

MINUTES
OF THE
UNION ASSOCIATION
OF THE
ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTIST
CONVENED WITH
MOULTRIE, NEW HOPE, POULAN, AND SAINT PAUL CHURCHES

OFFICERS

Rev. James Ursery, Moderator	Moultrie, Georgia
C. J. Faison, Vice-Moderator	Hartsfield, Georgia
Rev. L. S. Parrish, Clerk	Hartsfield, Georgia
Billy Hatcher, Asst. Clerk	Baconton, Georgia

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

M. H. Hinson—1970	Omega, Georgia
Walter Sloan—1971	Moultrie, Georgia
R. B. Harrison—1972	Camilla, Georgia
Curtis Gay—1973	Hartsfield, Georgia
James Jennings—1974	Sylvester, Georgia

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. H. W. Giddens	1970
Rev. W. G. Turner	1971
Rev. Floyd Dalton	1972
Rev. E. E. Kelly	1973
Rev. L. S. Parrish	1974

OUR DEAD

BETHLEHEM:	Mr. O. A. Croft Mr. Preston Gaskins Mrs. Bill Sweatman Mrs. Jennis Croft
CAIRO:	Mrs. Ruth Watson Mrs. Elsie Turner
NEW HOPE:	Mrs. Bryant Bradley Mr. J. H. McKenny
MOULTRIE:	Mrs. Lizzie Harden

STANDING BOARDS

MISSION BOARD

Hugh Willis, Poulan
Kenneth Murphy, Midway
W. J. Bramble, Coolidge
Abram Harrell, Cairo
M. H. Hinson, St. Paul
James Silvers, Spring Hill
Curtis Gay, Bay
C. L. Lasseter, Moultrie
R. B. Harrison, Greenwood

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

E. E. Kelly, Spring Hill
C. J. Faison, Bay
C. L. Lasseter, Jr., Moultrie
Melvin Harrell, Cairo
Donald Dalton, Moultrie
James Jennings, Sylvester
G. H. Spradley, Poulan
H. W. Giddens, St. Paul
Mrs. J. B. Rice, Midway

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Spring Hill	February 7, 1970
Sylvester	May 2, 1970
Bay	August 1, 1970
Bethlehem	November 7, 1970

The Union Association met February 1, 1969 with the Moultrie church. Opened with song and prayer. Devotional by Rev. Paul Verhine, using the theme for the day, "Not My Will But Thine Be Done." Visitors were Rev. H. L. Knighton, Rev. R. S. Hayes and Brother William Wisham. Received letters and seated Delegates. Petitionary Letters—Bethlehem church came into our fellowship and the Moderator extended to them the right hand of fellowship. Morning message was brought by Rev. W. G. Turner and was enjoyed by all. Reassembled after lunch with song and prayer. The report of the Promotional Secretary was given. A love offering of \$37.44 was received for Bro. Cason. Reports of committees were received. Budget committee report was given. M. S. C. to receive report and print in minutes. (See report) M. S. C. to adjourn.

The Union Association met May 3, 1969 at New Hope Church. Opened with song and prayer. Devotional by Brother Curtis Gay using theme "Feed My Sheep". Received letters and seated delegates. Ochlochnee church was received into full fellowship of the association. Reverend Hubert Henderson resigned from ordaining council. Brother Floyd Dalton elected to fill out time of Brother Henderson. Brother Fred Goolsby resigned from Christian Education Board. Brother E. E. Kelly was elected in Brother Goolsby's place. The morning message was brought by Reverend Hubert Henderson and was enjoyed by all. Reassembled after lunch with song and prayer. Received reports and released committees. M. S. C. for Moderator to appoint a committee to revise minutes. Appointed were L. S. Parrish, Floyd Faison and Mrs. Janice Ursery. M. S. C. to give \$50.00 to the Marietta mission. M. S. C. to adjourn.

