

MINUTES

Twenty-fifth Annual Session

OF THE

United Free Will Baptists

WHICH CONVENE WITH

New Hope Church

COLQUITT COUNTY, GEORGIA

OCTOBER 18-19, 1950

OFFICERS

REV. W. G. BOYD, Moderator ----- Thomasville, Ga., Rt. 4

MRS. J. B. RICE, Clerk ----- Moultrie, Ga., Rt. 4

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

J. H. K. JONES, Chairman ----- Tifton, Ga.

J. A. BRADY ----- Omega, Ga.

ARTIE CONE ----- Pavo, Ga.

ALLEN SAPP ----- Tallahassee, Fla.

S. L. HOLDEN ----- Ochlocknee, Ga.

The next session of this Association will convene with Midway Church 3½ miles Southwest of Moultrie, Ga., on highway 111, on Wednesday and Thursday after 3rd Sunday in October, 1951. Rev. W. G. Boyd is to preach the Introductory sermon, with Rev. W. F. Clark as Alternate.

OUR DEAD

Clemmens Bridge ----- D. B. Morey

Bethlehem ----- Mae Weeks
Ed Adams
H. P. Alderman

Tallahassee ----- Bro. Akins

PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Session of the Union Association of the United Free Will Baptist Association convening with New Hope Church, Moultrie, Ga., Colquitt County, Oct. 18-19, 1950.

Open with song, "Remember Me".

Prayer: Rev. W. L. Harrell.

Devotional, led by Bro. Artie Cone, was spent in prayer and singing.

In absence of the minister who was to preach the introductory sermon Rev. Emmett McDuffey of the Georgia Union Association was appointed by the Devotional Committee to bring the message. Scripture reading was Mark 11. Theme: "Faith in bearing fruit." The sermon was delivered in an impressive way and manner.

The welcome address by pastor.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. F. Clark.

Reassemble:

Song: "My Redeemer."

Devotional by Rev. W. L. Harrell using Ps. 15 as a scripture reading.

Open for business.

Call for Church Letters and seating delegates.

Rev. E. C. Morris and Bro. G. C. King were appointed to read letters and names of delegates as follows:

Bethlehem: Sister Liza Croft, Sister J. G. Page, L. B. Croft. Midway: Sister R. C. Ferguson, Bros. B. A. Faison, Raiford Sloan. Clemmens Bridge: Sisters D. B. Morey, Estine Vinson. Greenwood: Bro. and Sister G. W. Worsham, Sister J. F. Harmon. Spring Hill: Sisters H. E. Morey, C. L. Rabun, Bro. Tom Morey. Salem: Sisters M. G. Boykin, S. P. Fulford, H. M. Branch. St. Paul: Sister W. L. Harrell, Bros. M. H. Hinson, Monroe Justice. New Hope: Bro. and Sister Edgar McMurphy, Bro. Bob Tucker. Kennedy Chapel: Sisters Velma Cone, Margaret Voiner, Bro. Mark Brooks, Tallahassee: Sisters Nora Akins, Blanche Harris, Bro. W. H. Johnson. Thomasville: Sisters E. T. Lane, Laura Rickett, Bro. G. E. Dekle.

Call for petitioners—None.

Election of officers done by ballot, and held by Rev. E. C. Morris and Rev. Emmett McDuffey.

Officers elected were as follows: Rev. W. G. Boyd, Thomasville, R. 4, Moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes, Camilla, Assisant Moderator, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Moultrie, R. 4, Clerk, Mrs. J. F. Harmon, Camilla, Assistant Clerk.

Call for corresponding delegates and visitors from Sister Associations—Martin: Rev. Drew Floyd, Rev. B. W. Clenny; Georgia Union: Rev. Emmitt McDuffey, E. L. Roland, Louis McKinney, Johnny Hearn. Chattahoochee: Bro. and Sister G. C. King; State Association: Rev. E. C. Morris.

Motion and carried that Moderator extend to delegates the right hand of fellowship.

