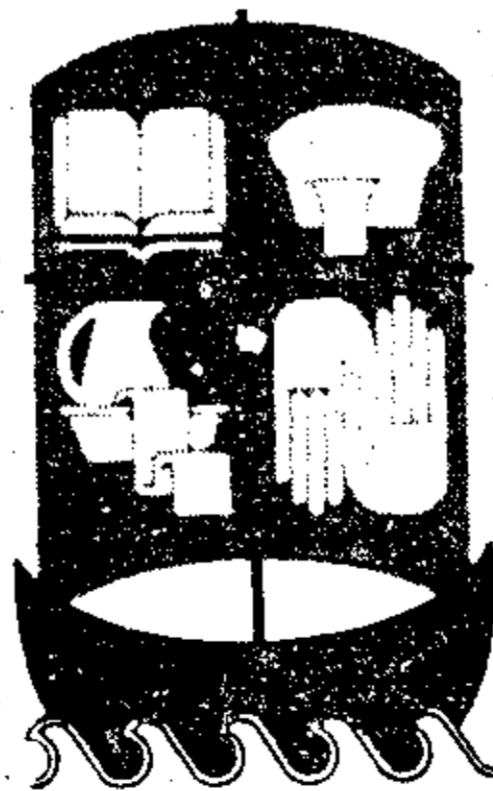


1980 MINUTES
OF THE
55TH SESSION
UNION ASSOCIATION
OF
ORIGINAL
FREE WILL BAPTISTS



THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF
Free Will Baptists

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Session Shall Be Opened With Prayer.
2. Church Letters Are To Be Called For And The Names Of The Delegates Read To Determine Their Presence.
3. There Is To Be A Call For Petitionary Letters.
4. Visiting Brethren Are To Be Welcomed.
5. There Is To Be A Call For Corresponding Messengers.
6. Committee Appointments
 - (A) Digest Committee
 - (B) Finance Committee
 - (C) Nominations Committee
7. Miscellaneous Business
8. Unfinished Business
9. Reports Of Committees
10. Session Shall Be Opened For Announcements.
11. Session Shall Be Adjourned With Prayer.

NOTE: Every two years there is to be the election of: Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk/Treasurer and Assistant Clerk/Treasurer.

CHURCH CALENDAR

CAIRO	February 7, 1981
FELLOWSHIP	May 2, 1981
GREENWOOD	August 1, 1981
MIDWAY	October 24, 1981

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Convened with

SPRING HILL, SYLVESTER, BAY, BETHLEHEM

FREE WILL BAPTIST CHURCHES

OFFICERS

1981

Rev. Lamar Parrish.....	MODERATOR
Rev. W.G. Turner.....	ASSISTANT-MODERATOR
Rev. Irvin Murphy.....	CLERK-TREASURER
Mrs. Inez Harrell..	ASST. CLERK-TREASURER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Farrell Tucker.....	1981
James Silvers.....	1982
Curtis Gay.....	1983
Kevin Harrell.....	1984
Earl Dawson.....	1985

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. Irvin Murphy.....	1983
Rev. Lamar Parrish.....	1982
Rev. Gary Silence.....	1981

REPRESENTATIVES TO GEORGIA STATE BOARDS

Mission Board.....Billy Hatcher 1983
Route 1, Baconton, Ga.
Trustee Board.....C.K. Murphy 1983.
Route 4, Moultrie, Ga.
Board of Retirement & Ins. W. S. Lewis 1983
522 North Main, Moultrie, Ga.
Camp Board.....Guyton Adams 1983
P. O. Box 282, Berlin, Ga.

MISSION BOARD OF UNION ASSOCIATION

Guyton Adams.....Bethlehem FWB, 1981
P.O. Box 282, Berlin, Georgia 31722
Chuck Scarborough.....Sylvester FWB, 1981
Route 1, Box 8, Sylvester, Georgia
Lester Lane.....Fellowship FWB, 1981
Route 1, Lot 70, Albany, Ga. 31705
William S. Lewis, Sr.....Midway FWB, 1982
528 North Main St. Moultrie, Ga. 31768
James Silvers.....Spring Hill FWB, 1982
Route 4, Box 539, Albany, Ga. 31705
Edwin Smith.....New Life FWB, 1983
Cairo, Ga. 31728
Billy Wilson.....Bay FWB, 1983
Route 1, Hartsfield, Ga. 31756
Raymond Joyner.....Cairo FWB, 1983
Route 2, Box 413A, Cairo, Ga. 31728
Price Ervin.....Greenwood FWB, 1983
Route 3, Camilla, Ga. 31730
Robert Simpson.....Proctor Chapel FWB, 1983
Branch St., Pelham, Ga. 31779

ROLL OF ORDAINED MINISTERS

<u>Minister & Address</u>	<u>Church</u>
Rev. Robert Clyatt Route 4 Moultrie, Georgia 31768	Midway
Rev. Charles Harris Route 3, Box 277 Camilla, Georgia	Proctor Chapel
Rev. Charles Lasseter Route One Moultrie, Georgia 31768	Bay
Rev. Irvin Murphy Route One Hartsfield, Georgia 31756	Bay
Rev. B.H. Parrish 701-6th St., N.E. Cairo, Georgia 31728	Cairo
Rev. Lamar Parrish Route One Hartsfield, Georgia 31756	Fellowship
Rev. Gary Silence Poulan, Georgia	Poulan
Rev. W.G. Turner Route 2 Cairo, Georgia 31728	New Life
Rev. David A. Williams Box 23 Reynolds, Georgia	Sylvester
Rev. Jerry Wisham Tifton, Georgia 31794	Spring Hill

ROLL OF LICENSED MINISTERS

<u>Minister and Address</u>	<u>Church</u>
Rev. Joseph Corbitt Route 5 Moultrie, Georgia 31768	Midway
Rev. Kenneth Murphy Route One Hartsfield, Georgia 31756	Bay
Rev. W.C. Ruff 711-2nd Ave., N.E. Cairo, Georgia 31728	Cairo

UNION ASSOCIATION CTS COMPETITION LEADERS

Mrs. Linda Gay Route 4 Moultrie, Georgia 31768	Midway
Mrs. Jeannine Silvers Route 4, Box 539 Albany, Georgia 31705	Spring Hill

UNION ASSOCIATION FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE

Roger Batchelor	Cairo
James Silvers Route 4, Box 539 Albany, Georgia 31705	Spring Hill
Curtis Gay Route One Hartsfield, Georgia 31756	Bay
W.S. Lewis 528 N. Main St. Moultrie, Georgia 31768	Midway

ROLL OF DEACONS

Bay FWB Church

C. J. Faison Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Curtis Gay Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Don Parker Route 1, Moultrie, GA.
Gene Sellars Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.
Billy Wilson Route 1, Hartsfield, GA.

