

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Third Annual Session

OF THE

UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE ORIGINAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST

WHEN CONVENED WITH

Kennedy Chapel Church, Oct. 22, 1958

New Hope Church, Oct. 23, 1958

OFFICERS

Elder W. L. Purvis, Mod.	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder L. G. Baldwin, Asst. Mod.	Coolidge, Ga.
Kenneth Murphy, Clerk	Moultrie, Ga.
Billy Hatcher, Asst. Clerk	Sale City, Ga.

Executive Committee

Paul Hayes (1959)	Camilla, Ga.
M. H. Hinson (1960)	Omega, Ga.
Walter Sloan (1961)	Moultrie, Ga.
H. D. Singleton (1962)	Camilla, Ga.
Curtis Gay (1963)	Hartsfield, Ga.

The next session of this Association will be held with Cairo Church, Oct. 21, 1959, and Greenwood Church, Oct. 22, 1959.

Elder Mance Cason to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder Harvey Giddens to be Alternate.

OUR DEAD

Lavone Wilson	Bay
G. T. Harvey	Greenwood
Mrs. C. J. Harvey	Greenwood
Ida Ross	St. Paul
Maggie Pry	St. Paul
Mamie Morey	Springhill

"The passing of these Loved Ones is a great loss to our Association, but may our loss be Heaven's gain.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Quarterly Meetings:

1st. at Bay Church	January 17, 1959
Elder Eugene Irvin	To Preach
2nd. at St. Paul Church	April 18, 1959
Elder L. G. Baldwin	To Preach
3rd. at Poulan Church	July 18, 1959
Elder W. L. Purvis	To Preach

Ministers and Deacons Conference:

1st.—March 28, 1959—Greenwood	Elder W. L. Purvis, Speaker
2nd.—May 30, 1959—Midway	Elder Lamar Parrish, Speaker
3rd.—August 29, 1959—Union Hill	Elder Harvey Giddens, Speaker

League Convention:

At Greenwood Church—Sept. 19, 1959.

League Rally, Friday night before 5th Sunday. Quarterly.

Sunday School Convention (Annual Conv.—Aug. 30, 1959.

Sunday School Rally—Each 5th Sunday at 2:00 P.M.

PROCEEDINGS

"33rd Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 33rd annual session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convening with Kennedy Chapel and New Hope Church October 22-23, 1958.

1. Opened with song service led by Bro. Jack Faison. Opening song: "Revive Us Again." Prayer by Elder L. G. Baldwin.
Devotional by Elder Lamar Parrish, Scripture lesson Romans 13:1-3. Theme "Let us be Subject Unto the Power of God."
2. Opened for business. Call for church letters and have them read.
 - a. Motion and carried that moderator appoint someone to read letters.
 - b. Elder E. C. Morris and Bro. Jack Faison appointed to read letters.
 - c. Motion and carried to accept letters as read and seat delegates. Other churches and delegates to be received if they report later.
 - d. Delegates received and seated from their respective churches:

BAY:—Sis. Pauline Gay, Sis. W. L. Purvis.

CAIRO:—Sis. Betty Ward, Sis. Ora Parrish.

GREENWOOD:—Sis. Amos Morris, G. W. Wisham, Sis. Eva Hutto.

KENNEDY CHAPEL:—Bro. Perry Congar, Bro. Brinson Wilson, Bro. Bill Hagar.

MIDWAY:—Bro. Odis Elrod, Sis. J. B. Rice, Sis. Ilene Boyd.

NEW HOPE:—Sis. Emory Murphy.

ST. PAUL:—Bro. Frank Shivers, Sis. Sallie Shivers, Sis. Viola Hinson.

SPRINGHILL:—Bro. Allen Bundy, Sis. Claree Bundy, Sis. Elva Harpe.

UNION HILL:—Bro. and Sis. L. A. Bass, Bro. and Sis. L. D. Bass.

POULAN:—Bro. D. L. Harris, Sis. Nadine Piper, Sis. E. H. Nelms, Sis. Charles Hutchinson.
3. MISC. BUSINESS:—Delayed at present time.
Motion and carried to recess from business session for the preaching service.
Song Service led by Bro. Brinson Wilson.
Introductory Message brought by Elder A. C. Truluck.
Scripture lesson, Ephesians 5:17-21 and Luke 4:1-4."
"Theme" ("Be ye filled with the Spirit.")
A most challenging message presented to all that as Christ was filled with the Spirit let us be likewise.

