

The Thirty-Third Annual Session of the

*Twin Cities Association
Of Free Will Baptists*

meeting with the

*Calvary Free Will Baptist Church
Of Columbus, Georgia*

*October 10, 2009
Minutes of the 2009 Sessions*

Meeting Schedule for 2010

01-09-10 First

07-10-10 Weems

04-10-10 St. Mark

10-09-10 Whiterock

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION
OFFICERS FOR THE YEAR

Moderator.....Rev. Willie Martin (2010)
 Asst. Moderator.....Rev. Danny Ryals
 Clerk/Treasurer.....Glenda George
 Asst. Clerk/Treasurer.....Edward Newman

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Rev. Willie Martin
 Glenda George
 Rev. Brett Sanders
 Rev. Aaron Baldridge
 Lester Thornton

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Ricky Ward.....2010
 Rev. Aaron Baldridge.....2011
 Rev. Jay Hollis.....2012

ORDAINED MINISTERS IN TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION

Rev. Aaron Baldridge - 7047 Stoneridge Circle, Columbus, GA 31909 706-567-1356
 Rev. Bobby P. Hayes, Jr., 185 Lee Road, 887, Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-0790
 Rev. Jay Hollis, 7467 Wood Duck Lane, Midland, GA 31820 706-221-6206
 Rev. Ronnie Knighton - 941 52nd Street, Columbus, GA 31904 706-571-9833
 Rev. Willie Martin - 6329 Cricket Lane, Columbus, GA 31909 706-563-8440
 Rev. Danny Ryals - 4800 22nd Avenue, Phenix City, AL 36867 334-291-9151
 Rev. Brett Sanders - 3618 Grier Avenue, Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679
 Rev. Alton Sellers - 4001 Auburn Road, Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-4340
 Rev. Ricky Ward - 42 Stillwill Drive, Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346

TWIN CITIES CAMP DIRECTORS

Shane Suggs, Director706-507-2007
 Rev. Aaron Baldridge, Asst. Director.....706-567-1356

YOUTH RALLY DIRECTORS

Bro. Jeremy Jordan, Director
 Bro. Kenny Brown, Asst. Director

STATE BOARD MEMBERS

Missions Board.....Rev. Danny Ryals
Trustee Board.....Bro. Jim Tidwell
Camp Board.....Bro. Shane Suggs
Christian Education Board.....Rev. Willie Martin

DIRECTORY OF CHURCHES, PASTORS, CLERKS AND ADDRESSES

| <u>CHURCH</u> | <u>PASTOR</u> | <u>CLERK</u> |
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| Bethel 10250 Lee Road Phenix City, AL 36870 334-448-0103 | Bobby P. Hayes, Jr. 185 Lee Rd., 887 Phenix City, AL 36870 334-298-0790 | 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 Van Pelt 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 | Rev. Brett Sanders 3618 Grier Avenue Columbus, GA 31909 706-569-6679 | 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 Stillwill Drive Phenix City, AL 36869 334-480-0346 | Betty Ellis 22 Robin Lane Phenix City, AL 36869 334-297-0895 |
| Real Life 245 W. Bonacre Cataula, GA 31804 706-221-6206 | Rev. Jay Hollis 7467 Wood Duck Ln Midland, GA 31820 706-221-6206 | None |

January 10, 2009

The Twin Cities Association met at Weems Road Free Will Baptist Church

Opening Song: "Wonderful Words of Life" led by Don Benefield

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from 3 John 9-10, Stagnant Churches.

Opening Prayer: Rev. Willie Martin

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

The Twin Cities Association recognized Jimmie and Barbara Tolbert, from the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries in Greenville, Tennessee.

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

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

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

The Ordaining Council to meet at break.

No resolutions.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Rev. Jay Hollis.

Old Business

Associational pastor's meeting on January 26, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at First Church.

Ordaining Council

Twin Cities Association to accept Bro. Bobby Hayes into full fellowship. Letter attached.

Twin Cities Association to license Bro. Shane Suggs for one year. M/S/C

Youth Rally attendance on October 11, 2008, at St. Mark was 126. M/S/C to receive as information.

Twin Cities Camp will be May 24-27, 2009, at Camp Joy in Hamilton, Georgia. M/S/C to receive as information

Reports

Bro. James Tidwell stated that there was no Trustee Board report as they have not met.

State Missions Board report given by Rev. Danny Ryals. Report is attached to the minutes. Rev. Jay Hollis thanked the association for their gift last quarter.

He stated God has blessed them. They had 40 in attendance before Christmas and this year they are refocusing. Last Sunday they had 30 in attendance and since September 2008, they have had fifteen to make a decision, but no baptisms as they do not have a baptismal pool. Mission Board to meet January 27, 2009, to plan for a fourth church. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Camp Board report given by Bro. Shane Suggs. Report is attached to the minutes. State Camp will be June 28 - July 3, 2009. Winter Retreat was cancelled due to low attendance and budget. M/S/C to receive as information.

State Christian Education Board report given by Rev. Willie Martin. Couple's Retreat will be February 27-28, 2009 at Lake Blackshear Resort in Cordele, Georgia.

State Women's Auxiliary report given by State President Debra Van Pelt.

- St. Conference will be held March 19-20, 2009, at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church. Danita High will be the speaker.

- State Retreat will be held April 17-18, 2009, at Norman Park and is noted in the Promotional Bulletin.

- District Auxiliary Meeting will be January 24, 2009, at First Church and Debbie Griffin will be the guest speaker. M/S/C as information.

Coin Bank for World Missions offerings was given to each pastor for April 26, 2009.

It was noted that the associational meeting scheduled for April 11, 2009, was the day before Easter. A motion was made to move the meeting date to April 4, 2009. The motion was seconded and carried.

Miscellaneous

There was a motion that the Twin Cities Association recognize district youth competition and youth leaders to head up competition and that the Twin Cities Association financially support the competition. M/S/C

The guests, Jimmie and Barbara Tolbert from the Free Will Baptist Family Ministries talked about the Laurels Retirement & Assisted Living Home, The Oaks Retreat Center and the Hope Center. Bro. Tolbert stated that he was riding his bicycle 1,000 miles and asked for pledges to raise money for their ministries.

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

M/S/C to adjourn.

Morning Message by Rev. Brett Sanders, scripture taken from 1 Kings 21:1-5,
“How to Overcome the Pressures of Life.”