Bethlehem FWB Church

Don W. Croft Berlin, GA.
Ernest Croft Berlin, GA.
Elzie Boyd P.O. Box 42, Berlin, GA.
George W. McCoy Route 5, Moultrie, GA.
Jimmy Croft Route 5, Moultrie, GA.
Earl Truett ... 2120 E. Central Ave., Moultrie, GA.

Cairo FWB Church

Melton Harrell .. 611-7th Ave., N.E., Cairo, GA.
A. K. Lowe..... Route 3, Cairo, GA.
Eric Mitchell .. 936-13th St., N.E., Cairo, GA.

Fellowship FWB Church

Earl Dawson Doarun, GA.

Greenwood FWB Church

A. L. MorseRoute 1, Climax, GA.
Price ErvinRoute 3, Camilla, GA.

Midway FWB Church

Darrell Gay Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Johnny O. Gay Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Roscoe Gay Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Charles Harper Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Eugene Lacey Route 2, Moultrie, GA.
* W. S. Lewis ... 528 N. Main St., Moultrie, GA.
* Enoch Parrish Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Farrell Tucker Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Walter Sloan Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
Kenneth Murphy Route 4, Moultrie, GA.
* Marion Green Route 4, Moultrie, GA.

* Denotes Inactive Deacons

ROLL OF DEACONS - Continued

New Life

Clarence Reichert, Jr.... Rte. 2, Box 53, Boston, GA.

Poulan FWB Church

Wayne CarltonRoute 1, Poulan, GA.

Proctor Chapel FWB Church

Frank Cain108 Powell St., Pelham, GA.

George Shiran ..107 Proctor St., Pelham, GA.

Robert Simpson .. 32 Branch St., Pelham, GA.

Spring Hill FWB Church

Glenn Ethridge .. 6027 Jenkins RD., Albany, GA.

James Ferguson Putney, GA.

Billy Hatcher Route 1, Baconton, GA.

T.N. Morey Route 1, Doerun, GA.

James SilversRoute 4, Box 539, Albany, GA.

Leonard BundyRoute 1, Baconton, GA.

Sylvester FWB Church

James Jennings .. 1106 N. Washington St., Sylvester,

Jim Jennings .. 105 Lynn Circle, Sylvester, GA.

Wayne Jennings ... Route 1, Sylvester, GA.

Chuck Scarborough .. Route 1, Box 8, Sylvester, GA.

1st Quarter

February 2, 1980

The Union Association met on February 2, 1980 with the Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The meeting opened with congregational singing "Victory In Jesus". Brother Larry Waltman led the singing and Mrs. Dianne Wisham was the piannist. Brother Wallace Franks led in prayer. Another song was sung "At The Cross". Rev. Irvin Murphy brought the Morning Devotion. The theme for the association was "Walking As Christ Walked". Text: I John 2: 3-6.

The Business Session was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Lanar Parrish. The roll call of churches was made and appointed delegates were asked to stand. A motion was made to seat the delegates. It was seconded and carried.

Petitionary Letters was called for and the New Life Free Will Baptist Church of Thomasville, Ga. presented a letter requesting membership in Union Association.

A motion was made to refer the petition to the Executive Committee for examination. The move was seconded and carried. Only one member of the Executive Committee being present, there was a move and a second that the chair appoint delegates to serve on this committee to take care of this business. The motion carried. Rev. C. B. Dowdney and Brother James Jennings were appointed to serve with Brother James Silvers.

Visitors were recognized: Approximately 12 or 15 members of the New Life FWB Church were present as petitioners. Mr. and Mss. Wallace Franks and their daughter, Wanda, were present from the Little River Assoc. Rev. Gary Silence, a new Pastor in our Assoc. was also recognized.

Committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Billy Hatcher, Guyton Adams, and Enoch Parrish.

Digest Committee: Jeannine Silvers, Mrs. Elzie Franks, and Robert Simpson.

A Nominating Committee was needed due to the resignation of the Clerk-Treasurer.

Nominating Committee: Elzie Franks, Lester Lane, W. G. Turner, Dorothy Murphy, Inez Harrell, Eva Hutto, Janice Wallace, Larry Waltman, Craig Brock, Glenn Etheridge, and Margie Harris.

Guyton Adams gave his Camp Mt. Bethel report and outlined a new method of arranging Camp Sessions. Bemiss Church is supposed to send the \$10,000 donation promised on the Mt. Bethel Swimming Pool right away. The Midway Assoc. has promised to raise \$5000.00 in the month of February for the Swimming Pool. Plans are to start the pool the first of March. M/S/C to receive as information.

Prayer by Rev. Ronald Wallace.

INTERMISSION

The meeting reconvened with Rev. Ronald Wallace, Assistant Moderator, serving as Moderator. The congregation sang a hymn, "When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder". Prayer by Rev. C. B. Dowdney, followed by another hymn, "Leaning On The Everlasting Arms". Ushers Glenn Etheridge and James Silvers received the morning offering. The Wallace Franks family rendered two special numbers, "Thank You, Dear Lord" and "I Can't Make It By Myself".

Rev. Lamar Parrish brought the morning message, using the text as presented on the Program.

Rev. Jerry Wisham, Interim Pastor of Host Church, welcomed everyone to lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Committee Meetings were announced and Rev. Ronald Wallace prayed the Lord's Blessing of the food.

LUNCH

The meeting reconvened after lunch with the congregation singing "Revive Us Again", followed by prayer led by Brother Price Irvin.

Rev. Ronald Wallace gave the Afternoon Devotion continuing the meeting theme of "Walking As Christ Walked". He read from an expanded text of Ephesians 4:1 and Amos 3:3.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave the State Executive report. The Dublin Mission under the direction of Rev. Miller is doing well. Rev. Larry Nix is proceeding with the new Atlanta (Smyrna) Mission. Georgia State giving is moving along well this associational year.

The Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church sent a letter requesting that the association join them in supporting the efforts of the Raybon County Chamber of Commerce to retain the lighted Cross at Black Rock Mountain State Park. Court Proceedings have been brought by the ACLU to have the cross removed. A move to support and send a donation was made and seconded. An ammendment to the move to make the donation \$100.00 was made and seconded. The ammendment and the original moved were carried.

