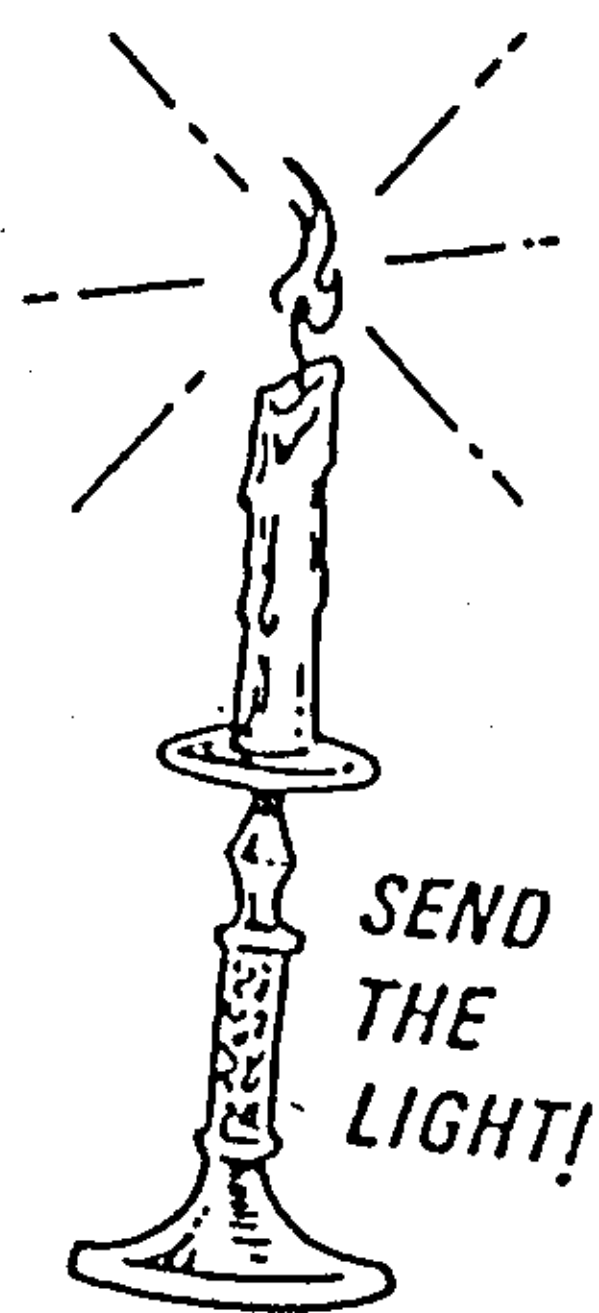
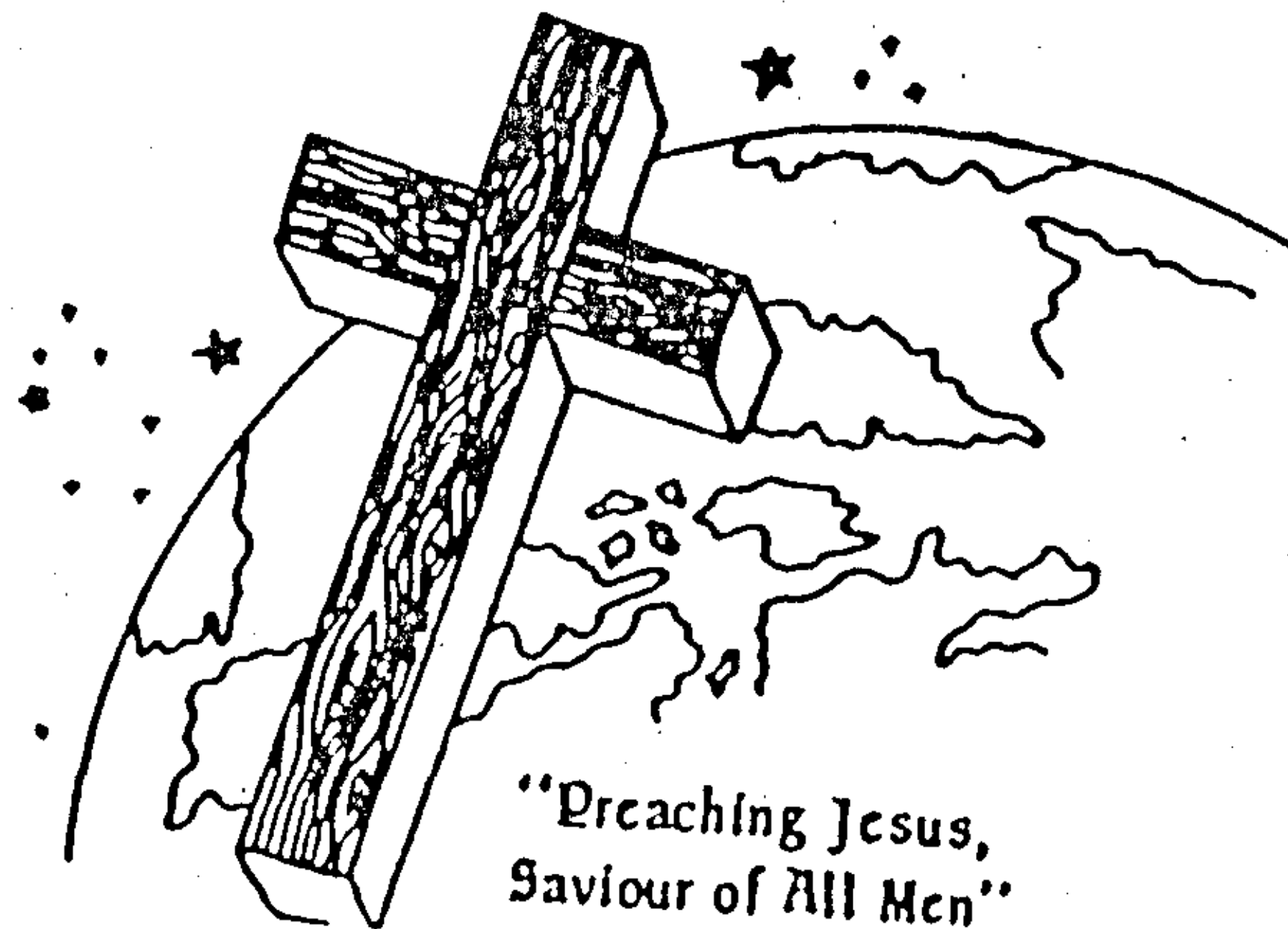
