

**M I N U T E S**  
OF THE  
**Thirty-Fifth Annual Session**  
OF THE  
**UNION ASSOCIATION  
OF THE ORIGINAL  
FREE WILL BAPTIST**

WHICH CONVENED WITH

**Springhill Church, October 19, 1960**

**St. Paul Church, October 20, 1960**

**O F F I C E R S**

Elder W. L. Purvis, Mod. .... Moultrie, Ga.  
Elder L. G. Baldwin, Asst. Mod. .... Coolidge, Ga.  
Kenneth Murphy, Clerk ..... Moultrie, Ga.  
Larry Williams ..... Reynolds, Ga.

**Executive Committee**

Walter Sloan (1961) ..... Moultrie, Ga.  
A. L. Morse (1962) ..... Camilla, Ga.  
Curtis Gay (1963) ..... Hartsfield, Ga.  
H. C. King (1964) ..... Baconington, Ga.  
Rufus Ward (1965) ..... Cairo, Ga.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Midway Church, October 27, 1961, and Poulan Church, October 28, 1961.

## OUR DEAD

Mrs. Mary Tatum .....	Cairo
Mr. O. R. Dunlap .....	Midway
Mrs. Mattie Jones .....	St. Paul
Mr. Leon Leach .....	St. Paul
Rev. C. J. Harvey .....	Greenwood
Mrs. Hattie Thompson .....	Springhill
Mrs. J. N. Fulghum .....	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 Association Meetings:

Bay .....	January 14, 1961
Greenwood .....	April 15, 1961
Cairo .....	July 15, 1961

### Ministers and Deacons Association

January 28, 1961 .....	New Hope
April 29, 1961 .....	Springhill
July 29, 1961 .....	Bay

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LEAGUE CONVENTION—September 16, 1961 .....	Midway
Sunday School Convention—May 28, 1961 .....	Bay
Sunday School Rally—(Each 5th Sunday at 2:00 P.M.)	

## PROCEEDINGS

## "35th Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 35th Annual session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist which convened with Spring Hill Church, October 19, 1960 and St. Paul Church, October 20, 1960.

Services were opened by congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder J. R. Davidson. The opening devotion service was under the direction of the Elder J. R. Davidson. Elder J. R. Davidson was visiting with us to represent the new church in Atlanta which he is pastor of, and the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee.

The Moderator called the association to order and we were led in prayer by Eldr A. C. Truluck. There was a roll call of churches so as to receive the letters. Moved, seconded and carried that Elder A. C. Truluck and Elder E. C. Morris read the letters. Moved, seconded and carried that letters be received and delegates be sated along with all who may come in later. (See list of delegates.) Moderator recognized those visiting with us and welcomed them to worship with us in our services. Corresponding Messengers were then recognized and given the opportunity to speak on the progress of their respective association (See list of Corresponding Messengers.) Appointment of the various committees was made. (See Committee's Report.) Moderator gave a ten minute intermission before entering into the Morning Worship Service.

The Worship Service was begun by congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder Willie Sellers. Elder John Goldin brought the Associational Message using the subject "A Preacher Detours". The association was welcomed and announcements were made concerning the lunch hour by Mrs. Lamar Rayburn and we were dismissed in prayer by Elder W. R. Lawhorn.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Services were begun by congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder Harvey Giddens. A very inspiring devotion was given by Mr. J. T. Welch, a layman from the Bay Free Will Baptist Church.

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 denominational work has shown an increase over the report of the past year.

Churches awarded certificates for regular support to the Unified Program were Bay, Midway, Poulan, Spring Hill and Cairo. Some of the other churches also gave support to the Unified Program but did not meet requirements to receive a certificate.

Moderator presented the Elder J. R. Davidson, who is a Trustee of the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tennessee. After stating the growth of the college an offering of \$19.00 was received for its support. Elder Mance Cason, Secretary of the State Mission Board gave a report on the First Free Will Baptist Church of Atlanta. He reported that the church had had a very favorable growth since it was organized a little better than a year ago.

