

MINUTES

OF THE

Thirty-Sixth Annual Session

OF THE

UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

WHICH CONVENE WITH

Midway Church, October 27, 1961

Poulan Church, October 28, 1961

OFFICERS

Elder Mance R. Cason, 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

A. L. Morse (1962)	Camilla, Ga.
Curtis Gay (1963)	Hartsfield, Ga.
H. C. King (1964)	Baconington, Ga.
Rufus Ward (1965)	Cairo, Ga.
Walter Sloan (1966)	Moultrie, Ga.

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with New Hope Church, November 2, 1962, and Bay Church, November 3, 1962.

OUR DEAD

Rev. W. L. Harrell	St. Paul
Mrs. Gollie Jordan	St. Paul
Mrs. Maude Sumner	St. Paul
Mrs. Jessie Chastain	West Side
Mrs. Florence Gay	Midway
Mrs. Carrie Lassiter	Midway
Mrs. Effie Newton	Midway

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Quarterly Association Meetings:

St. Paul	January 20, 1962
Spring Hill	April 14, 1962
Cairo	July 14, 1962

Minister's and Deacon's Association

April 28, 1962	Cairo
July 28, 1962	Midway
September 29, 1962	Bay

LEAGUE CONVENTION—September 15, 1962 Spring Hill

Sunday School Convention—April 29, 1962 Midway

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

PROCEEDINGS

"36th Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 36th Annual Session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist which convened with Midway Church, October 27, 1961 and Poulan Church, October 28, 1961.

Worship service was begun by congregational singing directed by Elder Mance Cason with Mrs. J. B. Rice as pianist.

Elder E. C. Morris led in our devotion by reading several verses from the first chapter of St. John and emphasizing the importance of personal evangelism.

Moderator called for corresponding letters to be brought forward: (see list of churches and delegates.) Moved, seconded and carried for chair to appoint two to read the letters. Those appointed were Elder Dennis Irvin and Elder Mance Cason. Moved, seconded and carried to receive the letters and to seat the delegates. Visitors and corresponding messengers were welcomed by the Moderator. (See list of visitors and corresponding messengers.) Moved, seconded and carried that chair appoint all necessary committees. (See committee reports.)

Moved, seconded and carried to dispense with business for the Morning Worship Service. The service was entered into with Elder W. M. Gardner, Jr. leading the congregation in a song service. Message was brought by Elder H. L. Knighton using as a subject the Successful Church.

Welcome address was given by Pastor for the Host Church, Elder Mance Cason. We were dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer by Elder J. R. Davidson.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Services begin with congregational singing and prayer was offered by Elder Dennis Irvin. Mrs. W. M. Gardner led the Devotional by the form of a story, entitled "The Tater Family."

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. Church awarded Grand Honor Roll Certificates for regular support to the Unified Program were: Bay, Midway, and Cairo. Churches awarded Honor Roll Certificates were: New Hope, Spring Hill and Poulan.

Moved, seconded and carried that we give to Bro. Morris a rising vote of thanks for the outstanding service that he has rendered to our Association as well as the entire state for the past fourteen years.

Elder J. R. Davidson who is a trustee of the Free Will Baptist Bible College of Nashville, Tennessee was introduced and presented by the Moderator, to give a report of the work of the college. The report gave evidence of a continual growth during the entire history of the college. An offering of \$21.86 was received for the general operation account of the college. A special prayer in interest of the Bible College was called for, prayer was led by Elder Mance Cason. Moved, seconded and carried that we adopt the

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resolution offered by Bro. Davidson relative to our approval of the 20th year Celebration Campaign for the College. (See resolution committee report.)

Moderator called for the various committee reports of the committees that had been appointed in the previous annual session. Report on the Denominational Literature was given by Midway Church. Motion carried to accept report and release committee. Temperance report was given by Bay. Report was given from the District League Convention. Moved; seconded, and carried to accept report with the exception of the request of the convention concerning a change in the time of meeting. Moved, seconded and carried that their request lay on the table until the next morning. (No action was ever taken.)

Moderator appointed churches for the various committees, namely: Education, Midway; Ministers, Greenwood; Auxiliary, Bay; Denominational Literature, New Hope; Temperance, Cairo. These committees are to give a report in the annual session in 1962.

Moved, seconded and carried that Moderator appoint delegates to represent this association in the State Association and also appoint the corresponding messengers to sister associations those appointed were: State Association, Mrs. J. B. Rice and Bro. Walter Sloan. Corresponding messengers were: Midway Association, Elder Mance Cason; Ga. Union Association, Bro. Douglas Murphy; Martin Association, Elder Joe Barfield; South Georgia Association, Elder Mance Cason; Little River Association, Elder L. G. Baldwin and Chattahoochee Association, Elder Myrtice Goff.

Motion carried that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Midway Church for the wonderful hospitality shown to us while in their midst. Moved, seconded and carried that we adjourn to meet with the Poulan Church at 10:00 A.M. tomorrow. Dismissed with prayer offered by Bro. Jack Faison.

SATURDAY MORNING

Services was begun with congregational singing with Elder Bill Gardner as director and Mrs. J. B. Rice at the piano. Prayer was offered by Elder C. R. Houston (who was visiting to represent the Ga. State Association of which he was moderator.)

Devotion was given by Elder A. C. Truluck reading as scripture text Galatians chapter 2 and verse 20.

Moderator recognized Bro. Walter Sloan who gave a report on the Children's Home in the absence of our trustee Bro. Curtis Gay. Moderator called for committee reports; those reporting were, Auxiliary and Nomination committees. Moved, seconded and carried to receive reports and release committees. (See committee reports.)

The Moderator offered his resignation as a member of the Ordaining Council because of moving his membership from this association. He also made the same request for Bro. Larry Williams since he too had moved his membership. Moved, seconded and carried to accept their resignation. Moved, seconded and carried that Bro. Myrtice Goff be placed on the Ordaining Council in place of Elder W. L. Purvis. Moved, seconded and carried that the Council consist of three members, they are: Bro. L. G. Baldwin, Bro. Mance Cason and Bro. Myrtice Goff. Moved, seconded and carried that Bro. Walter Sloan succeed himself as a member of the Executive Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried that we recess for ten minutes and then gather back for the Morning Worship Service. We were dismissed in prayer by Bro. Leonard Dunlap.

Worship Service began with congregational singing and Moderator introduced and presented Elder Bill Garner, Pastor of the Satilla Free Will Baptist Church at Hazlehurst. Bro. Gardner brought a very inspiring message using the associational theme for this subject. (Personal Evangelism.) Scripture text John 14:27. Pastor of the Host Church, Rev. Eennis Irvin gave the welcome address and we were dismissed for lunch with prayer by Mrs. J. B. Rice.

SATURDAY EVENING

Service was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Faison. Prayer was offered by Bro. Billy Hatcher.

Bro. Leonard Graham brought a very challenging message for the Devotion. Moderator called for any committee reports which had not already reported. Reporting was the committee on Ministers. Moved, seconded and carried that the report be accepted and placed in the hands of the Executive Committee for prayer handling and release committee. Moved, seconded, and carried to accept the report of the Resolution Committee and vote on each item separately. Each resolution was voted for. Moved, seconded and carried to accept the report of the Education Committee and release the committee. Moved, seconded and carried that the ordained council meet with the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Thomasville to examine Bro. Chastain for ordination.

Our Moderator asked for a letter of recommendation from this association since he is now holding membership in the Chattahoochee Association. Motion carried to grant request.

Moderator recognized Bro. C. R. Houston our Moderator for the State Association to make announcements concerning the forth coming session.

Moved, seconded and carried that Bro. Jack Faison be recommended to the nominating committee of the State Association to succeed himself on the camp board. Moved, seconded and carried that clerk be given the right to secure a report on the District Sunday School Convention and the Minister's and Deacon's Association and place same in the minutes.

Moved, seconded and carried that we adjourn, prayer was offered by Bro. Olen Bundy.

DELEGATES

POULAN—Bro. D. L. Harris and Sister D. L. Harris.

BAY—Bro. Wayne Faison, Sister Wayne Faison and Sister Jack Faison.

UNITY—Sister Dollie May Newton, Bro. Roy Welch, Bro. Wanell Lawson and Bro. John Howard.

MIDWAY—Sister J. B. Rice, Sister Bertha Mae Dunlap and Sister Nell Parrish.

WEST SIDE—Bro. Charles P. Robertson, Bro. George Lindsey and Bro. William Moore.

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GREENWOOD—Bro. R. B. Harrison, Sister R. B. Harrison and Sister Amos Morse.

SPRING HILL—Bro. Olen Bundy, Bro. P. M. Hatcher, Sister Claree Bundy and Sister Vera Mae Hatcher.

NEW HOPE—Sister Lorene McMurphy, Sister Nettie Lanier and Sister Emma Murphy.

ST. PAUL—Bro. Frank Shivers, Sister Sallie Shivers and Sister Louise Swinson.

CAIRO—Sister Betty Ward and Sister Ora Parrish.

VISITORS PRESENT

Elder E. C. Morris	Georgia Union Association
Mr. N. T. Brooks	Little River Association
Mr. J. M. Hartsfield	Little River Association
Elder J. R. Davidson	Georgia Union Association
Elder Bill Gardner	South Georgia Association
Mrs. Bill Gardner	South Georgia Association
Mr. E. T. Collins	Chattahoochee Association
Elder C. R. Houston	Midway Association
Mr. Boyd	Midway Association
Elder Leonard Graham	Georgia Union Association
Elder H. L. Knighton	Chattahoochee Association

FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand 1960 Minutes	\$ 2.23
Received January 14, 1961	42.67
Received April 15, 1961	49.74
Received July 16, 1961	43.47
Received October 27, 1961—Annual Session	86.50

Total Received \$224.61

DISBURSEMENTS

January 14, 1961—Paid Moderator	\$ 5.00
January 14, 1961—Paid Clerk	5.00
April 15, 1961—Paid Moderator	5.00

April 15, 1961—Paid Clerk	5.00
July 16, 1961—Paid Moderator	5.00
July 16, 1961—Paid Clerk	5.00
October 28, 1961—Paid Moderator	10.00
October 28, 1961—Paid Clerk	25.00
November 14, 1961—Paid State and National Association Dues	20.00
Mailing of Minutes, Letter Forms, Programs and etc.	16.00
Minutes for 1961 Session	96.00
Sales Tax for 1961 Minutes	2.88
	199.88
	24.73

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

1. That all Ministers and Deacons of Union Association be required to attend at least one session held during the year or submit reasonable reasons for not attending.

2. That both Ordained and Licensed Ministers names must appear in local church letters when presented at Annual Meeting if they are to be printed in the minutes.

3. That delegates appointed to attend association be on time and stay until all business is completed as we realize that hte Lord's business is the greatest of all the business of life.

Bro. D. L. Harris, Chairman

Mrs. J. B. Rice

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.

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.

RESOLUTION

Inasmuch as the cause of Free Will Baptists has been so wonderfully stimulated by the services of Free Will Baptist Bible College during the past most 20 years, contributions having been made by it in our growth in every way, including the courses of training for the most of our Missionaries, as well as for so many of our most efficient workers in every field of our activity, and,

Inasmuch as the enrollment continues to increase on a perpetually larger scale thereby overtaxing present facilities, and,

Inasmuch as this is being designated as Anniversary Year in which a call is going out for 5000 persons to align for gifts amounting to \$1 a year by each participant for the twenty-year period of history, and,

Inasmuch as it seems our people of the Union Association of Georgia have strong grounds for some deep expression of gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His wonderful goodness, and,

Inasmuch as we recognize that by full co-operation the returns from such investments offers maximum dividends, as this will be an investment in lives, and souls, Be it therefore Resolved:

First, that we urge every individual in our churches of this association who possibly can to participate heartily to the point of arranging the \$20 gift by early in April 1962.

Second, that we recommend to delegates representing their respective churches here in this body to return home and take up this proposition with th local churches, with a view of getting a minimum of five donors in each church who will contribute the \$20 each to this wonderful cause at the Bible Conference next spring, thus helping to make complete this planned celebration.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on Christian Education recommend that we "study to show ourselves approved unto God and to our fellowman as labourers with God." Therefore, we recommend that training courses and soul winning classes such as are needed to be made available to our people . . . Furthermore we recommend that each church do its utmost in persuading members to enter into full time Christian service for better preparation for God's purpose and our denomination, we the Free Will Baptist.

Respectfully Submitted

Harvey King

Olan Bundy

Walter Sloan

TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance, recommend that we should be temperent in all things, especially regarding the evils of beverage alcohol, and that we should conduct ourselves, as the Lord said, "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven."

Bay Free Will Baptist Church

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your Nominating Committee submits the following report. Moderator: Elder Mance R. Cason, Assistant Moderator: Elder I. G. Baldwin, Clerk: Mr. Kenneth Murphy, Assistant Clerk: Mr. Billy Hatcher. The following places for the association, first day November 1, 1962—New Hope Church, second day November 2, 1962—Bay Church. The following time and places for quarterly meetings: Saturday before 3rd Sunday January—St. Paul Church, Saturday before 3rd Sunday April—Spring Hill Church and Saturday before 3rd Sunday July—Cairo Church. The Program Committee being elected for two years will remain Mrs. J. B. Rice, Midway, Chairman, Mrs. Harvey King, Spring Hill and Elder G. L. Baldwin, New Hope. We also recommend that Elder Mance Cason be elected to replace Elder E. C. Morris as State Worker.

Wayne Faison, Chairman

Olin Bundy

R.B. Harrison

MINISTERS REPORT

We, your committee on Ministers and churches find that all churches in our association have pastors and are in good felowship with the exception of St. Pau and Unity Churches who have called pastors for the ensuing year who are out of order with our association. We also recognize and acknowledge our loss of a faithful Minister, Elder W. L. Harrell.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Myrtice Goff, New Hope

Bro. C. J. Faison, Bay

Bro. E. L. Dunlap, Midway

Bro. P. M. Hatcher, Spring Hill

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Due to the continued progress of our denomination in the field of Literature, we your committee proudly submit the following report. All the auxiliaries of our Church namely the Sunday School, Free Will Baptist League, Master's Men, Woman's Auxiliary, Young People's Auxiliary, Junior Master's Men, Little Midgets and the Go-Tell Auxiliary are being

supplied with adequate literature which is prepared and written by Free Will Baptist. Contact a monthly publication of our National Association, and the Free Will Baptist Paper published weekly at the Free Will Baptist Press endeavors to carry on a worthwhile ministry by keeping us informed of current issues and news on the local, state and national levels. The different departments of our National Association also makes available literature which is very informative and helpful in carrying on the program of the Church. If Free Will Baptist are to serve the Lord effectively, it is necessary that we use literature suited to our particular need, therefore we prayerfully urge our Churches to use Free Will Baptist Literature.

Midway Free Will Baptist Church

AUXILIARY REPORT

We your committee on Auxiliary urge that everybody pray for those churches who do not have auxiliaries, Sunday Schools and Leagues. We believe that by first praying, the church will realize the need for this type of fellowship and knowledge which is so important for future of our churches.

R. B. Harrison, Chairman

Mrs. Lourene McMurphy

Mrs. Ruby Faison

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Elder L. G. Baldwin Chairman

Elder Mance Cason

Elder Myrtice Goff

REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

The District League Convention of the Union Association met September 16, 1961 with the Midway Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was one of unity and spiritual growth. The following churches were represented; Bay, Midway, Springhill and New Hope, several other churches of different associations were present. The next convention will be held with the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church, September 15, 1962. New officers were elected as follows: Mr. C. C. May, President, Mr. R. B. Harrison, Vice-President, Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Brenda Green, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Laverne Elrod, Sword Drill Leader, Mrs. Bertha Mae Dunlap, Assistant Sword Drill Leader, Miss Linda Tucker, Song Leader, Miss Betty Bundy, Assistant Song Leader and Mrs. Janice Cason, Pianist.

Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT OF DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention of the Union Association met at Bay Free Will Baptist Church May 28, 1961. There were seven churches present with 24 delegates with a total Sunday School enrollment of 379 with an average attendance of 299 and a gain of 50 during last year in attendance. The next convention will be held with Midway Free Will Baptist Church April 29, 1962. The new officers elected are as follows: President, Bro. Billy Hatcher, Vice-Pres. Bro. Floyd Faison, Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Laverne Elrod, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer, Miss Betty Ward. Program Committee: Mance Cason, Mrs. Myrtice Goff and Mr. Clentis C. May.

MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S REPORT

We offer the following report. We held regular quarterly meetings with the designated churches, Unity, New Hope, Spring Hill and Bay. We took as our project the buying of four calves for the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama and the sponsoring of a Fellowship Supper semi-annually. New officers elected for the new year, President, Mance Cason, Vice-President, Billy Hatcher, Secretary and Treasurer, Curtis Gay. Meeting places for next year are: New Hope, December 30, 1961, Cairo April 28, 1962, Midway July 28, 1962 and Bay September 29, 1962.

REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS OF
THE UNION ASSOCIATION

The Quarterly Sessions convened January 14, 1961 with Bay Church. April 15, 1961 with Greenwood Church and July 15, 1961 with Cairo 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. The only important item of the three said meetings was the acceptance of the West Side Free Will Baptist Church at Thomasville, under watch care until the convening of the annual session.

Mod. Elder W. L. Purvis

Clerk, Kenneth Murphy

MINISTERIAL ROLL

- ✓ Elder W. G. Turner Cairo, Ga.
- Elder Mance R. Cason Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.
- Elder W. L. Barrow Rt. 1, Monticello, Fla.
- Elder J. J. Chastain 131-B Cherokee St., Thomasville, Ga.
- ✓ Elder Obie Cone 320 Horroy Street, Thomasville, Ga.
- ✓ Elder J. D. Barfield Moultrie, Ga.
- ✓ Elder Myrtice Goff Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.

✓Elder L. G. Baldwin Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.
 Elder L. O. Lovett Lenox, Ga.
 Elder Harvey Giddens Sylvester, Ga.

DEACONS NAME AND ADDRESS

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

CAIRO—Frank Parrish, Rufus Ward, Abron Harrell, Cairo, Georgia.

GREENWOOD—Lamar Singleton, Camilla, Ga., A. L. Morse, Wayman
 Sharp, R. B. Harrison, Charles Kearns, Camilla, Georgia.

MIDWAY—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, Rt. 1., Quitman, G. C. Bradley, Coolidge, Ga.,
 Edgar McMurphy 108-6th St., N.E., Moultrie, Ga., Floyd Carlton,
 Coolidge, Ga., Murphy Lanier, Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga., Dewey Han-
 non, 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.

UNITY—Wanell Lawson and Roy Welch, Moultrie, Ga.

POULAN—L. D. Harris, Ty Ty, Ga., ✓J. E. Tidwell, Poulan, Ga.

WEST SIDE—H. F. Roberts, Thomasville, Ga.

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—\$19.83, GREENWOOD—\$27.50, 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:

JANUARY 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: 1 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 ransom for all, tasting death for every man, who was buried and rose again the third day, and ascended into Heaven, from whence we look for Him the second time in the clouds of Heaven at the last day to judge both quick and dead.—I Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 6.

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 6 And that he comes into our hearts. John 1: 1; 12; Gal. 4:4; 16; 2nd. Cor 5:12; Titus 3: 5; 1, John 5: 1; 10: 13.

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

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; 17; I Tim. 2:4.