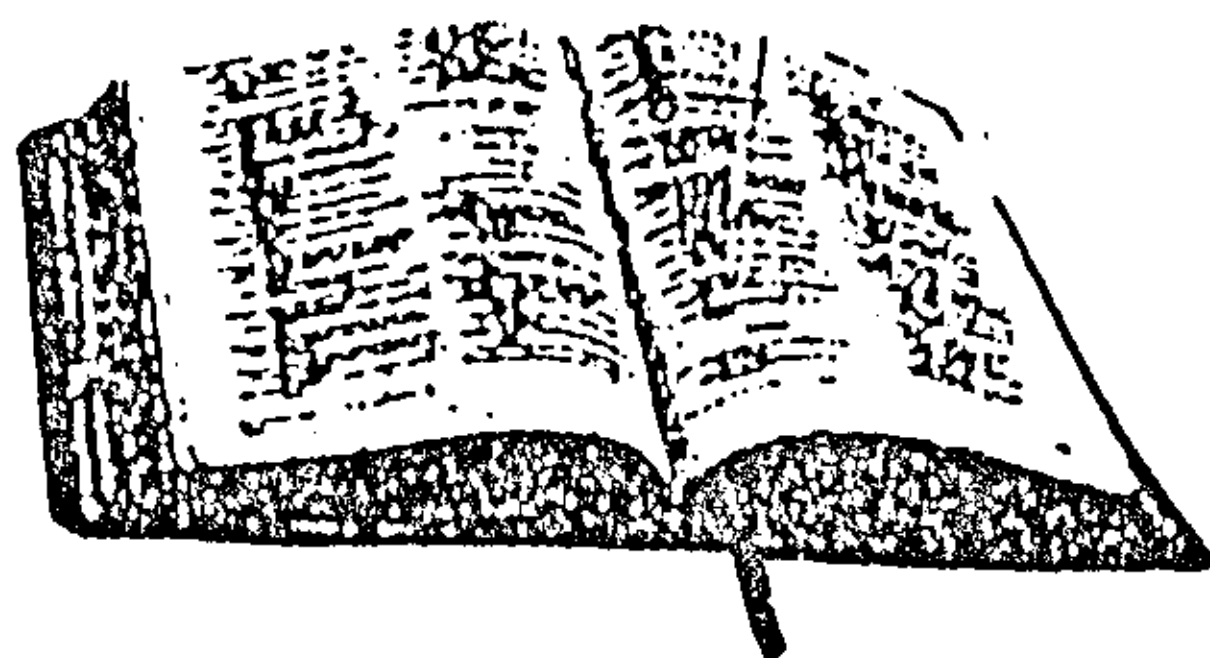