Recessed by Rev. Drew Floyd.

Reassemble.

Appointment of committees:

DEVOTIONAL: Sisters R. C. Ferguson, W. L. Harrell, G. W. Worsham.

NOMINATIONS: S. L. Holden, J. A. Brady, G. W. Worsham.

TEMPERANCE: Sisters Velma Cone, J. F. Harmon, D. B. Morey.

DESTITUTIONS: M. H. Hinson, B. A. Faison, Edgar McMurphy.

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE: Sisters G. E. Dekle, Edgar McMurphy and H. E. Morey.

MINISTERS AND DEACONS: G. W. Worsham, J. A. Brady, J. H. McKenny.

EDUCATIONAL: Sisters Estine Vinson, E. T. Lane, Bro. Raiford Sloan.

RESOLUTIONS: G. B. Bradley, Rev. A. L. Sellars, Sister S. P. Fulford.

FINANCE: Sister C. L. Rabun, Bob Tucker, Monroe Justice.

AUXILIARIES: Sisters M. G. Boykin, Margaret Voiner, Rev. W. L. Barrow.

STATE OF CHURCHES: Sisters C. J. Harvey, W. L. Harrell, Rev. L. O. Lovett.

Motion and carried that Rev. K. V. Shutes, Camilla, and Rev. L. O. Lovett, Lenox, be placed on Ordaining Council with Rev. W. L. Harrell, Omega.

A. L. Marse and H. D. Singleton of Greenwood Church were ordained as deacons of that church.

The Clerk was authorized to order identification card certificates for the ministers and deacons of this Association.

Dismissed for evening service by Rev. E. C. Morris.

EVENING SERVICE

Open with an extended song service led by Rev. W. G. Boyd.

Prayer by Sister Frances Lacy.

Solo, "Leave It There", sung by Sister K. V. Shutes.

Evening Sermon by Rev. K. V. Shutes. Scripture reading: Isa. 62:10. Theme: "Are you willing to do for God?" A very inspiring sermon was delivered. Dismissal prayer by Rev. Shutes.

THURSDAY, OCT. 18, 1950

Opening song: "He Included Me."

Prayer by Rev. A. L. Sellars.

Business opened by Assistant Moderator, Rev. K. V. Shutes.

Reporting of committees read and adopted.

Rev. E. C. Morris gave a report on the phases of work being done on the State Educational Board and the promotional Unified Program. An offering of \$16.50 was taken for these purposes.

Rev. C. J. Harvey gave a wonderful report on the work being done at Camp Bethel, Ashburn, Ga., our State Religious Camp. This

report was of the teaching and training of young and old which is held in various sessions during the summer months. This camp is one the Free Will Baptists can really be proud of. First, its on a beautiful spot, next, it's a clean and well provided for by people who are interested enough in the welfare of people who want to know about God. Plan now to send a large delegation from your church next summer. For full information write to Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga., or Rev. C. J. Harvey, Camilla, Ga.

Motion and carried that a member of the Union Association be appointed as a Camp Fund leader to carry the work on. Rev. K. V. Shutes was appointed. He in turn appointed the following people in local churches to help him—Bethlehem: Jim Croft, Moultrie; Midway: B. A. Faison, Moultrie, R. 4; Clemmens Bridge: Mrs. Estine Vinson, Albany, R. 3. Greenwood: Mrs. G. W. Worsham, Camilla, R. 2; Spring Hill: Mrs. T. N. Morey, Doerun; Salem: Mrs. S. P. Fulford, Monticello, Fla.; St. Paul: Miss Mary Hinson, Omega; New Hope; M. B. Lanier, Cooledge; Kennedy Chapel: Mrs. Margaret Voiner, Pavo, R. 3; Tallahassee: Mrs. R. L. Hunter, Tallahassee, Fla.; Thomasville: Mrs. Mary Jargingan, Thomasville.

Recessed business for preaching hour.

Song—"It's an Unfriendly World."

Prayer by Rev. L. O. Lovett.