Submitted by
Rev. Willie C. Martin, Moderator
Glenda George, Clerk

DIGEST REPORT

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| Ministers Present..... | 9 |
| Deacons Present..... | 11 |
| Delegates Present..... | 27 |
| Visitors Present..... | 5 |
| Total Present..... | 52 |

1-24-09 Youth Rally Attendance with Change Offerings

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| Bethel..... | 6 | \$0.00 |
| Calvary..... | 11 | \$0.00 |
| First..... | 19 | \$48.00 |
| St. Mark..... | 21 | \$15.00 |
| Weems..... | 8 | 26.50 |
| Whiterock..... | 16 | \$24.35 |
| Total Children & Change..... | 81 | \$113.95 |
| Adults..... | 46 | |
| Total in Attendance..... | 127 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance Brought Forward..... | \$7,537.59 |
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Deposited:

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| From Churches..... | \$350.00 |
| Other Deposits (Youth Competition)..... | \$1,070.00 |
| Other Deposits (Change Trophy)..... | \$113.95 |

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| Total in Treasury..... | \$9,071.54 |
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Paid Out:

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| State/National Dues (11/15/08)..... | \$675.00 |
| Printing of Minutes..... | \$144.16 |
| Valley Rescue Mission (TCA Camp for 2009)..... | \$100.00 |
| State Youth Competition | \$930.00 |

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| Balance in Treasury (as of 03/31/09)..... | \$7,222.38 |
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| Association Money | \$4,115.05 |
| Camp Money | \$2,967.33 |
| Youth Competition | \$140.00 |

Twin Cities Mission's Report
January 9 2009

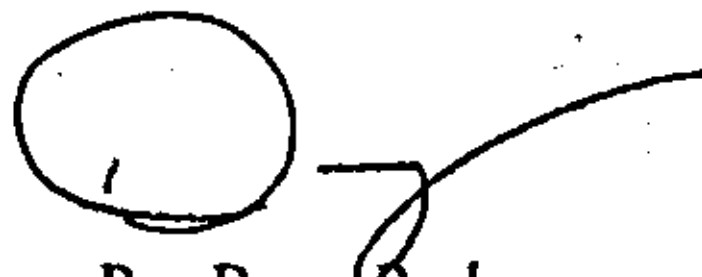
At our last meeting of the board we reverse our decision on Valdosta and decided to give Bro Bill Lewis and the Church the last year on their contract with the board. The vote was not 100%, yet it was a majority. This was after we meet with some of the members and leadership of the church and felt that upon their request we would give them the final year of the five year contract. Since that meeting attendance has increased some and the Church is making plans to go self supporting after 2009.

Bro Bill Crank has not been able to start on his new building due to site preparation issues and permits. Also cost has increased over what we could have done if he could have got started in the summer. We will build a church in Cartersville. The building has been purchased, but prays that we can overcome these issues which are vital to taking the step we need to start on the foundation. His work is doing well and the attendance seems to continue to grow.

Bro Jay is steadily working in Harris County and has some good plans to help reach out to the families there and invite them to the new Church. Please go on line and look at his news letter and prayer request for Real life Church. Also plan to do something physically and financially for this Church. It is not only a mission work of our state, but a sister church of the twin cities. You're Church, Sunday school, Ladies Aux, youth, or group can adopt a Harris county project and help Bro Jay and April as they plant this Church.

Pray for our missions works and our state. Also our mission board will meet on January 27th to talk about planting our 4th church in the state. God help us as we try to grow Free Will Baptist in the state of Georgia.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'D' followed by a horizontal line and a small flourish.

Bro. Danny Ryals
Your Missions Board Member

First Free Will Baptist Church

952 54th Street Columbus, Ga. 31904
(706) 324-1741

General Information:

- Meeting place: First FWB of Albany
- Meeting Time: 9:00 a.m.

Specific Information:

- Budget presented:
 1. Total Inflows: \$35,622.02
 2. Total Outflows: \$51,111.80
 3. Closing Balance: -\$19,044.39
- Date for State Camp 2009: June 28 – July 3.
 1. Dates Changed to accommodate week of graduation and several Jr. Camps.
- Matters Voted on
 1. Cancel Winter Retreat: Due to budget deficit and declining attendance.

Shane Suggs

First FWB Youth Pastor

April 4, 2009

The Twin Cities Association met at Whiterock Free Will Baptist Church

Opening Song: "I Have Been Redeemed" pg. 277

Welcome by Moderator, Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from 3 John:9, "Church

Hospitality: A Character like Diotrephes Will Destroy the Church".

Opening Prayer: Rev. Willie Martin

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

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

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

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

The Ordaining Council to meet at break.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer.

M/S/C to accept the day's digest report.

It was decided that the Youth Rally Attendance would be included with the Digest Report. For January's Youth Rally there were 81 children and 46 adults for a total attendance of 127.

Ordaining Council

Ordaining Council report given by Rev. Ronnie Knighton. He read letter from Green River Association regarding Bro. Bobby Hayes. The Ordaining Council made a motion for the Association to accept Bro. Hayes credentials in good standing. Motion seconded and carried.

M/S/C to move Youth Rally Program time to 6:45 p.m. at Whiterock FWB on April 25, 2009.

Rev. Willie Martin stated that the Co-Op Revival will be May 4-6, 2009, at Calvary FWB beginning at 7:00 p.m. St. Mark and Weems Road will be in charge of the music and program on Monday, Bethel and First Church on Tuesday, and Calvary and Real Life on Wednesday. The guest speaker will be William Smith, State Secretary, and each church is required to give \$100.

Men's Retreat for 2009 is being scheduled. M/S/C as information.

Bro. Shane Suggs stated that we have 24 categories competing at state and that we will be well represented. M/S/C

Bro. James Tidwell stated there was no state board news to report.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave State Mission's Board report and is attached to the minutes.

Rev. James Hollis gave update on Real Life FWB Church and is attached to the minutes. He stated that during the month of May they were having a toy drive, good, used, or new toys are needed. Also, boxes of crayons and coloring books. These items are being collected for Pastor Sam to plant a church in Uganda.
M/S/C

Aaron Baldrige commended Rev. Jay Hollis for his service.

Rev. Danny Ryals stated he would like to see the association have a meeting at Real Life FWB in the near future. M/S/C as information

Bro. Shane Suggs gave State Camp Board report. Stated it would cost \$10 to \$175 to send a child to camp. M/S/C

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. Stated retreat dates are listed in the bulletin. M/S/C

Rev. Willie Martin stated the Historical Society met at the state meeting and that they are trying to keep articles in the Promotional Bulletin. M/S/C

Debra Van Pelt gave District Women's Auxiliary report. Is attached to the minutes.

- Ladies Retreat at Norman Park was cancelled due to flooding and would be rescheduled for sometime in the fall.
- If anyone has provision closet items to see her and she would try to get them there.
- The executive committee had started a newsletter by the name of Georgia Women In Touch (GWIT).
- New slate of officers were chosen for GWAC and are listed in report.
- District Fellowship meeting will be held at First Church on April 23, 2009, at 7:00 p.m.