(FREE WILL-FREE GRACE-FREE SALVATION)

1989  
MINUTES  
OF THE  
THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION  
OF THE  
TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION  
OF  
FREE WILL BAPTISTS  
MEETING WITH  
THE  
WHITE ROCK FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCH  
COLUMBUS, GEORGIA  
OCTOBER 14, 1989



SEND  
THE  
LIGHT!



"Preaching Jesus,  
Saviour of All Men"

(MINUTES OF ALL 1988-89 CHURCH YEAR QUARTERLY MEETINGS INCLUDED)

OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator - Rev. Ronnie Knighton - Clerk/Treasurer - Edward Newman  
Asst. Moderator - Rev. David Dollar - Asst. Clerk/Treasurer - Rev. Willie Martin

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Ronnie Knighton - Rev. Mike Nelson  
Rev. David Dollar - Walter Walsh  
Edward Newman - Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. David Dollar - 1990  
Rev. Russell Horne - 1991  
Rev. Willie Martin - 1992

MEMBERS SERVING ON STATE BOARDS

Board of Christian Education - Rev. Willie Martin - 1993  
Board of Trustees - Rev. David Dollar - 1993  
Board of Camping - Rev. Mike Nelson - 1993  
Board of Missions - Rev. Russell Horne - 1993

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS, AND ADDRESSES

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>PASTOR</u>	<u>CLERK</u>
Calvary 4421 Primrose Road Columbus, GA 31907 (404) 563-7031	Rev. Russell Horne 3918 Reese Road Columbus, GA 31907 (404) 563-3358	Ricky Crosby 844 Turner Road Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 327-1626
First 952 54th Street Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 324-1741	Rev. Willie Martin 5328 Hillard Avenue Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 322-6077	Rev. Ronnie Knighton 3618 Grier Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 (404) 568-4805
Landmark 1714 Knowles Road Phenix City, AL 36867 (205) 297-6799	Rev. Mike Nelson 1714 Knowles Road Phenix City, AL 36867 (205) 297-6799	Pearl Tutton 2004 2nd Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867 (205) 297-0394
White Rock Route 1 Box 121 Phenix City, AL 36867 (205) 297-6852	Rev. David Dollar 1731 43rd Street Columbus, GA 31904 (404) 323-8577	Martha Thornton 1400 Melanie Lane Phenix City, AL 36867 (205) 298-3723
Weems Road 3400 Weems Road Columbus, GA 31909 (404) 327-0053	Rev. Jimmy Stubbs 5809 Fornof Road Columbus, GA 31909 (404) 563-0552	Lillian Willingham 2806 Barbara Avenue Columbus, GA 31907 (404) 563-3278

MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 1990

January 13th - Calvary

April 14th - First

July 14th - Landmark

October 13th - Weems Road

## FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met January 14, 1989 at First Free Will Baptist Church.

The opening song was "Victory In Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

The morning devotion was by the Moderator. Scripture from Isaiah 55:8-9, Psalm 14:2, John 3:13, and Hebrews 10:12.

\*M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and finance report as read.

The moderator appointed the digest committee: Gary Kinser, Bessie Hall, and Walter Walsh.

M/S/C to place money in savings account, (ammended) that Clyde Brooks and Willie Martin check on interest drawing checking account.

M/S/C that a register be implemented at the associational meetings.

M/S/C to accept digest committe report as read.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator  
Clyde Brooks, Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Willie Martin

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches Reporting	5
Ministers Present	6
Deacons Present	8
Delegates Present	21
Visitors	4
Total	44
Church Dues	\$125.00

### FINANCE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$959.56
Offering from Churches	125.00
Total in Treasury	<u>\$1084.56</u>
Paid Out-	
Mrs. Ruby Kelly	-\$75.00
Children's Home	<u>-\$100.00</u>
Total	\$909.56

\*Moved, Seconded, & Carried

## SECOND QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met April 8, 1989, at Landmark Free Will Baptist Church, with Rev. David Dollar as acting moderator.

The opening song was "Victory In Jesus". Prayer by Rev. Willie Martin.

Morning Devotion was brought by Rev. David Dollar. Scripture from Phillipians 2, and Matthew 6:22-28.

M/S/C to seat delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes and finance report as read.

The Moderator appointed the digest committee: Bro. Walter Walsh, Bro. Hobbs, and Bro. Buford Daniels.

