

# MINUTES

OF THE

## Thirty-Eight Annual Session

OF THE

## UNION ASSOCIATION OF ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS CHURCHES

Convened With

**Midway Church November 1, 1963 and  
Spring Hill Church, November 2, 1963**

### OFFICERS

Elder Mance R. Cason, Moderator .....	Moultrie, Ga.
Elder L. G. Baldwin, Vice Moderator .....	Coolidge, Ga.
Elder A. C. Truluck, Clerk .....	Baconton, Ga.
Mr. Billy Hatcher, Asst. Clerk .....	Sale City, Ga.

### EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

H. C. King (1964) .....	Baconton, Ga.
M. H. Hinson (1965) .....	Omega, Ga.
Walter Sloan (1966) .....	Moultrie, Ga.
R. B. Harrison (1967) .....	Camilla, Ga.
Curtis Gay (1968) .....	Hartsfield, Ga.

### MISSION BOARD

Mr. Kenneth Murphy (1968) .....	Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. A. C. Truluck (1967) .....	Baconton, Ga.
Rev. W. G. Turner (1966) .....	Cairo, Ga.
Rev. Marvin Hartsfield (1965) .....	Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. Havard Harris (1964) .....	Omega, Ga.

### ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. L. G. Baldwin	Rev. Myrtice Goff
Rev. Harvey Giddens	Rev. W. G. Turner
Rev. Marvin Hartsfield	

## OUR DEAD

Sister Donna Bradley .....	New Hope
Sister Sally Plymel .....	New Hope
Sister Sadie Underwood .....	New Hope
Bro. I. P. Harvey .....	New Hope
Bro. W. J. Harper .....	New Hope
Bro. Emmett Lee Smith .....	New Hope
Bro. Marvin D. Murphy .....	New Hope
Bro. J. H. K. Jones .....	St. Paul

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

### Quarterly Sessions:

January 18, 1964 .....	Spring Hill
April 18, 1964 .....	Poulan
July 18, 1964 .....	Greenwood

### Sunday School Convention:

March 29, 1964 .....	Spring Hill
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### League Convention:

September 19, 1964 .....	Midway
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### Ministers and Deacons Conference:

December 28, 1963 .....	Cairo
March 28, 1964 .....	St. Paul
May 30, 1964 .....	Bay
August 29, 1964 .....	Midway
November 28, 1964 .....	Spring Hill

### Annual Session of the Union Association:

October 30, 1964 .....	Bay
October 31, 1964 .....	New Hope

### Woman's Auxiliary Convention:

October 31, 1964 .....	New Hope
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# THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## "PROCEEDINGS"

### "38th Annual Session"

Theme: "Always abounding in the work of the Lord"

Scripture: 1st Corinthians 15: 58.

Proceedings of the 38th annual session of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists convening with Midway Church Nov. 1, 1963 and Spring Hill Church Nov. 2, 1963.

Congregational singing preceded the opening of the regular session and Brother Otis Elrod led in the opening prayer. Devotion was presented by Rev. Mance Cason using the Assn. theme and scripture reading.

The moderator declared the session officially open after the ministerial roll call and recognition of standing delegates.

Roll call of churches and delegates:

Church:	Delegates:
Bay:	Curtis Gay, Pauline Gay
Cairo:	Mrs. Bennie Watson, Miss Mary Beck, Miss Glenda McQuire
Greenwood:	G. W. Worsham, R. B. Harrison, Mrs. R. B. Harrison, alternate: A. L. Morris, Mrs. Eva Hutto
Midway:	Mrs. Willie Mae Tucker, Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mrs. Mary Murphy
New Hope:	Mrs. Sarah Crosby, Mrs. Cleo Goff, Mrs. Mildred Lanier
Poulan:	Mr. D. L. Harris, Mrs. D. L. Harris, Mrs. Harvard Harris
Spring Hill:	Olen Bundy, Wayne Dawson, Opal Hatcher
St. Paul:	Monroe Justice, Mitchell Hinson, Mrs. Mattie Sumner

Motion made and carried to receive letters and seat the delegates. All Churches were represented by letter.