"An Altar service was held and many come to pray for the leadership of God's Spirit.

Dismissed for lunch:—The host church, Kennedy Chapel, entertained us with a wonderful lunch.

AFTERNOON SESSION

Re-assemble, singspiration—"At the Cross," Prayer by Elder E. C. Morris. Scripture lesson by Moderator, John 19:11. Comments: "Be ye subject to the higher power for there is no power except it be of God."

4. Call for petitionary letters.

Poulan Free Will Baptist Church presented a letter petitioning membership in the Union Association. Due to the location of their church they felt it more convenient for them to belong to this association than the Chattahoochee association.

Motion and carried to accept the church under the watch care of the association until the letter of recommendation from the Chattahoochee Assn. is received.

Elder C. J. Harvey made a plea for support for Camp Mt. Bethel in their coming endeavor to entertain the State Association Nov. 11-13. An offering of \$11.07 was received.

5. Invite visiting Brethren to seat with us. Moderator extended fellowship to them visiting with us.

6. Call for Corresponding Messengers:

CHATTACHOOCHEE:—Elder W. R. Lawhorn.

LITTLE RIVER:—Elder E. C. Morris.

7. Appointing of Committees:

a. Preaching:—Bill Hagen, Eva Hutto, Sallie Shivers.

b. Devotional Literature:—G. W. Wisham, Viola Hinson, Mrs. L. A. Bass.

c. Temperance:—Betty Ward, L. A. Bass, Perry Conger.

d. Credential:—(standing committee appointed at last session) Jack Faison, Harvey Giddens, Curtis Gay, Walter Sloan, L. G. Baldwin—to replace Kenneth Faison.

e. Education:—Pauline Gay, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Brinson Wilson.

f. Ministers:—Odis Elrod, Ela Mae Hutchinson, Ora Parrish.

g. Auxiliaries:—Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Elva Hayes, Ilene Boyd.

h. Resolution:—W. L. Purvis, Frank Shivers, Olen Bundy, Eugene Irvin, D. L. Harris.

i. Finance:—C. J. Harvey, Mrs. Amos Morris, Douglas Murphy, Clara Bundy.

j. Nominations:—Odis Elrod, Myrtice Goff, Eugene Irvin.

k. Card of Thanks:—Lamar Parrish, A. C. Truluck.

8. Unfinished Business:—Delayed until later.

9. Report of Committees:—Found elsewhere in minutes.

Elder E. C. Morris, State Promotional Secretary gave a brief talk about the state work in general.

At the close of his talk he awarded certificates to those churches which had supported the unified work and merited a place on the honor roll and grand honor roll.

Grand Honor Roll, and per Capita Gift:

Bay—\$6.80, Clements Bridge—\$6.34, Midway—\$3.21,

Junior Honor Roll—Springhill and Cairo church.

Motion and carried to extend a rising vote of thanks to Kennedy Chapel Church for their warm hospitality.

Motion and carried to adjourn until Thursday morning Oct. 23, to meet at 9:30 A.M. with New Hope.

MORNING SERVICE, OCT. 23, 1958

Song service opened by singing, "In the Garden" led by A. C. Truluck. Prayer by Elder Harvey Giddens.

Devotion: By Moderator, Scripture lesson, Mark 3:22, continuing theme, "Be Ye Subject Unto the Power of God."

8. Unfinished Business Continued: Replacement of Executive Committee member: Curtis Gay's term expires at end of the session. Opened for nominations. Curtis Gay re-elected for an additional 5 years.

Bro. Curtis Gay gives oral report of ministers and deacons conference meetings. (Written report found elsewhere in Minutes.)

MESSENGERS APPOINTED TO SISTER ASSOCIATIONS

Ga. Union	Elder C. J. Harvey
So. Ga.	Ruby Faison, Juanita Tucker
Chatt.	Elder Harvey Giddens
Midway	Elder C. J. Harvey
Martin	Elder C. J. Harvey
Little River	Elder Lamar Parrish
State	Mrs. J. B. Rice, M. H. Hinson and wife
National	Elder A. C. Truluck

Mrs. J. B. Rice gave report on auxiliary work. (see report elsewhere).

Bro. Douglas Murphy elected as field worker for the League, replacing Kenneth Faison.

Motion and carried that clerk disburse of Assn. Finance according to the budget adopted last year.