M/C/S to give Whiterock a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Morning Message by Rev. Ricky Ward, scripture taken from Phillipians 3:14, "Why Do We Keep Going?"

Submitted by
Rev. Willie C. Martin, Moderator
Sis. Glenda George, Clerk

Date April 4, 2009

DIGEST REPORT

Business Meeting

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| Ministers Present..... | 7 |
| Deacons Present..... | 3 |
| Delegates Present..... | 28 |
| Visitors Present..... | 3 |

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| Total Present..... | 41 |
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4-25-09 Youth Rally Attendance with Change Offerings

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| Bethel..... | 5 | \$0.00 |
| Calvary..... | 15 | \$0.00 |
| First..... | 23 | \$32.52 |
| St. Mark..... | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Weems..... | 4 | 24.00 |
| Whiterock..... | 32 | \$62.02 |
| Total Children & Change..... | 79 | \$118.54 |
| Adults..... | 45 | |
| Total in Attendance..... | 124 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance Brought Forward..... | \$7,222.38 |
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Deposited:

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| From Churches..... | \$330.00 |
| Other Deposits (Coop Revival)..... | \$400.00 |
| Other Deposits (Change Trophy)..... | \$120.97 |

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| Total in Treasury..... | \$8,073.35 |
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Paid Out:

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| Twin Cities Camp..... | \$3,222.25 |
| William Smith (Coop Revival)..... | \$700.00 |
| Rae Knight (Youth Competition Reimbursement)..... | \$6.96 |
| Return Check Fee..... | \$13.00 |

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| Balance in Treasury (as of 06/30/09)..... | \$4,131.14 |
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| Association Money | \$3,998.10 |
| Camp Money | \$0.00 |
| Youth Competition | \$133.04 |

Georgia State Mission Board Report April 4th 2009'.

Our Mission Board met recently at our State meeting. We heard from all our missionaries including Bro. Ron Wallace in Alaska. Bro Ron Gave a good report about the work there/ It is very different because of the weather conditions and the transient military that the church ministers to. Bro Ron is expecting a Minister and his family to move on the field there to help in the work and for Bro Ron to be able to train to help out in the outreach'.

Bro Bill Crank is still in the process of permitting in order to start the building there in Cartersville. There were some site issues that had to be worked through and the Architect was late submitting the plans for the building. They are hoping to start in the next few weeks and Plans are for the Georgia state meeting to be there next year. The board also signed a note for a construction loan for 508,000. making the total debt in Cartersville over 800,000 dollars (I will share a personal note about this verbally this morning). Our prayer is that we can build an attractive building and help the growth issues that Cartersville Family Ministries is facing in the future. Their attendance continues to rise and is over 100 at this time.

As you well know we revisited the issue in Valdosta and reversed our decision and continued our contract with Bro Bill Lewis until the end of this year. However we are reducing our support on a monthly basis and letting the Church absorb more of the cost of paying the Pastor and providing for its ministry. We also have signed a note for a loan of 125,000 for the construction of a church building on the property there in Valdosta. They too must go through the permitting process before they can begin. They also have seen a slight increase in attendance, we pray that that continues.

Bro Jay Hollis continues to press on in Harris County and brought some of his church folks to the State meeting. Jay Has plans for some future events to help saturate the community and to reach some new converts. Maybe your church would like to help out in some of these events. One Church in Georgia is going to help them have a vacation Bible School this year. We believe God for some great things. I would like to see us plan this year to have a twin cities Association meeting there and to introduce our Association to what Jay and April and the Lord is doing in Harris County.

Pray for our mission board as you can see our plate is full and yet there is so much more to do, God can open doors lets be ready when they swing open.

Respectively Submitted

July 11, 2009

The Twin Cities Association met at Bethel Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening Song: "I'll Fly Away" pg. 648

Welcome by Moderator: Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion by: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from 3 John:9-10 "A Character Like Diotrophes Will Destroy the Church"

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

M/S/C to accept minutes of previous meeting.

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

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally Attendance report.

No church correspondence or resolutions.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Bro. Edward Newman.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report.

Rev. Willie Martin gave Twin Cities Camp report. There were 46 campers, 21 workers. The report is attached to the minutes. Rev. Martin stated there was \$2,489.86 in funds left. M/S/C to receive report.

Bro. Shane Suggs gave state competition report for National Youth Conference.. He stated we were represented by thirty youth in twenty categories. M/S/C to receive as information.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave Missions Board report and is attached to the minutes. M/S/C to receive.

Bro. Shane Suggs gave State Camp report. There were 165 campers and two decisions made. Next year State Camp will be June 6-11, 2010.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. He stated to watch the bulletin for the schedule of retreats. The Historical Society to remind churches they have a history, to please not throw away church bulletins, etc., as you would be throwing away history. M/S/C to receive.

Sister Debra Van Pelt gave the following announcements:

Women's Auxiliary District Supper July 30, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. @ Calvary.

State Mission Project to help Real Life with his children's ministry.

Fall Retreat will be October 24, 2009, @ Pine Mountain, GA

National Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio, pray for Danita High, Executive Secretary/Treasurer and Rebecca Pugh, National President as they conduct meeting on July 21, 2009.

Calvary has a fundraiser going on at Fuddrucker's on Sunday, July 12, 2009.
M/S/C to receive and all is attached to the minutes.

Nominating Committee Members for 2010 are:

James Tidwell, Calvary, Chairman

Don Benefield, Weems

Conrad Thompson, St. Mark

Johnny Brasch, First Church

Charles Wilson, Whiterock

Lynn Hayes, Bethel

M/S/C to receive each member.

Rev. Willie Martin handed out an inflatable slide proposal and guidelines. They are attached to the minutes M/S/C to adopt these.

M/S/C to give host church, Bethel, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Calvary offered to let the next associational meeting scheduled for their church to be held at Real Life Church and Calvary would provide the food. M/S/C

M/S/C to adjourn.

Praise Song: "When The Roll is Called Up Yonder" pg. 702

Special Singing by Brooke Hayes and Courtney Tatum: "We Cry Holy is the Lamb"

Morning Message by: Rev. Danny Ryals, scripture taken from Mark 4:35, "Life Storms Come Up in a Sudden" God will lead us through the storm. Storms are a test of our faith.

