

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*White Rock Free Will Baptist Church
of Phenix City, Alabama*

October 13, 2007
Minutes of the 2007 Sessions

Meeting Schedule for 2008

01-12-08 Bethel
04-12-08 Calvary

07-12-08 First
10-11-08 St. Mark

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator.....	Rev. Willie Martin (2009)
Asst. Moderator.....	Rev. Danny Ryals (2008)
Clerk/Treasurer.....	Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....	Edward Newman

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Willie Martin
Glenda George
Rev. Alton Sellers
Phillip Camp
Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Danny Ryals.....	2008
Rev. Ronnie Knighton.....	2009
Rev. Ricky Ward.....	2010

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Willie Martin - 6329 Cricket Lane, Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440
 Rev. James Allen - 1500 46th Street, Phenix City, AL 36867 334-297-4989
 Rev. Alton Sellers - 4001 Auburn Road, Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-4340
 Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 941 52nd Street, Columbus, GA 31904 706-571-9833
 Rev. Brett Sanders - 3618 Grier Avenue, Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679
 Rev. Danny Ryals - 4800 22nd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151
 Rev. Ricky Ward - 42 Stillwill Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346
 Rev. Aaron Baldrige - 7047 Stoneridge Circle, Columbus, GA 31909 706-567-1356

CAMP DIRECTORS

Rev. Willie Martin, Director	706-563-8440
Rev. Danny Ryals, Asst. Director	334-291-9151

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Missions Board.....	Rev. Danny Ryals 2009
Trustee Board.....	Jim Tidwell 2009
Camp Board.....	Dea. Edward Prather 2009
Christian Education Board.....	Rev. Willie Martin 2009

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

CHURCH	PASTOR	CLERK
Bethel 10250 Lee Road Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103	Rev. Brett Sanders 3618 Grier Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679	Thelma Green 479 Lee Road 211 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-8122
Calvary 6165 Billings Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-7031	Rev. Aaron Baldridge 7047 Stoneridge Circle Columbus, GA 31909 706-561-1356	David VanPelt 794 Diamond Circle Waverly Hall, GA 31821 706-582-3989
First 952 54th Street Columbus, GA 31904 706-324-1741	Rev. Willie Martin 6329 Cricket Lane Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440	Glenda George 288 Buckhead Ridge Fortson, GA 31808 706-596-9357
St. Mark 3005 Sandfort Road Phenix City, AL 36867 334-298-8015	Rev. Danny Ryals 4800 22nd Avenue Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151	Angie Brown 355 Lee Road 960 Smiths, AL 36877 334-297-2065
Weems Road 3400 Weems Road Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-0053	James Allen 1500 46th Street Phenix City, AL 36867 334-297-4989	Juanita Bowens 6217 Highland Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 706-327-1722
White Rock #4 Crawford Church Rd. Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-6852	Rev. Ricky Ward 42 Stillwell Drive Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346	Betty Ellis 22 Robin Lane Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-0895

MINUTES January 13, 2007

The Twin Cities Association met at First Free Will Baptist Church on January 13, 2007

Opening Song: Since Jesus Came into My Heart, pg. 293

Opening Prayer: Rev. James Allen

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Ronnie Knighton. Scripture taken from Revelation 21:5, "He Makes All Things New"

M/S/C to accept meeting order and agenda.

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Letter from Bethel Free Will Baptist to accept Jeffrey Mitchell as pastor of their church.

Letter from Shallowford Church requesting that the Twin Cities Association prayerfully consider people who are voted in on state boards and committees as some are not attending the meetings and this leaves a poor impression on us.

There were no resolutions.

We were dismissed for breakfast in prayer by Rev. Ricky Ward.

Sister Glenda George gave the day's Digest Report. There were 8 ministers, 10 Deacons, 31 Delegates, and 4 visitors present. M/S/C to accept.

Bro. Jeremy Jordan requested to have a meeting with the Youth Committee and anyone else who is interested after the regular conference meeting this morning.

Rev. Willie Martin reported that Twin Cities Association Camp would be held May 27-30 at Camp Joy in Hamilton, Georgia. Flyers would be sent out and Rev. Martin requested to meet with all pastors on January 25, 2007. Rev. Martin also stated the camp fee was going up.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Twin Cities Association Ordaining Council report. He stated that Bethel Free Will Baptist Church requested that Jeffrey Mitchell be ordained as their pastor. Bro. Mitchell has to be licensed for one year which will be up in April. They will meet with him during this time. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave State Mission Board Report. The State Mission Board had not met. They need pastors to plant churches. The work in Cartersville is going great. Valdosta is struggling. A complete report is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals stated that March 4, 2007 is the Damon Dodd Day for the State Mission Board. They set this date to accept offerings. M/SC to accept as information.