The Digest Committee reported 10 churches, 24 delegates present. M/S/C to accept the report and release the committee.

The Nominating Committee reported: Rev. Irvin Murphy was named to serve the unexpired term of the Clerk-Treasurer. M/S/C to accept the report and release the committee. Nominations from the floor were called for. Since there were no floor nominations, Rev. Murphy was elected by acclamation.

The Exeeutive Committee reported on the New Life FNB Church petition for membership. M/S/C to accept the report and also to accept the church into the Association with full fellowship. The Moderator extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship to all the New Life Members present and to the Pastor, Rev. W. G. Turner.

The Ordaining Council reported:

"We recommend that we accept Rev. Gary Silence, Pastor of Poulan FNB Church, into fellowship with the Union Association as an ordained minister, coming from the Coastal Association of North Carolina, pending a letter from that Association." M/S/C to accept him and the moderator extended the right hand of Christian Fellowship to Rev. Silence.

"We further recommend that the association write a letter to the Cairo FWB Church expressing our Christian love and concern to them as a sister church of the Union Association of Free Will Baptist, concerning their Pastor's standing with the association. He is not and cannot be accepted as an ordained Free Will Baptist Minister by the Union Assoc. of FWB to which the Cairo Church is a member. Therefore we feel that the Cairo Church should be made aware of this fact."

M/S/C that the letter be written.

The Finance Committee reported receipts for this meeting of Dues--\$135.88 and the Morning Offering of \$66.00 making a total of \$201.88. The Committee recommended that we send \$100.00 to Camp Mt. Bethel and the \$100.00 formerly voted to go to Raybon County Chamber of Commerce. They also recommended Honorariums for the Clerk and the Moderator of \$25.00 and \$10.00 respectively. M/S/C to accept the report and release the committee. M/S/C to make the contributions as recommended.

A move to follow the Constitution in its procedures to deal with delinquent churches by appointing a committee to call on the Moultrie Church to determine their reasons for absence. The Move was seconded and carried. The Committee will be Rev. C. B. Dowdney, Rev. Ronald Wallace, and Rev. M. C. Powell.

M/S/C to give the Host Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Rev. M. C. Powell spoke briefly stating how their church became concerned with the cross in Black Rock State Park. Rev. Ronald Wallace brought to the floor the fact that our children would not have a summer church camp unless we plan for it now. The Pastors decided that they would get together and make concrete plans for it. The conversation led in the direction toward having the camp the week of August 17-23. Further announcements will be made later.

The Moderator asked for a rising vote of thanks to the retiring Clerk-Treasurer.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Benediction prayer by Moderator.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator

Helen L. Lewis, Clerk-Treasurer

2nd Quarter

May 3, 1980

The Union Association met May 3, 1980, with the Sylvester Free Will Baptist Church in Sylvester, Georgia. The theme for the meeting was "Turning from God," using Hebrews 6:4-6 as the text. The meeting opened with the congregation singing, "To God be the Glory." Rev. C. B. Dowdney led the singing with Mrs. Evelyn Widener as pianist. Prayer was led by Rev. Damon Dodd. Another congregational hymn "Praise Him, Praise Him" was sung.

Rev. Damon Dodd gave the morning devotion, using Acts 2 as his text. He spoke on points to produce revival in churches.

Rev. Lamar Parrish called the business session to order. The roll call of churches was made with one church not represented. Ministers and Deacons were recognized. All appointed delegates from churches were recognized and a motion made to seat the delegates. The motion was carried. Visitors were welcomed. Petitionary letters were called for with none being presented.

The Moderator appointed the committees. They are as follows: Digest Committee: Mr. Guyton Adams, Mrs. Janice Wallace, Mrs. Dorcas Scarborough. Finance Committee: Mr. William Lewis Sr., Mrs. Inez Harrell, Rev. Elzie Franks.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report on the State works. He reported Smyrna is in need of \$5,000.00 for the land fund. Dublin Church is averaging 40 in the morning and evening services. The State needs workers and support in several locations. Pray that the Lord will send workers and support into His harvest.

The Business Session was dismissed for inter-

mission with prayer led by Rev. Charles Harris.

Intermission:

Following intermission the morning worship hour was opened with the congregation singing "Redeemed!" Prayer was led by Rev. Elzie Franks. The congregation then sang "There is Power in the Blood!" The offertory prayer was led by Rev. W. G. Turner. Mr. Earl Dawson and Mr. Bill McCoy served as ushers. During the taking of the offering, the congregation sang, "When We all Get to Heaven." Special music was provided by the Midway FWB Church Trio, made up of Toni Wallace, Michelle Tucker, and Stacey Gay. Rev. Ronald Wallace Brought the morning message using Hebrews 6:1-10 as his text, speaking on "Turning from God, and the Possibilities of Apostasy and the Dangers of Losing your Salvation." An invitation hymn, "Breathe on Me" was sung.

Brother James Jennings welcomed visitors and invited all to stay for lunch. Brother Jennings dismissed the congregation with prayer and asked God's blessings on the food.

Lunch:

The afternoon session opened with Rev. C. B. Dowdney as song leader and Mrs. Linda Gay, Pianist. The congregation sang "The Regions Beyond." Bro. Melton Harrell led prayer. The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. Elzie Franks, using the text and subject adopted for the Association.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Rev. Lamar Parrish. Rev. Parrish read a letter from the Chamber of Commerce of Rabun County, Clayton, Georgia, thanking the Association for the financial assistance that was rendered for the purpose of defending a cross on Black Top Mountain. Rev. Parrish also reported that the court had refused to hear the case and the cross would remain on the mountain. Rev. Parrish read a letter

from the Coastal Association of FWB of North Carolina recommending Rev. Gary Silence to our fellowship. A motion was made to accept Rev. Silence into our association and for the moderator to extend to him the right hand of Christian fellowship. The motion was seconded and carried. Rev. Parrish extended the right hand of fellowship to Rev. Silence.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney reported for the committee appointed to determine the intent of the Moultrie FWB Church in regard to the Association. Bro. Dowdney stated the church had refused to meet with the committee stating to him that they had already voted in conference to withdraw from the Association. Rev. Ronald Wallace made a motion that the committee be released and that this Association withdraw fellowship and consider the Moultrie Church as an Independent Church. This motion was seconded by Rev. Elzie Franks. The vote was by a show of hands and the motion was carried.

