

1971
MINUTES
 OF THE
46TH SESSION
UNION ASSOCIATION
 OF THE
ORIGINAL FREEWILL BAPTIST
 CONVENED WITH
BETHLEHEM, CAIRO, GREENWOOD
AND MIDWAY

OFFICERS

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| 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

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| R. B. Harrison-1972..... | Camilla, Georgia |
| Curtis Gay-1973..... | Hartsfield, Georgia |
| James Jennings-1974..... | Sylvester, Georgia |
| Guyton Adams-1975..... | Berlin, Georgia |
| Walter Sloan-1976..... | Moultrie, Georgia |

ORDAINING COUNCIL

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| Rev. Floyd Dalton..... | 1972 |
| Rev. Leonard Pirtle..... | 1973 |
| Rev. L. S. Parrish..... | 1974 |
| Rev. C. B. Dowdney..... | 1975 |
| Rev. W. G. Turner..... | 1976 |

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

James Ursrey-Midway 1974
Paul Verhine-Sylvester 1973
Guyton Adams-Berlin 1972

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

Moultrie
New Hope
Poulan
Spring Hill

February 5, 1972
May 6, 1972
August 5, 1972
October 28, 1972

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP CALENDAR

February 4, 1972
May 5, 1972
August 4, 1972
October 28, 1972

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. Homer Croft-Casidy Rd., Rt. 3, Thomasville, Ga.
Rev. Alton Everson-Sylvester, Ga.
Rev. Leonard Pirtle-P.O. Box 177, Funston, Ga.
Rev. Lamar S. Parrish-P.O. Box 472, Moultrie, 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. 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. 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.

BETHLEHEM-

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.

GREENWOOD-

R.B. Harrison-Camilla, Ga.
Amos Morse-Camilla, 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.
Tom Tyree-Moultrie, Ga.
Wiley Coley-Moultrie, Ga.
Frank Patterson-Moultrie, Ga.

NEW HOPE -

Dewey Hammon-Moultrie, Ga.
Murphy Lanier-Coolidge, Ga.
Lloyd Carlton-Coolidge, Ga.
Edgar McMurphy-Moultrie, Ga.
Bryant Tillman-Moultrie, Ga.

POULAN-

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

SPRING HILL-

Thomas Morey-Doerun, Ga.
Fred Goolsby-Baconton, 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.

THOMASVILLE-

UNITY-

Eugene Smith-Thomasville, Ga.
Lee Cumbest, Sr.-Boston, Ga.
Doston Bennett-Boston, Ga.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTIST 46TH YEARLY PROCEEDINGS:

The Union Association met in the first quarterly session on February 6, 1971 at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting was called to order by the moderator. It was opened with song and prayer. The devotional was given by Rev. Julian Vickers. It was M.S.C. to receive the church letters and seat the delegates. The moderator then appointed the appropriate committees. Having completed the morning business, we went into the worship service with more congregational singing and special music by the Midway Church. Rev. George Foskey then brought the morning message. Rev. Floyd Dalton led us in prayer for dismissal and blessing on the meal. The afternoon session was opened by more singing and a prayer. Rev. Joe Walker brought the afternoon devotional to us. Special music was provided by the Thomasville and Bethlehem Churches. It was M.S.C. to accept the Digest Committee Report. It was M.S.C. for the Executive Committee and Ordaining Board to meet at the State Office on Friday February 12, 1971 at 7:30 p.m. The report of the State Promotional Secretary was given and a special offering was received for the radio program. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. A motion to adjourn was received and approved. Rev. Lamar Parrish dismissed us in prayer.

