



## OUR DEAD

Wayne Faison .....	Bay
Sarah Reese .....	Bay
Rev. W. L. Barrow .....	Midway
Lynwood Murphy .....	Midway
Rev. L. O. Lovett .....	St. Paul
John Sumner .....	St. Paul
Sister E. C. Wood .....	St. Paul
Sister Sarah Evers .....	St. Paul
Riley Ferguson .....	Spring Hill
1 — No Name .....	Poulan

## CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

### Annual Session:

Greenwood ..... October 29, 1966

### Quarterly Sessions:

Spring Hill ..... January 15, 1966

New Hope ..... *April 16* ~~May 21~~, 1966

Midway ..... July 16, 1966

## MINISTERS AND DEACONS

Bay ..... January, 1966

Cairo ..... May, 1966

Greenwood ..... August, 1966

Midway ..... October, 1966

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## LEAGUE CONVENTION

Spring Hill ..... May <sup>*15*</sup> ~~14~~, 1966

## SUNDAY CONVENTION

Bay ..... May <sup>*29*</sup> ~~20~~, 1966

## WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

Workshop, Cairo ..... April 12, 1966

## ANNUAL CONVENTION

Spring Hill ..... October 4, 1966

## PROCEEDINGS

## "40th Annual Session"

Proceedings of the 40th Annual Session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist which convened with Poulan Church October 29, 1965 and with St. Paul October 30, 1965.

The Friday morning session was opened by the congregation singing "Send The Light", led by Bro. Jack Faison. Another song "Sweet By and By", was also led by Bro. Faison. After which Bro. Kenneth Murphy led in prayer.

The Asst. Clerk Bro. Billy Hatcher served as clerk for the two day session in the absence of the Clerk.

The moderator Rev. A. C. Truluck read the scripture 1 John 3:1 and challenged the audience to behold the manner of God's love and let this scripture be the guide for each one present through out this Annual Association.

The session was called to order by the Moderator and standing delegates were recognized. (The standing delegates are Ministers and Deacon's who are members of Union Association). M.S.C. to adopt the program and make necessary changes that need to be made during the session.

"Only Trust Him," was sung by the audience after which Rev. W. J. Barksdale brought the morning devotion. Rev. Barksdale asked Rev. Lamar Parrish to lead our hearts in prayer. The scripture Isaiah 2:11 was used as the text. He pointed out that we were using our time exalting man rather than exalting Christ. Everything we have is a gift from God and this should challenge us to exalt Him.

Visitors were recognized with two present. No corresponding messengers were present.

The roll call of the churches in the Association, with the letters from each church being read by a delegate from the church.

M.S.C. to acceptp the letters as read and the seating of the delegates as follows:

**Church:**

Bay:	Sisters Ruby Faisons and Pauline Gay, Bro. C. J. Faison.
Cairo:	Sisters Inez Harrell, Glenda McGuire and D. G. Turner.
Greenwood:	R. B. Harrison, Sister R. B. Harrison and G. W. Wisham.
Midway:	Brothers Gordon Sloan, Douglas Murphy and Ott Ruessell.
New Hope:	Sisters Rena Baldwin, Cleo Goff and Nettie Lanier.
Poulan:	Sisters Shelia Piper, D. L. Harris, G. H. Spradley, Brothers Clyde Powell and Robert Piper.
St. Paul:	Brothers M. H. Hinson, Monrue Justice and Sister Mattie Sumner.
Spring Hill:	Sisters Dolly King, Lee Marey and Frances Truluck.

The following committees were appointed:

**Credentional:** Rev. Lamar Parrish, R. B. Harrison, Douglas Murphy, M. H. Hinson, Robert Piper, Sisters Inez Harrell, Cleo Goff and Dolly King.

**Finance:** Sisters Pauline Gay, D. G. Turner, Brothers G. W. Wisham, Gordon Sloan and Monroe Justice.

**Nominating:** Rev. W. G. Turner, Brothers C. J. Faison, Ott Russell, Harvey King, D. L. Harris, Rev. Harvey Giddens and Sister Rena Baldwin.

**Resolution:** Brothers Curtis Gay, Kenneth Murphy, Rev. G. H. Spradley, Sisters Glenda McGuire, R. B. Harrison, Nettie Lanier, Mattie Sumner and Frances Truluck.

Bro. C. J. Faison lead the congregation in song: "This World Is Not My Home". Bro. Faison then introduced the speaker for the morning message, Rev. W. L. Purvis.

Rev. Purvis used the scripture Matt. 26:19-21 using as his theme, Exalting Christ in the Christian Homes. Stating the home has to be a home of prayer, before the home can exalt Christ. Also our churches are no better than our homes.

Welcome address by Poulan Church.

Dismissed by prayer by Rev. Odell Harris.

Lunch hour.

#### FRIDAY P. M. SESSION

The P.M. session was opened by the singing of "Kneel at the Cross," led by Rev. A. C. Truluck. Prayer by Bro. Douglas Murphy.

Bro. Marvin Franks spoke to us in behalf of Camp Mt. Bethel. Also of the State Association to be held at the Camp in November.

While we sang "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder", the congregation gave the right hand of Christian fellowship to Rev. W. L. Purvis and Rev. Odell Harris, welcoming them in the Union Association.

There was a moment of silent prayer for the ones gone on to their reward since the last year's Association, then Bro. Leroy Lightfoot lead in prayer.

Rev. Odell Harris expressed his reactions to the Mission work in Moultrie, Ga., saying everything looked very good. He also thanked the people of Union Association for accepting him and his family in such a fine way.

Bro. Hinson led the congregation in two songs: "There Is Power In The Blood"; "Love Lifted Me".

Bro. C. J. Faison sang song "Where Could I Go", with the congregation singing along with him on the last verse.

The Minutes and Treasurer Reports of last Quarterly meeting was read. M.S.C. to accept the report as read.

