

MINUTES
OF THE
Fifty-Seventh Annual Session
OF THE
LITTLE RIVER ASSOCIATION
OF
THE ORIGINAL FREE WILL BAPTIST
CONVENED WITH
PINE LEVEL CHURCH
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 1963
AND
CORINTH CHURCH
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19, 1963

Rev. Everett Williams, Moderator Pearson, Ga.
Rev. Donald Franks, Asst. Moderator Waycross, Ga.
Bro. W. N. Wilson, Clerk Pearson, Ga.
Bro. Jessie Hartsfield, Asst. Clerk Norman Park, Ga.



Next session to convene with Zion Hill Church, on Friday and
Sunny Side Church, on Saturday before the third Sunday in
October, 1964.

CHURCH CONFERENCE

1. Prayer (unless divine service has been concluded and generally then).
2. Invite visiting brethren to seats.
3. Open the doors for reception of members, and read over minutes of last conference.
4. Call for absentees.
5. For acknowledgments.
6. For reference of deferred business.
7. For matters of dealing which are in order to come before the church.
8. For miscellaneous business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. The body of each session shall be opened and closed with prayer.
2. Call for church letters and have them read, and names of ministers and delegates enrolled.
3. Call for petitionary letters.
4. Invite visiting brethren to seats with us.
5. Call for corresponding messengers.
6. Appoint Committees; (a) Preaching; (b) Resolution; (c) Finance; (d) Card of Thanks; For the Session; Appoint Churches to Bring Report on (a) Auxiliaries and Literature; (b) Temperance; (c) Christian Education; (d) Missions.
7. Unfinished business.
8. Report of Committees.
9. Miscellaneous business.
10. Elect a Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer by ballot.
11. Adjournment.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

W. M. Franks, Ashburn, Ga.	Exp. 1964
W. M. Wilson, Jr., Homerville, Ga.	Exp. 1965
J. B. Rice, Valdosta, Ga.	Exp. 1966
J. C. Arnold, Rt. 2, Waycross, Ga.	Exp. 1967
C. M. Chafin, Jr., Norman Park, Ga.	Exp. 1968

ORDAINING COUNCIL

Rev. W. R. Hullett
1964

Rev. Riley Giddens
1965

Rev. M. T. Goff
1966

PROCEEDINGS

The fifty-seventh session of the Little River Association of the Original Free Will Baptist convened with Pine Level Church in Worth County, Georgia, on October 18th, and Corinth Church in Tift County, Georgia on October 19th, 1963.

Services were opened by congregational singing. Prayer by Rev. Mance Cason. The devotional was given by Rev. Charles Williams. Scripture 1st Cor. 15; verses 55-58. Theme "Charity."

The Moderator called the session to order, called for ministers to stand and be recognized. Called for church letters, Sister W. H. Daughtry and Sister J. C. Arnold were appointed to read the letters. Moved and carried that we receive the letters as read, and seat the delegates present and those who come in later.

Called for petitionary letters. Received none. Called for corresponding messengers, Rev. Mance Cason for State Association. Ask visitors to stand. Rev. Thomas H. Willey, our former missionary to Cuba, now in Miami, Fla., working with the Cuban refugees, and Mrs. Thornton Perry, were welcomed by moderator. Appointed Finance Committee, Bro. M. M. Franks, chairman, Sister Edith Herrin, Bro. Clayton Flippo, resolutions, Rev. Riley Giddens, Rev. M. T. Goff, Bro. Jessie Hartsfield, State of Churches and Character of Ministers, Bro. C. M. Chafin, Jr. Bro. Lonnie Wynn, Bro. Carson Parrish. Nominations, Bro. J. W. Franks, Sister Patricia Larsey, Bro. N. C. Brannon. Card of Thanks, Rev. Donald Franks.

Churches appointed to bring reports to the 1964 session were:

White Hall Church—Auxiliary and Literature

Tifton Church—Temperance

Corinth Church—Christian Education

Zion Hill—Missions

The morning message was brought by Rev. Lamar Parrish, who used the Associational theme "Charity". Rev. W. H. Daughtry, Pastor of Host Church welcomed all to stay for lunch.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON

Called the session to order by the moderator. After song and prayer the devotional was brought by Rev. Thomas H. Willey, Scripture was from St. John 3:16, subject "Five Universal Facts".