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Willie C. Martin, Moderator

Sis. Glenda F. George, Secretary

July 11, 2009

DIGEST REPORT

Business Meeting

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|------------------------|----|
| Ministers Present..... | 6 |
| Deacons Present..... | 8 |
| Delegates Present..... | 31 |
| Visitors Present..... | 5 |
| Total Present..... | 50 |

7-25-09 Youth Rally Attendance with Change Offerings

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|------------------------------|----|--------|
| Bethel..... | 15 | \$0.00 |
| Calvary..... | 7 | \$0.00 |
| First..... | 5 | \$0.00 |
| St. Mark..... | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Weems..... | 0 | \$0.00 |
| Whiterock..... | 2 | \$0.00 |
| Total Children & Change..... | 29 | \$0.00 |
| Adults..... | 27 | |
| Total in Attendance..... | 56 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance Brought Forward.....\$4,131.14

Deposited:

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| From Churches..... | \$330.00 |
| Other Deposits (Youth Crusaders)..... | \$2,489.86 |
| Other Deposits (Men's Retreat)..... | \$725.00 |

Total in Treasury.....\$7,676.00

Paid Out:

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| Valley Rescue Mission (Men's Retreat)..... | \$50.00 |
| Sam's Club (Aaron Baldridge-Men's Retreat)..... | \$253.16 |
| Danny Ryals (Men's Retreat)..... | \$68.00 |
| Willie Martin (Men's Retreat)..... | \$45.98 |
| Valley Rescue Mission (Men's Retreat)..... | \$190.00 |

Balance in Treasury.....\$7,258.86

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| Association Money | \$4,489.78 |
| Camp Money | \$2,489.86 |
| Youth Competition | \$133.04 |
| Men's Retreat | \$146.18 |

Twin Cities Mission's Report
July 10, 2009

Our Mission board meet a couple of week ago in Perry Ga. It was time for our annual review of our missionary to Harris County. We also invited our other two missionaries to come and report to us on the status of their work and buildings.

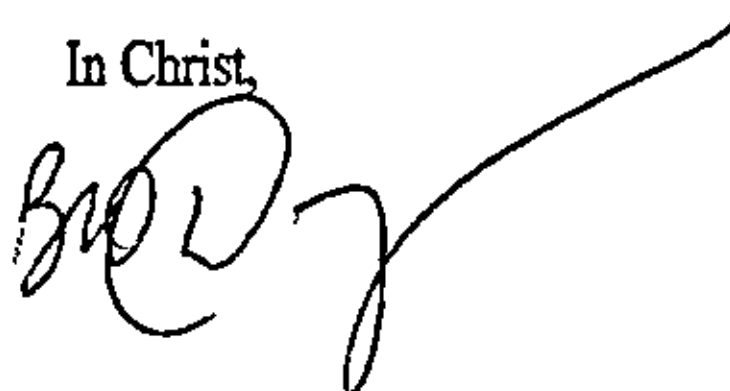
We meet first with Bro Bill Crank to report on the process of his building. As in any building program there are always some things that change and some hidden expense that may have not surfaced in the bidding process. This was true in dealing with the drive way and the access lane to enter the property. The builder was trying to get a handle on it and said some money could be shifted from other areas of the project to cut the cost but some money still may have to be added. The building is up and the work on the inside is going on, mostly the inside walls and sheet rock is now being done. Everything is moving as expected and the projected finish date is still possible for this fall. Bro Crank did tell me that the city said he would not only have to have paved parking but grass will also have to be laid and grown before the building can be occupied. The Church is still meeting in the rented building and attendance is good for the summer, Mission churches face what we face with summer attendance. Bro Crank also said they could use some money for the Grand opening and advertising. Maybe your church Sunday school class or Ladies Aux could raise some money to send to the Church to help with this event. It is important that they hit the ground running.

Bro. Bill Lewis is almost finishing with their building in Valdosta. They had some money from the sale of the old church and signed a loan for the rest of the money they needed. They have two men who are contractors who have donated their labor and overseen the project and they should be finished with the first phase building soon. The church is also moving toward being self supporting by the end of the year. Pray for them as they take on this building and their pastor salary and that we will have a standing Free Will Baptist church in Valdosta.

Bro, Jay Hollis and the mission church in Harris County had a great Vacation Bible School last month. They had a church come and help them put on the Bible school and also had some local help as well. Some of the outreach events like the free fish fry have gotten some attention in the area and more events are planned to get the word out that the church is there. They also have remolded their building to expand the worship area and a sound room. They invite you to come by and see the work and the building. Also I still suggest that we have a twin cities association meeting there so we can see the building and the location.

Pray for the mission board. God help us as we try to grow Free Will Baptist in the state of Georgia.

In Christ,



Twin Cities 2009 Camp Report

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 24th-May 27th

We had a good camp session this year in spite of the rain. It rained some (a lot at times) every day we were at camp. We had a little sunshine on the last day. But everyone handled it as best they could, and we thank the Lord that He permitted us to unload things from our cars at camp, and load things, in the sunshine.

We had 46 campers this year, two more than last year. We had 21 workers all together for a high count of 67. We were especially delighted that our newest church, Real Life, was represented with Jay and April Hollis, along with Stephanie, as workers, and 5 children from the church. They were an asset that we all can be proud of.

We also did something a little different this year. We invested in an inflatable of our own. We purchased a new 22' tall slide for \$2800. That's right. It cost \$2800, but if you priced them you would agree it was a bargain since the price included tax and shipping from California. In 2008 we paid \$2250 to rent 3 inflatables from a local, an investment we will never see again. But the rental money we have been spending will hopefully be invested in a few more in years to come.

We had four salvation decisions, along with many other decisions from those who came forward during our invitations. The association youth pastors did a good job with each one preaching on a different day of the week.

Now for the good news! I am retiring. I am not quitting. I am retiring from the directorship. Most do not realize that directing camp is a job that begins months before camp and does not end after camp. I admit it is taking its toll on me. I will be around to help, Lord willing, but not to direct next year. I hope the next director will have as much work to do, excuse me, as much *fun* as I did with the job.

Finally Retired Director
Rev. Willie C. Martin

A financial statement follows this report.