Morning sermon by Rev. W. F. Clark. Scripture reading, Matt. 9:37. Theme, "Laborers are few". A well delivered and inspiring sermon was given, stating we need spiritual leadership more today than ever.

During the course of the morning service on Thursday Rev. W. F. Clark, Thomasville, Ga., petitioned for membership in the Union Association. The delegates of the Thomasville Church voted him a member of their church and the Association extended to him the right hand of fellowship, welcoming him back into the Association.

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. McDuffey.

Reassemble.

Opening song: "I'll Fly Away."

Open for business.

An offering was taken and given to the New Hope Church to help pay for new seats.

Rev. and Mrs. C. J. Harvey, Midway Association, were seated as visitors.

S. Lee Holden, Ochlocknee, was appointed as a member of the executive committee.

Motion and carried that the following notations be placed in minutes.

"In event of trouble or confusion arising in a local church, it shall be done with all correspondence of the church, through the legal channel. In event a brother reports a trouble in his church said letter must be returned to said church to be read in open conference."

The following were placed on the Association Mission Board: Rev. L. S. Anthony, 207 Barnesville St., Thomaston, Ga.; G. W. Worsham, Camilla, Ga., R. 2; Rev. W. F. Clark, 115 Cecil St., Thomasville, Ga.

This board's purpose is to carry on business of raising funds for helping in all phases of Missionary work. To organize a mission board in local churches where they don't carry out the budget plans. They urge every church to have a unified program.

The explanation of a unified program: all finances of church are divided by percentage to following: Missions, Christian Education, Mt. Bethel, Pastor, Building, Operation fund and Superannuation. Get promotional programs from Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

Delegates to sister Association elected thus:

Little River: Obie Cone.

Georgia Union: Bro. and Sister McKinney.

Chattahoochee: Rev. W. F. Clark.

Midway: Rev. A. L. Sellars.

Martin: Rev. K. V. Shutes.

North Florida: Rev. W. L. Barrow.

South Georgia: Rev. K. V. Shutes.

State Association, G. W. Worsham .

Alternate: Rev. Obie Cone.

Motion and carried that \$10.00 be sent to State Association.

Motion and carried that Moderator be paid \$5.00, Clerk \$25.00.

A vote of thanks was rendered to the community and church for the fine way in which they rendered the body while in their midst.

Motion that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. W. L. Barrow.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEES

We your Devotional Committee recommend that Rev. K. V. Shutes preach Oct. 18, 1950, at evening services, Rev. Clark, Thurs.

MRS. R. C. Ferguson, Chairman

NOMINATIONS

We your committee recommend that the Union Association meet with Midway Church next session, with Rev. W. G. Boyd to preach introductory sermon with Rev. W. F. Clark alternate.

Places for the Union Meetings; Dec. 31, 1950, Salem Church, Rev. K. V. Shutes to preach sermon. April: Greenwood, sermon by Rev. Obie Cone. July: Thomasville, sermon by Rev. L. O. Lovett. Sept.: Kennedy Chapel, sermon by Rev. L. S. Anthony.

S. L. HOLDEN, Chairman

AUXILIARIES

We the committee find seven churches with Sunday Schools, four leagues, two Ladies Auxiliaries, six weekly prayer meetings. We recommend that each church will do their best to have these Auxiliaries organized for teaching and training the youth of each community.

MRS. M. G. BOYKIN, Chairman

EDUCATION

We your committee submit the following, knowing the great need of Christian education. We should be careful in institutions to which we send our children, should be careful to place the right literature before our children in our homes. We as the people of this Association need to support and encourage our young people in Christian education. We want our Association to recommend our Free Will Baptist Bible School, 3609 Richmond Ave., Nashville, Tenn. We have 96 students and they have a campaign to raise \$10,000 to support college.

RAIFORD SLOAN, Chairman

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We recommend all churches to use denominational literature in all Auxiliaries. That each church would subscribe for the Youth Banner, also use promotional banners and emblems. We urge each church member to read the Free Will Baptist paper, daily Bible reading instead of comic books.