The Moderator then welcomed Rev. Mance Cason our Promotional Secretary to give a report on what our churches have done this year.

Churches receiving grand honor roll certificates, which was awarded to churches on the merits of having given the per-capito quota in support to a world-wide ministry through the unified program were: Ozias and Friendship. Churches receiving honor roll certificates, which was the award for giving more this year than last year to a world-wide ministry were: Corinth, Cool Spring, Zion Hill, Oak Grove, Sunny Side,

and Shady Grove. The Valdosta church was awarded a junior honor roll certificate for having sent regular monthly offerings to the unified program.

The Moderator called for unfinished business and report from committees, moved and carried that we send \$5.00 more to the State and National Association for Associational purposes.

Bro. Charles Chafin, requested that he not be placed back on the Executive Committee, a standing ovation was given for Bro. Charles' faithful service.

Moved and carried that Bro. C. M. Chafin Jr. be placed on the Executive Committee.

The Moderator called for volunteers to the State Association. Bro. L. E. Wynn, Bro. Jessie Hartsfield, Bro. Jake Weeks.

Moved and carried that we hear the reports from the committees, moved and carried to receive the reports and release the committee. (See reports).

Moved and carried we receive an offering for Rev. Thomas H. Willey, offering was \$33.88.

Moved and carried we adjourn until 9 o'clock Saturday morning with Corinth Church, near Brookfield, Ga.

SATURDAY MORNING

The morning session was opened by singing, "Amazing Grace", Prayer by Bro. N. C. Branon, devotion by Rev. Everett Williams. Theme, "Am I My Brother's Keeper". Scripture Gen. 4:8-9.

Moderator called for unfinished business. First Hahira Church brought their letter, was read by Sis. J. C. Arnold.

Moved and carried to have same amount of minutes printed as last year. Moved and carried not to wait longer than 2 months on reports before having minutes printed.

Moved and carried to appoint a committee to decide on Article 10 of Constitution, where we are to set a standard or not. Committee: Bro. C. M. Chafin Sr., Bro. Jessie Hartsfield, Bro. Ira Pittman.

Moved and carried that a minister can serve if elected to an office, providing he has had 2 years service in this Association any time.

Mrs. Donald Franks volunteered to go to the National Association.

The Moderator appoints one from each church to get supplies for Camp Mt. Bethel, Bro. M. M. Franks states he will be at the camp to receive the supplies any time. (See list of names).

Bro. Charles Chafin led a song, Rev. Riley Giddens brought the morning message, scripture Gen. 4:9. Subject, "Am I My Brother's Keeper."

Rev. Lamar Parrish, Pastor of Corinth Church made announcement about lunch.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Song and prayer by Rev. A. D. Green, Moderator called body to order.

Moved and carried that we give this church a rising vote of thanks for their hospitality.

Moved and carried that we receive the report and release the Committee on Article 10 of the Constitution. (See report).

Moved and carried that we elect officers. Elected were: Moderator, Rev. Everett Williams; Asst. Moderator, Rev. Donald Franks; Clerk, Bro. W. N. Wilson; Asst. Clerk, Bro. Jessie Hartsfield; Bro. C. M. Chafin, Jr. was elected to serve on the Executive Committee; Rev. W. H. Daughtry, elected to serve on the Home Mission Board.

Moved and carried that the Moderator, Asst. Moderator and Clerk prepare program for next session.

Rev. Donald Franks volunteered to get up supplies for the Orphan Home.

The Moderator invited all Ministers and Deacons to meet at White Hall Church in Waycross, Ga. the 2nd Saturday night in March, 1964.

Rev. Charles Williams was ordained, Rev. Riley Giddens questioned the candidate, Rev. Everett Williams presented the Bible, Rev. M. T. Goff gave the charge. Rev. Everett Williams led the ordination prayer.

Following the ordination service, the Woman's Auxiliary rendered a very interesting program, Sis. Fannie Mizell, President.

Moved and carried to adjourn this session of the Association.

CHURCHES AND DELEGATES

SHADY GROVE—Brother and Sister Herman Eason, Brother and Sister Jessie B. Castleberry.

FIRST TIFTON—Brother and Sister Clayton Flipppo.

SUNNY SIDE—Brother Audie Williams, Sister Martha Long.