Moderator called for committee reports from those ready to make their report. (See Reports.)

Moved, seconded and carried that the clerk be authorized to write a letter of recommendation for the Elder W. L. Bronson, recommending him to the Third Eastern District of the Eastern Conference.

Elder A. C. Truluck submitted his resignation from the Ordaining Council because of his leaving our association. Motion carried to accept his resignation.

Motion carried that we give Spring Hill 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 to meet with St. Paul Church Thursday Morning October 20 at 10 o'clock A.M. We were dismissed in prayer by Elder J. B. Wheeler.

#### THURSDAY MORNING

The congregation was led in a number of songs and prayer was offered by Elder Mance Cason. Devotion service was conducted by Elder Larry Williams using as his text Ezekial 22:3. The Moderator then declared the body in order for the carrying on of business.

Bro. Curtis Gay who is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home gave a report of the Home and commended the churches who had given regular support to the Home and encourage others to do the same.

Moved, seconded and carried for Moderator to appoint the needed committees for the coming year, those appointed were Dnominational Literature; Midway, Temperance; Bay, Education: Spring Hill, Auxiliaries: Greenwood, and Minister: New Hope.

Elder W. G. Boyd sent a request by the Moderator that his resignation from the Ordaining Council be accepted. Moved, seconded and carried that his resignation be accepted. This giving two vacancies on the Ordaining Council, the Moderator then asked for nominations from the floor to fill the two positions. Those nominated were Elder L. G. Baldwin and Elder Larry Williams. Moved, seconded and carried that the two above said Brethren be placed on the Ordaining Council.

Moved, seconded and carried that the Chair appoint Corresponding Messengers to other associations and also delegates to the State Association. Those appointed were: State Association: Mr. Lamar Rayburn and Mrs. J. B. Rice, Martin Association: Mr. Walter Sloan, Midway Association: Elder A. C. Truluck, Georgia Union Association: Mr. Eugene Bundy, South Georgia Association: Elder Mance Cason, Little River Association: Elder L. G. Baldwin and Chattahoochee Association: Elder W. L. Purvis.

We were given a 5 minute intermission before the Morning Worship Service. The Morning Worship Service was begun with song service and prayer. The Message was brought by Elder J. B. Wheeler using for his subject "The Beauty of Unity Among Brethren."

The welcome address was given by Elder Harvey Giddens, Pastor of the Host Church. We were then dismissed for the noon hour.

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON

After lunch we re-assembled and the service was begun with congregational singing and prayer was offered by the Elder H. L. Knighton asking God's blessings and guidance upon the remaining part of the business session.

Reports from Sunday School Rally, League Convention and Camp Worker were called for. Moved, Seconded and carried that reports be accepted. (See Reports.)

Resolution Committee Report was read. Moved, seconded and carried to amend the resolution to read Friday and Saturday following the Fourth Sunday in October instead of before the First Sunday in November. The original motion was then voted on and carried.

The Executive Committee gave their report. Moved, seconded and carried to accept report. (See Report.)

Motion carried that Mr. Rufus Ward to be placed on the Executive Committee in the place of Mr. M. H. Hinson. Motion carried that Mr. A. L. Morse be placed on the Executive Committee in place of Mr. H. P. Singleton.

Report of the Minister's and Deacon's Association was given. Motion carried to receive report. Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. T. E. Bundy be elected as the Associational Camp Worker in the place of Mr. Odis Elrod. Moved, seconded and carried that Mr. Walter Sloan be recommended to the nominating committee of the State Association to be placed on the camp Board in th place of the late Elder C. J. Harvey. Moderator called for Nominating Committee report. Moved, seconded and carried to receive report. Officers suggested by the said committee were electd. (See Report.) Moved, seconded and carried that the Program Committee be given the right to make complete arrangements for all the Association Programs. Motion carried to give St. Paul 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 35th Annual Session of the Union Association. We were dismissed in prayer by Mr. M. M. Franks.