Rev. Herbert Waid, Exec. Sec./Treas. of the State spoke on the State Association.

Rev. Church Scarborough spoke on youth camps in the association.

M/S/C to accept the digest committee report.

M/S/C (ammended) to leave association money in checking account as is.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. David Dollar, Asst. Moderator  
Clyde Brooks, Clerk

Morning message by Rev. Mike Nelson.

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches Reporting	5
Ministers Present	7
Deacons Present	6
Delegates Present	18
Visitors	8
Total	44
Church Dues	\$125.00

### FINANCE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$909.56
Offering from Churches	125.00
Total in Treasury	<u>\$1034.56</u>
Paid Out	
Mrs. Ruby Kelly	<u>-\$75.00</u>
Balance in Treasury	\$959.56

### THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church on July 8, 1989.

The opening song was "Trust and Obey". Prayer by Greg Hovey.

The morning devotion was by the Moderator. Scripture from I Peter 1:3&4.

M/S/C to accept minutes as read.

M/S/C to seat the delegates.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint a digest committee. They were Bro. Walsh, Bro. Thornton, and Bro. Harper.

M/S/C to accept the digest committee report as read.

The Ordaining Council gave a report. (See Below)

M/S/C that we accept Bro. Jimmy Stubbs in good standing pending a letter from the Chattahoochee Association.

M/S/C that the Moderator appoint a nominating committee: Bro. Harper, chairman, Bro. Newman, Bro. Walsh, and Bro. Thornton.

An association revival has been planned for October. Details were not given, but it will be held at the Weems Road Church.

M/S/C that we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Special music by Rev. & Mrs. Jimmy Stubbs.

Morning message by Rev. Jimmy Stubbs.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator  
Willie Martin, Asst. Clerk

### ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The ordaining council met June 18th at the First Free Will Baptist Church with Bro. Jimmy Stubbs. After questioning Bro. Stubbs, we recommend that we accept him in good standing to the Twin Cities Association pending a letter from the Chattahoochee Association.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. David Dollar, Chairman

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches Reporting	5
Ministers Present	5
Deacons Present	5
Delegates Present	16
Visitors	13
Total	39



## ANNUAL MEETING

The Twin Cities District Association met October 14, 1989, at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening song was "When We All Get To Heaven". Prayer by Rev. Russell Horne

Morning devotion was brought by the Moderator. Scripture from Daniel.

M/S/C to seat delegates.

The Moderator appointed a digest committee: Bro. Charlie Willingham, Sis. Pearl Mitchell, and Bro. Larry Davis.

M/S/C to accept minutes and finance report as read.

M/S/C to accept the nominating committee report as read.

M/S/C to elect the slate of officers and board members as presented to us.

M/S/C that we begin services for the association revival at 7:30 each night.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Ronnie Knighton, Moderator  
Willie Martin, Asst. Clerk

Morning message by Rev. David Dollar. Scripture from Nehemiah 2:17.

### DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

Churches Reporting	5
Ministers Present	5
Deacons Present	7
Delegates Present	19
Visitors	10
Total	41

Church Dues                \$175.00

### FINANCE REPORT

Balance Brought Forward	\$1084.56
Paid Out	
Mrs. Ruby Kelly	-\$75.00
Campers	-\$90.00
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Balance in Treasure	\$ 919.56

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

#### OFFICERS FOR 1989-90

Moderator (2yrs)	Rev. Ronnie Knighton
Asst/Moderator	Rev. David Dollar
Clerk	Edward Newman
Asst/Clerk	Willie Martin

#### STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Board of Christian Education	-Rev. Willie Martin
Board of Trustees	-Rev. David Dollar
Board of Camping	-Rev. Mike Nelson
Board of Missions	-Rev. Russell Horne

#### EXECUTIVE BOARD

Walter Walsh  
Rev. Mike Nelson  
Lester Thornton

#### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Willie Martin to  
remain for another 3 yr.  
term.

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT AUXILIARY MINUTES

The annual session of the Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary met October 7, 1989, at First Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with congregational singing, "Nothing But the Blood", led by Faye Davis. Prayer by Imogene Morris, followed by another congregational song, "Pass Me Not". Devotion by Bessie Hall.

Welcome by Dee Mitchell.

Offering was received.

The Credentials committee report was read and approved and delegates were seated.

Treasurer's report was read and approved.

Resolutions Committee report was read and approved.

M/S/C to adopt all 13 resolutions.

Registration Committee report was read and approved.

Meeting was dismissed for a break.