The Digest Committee reported 10 churches, 9 Deacons, 7 Ministers, 26 church delegates, 2 board members and one visitor. A motion was made and seconded to release the committee. The motion was carried.

The Finance Committee reported the morning offering of \$64.35 and dues from churches \$144.38, making a total of \$208.73. The committee recommended that \$50.00 be sent to Rev. Larry Nix for the Symrna Land Fund, \$50.00 to the Union Mission Board, and \$183.50 be paid for publishing the Minutes. There was a M/S/C to accept the committee's report, to release the committee, and to grant the recommendations of the committee.

Bro. Guyton Adams gave a report from the Camp Board. Bro. Adams reviewed the camp facilities and restated the purpose of the camp. Future activities planned at the camp were reviewed. There was a M/S/C to accept this report as information.

Rev. Ronald Wallace introduced contestants competing in the Youth Competition that will be our representatives to the State Youth Rally. After the introduction, each of the contestants demonstrated their talents. Toni Wallace, Sword Drill, assisted by Mrs. Linda Gay. Michelle Tucker, Keyboard, playing "This Little Light of Mine" Margie Harper and Kelly Gay sang "Three Rusty Nails" accompanied by Mrs. Linda Gay. Congratulations were extended to all contestants from the Association by the Moderator.

A motion was made to give the host church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality. The motion was seconded and carried.

M/S/C to adjourn.

Dismissed in prayer by Rev. Gary Silence.

Respectfully submittee,

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator
Rev. Irvin Murphy, Clerk

3rd Quarter

August 2, 1980

The regular session of the Union Association met August 2, 1980, with Bay Free Will Baptist Church near Moultrie, Georgia. The meeting was opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Faison, accompanied by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn. The opening song was "He Keeps Me Singing." Rev. C. B. Dowdney led the congregation in prayer. Rev. Kenneth D. Murphy brought the morning devotion.

The business session was called to order by the moderator, Rev. Lamar Parrish. The moderator read items three (3) and four (4) from the Association's Constitution and emphasized that standing delegates are expected to attend every meeting of the Association. The moderator called the roll of the standing delegates with the following results: 9 Ministers, 14 Deacons. The church appointed delegates were recognized followed by a M/S/C to seat these delegates.

There were no visitors nor corresponding messengers to be recognized.

The moderator appointed committees: Finance Committee - Bro. Jack Faison, Bro. Earl Truett, Bro. James Jennings. Digest Committee: Bro. Glenn Ethridge, Rev. Gary Silence, Bro. Charles Harper.

Rev. M. C. Powell requested time to speak to the Association. Rev. Powell spoke about the neglect of Ministers, Deacons, and people in general in not attending the Association meetings. He expressed a desire for the ministers to encourage their congregations to attend. He also expressed his concern for the responsibility of the Ordaining Council. Bro. Powell gave his resignation from the Ordaining Council and asked the Association to pray for him and his family during this time of decision making.

Rev. M. C. Powell's resignation from the Ordaining Council was accepted with regrets. Bro. Powell was asked by the moderator to serve this date on the Council. The moderator asked Rev. C. B. Dowdney to serve on the Council in the place of Rev. Ronald Wallace.

Rev. C. B. Dowdney gave a report from the National Association meeting the past week. Bro. Dowdney praised the women for the outstanding job they did at the National with their programs. Bro. Dowdney said he was thrilled about the work in Georgia. Reports of revivals and people being saved, continue to come in. In May the people of the State were asked to respond to the needs of the land fund in Smyrna. The response was outstanding and the goal was exceeded. In June, a plea was made for the Dalton Mission and the response looks good. Bro. Dowdney reported that Rev. Billy McKinney has decided to move to Gainsville, Georgia, the first of July and start a mission there. Bro. McKinney is trying now to raise support and Bro. Dowdney expressed his hope that the State and especially our Association, would respond without Bro. McKinney having to spend valuable time coming to us.

Intermission was announced and the congregation was dismissed in prayer by Rev. Jerry Wisham.

Following intermission, the services were opened with the congregation singing "Count Your Blessings," led by Bro. Jack Faison, accompanied by Mrs. Louvenia Kleedehn. Prayer was offered, followed by the congregation singing "The Old Rugged Cross." The moderator issued a challenge for our churches to respond to the support of the Gainsville Mission and to also support our local Mission Board. The morning offering was received with Bro. Chuck Scarbrough and Bro. Earl Truett serving as ushers. The moderator asked that members from churches that were formed in the last thirty (30) years to stand. He commented that over half of our Association are from mission churches, therefore, we should accept the challenge to support missions. Special music was provided by Sister Simpson, singing "Sheltered In The Arms of God," and Gail Sellars

singing "Carest Thou Not," accompanied by Terri Sellars. Rev. Gary Silence brought the morning message using John 20:21 as his text. He spoke of the necessity of allowing ourselves to be sent. He also challenged us to become concerned about missions and challenged all to become witnesses.

The congregation was welcomed by Rev. Irvin Murphy, and invited to stay for lunch. A prayer of dismissal and blessings on the food was offered by Rev. Lamar Parrish.

The meeting reconvened with the congregation singing "Christ Arose." Prayer was led by Rev. Elzie Franks. Bro. Jack Faison, Kirsten Kleedehn, and LaRee Parrish sang "This Is My Father's World," accompanied by Louvenia Kleedehn. The evening devotion was brought by Bro. Curtis Gay, using Malachi 2:8 as his text. Bro. Gay spoke of the need of strong positive leaders, and of the need for everyone to sense and accept responsibility.

A verbal request was made known that we issue a letter of good standing and recommendation to the Association in Tennessee for Rev. William Lewis, Jr. There was a M/S/C to grant the letter.

The Finance Committee reported the following: Dues received \$153.38, offering \$84.67 making a total of \$238.05. The committee recommended that \$129.20 be given to help support our association camp session; the moderator be given \$10.00; and the clerk, \$15.00. There was a M/S/C to accept the report, honor the recommendation, and release the committee. A motion was made by Rev. Elzie Franks and seconded by Bro. Jack Faison to send the Gainesville Mission \$75.00. During the discussion, the chairman of the Mission Board, Bro. James Silvers stated that the Mission Board had voted to send \$100.00 to the Mission now and send \$50.00 per month hereafter for one year. The

motion was put to a vote and carried to send the \$75.00.

The Digest Committee reported that 10 churches were represented, 14 Deacons and 9 Ministers. There was a M/S/C to accept this report and release the committee.