## DELEGATES

BAY—Bro. Wayne C. Faison, Bro. J. T. Welch, Bro. T. E. Bundy.

CAIRO—Sister Betty Ward, Sister Ruth Watson and Sister Ora Parrish.

GREENWOOD—Bro. G. W. Wisham and Sister A. L. Morse.

MIDWAY—Sister J. B. Rice, Sister Bertha Mae Dunlap and Sister Nora Weeks.

NEW HOPE—Bro. Clyde Goff, Sister Mildred Lanier and Sister Thelma Goff.

ST. PAUL—Bro. Frank Shivers, Sister Ruby Gunn and Sister Viola Hinson.

SPRING HILL—Sister Foy Skipper, Sister Mae Morey and Sister Hattie Mae Rayburn.

POULAN—

UNITY—Bro. S. A. Cannon, Sister Evelyn Cannon and Bro. Warnell Lawson.



## THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

## CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Elder W. R. Lawhorn .....	Chattahoochee Association
VISITORS PRESENT	
Elder E. C. Morris .....	Little River Association
Elder H. L. Knighton .....	Midway Association
Elder John Golden .....	Southern Eastern Alabama
Elder Willie Sellers .....	.....Martin Association
Elder J. B. Wheeler .....	Little River Association
Mr. M. M. Franks .....	Little River Association
Elder J. R. Davidson .....	Chattahoochee Association

## FINANCE REPORT

Received January 16, 1960 .....	\$ 14.00
Received April 16, 1960 .....	41.42
Received July 16, 1960 .....	43.68
Received October 20, 1960, Annual Session .....	112.85
Total eRceived	<u>\$211.95</u>

## DISBURSEMENTS

Bal. owing on 1959 minutes, paid .....	\$ 9.84
January 16, 1960 paid Moderator .....	5.00
January 16, 1960 paid clerk .....	5.00
April 16, 1960 paid Moderator .....	5.00
April 16, 1960 paid Clerk.....	5.00
July 16, 1960 paid Moderator .....	5.00
July 16, 1960 paid clerk .....	5.00
October 20, 1960 paid Moderator .....	10.00
October 20, 1960 paid Clerk .....	25.00
November 16, 1960 paid State & National Association .....	20.00
Mailing of Minutes, letter forms, programs, etc. ....	16.00
Minutes for 1960 Session .....	96.00
Sales Tax to Printer for Minutes .....	2.88
Total Disbursements	<u>\$209.72</u>
Balance on Hand	\$ 2.23

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. Whereas, so many of the people who are willing to serve as delegates from the local churches to the association, and whereas, there are others who would be willing to be active in associational work, but are hindered because of not being able to get off from their jobs on the days that our association now convenes, and whereas, many of our people holding public jobs believe that they could be free to attend the association the last of the week. Therefore, be it resolved that we change the time of the convening of our association from Wednesday and Thursday before the fourth Sunday in October, to Friday and Saturday before the first Sunday in November.

Respectfully submitted  
Mr. Lamar Raburn, Chairman  
Mr. D. A. Cannon  
Mr. Clyde Goff  
Mrs. Mildred Lanier

NOTE—Moved, seconded and carried to amend the resolution to read Friday and Saturday following the Fourth Sunday in October instead of before the First Sunday in November.

2. 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.

3. 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.

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

5. Whereas, in the Thirty-Second Annual Session of the Union Association, a resolution was passed for the Association to meet in one day 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 meetings shall be known as quarterly and annual Association.

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. 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.

8. 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.