Motion made and carried to adopt the program with changes made by the program committee as the need arises.

## THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Motion made and carried that the moderator appoint necessary committees. Those appointed were:

Resolutions: Gene Bundy, Mrs. M. B. Lanier, Mrs. Willie Mae Tucker

Finance: R. B. Harrison, Joyce Harris, M. H. Hinson

Nominations: Mrs Bennie Watson, Mrs Mary Murphy, Monroe Justice, D. L. Harris, Opal Hatcher

Motion made and carried that there being no need for a credential committee at the present time that said committee should not be appointed.

Standing committees appointed at last session were:

Education: Spring Hill Ministers: St. Paul Auxiliaries: New Hope Literature: Midway Temperance: Greenwood

Business was adjourned for the morning worship service. Congregation song service preceded the association message.

The association message was delivered by Rev. C. D. Rentz. An outstanding message was delivered from 2nd Kings, chapter 3: 16-17 challenging us to obey the Lord in carrying on the work of His Kingdom.

Welcome address: Rev. Marvin Hartsfield. A very pleasing meal was furnished by the host Church.

Afternoon Session:

Singspiration and prayer by Bro. Curtis Gay and Bro. Arnold Woodlief.

The state promotional secretary, Bro. Mance Cason, gave the annual report of the overall cooperative work of the Union Association. The total budget was \$2,800.00. Of this amount all but approximately \$23.00 was raised. Certificates were awarded churches raising amounts to entitle them to such.

Bro. Mance Cason submitted his resignation as Moderator and member of the Ordaining-Council. Motion made and carried to receive his resignation and give him a rising vote of appreciation for his most capable services.

Partial report of committees was received. See reports.

Report from the treasurer of the state association planning committee revealed a balance of \$364.88. An oral report was given in behalf of the progress made by the registration, usher, and welcoming committees.



A report of the planning committee of the Ministers and Deacons Association was given and a motion was sustained to table the report until the next days business. See reports for final action.

Motion was made and carried that a committee be appointed to study our budget and recommend changes if such changes deemed needful. Those appointed: A. C. Truluck, Marvin Hartsfield, Harvey Giddens.

A love offering for Rev. C. D. Rentz in the amount of \$15.00 was received.

A motion was sustained to give Midway Church a rising vote of thanks for their fine hospitality.

Adjourned business until next day at 10:00 A.M.

#### Evening Service:

A youth fellowship service was held at Midway Church at 7:30 P.M. The purpose of this meeting was to give our youth a part in the program of our annual association. The host church blessed our hearts with special singing and music and furnished refreshments after the regular service. A very inspiring message was brought by Rev. Arnold Woodlief of Marianna, Fla. His appeal was to our youth to give themselves wholly unto the Lord. It is hoped that all our churches will take an interest in this type of service and respond in a greater measure at the next annual session.

#### Morning Service: Nov. 2, 1863 - Spring Hill Church

Service began with congregation singing and prayer was offered by Rev. Marvin Hartsfield. A very inspirational devotion was given by Rev. Lamar Parrish, using the Assn. theme as his subject and the suggested scripture as his text.

Other committee reports were received and adopted. See reports for details.

Standing committees for the next annual session were appointed by the moderator. Temperance: Poulan; Education: Bay; Ministers: Calro, Auxiliary: Midway; Literature: Spring Hill.

Moved and carried to receive and adopt the report from the planning committee of the Minister and Deacons Assn. with the following changes. Item B. under responsibilities to read in or near every city. Delete the word annual and use the word session only.

Report from the District League Convention read and accepted. See report.

Resolution from the Woman's Auxiliary asking for one half day of our annual session be given them for their annual auxiliary convention was received and on motion was adopted. Motion made and carried that the auxiliary be given Saturday afternoon of each session for their convention.

Motion made and carried that moderator appoint delegates to the state convention. Those appointed were: G. W. Worsham, Glenda McQuire.