ZION HILL—Sister J. C. Arnold.

FIRST VALDOSTA—Brother Ira Pittman.

WHITE HALL—Sister Edith Herrin, Sister Patricia Laircy, Sister Bettie Stewart, Sister Emma Leggitt.

HAHIRA—Brother Carson E. Parrish

OAK GROVE—Sister Nellie Jo Franks, Betty Sirmans.

PINE LEVEL—A. P. O'Kelly, Irvin Willis, Charles Hartsfield, Tom Carlton, N. T. Brooks, J. C. Hartsfield.

CORINTH—Brother and Sister L. E. Wynn, Monroe Wynn, J. W. Franks, Sister Maxine Franks, Fay Ogletree.

OZIAS—Sister Fannie Mizell, Sister Iona Dean, Sister Laura Belle Corbett, Sister Ella Corbett.

COOL SPRINGS—Tom Chafin, Hugh Parten and wife, Don Graham, James Whisnant, C. M. Chafin Jr., N. C. Brannon and wife, J. B. Mercer.

FRIENDSHIP—Sister W. H. Daughtry, Sister Robert Dyson, Sister Barbara Dyson.

LICENSED MINISTERS

Rev. E. W. Patillo, 1610 Boone Drive Valdosta, Ga.

Rev. Ralph Chaffin Norman Park, Ga.

Rev. Jessie B. Castleberry, 423 Boykin St. Nashville, Ga.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON ARTICLE 10

We your Committee on Article 10, suggest to put the word Bible before educational qualifications.

Bro. C. M. Chafin Sr.

Bro. Jessie Hartsfield

Bro. Ira Pittman

MISSIONS

The Church has a glorious mission, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations." We should every one be as the prophet Isaiah says, "Here am I, Lord, send me." Jesus led them out as far as Bethany, lifted up his hands and blessed them. "Ye are the salt of the earth." "Let your light so shine that others may see your good works." Only one life, it will soon be past, only what is done for Christ will last. "Go—Give—Pray."

SUNNY SIDE CHURCH

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

We your Committee on Christian Education, do submit the following report: We feel that not only ministers should seek higher Christian learning, but that all desiring to live for and serve Christ and the church, should further their learning. In view of the growing realization of the need of trained leadership in our churches and being aware that our leaders can serve more efficiently when blessed with the privilege of attaining knowledge through Christian Education. We recommend that churches and pastors do their utmost in persuading the leaders and teachers of our churches to prepare themselves for the work assigned to them.

We thank God for his blessings upon our Free Will Baptist Bible College in Nashville, Tenn. The college is owned and operated by our National Association, and the great help that it has had on our mission program can be seen through the work that is being done on the foreign fields, as well as here at home, students are taught to live separated lives, prayer-filled lives, and to be real students of the Word, the Bible is the major subject.

We recommend that we encourage our young people who seek college training to select a Christian Institution, we also recommend that our churches consider putting our Bible College into their budget.

FRIENDSHIP CHURCH

TEMPERANCE

We, your Committee on Temperance, wish to submit this report. Let us abstain from all ungodliness for the Bible teaches that even the thought of foolishness is sin, Prov. 24:9; and who is overcome thereby is not wise. Also let us put on the whole armour of God that we may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Also having our feet shod with preparation of the gospel of peace and able to influence or promote temperance in the lives of others.

PINE LEVEL CHURCH

AUXILIARY AND LITERATURE

The Valdosta First Free Will Baptist Church recommends to the Little River District Association the following in connection with literature.

We recommend that Free Will Baptist use Free Will Baptist literature, coming from the Free Will Baptist Press, or from the National Association Board, whichever they choose, or other literature which does not conflict with Free Will Baptist doctrine or belief. This recommendation made in conference Oct. 6, 1963 at First Free Will Baptist Church.

Moderator Rev. Riley Giddens
Clerk Bro. J. B. Rice

COMMITTEE ON STATE OF CHURCHES AND CHARACTER OF MINISTERS

We your Committee find all churches are supplied with pastors. We also find that all ministers are in good standing so far as we know.

Bro. C. M. Chafin Jr., Chairman
Bro. Carson E. Parrish
Bro. L. E. Wynn

RESOLUTIONS

We your Committee on Resolutions recommend this body set the degree of education that a candidate must have to meet the requirement that is made in Article 10 of our Constitution.