The Union Association met for the second quarterly conference May 1, 1971 at the Cairo Church. The meeting was opened by song and prayer followed by the moderator calling the conference into session. Rev. Homer Croft brought the morning devotional. The church letters were then received and the delegates seated. The moderator recognized the visitors then appointed the committees. We had more congregational singing and special music by Bro. Vickers and Bro. Ursrey. Rev. Thomas Parrish from Hedlon, Ala. brought the morning message. We were adjourned by prayer for lunch. Our moderator called the conference back into session after lunch and we had more congregational singing and prayer. Bro. Vickers brought another message in song followed by the afternoon devotional by Bro. Everson. In the business session, Bro. Everson was placed on the Program Committee to replace Bro. Spradley who had moved to another association. Bro. Parrish gave a report on the Camilla Mission project and a special offering was received for the project. The moderator recognized Bro. Robert Piper to speak to the association concerning the action taken against his party by the Poulan Church. He desired the Executive Committee to hold

another conference at the Poulan Church in the dismissed parties behalf. He questioned the definition of the term "withdrawn fellowship". A party from the Poulan Church then stood and clarified that this term meant the party represented by Bro. Piper had been dismissed from the church. Bro. George Foskey spoke next to the point of his being in the middle of this problem as a neutral party. He clarified that this had taken place before he had become pastor of Poulan Church. Bro. Ursrey then read the minutes of the original trial in which members of the Executive Committee acted as moderator and clerk. The moderator then raised the question, the request of Bro. Piper for the association to come and conduct a new trial, is such an action legal for the association to do? Rev. Dowdney pointed out that we are a congregational body and have no jurisdiction or control over the actions of the local church which are members of our association. Bro. M.C. Powell spoke in behalf of the Poulan Church stating they would hold to their original action. The moderator then called a time limit on the discussion and moved on to other business. Bro. Ursrey made a motion which requested the Executive Committee and both parties involved meet and seek to settle the differences. The meeting was to be upon invitation by one of the parties. This motion was approved. The minutes were read and approved. A rising vote of thanks was given to the host church. Bro. Vickers dismissed us in a word of prayer.

The third quarterly meeting of the Union Association met with the Greenwood Church on August 7, 1971. The meeting was opened with song and prayer with the devotion brought by Bro. Jennings. The moderator called the conference into session and welcomed the visitors. Corresponding messengers were then called upon. The Little River Bible Institute represented by Bro. Bob Hesselmeier reported to us concerning the beginning of this work and how to enroll. The committee was appointed and the delegates were seated and letters received. Petitionary letters were called for and the Boston Church petitioned the association for membership. A motion was made and approved for the party from the Boston Church to meet with the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee was dismissed to meet with the Boston delegates. We then had more congregational singing with special music by the Spring Hill Church and the Thomasville Church. Another prayer was offered followed by further special music by the Spring Hill Church. Bro. Truluck then reported for the State Promotional Office. Rev. Leonard Pirtle then brought the morning message. Bro. Billy Sellers gave a testimony following the message. We were then dismissed in prayer for the dinner. The afternoon session was opened with more singing and prayer. Bro. Vickers brought another

message in song followed by the devotion given by M.C. Powell. It was M.S.C. to approve the recommendation of the report and recommendations of the Executive Committee concerning the Boston Church. The Boston Church was taken under the care of the association. It was M.S.C. to accept the report of the Digest Committee. Bro. Gay gave a report on the up coming Harvest Drive. Bro. Ursrey spoke concerning the Ministers Meeting. Bro. Lumpkin gave a testimony. The moderator recognized Bro. Piper. The moderator first cautioned for all discussion be to the point and he placed certain restrictions as to the extent of debate. Bro. Piper requested again that the Executive Committee meet and determine if the action taken against his party was legal by the Poulan Church. Discussion to this point was entertained. A motion was made for this issue not to be brought back in this association again. The moderator interrupted the discussion on this motion declaring the meeting adjourned when the discussion began to get out of hand.

The Union Association met in Annual Conference October 31, 1971 at the Midway Church. The session was opened by congregational singing and prayer. Rev. Lamar Parrish brought the devotional. The moderator called the association into session and the letters of the churches were received and the delegates seated. A motion was M.S.C. for the moderator to appoint the committee. The committees were appointed. It was M.S.C. for a member from each church be placed on the Nominating Committee. A song service and prayer along with a special by the Midway Church preceded the morning message. The message was brought by Bro. A. C. Truluck. Following the message we dismissed with prayer for dinner. The afternoon session resumed with congregational singing and a prayer. Rev. C.B. Dowdney brought the devotional. The moderator then called for the report of the committees and boards. The Digest Committees Report was M.S.C. to be approved. The Resolutions Committee reported and it was M.S.C. that it be adopted. Bro. Ursrey, Truluck, Dowdney, Hatcher and Gay were appointed on the committee suggested and approved to draw up a set of rules for the Ordaining Council. The Nominating Committee Report was received and the list of elected officers is found within this minute. The Finance Committee gave their report and it was M.S.C. to approve. The Obituary Committee Report was approved. The Mission Board presented their report. A motion was made to draw thirty-five dollars a month from the mission treasury for the support of the radio program. The motion was withdrawn in favor of seeking the necessary support from our local church. Discussion was then presented on the need of picking up the pews given to the association and storing them in our area. It was M.S.C.

for our association to accept the pews and pay the storage fee due on them. Bro. Curtis Gay presented the report of the Harvest Day. He also explained the reasons for the home signing the federal compliance act. Bro. James Jennings and Paul Verhine were elected to the program committee. Rev. A.C. Truluck presented the report from the state office. He passed out the cooperative giving certificates. It was M.S.C. for the association to express their feelings concerning a state walk-in book store in Moultrie. The vote was in favor of the store. Mrs. Billy Hatcher and Bro. Willis were appointed as delegates to the state meeting. It was M.S.C. to adjourn. The session adjourned with a word of prayer.

DIGEST COMMITTEE REPORT

We your committee find 9 churches reporting 23 delegates, ministers present 6, we have 7 deacons present total members received 80. Total dismissed 32, 9 churches have Sunday School's, 7 have C.T.S., 4 have Ladies Auxiliary, 1 Master's Men, 8 out of 9 have Prayer Meeting, and 6 had Vacation Bible School.

Respectfully Submitted: Bro. Lamar Parrish, Mrs. R.B. Harrison, Mrs. Curtis Gay.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

We, your Finance Committee submit the following report:

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| Balance on Hand..... | \$372.45 |
| Received from Churches..... | 76.00 |
| TOTAL..... | <u>\$448.45</u> |

We suggest that the clerk pay all the expenses recommended by the Budget Committee.

Respectfully Submitted: Billy R. Faison, Jerome McNeese, James Jennings.

RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Be it resolved that we the Union Association of Free Will Baptists request our clerk to write our U.S. Representative, Mr. Dawson Mathis and urge him to support the amendment to restore prayer and Bible reading in public schools which is presently before the House of Representatives. This amendment will likely be voted on November 8.

We also urge individuals and churches to write their representative and encourage the passage of this amendment.

2. That a committee be appointed to work up some rules and guidelines for the Ordaining Council.
3. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Midway Church for their fine hospitality shown to this session of the association.

Respectfully submitted: Mrs. D.L. Harris, C.M.
Griffin, Opal Hatcher.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Mission Board: Bro. Billy Hatcher
Trustee Board: Bro. Curtis Gay
Camp Board: Bro. C.B. Dowdney
Budgeting Board: Bro. James Ursrey
Promotional Co-ordinator: Bro. Leonard Pirtle
Executive Committee: Bro. Walter Sloan
Ordaining Council: Bro. W.G. Turner
Christian Education Board: Bro. James Ursrey, (chairman)
Bro. Paul Verhine, Bro. Guyton Adams

Respectfully Submitted: Chairman Rev. Floyd Dalton,
R.B. Harrison, J.E. Croft, Mrs. Leonard Pirtle, Farrell Tucker, Delson Powell, C.B. Dowdney, Buddy Dyes.

OBITUARY COMMITTEE REPORT

Bethlehem - Mrs. Lillian Hall
Midway - D.E. Funderburk
Spring Hill - Rosa Thompson

Respectfully Submitted: Larue Calhoun, chairman,
Juanita La Badie, Guyton Adams.

1971 MINUTES

OF THE

UNION DISTRICT WOMAN'S AUXILIARY CONVENTION

The annual session met October 5, 1971 at Midway Church. Theme of the convention was "Advancing with Christ", Mark 16:20. Rev. C.B. Dowdney brought the morning message using Mark 16:19,20. A Round Table Discussion was conducted after lunch with everyone discussing ways to improve the local auxiliary's membership and finances.

Reports from Committees: Credentials; 5 auxiliary with 4 reporting, total membership 67, average attendance 48, new members 11, bringing back absentees and new members 13, district officers present 5. All

churches paid dues. Frances Truluck, Jolene Lassiter, Nell Parrish and Margie Harris.

Registration; Delegates 9, visitors 2, ministers 2 state officers 1, district officers 5, total present 18. Frances Truluck.

Finance; District Project \$128.00, State Project \$109.00, Westfield Pastor \$24.00, Dot Harvey Loan Fund \$24.00, Co-Laborer Fund \$36.00, Foreign Mission \$41.01, National Home \$52.66, state \$20.46, W.N.A.C. Retreat \$20.00, state speaker \$20.10, Tom Willey, Jr. \$50.00, W.N.A.C. Emphasis \$8.00, membership fees \$67.00. Total \$681.23, balance in treasurer from last year \$31.43. Paid Sammy Wilkinson \$25.00, programs \$3.00, speaker \$10.00, printing of programs \$3.00. Donations \$5.00, membership fees \$16.75, offering today \$17.33, balance in treasurer \$29.51.

Resolution; We recommend the adoption of the two resolutions concerning drugs and obscene literature as adopted by the W.N.A.C. (1) Recognizing the increasing use of narcotics and the resulting addiction problems, we encourage our women to become well informed on drugs and personal drug abuse and (2) Whereas there is a marked increase in obscene literature and realizing the harmful effects on both the minds and emotions of those who read such, be it resolved (a) that our women become actively engaged in community action against the distribution of pornography. (b) That our people be encouraged to report to the U.S. Post Office any receipt of pornographic material through the mails. (c) Support legislation for controlling obscenity and encourage local law enforcements. (d) Be cautious about periodicals which enter the home. (e) Tactfully express your disapproval of obscene literature to neighborhood magazine dealers as well as to the publishers involved. (3) We commend that each local auxiliary give \$3.00 per month to Camp Mt. Bethel Improvement Fund and that this be our District Project. (4) That we give this host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. Jeannie Silvers, Linda Faison and Margaret Eunice.

Nominating; President Jeannie Silvers. Vice-President Geneva Dalton. Secretary Frances Truluck. Treasurer Margie Harris. Field Worker Opal Hatcher. Mission Prayer Margaret Eunice. Mission Study Helen Lewis. Mission Action Janice Ursrey.

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 many.

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 of particular churches, while others may be simple elders, having no pastoral charge.

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

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

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

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

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

13. An orderly member of the fundamentally protestant church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is made apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some other 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 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 becomes disorderly or continue to hold their letter without good reason shall be cited to conference to answer for their misconduct.

20. Expelled members shall be restored to fellowship on their petition if their walk since expulsion has convinced the church that they have sincerely repented for their former evil.

21. A vote shall not be taken upon questions without a move and a second and on all important questions the vote shall be taken by rising to the feet.

22. No motion shall be made while a move and second is before the conference. Unless to amend, to rescind or to hold.

23. It shall be considered disorderly for any member to absent himself from conference when an important question is to be decided but a member, upon receipt, may be exempted by the church from voting on either side in peculiar cases.

24. No member shall leave the house during conference without a sufficient cause, nor engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to 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 ab-

stain 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 into 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 receive 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 church 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 its 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 delegate: 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 candidates 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.2:3,6; 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; I Tim.2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who does 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 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 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 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 ordiances, in believers baptism, laying on of hands, receiving of the sacrament in bread and wine, washing the saint'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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer every two years.
11. Adjournment.

| Church & County | Clerk & Address | Pastor & Address | Total Rec. | Paid Pastor | Evangelistic | Co-Op Plan | Other Causes | Bldg. & Repair | Lit. for All prps | Mins. | Total Exp. |
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| BAY Colquitt | Mrs. W.D. Parker Rt. 1 Moultrie, Ga. | Leonard Pirtle Box 177 Funston, Ga. | 7,998.76 | 3925.00 | 160.00 | 687.97 | 1555.33 | 1511.55 | 272.46 | 19.50 | 8,372.78 |
| BETHLEHEM Colquitt | Mrs. J. Merrit Box 128 Berlin, Ga. | Jerome McNeese 2214 Belmont Ave. Tifton, Ga. | 4,765.58 | 2447.45 | 160.70 | 40.40 | 350.00 | 846.01 | | 28.00 | 4,124.84 |
| CAIRO Grady | Mrs. P. Watson 483 10th St. NE Cairo, Ga. | W.G. Turner 1390 Ben Hill Cairo, Ga. | 9,523.45 | 3309.42 | 430.29 | 585.35 | 1201.06 | 2219.06 | 219.62 | 24.00 | 8,648.93 |
| GREENWOOD Mitchell | R.B. Harrison Rt. 3 Camilla, Ga. | L.S. Parrish P.O. Box 472 Moultrie, Ga. | 1,766.33 | 780.00 | 52.00 | | 115.59 | 601.00 | 66.27 | 25.00 | 1,684.86 |
| MIDWAY Colquitt | Farrell Tucker Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga. | James Ursrey Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga. | 16,460.36 | 5720.00 | 546.25 | 1466.48 | 1806.27 | 4280.92 | 768.64 | 53.96 | 15,467.08 |
| MOULTRIE Colquitt | Mrs. J. Perkins 105 E. Bethel Moultrie, Ga. | Floyd Dalton Box 106 Quitman, Ga. | 18,485.97 | 4100.00 | 794.60 | 924.46 | 513.50 | 8404.51 | 679.67 | 42.00 | 16,772.93 |
| NEW HOPE Colquitt | Mrs. P. Giles Rt. 4 Moultrie, Ga. | Myrtice Goff Rt. 2 Coolidge, Ga. | 2,649.00 | 1042.29 | 185.00 | 237.03 | 595.32 | 271.03 | 108.41 | 30.00 | 2,697.08 |
| POULAN Worth | No Information Given | No Information Given | 6,348.89 | 3250.00 | 225.00 | 42.50 | 571.27 | 1391.46 | 569.62 | 38.50 | 6,321.37 |
| ST. PAUL Tift | J.M. Hinson Omega, Ga. | R.S. Hayes Adel, Ga. | 1,469.66 | 774.90 | 175.00 | | 170.46 | 155.18 | 57.12 | 20.00 | 1,469.66 |
| SPRING HILL Mitchell | Mrs. James Silvers Rt. 4, Box 539 Albany, Ga. | C.B. Dowdney Baconton, Ga. | 7,932.19 | 5200.00 | 33.00 | 151.64 | 1260.39 | 143.02 | 278.71 | 64.00 | 8,200.57 |
| SYLVESTER Worth | Francis McCaulley 311 N. Hillside Dr. Sylvester, Ga. | Paul Verhine Rt. 1 Dogwood Circle Albany, Ga. | 3,386.53 | 1200.00 | 300.00 | | 386.98 | 1223.48 | 84.41 | 20.00 | 3,386.53 |
| THOMASVILLE Thomas | Martha Everett County Farm Rd. Thomasville, Ga. | Homer E. Croft Cassidy Rd., Rt. 3 Thomasville, Ga. | 2,485.52 | 786.28 | | | | 1200.00 | 100.00 | 40.00 | 2,086.28 |
| UNITY Thomas | Mildred Robertson 322-B Reid St. Thomasville, Ga. | Chas. Robertson 322-B Reid St. Thomasville, Ga. | 171.50 | 82.25 | | | 20.00 | | 80.00 | 5.00 | 185.26 |