The third quarterly session of the Union Association met with Poulan Church August 2, 1969. The session was opened with the song "I'll Live On." Prayer by Brother Curtis Gay. Moderators message was taken from Galations 1:10. Morning Devotional. Church letters were received and delegates seated. Called for Petitionary letters. None. Visitors present were Brother Johnny Eason, Brother Luther Little, Brother Jack Parramore of Nashville, Tennessee, Brother J. W. Clower and Son, Barry, Brother Trellis Mayhall, Brother Everson and Brother Eugene Ross. There were no corresponding messengers. Brother Mance Cason sent regards. He is under doctors care and could not attend. Brother Jack Parramore gave a report from the Bible College. Appointment of Committees—Resolutions Committee, Everett Kelly, James Silvers, and Darrell Everson. Digest Committee, Hugh Willis, Pearl Watson and Curtis Gay. The Ordaining Council recommended that Rev. Johnny

Eason and Rev. Eugene Ross be received pending letter of recommendation. Song "Love Lifted Me." Prayer by Rev. Mayhall. Song "At Calvary". Prayer by Brother McKinney. Special music was presented by Cairo Church and greatly enjoyed by all. Rev. James Ursery delivered the morning message using the texts, Deut. 7:6, Titus 2:14, 1st Peter 2:9, 10. It was very inspiring message. Adjourned for lunch. Reassembled after lunch with song. Prayer by Brother Everett Kelly. Special music by Poulan Church. Afternoon Devotional. Report of Resolution Committee. M. S. C. to accept report. M. S. C. to accept report of Digest Committee. Report of Minute Revision Committee. The Ordaining Council ordained Brother Darrell Everson to the Gospel Ministry. Brother Ursery reminded the churches of their annual reports. Minutes were read. M. S. C. to accept Minutes as read. M. S. C. to adjourn.

The Forty-fourth annual session of the Union Association met with Saint Paul church. The session was opened with song led by Brother Eugene Ross. Brother Myrtice Goff led in prayer. The Clerk called the meeting to order and presented the Moderator. The Moderator's message was taken from Eccl. 3:1, "A Time for all Things." Brother Eugene Ross brought the Devotional reading from Romans 13:11. The church letters were received and delegates seated. The visitors were welcomed. Mrs. John Ross, Georgia Union Association, Mrs. Mary Sumner, community. Called for petitionary letters. There were no corresponding messengers. Committees were appointed. Report of Treasurer was accepted as given. Report of Ordaining Council. M. S. C. to receive report. Report of Temperance Committee. M. S. C. to receive report and release committee. Report of Literature Committee. M. S. C. to receive report. Report of Committee on Ministers. M. S. C. to accept report. The report of the "Minute Revision Committee" was given. M. S. C. to accept report and adopt item by item. Item 1 and 2 defeated. M. S. C. to adopt item 3. Song service for worship hour was led by Brother Eugene Ross. Message by Rev. L. S. Parrish using theme for the day. Welcome address was given by the pastor of the host church, Rev. Harvey Giddens. Dismissed for lunch. Reassembled after lunch. After a song by the congregation Brother Curtis Gay led in prayer. Special music was presented by St. Paul Church. Afternoon devotional was given by Rev. G. H. Spradley.

Report of Resolution Committee. Moved, seconded and carried to accept report. M. S. C. to accept report of Finance Committee. M. S. C. to strike out disbursements of Finance Committee. M. S. C. to accept report of Obituary Committee. M. S. C. to accept report of

Christian Education Committee. M. S. C. to accept report of Mission Board. M. S. C. to support Brother Hubert Henderson with \$50.00 per month. M. S. C. to accept report of Digest Committee. Brother Billy Hatcher gave a report from the State Mission board. M. S. C. to accept report of Nomination Committee.

Standing Committees for 1970 Annual Session are as follows: Ministers—Sylvester Church. Temperance Committee—Cairo Church. Education Committee—Midway Church. Denominational Literature—Bay. Auxiliaries—Spring Hill Church. Delegates to State Association are Sisters Opal Hatcher, Martha Franks, Jeanine Silvers, Pauline Gay, Eugene Ross and Brother Hugh Willis. M. S. C. for Moderator to appoint delegates from those present. Report from Brother Gay as to the amount of Harvest Drive. Minutes were read and approved as read. It was reported that not enough members would meet to have a Christian Education Board Meeting. M. S. C. for Reverend Everett Kelly to fill vacancy on Christian Education Board. M. S. C. to adjourn.