Rev. Riley Giddens, Chairman
Rev. M. T. Goff
Bro. Jessie Hartsfield

ASSOCIATION

Zion Hill	1964	Tifton	1967
Sunny Side	1964	Hahira	1968
Oak Grove	1965	Shady Grove	1968
Cool Spring	1965	Ozias	1969
Friendship	1966	Pine Level	1969
White Hall	1966	Corinth	1970
Valdosta	1967	Zion Hill	1970

UNION MEETINGS

LIBERTY

Pine Level	1st. 5th Sunday 1964
Shady Grove	2nd. 5th Sunday 1964
Cool Spring	3rd. 5th Sunday 1964
Tifton	4th. 5th Sunday 1964
Corinth	1st. 5th Sunday 1965

RUTH KINNON

Hahira	1st. 5th Sunday 1964
White Hall	2nd. 5th Sunday 1964
Valdosta	3rd. 5th Sunday 1964
Sunny Side	4th. 5th Sunday 1964
Friendship	1st. 5th Sunday 1965

APPOINTED TO GET CAMP SUPPLIES

Pine Level	Brother J. P. Perry
Corinth	Sister C. K. Causey
Zion Hill	Sister J. C. Arnold
Sunny Side	Sister Annie Douglas
Cool Spring	Sister J. C. Weeks
Friendship	Sister W. H. Daughtry
Ozias	Sister Mary Wilson
First Valdosta	Brother Ira Pittman
First Hahira	Brother Grady Flippo
Oak Grove	Sister Shirley Banks
First Tifton	Sister A. D. Green
White Hall	Brother Leon Herrin
Shady Grove	Brother M. T. Goff

CHURCHES AND AUXILIARIES

Churches	Sunday School	League	Women's Auxiliary
Pine Level	57	0	0
Corinth	40	40	8
Zion Hill	55	19	0
Sunny Side	50	23	0
Cool Springs	60	50	0
Friendship	20	0	0
Ozias	27	20	8
First Valdosta	55	27	17
First Hahira	30	30	0
Oak Grove	20	0	0
First Tifton	17	0	0
White Hall	76	0	15
Shady Grove	0	0	0

DECEASED MINISTERS

Rev. Tharpe Bailey	1911	Rev. M. F. Cason	1929
Rev. J. J. Davis	1913	Rev. H. J. Griffis	1939
Rev. C. Leon Starling	1919	Rev. W. R. Cato	1941
Rev. J. B. Griffin	1926	Rev. J. C. Arnold	1942
Rev. H. J. Cowart		Rev. J. R. Weeks	1947
Rev. Morgan Cannon	1926	Rev. Loucian Cowart	1917
Rev. A. Eunice	1928	Rev. J. D. Little	1958
Rev. B. O. Brown	1928	Rev. W. A. Pope	1959
Rev. Seborn Boowen	1960		

MINISTERS

Rev. W. L. Purvis, Phone 985-5269, Rt. 6	Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. W. H. Dauoughtry, Rt. 4, Phone 283-1400	Waycross, Ga.
Rev. Donald Franks, Phone 283-1611, Rt. 4	Waycross, Ga.
Rev. Lewis E. Sheffield, Phone 794-2290, 213 E. Main St.	Hahira, Ga.
Rev. Riley Giddens, 407 Floyd St.	Valdosta, Ga.
Rev. Charles Williams, Rt. 1	Pearson, Ga.
Rev. A. D. Greene, Phone 2205, Prince Avenue	Tifton, Ga.
Rev. M. T. Goff, 411 Hull Avenue	Nashville, Ga.
Rev. Lamar Parrish	
Rev. John B. Wheeler	Metter, Ga.
Rev. Dewey Quinn, Phone FR 5-2982	Hazlehurst, Ga.
Rev. Everett Williams, Phone 422-3690	Pearson, Ga.
Rev. F. S. Jones, Rt. 2	Waycross, Ga.
Rev. Marvin Hartsfield, Rt. 4	Moultrie, Ga.
Rev. W. R. Hullet	Norman Park, Ga.

OBITUARIES

WINNIE PITTMAN—It is with deep sorrow that Sister Winnie Pittman departed this life, she was a beloved sister and we hope she has gone to be with the Lord forever where there will be no more sickness or sorrow.