Twin Cities 2009 Camp Financial Report

Held at Camp Joy, Hamilton, Georgia May 24th-May 27th

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| Total Campers | 46 |
| Day & Night Workers | <u>21</u> |
| Grand Total | 67 |

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| Received from change trophy competition | \$ 593.15 |
| Received from State Camp Board | \$1,600.00 |
| Received of Campers | \$3,680.00 |
| Gross Canteen Deposit | <u>\$ 463.96</u> |
| Total Receipts | \$6,337.11 |

Expenses

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| Camp Deposit (<i>retained because of damage to a door</i>) | \$ 100.00 |
| Camp Rental (Sun. \$630/Mon. \$630/Tues. \$620.) | \$1,880.00 |
| Purchase Inflatable (See note # 1 below) | \$2,800.00 |
| Canteen Purchases | \$ 327.98 |
| Food \$787.17+ paper goods \$188.40 | \$ 975.57 |
| First Aid | \$ 45.07 |
| Miscellaneous (fun-time, recreational, first aid, etc.) | \$ 116.65 |
| Crafts | \$ 131.08 |
| Life guard | <u>\$ 200.00</u> |
| Total Expenses | \$6,576.35 |

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| Total Receipts for Camp Year 2009 | \$6,337.11 |
| Less Total Expense for Camp Year 2009 | <u>\$6,576.35</u> |
| Deficit for 2009 Camp Session (See note # 3) | \$ - 239.24 |

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| Camp Fund Balance from 2008 | \$2,729.10 |
| Total Receipts for Camp 2009 | <u>\$6,337.11</u> |
| Total | \$9,066.21 |
| Minus 2009 Camp Expense | <u>\$6,576.35</u> |
| Current Camp Fund Balance Total..... | \$2,489.86 |

Report submitted by

Rev. Willie C. Martin
Camp Director

Note 1:

Note 2: The cost of inflatables went up considerably because the company we used changed owners and we had to get someone else.

Note 3: The loss for the session would have been much greater if the "Change Trophy" money had not cushioned us.

Decisions 12

CONCERNING THE INFLATABLE SLIDE

Most of you know that a large inflatable slide was purchased to use at our camp sessions. Several churches have requested using it for church functions, perhaps not a bad idea, but several of us have discussed it and want to make the following proposal. Hopefully each church was notified of this matter and we will be able to make the best decision on its usage.

This is what we propose and want you to consider.

1. That the association only allow our associational churches to use it.
2. That each church pay \$100 per use of the slide.
3. That the First Church store it and keep a calendar of who has requested it, etc.
4. That each church state "what the inflatable is being used for," that is the event, etc.
5. That each church be responsible for any damage incurred during its use.
6. That it be kept clean and returned for storage immediately after each use in a good and proper condition, the slide, blower, stakes and tarp, etc..
7. That it be used only on the grass with a tarp under it.
8. That adult supervision is present at all times.

The following considerations are presented by the moderator/2009 camp director under instructions for using the inflatable based on his prior knowledge of use and what those who have rented to us have instructed us to do over the years.

1. That it be staked down every at every use, and deflated immediately when winds are high.
2. That it not be left out overnight without assurance of it being safe. It would be easy for vandals to destroy. (The blower should be removed and stored overnight regardless).
3. That if at all possible, it not be rolled up wet because of weight and storage considerations. It already weighs about 600lbs and it should not be stored when wet, but must be dried.
4. That the amount of children on it at a time be limited. One at the top about to slide; One going up the steps; one getting off; and one waiting to go up the steps is a good rule of thumb. About five should be the limit either way you look at it. (There is no weight limit per child, but it is conceivable to overload it with numerous children).
5. That shoes always, without exception, be removed.
6. That adult only supervision be permitted, and that they familiarize themselves with the basic rules like shoe removal and not permitting too many on the slide.
7. That no sharp objects be carried on the slide.
8. (There may be some other considerations that need to be added).

If you are in agreement with the terms of use please make a motion to accept them.

October 10, 2009

The Twin Cities Association met at Calvary Free Will Baptist Church.

Opening Song: "Come Unto Me" pg. 545 led by Ronnie Knighton

Welcome by Moderator: Rev. Willie Martin

Morning Devotion by: Rev. Willie Martin, scripture taken from 1 Timothy 5:17-18, "The Education Implication"

M/S/C to seat all delegates.

Recognition of visitors Danny and Dawn Elliott, with their children, Summer, Autumn, and Joshua, missionaries to Quebec, and also Debbie Griffin, missionary to Japan.

M/S/C to adopt order of business.

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

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

No church correspondence or resolutions.

Dismissed for brunch in prayer by Don Benefield.

M/S/C to receive the day's Digest report.

M/S/C to receive Youth Rally Attendance report.

Men's Retreat report given by Rev. Willie Martin, attached to the minutes.

M/S/C to receive.

Nominating Committee Report given by Jim Tidwell, attached to the minutes.

M/S/C to receive as read.

Bro. Jim Tidwell stated there was no State Trustee Board report. M/S/C to receive.

Rev. Danny Ryals gave State Missions Board report, is attached to the minutes.

M/S/C to receive.

Rev. Jay Hollis, thanked the local women's auxiliary for the donation to Real Life children's ministry.

Bro. Shane Suggs stated that the State Camp Board has not met.

Rev. Willie Martin gave State Christian Education Board report. He stated to check Promotion Bulletin for Senior Citizens Retreat and for other retreat dates and registration deadlines. Insert in Promotional Bulletin has a section regarding

articles written by the Historical Society for the state. President Benjamin Miller is doing a good job ,and Georgia has one of the best historical archives. M/S/C to receive.

Debra Van Pelt stated the Women's Fall Retreat will Saturday, October 24, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. at Roosevelt State Park, Pavilion #1 right near Liberty Bell Pool. Donna Jewel of Perry, Georgia, will be the guest speaker, and special music from Kris Crabtree of Albany, Georgia.

A District Supper is planned for October 22, at 7:00 p.m. with First Church sponsoring, more details are forthcoming.

On January 9, 2010, there will be a WAC Executive Board Meeting.

Miscellaneous

Jeremy Jordan asked if the Youth Rally could start at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 for this event only. M/S/C

M/S/C to give host church, Calvary, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. Aaron Baldrige stated that our churches are being graded. That we are losing young people in droves. When they finish high school they are leaving the church at the same time. Randall House Publications has a pamphlet on "Raising Teens". They also have a book for young adults called "The Brink." M/S/C to receive as information.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Praise Song: "What a Day That Will Be" pg. 693 led by Ronnie Knighton
Morning Message by: Danny Elliott, gave a short presentation on Quebec, Canada, and the need for the gospel to be taken to that region. Scripture taken from Acts 1:3-8.