Worship Service: Congregation singing and prayer by Rev. Willie Sellars. Bro. Jack Faison sang a special song after which Rev. W. G. Turner brought the morning message. The Scripture text was from the assn. theme and further references from Hebrews 6:10. A very challenging message was delivered and a prayer of re-dedication was offered at the close of service. Many came to the altar to join the prayer for a more dedicated life of service unto the Lord.

Noon Lunch Period:

The host church furnished a very pleasing meal.

Afternoon Session opened with congregation singing, followed by Scripture reading from the 100th Psalm.

Reports from the committees were continued and all final reports given. See reports for details.

Motion carried to have 200 minutes printed.

Offering received for state association planning committee work in the amount of \$16.00, after which a discussion period was held in regard to plans for the entertaining of the state association. Plans were fully developed and responsibility delegated for the carrying out of same.

Bro. Curtis Gay was re-elected to the executive committee for a 5 year term.

Motion carried that Bro. Rufus Wards position on the executive board be declared vacant and a replacement elected. Bro. M. H. Hinson elected to fill the unexpired term.

Rev. Harvey Giddens was elected as a member of the ordaining council to replace Rev. Mance-Cason. Revs. Marvin Hartsfield and W. G. Turner were elected to fill the vacant positions on the ordaining council.

A Vote of thanks was given to Bro. Cason for his services as moderator during this annual session.

Motion carried to adjourn this session of the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptists.

### REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS:

The Union Association of Free Will Baptists held three Quarterly Sessions: January 19, 1963 at St. Paul Church; April 20, 1963, at Cairo Church; July 20, 1963 at Bay Church.

A brief report of these meetings is presented as information; for a more detailed report see records of the Clerk.

January 19, Unity Free Will Baptist Church was recieved into fellowship with the Union Assn. Planning committee for entertaining the state assn. was appointed. An invitation was extended to Rev. Carlton Lambert from the Childrens Home to attend our next session and bring the truck that we may load it with items for the home. Bro. Charlie Robertson, pastor of the Unity Church was referred to the Ordaining Council for examination to the Ministry. Guest-speaker for this session was the Rev. T. G. Hamilton of Homerville, Georgia.

April 20, Report from the state assn. planning committee was recieved and approved. Bro. Carlton Lambert was our guest speaker. An offering in the amount of \$45.58 and clothing, food and incidentals valued at \$175.00 was given Bro. Lambert for the Childrens Home. Motion carried for ordaining council to examine Bro. Havard Harris for license to preach.

July 20, guest speaker for this session was Rev. E. V. Skipper. Item of information from the ministers and deacons assn. regarding plans to start mission work in our assn. was received. Report from clerk regarding financial status of our assn. planning committee treasury was received. Motion carried for the ordaining council to

meet as soon as possible with the Poulan Church to examine Bro. G. H. Spradley for ordination to the Ministry.

Rev. Mance Cason, Moderator  
Rev. A. C. Truluck, Clerk

### FINANCIAL REPORT:

Special Treasury for state assn. entertainment:

Received from Churches & special offering .....	\$405.88
Received from return of groceries, etc. ....	29.76
Paid out for groceries & kitchen help .....	420.76
Balance transferred to Assn. Treasury .....	14.88

### Association Treasurers Report.

Balance received from Quarterly meetings: .....	\$149.44
Received at this Session: .....	87.34
Received from special treasurer .....	14.88
Total to account for: .....	251.66

### Paid Out:

Moderator .....	10.00
Clerk .....	25.00
State & National Assn. ....	25.00
Total Paid Out .....	60.00
Balance on hand .....	\$191.66

\*Minutes to be paid for from balance on hand.

Corresponding messengers to other district associations appointed at this session were:

South Ga. Assn., Rev. A. C. Truluck; Ga. Union, Rev. Harvey Gid-



dens; Chattahoochee, Rev. Harvey Giddens; Midway, Mrs. J. B. Rice; Martin, Bro. Jack Faison; Little River, Bro. Kenneth Murphy.