Riley Cowart, Clerk
Ozias Church

TIM MIZELL—It is with deep sorrow that we report the death of Brother Tim Mizell who departed this life July 21, 1963. Brother Mizell was a man who loved his church very much, and helped carry on the upbuilding of his church, we trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Riley Cowart, Clerk
Ozias Church

SANDRA HAMILTON—It is with deep sorrow that Sister Hamilton departed this life, November 12, 1962. She was a beloved sister and we hope that she has gone to be with the Lord forever, where there will be no more sickness or sorrow.

Riley Cowart, Clerk
Ozias Church

MABLE CORBETT—It is with deep sorrow and regret that we report the death of our sister in Christ, Sister Mable Corbett, who departed this life January 19, 1963. She was a devoted Christian wife and mother. She was 45 years of age. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Martha Long, Clerk
Sunny Side Church

EDNA VINING—It is with great sorrow and much regret to report the death of our sister in Christ, Sister Edna Vining. Sister Vining departed this life March 29, 1963. She was 17 years old. She left the testimony that she was ready to meet God. We feel our loss is heaven's gain.

Martha Long, Clerk
Sunny Side Church

WILLIAM P. CLANTON — With deep sorrow we of Oak Grove Church, report the death of our brother, W. P. Clanton who departed this life January 14, 1963. He was a deacon and song leader in our church and is missed by all who knew him. We trust our loss is heaven's gain.

Willene Hunter, Clerk
Oak Grove Church

RUBY TURNER—With regret and sorrow we report the death of our sister, Ruby Turner, who departed this life October 24, 1962. When we think of her it brings back many memories of her devoted life, and the faith in God she exercised in her everyday walk. She was loved by all who knew her.

She leaves to mourn her loss, a husband, three daughters, a son, and several grandchildren. We feel she has gone to be with the Lord forever, and our loss is heaven's gain.

Mrs. Dolorce Sowell, Clerk
Zion Hill Church

JEFF WALDEN—With deep sorrow and regret we report the death of our beloved brother, Jeff Walden, who departed this life August 22, 1963. He was a very good church worker here at Zion Hill Church, he helped to boost the building of our church, and was loved by all who knew him, he was a wonderful worker in the home, the community and in the church. He was not a member of our church, but made a confession before his death and accepted the Lord. We feel he has gone to a better place to be with the Lord forever.

Mrs. Dolorce Sowell, Clerk
Zion Hill Church

CARD OF THANKS

We, the fifty-seventh session of the Little River Association wish to thank Pine Level and Corinth Churches, for their grand fellowship and hospitality shown us during this session. We pray the Lord's blessings upon you.

Rev. Donald Franks

MINISTERS PRESENT

Rev. M. T. Goff, Rev. W. H. Daughtry, Rev. Riley Giddens, Rev. A. D. Green, Rev. Charles Williams, Rev. Lamar Parrish, Rev. Donald Franks, Rev. Marvin Hartsfield, Rev. Mance Cason, Rev. Everett Williams, Rev. T. H. Willey.

FINANCE REPORT

We, your Committee on Finance, find contributions from all churches and one union meeting.

RECEIPTS

Balance in Treasury	\$ 13.62
Received from Churches	184.25
Liberty Union	15.00
Total	\$212.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Fee for State and National Associations	\$ 30.00
Clerk	25.00
Moderator	10.00
Minutes	103.00
Total	\$168.00
Balance	\$ 44.87

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 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 man.

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 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 the preservation of true and orderly bodies 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 requisites 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 and rebuke, but no further, 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 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 and convicted or acquitted in the same manner as if he were a private person, yet we think it prudent to call in advisory help especially if the minister is to be tried upon a charge of heresy.

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

12. That the Lord's Supper and washing of the Saint's feet are ordinances to be observed in the church until the Lord comes.

13. That Elders and Deacons must be set apart in their office or ordination by the imposition of the hands of the presbytery and prayer, without which they are not authorized to administer the ordinances pertaining to their respective offices.

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 two conferences before the end of the Associational 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 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.

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 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 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 to revise the church roll at least once a year. It shall be the duty of the pastor to instruct the deacons and clerks of their churches in regard to money for minutes.

8. The church shall hold a two-day's monthly meeting embracing Saturday and the Lord's Day following, the first of which shall be the regular time of conference.

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

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

11. Conferences shall be opened and conducted as follows: (1) Prayer unless divine services 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 acknowledgments. (6) 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 Baptist church who does not hold this church in fellowship may be received into the church without a letter when it is apparent that his Christian character is unimpeachable and that he has applied for a letter and could not obtain it because he desired to join this or some sister church. All other persons must join by letter or by 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 made them shall be liable to be taken under dealings with the church.

15. When the Moderator calls for absentees the Clerk shall inform the church what male members have been absent from three successive conferences, and the Moderator shall appoint some brother or brethren to cite each of them to the next conference.

16. No member shall be expelled unless he has been cited verbally or in writing to attend the trial, provided his residence be known to the church.

17. When a witness, not a member of the church, is introduced he shall 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 acknowledgment 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.

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, not engage in conversation or whispering without being subject to be 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 three times on the same question without permission from the Moderator nor shall the remarks of anyone 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 once a year.

30. Members not in good standing should not commune, but the administration should not be deferred on account of any ordinary matter of dealing.

31. Public fasting, humiliation and prayer shall be observed on proper occasions.

32. No licentiate shall be ordained until called in care of one or more churches.

33. This Decorum may be altered or amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any two consecutive monthly conferences.

CHURCH COVENANT

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.

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."

We agree faithfully to discharge our obligations to reverence 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."

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.

We agree to accept Christian admonition and reproof with meekness, and to watch over one another in love, endeavoring to "keep 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.

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.

To this end we agree to labor for the promotion of educational and denominational enterprises, the support of missions, the success of Sunday schools, and evangelistic efforts for the salvation of the world. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and preserve us blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

DECORUM

1. At the meeting of each session of the Association the officers of the preceding session shall preside until the successors shall be known.

2. At each session and previous to proceeding to business the names of the ministers and delegates shall be called.

3. At the close of each session the entire proceedings shall be read for correction and approval.

4. Any person wishing to speak shall rise and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the question under consideration and avoid personalities.

5. No person shall speak more than twice on any subject without permission from the body.

6. No motion shall be withdrawn after its discussion.

7. When a question is under discussion no motion or proposition shall be received except to adjourn, to lay on the table, to amend or postpone indefinitely, which several motions shall be preferred in the order in which they are stated.

8. Nominations shall be made by the Moderator of the Association or whoever he may appoint.

9. After a motion has been decided any member having voted in the affirmative may move for a reconsideration.

10. No member shall absent himself during the session without permission from the presiding officer, and none shall take final leave.

11. The Association has a right to decide what matter shall be admitted to its consideration.

12. This Decorum may be amended at any session of the Association by a majority vote.

13. No church shall license any minister coming from any other denomination until he has been examined by the Ordaining Council and received credentials bearing their approval.

14. Any church that shall tolerate Unknown Tongues in their church shall be regarded as encouraging heresy, and shall be dealt with for such. Also, any church, or pastor allowing preaching of such that is, sinless perfection, as a second work of grace, to occupy their pulpit, shall be dealt with for encouraging heresy.

CONSTITUTION

Article 1. This Association shall be called the Little River Association of Original Free Will Baptist and shall be composed of such regularly organized and well-disciplined Free Will Baptist quarterly meetings and churches as may embody themselves under this constitution.

Article 2. Section 1. This yearly meeting or association shall be composed of: (1) the general officers of this association; (2) delegates

from each quarterly meeting; (3) the ministers, both ordained and licensed, belonging thereto; (4) legal delegates from the churches composing the same.

Section 2. Churches sending delegates to this association shall be allowed one delegate for each ten members or fraction thereof and each quarterly meeting shall be allowed one delegate for each 300 members or fraction thereof.

Article 3. The sessions of this association shall be held on the stated date agreed and voted upon by the association, at which time it shall be the duty of the quarterly meeting and churches of which this association is composed to represent themselves by letter and delegates, and report their standing and statistics using the uniform report blank as required by this association.

Article 4. Each church in the association shall be considered an advisory body and shall control its own internal affairs having unrestricted right to administer its own government without suspension or interference, being under Christ essentially independent and absolute.