MRS. EDGAR McMURPHY, Chairman

STATE OF CHURCHES

We your committee on churches find from the reading of church letters all are in good spiritual condition and have pastor. We praise the Lord for this report and pray that our churches will continue to advance with Christ in all our work.

MRS. C. J. HARVEY, Chairman

TEMPERANCE

We your committee on Temperance urge this body of Christian people to study temperance and put it into practice. We insist that you study the 2nd chapter of Titus, teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope and the appearing of the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ.

MRS. VELMA CONE, Chairman

DESTITUTIONS

We, your committee, find all churches supplied with pastors.

M. H. HINSON, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS

We your committee recommend the adoption of the resolutions of last Association; also resolve that delegates appointed to attend Association be on time and stay until all business is completed, as we realize that the Lord's business is the greatest of all the business of life.

Be it resolved that this Association adopt a budget of \$90.00 as fees to be paid as follows: Bethlehem \$8.00; Midway \$15.00; Kennedy Chapel \$8.00; Clemmens Bridge \$5.00; Greenwood \$10.00; Salem \$10.00; Spring Hill \$10.00; Tallahassee \$10.00; New Hope \$5.00; Thomasville \$10.00; St. Paul \$10.00.

Be it resolved that each church take one offering each month

THE UNITED FREE WILL BAPTISTS

for State Budget offering, to be sent to the State Promotional worker, Rev. E. C. Morris, P. O. Box 553, Tifton, Ga.

REV. A. L. SELLARS, Chairman

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fees sent in by local churches amount to \$109.00.

BOB TUCKER, Chairman

TREASURER'S REPORT

Received from Finance Committee -----	\$109.00
Paid Moderator -----	5.00
Paid Clerk -----	25.00
Paid State Association -----	10.00
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Total Paid Out -----	\$ 40.00
Balance -----	\$ 69.00
Received from Union Meeting -----	28.00
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Total -----	\$ 97.00

ADDRESS OF MISSIONARY OF CUBA

REV. T. H. WHILEY, Apartado 27,
PINAR DEL RIO, CUBA

NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF MINISTERS

ORDAINED

Elder G. T. Dell -----	Pavo, Fla.
Elder Obie Cone -----	Rt. 3, Pavo, Ga.
Elder W. A. Sellers -----	Camilla, Ga.
Elder A. L. Sellars -----	Quitman, Ga.
Elder W. L. Harrell -----	Omega, Ga.
Elder W. G. Boyd -----	Thomasville, Ga.
Elder C. L. Croft -----	Barney, Ga.
Elder L. S. Anthony, -----	207, Barnesville St., Thomaston, Ga.
Elder J. O. Brumby -----	Rt. 4, Tallahassee, Fla.
Elder W. L. Barrow -----	Drifton, Fla.
Elder L. O. Lovitt -----	Lenox, Ga.
Elder L. A. Norris -----	Bainbridge, Ga.
Elder K. V. Shutes -----	Camilla, Ga.
Elder W. F. Clark -----	115 Cecil St., Thomasville, Ga.
George D. Roberts -----	Pavo, Ga.

LICENTIATES

Elder N. L. Lamb -----	Meigs, Ga.
Elder J. H. Russell -----	Thomasville, Ga.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a gospel church or Church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptised believers in Christ.

3. That the visible church is the aggregate or whole number of gospel churches, and that the invisible church is composed of the redeemed now in heaven and such Christians on earth as are not attached to the visible church according to gospel rules.

4. That the establishment of a central catholic government over the visible church, or any part thereof, is a device of earthly ambition, repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of man.

5. That gospel churches are the only ecclesiastical bodies or tribunals authorized by the Scriptures; and that each church has the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute, and that if this right be surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegates or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel church.