Churches receiving certificates for unified giving:

Bay	Grand Honor Roll
Cairo	Honor Roll
Greenwood	Honor Roll
Spring Hill	Honor Roll
Poulan	Honor Roll
New Hope	Junior Honor Roll

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** As adopted by association.

Resolutions Report:

Be it resolved that, (1) All ministers and deacons of the Union Assn. 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 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 face our nation as well as the whole world today.

Bro. Gene Bundy, Chr.  
 Sis. M. B. Lanier  
 Sis. Willie Mae Tucker

Nominating Committee:

We your committee on nominations submit the following recommendations: Moderator, Rev. A. C. Truluck; Assistant Moderator, Rev. L. G. Baldwin; Clerk, Mrs. J. B. Rice; Assistant Clerk, Bro. Billy Hatcher; Also the following places for the annual asso-

ciation: 1st day at Bay, 2nd day at New Hope; also the following places for the Quarterly sessions: Saturday before 3rd Sunday in January, Spring Hill; April, Poulan; July, Greenwood; The program committee: Mrs. J. B. Rice, Mrs. Opal Hatcher, and Rev. L. G. Baldwin.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mrs. Kenneth Murphy, Chr.  
Mrs. Bennie Watson  
Bro. Monroe Justice  
Bro. D. L. Harris  
Mrs. Opal Hatcher

Committee on Ministers:

We your committee on ministers and churches find that all churches in our association have pastors and are in good fellowship with the exception of Bay which does not have a pastor at this time.

Your Committee from St. Paul Church:

Report on denominational Literature.

We your committee on literature do submit the following report. We recommend that all our churches of the Union Assn. use Free Will Baptist literature in their Sunday Schools, Leagues, Womens Auxiliary, masters mens and youth organizations. We believe we have qualified Christian men and women who are working hard to prepare the very best possible literature for us and do heartily recommend it. We also wish to stress the point that we study this literature along with our Bible and pray without ceasing for knowledge to be better Christian men, women, boys and girls. II Timothy 2:15. Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Your committee on Literature: Midway Church

Committee on Auxiliaries:

We the committee on Church Auxiliaries submit the following report. Eight churches reporting eight Sunday Schools, five leagues, 5 prayer meetings, 3 ladies auxiliaries, 1 master mens, 3 Y.P.A., 3 G.T.A. and 1 midget. The Union Assn. now has a district woman's auxiliary. We urge that everyone pray for the Churches having these different phases of worship. Pray that the Churches not hav.

ing these auxiliaries would see the need of them for the future of our families.

Your committee on Auxiliaries:—New Hope Church

#### Report of Finance Committee:

We your Finance Committee have received from the following Churches: Poulan \$5.00, Greenwood \$10.00, St. Paul \$25.00, Midway \$10.46, Cairo \$5.00, Bay \$15.00, Spring Hill \$10.88, New Hope \$6.00. We recommend the following disbursements. Pay each moderator for services at Quarterly Sessions \$5.00 each, and \$10.00 for annual session. Pay clerk for services at Quarterly Sessions \$5.00 each, and \$25.00 for annual session. Postage mailing of minutes, letters, forms, programs, etc. \$16.00. Balance of suggested budget to be used for printing of annual minutes and distribution same and other secretarial expenses.

Mrs. Havard Harris, Chr.

Bro. R. B. Harrison

Bro. M. H. Hinson

#### Committee on Christian Education:

We your committee on Christian education encourage each church to accept the opportunities that are ours to better prepare our people for the services of God. We feel that our Sunday Schools and Leagues teach and train us to be better workers for God. We ask the parents of our association to encourage the youth to attend our youth camp at Ashburn, Ga. as this is a means to better prepare them in Christian Education. Our denomination has the Free Will Baptist College in Nashville, Tenn. to prepare our youth of tomorrow in Christian education. May we as a denomination take heed to God's words as found in II Timothy 2:15.