Rev. Russell Horne gave the State Trustee Board report. He stated they spent money, got money, and have some left. M/S/C to accept as information.

Ed Prather gave State Camp Board report. Bro. Prather stated Teen Camp would be from May 27 - June 1, 2007 at Lizella, Georgia. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. Bro. Martin stated there are notices of sponsored retreats in the Promotional Bulletin. The Couple's Retreat is scheduled for February 16 - 17, 2007 at Jekyll Island, Georgia. The Minister's Retreat will be April 23 - 25, 2007 at Ft. Gaines, Georgia. M/S/C to accept as information.

Sister Debra Van Pelt gave Georgia Women Active for Christ report. She stated the Twin Cities District Convention will be January 27, 2007, at First Church starting at 9:30 a.m. The Georgia State Convention will be on March 15, 2007, at White Oaks FWB, in Macon, Georgia, starting at 9:30. The Georgia State Retreat will be from April 27 - 28, 2007, at Norman Park starting at 3:00 p.m. The theme will be "Picture This" and the guest speaker will be Lorene Miley. Sister Van Pelt also stated that Provision Closet items can be brought to the retreat.

Announcements:

Jeremy Jordan to meet with pastors and all interested parties after the regular meeting.

There will be a Revival at Calvary FWB on February 5, 6, and 7, 2007.

The Brady's will be singing at Bethel FWB Sunday night January 14, 2007. There will be a camp meeting Monday, January 15, 2007.

Rev. Russell Horne made a motion to give First Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried by everyone standing.

M/S/C to adjourn

We were closed in prayer.

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Morning Message by Rev. Willie Martin, Scripture taken from Genesis 3:5, "Foolish Aspirations of Thinking They Can Be Like God"

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present.....	8
Deacons Present.....	10
Delegates Present.....	31
Visitors Present.....	4
 Total Present.....	 53

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward..... \$7,169.85

Deposited:

From Churches..... \$330.00

Other Deposits (Revival)..... \$400.00

Total in Treasury \$7,899.85

Paid Out:

State/National Dues..... \$675.00

Printing of Minutes..... \$144.45

Speaker Len Blanchard..... \$600.00

Camp Joy Deposit..... \$100.00

Balance in Treasury \$6,380.40

Association Money \$3,404.41

Camp Money \$2,975.99

Twin Cities Association

Ga. State Mission's Board

January 12, 2007

The Mission board has not met due to the sickness and knee surgery of our chairman. We hope to be able to meet before our state meeting in March. Our greatest need is to recruit Pastor's to go and plant churches. We have some money available and can put someone on the field if we get a quality candidate who feels called to Missions. I personally have developed an aggressive plan that I hope to present to our Board, but we need you to pray for this specifically. We know that God does the calling but we must get the word out in the Denomination. We need to start 2 to 3 new Churches this year! The work in Cartersville is going great and if you get the State paper you get a monthly article on what's happening. We are struggling in Valdosta. We felt our biggest need was to relocate the old Church. We found that we had some opposition to that from some of the members who were there when we took over the property. Some of them pulled out of the Church and have left that that has dwindled the numbers and we have not gained many new people. Some decisions must be made about the work help us pray for wisdom.

We must build new churches in Georgia, Our small town and country churches are dying and declining. We who are members of this state must be concerned about the future of Free Will Baptist in this state —IF not us who? If not now When? We need your help and prayers.

You're Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals

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Ga. State Missions Board

MINUTES April 14, 2007

The Twin Cities Association met at St. Mark Free Will Baptist Church on April 14, 2007

Opening Song: "Hallelujah Side," pg. 238 led by Rev. Danny Ryals

Opening Prayer: Rev. Willie Martin

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Willie Martin. Scripture taken from Numbers 10:1-3

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Ordaining Council to appoint someone to sit in at council meeting as one member was missing. M/S/C for the moderator to appoint someone to sit in at meeting. Moderator appointed Bro. Dean Miles.

M/S/C to accept Weems Road FWB's letter to ordain Rev. James Allen. Letter given to Rev. Danny Ryals, Chairman of the Ordaining Council.

We were dismissed for breakfast in prayer by Jeremy Jordan.