1. Report on Denominational Literature was given by Greenwood Church. M.S.C. to receive the report. (see report).

2. Report on Temperance Committee from Cairo. M.S.C. to receive the report. (see report).

3. Report on Education from Midway Church. M.S.C. to receive the report. (see report).

4. Report from the Creditional Committee. M.S.C. to receive report. (see report).

5. Rev. W. G. Turner gave a report on the mission work in the Union Association. M.S.C. to accept the report as read. (see report).

Bro. Billy Hatcher gave the report on the last deacons and Ministers meeting in regards to the mission work, stating the response among the members was great. M.S.C. to accept report. M.S.C. to give a vote of confidence to the mission board and Rev. Harris authorizing them to continue the work as they feel led to do so.

6. The Auxiliaries report was given by the Spring Hill Church. M.S.C. that report be accepted (see report).

The resolution report was given.

M.S.C. that the report be accepted and voted on item by item. (see report).

Item 1 — M.S.C. that item be adopted and the Moderator appoint the committee. Those appointed were: C. J. Faison, Chm., Kenneth Murphy, Rev. W. G. Turner, Billy Hatcher, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Rev. Harvey Giddens, Rev. Mance Cason, R. B. Harrison, Rev. Myrtice Goff, Rev. G. H. Spradley.

Item 2. M.S.C. that item 2 lay on table until tomorrow (Saturday). Item 3. M.S.C. to adopt the item beginning next year, 1966, and Saturday after 4th Sunday October to be the meeting date October 29, 1966. (see report).

Resolutions from last year was re-read and will appear in this year minutes as stated (afterwards this report was adopted temporarily) because of the revising committee appointed to revise the Constitution it will remain the same.) M.S.C. that report of nominating committee be accepted and voted on. Each office stands as report was given.

A rising vote of thanks to the officers of the Union Association were given.

Rising vote of thanks to the host church was given for their fine hospitality.

M.S.C. to adjourn business until Saturday.

Dismissed with prayer by Sister Dolly King.

#### FRIDAY EVENING

Congregation sang: "Keep On The Firing Line". Prayer by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

Special song: "Jesus Use Me", by Mrs. W. J. Barksdale and Mrs. Fannie Lawson.

Rev. Mance Cason read scripture: John 20:21 and Luke 4:18-19. After which the audience enjoyed a film entitled "Frontiers Unlimited."

Rev. Odell Harris brought the message for the evening services reading scripture Isaiah 43:1-3, 10-11, 12, 13. We were reminded that we must have the Word of God applied to our heart before we can be concerned to witness for the Lord.

An offering was received.

Dismissed by prayer with the congregation gathering around the alter.

#### SATURDAY A. M.

Saturday session was held at St. Paul Church. Mrs. Goff lead the congregation in a song "Where We'll Never Grow Old," with Bobby Whitaker at the piano.

Prayer by Rev. W. L. Purvis.

Rev. W. G. Turner newly elected Asst. Moderator presided over the meeting Saturday.

Morning devotion by Curtis Gay. Scripture reading Psalm 33:8-22. We were challenged to place God in his right place in our lives.

Recognize visitors present and welcome them to enjoy the day with us.

M.S.C. that item 2 of the resolution report be taken off the table and re-read. M.S.C. that this item be adopted temporarily pending a report from the committee that is to revise the Constitution and Associational Decorum.

9. The Budget committee report was given by Bro. Faison. Move that the report be received and adopted.

M.S.C. that to accept the report. (see report).

10. Finance report given by Sister Pauline Gay.

M.S.C. to accept the report with an addition of \$15.00 from the Ministers and Deacons association.

11. Ministers report from Poulan Church was given. M.S.C. that same be accepted. (see report).

Report from Ministers and Deacons for the past year given by Rev. Odell Harris.

M.S.C. to accept the report. (see report).

Rev. Mance Cason gave a report from the promotional office concerning the work for the past year. Stated best year ever for giving by Free Will Baptist. He presented Certificates awards as follows:

Grand Honor Roll ..... Bay and Midway  
 Junior Honor Roll ..... New Hope and Greenwood  
 Honor Roll ..... Cairo, Spring Hill, Poulan

Special song, "Do You Know My Jesus" by Bobby Whitaker. Prayer by Rev. Mance Cason. Congregation song: "Tell Me The Story Of Jesus," led by C. J. Faison.

Rev. Harvey Giddens brought the morning message, reading scripture John 20:1-19. His theme was "Exalting Christ Through The Local Association." An inspiring message given.

Welcome address from host church.

Song: "Near the Cross".

Dismissed for lunch by Rev. W. G. Turner.

SATURDAY P. M.

Congregational sang: "All Alone."

Prayer by Rev. G. H. Spradley.

Song: "Jesus Hold My Hand."

M.S.C. that the Chair appoint the different committees to be responsible for the different reports at 1966 Annual Session of the Union Association.

Poulan .....	Denomination Literature
Cairo .....	Auxiliaries
Greenwood .....	Ministers
Spring Hill .....	Temperance
Bay .....	Education

The following people will be corresponding messengers and to representatives to State Association.

Chatt. Association .....	Rev. Harvey Giddens
South Georgia Association .....	Rev. W. L. Purvis
Midway .....	Rev. Lamar Parrish
Ga. Union Association .....	Rev. Harvey Giddens
Little River Association .....	Rev. G. H. Spradley
Liberty Association .....	Rev. Odell Harris
Martin Association .....	Rev. W. G. Turner

DELEGATES TO THE STATE ASSOCIATION

Sister Lee Morey, Sister G. H. Spradley, Bro. M. H. Hinson.

M.S.C. to recommend to the state boards the following: Christian Education, C. J. Faison; Superannuation, Rev. Harvey Giddens to replace Wayne Faison; Campboard, Kenneth Murphy.

M.S.C. that Rev. Purvis serve as Chairman of the Mission board.

M.S.C. that Rev. Lamar Parrish serve as Chairman of the Ordaining Council.

M.S.C. that we adjourn.