Your Committee on Education: Spring Hill Church

#### District League Convention Report:

The district league convention of the Union Association met September 14, 1963 with the Cairo Church. Three leagues were represented, Midway, Spring Hill and Cairo. Committees appointed were: digest, resolution and nominating. The morning message was brought by Rev. Marvin Hartsfield. His text was taken from II Tim. 2:15-16. Inspiring topics, devotions and special music was given by

leaguers of various churches. The new officers elected were: President, Mr. Walter Sloan; Vice President, Miss Cindy King; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Janice Cason; Asst. Secretary, Miss Venice Boyd; Sword Drill leader, Mrs. Jeanne Silvers; Asst. Sword Drill leader, Mrs. Bennie Watson, Jr.; Song Leader, Miss Barbara Ferguson; Asst. Song Leader, Mr. Billy Lewis. The winners of the sword drill were: intermediates, 1st place Cindy King, 2nd place Bonnie Sue Sloan; Juniors, 1st place Michael Truluck, 2nd Place Donna Gayle Green. The next convention will meet with the Midway Church Saturday before the 3rd Sunday in September, 1964.

Mrs. Janice Cason, Secretary

#### District Woman's Auxiliary Report:

The district woman's auxiliary of the Union Association met October 26, 1963 with the Cairo Church. Churches represented were Springhill, Midway and Cairo. Morning devotion was given by Mrs. Abram Harrell. Scripture reading from Matthew chapter 28. Necessary committees were appointed. The morning message was given by Mrs. Janice Cason. The text was taken from II John 1:4. Mrs. M. L. Hartsfield gave a few interesting points on what a district woman's auxiliary could accomplish. Mrs. A. C. Truluck gave the afternoon devotion with scripture reading taken from Genesis. New officers elected were: President, Mrs. J. B. Rice; Vice President, Mrs. Opal Hatcher; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Abram Harrell; Asst. Recording Secretary and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Pearl Watson; Treasurer, Mrs. W. C. Weeks; Field Secretary, Mrs. Helen Lewis; Youth Auxiliary Chairman, Mrs. A. C. Truluck; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Mrs. A. C. Truluck; Stewardship Prayer Chairman, Mrs. Bennie Watson; Personal Service Chairman, Mrs. James Silvers.

Mrs. Abram Harrell, Secretary

*To be replaced in 1964*

Report from the Planning Committee of the Ministers and Deacons district association:

1. That a mission board be established for the Union Association.
2. That this board consist of five members of which shall be a chairman, secretary and treasurer.
3. That members be elected by the association at its annual session.



4. That members serve for five years on a revolving basis one being elected each year.

5. That the responsibilities of this board be set forth by the association and any changes to these be approved by the association.

#### Responsibilities Defined:

A. Soliciting the cooperation of all churches in the Union Assn. in the promotion of mission work within the bounds of the Union Association until the Assn. feels that these needs have been met or obligations should extend to further bounds of service.

B. This mission work shall be centered around the establishing of a Free Will Baptist Church in or near every city, beginning with the largest city per population and pregressing to cities of lesser population, within the bounds of the Union Assn. These bounds compass the following counties: Colquitt, Grady, Mitchell, Thomas, Tift, and Worth. Cities with no Free Will Baptist Church will be the first to receive consideration.

C. When mission work is established, support shall be rendered by this board until the work is considered by the board to be able to sustain itself.

D. A monthly offering by each Church to this boards treasury is solicited or a quarterly offering to be sent in at each quarterly session and the annual assn.

E. That a complete and detailed report of this boards activities be presented to each session of the Assn. for information and approval.

#### Report of Temperance Committee:

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

Greenwood Church

#### Report of Financial Allocation Committee:

We your committee recommend the same report as last year ex-

cept paragraph 4 and 5, which is changed, as a result of our survey which reveals that the yearly disbursements of our association is an average of forty cents per member. We offer the following budget for adoption: Bay \$8.80, Cairo \$54.80, Greenwood \$15.60, Midway \$61.60, New Hope \$28.80, St. Paul \$21.60, Spring Hill \$51.20, and Poulan \$23.20. Of this amount one fourth is to be sent into each regular session of the quarterly meetings and annual session.