## FINANCE REPORT

Received from Churches as follows:

Spring Hill .....	\$20.00	Bay .....	\$15.00
Greenwood .....	10.00	Midway .....	10.47
New Hope .....	12.00	Cairo .....	7.38
Unity .....	10.00	St. Paul .....	23.00
Poulan .....	5.00		
		Total Received	<u>\$112.85</u>

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

David said, "Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day." Psalms 25:5. Here David, offers a prayer for guidance. Mr. Webster says that education is "discipline of mind or character through study or instruction," is not this what David realized in praying "teach me?" God uses both the written and preached word as the means of conveying instruction. Since this is God's chosen method, every Christian should accept the same challenge that Paul gave Timothy when he challenged him to, "Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." Therefore, we recommend that training courses and soul-winning classes such as are needed be made available for our people. We further recommend that each church do it's utmost in persuading any Christian entering into full time christian service to prepare themselves, to better serve the cause of Christ, and our denomination, in our own Free Will Baptist Bible College, or some preferable Christian Institute.

Midway Free Will Baptist Church

## TEMPERANCE

Restrain, especially in the use of strong intoxicating liquors, drunkenness being one of the most serious sins of modern civilization. The Christian turns to the Bible for guidance upon the subject. While wine was almost a household beverage in the times of our Saviour, we nevertheless find many warnings again the too frequent and too generous use of liquor. Drunkenness then as now was a thing to be guarded against as a great evil and serious sin.

Spring Hill Church

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee submit the following report. Moderator: Elder W. L. Purvis, Assistant Moderator: Elder L. G. Baldwin, Clerk: Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Assistant Clerk: Elder Larry Williams. We submit the next session of the annual association, first at Midway October 27, 1961, second day at Poulan Church October 28, 1961. That the first quarterly session meet with Bay Church, Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in January 1961. Second session at Greenwood Church on Saturday before the 3rd



Sunday in April, 3rd session at Cairo Church on Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in July. We submit the following names for nomination. Program Committee: Mrs. J. B. Rice, Chairman, Elder L. G. Baldwin, New Hope, Mrs. Harvey King, Spring Hill.

Mr. Curtis Gay, Chairman  
 Mr. Walter Sloan  
 Mrs. Clyde Goff

MINISTER REPORT

We, your Committee on Ministers and Churches find that all churches have pastors and is in good fellowship with our association as far as we know. Lost by way of death Rev. C. J. Harvey.

Mr. T. E. Bundy,  
 Mr. Wayne Faison  
 Mr. J. T. Welch

AUXILIARY REPORT

We, your Committee on Auxiliary find 9 churches represented at the Association, 8 Sunday Schools, 6 Prayer Meetings, 5 Leagues, 2 Woman's Auxiliaries, 1 Master's Men, 1 G. T. A., 1 Y. P. A., 1 B.A. We urge each church in the Union Association that do not have a Woman's Auxiliary to pray about the matter for it is something worth while. For it draws the church closer together in fellowship. It is also a source of knowledge of our Missionaries on Foreign Field and at Home. As we study together it will cause us to pray more and pay more to win the lost to Christ.

Sister Betty Ward  
 Sister Ora Parrish  
 Sister Ruth Watson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee met at Bay Church and heard the Testimony of Rev. G. W. Turner Pastor of Unity Church. Bro. Turner as spokesman for Unity Church expressed their wishes to become a member of Union Association, and said they were willing to co-operate with the association, he also said they were willing for the association to assist them in re-organizing their church, at a later date the committee met at Unity Church with Moderator, Rev. W. L. Purvis in charge, in the presence of members from Midway, Bay and others and organized their church into an Original Free Will Baptist Church and Fellowshiped them into the Association.

Executive Committee, Curtis Gay, Chair.

ORDAINING COUNCIL

L. G. Baldwin ..... Chairman  
 W. L. Purvis ..... Secretary  
 Harvey Giddens  
 Mance Cason  
 Larry Williams

## REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

The Quarterly Sessions convened January 16, 1960 with Midway Church, April 16, 1960 with Union Hill Church and July 16, 1960 with New Hope Church. Each session was well represented with delegates from the various churches. This report is a condensed report stating only the essential items of business. In the session of January 16, 1960 the association accepted and approved the report of the Allocation Committee. (See Report.) In the third session which was held at New Hope Church July 16, 1960 the association by motion approved the work of the Executive Committee in meeting with the Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie and organizing the church according to Free Will Practices. The same church was accepted and fellowship into the Association.

