

1970
 MINUTES
 OF THE
 45TH SESSION
 UNION ASSOCIATION
 OF THE
 ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTIST
 CONVENED WITH
 SPRING HILL, SYLVESTER, THOMASVILLE AND BAY

OFFICERS

C. J. Faison, Moderator.....	Hartsfield,	Georgia
Rev. L.S. Parrish, Vice Moderator.....	Hinsonton,	Georgia
Leonard Pirtle, Clerk.....	Funston,	Georgia
Billy Hatcher, Asst. Clerk.....	Baconton,	Georgia

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Walter Sloan-1971.....	Moultrie,	Georgia
R. B. Harrison-1972.....	Camilla,	Georgia
Curtis Gay-1973.....	Hartsfield,	Georgia
James Jennings-1974.....	Sylvester,	Georgia
Guyton Adams-1975.....	Berlin,	Georgia

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. G. Turner.....	1971
Rev. Floyd Dalton.....	1972
Rev. Leonard Pirtle.....	1973
Rev. L. S. Parrish.....	1974
Rev. C. B. Dowdney.....	1975

OUR DEAD

Spring Hill-Mrs. Mary Hathcock Cairo-Mrs. Nora Lowe
Bethlehem-Darrell Chapman New Hope-Rev. W.G. Boyd
Bethlehem-Mrs. Candis Croft Spring Hill-Lamar Raburn
St. Paul-Monroe Justice Poulan-Mrs. Lucille Lewis
 Bethlehem-Mrs. Maryetta Croft

STANDING BOARDS

MISSION BOARD

Hugh Willis-Poulan
Kenneth Murphy-Midway
W.J. Bramble-New Hope
Abron Harrell-Cairo
M.H. Hinson-St. Paul
James Silvers-Spring Hill
Curtis Gay-Bay
Fred Lasseter-Moultrie
R.B. Harrison-Greenwood
Guyton Adams-Bethlehem
Ollie Staley-Thomasville

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION BOARD

Leonard Pirtle-Bay
Alton Everson-Poulan
Mrs. L. Sapp-Thomasville

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS

Bethlehem
Cairo
Greenwood
Midway

February 6, 1971
 May 1, 1971
 August 7, 1971
 November 6, 1971

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS

45TH YEARLY PROCEEDINGS:

The Union Association met in the first quarterly session on February 7, 1970 at Spring Hill Church. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator. It was opened with a song and prayer. The devotional was given by Rev. Chastain. It was M.S.C. to receive letters and seat Delegates. Called for petitionary letters. First Freewill Baptist of Thomasville petitioned for membership and was received. The report of the Promotional Secretary was given. There was a song and prayer with a special song by Bro. Ursrey. Morning message was delivered by Rev. Floyd Dalton. The host Pastor gave the welcome address. After lunch there was song and prayer and the devotional was given by Bro. Ursrey. Report of Committees. Bro. G. H. Spradley resigned from the Christian Education Board. Bro. Alton Everson was elected. Brothers Guyton Adams and Ollie Staley were placed on Mission Board. M.S.C. to adjourn.

The Union Association met for the second quarterly conference May 2, 1970 at Sylvester Church. Opened with song and prayer. Called to order by Moderator. Devotional by Bro. James Jennings. M.S.C. to receive letters and seat delegates. M.S.C. to receive Rev. A. C. Truluck into fellowship. Appointed committees. Song and prayer. Morning message by Bro. G. H. Spradley. Welcome address by Bro. James Jennings. Reassembled after lunch with song and prayer. Devotional was given by Bro. Truluck. Received reports of committees. M.S.C. for Program Committee to meet with host Pastor when planning program. M.S.C. for August Session to meet with the Thomasville Church. M.S.C. for Mission Board to be relieved of the Marrietta work. M.S.C. to adjourn.

