

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Fourth Annual Session

OF THE

UNION ASSOCIATION

OF THE ORIGINAL

FREE WILL BAPTIST

WHICH CONVENED WITH

Cairo Church, October 21, 1959

Greenwood Church, October 22, 1959

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

M. H. Hinson (1960)	Omega, Ga.
Waler Sloan (1961)	Moultrie, Ga.
H. P. Singleton (1962)	Camilla, Ga.
Curtis Gay (1963)	Hartsfield, Ga.
H. C. King (1964)	Baconington, Ga.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Spring Hill Church, October 1, 1960 and St. Paul, October 2, 1960. Elder John Golden to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder A. C. Truluck to be alternate.

OUR DEAD

Ben Harrington Cairo
R. L. Bennefield Spring Hill
Bob Morey Spring Hill
Lizzie Merritt Spring Hill

"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 Association Meetings:

MIDWAY January 16, 1960
Elder Harvey Giddens To Preach
UNION HILL April 16, 1960
Elder W. L. Bronson To Preach
NEW HOPE July 16, 1960
Elder Obie Cone To Preach

Ministers and Deacons Conference:

November 28, 1959 Cairo
January 30, 1960 St. Paul
May 28, 1960 Poulan
July 30, 1960 Spring Hill

LEAGUE CONVENTION—September 17, 1960.

Sunday School Convention—May 29, 1960, Cairo Church.

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

PROCEEDINGS

"34th Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 34th Annual session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convening with Cairo Church, October 21, 1959 and Greenwood Church October 22, 1959.

Services were opened by congregational singing and prayer offered by Elder L. G. Baldwin. The song service was under the direction of Mr. Jack Faison as choister for this session of the Association. The Elder Myrtice Goff conducted the devotion service, reading from the 5th chapter of John verses 34-36, emphasizing the great need of us working together as Christians. The Devotional thoughts were in keeping with the Association Theme, "Willing Workers."

The Moderator called the session to order and called for the letters from the various churches. Motion carried that Mr. Jack Faison and Elder Mance Cason read the church letters. Moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegates. (See list of delegates). Moderator welcomed the visitors and invited them to worship with us during this session, (See list of visitors). Corresponding Messengers were then recognized and given the opportunity to speak on the progress of their respective Association (See list of Corresponding Messengers). Moderator gave a few minutes intermission, so he and the clerk could appoint the various committees.

Services were again begun by congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder E. C. Morris. The Association Message was brought by Elder Mance R. Cason. The Association theme "Willing Workers" was used as a subject for the message.

The worship service was concluded with a call to the altar to rededicate our lives as willing workers for the Lord. A good number responded to the invitation and Elder Lamar Parrish led in the dedication Prayer. The Association was welcomed and announcements were made concerning the lunch hour by Elder Myrtice Goff and we were dismissed in prayer by Elder Dennis Irvin.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Services were begun by Congregational singing. Moderator read from Matt. chapter 21, verses 28-30 and gave some pointing remarks encouraging us to work together co-operatively, prayer was then offered by Bro. Joe Barfield. Moderator appointed the various committees. Denominational Literature, Temperance Education, Ministers, Auxiliaries, Resolutions, Finance and Nominations. (See Committee Reports).

The Credentials Committee gave a oral report stating that their work as a committee was incomplete and asked to be given to the first session of the Quarterly Association to complete their work. Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report and grant their request.

An intermission was given to enable the various committees to meet and began their report that is to be turned in during this session. The association was called back to order by moderator. Committee reports were called for, those reporting were: Finance, Temperance, and Denominational Literature. (See Reports.)

Elder C. J. Harvey was recognized by the Moderator and given place on program to give report on Mt. Bethel Youth Camp. In his report he made a strong appeal for financial help for the camp. An offering of \$27.56 was received and given to Elder Harvey for the camp.

Moved, seconded and carried that we express by rising vote our appreciation to Cairo Church for their kindness and hospitality shown us while in their midst. Motion carried that we adjourn our business session until 10 o'clock Thursday Morning. The body was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Curtis Gay.