Ordaining Council reported: They had met with Rev. David Williams, a Liscensed Minister who has been called to the Sylvester Church. The Council recommended Rev. Williams be accepted into this Association and ordained, upon receipt of a letter from his home church stating he is in good standing, and provided he has been liscensed a sufficient length of time to be ordained in accordance with the State adopted Standards of Ordination. The Council also met with Daniel Araujo, from the Sylvester Church, concerning his being liscensed to preach the Gospel. The Council recommended that the Sylvester Church take appropriate action on this matter. There was a M/S/C to accept the report and adopt the recommendation.

The Mission Board reported: Bro. James Silvers gave a financial report from the Mission Board. He stated that the Board has agreed to send \$100.00 to the Gainesville Mission and \$50.00 per month, thereafter for one year. There was a M/S/C to receive this report and to support the Board's decision. The Mission Board was commended by the Moderator for their work thus far. He reminded the churches of their responsibility to have a representative on the Mission Board.

A report was given by Rev. Irvin Murphy pertaining to the Associational Camp Session. Funds in the amount of \$600.00 has been received and more has been promised. Cost per camper will be about \$12.00. More information will be forthcoming prior to the camp session.

There was M/S/C to give a rising vote of

thanks to Bay Church for their hospitality.

There was a M/S/C to adjourn.

Rev. Irvin Murphy dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator
Rev. Irvin Murphy, Clerk

4th Quarter

October 25, 1980

The Annual Session of the Union Association met on October 25, 1980, at Bethlehem Free Will Baptist Church in Berlin, Georgia. The meeting opened with congregational singing led by Bro. Jack Faison and Sister Iris Simpson playing the piano. Bro. Milton Harrell led in prayer. Another hymn "Sweet Hour of Prayer" was sung. The morning devotion was brought by Rev. W. G. Turner using II Peter 1:1 as his text. He spoke on lack of knowledge of God's word causing people to stumble.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, called the meeting to order.

The roll call of churches was made with ten of the eleven churches reporting. Petitionary letters were called for and there were none.

Committees were appointed:

Finance Committee: Curtis Gay, James Jennings, Milton Harrell. Digest Committee: Jeanne Silvers, Judy Batey, Billy Faison. Nominations Committee: Jack Faison, Bill McCoy, John A. Thomas, Sister Wylene Lane, William Lewis, Gary Silence, Jerry Wisham, Chuck Scarbrough, Clarence Richter.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to appoint an ordaining council to act for this meeting only. Appointed were: W.G. Turner, Gary Silence, Irvin Murphy.

Intermission:

The meeting reopened with congregational singing. Prayer was led by Rev. David Williams. The morning offering was received by Bill McCoy and Don Croft. Special music was provided by the Sylvester Church with Darlene Tarrence being accompanied by Evelyn Widner.

Rev. Lamar Parrish brought the morning message using Matt. 26:41 as his text. His theme was "Letting the Flesh Get in the Way of Serving God."

Brother Bill McCoy welcomed the Association to lunch. He asked the Association to be in prayer for their church as they seek a pastor. A prayer of dismissal and blessings on the food was prayed by Rev. Gary Silence.

Lunch:

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Softly and Tenderly." Prayer was led by Rev. Irvin Murphy.

The afternoon devotion was brought by Rev. David Williams, using I Thess. 5:16 as his text. He spoke on "Steps to Christian Maturity."

The Digest Committee reported: Ten (10) churches represented, Thirteen (13) deacons, Seven (7) Ministers, and one visitor. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the report.

The Finance Committee Reported: The balance on hand was \$137.14. The dues received were \$168.38. A donation from the Womans Auxilliary for printing the minutes, \$10.00. The morning offering was \$62.12, for a total of \$377.64. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the report.

The Nominations Committee reported: The following recommedations were made: Assistant Moderator - Rev. W. G. Turner to replace Rev. Ronald Wallace. Executive Committee - Bro. Earl Dawson to replace Bro. Norman Nelms. Bro. Kevin Harrell to fill the unexpired term of Bro. Eric Mitchell. Ordaining Council-

Moderator: Clerk:
 Rev. Lamar Parrish Rev. C. Irvin Murphy
 P.O. Box 69 Route One
 Funston, Georgia Hartsfield, Georgia
 31753 31756

Church & County	Clerk & Address	Pastor & Address	Total Membership	Total Members Added	Rec'd by Baptism	Rec'd other ways	Lost by Letter exc. or roll Revision	Sunday School Attn.	Cts. Av. Attendance	Prayer Meeting Av. Attendance	Vacation Bible School Av. Attend.	Womens' Aux. Av. Attendance	Masters Mesa Av. Attendance	Youth Activities	Value of Church	Value of Parsonage	Year's Building & Remodeling Expense	Total Church Receipts	Pastor's Salary	Co-Operative Plan	Local Expenses & Materials	State Ministries	National Ministries
Bay Colquitt	Gail Sellars Route One Hartsfield, GA	Rev. Irvin Murphy Route One Hartsfield, GA	79	17	8	9	1	54	-0-	25	15	7	-0-	Yes	35,000	40,000	-0-	19,700	7,900	1,146	8,815	115	68
Bethlehem Colquitt	Grace Carter Box 98 Berlin, GA	Unknown	102	11	11	3	3	55	0	25	-0-	5	-0-	No	12,560	-0-	2715	12,878	6,437	-0-	12,876	-0-	-0-
Cairo Grady	Wilma Harrell 611-7th Ave. NE Cairo, GA	B.H. Parrish 701-6th St. NE Cairo, GA	64	15	7	8	11	35	30	30	42	5	-0-	Yes	35,000	20,000	1997	21,450	6,669	120	8,890	336	81
Fellowship Dougherty	W. Lane Rte. 1, Lot 70 Albany, GA	L.S. Parrish Box 69 Funston, GA	37	16	8	8	2	35	0	10	35	10	10	No	35,000	-0-	11,033	15,124	5,300	1,189	929	-0-	-0-
Greenwood														NO REPORT									
Midway Colquitt	Johnny Gay Ronte 4, Box 107 Moultrie, GA	Rev. Robt. Clyatt Rte. 4 Moultrie, GA	189	6	1	5	6	93	56	40	69	16	-0-	Yes	144,000	24,000	None	33,805	13,278	2,885	497	1018	
New Life Thomas	C. Reichert Rte. 2, Box 53 Boston, GA	W.G. Turner Rte. 2 Cairo, GA	55	25	10	15	10	35	0	20	-0-	-0-	8	Yes	35,000	-0-	800	-0-	3,360	10%	50	-0-	-0-
Poulan Worth	M. Reynolds Rte. 3, Box 233 Ashburn, GA	Rev. G. Silence Poulan, GA	123	2	6	2	13	40	110	35	-0-	-0-	-0-	Yes	70,000	5,000	4,000	11,875	6,750	-0-	5609	240	252
Proctor Chapel Mitchell	Robt. Simpson 32 Branch St. Pelham, GA	Rev. C. Harris Rte. 3 Camilla, GA	35	7	3	4	0	21	0	0	-0-	-0-	-0-	No	20,000	-0-	3,000	5455	2700	-0-	165	-0-	-0-
Spring-Hill Mitchell	Mrs. J. Silvers Rte. 4, Box 539 Albany, GA	Rev. J. Wisham Tifton, GA	125	7	2	5	5	45	30	12	-0-	9	-0-	No	-	-0-	685	16,221	5,200	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Sylvester Worth	B. Jennings 105 Lynn Cir. Sylvester, GA	Rev. D. Williams Reynolds, GA	53	15	0	15	2	30	0	25	-0-	-0-	-0-	Yes	30,000	-0-	-0-	5536	1505	216	2637	-0-	-0-