Bro. Odis Elrod gave oral report on camp work for the past year. Motion and carried to receive report as given.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION

ELECTION OF AUXILIARY WORKERS

League	Douglas Murphy
Sunday School	Curtis Gay
Brotherhood	H. D. Singleton
Woman's Aux.	Mrs. J. B. Rice
Camp Worker	Odis Elrod

Motion and carried that the clerk answer the letter of S. S. Miller requesting credentials from the Union Assn. Instructing him that our Assn. has no jurisdiction on him inasmuch as he is not a member of this Assn. and therefore we cannot issue him credentials or letter of recommendation.

Motion and carried to adjourn business for preaching service.

Message by Elder W. R. Lawhorn. John 14:1-6, Psalms 110:105. Theme: "Follow the Word of God." A very inspirational sermon was enjoyed by all.

Dismissed for lunch by Elder L. O. Lovett.

1:30 P.M.—RE-ASSEMBLE FROM LUNCH

Song service led by A. C. Truluck.

Prayer by Elder Myrtice Goff.

Scripture reading by Elder E. C. Morris—1 Cor. 9.

BUSINESS RESUMED

9. Balance of Committee reports received and approved.

10. Election of Officers:

Moderator	Elder W. L. Purvis
Asst. Moderator	Elder L. G. Baldwin
Clerk	Kenneth Murphy
Asst. Clerk	Billy Hatcher

11. Motion and carried to adjourn this 33rd Annual Session of the Union Association.

Dismissed with prayer by Elder A. C. Truluck.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

a. Preaching: We recommend that Elder Joe Barfield preach tonight and Elder W. R. Lawhorn Thursday. Motion and carried to accept report and release committee.

b. Denominational Literature: We recommend that we keep good Christian literature in our homes and as parents study the Bible more and encourage our children to study God's word, for in His word He tells us to bring up a child in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Motion and carried to accept report and release committee.

Bro. G. W. Wisham, Chr.

c. Temperance: We the committee after reading last years Minutes can't take from, but we do recommend that not only the Preachers Preach and Practice but that the deacons and lay members practice Temperance. Motion and carried to accept report and release committee.

Betty Ward, Chr.

d. Credentials Committee:

1. The members of the Executive Committee met with the Credential Committee for the purpose of considering the condition existing at Kennedy's Chapel Church brought over from last year's Assn.

2. The deacons of Kennedy Chapel were asked to meet with the Committee.

3. The meeting was opened with prayer.

4. Those present were brought up to date on the report from last year. After much prayerful discussion the Credentials Committee came to this conclusion; that, if Kennedy Chapel continues to keep their present pastor, who is, Bro. J. R. Sellers, they will be out of order with the Union Assn.

5. Bro. Sellers is a member of what is known as Old Line Assn. which is not recognized or in fellowship with the Free Will Baptist Georgia State Assn.

6. However this committee recommends to this body that the church, Kennedy Chapel be granted 90 days in which to dismiss or release Bro. Sellers.

7. We further recommend that if this request be complied with that Kennedy Chapel continue in full fellowship with the Union Assn.

8. The Committee further reports that there has not been any thing brought to our attention that is out of order. And to the best of our knowledge all ministers of this Assn. are in good standing with the Union Assn.

Moved and carried to accept report as read.

e. Education: We your committee see and realize that education is a source of knowledge in which Christ may be magnified thru the teaching of God's word. We believe that the teaching of God's word, should begin early in life, for more advanced education if desired we recommend a good religious college of your choice. Moved and carried to received report and release committee.

Pauline Gay, Chm.

f. Ministers and Churches: We your committee find Kennedy Chapel still using a pastor that is not in fellowship with our Association. We find one church has disbanded, namely, Clements Bridge. We recommend that all churches and ministers practice and preach the doctrine adopted by our association. We recommend that all preachers and churches abide by our decorum. We find Rev. Kenneth Faison in good standing with this association and recommend that this body grant him a letter in full fellowship to the General Conference of Lake City, S.C. Moved and carried to accept report and release committee.

Sis. Charles Hutchinson, Chm.

g. Auxiliaries: We your committee find 9 churches represented at the association with 9 Sunday Schools, 7 prayer services; 5 leagues; 2 women's auxiliary; 2 brotherhoods; 1 G.T.A.; 1 Y.P.A.; 1 B.A.; 1 church petitioning membership. We recommend that all churches in the association take part in the auxiliaries that they may be stronger churches in Christ. Moved and carried to accept report as read. Committee released.