Respectfully Submitted
Rev. Willie C. Martin, Moderator
Sis. Glenda F. George, Secretary

Date October 10, 2009

DIGEST REPORT

Business Meeting

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| Ministers Present..... | 5 |
| Deacons Present..... | 10 |
| Delegates Present..... | 20 |
| Visitors Present..... | 6 |
| Total Present..... | 41 |

10-24-09 Youth Rally Attendance with Change Offerings

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| Bethel..... | 9 | \$0.00 |
| Calvary..... | 14 | \$0.00 |
| First..... | 10 | \$45.00 |
| St. Mark..... | 4 | \$30.00 |
| Weems..... | 3 | \$0.00 |
| Whiterock..... | 5 | \$58.00 |
| Total Children & Change..... | 45 | \$133.00 |
| Adults..... | 35 | |
| Total in Attendance..... | 80 | |

TREASURER'S REPORT

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| Balance Brought Forward..... | \$7,258.56 |
| Deposited: | |
| From Churches..... | \$330.00 |
| Other Deposit (Coop Revival)..... | \$100.00 |
| Other Deposit (Inflatable Slide Rental)..... | \$100.00 |
| Change Trophy..... | \$134.04 |
| Total in Treasury..... | \$7,922.60 |
| Paid Out: | |
| Valley Rescue Mission (Men's Retreat)..... | \$190.00 |
| Camp Tygart..... | \$635.00 |
| Balance in Treasury..... | \$7,097.60 |

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| Association Money | \$4,829.48 |
| Camp Money | \$1,988.90 |
| Youth Competition | \$133.04 |
| Men's Retreat | \$146.18 |

TWIN CITIES DISTRICT ASSOCIATION NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

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| MODERATOR- | REV. WILLIE MARTIN |
| ASST. MODERATOR- | REV. DANNY RYALS |
| CLERK/TREASURER- | GLENDA GEORGE |
| ASST. CLERK/ TREASURER- | EDWARD NEWMAN |

EXECUTIVE BOARD

REV. WILLIE MARTIN (MODERATOR)
GLENDA GEORGE (CLERK)
*REV. BRETT SANDERS
*REV. AARON BALDRIDGE
LESTER THORNTON

ORDAINING COUNCIL

REV. RICKY WARD 2010
REV. AARON BALDRIDGE 2011
*REV. JAY HOLLIS

CAMP DIRECTORS

*SHANE SUGGS (DIRECTOR)
*REV. AARON BALDRIDGE (ASST. DIRECTOR)

BOARDS

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| MISSIONS- | REV. DANNY RYALS |
| TRUSTEE- | JIM TIDWELL |
| CHRISTIAN EDUCATION- | REV. WILLIE MARTIN |
| CAMPING- | SHANE SUGGS |

YOUTH RALLY

JEREMY JORDAN- DIRECTOR

REGISTRATION CLERK:

LAZELL BROWN

BARBARA CLEGG (ASST.)

* INDICATES NEW BOARD MEMBERS

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

JIM TIDWELL- CHAIRMAN

DON BENEFIELD

CONRAD THOMPSON

JOHNNY BRASCH

CHARLIE WILSON

LYN HAYS

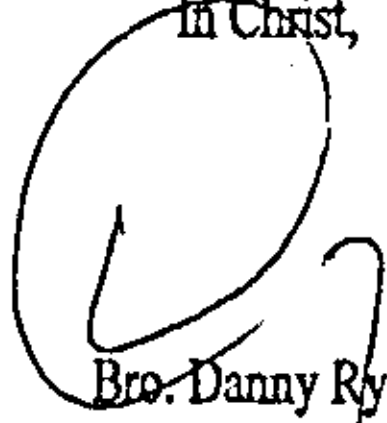
Twin Cities Mission's Report
October 19th 2009

Our Mission board has not met this quarter, yet we have great news to report on our mission churches. Bro Bill Crank has finished his building in Cartersville and they are in it. It is a 10,000 square foot facility with an auditorium that will seat 300 or more and have plenty of parking and Sunday school space on 7 acres of land and a house on the property. The cost was great but the church is already seeing the benefit. I have attached his report so that you can see what is going on. We praise the Lord for the progress.

Bro Bill Lewis and the congregation in Valdosta are also in their new building and had a dedication service back in September. This ought to help them greatly. They also are on a main road with 7 acres of land. Pray for this church because Bro Bill will be ending his contract with the board at the end of this year. We celebrate the fact that we have a Free Will Baptist church in Valdosta and that it is going self supporting. To God is the Glory...

Bro, Jay Hollis and the mission church in Harris County has had a temporary set back in attendance. Some of the military folks have been transferred and some folks have left for other reasons. This happens in mission work. Yet Bro Jay still has some people who have stayed and is committed to the Church and they are going to step up evangelism efforts in the area around the church and have some special days planned for this fall. Pray for the Harris county work.

Pray for the mission board. God help us as we try to grow Free Will Baptist in the state of Georgia.

In Christ,

Bro. Danny Ryals
Your Missions Board Member

Twin Cities Men's Retreat

The Twin Cities Association held its second annual Men's Retreat September 25, 26, 2009 at Camp Joy in Hamilton, Georgia. Twenty six men registered the first year. This year we had 31, 32 including a younger boy. The Chattahoochee joined us this year with 6 men attending.

We had a repeat of the year before with a Steak Supper served Friday night and a Breakfast Buffet by Danny Ryals on Saturday morning. Our services included preaching by Charles Johnson of the Chattahoochee/Turner's Chapel Church, and congregational singing. We concluded with Communion and feet washing. Though a few went home, many still fellowshipped in the recreation room. What skills we saw around the ping pong and pool tables!

After a nights rest on those wonderful camp beds, we indulged in breakfast. A morning service gave way to hearing what the Lord had done in several men's lives. David Van Pelt dialoged a prayer to the Lord and then talked about our prayer lives for devotion.

There is already some informal discussion going on about the next retreat. The following men attended the retreat Willie Martin, Joey George, Shane Suggs, Bobby Mitchell, Steven Tidwell, Tony Mitchell, Richard Schmucker, Lee Evans, Michael Ellision, Jimmy Whilhote, Clifford Carpenter, Cody Carpenter, Richard Nixon, Aaron Baldrige, David Van Pelt, David Chaffin, Mark Walker, David Walker, Craig Young, Sonny Pate, Ronnie Osborn, Jim Tidwell, Carlton Greathouse, Jimmy Hodge, Kenny Brown, Kevin Carter, Gerald Moore, Charles Johnson, Chris Guined., Bob Hayes, Jack Granger, and Danny Ryals.

Financial Report

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| Beginning Balance | \$ 28.32 |
| Received from registration | <u>\$750.00</u> |
| Total..... | \$778.32 |
| Deposit to Camp Joy | \$ 50.00 |
| Rental of Camp Joy | <u>\$190.00</u> |
| Total 20 men overnight @ \$12 each | \$240.00 |
| Food..... | \$349.97 |
| Supplies | <u>\$ 42.17</u> |
| Total Food & Supplies | <u>\$392.14</u> |
| Total Expenses..... | <u>\$632.14</u> |
| Remaining Balance | \$146.18 |

September 2009 Report for Cartersville

The month of September continued where August left off. We are growing accustomed to the new facility and changing methods to find what works best and what does not. It is a good problem as we grow. We had a good month in terms of visitors but as yet have not seen a great return. We will. There is once again a renewed sense of purpose and vision. There is an air of excitement among those who have persevered and are now seeing the fruits of what God can do. We have seen 37 first time guests in our services. The problem so far has been coercing them to give us information so that we can follow up. Some do and I suppose some who don't want to wait and see before they let us into their lives. We also have had 7 salvation decisions which will lead to more baptisms and discipleship. That also is exciting.