6. That churches may, nevertheless, we suppose, meet by delegates, form an association and declare the terms upon which they will keep up the correspondence; but that the right and authority of churches being inalienable, or in no way compromised or hindered by entering into an association, and therefore an association has no authority over churches or individuals, their only power being to transact business which does not pertain to churches in their ecclesiastical capacity; to promote natural intercourses, and a concentration of voluntary effort; and to give that advice to churches which might equal authority given by an individual.

7. That the authority of the churches is designated for the perpetuation of the true religion of the Gospel, and for the preservation of true and orderly bodies of Christians on earth, that is fully sufficient for the purpose intended, but that does not extend to persons, property or the conscience of men in any manner whatsoever.

8. That the only requisites to church membership are faith in Christ and obedience to the Gospel, that faith in Christ necessarily exists in connection with the belief in the fundamental truths of Christianity, and that to prescribe any other requisite of such membership is an assumption of authority on the part of the church and a departure from the Gospel plan.

9. That the officers of a church are elders and deacons; that the elders are called bishops or pastors and all of the elders are equal in rank though they may perform different functions—since some may be bishops or pastors of particular churches, while others may be simple elders, having no pastoral charge.

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching, exhortation and rebuke, but no further, that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of offenders, that as a member of the church, he is not more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to

be brought to trial before his brethren and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

11. That Christian Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost.

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart to their office or ordination, by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

14. No licentiate shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

CHURCH DECORUM

1. The church may choose a pastor annually at the last regular conference in Association year; or if they prefer it, may choose a pastor for an indefinite length of time to continue from year to year, as long as he may deem it proper to keep up the connection.

2. When it becomes necessary, a pastor may be chosen at any other time; but if the choice be made at a special conference the time must be appointed at a monthly meeting of the church.

3. The pastor shall be Moderator of the church, but when he is absent or does not sit as moderator being present, some suitable brother shall be appointed to sit in his place.

4. There shall be two or more deacons in the church, whose duty it shall be to superintend the collection and disbursement of all contributions made by the church for the pastor, etc., and to distribute the bread and wine in the administration of the Lord's Supper.

5. The Deacons shall take notice of such members as refuse or neglect to partake of the Lord's Supper and endeavor to ascertain the cause that the same may be laid before the church in conference if necessary.

6. Some suitable member shall be appointed Clerk and it shall be his duty to do all the recording and writing pertaining to the business of the church, and to preserve a file of the minutes of the Association.

7. When a Clerk is appointed, all the books, minutes, etc., belonging to the Clerk, shall be immediately delivered to him by his predecessor. Also, it shall be the duty of the church clerk to revise the church roll at least once a year. It shall be the duty of the pastors to instruct the deacons and clerks of their churches in regard to money for minutes.

8. The church shall hold a two day's monthly meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of the conference.

9. It shall be the duty of every member, male or female, to attend each conference meeting, if they can, for on that day the pastor is expected to instruct the church in a certain manner by giving plain and pointed lessons on doctrine, discipline and the rules of holy living.

10. Any male member who shall fail to attend three successive

conferences, and any member whatever, of the church according to the Covenant (Article 5) shall be cited to appear in conference and answer for his neglect; but the church may exempt members from this rule if necessary.

11. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer unless divine service has just been concluded, and generally then. (2) Invite visiting brethren to seats. (3) Open the door for reception of members. (4) Call for absentees. (5) For acknowledgements. (6) For reference of deferred business. (7) For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church. (8) For miscellaneous business.

12. Visiting brethren, as helpers called in from sister churches, shall speak and make motions or seconds, but not allowed to vote.

13. An orderly member of the Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, unless withdrawn, the members who make them shall be liable to be taken under dealing with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend the trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

17. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced, he shall not be examined until the question has been put to the church, Will you hear the testimony of the witness?

18. The evidence in every case or dealing and acknowledgment shall be recorded in the church book.

19. Members dismissed from the church by letter who become disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their misconduct.

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

21. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference.

23. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided; but a member, upon receipt, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

24. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering, without being subject to be called by the Moderator.

25. All discussions in conference must be conducted with

calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep the point in the debate.