Sis. W. L. Purvis, Chr.

h. Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that our pastoral year end Aug. 31.

2. Realizing the power of unity and that also God is not the author of confusion, but the God of Peace, be it resolved each church call a pastor that is in full fellowship with some association that is affiliated with Original Free Will Baptist.

3. Be it resolved that we encourage each church to support the Unified Program with at least one offering each month.

4. Be it resolved that every deacon belonging to this association attend at least one day at each annual session unless providentially hindered.

5. That the following budget be adopted for the churches dues to Association. Bay—\$15.00, Cairo—\$10.00, Midway—\$25.00, Kennedy Chapel—\$20.00, Greenwood—\$25.00, Springhill—\$25.00, St. Paul—\$25.00, New Hope—\$15.00, Union Hill—\$10.00, Poulan—\$10.00. Moved and carried to receive report, release committee and adopt articles one at a time. Each article adopted as recorded.

W. L. Purvis, Chr.

i. Finance: Received as follows from churches: Bay.....\$15.00, Greenwood—\$10.00, Cairo—\$10.00, Midway—\$25.00, Kennedy Chapel—\$20.00, Springhill—\$25.00, New Hope—\$6.00, St. Paul—\$25.00, Union Hill—\$10.00, Treasury—\$2.24, Ministers and Deacons Assn.—\$20.00, Quarterly Meeting—\$22.00. Total received and turned over to clerk, \$190.24. Moved and carried to accept report and release committee.

C. J. Harvey, Chr.

j. Nominating Committee: We recommend that the next session of this association meet with Cairo Church the 1st day of Oct., 1959 and Greenwood the 2nd day of Oct., 1959. Elder Mance Cason to preach. Introductory sermon, Elder Harvey Giddens alternate. We recommend the following places for Quarterly meetings. 1st at Bay, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in January, 1959. Elder Eugene Irvin. 2nd at St. Paul, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April, 1959. Elder L. G. Baldree to preach. 3rd at Poulan, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July, Elder W. L. Purvis to preach. Report accepted and committee released.

Odis Elrod Chr.

k. Card of Thanks: The Moderator expresses the sentiment of the association for the fine hospitality given to this body by Kennedy's Chapel and New Hope Churches.

Elder Lamar Parrish, Moderator.

l. Auxiliary Worker: I haven't accomplished as much as I would have liked to, but organized one auxiliary this year in our association, which is Cairo Church, who seem to be very active at present. The other church having one is Midway. The rest don't seem to be interested.

Sis. J. B. Rice

ASSOCIATIONAL TREASURE REPORT

Bal. on hand at close of 32nd Session	\$100.00
Received from 1st Quarterly Meeting	21.00
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Total	\$121.00
Paid for printing 1957 Minutes	115.36
Freight on Shipping	2.00
Postage for Mailing	1.40
Total Paid Out	\$118.76
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Bal. in Treasury	\$ 2.24

REPORT FOR 1958-1959

Received from Finance Committee	\$190.24
Disbursements:	
Paid Clerk	25.00
Paid Moderator	10.00
State Association (for Quarterly Meeting)	5.00
State Association (for Union Assn. Dues)	15.00
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Total Paid Out	\$ 55.00
Balance in Treasury	\$135.24
(Minutes to be paid for from this amount)	

REPORT OF THE UNION MEETINGS

The 1st Union meeting was held Jan. 18, 1958, at Midway Church. A change of time for business session was made to receive letters and seat delegates from local churches' delegates.

BAY—Mrs. Bob Tucker, Mrs. Curtis Gay, Floyd Faison.

CLEMENTS BRIDGE—Majorie Parrish, T. E. Bundy.

KENNEDY CHAPEL—Mrs. E. T. Robinson, Velma Cone, Margaret Vonier.

MIDWAY—Auther Wyatt, Ralph Gay, Odis Elrod.

GREENWOOD—Sisters G. T. Harvey, H. D. Singleton, Bro. G. W. Wis-
ham.

NEW HOPE—Eva Murphy, Nettie Lanier, Bro. Harper.

SPRINGHILL—Tom Hatcher and wife, Allen Bundy.

UNION HILL—J. D. Bass, Lonnie Bass.

CAIRO—J. F. Parrish and wife, E. J. Dickens.