A. C. Truluck, Chr.

Harvey Giddens

Marvin Hartsfield

#### Report of the Ministers and Deacons meetings:

The ministers and deacons assn. held quarterly meetings with New Hope, Cairo, Greenwood, and Poulan. Our projects for the year were: (1) help with our services in entertaining the state assn., such as supplying the programs and identification tags, pastors and incidentals. (2) Submitting plans for the establishing of new churches in our association. We had one well attended fellowship supper in Moultrie and our speaker was Bro. Walt Thompson. New officers for the coming year are: President A. C. Truluck; Vice President, Myrtice Goff; Secretary, Lamar Raburn; Asst. Secretary, Jack Faison. Meeting places are: December 28, 1963 Cairo; March 28, 1964 St. Paul; May 30, 1964 Bay; August 29, 1964 Midway; November 28, 1964 Spring Hill.

Curtis Gay, Clerk

#### 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.

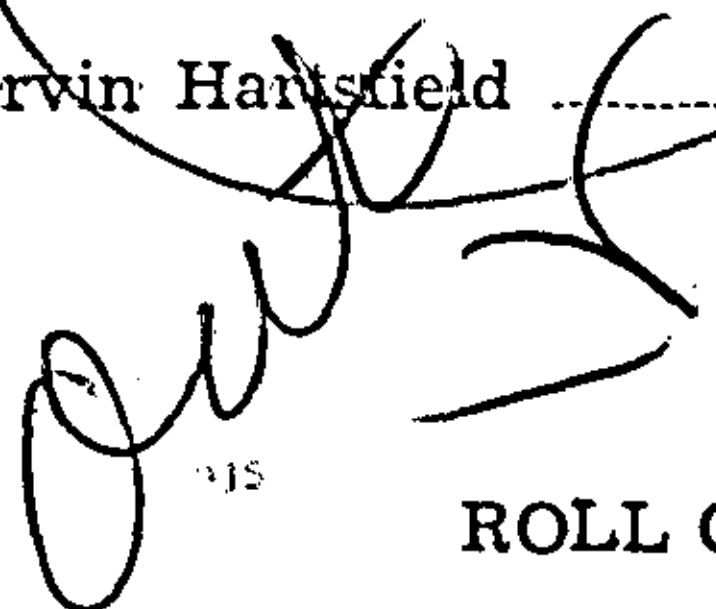
18. We believe the happiness of the righteous is eternal and the torments of the wicked are endless.—Matt. 25:46.

### 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.

## MINISTERIAL ROLL

Elder W. G. Turner	316 8th Ave. S. E., Cairo, Ga.
✓ Elder Mance Cason	P. O. Box 591, Moultrie, Ga.
Elder Myrtice Goff	Route 2, Coolidge, Ga.
✓ Elder W. L. Barrow	Drifton, Florida
Elder L. G. Baldwin	Rout 2, Coolidge, Ga.
✓ Elder L. O. Lovett	Lenox, Ga.
Elder Harvey Giddens	Sylvester, Ga.
Elder A. C. Truluck	Route 1, Baconton, Ga.
Elder W. G. Boyd	Route 1, Omega, Ga.
Elder G. H. Spradley	Route 1, Omega, Ga.
Elder Havard Harris	Route 1, Omega, Ga. (licensed)
Elder Marwin Harstfield	Rout 4, Moultrie, Ga.



## ROLL OF DEACONS

**BAY**—C. J. Faison, Curtis Gay, W. R. Tucker

**CAIRO**—Abron Harrell, Bennie Watson

**GREENWOOD**—A. L. Morse, R. B. Harrison, Charles Kearns, Lamar Singleton

**MIDWAY**—E. L. Dunlap, Douglas Murphy, Kenneth Murphy, Charles Anderson, Marion Green, Odis Elrod, Charles E. Murphy, Tillman Harper, Walter Sloan, James Boyd

**NEW HOPE**—Bryant Bradley, Edgar McMurphy, Floyd Carlton, Murphy Lanier, Dewey Hannon, Junior Eubanks

**ST PAUL**—J. N. Franks, F. D. Woods, Carlton Justice, M. A. Godwin, J. C. Swinson

**SPRING HILL**—Harvey King, Lamar Raburn, A. W. Holton, George Barksdale, Billy Hatcher, Thomas Morey, L. N. Thompson, James Silvers.