Standing vote of thanks to the host church for their fine hospitality.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. W. L. Purvis.

THE DESIGNATED REPORTS DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We your committee on Christian Literature recommend that each church use Free Will Baptist Literature of our Denomination to be helpful to all our churches and members in Christian living.

We suggest ever member uphold, display and use our own literature.  
Greenwood Church

## TEMPERANCE

We the Temperance Committee recommend the same report of 1964 which is scripture 1 Corinthians 9:25.

We recommned 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, to love one another, indeed, that our Father in Heaven may be glorified.

Cairo Church

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your committee on Christian Education feel that Christian education begins in the home around a family altar with the reading of the Holy Bible.

Christian parents should study and encourage their children to study their Sunday school and C.T.S. lessons. We should encourage our children to take advantage of the opportunities our Free Will Baptist Bible College has to offer.

Pastors encourage your church to send their children to Camp Mt. Bethel each year.

We should also take advantage of our Free Will Baptist literature which is made available through our Promotional Sect., National headquarters and Free Will Baptist Press.

May we all endeavor to grow in the Grace and Knowledge of our Lord and Savior.

Midway Free Will Baptist Church

## PROGRESS REPORT ON MISSION WORK IN MOULTRIE

For more than two years there has been a real interest in missions manifest in the midst of our people. From this interest has come our present missions board and the work now in progress in Moultrie. About two years ago, the Ministers and Deacons Conference began to pray very definitely that God would lead in this matter, which had become a real burden upon our hearts.

Unknown to us at the time, God was working to answer our prayers, even as we prayed. In Columbus, Georgia, Rev. Odell Harris, was nearing the conclusion of the second building program in seven years; he was thinking of settling down there or some other place, to pastor and rest from the strain of organization and building. However, God had other plans and as the church became established and strengthened in the work; He began to work in the heart of this preacher to go to another field of labor. Seeking to be in God's will, Rev. Harris prayed much about leaving Columbus and the work there. He tried to go to several fields that were open to him but was forbidden of the Lord to do so; each time he prayed it seemed God was directing him to Moultrie, Georgia. He knew nothing about Moultrie but yielded to the will of God and resigned the church he was pastoring in Columbus; in preparation to follow the directing hand of God.

Prior to this time, the Rev. Mance R. Cason had been engaged by Rev. Harris to conduct a week Revival with him in Columbus. While there, he was approached by Rev. Harris and after much discussion they agreed to join in prayer about the matter.



After returning to Moultrie Rev. Cason mentioned this matter to the Union Association Mission Board; they in turn called a meeting to discuss and pray over this thing together. Later another meeting was called and Rev. Harris was invited to attend, it was in this meeting that real plans began to take shape. After prayer and discussion was held, all concerned became convinced that God was leading in this endeavor. The Board invited Rev. Harris to work under the auspices of the Board with the understanding that he would receive such support as they were able to give him; he accepted the invitation and plans went forward from there to bring him to Moultrie.

Since the above mentioned events, many things have happened in connection with our efforts in Moultrie. Rev. Harris was moved to the city of Moultrie; a building secured to hold services in, a program of advertisement launched to inform our people of the plans being put forward to organize and build a church in Moultrie. Rev. Harris is on Radio W.M.G.A. each Sunday morning; 7:30 until 7:45 A.M. He has preached two revivals, was guest speaker at the Little River Association and has held services each Sunday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. in the rented church building on 5th and 2nd S.E. where the mission is located, for the past three weeks. In addition to this over two hundred and fifty letters have been mailed in our continuing advertisement effort; also Rev. Harris has made over forty personal contacts and initial response indicates reception to be very favorable among the people. Financial response to our efforts have far exceeded anything we had hoped for; we wish to give God all the praise for His manifold wisdom and blessings upon this work.

Those desiring to contact Rev. Harris may do so at this address: 703 1st Street S.W. Apartment 8, Moultrie, Georgia. His phone number is 985-7423.

Rev. Harris plans another service this Sunday at 3:00 P.M. We want to encourage our people to attend this service and see, hear and evaluate first hand the work in Moultrie. Following this Sunday's service, a regular schedule of services will begin at the mission. Your prayers and support for this work will be greatly appreciated by Rev. Harris and your Mission Board.

Rev. Harris wishes to recognize and express his appreciation for the invaluable and unselfish help and assistance given him by the Missions Board, State Promotional Secretary, Rev. Mance R. Cason and the Pastors and lay leaders of the churches in this Association.

Missions Board Union Association Of Free Will  
Baptist — Rev. G. H. Spradley, Sect. and Treas.

## THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTISTS

## UNION MISSION FINANCE REPORT

Received Association .....	\$ 45.00
Bay Church .....	167.50
Cairo Church .....	102.29
Midway Church .....	2.00
Moultrie Mission .....	149.00
Spring Hill Church .....	436.52
Poulan Church .....	35.00
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	\$937.31
Paid October rent, September 17, 1965 .....	50.00
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	\$887.31
Paid City of Moultrie, Water, Gas and Lights 9-29-65 .....	44.50
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	\$842.81
Paid Rev. Odell Harris—supplies 10-5-65 .....	11.46
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	\$831.35
Paid Rev. Odell Harris, salary and supplies 10-17-65 .....	150.00
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	\$681.35

## CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

We find all our churches represented by letters and that all are presently supplied with pastors.

Number of Sunday Schools .....	8
Number of C.T.S. or Leagues .....	6
Woman's Auxiliaries .....	3
Masters Men .....	1
Prayer Meetings .....	6
Vacation Schools Held .....	2
Licensed Ministers .....	4
Ministers Present at this Session .....	7

We recommend that the ordaining council issue Rev. Harvey Gidens a new certificate of ordination, due to the fact that the brethren whose names appeared on the previous credentials are deceased. This committee recommends that he (Giddens) be permitted to keep his original credentials for sentimental reasons. Prayerfully submitted. L. S. Parrish, Robert Piper, Cleo Goff, Inez Harrell, M. H. Hinson, Douglas Murphy and Dolly King.