THURSDAY MORNING

The Congregation was led in a number of songs and the prayer was offered by Elder LeRoy Knighton. Devotional service was conducted by Elder Harvey Giddens. He read as the Scripture lesson John 20:30, 31.

The Moderator introduced and presented our State Promotional Secretary the Elder E. C. Morris who gave to the association a report from the promotional office. The report was very encouraging in as much as most phases of the denomination work has shown an increase over the report of the past year. Several churches were awarded certificates for regular support during the year. Bay Church was awarded as the Top Church in the association on per capita member support to the Unified Program. Other churches awarded were Midway, Union Hill, Cairo, Springhill, Greenwood and Poulan. Moderator gave a five minute intermission before the morning service. We were dismissed with prayer by Elder Ralph Bell. The Morning Worship Service was begun with song service and prayer. The message was brought by Elder W. G. Boyd, selecting as a scripture lesson John 17:18-22. The message was very heart warming and enjoyed by all present. The welcome address was given by Elder L. G. Baldwin serving as spokesman in behalf of the host church. We were dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer by Elder A. C. Truluck.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After lunch we re-assembled and the service was begun with congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder E. B. McDuffie asking God's blessings and guidance upon the remaining part of the business session. The Devotional service was conducted by the Moderator using Thess. 3:10 for his remarks. The reports of the Committees were read and accepted (see reports). The Elder A. C. Truluck who served as clerk of the last session of the association made an acknowledgment for leaving out of the minutes the Elder T. J. Driver's name as a minister of the Union Association.

Bro. Odis Elrod gave a report on the camp work done within the Union Association during the year. Because of the difficulty of making a personal call to each local church at the time that the camp is having its summer sessions he asked that someone from each of the church be appointed to work with him in raising funds and gathering commodities for the camp.

Moved, seconded and carried for the Moderator to ask the delegation from each of the local churches to name an appointee from their church. Those appointed were: Bay, Wayne Faison, Greenwood: Otis Singleton, Cairo: Abran Harrell, Midway: James Boyd, New Hope: Sister Emma Murphy, St. Paul: Sister Lebbie Hinson, Spring Hill: Sister Hattie Maye Rabon, Union Hill: L. A. Bass, Poulan: D. L. Harris.

The Field worker for Free Will Baptist Leagues (Bro. Douglas Murphy) gave a oral report on league work done. Motion carried to accept report Moved, seconded and carried that moderator appoint churches to serve on the following committees, to make report at the next annual session.

Committees Appointed were: Denominational Literature, Greenwood, Temperance: Spring Hill, Education: Midway, Cairo: Auxiliaries, Bay: Ministers. Moved, seconded and carried that the moderator appoint a financial allocation committee, who's duty shall be to make a survey of our financial need and offer their recommendation to the next Quarterly session. Those appointed were: Bro. Walter Sloan, Bro. R. B. Harrison, and Bro. Lamar Rabon.

An oral report from the Minister's and Deacon's Association was given by a representative from the said association, also plans for the said association was given by the president (Elder Mance Cason). Moved, seconded and carried for moderator to call for volunteers to represent as delegates where delegates are needed and corresponding messengers where they are needed and if not one volunteers, the moderator shall then appoint someone. State: Odis Elrod, G. W. Barksdale, Martin: A. C. Truluck, Midway, C. J. Harvey: Ga., Union: Mrs. W. L. Purvis, South Georgia: Mance Cason, Cliatt: A. C. Truluck, Little River: L. G. Baldwin.

Motion carried that we replace Elder Lamar Parrish as a member of the Ordaining Council since he has moved to the Little River Association. There being no nominees other than Elder Mance Cason he was elected to fill the unexpired term of Elder Lamar Parrish as a member of the Ordaining Council.