M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report as read by Sister Glenda George.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Camp Board Report. Bro. Martin requested everyone work at getting out information about camp. He also encouraged everyone to take a poll of those interested in going to camp, and that they may want to have a registration party. He asked that we get those applications in. Camp will be held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia on May 27-30, 2007. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Russell Horne gave report of Twin Cities Association Revival. Rev. Alton Sellers stood and noted that the revival was great and God was present. Good message, and truly reviving. We look forward to having more in the future. Stated that those who didn't go missed a true blessing. We had nearly 100 in attendance each night. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Russell Horne stated the State Trustee Board had not met. M/S/C to accept as information.

Bro. Edward Prather stated he was unable to attend the State Camp board meeting, but information was in the Promotional Bulletin. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. Bro. Martin stated retreat plans were listed in the Promotional Bulletin. We need to spark some interest in CTS competition at White Oaks Church on May 4 & 5, 2007. Youth Director, Shane Suggs, at First Church is behind the CTS program. They are also going to the National Association Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas in July. Winners of the Georgia State pieced together a team and they will be coming around to the churches to show us what it's all about. Minister's retreat coming up. M/S/C to accept as information.

Sister Mary Prather stated the WNAC Retreat at Norman Park will be April 27, 2007, to contact her or Debra Van Pelt. Also, the District Supper for the Women's Auxiliary will be held at First Church on April 26, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Willie Martin made an appeal for Women's Auxiliary. Bro. Martin stated the women bring back joy and fellowship. In order to have a stronger church, get a Women's Auxiliary group. M/S/C to accept as information.

WNAC District President Debra Van Pelt stated that April is International Missions Month, to pray for the missionaries. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave State Mission Board report and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals, Chairman of the Ordaining Council stated that Bethel FWB wished to remove their request for the ordination of Jeffery Mitchell, as he is no longer the pastor of their church. They also no longer wish to license Bro. Mitchell as he is not an active minister in the Association. M/S/C

Weems Road requested that the Ordination Council ordain James Allen. It was planned for another meeting as he had surgery and was not able to meet with him today. He is to meet with the Ordaining Council again, and to renew his license for one year. M/S/C

Rev. Danny Ryals stated there were many ordained ministers in the Twin Cities area, but they do not know where they are residing. The council will meet to put in place that ordained ministers should attend at least two meetings per year.

Miscellaneous
M/S/C that we give St. Mark a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Announcements

Philip Camp at Bethel offered to help anyone needing a GED.

Rev. Ricky Ward stated that the group "The Driven" will be singing May 5 at White Rock FWB for love offering.

Bro. Billy Ryals led singing of pg. 328 "At Calvary."
Morning Message: Rev. Danny Ryals, Scripture from Matt. 16:13 "The Church Jesus is Building."

Date April 14, 2007

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present.....	5
Deacons Present	10
Delegates Present	21
Visitors Present	4
Total Present	40

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward.....	\$6,380.40
Deposited:	
From Churches.....	\$330.00
Other Deposits (Revival)	\$100.00
Total in Treasury	\$6,810.40
Paid Out:	
State/National Dues.....	\$0.00
Printing of Minutes.....	\$0.00

Speaker Len Blanchard.....	\$0.00
Camp Fund.....	\$2,975.99
Balance in Treasury.....	\$3,834.41

Association Money	\$3,834.41
Camp Money	\$0.00

Ordaining Council Report

April 14, 2007

The Ordaining Council met to discuss the letters from Bethel and Weems Road.

The Bethel Church has withdrawn its request to ordain Jeffery Mitchell. Brother Jeffery Mitchell has resigned and left the church, and is no longer the pastor.

The Ordaining Council is working with Bro. James Allen to get him ordained and will meet with Brother James Allen again. Brother James Allen is coming back to us from another denomination. We will renew his license for another year, and proceed to meet with him again.

Submitted by
Brother Danny Ryals, Pastor

Twin Cities Association

Ga, State Mission's Board

April 14, 2007

The Mission board is going through some changes. Billy Hanna has resigned from the board and was the Chairman. The board elected Paul Creech as chairman and Danny Ryals as Vice Chairman. Len Blanchard will serve as clerk. We have sold the Valdosta Church and it has relocated to the North end of Valdosta in a temporary location. The money from the sale has been set aside to purchase new property. The Cartersville work continues to grow in attendance and Souls they have had a Sunday recently with 60 in attendance. They too are looking for property and have some areas that looking promising!

We must build new churches in Georgia, Our small town and country churches are dying and declining. We who are members of this state must be concerned about the future of Free Will Baptist in this state-IF not us who? If not now When? We need your help and prayers.