## AUXILIARIES

We the committee on Church Auxiliaries report the following 8 churches have S.S.; 6 have training service or leagues; 6 have prayer meetings; 3 Woman's Auxiliaries; 2 Master Men; 3 Crusades for Christ; 3 V.P.A. or Heralds for Christ; 3 Adventures or G.T.A.; 1 Midget or Little Missionaries for Christ; 2 Vacation Bible schols held; 14 revivals held.

Spring Hill Church

## MINISTERS

We, your committee on Ministers to the best of our knowledge, find all ministers in good fellowship with the Union Association.

Poulan Church

## FINANCE

We, your committee have received from local churches at this session \$89.34 with an addition of \$15.00 from Ministers and Deacon's Conference, making a total of \$104.34.

We your committee recommend that we retain the same allocations recommended in the 1964 Minutes.

Mrs. Curtis Gay, Chm.

## BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

We, the Budget Committee charged by the Union Association while in its quarterly session April 17, 1965 to make a survey of our financial needs and to offer a proposed budget to the Association while in its annual session October 29, 1965, do herewith submit as a result of our study, the following recommendations:

I. That a finance committee be appointed by the moderator at each session. Whose duty shall be to receive all monies and make recommendations for disbursements in compliance with the following suggestions.

II. (a) Whereas, minutes are distributed in proportion to membership of the church, and,

(b) Whereas, we feel that the number of minutes received by each church should also be in accordance with finances appropriated by the church; we recommend that each church send a minimum of 12c per member to each session of the association which convenes in January, April, July and to the annual session. Thus making a total of at least 48c per member given during the year.

(c) Whereas, the cost of minutes, honorariums to moderator and clerk, printing of programs, postage and etc. will be approximately \$56.25 for each of the four sessions; the said expenses is to be taken care of before any other disbursements.

III. Therefore, we recommend the following disbursements.

(a) Honorarium to moderator for service at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the annual session.

(b) Honorarium to the clerk for service at each quarterly session \$5.00 and \$25.00 for the annual session.

(c) Representation gift to the State and National Association \$20.00.

(d) Postage, mailing of minutes, letter forms, programs and etc. \$20.00.

(e) Gifts to our world-wide ministry through the Cooperative Plan of Support, Association projects or other worthy causes as may be recommended by the Finance Committee.

IV. 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 lowred so as to keep within the needed monies for the necessary disbursements of our association.

### MINISTERS AND DEACONS

The following report is respectfully submitted to the delegated body of this Association, along with \$15.00 contributions for printing of Minutes.

The conference met with New Hope Church in January, with the Poulan Church in May, Midway Church in August, and Greenwood Church in October of 1965.

During the January meeting of the Conference, plans were made for a fellowship supper to be held March 8, 1965 at Moody's Restaurant in Moultrie, Ga. The Rev. Stanley Mooneyham was engaged as guest speaker.

In the May meeting Rev. Lamar Parrish reported the fellowship supper a wonderful experience for every one present. Rev. Mooneyham moved the hearts of all while speaking on the subject of "What's Going on in the World."

During this meeting plans were also made to inquire about the State Ministerial Association. This was done and in the August meeting we learned the State Conference to be inactive. Where upon, plans were launched to revive the State meeting. In this connection visitors and letters were sent to other District Conferences.

The October meeting seemed to be one of the highlights of the year in many ways. A State Ministers and Deacons retreat was suggested and plans are now moving forward, with the Christian Board of Education to sponsor the first meeting, time and place to be reported at a later date.

The Ministers and Deacons also discussed the Moultrie Mission work which is under the leadership of Rev. Odell Harris. The Holy Spirit seemed to visit us in a very special way about supporting this work and \$980.00 was given and pledged by the 14 men present for the meeting.

The election of officers for the ensuing year were as follows: C. J. Faison, President; Rev. W. L. Purvis, Vice-President; Rev. Odell Harris, Sect. & Treas; Billy Hatcher, Asst. Sect. & Treas.

The calendar of meeting for the ensuing year are as follows: Bay—January; Cairo—May; Greenwood—August; Midway—October.

A social committee was appointed by the president. Serving are Rev. Mance Cason, Chm., Bro. Marion Green and Bro. Kenneth Murphy.

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Brought forward from 1964 .....	\$24.59
Offering received .....	66.49
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TOTAL .....	\$91.08
Disbursements	
Fellowship Supper .....	\$59.10
Balance in Treasury .....	31.98

C. J. Faison, Pres.  
Odell Harris, Sect. and Treas.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We your committee submit the following: Moderator, Rev. A. C. Truluck, Baconton, Ga.; Vice-Mod. Rev. W. G. Turner, Cairo, Ga.; Clerk, Mrs. J. B. Rice, Moultrie, Ga.; Asst. Clerk, Billy Hatcher, Sale City, Ga.

Place for the Annual meeting of Association: Greenwood Church. (Date on front of book.) That the Quarterly sessions meet on the third Saturday of each month with 5 Sundays. (Dates in Calendar of Meetings.)

1st meeting with Spring Hill Church.

2nd meeting with New Hope Church.

3rd meeting with Midway Church.

And that the Program Committee to remain the same.

We recommend that Bro. M. H. Hinson to remain on the Executive Committee board. That Rev. W. L. Purvis replace Rev. Hartsfield on the Mission board, as chairman; Rev. Myrtice Goff to replace Rev. Havard Harris to fill the unexpired term due to Rev. Harris being in college at present.

We recommend that Rev. W. L. Purvis to serve on the Ordaining Council in Rev. Baldwin's place, due to his health.

That Rev. Lamar Parrish to serve on Ordaining Council in Rev. Hartsfield's place due his moving to a Sister Association.

We your committee recommend that the Association appoint some one to fill Rev. L. G. Baldwin's place as Asst. Moderator, due to his health. (Rev. W. G. Turner, appointed).

Rev. W. G. Turner, Chm.