26. No one shall speak more than three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator nor shall the remarks of any one be unreasonably long.

27. When the Moderator speaks he must designate some brother to act in his stead.

28. No one shall be interrupted while speaking unless it can be to call the speaker to order.

29. It shall be the duty of each church to attend to the administration of the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet at least once a year.

30. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

32. No Licentiate shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

33. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two consecutive monthly conferences.

CHURCH COVENANT

1. Having been brought, as we humbly trust, by Divine Grace into the knowledge of our Divine Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and to devote our time and talents to the interest of pure and undefiled religion, we do solemnly covenant with each other to walk together in love and brotherly kindness and to glorify God through life as the only hope in death.

2. We agree to exercise Christian love and affection for each other as members of the household of faith, that the knowledge of truth may be glorified in us and by us, to the end that we may be perfect in the will of God through Christ Jesus concerning us.

3. We endeavor to uphold the public worship of Almighty God and ordinances of His church, not to forsake the assembling of ourselves together; that we will cheerfully contribute of the means with which we are blessed for the ministry among us and other necessary expenses of the church.

4. We will not neglect the devotional exercises of secret prayer and the duties of family worship, and the training up of our children, and those under our care with a view to the service of Christ and the enjoyment of Heaven.

5. We agree to neglect our secular or worldly avocation to attend the stated meetings of the church and to labor for its prosperity in the most holy faith, believing that if we do this we let our light shine; if we fail to attend to the sacred duties we prove to be a stumbling block to the world and a reproach to the church.

6. We believe that all Christians are endowed with certain talents and influences, for the improvement of which they will be accountable to the Great Head of the church; that if there are unruly members in the church, it is our duty to approach such in the spirit of love and to admonish them to forsake their evil doings, if they will not hear thee, take one or two more that in

the mouth of two or three witnesses that every word may be established; then if they will not hear the Church then let them be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.

7. We believe the worldly dance and drinking ardent spirits with the co-mingling with drunkards are sins which should be condemned by the church.

8. It shall be the duty of all pastors to read or have read this Covenant and to explain every part and clause thereof to the church quarterly.

DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until the successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave of absence without permission from the body.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13. No church shall liberate any minister coming from any other denomination until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and received credentials bearing their approval.

14. Any church that shall tolerate Unknown Tongue in their church shall be regarded as encouraging heresy, and shall be dealt with for such. Also any church, or pastor allowing preaching of such that is, sinless perfection, as a second work of grace, to occupy their pulpit, shall be dealt with for encouraging heresy.

CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

2. It shall be composed of: (1) The ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto: (2) Legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

3. Requirement of churches. Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the minister whose membership is with them, give name and postoffice of the Church Clerk, give the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded, and died, the number of members, and the amount paid for Associational purposes.

4. Each church in the Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without suspension or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.

5. This body shall be considered an advisory council whose duty is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn formally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote a moral and benevolent means and institution such as education, Sabbath Schools, missionary work, etc.

6. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, to be chosen by ballot.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our articles of faith and conform to its usages.

8. Churches sending delegates to this Association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority of votes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

1. First, We believe that there is but one living, true and eternal God, the Father, of whom are all things from everlasting to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—I Cor. 8:6, Isa. 40:28.

2. We believe that there is one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, the only begotten Son of God, born of the Virgin Mary, whom God freely sent into this world, because of the great love wherewith He loved the world; and Christ as freely gave Himself a ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 6.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 6.

4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded

the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15, 17; I Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ, who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; I John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallibly true, and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—II Tim. 3:16, 17.

8. We believe in the doctrine of General Provision made of God in Christ, for the benefit of all mankind, who repent and believe in the Gospel.—Luke 14:16, 20; Matt. 28:19, 20; Luke 13:3, 5; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:15.