After reassembling, meeting was started with singing, "Come Unto Me".  
Prayer by Kate Lovering.

M/S/C that three local presidents serve as nominating committee:  
Dee Mitchell, Betty Dollar, and Sherrie Bailey.

Delegates to the state meeting are Ann Jordan, Deborah VanPelt, Mary Shellhouse, Odell Colvin, Velva Newman, Dianne Martin, Mary Prather, and Faye Davis.

M/S/C that president (Rachel Horne) can appoint other delegates at meeting.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Rachel Horne, President  
Rae Knighton, Secretary

### CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Credentials Committe, wish to submitt the following report:

According to Article IV of the Constitution and Article V of the Bylaws, the following Auxiliaries have properly reported and are eligible for seats in this convention:

Calvary FWB  
First FWB  
White Rock FWB

We recommend that this report be adopted and delegates seated.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra VanPelt, Chairperson  
Dale Shierling  
Donna Dollar

### REGISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Registration Committee, submit the following report:

State Officers Present	1
District Officers Present	2
Local Presidents	3
Delegates	12
Visitors	8
Ministers	2

Total number of persons registered	28
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LOCAL AUXILIARY DELEGATES	TOTAL PRESENT
Calvary	5
First	5
White Rock	2

Respectfully Submitted,

Velva Newman, Chairperson  
Mary Hughes



## RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

October 7, 1989

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary will adopt the Georgia State Woman's Auxiliary's theme, scripture verse(s) and song for 1990, adopted at the November, 1989, State Meeting.
2. We adopt the Lora Shutes State Mission's Project supporting such missionaries as adopted in November, 1989, State Meeting.
3. We increase our dues from \$2.50 to \$3.00 of which \$2.00 will go to the national office, \$.50 to the state office, and \$.50 to the district.
4. We use the new color coded forms that have been devised by the WNAC office for the local, district and state levels.
5. We write to the Weems Road Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary and to the Landmark Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary officially inviting them to join our District Woman's Auxiliary.
6. We continue to support the District Fellowship Supper for another year meeting quarterly on an alphabetical basis with the host church specifying the place, speaker (or kind of program) and the type of supper.
7. At the Twin Cities District Woman's Auxiliary Fellowship Suppers a time period of ten to fifteen minutes may be devoted to business.
8. We join with the North Georgia District Woman's Auxiliary to have a joint workshop giving the executive officers of both districts the power to designate a place and to plan appropriately for the workshop.
9. This resolution well serve as a reminder to support our district yearly Provision Closet Shower. The Mission Action Committee is responsible for each local, motivating and correlating activities in conjunction with the District Mission Action person.
10. We accept the new rules and regulations adopted by the WNAC for the Memorial Student Loan.
11. We are in support of the Foreign Student Scholarship for 1991 which is being awarded to Erica Diaz, student from Panama, studying at Free Will Baptist Bible College.
12. To give Mrs. Shirley Kimbrel a rising vote of thanks in appreciation for her coming to speak to us at this meeting.
13. We give a rising vote of thanks to First Free Will Baptist Church for their hospitality.

## TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

1989

Local  
District  
State

Name of Auxiliary, District, or State Twin Cities

Treasurer Sherrie Bailey Address 2854 Cartledge Rd.

Number of active members on roll 41 Membership fees enclosed \$102.50

Other Disbursements:

Home Missions

Pre-Thanksgiving offering \$136.01

State missions (Burns & Barnard) 96.00

Special projects:

State.....

District.....

Foreign Missions

Pre-Easter offering 309.00

Special projects:

State..Lora.Shutes.State.Project..... 695.41

District.....

Local: Bishops, Griffin, Tallent, Crowsons 920.00

Bible Colleges

General fund

Student loan funds (Harvey) 60.00

Special projects

State.....

District.....

Woman's National Auxiliary

WNAC general fund (Emphasis Month) 165.32

Co-Laborer offerings 18.00

Special projects

160.00

Children's homes

Retired ministers

Youth camps and projects

local church activities

311.21

Auxiliary literature and supplies

298.55

Other special offerings Printing Min, Dist. Speaker, Workshop  
Speaker, Love Gift(Crowson), 88 State  
Speaker

86.00

Total Disbursements

\$3358.00

Please list any cash gifts sent directly to:

Foreign Missions  
Home Missions  
State Missions  
Free Will Baptist Bible College  
California Christian College  
Hillsdale Bible College  
Children's Homes  
Youth camps of projects

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162.00

Total

162.00

Non Cash Gifts (evaluate)