Moved, seconded and carried that we extend to the Free Will Baptist Press in Adyen, North Carolina the privilege of conducting a Vacation Bible School Clinic in our Association. The said clinic will be conducted at the Midway Free Will Baptist Church at a date set by the Free Will Baptist Press so as to meet their convenience. Motion carried to elect Bro. H. C. King on the Executive Committee in the place of Bro. Paul Hayes whose time expired. Motion carried to elect Bro. Otis Singleton on the Executive Committee to fill the unexpired term of Bro. H. D. Singleton. Motion carried to give to Greenwood church a rising vote of thanks for the hospitality they have shown us while in session in their church. Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn the 34th annual session of the Union Association and we were dismissed with prayer by Elder L. G. Baldwin.

Moderator, Elder W. L. Purvis

Clerk, Mr. Kenneth Murphy

DELEGATES

BAY—Sister Rossie Fison, Sister Jack Faison, Sister Curtis Gay.

CAIRO—Bro. J. A. Manning, Sister Betty Ward, Sister Ora Parrish.

GREENWOOD—Bro. G. W. Worsham, Bro. A. L. Morse, Bro. R. B. Harrison.

MIDWAY—Sister Lester Jones, Sister C. L. Lasseter, Sr., Sister Mance Cason.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

NEW HOPE—Sister Lainer, Sister Thelma Goff, Sister Emma Murphy.

ST. PAUL—Bro. Frank Shivers, Sister Sallie Shivers, Sister Viola Hinson.

SPRING HILL—Sister Hattie Mae Rayburn, Sister Mae Morey, Sister Dolly King.

UNION HILL—Bro. and Sister L. A. Bass, Bro. and Sister L. D. Bass.

POULAN—Bro. D. L. Harris, Bro. R. C. Lewis, Sister Nadine Piper, Sister Hazel Raburn, Bro. C. O. Hutchinson and Sister Merle Williams.

CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Elder E. C. Morris Little River Association
Elder H. L. Knighton Midway Association

VISITORS PRESENT

Elder Lamar Parrish Little River Association
Elder Ralph Bell Midway Association
Elder E. B. McDuffie Midway Association
Elder C. R. Houston Midway Association

FINANCE REPORT

Bal. in Treasure of the 1958 Session	\$135.24
Paid for Min. of the 1958 Session	117.37
Bal. rec. from retiring clerk	17.87
Money Received in the Quarterly Sessions of the Union Association	
January 17, 1959	\$16.00
April 18, 1959	20.00
July 18, 1959	20.00
	Total \$56.00

Total monies received for Associational purposes.

Balance received from retiring clerk	\$ 17.87
Received at 3 quarterly sessions	56.00
Received at Annual Session	141.00
	Total 214.87

DISBURSEMENTS

January 17, 1959, paid clerk	\$ 5.00
January 17, 1959, paid Moderator	2.00
April 18, 1959, paid clerk	5.00
April 18, 1959, paid Moderator	5.00
July 18, 1959, paid clerk	5.00
July 18, 1959, paid Moderator	5.00
July 18, 1959, contribution to State Mission Board	20.00
Postage and Record Book	3.35
October 22, 1959 paid clerk	25.00
October 22, 1959, paid moderator	10.00
October 22, 1959, paid State and National Association	20.00
Postage allowance for mailing minutes	4.00
Minutes for 1959 session	112.00
Sales tax to printer for minutes	3.36
Total Disbursements	224.71
Balance owing for minutes	9.84

COMMITTEE REPORTS

RESOLUTIONS: We, the Resolution Committee wish to submit the following resolutions.

1. Be it resolved that we recommend and ask that each Church in our Association support the Unified Program, by tithing its income as a minimum to the Unified Program.

2. Be it resolved that we adopt the Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptist, as has been adopted by the National Association.

3. Be it resolved that all resolutions passed by the Association while in session, be published in the minutes for two years.

4. Whereas, in the Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Union Association, a resolution was passed for the Association to meet in one days sessions Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in January, April and July and whereas, the Constitution, in Article Five also states that the Association shall meet quarterly, thereof, be it resolved that these meeting shall be known as quarterly and annual Association.

5. Be it resolved that Committees namely, Denominational Literature, Temperance, Education, Auxiliaries, and Ministers, be appointed in this session to report in our next annual session. We recommend that churches be appointed on the above said committees.