9. We believe that sinners are drawn to God, the Father, by the Holy Ghost, through Christ His Son, and that the Holy Ghost offers His divine aid to all the human family; so as they all might be happy, would they give place to His divine teachings; whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, own their condemnation just, and charge themselves with their own damnation, for willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

10. We believe that men, not considered, simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; II Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9, 11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own person, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the kingdom of God."—I Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:25; Mark 9:36, 37; Matt. 18:25; Matt. 19:13.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of the means of grace, and not out of the use of those means, eternal life is promised to men.—Rev. 22:14, 15; Isa. 1:19, 20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34, 35.

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass

upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22, 31; Matt. 25:31, 46.

15. We believe, as touching gospel ordinances, in believers baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint's feet, anointing the sick with oil in the name of the Lord, fasting, prayer, singing praise to God, and the public ministry of the Word, with every institution of the Lord we shall find in the New Testament.—Mark 16:15, 16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19, 20; John 13:5, 17; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects for baptism.—Matt. 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 3:19, 21; Rom. 6:4; Col. 2:12.

17. We believe in a general resurrection of the dead and a final judgment at the last day.—John 5:28, 29; II Cor. 5:10.

18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Committees: (a) Preaching; (b) Denominational Literature; (c) Temperance; (d) Church and Destitution; (e) Education; (f) Ministers; (g) Auxiliaries; (h) Resolutions; (i) Finance; (j) Card of Thanks.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Miscellaneous business.
11. Adjournment.

Statistical Table

CHURCH AND COUNTY	CLERK AND POST OFFICE	PASTOR	Value of Church	Time of Meeting	Received by Baptism			Lost by Letter	Lost by Death	Lost by Expelled	No. Members	Associational Purposes	Paid Pastors	Building Repairs	Paid Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Christian Education	Pair for Superannuation	Paid for Evangelist	Publication	All Other Purposes	Youth Camp
					Received by Letter	Lost by Letter	Lost by Death															
Bethlehem Colquitt	Mrs. Lillie Croft Moultrie, Ga., R 5	L. S. Anthony	\$2,000	2	3	3	4	3		48	\$8	75.00	50.00								50.00	
Midway Colquitt	Mrs. Mattie Gay Moultrie, Ga., R 4	L. S. Anthony	1,250	1-3	9	6	12		2	94	15	609.11	3,509.82	61.10	24.62	44.74	67.40	217.86	83.86	75.10	102.34	
Clemmens Bridge Mitchell	Corene Morey Albany, Ga.	W. A. Sellars	500	1				1		15	5	75.66								6.50		
Greenwood Mitchell	Louie Lamb Camilla, Ga.	K. V. Shutes	2,000	2-4	23	7				79	20	567.78	15.00	15.71	92.61	117.91	10.48	332.56	83.86		27.65	
Spring Hill Mitchell	Mrs. T. N. Morey Doerun, Ga.	J. B. Lumpkin	2,000	4	29	10	1			126	10	30.69		25.00				45.00		10.00		
Salem Jefferson, Fla.	Alpha Curtis Monticello, Fla.	W. L. Barrow	1,000	2-4		1				59	10	218.00		2.26		2.00	4.00	19.15		28.84		
St. Paul Tift	M. H. Hinson Omega, Ga.	W. L. Harrell	1,250	2-4	3		1			52	10	268.50		105.75	31.72	8.38	3.14			41.99		
New Hope Colquitt	M. B. Lanier Cooledge, Ga.	W. G. Boyd	2,500	1-3	5	4	1			43	4	238.75						51.37		15.00		
Kennedy Chapel Thomas	Mrs. Mamie Brooks Thomasville, R 4	W. G. Boyd	1,500	2-4		3	1			38	8	84.34		49.50	1.62	2.88	1.08			33.72		
Thomasville Thomas	Mrs. E. L. Way 404 E. Calhoun St. Thomasville, Ga.	Forrest Sellars	4000	1234	1		4		2	46	10	225.00		30.00				6.00				
Tallahassee Leon, Fla.	Blanche Harris Box 85B—R—5 Tallahassee, Fla.	Earl Wood	4,500	2-4	2	2	1	1		36	9	373.00	6.00	15.00				90.00				