DIGEST COMMITTEE

We, the digest committee submits the following report:

12 churches
0 missions
28 delegates
9 ministers present
42 deacons on roll
10 full time churches
2 half time churches
19 revivals held
656 resident members
153 non-resident members
807 total membership
70 received by profession of faith
44 received by letter
14 received by statement
128 total received
11 dismissed by letter
29 excluded
9 deceased

49 total lost
 10 Sunday schools
 557 Sunday school members
 402 average attendance
 6 C. T. S.
 332 enrolled
 243 average attendance
 5 Ladies Auxiliary
 66 members
 50 average attendance
 2 Masters Men
 6 enrolled
 4 average attendance
 9 Prayer Meetings
 144 average attendance
 6 Vacation Bible Schools
 164 average attendance

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on Hand	\$167.96
Received from local churches, Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.	\$311.93
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$479.89
 Disbursements:	
Paid Moderator—1969	\$ 25.00
Paid Clerk—1969	40.00
State Association	20.00
C. T. S.	25.12
Brother Henderson (Marietta)	50.00
Service Charge at Bank	3.65
Minutes 1968	145.23
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 \$309.00
 BALANCE ON HAND DECEMBER 1, 1969	 \$170.89

BUDGET COMMITTEE'S REPORT

We, the Budget Committee charged by the Union Association while in session November 2, 1968 to make a survey of our financial needs and to offer a proposed budget to the association while in session February 1, 1969, 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 report the same to the association.
- II. (a) Whereas, minutes of the Union Association are distributed to each church in proportion to their membership, and,
(b) Whereas, we feel that the number of minutes received by each church should be in accordance with finances appropriated by the church; we recommend that each Church send a minimum of 12 cents per member to each session of the association which convenes in February, May, August and November, thus making a total of at least 48 cents per member given during the year.
- III. We recommend the following disbursements.
 - (a) Honorarium to Moderator for service at the February, May and August sessions \$5.00 and \$10.00 for the November session.
 - (b) Honorarium to Clerk for service at the February, May and August sessions \$5.00 and \$25.00 for the November session.
 - (c) Representation gift to the State and National Association \$20.00.
 - (d) Teach and train Reels \$65.00.
 - (e) Postage, mailing of minutes, letter forms, programs and etc. \$20.00.
- IV. After the suggested disbursements of each session has been taken care of the balance of money is to be retained in the treasury to pay for the printing of the yearly minutes of the association. Any surplus found in the treasury at the end of the associational year may be disbursed by a vote of the body.
- V. Whereas, the membership of the local churches will be changing from time to time, thus making a difference in the expenditures of the Association on the per capita member basis, we recommend that the suggested budget be raised or lowered so as to keep

within the needed monies for the necessary disbursements of our association.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Mance R. Cason

James Silvers

Dean Henderson

REPORT OF UNION MISSION BOARD

Beginning of Year—Deficit of	\$ 74.94
Received from churches and individuals	1380.17
Paid Brother Henderson	1057.68
Balance on hand	247.55

Presently we do not have a work or a project.

James Silvers

Secretary and Treasurer

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your finance committee submit the following report.

Balance on hand	\$151.43
Received from churches	<u>76.21</u>
TOTAL	\$227.64

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Alton Everson, Chairman

Mrs. Mattie Sumner

Mrs. Pauline Gay

MINUTE REVISION COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your minute revision committee wish to make the following report.

1. That the constitution, by-laws, government and ordinances,

decorums, church covenant and articles of faith be deleted from the 1969 minutes. This item was defeated.