Article 5. This body shall be considered an advisory council whose duty is to meet annually at such places as may be agreed upon at the previous session and not to adjourn formally until all business is settled and while there it shall be its duty to examine all questions of general interest to the association and to use their best influence to promote a Christian and benevolent means and institutions such as Education, Sabbath Schools, Leagues, Missionary Work, etc.

Article 6. The officers of this association shall be Moderator, an Assistant Moderator, a Clerk-Treasurer, and an Assistant Clerk-Treasurer, each of whom shall be elected at the close of each regular session.

Article 7. Churches wishing to become members of this association must conform to the practices and adopt the doctrines of the Free Will Baptist denomination, as published in the Treatise of their faith.

Article 8. This association shall have power to adopt any regulations or by-laws, not inconsistent with this constitution, which may be deemed essential to the further regulation of its sessions.

Article 9. Each church composing this association should send 25c per capita member and each quarterly meeting 5c per capita member for associational expenses.

Article 10. This association shall maintain an ordaining council whose functions shall be governed as follows: (1) It shall be the duty of this council to examine each person for whom ordination is requested as to his moral, spiritual, educational qualifications, and his willingness to cooperate with the functions of this association.

Article 11. This constitution may be altered or amended by a vote of the association at any regular session; notice of such intended alteration having been given in writing, and recorded at a previous business session.

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 to everlasting, glorious and immutable in all His attributes.—1 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 the 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—1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 2:9; St. John 8; Acts 2:4; Eph. 3:1, Eph. 4:4-6.

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. 4:4-6.

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 the knowledge of truth, that they might be saved; for which in Christ hath commanded the gospel to be preached among all nations and to every creature.—Mark 16:15; Luke 24:47; John 3:15-17; 1 Tim. 2:4.

6. We believe that no man shall suffer in hell for want of Christ, who died for him, but as the Scripture has said, for denying the Lord that brought them, because they believed not in the name of the only begotten Son of God. Unbelief, therefore, being the cause why the just and righteous God of Heaven will condemn the children of men; it follows against all argument that all men, at one time or other are found in such capacity as that through the grace of God they may be eternally saved.—Acts 17:30; Mark 6:6; Heb. 3:10; 1 John 5:10.

7. We believe the whole Scriptures are infallible true and that they are the only rules of faith and practice.—1 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 man, 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; 11 Peter 2:1; 11 Thes. 2:11-12; Rom. 2:9-11.

11. We believe that all children dying in infancy, having not actually transgressed against the law of God, in their own person, are only subject to the first death, which was brought on them by the fall of the first Adam, and not that any of them dying in that state, shall suffer punishment in hell by the guilt of Adam's sin, for "of such is the Kingdom of God."—1 Cor. 15:22; Matt. 18:25; Mark 3:36-37; 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.—Rom. 22:14-15; Isa. 1:19-20; Matt. 7:8; Jer. 6:16; Luke 13:34-35.

13. We believe that none has any warrant in the Holy Scriptures for jurisdiction before God through his own works, power of 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, to believers, baptism, laying on the 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 Testa-

ment.—Mark 16:15-16; Acts 8:17; Acts 19:6; Luke 22:19-20; John 13:5; Jas. 5:14.

16. We believe the Gospel mode of Baptism is by immersion, and that the believers are the only subjects 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; 11 Cor. 5:10.

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

FORMS

FORMS FOR LICENSE

This is to certify that the bearer, Brother _____
 _____ of the County _____
 State of _____ is a regular member of the Free Will
 Baptist Church, in the said county of _____ State
 of _____ is hereby licensed to preach the gospel
 for one year Done by order of the church in conference.

This _____ day of _____, A. D., 19____

Signed _____ Moderator

_____ Ordaining Council

CHURCH LETTER

_____ Free Will Baptist Church of Christ

This the _____ day of _____, A. D., 19____

This is to certify that _____
 is a member of the above named church in good standing and is hereby
 at his or her request dismissed from us. Done by order of the church in
 conference. This letter will be void after six months.