You're Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals.

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Ga. State Mission Board

MINUTES July 7, 2007

The Twin Cities Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church on July 27, 2007

Opening Song: "Come Unto Me." pg. 545 led by Sister Anna Allen.

Opening Prayer: Danny Jordan

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from Colossians 3:1-2, "Set Your Sights on Things Above and Not On Earthly Things."

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Rev. Willie Martin made the statement that we are making history when we are recording the minutes of church meetings. When we look into ancient church history we usually go back to church documents.

No church letters.

No resolutions.

We were dismissed for breakfast in prayer by Wilmer Hatcher.

M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report as read by Sister Glenda George.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Twin Cities Camp Board Report, and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to accept as information.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Twin Cities Camp Financial Report, and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to accept as information.

No Ordaining Council Report.

No State Trustee Board Report.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave State Mission Board Report and it is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to accept as information.

No State Teen Camp Report.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board Report. Reminded everyone that retreats are listed in the Promotional Bulletin and that all retreats are sponsored by the State Christian Education Board. M/S/C to accept as information.

WNAC State President Debra Van Pelt announced that the Executive Meeting is coming up and they will be planning the State Meeting which will be March 2008, and the Retreat will be April 2008. M/S/C to accept as information.

Miscellaneous

Rev. Danny Ryals made a motion that the Twin Cities Association invite back Russell and Rachel Horne for the October Association meeting to have a time of recognition for his service. M/S/C

Rev. Danny Ryals made a motion that the Association form a Celebration/Recognition Committee for the Horne's. M/S/C

Celebration/Recognition Committee:

Danny Ryals - Chair
Lester Thornton
Dean Miles

Debra Van Pelt
Martha Thornton
(Anyone else that needs to be included)

Rev. Danny Ryals made a motion to wait on appointing new State Trustee Board Chairman. M/S/C

Delegates to National Meeting in Little Rock, Arkansas: Debra Van Pelt, and moderator can appoint anyone else. M/S/C

Nominating Committee is as follows:

Joey George, Chairman, First Church
Jimmy Hodge, St. Mark
Phillip Camp, Bethel

Betty Ellis, Whiterock
Don Bennefield, Weems
Jim Tidwell, Calvary

M/S/C that we give Weems Road a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Announcements

The Youth Rally will be July 28, 2007, at Weems Road. There will be preliminaries before eating. Everyone is to gather in sanctuary first.

National Association Meeting July 15, 2007, at Little Rock, Arkansas

Camp Meeting in August at St. Mark. Singing, preaching and eating.

Prayer request for finding a pastor for Calvary.

Prayer for two young boys who were involved in sexual abuse in an apartment complex.

Prayer for ministers, teachers and adults to respond seriously to children confessing abuse of any kind.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Morning Message by Rev. Alton Sellers, scripture taken from Matthew 6:24, "We Cannot Serve Two Gods."

Date July 7, 2007

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present.....	6
Deacons Present.....	9
Delegates Present.....	26
Visitors Present.....	8
 Total Present.....	 49

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward\$3,834.41

Deposited:

From Churches..... \$330.00

Other Deposits (Camp Joy)\$2,894.42

Total in Treasury\$7,058.83

Paid Out:

State/National Dues..... \$0.00

Printing of Minutes.....\$0.00

Speaker Len Blanchard\$0.00

Camp Joy\$0.00

Balance in Treasury..... \$7,058.83

Association Money \$4,164.41

Camp Money \$2,894.42

Twin Cities Association

Ga. State Mission's Board

June 27, 2007

Our Board has gone through a few changes with a new chairman and New Board members. Bro. Paul Creech is The New Chairman and I am The Vice Chairman.

We had a round table discussion about future plans, present mission works and Board Missionary relations. We plan to do a better job of visiting, encouraging and supporting our present missionaries.

We have sold the Tifton property and put that money in our Missions Account. We have also sold our Valdosta property and that money is set aside to buy new property in North Valdosta and The Church has relocated in a store front in that side of town.

Bro. Bill Crank is looking for property in Cartersville. Please make this an item of prayer. His work is doing well to only be three years old!

We have some resume's coming in; we need to have someone to start a new Church soon! Don't forget your Mission Board in prayer and in giving. We feel that God is very quickly going to open doors for us!

Your Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals

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Ga. State Mission Board

Twin Cities 2007 Camp Report

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 27th-May 30th

The Twin Cities Association had its 8th annual camp session. We had 46 campers and 19 workers for a total of 65. By comparison we had 54 campers last year and 15 workers last year. Camper registration has declined from the first year we begin having camp again with 73 campers. We lose some that go to the State Teen Camp each year, but it is likely that many others just do not attend for some other reason.