The Union Association met for the third quarterly conference with the Thomasville Church August 1, 1970. After song and prayer the meeting was called to order. Devotional was given by Bro. Sapp. M.S.C. to receive church letters and seat delegates. Recognition of visitors. Rev. Seldon Bullard of Missouri. Appointment of committees. M.S.C. that Board of Christian Education be abolished and instead a committee of three (3) be elected. Report of Promotional Office was received. Song and prayer with a special song by Poulan Church. Morning message was delivered by Bro. Johnny Eason. Welcome address by host Pastor. Reassembled

after lunch with song and prayer. Devotional was given by Sister Debbie Murphy. Report of committees. A Christian Education Committee was elected with Bro. Alton Everson, Reverend Leonard Pirtle and Sister Sapp being the newly elected members. M.S.C. to adjourn.

The Union Association met in Annual Conference November 7, 1970 with Bay Church. Opened with song and prayer. Called to order by Clerk L. S. Parrish who presented the Assistant Moderator C. J. Faison in absence of Moderator James Ursrey. Devotional by Bro. Tommy McCall. M.S.C. to receive letters and seat delegates. Appointment of Committees. Call for Petitionary letters. Call for correspondent messengers. Report of Promotional Office and awarding of certificates. Song and prayer with special singing by Brother and Sister McCall. Morning message was delivered by our State Missionary Rev. William Morris. Welcome address by host Pastor. Reassembled with song and prayer. Devotional by Bro. Paul Verhine. M.S.C. to accept report of committees. See report of committees further over in minutes. M.S.C. to do away with standing committee of churches for the annual session. Delegates to State Association, Bro. Hugh Willis, Bro. Everson, Sister Harris and Sister Truluck. M.S.C. to grant Bro. E. E. Kelly a letter. Report of Nominating committee. M.S.C. to elect officers by acclamation. (See Report) The Chair appointed Program Committee, Sister Hugh Willis, Bro. G. H. Spradley, Bro. James Jennings. Report on the success of the Harvest Drive. M.S.C. to adjourn.

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Leonard Pirtle-P.O. Box 67, Funston, Ga.
Rev. Lamar S. Parrish-P.O. Box 472, Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. Junior Chastain-137 Cherokee St., Thomasville, Ga.
Rev. Harold Smith-Valdosta, Ga.
Rev. W.G. Turner-1390 Ben Hill Ave., Cairo, Ga.
Rev. Paul Verhine-Rt. 1, Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. James Ursrey-Rt. 4, Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. Floyd Dalton-Quitman, Ga.
Rev. Charles Lassiter-Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. A.C. Truluck-P.O. Box 591, Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. Myrtice Goff-Rt. 2, Coolidge, Ga.
Rev. G.H. Spradley-215 Lakeview Dr., Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. C.B. Dowdney-Baconton, Ga.
Rev. Harvey Giddens-Rt. 1, Omega, Ga.
Rev. A.J. Cox-Rt. 1, Ashburn, Ga.
Rev. Elzie Franks-Rt. 1, Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. Julian Vickers-601 N. Isabell St., Sylvester, Ga.

ROLL OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. William J. Bramble-Coolidge, Ga.
Rev. Havard L. Harris-Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. Tommy McCall-Nashville, Tenn.
Rev. Alton Everson-Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. Homer Croft-Thomasville, Ga.
Rev. Joe B. Walker-Moultrie, Ga.

ROLL OF DEACONS

BAY-

C.J. Faison-Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.
Curtis Gay-Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.
Robert Tucker-Rt. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.
T. E. Bundy-Rt. 1, Moultrie, Ga.

BETHELEM-

Earl Truett-Moultrie, Ga.
Ernest Croft-Pavo, Ga.
Elzie Boyd-Berlin, Ga.
H.C. Croft-Berlin, Ga.
Don Croft-Berlin, Ga.
Jimmy Croft-Moultrie, Ga.
Bobby Merritt-Berlin, Ga.

CAIRO-

Abram Harrell-Cairo, Ga.
J.W. Watson-Cairo, Ga.
Melton Harrell-Cairo, Ga.

