

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Thirty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

### UNION ASSOCIATION OF THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST

WHICH CONVENED WITH

**New Hope Church, November 2, 1962**

**Bay Church, November 3, 1962**

#### O F F I C E R S

Elder Mance R. Cason, Mod. .... P. O. Box 591, Moultrie, Ga.

Elder L. G. Baldwin, Asst. Mod. .... Coolidge, Georgia

Elder A. C. Truluck, Clerk ..... Baconton, Georgia

Billy Hatcher, Asst. Clerk ..... Sale City, Georgia

#### Executive Committee

Curtis Gay (1963) ..... Hartsfield, Georgia

H. C. King (1964) ..... Baconton, Georgia

Rufus Ward (1965) ..... Cairo, Georgia

Walter Sloan (1966) ..... Moultrie, Georgia

R. B. Harrison (1967) ..... Camilla, Georgia

The next Annual Session of this Association will be held with Midway Church, November 1, 1963 and Spring Hill Church, November 2, 1963.

## OUR DEAD

Sister Sally Sloan ..... New Hope Church

Bro. J. A. Brady ..... St. Paul Church

Bro. Frank Shivers ..... St. Paul Church

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

## ORDAINING COUNCIL

Elder L. G. Baldwin ..... Chairman

Elder Mance Cason

Elder Myrtice Goff

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Quarterly Association Meetings:

St. Paul ..... January 19, 1963

Cairo ..... April 20, 1963

Bay ..... July 20, 1963

Minister’s and Deacon’s Association

Cairo ..... March 30, 1963

Greenwood ..... June 29, 1963

Poulan ..... September 28, 1963

LEAGUE CONVENTION—September 14, 1963 ..... Bay Church

Sunday School Convention—March 31, 1963 ..... New Hope Church

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

## PROCEEDINGS

## "37th Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 37th Annual Session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist which convened with New Hope Church, November 2, 1962 and Bay Church, November 3, 1962.

The session was opened by singing a number of congregational songs and prayer offered by Bro. Lamar Rayburn.

Bro. Curtis Gay brought a very timely devotion reading from Matthew chapter seven, verses thirteen through twenty-nine and using as a subject the associational theme, "Bearing Fruit, The Responsibility of Every Christian."

The session was officially called to order by Moderator after which he addressed the body and called for a voluntary prayer. The said prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Turner.

Corresponding letters from the various churches were called for (see list of churches and delegates.) Moved, seconded and carried that chair appoint reading clerks. Those appointed were Rev. L. E. Sheffield and Rev. E. R. Corbitt. 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 resolution and finance committee. (See committee reports.) Moved, seconded and carried to adopt the program as prepared by the program committee as an outline to go by for the session, giving the committee the privilege to make any necessary changes.

The Morning Messenger, Rev. E. R. Corbitt, Pastor of the Harmony Free Will Baptist Church of Lake Butler, Florida was introduced and presented by the Moderator. A trio from the Midway Church sang "Where Could I Go, But To The Lord!" After which Rev. Corbitt brought a very inspiring Message based on I Corinthians chapter fifty-eight, verses fifteen and chapter three, verse three.

Rev. Myrtice Goff, Pastor of the host Church gave the welcome address, extending to all present the very warmest kind of hospitality. We were dismissed for the lunch hour with prayer by Rev. W. G. Boyd.

## FRIDAY AFTERNOON

The congregation sang a number of songs and prayer was offered by Bro. E. L. Dunlap. A group from New Hope Church rendered a special message in song followed by the afternoon devotion by Bro. Bobby Whitaker reading from St. John chapter one, verses one through seventeen.

The following committees gave their reports: Education—Midway, Denomination Literature—New Hope, Temperance—Cairo. Motion carried to accept each report as given. (See reports.)

The following churches were appointed as committees to bring reports to the next annual session: Education—Spring Hill, Ministers—St. Paul, Auxiliary—New Hope, Denominational Literature—Midway and Temperance—Greenwood. Motion carried that Nominating Committee be elected by said committeemen being placed in nomination from the floor. These no-

minated were, Bro. E. L. Dunlap, Bro. Jack Faison, Bro. M. H. Hinson, Bro. Dewey Hannon and Mrs. Billy Hatcher. Moved, seconded and carried that nomination cease and we proceed to elect by acclamation. By motion the said committee was elected. (See committee reports.)