Children's homes (Bicycle)  
Missionary provision closet  
Retired Ministers

65.00

605.53

Total Non cash gifts

670.53

Grand total disbursed

\$4190.53

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT  
TWIN CITIES  
1988-89

Beginning Balance		\$176.63
Offering Oct. 1, 1989	\$20,84	\$197.47

Receipts:

Calvary

Pre-Wk Thanksgiving	\$ 70.00
Pre-Wk Easter	127.00
Crowsons	160.00
Bishops	240.00
Laura Bell Barnard	36.00
State Project	435.41
Emphasis Month	100.32
Workshop Speaker	10.00
89 District Speaker	10.00
Childrens Home	20.00
Griffin	40.00
Printing of Min.	1.00
Membership Fees	48.00

Total	\$1297.73
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First Free Will

Pre-Wk. Thanksgiving	\$ 10.00
Pre-Wk. Easter	12.00
Bishop	60.00
Tallent	60.00
Harvey	60.00
State Project	130.00
Workshop Speaker	10.00
89 District Speaker	10.00
Love Gift(Crowson)	13.00 (1988)
88 State SPEaker	10.00
Printing of Min.	1.00
Membership Fees	32.50

Total	\$415.00
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White Rock

Pre-Wk Thanksgiving	\$ 56.01
Pre-Wk. Easter	170.00
Bishops	240.00
Griffin	120.00
Burns	60.00
Childrens Home	140.00 (\$20.00 in memory of W.E. Adams)
Co-Labor	18.00
State Project	130.00
Emphasis Month	65.00
Workshop Speaker	10.00
89 District Speaker	10.00
Printing of Min.	1.00
Membership Fees	36.00

Total	\$1056.01
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Total Receipts	\$2768.21
Total Funds Available	\$2966.21

Total Disbursements:

Calvary	\$1289.73		
First	408.50		
White Rock	1050.01		
Printing of Min.	37.50	(Twin Cities District Association)	
Total			<u>\$2785.74</u>
Balance in Treasury October 7, 1989			\$180.47

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 2, 1989

Executive meeting was held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.  
Devotion was by Rachel Horne, scripture Psalm 139:23. Prayer by Marion Sellers.

Plans were made for spring workshop, to be held April 22, 1989 at  
Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. Registration at 9:30, meeting starting  
at 9:45. Rachel Horne to contact guest speaker. Theme will be "home life".  
Pianist: Rae Knighton. Each lady to bring refreshments.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

August 15, 1989

Executive meeting was held at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Prayer by Debra VanPelt

Program plans for October 7, 1989:

Speaker: Janice Wallace or Shirley Kimbrel  
Devotion: Bessie Hall  
Song Leader: Faye Davis  
Pianist: Rae Knighton

Host Church responsible for registration. Local Aux. to contribute \$10.00 each for  
guest speaker.

Dismissed by Kate Lovering.



CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS  
OF THE  
TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION  
OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Freewill Baptist denomination, having adopted the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the national Association of Original Free Will Baptist, realizing the necessity of fellowship among sister churches of like faith, do bond ourselves together to form an Association, and do therefore ordain this Constitution and By-Laws to the glory of God and to the improvement of denominational relations.

ARTICLE I - NAME

This organization shall be known as the Twin Cities Association of Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSE

The purpose of the Twin Cities Association is to promote greater fellowship among its member churches and to realize a greater harvest in the vineyard of the Lord through the combined efforts of the churches. The Association shall encourage the forming of such auxiliaries as are beneficial to the work of the churches, such as, Sunday School, Church Training Service, Marter's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Prayer Meetings, Youth Organizations, and Missionary and Educational Endeavors.

With this Divine purpose in view, we set forth the following statements of truth:

This Association neither claims nor desires to hold nor wield any power or authority over its member churches which are by Divine Right reserved to the churches themselves. We emphasize anew that the local church is its own independent body so far as it relates to its own government, the transactions of its business, the choice of its officers, and the discipline of its members. However, we do hold that churches who have the right and privilege of the above liberty and fellowship are composed of persons who believe the truth as it is in Christ, and give evidence of true piety, are, upon examination or recommendation, received into membership according to regular methods of the local church and upon condition of Baptism.

ARTICLE III - OFFICERS AND THEIR DUTIES

The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant Clerk-Treasurer.

Section 1: The Moderator shall preside over all business of this Association. He shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall serve as ex-officio member of all standing committees or boards.