Rev. Irvin Murphy to replace Rev. Charles Harris, Rev. Gary Silence to fill unexpired term of Rev. M.C. Powell, Rev. Lamar Parrish to fill unexpired term of Rev. Ronald Wallace. Union Mission Board- Bro. Billy Wilson to replace Rev. Irvin Murphy, Bay; Chuck Scarbrough to replace Rev. M. C. Powell, Sylvester; Bro. Edwin Smith, New Life. Social Committee - Roger Batchelor to replace Rev. Ronald Wallace, Bro. James Silvers to replace Larry Williams. There was a motion, seconded and carried to accept the report.

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator, asked for nomination from the floor. Since there were none, there was a motion, seconded and carried, that we accept, by acclamation, the slate of officers as presented by the nominating committee.

The Ordaining Council reported: The Council recommended that Rev. Jerry Wisham be accepted in our Association, pending a letter from the Little River Association, and that the moderator extend the Right Hand of Fellowship. The Council also recommended that Rev. David Williams be ordained at a date and place to be set by him. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the report. The Right Hand of Fellowship was extended to Rev. Wisham.

The Union Mission Board Reported: Balance brought forward \$945.79 - Paid to Gainesville Mission \$200.00 - Leaving a present balance of \$745.79. Amount in savings - \$149.12 giving a total balance of \$894.91. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the report.

Camp Board Representative, Bro. Guyton Adams, reported that a contract had been signed for a swimming pool at the camp. He suggested that the Association start planning now for next year's camp session. There was a motion, seconded and

carried, to receive the report.

Report of Union Camp Session: See Union Association Camp Report. There was a motion, seconded and carried, to accept the report.

The floor was then opened for a Camp Director for our Association for the next year. Rev. Irvin Murphy was nominated and elected by acclamation. The camp session for Union Association for 1981 will be August 16-21.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to give the moderator and/or clerk, authority to appoint delegates to the State Meeting to be held in Columbus, Georgia.

Bro. Kenneth Murphy recommended that the Association send money to Rev. Ronald Wallace at Symrna to help with the cost of installing bathroom facilities at the mission. A motion was made that the Association send \$50.00 and the Mission Board send \$50.00. The motion was seconded and carried.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to give Bethlehem Church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

There was a motion, seconded and carried, to adjourn. Rev. W.G. Turner closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Moderator
Rev. Irvin Murphy, Clerk

REPORT OF UNION ASSOCIATION CAMP SESSION

The Union Association held a camp session at Camp Mt. Bethel from August 17th thru August 22, 1980. The session was attended by eighty (80) campers and thirteen (13) counselors, for a total of ninety-three (93). Thirteen people were saved during the week and there were about 40-45 rededications. Rev. Ken Murphy and Rev. David Williams served as camp evangelists for the week.

Respectfully Submitted

Irvin Murphy, Director
Ronald Wallace, Asst. Dir.

FINANCIAL REPORT
UNION ASSOCIATION CAMP SESSION

RECEIPTS.....\$2509.68

Receipts from donations from
Churches and the Association...\$929.20

Fees from Campers..... 999.00

Receipts from canteen..... 552.55

Refund on food not used..... 28.93

\$2509.68

EXPENSES:

\$2085.11

Camp Board for use of camp.....\$565.25

Food.....673.87

Craft & Teaching Material.....101.74

Salary for Cooks.....100.00

Evangelists.....100.00

Misc. Expenses (Ice, stamps, canteen
supplies, grass cutting, etc.) 544.25

\$2085.11

RECAP

Receipts.....2509.68

Expenses.....2085.11

Balance.....\$424.57

UNION ASSOCIATION FINANCE REPORT

December 31, 1980

Balance Brought Forward, Dec., 1980 \$268.84

Dues Received From Churches:

2-2-80	\$135.88	
5-3-80	144.38	
8-2-80	153.38	
10-25-80	168.38	
Total Dues Received.....		\$602.02

Regular Offerings Received:

2-2-80	66.00	
5-3-80	64.35	
8-2-80	84.67	
10-25-80	62.12	
Total Offerings Received		\$277.14

Auxiliary Donation:

10-20-80		10.00
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Total Cash to Account for:

\$1158.00

Disbursements:

Camp Mt. Bethel.....	\$100.00
Rev. Lamar Parrish	40.00
(Moderator's Honorarium)	
GA. State Mission Bd.	50.00
(Nix Land Fund)	
Union Mission Board	50.00
(Donation)	
GA. State Assn.	45.00
(Representation Fees St. Assn)	
1979 Minutes	183.50
State Youth Conference	25.00
(Representation Fees)	
Chamber of Commerce, Clayton, GA.	
(Donation)	100.00
Postage	22.66
Union Assn. Camp Board	129.20

Georgia State Assn..... 75.00
(Gainesville Mission)
North Side FWB Church, Atlanta, GA.
(Donation) 50.00
Rev. Irvin Murphy 30.00
(Clerk's Honorarium)

Total Disbursements and Expenses \$900.36

Balance on Hand, December 31, 1980..... \$257.64

UNION MISSION BOARD
Financial Report

October 25, 1980

<u>Balance Brought Forward, 1979</u>	\$748.69
Receipts for year 1980	197.10
<u>Total Cash to Account For:</u>	<u>945.79</u>