An invitation was extended by the delegation from the Midway Church offering the facilities of the said church to the Union Association for the entertaining of the 1963 Session of the Georgia State Association, provided the Union Association wishes to extend an invitation to the state body to meet in our area. Moved, and seconded that the Union Association extend an invitation to the Georgia State Association to hold its 1963 Session in our district. Moved, seconded and carried that the above said motion be placed on the table until tomorrow's session.

Moved, seconded and carried that delegates to represent this body to the State Association be elected by the body. Nominations from the floor were, Mrs. E. L. Dunlap and Mrs. Harvey King and Mrs. J. B. Rice. Moved, seconded and carried that the nomination cease. Mrs. E. L. Dunlap and Mrs. Harvey King were elected as delegates.

Moved, seconded and carried that corresponding messengers to other sister associations be acquired by asking for volunteers and if no one volunteers the chair then make the necessary appointments. Corresponding Messengers are as follows: Chattahoochee—Bro. Odis Elrod, Ga. Union—Rev. L. G. Baldwin, Little River—Rev. Myrtice Goff, Martin—Bro. Curtis Gay, Midway—Bro. Jack Faison and South Ga.—Rev. W. G. Turner.

Bro. Curtis Gay, Trustee of the Free Will Baptist Children's Home, Eldridge, Alabama gave report on the Children's Home. He stated during the time in which he has been going to the Home he has been able to note progress in many ways. Also the Home is looking forward to better developing its present properties and facilities.

Moved, seconded and carried to give to New Hope Church and community a rising vote of thanks for the kind hospitality they have shown us while in their midst. Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn to meet with Bay Church Saturday November 3 at 10 o'clock A.M. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. L. E. Sheffield.

## SATURDAY MORNING

After singing a number of congregational songs, Mrs. Ilene Boyd brought the morning devotion reading from II Peter chapter one, verses one through seven and prayer was offered by Rev. W. G. Turner.

Moderator asked churches with delegation present who was not seated in yesterday's session to bring corresponding letters forward. Reporting was the Greenwood Church. Moved, seconded and carried to seat the delegation from the said church.

Report from the Promotional Department was given by the Promotional Secretary, Rev. Mance Cason. Churches receiving Honor Roll awards were: New Hope, Spring Hill and West Side. Those receiving Grand Honor awards were: Bay and Midway. Honor Roll awards were given on the merits of having given more this year than last in the support to a world-wide

Ministry. Grand Honor Roll awards were given on the merits of having given the per capito quoto in support to the world-wide Ministry.

Rev. L. G. Baldwin, Pastor of the Host Church and a member of the Program Committee presented Rev. Mance Cason to bring the Morning Message. The Associational Theme "Bearing Fruit—The Responsibility of Every Christian" was abhered to closely using as a text St. Luke chapter six, verses forty-four through forty-six.

Rev. E. C. Morris spoke briefly in behalf of the Free Will Baptist Paper from Ayden, North Carolina and solicited subscriptions for same. He also introduced a Booklet which he has written intituled "That You May Know," and said that copies were available to all who desired one.

Pastor of the Host Church, Rev. L. G. Badwin gave the Welcome Address and made the necessary announcements relative to lunch being served after which he dismissed the body with prayer.

### SATURDAY AFTERNOON

The afternoon worship service was entered into with the congregation singing a number of worshipful songs and prayer was offered by Mrs. J. B. Rice. The Rev. J. R. Davidson led the devotion by delivering a very timely message based on St. John chapter fifteen, verses one through nine. Also in connection with his devotional message he spoke briefly on the progress and needs of our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee.

The first item of business of the afternoon session was the reading of a letter received from the West Side Free Will Baptist Church of Thomasville advising the body of their withdrawal from our association. Moved, seconded and carried to take off the table a motion made in yesterday's session relative to extending an invitation to the State to hold its 1963 Session in our district. Moved, seconded and carried that we solicit the cooperation of the Camp Board and that we entertain the State Association at Camp Mt. Bethel and that each Church in our district be encouraged to share in the responsibilities which will be ours as Host to the State Association.