Section 2: The Assistant Moderator shall discharge the duties of the Moderator in his absence. In the absence of both the Moderator and his Assistant, the Clerk shall call the meeting to order and the Standing Delegates shall elect someone to preside at the meeting.

Section 3: The Clerk-Treasurer shall keep a record of the proceedings of the

of the Association. He/She shall be responsible for the printing and distributing of the Associational minutes to all churches, and shall enroll delegates at each session corresponding necessary for the Association. He/She shall receive all monies contributed to the Association, and make disbursements as authorized by the Association and/or the Executive Board (Committee).

Section 4: The Assitant Clerk-Treasurer shall discharge the duties of the Clerk-Treasurer in his/her absence.

The Association shall appoint or elect any other officers, boards, or committees it deems necessary for its business.

#### ARTICLE IV - BOARDS AND COMMITTEES

Section I: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not holding any other office in the Association. The Executive Board (Committee) shall promote the work of the Association in general and assist any department when the need arises or if called upon. This Committee shall act in behalf of the Association in case of any emergency and shall act as the Association when the Association is not in session. However, any action taken by this Committee is subject to the approval or disapproval of the Association at its next meeting. This Committee shall plan and prepare the programs of the Association. It shall be responsible to the Association for the questioning and examination of churches petitioning this body for membership. This Committee shall have power to deal with any officer of the Association who fails to function in his/her office or indulge in unchristian conduct. However, this action is temporary pending their report to the Association and final action by the body while in session. This Committee shall be available to mediate any dissention or offer any help to member churches providing their help is requested by the church. In such cases their traveling expenses shall be paid by the church desiring their assistance.

Section 2: There shall be an Ordaining Council composed of at least three (3) deacons or ministers whose duties consist of those set forth in Article IX, Ministerial Relations of this document.

#### ARTICLE V - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

1. The term of the Moderator shall be two (2) years. He shall not succeed himself more than once.
2. The length of service for the Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and the assistant Clerk-Treasurer shall be at the discretion of the Association.
3. The memembers of the Ordaining Council shall serve three (3) years. A new member to be added at the annual meeting each year.
4. The officers shall be elected at the regular annual session of the Association on the second Saturday in October.
5. Any additional Boards, Committees, or Officers needed shall be appointed or elected by the Association at its discretion.

## ARTICLE VI - MEMBERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

Representation in this Association is conditioned upon meeting the following requirements:

1. Full acceptance of the Treatise of the National Association of Free Will Baptist.
2. The churches of this Association shall practice consistency in supporting missions and Christian education.
3. Churches who petition this Association shall be examined concerning their spiritual and moral standard before the Associational acts.
4. Churches expelled from other Associations for any cause may not be received until their expulsion is satisfactorily explained to the Association.
5. Each church is allowed five (5) delegates. All ordained men in good standing with the church are standing delegates.
6. The Association shall meet four (4) times a year, three (3) quarterly meetings and one (1) annual meeting. Regular quarterly meetings of this Association shall be on the second Saturday in January, April, and July. The annual meeting shall be on the second Saturday in October.

## ARTICLE VIII - VOTING

1. The Moderator shall keep order and in general direct all business of the Association. He shall vote only in a tie vote, shall rule any person to silence who refuses to come to order, and in case of extreme disorder may rule the meeting closed. The Moderator shall not allow any discussion on any subject unless it is placed before the body by a move and a second.
2. No person shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject or more than five (5) minutes without permission from the Moderator.
3. No person shall be allowed to nominate more than one member of any committee/board provided the person nominated is elected.
4. Any person desiring to speak shall rise and address the Moderator but shall not speak further until recognized by the Moderator.
5. Any ruling by the Moderator may be set aside by 2/3 majority of voting delegates.
6. All voting in this Association shall be as agreed upon by its delegates while in session.
7. The Moderator shall follow the Principles of Parliamentary Procedure in moderating the business of this Association.
8. The Moderator shall limit voting to authorized delegates only and no delegate shall leave the building during a business session without being excused by the Moderator.

## ARTICLE IX - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church.
2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pastoring provided he has been licensed and has met the qualifications as stated in Item #5 of this same article.
3. Any Free Will Baptist Minister presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning, and upon the recommendation



from the Ordaining Council be received into full fellowship pending a letter of good standing from his former Association.