Rev. Harvey Giddens

Sister Rena Baldwin

Art Russell

Harvey King

G. L. Harris

C. J. Faison

## RESOLUTIONS

The Resolution Committee submit the following resolutions:

(1) A committee composed of one member from each church be appointed to revise the Constitution and Associational Decorum and bring it up to date. This committee to make a report at the first Quarterly session, and report and read at each session until next Annual Association.

(2) This not done in view of the appointed Revising Committee report later.

(3) That this session hear testimonies as to their opinion of changing Associational meeting to a one day session instead of two. A call vote from this body as to whether or not to change this date to be on Saturday.

Curtis Gay, Chm.

Glenda McGuire

Mrs. R. B. Harrison

Kenneth Murphy

Nettie Lanier

Mattie Sumner

## REPORT OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS

The Union Association of Free Will Baptist held 3 quarterly sessions during 1965 as: January 16, 1965 the session met with Poulan Church—Theme for day was "Acceptance With God", with Rev. Mance Cason bringing the message.

A new resolutions committee was appointed by Moderator to rewrite new ones, because of the ones written at Annual session were void.

Rev. Henderson, Missionary for the State reported on the work at Homerville, Ga.

A fellowship meeting was held while waiting for completion of committees.

Report of the District Mission board by Rev. G. H. Spradley.

## APRIL 17, 1965 — SPRING HILL CHURCH

A committee was appointed to look into the present Financial Allocation committee and report at next session. Those appointed were: C. J. Faison, Chm., Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. W. G. Turner and Rev. G. H. Spradley.

A Minute of Union Association formerly known as Liberty Free Will Baptist Association in 1898 and displayed of the activities of this year.

Because of the State C.S.T. and League Convention to be held earlier—M.S.C. that the date for the District convention be held May 15, 1965 in place of September 15, 1965.

## JULY 17, 1965 GREENWOOD CHURCH

Report of the National Association was given by Rev. Mance Cason, who brought out highlights of the meeting and that facts will be printed in the National Minutes.

For the State office he urged all churches to be sure their reports sent in are correct for filing.

Gail Turner, Cairo, sang a special entitled: "Dear Jesus Abide".

Message was brought by Rev. G. H. Spradley.

Rev. L. G. Baldwin requested to be released from Ordaining Council because of ill health. This granted a letter of appreciation for his faithfulness in serving this Association was written to him.

M.S.C. that we have silent prayer for Rev. W. L. Barrow and Rev. L. O. Lovett ministers of our Association who had passed away. And that Obituararys for both be written and placed in Annual Minutes. M.S.C. that committee be appointed to look into ways and means to improve the attendance and representation at our Quarterly and Annual Sessions.

Rev. A. C. Truluck, Mod.

Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk

## DISTRICT LEAGUE REPORT

The District League Convention of the Union Association met May 15, 1965 with New Hope Free Will Baptist Church.

The meeting was opened with congregation singing led by Mrs. Cleo Goff, after which Betty Bundy led in prayer.

The morning devotion was given by Rev. Marvin Hartsfield, scripture Matt. 16:24. The theme was "Take up thy Cross and Follow Jesus." He led in prayer at close of Devotion. Rev. Bobby Whittaker gave the welcome address.

Letters were received and read. M.S.C. that delegates be seated.

Committees appointed were: Resolutions—Mrs. J. B. Rice, Chm.; Betty Goff, Betty Bundy.

Nominating was left off because in our previous meeting it was decided that officers serve 2 years. (They were elected at that time). The program committee: Rev. Marvin Hartsfield, Chm., Brantly Bundy, Bro. Little.

Leagues represented were: New Hope, Midway and Spring Hill C.S.T.

Rev. L. G. Balwvin gave a talk on sacrificing to hear the cross with Luke 14:25 scripture.

Jimmy Murphy led in singing.

Mary Jane Everson led in prayer.

The message was delivered by Rev. Myrtice Goff, Scripture, Heb. 6:7.

M.S.C. that we wait until after lunch to read Minutes.

Dismissed for lunch by Mrs. J. B. Rice. The P.M. session was opened with congregational singing led by Jimmy Murphy. Bobby Whittaker led in prayer.

Special music, rendered by Betty Goff, Mrs. Myrtice Goff and Bobby Whitaker, entitled "It Is No Secret What God Can Do."

The Sword drill was conducted by Mrs. James Silvers. Intermediate winners were: 1st place, Linda Everson; 2nd place, Brenda Hartsfield. Junior winners were: 1st place, Deborah Hatchcock; 2nd, Connie Murphy.

Resolution Committee — Mrs. J. B. Rice reporting.

M.S.C. to accept the report.

M.S.C. that each local church send \$5.00 to the District League Convention.

M.S.C. to reprint Constitution.

M.S.C. for officers to work out new report blanks.

M.S.C. to change in constiution from Sept. to 2nd Saturday in May.

Digest Committee report given by Rev. Morvin Hartsfield.

M.S.C. that host church arrange program for future.

M.S.C. that next convention meet with Spring Hill Church May 14, 1966.

Minutes were read and approved.

M.S.C. that name situation be unstabled and change to name C.T.S.

M.S.C. for contestants in Sword Drill be given right hand or congratulations.

Delegates to State League Convention were appointed. They were Janice Littles, Betty Goff, Gail Hannah, Bonnie Sloan, Connie Murphy, Brenda Hartsfield, Deborah Hathcock, Linda Everson, Mary Jane Everson, Larue Elrod.

M.S.C. that we send \$10.00 to State Convention.

M.S.C. to give rising vote of thanks to the host church.

M.S.C. to adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Mance Cason.

Alton Everson, Pres.  
Larue Elrod, Sect.

## REPORT OF THE DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION

The District S.S. met with the Midway Free Will Baptist Church May 30, 1965. The following officers were elected: Pres., James Silvers; Vice-Pres. Bobby Whittaker; Sect. and Treas., Hilda Capps; Asst. Sect. and Treas., Mrs. James Silvers.