Cash paid out: 1980

GA. State Assn. \$200.00
(Gainesville Mission)

<u>Balance in Checking Account:</u>	\$745.79
<u>Balance in Savings Account:</u>	\$149.12

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING
OF
THE UNION DISTRICT FREE WILL BAPTIST
WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

The Annual Meeting of the Union District Free Will Baptist Woman's Auxiliary Convention was held on October 4, 1980 at Spring Hill Free Will Baptist Church. The theme for the convention was "Blessed to be A Blessing", and the theme scripture was Genesis 12:12(b). The meeting was opened with the congregation singing "More About Jesus", led by Melba Washington of the Spring Hill Auxiliary with Diane Wisham of Spring Hill Auxiliary at the piano. Prayer was then offered by Deborah Barrett of the Midway Auxiliary. Melba Washington of the Spring Hill Auxiliary gave the "Welcome" with Elizabeth Tucker of the Midway Auxiliary giving the response. The morning devotion was then brought by Deborah Barrett of Midway Free Will Baptist Church using the theme, "Blessed to be a Blessing" and reading scripture from Genesis 12:12 and II Corinthians 9:6.

In the absence of the President and Vice - President, Mrs. Jeanine Silvers of the Spring Hill Auxiliary was elected to act as President for the business session. She then called the meeting to order and Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker, acting Secretary, read the Minutes of the 1979 Annual Meeting. The Minutes were approved as read. The roll call of Auxiliaries was taken. Delegates were present from five auxiliaries. Auxiliaries represented and the number of delegates from each were: Bay - 3; Cairo - 2; Midway - 6; Sylvester - 2; Spring Hill - 5; The total number of delegates present was 18. Motion, second and carried to seat delegates.

The Registration Committee reported 18 delegates and 14 visitors present. The total registration was 32. Motion, second and carried to accept report.

The President appointed the following committees:

Resolutions - Deborah Barrett, Linda Faison, Diane Wisham
Finance - Mrs. Margie Harris, Dorothy Murphy, Nell Parris
Credentials - Elizabeth Tucker, Mary Etheridge, Evelyn
Widner

Nominating - Gail Sellars, Mary Harper, Inez Harrell

The President then called for reports from the District Officers and admonished each one to study in order to know what her duties were and to be faithful in them. Mrs. Inez Harrell, Mission Action Chairman, told about an experience of helping an elderly lady who had grown cold towards the Lord. The lady realized her need of asking forgiveness. She died a short time later. Mrs. Margie Harris, Treasurer, gave a short testimony.

The meeting was adjourned for a ten minute break with Hilda Capps leading in prayer. After the break, Melba Washington led the congregation in singing "I Want To Be A Worker". The offering was then taken with Nell Parrish giving the offertory prayer.

Special music was presented by Mrs. Diane Wisham of Spring Hill Auxiliary. She sang "Lord, I Need You Again Today".

Gail Sellars of Bay Auxiliary brought the morning message. She used the convention theme, "Blessed to be a Blessing", taking her scripture from Genesis 12:12, Psalm 43:1; II Corinthians 3:3; Psalm 9:12, Matthew 7:13-23 and Romans 4:7. She presented an object lesson using pencils to represent the different type of Christians. The meeting was then adjourned for lunch by Christine Hathcock of the Spring Hill Auxiliary.

Afternoon Session;

The afternoon session was opened with the congregation singing "Victory in Jesus". Jan Parker and Kirsten Kleedehn of Bay Free Will Baptist Church presented the special music.

Mrs. Margie Harris of the Sylvester Auxiliary brought the afternoon devotion using the convention theme and scripture. Mrs. Wilma Davis then lead in prayer.

The following committee reports were then given:

Resolutions Committee; - Mrs. Deborah Barrett,
Chairman

1. Be it Resolved that our District Auxiliary Annual Convention be changed from the first Saturday in

October to the second Saturday in October.

2. Be it Resolved that we have a Workshop the first Saturday in April at Midway Free Will Baptist Church in Moultrie, Georgia, with the host church being in charge of planning the program.
3. Be it Resolved that the next annual meeting be held at Bay Free Will Baptist Church on the second Saturday in October.
4. Be it Resolved that the District Project for the year be changed from the Larry Nix work to the Ronald Wall work in Marietta and that each Auxiliary pay \$3.00 per month.
5. Be it Resolved that the host church be given a rising vote of thanks for hosting the meeting today.

Motion, second and carried to accept report of committee and to vote on the resolutions item by item. Each resolution received a motion, second and carried.

Credentials Committee: - Elizabeth Tucker, Chairmar

Five Auxiliaries were represented by delegates.

Total Membership	60
Enrollment at first of year	47
Present Enrollment	60

Finance Committee; - Mrs. Margie Harris, Chairman

Co-Laborer	\$24.00
India Mission	24.00
Dot Harvey Loan Fund	24.00
State Project	162.00
District Project	156.00
Pre-Easter	21.20
Pre-Thanksgiving	16.50
Pre-Christmas	5.00
WNAC Emphasis	10.00
Member's Fees	75.00

TOTAL \$517.70

Reported Local Expenses:

Local Church Activities	\$805.46
Special Offering	225.27
Auxiliary Literature	410.28
TOTAL	<u>\$1,441.01</u>

Cash Gifts Forwarded Direct:

Free Will Baptist Bible College	\$113.00
Children's Home	25.00
Ugandan Student	55.00
TOTAL	<u>\$193.00</u>

The Nominating Committee presented Dorothy Murphy of the Bay Auxiliary as their nomination for President to serve the unexpired term of Mrs. Janice Wallace who has moved. She was elected unanimously. Mrs. Elizabeth Tucker was appointed to fill in as President in the absence of both the President and Vice-President.

Mrs. Jeanine Silvers, acting President, appointed Margie Harris and Jeanine Silvers as delegates for the State Woman's Auxiliary Convention to be held at Emanuel Free Will Baptist Church in Columbus, Georgia. Motion, second and carried to accept these delegates and to authorize the President to fill in with other members from the district who are able to attend.

The President then appointed the Nominating Committee to serve for the next year. They are as follows:

- Bay Auxiliary - Mrs. Jan Parker
- Cairo Auxiliary - Mrs. Inez Harrell
- Midway Auxiliary - Mrs. Loretta Tucker
- Sylvester Auxiliary - Mrs. Evelyn Widner
- Spring Hill Auxiliary - Mrs. Jeanine Silvers

Motion, second and carried to adjourn. Jeanine Silvers dismissed in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mrs. Jeanine Silvers, Acting
President
Mrs. Linda Gay, Secretary

**AN ORDINATION STANDARD
GEORGIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS**

THE LICENSED MINISTER:

1. A person must be licensed for a period of one year before he can be ordained. He must also be called to the care of one or more churches, or into other services which would require ordination.