A.K. Lowe-Cairo, Ga.
Warner Wisham-Cairo, Ga.

MIDWAY-

Charles Anderson-Pavo, Ga.
Marion Green-Moultrie, Ga.
Tillman Harper-Moultrie, Ga.
Charles Murphy-Moultrie, Ga.
Kenneth Murphy-Moultrie, Ga.
Walter Sloan-Moultrie, Ga.
Douglas Murphy-Moultrie, Ga.
E. L. Dunlap-Moultrie, Ga.
William Lewis-Moultrie, Ga.

MOULTRIE-

Ollie Lewis-Moultrie, Ga.
Dewey Hannon-Moultrie, Ga.
Edgar McMurphy-Moultrie, Ga.
M.B. Lanier-Coolidge, Ga.
Lloyd Carlton-Coolidge, Ga.

POULAN-

Robert Piper-Poulan, Ga.
Elmon Tidwell-Poulan, Ga.
D.L. Harris-Ty Ty, Ga.
Wayne Carlton-Florida
Sonny Powell-Sylvester, Ga..
Harlie Parker-Poulan, Ga.

SPRING HILL-

A.W. Holton-Doerun, Ga.
Harvey King-Baconton, Ga.
L.N. Thompson-Sale City, Ga.
James Ferguson-Putney, Ga.
James Silvers-Albany, Ga.
Billy Hatcher-Baconton, Ga.
Tony Hathcock-Putney, Ga.

ST. PAUL-

M.A. Godwin-Lenox, Ga.
Archie Howell-Tifton, Ga.
Ralph Crosby

SYLVESTER-

James Jennings-Sylvester, Ga.

TEMPERANCE COMMITTEE

Temperance means moderation. One of the fruits of the Spirit is Temperance, Gal. 5:23. The Sorcerers as mentioned in Rev. 21:8 means enchantment with drugs. We should be concerned about things that affects the mind as well as the body, such as drugs, alcohol and obscene literature. We must be temperate in all things and abstain from the things that destroy the body and soul, I Cor. 3:17 tells us, "If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is Holy, which temple ye are."

Submitted by Cairo Church

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

We, the committee on Christian Education, find that most of our churches have morning and evening worship services, Sunday School, C.T.S., and Wednesday prayer services. It appears that personal Bible study, prayer, giving and witnessing are not emphasized enough. The training of new converts should be emphasized more thoroughly in our churches.

We also recommend more Christian Study Courses be taught on the local levels. Christian Literature can be obtained from our State FWB Office in Moultrie and from our FWB Book Store in Nashville, Tennessee.

For higher education we recommend our Bible College in Nashville, Tennessee. II Timothy 2:15

Submitted by Midway Church

MINISTERS COMMITTEE

As far as we know, all churches have Pastors.

Submitted by Sylvester Church

ORDAINING COUNCIL

We met at Thomasville and examined Bro. Leonard Pirtle. We met again in Nov. at Bay and examined Bro. Tommy McCall for License. We received letters from Bro. C.B. Dowdney and Bro. Leonard Pirtle.

L.S. Parrish, Chairman

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Nominations: Union Mission Board, Fred Lasseter,
Moultrie. State Education Board, C. B. Dowdney,
Spring Hill.
Moderator, C. J. Faison.
Vice-Moderator, Lamar Parrish
Clerk, Leonard Pirtle
Asst. Clerk, Billy Hatcher
Executive Committee, Guyton Adams
Ordaining Council, C. B. Dowdney and Leonard Pirtle.

Submitted by Nominating Committee
Billy Hatcher
Abram Harrell
R. B. Harrison

FINANCE COMMITTEE

We, your Finance Committee, submit the following re-
port.

Balance on hand-----\$276.89
Received from churches----- 156.32

Present Totals \$433.21

We suggest that the clerk pay all expenses recom-
mended by the Budget Committee and we suggest Bro.
Morris receive \$40.00 for honorarium and \$40.00 to
the State Mission Board for work in Statesboro. Ga.