**POULAN**—L. D. Harris, J. E. Tidwell, Robert Piper, W. J. Barksdale, James Jennings

CHURCH AND COUNTY	CLERK AND ADDRESS	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	PAID PASTOR	EVANGELISTIC	BLDG. AND REPAIRS	LITERATURE FOR ALL PURPOSES	INCIDENTALS	BENEVOLENCE	UNIFIED PROGRAM	OTHER CAUSES NOT LISTED	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	TOTAL OFFERINGS	VALUE OF CHURCH PROPERTY	TOTAL NUMBER OF MEMBERS	REC'D BY LETTER	RESTORATION OTHER WAYS	LOST BY LETTER	EXCLUDED	DIED	REC'D BY BAPTISM	MEETING DAYS	REVIVALS HELD	S.S. MEMBERS	LEAGUE MEMBERS	WOMANS AUX.	MASTERS MEN
Bay Colquitt	Curtis Gay Rt. 1 Hartsfield, Ga.	Larry Williams Funston, Ga.	582.33	200.00	300.00	21.85	116.63	34.52	96.41	15.00	1,388.50	1,334.57	10,000.00	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	FT	2	30	0	0	0
Cairo Grady	Mrs David Turner Rt. 1 Cairo, Ga.	W.G. Turner 316 8th St. SE Cairo, Ga.	496.43	121.39	298.55	104.99	106.96		124.78	307.91	1,566.01	1,869.88	5,000.00	65	2	1	10	0	1	13	FT	1	60	0	14	0
Greenwood Mitchell	R.B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga.	E.V. Skipper Thomaston, Ga.	720.00	60.00		48.00	25.60		57.45	101.00	1,011.05		6,000.00	43	0	0	3	0	0	0	1&3	1	30	30	0	0
Midway Colquitt	E.L. Dunlap 1111 10th Ave SE Moultrie, Ga.	Marvin Hartsfield Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	3,250.00	253.04	1,188.75	338.71	474.50	137.76	635.84		6,458.67	5,627.05	28,000.00	154	4	0	3	0	1	9	FT	2	115	97	10	4
New Hope Colquitt	M.B. Lanier Rt. 2 Coolidge, Ga.	Myrtice Goff Rt. 2 Coolidge, Ga.	711.55	65.00	461.93	69.87	17.98		145.51	492.02	1,963.86	2,016.51	10,000.00	76	2	0	0	0	7	2	FT	1	52	31	0	0
St. Paul Tift	M.H. Hinson Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	W.G. Boyd Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	454.64	85.00		36.34	16.00	37.25		45.35	793.36	911.46	8,500.00	55	0	0	3	0	1	0	1&3	2	40	0	0	0
Springhill Mitchell	Mrs James Silvers Rt. 4 Box 539 Albany, Ga.	A.C. Truluck Rt. 1 Baconton, Ga.	1,562.58	240.00	5,771.93	154.60	353.45		235.52	102.57	8,187.46	6,424.28	15,000.00	128	1	3	1	0	2	11	FT	2	83	70	12	12
Poulan Worth	Mrs Wayne Carlton Poulan, Ga.	G.H. Spradley Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	420.00	66.40	750.00	76.33	28.00		10.00		1,355.73	1,336.20	4,000.00	58	11	0	9	0	0	4	FT	2	35	35	0	0
TOTALS FOR 1962 -			8,197.53	1,090.83	8,771.21	849.69	1,139.12	309.53	1,305.51	1,053.85	22,729.62	19,468.95	86,500.00	601	20	4	30	0	12	39		13	445	263	36	16
TOTALS FOR 1961 -			7,096.04	865.46	2,780.53	727.36	1,353.95	507.41	989.19	987.41	15,596.89	15,808.34	68,500.00	579	31	10	20	0	7	33		14	411	262	33	14