Meeting place for the coming year to be at Bay Church, May 29, 1966.  
Betty Goff

## MINISTERIAL ROLL

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Elder M. L. Hartsfield,	Norman Park, Ga., Rt. 2	Sylvester Ex.	776-3247
Elder W. L. Purvis,	Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.	31768	985-6366
Elder L. G. Baldwin,	Coolidge, Ga.	31738	
Elder Myrtice Goff,	Coolidge, Ga.	31738	
Elder G. H. Spradley,	Omega, Ga., Rt. 1		776-3729
Elder Harvey Giddens,	Sylvester, Ga.		776-2266
Elder W. G. Boyd,	Moultrie, Ga.		
Elder A. C. Truluck,	Rt. 1, Baconton, Ga.		787-5570
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## LICENSED MINISTERS

Edwin Smith, Rt. 1, Cairo, Ga.  
Bennie Watson, Jr., Rt. 2, Cairo, Ga.  
Bobby Whittaker, Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.  
Havard Harris, Bible Colege, Nashville, Tenn.  
William J. Barksdale, Hilltop Dr., Sylvester, Ga.  
Leroy Lightfoot, Dorun, Ga.

## ROLL OF DEACONS

## BAY—

C. J. Faison, Rt. 1, Hartsfield 31756  
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Abram Harrell, 844 3rd Ave., N.E., Cairo, Ga.  
Melton Harrell, 611 7th Ave., N.E., Cairo, Ga.  
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## GREENWOOD—

A. L. Morse, Rt. 2, Camilla, Ga.  
R. B. Harrison, Rt. 3, Camilla, Ga.



## MIDWAY—

Charles Anderson, Pavo, Ga.  
 Odis Elrod, Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
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 Tillman Harper, Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
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 Kenneth Murphy, Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768  
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 Edgar McMurphy, Moultrie, Ga.  
 Bryant Tillman, 819 8th St., S.E., Moultrie, Ga.  
 Arch Murphy (in active), Moultrie, Ga.  
 Bryant Bradley, Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.  
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 Loyd Carlton, Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.  
 Lee Holton, (in active) Quitman, Ga.

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 James Jennings, 208 Franklin, Sylvester, Ga.  
 Robert Piper, Poulan, Ga.  
 Elmon Tidwell, Poulan, Ga.  
 Wayne Carlton, Poulan, Ga.  
 D. L. Harris, Rt. 2, Ty Ty, Ga.

## ST. PAUL—

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 Carlton Justice, Tifton, Ga.  
 M. A. Godwin, Lenox, Ga.  
 J. C. Swinson, Rt. 1, Sparks, Ga.

## SPRING HILL—

T. N. Morey, Rt. 1, Doerun, Ga.  
 L. N. Thompson, Sale City, Ga.  
 G. W. Barksdale, Baconton, Ga.  
 A. W. Holton, Rt. 1, Doerun, Ga.  
 Gene Bundy, Baconton, Ga.  
 Lamar Raybur, Baconton, Ga.  
 Billy Hatcher, Sale City, Ga.  
 James Silvers, Rt. 4, Box 539, Albany, Ga.

## THE UNION DISTRICT WOMANS AUXILIARY REPORT

The Annual Woman's District Auxiliary met October 5, 1965 with Midway Auxiliary hostess, with Mrs. J. B. Rice, president, presiding.

Theme was: "We Grow Through Service." Open congregation singing, "Jesus Saves," led by Mrs. H. C. King, Mrs. Mance Cason, pianist.

Devotional by Mrs. Sherri Barker, scripture Mark 10:45. Prayer by Rev. W. L. Purvis, pastor, Midway Church. Words of Welcome, Mrs. Nell Parrish. Response, Mrs. A. C. Truluck.

Meeting called to order by President. Recognition of visitors and ministers present: Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. W. L. Purvis, Mrs. Harris Nix, State Study Course Chm.

Aux's present: Cairo, Spring Hill, Midway. M.S.C. that delegates be seated. Appointment of committees by president. Registration: Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Mrs. W. C. Weeks. Credentials: Mrs. Pearl Watson, Mrs. Cherri Barker, Mrs. R. C. Ferguson.

Finance: Mrs. W. C. Weeks, Mrs. Nell Parrish, Mrs. Hilda Capps.

Resolution: Mrs. Mance Cason, Mrs. Walter Sloan, Mrs. A. C. Truluck, Mrs. D. J. Farmer.

Nominating: Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mrs. Pearl Watson, Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Mrs. H. C. King.

State officers present were: Mrs. Harris Nix, State Study Course Ch., Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Vice-Pres., Mrs. Mance Cason, State Personal Ch., Mrs. A. C. Truluck, Dot Harvey Loan.

Highlights of the National Womans Auxiliary was given by Mrs. Mance Cason.

The personal reports were given by the district officers.

Song by congregation.

An offering was taken. Amount \$13.45.

Special song by Midway Ladies Trio, "Hand in Hand With Jesus."

Convention message by Mrs. Harris Nix. Scripture 1 Peter 1-2, Heb. 10:12-22.

Dismissed for lunch by Mrs. Nell Parrish.

P.M. Song by congregation. Prayer, Mrs. A. C. Truluck, Devotion by Mrs. Pearl Watson. Scripture: 2 Cor. 10:56 - Eph. 6:5.

## BUSINESS SESSION

Reports from committees given. Delegates to the Woman's Aux. State Convention: Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Mrs. Cherri Barker, Mrs. Pearl Watson, Mrs. H. C. King, Mrs. J. B. Rice.

Mrs. W. C. Weeks will serve on the State Nominating Committee. Mrs. Rice asked the local Aux's to send a delegate to the State meeting.