QUALIFICATIONS OF MINISTERS:

2. They must possess good, natural and acquired abilities, deep and ardent piety, be especially called of God to the work, and ordained by prayer and the laying on of hands.

DUTIES OF MINISTERS:

3. These are to preach the word, administer the ordinances of the Gospel, visit their people, and otherwise perform the work of faithful ministers.

THE QUESTION OF DIVORCE:

4. No individual shall be ordained to the gospel ministry who has been married and divorced, and in the process has more than one living companion. No individual shall be ordained whose wife has been previously married and divorced.

NOTE: These regulations are set forth to comply with the Biblical standard for ministers found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

THE ORDINATION OF WOMEN:

5. Traditionally and historically Free Will Baptist in the State of Georgia have not ordained women to the gospel ministry. So far as we are able to discern, this is still the true sentiment over the state. Therefore, until the thinking of our Free Will Baptist constituency becomes more definitive on this matter, we do not purpose to ordain women.

THE AUTHORITY TO ORDAIN:

6. Free Will Baptists, committed to the doctrine of congregational church government, understand that the authority to ordain ministers is in the local church.

In practice, however, the Free Will Baptist churches in Georgia work together in the matter of ordination by delegating the authority for ordination to the association of churches in which the local church holds membership. The true source of this authority should never be lost sight of.

PERSONAL PLEDGE OF INTEGRITY:

7. IF ORDAINED TO THE GOSPEL MINISTRY BY THE

ASSOCIATION OF FREE WILL BAPTISTS OF
GEORGIA, I PROMISE BEFORE GOD AND THE CONSTITUENCY OF SAID

ASSOCIATION:

1. To preach the Word of God in its fulness without fear, favor, or compromise, according to the best of my ability.
2. To continue to study and improve myself in every way possible.
3. To live a clean, upright, exemplary life, and to surrender any habit or

practice unbecoming to a minister of the Gospel.

4. To be considerate of my fellow ministers and their rights.
5. To be fair and impartial with those to whom I minister.
6. To abide faithfully by the rules and regulations of the _____ Association of Free Will Baptists.
7. To preach and teach Free Will Baptist doctrines as set forth in the Articles of Faith of the National Association of Free Will Baptists and those of the _____ Association of Free Will Baptists.
8. Finally, I promise, that if at any time I can no longer agree with Free Will Baptist doctrine or policy and preach and practice the same fully with the free consent of my heart and mind, or if I should fall into error and sin and depart from the faith, I will freely, without coercion or restraint, surrender my ordination credentials to the Ordaining Council of the association of which I am a member and cease my activities as a Free Will Baptist minister.

SIGNED _____
WITNESSES _____

The above "Pledge of Integrity" is followed by an Application for Ordination to the Ministry, which includes a Doctrinal Examination on the Free Will Baptist "Treatise" and on the Church Government and Practices. The examination also includes information on Free Will Baptist History.

Recommended Reading for the Ministers are:

DOCTRINE: Free Will Baptist Doctrine: By J. D. O'Donnell.

HISTORY: Marching Through Georgia: By Rev. Damon Dodd.

GOVERNMENT: Free Will Baptist Treatise.

HOW WE GOT OUR BIBLE: Biblical Graphics (Story of The Bible) By R. Reeds

THE WORK OF THE MINISTRY: The Ministers Mission
By Dr. C. E. Colton

The above books would benefit any Free Will Baptist Church member.

ASSOCIATION DECORUM

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

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 person is called to the Gospel Ministry and desires to be licensed to preach, he should approach his local Church and request to be licensed. The Church should then examine him thoroughly as to the nature of the call, and request that the Ordaining Council examine the person before being licensed. At the recommendation of the Ordaining Council and after a vote in a regular Conference, he then should be granted a License to Preach for the period of one year. At the end of the one year his license may be renewed or revoked. Or he may be ordained. (The method mentioned here is the normal practice of most Churches and Associations).

10. That no licentiate shall be ordained until he has been a licensed Minister for the period of one year and called to the pastorate of one or more churches or one who becomes engaged in Christian service the nature of which requires the authority of an ordained Minister of the Gospel.

a. That each Church exercise due caution in the licensing, commending to ordination, and calling of a minister to fill the Pastoral Office.

b. That any Ordained Minister coming to Union Association from another Denomination be placed on a One Year Waiting Period under the watchcare of this Association before being accepted into the Union Association.

c. A Minister coming to any church of Union Association from another Association must come before the Ordaining Council for questioning.

11. 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 with the churches on the first Saturday in February, May, and August and the last Saturday in 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 thereof.
 - (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, Assistant Moderator, Clerk-Treasurer, and Assistant 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 assistant moderators if 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

1. 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: Isaiah 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 Timothy 2:3,6; Hebrews 2:9; St. John 8, Acts 2:4, Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 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; Ephesians 3:1; Ephesians 4:4,5; And that he comes into our hearts. John 1:1; 12; Galatians 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. Genesis 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 Timothy 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them; because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why

the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other, are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved. Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Hebrews 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 Timothy 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; Matthew 28: 19, 20; Luke 24: 47; Acts 3:19; Mark 1:

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, if they would give place to His divine teachings; Whereas, such who do not receive the divine impressions of His Holy Spirit, shall at a future day, seal their own condemnation, and charge themselves with their own damnation, willfully rejecting the offers of sovereign grace. Matthew 11:27; St. John 6:45, 65; Psalm 1:1; Titus 2:11, 12; Jeremiah 22:29.

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

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy and 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

by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of God". I Cor. 15:22; Matthew 18:25; Mark 9: 36,37; Matthew 19:13.

12. We believe that good works are the fruits of a saving faith, and that in the use of this means of grace and not out of the use of these means, eternal life is promised to men. Revelations 22: 14, 15; Isaiah 1: 19, 20; Matthew 7: 8; Jeremiah 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. Romans 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, that he hath appointed the godly unto life, and the ungodly who die in sin, unto death. Hebrews 4:13; Proverbs 8:22,31; Matthew 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; John 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subject for baptism. Matthew 3:16; Mark 1:9, 10; Acts 3: 19, 21; Romans 6: 4; Colossians 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: