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1974 MINUTES
OF THE
49TH SESSION
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OFFICERS

JAMES URSREY.....	MODERATOR
C. J. FAISON.....	ASS'T. MODERATOR
MRS. HELEN LEWIS.....	CLERK-TREASURER
MRS. OPAL HATCHER.....	ASS'T. CLERK-TREASURER

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

GUYTON ADAMS.....	1975
FARRELL TUCKER.....	1976
R. B. HARRISON.....	1977
CURTIS GAY.....	1978
REV. W. J. PLYMEL.....	1979

ORDAINING COUNCIL

C. B. DOWDNEY.....	1975
W. G. TURNER.....	1976
DAMON DODD.....	1977

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

POULAN.....	FEBRUARY 1,	1975
SPRINGHILL.....	MAY 3,	1975
SYLVESTER.....	AUGUST 2,	1975
BAY.....	OCTOBER 25,	1975

MISSION BOARD

Fred Lasseter.....	Moultrie FWB	1976
210 15th St. S. E. Moultrie, Ga.		
Bobbie Merritt.....	Bethlehem FWB	1976
William S. Lewis.....	Midway FWB	1976
528 N. Main St., Moultrie, Ga.		
James Silvers.....	Spring Hill FWB	1976
Rte. 4 Box 539 Albany, Ga.		
M. C. Powell.....	Poulan FWB	1976
Rte. 4, Box 161, Sylvester, Ga.		
Curtis Gay.....	Bay FWB	1978
Rte. 1, Hartsfield, Ga.		
Abron Harrell.....	Cairo FWB	1978
844 3rd Ave. N. E. Cairo, Ga.		
R. B. Harrison.....	Greenwood FWB	1978
Rte. 3, Camilla, Ga.		
Fred Goolsby.....	Fellowship FWB	1978
P. O. Box 258, Putney, Ga.		

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

Rev. A. J. Cox.....	Sylvester, Ga.	31791
Rev. Floyd Dalton....	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
P. O. Box 861		
Rev. Damon Dodd.....	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
P. O. Box 591		
Rev. C. B. Dowdney...	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
P. O. Box 591 Moultrie, Ga.		31768
Rev. Elzie Franks ...	Sylvester, Ga.	31791
Rte. 1		
Rev. Murray Giddens..	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte. 1		
Rev. Charles Lasseter	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte. 1		
Rev. Leonard Ogletree...	Tifton, Ga.	31794
1005 Pineview Drive		
Rev. James Osborne...	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte. 6		

Rev. Lamar Parrish...	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
P. O. Box 182		
Rev. W. J. Plymell...	Cairo, Ga.	31728
205 3rd Av. S. W.		
Rev. M. C. Powell....	Sylvester, Ga.	31791
Rte 4. Box 161		
Rev. W. G. Turner....	Cairo, Ga.	31728
1390 Ben Hill Ave.		
Rev. James Ursey.....	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte. 4		

ROLL OF LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. Kenneth Murphy..	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte. 6 (Youth Minister)		
Rev. Joe B. Walker...	Moultrie, Ga.	31768
Rte 3		

ROLL OF DEACONS

BAY:

C. J. Faison.....	Hartsfield, Ga.
Rte. 1	
Curtis Gay.....	Hartsfield, Ga.
Rte. 1	
Robert W. Tucker....	Hartsfield, Ga.
Rte. 1	

BETHLEHEM:

Don W. Croft.....	Berlin, Ga.
J. E. Croft.....	Berlin, Ga.
H. C. Croft.....	Berlin, Ga.
Elzie Boyd.....	Berlin, Ga.
P. O. Box 42	
George W. McCoy.....	Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 5	
Jimmy Croft.....	Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 5	
Earl Truett	Moultrie, Ga.
2120 E. Central Ave.	

CAIRO:

Abron Harrell.....Cairo, Ga.
844 3rd Ave. N. E.
Melton Harrell.....Cairo, Ga.
611 7th Ave. N. E.
J. W. Watson.....Cairo, Ga.
483 10th Av. N. E.
Larry Watson.....Cairo, Ga.
Roy Copeland.....Ochlochnee, Ga.
Rte. 2

FELLOWSHIP:

James Ferguson
Fred E. Goolsby Putney, Ga.
P. O. Box

GREENWOOD:

R. B. Harrison.....Camilla, Ga.
Rte. 3
A. L. Morse.....Camilla, Ga.
Rte. 1
Charles HarrisCamilla, Ga.
Rte. 3
Price Errin Camilla, Ga.
Rte. 3

MIDWAY:

W. S. Lewis, Sr.....Moultrie, Ga.
528 N. Main Street
Walter Sloan.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 4
Enoch Parrish.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 4
Marion Green.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 4
Kenneth Murphy.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 4
Roscoe Gay.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 4
Leonard Dunlap.....Moultrie, Ga.
1111 10th Ave. S. E.
W. S. Lewis, Jr. Moultrie, Ga.
528 N. Main Street
Eugene Lacey.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rte. 2

Douglas Murphy.....Moultrie, Ga.
Farrell Tucker.....Moultrie, Ga.
Wayne Lacey.....Moultrie, Ga.

MOULTRIE:

Ollie Lewis.....Moultrie, Ga.
901 8th Ave. S. W.
Wiley Coley.....Moultrie, Ga.
Holman Subdivision Rt. 2
Tom Tyree.....Moultrie, Ga.
Rt. 5
Frank Patterson..... Moultrie, Ga.
Rt. 5
Shelly Cook..... Moultrie, Ga.
1711 7th. St. S. E.

POULAN:

Sonny Powell.....Sylvester, Ga.
608 N. Livingston St.
D. L. Harris.....Ty Ty, Ga.
Rt. 1
Wayne Carlton.....Poulan, Ga.

SPRING HILL:

T. N. Morey Doerun, Ga.
Rt. 1
Billy Hatcher.....Baconton, Ga.
Rt. 1
James Silvers.....Albany, Ga.
Rt. 4 Box 539

SYLVESTER:

James Jennings.....Sylvester

February 2, 1974- 1st. quater

The Union Association was called to order Saturday, February 2, 1974 by the Moderaror, Rev. James Ursery at Cairo Free Will Baptist Church. Opened with congregational singing led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney and prayer by C. J. Faison. The morning Devotion was taken from Revelation 3:1,2 by Rev. W. G. Turner.

M/S/C to adopt program as presented with necessary changes to be allowed as the day progressed.

M/S/C to seat church delegates. Visitors were made welcome.

Committees appointed were: Digest Committee, James Silvers, James E. Powell and Mrs. J. B. Walker. Finance Committee, Mrs. Helen Lewis, Jerry Allen, and Guyton Adams.

Treasurer's report was given. M/S/C to adopt.

The Committee concerning church and minister Representation at the Associational Mettings were asked to report. The Committee members were C. J. Faison, Rev. Leonard Ogletree and James E. Powell. An amendment to the Associational Constitution was presented and a move to adopt was made. M/S/C to lay this amendment on the table until after lunch

Billy Hatcher of the State Mission Board spoke briefly about the Mission in Dublin and Feb. 10 was named Dublin Day with each church asked to take an offering for the work.

Rev. Lewis Williams then spoke briefly also as the State Mission Board Promotional

worker. He reported that the Air Conditioning Unit was stolen from the Mobile Chapel in Athens.

Dismissed for a brief Intermission:

Reconvened at 11:15 A. M. for an Inspirational Worship Hour. Cairo Church Trio sang several songs and was followed the Morning Messenger, Rev. James Ursery taking his text from Ephesians 2:8,9,10.

Rev. W. J. Plymell welcomed everyone to lunch and the meeting was dismissed for lunch.

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 with congregational singing and Rev. C. B. Downey substituted for Rev. Julian Vickers who could not attend. His text was Matthew 26: 36, 39.

M/S/C to take the amendment from the table. M/S/C to adopt Item by Item. MSC to adopt Items 1, Item 2, Item 3. The Moderator asked that the Executive Committee call on the churches that were not represented. This amendment will be inserted in the 1974 Minutes at the end of the year. (see Amendment. Committee Report).

Executive Secretary reported that the month of January, 1974 was the best month ever in the history of the State Promotional Office.

Ordaining Council recommended to the Association that Rev. Murray Giddens be ordained since he has been called to Pastor Greenwood Church. Sylvester Church also recommended that Rev. Edgar J. Mason be licensed. M/S/C to carry out both of these recommendations.

Digest Committee reported 9 churches

represented and 26 Delegate. M/S/C to adopt. Finance Committee reported Balance on Hand \$229.01. Today's offering \$73.00. Cash paid out \$247.95. New Balance \$54.06.

M/S/C to grant a letter to Rev. Jullian Vickers and send to the Little River Association.

Brother Guyton Adams spoke briefly about the State Association. It was an inspiration to hear the report from one who had attended for the first time. The next meeting will be next November in Valdosta.

Announcement made of revival at Bethlehem FWB Church Feb. 8, 9, 10, with 15 year old Gary Page preaching.

Mount Bethel work day...March 2.

TNT Rally...June 1.

Ordination service was then carried out with Rev. W. G. Turner giving the charge according to the Scripture.

M/S/C to give Cairo Church a rising vote of thanks for their Hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ursery, Moderator
Sister Helen Lewis, Clerk

Amendment Committee Report

As Free Will Baptist we believe in the autonomy of the local church as stated in the Association Constitution item 6.

Therefore: We believe that the establishment of any form of central government over the visible church, or any part there-

of, or any activity thereof, is repugnant to the word of God.

However, as stated in the Associational Constitution item 3, This body shall be composed of member churches in good standing, and since these churches are members of this Association as result of their petitioning this Association, and since this Association, like the local church, provides certain privileges, etc. to its members and member churches, we therefore recommend the following to be added to item 3 of the Associational Constitution.

When member churches and ministers, whether serving a church or not, shall absent themselves from the support of the Association, eg. prayers, presence, etc. for 3 consecutive quarterly meetings that,

1. The Association appoint a delegation to investigate said church or churches and minister or ministers.
2. This delegation is to report at the next regular quarterly meeting regarding their findings.
3. If a satisfactory report is not given, that the church or churches and minister or ministers be apprised of their standing, namely,
 - A. Placed on probation until the next regular quarterly meeting.
 - B. No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which time they would be re-enstated.

We believe it to be both unfair and unchristian to the Association, its member churches, members and ministers to be

continue to permit such unloyalty.

Respectively submitted,

C. J. Faison
Leonard Ogletree
Sonny Powell

May 4, 1974 2nd Quarter

The Union Association met May 4 at the Greenwood FWB Church with the Moderator, Rev. James Ursrey presiding. Opened with congregational singing led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Prayer led by Rev. W. G. Turner.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, substituting for Rev. Floyd Dalton, presented the morning devotion using scripture from Mark 1: 16-20 as text.

Letters were received and Church delegates were seated. Three churches were not represented and six ministers were not represented. (Moultrie FWB, New Hope, Thomasville) (Rev. Charles Lasseter, Rev. James Osborn, Rev. Homer Croft, Rev. Floyd Dalton, Rev. Myrtice Goff, & Rev. Leonard Ogletree).

Rev. Cox, Sylvester Church, met with the Ordaining Council to be examined.

Committees named: Digest Committee, James Silvers, Mrs. D. L. Harris, William Lewis.

Finance Committee: James Jennings, Louvenia Kleedehn, Rev. W. J. Plymell.

Minutes read and approved.

M/S/C to adopt program with necessary changes.

Announcement that State Youth Conference would be held June 1. Only Midway FWB Church has Sword Drill Contestant, so Laura Lewis is to represent Union Association at the State Youth Conference.

Sister Opal Hatcher spoke briefly representing State Mission Board. Good reports from all four missions points. Seventeen souls were saved in March at the Dublin Missions. Athens Sunday Worship had 17 present.

Intermission

Reconvened at 11:00 O'clock with congregational singing led by Rev. Lamar Parrish and prayer by C. J. Faison. Rev. C. B. Dowdney sang "He Hideth My Soul" and presented the Morning Message from II Kings 7:9-11.

Rev. Murray Giddens, pastor of Greenwood, welcomed visitors to fellowship and to lunch. Dismissed with prayer by Rev. James Ursrey.

Reconvened at 1:00 P. M. with Congregational Singing led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Rev. A. J. Cox had the Devotional using scripture Matthew 5: 14-16.

State Promotional Secretary reported that the Lord continues to bless with increases in cooperative giving. Mission Designated giving is off. Perry, Georgia and Griffin have potential missions desiring workers. Pray for Laborers since we have a definite shortage of ministers.

Brother Dowdney presented a proposal to the people concerning the preparation of a Georgia Encyclopedia of FWB to help preserve our present history of FWB for future generations. The association voiced an affirmative opinion.

Rev. Lamar Parrish reported on the Putney Mission which averaged 20 or 22 attendance through March. The mission has moved recently to Acree. Recent revival produced three baptisms and 5 new members. Pray that the church will grow and land can be obtained for building.

The Digest Committee reported 8 churches and ministers represented. M/S/C to accept report.

Finance Committee reported a \$68.00 offering. M/S/C to accept report.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney moved to send \$10.00 each to the 4 State Missions. The move was seconded and carried.

Brother Curtis Gay reported that Children's Home has about 28 children and is financially sound.

Rev. W. G. Turner presented recommendation of the Ordaining Council that Rev. M. C. Powell be ordained as minister to pastor Poulan FWB Church.

M/S/C to ordain Brother Powell.

Ordination service was then carried out with Rev. C. B. Dowdney giving the charge according to the Scriptures.

National Association in Wichita, Kansas July 14-17. Brother William S. Lewis was appointed as Delegate from the Association.

M/S/C to give rising vote of thanks to the Greenwood Church for Hospitality.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed by prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. James Ursrey,
Moderator
Sister Helen Lewis,
Clerk

August 3, 1974

3rd Quarter

The Union Association met at Midway Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday, August 3, 1974. Opened with Congregational Singing led by Rev. C. B. Dowdney. Prayer by Brother Joe Walker. The Morning Devotion was given by Rev. Murray Giddens with Scripture from II Corinthians 5:18-21 on the "Ministry of Reconciliation".

The minutes were read and approved.

Attention was called to the last Promotional Bulletin about the questionaires on Churches and Deacons concerning the proposed Gkorgia Free Will Baptist Encyclopedia.

M/S/C to adopt the program with necessary changes in it to be made by Chair. Church Roll called with two churches not represented.

Committees appointed were Brother Joe Walker, Brother Billy Faison and Mrs. Leonard Ogletree to serve on the Digest Committee and Brother Guyton Adams, Rev. M. C. Powell and Brother C. J. Faison on the Finance Committee.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney reported on the Promotional Office and praised God that the giving is still going up.

Dublin Mission is presently sponsoring a program to obtain land for building a Church. It is divided into 166 plots at approximately \$50.00 a plot. Offering was taken for the mission and totaled \$65.60.

Intermission.

Reconvened at 11:00 A. M. with congregational Singing and prayer led by Brother Billy Hatcher. Special singing led by Rev. James Ursrey accompanied by Mrs. Connie Lacey "I Won't Have To Worry Any More". The morning message was preached by Rev. Leonard Ogletree taking his text from John 4: 31-38.

Visitors were welcomed and invited to lunch by Rev. James Ursrey.

Lunch.

Reconvened at 1:15 P. M. with congrega

ional Singing and Prayer by Brother Curtis Gay.

Afternoon Devotion was led by Rev. W. J. Plymel using as text Hosea 10:12 on "Time to Seek the Lord".

A brief report was given on the National Association by Brother Bill Lewis.

Digest Committee reported 8 churches with 24 Delegates representing.

M/S/C to accept report.

Finance Committee reported an offering of \$65.60 taken in this meeting for Dublin Mission with Church Dues bringing \$68.08 for a total of \$133.58. Finance Committee moved that Associational Dues be raised to 75¢ per member per year. M/S/C that Finance Report be accepted but that the Fee Increase be placed on the table until the next Associational Meeting.

Brother Curtis Gay, Board of Trustees member, reported that Camp Mt. Bethel needed a full time Director and Keeper but that at this time we don't have the necessary funds. Camp Mt. Bethel needs the prayers and support of our people. It is probably our most effective Statewide Mission Project. He also presented a plea that the Children's Home in Eldridge, Alabama needs House Parents for the Big Boys.

Announcement that Camp Session will be August 11 and Brother Guyton Adams spoke briefly promoting the Camp. Announced also that our Association is neglecting the Sword Drill and other competitions.

Rev. Dowdney moved that we incorporate this into our Association. The move was seconded and carried.

Two churches having missed 3 consecutive Quarterly Meetings were New Hope and Thomasville. A committee of two brethren were appointed to call on these churches. Brother Curtis Gay and Brother Joe Walker were appointed to meet with New Hope Church. Rev. Leonard Ogletree and Brother Guyton Adams were appointed to meet with Thomasville Church.

Poulan Church brought a matter of dealing concerning a church member of another association selling beer and parking church bus bearing the FWB Name at his store. A letter concerning the matter will be written although we have no governing authority in this matter.

M/S/C to give Midway Church a rising vote of thanks for Hospitality.

Brother Billy Hatcher, State Mission Board Chairman announced that the new state Mission Project is Dalton, Georgia. It will be a joint project with the National Home Mission Board.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ursrey,
Moderator

Mrs. Helen L. Lewis,
Clerk

October 26, 1974

4th Quarter

The Union Association met October 26, 1974 at the Moultrie Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting opened with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Leonard Ogletree.

The morning devotion was led by Rev. M. C. Powell using the text Matthew 7:21-22.

Roll call of churches was made with only one church absentee. Letters and Representation Fees were received.

Visitors recognized were Rev. and Mrs. Damon Dodd and a delegation from Fellowship FWB Church of Albany, Ga.

Committees appointed were:

Nominating Committee: Brother Billy Hatcher, Rev. Charles Lasseter, and Rev. Leonard Ogletree.

Finance Committee: Brother Sonny Powell, Brother Guyton Adams, and Brother Bill Lewis.

Resolution Committee: Brother Ollie Lewis, Rev. Murray Giddens, and Sister Jeannine Silvers.

Digest Committee: Brother C. J. Faison, Rev. M. C. Powell, and Sister Marjorie Harris.

Appointed to substitute on the Ordaining Council were Rev. Jim Osborne, and Reverend Lamar Parrish.

M/S/C to accept Fellowship Church as new Associational Member.

Intermission.

Reconvened with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Jim Osborne. Special music for worship hour was by Mrs. Richard Smith singing and playing "The Unseen Hand" Rev. W. G. Turner brought the morning message using text from Revelation 2.

Following the message Rev. Jim Osborne welcomed visitors and Rev. Damon Dodd led in prayer and blessing the food.

Lunch.

Afternoon session opened with congregational singing and prayer led by Rev. Murray Giddens. Afternoon devotion was led by Rev. James Ursrey with text from Mark 11:22.

Associational minutes were read and approved. Reports on committees on the matter of dealing with churches. Letters from both absentee churches (New Hope & Thomasville) stating that they had voted in conference to withdraw from the Association. M/S/C to accept their decisions. M/S/C that a letter of regret about their withdrawal decision be sent to each church.

M/S/C to remove the matter concerning the increase in Representation Fees from the table.

M/S/C to approve the Increase in Representation from 48¢ per member per year to 75¢ per member per year.

Rev. Damon Dodd substituting for Rev. C. B. Dowdney, State Promotional Secretary, reported that 1000 souls were won in the State of Georgia during the past year by Free Will Baptist. Also, we were

only \$30.00 short of our Cooperative Goal for the year.

The National Associational has agreed to revise and simplify the Report Forms for 1975.

The Christian Supply Store had a Gross Sales of \$72,000.00 w/a net profit of \$23,000.00 Rent for State Headquarters Office is paid by the Supply Store and also the State Bulletins are financed by the Store. So these expenses need not come out of the Church Donations.

Co-operative giving certificates were presented to Churches in our Association with Bay Church being No. 1 in Per Captia Giving.

Announced State Association Meeting on Nov. 14, 15, 16 at Mathis Auditorium in Valdosta, Georgia.

Reports of Committees:

** Digest Committee: (See Report)
M/S/C to accept report.

** Resolution Committee: (See Report)
M/S/C to accept report and adopt item by item. Items 1, 2, and 3 M/S/C to accept each.

** Finance Committee: (See year's Finance Report). Balance on Hand \$103.79. Dues received today \$136.00. To be dispensed: Moderator's Honorarium, \$5.00 per meeting, \$10.00 per meeting to Clerk, State Registration Fee, \$40.00. Not being enough left for printing the minutes a special offering will be taken at the next Associational Meeting to cover these expenses if necessary. M/S/C to accept this plan.

Nominating Committee: To fill positions that expire this year.

Moderator: Rev. James Ursrey
Asst. Moderator: Brother C. J. Faison

Clerk: Mrs. Helen Lewis
Asst. Clerk: Mrs. Opal Hatcher
Executive Committee: Rev. W. J. Plymell--1979

Ordaining Council: Rev. Damon Dodd--1977

Mission Board: Curtis Gay--1978
Abron Harrell--1978
R.B. Harrison--1978
Fred Goolsby--1978

No nominations were made from the floor. M/S/C to accept slate of nominations by acclamations.

** Ordaining Council (See Report)
M/S/C to accept recommendation of Council.

** Rev. M. C. Powell gave Missions Board Finance Report and stated that support has dropped. M/S/C to accept report.

Guyton Adams reported briefly on Camp Mt. Bethel about Alumni Association and the Thanksgiving Week-end Retreat.

The Foster Parents plan of the Children's Home was explained.

Brother Billy Hatcher reported on the State Mission Board. Our prayers for men for this work has been answered. Now we need more money. Possible new works are Dalton, Perry, & Griffin. Rev. Wood will begin work in Dalton as a joint project with the National Home Mission Office Georgia State Mission Board.

Rev. Lamar Parrish reminded us that if our churches would tithe just 10% of their income that we would have approximately \$100,000.00 in our State Works.

M/S/C to accept these various reports as information.

A letter read from Rev. Owen Gainey announcing his availability for Evangelistic Work.

**Treasurer's Report (See Report).
M/S/C to accept.

Delegates to State Association are Opal Hatcher, Guyton Adams, and Helen Lewis.

** Rising vote of thanks to Moultrie Church (See Resolutions Report).

M/S/C to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. James Ursrey, Moderator
Mrs. Helen Lewis, Clerk

Digest Committee Report

We the Digest Committee report the following:
10 Churches reporting including Fellowship which was accepted into fellowship in the Morning Session.

30 delegates present.
10 Ministers present (By show of hands).

I move this report be approved.

C. J. Faison
Margie Harris
Jewellean Powell

Resolutions Report

1. Be it resolved that programs be mailed to all Ministers and Church Clerks two weeks in advance of Quarterly Meetings and the Annual Association.
2. Be it resolved that more lay members be used on programs.
3. Be it resolved that we extend a rising vote of thanks to Moultrie Church for their hospitality shown to this session of the Association.

Jeannine Silvers
Ollie L. Lewis
Rev. Murray Giddens

Treasurer's Report -- 1974

November 14, 1973

Balance on Hand \$229.01

Receipts

February 2--1st Quarter 73.00

May 7--2nd Quarter 68.00

August 7--3rd Quarter 68.00

August 7--Special Offering 65.50

October 15--Women's Auxil. 15.00

October 26--4th Quarter 130.00

Total Cash to Account \$425.58

for.

<u>Cash Paid Out</u>	
Rev. C. B. Dowdney--	
Moderator's Honorarium	\$ 20.00
Christian Supply Store--	
Minutes 1973	206.00
Christian Supply Store--	
Bible	21.95
Georgia State Office 1973	
Representation Fee	40.00
Christian Supply Store--	
Bible	25.20
National Association Rep	
Fee	25.00
State Mission Board--	
Special Offering	65.50
C. & S. Bank of Colquitt	
County(Check Books)	11.15
State Association Dues	
1974	20.00
Total Cash Paid Out	<u>\$454.80</u>
November 20, 1974--	
Balance on Hand	\$199.79

Helen L. Lewis, Clerk & Treasurer

Ordaining Council Report

We the ordaining council recommend the following:

That Brother Damon Dodd be accepted in this Association and that the Moderator extend to him the right hand of full fellowship.

That Rev. E. R. Thompson be placed under the watch care of Union Association Free Will Baptists until he can present this body a letter of recommendation from Georgia Union Association.

Rev. W. G. Turner, Chairman, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Rev. James Osborne

Annual Financial Report of the Union
Association Mission Board

Balance Brought Forward	\$1635.73
Receipts	722.08
Interest On Savings	<u>45.98</u>
Total Cash to Account	
for	\$2403.79

Disbursements:

State Missions--Swains-	
boro	\$ 150.00
Dublin	500.00
Dublin	
Land	100.00
Camp Mount Bethel Improvement	
Fund	<u>1000.00</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>\$1750.00</u>
Balance in Checking Account	51.89
Balance in Saving Account	601.90

James Silvers, Secretary and
Treasurer

Union District Woman's Auxiliary Reports

1974 Minutes of the Executive Board Meeting.
August 12, 1974

The Executive Board met at Springhill FWB Church to plan the program for the annual meeting. Those present were: Opal Hatcher, Jeanine Silvers, Geneva Dalton, and Larue Calhoun. The meeting was opened with prayer by Geneva Dalton.

The annual meeting is to be held October 8, 1974 at Cairo Church. There was a discussion about planning of the program for the annual meeting and workshop.

The Executive Board Recommends:

1. Host church each year be responsible for the planning of the program of the workshop and the annual convention.
2. That all district officers, each person on program, and each church aux. be sent a program at least two weeks in advance.
3. The theme for this annual convention be "God So Loved." with John 3:16 as the scripture text.
4. Margaret Smith, district sect. was appointed Chairman of Credentials.
5. The work of our Union Association District Woman's Auxiliary be included in the Union Association minutes. To include all minutes of the workshops, district meetings, and annual meetings.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Respectively,
Margaret Smith

Annual Session Union District Woman's
Auxiliary October 8, 1974

1974 Minutes of the Union District Meeting

A.M. SESSION

The annual session of the Union District Woman's Aux. Convention met Oct. 8, 1974 at Cairo church. The Theme for the convention was "God So Loved". The scripture text was John 3:16. The meeting opened with congregational singing and the prayer was spoken by Mrs. Helen Lewis. Morning devotion was brought by Rev. James Ursery. He used the 121st. Psalms as his text. A skit was then presented by Midway Church.

The meeting was called to order and the 1973 minutes were read and approved. Report of the credentials committee was presented by Jeanine Silvers. The following committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Mrs. Helen Lewis, Mrs. Harrell, Mrs. Margie Harris.

Resolution Committee: Mrs. Geneva Dalton, Mrs. Janice Ursery, Mrs. DeLoyce Gay.

Credential Committee: Mrs. Betty Hampton, Mrs. Patsy McCranie, Mrs. Linda Watson.

Roll call of Churches was then taken. Delegates from each church were asked to stand. Cairo-8, Midway-9, Moultrie-3, Poulan-3, Springhill-1. Visitors-3, Ministers-1.

A report on the National Convention was then given by Helen Lewis. The convention theme was "Lights In Dark Places." Philipians 2:15. Next each local auxiliary gave a report on what their group was doing. The congregation then sang another song. Special singing was enjoyed by everyone as Linda Watson from Cairo church sang a beautiful song.

Mrs. Eleanor Sheffield, the Ga. Woman's Aux. President was guest speaker. She used the text Psalms 77:17,18 with the topic "Out of This World". The meeting then was dismissed for lunch.

P.M. SESSION

The afternoon session began with congregational singing. Mrs. Margie Harris led the afternoon prayer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Registration: Mrs. Harrell, Chm
State Officers 2
Dist. Officers 4

Visitors	3
Ministers	1

Cairo	8
Midway	8
Moultrie	3
Poulan	3
Springhill	1

Finance: Mrs. Harris, Chm.

Membership fees	76.25
Rice	17.70
State	290.16
Banks	44.47
Dot Harvey	36.00
Emp. Month	25.50
Co-Laborer	48.00
Westfield Pastor	36.00
Youth Camp	130.00
TOTAL	<u>\$724.08</u>

Resolutions: Mrs. Dalton, Chm.

1. Be it resolved that we have our next annual meeting at Poulan.
2. That we have a workshop the first Sat. in April at Springhill.
3. Host church be responsible for planning programs for workshop & Annual meeting.
4. The district project be same. \$3.00 to Camp Mt. Bethel.
5. That we give the host church a rising vote of thanks.

Credential: Mrs. Betty Hampton, Chm.

Five Aux. by letter and delegates.

Total Membership---68

Enrollment at first of year--63

Enrollment at end of year---68

All committee reports were moved, seconded and carried.

Thursday, November 14 will be the Ga. State Convention. Theme for this

years program will be "Walk In Truth". John 3, is the text.

Appointed delegates are:

Midway	Helen Lewis, Elizabeth Tucker, DeLoyce Gay, Pat McCranie
Moultrie	Betty Fowler, Geneva Dalton, Betty Hampton
Poulan	Mrs. Harris, Hazel Harper, Jewelleen Powell

Delegate for State Nominating Committee: Janice Ursery

Nominating Committee for next annual convention: Laverne Alligood, Betty Fowler, Linda Watson, Opal Hatcher, Mrs. Powell.

It was requested by Mrs. Margie Harris that each auxiliary submit all reports in on time.

A report was given by State Treasurer on Missions and Finance.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer by Jeannine Silvers.

Respectively,

Margaret Smith
District Secretary

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 ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes. John 13; 1 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 monthly meeting if desired, 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 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 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, 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.

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 after laying on the table from one continued to the next.

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 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 shall be received except to lay on the table or to amend. 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 for 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 October.
 - (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 there of.
 - (b) 75 cents per member per year is suggested as the church representation fees. This may be broken down by paying one-fourth (1/4) of the total amount per member per quarter.
 - (c) When member churches and ministers, whether serving a church or not, shall absent themselves from the support of the Association, e.g., prayers, presence, etc., for three (3) consecutive quarterly meetings:
 1. The Association shall appoint a committee to investigate said church or churches and minister or ministers.
 2. This committee is to report at the next regular quarterly meeting regarding their findings.
 3. If a satisfactory report is not given, the church or churches and minister or ministers shall be apprised of their standing, namely:
 - a. Placed on probation until the next regular quarterly meeting;
 - b. No voting privileges until such church or churches and minister or ministers attend two (2) successive quarterly meetings, at which time they would be reinstated as members in good standing.

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 to 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 three ordained ministers belonging to this association. Members of this council shall be elected by the association for a 3 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 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. 2:3, 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 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 by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of Gos." 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 saint'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; as. 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 the clerk shall read the names of Delegates to determine if they are present.
3. Call for Petitionary Letters.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for Corresponding Messengers.
6. Appointment Committee: (a) Digest Committee; (b) Finance; (c) Nominations.
7. Miscellaneous business.
8. Unfinished business.
9. Report of committees.
10. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer and Assistant every two years.
11. Adjournment.