I believe all the children and youth had an enjoyable experience. We have few behavior problems, but we did have one foot injury which took the young man home on Tuesday night, and some children had head lice and were sent home on Tuesday night. They left broken hearted, and left broken hearted counselors.

The first and second night of camp we had many children to come forward (about 12-15). Many of them responded to the appeal to receive Christ, but after counseling them we learned that most had received Christ and a few had never been baptized. It is my prayer that their interest in living for Jesus has been strengthened because they have been to camp, and that they will make public in their churches that they came forward at camp and gained a little better understanding of salvation.

I wish to thank all the workers who gave their time. Some took off from work, a sacrifice in itself. The cooks from Calvary have been faithful for all these years, returning to labor under not so convenient circumstances. Our entire staff is to be commended for their compassion and willingness to work with children who are so excited they can hardly be still!

We returned from camp tired, as usual, but with a sense of success.

2007 Camp Director in Need of Replacement
Rev. Willie C. Martin

Twin Cities 2007 Camp Financial Report

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 27th-May 30th

Total Campers	46
Day & Night Workers	<u>19</u>
Grand Total	65

Received from State Camp Board	\$1,600.00
Received of Campers (see note # 1 below)	\$3,390.00
Gross Canteen Deposit	<u>\$ 532.58</u>
Total Receipts	\$5,522.58

Expenses	
Camp Rental (Sun. \$610/Mon. \$590/Tues. \$540 - \$100 dep.)	\$1,640.00
Kathy's Rock (inflatables Mon - Wed)	\$1,800.00
Canteen Purchases	\$ 286.88
Canteen Start Up Cash	\$ 150.00
Food \$816.58 + paper goods \$142.68	\$ 959.26
Literature	\$
Miscellaneous (fun-time, recreational, first ad, etc.)	\$ 191.61
Crafts	\$ 51.40
Life guard	\$ 125.00
Camp Evangelist	<u>\$ 400.00</u>
Total Expenses	\$5,604.15

Total Receipts for Camp Year 2007	\$5,522.58
Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2007	<u>\$5,604.15</u>
Loss for session	\$ - 81.57

Beginning Camp Fund Balance\$3,075.99
Less Deposit made to Camp Joy <u>\$ 100.00</u>
\$2,975.99

Total Receipts for Camp 2007	<u>\$5,522.58</u>	
Total	<u>\$8,498.57</u>	
Minus 2007 Expense	<u>\$5,604.15</u>	
Current Camp Fund Balance Total			\$2,894.42

Report submitted by
Rev. Willie C. Martin
Camp Director

NOTE # 1 (unsuccessful in collecting \$60.00 on one camper)

Decisions 12

MINUTES October 13, 2007

The Twin Cities Association met at White Rock Free Will Baptist Church on October 13, 2007

Opening Song: "He Keeps Me Singing" pg. 125 led by Rev. Ricky Ward

Opening Prayer: Rev. Ricky Ward

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from 1 Corinthians 12:12-16, "One body as a Whole"

M/S/C to accept meeting agenda and order.

M/S/C to seat all delegates to the association.

M/S/C to receive minutes of previous meeting as read.

M/S/C to receive digest and treasurer's report as read.

Ordaining Council Chairman Rev. Danny Ryals said he had two letters for review. The council will meet at the break.

There were no resolutions.

Rev. Danny Ryals, chairman for the Celebration/Recognition Committee said that the event for Rev. Russell Horne had been postponed for January 2008. Instead of breakfast, it would be a luncheon and besides giving a plaque, there would be singing and a gift (picture) for their new parsonage. Moderator Rev. Willie Martin suggested that it be written down what is to be done in regards to the event.

We were dismissed for breakfast in prayer by Danny Jordan.

There was a M/S/C to accept the day's Digest Report as read by Sister Glenda George.

Brother Joey George gave the Twin Cities Association Nominating Committee report, and is attached to the minutes. There was a M/S/C to receive the report by acclamation.

The Ordaining Council report was given by Chairman, Rev. Danny Ryals as follows:

1) That the Twin Cities Association send Bro. Russell Horne a letter of good standing to the South Georgia Association. M/S/C.

2) That the Twin Cities Association receive Rev. Aaron Baldrige to the association pending letter from the South Georgia Association. M/S/C

Georgia State Missions Board report given by Rev. Danny Ryals and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive as information.

Bro. Jim Tidwell stated that the State Trustee Board had not met this quarter. M/S/C to receive as information.

Brother Edward Prather was not present to give the State Camp Board report. Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin stated that the Camp Board is sponsoring a Winter Retreat and to look in the Promotional Bulletin for more information.

State Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin. He stated he attended a Historical Society Meeting, and there was a lot of church history in old church documents. He asked that we not throw these documents away. Rev. Willie Martin stated if anyone was wanting to "clean house" of old church documents to let him have them first. M/S/C to accept as information.

GWAC President, Debra Van Pelt made the following announcements: District Meeting - October 25, 2007, sponsored by First FWB Church. Co-op funds are due by December 31, 2007. M/S/C to receive as information.

Miscellaneous

None.

M/S/C that we give White Rock FWB Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Willie Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk/Treasurer

Announcements

Youth Rally, October 27, 2007, at White Rock FWB Church at 6:00 p.m.
Home Coming, October 14, 2007, at First FWB Church at 10:30 a.m.
Home Coming, October 14, 2007, at White Rock FWB Church at 10:30 a.m.

Brother Phillip Camp dismissed the business portion of the meeting with prayer.

Morning Message by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from Ephesians 5:1-2, "Be Careful About Who You Imitate"

Date October 13, 2007

DIGEST REPORT

Ministers Present.....	6
Deacons Present.....	8
Delegates Present.....	27
Visitors Present	4
Total Present	45

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward.....\$7,058.83

Deposited:

From Churches.....\$330.00

Other Deposits.....\$0.00

Total in Treasury.....\$7,388.83

Paid Out:

State/National Dues.....\$0.00

Printing of Minutes.....\$0.00

Balance in Treasury.....\$7,388.83

Association Money \$4,494.41

Camp Money \$2,894.42

Ordaining Council Report

October 14, 2007

The Ordaining Council met and decided to receive letter from the South Georgia Association requesting a letter of good standing for Rev. Russell Home to their association. The council recommends that the Twin Cities Association grant this letter to the South Georgia Association. They will meet on October 27, 2007, so a letter will need to be forwarded soon.

Also, the council examined Brother Aaron Baldrige after receiving a letter of request from Calvary FWB Church. The council found him to be scripturally and doctrinally sound and recommends that the Twin Cities Association request a letter from the South Georgia Association and also to accept Bro. Baldrige into full fellowship pending his letter.

Submitted by

Rev. Danny Ryals, Chairman

Rev. Ronnie Knighton

Rev. Ricky Ward

Twin Cities Association

Ga. State Missions's Board

October 13, 2007

We have hired a missionary for Harris County. He is Jay Hollis from Illinois and was an associate Pastor under Brother Bill Crank our missionary to Cartersville. Jay, his wife and 3 children will be moving to West point, Georgia to start a church this January. He is in his 30's and his wife in her late 20's and she is an RN. We are real excited about this. The mission church will more than likely join the Twin Cities Association.

We are meeting this Monday in Cartersville with Brother Crank to look at some property. Help us pray for this, we have been looking for a while and we pray that the Lord is opening this door for this mission church that is now running over 60 people on any given Sunday.

Brother Bill Lewis suffered a mild heart attack and had to have 2 stints placed in his heart. Brother William and others have been filling his pulpit while he was resting. Pray for Brother Lewis and the mission Church in Valdosta. They too are looking for Property.

Please give to your Churches Acts 1:8 and Coop plan this helps support our Mission's work in Georgia.

Your Board Member
Brother Danny Ryals

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Ga. State Missions Board

2007 Nominating Committee Report

Moderator	Rev. Willie Martin (Exp. 2008)
Asst. Moderator	Rev. Danny Ryals
Clerk/Treasurer	Glenda George
Asst. Clerk/Treasurer	Edward Newman

Trustee Board Jim Tidwell (Exp. 09) to replace Rev. Russell Home

Executive Board:

Rev. Willie Martin
Glenda George
Rev. Alton Sellers
Phillip Camp
Lester Thornton

Ordaining Council

Rev. Danny Ryals (Exp. 2008)
Rev. Ronnie Knighton (Exp. 2009)
Rev. Ricky Ward (Exp. 2010)

Youth Rally Director	Jeremy Jordan (Exp. 09)
Asst. Youth Rally Director	Kenny Brown (Exp. 09)
Registration Clerk	Lazell Brown (Exp. 09)
Asst. Registration Clerk	Barbara Clegg (Exp. 09)
Camp Director	Rev. Willie Martin (Exp. 09)
Asst. Camp Director	Rev. Danny Ryals (Exp. 09)

Submitted by:

Joey George, Chairman
Betty Ellis
Jim Tidwell.....