The bad news is like all of us, financial. God who has lead us into this will provide however. The first month of operation incurred many higher expenses that for many will be only temporarily higher. For example, we now run 7 HVAC units along with needing propane. The first month, they ran more than usual as we adjusted our automated thermostats. Because there was a problem, however, they all ran continuously for a full week. Ouch! We had to get two phone lines into the church because of the need for a dedicated line for our fire alarm system as required by the state fire marshal. I remember growing up as a young person and having to take on the responsibility of supporting a family. The reality of the financial picture paying for things I took for granted before was heavy as most of you can attest to also. We are there and trying to teach our people the good blessings of stewardship which will also allow us breathing room to grow into a full time self supporting church.

We also had a grand opening/open house weekend inviting people to come into our building to check us out. It was successful however it was also the weekend when we had a lot of rain and flooding.

Attendance for the month of September had a ministry number of 169 with an average of 107. It was by far our greatest month overall. We look forward to planning a dedication day with the State Association in March.

Bill Crank

**Twin Cities Women Active For Christ
District Meeting
January 24,2009
First Free Will Baptist Church**

The meeting started with a welcome to First Free Will Baptist Church by the president of their auxiliary, Heather Ellison. She also opened with a word of prayer. We were led in song by Leslie Baldrige and she was accompanied beautifully by Rae Knighton on piano. We sang "Redeemed." Special singing was rendered by Sarah Mitchell - "My Redeemer Lives." The offering was taken by Sue Flowers (who led us in prayer) and Helen Gilchrist.

The meeting was called to order by Mary Prather, District President. The first order of business was the Credential Report given by Sherry Evans (Shannon Prather) - 8 delegates were named and these delegates were voted in by the standing delegates. Next, the Financial Report was given by our Treasurer, Nadine Blanton. (Financial Report to be attached) Ms. Blanton moved that we accept this report and no questions were noted. Then, the Resolutions Committee Report was given by Brooke Prather (Debra VanPelt). Each resolution was voted on item by item (Report to be attached). Mary Prather then appointed a Financial Committee (Glenda George and Debra VanPelt) to assist Nadine Blanton. We were dismissed in prayer by Nadine Blanton for break.

Mary Prather resumed our business meeting and an updated financial report was given by Nadine Blanton. Offering taken today was \$112.57 which brought our balance to \$554.16. Our speaker for the day, Debbie Griffen, was given \$300, which brought our balance forward to \$254.16. Ms. Blanton moved that we accept these numbers. An observation was noted (Dianne Martin) that our total giving as compared to our WNAC members is a good amount \$163 per member. The Registration Report was given by Sherry Evans and there was a total of 27 present including our missionary.

The GWAC Annual Convention will be held at Calvary Free Will Baptist on March 19,2009. Delegates for this meeting will be Leslie Baldrige, Nadine Blanton, Helen Gilchrist, Tiffany Chafin, Sue Flowers, Sarah Mitchell, Tammy Mitchell, Heather Ellison, Brooke Prather, and Jamie Suggs. The Nominating Committee Report was given by Dianne Martin. The slate of officers nominated for the 2009-2011 service period are as follows:

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| President - Debra VanPelt | Study Chairman - Leslie Baldrige |
| VP - Heather Ellison | Prayer Chairman - Sue Flowers |
| Secretary - Emily Knighton | Field Worker - Mary Prather |
| Treasurer - Brooke Prather | Historian - Tiffany Chafin |
| Mission Chairman - Nadine Blanton | Service Chairman - Dianne Martin |

Rachelle Buck moved that we accept this slate of officers and there were no

objections. All officers were voted in. The installation of officers was done by Bobbie Jordan. All outgoing officers pinned the new officers for the 2009-2011 service period. Then the reading of this meeting's minutes was read by Jamie Suggs and no corrections were noted. Mary Prather ended our business by reviewing the dates to remember on the back of our bulletin (copy to be attached).

Our missionary, Debbie Griffen, was introduced by the new District President, Debra VanPelt. Debbie began by giving us an update of what has been happening with other missionaries in Japan. The Snow's have another addition to their family (Isaac) and two more families will be joining the international mission field in Japan. She then sang, "Do They See JESUS In Me?" She read from Titus 1:1-5 and 2 on how we, as believers, should live our lives so that the word of GOD will not be blasphemed but adorned. We are called to adorn the word of GOD!!! Debbie gave examples in II Samuel 12:14 when David had a child with Bathsheba and how this gave opportunity for the enemy to blaspheme because of David's sin. The contrast to this was given in Ezekiel 36:23, which states, that when GOD is seen in our lives then the heathen will know that HE IS LORD! She gave reference to Matthew 5:16 and Philippians 2:15. These verses ask us to let our light shine so that the world may see JESUS in us. She closed by saying that salvation is for all people and it is only through God's grace that we can be in a right relationship with GOD. It is our responsibility to be Christ-like examples in this dark world. She reminded us that we should shine like diamonds and adorn the gospel. We should hold out hope to the world through JESUS. Debbie then ended in prayer.

Special thanks was given to Debbie Griffen for speaking and to all who attended the meeting by Heather Ellison. We were then dismissed in prayer by Mary Prather, new Field Worker.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Suggs

Twin Cities 2008 Annual Report

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| Balance on hand 1-01-08 | \$ 390.63 |
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| Deposits | \$3,967.31 |
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| Calvary | \$2,601.26 | |
| First | 1,287.09 | |
| * Offering (Annual mtg) | <u>78.96</u> | |
| | \$3,967.31 | |

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| Grand Total | \$4,357.94 |
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| Disbursements | \$3,916.35 |
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| *Designated Funds | \$3,636.35 | |
| Speaker (Cricket Lee) | 250.00 | |
| T.C. District Minutes | <u>30.00</u> | |
| | \$3,916.35 | |

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| Balance on hand 1-01-09 | \$ 441.59 |
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Offering today (1-24-09)

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| | \$ 554.16 |

To Debbie Griffen

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| | \$ 300.00 |
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| Balance | \$ 254. ¹⁶ |