2. We further recommend that the above mentioned be printed every fifth year. This item was defeated.
3. We also recommend that item one under association Decorum be changed to correspond with constitution and order of associational business.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. James Ursery

Floyd Faison

Rev. Lamar Parrish

ORDAINING COUNCIL REPORT

The Ordaining Council met at Bay Church and ordained Brother Paul Verhine on November 17, 1968. On August 3, 1969 we ordained Brother Darrell Everson. September 14, 1969 we met at Saint Paul and ordained Brother A. J. Cox. We also ordained deacons for the church at Ochlochnee and Cairo.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. Parrish, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Names submitted:

Executive Committee	James Jennings
Ordaining Council	Lamar Parrish
Union Mission Board	Kenneth Murphy

Respectfully submitted,

Billy Hatcher

Hugh Willis

Mrs. Martha Franks

RESOLUTION COMMITTEE REPORT

Resolve that we extend the host church thanks for entertaining

this session.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Myrtice Goff, Chairman

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

LITERATURE

We, your committee believe the Freewill Baptists are fortunate in having the best literature available. We pray that each church use it along with the Scriptures.

New Hope Church

MINISTERS

We, your committee on ministers find that all our churches are with pastors. We have two new ministers in our association.

Midway Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We, your committee on Christian Education wish to render the following. We find most of our churches have worship services, Sunday school, and C. T. S. every Sunday and prayer services on Wednesday night, yet we find very few who is Christ like, using Jesus as a standard to measure by. Jesus gave His life to educate us by declaring God to us. It cost Him His life to bring us the truth. We find very few willing to sacrifice time to study and prepare as teachers and preachers to lead lost souls to Jesus. Our churches need God appointed teachers and leaders who are interested in lost men, women, boys and girls more than television, newspapers, ballgames and pleasures of the world. We need men and women with a living Christ in their heart who can see lost souls burning in hell, forever lost, and be moved by compassion in their hearts and present their bodies a living sacrifice to service for Jesus. When the churches find these men we will have christian education. Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

Poulan Church

TEMPERANCE REPORT

November 1, 1969

Temperance, Christian Growth and Experience are encouraged by the Apostle Peter!

“Add to your Faith Virtue; And to Virtue Knowledge; And to Knowledge Temperance; And to Temperance Patience; And To Patience Godliness; And to Godliness Brotherly Kindness; And to Brotherly Kindness Chairty.”

2 Peter 1:5-7

It Is Very Difficult For An Intemperate Person to Be Patient. Having Gained Control Of One Self, and Become Patient One Is In A Condition To Manifest Godliness.

“And Every Man That Striveth For The Mastery Is Temperate In All Things.”

1 Corinthians 9:25

Respectfully submitted,
Moultrie Church

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

- Rev. Lamar S. Parrish—Route 1, Moultrie, Georgia—Phone 941-2968
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- Rev. Junior Chastain—137 Cherokee St., Thomasville, Georgia
- Rev. W. G. Turner—1390 Ben Hill Ave., Cairo, Georgia—Phone 377-4251
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- Rev. Mance Cason—Eastman, Georgia
- Rev. Charles Lasseter, Jr.—803 1st Ave., S. E., Moultrie, Georgia—
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- Rev. Johnny Eason—Douglas Georgia
- Rev. Floyd Dalton—P. O. Box 106, Quitman, Georgia—Phone 263-4011
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Rev. Elzie Franks—Route 1, Sylvester, Georgia
Rev. Hubert Henderson—Powder Springs, Georgia
Rev. Dannell Everson—506 N. Monroe St., Sylvester, Georgia

ROLL CALL OF DEACONS

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**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 office 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 preceding 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. The 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 preceding 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, repugnant to the Word of God, subservient to the churches and dangerous to the liberty of may.

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 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 fundamentally protestant church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that 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 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 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 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 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.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

1. The officers of this Association shall be elected at the close of last session of the even 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 officers 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 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, 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 sovereign grace.—Matt. 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65; Ps. 1:1; Tit. 2:11, 12; Jer. 22:29.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ORDER OF ASSOCIATIONAL BUSINESS

1. The body at each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Miscellaneous business.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
6. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
7. 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.
11. Adjournment.