4. Any minister, from another denomination presenting himself for membership to this Association must, after a letter of request from the church to which he has been called, appear before the Ordaining Council for questioning. It is agreed that he will, upon recommendation from the Ordaining Council, be received under the watchcare of the Association until such time as agreed upon by the body, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Freewill Baptist, and then will be received into full fellowship by the Association.
5. Any minister presenting himself to this Association for license, ordination, etc., from another denomination, shall be examined by the Ordaining Council. The examination shall include the following:
  - A. A thorough investigation of his character shall be made.
  - B. Close questioning concerning a Divine call to the office.
  - C. He must be thoroughly familiar with and a firm believer in the doctrine of the Freewill Baptist Church.
  - D. His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show willingness to further his knowledge by additional study.
  - E. Any candidate for ordination must have been licensed and called to pastor one or more churches or hold a position in a member church that would require ordination such as Associate Pastor, etc. He must be a practicing tither and an active supporter of world-wide missions.
  - F. The candidate shall also be examined according to the Word as found in I Timothy 3.
  - G. The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person of whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine call to the work.

#### ARTICLE X - ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. This Association shall be opened with Scripture reading and prayer and shall be closed with prayer.
2. The Association shall convene at 10:00 A.M. on the date set by the body.
3. At each quarterly meeting business shall be kept to a minimum with a delegate report and representation fee(Ten (\$10) dollars per church quarterly and Ten (\$10) dollars at the annual meeting) report being made and any other pressing item of business being left for the annual meeting.
4. At the annual meeting, the annual reports from the churches shall be compiled for the convenience of the Clerk-Treasurer in preparation of the Associational minutes.
5. The meetings of the Association shall rotate among the member churches in succession.
6. This Constitution and By-Laws may be altered by a 2/3 majority vote of the voting delegates present.

#### ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. THE BIBLE - The scriptures of the Old and New Testaments were by inspiration of God, and are our infallable rules of Faith and Practice.
2. GOD - There is one living and true God revealed in nature as the Creator of the universe; and in the Scripture as Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, yet as one God, infinitely wise and good, whom all intelligent creatures are supremely to love, adore, obey.

3. CHRIST - Christ is God manifest in the flesh, in His divine nature truly God, in His nature truly man. The mediator between God and man, one crucified. He is now risen and glorified, and is our present Saviour and Lord.
4. THE HOLY SPIRIT - The scriptures assign to the Holy Spirit all the attributes of God. He is the Reprover, Comforter, Guide, and Sanctifier of men.
5. THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD - God exercises a wise and benevolent providence over all beings and all things by maintaining the constitution and laws of nature. He also performs special acts of grace, not otherwise provided for, as the highest welfare of man requires.
6. THE SINFULNESS OF MAN - Man was created innocent, but by disobedience fell into a state of sin and condemnation. His posterity therefore, inherit a fallen nature of such tendencies that all who come to years of accountability, sin, and become guilty before God.
7. THE WORK OF CHRIST - The Son of God by His incarnation, life suffering, death, and resurrection, effected for all a redemption from sin, that is full and free, is the ground of salvation by faith.
8. TERMS OF SALVATION - The conditions of salvation are:
  - (1) Repentance of sincere sorrow for sin and hearty renunciation of it.
  - (2) Faith of the unserved committal of one's self to Christ as Saviour and Lord with purpose to love and obey Him in all things. In the exercise of saving faith with the soul renewed by the Holy Spirit freed from domination of sin and become a child of God.
  - (3) Continuance in faith and obedience until death.
9. ELECTION - God determined from the beginning to save all who should comply with the condition of salvation. Hence by faith in Christ men become His elect.
10. FREEDOM OF WILL - The human will is free and self-controlled having power to yield to the influence of the truth and the spirit, or to resist them and perish.
11. SALVATION FREE - God desires the salvation of all, the Gospel invites all, the Holy Spirit strives with all, whosoever will may come and take the water of life freely.
12. PERSISTENCE - All believers in Christ, who through grace preserves in holiness to the end of life have promises of eternal salvation.
13. GOSPEL ORDINANCES - Baptism, or immersion of believers in water, and the Lord's Supper are ordinances to be perpetuated under the Gospel: Feet Washing, and ordinances teaching humility, or universal obligation and to be administered to all true believers.
14. TITHING - God commanded tithes and offerings in the Old Testament: Jesus Christ endorses it in Gospel (Matthew 23:23) and the Apostle Paul said, "upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him." (I Cor. 16:2)
15. THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH - The divine law requires that one day in seven be set apart from secular employments and amusements, for rest, worship, Holy works and activities, and for personal communion with God.
16. RESURRECTION, JUDGEMENT AND FINAL RETRIBUTION - The Scriptures teach the resurrection of all men on the last day. They that have done good will come forth to the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation; then the wicked will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.