

**2020**  
**Quarterly Sessions**  
ONE HUNDRED THIRTY TWO YEARS



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*Free Grace*  
*Free Salvation*

**Martin Association**  
**Free Will Baptists of Georgia**



# **2020 MINUTES**

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**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST  
OFFICERS and BOARD MEMBERS  
2020-2021**

**GENERAL OFFICERS**

Moderator .....Rev. Kent Barwick  
Assistant Moderator .....Rev. Andy Merritt  
Treasurer .....Sister Pam Roberts  
Assistant Treasurer .....Sister Annie Laura Middleton  
Clerk .....Sister Veda Bellflower  
Assistant Clerk.....Sister Patsy Merritt

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Rev. Kent Barwick  
Rev. Andy Merritt  
Sis. Pam Roberts  
Sis. Annie Laura Middleton  
Sis. Veda Bellflower  
Sis. Patty Merritt

**ORDAINING COUNCIL**

Rev. Kent Barwick - 2022

**INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE**

Bro. Randy Adams - 2022  
Rev. William Smith - 2020

**REPRESENTATIVES TO STATE BOARD**

Board of Trustees - Rev. Talmadge Worsley, 2021  
Board of Christian Education - Rev. Kent Barwick, 2021  
Board of Missions - Bro. Gerald Thompson, 2023  
Board of Camping - Rev. James Judkins, 2023

MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
January 22, 2020  
Thompson Free Will Baptist Church, Colquitt, Georgia  
Fellowship Meeting

The Martin Association of Free Will Baptists held their fellowship meeting at Thompson Free Will Baptist Church on Sunday, January 12, 2020. There were 60 peoples in attendance. Bro. Bobby Whitaker welcomed everyone. The meeting began with Sister Louise Newsome leading the congregation in singing "Stand Up for Jesus." Brother Scott Roberts led in prayer.

Bro. Kent Barwick had some business to take care before the next meeting. Bro. Kent Barwick wanted to have the authority to appoint delegates that attended the State Meeting. Everyone agreed.

The choir then sang "I've traveled my Last Mile" Sister Dana Newsome sang "Amazing Grace". The congregation then sang "Where the Living Waters Flow". Bro. Mike Newsome led in prayer for the offering. An offering of \$382.00 was received. Sister Malegh Cox sang a special "Thank You Lord."

The choir sang Living by Faith and I Just Keep Trusting My Lord.

Bro. Larry Powell then brought a message on Finding Lost Things from Luke 15:1-32. As Christians we cannot be too holy not to be able to lead sinners to Christ. God is loving the lost, looking for the lost to come home and have fellowship with God.

The next fellowship meeting will be at Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church on April 14, 2020

Bro. Andy Merritt dismissed with prayer and blessing on the food.

Everyone then enjoyed a delicious meal and great time in fellowship.

Respectfully submitted

Veda Bellflower, Clerk  
Bro. Kent Barwick, Moderator

Clerk Veda Bellflower

Moderator Kent Barwick



**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
**October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020**

**Deposits**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
10/17/19	Offering	\$ 251.00
10/17/19	Annual meeting fees	2,246.00
01/14/20	Offering	303.00
01/14/20	Quarterly Fees	2,176.50
05/20/20	Quarterly Fees (partial)	1,232.00
05/21/20	Quarterly Fees (received later)	500.00
07/14/20	Quarterly Fees	1,651.50
<b>Total Deposits</b>		<b>\$ 8,360.00</b>

**MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**  
**Annual Treasurer's Report**  
**October 1, 2019- September 30, 2020**

Beginning Balance (October 1, 2019)	.....	\$ 2,050.35
Deposits	.....	\$ 8,360.00
Subtotal	.....	\$ 10,410.35
Expenditures	.....	\$ -8,019.62
Closing Balance (September 30, 2020)	.....	\$ <u>2,390.73</u>

# MARTIN ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## Annual Treasurer's Report

October 1, 2019 - September 30, 2020

Disbursements				
Date	Check #	Payee	Purpose	Amount
10/17/19	1616	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	\$ 319.06
10/17/19	1617	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	319.06
10/17/19	1618	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolence	319.06
10/17/19	1619	Mrs. Diane Harris	Benevolence	319.06
10/17/19	1620	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	126.18
10/17/19	1621	Kent Barwick (ck voided)		0.00
10/17/19	1622	Veda Bellflower	Clerk	50.00
10/17/19	1623	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
1/14/20	1624	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	289.00
1/14/20	1625	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	289.00
1/14/20	1626	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolence	289.00
1/14/20	1627	Mrs. Diane Harris	Benevolence	289.00
1/14/20	1628	Kent Barwick (ck voided)		0.00
1/14/20	1629	Veda Bellflower	Clerk	50.00
1/14/20	1630	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
1/14/20	1631	GA State Assoc. of FWB	National Fees	2,100.00
1/14/20	1631	GA State Assoc. of FWB	State Fees	75.00
1/14/20	1632	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	186.38
5/8/20	1633	Houston Printing Co., Inc.	Printing of minutes booklets	421.83
5/19/20	1634	Veda Bellflower	Clerk	50.00
5/19/20	1635	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	216.50
5/19/20	1636	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	216.50
5/19/20	1637	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolence	216.50
5/19/20	1638	Mrs. Diane Harris	Benevolence	216.50
5/26/20	1639	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence supplement	66.39
5/26/20	1640	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence supplement	66.39
5/26/20	1641	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolence supplement	66.39
5/26/20	1642	Mrs. Diane Harris	Benevolence supplement	66.39
5/26/20	1643	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	43.23
7/14/20	1644	Mrs. J. L. Williams	Benevolence	283.30
7/14/20	1645	Mrs. Helen Robinson	Benevolence	283.30
7/14/20	1646	Mrs. Mattie McAlister	Benevolence	283.30
7/14/20	1647	Mrs. Diane Harris	Benevolence	283.30
7/14/20	1648	GA State Assoc. of FWB	GA Cooperative Plan	20.00
7/14/20	1649	Veda Bellflower	Clerk	50.00
7/14/20	1650	Pam Roberts	Treasurer	50.00
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$	8,019.62