_____ Moderator

_____ Church Clerk

PETITIONARY LETTER FROM A CHURCH TO AN ASSOCIATION

_____ Free Will Baptist Church of Christ
 This the _____ day of _____, A. D., 19____
 To the _____ Free Will Baptist Association
 sendeth greetings: We constitute a Free Will Baptist Church by Elder
 _____ with _____ members
 We have adopted the Articles of Faith, Covenant and Decorum of the
 Free Will Baptist Church. We are at peace. We have called as pastor,
 Elder _____ We
 send as our delegates, Brethren _____
 We do humbly petition _____ Free Will
 Baptist Association for membership in the same. We send for minutes
 \$ _____ Hoping our humble petition will be grant-
 ed, we are your brethren in Christ.

_____ Moderator
 _____ Church Clerk

HOW TO ORGANIZE A CHURCH

When any number of converts, not less than five, desire to consti-
 tute a church, the following order should be observed: (A) The officiating
 minister shall inquire into the Christian character and ability of the
 members to sustain the church. This being satisfactory. (B) The minister
 shall then read Articles of Faith, and finding they have obeyed and adopt-
 ed the same, (C) He shall then read the Church Covenant, while the con-
 gregation joins in singing a suitable hymn. (D) He shall have the mem-
 bers to extend to each other the right hand of fellowship. (E) He shall
 then offer a prayer of consecration. (F) He shall then declare the body
 organized.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

The order of business shall be as follows: (1) The election of a Clerk.
 (2) The election of Deacons. (3) The election of a Treasurer. (4) The
 election of a Pastor. (5) The selection of a name. (6) The selection of a
 day of worship. (7) Adjournment.

CHURCHES	PASTORS	CLERKS AND POST OFFICES	Sunday of Meetings	Received by Letter	Rec'd by Con. of Faith	Dismissed by Letter	Received by Baptism	Paid Pastor	Paid for Minutes	Value of Church Property	Improvements	Paid for Evangelistic	Members	Paid to Unified Program
Pine Level	W. H. Daughtry	J. P. Perry Rt. 2, Norman Park Ga.	2-4	0	0	1	0	\$ 294.75	\$15.00	\$10,000	\$4,450.00	\$163.17	80	\$ 28.54
Corinth	Lamar Parrish	Mrs. J. W. Franks Rt. 4, Box 137, Tifton, Ga.	Full	4	0	2	2	871.00	17.00	5,000	25.00	113.87	68	129.05
Zion Hill	Donald Franks	Dolorce Sowell Manor, Ga.	1-3	0	0	0	2	600.00	12.00	10,000	124.37	150.00	40	40.00
Sunny Side	Charles Williams	Martha Long Rt. 1, Pearson, Ga.	2-4	0	0	2	0	916.28	20.00	5,000	844.91	130.61	51	62.91
Cool Spring	W. L. Purvis	C. M. Chafin, Jr. Rt. 1, Norman Park, Ga.	Full	4	4	0	0	1,270.00	20.00	6,000	160.92	229.67	115	98.00
Friendship	W. H. Daughtry	Mrs. Robert L. Johnson Rt. 1, Waycross, Ga.	1-3	0	0	4	4	700.00	7.00	3,000	92.00	87.50	51	100.00
Ozias	Dewwy Quinn	Riley Cowart Rt. 1, Pearson, Ga.	Full	4	0	5	0	3,084.00	25.32	5,000	105.29	215.00	93	441.66
Valdosta	Riley Giddens	J. B. Rice, Jr. 1506 Iola Dr., Valdosta, Ga.	Full	1	0	2	3	2,400.00	20.00	10,000	161.33	135.00	75	120.00
Hahira	L. E. Sheffield	Jewell C. Parrish 704 Floyd St., Valdosta, Ga.	Full	5	1	0	0		15.00	20,000	6,500.00		55	20.00
Oak Grove	Donald Franks	Willene Hunter Stockton, Ga.	2-4	0	0	2	0	265.10	10.00	4,000	1.72		34	8.37
Tifton	A. D. Greene	Betty Mathis 350 S. Main, Tifton, Ga.	Full	3	0	0	1	309.88	5.00	5,000	103.36	61.95	18	5.00
White Hall	Everett Williams	Mrs. Annie Davis 1033 Albany Ave., Waycross	Full	0	0	6	3	778.02	15.00	5,000	37.10	63.26	117	
Shady Grove	M. T. Goff	Jessie D. Castleberry 423 Boykin St., Nashville	1-3	0	0	0	0		5.00	2,500		3.80	15	2.00