Elder H. L. Knighton, Albany Church was invited to give some information on how to organize a Sunday School Convention and its purpose.

Sermon by Elder Myrtice Goff. Scripture, Jonah, 2:8.

Welcome address, Elder Kenneth Faison.

Lunch served by host church.

Evening service, opened with song and prayer.

Business: Eclamation and discussion of the Unified program by Elder E. C. Morris, with people from congregation asking questions and Rev. Morris answering. A program committee for Quarterly meetings was appointed by Moderator; namely, Curtis Gay, Mrs. Bob Tucker, Mrs. E. T. Robinson. Motion and carried that money received through Union Meeting, other than expenses be given to Associational Treasury.

Jack Faison, Moderator

Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk

The 2nd Quarterly meeting April 19, 1958—Greenwood Church. In absence of Moderator and Clerk, Elder C. J. Harvey was appointed acting Moderator. Elder Kenneth Faison served as Clerk protem. Program was adopted. At request of Elder Obie Cone, Elder W. L. Purvis, gave a talk on Sunday School. Sermon by Elder L. G. Baldwin. Scripture, Mark 1:19. After the morningf session the host church served lunch.

Evening Session: Oeopened with song and prayer. Received letters. Some read and relegates seated.

Springhill—Lamar Rayburn and wife.

Kennedy Chapel—W. W. Davis and wife, Perry Conger.

Greenwood—Arthur and Johnnie Kearns, Shirley Hutto.

Bay—Louise and Eloise Purvis, Ruby Faison.

Cairo—Nan Thigpen, Betty Ward, Pearl Watson.

Midway—Sisters, Douglas Murphy, Laverne Elrod, Brenda Green.

Union Hill—L. D. Bass, W. T. Walters and wife.

A report on Organizing of Sunday Schools convention was given. Dismissed in prayer by Bro. Morey.

Elder C. J. Harvey, acting Mod.

Elder Kenneth Faison, Clerk Protm.

The 3rd Quarterly meeting July 19, 1958 was held with Springhill Church. Opened with song and prayer. A Sunday School talk was given by Elder J. B. Lumpkin. Prayer by Elder W. L. Purvis. Sermon by Elder A. C. Truluck.

After Morning Session the host church served lunch.

Evening Session: Opened with song and prayer. Received letters and seated delegates.

Bay—Sis. W. L. Purvis, Floyd Faison.

Clements Bridge—Sisters Corene Morey, Willene Bundy, Floyd Morey.

Midway—Kenneth Murphy, Nora Mae Sloan.

Kennedy Chapel—Jack Dixon and wife, Washington Davis.

Union Hill—L. D. Bass and wife, Flora Walters.

Greenwood—G. W. Wisham, Eva Hutto, Sis. G. T. Harvey.

Springhill—Mae Morey, Jewel Holton, Will Gleasuse.

Cairo—Nan Thigpen, Pearl Watson, Betty Ward.

Motion and carried to retain dues in Treasury for associational purposes. Words of appreciation were given to C. J. Faison, Mod.; Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk, for the work they had done for the Union Meetings during their term as officers. This being their last session as officers of the Union Meeting. Reason, according to resolutions passed at last session of Union Association, there will be only one set of officers. serving at all sessions. Dismissed in prayer by W. G. Wisham.

Jack Faison, Mod.
Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk.

UNION MEETING TREASURE REPORT

Rec. from Churches \$59.00

DISBURSEMENTS

Placed in Association Treasury\$38.42
Paid Clerk 15.00
Paid Moderator 5.00
Other Expenses58

Total\$59.00

No balance in Treasure

REPORT OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention of the Union Association was organized at Bay Church, March 30, 1958, assisted by Elder E. C. Morris, State Promotional Secretary. Churches represented, Bay, Midway, Cairo, Greenwood. The election of officers were as follows: Elder Kenneth Faison, Clerk and Treas. Bro. Marion Green, President, Bro. Abron Harrell, Vice President, Bro. Walter Sloan, Asst. Clerk and Treasurer. Program committee as a standing committee. Namely, Jack Faison, Douglas Murphy, Elder W. L. Purvis. Time set for meetings. 2 P.M. each 5th Sunday, and that we accept the last 5th Sunday before the State Convention, starting at 10 A.M. for business.

Elder Lamar Parrish, Acting President
Elder Kenneth Faison, Clerk, Treasury.

REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Union Association District League met with St. Paul, Sept. 20, 1958. This convention was well represented with four churches. The meeting was enjoyed by all attending. The next meeting will be held at Greenwood, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in Sept. 1959 New officers are as follows: Floyd Faison, Pres., Terry Faison, Vice-Pres., Ruth Sloan, Sec., and Treas., Brenda Green, Asst. Sec. and Treas.; Mrs. Bretha Mae Dunlap, Bible Quizz Leader; Mrs. Marion Green, Asst. Bible Quizz Leader; Johnnie Kearns, Song Leader; Betty Gunn, Pianist.

Floyd Faison, President

REPORT OF MINISTERS AND DEACONS CONFERENCE

The Ministers and Deacons send greetings in the name of our Lord. We had 4 meetings last year. Dec. 28 at Midway, March 29 at Cair, June 28 at Kennedy Chapel, Aug. 30 at Union Hill. We feel that the fellowship of these meetings have been worth much to our people and churches. New officers for the coming year are: Elder Eugene Irvin, Mod.; Elder Lamar Parrish, Asst. Mod.; Curtis Gay, Sec. and Treas.; Rufus Ward, Asst. Sec. and Treas. We wil continue to meet Saturday night before 5th Sunday. We paid \$20.00 dues to Association.

Elder Eugene Irvin, Mod.

Curtis Gay, Sec. and Treas.

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. L. Purvis	Rt. 1, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Harvey Giddens	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Ralph Lightsey	Hazelhurst, Ga.
Elder C. J. Harvey	Camilla, Ga.
Elder Obie Cone	Thomasville, Ga.
Elder Joe Barfield	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder L. G. Baldwin	Coolidge, Ga.
Elder Myrtice Goff	Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.
Elder L. O. Lovett	Lenox, Ga.
Elder W. L. Harrell	Rt. 1, Omega, Ga.
Elder Lamar Parrish	Cairo, Ga.
Elder Eugene Irvin	Camilla, Ga.
Elder W. G. Boyd	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder W. L. Bronson	Albany, Ga.

DEACONS NAME AND ADDRESS

- Bay—C. J. Faison, Wayne Faison, Curtis Gay, W. R. Tucker, Route 1, Hartsfield, Ga.
- Cairo—Frank Parrish, Rufus Ward, Abron Harrell, Cairo, Ga.
- Greenwood—Lamar Singleton, Baconton, Ga., H. D. Singleton, A. L. Morse, Wayman Sharp, R. B. Harrison, Camilla, Ga.
- Kennedy Chapel—E. T. Robinson, Clarence Cannon, Thomasville, Ga., Warren Hunter, Earnest Vonier, James Linsley, Pavo, Ga.
- Midway—Tillman Harper, Walter Sloan, Charles Murphy, Ollie Dunlap, E. L. Dunlap, Douglas Murphy, Moultrie, Ga., James Boyd, Norman Park, Ga.
- New Hope—G. C. Bradley, Coolidge, Ga.; A. C. Murphy, Seabourn Vinson, Boyd Tucker, Moultrie, Ga.
- St. Paul—J. A. Brady, J. N. Franks, F. D. Woods, Omega, Ga.; J. H. K. Jones, Carlton Justice, Tifton, Ga.; M. A. Godwin, Lenox, Ga.
- Springhill—Harvey King, Lamar Rayburn, Paul Hayes, A. W. Holton, George Barksdale, Baconton, Ga.; Joe Hatcher, Albany, Ga.; Billy Hatcher, L. N. Thompson, Sale City, Ga.
- Union Hill—L. D. Bass, L. A. Bass, Pelham, Ga.
- Poulan—P. L. Harris, Ty Ty, Ga.; J. E. Tidwell, Robert Piper, Poulan, Ga.

GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that 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 beilevers 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, repungent 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 body of Christians on earth; that it 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 requirement 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, rebuke, helping with Lords supper, marriage, baptize, 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 the 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 according to Matt. 18: 15, 17. 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. John 13; I Tim. 5, 9, 10.

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart to their office or ordination, by laying on 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 and to baptize if necessary.

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 and a appointed committee 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 if desired, 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 fundamentally protesant 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 knowledgement 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. Unless to amend, to rescind or to hold.

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 two 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 quarterly 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 Word of God.

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. That the officers of this Association shall be elected at the close of session. The election shall come on even years and they shall hold office 2 years.

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

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

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

5. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

6. 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.

7. Appointments shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

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

9. 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.