Jimmy Hodge
Phillip Camp
Rev. Alton Sellers

YOUTH RALLY ATTENDANCE

For 2007 Year

January, April, July, October

Places & Months Youth Rally held across chart

	January	April	July	October
Participants	First	St. Mark	Weems Rd.	White Rock
Bethel.....	28.....	28.....	8.....	10.....
Calvary.....	6.....	2.....	1.....	5.....
First.....	28.....	12.....	22.....	17.....
Weems Rd.....		14.....	19.....	0.....
St. Mark.....	21.....	34.....	15.....	18.....
White Rock.....	34.....	18.....	26.....	26.....
Adults.....	<u>61</u>	<u>51</u>	unknown.....	<u>63</u>
TOTAL	178	159		139

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION WOMEN ACTIVE FOR CHRIST

The annual meeting of the Twin Cities Women Active for Christ was held January 27, 2007, at 1st Free Will Baptist Church, 952 54th Street, Columbus, GA. The theme for the session was "Set Your Heart" using 1 Chronicles 22:19 as the scripture text.

The session began at 9:50 with Heather Ellison the president of 1st Free Will church welcoming the group. Rachel Home led the group in singing "Victory in Jesus?" accompanied by Rae Knighton at the piano. Mary Prather prayed the opening prayer. Jamie Suggs and Dee Mitchell received an offering.

Vice President, Bobbi Jordan called the meeting to order, after which Brooke Prather gave the credentials committee report. There were two churches properly reporting thus allowing their delegates to be seated. There was a move and second to accept the report and seat the delegates.

Debra Van Pelt gave the treasurer's report. M/S carried to accept report (report attached).

Jamie Suggs gave the resolution committee report. M/S carried to accept report as a whole. (See report)

Diane Martin dismissed in prayer for a break and fellowship.

The meeting reconvened at 10:45 with Rachelle Buck giving the registration committee report. Those registering were as follows: 1 state officer, 7 district officers, 2 local presidents, 15 delegates, and 7 visitors. This gave a total of 32 registering for the convention. This report was accepted as information.

Brooke Prather gave the nominating committee report. The suggested slate of officers were: Mary Prather, President; Bobbi Jordan, Vice President; Rachel Home, Secretary; Nadine Blanton, Treasurer; Sue Flowers, Prayer Chair; Diane Martin, Study Chair; Tiffany Chaffin, Service Chair; Brooke Prather, Mission Chair; Debra Van Pelt, Field Worker; and Tammie Mitchell, Historian. M/S carried to accept the slate of officers.

Delegates to represent at the state meeting convening in Macon, GA, March 15, 2007 are: Mary Prather, Sue Flowers, Tammie Mitchell, Sherrie Evans, Marie Hancock, Sara Mitchell and Rachel Home. The president was given authority to appoint other needed delegates from others who may be able to attend the meeting.

Tiffany Chaffin installed the new slate of officers. Tiffany had an unassembled clock and each officer was given a necessary element for the assembly and operation of the clock. When all items had been properly placed, the clock began operating. A very good illustration of how each officer's duty is vital for the success and the operation of the WAC.

The floor was opened for new business. There was none. Debra Van Pelt announced the state meeting to be held March 15 in Macon GA, and the prayer retreat which will be April 27-28, 2007 at Norman Baptist Assembly.

The minutes of the business session were read and approved as read.

There was a M/S carried to dismiss from the business session.

A very soul-stirring song "God's Gonna Do" was rendered by Nancy Hancock.

The guest speakers for the session were Bobbi Lee, Marie Glover, and Christine Daniels from 1st Free Will Baptist Church in Albany, GA. These ladies, along with Bobbi's mother, went on a 10-day mission trip to Brazil in August 2006. Marie gave us a very good visual trip from Atlanta, GA to the home of Jim and Shirley Combs. She shared some of her experiences of not only this trip but also other trips she has made to the same area. Bobbi gave a video presentation of the orphaned children, of the housing of the poor, and of the orphan home. She shared some of the joys and sorrows she has experienced on this and other trips she has made to Brazil. Christine shared with us how her first trip to Brazil had made such an impact on her life. This trip far excelled other expense-free trips she had made to very note-worthy places. The excitement and the burdens of these ladies left us all eager to go to Brazil.