Submitted by Finance Committee
Lamar Everett
Opal Hatcher
Tommy McCall

MISSION BOARD

Balance Brought Forward-----\$247.55
Amount Received----- 601.96
\$849.51
Paid State Mission Board-Henderson----- 350.00
Balance on Hand-----\$499.51

AUXILIARIES COMMITTEE

Sunday Schools 12
C. T. S.'s 8
Woman's Aux. 5
Masters Men 1

Submitted by Spring Hill Church

ASSOCIATIONAL COMMITTEE
ON
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Board of Christian Education of the Union Association met at the Bay Free Will Baptist Church August 6, 1970. The meeting was opened with prayer by Brother Everson.

The following are recommendations made by the Board.

1. We recommend that those churches not having a C.T.S. program endeavor to organize one as soon as possible for that church.
2. We recommend that a T.N.T. Youth Rally be held each quarter.
 - a. Our competitive activities be held at the rally nearest the State T.N.T. Rally every June.
 - b. Host church to be responsible for the program. The program should be presented by the youth and even planned if possible. The rally is designed for the youth, it is their rally.
 - c. Each church is responsible to purchase questions and guides to Tic Tac Toe, Bible Bowl, Sword Drill, and Declamation Activities.
 - d. The expense of the rally is to be covered by an offering taken at each rally.
 - (1) The money which is left over after expenses are met is to be put in a treasury.
 - (2) This money in the treasury is to be used to sponsor our winners of competitive activities to the state finals.
 - (3) If any money should be left then, it is to be used to sponsor special speakers and activities planned by the rally for our youth.
 - e. Officers be elected yearly (President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer), to open the meeting and take care of the limited business, then turn the service over to the host church.
 - f. The church where the rally is to be held at next will be chosen either by volunteers, lot or rotation. This is to be decided by the rally.
3. The first rally will be held at the Poulan Church October 3, 1970 beginning at 7:00 P.M. (Pastors, please notify Bro. Everson at least one week in advance the approximate number to be expected from your church.)
4. We encourage churches to provide more youth centered activities, such as youth revivals, Christian Service opportunities, etc., for their youth.

DIGEST COMMITTEE

No. of Churches	12	Ladies Aux.	5
Missions	0	Members	61
Delegates	36	Avg. attendance	51
Ministers	11	Masters Men	1
Deacons	52	Enrolled	6
Full time Churches	11	Attendance	4
Half time Churches	2	Prayer Meetings	10
Revivals	23	Avg. Attendance	187
Resident members	741	V. B. S.	6
Non-resident	159	Attendance	170
Rec'd by Profession of faith	43		
Rec'd by letter	49		
Rec'd by statement	35		
Total rec'd	127		
Dismissed by letter	32		
Excluded	9		
Deceased	11		
Total lost	52		
Sunday Schools	12		
S. S. Members	628		
Average attendance	566		
C. T. C.	8		
Members	387		
Avg. attendance	293		

Submitted by Committee
 James H. Willis
 James Jennings
 Julian Vickers

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

1. Be it resolved that we change item 2(two) of the Constitution from; This body shall meet alphabetically, first Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. to read: This body shall meet alphabetically the first Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., and the Saturday before the first Sunday in November.
2. Be it resolved that we request our Program Committee to send a copy of the program to each person on the program., and each church clerk at least two weeks before each session.
3. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Bay Church for their fine hospitality shown to this session of the Association.

Submitted by,
Leroy Sapp
Guyton Adams
A. C. Truluck

DENOMINATIONAL LITERATURE

Knowing that the Bible admonishes us to study the Word, we prayerfully recommend that all our churches use our national literature; written by our own people and based upon "thus saith the Lord".

Respectfully Submitted,

Bay Free Will Baptist Church

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 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 heresy.

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

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

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart to their office or ordination, by laying on 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 the first Saturday in Feb., May, Aug., and Saturday before the first Sunday in 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 or 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.

