPTIST**

Christina Long

Born: May 5, 1973 - Died: August 6, 2010

**MT. GILEAD FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Herbert L. Boyd

Born: October 5, 1927 - Died: September 16, 2009

**NEW SALEM FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Annie Bell Bailey Roland

Born: June 6, 1944 - Died: November 16, 2009

**THOMPSON FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Mr. Johnny Dozier

# 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 2456 Cannington Rd. Iron City, GA 39849 774-2581
FATHERS HOME	NO REPORT	
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 850-294-9777	Sis. Scarborough Scott 3334 Dothan Rd. Brinson, GA 39825 246-1978
MOTHERS HOME	Rev. Shane Suggs	Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams Powell Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 246-7735
MT. GILEAD	Bro. Charles Taylor 229-861-2357	Bro. Timmy Bellflower 156 Bethany Church Rd. Brinson, GA 39825 254-2851

<b>CHURCH</b>	<b>PASTOR</b>	<b>CLERK</b>
<b>MT. GLORY</b>	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
<b>NEW HOME (M.C.)</b>	Rev. Benjamin Miller 84 Lane Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2330	Sis. Pam Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 254-6905
<b>NEW HOME (D.C.)</b>	Rev. Benny Cumbie 125 Church Rd. Climax, GA 39834 246-2046	Bro. Larry Miles 211 Open Pond Rd. Bainbridge, GA 39817 246-1323
<b>NEW SALEM</b>	Rev. Jimmy Harris 16047 Hwy 39 Blakely, GA 39823 229-723-8373	Bro. Bobby Richardson 1256 Mayhaw Rd. Blakely, GA 39823 758-2659
<b>THOMPSON</b>	Rev. Bobby Whittaker 70 Thompson West Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-8839	Bro. Louie Grimes 233 Bush Grimes Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2102
<b>MARTIN ASSOC.</b>	MODERATOR: Bro. Wendell Cox 1027 Hwy 45 S Colquitt, GA 39837 758-3370  TREASURER: Rev. Benjamin Miller 84 Lane Rd. Colquitt, Ga. 39837 758-2330	CLERK: Sister Becky Woods 132 Croley Rd Bainbridge, GA 31717 229-246-6547

# **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.

## AMENDMENT #1

### MEETINGS:

Meeting Sessions of the Association shall be classified in 2 categories as follows. On January and July of each year there shall be held a Fellowship Meeting only. On April and October of each year there shall be held the regular Business Meetings as in the past. The By-Laws shall only apply to the April and October Meetings as specified.

## **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 Ordaing 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 Constitution 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.**