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

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

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

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 and deacons.

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 and all other 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 quarterly at such places as may be agreed upon at the annual 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, Sunday Schools, missionary work, etc.

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

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

8. That all churches sending to this Association shall be allowed not more than 3 delegates.

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, 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. 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. And that he comes into our hearts. John 1: 1; 12; Gal. 4:4; 16; 2nd. Cor. 5:12; Titus 3: 5; 1, John 5: 1; 10: 13.

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 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 saints'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 subject 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. Miscellaneous business.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Committeees: (a) Preaching; (b) Denominational Literature; (c) Temperance; (d) Credential; (e) Education; (f) Ministers; (g) Auxiliaries; (h) Resolutions; (i) Finance; (j) Nominations.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot every 2 years.
11. Adjournment.

Statistical Table

CHURCH AND COUNTY	CLERK AND ADDRESS	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic	Bldg. and Repairs	Literature For All Purposes	Incidentals	Benevolence and Charity	Unified Program	Other Causes Not Listed	Total Expenditure	Total Amount Collected	Bal. in Treasury	Value of Church Property	Total Number of Members	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd by Letter	Restraint Other Ways	Lost by Letter	Died	Meeting Days	Revivals Held	S. S. Members	League Members	Womans Aux.
Bay Colquitt.....	Curtis Gay, Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.....	W. L. Purvis Rt. 1 Moultrie, Ga., ...	1218.02	221.44	743.35	57.91	28.79	108.94	203.12	89.09	2,670.66	1,932.62	437.45	10,000	30	0	0	0	0	1	Full-Time	0	30	26	0
Cairo Grady.....	Mrs. J. F. Parrish Rt. 1, Box 12 Cairo, Ga.	Myrtice Golf Coolidge, Ga.	364.77	28.80	592.77	36.59		177.07	65.00	47.26	1,312.26	1,420.67	108.41	5,000	37	5	5	0	2	0	Full-Time	1	58	0	12
Greenwood Mitchell.....	R. B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.	Eugene Irvin Rt. 1 Camilla, Ga.,	720.00	100.00	650.00	84.00	35.00			146.00	1,735.00		5,000	61	1	1	0	0	6	Full-Time	0	71	79	0	
Kennedy Chapel Thomas.....	Mrs. E. E. Vonier Rt. 3, Pavo, Ga.	James R. Sellers Moultrie, Ga.	377.18	33.52	70.63	28.00	419.96	54.92	5.65		989.86	989.86	14.19	5,000	94	11	2	0	2	0	Full-Time	2	55	0	0
Midway Colquitt.....	James C. Boyd Rt. 2 Norman Park, Ga. ...	Manse Cason Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	2,001.17	188.87	1,241.75	255.05	392.16	75.00	344.21		4,498.21	4,669.89	171.68	20,000	121	2	0	0	0	0	Full-Time	2	110	75	16
New Hope Colquitt.....	Boyd Tucker 801 4th St., S.W. Moultrie, Ga.	W. G. Boyd Rt. 2, Moultrie, Ga.	308.80	58.00	53.79		20.00	61.77			502.36	512.00	9.94	5,000	72	0	6	0	2	1	1-3	1	0	0	0
St. Paul Tift.....	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	Harvey Giddens Rt. 6 Moultrie, Ga.	630.27	80.42		57.00	30.00	40.00		491.00	1,391.10	1,447.10	56.00	8,500	75	0	2	0	2	2	1-3	2	50	30	0
Spring Hill Mitchell.....	Billy Hatcher Sale City, Ga.	J. B. Lumpkin Junction City, Ga.	747.75	103.50	300.00	51.00	25.00	80.45	60.00	134.08	1,621.74	1,689.82	68.08	6,000	183	13	2	5	2	1	1-3	1	60	0	0
Union Hill Grady	L. D. Bass Rt. 2 Poulan, Ga.	Lamar Parrish Cairo, Ga.	73.50	39.58	37.51	11.06	33.26		5.00	61.73	206.64	215.04	8.40	3,000	15	1	2	0	1	0	1-3	2	12	0	0
Poulan Worth	Mrs. C. Hutchinson Poulan, Ga.	J. B. Lumpkin Junction City, Ga.	186.00	118.00	100.00	38.06	106.57	19.00	8.00	2.00	577.63	567.63		3,000	46	7	8	1	2	2	2-4	2	35	35	0