The meeting adjourned at 12:20.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand 1-01-06 \$ 982.03

Deposits \$3,282.47

Calvary	\$1,737.87
First	1,429.00
*Offering (annual mtg.)	65.00
Check-Rena Brewer	<u>50.00</u>
	\$3,282.47

Grand Total \$4,264.50

Disbursements \$3,741.87

*Designated Funds	\$3,561.87
Rena B. Brewer - Speaker	150.00
Ed Newman (minutes)	<u>30.00</u>
	\$3,741.87

Balance on Hand 1-01-07 \$ 522.63

*Annual offering was \$85.60. Body voted to reimburse Rena \$20.00 (from the offering) to help in the expense Of the food she prepared.

*Designated Funds \$3,561.87

Dues for 28 members (@\$18.00 ea.)	490.00
Calvary 14	\$252.00
First 14	<u>252.00</u>
	\$504.00

	WNAC \$15.00 x 28	\$420.00	
	GWAC 2.50x28	70.00	
	TCWAC .50x28	14.00	
WNAC	General Fund	\$310.00	
	Emphasis Month Offering	276.00	
	State Projects	523.87	
	State Minutes	<u>1.00</u>	
	Sub Total	\$1,110.87	
WNAC TOTAL			\$1,600.87
Dot Harvey Loan Fund			155.00
AL Children's Home			15.00
Missionary Accounts			
	<u>Foreign</u>		
	Bishop	\$405.00	
	Griffen	405.00	
	Snow	405.00	
	Laura Belle Barnard Offering	<u>66.00</u>	
	Sub Total	\$1,281.00	
	<u>Home</u>		
	Wallace	\$405.00	
	Hollifield	<u>105.00</u>	
		\$510.00	
Missionary Accounts Total			\$1,791.00
Total of Designated Funds			\$3,561.87

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

We the members of the resolution committee submit the following resolutions to be voted on as a whole:

1. We recommend that the speakers and musicians be given a rising vote of thanks for their talents and efforts,
2. We recommend that those gathered for the TCWAC annual conference give the host church, 1st Free Will Baptist, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality,
3. Be it resolved that we, the women of TCWAC, always keep the WAC missionaries before our women and encourage all women of our denomination to become involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Suggs, 1st FWB Church
Tiffany Chafin, Calvary

**TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS**
Of the
**TWIN CITIES ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

PREAMBLE

We, being the members of the Free Will 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 Baptists.

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, Master's Men, Women'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 Association. He/She shall be responsible for the printing and discharge 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 Assistant 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 1: There shall be an Executive Board (Committee) composed of the Moderator, Clerk, and at least three (3) men not holding any other office in the Association. 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 like 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 dissension 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 members 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 VII - 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 VIII - MINISTERIAL RELATIONS

1. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for license upon request from his home church. A license may be granted by the Association for no more than one year. However, a license may be renewed after one complete year, for no more than one more year (or for a total of two years).
2. The Ordaining Council shall examine any candidate for ordination upon request from the church to which he has been called and is pasturing 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 domination 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 watch care of the Association for a period of no less than one year from the time of licensure, during which time the minister will have proved himself, as well as his desire to be a Free Will 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 Free Will Baptist Church. D) His educational qualifications should be in keeping with his office and he must show a 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 1 Timothy 3. G) The Council shall not recommend the ordination of any person whom they have honest doubt concerning his character, qualifications, and Divine Call to the work.

ARTICLE IX - 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 AM 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 (fifty-five (\$55) dollars per church quarterly and fifty-five (\$55) 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 infallible 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 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 Savior and Lord.
4. **THE HOLY SPIRIT** - The Scripture assigns 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, to 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 Savior 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. **PERSEVERANCE** - All believers in Christ, who through grace perseveres in holiness to the end of life, have promises of eternal salvation.
13. **GOSPEL ORDINANCES** - Baptism, or immersion believers in water, and 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." (1 Corinthians 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, and Holy works.
16. **RESURRECTION, JUDGMENT, 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.

YOUTH RALLY BY LAWS

1. A director, assistant director, and secretary should be elected at each annual meeting.
2. They shall welcome and recognize each church at the rally. They shall take an attendance count and give an attendance banner to the church with the most in attendance. This church will be responsible to bring the banner to the next rally.
3. The rallies shall be held on the 4th Saturday of January, April, July, and October, and each church shall host and provide the program of the rally in alphabetical order.
4. Each program should include devotion from the Bible.
5. Offering may be taken only if they are designated toward the rally program.