\* Supplement checks were from late fees/offerings that were received after the first cks were disbursed.



# OBITUARY REPORT 2019-2020

## Colquitt Free Will Baptist Church

Lyvonne Cox  
DOB 05/11/1935                      DOD 10/21/2019

Bill Cox  
DOB 8/20/1942                      DOD 11/29/2019

Bobby Tiner  
DOB 02/15/1940                      DOD 01/05/2020

Charles Bevis  
DOB 06/03/1932                      DOD 01/11/2020

Mary Alice Whitaker  
DOB 04/13/1944                      DOD 08/01/2020

## Mothers Home Free Will Baptist Church

Janice Brewer  
DOB 04/24/1948                      DOD 03/29/2020

## Mt. Gilead Free Will Baptist Church

Stanley L. Kirkland  
DOB 08/14/1944                      DOD 12/30/2019

## New Home Free Will Baptist Church (Miller County)

Clark Melton  
DOB                                      DOD 05/29/2020

Raymond Lamar Varnum, Sr  
DOB                                      DOD 07/26/2020

## New Salem Free Will Baptist Church

John Henry Pickern  
DOB 05/05/1941                      DOD 09/15/2010

## OBITUARY REPORT 2019-2020

Sheila Houston Smith  
DOB DOD 12/17/2020

Jewel Maddox Worsley  
DOB 05/06/1943 DOD 01/08/2020

Jerry Wayne Roland  
DOB DOD 04/20/20

Sara Frances Williams  
DOD 02/14/1923 DOD 04/25/2020

Linda June Pickren  
DOB 09/25/1950 DOD 07/01/2020

### Thompson Free Will Baptist Church

Grace Smith  
DOB 01/28/1920 DOD 06/13/2020

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
<b>COLQUITT</b> P.O. Box 5 Colquitt, GA 39837 229-758-5070	Rev. Kent Barwick 1077 Enterprise Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 726-5866 kentbarwick@aol.com	
<b>CORINTH</b> P.O. Box 447 Iron City, GA 39859	Interim Bro. Darrell Newberry	Sis. Pam Driggers 2543 Ash Crossing Rd. Iron City, GA 39859 229-254-9893
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<b>MOTHERS HOME</b> 62 Mothers Home Church Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837		Sis. Willine Musgrove 310 Adams Powell Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 246-7735
<b>MT. GILEAD</b> 2932 Spring Creek Rd. Brinson, GA 39825		Sis. Veda Bellflower 254 Hales Landing Rd. Bainbridge, GA 39817 229-220-8405

# CHURCH DIRECTORY

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
<b>MT. GLORY</b>	Rev. Darrell Newberry 679 Spires Road Quincy, FL 32352 850-294-7516 darrellnewberry01@gmail.com	
<b>NEW HOME (M.C.)</b> 80 Lane Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837	Lay Speaker: Marty Henley	Sis. Pam Roberts 265 Grimsley Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 254-6905
<b>NEW HOME (D.C.)</b> 125 Church Rd. Climax, GA 39834	Rev. Jimmy Hooks 149 Chapman Hall Rd. Bainbridge, GA 39817 229-254-4665	Bro. Wayne Scott 1034 Salem Church Rd. Climax, GA 39834 229-246-8685 229-416-7224
<b>NEW SALEM</b> 75 New Salem Church Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837	Rev. Larry Powell 257 Thompson Town Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 229-220-2426	Sis. Arleen Worsley 980 Hwy. 91 N. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-2180 taworsley@gmail.com
<b>THOMPSON</b> Corner of Thompson Town Rd. & Thompson-West Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837	Dr. Robert L. Whittaker 70 Thompson West Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837 758-8839	Bro. Charles Grimes 140 Millerville Rd. Colquitt, GA 39837

## MARTIN ASSOC

Assistant Moderator:  
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63 Old Airport Rd.  
Colquitt, GA 39837  
229-758-2451

Assistant Clerk:  
Patsy Merritt  
63 Old Airport Rd.  
Colquitt, GA 39837

Treasurer:  
Sis. Pam Roberts  
265 Grimsley Rd.  
Colquitt, GA 39837  
229-254-6905

## **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.

#### **AMENDMENT #2**

##### **MEETINGS:**

Meeting sessions of the association shall be classified in 2 categories as follows. In January, April and July of each year there shall be held a Fellowship Meeting only. In October of each year there shall be held the annual Business Meeting as in the past.

### **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 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.**