6. Be it resolved that each church send a list of the names of the delegates representing their church to the Association Clerk, 15 days prior to the convening of the annual session.

7. We recommend that a financial allocation committee be appointed to make a survey of our financial need and offer their recommendation to the next quarterly session.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

8. We recommend the following disbursements.

Clerk	\$25.00
Moderator	10.00
State Association	15.00
National Association	5.00
Postage	4.00

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Mance R. Cason
Mr. Lamar Raburn
Mr. J. A. Manning

FINANCE REPORT

Received from churches as follows:

Greenwood	\$ 5.00	Cairo	\$10.00
St. Paul	25.00	Bay	15.00
Midway	25.00	Spring Hill	25.00
Union Hill	3.00	Ministers and	
Poulan	5.00	Deacon's Meeting	20.00
New Hope	8.00	Total Received	\$141.00

Given to Clerk \$141.00. Moved to accept report and release committee.

Leonard Dunlap, Chairman
Mrs. Sallie Shivers
Mrs. Ruby Faison

EDUCATION

We, your committee see and realize that education is a source of knowledge in which Christ may be magnified through 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.

Mr. G. W. Wisham, Chairman
Mrs. Rossie Faison
Mrs. Betty Ward

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, the committee recommend that each church start, if they should not have one, a Christian Library in their church. This would enable the young people as well as the older ones to have Christian Literature whenever they should so need it, and that parents study the Bible and encourage their children to do likewise,

Mrs. Nance R. Cason, Chairman
Mrs. Nadine Piper
Mrs. Nettie Lanier

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance recommend as the Apostle Paul has said that we should be Temperent in all things and especially abstain from all strong drinks and alcoholic beverages as this becometh all Christians.

Mr. D. L. Harris, Chairman
Mr. Frank Shivers
Mr. Ora Parrish

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, Brother R. B. Harrison, Sister Viola Hinson, and Brother L. H. Bass recommend that the next session of the association meet with Spring Hill the 1st day of October, 1960 and St. Paul the 2nd day of October, 1960. Elder John Golden to preach Introductory sermon, Elder A. C. Truluck alternate. We recommend the following places for Quarterly meeting. 1st at Midway, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in January, 1960. Elder Harvey Giddins. 2nd at Union Hill, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in April, 1960. Elder W. L. Bronson to preach. 3rd at New Hope, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July, Elder Obie Cone to preach. Report accepted and committee released.

Mr. R. B. Harrison, Chairman
Mrs. Viola Hinson
Mr. L. H. Bass

MINISTER REPORT

We, as your committee find all Ministers and churches in good fellowship with our Association as far as we know.

Mr. M. H. Hinson, Chairman
Elder Myrtice Golf
Mr. Odis Elrod

AUXILIARY REPORT

We, your Committee on Auxiliary find 9 churches represented at the Association with 8 Sunday Schools, 5 Prayer Meetings, 4 Leagues, 2 Women's Auxiliaries, 1 Brotherhood, 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.

Mrs. Lester Jones, Chairman
Mrs. Curtis Gay
Mrs. Hattie Mae Raburn

CREDENTIAL REPORT

We, the committee examined most all credentials of our Ministers and find all in good condition and we recommend that all of the names in the previous minutes be printed in our next minutes with the exception of two who have moved to other Associations, those being Elder Eugene Irvin and Elder Lamar Parrish. In regard to Unity Church who is under the watch care of the Quarterly Association asking membership at this session of the Union Association after much discussion we find it necessary to ask that this church remain under the watch care until further invxestigations can be made.

Mr. C. J. Faison, Chairman

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S REPORT

To the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptist the Minister's and Deacon's Association offer the following report. We had regular quarterly meetings with the designated churches. We received 3 new members during the year. New officers elected for the ensuing year. Elder Mance Cason, President, Mr. Curtis Gay, Secretary-Treasurer. Meeting places for next year. 5th Saturday night in November at Cairo, St. Paul in January, Poulan in May, Spring Hill in July. Bro. L. A. Bass was appointed to represent us in the Association. We send \$20.00.

Mr. Curtis Gay,
Secretary & Treasurer

MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder A. C. Truluck	Tifton, Ga.
Elder W. L. Purvis	Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Harvey Giddens	Rt. 6, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Ralph Lightsey	New Bern, N. C.
Elder C. J. Harvey	664 Society Ave., Albany, Ga.
Elder Obie Cone	320 Horrex St., Thomasville, Ga.
Elder L. G. Baldwin	Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.
Elder Myrtice Goff	Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.
Elder L. O. Lovett	Lenox, Ga.
Elder W. L. Harrell	Rt. 1, Omega, Ga.
Elder W. G. Boyd	Rt. 3, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder W. L. Bronson	Marine Base, Albany, Ga.
Elder W. L. Barrow	Monticello, Fla.
Elder Mance R. Cason	Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.

LICENSED MINISTER'S

Sidney Hancox Norman Park, Georgia
 T. J. Driver Warm Spring Rd., Columbus, Georgia

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., A. L. Morse, Wayman
 Sharp, R. B. Harrison, Camilla, Ga.

MIDWAY—Tillman Harper, E. L. Dunlap, Douglas Murphy, Kenneth
 Murphy, Charles Anderson, Marion Green, Odis Elrod, 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—D. L. Harris, Ty Ty, Ga.; J. E. Tidwell, Robert, Poulan, Ga.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

W. G. Boyd Chairman
 W. L. Purvis Secretary
 Harvey Giddens
 Mance Cason
 A. C. Truluck

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS OF THE
UNION ASSOCIATION

The Quarterly Sessions convened January 17, 1959 with Bay Church, April 18, 1959 with St. Paul Church and July 18, 1959 with the Poulan Church. Each session was well represented with delegates from the various churches. This report in a condensed report stating only the essential item of business. In the session of January 17, 1959 there was a program committee appointed. Those appointed to this committee was Elder Mance Cason, Mr. Curtis Gay and Mr. Kenneth Murphy. The said committee is charged with arranging the programs for each session.

The Free Will Baptist Church of Poulan was accepted into the Union Association as a member belonging there-too. The Kennedy Chapel Free Will Baptist Church was found out of order in as much as they refuse to comply with request of the Executive and the Credentials Committee relative to request that had been made at the previous session and they were given until this date to comply with the request. Upon their failure to do so, a motion was carried to declare the said church out of order and to discontinue fellowshiping with them.

The Second Session was held April 18, 1959 with St. Paul Church. It was a very enjoyable meeting and all attended was Spiritually blessed, but there was no items of business that would demand mentioning.

The Third Session was held July 18, 1959 with the Free Will Baptist Church of Poulan. The Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie, petitioned for membership in the Union Association at this session. A motion was carried to accept the said church under watch care until the annual Association (see credential report of the annual session).

Moderator, Elder W. L. Purvis
Clerk, Kenneth Murphy

REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

The Union Association District League met with Greenwood, November 7, 1959. This convention was well represented with three churches. The designated place for the next meeting will be announced by Brother Otis Singleton, Chairman of the Field Worker's Committee. The meeting will be held Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September 1960. New officers are as follows: Bro. C. C. May, President; Bro. R. B. Harrison, Vice-President; Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary and Treasurer; Brenda Green, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer; Laverne Elrod, Bible Quizz Leader; Mrs. Bertha Mae Dunlap, Assistant Bible Quizz Leader; Field Worker; Bro. Otis Singleton, Johnnie Kerns, Song Leader; Mrs. Janice Cason, Pianist.

Ruth Sloan
Secretary & Treasurer

REPORT OF DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention of the Union Association met with Midway Free Will Baptist Church May 31, 1959. The following churches were represented, Bay, Cairo, Midway and New Hope. The next convention will be held with Cairo Free Will Baptist Church May 29, 1960. Officers elected were: President—Mr. M. M. Greene, Vice-President—Mr. Raiford Dunlap, Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. Kenneth Murphy, Assistant Secretary & Treasurer—Mr. Ruffus Ward. Program Committee—Mr. Curtis Gay, Elder Mance R. Cason, Elder Myrtice Goff.