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

## REPORT OF DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention of the Union Association met at Cairo Free Will Baptist Church May 29, 1960. The following churches were represented, Bay, Cairo, Union Hill and Midway. The next convention will be held with Bay Free Will Baptist Church May 28, 1961. Officers elected were: President, Mr. M. M. Green, Vice-President, Mr. Frank Parrish, Sec. & Treas., Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Asst. Sec. & Treas. Mr. Jack Faison, Program Committee, Mr. Curtis Gay, Elder Mance Cason and Elder Myrtice Goff.

Kenneth Murphy  
Secretary & Treasurer

## REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

The District League Convention of the Union Association met September 17, 1960 with the Bay Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was one of unity and spiritual growth. The following churches were represented, Bay, Midway and Greenwood, several other churches of different associations were present. The next convention will be held with Midway Free Will Baptist Church, September 16, 1961. The new officers elected are as follows: Mr. C. C. May, President, Mr. R. B. Harrison, Vice-President, Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary & Treasurer, Brenda Green Assistant Secretary & Treasurer, Laverne Elrod, Bible Quiz Leader, Mrs. Bertha Mae Dunlap, Assistant Bible Quiz Leader, Mr. Odis Singleton, Field Worker, Betty Bundy, Son Leader and Mrs. Janice Cason, Pianist.

## MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S REPORT

We offer the following report. We held regular quarterly meeting with the designated churches, Cairo, St. Paul and Spring Hill. We took as our project buying a memograph machine for the Atlanta Church. New officers were elected for the new year. President: Elder Mance Cason, Vice-President: Mr. Billy Hatcher, Secretary: Elder Dennis Irvin, Assistant Secretary: Mr. Curtis Gay. Meeting places for next year. October 29, 1960 at Unity Church with Elder W. I. Purvis to preach, Saturday Night January

28th, 1961 with New Hope Church with Elder W. G. Turner to preach, Saturday night, April 29, 1961 Spring Hill Church with Elder Myrtice Goff to preach and Saturday Night July 29, 1961 with Elder Mance Cason to preach.

Clerk, Mr. Curtis Gay

### MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder A. C. Truluck ..... Tifton, Ga.  
 Elder W. L. Purvis ..... Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.  
 Elder Harvey Giddens ..... Rt. 6, <sup>Sylvester</sup> Moultrie, 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. Barrow ..... Monticello, Fla.  
 Elder Mance R. Cason ..... Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.  
 Elder Larry Williams ..... Reynolds, Ga. ✓  
 Elder W. G. Turner ..... Cairo, Ga.

### DEACONS NAME AND ADDRESS

BAY—C. J. Faison, Wayne aFison, Curtis Gay, W. R. Tucker, Route 1, Hartsfield, Georgia.

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—S. L. Holton, Quitman, Rt. 1, G. C. Bradley, Coolidge, Ga., A. C. Murphy, Seabourn Vinson, Boyd Tucker, Moultrie, Ga., Tom Russell, Rt. 6, 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., Thomas Morey, Doerun, Georgia.

UNION HILL—L. D. Harris, Ty Ty, Ga., J. E. Tidwell, Robert, Poulan, Ga.

### LICENSED MINISTERS

Sidney Hancox ..... Norman Park, Georgia

### THE REPORT OF FINANCIAL ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

We, The Financial Allocation Committee, charged by the Union Association, while in its annual session to make a survey of our financial need and offer the recommendations of the said committee to the association while in its quarterly session January 16, 1960, do herewith submit, as a result of our study, the following recommendations.

Whereas, minutes are distributed in proportion to membership of the church, and

Whereas, we feel that the number of minutes received by each church should also be in accordance with finances appropriated by the church and,

Whereas, as a result of our survey, we find that the yearly disbursements of our association is an average of about thirty-four cent per member, we offer the following budget for adoption.