Report of Committee on Ministers was given by the delegates of Greenwood Church. Motion carried to accept report. (See reports.) Report of the District League Convention was given by the Secretary, motion carried to accept report. (See reports.) An oral report was given on the Minister's and Deacon's Association by Bro. Curtis Gay, motion carried to receive the report as information. Finance Committee reported and a motion was carried to accept the report. (See report.) Report of Resolution Committee was read and a motion was carried to accept the report as read with the exception of the following change, that the word "required" in resolution No. 1 be changed to read encouraged. Bay Church reported as Committee on Auxiliaries, Motion carried to accept report. (See report.)

Report of Nominating Committee was given and nominations from the floor were called for. Moved, seconded and carried that the nominations cease and that we proceed to elect the officers as nominated by the nomination committee by acclamation. Bro. R. B. Harrison was nominated as a member of the Executive Committee replacing Bro. A. L. Morse whose term expired. Motion carried that nomination cease and that we elect by acclamation, Bro. Harrison was elected to the Executive Committee.

Moved, seconded and carried that we give to Bay Church and community a rising vote of thanks for the splendid hospitality shown to us during the day.

Moved, seconded and carried to adjourn. The congregation sang, "God be with you till we meet again," and the dismissal prayer was by Rev. L. G. Baldwin.

### DELEGATES

SPRING HILL—Bro. Alton Everson, Sister Dolly King, Bro. and Sister Olen Bundy.

ST. PAUL—Bro. W. O. Sumner, Bro. Mitchell Hinson and Bro. Monroe Justice.

NEW HOPE—Sister Cleo Goff, Sister Sarah Crosby, Sister Thelma Goff.

MIDWAY—Bro. W. S. Lewis, Sister J. B. Rice, Sister Bertha Mae Dunlap.

CAIRO—Bro. Larry Turner, Bro. Edward Watson, Sister Ruby Watson.

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

GREENWOOD—Bro. R. B. Harrison, Bro. G. W. Wisham.

POULAN—No delegates.

### VISITORS PRESENT

Rev. E. R. Corbitt ..... South Ga. Association

Rev. George C. Lee ..... Midway Association

Rev. J. R. Davidson ..... Georgia Union Association

Mr. and Mrs. Everson ..... Martin Association

Mrs. E. C. Morris ..... Georgia Union Association

Rev. R. S. Hayes

Bro. Bostic

Bro. Shaw

Sister Mannie Sloan

### CORRESPONDING MESSENGERS

Rev. L. E. Sheffield ..... Little River Association

Rev. E. C. Morris ..... Georgia Union Association

## FINANCE REPORT

Balance on Hand 1961 Minutes .....	\$ 24.73
Received January 20, 1962 .....	55.17
Received April 14, 1962 .....	43.27
Received July 14, 1962 .....	40.21
Received Annual Session .....	78.40
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	Total Received \$241.78

## DISBURSEMENTS

January 20, 1962—Paid Moderator .....	\$ 5.00
January 20, 1962—Paid Clerk .....	5.00
April 14, 1962—Paid Moderator .....	5.00
April 14, 1962—Paid Clerk .....	5.00
July 14, 1962—Paid Moderator .....	5.00
July 14, 1962—Paid Clerk .....	5.00
November 3, 1962—Paid Moderator .....	10.00
November 3, 1962—Paid Clerk .....	25.00
November 14, 1962—Paid State and National Association Dues .....	20.00
Mailing of Minutes, Letter Forms, Programs and etc. ....	16.00
Minutes for 1962 Session .....	96.00
Sales Tax for 1962 Minutes .....	2.88
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	Total Disbursements 199.88
	Balance on Hand 41.90

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

## RESOLUTION REPORT

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 hind-

ered 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.

1. That all Ministers and Deacons of the Union Association be encouraged to attend at least one session held during the year or submit reasonable reason 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 the Lord's business is the greatest of all the business of life.
4. To encourage every Free Will Baptist to depend solely on the Lord for guidance rather than self in any problem that confronts us.
5. To urge that every God fearing person put forth every effort possible to commune with God in solving the very disastrous problems that faces our Nation as well as the whole world today.

Mrs. Myrtice Goff

Bro. C. J. Faison

Bro. W. S. Lewis

### TEMPERANCE

We, your committee on Temperance recommend that we should be temperent in all things, that we should abstain ourselves from all appearances of evil and conduct ourselves in the meekness of the spirit of the Lord at all times, obeying the Word of truth, to forgive one another and love one another indeed that our Father in Heaven may be glorified.

Cairo Free Will Baptist Shurch

### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, your nominating committee submit the following recommendations: Moderator—Rev. Mance R. Cason, Assistant Moderator—Rev. L. G. Baldwin, Clerk—Rev. A. C. Truluck and Assistant Clerk—Bro. Billy Hatcher. Also the following places for the Annual Session of the Association. Friday and Saturday after the fourth Sunday in October, first day—Midway and second day—Spring Hill. The following time and places for the Quarterly Meetings: Saturday before 3rd Sunday in January—St. Paul, Saturday before 3rd Sunday in April—Cairo and Saturday before 3rd Sunday in July—Bay, and for



the Program Committee, Mrs. J. B. Rice, (Midway) Mrs. Harvey King (Spring Hill) and Rev. L. G. Baldwin (New Hope).

Bro. E. L. Dunlap

Bro. C. J. Faison

Bro. M. N. Hinson

Bro. B. M. Watson

Mrs. Opal Hatcher

### MINISTER'S REPORT

Whereas, in the 1961 Annual Session of the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists the committee on Ministers submitted the following report. "We, your committee on Minister's and Churches find that all churches in our Association have pastors and are in good fellowship with the exception of St. Paul and Unity Churches, who have called pastors for the ensuing year who are out of order with our Association."

Whereas, since the said report was given, the Unity Free Will Baptist Church has officially notified the Association that they have withdrawn from our fellowship and whereas the pastor of the St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church is a member of the said Church in good standing, we your committee recommend that this clarification be made in print in our minutes to the effect that the church and pastor being in good fellowship with this body.

Greenwood Free Will Baptist Church

### 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 Baptists. 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 Baptists 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.

New Hope Free Will Baptist Church

## AUXILIARY REPORT

We, the committee on church auxiliaries submit the following report: 7 churches reporting, 8 Sunday Schools, 7 Leagues, 6 prayer meetings, 2 Ladies Auxiliaries, 1 Master's Men, 1 Y.P.A., 1 G.T.A., 1 B.A., 1 Jr. Master's Men and 1 Little Missionaries. We urge that everybody pray for these churches having these phases of worship and pray that all our churches not having them may see the need of organizing one or more of these auxiliaries for the future of our families.

Bay Free Will Baptist Church

## MINISTER'S AND DEACON'S REPORT

The Minister's and Deacon's Association held regular Quarterly Meetings during the year. Each meeting was very spiritual, inspiring, informative and the fellowship was of the highest order and we would like to encourage all our Ministers, Deacons and friends to share with us in these services. Although we did not have a specific project for the past year, we did have the privilege of sharing at least in a small measure, with one of our churches in a building program. Officers elected for this year are as follows: President—Rev. Mance Cason, Secretary and Treasurer—Bro. Curtis Gay. Meeting places for this year are as follows: New Hope—December 29, 1962, Cairo—March 30, 1963, Greenwood—June 29, 1963 and Poulan—September 28, 1963.

Bro. Curtis Gay, Secretary

## FINANCE REPORT

We, your finance committee have received from the following churches, New Hope—\$6.00, Spring Hill—\$9.94, Bay—\$15.00, Cairo—\$5.00, Midway—\$10.46, St. Paul—\$12.00 and Greenwood—\$15.00, Poulan—\$5.00. We recommend the following disbursements: 1. Pay Moderator for services at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$10.00 for Annual Session. 2. Pay Clerk for services at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$25.00 for Annual Session. 3. Fee to State and National Association \$20.00. 4. Postage, mailing of minutes, letter forms, programs and etc., \$16.00. 5. Balance of suggested budget to be used for printing and distributing of minutes, or other secretarial expenses.

Respectfully Submitted

Mrs. Harvey King

Bro. Carlton Justice

Bro. Bennie Watson

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District Sunday School Convention met with the Midway Free Will Baptist Church Sunday April 29, 1962. The following officers were elected: President—Mr. Walter Sloan, Vice-President—Mr. Dewey Hannon,

Secretary & Treasurer—Miss Betty Goff, and Assistant Secretary & Treasurer—Mrs. Cleo Goff. Program Committee—Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Mrs. James Boyd and Rev. Myrtice Goff. Meeting places for the coming year are: RALLIES—Poulan, Greenwood and Spring Hill. ANNUAL CONVENTION—New Hope Church March 31, 1963.

Miss Betty Goff—Secretary

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, the committee on Christian Education feel that Christian education should start with the very young in the home, our children should be taught to study the word of God, and the way of salvation at home by the parents.

Our Savior was called The Great Teacher, and each of our Churches should teach each member and all that attend the Church, from the pulpit, the Sunday School and each auxiliary of the Church.

All parents should do all that they can to see their children are taught by Christian teachers in the schools of the state and county, we are taught by the word of God that we are to train up a child in the way that they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it. If we do this when our children reach college age they will be able to go to the college of their choice and still remain true to God.

Our denomination has two Christian Colleges, Mt. Olive, a Jr. college in N.C. and the Free Will Baptist College in Tenn. We also have a youth camp at Ashburn, Ga., where many of our youth have found Christ as their Savior. We ask all of our Churches to send as many children to each encampment as possible each year.

We feel that no one ever gets too old to study and to improve their Christian Education. May we all endeavor to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

By: Midway Free Will Baptist Church.

Approved by Conference October 31, 1962

Rev. L. E. Sheffield, Mod.

Bro. E. L. Dunlap, Clerk

## REPORT OF LEAGUE CONVENTION

The District League Convention of the Union Association met September 15, 1962 with the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The necessary committees (resolution, digest, and nominating) were appointed. Churches represented were Bay, Midway and Spring Hill. The Morning Message was brought by Rev. George C. Lee, Pastor of the Albany Free Will Baptist Church. The new officers elected were: President—Rev. A. C. Truluck, Vice-President—Mr. Walter Sloan, Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Janice Cason, Assistant Secretary and Treasurer—Mrs. Harvey King, Sword Drill Leader—Mrs. James Silvers, Assistant Sword Drill Leader—Mrs. Christine Hathock,

Song Leader—Bro. Billy Faison, and Assistant Song Leader—Miss Betty Bundy. The Convention will meet with Bay Church Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September of 1963. The meeting was one of unity and spiritual growth.

Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary & Treasurer

## REPORT OF THE QUARTERLY SESSIONS OF THE UNION ASSOCIATION

The Quarterly Sessions convened January 20, 1962 with St. Paul Church, April 14, 1962 with Spring Hill Church and Cairo Church July 14, 1962. Each session was well represented with delegates from the various churches. This is a condensed report of the three above said sessions, stating only the essential items of business. A new letter form to be used by the churches in submitting a quarterly report to each of the three quarterly sessions of the association was adopted. The Unity Free Will Baptist Church of Moultrie, Ga. reported by letter to the second quarterly session stating that they had voted to withdraw from our body to become a member of the Old Line Association.

Moderator—Mance R. Cason

Clerk—Kenneth Murphy

### MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. G. Turner ..... 316 8th Ave. S.E., Cairo, Ga.  
 Elder Mance R. Cason ..... P. O. Box 591, Moultrie, Georgia  
 Elder W. L. Barrow ..... Route 1, Monticello, Florida  
 Elder Myrtice Goff ..... Route 2, Coolidge, Georgia  
 Elder L. G. Baldwin ..... Route 2, Coolidge, Georgia  
 Elder L. O. Lovett ..... Lenox, Georgia  
 Elder Harvey Giddens ..... Sylvester, Georgia  
 Elder A. C. Truluck ..... Route 1, Baconton, Georgia  
 Elder W. G. Boyd ..... Route 1, Omega, Georgia

### DEACONS NAME AND ADDRESS

BAY—C. J. Faison, Curtis Gay, W. R. Tucker, Route 1, Hartsfield, Georgia  
 CAIRO—Frank Parrish, Ruffus Ward, Abron Harrell, Bennie Watson, 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, Charles E. Murphy, Tillman Harper, Walter Sloan, Moultrie, Ga., Mr. James C. Boyd, Norman Park, Ga.

NEW HOPE—S. L. Holton, Route 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 Hannon, Moultrie, Ga., Junior Eubanks, Pavo, Ga.

ST. PAUL—J. N. Franks, F. D. Woods, Omega, Ga., J. H. K. Jones, Carlton Justice, Tifton, Ga., M. A. Godwin, Lenox, Ga., J. C. Swinson, Lenox, Ga.

SPRING HILL—Harvey King, Lamar Rayburn, Paul Hayes, A. W. Holton, George Barksdale, Baconton, Ga., Joe Hatcher, Albany, Ga., Billy Hatcher, Sale City, L. N. Thompson, Sale City, Ga., Thomas Morey, Doerun, Georgia.

POULAN—L. D. Harris, Ty Ty, Ga., J. E. Tidwell, Poulan, 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—\$19.83, GREENWOOD—\$27.50, MIDWAY—\$41.82, NEW HOPE—\$24.14, ST. PAUL—\$23.80—SPRING HILL—\$61.20, 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 SESSION—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 believers in Christ.

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

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

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

surrendered to superintending jurisdiction by delegates or otherwise, the assembly ceases to be a Gospel church.

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

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

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

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

10. That the authority of a minister of the Gospel extends to teaching exhortation, rebuke, helping with Lords supper, marriage, baptize, that he cannot perform any acts that belong to the authority of the church—such as the reception of members into the church compact, or the expulsion of the offenders, that as a member of the church, he is not more than any other member, and if he is guilty of transgression he is to be brought to trial before his brethren according to Matt. 18: 15, 17. Acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person; yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

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

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes. John 13: I Tim. 5, 9, 10.

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

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

## CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference. Unless to amend, to rescind or to hold.

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

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

25. All discussions in conference must be conducted with calmness and good feeling; those who speak must rise to their feet and address the Moderator, and keep the point in the debate.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CHURCH COVENANT

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

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

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

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

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

6. We will everywhere hold Christian principle sacred and Christian obligations and enterprises supreme, counting it our chief business in life to extend the 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

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

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

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

4. We believe in the Beginning God made man upright; and placed him in a state of glory without the least mixture of misery, from which he

voluntarily by transgression, fell, and by that means brought on himself a miserable and mortal state subject to death.—Gen. 2:17; 3:19.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which

he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be imputed to all believers for their eternal acceptance with God.—Rom. 4:24; Acts 8:20, 21.

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

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

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

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

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

### ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call 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 Letter	Restration Other Ways	Lost by Letter	Excluded	Died	Rec'd by Baptism	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.	642.25	195.00	421.20	76.12	95.01	49.13	128.43	107.97	1,715.11	1,625.21	10,000.00	24	0	0	3	0	0	0	Full-Time Morning	2	35	20	0	0
Cairo Grady	Mrs. David Turner Rt. 2 Cairo, Ga.	W. G. Turner 316-8th Ave. SE Cairo, Ga.	302.41	12.79	12.34	48.90	97.82	54.64	93.06	117.79	739.75	931.76	5,000.00	61	16	0	2	0	3	15	1 & 3	1	40	0	13	0
Greenwood Mitchell	R. B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.		720.00	140.00		48.00	46.00	18.62		75.24	1,047.86	1,086.36	6,000.00	43	0	0	3	0	0	0	1 & 3	2	46	46	0	0
Midway Colquitt	E. L. Dunlap 1111-10th Ave. S.E. Moultrie, Ga.	L. E. Sheffield Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	3,032.01	160.00	1,328.03	261.67	517.76	303.01	579.59	499.41	6,671.02	6,890.75	20,000.00	142	3	0	4	0	0	5	Full Time	2	115	97	11	14
New Hope Colquitt	M. B. Lanier Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	Myrtice Goff Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	1,043.31	91.15	1,000.95	75.72	0	116.51	177.00	3.23	2,507.87	2,766.44	10,000.00	80	4	0	0	0	1	8	Full Time	1	52	31	0	0
St. Paul Tift	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	W. G. Boyd Route 1 Omega, Ga.	370.00	75.43	0	36.37	127.65	45.50	0	71.00	725.95	744.31	8,500.00	59	0	4	3	0	2	0	1 & 3	2	40	0	0	0
Spring Hill Mitchell	Mrs. James Silvers Rt. 2, Box 461 Albany, Ga.	A. C. Truluck Route 1 Baconton, Ga.	746.06	291.09	0	135.45	124.71	20.00	111.11	112.77	1,541.19	1,763.51	6,000.00	117	8	6	5	0	1	5	Full Time	2	42	38	14	0
Poulan Worth	Howard Harris Route 1 Ty Ty, Ga.	G. H. Spradley Route 1 Omega, Ga.	240.00	0	18.01	45.13	345.00	0	0	0	648.14	—	3,000.00	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	2 & 4	2	30	30	0	0