CHURCH COUNTY	Youth Camp	Church Membership	Non-Resident	Resident	Revivals Held	Professing of Faith	Statement of Faith	Received by Letter	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Deceased
BAY Colquitt	1	33	None	33	3	3	1	5	None	None	None
BETHLEHEM	1	35				2	3	1	None	1	5
CAIRO Grady	1	71	6	65	2	10	1	7	None	25	2
GREENWOOD Mitchell											
MIDWAY Colquitt	140.00	157	11	146	3	12		6	2		
MOULTRIE Colquitt	6.75	77	6	71	3	30	6	9	3	3	1
NEW HOPE Colquitt		95	27	68		1		2		None	2
OCHLOCHNEE											
POULAN Worth		100	24	76	3	8	2	4	3	None	None
ST. PAUL Tift		42	16	26	2						
SPRINGHILL Mitchell		148	56	92	2	2		1	3	None	None
SYLVESTER Worth		51	7	44	2	2	1	9	None	None	None

Total Membership Received	Total Dismissed	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Ministers	Masters Men	Woman's Auxiliary	Deacons	S. S. Members	Average Attendance	C. T. S. Members	Average Attendance	V. B. School	Prayer Meeting Avgs.	Meeting Days
9	None	2	None	None	None	4	52	31				12	Full Time
6	5	2	None	None	None	4	50	43			Yes		Full Time
18	27	1	None	6	9	5	71	50	71	40			Full Time
18	2	1	None		12	8	97	78	59	48	Yes	Yes	Full Time
45	7	4	None	None	20	1	52	42	48	41	Yes	Yes	Full Time
3	2	1	1	None	None	5	35	12				8	Full Time
14	3	1	1		15	5	65	60	65	55	100	Yes	Full Time
			3			3	35	20				Yes	First & Third
3	3	1	None		10	6	58	42	48	35	44	Yes	Full Time
12	None	3	None	None	None	1	42	24	41	24		20	Full Time

CHURCH COUNTY	CLERK and ADDRESS	PASTOR and ADDRESS	Total Received	Paid Pastor	Evangelistic Work	Cooperative Plan	Other Causes
BAY Colquitt	MRS. W. D. PARKER Route 1 Moultrie, Ga.	L. S. PARRISH Route 1 Moultrie, Ga.	\$ 5,499.39	\$2,258.36	\$342.19	\$424.55	\$100.00
BETHLEHEM	MRS. GEORGIA CROFT P. O. Box 111 Berlin, Ga.	JUNIOR CHASTAIN 137 Cherokee St. Thomasville, Ga.	1,965.03	522.91	124.00		
CAIRO Grady	PEARL WATSON 483 10th St., S. E. Cairo, Ga.	W. G. TURNER 1390 Ben Hill Ave. Cairo, Ga.	9,430.84	2,820.52	560.44	502.60	
GREENWOOD Mitchell	NO REPORT						
MIDWAY Colquitt	KENNETH MURPHY Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	JAMES URSREY Route 4 Moultrie, Ga.	9,775.84	5,155.55	336.66	827.26	
MOULTRIE Colquitt	JOSEPHINE PERKINS 105 Bethel Ave. Moultrie, Ga.	FLOYD DALTON P. O. Box 106 Quitman, Ga.	12,083.88	4,226.20	505.00	508.70	
NEW HOPE Colquitt	M. B. LANIER Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	MYRTICE GOFF Route 2 Coolidge, Ga.	1,703.61	768.58		44.38	
OCHLOCHNEE	NO REPORT						
POULAN Worth	NADINE PIPER Poulan, Ga.	G. H. SPRADLEY 215 Lake View Dr. Sylvester, Ga.	4,630.22	2,113.52	269.48	60.00	
ST. PAUL Tift	M. H. HINSON Route 1 Omega, Ga.	HARVEY GIDDENS Route 1 Omega, Ga.	1,474.70	903.28	169.00		145.35
SPRINGHILL Mitchell	MRS. JAMES SILVERS Route 4 Box 539 Albany, Ga.	E. E. KELLY P. O. Box 74 Sale City, Ga.	9,406.50	4,475.00	345.00	410.56	695.65
SYLVESTER Worth	ETHEL FRANKS Route 1 Sylvester, Ga.	EUGENE ROSS 301 E. Kelly St. Sylvester, Ga.	3,043.08	1,400.00	200.00	152.15	
		TOTAL					

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