BAY—\$12.58, CAIRO—\$19.38, GREENWOOD—\$27.20, MIDWAY—\$41.82, NEW HOPE—\$24.14, ST. PAUL—\$23.80, SPRING HILL—\$61.20, UNION HILL—\$4.76, POULAN—\$17.34 and

Whereas, our association convenes quarterly, we recommend that each church send one fourth part of the suggested budget to each session of the association.

We further recommend that the monies be prorated as follows:

Pay moderator for service at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the annual session.

Pay clerk for service at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$25.00 for the annual session.

Fee to State and National Association \$20.00.

Postage, mailing of minutes, letter forms, programs and etc. \$16.00.

Balance of the suggested budget should pay for printing of minutes and

Whereas, we are in sympathy with our denominational work, and due to insufficient finance of our denominational enterprises, we recommend that each local church send to the association an offering to be given to our denominational work. Of course this offering will be optional, depending upon the desire of the local church to support the cause.

We suggest that this offering be allocated as follows:

JANURAY SESSION—State Superannuation, State Education and Bible College. One third part for each.

APRIL SESSION—Youth Camp and Children's Home. One half each.



JULY MISSIONS—Missions—State, National Home Missions and Foreign Missions, one third part for each.

OCTOBER SESSION—Unified Program, and

Whereas, the membership of the local churches will be changing from time to time, thus making a difference in the expenditures of the association on the per capita member basis, we recommend that the suggested budget be raised or lowered so as to keep within the needed monies for the necessary disbursement of our association.

### 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 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 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 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.

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

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 ransome 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 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	Excluded	Died	Meeting Days	Revivals Held	S. S. Members	League Members	Womans Aux.
Bay Colquitt	Curtis Gay, Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga. <i>J. F. Parrish 741 Indane Cairo</i>	Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.	1,401.92	70.00	903.79	73.79	172.61	131.37	233.67	44.75	3,031.90	2,504.92	217.30	10,000	33	5			4			1-3	2	48	38	
Cairo Grady	Mrs. J. F. Parrish Rt. 1, Box 12 Cairo, Ga.	L. G. Baldwin Rt. 2 Coolidge, Ga.	484.89	58.00		28.00	55.34	69.87	102.62	159.38	958.10	1,466.82	508.72	5,000	30	12				23		Full-Time	1	35		15
Greenwood Mitchell	R. B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.	Larry Williams Reynold, Ga.	720.00		300.00	79.00						1,125.00		4,000		2			2			1-3	2	46	46	
Midway Colquitt	Charles Anderson Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	Mance Cason Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	3,172.86	160.00	1,048.28	224.32		84.69	522.83	733.51	5,946.35	5,675.75	204.39	20,000	131	13			2		1	Full-Time	2	115	97	13
New Hope Colquitt	Boyd Tucker 801 4th St., S.W. Moultrie, Ga.	W. L. Purvis Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	300.00	50.00	14.00			17.41		16.00	397.41	421.06	23.65	4,000	74						1	1-3	1			
St. Paul Tift	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	Harvey Giddens Rt. 2 Sylvester, Ga.	871.22	88.67		32.40	60.60	25.00		25.00	1,135.29	1,157.99	22.70	8,500	66						2	1-3	2	40		
Spring Hill Mitchell	Mrs. Opal Hatcher Sale City, Ga.	W. L. Purvis Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	514.59	82.68	153.67	45.18	5.67	14.40	61.00		771.01	769.92	43.38	6,000	186	8			2		6		1-3	1	40	
Poulan Worth	Mrs. C. Hutchinson Box 12 Poulan, Ga.	Leonard Graham Eastman, Ga.	427.72	110.00		29.00	14.00		9.28	50.00	637.00			3,000	51	1		5	3	2	1	2-4	2	25	25	
Unity Colquitt	D. A. Cannon 216 4th Ave. N.E. Moultrie, Ga.	W. G. Turner Cairo, Ga.	115.49	35.00	90.00	36.69		1 3.75			290.93	374.87	83.94		42	21	6		1	3		Full-Time	1	45		