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

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

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

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

10. We believe that men, not considered, simply as men, but ungodly men, were of old ordained to condemnation, considered such who turn the grace of God into lasciviousness, denying the only Lord God and our Lord

Jesus Christ, who brought them, and therefore, shall bring upon themselves swift destruction; but, we observe that they, and such the Apostle saith because they receive not the love of the truth, that they might be saved, therefore the indignation and wrath of God is upon every soul of man that doeth evil, living and dying therein; for there is no respect of persons with God.—Jude 1:4; II Peter 2:1; II Thes. 2:11, 12; Rom. 2:9, 11.

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

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

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

14. We believe that all things are foreseen in the wisdom of God, so that God knoweth whatsoever can or cannot come to pass upon all supposed conditions; yet not as having decreed any person to everlasting death or everlasting life, out of respect or mere choice, further than He hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly, who die in sin unto death.—Heb. 4:13; Prov. 8:22, 31; Matt. 25:31, 46.

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.

5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call 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.

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 Offerings	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.	Master's Men
Bay Colquitt.....	Curtis Gay, Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.....	L. G. Baldwin Coolidge, Ga.	796.49	100.00	72.00	50.27	163.62	44.69	159.33	102.95	1,474.35	1,754.37	10,000.00	27	0	0	0	4	0	0	Full-Time Mornings	2	30	30	0	0
Cairo Grady.....	Mrs. J. F. Parrish 741 2nd Ave., N.E. Cairo, Ga.	W. G. Turner 316-8th Ave. SE Cairo, Ga.	362.33	65.96	517.43	40.23	138.44	57.80	95.95	64.38	1,342.52	1,434.70	5,000.00	35	1	3	1	1	0	0	1 & 3	1	33	0	18	0
Greenwood Mitchell.....	R. B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.	Paul Irvin Newton, Ga.	720.00	145.00	220.00	72.00	106.00				1,273.00	1,633.00	6,000.00	90	2	0	0	0	0	0	1 & 3	3	46	46	0	0
Midway Colquitt.....	E. L. Dunlap 1111-10th Ave. S.E. Moultrie, Ga.	Mance R. Cason Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	3,388.30	170.00	826.46	245.44	91.79	144.69	551.94	978.39	6,386.59	6,382.91	28,000.00	140	15	0	3	0	0	1	Full-Time	2	115	97	17	12
New Hope Colquitt.....	M. B. Lanier Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	Myrtice Goff Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	724.97	160.00		79.39		75.00	53.99	49.62	1,136.97	1,136.97	5,000.00	79	12	9	0	0	11	1	2 & 4	2	72	31	0	0
St. Paul Tift.....	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	W. G. Boyd Route 1 Omega, Ga.	589.23	50.00	10.00	62.67	66.05	50.71		118.00	946.66	946.66	8,500.00	60				1	2	3	1 & 3	2	40			
Spring Hill Mitchell.....	Mrs. Opal Hatcher Sale City, Ga.	A. C. Truluck 216 High. Rd. Albany, Georgia	593.09	200.85	270.00	101.01	116.00	55.90	60.50	183.74	1,593.89	1,061.67	6,000.00	102	1		10	10	8	1	2 & 4	2	30	30		
Poulan Worth	Mrs. C. Hutchinson Box 12 Poulan, Ga.	Dennis Irvin 404 Hillside Albany, Ga.	360.00	134.00		30.10	13.00						3,000.00	48	2	2			1	1	2 & 4	2	25	25		
Unity Colquitt	Nancy Roberts Route 2 Moultrie, Ga.	T. A. Panell Route 5 Moultrie, Ga.		25.00		10.10		22.00	5.00		293.32	559.98	200.00	58	3		1	3			Full-Time	1	35			
West Side Thomas	Sister Vera Roberts 516 Coltan Ave. Thomasville, Ga.	J. J. Chastain 131-B St. Thomasville, Ga.	260.73	158.37	3,604.34							521.47	8,000.00	77	37	5	8	3	14	1	Full-Time	4	60			