The officers elected were: Mrs. Mance Cason, Pres., Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Vice-Pres., Mrs. J. B. Rice, Recording Sect., Mrs. Helen Lewis, Assist. Rec. Sect., Mrs. W. C. Weeks, Treas., Mrs. Pearl Watson, Corresponding Sect., Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Field Sect., Mrs. H. C. King, Study Course Chm., Mrs. Abram Harrell, Stewardship — Prayer: Mrs. Cherri Barker, Personal Services, Evangelism Chm., Mrs. A. C. Truluck, Missions.

Resolution Committee Report

We the resolutions committee submit the following:

1. That the Sect. mimeograph copies of the minutes and resolutions to be sent to each Aux. member by December 1.
2. That we recommend as a district project, the buying of a mixer for Camp Mt. Bethel.
3. That the President appoint a committee to set up a Constitution and by laws for this District Convention and the President to sit in at this meeting as adviser.
4. That each local auxiliary send \$1.00 a month to the West Field India pastor.
5. That we support our State and National resolutions.
6. That each local Aux. send \$1.00 to the Dot Harvey loan fund each month.
7. That the next workshop be held on April 12 at Cairo. The next convention to be held at Spring Hill October 4, 1966.
8. That we give this church a rising vote of appreciation for the hospitality extended us today. The committee to write up the Constitution were: Mrs. Billy Hatcher, Mrs. W. L. Purvis, Mrs. A. C. Truluck.

M.S.C. that we adjourn. Dismissed by Mrs. H. C. King.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance brought forward .....	\$143.00
Received from Quarterly Meetings .....	179.01
Received at Annual Session .....	104.34
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Total Account for .....	\$426.35
Disbursements—	
Paid Moderator .....	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk .....	40.00
Clerk Expenses .....	8.37
For Minutes (1964) .....	115.36
Superannuation .....	21.00
State and National Assn. ....	20.00
State Education .....	11.00
Speaker .....	10.00
Bible College .....	11.00
Youth Camp .....	10.00
National Missions—	
Home Missions—	
State Missions—	
Foreign Missions— .....	20.00
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TOTAL .....	\$291.73
Balance .....	\$135.62

## IN MEMORY OF REV. W. L. BARROW

Rev. W. L. Barrow a beloved minister of the Gospel of Christ, passed away July 9, 1965.

He was born October 12, 1885 in Schely County, Ga., where he lived for years. He lived in Monticello and Driften, Fla for 20 years. He married in his early life and his wife proceeded him in death December 15, 1952.

Three brothers and two sisters, with several nephews and niece's survive him.

Bro. Barrow was a man who believed in God, having become a Christian in the early part of his life and became a Minister in his early 30's. He served as pastor in Georgia and Florida and was a member of Midway Free Will Baptist Church near Moultrie, Ga., at the time of his death.

He had the soul of a dreamer and his dreams of Heaven were very beautiful. He was pure and strong and his thoughts were high and fine. His dream was that some day people all over the world would know and serve God. A dream that the time would come when old and young all over the world, would know and serve God.

Bro. Barrow was also a lover of gospel music and taught singing. He was an ideal, a counselor, a guide and most of all, a friend. Words are so inadequate to describe this man's life. He enjoyed the respect, love and confidence of the people who knew him.

It is our hope that the dream of Bro. Barrow will not die, but live on in the heart's of those who knew and loved him. And that some day people the world over will join in singing and preaching of which he loved. As he has gone to be with Jesus where there is no sin and strife.

Far beyond this world of trouble  
 Where the blessed angels stay,  
 And where none grow old and feeble  
 And no head is ever gray.  
 He was kind to his family  
 To his friends and neighbors too,  
 Had for them a deep compassion  
 As true-hearted Christians do.  
 Lived to bless them with his presence  
 With his prayers and helpful deeds,  
 With his words of blessed council  
 With his principals and his creeds.  
 Now that he has gone to Jesus  
 How we miss his voice,  
 Miss the sunshine of his presence  
 And his Christian love and grace.  
 But we do not mourn his going  
 As we would, If hope were dead,  
 He told us ere departing  
 That for death he had no dread.  
 Some bright day we'll meet Bro. Barrow  
 Up above this world of fears,  
 Where no death can bring bereavement  
 And no eyes are dim with tears.

—Written by Mrs. J. B. Rice, Clerk

## IN MEMORY OF REV. L. O. LOVETT

It was with sadness we learned that our beloved Brother in Christ, Rev. L. O. Lovett had passed away on May 10, 1965. His home was at Lenox, Georgia and he was a member of St. Paul Free Will Baptist Church of Union Association.

He was born March 9, 1882 and became a Christian at the age of 12. He entered into the ministry at age 33. He served churches in Tift and Colquitt and Thomas County, Ga.

He married Mary Mims in 1900, who preceeded him in death. To this union 9 children were born. He was a member of a Methodist Church before becoming a Free Will Baptist member 25 years ago.

It is with regret, when we have a departure of friends and loved ones.

Bro. Lovett was a man who believed in God and he possessed the splendor of a Christian heart full of fellowship, love and joy for his fellowman.

We trust and feel that his life was not in vain in his serving and sowing the seed of Christianity.

## GOVERNMENT AND ORDINANCES

1. We believe that a gospel church or Church of Christ, is a congregation of Christians constituted and governed according to the rules laid down in the New Testament.

2. That these rules require churches to preserve the form of government and ordinances of the first Christian churches and to be composed of baptised beilevers in Christ.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CHURCH DECORUM

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

18. The evidence in every case or dealing and 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 ad-



ministration 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. When a church desires that one of its members should be licensed to preach the gospel, the church should request that the ordaining council examine such member. Examination to be in accordance with that of the Treatise of the Faith and Practice of the Original Free Will Baptists and other regulations as set forth in the Constitution of this body. "No licentiate shall be ordained until having served at least six months as a licentiate, and must be recommended by the home church where licensed and called in care of one or more churches or into other Christian service where ordination would be necessary in order to carry out ministerial duties."

12. Ministers from other denominations who joins a Free Will Baptist Church and desires to continue in the ministry must follow the same procedure of that of a licentiate.

13. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

## CONSTITUTION

1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Union Free Will Baptist Association.

2. It shall be composed of: (1) The ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto: (2) Legal delegates from the churches composing the same and deacons.

3. Requirement of churches. Each church shall be required to send up an annual report to the Association in which they shall make a brief statement of the pastor, report the character and usefulness of the minister

whose membership is with them, give name and postoffice of the Church Clerk, give the number baptised, received by letter, dismissed by letter, restored, excluded, and died, the number of members, and the amount paid for Associational purposes and all other purposes.

4. Each church in the Association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without suspension or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.

5. This body shall be considered an advisory council whose duty is to meet quarterly at such places as may be agreed upon at the annual session and not to adjourn formally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the Association and to use their best influence to promote a moral and benevolent means and institution such as education, Sunday Schools, missionary work, etc.

6. The officers of this Association shall be Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer and Executive Committee to be chosen by ballots.

7. Churches wishing to become members of this Association must adopt our articles of faith and conform to its usages.

8. That all churches sending to this Association shall be allowed not more than 3 delegates.

9. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any session of this Association by a majority of votes.

### ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

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

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

5. We believe that God is not willing that any should perish; but that all should come to repentance and knowledge of truth, that they might

be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15; 17; I Tim. 2:4.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

13. We believe that no man has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for justification before God through his own works, power or ability, which he has in and of himself, only as he by grace is made able to come to God through Jesus Christ; believing the righteousness of Jesus Christ to be im-

puted 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 every 2 years.
11. Adjournment.

CHURCH AND COUNTY	CLERK AND ADDRESS	PASTOR AND ADDRESS	Total Offerings Received—Church S.S., League, Etc.	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic	Unified Program	Building and Repairs	Literature For All Purposes	Miscellaneous	For Minutes, Etc.	Total Expenditures	Value Church Property	Value Of Parsonage	Missions	Other Causes	Children's Home	Benevolences	Revivals Held	Church Membership Active	Church Membership Inactive	Members Received Baptism	Members Received Letter	Members Received Faith	Total Membership	Members Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased
Bay Colquitt	Curtis Gay, Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.	Lamar Parrish R 1, Moultrie, Ga.	2,493.55	1,164.90	115.00	233.00	150.00	46.77	209.30	15.00	2,248.94	10,000.00		85.47	18.00	226.50		2	21	3	1	3		24	2		
Cairo Grady	Mrs. J. W. Watson 483 10th St., NE Cairo, Ga.	W. G. Turner 1390 Ben Hill Cairo, Ga.	2,951.08	889.46	287.47	194.39	318.00	189.75	221.91	8.70	2,546.29	5,000.00		90.02		85.00	261.59	1	60	10				70			
Greenwood Mitchell	R. B. Harrison Camilla, Ga.	J. J. Scott Brinson, Ga.		720.00	49.50	55.00		45.00		5.00	1,296.61	4,000.00	2,000.00		21.60			1	35		1	1		35	1		
Midway Colquitt	C. K. Murphy Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.,	W. L. Purvis Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga.	6,644.00	3,250.00	275.19	448.13	355.39	320.43	1,217.07	10.60	6,536.78	20,000.00	7,500.00	92.10		269.87	298.00	2	141	14	4	2		155	4		
New Hope Colquitt	M. B. Lanier Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	Myrtice Goff Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.		1,486.71	622.84	132.34	97.26	59.28	300.28	10.00	1,419.54	10,000.00			103.34			1	34	71		8	1	114	3		
Poulan Worth	Ellie M. Hutchinson Box 12 Poulan, Ga.,	G. H. Spradley Route 1 Omega, Ga.	3,551.23	880.00	100.00	11.00	1,424.80	133.90	94.06	5.00	3,246.00	20,000.00			597.19			2	74	9	6	7	3	83			
St. Paul Tift	M. H. Hinson, Rt. 1 Omega, Ga.	Harvey Giddens Sylvester, Ga.	1,049.93	650.00	110.34		20.00	30.67	20.61	21.60	1,039.86	8,500.00			55.64	131.00		2	23	29				52	1		
Spring Hill Mitchell	Jeannie Silvers Rt. 4, Box 539 Albany, Ga.,	A. C. Truluck Route 1 Baconton, Ga.	5,205.23	1,534.96	236.93	277.17	2,255.21	234.77	321.50	13.44	5,194.82	10,500.00		220.84		100.00		3	97	47	6	1	1	144	4		
							4,620.66	961.57	2,384.73	89.34	23,528.84	144,000.00	9,500.00	388.43	295.77	812.37	559.59	14	485	183	18	22	4	627	15		

Value Of Parsonage	Missions	Other Causes	Children's Home	Benevolences	Revivals Held	Church Membership Active	Church Membership Inactive	Members Received Baptism	Members Received Letter	Members Received Faith	Total Membership	Members Dismissed By Letter	Excluded	Deceased	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Deacons	Prayer Meeting & Average Attendance	Master's Men	Woman's Aux.	S. S. Members	League or C.T.S.	V. B. School	Y.P.A.	G.T.A.	League Members
85.47	90.02	18.00	226.50	261.59	2	21	3	1	3		24	2		2	1		3	10		10	38	60	60	1	1	Full Time
2,000.00		21.60			1	60	10	1	1		70	1			1	2	3	41			60	30		1	1	Full Time
7,500.00	92.10		269.87	298.00	2	141	14	4	2		155	4		2	2		9	44	6	10	115	97	44	1	1	Full Time
		103.34			1	34	71		8		114	3			2	1	8	10			35	15				Full Time
		597.19			2	74	9	6	7		83			1	1	1	7	40			55	50				Full Time
		55.64	131.00		2	23	29				52	1		4	2		5	35			35					1st & 3rd.
220.84			100.00		3	97	47	6	1		144	4		1	1		9	35	0	12	57	43	43	1	1	Full Time
9,500.00	388.43	295.77	812.37	559.59	14	485	183	18	22	4	627	15		10	10	2	46	180	6	32	434	295	87	3	3	