Mrs. Kenneth Murphy
Secretary & Treasurer

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 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 protestant 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 he 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 knowledge 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 given ourselves to God, by faith in Christ, and adopted the Word of God as our rule of faith and practice, we now give ourselves to one another by the will of God in this solemn covenant.

2. We promise by His grace to love and obey Him in all things, to avoid all appearance of evil, to abstain from all sinful amusements and unholy conformity to the world, from all sanction of the use and sale of intoxicating beverages, and to "provide things honest in the sight of all men".

3. We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations in reference to the study of the Scriptures, secret prayer, family devotions, and social worship; and by self-denial, faith and good works endeavor to "grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

4. We will not forsake the assembling of ourselves together for church conferences, public worship, and the observance of the ordinances of the Gospel, nor fail to ^{pay} according to our ability for the support of the church, of its poor, and all its benevolent work.

5. We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "Keep the unity of the Spirit" in the bonds of peace, to be careful of one another's happiness and reputation, and seek to strengthen the weak, encourage the afflicted, admonish the erring, and, as far as we are able, promote the success of the church and of the Gospel.

6. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the ^{gospel} influence of Christ in society, constantly praying and toiling that the Kingdom of God may come, and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven. *coming again*

7. To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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' 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 for Corresponding Messengers.
7. Appoint Committees: (a) Credential; (b) Education; (c) Ministers; (d) Auxiliaries; (e) Resolutions; (f) Finance; (g) Nominations, (h) Denominational Literature; (i) Temperance.
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	Restration 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., ...	1,528.94	150.00	556.10	82.71	209.41	111.33	296.48	469.96	3,404.93	3,614.89	682.17	10,000	37	5	4		1		Full-Time	2	48	38	
Cairo Grady.....	Mrs. J. F. Parrish Rt. 1, Box 12 Cairo, Ga.	Myrtice Golf Rt. 2 Coolidge, Ga.	452.00	106.08	193.17	57.45	179.83	36.38	50.00	12.80	1,087.71	1,355.57	267.86	5,000	57	12	7	19		1	Full-Time	1	62	13	
Greenwood Mitchell.....	R. B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.	John Goldin Eufanda, Ala.	940.00	100.00	350.00	90.00			30.00					6,000	80				9		Full-Time	2	46	44	
Midway Colquitt.....	Charles Anderson Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	Manse Cason Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	2,460.31	182.50	1,974.81	257.12	34.56	266.56	403.45	272.76	6,108.92	6,593.17	484.25	20,000	123	5	2	1	6		Full-Time	2	110	75	17
New Hope Colquitt.....	Boyd Tucker 801 4th St., S.W. Moultrie, Ga.	W. G. Boyd Rt. 2, Moultrie, Ga.	391.00	50.00				3.61				541.96	31.57	4,000	71						1-3	1			
St. Paul Tift.....	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	Harvey Giddens Rt. 6 Moultrie, Ga.	715.00	110.00	55.00	31.19	15.00	60.85		145.00	1,132.04	1,127.77	30.45	8,500	70		2		7		1-3	2	45		
Spring Hill Mitchell.....	Mrs. Opal Hatcher Sale City, Ga.	W. L. Branson Albany, Ga.	503.57	125.00	150.00	40.00	22.70	53.25	55.00	48.92	808.44	854.44	62.90	6,000	184	5		1	1	3	1-3	1	50		
Union Hill Grady	Mrs. Ira M. Griffin Rt. 1 Ochlocknee, Ga.	Dennis Irvin Albany, Ga.	163.33	44.50					24.97	27.00	264.80	275.91	11.11	2,000	14				2		1-3	2	11		
Poulan Worth	Mrs. C. Hutchinson Box 12 Poulan, Ga.	J. B. Lumpkin Junction City, Ga.	438.84	140.00	38.00	39.64	13.20		8.53	76.00	809.21		3,000	51	1	1	4	3			2-4	1	42	42	