MINUTES

OF THE

UNION ASSOCIATION

of the

ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST CONVENED WITH

Midway Church, November 2, 1968

OFFICERS

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Rev. Huburt Henderson Rev. Harvey Giddens Rev. E. E. Kelly Rev. W. G. Turner

Rev. L. S. Parrish

OUR DEAD

Midway: Mrs. R. C. Ferguson Mrs. Mattie Gay

New Hope: Mrs. Lilla Murphy Marion Sloan

Spring Hill: Mrs. John Smith Mrs. Will Ferguson

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

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Annual Session:

Annual Session:	
St. Paul November 1, 1969	
Quarterly Sessions:	
Moultrie Church February 1, 1969 New Hope Church May 3, 1969 Poulan Church August 2, 1969	
WOMANS AUXILIARY WORKSHOP	
Midway	
ΑΝΝΙΤΑΤ ΓΟΝΙΖΕΝΙΤΙΟΝΙ	
ANNUAL CONVENTION	
Poulan October 7, 1969	• :
S. S. and C. T. S. Conventions are combined. Time for meet- ing dates to be announced later	
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

43rd. Yearly Session

Theme: "Contending for the Faith." Scripture - Judel: 3b. Proceedings of the 43rd. Session of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist, which convened with Midway Church, Nov. 2, 1968.

A. M. Session –

Meeting called to order by Mod. Rev. W. G. Turner.

Congregational singing was led by Rev. James Ursery.

Singing song "Standing on the Promises"

Prayer by Rev. Jerry Johnson.

Song by congregation "Blessed Assurance."

Prayer by Rev. L. S. Parrish

Roll call of the local churches and receiving their letters.

M. S. C. letters accepted and delegates be seated.

Call for Petitionary Letters.

Mount Zion church from Old Line Association presented a letter for membership in this association.

M. S. C. that a committee be appointed to meet and talk with the church delegates.

Appointed were: Rev. L. S. Parrish; Rev. Mance Cason; Rev. James Ursery. (See Report)

Recognition of corresponding delegates: Bro. O. F. Everson, Martin Association. He stated their 1969 session would be held at Enterprize Camp.

Recognition of visitors:

Present were: Rev. Jerry Johnson, Midway Association; J. F. Johnson, Poplar Springs Primitive Baptist Church.

Appointment of committees.

M. S. C. that Moderator appoint committees.

Resolutions: T. E. Bundy; Mrs. A. L. Harris; Billy Hatcher.

Nominating: A. L. Morse; James Silvers; Pearl Watson.

Financial: Alton Everson; Mrs. G. H. Spradley; C. B. Perkins.

Digest: F. E. Goolsby; Janice Cason; Mattie Sumner.

M. S. C. that the Ordaining Council meet with Rev. E. E. Kelly and Rev. Floyd Dalton.

M. S. C. that this report lay on the table until P. M.

Our state ministry work report was given by Rev. Mance Cason, State Promotional Secretary. He stated that O. B. Everson, Midway Association had been appointed to assist in the work of raising funds for the Free Will Bible College.

Awards were presented to the following churches for having given and supporting through the cooperative plan in the World Wide Ministry of Free Will BAptist. Bay; Cairo; Midway; New Hope; Poulan; St. Paul Spring Hill; Sylvester Mission.

Rev. James Ursery led the congregation in singing "Have Faith in Thee."

Message was given by Rev. Mance Cason; Scripture Jude 1:3.

A very inspiring and challenging message given.

Welcome given by Rev. James Ursery pastor of the host church. Dismissed for lunch and blessing by Rev. Ursery.

P. M. Session

Open singing hymn "Send the Light" led by Rev. Huburt Henderson.

Devotional by Rev. G. H. Spradley; Scripture Jude 1:4.

The mission board asked permission to meet at this time. Therefore, the Moderator having to sit in with this board in interest of Cairo church, Rev. Ursery, vice-moderator was asked to sit in the chair.

Reports of the standing committees were given by each and voted to be accepted separately. (See reports)

Resolution report was given.

M. S. C. that each item be accepted and adopted separately. (See reports)

Finance committee report given. M. S. C. that report be accepted including an offering for completion on funds of printing of minutes, etc., amount (\$47.38).

The new moderator elect was given the power to elect delegates from this association to serve at the State Association at their meeting at Thomaston, Georgia.

A move was made that a budgeting committee be appointed to

work out how funds are to be spent.

M. S. C. that moderator appoint this committee.

Appointed were: Rev. Mance Cason; Curtis Gay; Billy Hatcher.

The Digest Committee report given: M. S. C. that report be accepted. (See report)

The following people and churches they represent were appointed to serve on Union Association Christian Education Board. Namely: F. E. Goolsby; Chm., Spring Hill; C. J. Faison, Bay; Rev. C. L. Lasseter, Jr., Greenwood; Melvin Harrell, Cairo; Donald Dalton, Moultrie; James Jenning, Sylvester; Rev. G. H. Spradley, Poulan; Rev. Harvey Giddens, St. Paul; Mrs. J. B. Rice, Midway; Rev. W. J. Bramble, New Hope.

Nominating Committee report given. M. S. C. that report be accepted. (See report)

Rev. W. G. Turner and Mrs. J. B. Rice retiring moderator and clerk, who had served for several years, expressed their thanks to the Association for their confidence and prayers to and for them.

A vote of thanks for their hospitality in entering the body.

M. S. C. that we adjourn.

Dismissed by Rev. Mance Cason.

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STANDING COMMITTEES

AUXILIARIES

We, the committee report the following: 1 Mission; 9 churches; 10 S. S.; 7 C. T. S.; 5 Woman's Aux.; 3 Masters Men; 10 having prayer meetings; 2 V. B. Schools held; 18 Revivals held.

Respectfully Submitted, Bay Church.

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MINISTERS

We, the committee, find all our churches are supplied with pastors. Three new ministers have been accepted in this association.

We welcome them.

Greenwood

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We, the ordaining council of the Union Association, met Oct. 30, 1967, at the Moultrie Free Will Baptist Church for the purpose of ordaining Rev. Charles Lasseter, Jr.

We, recommend that Rev. E. E. Kelly, Rev. Floyd Dalton and Rev. Paul Verhine be accepted in fellowship in the association.

Rev. L. S. Parrish, Chairman

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

We, your committee believe that we have the best literature available, therefore, we recommend that each church use our own literature available at National S. S. Dept. P. O. Box 1088, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

After all, if you owned a grocery store, you wouldn't buy your groceries down the street.

Sylvester F. W. B. Mission Rev. Hubert Henderson, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education, want to render the following; that we should count it a privilege and a great joy to have a S. S. C. T. S. and other Christian Literature. But, most of all the precious book of truth that teaches us to grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savious, Jesus Christ.

Cairo Church.

TEMPERANCE REPORT

As the world, its moral standards, what stand shall we take? Gal. 5:25. "If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."

Life's journey is a one way trip so we must accept personal responsibility for the direction our lives take. Rom. 14:12 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Let us honor the name we wear, through humble submission to God's will and walk up-right before the world as Christians.

May we be constrained to forego every liberty and avoid every practice that might be the cause of offense to others, or become the occasion for their stumbling.

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Spring Hill Church.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

We submit the following:

- 1. Resolved to omit the reading of the local church letters to conserve time, for other business, as all letters have been read and approved by each church in their conferences.
- 2. Resolve to have one man or lady as standing committee to serve on committee at next meeting.
- 3. Be it resolved that all standing delegates (Ministers & Deacons) be urged to attend all sessions of this association.
- 4. That five delegates be appointed to serve on committees at yearly association session.
- 5. Resolve that we extend the host church thanks for entertaining this session.

T. E. Bundy, Chairman Mrs. D. L. Harris Billy Hatcher

We, your committee on receiving of Mount Zion Church.

We recommend that Mount Zion be received under the Watch Care of the Association until the Feb. (1969) meeting. The committee plans to meet with this church Nov. 16.

> Rev. L. S. Parrish Rev. Mance Cason Rev. James Ursery

DIGEST COMMITTEE

We, the Digest Committee, wish to submit the following report:

9 Churches

1 Mission

26 Delegates

11 Ministers present, 12 ordained ministers, 5 licensed ministers

37 Deacons on roll

9 full time churches with mission and 1 half time church 16 revivals held

619 resident members

120 non-resident members

739 total membership

28 received by profession of faith

46 received by letter

12 received by statement of faith

29 dismissed by letter 13 excluded 8 deceased 50 total membership dismissed 10 Sunday schools 523 Sunday school members 364 Average S. S. attendance 7 C. T. S. 372 C. T. S. members 222 average C. T. S. attendance 4 Women's Auxiliaries 37 enrollment 30 average attendance 2 Master's Men 18 enrollment 16 average attendance 9 prayer meetings 112 average attendance 2 vacation Bible schools 124 average attendance

86 total received

Respectfully Submitted, Mr. Fred Goolsby, Chairman Mrs. Mattie Sumner Mrs. Janice Cason

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We, submit the following:

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Moderator – Rev. James Ursery, Rte. 4, Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Vice-Moderator – C. J. Faison, Rte. 1, Hartsfield, Ga. Clerk - Rev. L. S. Parrish, Moultrie, Ga. Asst. Clerk – Billy Hatcher, Sale City, Ga.

Curtis Gay was recommended to succeed himself on the Executive committee through 1973.

Hugh Willis was recommended to fill the expiring term of Rev. G. H. Spradley and Rev. W. J. Bramble, to fill the expiring term of Rev. Myrtice Goff on the Mission Board. Recommended on the ordaining council were Rev. Hubert Henderson and Rev. E. E. Kelly.

Recommended for the program committee were: Alton Everson; Mrs. Fred Goolsby; Mrs. Curtis Gay.

Place for Annual Meeting—St. Paul Church, Nov. 1, 1969. First Quarterly session—Moultrie church, Feb. 1, 1969. Second quarterly session—New Hope church, May 3, 1969. Third quarterly session—Poulan church, August 2, 1969.

Standing Committees for 1969 are: Ministers-by Midway Temperance-by Moultrie Education-by Poulan Denominational Literature-by New Hope Auxiliaries-by St. Paul

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, the finance committee submit the following report: Balance on Hand 62.26 Rec'd from local churches 100.98 An offering <u>47.38</u> \$210.62

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Disbursements	
Pd. Moderator	\$10.00
Pd. Clerk	10.00
To State Association	20.00
For paper—postage etc.	1.61
	\$41.61
Balance	\$159.01

We recommend that an offering be taken to complete expenses for printing of minutes. Alton Everson, C. B. Perkins, G. H. Spradley I later received \$5.00 from the Sunday School convention. Making a total of \$164.01. The Clerk

MISSION BOARD

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

Treasurer's Annual Report

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Balance Brought Forward

Received from Churches, Woman's Auxiliaries, Minister's Conference, Sunday Schools and Personal Gifts

Paid to State Missionary (Rev. Hubert Henderson)

2200.00

\$ 74.94

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2025.52 \$2125.06

Mance Cason, Acting Treasurer

C. T. S. REPORT

The District CTS Rally of the Union Association met May 11, 1968, with the First Free Will Baptist Church of Cairo. The meeting was called to order by Rev. G. H. Spradley, who was taking the place of Alton Everson as director. There was a song, Power In the Blood, which was followed by a prayer by James Silvers. Devotion was given by Bro. Hubert Henderson using Proverbs 22:6 with the theme of "The Church Training It's Young People."

Brother J. Manning gave the welcome address on behalf of the host church. The response was given by Rev. G. H. Spradley.

The director called the church letters. Six churches were represented. They are as follows: Cairo, Moultrie, Midway, Poulan, Sylvester Mission, and Spring Hill. MSC to seat the delegates.

Committees were appointed and they are as follows: Nominating committee: Finance committee

Mrs. Barbara Hathcock-chm. Victor Hufstetler Debra Murphy Linda Everson Gail Turner Brady Perkins

Resolutions committee: Mrs. Julia Faison-chm. Finance committee: Mrs. Mary Willis-chm. Mrs. Martha Franks Fred Goolsby

Digest committee: Mrs. Fred Goolsby-chm. Mrs. G. H. Spradley Roy Lowe

Mrs. Abram Harrell Nelson Parrish

The field directors report was given by Bro. Hubert Henderson, (due to the absence of Alton Everson), using the Church Covenant. There was a moment of prayer for Bro. Everson. The prayer was led by Bro. Henderson.

A congregation song, "There Shall Be Showers Of Blessings" followed by a prayer for Bro. Sheffield's family and friends due to his passing away. The prayer was led by Rev. Spradley. Another congregation song, "Victory In Jesus."

Rev. Spradley asked for the People's opinion on how to improve the CTS. One suggestion was to turn ourselves completely over to God.

Rev. Spradley also brought the morning message. His topic was the Church Training It's Young People using I Timothy 3:15 and II Timothy 3:15 as his scriptures.

We were then dismissed for lunch.

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Face To Face" followed by a prayer by Victor Hufstetler.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and adopted as read.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Mary Willis singing "Who Am I?"

The competitive activities began with the sword drill which was won by David Silvers from Spring Hill. The Tic Tac Toe was also won by Spring Hill. There was no Bible Bowl team.

The Nominating Committees report was read by Linda Everson. It was MSC to vote on each officer separately. They were as follows:

President–Fred Goolsby Vice-President–James Washington Secretary-Linda Everson Field Director–James Silvers Bible Bowl–Mrs. James Silvers Tic Tac Toe-Mrs. Janice Cason Sword Drill-Mrs. Abram Harrell

It was MSC to accept and adopt the entire above report.

It was MSC to accept the report of the finance committee. MSC to receive an offering to pay the expenses of the convention of \$14.00.

MSC to accept the report of the Digest Committee.

MSC to accept the report of the Resolutions Committee. Everyone gave a rising vote of thanks to the host church for their fine hospitality.

MSC for the leader of each competitive activity to find out the cost of awards and to prorate it to the different churches.

MSC to adjourn.

Dismissal prayer by James Silvers.

Rev. G. H. Spradley-President Mrs. James Silvers-Secretary

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SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION March 31, 1968

The District S. S. Convention of the Union Association of the original Free Will Baptist, met at Spring Hill Church, March 31, 1968 at 9:45 A. M. Sunday School teachers and officers, Prayer meeting at 10:00 A. M. Congregation song, "Rescue the Perrishing." Prayer by Bro. Curtis Gay. Another song was, "The light of the world is Jesus." Welcome address Bro. Lamar Raburn. Introduction to S. S. Bro. Fred Goolsby. Then we were dismissed for classes, 94 present. We were dismissed for short intermission.

Congregational song, "The old account was Settled." Prayer by Bro. James Silvers. Letters were received, delegates seated and committees were appointed. Song, "Sweet Hour of Prayer." Prayer by Bro. Billy Hatcher. Special song by Gail Turner, "Jesus Abide with Me,"

Morning Message by Bro. Mance Cason, "The Church using the S. S. Luke 6:45-46. Prayer by Bro. George Faskey. Dismissed for lunch.

P. M. Session–Song by host church, prayer by Bro. Curtis Gay. Devotion by Rev. Hubert Henderson, Responsibilities of teaching. Opened for business with committee reports.

Digest committee MSC that this report be accepted. On roll 407, average attendance 317. Officers 17, teachers 48, Dept. 39. Total offering \$6,550.61, Literature \$548.20.

> Mrs. Abram Harrell Debbie Murphy Fred D. Lasseter

MSC that we accept the Finance report. Received from churches \$37.00, S. C. attendance Banner \$8.00; State S. S. convention \$15.00. Printing of minutes \$5.00; balance \$9.00.

> Kelvin Harrell **Billy Hatcher** Melba Silvers

MSC that the resolutions be read and adopted one by one.

1. That the district S. S. convention President visit each church in the association at least once during the fiscal year.

2. That the Secretary send two copies of the letter forms and programs to each church.

3. That the attendance banner be given to the church with the largest average attendance according to number on roll in S. S. for past year.

4. Be it resolved that a committee be appointed, consisting of one member from each of the representing churches and missions, to make a study of the possibility of having a District Teach and Train Rally, rather than a convention as we are presently having. We recommend that Bro. Mance Cason serve as chairman of said committee and that the committee make their report to annual session of the assoc. This recommendation is suggested so that our District will be coordinating with the state and other Districts in S. S. and CTS work. We further recommend in this convention that we change our meeting time from the 5th Sunday to Friday nights, semi-annually, leaving dates to the planning committee to suggest.

5. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

> Kenneth Murphy Mrs. Perkins Mr. Dawson **Opal Hatcher**

Nominating committee President Bro. Billy Faison, vice-president

Bro. Fred Goolsby, Secretary-Treasurer Gail Turner, Asst. Sec.-Treas. Vicky Parrish.

Wayne Lacey Brady Perkins Jane Aldridge Curtis Gay

Planning committee to study for S. S. convention-Chairman Bro. Mance Cason, Mrs. Curtis Gay, Abram Harrell, Freddie Lasseter, Ken -neth Murphy, Alton Everson, Mrs. James Silvers, Bro. Hufstetler.

Delegates to State S. S. Convention: Mrs. James Silvers, James Washington, Curtis Gay. MSC that the President appoint anyone present at convention for delegates if these don't get to go. MSC that meeting be adjourned. Prayer by Billy Hatcher.

The planning committee appointed at the S. S. convention for the purpose of making a study of the possibility of having a district Teach and Train Rally rather than a convention met September 20, 1968, with 12 persons present, consisting of 5 committee members, 3 district S. S. officers and 3 CTS officers.

The meeting was opened by the President Bro. Billy Faison. Scripture: Psalms 23, prayer Bro. Silvers. There was a general discussion concerning the purpose of having the Teach and Train Rally on Friday night rather than the convention on the 5th Sunday. It was decided that there could be better attendance, and would not interfere with regular worship service at the home church, and would be more of a worship and fellowship service than business. Also that the State S. S. convention is planning to have Teach and Train Rallies, therefore the district would be coordinating with the state.

This committee wishes to make the following report to this association, Bro. Cason as chairman of committee:

MSC that this committee recommend to this association that we organize a Teach and Train Rally, to take the place of both S. S. and CTS conventions.

MSC that we meet 4th Friday nights in March and September for Teach and Train Rallies. One Friday night to be on S. S. and one for CTS.

MSC that the present officers of the S. S. and C. T. S. plan programs for March and thereafter the association make provisions for *i* the Teach and Train Rallies.

MSC that the business of rallies be taken care of by the association chairman Bro. Mance Cason. Mrs. Curtis Gay, Abram Harrell, Kenneth Murphy, and Mrs. James Silvers.

Sister Rice, Bro. Billy Faison requested that his phone number and address be put in minutes.

Bro. Billy Faison Rte. 6 Moultrie, Ga. 31768 Phone–985-6344

REPORT OF SPECIAL STUDY COMMITTEE

The Special Study Committee appointed at the 1968 session of the Union Association Sunday School Convention, prayerfully and respectfully submit the following recommendations.

After taking a careful look at the various educational programs sponsored by the Union Association, we were convinced that we were not giving the proper emphasis to the Sunday School and CTS Departments of our work. In the light of this thinking we would like to submit these proposals for your consideration and adoption.

1. That we merge the Sunday School and CTS Conventions into one meeting to be known as the Teach and Train Rally of the Union Association of Free Will Baptists.

2. This Rally will be programed to feature clinics, workshops, training courses, CTS competitive activities and worship services.

3. The planning of the programs and operation of the Rally will be the responsibility of the Board of Christian Education.

4. That the Rally convene semi-annually, on the 4th Friday night in March and in September. Ammended to read that the program committee suggest the time of this meeting.

5. That the present officers of the Sunday School and CTS Conventions plan the March program and there after, the Board of Christian Education will assume their responsibility in this area of work.

6. No business will be transacted during the Rally. Business of the Rally will be taken care of by the Association and the Board of Christian Education. It is understood, however, in this connection that the Board of Christian Education will submit reports of their work to the Association for approval.

7. Since there will be no business, no delegates will be elected from local groups. Everyone will be urged to attend as a participant in some phase of the Rally.

8. Since Sunday School and CTS statistics are reported in the letters sent from the various churches to this Association, there would

be no problem in this connection.

Prayerfully submitted, Rev. Mance Cason, Chairman Mrs. Curtis Gay Mrs. Abram Harrell Mr. Kenneth Murphy Mrs. James Silvers

REPORT OF QUARTERLY SESSION

The Union Free Will Association held three meetings in 1968. FEB. 4, 1968 at Bay Church:

The message was brought by Rev. Odell Harris; scripture Rom; 13:14.

A committee was appointed to revise the church letters for the quarterly sessions.

Those appointed were: Rev. James Ursery, Rev. George Fosky, Rev. L. S. Parrish.

Report on the mission board was given by Rev. G. H. Spradley. A report of the Promotional work by Rev. Mance Cason.

MAY 4, 1968 at Cairo Church:

Rev. James Ursery was appointed to fill the unexpired term as asst. Moderator; Odell Harris who was leaving the Association.

The message was brought by Rev. Charles Halling head from Albany Church. Scripture Ps. 19.

Rev. L. S. Parrish made the announcement of the choir from the Children's Home in Ala. Date to be in June.

Rev. Ursery made announcement of the progress of attaining an instructor on the parliamentries of law on operating our quarterly sessions of our associations.

Rev. J. R. Davidson was the instructor for this purpose.

AUG. 3, 1968 at Greenwood church:

Message was brought by Rev. James Ursery, scripture Matt: 9-29b.

Rev. Hubert Henderson was nominated to serve on the ordaining council.

Recommendations were given by the ordaining council for Poulan Church, to give Darrell Everson a license as a minister for one year.

1968 MINUTES

of the

UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION The annual Session of the Union District Woman's Auxiliary

Convention met October 8, 1968, with the Cairo Church. Theme for the Convention was "This Is My Task", James 1:22-25. Opened with congregational singing led by Rev. James Ursery, prayer by Rev. Hubert Henderson. Morning devotion was given by Mrs. J. B. Rice, subject "This is My Task-To Love", I John 4:7-13. Words of welcome by Mrs. Abram Harrell.

Meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Janice Cason. Moved, seconded and carried that we adopt the program with any necessary changes. Members from local auxiliaries, visitors and ministers were recognized. Report on the Standard of Achievement Charts was given as follows; Midway (B), Poulan (C) and Spring Hill (D). The Standard of Achievement Chart from the Midway Auxiliary will represent the Union District at the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention. Mrs. Jeannine Silvers conducted a time of Auxiliary Tic Tac Know, with questions being asked from the auxiliary manual. The quiz was very informative and helpful to auxiliary members and others present to learn more of the Woman's Auxiliary work. Special music by Rev. E. E. Kelly and group and Rev. James Ursery. An offering was received in the amount of \$10.75.

The Convention message was brought by Rev. Larry Williams of Tifton, Georgia. His subject, "This Is My Task-To Live", James 1:22-25. A very challenging message was brought as to our responsibility as Christians to live for Christ. Dismissed for the noon hour by Mr. D. L. Harris.

The afternoon session was opened with congregational singing. Special music by Rev. E. E. Kelly and group. Devotion by Rev. James Ursery, subject "This Is My Task-To Share." He pointed out that we should do unto others as we would have them do unto us.

Reports from committees: We the Registration Committee wish to submit the following report. Delegates - 5; District Officers - 7; Ministers - 5; Visitors - 8; making a total of 25. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Opal Hatcher and Mrs. Jeannine Silvers. Moved, seconded and carried that report be accepted. <u>Resolution Committee</u> - (1). That the secretary send minutes of the annual convention to each local auxiliary by the first of November. Enough for each auxiliary to have a copy. (2). That the district corresponding secretary compile the names and address of each local auxiliary officer and that they be sent to each district officer by the 1st of November. (3). That a copy of the program for the workshop and annual convention be sent to each state officer and each district officer two weeks before the time for the meetings. (4). That the District project be the same as last year's. That each auxiliary send three dollars per month to the Union Association Mission Board. (5). That the workshop be the 1st Saturday in April and the Annual convention be on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in October. Workshop at Midway and convention to be at Poulan.

(6). That we give this church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. (7). We recommend that each of our auxiliaries respond to the District and State projects. Moved, seconded and carried that report be accepted and that we vote item by item. <u>Nominating committee</u> – We, your Nominating Committee wish to submit the following report. President-Mrs. Jeannine Silvers, Vice-President-Mrs. Opal Hatcher, Secretary and Corresponding Secretary-Mrs. Janice Cason, Asst. Secretary-Mrs. Fred Goolsby, Treasurer-Mrs. D. L. Harris, Study Course Chairman-Mrs. Janice Ursery, Missions Chairman-Mrs. Abram Harrell, Field Secretary-Mrs. J. B. Rice, Personal Service-Evangelism Chairman-Mrs. Opal Hatcher, Stewardship-Prayer Chairman-Mrs. Melton Harrell. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Janice Ursery, Chairman; Mrs. J. B. Wilson, Mrs. G. H. Spradley, Mrs. W. G. Turner, Mrs. Julie Jackson and Mrs. Addie Thigpen. Moved, seconded and carried that we accept the report and that the officers be elected by acclamation.

Mrs. James Silvers was appointed to serve on the State Nominating Committee. Delegates appointed to the State Convention were: Mrs. Janice Ursery, Mrs. D. L. Harris, Mrs. Janice Cason, and Mrs. Barbara Goolsby. The president has the authority to appoint others who may attend the state convention. Information about the state convention was given by Mrs. Opal Hatcher. Installation of officers conducted by Mrs. Janice Cason, prayer by Rev. James Ursery, Rev. Hubert Henderson expressed his appreciation to the convention for their support to the union mission. MSC that we adjourn. Dismissed by Rev. Henderson.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS BOARD OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE 1. Name: The name of the Board shall be the Board of Christian Education of the Union Association of the Original Free Will Baptist.

ARTICLE 2. Purpose: The purpose of this Board shall be to organize, promote, and have the general supervision of such Christian Educational programs as delegated to it by the Union Association.

ARTICLE 3. Membership: Each church affiliated with the Union Association shall be entitled to one member on the Board. Thus necessitating nine members elected by the Union Association with terms of ôffice rotating, so four members will be elected at one election year and five members at the next election year; giving each member a term of office of two years each.

ARTICLE 4. Officers: The officers of this Board shall be a chairman, vice-chairman, and a secretary-treasurer.

ARTICLE 5. Meetings: This Board shall hold two regular meetings a year, time and place of meetings to be decided by the Board. When necessary the chairman shall have the right to call a meeting or a meeting may be called by a quorum of members.

ARTICLE 6. Committees: Committees shall be appointed by the Board or its chairman as needs arise which would demand the work of a committee.

ARTICLE 7. Reports: This Board shall report to each session of the Union Association, giving account of all funds received and disbursed, and functions of the Board. The report should include objectives and future plans being considered by the Board.

ARTICLE 8. Finance: It shall be the duty of the Association to provide the Board with finances for its operation.

ARTICLE 9. Amendments: This Constitution may be amended at any regular or special meeting of this Board by a quorum of the members provided said amendment shall have been presented in the preceeding Board meeting. Thus bringing any proposed amendment before the Board in two separate meetings.

BY-LAWS

SECTION 1. Members: Members belonging to this Board should possess a natural aptitude for leadership in the field of Christian Education. SECTION 2. Officers: The officers, chairman, vice-chairman and secretary-treasurer shall be elected at the first meeting following the fourth session of the association. These officers shall be elected for a period of one year. It is provided, however, that should said Board, for any cause, fail to convene at this time, all officers shall be retained until their successors have been elected.

- SECTION 3. Chairman: The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Board. He shall have the right to call meetings when necessary and serve in whatever capacity assigned to him by the Board.
- SECTION 4. Vice-Chairman: It shall be the duty of the Vice-Chairman to serve in the full capacity of the chairman when the chairman is absent. If both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman should be absent and there is a quorum of regular members present, a temporary Chairman may be chosen to serve during the meeting.
- SECTION 5. Secretary-Treasurer: The Secretary-Treasurer shall keep an accurate record of all transactions of the Board meetings and pre-

serve the same, keep all valuable documents and surrender same to his successor in office. All funds shall be held and disbursed by the treasurer at the approval of the Board. The Secretary-Treasurer of this Board shall submit written reports to the Board members as often as the Board may deem it wise.

SECTION 6. Executive Committee: The Executive Committee shall be made up of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Secretary-Treasurer.

SECTION 7. Duties: Consider and act on all questions affecting the interest of the Board which must have immediate attention but would not justify the calling of a board meeting when a quorum is not present.

SECTION 8. Quorum: A majority of the members of this board in attendance at any called or regular meeting of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

SECTION 9. Amendments: These By-Laws may be amended at any regular or special meeting of a quorum of the members provided said amendment shall have been presented in the preceeding Board meeting. Thus bringing any proposed amendment before the Board in two separate meetings.

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, repungent to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of may.

5. That gospel churches are the only eccelesiastical 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.

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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 ecclesiatical 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 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 or 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 heresay.

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 the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective officers.

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 an 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 ex-

pected 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 fundamently 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 has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or baptism.

14. No member shall be received without the unanimous consent

of the members present, but unreasonable objections shall not be valid, unless withdrawn, the members who make them shall be liable to be taken under dealing with the church.

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

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

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

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

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

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their pe-

tition 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 rescend 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 being 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 everwhere 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.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. The officers of this Association shall be elected at the close of last session of the calendar year.

2. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator and be recognized before speaking. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

3. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the moderator.

4. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion and must re-

ceive a majority vote for passage.

5. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they were stated.

6. Appointments shall be made by the moderator unless requested otherwise by the body itself.

7. Members wishing to be excused from the session shall request permission from the moderator.

8. The Association has a right to decide what matters shall be admitted to its consideration.

9. 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 Treatise of the Faith and Practices of the Original Free Will Baptists and other regulations as set forth in the Constitution of this body.

10. After examination the council submits it's recommendation to the Church which requested the examination and the Church has the final approval of licensing the candidate and issuing his credentials.

11. No licentiate shall be ordained until having served at least six months as a licentiate. Ordination shall be done by the Associations Ordaining Council upon request of his home church or church to which he is called to serve or by virtue of a call to some specific Christian labors which would require ordination.

12. Ministers from other denominations who join a Free Will Baptist Church and desires to continue in the ministry must follow the same procedures for licensing and ordination as those for a licentiate.

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

ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

- 1. This Association shall hereafter be known as the Union Association of Original Free Will Baptist.
- 2. This body shall meet alphabetically, first Saturday of February, May, August, and November.
 - (a) It shall not adjourn formally until all business is settled.
 - (b) It shall use its influence to promote a moral, spiritual and benevolent program utilizing all its institutions and auxiliaries.

- 3. This body shall be composed of member churches in good standing and all ordained ministers, deacons, and missionaries shall be standing delegates.
 - (a) All Churches representing at this association shall be entitled to a minimum of 3 appointed delegates plus 1 additional delegate per 100 members of fraction thereof.
- 4. Requirement of delegates: Each standing delegate shall attend each and every session of this Association.
- 5. Requirement of Churches: Each church shall send a report of each session using the form adopted by the Association.
- 6. Each church in the Association shall be considered an independent body and shall control its own internal affairs having the unrestricted right to administer its own government without supervision or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.
- 7. The officers of this Association shall be: Moderator, Asst. Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Asst. Clerk-Treasurer and shall be elected every two years.
- 8. Churches wishing to become members of this association must present petitionary letters, adopt our National Treatise, and conform to its usage.
- 9. There shall be an executive committee composed of the offi-

cers of this association plus 5 laymen elected by the body. The elected members serve 5 year terms on a rotational basis. It shall be the duty of the executive committee to transact business for the association when the association is not in session. Decisions made by the executive committee shall be subject to final approval by the association and must be recorded in the minutes. The executive committee may be called into session by the moderator or asst. moderator as the need arises. 10. There shall be a mission board consisting of one member from each church in the Association to serve four year terms on a rotational basis. It shall be the duty of this board to supervise the missionary program of the association, to solicit the cooperation of member churches and individuals in promoting missions interest, to receive and disperse funds in the interest of missions support. A detailed report of this boards work shall be submitted to the last regular session of the association each year and shall be included in the minutes.

- 11. This constitution may be altered or amended at any regular session of this association by a majority vote.
- 12. There shall be an ordaining council composed of five ordained ministers belonging to this association. Members of this council shall be elected by the association for a 5 year term on a rotation basis. The duty of this council shall be to examine can-

didates for the ministry according to rules set forth in the association decorum. An annual report shall be submitted to the clerk of the association for inclusion in the minutes.

ARTICLES OF FAITH

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

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

3. We believe that there is one Holy Ghost, the precious gift of the Father through His dear Son, unto the world, who quickeneth and draweth sinners home to God.—St. John 16:7, 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1; Eph. 4:4, 5. 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 soverign grave.-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 lascivousness, 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 save, 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 sacrement in bread and wine, washing the saints's feet, annointing 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. Appointment Committee: (a) Education; (b) Ministers; (c) Auxiliaries; (d) Resolutions; (e) Finance; (f) Nominations, (g) Denominational Literature; (h) Temperance.

8. Unfinished business.

9. Report of committees.

10. Elect a Moderator, Assostant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer every two years.

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11. Adjournment.

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CHURCH COUNTY	CLERK and ADDRESS	PASTOR and ADDRESS	Total Received	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Cooperative Plan	Other Causes	Building & Repairs	Literature for all purposes	Minutes	Total Expenditures	Value - Church Property	Value of Parsonage	State Mission	District Mission	Home Mission	Childrens Home	Bible College	Foriegn Mission Youth Camp	Church Membership Non Resident	Resident	Revivals Held Professing of Faith Statement of Faith	Rec'd by Letter	Dismissed by Letter Excluded	<u>Deceased</u> Total Mem- bership Rec'd.	Total Dismissed Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers Masters Men	Deacons	S. S. Members Avg. Attendance	C.T.S. Members	V.B. School Prayer Meeting	Avérages Meeting Days
BAY Colquitt	CURTIS GAY ¹ Route 1 Hartsfield	PAUL W. VERHINE Route 1 Moultrie, Ga.	\$ 4,634.35	\$1,527.48	\$ 240.00	\$ 397.03	\$ 221.82	\$ 25.58	\$77.20	\$ 7.75	3,023.33	\$ 10,000.00	None	\$ None	\$328.96	None	\$ 205.26	\$	None	31 4	27	2 3	0 3	1 0	06	1 2	0 0	0 4	34 28	0) 0	6 Full Time
CAIRO Grady	PEARL WATSON 703 10th St. N.E. Cairo, Ga.	W. G. TURNER 1390 Ben Hill Ave. Cairo, Ga.	6,649.45	2,064.77	113.85	361.59	208.54	2,342.26	210.24	7.10	6,138.36	20,000.00	None	None	445.66	10.78	127.58		4.79	3 80 8	72	1 3	66	2 0	1 15	3 1	06	8 4	80 48	80 4) 0 :	30 Full Time
GREENWOOD Mitchell	R. B. HARRISON Camilla, Ga.	C. L. LASSETER 925 Keywood Albany, Ga.	1,107.27	• 760.00	135.00	5.65	129.00	None	60.00	5.00	1,065.62	4,000.00	2,000.00	None	None	47.62	None		None	30 Noi	ne 30	3 1	0 2	2 0	0 3	2 1	0 0	0 2	30 13	30 1) 0	0 Full Time
MOULTRIE Colquitt	JOSEPHINE PERKINS 105 Bethel Avenue Moultrie, Ga.	FLOYD DALTON P. O. Box 106 Quitman, Ga.	5,430.90	2,252.44	100.00	56.00	299.59	2,328.44	197.46	3.50	6,417.81	25,000.00	None	68.84	40.00	None	250.00		6.38	50 2	48	1 4	1 9	90	0 11	9 2	0 0	0 1	31 29	26 2	2 0	15 Full Time
MIDWAY Colquitt	C. K. MURPHY Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	JAMES URSREY Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	9,788.78	4,770.00	200.00	761.02	986.13	3,420.22	412.43	10.23	11,266.08	30,000.00	7,500.00	None	330.49	None	285.79		None 100.0	00 143 11	132	2 0	0 1	1 0	2 4	3 1	0 0 1	0 8	96 87.9	59 4	5.9 0 ;	30 Full Time
NEW HOPE Colquitt	M. B. LANIER Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	MYRTICE GOFF Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	1,337.39	792.13	90.00	137.74	279.38	146.70	72.98	20.00	1,687.43	12,000.00	None	None	98.50	25.00	35.00		None	75 10	65	1 2	2 3	3 0	2 10	5 1	1 0	0 6	35 15	0) 0	8 Full Time
POULAN Worth	JUDY SPRADLEY 215 Lake View Dr. Sylvester, Ga.	G. H. SPRADLEY 215 Lake View D r . Sylvester, Ga.	3,641.91	1,432.08	163.30	5.50	127.50	1,718.29	206.74	5.00	3,647.41	10,500.00	None	None	None	None	None		None	96 Noi	ne 96	2 3	0 0	0 0	04	0 1	2 0 1	0 5	65 50	65 4	5 95 3	35 1st & 3rd
ST. PAUL Tift	M. H. HINSON Route 1 Omega, Ga.	HARVEY GIDDENS Route 1 Omega, Ga.	1,411.46	953,42	152.45	None	246.75	None	44.71	20.00	1.534.62	8,500.00	None	None	None	None	182.00		None	47 24	23	2 0	0 3		1 3	4 1	1 0	0 3	30 19	0) 0	10 Full Time
SPRING HILL Mitchell	MRS. JAMES SILVERS Route 4 - Box 539 Albany, Ga.	E. E. KELLY Sale City, Ga.	6,815.72	4,355.00	200.00	365.22	1,896.12	5.62	358.98	17.40	7,690.38	15,000.00	None	None	163.22	None	205.75	100.00	50.42	148 60	88	2 3	0 9	9 10	2 14	21 0	0 12	9 8	80 54	70 3) 29 음	Full J Time
SYLVESTER Worth	FRANKIE BOOTH Route 3 Sylvester, Ga.	HUBERT HENDERSON Route 3 - Box 15B Sylvester, Ga.	2,020.43			125.65		878.18		5,00		6,000.00	+		137.35				None										42 21			23 9 F.T. 1 Half
		TOTAL	42,837.74	21,092.50	1,419.60	2,215.40	5,125.57	10,866.89	1,731.05	99.98	133,084.50	\$141,000.00	9,500.00	\$122.70	1,544.18	100.80	1,3291.38	\$100.00	\$ 61.59 100.0	00739 120	619	17 28 1	2 38	29 13	8 86	50 11	4 18 3	7 42 5	23 319.9	372 22	2.9 135 1	57 E.

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