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| Designated Funds | | \$3636.35 |
| Dues for 24 members (@ \$18.00 ea.) | | \$ 420.00 |
| Calvary | 11 | \$198.00 |
| First | 13 | <u>234.00</u> |
| | | \$432.00 |
| WNAC | \$15.00 x 24 | \$360.00 |
| GWAC | 2.50 x 24 | 60.00 |
| TCWAC | .50 x 24 | 12.00 |
| WNAC | General Fund | \$ 190.00 |
| | Emphasis Month Offering | 310.00 |
| | State Projects | 462.26 |
| | State Minutes | <u>1.00</u> |
| | Sub Total | \$963.26 |
| WNAC Total | | \$1,383.26 |
| Dot Harvey Loan Fund | | \$ 105.00 |
| AL Children's Home | | 45.00 |
| Missionary Accounts | | |
| | <u>Foreign</u> | |
| | Bishop | \$405.00 |
| | Griffin | 405.00 |
| | Snow | 405.00 |
| | Laura Belle Barnard offering | <u>168.00</u> |
| | Sub Total | \$1,383.00 |
| | <u>Home</u> | |
| | Wallace | \$ 405.00 |
| | Hollifield | 45.00 |
| | Lizzie McAdams | <u>270.09</u> |
| | "Pre-Thanksgiving" | |
| | Sub Total | \$720.09 |
| Missionary Accounts Total | | \$2,103.09 |
| TOTAL of Designated Funds | | \$3,636.35 |

Twin Cities Women Active for Christ
January 24, 2009
Resolutions

We, the Resolutions Committee, present the following resolutions:

1. We recommend that the groups making up the Twin Cities Women Active for Christ continue in supporting International Missions' and Home Missions' projects to include giving to scholarships, missionaries' accounts, and the provision closet.
2. We resolve as Free Will Baptist women that we reaffirm our stand against same-sex marriage and support an amendment to the U.S. Constitution designating marriage as being the union between one man and one woman. We encourage groups and individuals to send letters to legislators, state and national, to affirm our position.
3. We recommend that all present give the host church, First Free Will Baptist, a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality in hosting the meeting today.

As information:

The WNAC has renamed the Missionary Provision Closet the "Steward Provision Closet" in memory of Wendell and Lucille Steward from Michigan for their many years of labor for the Provision Closet.

Also, the WNAC Endowment Fund has been named the "Marjorie Workman Endowment Fund".

Respectfully Submitted,

Brooke Prather, Chair
Debra Van Pelt

**Women Active for Christ Report
For Twin Cities Association Meeting
April 4, 2009**

The Georgia Women Active for Christ retreat scheduled for April 17-18, 2009 has been cancelled due to Norman Park's buildings being flooded. The Executive Committee is planning to reschedule the retreat for later in the year if a location can be secured. Debbie Griffin was to be the speaker for the event. She is scheduled to return to Japan in May so please pray for her. Items for the Provision Closet were to be brought to the retreat. If you have anything that needs to go to the National Offices, please let me know and we'll make plans to get them there.

I'd like to encourage the women of the Twin Cities churches that do not have a WAC group to form one. If there are any interested in attending a meeting, they are welcome to join the women from First Church or Calvary at their regularly scheduled monthly meetings.

The Georgia Executive Committee has created a quarterly newsletter called Georgia Women in Touch (GWIT). To submit articles of what's going on in your churches, please submit articles to Donna Jewell or Henrietta Brown.

Stay tuned to the Georgia Promotional Bulletin for upcoming events and information.

At the GWAC FWB State Convention held at Calvary on March 19, 2009, a new slate of officers was elected. They are:

Sandra Jackson, President
Sandy Mounts, Vice President
Donna Jewell, Secretary
Lynda Blanchard, Treasurer
Terra Smith, Field Worker
Henrietta Brown, Historian
Kris Crabtree, Member at Large
Susan Burke, Member at Large
Carmen McKenzie, Member at Large

At our Twin Cities WAC Convention held in January, I was elected President and look forward to serving you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Van Pelt
President, Twin Cities Women Active For Christ

Report for Twin Cities FWB Association Meeting

July 11, 2009

Bethel FWB Church

There will be a District Women's Fellowship Dinner on July 30, 2009 at 7:00 pm at Calvary FWB. All women are invited.

Twin Cities women are taking on a mission project to assist Real Life Church with their children's ministry. Please attend the District Dinner to find out more.

A fall women's retreat is being planned. More information will be given at a later date.

Please pray for Danita High, National Executive Secretary-Treasurer and Rebecca Pugh, National WNAC President as they conduct the National Women's meeting on July 21, 2009 in Cincinnati.

Respectfully Submitted,

Debra Van Pelt, President
Twin Cities Women Active for Christ



Twin Cities Women Active for Christ

On August 29, 2009, women from First Church and Calvary took art, craft, and school supplies, gift cards, and monetary donations to Bro. Jay and April Hollis at Real Life FWB in Cataula (Harris County). When asked what their most critical need was at the moment, Jay replied supplies that would assist with our Children's Ministry. The Twin Cities Women Active for Christ group used this as a mission project for the summer. For some of the women, it was their first time visiting the church so Bro. Jay provided a tour of the facilities. Our prayer is that God will use our efforts to help Bro. Jay and Sis. April teach the young people about Jesus.

On October 24, 2009 from 10:00 to 1:00, the Twin Cities WAC group will host a *Women's Fall Retreat*. We hope all women will attend whether a member of WAC or not. We will meet at Roosevelt State Park at Pavilion #1 (beside the Liberty Bell Pool). Our speaker for the event is Donna Jewell from Perry, GA. Donna's husband Grover pastors Cornerstone FWB Church in Ft. Valley. Donna serves as our Georgia WAC Secretary. We will enjoy special music from Kris Crabtree from Albany, GA. Kris serves as a Member-at-large on the GWAC Executive Board. Donna and Grover are Kris' parents and her parents-in-law are Jeff and Donna Crabtree, missionaries in Canada. The theme for the retreat is "Using Your Talents for God's Glory". The women from First Church will present some of their talents demonstrated at their latest Talent Show. Hopefully this will give the rest of us some ideas to help us discover our talents. We encourage all ladies to bring their own lunch and join us for a fun morning outdoors in Pine Mountain. I have flyers for the event and ask that each church take some to post on their bulletin boards.

The Twin Cities Executive Board will meet January 9th to complete plans for our Annual TCWAC Conference.

Respectfully Submitted,



Debra Van Pelt, President
Twin Cities Women Active for Christ

Dist. Supper - Oct 22nd, First Church to host. 7:00 PM

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 Baptists, 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 1 - 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 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 Baptists.
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 (1) 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 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 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 licenser, 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

The Youth Rally Committee Report states:

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. That they 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.